



# O.L.R.W. Newsletter

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**April 2017**

## Luncheon / Meeting

April 6, 2017

Oahu Country Club

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

### House Salad

w/Papaya Seed Vinaigrette

### Choice of

#### **Pan Roasted Mahimahi**

with Lemon Butter, Capers

Oven Roasted Garlic

Potatoes

Steamed Vegetables

OR

#### **Portabella Ravioli**

Tomato-Basil Cream

Pesto Dressing

Grilled Asparagus

with Parmesean Cheese

#### **Hot Rolls and Butter**

Coffe, Tea or Iced Tea

### Dessert

#### **Chocolate Haupia Cake**

### Reservations/Cancellations

Mela Kealoha-Lindsey

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**Reservations/Cancellations  
must be made by March 29<sup>th</sup>.**

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

Please - no walk-ins.

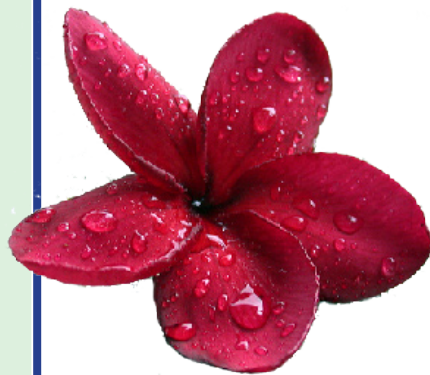
## Speaker:

### **Kenji Price**

#### **President, Hawaii Federalist Society**

The Federalist Society for Law and Public Policy Studies is a group of conservatives and libertarians interested in the current state of the legal order. It is founded on the principles that the state exists to preserve freedom, that the separation of governmental powers is central to our Constitution, and that it is emphatically the province and duty of the judiciary to say what the law is, not what it should be. The Society seeks both to promote an awareness of these principles and to further their application through its activities.

This entails reordering priorities within the legal system to place a premium on individual liberty, traditional values, and the rule of law. It also requires restoring the recognition of the importance of these norms among lawyers, judges, law students and professors.



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# The Pres Says...

## Carol Thomas, President



The Oahu League of Republican Women honors Mrs. Bina Mossman, our 2nd Republican National Committee Woman for 18 years as she was recently honored at the 2017 Kamehameha Schools Annual Song Contest. Her compositions sung by the high school students are legendary and her life exemplified a wonderful republican woman we can all be so proud of.

Other National Committee Women include:  
Princess Abigail Kawanakoa 1924 – 1936  
Bina Mossman 1940 – 1958  
Barbara Waterhouse 1958 – 1963  
Elizabeth Kellerman 1963 – 1969  
Kinau B. Kamalii 1969 – 1975  
Carla Coray 1975 – 1989  
Marilyn Harrison 1989 – 1992  
Miriam Hellreich 1992 –

Unfortunately, HRP failed to see the significance of this event on our community. It would have been a great opportunity to recognize Mrs. Mossman and her dedication to the Hawaii Republican Party. Sadly, we don't market ourselves. Maybe we don't even know our own history.

Reminder that the State Convention is on May 12-13 at Aqua Kauai Beach Resort. Elections will be held on Saturday so if a 2-day trip is not possible, consider flying in early Saturday morning. Please contact us or go online to [www.gophawaii.com](http://www.gophawaii.com) to see who your district chair is. Financial help may be available for airline tickets if cost is a factor. Many of you are on fixed incomes, but please ask Jennifer Anderson or myself.



## And then there were five...

...Except there never were six Republicans in the House this year, Beth Fukumoto-Chang has behaved like a Dem for nearly the entire time she has been in office. Now, AFTER the election she **admits** her true colors. It is too bad that she was allowed to "leave" the party. If we had real leadership in this party she would have been kicked to the curb when she made derogatory remarks about our president in a public setting. **OLRW saw this day coming - that is why we neither gave money nor endorsed Beth last year's election.**

## Easter Bonnet Contest



**Our Annual Easter Bonnet Contest is on!** Wear your finest to our luncheon this month. Prizes will be awarded to the three (3) best hats (determined by our committee) in the Easter/Spring theme. We are looking forward to seeing some beautiful hats this year.



**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)

# March Luncheon The Willows



Thank you to the Dr Keli'i Akina for sharing how we can improve the party,



## Thank you

to Shirlene Dela Cruz Ostrov for stepping up to run for Hawaii Republican Party Chair.

Shirlene is a local girl with global experience in organization and politics.

Please vote fo Shirlene at our state convention on Kauai.

Contact info: Cell - 808-722-2313 Email - sdostov@aol.com



Bev Toomey won the 50/50 drawing in March. Bev donated her half of the pot to our convention fund. The other half goes to the OLRW PAC.

# Republican National Committeewoman Update

Miriam Hellreich



## HAWAII LOCAL SCENE

Our Hawaii Republican Party Caucuses continue to be held throughout our state to elect county, district, precinct officers, delegates and alternates to our Republican State Convention, which will be held at the Aqua Hotel in Kauai May 13th. The Convention will begin at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday the 13th and will conclude by 5:00 p.m. The election of officers to the Executive Committee, including the Party Chairman, and the debate of Party Rules Changes will occur on Saturday, May 13th. We urge all Republicans to contact your Precinct Chairman and ask to become a delegate or an alternate to the convention so that you can vote in these important elections. The only requirement is that you be a registered voter and have signed a Republican Party card, which can be done online at [gophawaii.com](http://gophawaii.com). You will meet other like minded Republicans, make lifelong friends and you will learn how to organize to help elect more Republicans to office.

We need your participation in our 2017 Republican State Convention, especially those who are new to our Party or may have come through the Trump Campaign.

## Dates of County Convention

Once elected a delegate to the state convention, you become eligible to vote in your county conventions.

## Honolulu County Convention

Location: Koko Head Elementary, 189 Lunalilo Rd.

Honolulu

Time: 6:15 PM - 8:30 PM (registration begins at 5:30 PM)

Contact: Jennifer Anderson- [Jennifer@gophawaii.com](mailto:Jennifer@gophawaii.com)  
808-838-9276

Congratulations to all who have been elected District Chairmen, County Chairmen and delegates and alternates to the Republican State Convention. There are still vacancies for District Chairmen, Precinct Presidents, delegates and alternates.

## NATIONAL SCENE:

Congratulations to President Donald Trump on his outstanding address to the Joint Session of Congress on February 28th!

## Reactions to the Speech:

Republicans were exuberant leaving the House chamber Tuesday following President Trump's first address to a joint session of Congress that called on bipartisan cooperation to achieve big things for the American people.

"I loved it," Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., told the Washington Examiner. "It was positive, uplifting. Just what we needed here."

Speaker Paul Ryan, R-Wis., was all smiles crossing Statuary Hall on the way to his office just off the Capitol Rotunda.

"Home run," he told the Washington Examiner, when asked about the speech.

As Republicans, we can be very proud of our President and the promises he is fulfilling. The promises he made are directly related to the results of the RNC's Post Mortem analysis done after the 2012 elections. The eleven principles listed below, guided our national party to become a 2016 Majority in the U.S. House, Senate, Governorships, Legislatures and the election of a Republican President and Vice President.

As we move toward the local Party elections and plan to become a true opposition Party, let's not repeat past mistakes. Let's remember the definition of "insanity" is doing the same thing over and over again but expecting a different result.

If you have questions, please feel free to contact me at 808 284 3235 or email me at [mhellreich@gmail.com](mailto:mhellreich@gmail.com).

Thanks for your continued dedication to the principles of our Republican Party.

Aloha,

**Mahalo** to the volunteers who represented the OLRW at Lanikila Meals on Wheels on March 8<sup>th</sup>. We packed meals that were delivered to kupuna and disabled folks at various locations around the island that day. We then prepped the cold items for the following day's meals. It was an enjoyable way to pass a morning - helping people while talking about politics and what we might be able to do together in the future.

The folks that showed up were Jennifer Anderson, Shirlene Dela Cruz Ostrov, Nancy Gallagher, Kathryn Henski, Mela Kealoha-Lindsey and Pam Smith.



## Public-worker benefits need reform

Honolulu Star-Advertiser

March 15, 2017

By Keli'i Akina Keli'i Akina, Ph.D., is CEO of the Grassroot Institute of Hawaii. He wrote this in his capacity as a private citizen.

There is a looming danger in the unsustainable growth of our state government: The unfunded liabilities for the pensions and health benefits of retired state workers are now estimated at \$23 billion, and the prospect is for the debt to continue increasing. Certainly, public sector workers deserve competitive wages and benefits. But those same public sector workers could end up paying a steep price when massive cuts in state government spending are made to pay off state debt.

This \$23 billion debt not only jeopardizes the retirement plans of current and former government workers, it also could soon take money away from vital state and county services such as police, fire, education and other social services. Whenever government salaries go up, so does the debt, and this system has led to the highest level of unfunded liabilities in the history of the state. In the past decade, benefits for public employees in the state have risen five times faster than in the private sector, and this has worsened the pension debt crisis. Hawaii taxpayers are footing 76 percent of the bill for government workers' pensions and health care, despite those workers making up only 15 percent of the total workforce. This means that private sector workers, who are struggling to save for their own retirements, are also paying the retirements for public workers. Pensioners are worried about their toppling retirement plans. Younger government workers are forced to pay into a pension system that makes promises it cannot fulfill. Taxpayers pay more each year, but the debt continues to rise. And Hawaii's most vulnerable citizens are seeing public services cut to make room for growing public pension costs. At the heart of the problem is Hawaii's broken defined-benefit pension system, which gives employees benefits regardless of how much money was put into the system. But this creates the spiraling debt problem. Hawaii should adopt reforms that have saved pension systems in more than a dozen states across the country, including Florida, Colorado, Montana, South Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Michigan and Alaska, which now offer defined-contribution plans, rather than defined-benefit plans, to their government pensioners.

Defined contribution plans match money going in with money going out, so the books are balanced. Switching to a self-managed, defined-contribution retirement plan would end the pension crisis, while providing public workers with an increasingly stable and secure retirement plan. Unless we make a fundamental change in our pension system, the state is going to be saddled with this debt for decades to come. Moreover, that debt will grow until it threatens not only government programs and services, but the jobs and retirement benefits of the workers themselves.

It is in the best interest of the state to ensure that our public sector workers are well provided for. But it is in everyone's interest — state employees included — to make sure that we are not building a house of cards.



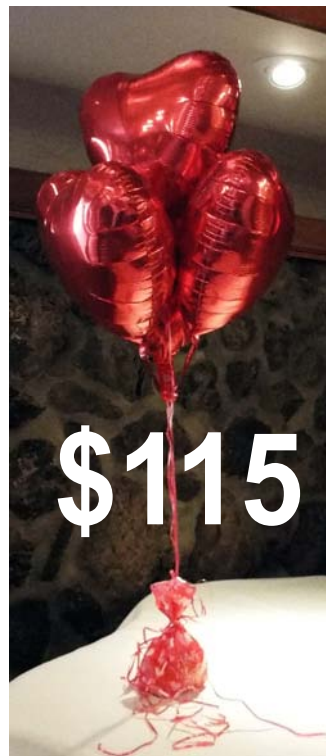
# OLRW Political Action Committee

## Campaign 2018

Our minimum goal for the next season is \$22,000. 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.

## ANNUAL Valentine SALE



OLRW PAC	500.00	1,000.00	1,500.00	2,000.00	2,500.00	3,000.00	3,500.00	4,000.00	4,500.00	5,000.00	5,500.00	6,000.00
Actual Vs Planned Goal												
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### PERSONAL Contributions Only Oahu League of Republican Women PAC

The following information helps us comply with campaign spending laws:

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Credit Card Contributions may be made at [www.olrwpac.com](http://www.olrwpac.com)

I'm paying by  check Please make checks payable to OLRW PAC  
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# Editorial

# Letters to the Editor

## Taxpayers pay for every city service

Honolulu Star-Advertiser  
March 7, 2017

I have to take exception to the Star-Advertiser editorial, "Rein costs before raising city taxes" (Our View, March 5). In attempting to rationalize the city budget plan to begin charging a double tax for trash pickup, the editorial says that "the city is still subsidizing at least part of the costs."

The city is not subsidizing anything. Otherwise, paying for police, fire and lifeguards also would be subsidies. Honolulu citizens have been paying the whole amount for city trash collection from the beginning. Property taxes have never been higher and the city continues to be rewarded through increased property values every year since Mayor Kirk Caldwell was first elected. Charging twice for trash pickup is unfair.

Mary Monohon

## Mazie Hirono Embarrasses Hawaii

Mazie Hirono embarrassed us again this week by making a ridiculous opening statement during the confirmation hearings of Judge Neil Gorsuch. We have posted the video on our website ( [www.olrw.org](http://www.olrw.org) ) courtesy of NBC News.

## 2017-18 OLRW EXECUTIVE BOARD



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## Give women info on counseling

Honolulu Star-Advertiser  
March 12, 2017

If the Star-Advertiser were a person, it would have a serious case of cognitive dissonance. Your editorial on International Women's Day supported the bill to force religious pregnancy help centers to advertise abortion ("Don't restrict info on women's health," Star-Advertiser, Our View, March 8). You seem to assume, with no evidence, that the centers lie to women, and that no one knows how to access abortion in Hawaii. If you think that, ask some high school girls.

Yet the same day, Lee Cataluna's column about a domestic violence bill shows that women already know how to get information for help without the aid of their hairdressers ("Domestic violence bill has traces of sexism," Star-Advertiser, March 8). If the Hawaii Legislative Women's Caucus was sincere about women needing information, its bill would require hospitals, OB-GYN doctors and Planned Parenthood to post signs advertising the availability of non-judgmental care and counseling at the religious centers which, by the way, are the only ones to offer post-abortion counseling.

Carol R. White

## Taxpayers foot bill for all city services

Honolulu Star-Advertiser  
March 14, 2017

Mayor Kirk Caldwell's latest budget includes the long-desired new trash pickup fee of \$10 per month ("Budget plan raises fees, taxes," Star-Advertiser, March 2). This tax increase has been presented several times under different disguises. It has been offered many times because the city was doing it for "free," although property owners know nothing is free when we pay our property taxes.

It was said to be "fair" because condominium owners have to pay for their garbage pickup, so why shouldn't single-family homeowners? The truth is simpler. Nothing with the city, especially with property taxes, is "free" or "fair."

We don't get police and fire protection for free. We don't get park upkeep or road repair or bus service for free. The only thing for certain is if trash pickup fees are started at \$10 per month, within five years it will be \$25 per month to pay for the rail transit project.

Garry P. Smith

# The *Not Very* Funnies

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

**8 THINGS THAT DON'T EXIST**  
UNICORNS • A SHARKNADO  
A TIME MACHINE • COLD FUSION  
HOGWARTS • A FOUNTAIN OF YOUTH  
MERMAIDS AND ...  
**A LAW ABIDING ILLEGAL ALIEN**





# Republican Party Events

- Lincoln Day Dinner May 8
- Honolulu County Convention March 27
- Koko Head Elementary School 5:30 pm-8:30 pm
- Republican State Convention May 12-13

The convention will be at the Aqua Kauai Beach Resort as seen on the HRP calendar.



Mail your check to:

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#C-105  
725 Kapiolani Blvd.  
Honolulu HI 96813

Or bring it to our next meeting

## Oahu League of Republican Women Membership Application

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

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address\* \_\_\_\_\_

**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.

