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February 2018

Luncheon / Meeting
February 1, 2018
The Willows
11:00 A.M. Social Hour
11:30 A.M. Meeting
12:00 Noon Lunch
12:30 P.M. Speaker

Cost
\$35.00 Members
Guests

Menu

You will be choosing from
the entire

Willows Buffet

line including

Assorted Salads

Roast Beef
Chicken
Willows Curry
Laulau
Kalua Pig
Sushi
More...

Assorted Desserts

Beverages

Reservations/Cancellations

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

Please - no walk-ins.

Speaker: Tom Yamachika

Tax Foundation of Hawaii

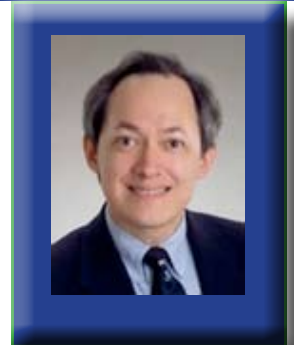
Tom Yamachika is President of the Tax
Foundation of Hawaii - the 'watchdog' that
keeps an eye on Hawaii's taxes.

Tom is also the owner of Aloha State Tax, a
small law firm with emphasis on State taxes.

Prior to going solo and the TFH, Tom was a principal with Accuity LLP
where he managed the tax consulting practice, including quality and
risk management and practice development.

Tom will give us some insights into what to expect from the new
tax law passed by our Republican congress and signed into law by
President Donald Trump.

Check our web site for links to articles Tom has written.



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The Pres Says...

Carol Thomas, President



Saturday, January 13, 2018 will be a day Hawaii will remember. It began for my family as a quiet morning till the cell phones went off nonstop. I read the message and cursed "ROCKET MAN" before my survival instincts kicked in. Within minutes we went into our survival drill, shelter in place, lock down, supplies kit, and maintained calm. I felt so fortunate that we were home and not on the highway. What would we have done?

For all the grumbling when the monthly sirens sound, blaming President Trump for putting fear in our lives, Hawaii found out how unprepared and disconnected we are. We want the best outcome but we must be prepared for the worst. I do trust and believe that our military is well prepared and watching that peninsula very closely. Now the State is tasked with getting a missile attack plan in place. This is different from any natural disaster plan.

Our President Donald Trump is celebrating his first successful year as president. There's still no finding of Russian collusion and he's still at war with the "fake news" press, the media, the crazy Democrats like Maxine "Impeach 45" Waters and Nancy "Armageddon" Pelosi, RINOS in congress like Jeff Flake and Lindsay Graham and the crazy Hollywood bunch. He doesn't meet their perception of an eloquent, dignified statesman. Yes, he sometimes tweets too much, uses crude language but he's not timid about standing up for us, the citizens of our great country, and we need him more than ever.

President Trump is using the Left's playbook, Saul Alinsky's Rules for Radicals – a book so essential to the Liberals' war against America. It was the playbook for the entire Obama administration and President Trump is using the playbook against them.

They are furious and he is a genius. Remember, Alinsky dedicated his book to Lucifer! Just like General George Patton standing over the battlefield as his tanks obliterated Rommel's, Patton shouted, "You magnificent bastards, I read your book!" Patton, too, used crude language, mea culpa!

President Trump passed his annual physical with flying colors and is not suffering from the Left's diagnosis of dementia. His physician even answered almost 60 minutes of the most hysterical questions by the press while all the while the press made fools of themselves.

The media didn't seem to mind that our last president had close ties to foreign terrorists (Rashid Khalidi), domestic terrorists (William Ayers & Bernardine Dohrn), the mafia (Tony Rezko) or the true evils of his spiritual mentor, Jeremiah Wright. No one minded when his Punahou classmate got picked up for soliciting a prostitute in Honolulu. Imagine what Joy Behar of the VIEW would say.

So let's congratulate our President Trump for his strong leadership and recognize that the stock market is at an all time high, unemployment is down, companies are giving their employees bonuses and pay raises because of the new tax reform law, companies are returning and the Supreme Court has a true conservative on the bench.

Let's secure and fund our borders, stop chain migration, and fund our military.

God Bless America,

Carol

Next Month's Luncheon

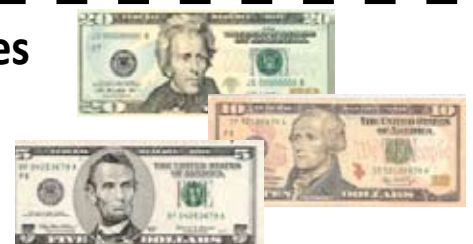
March 1, 2018

The Willows



Speaker in March:
HRP Executive Director
Aaron Wilson

2018 Dues
\$35.00.



We must reject the idea that every time a law's broken, society is guilty rather than the lawbreaker. It is time to restore the American precept that each individual is accountable for his actions.

Ronald Reagan

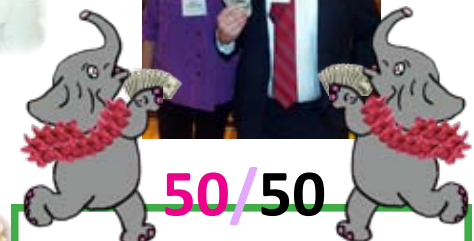
January Luncheon The Willows



THE PROUD BOYS



Mahalo to Proud Boys
Nick Ochs
and
Daniel Cabantangan
for sharing information about
their fraternity.



Tiffany Chitwood won the 50/50 drawing in January Half of the pot went to Tiffany, the other half goes to the OLRW PAC.

Thank you to all who contributed.
Pictured is Cody Chitwood.



Shirlene Ostrov, of Mililani, is a retired Air Force colonel, small business owner and chairperson of the Republican Party of Hawaii.

Reprinted from the Honolulu Star-Advertiser January 14, 2018

Taxation drives cost of living in isles

On Wednesday, the state Legislature will convene. It is time it addresses the too-long-ignored elephant in the room: Hawaii's forgotten middle class. Hawaii's growing wealthy are doing quite well, as can be seen with the ongoing influx of investor funds pouring in from around the globe. Where does that leave the middle class, the majority of Hawaii's population? Even with so many of us working two (or more) jobs and living three generations to a house, we are only barely surviving. It should come as no surprise to see that the Hawaii we know and love is quickly giving way to a place where endless struggle to afford the basics of life and the number one homelessness rate (per capita) is the new normal. According to U.S. Census Bureau estimates, 13,537 more people left Hawaii for the mainland than moved in from another state. Why is this happening? What is it about our great state that continues to spur this mass exodus from Hawaii? Simply put: it is the high cost of living here. Figures from the Honolulu Board of Realtors show that the median price for a single-family home skyrocketed to a jaw-dropping \$795,000 in 2017. As of December 2017, the average rent for a one-bedroom apartment in Hawaii was \$2,399 which is a 7.59 percent increase from the year prior. Even given these high rents, they are then again hit with the general excise tax (GET). Combined with the national record for the highest cost of electricity and the increasingly high cost of groceries — primarily imported from out of state via cargo ship which, unfortunately, falls under the unfair Jones Act and is then taxed by the state — makes survival a struggle for the average family. It is impossible to continue ignoring the real reason for our high cost of living in Hawaii: taxation.

The Legislature held a special session last August to extend the tax for the ill-fated Honolulu rail project by another three years to 2030. Beginning on Jan. 1, the transient accommodations tax (TAT) applied to lodging accommodations in the state of Hawaii increased by 1 percent, raising the tax rate from 9.25 percent to 10.25 percent. This increase came after the 2007 half-percentage-point GET surcharge. Mayor Kirk Caldwell has already predicted "it will still come up short." Hawaii's general excise tax is not a sales tax. The 4.617 percent (after rail additions) is considered a 12 percent sales tax because it taxes everything at the business level not the consumer level. There are no exceptions. This means that a family pays tax on their food, regardless of whether it is eaten in a restaurant or carefully purchased in a grocery store to adhere to a strict survival-mode budget. Health-related expenses? Taxed. Home and automotive repairs? Taxed. No matter how urgent or life-threatening, it's all taxed. Even our precious Girl Scout cookies are taxed. As President Ronald Reagan said in his first inaugural address in 1981: "In this present crisis, government is not the solution to our problem; government is the problem." This same sentiment applies just as accurately to the Hawaii State Legislature today as it did to the economic recession and "stagflation" of the early 1980s. With the looming rail project operation and maintenance costs of \$140 million annually and unfunded liabilities (i.e., government workers' pension funds) in the billions, it is imperative that the Legislature reduce the cost of living. If not, Hawaii is well on its way to being a place where only the rich can live.

4 The Republican Party of Hawaii is dedicating the 2018 legislative session to: Making Hawaii Affordable Again.

Introducing



Aaron Wilson
Exeutive Director

Hawaii Republican Party

Aaron starts immediately and will be training at the RNC and attending the Winter Meeting in Washington DC at the end of the month before flying to his new home here in Hawaii.

Aaron has extensive experience in policy, consulting, government relations, and advocacy. Having provided strategic advisement to officials at both the federal, state and local levels of government, he is adept at creating, evaluating, and employing effective strategies to advance Party interests both on and off the Hill. Aaron has worked closely throughout his career with congressional offices, regulatory agencies, states, stakeholders, private industry and media. He has an exceptional understanding of the macro policy environment and is particularly skilled at leading engagement and advocacy efforts across a broad range of settings - offering the Party a multi-front approach to achieving electoral goals.

Before joining the Hawaii Republican Party, Aaron was a Regional Field Director for the Pennsylvania Republican Party, where he was integral in converting the state of Pennsylvania back into a a Republican stronghold for the first time since 1988. He was also a policy analyst at USAID, where he advised agency efforts on federal legislative and regulatory policies affecting the International Relations sector. He has also served as the Political Director for a U.S. Congressional Candidate, and a Government Affairs Associate concentrating on grassroots organization and advocacy efforts focused on housing and energy initiatives.

Aaron received a Bachelor's degree in Political Science from The Pennsylvania State University, a Master's degree in American Government from Florida Agriculture and Mechanical University, and currently is pursuing a Doctorate in Public Policy and International Political Economy from Howard University. Originally from Pennsylvania, Aaron possesses a deep underlying interest in politics and winning; which he gained from his father who was once a Republican elected official.

What are YOU doing to bring change to Hawaii?

You should be doing AT LEAST TWO of these things EVERY MONTH.

- Write a letter to the editor to the Star Advertiser or MidWeek.
- Give testimony at the city council or the legislature.
- Write a letter to your legislator or council member.
- Volunteer at Republican Party Headquarters.
- Volunteer on a campaign.
- Contribute to a campaign, a PAC and/or the Republican Party.
- Put a sign for a candidate in your yard or on your car.
- Ask another person to join you in doing these activities.



Find your District

If you are not sure what your district number is you can go to the office of elections web site and enter your address to find your State house & senate districts as well as your congressional and City Council districts. <https://olvr.hawaii.gov/altpollingplacesearch.aspx>

Once you know your district look it up on the chart on the next page to find out when your District caucus meeting is. If there is no meeting scheduled you can e-mail your chair to ask them to schedule one.

Listing of Honolulu County Precinct Election Meetings

District	Date	Time	Location	Point of Contact	Email
17				Ben Alfelor	ben.alfelor@gmail.com
18	3-Feb	9:00 AM	156 Opihikao Way, Hawaii Kai, Honolulu	Marian Grey	marian243@hawaiiantel.net
19				Mark Blackburn	mblackburn@aol.com
20	6-Feb	6:00 PM	3521 Waialae Ave, Honolulu	Mike Palcic	mikepalcic@yahoo.com
21	3-Feb	9:00 AM	156 Opihikao Way, Hawaii Kai, Honolulu	Cheryl Sora	cheryl@gophawaii.com
22				Kathryn Henski	islandsong@sbcglobal.net
23	5-Feb			Liz Larson	liz@lizlarson2012.com
24				Bobbie Pang	birthpang@hotmail.com
25				Celyn Chong Kee	celynck@yahoo.com
26				Jaime Padilla	jaimer.padilla@gmail.com
27				Leilani Ng	liliharepublicans@gmail.com
28				VACANT	
29				VACANT	
30				VACANT	
31	6-Feb	6:00 PM	1319 Ala Alii Street, Honolulu	Eric Ching	eric.ccrepair@gmail.com
32	14-Feb	6:30 PM	2920 Ala Ilima St., Honolulu	Dennis Egge	dne39@isp.com
33				Charlotte Ahlf	ahlfrichar@aol.com
34				VACANT	
35				Maryann SongSong	melesongsong@msn.com
36	1-Feb	6:30 PM	94-309 Maiaohe Place, Mililani	Rita Kama-Kimura	seeknfind@hawaii.rr.com
37	1-Feb	6:30 PM	94-309 Maiaohe Place, Mililani	Emil Svrčina	emilsvrcina@gmail.com
38				Headrick Hunkin	headrickhunkin@weareighthouse.org
39				Danny deGracia	daniel.degracia@gmail.com
40				Kurt Fevella	kurtfevella1@gmail.com
41				Ron Wuestefeld	rwuestefeld@yahoo.com
42				VACANT	
43				VACANT	
44				Marcus Paaluhi	Kalaipaaluhi@gmail.com
45	3-Feb	1:00 PM	66-434 Kamehameha Hwy, Haleiwa	Stephen Hinton	shintont002@icloud.com
46				Scott Noltie	cokonutree@aol.com
47	12-Feb	7:00 PM	59-076 Kahae Road, Haleiwa	Rhonda Welsch	rwelschgop@gmail.com
48	6-Feb	5:30 PM	Kailua District Park 21 S Kainalu Dr, Kailua	VACANT	
49	6-Feb	5:30 PM	Kailua District Park 21 S Kainalu Dr, Kailua	Lora Burbage	lburbage@yahoo.com
50	6-Feb	5:30 PM	Kailua District Park 21 S Kainalu Dr, Kailua	Corrine Waterhouse	totowaterhouse@gmail.com
51	6-Feb	5:30 PM	Kailua District Park 21 S Kainalu Dr, Kailua	Carol Thomas	kaneohecarol@hawaii.rr.com

GRASSROOT INSTITUTE

The Grassroot Institute of Hawaii has lost a dear friend and supporter who helped keep the Aloha Spirit alive by standing on principle.

Hawaii Island rancher Freddy Rice passed away on Jan. 5, 2018. I first learned about his contribution to local and legal history when I studied the U.S. Supreme Court case that bears his name. *Rice v. Cayetano* was the landmark decision that ensured that all Hawaii citizens may vote for the trustees of the state Office of Hawaiian Affairs.

What many people don't know is why Freddy Rice went to court and how much of himself he gave as the plaintiff in the case.

If you're not already familiar with the facts of the case, Hawaii is unique in that its constitution sets aside a portion of revenues from the public lands trust (that is, the lands that formerly belonged to the Kingdom of Hawaii) for the betterment of Native Hawaiians. This provision was a requirement for statehood, but its interpretation has been controversial. The provision is considered by many to be an important element of justice for Native Hawaiians, while others prefer that no single group receives preferential entitlements. In 1978, the Hawaii Constitutional Convention established the Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA), in part, to administer funds from the public lands trust in a way that better the conditions of Native Hawaiians.

Enter Freddy Rice. His role in the lawsuit brought on personal attacks, but thanks to his perseverance, he prevailed, protecting the rights of all citizens to participate in public elections of government officials.

But there was a more personal reason Freddy went to court and endured the attacks and inconvenience of the lawsuit.

As he frequently explained to me on his ranch in Kohala, Freddy didn't oppose OHA or its role in helping Native Hawaiians. He supported OHA's goal to help the Hawaiian people through housing, jobs, education, health care and other means. These were all things Freddy wanted for Native Hawaiians, especially those he knew struggling to make a living.

Freddy simply wanted to use his right to vote to help make sure good OHA trustees — who would better the conditions of Native Hawaiians — were elected!

Regardless of how you feel about OHA, the Native Hawaiian Trust Fund or the Hawaii Constitution, it's clear that those moneys should be handled with integrity and

President's Corner

by Dr. Keli'i Akina, President/CEO



not squandered. As a local rancher and businessman, Freddy simply wanted to help ensure that the funds would be in good hands.

Those of us who were lucky enough to know Freddy on a personal level will never forget his courage or his character.

When I heard that Freddy had passed, I reached out to those in the Grassroot family who knew and admired him — and who stood with him during his historic court battles — and asked them to share with us their own memories of Freddy.

From Dick Rowland ...

Freddy Rice. Born and bred in Hawaii over many generations, believing all who live and love Hawaii are Hawaiians without discrimination against or for anyone.

A community activist in his own unassuming way, who nevertheless engaged the world and united the community toward that purpose.

A great rancher-roper. Many don't know it, but Freddy was well-known on the mainland as a great competing roper.

A man who carried his vision to the Supreme Court of the United States, where he prevailed.

In summary, Freddy Rice was an imposing member of our community whose legacy is permanent. Thank you, Freddy. You and your family are cherished. You will be missed.

As for me, Freddy was a good friend and kupuna of mine. I admired him greatly for both his courage and his kindness. But it was on my trips to visit him at his ranch in Kohala that I saw the best measure of the man. Sometimes we would spend time together in town. That's where I learned that Freddy was a man greatly beloved by his neighbors, especially Native Hawaiians who considered him a true kama'aina.

That is Freddy Rice's real legacy. He did Hawaii proud.

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

Reprinted with permission of Keli'i Akina. Mahalo!



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		13,500.00	14,000.00	14,500.00	15,000.00	15,500.00	15,550.00	15,600.00	15,650.00	15,900.00	16,000.00	17,000.00	17,500.00	17,900.00	18,000.00
Actual Vs Planned Goal															
Goal - 1000/mo															
Jan-18	\$17,984.01														

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.

We are just slightly ahead of our Goals for the year. Please look at your donations to date and think about how you can raise \$120 to help us reach our goal of \$24,000 by August.



Happy Valentines Day

There will be heart balloons and cookies available at the luncheon.

The price for 1 balloon and a bag of cookies will be \$12.00.

All of the profit will be donated to the PAC.

You may pre-order to ensure that you get one of the dozen or so treats.

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Letters to the Editor

Mayoral candidates need real experience

Honolulu Star-Advertiser
December 29, 2017

In reading the article, "Anderson, Pine eye 2020 mayor's race to replace Caldwell" (Star-Advertiser, Dec. 25), I couldn't help but think: Aren't there any better candidates out there?

Both Kymberly Pine and Ikaika Anderson are professional politicians. Neither has ever held substantial jobs in the private sector but have been employed only in political positions. Whatever happened to mayors we could trust to do dynamic jobs to grow our city with huge public works projects that actually made a positive impact on Honolulu?

Mayor John H. Wilson (1947-1955) was a civil engineer and completed the Honolulu Hale buildings. Neal S. Blaisdell (1955-1969) constructed the Wilson tunnels and what would become the Blaisdell Center.

Mayor Kirk Caldwell (2012-2020) has tried to build the most expensive rail system in the country but is years behind and billions short.

What we do not need are more politicians like Anderson and Pine to follow in Caldwell's footsteps.

Pam Smith

Denny's encroaches on neighborhoods

Honolulu Star-Advertiser
January 12, 2018

Your article regarding a bid for a liquor license gave the impression that the Waikiki Neighborhood Board approved awarding the license ("Protest delays Denny's bid for liquor license," Star-Advertiser, Jan. 6).

This is not correct. A presentation was made to the board seeking support for construction. The board did OK the request, but voiced its regret to me regarding my concerns, which were not about liquor licenses.

While the owner was quick to assure us that Denny's is a family place, why did he apply for a Class 1 license that allows hard liquor from 6 a.m. until 2 a.m.? As the article stated, this is common in Waikiki.

But while the property is zoned commercial, it is across the street from the zoo and Jefferson School, surrounded by family-owned condos, unlike other properties in Waikiki.

The community mourns the loss of the old days, but can we continue to allow Waikiki development to creep even further into our neighborhoods?

Kathryn Henski

Legislature must ease tax burden

Honolulu Star-Advertiser
January 17, 2018

In 2017, Hawaii was ranked No. 1 as the most expensive place to live (CNBC) and the most expensive place to raise a family (HuffPost), and No. 2 as having the least affordable housing (Wallethub).

Lawmakers need to work to change these rankings to prevent Hawaii's taxpayers from being priced out of paradise.

They can start by removing the tax on rent. We have some of the highest rents in the country. Why should the state add to the misery? Second, remove the tax on food, as this is a basic need of life.

In 2017, more residents chose to leave Hawaii in search of a better life than stay and struggle to survive our high cost of living.

The 2018 Legislature needs to work toward "Making Hawaii Affordable Again."

Brett Kulbis Chairman

Editor's note:

Congratulations to our Republican leaders for standing in firm in opposition to over taxation.

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

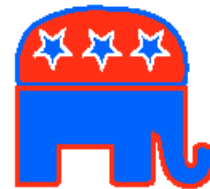


Upcoming Events

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

Volunteer at HRP Headquarters

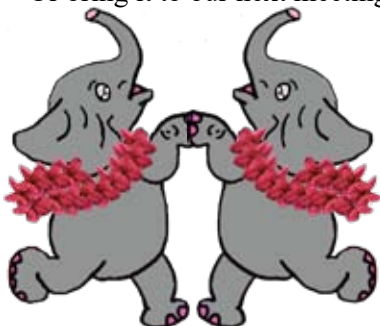
Call 593-8180 for more information and to get shift information.



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