



# O.L.R.W. Newsletter

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Luncheon / Meeting  
February 2, 2017

The Willows  
11:00 A.M. Social Hour  
11:30 A.M. Meeting  
12:00 Noon Lunch  
12:30 P.M. Speaker  
Cost  
\$35.00 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

Mela Kealoha-Lindsey  
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olrwreservations@gmail.com  
olrw.org

**Reservations/Cancellations  
must be made by January 29<sup>th</sup>.**  
All lunches are reserved, so *No Shows will be charged for their lunch.*

Please - no walk-ins.

### Speaker:

**Keli'i Akina, PH.D.**

**President/C.E.O The Grassroot Institute**

Keli'i Akina, Ph.D., is a recognized scholar, educator, public policy spokesperson, and community leader in Hawaii. Currently, he is President/CEO of Grassroot Institute of Hawaii, a public policy think tank dedicated to the principles of individual liberty, free markets and limited, accountable government. An expert in East-West Philosophy and ethics, Dr. Akina has taught at universities in China and the United States and continues as an adjunct instructor at Hawaii Pacific University. Keli'i also won a position as an OHA at large Trustee in last November's election.



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### HAU'OLI LA HANAU To January Babies

### February Babies

Donna Alcantera, 1  
Sandra Combs 1  
Eve Anderson 2  
Marleen Adachi, 4  
Jane Tatibouet 4  
Mildred Wong 6  
Jeanette Templeman 14  
Marge Martin 15  
Rita Kama-Kimura 16  
Sheila Leas 16  
Pam Smith 16  
Mary Monohon 18  
Kathryn Stark-Henski 21  
Shirleyanne Chew 23  
Sonia Trimble 24

Jim Bowman 2  
Judith Kalin 4  
Julia Allen 4  
Gwen Honjo 5  
Jennifer Anderson 9  
Leilani Isa 15  
Lehua Sen 18  
Suk Moses 18  
Kay Tompkins 19  
Reta Maag 19  
Linda Kaita 21  
Tonya Himes 22  
Sylvia Lewis 22  
Lorene L Unten 23  
Candic Ching 25  
Judi Chang 25  
Theone Vredenburg 26  
Lynne Meyer 28  
Mele Songsong 28



# The Pres Says...

## Carol Thomas, President



**AMERICA FIRST**  
and I am overjoyed!

Donald John Trump is our 45th President of the United States. The government belongs to the people and not to Washington, D.C. He is the people's president and stated that in his inaugural address.

Our progressive left wing congressmen from Hawaii need to get over their belly aches and tired D-talking points and accept that there is a new POTUS in town.

Senator Hirono, same tired story, reminded us that she is the daughter of an immigrant, a LEGAL one, Mazie. Senator Schatz and Rep. Hanabusa want to remind everyone the President's address was "DAAARK" and depressing. Really, sometimes the truth hurts. There are inner cities suffering and neglected, gangs are in charge, looting is norm (just look at the protesters hiding in masks during and after the parade), students are failing, infrastructure is crumbling. But everything is wonderful, people! Drink the kool-aid!

Nobama's pardon of Chelsea Manning or whatever his name is comes as another slap in the face to our military. He is guilty of treason and will be free in May and WE have to pay for his transgender change?! Nobama, Hillary and the media pounded Wikileaks for leaking documents (not fake news but the truth) that embarrassed the Democrats, and this person goes free.

On to the Women's March across the country: WE'RE WATCHING YOU, MR. PRESIDENT. Was that their message? We're wearing our pink hats with bunny ears so take us seriously. Wow, he's going to take away women's rights, contraceptives, health care, really? Oh, and don't forget Madonna who wants to blow up the White House. Isn't there a law about making a threat on the sitting president and/or his family? Is she a terrorist or a stupid entertainer and how does she get away with it. That statement is more than her freedom of speech safety net.

On Oahu, I saw young girls with purple hair, pink boas, obscene posters walking thru town shouting and having a good time. Did I take them seriously? NO! They probably didn't vote but thought it would be fun to protest. I watched Rep. Beth Fukumoto continue her hateful rhetoric on President Trump and us Republicans at last May's State convention. She sees herself as a victim and we were the villains.

She said it was an embarrassing lesson for her 8-year old niece to witness such behavior. She was oblivious to the obscene signs behind her with F bombs and what impact it had on her niece at the march. Hypocrisy 101, Beth!

Next from the Star Advertiser Sunday 1/22/17, OLRW member and Republican Rep. Cynthia Thielen, HD-50, was on stage with a sash replicated from the women's suffrage movement of a CENTURY ago that read, "Votes for Women." She went on to say that her daughter Democrat Sen. Laura Thielen and Laura's daughters were in the D.C. march and are not being quiet. We struggled in the 70's". Hmmm? "I hope the Trump administration hears us and I say that as a Republican." Interesting, but not surprising for this RINO representative. Cynthia, did you hear one word of our President's inaugural address? Hopefully, Cynthia's found her voice and will use it in the current Democrat-controlled Legislature. That would be a novelty and, Cynthia, I say that as a Republican!

**MAKE AMERICA AND HAWAII GREAT AGAIN.**

### 2017 Dues \$35.00.

Twenty-five dollars will pay for our operating expenses, such as our newsletter, website, liability insurance, promotional items, gifts and office supplies.

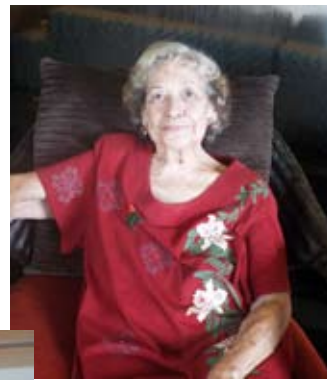
Ten dollars of your dues will be allocated as an OLRW PAC contribution from you. Your name will not appear on the campaign spending report unless you donate an additional \$96 during the campaign period. (Campaign spending reports only show aggregate contributions of MORE THAN \$100 from any donor)



# December Luncheon Waialae Country Club



Thank you to the Friends Quartet for entertaining us with their sweet melodies,



Helen Kekuna won the 50/50 drawing in December. Half of the pot went to Helen and the other half to the OLRW PAC. Thank you to all who contributed.

# January Luncheon The Willows

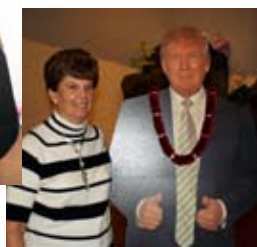


Thank you to Fania Wedro for giving us a glimpse of her life as a survivor of the Holocaust.



**50/50**

Mela Kealoha-Lindsey won the 50/50 drawing in January Half of the pot went to Mela and the other half to the OLRW PAC. Thank you to all who contributed.



# Competition Matters... in Sports and in Government

# GRASSROOT INSTITUTE

## President's Corner

*by Dr. Keli'i Akina, President/CEO*



Imagine a football game in which there is only one team playing. Instead of seeing dazzling plays, the entire game is spent watching that one team sprint down the field and score over and over again. The winning team might glory in the score, but for the crowd, there's an eerie feeling that something is missing.

That's exactly what I felt as I sat on the Senate floor for the opening day of the Hawaii State Legislature

As the Senate President began his opening speech, he said, "There is no Senate minority...and we are getting used to dealing with that." Obviously, Senator Kouchi was aware that the last Republican in the state Senate lost his election. Now, Hawaii has the dubious distinction of having the only state Senate with no opposition party whatsoever.

As the Senate president continued, he spoke about his support for the Honolulu rail project, adding that we are sure to have enough money to run the state because of the good planning the Senate has done in years past. He promised that although money is going to be tight this year, we will still, "take care of everyone in Hawaii."

It was a speech that begged for criticism and another viewpoint--on rail, on fiscal responsibility, on spending, and more--but there was none to be had. I was struck by the sheer silence of it. There was no minority response to Senator Kouchi's speech because there is no minority.

From the Senate floor, I was ushered to the House chamber with other VIP guests. There, I observed the Speaker of the House rise to address the audience.

And what was the most memorable part of his remarks? The introductions of Rep. Kouchi's campaign manager and of the highest paid lobbyist for the Democratic Party (also the largest campaign donor to Democratic candidates). This lobbyist and campaign manager were introduced with all the pomp befitting a public official.

It should go without saying that no Republican lobbyists or campaign officials were introduced from the House floor.

Like Sen. Kouchi, Speaker Souki also gave a speech that was startling in its nonchalant assumption of total political power. For the opening of the legislative session, the Speaker delivered an easygoing speech presuming his party's control of Hawaii. It even included this statement, which is both telling and unlikely to make it into any compendium of great political oratory: "When change comes to this place, we begrudgingly accept it."

I cannot tell you how strange it was to witness firsthand. It was as though no one present seemed to understand that the lack of a minority voice makes their victories seem empty and artificial.

You might assume that I'm merely griping about the leftward tilt of the Hawaii legislature, but the problem is far deeper than that. This isn't about who is ahead or behind with the voters. It's that the lack of opposition is a serious problem for all of Hawaii--even the Democrats, who think a weak Republican Party works to their benefit.

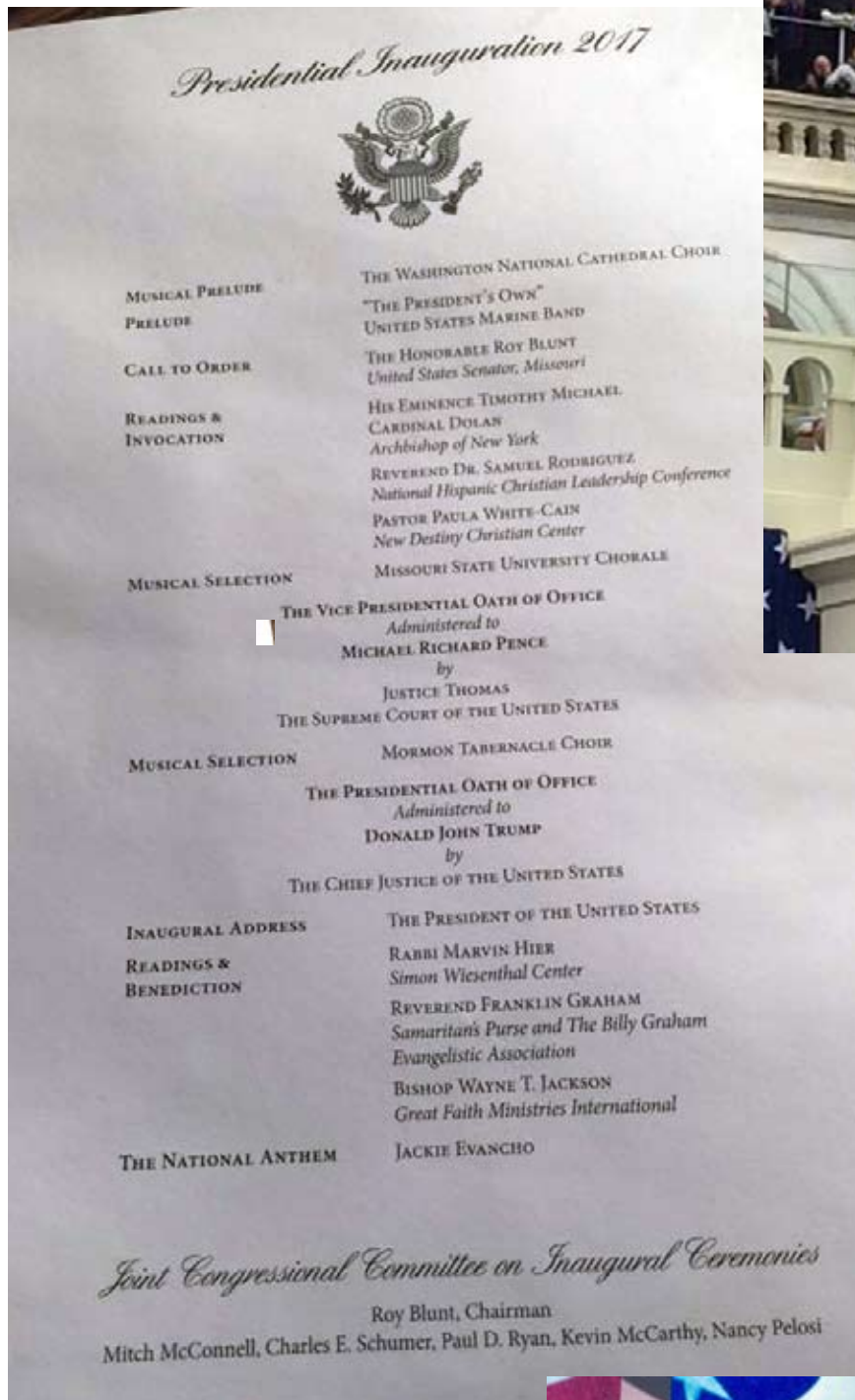
I can't help but think back to the words of Lord Acton, who famously noted that, "All power tends to corrupt. Absolute power corrupts absolutely." Knowing that, why aren't we more worried about handing so much power to one political party in our state? Why haven't more citizens made the connection between Acton's dictum and the corruption they take for granted as a fact of state government?

Believe me - if it were the Republicans in sole control of the Hawaii legislature, I would have the same concerns.

At Grassroot, we speak a lot about the marketplace of ideas and how competitive federalism is necessary to sort out good policy from bad. But the sad fact is that we have no marketplace or competition in our state when it comes to public policy. Instead, it's a monopoly. And Hawaii's citizens are the ones who lose out by not having options, opposition, or a critical debate over what is best for our state.

E hana kakou (Let's work together!).

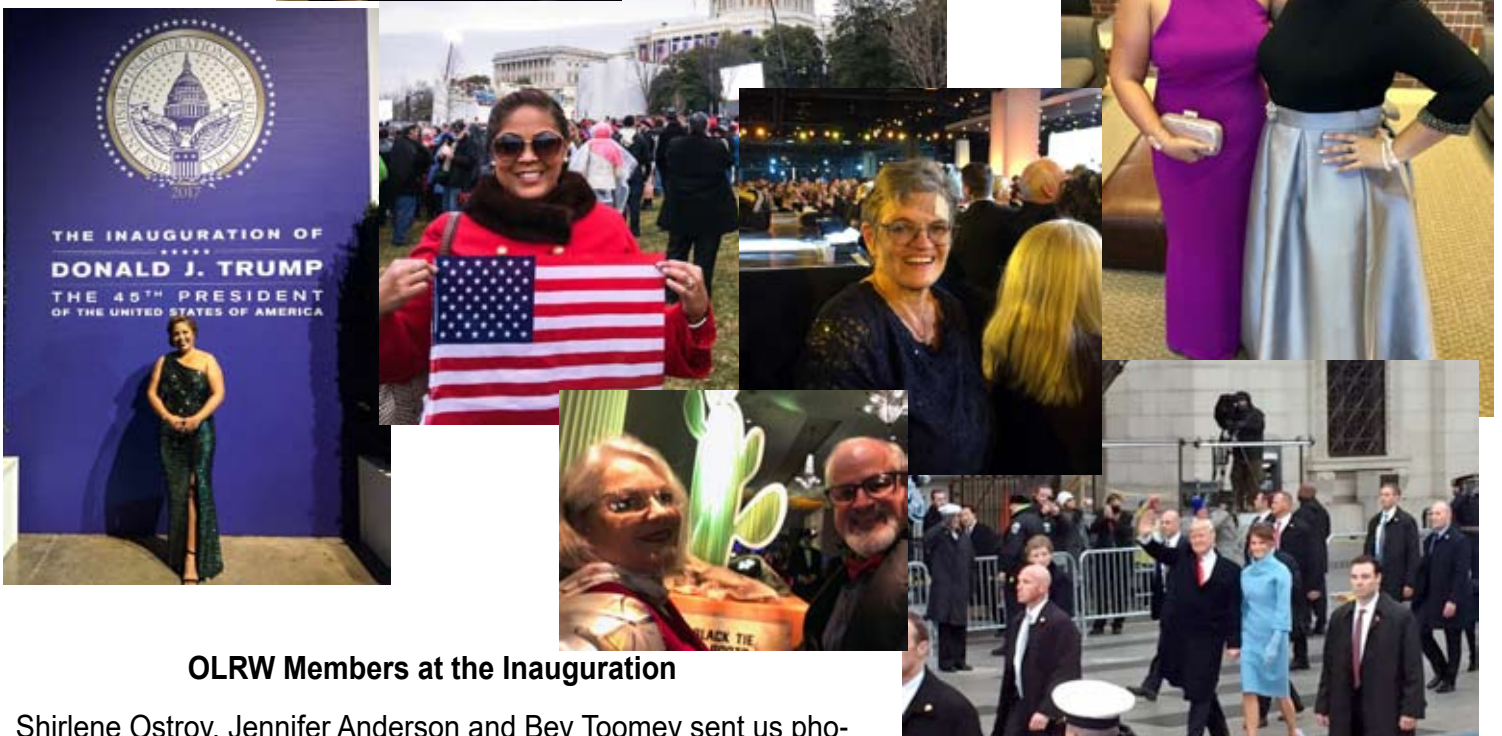
Thank You to Cindy Clark of Maui and Kimo Sutton for the beautiful photos on this page.



# Pre-Inaugural Gala, Honolulu January 4, 2017



More than 400 Hawaii Republicans celebrated the inauguration of Trump/Pence at a dinner/dance at Ko'olau Ballroom on January 4 and designated \$19,100 towards the building mortgage principal which brought our principal down to \$70,466. This is important to OLRW as we are co-owners of the building.



## OLRW Members at the Inauguration

Shirlene Ostrov, Jennifer Anderson and Bev Toomey sent us photos of some of their adventures in Washington.

## Sam Slom's Facebook post on Inauguration Day.

I was happy to be with more than 70 happy, excited, and unabashedly patriotic Hawaii residents at 6:30 this morning at Big City Diner (Ward) to celebrate our historic and unique peaceful transfer of presidential power to 45th president Donald J Trump. Thanks Jack James! Despite the continuing personal and irrational attacks on the President and those of us who are Conservatives and ordinary working people, a new era begins and we are sure of hope and change. We won't always agree but know these changes will allow opportunity and success to more people. It is the Constitution, not a political leader, that guarantees our freedom and hope. President Trump has pledged to safeguard that Constitution. Opponents need not fear if they believe in the exceptionalism of America. May God continue to bless the United States of America.





**Shirlene Oartov is the co-founder and Chairman of the Board of Hālau Nohona Hawai'i, a 501(c)(3), non-profit Native Hawaiian cultural organization located in Silver Spring, MD with haumana from all over the National Capitol region. Our name refers to all things anchored in Hawaiian; living the Hawaiian way. Our goal is to enrich and make a positive impact on our communities by sharing the spirit of aloha. Every Sunday, we have classes, which include but are not limited to hula, chant, chorale, history, language. We have over 100 haumana including wahine, kane, 'Ōpio and keiki.**

**As discussed, as a non-profit organization and one filled with children, we are a non-partisan group. The only thing we're adamant about is sharing aloha with everyone!**

**We were originally asked by the Trump transition team to participate in the Inauguration Parade but they approached us too late to get the clearances. Unfortunately, the indigenous Hawaiians will not be represented in the parade because of the late ask.**

**However, the Trump-Pence Asian Pacific American Advisory Committee (APAAC) and the National Committee of Asian American Republicans (Asian.GOP) announced that they will be hosting an Asian Pacific American Presidential Inaugural Gala in honor of President-Elect Donald J. Trump as well as for the Asian Pacific Americans who**

**have been nominated to serve in the new Trump Administration and they asked us to represent the Hawaiian contingent. The program will include a celebration with prominent dignitaries and Presidential appointees (Donald J. Trump, Mike Pence, Paul Ryan, Marco Rubio, Ben Carson, Reince Priebus, Elaine Lan Chao, Nikki Haley, and many others are invited!)**

**My group will perform several numbers to include: 1 - No Ku'uiipo I Ka Ua Noe (Women): Tells of a very rare and special love between a man and a woman. 2 - Hole Waimea (Men): Describes an elite band of King Kamehameha's warriors, who were specially trained in spear-fighting. 3 - Ka Pua Melia (Women): Written by a 12-year-old boy, describing his love for his mother. We will have our own musicians. We are very proud to represent Hawaii in this important event!**







## Aloha Mark Moses

An invaluable representative of his west Oahu district, Rep. Moses succumbed to a lengthy illness with his family by his side.

“A retired Marine Corps officer, Mark served in the Hawaii House of Representatives in 1996. He represented a wide swath of west Oahu, including parts of Ewa, Kapolei, and Makakilo; an area now distributed among several state representatives due to population increases.”

“Mark leaves behind his wife, Suk, and children Michelle, James, Michael, Matthew, Madalyn, and Mitchell. Mark’s son Jon predeceased him.”

“We are profoundly grateful for Mark’s faithful service to our nation, our state, and our Party. He will be deeply missed.”



# 2017-18 OLRW EXECUTIVE BOARD



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# OLRW Political Action Committee

## ANNUAL CHRISTMAS SALE \$1204.75



### Congratulations

on a great start on the new campaign season. We took in a total of \$1204 for our PAC in December.

**Let's keep that going all the way to election 2018!**



**Thank you to our cashiers for keeping the sale money organized. Great Job!**



## Campaign 2018

Our minimum goal for the next season is \$20,000. We would like to be able to spend our PAC funds to help educate our candidates and to give generous contributions to candidates that are well organized and working hard. Reaching this goal is much easier than you might think. We are asking every member to raise \$120. This could include giving the money yourself or asking friends and family to help you meet your goal. \$120 over 2 years is equal to only \$5 per month.

Our PAC gave more money to Republican candidates this year than any other organization and we did two major classes to educate our candidates in campaign compliance. Please help us do more to develop and elect candidates in 2018.

Download contribution forms at [http://www.olrwpac.com/2018/2018\\_contribution\\_card\\_3\\_up.pdf](http://www.olrwpac.com/2018/2018_contribution_card_3_up.pdf)

or call Pam at 398-5556 to have one mailed to you.



# Getting Involved

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

Go to <http://www.olrw.org/GetInvolved.html> for more information

## Only 1 director an elected official

'Honolulu Star-Advertiser'  
December 18, 2016

As the newspaper covers for the mayor's conflict of interest in accepting a quarter-million dollars in bank fees ("Board directors at public isle companies are paid well for expertise, experience," Star-Advertiser, Dec. 15), it should emphasize that none of the other recipients of director's fees named in the story is an elected fulltime executive of our government.

This is the critical essence so craftily downplayed.

Michael G. Palcic

## Let rest of state help Honolulu pay for rail

'Honolulu Star-Advertiser'  
January 15, 2017

State House Speaker Joe Souki may be on to something that will solve our never-ending funding increases for rail ("House speaker wants city to help fund rail," Star-Advertiser, Jan. 13). Souki insisted that the City and County of Honolulu has not stepped up to pay its fair share of the construction costs for rail, even though the rail tax surcharge applies only to Honolulu. If Honolulu residents and tourists haven't been paying for rail construction, who has? Raising property taxes will only further tax those who already are paying.

The solution is so easy. Apply the 0.5 percent tax surcharge statewide so all counties will contribute to rail construction. We already use state taxes to pay for road repairs and construction statewide, so why not for rail? Even Souki's district on Maui should be proud to contribute their share to this project.

Garry P. Smith

## Get notified about hearings on bills you are interested in

It has been brought to our attention that some users may not be receiving hearing notice email notifications due to the beginning of the new legislative session. As a reminder, please log into our website at [www.capitol.hawaii.gov](http://www.capitol.hawaii.gov) and double check that the committees and/or bills that you wish to receive notices for are selected. If you have any questions please email [webmaster@capitol.hawaii.gov](mailto:webmaster@capitol.hawaii.gov).



# The *Not Very* Funnies

You laugh, because if you didn't you would cry...

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REMEMBER THAT TIME  
REPUBLICANS RIOTED,

BEAT INNOCENT DEMOCRATIC VOTERS,

DESTROYED PROPERTY,

AND TORCHED AMERICAN FLAGS?

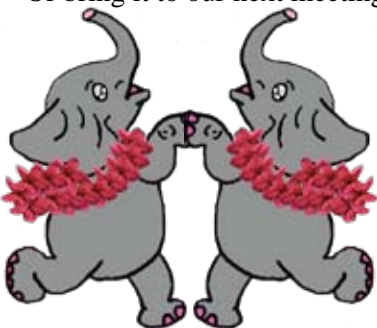
**ME NEITHER.**



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Or bring it to our next meeting



### Oahu League of Republican Women Membership Application

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Birthday Month \_\_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_\_

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Dues \$35.00\*\* Yearly \$200.00 Lifetime

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

\*\* \$10 goes to the PAC, \$25 to administrative costs.