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October 2017

Luncheon / Meeting

October 5, 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

Pasta Salad

Primavera

**Braised Boneless
Shortribs**

w/ ume sauce

Mashed Potatoes

**Vegetables of the
day**

Beverages

Rolls & Butter

**Warm Bread
Pudding**

w/vanilla sauce

Reservations/Cancellations

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**Reservations/Cancellations must
be made by Sept 27th.** All lunches
are reserved, so **No Shows will
be charged for their lunch.**

Please - no walk-ins.

Speaker:

Alexis Valdez-Darnell

RNC Western Regional

Political Director



Alexis has over 15 years of experience working in politics and government at the local, state, and national levels. She worked as a Field Director for the 2004 Bush Victory campaign, as a State Director for the RNC during the 2008 McCain campaign, and as the Mid-Atlantic Regional Political Director for the RNC in 2010. She went on to serve as the Director of Operations for New Mexico Governor Susana Martinez, and most recently was the RNC's Southwest Regional Political Director during the 2016 election cycle. She will be here to help train candidates and others interested in helping with campaigns next year.



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The Pres Says...

Carol Thomas, President

The Republican Party of Hawaii ran a full page ad in the Star Advertiser on Sunday, September 10, 2017 denouncing the rail outcome at the Special Session. Kudos to our House Minority Caucus for their refusal to be silent. They presented four great floor amendments.

Friends, insanity does reign in Hawaii and is defined as electing the same people and expecting different results. Control by a single political party is unacceptable.

We must demand better and our message to our State Legislature, County officials and potential candidates is we're watching and coming for you in 2018:

- Repair our Roads; Solve Traffic Problems; Fix Homelessness; Fund Pension Programs; Save Public Education.
- We need 24,500 affordable units in the next five years.
- Fix our infrastructure: broken water pipes, sewer lines, and potholes must not be the norm in this highly taxed state.

Quotes from Congresswoman Colleen Hanabusa, the opportunist:

- I hate to be immodest but I alone have all the skill sets to be a legislator.
- ...amazing opportunity to go back to Congress and finish the work of Senators Akaka & Inouye. What about Takai?
- I am a legislator at heart.

So why is Colleen jumping ship to run for governor? IT'S ALL ABOUT POWER AND ARROGANCE for Colleen, Hawaii's version of Hillary. Let's take her down.

Then there's Senator Mazie Hirono, the obstructionist. We hear her same tired immigrant story of her life.

Mazie, you were never an ILLEGAL immigrant. So, like Attorney General Doug Chin, the LG hopeful buffoon, who just lost his argument at the Supreme Court level, they are bent on defending 500+ Hawaii DACA immigrants while our 2016 state population was at 1,431,603. AND there are approximately 13 DACA UH students in an enrollment of 53,418 UH students. They do not contribute substantially to our economy or our sustainability. Do the math people! And don't forget the argument how our tourist industry will be seriously impacted by not allowing visitors from SIX terrorism-plagued nations with no vetting programs. Actually that number of these visitors to Hawaii is just as dismal as the DACA numbers.

Our president rightly sent this DACA Obama overreach to Congress, the legislative body that was elected to legislate and is being paid to properly enact laws, respect and uphold our Constitution. All four of our Democrat congressional team needs to start working NOW. Stop whining, the clock is ticking.

President Donald Trump is our president and commander in chief and doing a great job. He and his team were well prepared and organized as they handled both catastrophic hurricanes. All the media could say was that Melania wore stilettos and a FLOTUS hat. You gotta laugh.

I won't even mention Hillary's "blame all but me book." Topic for next month?

On September 11 at 6:15 AM, I turned on my car radio, heading to Jury Duty. I heard Lee Greenwood singing his greatest hit, and with tears in my eyes, I knew why I love MY country. God Bless the USA!

Carol

Welcome

to our newest members
We are looking forward to getting to know you!

Robin Hood
Lynette Landon
Allwyn Chao



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September Luncheon Oahu Country Club



Thank you to Marilyn Moniz-Kahoochanohano for giving us a rousing talk about women in leadership roles. it was a great talk by a VERY fun lady.



Robin Hood won the 50/50 drawing in September. Half of the pot went to Robin, the other half goes to the OLRW PAC.

Robin donated her portion to the PAC. Mahalo!

Editorial

What's all the fuss about HIRA?

Anyone with an e-mail seems to get a lot of e-mail from an organization called HIRA. Who are these people and what special insights do they have into the inner workings of the Hawaii Republican Party?

The answer is fairly simple: The organization consists of Eric Ryan, a man that sits at his computer in Ewa Beach making up nefarious intentions for every action taken by the party and, recently, the OLRW. Eric is currently under threat of a major libel lawsuit because some of his claims have strayed way to far from the truth. Occasionally Former GOP chair Willes Lee uses his poison pen to add to the weirdness.

The biggest monetary contributor to the HIRA PACs recently are Marissa Kerns (formerly Capelouto) and Eric Ryan. Contributions and membership in the organization have pretty much dried up since Eric took the helm in 2015 and started sending nasty e-mails to everyone's e-mail that he could steal.

You may notice that these rants never criticize Democrats, always Republicans. You may also notice that these LONG missives are curiously short on solutions. You would think that such brilliant people would include solutions so we could make our party better, but that doesn't ever happen. One thing you can be sure of: If HIRA is saying it is either an exaggeration or an outright lie.

HIRA Action, HIRA's "Super PAC" spent 2065.50 (3 ad buys on Facebook) to oppose Charles Djou in 2016. Those are the ONLY expenditures made for or against any candidate by HIRA Action.

Hira's other noncandidate committee gave a grand total of \$400 to four candidates during the last election cycle.

Both Committees have lower totals now than they did two years ago. In fact, the HIRA noncandidate committee balance now stands at **-\$1,713.63, a violation of campaign spending law.**

Meanwhile, our OLRW PAC gave over \$11,000 to candidates in the last election and have amassed over \$15,000 to give in the next, with a year left to raise money. We have also trained our candidates in compliance so they know what is expected of them.

To sum this up, HIRA is an organization looking for attention. Please don't give it to them. Unsubscribe from their newsletter and encourage your friends to do the same.

THE 2ND AMENDMENT wasn't written

SO WE COULD GO HUNTING.

it was written so we could shoot at the government
if it was ever taken over by tyrants.

-Judge Napolitano

HISTORY

On July 6, 1854, just after the anniversary of the nation, an anti-slavery state convention was held in Jackson, Michigan. The hot day forced the large crowd outside to a nearby oak grove. At this "Under the Oaks Convention" the first statewide candidates were selected for what would become the **Republican Party.**

United by desire to abolish slavery, it was in Jackson that the Platform of the Under the Oaks Convention read: "...we will cooperate and be known as **REPUBLICANS...**"

Prior to July, smaller groups had gathered in intimate settings like the schoolhouse in Ripon, Wisconsin. However, the meeting in Jackson would be the first ever mass gathering of the Republican Party.

The name "Republican" was chosen, alluding to Thomas Jefferson's Democratic Republican Party and conveying a commitment to the **inalienable rights of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.**

GRASSROOT INSTITUTE

President's Corner

by Dr. Keli'i Akina, President/CEO



Recently, the Trump Administration approved a Jones Act waiver to help with the rescue and relief efforts going on in the wake of hurricanes Harvey and Irma.

The waiver allowed for the use of all options — including the use of non-Jones Act ships — to facilitate distributing fuel to the states devastated by the hurricanes.

Such waivers generally are granted in the case of national emergencies. President George W. Bush granted Jones Act waivers in 2005 after hurricanes Katrina and Rita. President Barack Obama approved a slightly different waiver in 2012 after Hurricane Sandy.

The very fact that such waivers are standard in emergencies reveals something that the Jones Act lobby doesn't want people to understand, which is that the case for reforming this almost-century-old protectionist shipping legislation is correct: The Jones Act promotes inefficiencies and increases costs for American businesses and consumers, and acts like an anchor on our economy.

The costs of the Jones Act may be more obvious during a national emergency, but they never truly

disappear. In fact, the need for a waiver in a time of need is an indictment of the Act for its failure to keep American shipping competitive without the help of protectionist laws.

The Jones Act lobby might try to claim that the waivers are an intrinsic part of the Act, and that waivers allow for flexibility in times of crisis. But this is circular reasoning. They are essentially arguing that the Act isn't a problem because when you temporarily get rid of it, the Act ceases to be a problem.

We commend the administration for approving the Jones Act waiver to help Texas and Florida recover from their unfortunate hurricane destruction. In Hawaii, we know from experience how big a job that can be.

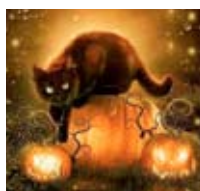
We just hope that Congress takes note and starts working to update the Jones Act for the 21st century.

Old Friends

Life member Joanne Bretschneider came to town for a visit. It is nice to catch up with old friends. Some of our ladies got together with Joanne at HQ for a pot-luck luncheon.



Most American families celebrate Halloween by dressing up in costumes, attending parties, going to Haunted Houses, and carving pumpkins or gourds into jack-o-lanterns. Many choose to decorate their homes in dark, spooky fashion with props like fake spider webs, bones, and ghouls. Trick-or-treating may be the most popular way to celebrate the holiday. Kids and adults dress up in character and go



door to door exclaiming "Trick or Treat!". This customary phrase implies that if the homeowner does not give a treat to their guest, a trick may follow. Of course, in the rare event that a child leaves empty handed, he or she rarely makes good on this promise.



OLRW Political Action Committee

Campaign 2018

Our minimum goal for the next season is \$24000. 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 in 2016 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.

OLRW PAC Actual Vs Planned Goal	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	6,500.00	7,000.00	7,500.00	8,000.00	8,500.00	9,000.00	9,500.00	10,000.00	10,500.00	11,000.00	11,500.00	12,000.00	12,500.00	13,000.00	13,500.00	14,000.00	14,500.00	15,000.00	15,500.00	
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Thanks to the generosity of the members and guests present at our September luncheon at Oahu Country Club our PAC account now stands at \$15,438 . Wow!! this is more money than we have ever had in our account.

Let's keep adding to it so our candidates will all feel our love next year!

PERSONAL Contributions Only Oahu League of Republican Women PAC

The following information helps us comply with campaign spending laws:

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Columbus Day is the celebration of the arrival of Christopher Columbus in the Americas on October 12, 1492. Christopher Columbus was an Italian-born explorer who discovered the Americas for the Spanish King in 1492. King Ferdinand of Spain sponsored the expedition west in the hopes of sailing to India. In August of 1492, Columbus set off into the Atlantic with three ships, the Nina, the Pinta and the Santa Maria. Two months later he would set foot on the Bahamas and establish settlements on Hispanola Island (now Haiti and the Dominican Republic). Upon his return to Spain, he spoke of gold in the New World and thus the Americas were opened up for European colonization.

In 1937, President Franklin D. Roosevelt declared October 12th every year as Columbus Day. In the US, Columbus Day is celebrated by all US states except for **Hawaii**, South Dakota and Alaska.

6 Columbus Day now occurs on the second Monday in October each year.



Letters to the Editor

Residents pay taxes for trash pickup

Honolulu Star-Advertiser
August 28, 2017

Would someone please explain to city Environmental Services Director Lori Kahikina the difference between essential city services and subsidized services ("Bulky item call-in system in works," Star-Advertiser, Aug. 24)? Residential property owners pay for refuse pickup through our property taxes; we do not receive a subsidy from the city. Nothing the city provides to residents is free. Kahikina states the \$100 million paid for refuse pickup is "taking that from parks, police and fire." She could have said it's taking away from union salary increases, rail administration, bus subsidization, homeless sweeps, etc.

If bulky-item pickup goes back to a previous system of appointment scheduling she will quickly see what happens to an island where every corner is used as a dump. Kahikina should just do her job and make the current system work.

Pam Smith

2-pronged taxation railroads the public

Honolulu Star-Advertiser
September 10, 2017

Rail Taxes Flummoxed the Legislature. As the two chambers battled over increasing the general excise tax surcharge or the trancient accommodations tax, they reached a happy compromise: **both**.

A victory for democracy, railroaded by taxation with representation.

Michael Palcic

Thank you to the HRP for this great ad calling out Hawaii's politicians for the disaster the Honolulu rail system has become.

We all need to work to oust those that have continued to vote for the black hole approach to funding a failed project.

#RAILTAXTROPHE
RAILROADED! MORE TAXES AND NO ACCOUNTABILITY!

INSANITY IS DEFINED AS ELECTING THE SAME PEOPLE OVER AND OVER AGAIN AND EXPECTING DIFFERENT RESULTS.

REPUBLICANS PROPOSE A FORENSIC AUDIT
The majority of the people of Hawaii called for a forensic audit of the rail, but these so-called leaders voted against searching the word "forensic" in the Rail Bill (SB-4) and voted NO to finding out where the fraud and waste occurred.

REPUBLICANS PROPOSE A SPENDING CAP
Republicans, like most of the people of Hawaii, felt the Rail's \$10 billion price tag was getting out of hand and must have a "hard" placed on it so that the City and HARP would guarantee their spending. THIS AMENDMENT WAS VOTED DOWN BY THE MAJORITY SO THAT NO RAIL COST CUTTING WILL EVER BE ENFORCED.

REPUBLICANS OPPOSE TAXING NEIGHBOR ISLAND HOTELS
Residents of the Neighbor Islands didn't believe it was fair for their hotels to be charged additional hotel taxes to pay for Oahu's rail, but THESE LEADERS CERTAINLY DIDN'T MIND.

REPUBLICANS PROPOSE PRIVATE SECTOR FUNDING
Republican legislators recognized that many more bonded systems had public-private partnerships (P3) projects to help fund rail projects, but HARP had none, not even \$1 of private money in the project, and Development rights along the corridor are expensive and would cost large sums of money, so Republican legislators amended the bill to require 10% of the rail budget to be privately funded rather than taxpayer money. The amendment was defeated.

THE DEMOCRATS ARE TAKING YOU FOR GRANTED!
Democrats control the Governor's office, State Legislature, Mayor's office, City Council, HARP board, and everything else in Hawaii. They promised the rail for \$3 billion, then \$4 billion, then \$1 billion... And, most recently, for \$10 billion. Meanwhile, independent experts say \$13 billion is more likely.
The rail nightmare is just the latest example of what happens when our island community is totally dominated by a single political party! Together, we can return a robust two-party system to Hawaii.

PUT HAWAII ON THE RIGHT TRACK IN 2018!
REPAIR OUR ROADS FIX HOMELESSNESS
SOLVE TRAFFIC PROBLEM FUND PENSION PROGRAMS
SAVE PUBLIC EDUCATION

IT'S TIME TO END THE DEMOCRATS' 60-YEAR MONOPOLY

REGISTER TO VOTE - VOTE REPUBLICAN 2018

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The *Not Very* Funnies

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

Once in a while we just have to stand back in awe of our federal government.

The Food Stamp Program, administered by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, is proud to be distributing the greatest amount of free Meals and Food Stamps ever – 46 million people now receive Food Stamps.

Meanwhile, the National Park Service, administered by the U.S. Department of the Interior, asks us "Please Do Not Feed the Animals." Their stated reason for the policy is because "The animals will grow dependent on handouts and will not learn to take care of themselves."

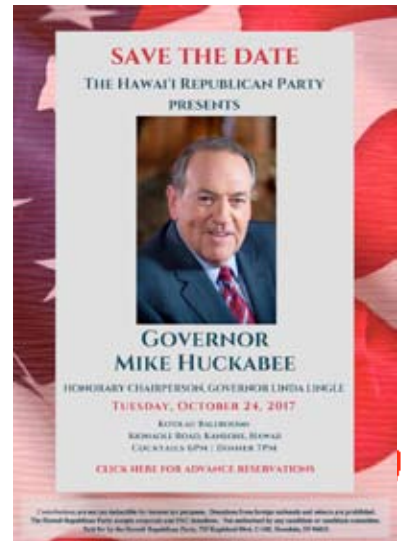
Thus ends today's lesson in irony.

Upcoming Events

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

Volunteer at HRP Headquarters

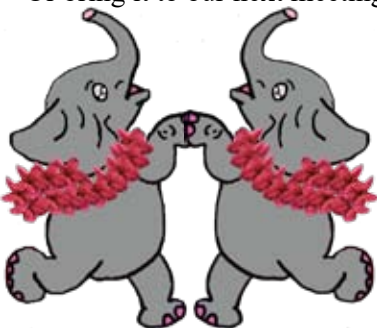
Call 593-8180 for more information and to get shift information.



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Or bring it to our next meeting



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* 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.