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Luncheon / Meeting

January 7, 2016

Oahu Country Club

11:00 A.M. Social Hour

11:30 A.M. Meeting

12:00 Noon Lunch

12:30 P.M. Speaker

Cost

\$30.00 Members

\$35.00 Guests

MENU

House Salad

w/Papaya Seed Vinaigrette

Choice of

Mahimahi

w/ Lemon Butter Caper Sauce

Mashed Potatoes

Vegetables

or

Vegan Portabella

Ravioli Veloute

Grilled Vegetables

with Lite Creamy Sauce

Hot Rolls and Butter

Soft Drinks

Dessert

Chocolate Haupia Cake

Reservations/Cancellations

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Reservations/Cancellations must be made by Dec 30th all lunches are reserved, so **No Shows will be charged for their lunch.**

Please - no walk-ins.



Speaker

Andrew Walden

Presidential Caucuses



Andrew Walden Chairs the Hawaii Republican Presidential Caucus Committee organizing the March 8, 2016 statewide Republican presidential vote. He is also Editor of www.HawaiiFreePress.com.



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January Babies

HAU'OLI LA HANAU TO

Donna Alcantera,

Eve Anderson 2

Marleen Adachi, 4

Jane Tatibouet 4

Jeanette Templeman 14

Rita Kama-Kimura 16

Sheila Leas 16

Pam Smith 16

Mary Monohon 18

Kathryn Stark-Henski 21

Sonia Trimble 24

Janell Yim 25

Kathryn Nicholson 25



The Pres Says...

Carol Thomas, President



Happy New Year!

We had a wonderful Christmas luncheon meeting at the Waialae Country Club with our annual bake sale and silent auction. Thank you so much for making it a success by your donations and purchases. Mahalo to Mimi Torreano, Carolyn Kahakelii, Joy Corbett, Jane Au, and Diane Yri for organizing the event.

We recognized our senior members in attendance, Anne Sutton, Gladys Hayes, P. Pasha Baker, Miriam Hellreich, and Edna Fujiwara, who joined at least 20 years ago and are also LIFE members. We did miss Barbara Marumoto and we send her our apologies.

Also recognized for perfect attendance were Edna Shea, Carolyn Tobias, and Janet Judwin. They all enjoyed complimentary luncheons.

We welcomed new members Arthur Yri, Leihulu Pyne, and Linda Caldart and were entertained by the Friends Quartet, a group of ladies singing Christmas Carols in Barbershop harmony. They were fabulous!

Mike Palcic conducted a poll on our presidential candidates and overall winner was Marco Rubio followed by Ted Cruze and Donald Trump.

It was a lovely beginning to our Christmas season as the club was decorated in holiday elegance.

There is much to do in 2016 as this an election year. January meeting will be a call for volunteers for our Presidential caucus on March 8. I need one member now to coordinate tickets/tables for our annual Lincoln Day Dinner at Ko'olau Ballroom on February 16. Please help make this event a success. The exciting news is that our keynote speaker will be Wisconsin Governor Scott Walker.

God Bless and I'll see you on January 7,



IF NOT US, WHO? IF NOT NOW, WHEN?
IF NOT HERE, THEN WHERE?



Welcome

to our newest members

**Arthur Yri
Leihulu Pyne
Linda Caldart**

We are looking forward to getting to know you!

Luncheon Schedule

- Feb 4** **Jade Dynasty** (limit 60 attendees)
Percy Ihara - Generations Magazine
Valentine Cookie/Balloon Sale - Chinese New Year
- Mar 3**
Kyle Karioka - Salvation Army
Easter Bonnet Contest

Jaci Agustin declared herself a candidate for **HD 34** on January 6, 2016. Let's all get behind this young woman and help her get elected this year.

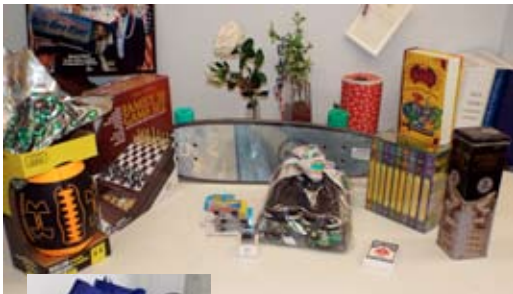


December Luncheon

Waialae Country Club



Thanks to Friends Quartet
for entertaining us during
our Christmas party!



Congratulations

We provided our Christmas family with more than \$1400 worth of gifts. This family was absolutely wonderful. and so grateful for our help.

Carol Thomas, Ione Gumpfer, Mary Monohon and Pam Smith rounded up all of your donations and wrapped them up so our family had a wonderful Christmas morning experience.

Thank you all for your generosity.



Bryan – Age 10
 How to Train your Dragon Book series
 Football
 Skateboard
 Deck of cards
 Shorts ; Shirt, Shoes, socks
 Hot Wheels
 Chest of Drawers 3 drawer Sterlite
 jumbling tower game
 crayons & Paper
 sheets
 Twin Size Mattress
 Avenger Legos
 Chess game
 IPod with ear buds

Ashlyn – Age 12
 Drawing Supplies -Micky Mouse drawing kit, Royal & Langnickel, pastels, colored pens,artist diaries
 Skateboard
 Life board game
 BOOKS: Inkheart, Inkspell, Inkdeath book series (TRILOGY) by Cornelia Funke
 Dragon Rider, The Thief Lord by Cornelia Funke
 Set of Assorted Books
 Clothes: 1Tops 1 Jeans
 hair accessories,bracelets & nail polish
 Chest of Drawers – plastic
 Taylor Swift calendar
 Taylor Swift DVD
 IPod with ear buds

MOM STEPHANIE: Age 32
 Small kitchen table & chairs
 pan set
 Grocery Cards
 Clothes: 3Tops; 1 pants; 2 pr shoes

DAD JAIME: Age 35
 Shoe Rack
 Gas Cards
 Clothes: 3Shirts ; 3Pants 1 shorts, Shoes
 Reyn Spooner Warriors Shirt



Congratulations on a great Christmas Sale

The OLRW PAC is the arm of the League that collects money to support our state and county candidates.



Our Christmas sale brought in about \$1600 to help fund our candidates in the 2016 elections. We had a wide selection of items for sale and a good time was had by all.

During the last election cycle we gave \$9300 to candidates running for State offices. We felt that some deserved more, but we ran out of funds. We would like to at least double our contributions next election cycle, but we need your continued and constant support to do that.

If each of our members gave just \$5 per month (about 17 cents per day) we would have well over \$20,000 in our account for the next election.

There are a variety of payment methods available. We accept cash, checks and credit cards.

If you would like to just throw your loose change in a jar every day we have jars available to save your coins in. When you are coming to the luncheon just put your coins in a ziplock bag along with a piece of paper with your name & phone number and drop it at the door when you check in.

Every coin, every check, every dollar brings us closer to our goal.

Please help us help hard working candidates win their races.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our PAC during the past year.

We will be filing our Campaign Spending Report at the end of January



Edna Fujiwara Issues a Challenge



Edna Fujiwara has issued a challenge to all Oahu League members to match her contribution of \$500 to our PAC.

We have to start taking our responsibility to our candidate seriously. There are several key races this year that we could make a real difference in if we collect the funds to compete with the democrats. Wouldn't you like to see Aaron Johanson lose his seat to Eric Ching? It won't happen by magic. We can contribute to Aaron's defeat, but we need to plan now to have the money to help. Jaci Agustin could use our help in District 34 and even our Sam Slom is facing a slimy Stanley Chang in the General.

Edna has generously donated \$500 and challenges each of you to match this amount in 2016.

Are YOU up to the challenge?

Fifty-Two Things

This is a list of 52 things you can do this year to make your life richer and make others feel better. While I may not recommend ALL of these activities for ALL of our members, there are plenty of things on this list that we can all do. Take the challenge. When you try one of these suggestions let me know. I'll list your name and the number in our newsletter each month.

1. Write a handwritten note and send it to someone you haven't been in touch with for a while.
2. Make someone a Birthday or celebration cake.
3. Volunteer for the day, a local dog shelter, home for the elderly or at a soup kitchen for the homeless.
4. Take a bus or train to a town, village or city that you've never visited. Just go to the station and get on the next one that comes in.
5. Learn meditation, yoga, Pilates or something new that you've never tried.
6. Make a scrapbook, print out photographs, emails and attach keepsakes.
7. Go to an outdoor weekend music festival. And sleep under the stars.
8. Learn to play a musical instrument.
9. Spend a whole day in bed watching movies, reading books and snuggling with a loved one.
10. Look up your family tree and find out what you can learn about your ancestors.
11. Sign up for a local community class, learn something new and meet other people who live in your area at the same time.
12. Forgive someone who has hurt you. And maybe let them know.
13. Plant seeds and grow something in a window box or the garden. If possible start a small vegetable garden.
14. Compliment a stranger, it will possibly make their day.
15. Read an old classic. Choose one that's always caught your attention and be patient if you don't get into it straight away.
16. Start your own or join a book club.
17. Go to a museum, the cinema or a restaurant alone. Enjoy your own company.
18. Bake cookies and share them at work, when visiting friends or give them to a neighbour that may be on their own.
19. Make your own birthday, anniversary, valentines or celebration cards.
20. Go mountain climbing, hiking, or a long forest walk.
21. Eat lunch outdoors, pack a picnic in a hamper, sit by a lake, the sea, go to a local park or lay out a blanket in the garden.
22. Roller skate. Hire or buy a pair and have fun while toning up.
23. Let someone else order for you in a restaurant. Or cook something you would never normally try.
24. Call someone you haven't spoken to in a while and make plans to visit.
25. For a period of time, a week, a month or all year, only shop locally.
26. Invent your own cocktail, purchase your favourite ingredients and try out something new. Adorn it with umbrellas, fancy stirrers and edible glitter.
27. Play a board game with friends or family. Scrabble, Monopoly and Trivial Pursuit get forgotten due to technology. They are a great way to spend quality time together.
28. Swap the car for a bike for the day. So much more can be absorbed when cycling, plus it's great exercise.
29. Attend an open mic night. Great entertainment and can be the perfect way to meet new people too.
30. Donate to charity, whether it's clothes you no longer wear or blankets to the local dog shelter. Even if it's a \$1 donation—it all helps.
31. Make homemade bread. It's very simple and completely delicious.
32. Switch off all phones, laptops and technology devices. Find different ways to communicate with those close to us and spend quality time with yourself or with others.
33. Have a major clear out. De-clutter, if it's not pretty, useful or it hasn't been used in the last 6 months, be ruthless, let it go.
34. Write out a will, a little morbid to think about but it will give you great peace of mind.
35. Take all old books and magazines to a local waiting room, for others to read. Write a note in the front of a book and leave in a public place for others to take and enjoy. They can do the same when they've finished.
36. Take your camera with you for a whole day and capture everything and anything that takes your interest.
37. Attend a food or wine tasting festival. Most cities hold these events and they are usually free to attend and a great way to try new tastes.
38. Hold a mini movie festival at home. Invite friends, ask them to bring a movie they love. Spend an afternoon chatting, eating and drinking and sharing old favorites.
39. Organize a clean up with neighbours. Choose a spot that has turned into an eyesore. You'll be amazed at the difference a few hours teamwork can make.
40. Get a few friends together and take a ball to the park. Play soccer, football or basketball and ask everyone to bring something for a small outdoor picnic afterwards.
41. Make your own soup—nothing tastes better. Especially if you add your homemade bread.
42. Learn a new language, especially if it's of a country you plan to visit.
43. Go for a swim (if you don't already.) Or try a brand new water-based activity, water/jet skiing, surfing, canoeing, sailing, kayaking.
44. Ski! It's free, burns a heap of calories and can be done anywhere.
45. Take a road trip—pack a few necessities, take a map and set out on adventure with no set destination. Explore and investigate different places along the way.
46. Camp out—choose a time when the weather is good, take a barbeque set and sleeping bags and a portable radio. Relax with nature and leave all technology behind.
47. Read the community newsletter or noticeboards. Find out what's going on locally and get involved in a new activity.
48. Try a new look—choose a new hairstyle or try wearing clothes that you like but wouldn't normally wear.
49. Write a list of everything we appreciate. Sometimes things can go unnoticed and it's a great way of becoming more aware and then passing on the gratitude.
50. Watch a sunset, sunrise or both. Find a spot with a good view and settle down with a friend or loved one and enjoy.
51. Write down your life plan. It doesn't have to be specific, or even achievable. Just a guide for all the things you would like to do.
52. Take time out to let those around you know they are loved. Call up, write letters, visit and send the message out strong and clear to those that are important to you.



Get Well Wishes go out to Kitty Lagareta, a life member who suffered a bad break in her arm over the Christmas holiday while visiting family on the mainland. She is in for some extensive physical therapy to get back to her fit, sassy self. (although I understand the sassy has already returned)
A word of caution: Don't ride hoverboards!!!





Letters to the Editor

that you want to speak out on, but don't know how to write a letter Garry Smith is willing to help our members to write letters to the editor. You can call Garry at 392-5559 or email him at garrysmith01@gmail.com.

We encourage our members to write letter to the editor. As akamai members of the community, we should be commenting on the issues of the day to educate people that lack our perspective. If you have an issue

Following are the rules for The Star Advertiser and MidWeek Letters:

The Star-Advertiser welcomes letters up to 150 words and guest columns of 500-600 words. The Star-Advertiser reserves the right to edit letters for clarity and length. Please direct comments to the issues; personal attacks will not be published. Include your name, address and daytime telephone number.

Letters must

- (a) be signed and include your area of residence and
- (b) include a daytime telephone number (not for publication).

Below are letters from OUR MEMBERS printed by the Star Advertiser and Midweek in the past month.

We should aim for at least 3-4 letters per month from our members in print.



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No Ride now

'MidWeek' - 2015-12-02

As with the entire heavy rail transit project, former mayor Mufi hannemannis in a hurry to get rail running so The People will see movement even though it won't make a difference in traffic congestion, per his column "Why Not Let The People ride Rail Now"

Dumping us riders from Waiane and Makakilo at the rail in Kapolei for transport to Aloha Stadium will disrupt their trips and add to their travel time, not make it faster or more convenient,

And they will have to get on another bus once they get there.

it will also begin the requirement to find funding for operation and maintenance of the rail project, most likely from property taxes.

Rqil will not pay for itself. so ot will have to be highly subsidized by local people, not tourists.

And all of this to show The People that rail is going to be done and they'd better get on board no matte the final cost.

Earl Arakaki

Christian Syrians have been vetted already

'Honolulu Star-Advertiser' - 2015-11-28

There should be no problem with vetting Syrian or Iraqi refugees.

There are thousands of them outside the U.N. refugee camps. They are the Christian and other minorities who cannot stay in the camps because of well-founded fears of persecution by the Muslim refugees there.

They stay in churches and private homes because of this reality.

They have, in effect, already been vetted by the Catholic, Orthodox and Protestant churches and charities in both the Middle East and Europe.

One of the criteria in our refugee laws is religious persecution. We will see if these religious minorities will be welcomed by the Obama administration or if it clings to the fiction that we can only admit refugees who are selected from the U.N.-run camps.

Carol R. White

Rail costs will drive up property taxes

'Honolulu Star-Advertiser' - 2015-12-14

The greatest concern for funding rail shouldn't be the 0.5 percent general excise tax increase that comes from all transactions on Oahu, including local residents and millions of tourists. It should be how rail operation and maintenance will be paid.

City Council member Ann Kobayashi stated what everyone needs to know: "They (city taxpayers) want assurance that their property taxes won't go up so high that they'll have to give up their properties" ("Revenue cap could foil rail bill," Star-Advertiser, Dec. 10).

When rail begins operation, costs range from a low of \$100 million to as much as \$200 million per year, paid for by property taxes.

It's a question of pay me now and pay me later. Pay for construction and then pay for operation and maintenance. To answer Kobayashi, once rail begins operating, costs will hit property taxpayers and many people will have to give up their homes and rents will skyrocket.

Garry P. Smith



Feature Writers

We need people that are willing to write stories about current events and biographies of OLRW members. Professional credentials **NOT** required.

No need for a monthly commitment. Contact Pam Smith for more information.

Is one of our members ill?

If you know of a member that is sick or has had a death in the family please let us know so we can send them get well wishes or condolences. Call **Corresponding Secretary Jane Au** at 373-3820

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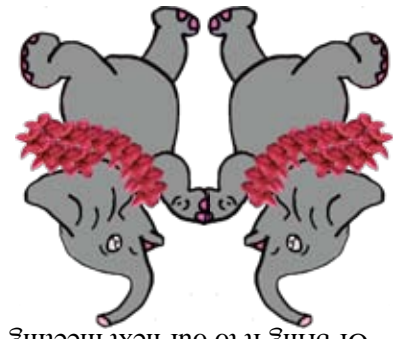
Your Dues will remain the same for 2016 at \$25, but we will change the way they are allocated.



Twenty dollars will pay for our operating expenses, such as our newsletter, website, liability insurance, promotional items, gifts and office supplies.

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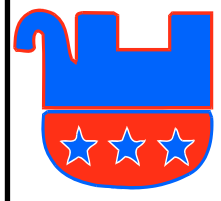
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Remember: Your Small Change can
mean Big Change in Hawaii!



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