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Luncheon / Meeting

April 7, 2016

Honolulu 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

Green Salad

w/House Dressing

Mahimahi

w/ Shiitake Cream Sauce

Mashed Potatoes

Vegetables

Hot Rolls and Butter

Soft Drinks

Dessert

Strawberry Cheesecake

Reservations/Cancellations

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Reservations/Cancellations must be made by Apr 1st all lunches are reserved, so **No Shows will be charged for their lunch.**

Please - no walk-ins.

Speaker

Bob McDermott

The role of the loyal opposition at the legislature.

Bob McDermott was a Marine Officer who served in Gulf War 1, has been married for 28 years and is the father of eight children. He holds Bachelors and an MBA degree from Chaminade University and is currently starting a new career as a real estate salesman.

Bob is serving his fifth term in the Hawaii State House of Representatives. He believes that helping others through public service is an honorable calling.

Bob is a devoted family man and active member of his church. He has served our community in many ways and is honored to represent the Ewa Beach community in the State Legislature



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The Pres Says...

Carol Thomas, President

In this very blue state of Hawaii we will celebrate Prince Jonah Kuhio Kalaniana'ole Day on Friday, March 26. The fact that he was an outstanding Republican is rarely heard in the media. So I challenge you to mention it to your friends and neighbors that he was an alii AND a respected Republican.

We are in a hot bed of presidential rhetoric and a real agenda from "Black Lives Matter" and other groups disrupting presidential rallies, trying to skew Republican caucuses and primaries. Why is Trump's message so toxic but the tirades from the Reverend Al Sharpton which caused protests and riots on the streets acceptable?

Are you upset when our first amendment rights are silenced so the protesters rights can be heard? Whether you like Trump or not, or are a true conservative

or not, our right to speak is being threatened and we cannot continue to be the silent majority. This is Socialism and not Democracy.

When we say we will never vote for a candidate we are giving our vote to Hillary or Bernie. If either wins and gets to decide on five future Supreme Court Justices, we will never see another Conservative victory at the Supreme Court level for the rest of our lives. This is scary stuff! If you are a Conservative, a vote for anyone but the GOP nominee, whomever that will be, is a vote for Hillary or Bernie. Is this what we want?

The Democrats know they have two weak candidates but they will surround their campfire to unite and win the White House. Can't we do the same?

The recent frustration by Representative Bob McDermott over funding of a Maui school district and a cut in his school district's needed expansion (Campbell

HS 3200 students and growing) is a prime example of the lack of our Republican caucus to stand up and be Republicans and stop the shenanigans by the Democrats.

Republican Legislators, you were not elected to be collaborative and agreeable with the majority. You should be collaborative and supportive with YOUR caucus. It is your fundamental obligation to think, research, question and disagree. You don't bow down to the majority and lead from behind. You were elected to ensure good sound laws and balanced budgets are passed. Take a page out of Senator Slom's play book! Think about it.

Happy Easter!



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

HELP NEEDED

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.

Luncheon Schedule

- 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

Jennifer LeAnn Anderson
Jennifer Rothschild

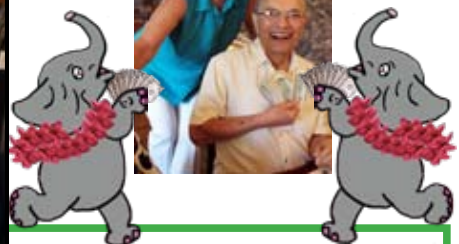
We are looking forward to getting to know you!

March Luncheon

The Willows



Thanks to Kyle Karioka for telling us how we can help the Salvation Army.



George Kekuna won the 50/50 drawing in March. George generously donated her winnings to the Salvation Army



Dear Members of the OLRW

As we approach this historic election season, I want thank you for all that you have done for our Republican Party and its candidates over the years. I would also like to make certain that you become a delegate to our 2016 Hawaii State Convention, which will be held on Saturday, May 21st at the Filipino Community Center (FILCOM) in Waipahu. If you are not a delegate, please contact the Hawaii GOP at 593 8180 and ask how to become one. We will be electing our **National Committeewoman** and **National Committeeman** and voting on our **Party Platform** at this convention.

While the National Presidential race has brought much excitement and many new and longtime Republican voters, it is critical that we all become engaged in our local party to elect more Republicans to office in November 2016.

It has been a privilege to represent you on the Republican National Committee, where I have served for the last few years as Vice Chairman of the RNC Western Region and as a member of the RNC's Executive Committee.

I will be seeking a final term as your National Committeewoman at the May convention. I ask you to become a delegate and vote for me. I would like to use the next 4 years to mentor possible successors for the NCW position as well as to recruit and mentor new candidates for our Party. As the 6th Ranking member of the 168 member National Committee, I want to use my seniority to continue to acquire resources for our state party. I also want to promote the optimism and enthusiasm I feel for our state and country. The needs are many and the opportunities are endless. We must "never give up" in our quest for a true two party system in Hawaii. Future generations are depending on us.

As a Life Member of the OLRW, it has been a great privilege for me to work with you on many projects, including the Capital Campaign Committee to raise money to pay down the mortgage on our GOP HQ, which is jointly owned with the OLRW. We have worked on multiple state and national races, and we worked side by side in electing the first Republican Governor and Lt. Governor since statehood. In 2006, we helped Linda and Duke win re-election by capturing every district in the state, which was a FIRST for either Party.

I have enjoyed being a grassroots organizer, a fundraiser and a campaign manager for the Party and in serving as the Finance Director for Linda Lingle and Duke Aiona's gubernatorial campaigns. Thank you for returning my many fundraising calls when I have chaired events for the Party. We have shown that when we all work together, we can elect Republicans to office.

Thank you for the many sacrifices you have made for our Party! I look forward to seeing you at the State Convention on May 21st. Please contact me at 808 284 3235, if you have any questions or if you would just like to chat.

Aloha,

Miriam

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Bob McDermott stands up for Republican Principles

STAR-ADVERTISER March 15, 2016

An angry state Rep. Bob McDermott confronted some of his fellow Republicans in a rare outburst of profanity on the state House floor Monday, demanding that his colleagues "do your (expletive) job."

The incident began after McDermott (R, Ewa Beach-Iroquois Point) took the floor during a discussion of the state budget to complain that a request by Gov. David Ige for \$30 million for a new Leeward Oahu high school had been trimmed to \$15 million in the latest budget draft.

McDermott said Campbell High School is now unacceptably crowded with an enrollment that has reached 3,102 students, and reducing the amount of money budgeted for a new high school will delay the badly needed project. At the same time, money was inserted into the budget for a new high school on Maui, where Department of Education projections show the student population is declining, he said.

As McDermott was speaking, he exhausted his allotted time for floor remarks, and had to briefly stop speaking when none of his Republican colleagues acted quickly enough to surrender their allotted speaking time so McDermott could continue.

McDermott then walked around some desks to confront his fellow party members, loudly telling a colleague to "start acting like a (expletive) Republican." In comments after the floor session, McDermott elaborated that he also told his colleagues to "do your (expletive) job."

After a brief recess, House Speaker Joe Souki resumed the session and asked members "to respect each other and maintain decorum." Other members of the Republican caucus volunteered their time to allow McDermott to complete his remarks.

McDermott said after the session that his fellow Republicans should have been ready to volunteer their speaking time, but they hesitated because they did not want to upset Souki.

The leadership of the seven-member Republican caucus has gotten "cozy" with the Democrats, and "they've abandoned the role of loyal opposition, which is a very important role," McDermott said.

House Minority Leader Beth Fukumoto Chang said McDermott and others in the caucus have a "fundamental disagreement" over the best way to represent their districts.

"I don't feel like being collaborative is being a bad Republican," said Fukumoto Chang (R, Mililani-Mililani Mauka-Waipio Acres). "I said it in my opening day remarks, I think the public is demanding that we be constructive and offer solutions and not just criticize each other, and that's what I've tried to do. That's the leadership style that I've chosen to take, and it sounds like some members of my caucus feel that that's not appropriate for a Republican, but I disagree."

Read McDermott's letter to Party leaders on our web site



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?



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 \$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 has contributed to our PAC this year.

Marleen Adachi
P. Pasha Baker
Sue Djou
Charles Djou
Janet Judwin
Carolyn Kahakelii
Pam Smith
Kay Tompkins





Congratulations

to the 3 winners of OLRW's
2016 Easter Bonnet Contest.
Jennifer, lone and Mary

each won a \$10 gift card from Long's Drugs for their lovely
creations.

Thanks to everyone that wore a pretty hat!



APRIL 1ST

Although the day, also called All Fools' Day, has been celebrated for several centuries by different cultures, its exact origins remain a mystery. Some historians speculate that April Fools' Day dates back to 1582, when France switched from the Julian calendar to the Gregorian calendar, as called for by the Council of Trent in 1563. People who were slow to get the news or failed to recognize that the start of the new year had moved to January 1 and continued to celebrate it during the last week of March through April 1 became the butt of jokes and hoaxes. These included having paper fish placed on their backs and being referred to as "poisson d'avril" (April fish), said to symbolize a young, easily caught fish and a gullible person.

Historians have also linked April Fools' Day to ancient festivals such as Hilaria, which was celebrated in Rome at the end of March and involved people dressing up in disguises. There's also speculation that April Fools' Day was tied to the vernal equinox, or first day of spring in the Northern Hemisphere, when Mother Nature fooled people with changing, unpredictable weather.

April Fools' Day spread throughout Britain during the 18th century. In Scotland, the tradition became a two-day event, starting with "hunting the gowk," in which people were sent on phony errands (gowk is a word for cuckoo bird, a symbol for fool) and followed by Tailie Day, which involved pranks played on people's derrieres, such as pinning fake tails or "kick me" signs on them.

New GMC Truck



I bought a new GMC Sierra and returned to the dealer yesterday because I couldn't get the radio to work. The salesman explained that the radio was voice activated.

'Nelson,' the salesman said to the radio. The radio replied, 'Ricky or Willie?' 'Willie!' he continued and 'On The Road Again' came from the speakers. Then he said, 'Ray Charles!', and in an instant 'Georgia On My Mind' replaced Willie Nelson.

I drove away happy, and for the next few days, every time I'd say, 'Beethoven,' I'd get beautiful classical music, and if I said, 'Beatles,' I'd get one of their awesome songs.

Today, some guy ran a red light and nearly creamed my new truck, but I swerved in time to avoid him.

I yelled, 'Jerk!'

Immediately the radio responded with, "Ladies and gentlemen, the President of the United States."

I love my GMC truck!!!!

Other SPECIAL DAYS in April

10 National Sibling Day

Siblings Day (sometimes called National Siblings Day) is a holiday recognized annually in some parts of the United States on April 10th, honoring the relationships of siblings. Unlike Mother's Day and Father's Day, it is not federally recognized, though the Siblings Day Foundation is working to change this.

Since 1998, the governors of 39 states have officially issued proclamations to recognize Siblings Day in their state.

From its American beginnings the observation has become international, spreading as far as India and Australia.

18 Tax Day

No explanation needed for this day...

22 Earth Day

Earth Day is an annual event, celebrated on April 22, on which day events worldwide are held to demonstrate support for environmental protection. It was first celebrated in 1970, and is now coordinated globally by the Earth Day Network, and celebrated in more than 192 countries each year.

27 Administrative Professional Day (Formerly known as Secretary's Day)

National Professional Secretaries Week and Day was created in 1952 through the work of Harry F. Klemfuss of Young and Rubicam. Klemfuss recognized the importance and value of the position to a company or business.

His goal was to encourage more women to become secretaries. Klemfuss, promoted the values and importance of the job of secretaries. In doing so, he also created the holiday in recognition of the importance of secretaries.

The name of this special day has changed over the past few decades. But, the importance of recognizing these vital individuals remains. The two new terms in use today are: "Administrative Professionals" and "Executive Admins". The two names sometimes mean different roles and responsibilities in different companies and organizations. Both are broader terms, that encompass more positions than the original "Secretary" role. The name change recognizes and acknowledges that the role has changed significantly since 1952, and for the better at that. In Harry Klemfuss' day, these positions were the realm of women. Today, you find males in these positions.



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.

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



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Espero should focus on guards

'Honolulu Star-Advertiser' - 2016-02-19

Richard Borreca described how state Sen. Will Espero is taking on the cops to try and straighten out county police forces ("Police transparency gaining momentum as political issue," StarAdvertiser, On Politics, Feb. 12).

Espero needs to be reminded that he has no authority over the Honolulu Police Department, as it is overseen by the civilian police commission.

What Espero does have authority over is the correctional system of the state Department of Public Safety.

Corrections officers have violated laws by smuggling drugs and cellphones into prison.

They have caused cancellations of family visitations due to excessive sick calls.

Cleaning house might be a good idea, but I suggest Espero start where he already is allowed — state corrections.

Leave the HPD to continue the fine work it always has done.
Garry P. Smith

Please stop harassing good guys with guns

'Honolulu Star-Advertiser' - 2016-02-27

The call by the Legislature and the Star-Advertiser to enter all gun owners into a national FBI database ("Put gun owners on FBI database," StarAdvertiser, Our View, Feb. 23) seems a little like putting all baby boys on the sex-offender registry when they are born — just in case.

What is next? Will we have to be entered in a database when we buy a set of steak knives because people are being stabbed with knives? When you start entering law-abiding citizens into government databases, the only ones not in the database are the criminals.

Stop this crazy bill. You don't control crime by harassing the good guys.

If our legislators would spend as much time supporting our police officers in performing their job as they do criticizing them, they might be able to clean up the streets.

Pam Smith

Taxes making cars too costly

Honolulu Star-Advertiser' - 2016-03-04

How much more does this Legislature think the people can afford ("Senate panel votes to raise vehicle taxes," Star-Advertiser, March 1).

After extending the rail tax for five more years, costing each Oahu resident \$200 apiece per year, it appears lawmakers want to make sure we use the train by taxing us out of our cars.

With the new increase, vehicle taxes will be about \$400 per vehicle per year.

Between the gas tax, registration and the weight taxes, the Legislature is making car travel unaffordable for those in the lower-income brackets and seniors on fixed incomes.

These taxes are especially harsh for people who live on the north and west shores of Oahu and must commute to downtown or Waikiki.

Until this state can prove it can spend its money for road repairs and maintenance judiciously, it should not be asking us for more money.

Mary Monohon

Slom is refreshing with his openness

'Honolulu Star-Advertiser' - 2016-03-15

It's not surprising to learn that state Sen. Sam Slom is the only legislator to release his calendars and email activities ("Slom is lone isle legislator to comply," Star-Advertiser, March 14).

His outer door is always open. So is the door to his inner office. Staffers are welcome to join any conference he may have, whether it's with the governor, the chief justice, a business executive, a community activist or a homeless man. Constituents often wander in unannounced for a quick word with Slom.

Slom not only says where he stands, he intently listens to others. It's refreshing to know a public official who lets you know what he thinks and does on any matter, regardless of controversy or complexity.

I worked the 2015 legislative session in his office and know all of this first hand.

Michael G. Palcic

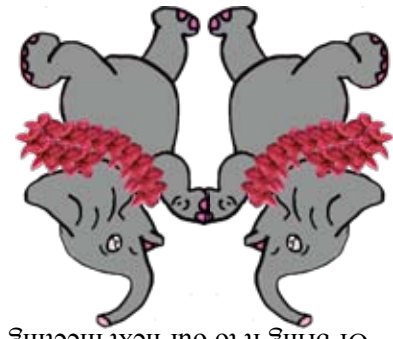
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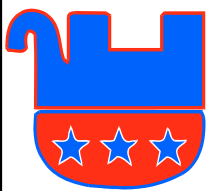
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Upcoming Events



I want to alert you to the fact that I believe Beth Fukumoto is going to leave the party, most likely after her reelection, but I would not be surprised if sooner.

Why do I say this?

Well Beth and I have had a decent relationship since she became leader, we have had frank, private discussions to air our differences. We called it "mutually assured destruction."

Despite what she did to Tupola and Ward, I maintained a cordial relationship. I expressed my "disappointment" with each of those moves because they made no sense and seemed to be personal grievances that opened old wounds. But nonetheless, I trudged on. She helped me organize the Willes Lee letter to the NRA, we were working together to a degree.

Last Friday, we had a nice chat in my office. I asked to see her after reading her comments about the Republican base being "Racist and Sexist." I shared with her that this kind of talk makes it harder for big fat guys like me, and hurts the Party in general. I said it is HIRA like but from the left. I also noted that she attached some of her caucus members who voted no (since I vote no more than anyone I guess that was me). She APOLOGIZED, we were good.

I explained to her, that you Beth, are the top elected Republican in the State. Your utterances are viewed in that light, you are not a individual anymore, that is the trade-off in leadership. She was cool.

We discussed the broader issue of how she has led Feki, Cheape, and Theilan, down compromise alley. They no longer speak on the house floor. They made a conscious decision to trade their role of loyal opposition for the movement of legislation (they all have bills moving) and CIP (Feki is getting 1 million). They made a deal with the devil. They are like 4 mutes out there.

I shared with her that this is very troubling and the burden on me, Gene, and Andria, gets heavy to do this "checks and balances stuff" all by ourselves. However, they can do what they want.

I said to Beth, this can not go on, and we will make a change next year, assuming we are all back. I further said, word on the street is that if she loses leadership she shall switch parties; she said, **I can NOT promise I will not switch.**

MONDAY

I was fighting for Campbell HS, beating the Shit out the democrats for building a HS in Maui where it is NOT needed. The truth and data are on my side.

It is a payoff to Roz Baker. I have attached an enrollment chart that shows in 3 years, Campbell **will have 3,500 students!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!** Yet we build a school where they are losing children and enrollment is going down.

I ran out of time and Beth **told** the 3 stooges NOT to yield me any time as the democrats were getting mad. Ward and Tupola had no time left. I stood naked, while my fellow republicans turned their back on me - unprovoked. It was THEN I called recess and instructed them using **Marine Corps adverbs "to do their Blanking jobs!!!!"**

Wednesday:

Again, I hammered the 37 million CIP for Maui while Campbell gets left behind. Beth crossed the rubicon today and spoke with pointed remarks that my comments were not appropriate given it was a budget debate. She went after me while I was fighting for my district and kids!!!!!! I was fit to be tied. Betrayal.

End Game

She is trying to provoke a situation that gives her an excuse to leave the party. She has already departed in mind and spirit, it is just her body that is still occupying a Republican seat. Make no mistake, this is not "Liberial vs Conservative" as Beth's voting record is very, very, close to mine on the issues.

No, this is wanting to be with the "cool kids" instead of hanging out with nerds like Me and Ward. This is wanting to be "relevant" to the power players in town.

Foolishly, she does not understand that the Truth and Principle, have a power all their own.

When she flips, please do not blame me. She is smart, clever, conniving, and planning this out, she will blame Republicans, call us names. This is how it will play out. It has already started.....

With much Aloha,

Bob McDermott
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