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July 2016

Luncheon / Meeting
July 7, 2016

Waialae 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

Choose from a buffet
including

Caesar Salad

Fresh Fruit Platter

Boneless Beef Short Ribs

w/ Red Ume Sauce

Mashed potatoes

Hot Veggie

Hot Rolls and butter

Dessert

Bread pudding

w/ vanilla sauce

Beverages

Reservations/Cancellations

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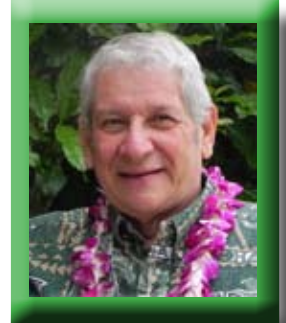
Reservations/Cancellations must be made by July 1st all lunches are reserved, so **No Shows will be charged for their lunch.**

Please - no walk-ins.

Legislative Wrap-Up

Senator Sam Slom

Senator Sam Slom is the sole Republican senator in the legislature of the State of Hawaii. He's served the 9th district of Hawaii for 19 years, and represents people from across the state who object to continually rising taxes and the lack of government transparency in high-cost programs like the Honolulu Rapid Transit Rail project and the Hawaii Health Connector.



Each year, Senator Slom and his staff of local economists, attorneys and private-sector domain experts propose an alternative State budget that emphasizes elimination of infamous special funds, tax breaks for citizens and small business and increased operational efficiencies across state agencies to better serve all Hawaii residents

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July Babies

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The Pres Says...

Carol Thomas, President

The Orlando massacre was a tragedy and is another wakeup call to America that Islamic terrorism, radical Muslims and ISIS exist on our homeland. Our president won't call the enemy by its name because he claims it's only a political distraction by Republicans. Remember, he called ISIS a JV team. The administration and attorney general released "redacted" Orlando 911 transcripts on June 20 that blacked out Jihad, ISIS, radical Islamists and within hours did a reversal because of the outrage of the American people to call this demon and his sick ideology by name...forget political correctness because it is politically incorrect to delete the truth.

Conservative Christians did not promote this tragedy, nor did Donald Trump or the Republicans. The loony liberal talk show THE VIEW and Joy Behar, should be ashamed of their accusations that Trump and ISIS are one. They should look at the current administration, but they won't. More gun laws are not the answer. We don't even enforce the laws we have.

Do we then condemn bombs, planes, automobiles, knives, box cutters, hammers, archery sets, fertilizers? No law can stop a demon intent on killing people. We need a strong president and Congress to turn our country around and make America great again. Our president is weak and ISIS is using this administration to grow and become the caliphate it is intent on becoming. Hillary Clinton will continue on the same path! Who do you trust to fix the economy, our healthcare system, our national security? The same administration?

The Supreme Court recently punted the immigration situation back to the lower courts rejecting Obama's Executive Order. The importance on filling the Supreme Court with a conservative is paramount to our future.

The United Kingdom broke away from the EU because of immigration concerns. They want to take back their country. Isn't it time we take back our country?

Members, no matter what your reservations to our nominee are, think what Hillary brings to our country. It's unacceptable to stay home and pout; it's important to get out and vote Republican all the way.

**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

- August 4 Oahu Country**
Mayoral Candidate Charles Djou
- 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

Get Well

Lu Flemming
Gladys Hayes

You are in our thought and prayers



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.



June Luncheon The Willows



Thanks to Gene Ward and Andria Tupola for our East-West Wrap up.



Reta Maag won the 50/50 drawing in June.
Reta generously donated all of her winnings to the PAC.

Aloha Bob Chung

Our friend and life member of OLRW, Bob Chung passed away on his birthday, May 3rd, at the age of 78. Bob was a bookkeeper and tax preparer by vocation. He lived in Honolulu until about 5 years ago when he moved back to Molokai to be closer to his family. For many years Bob was the lucky guy that got to audit the OLRW books. Bob loved to travel, sometimes by himself and sometimes with his best friend, Judge Ray Malloy of Texas. He took a trip every year, travelling to spots all across the country. Bob was an all day coffee drinker and loved to cook all kinds of food, regaling friends with stories of his culinary concoctions. Bob was not politically correct nor was he a fashion plate. He always said exactly what he thought - no matter what anybody thinks and with the exception of his beloved Oahu League luncheons he wore shorts, Aloha shirt and tennies with white socks. I always made sure to get pictures when Bob wore long pants. It was a tribute to the ladies he loved that he capitulated on his hard & fast dress code.

Bob spent a lot of time volunteering at the HRP and was a good friend to long time headquarters worker Alice Hakikawa. He took her to all hair and, Doctor appointments and grocery shopping, helped her pay bills and her favorite thing - going out to lunch.

In lieu of flowers the family asks that donations be made to the OLRW PAC.

Bob is survived by his brother Melvin and sisters Gloria Neal and Victoria (Cricket) Chung (also a life member of OLRW) No services. Condolences may be sent to:
PO Box 741 Kaunakakai, HI 96748.



Aloha George Kekuna

Aloha to our friend and life member of OLRW, George Kekuna.

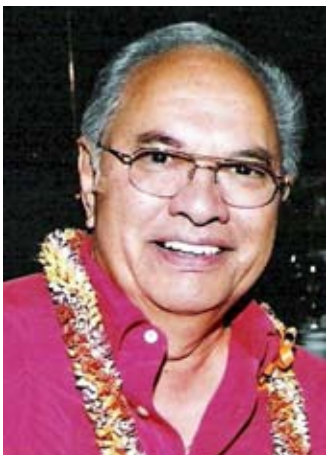
George passed peacefully in his sleep June 9 with our dear friend, and his devoted wife, Helen by his side.

Services will be held at Mililani Mortuary on August 5. Viewing will be from 9-11 am with services at 11:00. Burial will be at Punchbowl National Cemetery.

We will have George's obituary in next month's Newsletter.

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Our thought and prayers go out to Helen and the entire Kekuna ohana as they grieve the loss of this bigger than life man that we all loved.



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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.

Miriam's Minute

by Miriam Hellreich

National Committee Womn



I would like to thank Carol Thomas and the members of the Oahu League of Republican Women who participated in the May 21st GOP State Convention at the FILCOM Center. I appreciated your endorsement and support of my re-election as National Committeewoman. Rep. Gene Ward was elected National Committeeman to fill the position being vacated by NCM Ted Liu. We had more than 300 delegates and alternates at the Hawaii State Republican Convention and scores of new Republicans who want to be engaged in Republican Party activities. These individuals are great prospects for OLRW membership.

The Hawaii Delegation will participate in one of the most historic Republican National Conventions in the history of our Party. We will have 19 Delegates, 16 Alternates and guests attending the convention. It will be held at the Quicken Arena in Cleveland, July 18-21, 2016, where the presumptive Presidential Nominee will be Donald J Trump. On July 17th there will be a massive "Rock the Night in Cleveland" Welcome Party for all delegates, alternates and guests. Hawaii Trump Chairman, Nathan Paikai, will serve as the Chairman of the Hawaii Delegation. A number of the delegates will serve on important convention committees such as: Platform, Rules, Credentials, and Permanent Organization. All will be outstanding representatives of Hawaii.

The Hawaii Delegation will share a hotel with the Minnesota Delegation where we will participate together in a number of social events. We will also hear from well known surrogate speakers who will address our state delegations. The Hawaii delegation will be easy to spot on TV as we will be wearing orchid leis, which we will share with prominent conventioners.

The Campaign season is upon us. We have 8 incumbents and a number of new candidates who deserve our support. They need both financial and volunteer help. If you are interested in assisting with any candidate or Party related activities, please contact, OLRW President, Carol Thomas at kaneohecarol@hawaii.rr.com.

Please also remember that Kailua will host the largest 4th of July Parade in the state on July 4th. We need a large contingency of volunteers marching in this Patriotic Parade where the theme will be "LET FREEDOM RING". If you are willing to help, contact District 50 Chairman, Corinne Waterhouse, at totowaterhouse@gmail.com.

I look forward to working with all of you during this exciting political season!

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





Ostrov Announces for Congress

I couldn't have asked for a better life. With the support of my loving family, along with faith and perseverance, I set out to achieve the American Dream.

I have an amazing husband and beautiful twin daughters who have always encouraged me to pursue my dreams. Without them and my parents, who instilled in me a heart for God and a desire to achieve, I could not have come this far.

I've pursued many career opportunities over the years as a business owner and stateswoman. However, serving in the United States Air Force has been the greatest highlight of all. I consider myself a true Patriot who believes full-heartedly that America's greatest days are ahead of her and that our voices here in Hawai'i will resonate with hers, stronger than ever before.

I believe that in order for our voices to resonate in Washington, D.C., we must speak loudly against career politicians whose voices have appeased the status quo in Congress. In our Presidential Caucuses, voters spoke against the status quo; they're fed up and tired

of politics as usual. Even locally, we are feeling the effects of an apathetic Congress. Therefore, I believe that we need a new voice, one that is passionate about solving the unique challenges we face as an island community, one that can send a resounding message that, We the People, of Hawai'i, are ready to usher in a new dawn.

My voice comes from a passion for our people, our culture and our lands. I'm not a career politician or an attorney; I'm just a citizen like you who is eager to be a messenger for the people of Hawai'i. We have to be absolutely sure that the politicians who we elect to represent us in Congress will have Hawai'i's best interests at heart especially.



Hawaii is so unique. Beyond her natural beauty, diverse peoples from around the world have settled here. How interesting is it then that Hawai'i, a true melting pot in the Pacific, came together with one voice against old party ideologies in our recent caucus? Yes, we can come together!

I served my country in the Air Force so that my voice could be heard. It hasn't been easy, especially because of partisan strongholds in government. It seems that politicians today, care more about party loyalty rather than for their constituents. They are starting to realize that voters care little about conservatism or liberalism, right or left, red or blue; they care only about how we can solve the issues of our time. No longer can career politicians pull the wool over our eyes by clinging so tightly to biased ideologies. The issues we face in America today are dire and they must be solved, and that will require all of us to work together.



Candidates

Nathan Paikai spoke to us about Donald Trump Shirlene Ostrov, Larry Fenton, Kathryn Henski and Eric Ching (pictured) and Julia Allen were other candidates at the luncheon in June.



Independence Day



- During the American Revolution, the legal separation of the Thirteen Colonies from Great Britain occurred on July 2, 1776, when the Second Continental Congress voted to approve a resolution of independence that had been proposed in June by Richard Henry Lee of Virginia declaring the United States independent from Great Britain rule. After voting for independence, Congress turned its attention to the Declaration of Independence, a statement explaining this decision, which had been prepared by a Committee of Five, with Thomas Jefferson as its principal author. Congress debated and revised the wording of the Declaration, finally approving it on July 4. A day earlier, John Adams had written to his wife Abigail:
- *The second day of July, 1776, will be the most memorable epoch in the history of America. I am apt to believe that it will be celebrated by succeeding generations as the great anniversary festival. It ought to be commemorated as the day of deliverance, by solemn acts of devotion to God Almighty. It ought to be solemnized with pomp and parade, with shows, games, sports, guns, bells, bonfires, and illuminations, from one end of this continent to the other, from this time forward forever more.*
- Adams's prediction was off by two days. From the outset, Americans celebrated independence on July 4, the date shown on the much-publicized Declaration of Independence, rather than on July 2, the date the resolution of independence was approved in a closed session of Congress.
- Coincidentally, both John Adams and Thomas Jefferson, the only signers of the Declaration of Independence later to serve as Presidents of the United States, died on the same day: July 4, 1826, which was the 50th anniversary of the Declaration. Although not a signer of the Declaration of Independence, but another Founding Father who became a President, James Monroe, died on July 4, 1831, thus becoming the third President in a row who died on the holiday. Calvin Coolidge, the 30th President, was born on July 4, 1872, and, so far, is the only U.S. President to have been born on Independence 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.



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

It's Islam

MidWeek' - 2016-04-27

"Misfit Spirit" is the right term for Jay Sakashita's column. I've been wondering when he would discuss Islam. Somehow in his two columns about female genital mutilation (FGM), he could not bring himself to mention "Islam," despite FGM's association with Islamic countries in the Middle East, Africa, and Indonesia. Instead, he makes seven references to the Bible, as if it has any connection with the horror of FGM. It would be unusual for an under-educated reader to conclude that FGM is sanctioned by the Bible. Wikipedia is a much better source for a discussion on the subject. There are even Arabic terms for the different types. Wikipedia states: "FGM's origins in northeastern Africa are pre-Islamic, but the practice became associated with Islam because of that religion's focus on female chastity and seclusion. There is no mention of it in the Quran. It is praised in several hadith (sayings attributed to Muhammad) as noble but not required. How disappointing that Mr. Sakashita chose political correctness over accuracy.

Carole R White

Sometimes plans need changing

'Honolulu Star-Advertiser' - 2016-06-03

While I certainly respect Fujio Matsuda's opinion on adhering to the Oahu General Plan ("Building rail from Kapolei to Manoa meets intention of Oahu General Plan," Star-Advertiser, May 29), he fails to realize the obvious: Plans are not written in stone. As a former president of University of Hawaii, Matsuda continues to believe that the flagship campus in Manoa cannot be replaced. The entire island of Oahu has to use it as the main source of a public college education, so we have to build rail to get students to the campus. If we took even a small fraction of what is being spent on rail — even the amount going from Ala Moana to Manoa — a world-class, four-year campus could be built at UH-West Oahu. It would not only provide education to west-side students but also alleviate the traffic congestion caused by UH-Manoa. Plans are always just that, future expectations. When they don't work, you change the plan.

Garry P. Smith

'Lady Luck' giving rail a very hard time

'Honolulu Star-Advertiser' - 2016-16-14

With rail costs skyrocketing in the billions of dollars, it seems we taxpayers are pawns in a financial game without end ("Runaway train, Star-Advertiser, June 9). And it might have been a game that was rigged from the start to fail so some could profit in the millions. Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation board members pressed executive director Dan Grabauskas for answers about why the estimates could have been so far off. He replied, "It's bad luck." Grabauskas usually has a ready finger pointing to the lawsuits and the red-hot construction market; now it's just a matter of Lady Luck. I've been the victim of bad luck before, but that was in Las Vegas. At least there are some rules and oversight in Vegas.

Earl Arakaki

Too crowded

MidWeek' - 2016-06-15

I take exception to Ewa Beach state Senator Will Espero's assertion that "West Oahu has received its share (of state money) for schools" ("Campbell heat" Midweek 6/8/2016). As our senator for 14 years, Espero should know that isn't true. Ewa Beach's Campbell High School was designed and built for 1700 students, in 2015 it had 3049 students. By 2019 it is expected to have 3600 students. We have more than our share of students but no new construction.

Sen. Espero claims that there are "limited funds" available state wide but that didn't seem to apply to a new high school to be built on Maui, in House speaker Joe Souki's area.

One would have expected more from Sen. Espero than bragging about \$5 million for planning and design for a new high school near UH West Oahu.

The serious overcrowding at Campbell High School continues to be ignored by our political leadership and it is time for a change.

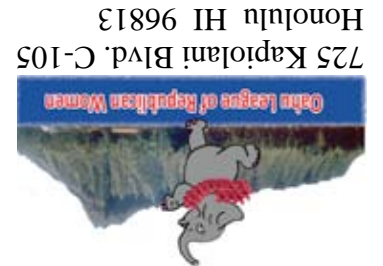
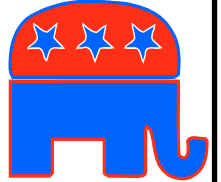
Garry P. Smith





Upcoming Events

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