



O.L.R.W. Newsletter

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December 2017

Luncheon / Meeting
December 7, 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
\$37.00 Members
\$37.00 Guests

Buffet Menu

Island Greens
w/condiments
Pasta Salad
Primavera

Braised Boneless Short ribs

w/ ume sauce
Mashed Potatoes
Vegetables of the
day

Beverages

Rolls & Butter

Warm Bread Pudding

w/vanilla sauce

Reservations/Cancellations

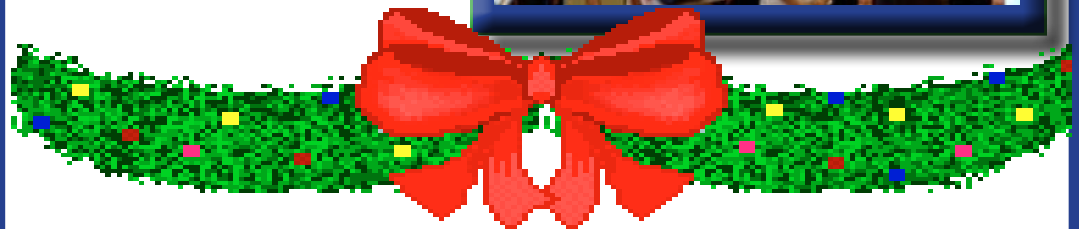
Celyn Chong Kee
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**Reservations/Cancellations must
be made by Nov 30th.** All lunches
are reserved, so *No Shows will
be charged for their lunch.*

Please - no walk-ins.

Entertainment Sacred Heart Choir



Annual Christmas Sale

We will be having our annual Christmas bake sale and
Silent Auction this year. Please see page 10 for more
information, This sale raises money for our candidates



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HAU'OLI LA HANAU To

December Babies

Marian Crislip 3
Kathi Thomason 4
Andria Tupola 6
Barbara Pang 10
Lee Laster 12
Constance Tice 12
Carolyn Kahakelii 12
Faith Badeaux 17
Maureen Muraoka 17
Louise Taylor 17
John Carroll 18
Patti Yasuhara 22
Kaye Bowman 28
Jaynel Hirakawa 31



The Pres Says...

Carol Thomas, President

Dear Members and Friends,

Our November 2 meeting at Oahu Country Club was attended by 62 members and guests. We had five young high school Republicans on a panel giving us their perspective on world events and their goals for their future. They were so impressive and could blow our current legislators off their seats. There were three ROTC students from Mililani High School, one young lady from La Pietra, and one from Punahou, who is also a junior OLRW member. One young man was recently accepted to West Point. But, he is ready for Congress!

The Board of Directors wishes you a Happy Thanksgiving and a merry Christmas filled with holiday laughter, hope, and friendship. We are ever grateful for your membership in our League and your participation at our monthly meetings and Republican events. We look forward to 2018 and the hectic schedule the new year will bring.

As we say goodbye to 2017 we are grateful to our President Donald Trump and first lady Melania and their lovely family for staying the course and exhibiting perseverance and optimism for our great country. Our president is strong in the Lord and His mighty power and his faith-based community sustains him.

We are proud that when our president and first lady travel to foreign countries, they represent, not only the leadership and strength of our nation, but they embrace and respect the eloquence and culture of other nations.

We admire our president's respect, admiration, and concern for our military families and all the veterans in our community. We agree with our president's beliefs that our American flag and our national anthem should be respected by one and all, no exceptions.

In closing we are thankful for each and every day we are free, but we won't forget the men who died that gave that right to me.

Happy holidays and May the Lord bless you and bless the United States of America!

Welcome

to our newest members

We are looking forward to getting to know you!

Kurt Fevella

Tiffany Chitwood

Cody Chitwood

We are Happy to announce

President Donald J Trump

First Lady Melania Trump

became Honorary Life Members



Next Month's Luncheon

January 11, 2018





November Luncheon Oahu Country Club



Mahalo to our panel of young Republicans for their savvy answers to our questions.



Celyn Chong Kee won the 50/50 drawing in November. Half of the pot went to Celyn, the other half goes to the OLRW PAC. Celyn donated her portion to the PAC. Mahalo!



Jim & Carole Hickerson, Honorees

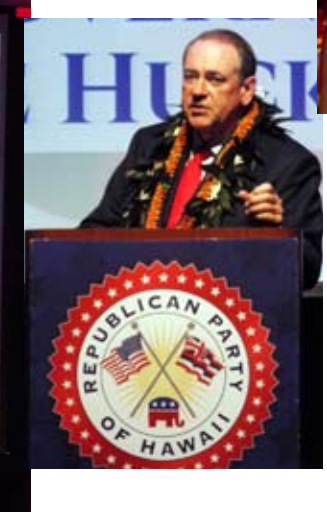
Capt. Jim Hickerson (US Navy, Retired) spent 5 years as a POW at the Hanoi Hilton. His wife, Carole worked tirelessly to bring attention to the plight of POWs and MIAs when her first husband was shot down over Vietnam. The POW/MIA flag bears his silhouette.

Jim is active with the privately funded Pacific Aviation Museum on Ford Island and enjoys military History.

Jim and Carole have been married for 35 years and live in Honolulu.

We honor them for the contributions and the sacrifices they have made.









**Aloha
President &
Mrs. Trump
Nov. 3, 2017**





ETHEL ULULANI MCAFEE ONEIL

Ethel O'Neil, a native of Hawaii passed away on September 13, 2017, at The Johnson Center at Falcons Landing. Ethel was born on September 16, 1916 in Hilo, Hawaii. She graduated from high school in June 1935 and was a Publication Editor on staff at the U.H. Manoa Campus for 20 years. In August of 1985 she married Justin O'Neil. She lived her adult life in Honolulu until relocating in 1996 to Falcons Landing in Sterling, Virginia. Ethel is predeceased by her husband and is survived by 3 nieces and a nephew, as well as 9 grandnieces and grandnephews combined.

Ethel was a life member of the Oahu League of Republican Women

Aloha

Help wrap gifts for Ronald McDonald House

Tentative date - December 14

**For more information
call Nancy Gallagher at 947-1513**



GRASSROOT INSTITUTE

President's Corner

by Dr. Keli'i Akina, President/CEO



Hawaii's public pension system has an unfunded liability of \$12 billion, and that's pretty scary as Halloween approaches.

Thom Williams, executive director of the state Employees' Retirement System (ERS), told me that one way to dig ourselves out of that debt is to grow our way out, through sound investment strategies.

What many people may not realize is that Hawaii's pension system invests billions of dollars so it can generate more money, both to pay off the debt and make good on the financial promises to state and county employee retirees.

These investment earnings pay for 70 percent of all the benefits for members of the public pension system. That is why it is imperative that the ERS have the tools to make sound investments, to ease the burden on taxpayers and fully fund the retirements of our public workers.

But some of our legislators don't always see it that way.

Sometimes they see the workers who handle the investments as an unneeded overhead expense — which can be tempting to cut. Other times, politicians meddle in the investments of the ERS, affecting its ability to optimize its returns and dig itself out of debt.

As Thom said at a meeting on Maui hosted recently by the Grassroot Institute of Hawaii, "We produce money." And it's true: With its ability to make investments, the ERS is one of the few government agencies that has the ability to produce its own money, if empowered to do so.

Growing out of the pension crisis will not be easy, but with the right tools, realistic numbers and appropriate reforms, the state has an opportunity to lift itself out of debt.

Financial oversight certainly is warranted, but minimizing the meddling and letting the fund managers do their jobs would be among good ways to help fix Hawaii's unfunded-liability problem, so we can keep our promise of good financial health to our public retirees, and to our children.

E hana kakou (Let's work together)



POW/MIA Table setting

The white tablecloth draped over the table represents the purity of their response to our country's call to arms.

The empty chair depicts an unknown face, representing no specific Soldier, Sailor, Airman, or Marine, but all who are not here with us.

The table itself is round to show that our concern for them is never ending.

The Bible represents faith in a higher power and the pledge to our country, founded as one nation under God.

The black napkin stands for the emptiness these warriors have left in the hearts of their families and friends. A Purple Heart medal can be pinned to the napkin.

The single red rose reminds us of their families and loved ones. The red ribbon represents the love of our country, which inspired them to answer the nation's call.

The yellow candle and its yellow ribbon symbolize the everlasting hope for a joyous reunion with those yet accounted for.

The slices of lemon on the bread plate remind us of their bitter fate.

The salt upon the bread plate represent the tears of their families.

The wine glass, turned upside down, reminds us that our distinguished comrades cannot be with us to drink a toast or join in the festivities of the evening.



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.

OLRW PAC		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Actual Vs Planned Goal		\$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
Goal - 1000/mo													
Nov-17	\$15,919.68												

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.

Thanks to the generosity of the members and guests present at our November luncheon at Oahu Country Club our PAC account now stands

at \$15,919.68 . 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!



Please bring in your items for our Christmas fund-raiser to our December luncheon. Your baked goods and gift items are important to the success of raising money for our PAC. Please download an in-kind contribution form and bring it with your items.

For those of you that are not able to bring items, please bring your checkbooks, cash or credit card to purchase items brought by others.



Jams, Jellies, Chutney

We will have silent auction items available also. If you have any questions or would like to donate something please call our event chairperson, Mimi Torreano at 772-1078

Last year we raised just under \$1200. Let's see if we can increase that this year.



Jewelry



New or Gently Used Gift or Holiday Items



Cakes, Cookies, Candy



Letters to the Editor

Government won't solve our problems

Honolulu Star-Advertiser
October 23, 2017

Former state Sen. Gary Hooser offers up more government solutions to affordable housing and income equality that just don't work ("Bold leadership can increase affordable housing, curb poverty," Star-Advertiser, Island Voices, Oct. 19).

Increasing all minimum wages to \$15 an hour will only result in paying more income taxes to the state. Hawaii starts taxing income at \$1. If the state were to give tax deductions up through \$25,000, that would more significantly increase the working poor's take-home pay.

Having the government purchase land through a new tax on real estate investment trusts and then build "affordable" housing to resell makes a mockery of private land ownership. Why not remove the general excise tax on rent to help the poor afford to rent?

Hooser doesn't understand that government does not solve problems; it just creates new ones. If we weren't spending \$10 billion on rail, we would have plenty of money.

Mary Monohon

Hawaii GOP needed to improve Hawaii

Honolulu Star-Advertiser
October 31, 2017

Self-proclaimed "local Republican" Eric Ryan is out of touch with the Hawaii GOP (Hypocritical to invite Huckabee to speak SA 10/27/2017).

The Hawaii Republican Party has never worked harder to provide positive, well-funded candidates as an alternative to the devastating catastrophe of a one-party system we are enduring.

One only needs to look at the never-ending tax increases to fund rail to see that we are taking away Hawaii's citizens very ability to survive. It seems the only purpose of our democrat legislature is to devise new taxes every year to impose on our already paycheck to paycheck taxpayers. It's time to stop this oppression. The Hawaii GOP is our only chance.

If Mr. Ryan would like to contribute his time and money to join in the challenging work of turning Hawaii into a state we can all afford to live in, I look forward to his help.

Pam Smith

Spread safe zones island-wide

Honolulu Star-Advertiser
November 15, 2017

Recently there has been several letters to the editor promoting safe zone permanent homeless camps on government lands:

"State has lots of land to house homeless" Rep. Gene Ward 11/7/17
"Safe zones for homeless should be permanent" Stuart Shimazu 11/8/17.

I agree with my friend Gene Ward and others, the solution is to make homelessness an accepted part of Hawaii society then it will cease to exist.

My Ewa Beach neighborhood has several hundred homeless living in Oneula Beach Park, the best beach on Oahu. At night they invade the streets for targets to steal from and litter their meal cartons and beer bottles everywhere.

Safe zones are a great plan to end homelessness forever but in order do this the permanent camps need to be equitably spread out in every neighborhood on Oahu. From Hawaii Kai, Lanikai, Kaimuki, Diamond Head, Makaha, Nanakuli, Makaha, we all need to share the burden.

Garry P. Smith

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The *Not Very* Funnies

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

59 dead. Worst mass killing in U.S history... Or August in Chicago... Or any Tuesday at Planned Parenthood

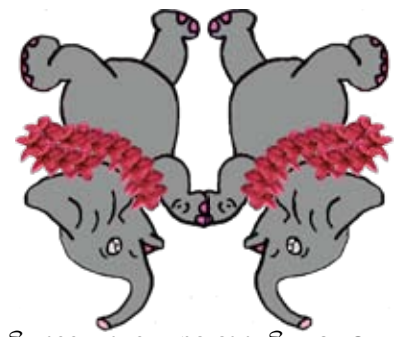
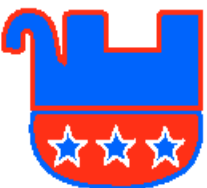


Upcoming Events

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.



Or bring it to our next meeting

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Oahu League of Republican Women Membership Application

Date _____ Birthday _____ Month _____ Day _____

Name _____

Address _____

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Telephone _____ Fax _____

E-mail Address* _____

Dues \$35.00* Yearly \$200.00 Lifetime

* Your e-mail address will be added to our OLRW e-mail list for events and PAC re-

quests.

** \$10 goes to the PAC, \$25 to administrative costs.



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