O.L.R.W. Newsletter

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June 2017

Luncheon / Meeting
May 4, 2017
Waialae 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

Buffet Menu

Island Greens w/condiments
Sliced Fresh Fruits

Braised Boneless Shortribs w/ ume sauce

Mashed Potatoes
Vegetables of the day

Basic Beverage Rolls & Butter

Warm Bread Pudding w/vanilla sauce

Reservations/Cancellations

Mela Kealoha-Lindsey 735-4510 olrwreservations@gmail.com olrw.org

Reservations/Cancellations must be made by May 26th. All lunches are reserved, so *No Shows will* be charged for their lunch.

Please - no walk-ins.

Speaker:

Shirlene DelaCruz Ostrov
HRP Chairman
What's Next?
WE NEED YOU!



Shirlene won the elction for party chair in Kauai with more than two thirds of the votes. It was a clear mandate for change in the party. Shirlene will be sharing her plans for the next two years and enlisting your help to execute her plan. We fought hard for this change to leadership. Let's dig in and help our new chair succeed.



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The Pres Says...

Carol Thomas, President

We had an awesome time at our Republican State

Convention in Lihue, Kauai. Our hosts were wonderful, the Kauai Aqua Resort staff was gracious and the ono grinds from Hamura Saimin, mac-nut cookies from Tip Top, Hawaiian Style Breadsticks, dried fish and Kauai's best kulolo. I can't wait to have another neighbor island convention in 2019.

Congratulations to all who participated and all candidates who stepped out of their comfort zone to serve our Republican party. As in team sports, one team prevails but that does not take away from the effort and hard work that both teams exhibited.

OLRW is well represented on our newly elected executive committee:

Shirlene Dela Cruz Ostrov
Chairman
Pat Saiki
Vice Chair, Coordinated Campaigns
Mele Songsong
Vice Chair, Community Service
Jennifer Anderson
Gwen Honjo
Treasurer



Three non-OLRW executive officers: Lorraine Shin Vice Chair, Candidate Recruitment & Training Jonathan Kunimura Vice Chair, Communications Cheryl Sora Vice Chair, Coalitions

Team Tupola's OLRW members:
Rep. Andria Tupola Dynamic,
passionate, strong; bright political future
Ka`eo Kealoha-Lindsey Tupola's Staff;
great candidate potential-WOW factor

Our LIFE member, Anne Sutton at age 95 attended and was recognized with a standing ovation for her unwavering support to the party. Indeed she is our "crown jewel."

Call for Unity: I am asking you to support our Republican party by volunteering your time. We need you. Shirlene needs you. Please don't wait to be asked. Call Ione now (262-9788) or sign up at the next luncheon for a shift. We are all ambassadors of the Republican Party. The tent is open.

E Komo Mai!

Welcome

to our newest members

We are looking forward to getting to know you!

Sumiko Allegar Ann Correa Denise Tory Constance Tice Audry Nicholson Brett Kulbis Ren'e Morgan Melissa Newsham

Melissa Newsham Brittany Odegard Kenneth Sprague Margo Sprague

> Tina Sprague Louise Taylor Patti Yasuhara

We are Happy to announce

Sumiko Allegar

became a Life Member.



Last call for 2017 Dues!

Anyone who has not paid dues by June 1 will be dropped from the membership roles and will no longer receive a newsletter.

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. (Campagn spending reports only show aggregate contributions of MORE THAN \$100 from any donor)





















Thank you to Melissa Newsham from the Punahou Conservative Caucus for speaking to us about her organization.



Thanks to Oahu Chair Brett Kulbis and HRP Treasurer Mary Smart for giving their reports.































Allan Silva won the 50/50 drawing in May The other half goes to the OLRW PAC.

Allan donated his portion to the PAC. Mahalo!



I would like to share with you a summary of President Trump's first 100 Days in Office. Despite his critics, I believe you will recognize immediately what a comprehensive re-overhaul of government our President has undertaken. It affects Hawaii as well as our global relations

throughout the world.

As Republicans we can be proud of what has been accomplished, and at the top of the list, has to be the confirmation of the new Supreme Court Justice, The Honorable Neil Gorsuch!

I hope you will share the Presidents accomplishments with your friends, family and colleagues.

U.S. Economy Booms Under President Trump

- President Trump's pro-business policies help to boost consumer confidence and have led to private sector investments and job creation.
- By carefully reviewing old regulations, setting strict criteria for new regulations, and rolling back Obama-era regulations, President Trump has fostered a friendly environment for businesses and revitalized the coal and other energy sectors in the U.S.
- o In his first week in office, the President signed an executive memorandum initiating the process to being construction of the Keystone XL Pipeline and support approximately 42,100 jobs and \$2 billion in earnings throughout the United States.
- o The President also signed an executive memorandum declaring that the Dakota Access Pipeline serves the national interest and construction should continue.
- o The President signed an executive order to promote energy independence and economic growth, which suspended, revised, or rescinded four Obama executive actions that stifled American energy.
- President Trump took command of our trade deals by withdrawing from the job-killing Trans-Pacific Partnership, holding our trade partners accountable, and putting American jobs first.
- o A study at Tufts University found TPP would increase inequality, decrease GDP and cause employment to decline by 448,000 jobs in the United States.
- President Trump's agenda has led to low unemployment, increased wages, hundreds of thousands of new jobs, and has put the U.S.
- 4 on a path towards unprecedented economic

growth.

- o The level for insured unemployed as of April 8, 2017 is the lowest since 2000.
- o Under President Trump, the unemployment rate has decreased from 4.8% to 4.5%
- o Under President Trump, average hourly earnings for all employees have increased from \$26.02 to \$26.14
- o Under President Trump, Hundreds of thousands of new jobs have been created, including 317,000 nonfarm jobs, 65,000 construction jobs, and 37,000 manufacturing jobs.
- o Consumer confidence has dramatically increased. In March 2017, the Consumer Confidence Index Rose to 125.6

100 Days of Streamlining Government

- Since taking the oath of office, President Trump has taken aggressive steps to focus his presidency on rolling back excessive government regulations and red tape.
- On his first day in office, President Trump issued a presidential memorandum ordering a "regulatory freeze."
- o President Trump signed an executive order to begin a Regulatory Reform Task Force"
- o The President attacked excess regulations head on by signing an executive order that mandated that two existing regulations be cut for every new regulation created.
- So far, President Trump has made great strides in removing excess regulations imposed by the previous administration.
- o President Trump signed an executive order that would end one of President Obama's most controversial environment regulations, the "Stream Protection Rule."
- The President signed an executive order to review and then rescind the "Waters of the United States" rule, one of the worst examples of federal regulation.
- President Trump has already put into motion steps to cut red tape on energy producers, the auto industry, small businesses, and the health care industry, among others.
- o Within hours of taking the oath of office, President Trump signed an executive order aimed rolling back Obamacare.
- The Trump Administration announced that they will revisit the Corporate Average Fuel Economy (CAFE) Standards that have hurt the auto industry.

America First

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- What we have witnessed in these first 100 days of the Trump presidency is a renewal of the famed American spirit that has overcome every challenge throughout our long and storied history.
- A new national pride and surge of optimism has swept across our nation.
- America is back to leading. The world has seen that America is once again strong, proud, and free.
- The President is well on his way to delivering on what he promised the American people strong borders, safer communities, and an economy that works for everyone, not just the chosen few.
- There is still much work to be done to ensure that every forgotten man and woman in America is never forgotten again, but we are off to an incredible start.

Safety and Security

- The President has answered the pleas of the American people for immigration enforcement and border security.
- He directed the Department of Defense to develop a plan to demolish and destroy ISIS and is making sure our military and its brave warriors get the resources and support they so richly deserve.
- He has restored the important American precept that it is a privilege not a right to be admitted to this great country, and the people who receive that high honor should support this nation, its people and its values.
- Under President Trump's leadership, we will not allow our nation to become a sanctuary for extremists.
- The incredible men and women of law enforcement now know without a doubt that the President has their back, and so do the victims of crime.

Prosperity

- The President has taken swift action to no longer allow America and its great companies and workers be taken advantage of.
- He has taken action to reform our outdated immigration system that depresses wages for our poorest workers, and puts great pressure on taxpayers.
- He is moving the country away from this current system of lower-skilled immigration, and instead adopting a merit-based system, which will save countless dollars, raise workers' wages, and help struggling families -- including immigrant families -- enter the middle class.
- His pro-growth policies have encouraged entrepreneurs to dream big and bold and daring things for our country.

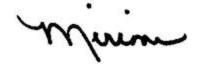
• As a result, jobs are returning and economic confidence has skyrocketed.

Accountability

- The President has taken historic steps to drain the swamp of government corruption.
- He imposed a five-year ban on lobbying by executive branch officials and a lifetime ban on becoming lobbyists for a foreign government.
- He delivered on one of his most important promises by nominating Justice Neil Gorsuch to the Supreme Court, a decision that will impact generations.

By the Numbers

- Enacted more legislation and signed more executive orders in the First 100 days than any president in a half century
- Enacted 28 pieces of legislation, more than any other president since Truman
- Signed 25 executive orders, the most of any 100 days in over 50 years (will be over 30 by day 100)
- Achieved first Supreme Court Confirmation in 100 days since 1881
- Instituted tough immigration policies that have driven illegal border crossings to a 17-year low
- Removed more job-killing regulations through legislation than any president in U.S. history
- Estimated savings: \$18 billion annually
- Economic optimism has been renewed, with consumer confidence reaching its highest level in 16 years
- Ordered the toughest new rules to stop the revolving door between Washington lobbyists and government officials in history Aloha.



Miriam



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Vice Chair for Coalitions - Cheryl Sora
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2017 State Convention

Aloha Fellow Republicans,

Thank you to all who played a role in executing an enormously successful state convention on Kauai this past weekend. Seeing over 350 Republicans together, focusing on different opportunities to rebuild our party here in Hawaii, was an incredible experience. You were asked to choose between two teams, each filled with incredibly talented, compelling, successful and passionate individuals, and I am grateful to each and every candidate for volunteering to sacrifice so much for our party. My team and I are humbled and honored



that you placed your trust in us to strengthen our brand and elect more Republicans into office. We will not let you down.

We've obviously got a long road and daunting challenges ahead of us. This weekend gave me a chance to speak to a wide range of party members and I've found no shortage of enthusiasm to make the Hawaii GOP the party of real choice. We will be communicating with you often, and reaching out to everyone for help. Rebuilding the party will be a team effort! I know we can succeed if we band together, and I look forward to working shoulder-to-shoulder with all of you.



We ask for your patience as the next few weeks will be characterized by a flurry of activity as my team focuses on the transition of key issues for our party. However, I wanted to assure you that we are fast moving forward and that the Hawaii Republican Party is "Open for Business" and welcome volunteers, donors, and any candidates to come in and help wherever you can...there's room for everyone! We have 539 days until the November 2018 elections, and we don't have a single second to waste.







With warmest aloha,

Shirlene Ostrov, Chair Hawaii Republican Party







A Return to Leadership





New energy could revive long-flagging Hawaii GOP Honolulu Star-Advertiser

May 16, 2017

By Stephen Hinton

Theoretically, in a twoparty system of governance each exists naturally as either the policy-establishing majority or as the opposing minority. In this sense, opposition refers not to obstruction, but to the provision of alternatives — to the lifting of a voice of reason in the face of the potentially corrupting power of the majority. The main body must be held accountable for its actions.

It is patently absurd to imagine that in Hawaii we have had a steady hand substantial enough to hold the majority accountable any time in recent memory. Republicans currently have a micro-caucus of five elected members who opt muchmore often to vote in favor of the majority agenda than to propose sensible alternatives. Party leadership of late has enjoyed a tenure virtually vacant of any semblance of substance. To suggest that the Hawaii Republican Party is anywhere near capable of fulfilling the role of an opposing minority would be akin to have given Custer's 7th Cavalry any odds whatsoever at Little Big Horn.

In light of Democratic Party dominance in Hawaii for over 60 years, Republicans have over time grown understandably increasingly disenchanted with the prospect of the heavy lifting that it will take to reverse that trend. But it is necessary - no, it is vital — that we engage now with everything that we can muster.

The lack of clearly articulated alternative ideas at the state Capitol has resulted in those formulating policy recognizing no moral conflict whatsoever in taxing us six ways to Sunday to compensate for their many unchecked shortcomings. More than half of us live paycheck to paycheck and at the mercy of an unrivaled cost of living. The growing homeless problem continues to menace our neighborhoods and city streets. And can anyone say with a straight face that there has been any voice of reason to speak of guiding our out-of-control rail project?

Amid internal fracturing and self-soiling that has prevented the Hawaii Republican Party (HRP) from fulfilling its potential, there is a transition quietly taking place that will soon provide a beacon for change.

In March, Republican delegates met at the Honolulu County Convention on Oahu to elect a new county chairman. Brett Kulbis has risen above the clamor and self-righteousness that has mired our party to, in a few short weeks, 8 provide unprecedented organization. Cont'd next page

GRASSROOT INSTITUTE

Even the Legislature can't seem to figure out what to do about ballooning Rail costs.

In previous columns, I've criticized the lack of dissent that allows tax-and-spend policies to move smoothly through the Hawaii Legislature. But as the session came to a close yesterday, one very controversial bill -- a proposal to raise taxes to help cover the costs of Honolulu Rail -- demonstrated the value of legislative dissent.

To be fair, SB1183 had a pretty tumultuous life as bills go. As it moved from the Senate to the House, it kept evolving. Sometimes it extended the Rail surcharge. Sometimes it adopted special conditions and benchmarks for the county. And for a short period, all it did was eliminate the state's administrative "skim" of the surcharge funds.

But when the bill went to Conference Committee, things got really exciting. Theoretically, this is where differences get hammered out, people come to a compromise, and the legislators present their colleagues with a bill that they can agree on.

Not this time.

The bill that came out of the Conference Committee dispensed with the surcharge in favor of a massive hike in the Transient Accommodations Tax. Determined to find a way to pay for Rail (and perhaps mindful of the fact that the public routinely testifies against raising the excise tax), legislators stuffed the new version of SB1183 with a tax on tourism, a special fund for education, and more.

But when the revised bill went back to the Hawaii House and Senate, the response was anything but collegial. Some said that the new bill was illegal and,

President's Corner

by Dr. Keli'i Akina, President/CEO



Representatives of the tourism industry spoke out about its effect on the economy and criticized the way it had been pushed through without the chance for public comment. Sen. Kai Kahele spoke from the Senate floor to call the bill "pilau." He also blasted the "privileged few" who passed the bill without transparency or accountability and pushed for an amendment that removed the TAT provisions and extended the surcharge to 2037.

Meanwhile in the House, Rep. Gene Ward blasted the Rail project for being "constipated" and legislators bickered over whether to stick with the Conference Committee's proposal.

The result? Two very different bills from the Hawaii House and Senate. The Senate embraced the suggestion to extend the surcharge while the House went with a (slightly lower) increase in the TAT. But by the time the Legislature completed its 2017 session yesterday, no agreement had been made on how to proceed, meaning the problem of Rail funding may force the legislature to call a special session. Given our track record with special sessions, fiscal conservatives (and fans of legislation that doesn't end up in court) can't be happy about that possibility.

The truth is that the Rail project has put the state in a hole that we can't seem to dig our way out of. Like so many other government projects, it is quickly turning into the kind of boondoggle that excels in sucking down taxpayer dollars, but isn't as good at meeting other goals.

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

HINTON Cont'd

Voting districts on Oahu that up to the point of his election sat dormant and without leadership are now staffed with newly elected and energized district chairs who have in turn appointed new precinct officials.

Old and outdated avenues of communication have been re-opened and modernized. Oahu Republicans who historically have been provided no sense of direction will soon be able to consult a county GOP website for guidance. At the county level on Oahu, HRP is coming to life.

This past Saturday, Republicans convened on Kauai to elect new state executives and selected Col. Shirlene Ostrov as their party leader. It is imperative that Chairwoman Ostrov answer the call for urgent action to revive a party on life support.

Just as Oahu's Chairman Kulbis has provided us reason to rally behind him, so must she demonstrate cause for hope that viable candidates for the legislature will be recruited and supported by the party as a whole.

Time marches on toward the 2018 election cycle, and only time will tell if we are destined through new leadership to achieve our goal of beginning the journey toward becoming a viable opposition party — or if we are to be left to wallow in continued insignificance.



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 candiates 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.

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Goal - 1000/mo May-17 \$3,414	

We are currently \$2586 behind our goal of \$1000 per month.

What can you do to help meet our goal?

PERSONAL Contributions Only Oahu League of Republican Women PAC

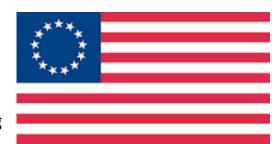
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In the United States, Flag Day is celebrated on June 14. It commemorates the adoption of the flag of the United States, which happened on June 14, 1777, by resolution of the Second Continental Congress. The United States Army also

Continental Congress. The United States Army also celebrates the U.S. Army's Birthday on this date;

Congress adopted "the American continental army" after reaching a consensus position in the Committee of the Whole on June 14, 1775.

In 1916, the president of the United States issued a proclamation that officially established June 14 as Flag Day; in August 1949, National Flag Day was established by an Act of Congress.





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

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

Letters to the Editor

Feds' share of rail growing smaller

Honolulu Star-Advertiser April 29, 2017

It is so refreshing to see some muchneeded common sense on the
Honolulu rail project ("Cayetano ad
asks Trump to halt federal rail funds,"
Star-Advertiser, April 22).
With projected costs doubling from
\$5.28 billion to more than \$10
billion, it's time to stop throwing
good money after bad. It made some
sense when the proponents said it
was going to be paid one-third each
by the feds, the tourists and local
residents.

At \$10 billion, the feds are paying 15 percent, the tourists 20 percent, and locals 65 percent, as well as 100 percent of the annual \$110 million operation and maintenance costs. I remember when rail godfather Mayor Mufi Hannemann stated his mantra: "Do we need it? Can we afford it? Can we maintain it?" The answer is no, no, no.

Thanks to the courage of former Gov. Ben Cayetano, we have a chance to stop it.

Garry P. Smith

Sponsorship bill a shameful action

Honolulu Star-Advertiser May 3, 2017

City Councilmember Kymberly Pine and the City Council once again shirked their responsibilities to maintain our city parks by passing Bill 78 — allowing businesses and organizations to maintain parks for a sponsorship acknowledgement. Now the city can blame volunteers for not doing the job at which the city has failed so miserably. The politicians who run this city should be ashamed, but silly me, they are politicians their shameful behavior knows no bounds. We have sunk to the lowest point when there is no limit to the amount of money they will spend to fund rail, but can't keep the toilets fixed in our parks.

Pam Smith

Shirlene's op ed published May 4 is available on our website www.OLRW.org

Ostrov can help Hawaii GOP

Honolulu Star-Advertiser May 10, 2017

The Republican Party of Hawaii is fortunate to have a great candidate for party chairwoman in retired U.S. Air Force Col. Shirlene Dela Cruz Ostrov ("With a passion to rebuild, Hawaii's GOP can be a force again," Star-Advertiser, Island Voices, May 4). The recently failed 2017 legislative session, completely controlled by Democrats, is proof that Hawaii has to regain a two-party system to move forward. We have watched as election after election fewer Republicans have gained or retained seats. We even lost our last Republican senator, Sam Slom, making our Senate the only one in the country with only one party. By electing Ostrov, we will have two strong women leading the Hawaii Republican Party — Ostrov as chairwoman and Andria Tupola as minority leader.

With these two dynamic women working together we believe 2018 will be a year when Hawaii finally realizes it takes two parties to make legislation work.

Carol Thomas President Oahu League of Republican Women

The Not Very Funnies

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

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OLRW Volunteer opportunities: contact Ione Gumpfer, OLRW Volunteer Coordinator, at 262-9788 or igumpfer@aol.com

Volunteer at HRP Headquarters

Call 593-8180 for more information and to get shift information.





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