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November 2017

Luncheon / Meeting November 2, 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 Roasted Chicken Breast

w/mushroom Sauce Buttered Mashed Potatoes Steamed Seasonal 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

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Reservations/Cancellations must be made by October 26<sup>th</sup>. All lunches are reserved, so *No* Shows will be charged for their lunch. Please - no walk-ins.

#### Speaker

## **Young Republican Panel**

We will have several young republicans (16-17 year olds) discussing various subjects from a teenager's perspective. This is your opportunity to get a look at our future Republican leaders and ask them about their priorities.



President Donald J Trump will be in Hawaii November 3rd and 4th. The Business reason for his stopover is to get briefings about our Asia-Pacific neighbors from Military Intelligence at Pacific Command. In addition to his primary purpose he want to see the Arizona Memorial and meet with some of our troops.

The White House has been in contact with HRP Chair Shirlene Ostrov to discuss the possibilities of a greeting and/or send-off at Joint Base Pearl Harbor/Hickam. We will keep you informed as plans solidify. Let's support our President!



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# The Pres Says... Carol Thomas, President



Hollywood, Weinstein, Hillary, Democrat Party ... money, sex,

threats, blind eye ... hypocrisy. No surprise says talk show hosts, just old boy Harvey gone rampant! I can't wait till the music industry gets taken down like JZ, Obama's pal and wife cheater. He's the agent and promoter extraordinaire. It wasn't too long ago that he allegedly was into drugs and made his "seed money" as a dealer. Who watches EMPIRE? But are we any better here at home in our State of Hawaii?

A recent Hawaii Free Press article on Rep. Beth Fukumoto and former husband David Chang "Campaign Contributions, Financial Disclosure Tie Rep Beth Fukumoto to Alleged Ponzi Scheme" have people asking is this true?

Star Advertiser and the networks immediately talked about David Chang and his tenure as Republican Party Chairman. But little was said about his then wife the runaway Republican turned Democrat. The sanctimonious Fukumoto who despises our President Trump joined the party of "Clintons virtue and high morality." Wipe the egg off your face, Beth. Then we have our congressional obstructionists in high gear. Senator Schatz applauds the NFL players who disrespect our American flag. Maybe he would understand the meaning of our flag and national anthem if he had served in the military.

Recently I sat in on a phone town hall meeting and listened as Rep. Tulsi Gabbard praised the DACA recipients for helping our economy grow, but failed to answer the hard questions on specifically how our economy grew, how many live in Hawaii, how many attend our universities.

We are Happy to announce

Kathryn Henski

became a Life Member.



Does their presence using our limited resources impact the growing number of homeless on our streets? Our champion of Veterans Affairs also danced around questions about our Vets and why she isn't doing more for them since many of our Vets are homeless and on the streets. She'd be great on Dancing with the Stars with those dance moves.

Rita Kama-Kimura attended the Values Voter Summit in Washington, D. C. and heard our President Trump address the summit on Friday, October 13. She listened to Dr. Sebastian Gorka and Steve Bannon as they explained the truths behind their recent moves. Influential guests included Kellyanne Conway, Rep. Steve Scalise, Judge Roy Moore, Laura Ingraham and so many more. Any and all speakers can be heard in full by going to: http://www.valuesvotersummit.org/On average each speakers gets about 20 minutes. Talk to Rita at our next luncheon. Amazing!

If Secret Service and base security allow, let's think about greeting President Trump on his stopover to Hawaii on November 3. In the meantime, I'm excited to meet Gov. Mike Huckabee on October 24 at Ko`olau Ballrooms in Kaneohe. I hope you are too!

God Bless America,

Carol

# **Get Ready for our Christmas Sale**

Start thinking now about what you will contribute to our Christmas Sale.



Baked goods
Jams
New (or like new) gift items

Gift cards Jewelry



**Political Action Committee.** 

Proceeds from our Christmas Sale benefit our







Thanksgiving Day is traditionally a day for families and friends to get together for a special meal. The meal often includes a turkey, stuffing, potatoes, cranberry sauce, gravy, pumpkin pie, and vegetables. Thanksgiving Day is a time for many people to give thanks for what they have.

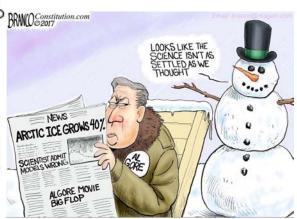
Thanksgiving Day parades are held in some cities and towns on or around Thanksgiving Day. Some parades or festivities also mark the opening of the Christmas shopping season. Some people have a four-day weekend so it is a popular time for trips and to visit family and friends

Many people trace the origins of the modern Thanksgiving Day to the harvest celebration that the Pilgrims held in Plymouth, Massachusetts in 1621.

In the second half of the 1600s, thanksgivings after the harvest became more common and started to become annual events. However, it was celebrated on different days in different communities and in some places there were more than one thanksgiving each year. George Washington, the first president of the United States, proclaimed the first national Thanksgiving Day in 1789.

Thanksgiving Day has been an annual holiday in the United States since 1863.





# **OUR VALUES**

The strength of Hawai'i lies within individuals and their families; Constitutional freedoms empower the people to meet current and future challenges.

#### Individual Responsibility

- Each person is responsible and accountable for the consequences of their actions.
  - We embrace the opportunity to help those in need.

#### Fiscal Accountability

- Government is responsible for balancing the budget by eliminating waste and reducing spending before raising taxes.
- Before any law or regulation is enacted, the economic impact should be calculated fairly and disclosed publicly.
- Government should not burden future generations with excessive debt.

#### Equality Of Opportunity

 Each individual has the opportunity to achieve, without any guarantee for a particular outcome.

As Americans, we believe individuals are limited only by their vision, abilities, intellect, and personal ambitions.

# **GRASSROOT INSTITUTE**

It isn't often that a supposedly controversial political issue builds to an overwhelming consensus among Hawaii citizens — especially when that consensus is in direct opposition to the official position of the state's Democratic Party.

A recent Honolulu Star-Advertiser poll asked, "What should be done about the maritime shipping law, the Jones Act?" And though it was an unscientific poll, the results weren't even close. Approximately 84 percent of those who responded wanted some kind of reform. Nearly half wanted to get rid of the Act entirely.

In short, it was an overwhelming victory for bringing the Jones Act into the 21st century. Given the fact that Jones Act interests were recently caught "stuffing the ballot box" in a similar public poll for Pacific Business News, the results of the Star-Advertiser poll are even more impressive.

To give it some perspective, Jones Act reform got more than double the popular support of the Legislature's new rail taxes (only 37 percent approval), a new tax on sodas and sugared beverages (39 percent approval), and legalizing recreational marijuana (40 percent approval). All of those are items that get support during the legislative session.

## President's Corner





Which leads to one very obvious question: When will Hawaii's political leaders catch up with public opinion?

The majority of Hawaii's taxpayers want to see the Jones Act modernized. They've made a clear statement that Jones Act reform would be good for our state, good for our economy, and help reduce our cost of living.

With such a strong mandate, Hawaii's congressional delegation could break the deadlock on the issue in Washington and move us toward real change.

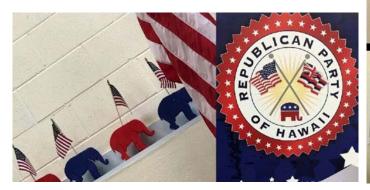
Whether they'll have the courage to break with the Jones Act lobby to do so is a bigger question, but at least they know they would have the support of the voters.

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



Alexis Valdez-Darnell, RNC Western Regional Political Director brought a team to Hawaii and provided grassroot training to all four counties.

The training held on Oahu drew over 60 participants. There was a mix of grassroot activists, district chairs, candidates and legislators. The training covered a wide range of topics that will be helpful in our 2018 campaigns



# **RNC** Training





# 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 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 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.

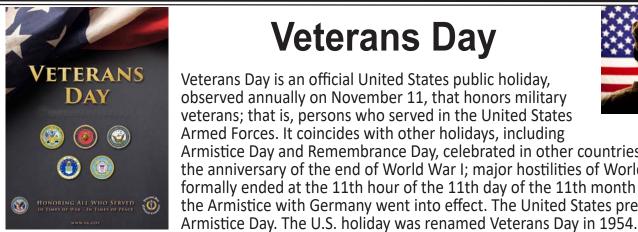
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Thanks to the generosity of the members and guests present at our October luncheon at Waialae Country Club our PAC account now stands at \$15564.68.

If we bring in \$435.52 in November we will remain \$1000 ahead of our goals. Please donate yourself and/ or ask a conservaive friend to help us meet our goals. Let's keep adding to it so our candidates will all feel our love next year!

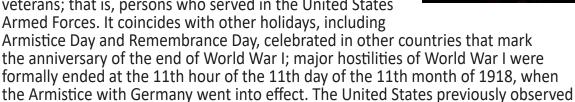
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# **Veterans Day**

Veterans Day is an official United States public holiday, observed annually on November 11, that honors military veterans; that is, persons who served in the United States Armed Forces. It coincides with other holidays, including





### 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

# Focus on spending better, not new taxes

Honolulu Star-Advertiser October 1, 2017

I was enthusiastic when I read the headline, "Adjust spending, not just taxation" (Star-Advertiser, Our View, Sept. 24), until I read the editorial over and over again.

Finally, I thought, the Star-Advertiser realizes that spending cuts are as important as new taxes.

But there is not a single suggestion in the editorial on how to adjust (reduce) spending, yet there are seven new tax ideas. There are no shortages of ideas on how to create new taxes; Hawaii has been a leader in new taxes for years. But why are there no ideas on reducing or eliminating programs that do not work? We have plenty of those. Once again the Star-Advertiser advocates taxing elderly federal and state pensioners who have already and continue to pay their fair share of taxes, while the state creates new ways to spend those taxes without restraint. No one minds paying taxes if it is spent wisely and prudently.

Can anyone say rail transit?

Allan Silva

# Share holiday time with kupuna

Honolulu Star-Advertiser October 18, 2017

With the holiday and Christmas seasons upon us, I can't help but be reminded of Hawaii's precious kupuna — especially those who depend on adult children and others to help them with everyday tasks. Hawaii's seniors are truly amazing, and have incredible stories to share of sacrifice and the many contributions to all of us.

As they age, memory begins to fail, falls start to happen and doctor and hospital visits can increase, starting a cycle of depression, anxiety and fear — emotions our parents are understandably too proud to share. Sometimes in the busyness of life our seniors are sadly overlooked. Being there with an extra hug, a few minutes longer with our time and thanking them for who they are and all they've done can truly make all the difference in their quality of life. Sharing and living aloha is a special and unique way we show we truly care for each other — one of the great legacies of our precious kupuna.

Janet Hochberg

## **Editorial**

The recent revelation that the State Department of Transportation allowed the Hawaiian Air hangar project to be completed years late and \$35 million over budget is not surprising to those of us that have watched the Honolulu Rail system morph from a \$2.7 billion dollar system to be completed in 10 years to a minimum \$10 billion monstrosity for which only God knows the completion date .

There are other similarities:

- The state paid an engineer \$4 million to coordinate the project
- HART is paid untold millions over the life of the project to award contracts and monitor the project.

These moves insulate the DOT and the Honolulu City Council from responsibility for corruption and malfeasance.

- The Hangar project was fraught with errors caused by poor planning and worse execution.
- The rail project has been beset by problems from crumbling concrete to misaligned structures

When there is no accountability there is no incentive to get it right the first time - or the second.

Restore Accountability or assign all Government contracts to responsible companies like Hawaiian Airlines.

#### 2017-18 OLRW Board of Directors

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# The Not Very Funnies

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

During a recent press conference, a reporter with MSNBC hollered from the press corps, "Where is President Trump hiding his tax returns?"

Press Secretary, Sarah Huckabee Sanders, astutely responded, "We've found a very secure place and I'm certain they won't be found."

"And just where is that?", said the reporter, sarcastically.

Mrs. Sanders grinned sardonically and said, "They are underneath Obama's college records, his passport application, his immigration status as a student, his funding sources to pay for college, his college records, and his Selective Service registration.

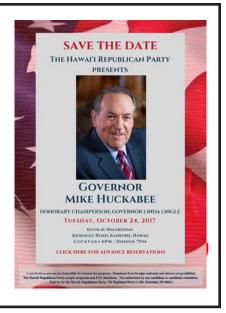
"Next question?"

## **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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