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June 2016

Luncheon / Meeting

June 2, 2016

The Willows

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

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 May 27th all lunches are reserved, so **No Shows will be charged for their lunch.**

Please - no walk-ins.



**Rep Andria Tupola
HD 43**

Ewa Villages, Kalaeloa,
Honokai Hale, Nanakai
Gardens, Ko Olina,
Kahe Point, Nanakuli,
Lualualei, Maili

Legislative Wrap-Up

East / West Perspective

Andria and Gene are going to give us a legislative wrap up from their unique perspectives as the most westerly (Andria) and most easterly (Gene) conservative Republican house members on Oahu.

Sam Slom will be joining us later in the year. He is catching up on all of his work after his surgery and the end of the session.



**Rep Gene Ward
HD 17**

Hawaii Kai
Kalama Valley

2016 Dues must be paid by June 1st or your membership will expire. you will no longer receive your newsletter or notifications about luncheons. You may still attend luncheons, but your cost will be at the non-member price until your dues are paid. You may pay on line at www.olrw.org Click on the membership tab.

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)



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The Pres Says...

Carol Thomas, President

Aloha members,
We had a great luncheon at Oahu Country Club on Thursday, May 5. The food was excellent as were our candidate speakers, Kathryn Henski, Eric Ching, Marc Pa`aluhi, Tomiko Sequin, and Curt Fevella. These are not career politicians but citizens motivated to make a difference in their communities and in our State.

Recognizing our monthly speakers, OLRW highlights former Colonel Suzanne Vares-Lum, who spoke to us last May for Military Appreciation Month. She is now Brigadier General Vares-Lum. In December 2015, Susie was pinned and honored as the first female Brigadier General of Native Hawaiian Ancestry in the United States Army. WHOO HOO! And Hillary talks about the plight of women and lack of equality which she will fix if you stand with her...garbage in, garbage out?? Go to jail, woman!

Don't you just love it when POTUS condemns Donald Trump, a successful businessman with no political experience, but kicking butt and saying things we only mention in private. In 2016 Donald and Bernie opened a Pandora's box and started a revolution. POTUS forgets that he had no real experience either except as a community organizer in the hood. He was a "social worker" on steroids in Chicago or was it pot he was on. No, maybe that was only at Punahou. He missed so many votes in Congress as a junior senator but it was Valerie Jarrett and her group of commies that saw a fool they could mold and control.

Let's unite to win the White House, the Supreme Court, provide jobs for our citizens, and replace Obamacare. Do you really want another eight years of Democrats in control? Think about it.

"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

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

BOD Elections in November

You should all start thinking about the leaders you want to put in place for the 2017-2018 term for your OLRW.

Most of our current officers will be termed out this year and will be moving into ordinary member status.

If you are interested in becoming an officer of OLRW please contact Carol Thomas to discuss the responsibilities of the position.

The officers are:

- President
- 1st Vice (speakers)
- 2nd Vice (luncheons & venues)
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Corresponding Secretary

Luncheon Schedule

- July 7 Waialae Country Club
Candidates
- August 4 Oahu Country
Candidates
- September 1 The Willows
Candidates
- October 6 Waialae Country Club
Candidates
- November 3 The Willows
OLRW Officer Elections
- December 8 Waialae Country Club
Christmas Party, Installation of new officers



Welcome

to our newest member

Ivanelle Choy

We are looking forward to getting to know you!



Get Well

Continued good wishes to
George Kekuna
and
Lu Flemming.



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.

May Luncheon Oahu Country Club



Thanks to our new candidates for telling us a little about their campaigns.

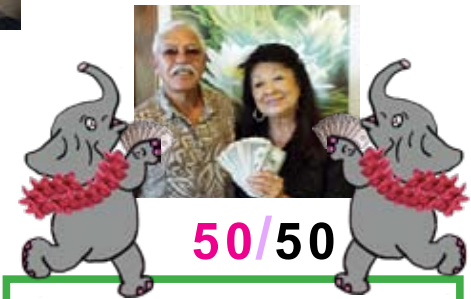
(L-R) Mark Pa'aluhi HD44, Kathryn Henski HD22, Tamiko Sequin HD44, Kurt Fevella SD19, Eric Ching HD31



A liberal acquaintance in California asked me what I thought he might need in order to defend his home and family from home invasion, and the like. I suggested a 9mm, a couple of clips, and a box of shells.



A few days later he sent me this picture and asked me how to make it all work.



50/50

Carolyn Kahakalii won the 50/50 drawing in March. Carolyn generously donated \$25 of her winnings to the PAC.

BAKE SALE

Brigadier General Suzanne Vares-Lum

By Lt. Keoki Leong

On January 13, 2016, The Hawaii Midweek featured Colonel Vares-Lum's promotion on pinning to Brigadier General. The pinning ceremony was conducted on December 15, 2015 in coordination with the promotion of Brigadier General Kenneth Hara at Washington Place. Having served for more than two decades, she was honored as the first female Brigadier General of Native Hawaiian Ancestry in the United States Army.



Brigadier General Suzanne Vares-Lum has become a symbol for young local female Soldiers who have witnessed her professionalism, hard work, and love for family, service, and her Soldiers meet a tremendous achievement.

On April 21, 2016, Brigadier General Suzanne Vares-Lum was honored by her Almamater, the University of Hawaii by being inducted into their General Officer Hall of Fame. Suzanne, is the first female of the University of Hawaii ROTC program to achieve the rank of General Officer and the 18th overall to graduate from the UH ROTC program.

Brigadier General Suzanne Vares-Lum currently serves as the Mobilization Assistant to Director of Strategic Plans and Policy, U.S. Pacific Command at Camp Smith, Hawaii. She has a key role in the Pacific Command's effort to shape and maintain regional security through development of diplomatic, economic, and military policies. This includes building and maintaining military-to-military and political-military relationships among the 43 nations within the Pacific region covering over 51% of the globe. Activities include disaster management, humanitarian assistance, homeland defense, appropriate oversight of reserve component matters, and, as a senior leader within the directorate, oversight of strategy and policy issues that influence the Pacific region.



Note:
General Vares-Lum spoke at OLRW's May luncheon for military appreciation month last year.

We work hard to get some of the best people in their fields to speak to our membership.

For those of you that have favorite recipes and the time to bake, please bring your goodies to the June luncheon meeting.

For those of you that think baking is putting a pop-tart into the toaster - bring your money to purchase some awesome snacks.

All proceeds will be donated to the PAC to support our candidates.

Please download and fill out an in-kind contribution form on our PAC website. www.olrwpac.com then click on the fundraiser tab.

It will make thing move more smoothly if you fill this form out before you bring your item in.



PAC Committee

The Board of Directors will be making their final selection of members to sit on the 2016 PAC Committee. in the next month.

This committee will be analyzing our Republican candidates and the races they are running to determine the PAC awards we will make this year.

If you want to be considered for this committee you must have computer skills to help with the research required to collect and analyze the races.

You must be willing to commit to several hours of independent work each week for the month of July plus 2 meetings at the OLRW office to consolidate and vote on the awards we will recommend to the board.

Most of our work can be done via e-mail and phone.

Please contact Carol Thomas if you are interested in being on this committee.

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!





Oahu League of Republican Women Political Action Committee sponsored two campaign compliance training classes for candidates and their teams.

We trained people from twelve campaigns in our two classes.

Our training included how to make a campaign plan and some fund-raising tips and techniques. We also introduced our candidates to our tried and true record keeping system that has aided all of the major Republican races in the past 15 years.

We have many candidates to be proud of this year. We will be seeing most of them in the coming months as we feature our Republican candidates at our monthly luncheons.

The campaigns that made the time to take advantage of our experience will be stronger and less likely to make embarrassing mistakes while negotiating the web of campaign spending requirements.

We want to give special thanks to **Barbara Marumoto** for helping us round up candidates. She attended both sessions and worked really hard to get candidates out.

Training was donated by our compliance officer, Pam Smith and support was provided by President Carol Thomas, Volunteer co-ordinator Ione Gumpfer and Treasurer Mary Monohon. OLRW PAC provided materials and refreshments for the candidates.



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.



Edna's Challenge



We have to start taking our responsibility to our candidates 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. We may have a candidate to unseat Mike Gabbard in Kapolei, 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.

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



HILLARY = BOO, HISS

Hillary Clinton lying for 13 minutes straight

<https://youtu.be/-dY77j6uBHI>

This is a great video.



Laura Millman, a life member that moved to the mainland several years ago was in town during May. She got together with several of our members here for lunch.



Laura Millman



Carole Cruz with their waiters

SPECIAL DAYS in June



14 Flag Day

Flag Day celebrations began to be held around the country with the first celebration held in Chicago, Illinois on June 16th, 1894, the third Saturday of the month. More than 300,000 children attended the celebration. During the following years, Flag Day celebrations continued to be observed on the third Saturday of the month of June.

As June 14th was the day the Second Continental Congress officially declared the national flag to be the Stars and Stripes, it was agreed upon by many governors and delegates in the early 1900's that June 14th of each year should be nationally adopted as the official Flag Day of the nation. In 1916, "President Woodrow Wilson issued a proclamation establishing Flag Day as an annual national event." 11 Thirty-three years later in August of 1949, Harry S. Truman signed into law the National Flag Day observance to occur on June 14th of each year. The National Flag Day observance is not a federal holiday; it is just an observance.

Controversy

Historians throughout the years have not been able to prove that Betsy Ross was the person who created the flag or sewed the flag. As there is no written proof of an invoice or a payment to Betsy Ross for the sewing of the flag, the only information recorded comes from her relatives.

Another person claiming to have created the original design for the flag was Francis Hopkinson, a signer of the Declaration of Independence among other occupations.

It appears, perhaps, that Francis Hopkinson designed the rough draft of the original flag with others, including Betsy Ross, making adjustments to the original design. After all design alterations were completed, Betsy Ross then sewed the original Stars and Stripes flag.

19 Fathers Day

The History of Father's Day 2016 dates back to 1910 in Spokane, Washington, where 27-year-old Sonora Dodd proposed it as a way to honour the man (a civil war veteran William Jackson Smart) who raised her and her five siblings alone after her mom died in childbirth. Dodd was at a church thinking about how grateful she was for her father when she had the idea for Father's Day, which would mirror Mother's Day but be celebrated in June, her dad's birthday month.



It is said that she was inspired after hearing a sermon about Jarvis' Mother's Day in 1909 at Central Methodist Episcopal Church, and she therefore told her pastor that fathers should have a similar holiday honouring them. A bill to nationally recognise the holiday was introduced in Congress in 1913.

In 1916, President Woodrow Wilson went to Spokane to speak in a Father's Day celebration and wanted to make it official, but Congress resisted, with the fear that it would just another commercialized holiday. US President Calvin Coolidge recommended in 1924 that the day be celebrated by the nation, but stopped short of issuing a national proclamation.

The holiday gained population during World War II, with most men leaving their families to fight in the war. In 1966 President Lyndon B. Johnson proclaimed the third Sunday of June to be Father's Day.

Six years later, the day was made a permanent national holiday when President Richard Nixon signed it into law in 1972.



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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City has too many irons in the fire

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Having returned from the Ala Moana Park Project meeting at the McCoy Pavilion, I would like to share a lesson from my father:

"Once you start a job, no matter how long it takes or how hard it is, finish that job and then move on to the next job."

The proposed Ala Moana project could cost us an estimated \$20 million, according to members of the engineering group at the meeting.

As with most projects, this is only a guess.

How can the mayor and city expect the patient citizens of Honolulu to fund yet another multimillion-dollar project before we get current jobs done?

We need to fix the homeless situation, rail transit and the condition of beaches and waters due to pollution and erosion. Let's get these jobs done first.

Kathryn Henski

The case for stopping rail construction at Middle Street

Honolulu Star-Advertiser

By Cliff Slater

May 19, 2016



The city's latest projections to complete rail is nearly \$7 billion, while federal transit officials now project as much as \$8.1 billion.

The question for Hawaii taxpayers is whether the advantages of stopping at Middle Street justify the inconvenience of longer travel times for a very small percentage of commuters.

Here are the pros and cons of stopping rail at the 9-acre Kalihi Transit Center at Middle Street:

First, it would stave off the impending devastation that elevated rail would bring to our waterfront and downtown. It would prevent Cliff Slater is a Hawaii businessman and 30-year opponent of elevated rail in Honolulu. this predictive declaration: "In our 100-year history, The Outdoor Circle has seen no other venture that holds the potential to degrade the landscape of Oahu."

Those who have not seen the rail already constructed in West Oahu should visit it. Then imagine rail snaking its way along the waterfront and through our historic downtown supported by pillars that are 8 feet in diameter, the width of a city bus. And imagine the blocklong stations every half-mile all the way through town.

>> Second, it would eliminate the cost of the most expensive part of the rail project from Middle Street to Ala Moana Center and the likely billions in cost overruns in this final section, which is fraught with environmental and construction difficulties.

It would also eliminate the uncertainty of the cost overruns associated with the unplanned HECO electrical-line clearance requirements in town. All of these inevitable cost overruns would be paid with Hawaii taxes; the federal government contributes nothing to cost overruns.

>> Third, it would reduce the annual operating cost of rail, which the city projects as an additional \$100 million annually, likely understated and likely to be paid for by increased property taxes.

>> Fourth, it would avert future years of traffic congestion that will result from rail construction and lane closings on Dillingham Boulevard, Nimitz Highway and Halekauwila Street.

THE DISADVANTAGE of stopping rail at Middle Street is that instead of being able to continue to Ala Moana Center, commuters would have to transfer to buses to get there or other final destinations.

Still, many public transportation users would take less time to get to their final destination — for example, those going to the University of Hawaii-Manoa by bus from Middle Street would get to UH as fast as any current rail option.

Those working along the King/Beretania corridor are more likely to have faster access to their workplaces by bus because the bus stops are more central to workplaces than the waterfront route that rail would take.

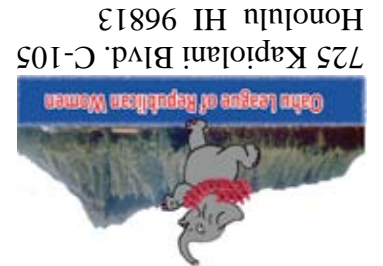
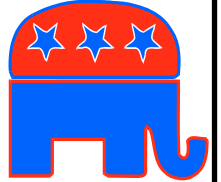
As for project management so far, consider that the Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation has spent hundreds of millions of dollars in planning rail but never negotiated a firm contractual arrangement with HECO for required clearances for high-voltage power lines. This omission alone is going to result in hundreds of millions of dollars in cost overruns.

Again, it's come to this: The city's latest estimate to complete rail has reached nearly \$7 billion; the feds are projecting as much as \$8.1 billion. Opponents of rail, who have followed this process closely for decades, believe it will more likely be closer to \$10 billion. Whom do you believe will more likely be right?



Upcoming Events

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



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