



O.L.R.W. Newsletter

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November 2016

Luncheon / Meeting November 3, 2016

The Willows
11:00 A.M. Social Hour
11:30 A.M. Meeting
12:00 Noon Lunch
12:30 P.M. Elections

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 October 28th.**
All lunches are reserved, so *No Shows will be charged for their lunch.*

Please - no walk-ins.

BOD Elections in November

The following members have made a commitment to be OLRW officers for the next two years. if you would like to run for one of these positions we will also take nominations from the floor on the day of the election.



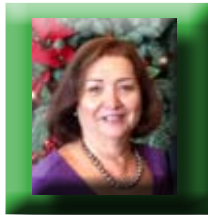
1st Vice
(speakers)
Shirlene Ostrov

2nd Vice
(luncheons & venues)
Helene Webster

Secretary
Jenifer Anderson

Treasurer
Gwen Honjo

Corresponding
Secretary
Diane Yri



Carol Thomas has agreed to take a nomination from the floor if no one else steps up to be president.



Luncheon Schedule

December 8 **Waialae Country Club
Christmas Party,
Friends Quartet
Installation of new
officers**



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November Babies

Adreinne S.King 4
Florence Loebel 8
Carol Kawanakoa 10
Kaipo Adachi 11
Tercia L. Ku 13
Beverly Sutton Toomey 17
Gladys Hayes 17
Steven Olbrich 24
Howard Chong 24
Linda Humes 25
Kari Akini 26
Jaci Agustin 29



The Pres Says...

Carol Thomas, President



Dear Members,

Sometimes it's hard to be inspirational when you are bombarded by negative news on television, internet, i-phone or radio in your car. I have political fatigue and I'm sure you do, too.

The last presidential debate was Donald Trump's best on policy, economy and national security. But the media prefers to report on women who have stories that haven't been told before. Fifty Shades of Gray seems like a Mother Goose story compared to these unsubstantiated sordid attacks from the Democrat playbook. Many times they have opened the playbook, i.e. Herman Kane, even George W. and Condaleezza Rice.

Years ago, my family member sat next to Donald Trump at a large event. He sat between her and another young, blond model. At that time she was a gorgeous professional model and a part-time actress. He turned to her and asked her what she intended to do-what her goals and aspirations were. She responded that she liked what she was doing but her mom was pressuring her to join her in real estate.

Donald turned to her and said, "listen to your mom; looks are temporary but real estate is your investment in your future. I made my fortune in real estate and I believe you can, too." It was a three hour luncheon and he never, ever did or said anything inappropriate to her. She didn't even mention this to her mom until recently. And yes, today she is a very successful realtor with a well known international company.

Potential careers in government:

- Bank: Annual work time 24 hours; salary \$200,000; +lucrative stock shares – must be influential in Honolulu, like the mayor.
- First Grandma Marian Robinson, 79, will receive a lifetime 160K government pension when she leaves the White House next year, according to congressional budget statements. According to Freedom of Information Act, Mrs. Robinson earned the lifetime pension for "services rendered as full-time/in-home caregiver" for granddaughters Malia, 18, and Sasha, 15, during President Obama's two terms in office.

Don't forget that she became a world traveler accompanying her granddaughters and lives in the White House all expenses paid by US. Don't we do that as grandparents and family? We take care for FREE for love, hugs and kisses from our families!

The absentee ballots have dropped, so please fill and mail them as soon as possible.

God Bless America,

Carol

P.S. "The only thing necessary for evil to triumph is for good men to do nothing."
- Edmund Burke (1729-97)

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



October Luncheon Waialae Country Club



Thanks to Sam Slom for his recommendations on the ballot questions

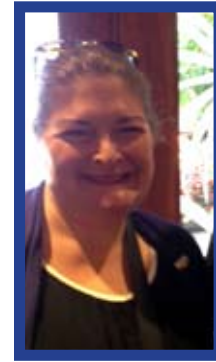


50/50

New Member Darlene Laster won the 50/50 drawing in October. Half of the pot went to Sheila and the other half to the OLRW PAC. Thank you to all who contributed.

September Luncheon

The Willows



Thank you to Gigi Jones from the Trump campaign for telling us about his campaign in the Islands

Thanks to our Candidates Kellie Akina, Shirlene Ostrov, Robert Nagmine and Marc Pa'aluhi for keeping us updated on their campaigns,



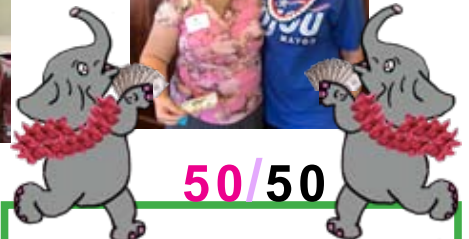
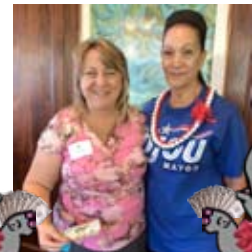
Richard Humes won the 50/50 drawing in September. Richard generously donated his winnings to the PAC.



August Luncheon Oahu Country Club



Thanks to Charles Djou for talking to us about his campaign



50/50

New Member Melodi Stockton won the 50/50 drawing in August. Melodi generously donated a portion of her winnings to Eric Ching's campaign.





OLRW

We are proud to announce the results of all of our hard work in raising money for our PAC. This is your money put together over the past two years from bake sales, 50/50 drawings and contributions from our members. We gave a total of \$11,850 to our candidates this year. More than any other republican group in this election. We based our awards on past performance, questionnaires, the ability and willingness of campaigns to raise the money needed to fund their plan and our gut feeling about the races.

I would like to double this effort next election. We could easily do it if each of our members would raise just \$120 over the next two years



Keli Akina
OHA at large

\$500



Charles Djou
Honolulu Mayor

\$4000



Sam Slom
Senate District 9

\$1000



Julia Allen
House District 20

\$200



Kurt Fevella
Senate District 19

\$200



Kathryn Henski
House District 22

\$500



Robert Nagamine
Senate District 25

\$300



Eric Ching
House District 31

\$750

Political Action Committee



Jaci Agustin
House District 34

\$300



Marc Pa`aluhi
House District 44

\$2000



Bob McDermott
House District 40

\$300



Junior Mataafa
House District 47

\$300



Bryan Jeremiah
House District 41

\$300



Cynthia Thielen
House District 50

\$200



Andria Tupola
House District 43

\$1000

Top Ten Individual PAC Contributors

**Richard Humes
Pam Smith
Jane Au
Carol Thomas
Edna Fujiwara
Ione Gumpfer
Arthur Yri
Kathy Brown
Allan Silva
Beverly Toomey**

PAC Account

**Beginning Balance
761.62
Cash Contributions
12432.63
Cash Expenses
586.20
Current Balance
832.85**

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Amendments to the Charter of the City and County of Honolulu Proposed by the Charter Commission

The full text of these amendments is available for review. Ask an Election Official.

1. Should the Police Commission have greater authority to suspend or dismiss the chief of police and have additional powers to investigate complaints concerning officer misconduct, and should the chief of police be required to submit a written explanation for his or her disagreement with the Commission?

YES
 NO

2. Should the Ethics Commission set the salaries of the Ethics Commission's executive director and staff attorneys within specified limits?

YES
 NO

3. Should the Department of the Prosecuting Attorney control its budget after it is approved by the City Council?

YES
 NO

4. Should a unified multi-modal transportation system be created by:
1) Forming a Rate Commission to annually review and recommend adjustments to bus and paratransit fares, rail fares and parking fees;
2) Placing operations and maintenance responsibilities for bus, paratransit and rail solely in the Department of Transportation Services and providing for the transfer of positions and legal rights and obligations relating to rail operations and maintenance from the Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation (HART) to the Department of Transportation Services effective July 1, 2017; and
3) Clarifying the responsibility of the HART Board to establish policies, rules, and regulations regarding the development of the rail system, the internal management and organization of HART, and the allocation of decision-making authority between the Board and the agency's executive director and staff, and amending the responsibilities of the HART Board to include determining the policies for approval of certain agreements with the federal, public or private entities?

YES
 NO

5. Should the Affordable Housing Fund be used to develop rental housing for persons earning 60 percent or less of the median household income, provided that the housing remains affordable for at least 60 years?

YES
 NO

6. Should departments responsible for the city's infrastructure needs be required to prepare long-term plans?

YES
 NO

7. Should the city use its powers to serve the people in a sustainable and transparent manner and to promote stewardship of natural resources for present and future generations, and should the city create an Office of Climate Change, Sustainability and Resiliency?

YES
 NO

8. Should a new Department of Land Management responsible for the protection, development, and management of city lands be established?

YES
 NO

9. Should a Honolulu Zoo Fund be established and funded by a minimum of one-half of one percent of estimated annual real property taxes to pay for Honolulu Zoo expenses to assist the Honolulu Zoo in regaining its accreditation by the Association of Zoos and Aquariums?

YES
 NO

10. Should the mayor's executive powers and the City Council's legislative powers only be subject to exceptions specifically provided in the Charter and should the mayor and the City Council be given concurrent authority to establish funds when no appropriate funds of the same type exist and to propose amendments to the annual executive budget?

YES
 NO

11. Should an approval process and an advisory commission for Clean Water Natural Lands Fund projects be established in the Charter?

YES
 NO

12. Should all boards and commissions, except for the Board of Water Supply, the board for the Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation (HART) and any board or commission mandated by state or federal law, be reviewed periodically to determine whether they should be retained, amended or repealed?

YES
 NO

13. Should the Grants in Aid Fund be the sole source (with certain designated exceptions) for city-funded grants to federal income tax-exempt nonprofit organizations that provide services to economically and/or socially disadvantaged populations or that provide services for the public benefit in the areas of the arts, culture, economic development or the environment?

YES
 NO

14. Should the deadline to hold a special election to replace the mayor, prosecutor or councilmembers be extended from 60 to 120 days, and should the City Council be able to appoint a temporary member until a special election is held?

YES
 NO

15. Should the term limit for the prosecuting attorney, the mayor and the councilmembers be three consecutive four-year terms?

YES
 NO

16. Should certain city departments be responsible for their own program planning and small infrastructure design and construction projects, and should the powers, functions, and duties of the Department of Environmental Services be updated and expanded to emphasize resource recovery and include the planning, engineering, design, and construction of all of its projects?

YES
 NO

17. Should the mayor have the authority to delegate the signing of documents to certain other city officers?

YES
 NO

18. Should the Fire Commission be expanded from five to seven members, and should the fire chief's powers, duties and functions be updated to reflect current services?

YES
 NO

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19. Should the requirement be repealed that no more than five of the City Council Reapportionment Commission's nine members be from the same political party?

YES

NO

20. Should the Charter be amended for housekeeping amendments (i) to conform to current functions and operation, (ii) to conform to legal requirements, (iii) to correct an inadvertent omission, and (iv) for clarity?

- (a) Require the books and records of all city departments be open to public inspection;
- (b) Require the Department of the Corporation Counsel to update the Charter by July 1 of the year after the election at which Charter amendments proposed by the Charter Commission are approved by the electorate;
- (c) Require the Charter Commission to submit amendments to the Office of the City Clerk five working days before the deadline for ballot questions to be submitted to the state Chief Election Officer;
- (d) Require that all written contracts of the Board of Water Supply and the Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation be approved by the Department of Corporation Counsel for form and legality; and
- (e) Require that the city centralized purchasing practices conform to the state procurement code.

YES

NO

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These questions are on the same ballot as the candidates

Amendments to the State Constitution Proposed by the Twenty-Eighth Legislature

The full text of these amendments is available for review. Ask an Election Official.

CON AMEND: Relating to Jury Trials in Civil Cases

Shall the threshold value in controversy requirement for jury trials in civil cases at common law be increased from \$5,000 to \$10,000?

YES

NO

CON AMEND: Relating to the Disposition of Excess Revenues

Shall the legislature be provided, when the state general fund balance at the close of each of two successive fiscal years exceeds five per cent of the general fund revenues for each of the two fiscal years, the additional alternatives of appropriating general funds for the pre-payment of either or both of the following:

- (1) Debt service for general obligation bonds issued by the State; or
- (2) Pension or other post-employment benefit liabilities accrued for state employees?

YES

NO



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Veteran's Day

November 11



Veterans's Day honors all members of the Armed Forces who who served this country valiantly, and in a very big way. They served and fought to protect us, to keep our country safe, and to preserve our way of life. Veterans gave their time, and risked their lives for you and me. In some cases, they made the ultimate sacrifice.

This holiday originally was called Armistice Day and was first celebrated in 1921. In 1954, President Eisenhower changed it to Veteran's Day, in honor of those who served and died from all wars.

On November 11 at 11:11, 1921 the U.S. France and England each buried an unknown soldier in honor of those who died in World War I. This began the annual Armistice Day holiday. The time and day was picked because fighting ceased in WWI in 1918 on November 11 at 11:11. In keeping with this tradition, work stops on this day and time each year for a moment of silence



General Election Day

November 8



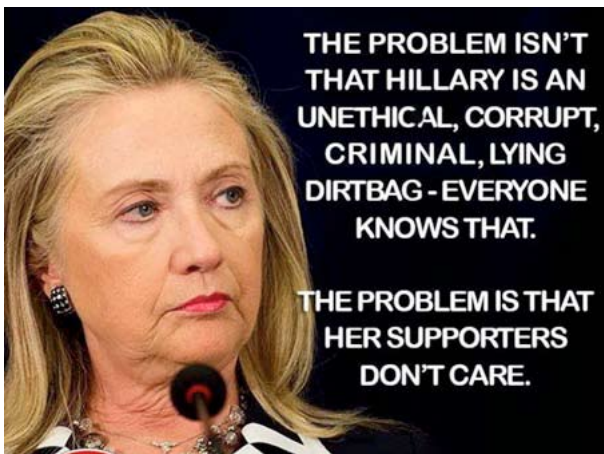
It's a revolution... a peaceful one, where majority rules!!

Once every four years, we get the opportunity to elect a new president. Every six years, we elect our U.S. senators. U.S. congressman are elected every two years. This peaceful revolution, allows us to retain good elected officials, and overturn those whose performance is poor, or whose beliefs do not match the majority. While Democracy may not be perfect, it's better than any other type of government on the planet. And, it offers us freedoms and safeguards that do not exist in many other countries.

Our founding fathers had the wisdom to create a government of the people, by the people, and for the people. It is every American's right and privilege, to vote for our government officials. So, we hope you exercise your right on this day, to vote for the candidate of your choice.

While apathy and discontent can creep into even the best of societies, we believe that makes it more important for us TO VOTE.

Please exercise your inalienable right and go out and vote!





Below are letters from OUR MEMBERS printed by the Star Advertiser and Midweek recently.
We should aim for at least 3-4 letters per month from our members in print.

Tax surcharge will never end

'Honolulu Star-Advertiser' - 2016-08-19

Anyone who has lived in Hawaii for even a few years, and seen how the politicians work their magic, knows that once a tax is passed, it never goes away.

The reason most cited by politicians is that taxpayers have become used to paying it; and since the state and city have so many needs for it, why return the money?

So the 0.5 percent general excise tax surcharge to pay for rail will go on to pay for rail extension and rail operation and maintenance. Families on Oahu can expect to continue to pay, whether they ride rail or not.

Diane Yri

Grabauskas chosen to fall on sword for rail

'Honolulu Star-Advertiser' - 2016-08-21

It was inevitable that in this election year, Daniel Grabauskas, the executive director of the Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation (HART), would step down.

Not that anyone should shed a tear for anyone who gets paid \$282,250 to say aloha. Unfortunately for Grabauskas, there are too many top politicians this year who need to blame someone other than themselves for the failure of rail construction to stay on budget or on time.

HART Chairwoman Colleen Hanabusa, who is running for Congress, needs to show she is decisive and is willing to take action to correct out-of-control spending. Of course, she will resign from HART after being elected.

Mayor Kirk Caldwell can read the poll numbers and knows he could lose re-election if he doesn't do something about rail and do it now.

Where has he been the last four years while rail has come in billions over budget?

Garry Smith

Grabauskas did not do this on his own

'Honolulu Star-Advertiser' - 2016-08-22

The resignation of Dan Grabauskas, the CEO of the Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation, is about as effective as closing the barn door after the cow escapes ("HART chief resigns," Star-Advertiser, Aug. 19).

Nothing will change anytime soon, even with someone as competent as city Transportation Services Director Mike Formby taking over temporarily. The rail project is billions over budget and years behind schedule, and Grabauskas did not do all of this on his own. Many of the HART managers and pro-rail politicians who contributed to his downfall still will be employed.

It is painfully clear that the only reason for Grabauskas to resign at this particular time is to give politicians someone to shift the blame to, not to make the significant changes necessary to put rail back on track.

For a severance of \$282,250, I am sure Grabauskas will keep his mouth shut.

Mary Monohon

Public-sector unions should help the keiki

'Honolulu Star-Advertiser' - 2016-08-29

The state of Hawaii has a \$1 billion budget surplus because it reduced spending and revenues are up ("State ends fiscal year with record \$1 billion surplus," Star-Advertiser, Aug. 24). Great job and great news.

With the keiki on the hook for tens of billions of dollars in unfunded liabilities in the state employee retirement and health care funds, I'm sure the publicsector unions will do the obvious right thing and agree to minimal pay raises so the surplus can be used to ease the future tax burden on our keiki.

Hahahaha! The unions don't love the keiki that much.

Mark Torreano

Obama does what he wants

'Honolulu Star-Advertiser' - 2016-09-23

Will we really miss President Barack Obama's outrageous intrusions into our daily lives?

Most other presidents went out of their way to avoid the inconvenience placed upon ordinary citizens by their massive presence. Vacationing at Camp David is a good example.

But not Barry, who does whatever his whim dictates, whatever the inconvenience, expense and loss of individual liberty. We surely will not miss any of that.

Michael G. Palcic

Espero shouldn't be focused on police

'Honolulu Star-Advertiser' - 2016-09-27

As a 40-year resident of Ewa Beach, I see a glaring omission in legislative priorities by state Sen. Will Espero in his campaign for a fifth term as our senator ("Candidates focus on enhancing schools in District 19," Star-Advertiser, Sept. 22).

While he has plenty of ideas on how to reform the Honolulu Police Department — over which he has no authority, as it is a county function, not a state function — he provided no ideas on how to improve what is inarguably the worst traffic on the island in Ewa Beach.

Espero wants to extend the 0.5 percent general excise tax surcharge to take rail to the University of Hawaii at Manoa, but does not say anything about

Gov. David Ige's recent announcement that he is going to stop all new road construction. This includes a new lane on H-1 East from Kunia to Aiea and installation of a new afternoon Zipper Lane.

After 16 years as our state representative and senator, he should know what is really needed in his district, and not just pursue his vendetta against HPD.

Pam Smith

Testimony submitted by OLRW for the Honolulu city Council meeting 10/19/2016

The Oahu League of Republican Women strongly opposes city council resolution 16-238.

We base our opposition on the continuing increase in costs of the rail project with no financial reason to believe that given an unlimited increase in funding will result in increased oversight or reduction of expenses.

The .5% GET increase hits the lowest income citizens the hardest including seniors and those on fixed incomes. We were led to believe that rail construction costs would be somewhat evenly split between federal, tourists and residents. Now the federal money has essentially ended, tourists really only pay 17% and the other 83% is paid for by residents. The current estimate is \$200 per person per year but it is probably much higher.

Operation and maintenance funding will have to come from local property taxes at about \$110 Million per year. We can't even afford to operate the Honolulu Zoo or solve the homeless crisis yet we can spend another \$110 Million on rail each year, this is not practical.

Make HART live within its means as the rest of us must do.

The OLRW strongly opposes this resolution.

Prepare to participate

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS SALE

As usual we are asking you to bring baked goods and HIGH END used items to sell at our sale in **December**. We will also need silent auction items. This is one way that we raise money for our PAC. Each person that brings in an item will need to fill out an in-kind contribution form so that we know who gave us the item and its approximate worth for campaign spending purposes.

Please start planning now what you will bring for the sale.



Mail your check to:

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Or bring it to our next meeting

Oahu League of Republican Women Membership Application

Date _____ Birthday Month _____ Day _____

Name _____

Address _____

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Telephone _____ Fax _____

E-mail Address* _____

Dues \$25.00** Yearly \$200.00 Lifetime

* Your e-mail address will be added to our OLRW email list for events and PAC requests.

** \$5 goes to the PAC, \$20 to administrative costs.

