



O.L.R.W. Newsletter

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May 2017

Luncheon / Meeting

May 4, 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

Grilled New York Strip Steak

with Sauteed Mushroom & Onion

Red Sauce

Roasted New 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

735-4510

olrwreservations@gmail.com

olrw.org

Reservations/Cancellations must be made by April 28th. All lunches are reserved, so **No Shows will be charged for their lunch.**

Please - no walk-ins.

Speaker:

Melissa Newsham

Punahou Conservative Caucus



Melissa Newsham is 16 years old, a sophomore at Punahou and President of the "Conservative Caucus" a group started by Conservative Students at the school. She, her advisor (Eric Eads), and a couple of classmates will be our guests.



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The Pres Says...

Carol Thomas, President

Our April 6 luncheon at Oahu Country Club was a very popular meeting with 82 members and guests in attendance. Our keynote speaker, Kenji Price, attorney and president of the Hawaii Federalist Society explained the role of the society to promote an awareness of individual liberty, traditional values and the rule of law.

These weeks have been full of emotions of horror, sadness, and empathy for the saran gas murders of innocent babies in Syria that touched our President Trump to his core. I congratulate our President and stand with him in his global world decisions. Barbaric behavior by these madmen must be condemned. Now we have the North Korean panda bear to contend with along with KGB Putin. What a time we live in. For those who say "he's not my president", get over it. He's our president and I'm proud to say HE'S MY PRESIDENT!

There were tax day protests to shame President Trump into revealing his tax returns. I could care less. Why was there no outrage when President Obama's college records were never released; he was attending school as a foreign student and receiving scholarship aid as such.

So many outrageous stories about the Trump family, from Ivanka's colored contacts worn on special occasions (I wore them; no big deal) to neckties, hairdos, to bacteria in the kitchen at Mar-A-Lago.

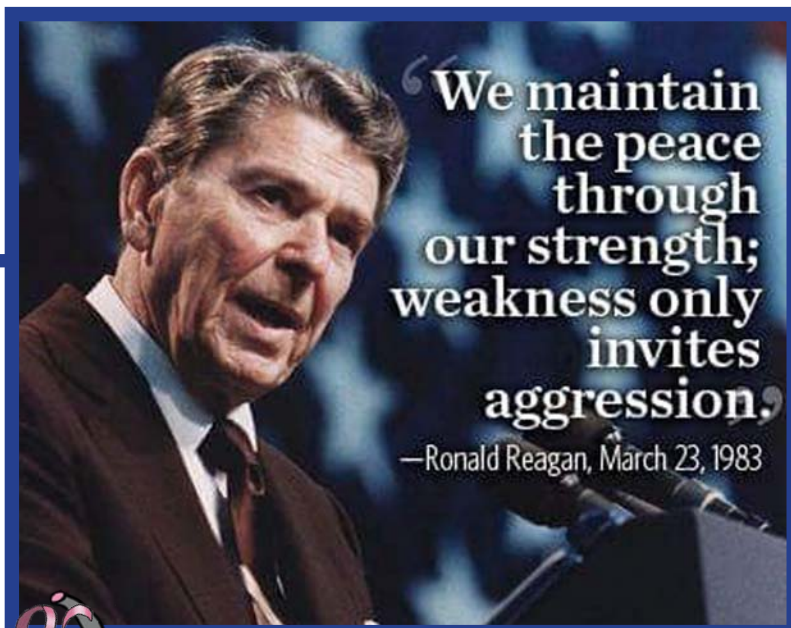
Laughter is good for your health so breathe, laugh and enjoy our clean air!

Easter Bonnet Contest



Our Annual Easter Bonnet Contest is done!

Congratulations to Theone Vredenberg, Shirlene Ostrov and Carolyn Blackburn - our three winning hats this year. Each winner received a gift card for Longs.



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.

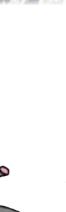


Ten dollars of your dues will be allocated as an OLRW PAC contribution from you. Your name will not appear on the campaign spending report unless you donate an additional \$96 during the campaign period. (Campaign spending reports only show aggregate contributions of MORE THAN \$100 from any donor)

April Luncheon Oahu Country Club



Thank you to Kenji Price



Carolyn Kahakelii won the 50/50 drawing in April. The other half goes to the OLRW PAC. Carolyn donated \$30 of her portion to the PAC.

2017 State Convention

Time for a return to leadership

**IF YOU ARE NOT YET A DELEGATE TO THE
STATE CONVENTION, BUT WOULD LIKE TO
BE PLEASE CALL CAROL AT 255-5527
THE DEADLINE TO BECOME A DELEGATE IS
MAY 3RD.**

**Credentials begin Friday at 6:00 PM
and
Saturday from 7:30 - 10:30 AM.**

Credentials will close at 10:30 AM.
Alternates will be moved up to vacant
delegate seats when the Credentials Chair
submits preliminary report.

Hawaii Republican Party Convention

Aqua Kauai Beach Resort
4331 Kauai Beach Dr, Lihue
Lihue, HI 96766

2017 HRP State Convention Workshops Friday May 12, 2017

Workshop 1 - - 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM Topic TBA
Workshop 2 - - 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM Topic TBA
Workshop 3 - - 2:00 PM - 3:30 PM Topic TBA

No Host Reception Dinner
Call Jack James for Reservations
(808) 593-8180
6:00, 6:30, and 7:00 seatings
Naupaka Restaurant
Early Convention Check-in

2017 HRP State Convention
Saturday May 13, 2017
9:00 AM Call To Order
Agenda To Be Announced
5:00 PM Adjournment

Remember:

If you are a delegate you have to register for the State convention.

The price is \$60 before April 24th and \$75 after the 24th.

The party has done a HORRIBLE job of getting the information out about what the requirements are to register for the convention.

To register you can go to

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2017-hawaii-republican-party-state-convention-tickets-30316563658?aff=erelpanelorg>
or

You can send a check made out to HRP (with "convention registration" on the memo line) to

Hawaii Republican Party
725 Kapiolani Blvd C-105
Honolulu, HI 96813

Make a copy of your check before you mail it and be sure to include contact information with your check.



Civil Beat Excerpt: "State GOP Must Open Doors To Change"

"Hawaii Republican leaders seem more focused on their own survival than revitalizing the party."

Well-respected columnist Victor Craft recently published a piece in Civil Beat, closing with these words about Shirlene:

"But there is hope. Recently, a young and vibrant woman, born and raised in Mililani and who has proved her mettle, is taking a stance and is running for the chairmanship of the party leadership. She is retired Air Force Colonel Shirlene Dela Cruz Ostrov. Yet she faces the good old boy network whose center is self preservation. This policy is proving to be self-destructive. Just count the number of Republicans in the state house and senate."

"It is my sincere hope that in the coming election for the party's chairmanship, games are not played and those who have held the power in the party recognize the need for change. I would ask them to step aside and allow a fresh breeze to blow through the party and revitalize it. If they don't, they just might be out of a job by default."

A Report from our Hawaii Republican Party Treasurer

1. As the Party of Fiscal Responsibility, it is the Treasurer's duty to make the State Committee Members aware of the Party's financial situation.
2. HRP funds are low with only \$21,336.80 in our federal operating account, including all the paid tickets for the upcoming Lincoln Dinner.
Less than \$10,000 is available in the operating account for daily operations. Projected expenses exceed that amount. There has not been any significant fundraising since the Pre-inaugural gala. The sustaining donor program is nearly non-existent. Expenses have exceeded income for months.
3. Oahu's Lincoln Dinner is the largest fundraiser of the year and must garner net income to sustain Party operations for several months or until the next major fundraising event. State Committee members, especially Oahu residents, are encouraged to help the Party sell more tickets to the Lincoln Dinner. If you haven't purchased a ticket or table, do it now. HRP will host a wonderful speaker, Representative Jason Chaffetz from Utah.
4. Lincoln Dinner ticket sales were projected to be \$140,000. Based on this optimistic figure, expenses were set at \$50,000 and the Hawaii Convention Center, with a capacity of 525 attendees, was considered for the venue. The attached contract/license for the Convention Center has a specific payment schedule as listed on page 4 of 14 in the agreement.
These are only the venue expenses. Others are separate.
 - \$2,800 on 7 April
 - \$ 27,000 on 8 April and
 - Final payment - approx \$7263 (due 25 April - 1.5 weeks away)
5. Based on the specified payment schedule and sales, the HRP Treasurer advised against signing the contract/license agreement and recommended looking for a less expensive venue. Some of the payment due dates in the contract/license have already passed. Verbal modifications are not legal agreements. The Party could be liable to meet the terms of the contract, if it were signed. Based on the financial condition of the Party, the high cost of the venue, the written payment schedule, and the low volume of ticket sales, the HRP Treasurer advised the HRP Chairman not to sign the agreement.
6. Lincoln Dinner ticket sales comprise less than \$15,000 actual bank deposits thus far. The HRP Treasurer was told that ticket commitments currently total \$59,100. That figure would net less than \$10,000 for the fundraiser and would cover less than one month's expenses. If more seats are not sold and paid, up to \$35,000 in losses are possible. HRP cannot afford a large financial loss.
5. Based on the aforementioned concerns, the HRP Treasurer made the following recommendations to the HRP Chairman:
 - a. Cut the monthly budget by terminating salaried positions, currently the Executive Director. According to the employment contract, two weeks notice is required. This could save the Party at least \$4,500 per month.
 - b. Find a less expensive venue for the Lincoln Dinner and increase ticket sales. Since expenses were projected to be one-third of receipts, overhead expenses should be reduced to \$30,000 or less -- not the projected \$50,000. The goal should be to increase net revenues and decrease expenses.
5. If you have any questions or suggestions regarding these recommendations, please contact me at mghsmart@yahoo.com

Sincerely,

Mary Smart
HRP Treasurer

Members:

This is a letter from our State Party Treasurer, Mary Smart to the State committee. Mary is very concerned about the fiscal health of the party and is fearful that the current party chair is spending money we don't have for an event that is falling flat.

The unfortunate truth is that even if we cancelled this event we would owe the full amount agreed to.



Congratulations and Welcome Justice Neil Gorsuch

A big Mahalo goes out to President Donald Trump for his out-of - the - ballpark pick for the Supeme court. The answers he gave during the hearings on Capitol Hill were right on target, respectful and showed the kind of justice he will be - fair and fearless. Ahhh... I smell the scent of LEADERSHIP in our country once again.



There is a new Sheriff in town...



Leadership



GRASSROOT INSTITUTE

The Grassroot Institute has just released its latest study on the Jones Act, the 1920's legislation that drives up the cost of shipping. Our report is also a convenient introduction to understanding this issue that heavily impacts Hawaii.

For those of us who have been working to bring change to the Jones Act, realistically there is almost nothing that can be done from Hawaii (or from Puerto Rico, for that matter) to impact the Jones Act.

Say what you will about it, but the Jones Act has proven to be a remarkably resilient piece of legislation. At nearly 100 years old, it is still able to defeat reform efforts ... despite a mountain of evidence that it cripples the economy, fails to achieve its aims and is badly in need of modernization.

As the metaphorical canaries in the Jones Act coal mine, citizens in Hawaii, Puerto Rico and the non-contiguous territories of the U.S. have been some of the loudest champions of reform. Unfortunately, both geographic and political realities mean that an effective reform movement cannot come solely from such exotic places. Even so worthy a poster child as Puerto Rico, with its disparate Jones Act impact, is at a loss for generating sympathy or even much interest in Washington, DC.

What we need to alter the Jones Act is a national and nationwide effort to get Congress to act. Such an enterprise calls for a broad coalition of state policymakers, industry stakeholders, and political influencers at all levels.

President's Corner

by Dr. Keli'i Akina, President/CEO



To win, we must show how the Jones Act is not a Hawaii problem or a Puerto Rico problem -- it's a national problem with a nationwide impact. That is why the Grassroot Institute is researching how the Jones Act affects the cost of living and the cost of business in all fifty states.

So with all the economic arguments against the Act, what keeps it in place?

The primary argument used by Jones Act defenders is national security. It's a powerful one, even if it is based in nineteenth-century military theory. The problem, as the decline of the American shipping industry and shipbuilders demonstrates, is that the Act has failed in its national security objectives.

But what really keeps the Jones Act afloat is not ideology, but money.

Though reform of the Act is not a strictly partisan issue, the biggest opponent to reform is a partisan coalition representing the maritime industry (and its money), including strong representation from organized labor.

What is needed for effective change is a coalition of reformers, armed with evidence that the Jones Act costs American jobs and hurts American consumers... and money.

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





OLRW Political Action Committee

Campaign 2018

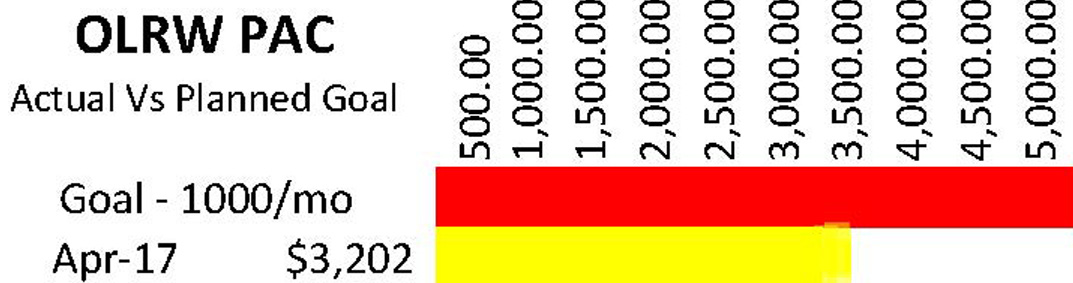
Our minimum goal for the next season is \$22,000. We would like to be able to spend our PAC funds to help educate our candidates and to give generous contributions to candidates that are well organized and working hard. Reaching this goal is much easier than you might think. We are asking every member 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

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

Easter table
decor brings in
\$80 for PAC



PERSONAL Contributions Only

Oahu League of Republican Women PAC

The following information helps us comply with campaign spending laws:

Individual Donor Name _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

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Employer & Occupation information is required for anyone contributing more than \$100 since November 9, 2016.

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Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

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Contact Name _____ Title _____

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☐ \$ 25.00
☐ \$ 50.00
☐ \$100.00
☐ \$ _____

Credit Card Contributions may be made at www.olrwpac.com

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

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Letters to the Editor

Thielen out of date with current issues

Honolulu Star-Advertiser
March 28, 2017

State Rep. Cynthia Thielen's commentary was well stated but is not practiced by her or the other GOP elected officials ("GOP needs to return to moderate roots," Star-Advertiser, Island Voices, March 26). There is a lot to be said for being conservative fiscally but liberal on some social issues, particularly in ultra-liberal Hawaii.

While Thielen spent much of her column extolling the federal actions of President Dwight Eisenhower — more than 50 years ago and light-years from today's politics — she said nothing about how to bring that to Hawaii today.

Hawaii needs a conservative GOP now more than ever. The building of a fiscally irresponsible \$10 billion rail system, a \$12 billion underfunded employee retirement system, millions in programs that do not work — such as the GEMS loan program for solar system installation — should have been met with vocal and frequent criticism by Hawaii's GOP, but were not.

Thielen has been a stalwart of the party, but touting federal politics from more than 50 years ago does not speak well for Hawaii's current fiscal quagmire.

Pam Smith

Abercrombie's complaints nonsense

Honolulu Star-Advertiser
March 28, 2017

Former Gov. Neil Abercrombie flew off the rails against killing the assisted-suicide bill ("Abercrombie slams House committee for shelving death bill, advises recall," Star-Advertiser, March 25).

Did he attend any of the hearings? There was heartfelt testimony both for and against, but there is a lot seriously wrong with Senate Bill 1129, as was clearly demonstrated in the words of health professionals, legal experts and well-informed citizens.

Abercrombie's arguments, including "you can't defer death," are nonsense and do not deserve the prominent coverage given.

Michael G. Palcic

Editorial

We want to thank the following Republicans for their testimony to oppose the "Garbage Tax" bill in the city Council:

Earl Arakaki
Kaye Bowman*
Candice Ching*
Peter DiRocco*
Kurt Fevella
Brett Kulbis
Mary Monohon*
Mike Palcic*
Mark Robinson
Allan Silva*
Garry Smith*
Pam Smith*
Mary Smart*
Carol Thomas*

A special thanks
to Brett Kulbis who sent the request
for testimony to his list as Honolulu
County Chair AND submitted
testimony as County Chair.

Leadership.

With your help we have at least temporarily got Bill 29 tabled. We will let you know if they try to revive it.

* OLRW members

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Republican Party Events

Lincoln Day Dinner

May 8

Republican State Convention

May 12-13

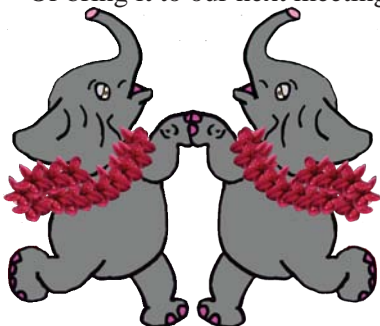
The convention will be at the Aqua Kauai Beach Resort as seen on the HRP calendar.



Mail your check to:

Oahu League of
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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 _____

Address _____

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.