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May 2016

Luncheon / Meeting

May 5, 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

Choice of

Kalbi Style Grilled NY
Strip steak

w/ Spicy Asian Glaze

Kim Chee, Pineapple Relish

Furukaki Rice

Vegetables

OR

Portabella Ravioli

Tomato-Basil Cream

Pesto Dressing

Grilled Asparagus

with Parmesean Cheese

Hot Rolls and Butter

Coffee, Tea or Iced Tea

Macadamia Nut Ice Cream

Reservations/Cancellations

Celyn Chong Kee

306-5089

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Reservations/Cancellations must be made by Apr 29th all lunches are reserved, so *No Shows will be charged for their lunch.*

Please - no walk-ins.



Kathryn Henski
HD 22

Eric Ching
HD 31

Marc Pa'aluhii
HD 44

Kurt Fevella
SD 19

We will have new candidates answering questions posed by the OLRW Board and (time permitting) from the floor.



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The Pres Says...

Carol Thomas, President

Our April 7 Business Meeting was well attended by 53 members and guests at the beautiful Honolulu Country Club in Salt Lake. Thank you to our Corresponding Secretary and sponsor, Jane Au, for planning this event and the delicious menu.

At our April 11 Board of Directors Meeting we discussed the following under NEW BUSINESS:

- PAC sponsorship of Campaign Spending Commission Compliance Training for all candidates, their treasurer, and Campaign Chair
 - o Pam Smith will do "In-Kind Donation" to PAC for her services – 2 training classes; first Saturday, April 23, 10 AM at HRP
 - o OLRW PAC will pay for all materials and lunch
 - o PAC will in turn do "In-Kind Donation to candidate campaigns
- PAC committee for 2016 as "Special Committee

- o PAC organizational officers must be included—president, treasurer, and 1st VP as compliance officer; - 4 from membership or 4 officers + 3 general members to be appointed by Prez and approved by BOD
 - o Suggestions: Celyn Chong Kee, Rita Kama-Kimura, Sylvia Lewis, Garry Smith, Mark Torreano, Kathy Brown
 - o Skill set of committee must include computer skills and research – working committee
 - o Recommendations of Special Committee to be approved by BOD, as governing body.
- 2016 OLRW Officer Elections in November with slate due in October – See By Laws
 - o Suggestions: Kathy Brown, Janet Judwin, Kathryn Henski, Mark Torreano, Barbara Marumoto, Judi Chang, Diane Yri
 - o Suggestions appreciated from BOD and membership
 - o Review By Laws regarding Duties and Elections

- Service Project for Veterans Day in November – Next Month's Discussion. Approx cost \$1 ea including small American flags
 - o Solicit military member to chair
 - o Recipients? Tripler? Veteran's Center?
- Bring your suggestions to our May 5 luncheon or email me at kaneohecarol@hawaii.rr.com. We'll have copies of our By Laws available for your review. Remember, this is your League and our success depends on your participation.

Annual State Convention is on Saturday, May 21, 7:30 AM–5:00 PM at the Filipino Community Center Ballroom, 94-428 Mokuola Street, Waipahu, HI; early registration is \$45; after May 2, \$55. Election of National Committeeman and National Committeewoman will be held. LIFE member, Miriam Hellreich, will be seeking re-election and needs our support. If you are not a delegate, please call HRP at 593-8180 and sign up.

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



Welcome

to our newest members

**Gaye Drummond
Helen Wagner
Eric Ching
Candice Ching
Pastor Anne Fujii**

We are looking forward to getting to know you!

Get Well

Continued thoughts and prayers are requested for George Kekuna as he continues to battle his cancer.

Please also keep Lu Fluming in your thoughts as she has been feeling under the weather recently



Luncheon Schedule

- June 2 **The Willows**
Sam Slom - Session wrap up
- July 7 **Waialae Country Club**
Gene Ward & Andria Tupola East & West session perspective
- August 4 **Oahu Country**
- September 1 **The Willows**
- October 6 **Waialae Country Club**
- November 3 **The Willows**
OLRW Officer Elections
- December 8 **Waialae Country Club**
Christmas Party, Installation of new officers



Condolences

To Cynthia Thielen and her family on the passing of their beloved husband and father **Mickey.**

For information on services go to <http://www.mickeythielen.com>



2016 State Convention

HRP Early Convention Registration Deadline is May 2 If you are a delegate it costs \$45 until the deadline, \$55 after..

April Luncheon Honolulu Country Club

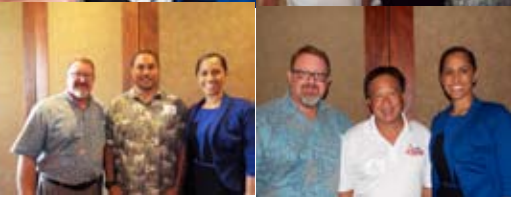
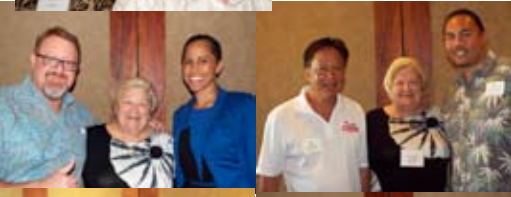


Where is new high school really needed?

| Location | Population | Area | Area |
|----------|------------|-------|-------|
| Area A | 1,000 | 100 | 100 |
| Area B | 2,000 | 200 | 200 |
| Area C | 3,000 | 300 | 300 |
| Area D | 4,000 | 400 | 400 |
| Area E | 5,000 | 500 | 500 |
| Area F | 6,000 | 600 | 600 |
| Area G | 7,000 | 700 | 700 |
| Area H | 8,000 | 800 | 800 |
| Area I | 9,000 | 900 | 900 |
| Area J | 10,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 |



Thanks to Bob McDermott for speaking to us about the responsibility of the Loyal Opposition.



50/50

Susan Krueger won the 50/50 drawing in March. Susan generously donated her winnings to the Candidates at the luncheon

PROVEN LEADERSHIP



Re-Elect Miriam Hellreich
National Committeewoman

VOTE!
At the Republican State Convention
May 21, 2016

**Experience in advocating for our Party
at the national and local level:**

- Member of RNC Executive Committee
- Ranks # 6 in Seniority on 168 member RNC
- Vice Chairman of RNC Western Region
- Chairman of Western States Leadership Conference
- Delegate to 7 Republican National Conventions
- Chairman of Hawaii GOP Capital Campaign Committee
- Finance Director for Governor Linda Lingle and Duke Aiona's gubernatorial campaigns and the Lingle for U.S. Senate Campaign
- State Coordinator for RNC's island wide "Nuts and Bolts" Program
- Grassroots Trainer for the International Republican Institute in Ankara and Istanbul, Turkey
- Member President George W. Bush's Hawaii Finance Committee
- State Co-Chr. of the Reagan-Bush Campaign



"It would be difficult to find someone who has worked harder or served longer in various Party positions than Miriam Hellreich. What I like best about her is that she's not just in it for the title, but is a real grassroots worker as well as a potent force on the Republican National Committee."

—Governor Linda Lingle



"Miriam is a tireless worker, campaigner, fundraiser and mentor to party members and candidates. At the Republican National Committee, she has put Hawaii on the national political map."

—Lt. Governor Duke Aiona



"The Hawaii Republican Party has been faithfully and diligently represented at the Republican National Committee by Miriam Hellreich. She has done us proud and has earned seniority and respect from her fellow Republicans."

—Congresswoman, Pat Saiki



"Thank you for your dedicated leadership as a member of the RNC Executive Committee and Vice Chairman of the Western Region. You have served our committee and Hawaii with honor. Your support and guidance have been vital to our success over the past year. I look forward to continuing to work closely with you as we move toward taking back the White House this November."

—Reince Priebus - Chairman,
Republican National Committee

**Please contact me at 808-284-3235 or
by email at mhellreich@gmail.com.
Let me know if I can count on your vote!**

Dear State Convention Delegate or Alternate,

Because this is a Presidential election year, the State Convention will elect a national committeeman and national committeewoman to serve on the Republican National Committee.

The national committeeman and national committeewoman are responsible for attending the Republican National Committee meetings, which are held at least three times per year. They also serve as voting members of the Hawaii Republican Party State Executive Committee and the State Committee. The national committeeman and national committeewoman serve from the adjournment of the national convention until the adjournment of the following national convention, and until their successors shall have been elected and ratified.

Once a candidate for national committeeman or national committeewoman files nomination papers, the Party will e-mail to State Convention delegates and alternates a message provided by the candidate.

Attached below is a message from Miriam Hellreich, candidate for national committeewoman.

If you have not yet registered for State Convention, please visit: www.gophawaii.com.

**Mahalo,
Marcia Tagavilla
Executive Director
Hawaii Republican Party**



Our own Sam Slom had heart surgery recently.

We have word that he is at home and moving well on his path to full recovery. We can get a first hand account from him next month when he speaks to us at The Willows

Please keep him in your thoughts and prayers.



School construction should be based on student needs, not politics

STAR-ADVERTISER April 26, 2016

by Kurt Fevella
Republican Candidate Senate Dist. 19

The Legislature is about to sentence the children of West Oahu to grossly overcrowded classrooms and campuses for the next decade and beyond, by foolishly expending money on a new high school in Maui where enrollment numbers are substantially dropping.

Gov. David Ige requested \$31 million in his budget for a new building at Campbell High School to accommodate the exploding student population. He did not request a penny for a new high school in Maui, which clearly indicates it is not a DOE priority and not a needed expenditure. Yet the politicians are putting unneeded pork ahead of critical student needs. This is shameful and business as usual.

The DOE's own enrollment numbers and projections are clear: West Oahu is in urgent need of a new high school. The governor's proposed building for Campbell is an emergency measure in response to decades of poor planning.

To add insult to injury, the House just slashed it by half to \$15 million, while appropriating \$37 million for a new high school in Kihei that is not needed; enrollment there (Maui/Baldwin) is projected to decline by 409 students while West Oahu (Campbell/Kapolei) is predicted to rise by 769 students. Even more remarkable is that the Senate allocated zero dollars for Campbell and upped the Maui appropriation to \$38 million. What are we doing?

State Rep. Bob McDermott has demonstrated that DOE Superintendent Kathryn Matayoshi has not provided strong guidance to the Legislature with regards to the No. 1 priority for a new high school; instead she has been a muted political puppet worried about offending powerful politicians instead of putting the children's interests first.

This has allowed legislators to put their wants and desires before the needs of our school children. The Department of Education should be making recommendations on where new construction is really needed, based on enrollment projections and hard data.

The expenditure of huge sums of money for a new high school on Maui would handcuff the DOE for years. And though the governor finally recently released a long-dormant \$5 million appropriation for design and construction of the new West Oahu High school, we do not have the money to build two new high schools at once. Further, this is a pyrrhic victory as this superintendent does not even have a site selected for the West Oahu school. No work can begin until they pick a site.

The numbers say a Kihei high school is not needed, not to mention the huge operational costs of another high school being layered onto an already thinly stretched DOE budget. Once built, implementation of the student weighted formula will cause Maui and Baldwin high schools to have anemic funding levels due to the transfer of students to Kihei, meaning loss of teachers, programs and extracurricular activities.

My heart is for the children of Oahu's west side who are already in hot, overcrowded classrooms.

Today, Campbell has 3,086 students and, according to the DOE, will grow to 3,545, in 2020. Yet, the politicians want to build a high school where enrollment is falling.

It is time we put the children first with child-centered policies and not political pork

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.



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.

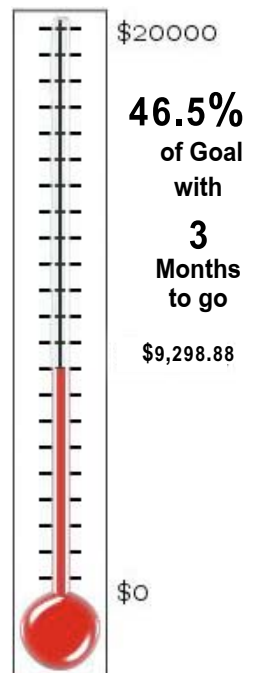
If each of our members gave just \$5 per month (about 17 cents per day) we would have well over \$20,000 in our account for the next election.

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.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to our PAC this year.



May is Military Appreciation Month

Congress designated May as National Military Appreciation Month in 1999 to ensure the nation was given the opportunity to publically demonstrate their appreciation for the sacrifices and successes made by our servicemembers - past and present. Each year the president makes a proclamation, reminding Americans of the important role the U.S. Armed Forces have played in the history and development of our country.



21 Armed Forces Day

Armed Forces Day is a day to recognize members of the Armed Forces that are currently serving. In 1947, the Armed Forces of the US were united under one department which was renamed the Department of Defense in 1949. President Harry S. Truman supported the creation of a day for the nation to unite in support and recognition of our military members and their families. On August 31, 1949, Secretary of Defense Louis Johnson announced that Armed Forces Day would take the place of other individual branch celebrations, and all branches of the military would be honored this single day. Armed Forces Day takes place on the third Saturday in May.

30 Memorial Day

Memorial Day started as an event to honor Union soldiers, who had died during the American Civil War. It was inspired by the way people in the Southern states honored their dead. After World War I, it was extended to include all men and women, who died in any war or military action.



It is traditional to fly the flag of the United States at half staff from dawn until noon. Many people visit cemeteries and memorials, particularly to honor those who have died in military service. Many volunteers place an American flag on each grave in national cemeteries. Memorial Day is combined with Jefferson Davis' Birthday in Mississippi.

Memorial Day has become less of an occasion of remembrance. Many people choose to hold picnics, sports events and family gatherings on this weekend. This day is traditionally seen as the start of the summer season for cultural events. For the fashion conscious, it is seen as acceptable to wear white clothing, particularly shoes from Memorial Day until Labor Day. However, fewer and fewer people follow this rule and many wear white clothing throughout the year.

Memorial Day was originally known as Decoration Day. The current name for this day did not come into use until after World War II. Decoration Day and then Memorial Day used to be held on May 30, regardless of the day of the week, on which it fell. In 1968, the Uniform Holidays Bill was passed as part of a move to use federal holidays to create three-day weekends. This meant that that, from 1971, Memorial Day holiday has been officially observed on the last Monday in May. However, it took a longer period for all American states to recognize the new date.



Other SPECIAL DAYS in May

1 May Day

May Day marks the halfway point between the first day of spring and the summer solstice. May Day dates back to the days of the Romans and involved many pagan rituals and ancient customs which were slowly phased out with the arrival of Christianity. Festivals, dances, and rituals related to agriculture and fertility were practiced by many Germanic and European countries.

3 National Teacher's Day

National Teacher Day provides an opportunity to recognize and show appreciation for the enormous impact that this nation's teachers have made and continue to make on its youth.



In 1953, an Arkansas teacher wrote to Eleanor Roosevelt about the need to recognize and honor the nation's teachers. Mrs. Roosevelt persuaded Congress to proclaim a day in May as National Teacher Day. National Teacher Day is celebrated on Tuesday of National Teacher Week; this week is observed the first full school week of May each year.

5 Cinco de Mayo

Cinco de Mayo is a celebration of the Mexican Army's victory over France during the Franco-Mexican War. During Mexico's war with France, the US was engaged in its Civil War. Cinco de Mayo celebrates the Mexican victory at the Battle of Puebla. This battle was a significant turning point for the US as well. The French were US Confederate Army supporters. During the Battle of Puebla, their attention became so focused on the battle with Mexico that the US Union Army forces were able to advance and gain significant ground. It is considered a minor holiday inside Mexico however, in the US, Cinco de Mayo not only celebrates the victory at the Battle of Puebla, but also serves as a celebration of the culture and heritage of the Mexican people.

8 Mother's Day

Mother's Day is a day dedicated to honoring and recognizing the sacrifices and accomplishments of mothers. Mothers are recognized by family and friends; regardless of whether they are biological or perceived maternal figures. It is a day to honor and respect mothers for their many sacrifices; a day to show them how important they are to us. In 1914, Woodrow Wilson signed a proclamation recognizing the second Sunday in May as Mother's Day





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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Burgess a great man who loved Hawaii

'Honolulu Star-Advertiser' - 2016-03-22

The death of attorney and equal-rights advocate H. William Burgess on March 16 was a sad day for all races in Hawaii. Many who are uninformed might say that Burgess was anti-Hawaiian, as he challenged those programs and laws that favored those of Hawaiian ancestry to the exclusion of others. That would be a dishonest conclusion.

He loved Hawaii, Hawaiians and those of all races, and was married to a Native Hawaiian. His only goal was to make all races equal in the eyes of the law and in the spending of public funds.

He endured criticism from those receiving benefits solely due to their ancestry, but in the end, he was found by the U.S. Supreme Court to be correct.

As a Marine Corps fighter pilot, he served the country that he loved without asking for anything in return.

Bill Burgess was one of the great men of Hawaii.

Earl Arakaki

Republican caucus was run very well

'Honolulu Star-Advertiser' - 2016-03-31

I offer my congratulations and gratitude to Andrew Walden and all his volunteers for conducting an organized and successful Republican Party presidential statewide caucus on March 8. Unlike the chaos and disarray we witnessed by the majority Democrat Party, the gatherings held statewide by Walden's group was outstanding. I was most surprised that this politically powerful, dominant party — with majorities at every level of our state government — would be so ineffective as to deny so many of its voters their right to express themselves at the presidential caucuses. I hope this lack of attention and care does not permeate throughout the government they control.

Pat Saiki

Puerto Rico blamed Jones Act for its woes

Honolulu Star-Advertiser' - 2016-04-02

Few people I know in Hawaii are aware that Puerto Rico has declared itself "bankrupt."

Even fewer know that government leaders there blame the Jones Act restrictions for causing their bankrupt condition.

Puerto Rico sought relief through the U.S. Supreme Court after the commonwealth government there was told by a U.S. District Court that it could not amend its bankruptcy laws.

Officials attempted legislatively to comport Puerto Rican law with the latitude allowed the states. The U.S. Supreme Court found favorably, allowing Puerto Rico to amend its governmental agencies' bankruptcy provisions.

While Hawaii is not bankrupt at this time, Hawaii is headed in the same direction as Puerto Rico.

Because of the fragile economy, increased homelessness, limited agricultural production and high government spending, we must address the solutions rather than discuss the problems.

If Hawaii were given relief from the Jones Act, our state's economy could parallel or exceed the economies of Singapore and Hong Kong.

John S. Carroll

City funds definitely do get spent on rail

'Honolulu Star-Advertiser' - 2016-04-10

The letter by Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation's information specialist, Bill Brennan, took a really cheap shot at a cartoon by David Swann that pointed out that we can't afford everything (like a zoo) because we have to pay for rail ("Rail cartoon was off the mark," Star-Advertiser, April 6).

For Brennan to say that city funds do not go to rail is a dishonest statement. The city's transit-oriented development division of the city Department of Planning and Permitting had an operating budget of \$4.4 million and a CIP budget of \$20 million for fiscal year 2015.

This does not even include the hundreds, or possibly thousands, of hours city departments must spend dealing with rail construction permits and plans, and the myriad of other details that only the city's employees can perform.

Garry P. Smith

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 \$96 during the campaign period. (Campaign spending reports only show aggregate contributions of MORE THAN \$100 from any donor)





Upcoming Events

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

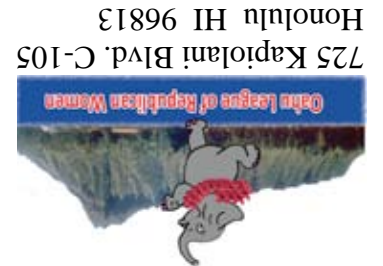
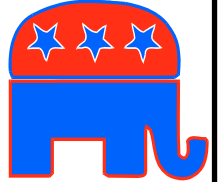


Reminder

Please bring in your OLRW PAC Change.

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