



O.L.R.W. Newsletter

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March 2016

Luncheon / Meeting

March 3, 2016

The Willows Restaurant

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

You will be choosing from
the entire

Willows Buffet

line including

Assorted Salads

Roast Beef

Chicken

Willows Curry

Laulau

Kalua Pig

Sushi

More...

Assorted Desserts

Beverages

Reservations/Cancellations

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Reservations/Cancellations must be made by Feb 26th. All lunches are reserved, so *No Shows will be charged for their lunch.*

Please - no walk-ins.

Speaker

Kyle Karioka

Salvation Army

Kyle Karioka is the Divisional Director of Planned Giving for The Salvation Army Hawaiian and Pacific Islands Division.

His job is to help donors partner with The Salvation Army to serve those who are lost, alone, and vulnerable by leveraging the assets that God has entrusted them. These gifts may also assist donors by increasing income and reducing taxes while providing a legacy of hope for their communities.

Kyle has more than eight years of fund development experience and in non-profit and political fundraising. He served on Linda Lingle's gubernatorial campaign in 2006 and Duke Aiona's campaigns in 2010 and 2014.

He was born and raised in Hawaii and earned his B.A. degree from Washington University in St. Louis.



Our Annual Easter Bonnet Contest is on!

Wear your finest to our luncheon this month. Prizes will be awarded to the three (3) best hats (determined by our committee) in the Easter/Spring theme. We are looking forward to seeing some beautiful hats this year.



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March Babies

HAU'OLI LA HANAU To

Chita Stewart 3	Evelyn Cass 11	Shirley Hasenyager 16
Tracy Nakano Bean 5	Kitty Lagareta 11	Jerilyn Jeffryes 17
P. Pasha Baker 5	Joanne	Allan Silva 21
Anne Keamo 6	Bretschneider 14	Norann Neet 23
Lee Champion 7	Marion Kaneshiro 14	Lu Fleming 25
Elizabeth Findley 8	Lois Miller 15	Elwin Spray 25
Rep Gene Ward 9	Mimi Torreano 15	Marissa Kerns 27
June R. Anderson 11	Stefani Jeremiah 15	Terry McCabe 30
		Corinne Waterhouse



The Pres Says...

Carol Thomas, President

“If you do not take an interest in the affairs of your government, then you are doomed to live under the rule of fools.” Plato

Plato was a wise man, indeed. With all the campaign rhetoric going on, our heads might feel like spinning tops of yesterday.

How do we provide free college education for all (SANDERS) when we are in a financial hole and this administration will not grow the economy nor grow jobs in manufacturing? Today half of our population is subsidized and they're crying give me more, give me more!

WHO LET THE DOG OUT? ARF, ARF!

Will you take up the CLINTON call to women to stand behind her with your vote because of your gender? REALLY! When did we lose our brain mass, ladies? Maybe Beyonce did with her tribute to the Black Panthers at Super Bowl.

REALITY SHOWS OR ULTIMATE FIGHTER MATCHES?

As our Republican presidential candidates debate on national television, I can't help but think they're hurting themselves and the Republican principles we believe in by viciously attacking each other, name calling, exhibiting confusion and weakness in each other and our Party. Calls I receive have friends say they are more confused and don't know who they should vote for.

“Mexico will build the immigration wall with their money, not ours”-TRUMP. Mexico replies that any U.S. sanctions will hurt our economy more than theirs because we import so much food from them...not to mention their drugs. The Holy Pontiff condemns a wall but is surrounded by walls at the Vatican.

Chris Christie attacked Marco Rubio, lost and dropped out. Rubio is still in and had a great follow up debate; Cruz and Rubio keep fighting as to who is the real conservative; Carly dropped out; Dr. Carson needs a B-12 shot or a dose of meanness; Kasich is rising but the real question is: **WHO CAN BEAT HILLARY OR BERNIE?**

LOSS OF A PATRIOT

It troubles me to think that the untimely death of Justice Scalia has Obama doing the “Uptown Funk” because this brilliant voice of reason is gone. Obama was deliberate to use the word nominate and not appoint and follow with ...the Republican Senate to do the right thing”. OMG, Republicans took the bait. We're on record saying NO, NO, NO instead of holding our cards close to our hearts and saying that we will carefully review all nominations from our president? We didn't have to reveal our game plan. Haven't these men played poker? Now this administration has galvanized their base and proves to voters how we are the party of NO, and obstructionists, while they are the great ones...KUMBYA, drink the Flint water. I think Justice Scalia would agree with Obama that it is the president's responsibility, irregardless of time and duration of his term, to move on with the nomination; and that's a hard pill to swallow. Another insult to injury from our president was his lack of attendance at Justice Scalia's funeral. Was it too Christian for him but okay to visit the troubling Muslim mosque? No safety concerns there.

2016 Dues

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.

Five dollars of your dues will be allocated as an OLRW PAC contribution from you. Your name will not appear on the campaign spending report unless you donate an additional \$95.01 during the campaign period. (Campaign spending reports only show aggregate contributions of MORE THAN \$100 from any donor)



Luncheon Schedule

- April 7 Honolulu Country Club
Republican Candidates
- May 5 Oahu Country Club
Republican Candidates
- June 2 The Willows
Sam Slom - Session wrap up
- July 7 Waialae Country Club
Gene Ward & Andria Tupola East & West session perspective



Welcome

to our newest members

**Mildred Wong
and
Elizabeth Lim**

We are looking forward to getting to know you!

February Luncheon

Jade Dynasty Seafood Restaurant



Thank you to Percy Ihara for talking to us issues of aging in Hawaii.



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Carolyn Kahakelii won the 50/50 drawing in February. Carolyn generously donated a portion of her winnings to the PAC.



Lincoln Dinner 2016

HONOLULU (February, 16 2016)



Over 400 party and elected officials, community leaders, and grassroots Republicans gathered at the Ko'olau Ballrooms last night in Kane'ohe to hear Wisconsin Governor Scott Walker at the Hawaii GOP's Abraham Lincoln Day Dinner. The dinner, an annual fundraiser for the Hawaii Republican Party, featured one of America's most effective governors as the keynote speaker.

"We are very honored to have hosted Governor Walker last night and learned more about how he turned around Wisconsin's badly hurting state economy," said Fritz Rohlfing, HRP State Chair. "Hawaii still faces many of the same harsh fiscal and economic realities as Wisconsin did at the start of Governor Walker's administration and the story of his success tells us that leadership matters and that one person standing on principle can make a difference."



"Gov. Walker shared with us his experiences in overcoming the 'politics-as-usual' status quo in his state and the policies he found to be most effective in benefiting the citizens of Wisconsin," said Rohlfing.

Gov. Walker was inaugurated as Wisconsin's 45th Governor in 2011. One of his first reforms, Act 10, helped eliminate the state's \$3.6 billion budget deficit without raising taxes and gave school districts and local governments the tools needed to balance their budgets without the massive layoffs seen in other states. Under his administration, Wisconsin has created more than 150,000 jobs and 43,000 new businesses and is ranked the 12th best state in the country for business by Chief Executive Magazine, up from 41st place prior to 2010.



Gov. Walker has won 3 elections in 4 years, becoming the first governor in American history to win a recall election, gathering more votes and a higher percentage of the total vote than in his 2010 election. He was a presidential candidate for the Republican nomination in 2015 and has since continued his focus on further reducing the tax burden for Wisconsin's hardworking taxpayers, streamlining government, and advancing reforms that will provide more opportunity and prosperity for all.

At the Dinner we also Honored long-time National Committee Woman and OLRW member Miriam Hellreich for her tireless work to help elect Republican candidates and, importantly, a strong voice and advocate for paying of the mortgage on our Headquarters.



An oldie, but goody from one of our newsletters in 2007.

The more things change, the more they stay the same...



**Oahu League of Republican Women
Political Action Committee**



Two of our candidates - Kathryn Stark Henski and Jaci Agustin joined us for our February Luncheon

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

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 **\$24,000** 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.



**HAPPY
ST PATRICK'S
DAY**



Thank you to everyone that bought Balloons and cookies at the last luncheon.

We brought in a profit of \$115 for the PAC



Edna's Challenge

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 Fujiwara has generously donated \$500 to the OLRW PAC and challenges each of you to match this amount in 2016.

Are YOU up to the challenge?



Thank you to everyone who contributed to our PAC last month

We took in over \$200 last month from the following members:

- Marleen Adachi
- Janet Judwin
- Carolyn Kahakelii
- Pam Smith
- Kay Tompkins





Presidential Straw Poll - February

OLRW likes

1. Rubio, 30% (up from 22% in Dec)
2. Carson, 16% (up from 4th place)
2. Trump, 16% (down 1%)
4. Cruz 12% (down from 17%)
5. Fiorina & Bush 9%

You can learn more about our presidential candidates by going to our website - www.olrw.org and click on the political links button, we have links to all of the candidate's websites.

All of the remaining presidential candidates are on the ballot for our

**March 8th
Presidential Caucus**

Presidential Caucus Locations

HONOLULU COUNTY

- HD 17** Kaiser HS,
511 Lunalillo Home Rd, Hawaii Kai
- HD 18 & 19** Kalani HS,
4680 Kalaniana'ole Hy, Kahala
- HD 20** Church of the Epiphany,
1041 10th Ave, Palolo
- HD 21 & 22** Ala Wai Elem
503 Kamoku St, Honolulu
- HD 23** Noelani Elem Sch
2655 Woodlawn Dr, Manoa
- HD 24 & 26** R L Stevenson Middle Sch
1202 Prospect St, Honolulu
- HD 25 & 27** Kawanānakoā Middle Sch
49 Funchal St, Honolulu
- HD 28 & 29** Farrington HS
1564 N King St, Kalihi
- HD 30, 31, 32** Aliamanu Mid Sch,
3271 Salt Lake Bl, Salt Lake
- HD 33** Aiea Int Sch
99-600 Kulawea St, Aiea
- HD 34 & 35** Highlands Int Sch,
1460 Hoolaulea St, Pearl Cty
- HD 36 & HD 37 pcts 2-3** Mililani Mauka
Elem Sch, 95-1111 Makaikai St, Mililani
- HD 37 pcts 1&4 & HD 38** August Ahrens
Elem Sch 94-1170 Waipahu St, Waipahu
- HD 39, HD 42, HD 43 pcts 1-3** Kapolei
Middle Sch, 91-5335 Kapolei Pky, Kapolei
- HD 40 & 41** Campbell HS,
91-980 N Rd, Ewa Beach
- HD 43 pcts 4-5** Nanakuli Beach Pk
89-269 Farrington Hy, Nanakuli
- HD 44** Waianae Int School
85-626 Farrington Hy, Waianae
- HD 45 pcts 1-2, HD 46 pct 1** Mililani
Mauka Elem Sch, 95-1111 Makaikai St,
Mililani
- HD 45 pct 4, HD 47 pcts 1-2** Waialua
HS, 67-160 Farrington Hy, Waialua
- HD 45 pcts 3&5, HD 46** Wahiawa Elem,
1402 Glen Av, Wahiawa
- HD 47 pcts 3-4** Laie Elem Sch,
55-109 Kulanui St, Laie
- HD 48 & 49** Ben Parker Elem Sch,
45-259 Waikalua Rd, Kaneohe
- HD 50 & 51** Enchanted Lake Elem Sch,
770 Keolu, Kailua

Aloha to John Pechauer

John died Feb. 2, 2016 at the age of 78 John was a retired Navy Lieutenant Commander and was active in the Hawaii Republican Party for many years. He was born in Kankakee, Ill. His wife, Janice, a life member of OLRW, passed away 2 years ago. He is survived by sons Jeffrey and Joel, and three grandchildren. He will be missed by them and a multitude of friends in the Party.

Kasich Representative to Speak

A Representative from John Kasich's campaign will give a short talk during our business meeting this month. Thanks to Charles Djou for arranging this speaker.

Get Well



Diane Yri took a tumble on her trip to Okinawa and damaged her knee. She is on the mend, but would certainly appreciate your prayers for a speedy recovery.



George Kekuna is still taking Chemo treatments. He continues looking as dapper as ever. This photo was taken when he and Helen took a long weekend in Waikiki in January. Love & prayers are headed your way George & Helen.

The Not Very
Funnies

You laugh, because if you didn't you would cry...





Letters to the Editor

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

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 e-mail him at garrysmith01@gmail.com.

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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You can't change peoples' minds if you don't speak out.

This is an unpublished piece that we submitted to the Star Advertiser.

Unfortunately it has become the new normal for Hawaii and Honolulu.

Cost overruns due to mismanagement that end up costing taxpayers more money to keep the projects moving ahead no matter what the amount.

One only has to read recent headlines in the Star Advertiser to come away wondering how this could be happening with almost every department or project. "Chip Away at UH Repair Backlog" (\$503Million) (1/22/16), "Put Controls on Convention Center Debt"(\$317 Million after 20 years of payments) (1/23/16), "Don't Put CAP on Rail Tax Bill" \$1.6 Billion) 1/25/16, "ERS (State and County public employees) Pension Plan Shortfall Rises to \$8.77 Billion" (1/3/16).

Very little effort is made to determine why the million or billion dollar error occurred, instead the taxpayers are left holding the bag and the politicians go on to the next project or program.

For instance, when former Mayor Mufi Hannemann ran for Honolulu Mayor, none of his campaign literature or debates included the need for a multi billion dollar rail system. After his election we were told we absolutely had to have this project which he promised would be \$3.7 Billion but has now doubled to at least \$6.7 Billion and probably more. And how the operation and maintenance will be paid for is not a popular topic among incumbent politicians.

Governor Abercrombie wanted every child in Hawaii to attend pre-K school at a cost of \$200 Million per year. This was stopped cold when he lost in the democrat primary.



Now Governor Ige wants to air condition nearly every school in the state and pay for it by tacking the bill onto HECO utility bills (what the connection is between people buying electricity and air conditioning schools is unknown).

Our organization, the Oahu League of Republican Women, supports only those legislative candidates who support our goal of making Hawaii a more affordable place to live by reducing wasteful government programs and mismanagement. We demand that they speak up to oppose bad legislation and that they work on a real solution instead of going along to get along. The current situation creates a negative quality of life for those on fixed incomes and forces our young people to move away in order to make a living for their family.

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

Advertisers

If we want to expand the newsletter to include more content we need to get advertisers to cover the cost. Please contact Pam for details.

Instead of considering legislative success as to how much money you spend, our elected officials should brag about how much they have saved through tight controls over projects and programs. Taxpayers are not a never ending source of new funding.

**Carol Thomas, President
Oahu League of Republican Women**



Upcoming Events

OLRW Volunteer opportunities: contact Lone Gumpfer, OLRW Volunteer Coordinator, at 262-9788 or igumpfer@aol.com

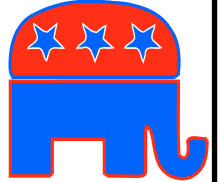


Reminder

Please bring in your OLRW PAC Change.

We have jars available that you can reuse every month.

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



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