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March 2018

Luncheon / Meeting
March 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

Celyn Chong Kee
306-5089

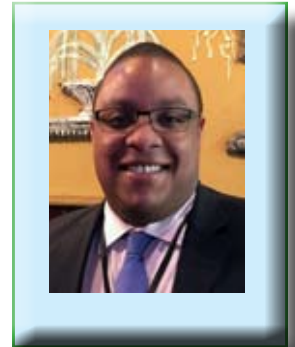
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Reservations/Cancellations must be made by Febr 22nd. All lunches are reserved, so **No Shows will be charged for their lunch.**

Please - no walk-ins.

Speaker: Aaron Wilson

Executive Director , HRP



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.

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.



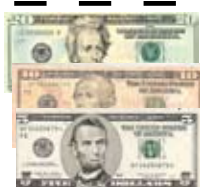
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2018 Dues

\$35.00.

Due Now



HAU'OLI LA HANAU To March Babies

Chita Stewart 3	Mimi Torreano 15
Tracy Nakano Bean 5	Shirley Hasenyager 16
P. Pasha Baker 5	Jerilyn Jeffryes 17
Anne Keamo 6	Allan Silva 21
Lee Champion 7	Carolyn Blackburn 21
June R. Anderson 11	Norann Neet 23
Evelyn Cass 11	Lu Fleming 25
Kitty Lagareta 11	Kaeo Kealoha-Lindsey 24
Sherri Wilmarth 13	Elwin Spray 25
Joanne Bretschneider 14	Marissa Capelouto Kerns 27
Marion Kaneshiro 14	Terry McCabe 30
Lois Miller 15	Corinne Waterhouse



The Pres Says...

Carol Thomas, President

Dear Members,
There is so much to talk about that I don't know where to begin, but let's start.



Classic photos of our congressional delegation at the State of the Union Address

Do they stand for our American Flag? NO
Do they stand for better health care for our veterans? ... NO
Do they stand for the African American unemployed at lowest rate ever recorded? NO
Do they stand for our motto "In God We Trust"? NO
Do they stand for the "Biggest Tax Cuts and Reform" in American History? NO

So what do they stand for you ask? ILLEGALS, SANCTUARY CITIES & DACA SHAMEFUL PARTISANSHIP, PHOTOS SPEAK FOR THEMSELVES.
And to think the one on the left could be our next governor, OMG! Don't let it happen.

Our newly appointed LG reeks of corruption as his campaign treasurer empties the campaign chest of deceased Representative Mark Takai. Why would Hawaii send this man to Washington to be a rubber stamp for Pelosi and Schumer?

If our 2018 State Legislature even entertains the bill to allow Hawaii to become a sanctuary state, there goes our federal funding, expect bigger potholes, no money for bridge repairs, harbors and other needed infrastructure, education and so much more.

Our current progressives in the Democrat leadership are bent on destroying anything conservative in our state which even includes their own colleagues.

Our House minority has introduced some very good bills and they should be applauded.

HB 2121 – RELATING TO WOMEN IN TECHNOLOGY AT UH
Establishes a Center for Women in Technology at the University of Hawaii.
Primary Introducer: Representative Lauren Matsumoto (District 45 - Schofield, Mokuleia, Waiialua, Kunia, Waipio Acres, Mililani)

HB 2250 – RELATING TO FAMILY LEAVE
Adds routine medical care for a child as a qualifying reason for parents to use family leave under chapter 398.
Primary Introducer: Representative Lauren Matsumoto (District 45)

HB 1602 – RELATING TO OPIOIDS
Requires that persons who sell opioid drugs must also provide a label warning of the risks of addiction and death.
Primary Introducer: Representative Cynthia Thielen (District 50 - Kaneohe Bay, Kailua)

HB 1603 – RELATING TO HEALTH INSURANCE
Requires health insurers, mutual benefit societies, and health maintenance organizations to provide health care coverage and benefits for a minimum of 6 months of inpatient and outpatient treatment for opioid dependence beginning after 12/31/2018. (HB1603 HD1)
Primary Introducer: Representative Cynthia Thielen

HB 2706 – RELATING TO THE INTERNATIONAL MOON BASE ALLIANCE
Promotes the space industry in Hawaii by creating an International Moon Base Alliance to provide recommendations and guidance for the establishment of a prototype moon base on the island of Hawaii. (HB2706 HD1).
Primary Introducer: Representative Gene Ward (District 17)

Mahalo to our Minority Caucus for their timely updates and to Rita Kama-Kimura, Mike Palcic and others for their testimonies and organizing Republicans to testify and show up at the Legislative hearings.

Next Month's Luncheon

April 5, 2018

The Willows



Welcome

to our newest members

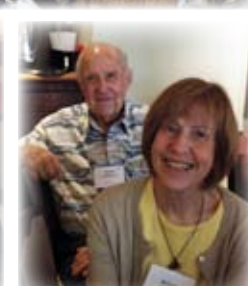
Penelope Pekrul
Marilyn Moniz-Kahoochanohano
Ronella Hawkins

We are looking forward to getting to know you!

February Luncheon The Willows



Mahalo to Tom Yamachika
for helping us understand the new
Tax Law.



Janet Judwin won the 50/50
drawing in February Half of the
pot went to Janet, the other half
goes to the OLRW PAC.
Thank you to all who contributed.

Republican National Committeewoman Update



Miriam Hellreich

February 10, 2018
RNC Winter Meeting in Washington, D.C.

I have just returned from the RNC Winter Meeting in Washington, D.C. accompanied by Party Chairman, Shirlene Ostrov, our NCM, Gene Ward and guests; Party Vice Chairman, Mele Songsong and Finance Director, Mark Blackburn. While there, we were joined by our new HRP Executive Director, Aaron Wilson, who was at the RNC meeting for training.

Western States Regional Breakfast:

Utah National Committeeman Thomas Wright and I co-chaired this meeting where we heard amazing reports about the growth of our Party throughout the West. Utah and Idaho are at a stalemate on which state is more Republican. Utah has held Republican control of all State government offices since 1992, and Idaho has held all statewide and congressional seats since 2010. Idaho, has a super majority in the state legislature with 84% of its members as Republicans. In these two states, any voter apathy is attributed to the fact that Republicans hold virtually all seats and some people sometimes lose their enthusiasm to vote. If only Hawaii had that burden to bear.

Utah reported that former Presidential candidate, Mitt Romney, will run for the US Senate. All Western states are gearing up for voter registration, fundraising, the use of mobile apps for voter identification, as well as the use of the GOP Digital Database for data driven campaigns with which the RNC can predict, with up to 0.5 percent accuracy, the outcome of a race. Hawaii candidates who use the GOP Database and app to identify voters will be able to participate in this enhanced targeting system that produced the national win for Donald Trump and so many others in 2016. Party volunteers and candidates will even be able to use their mobile phones to input voter identity information from social gatherings or individual encounters with voters. This can really make the winning difference for Republican candidates who often lose by 100 to 400 votes. However, it cannot be done without volunteers.

Call to Action

1. Call HRP HQ at 808-593-8180 and volunteer to help a candidate or the Party.
2. Offer yourself or someone you admire as a candidate to run for office.
3. Volunteer to serve as a precinct, district or elections day officer
4. Get trained to use our new Walk App to identify Republican voters
5. Volunteer to help hold voter registration drives to register new Republicans

Answer the call for the greatest opportunity in decades to elect Republicans in Hawaii! Our state and our country are worth fighting for!

TAX FOUNDATION OF HAWAII

One of the bills introduced in the recent legislative session, Senate Bill 2004, tells the story of just one signalized crosswalk yet to be built. (House Bill 2063 is identical.)

The crosswalk is to be located at the intersection of Vineyard Boulevard and River Street in Honolulu, at the edge of Chinatown. It's kind of a busy area for cars and people, with Vineyard Boulevard being six lanes of traffic all going Ewa (West, for you non-locals).

Apparently, our lawmakers agreed some time ago that a crosswalk with traffic signals is needed there. Funds were appropriated for the project back in the Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2014. At the time, \$750,000 was set aside for both design and construction.

Although the 2014 budget act was signed into law on June 26, 2014, the text of Senate Bill 2004 recites that the funds were released in April 2015, ten months later. That date is significant because the State's fiscal biennium ended at the end of June 2015, at which point the funds appropriated in the 2014 bill were to lapse. The Department of Transportation was able to get a contract signed to design the intersection, but not to construct it. The design work seems to have cost about \$230,000.

Because the crosswalk was still needed and wasn't built yet, lawmakers took up the cause again in the 2016 legislative session and were able to get it included in the Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2016. This time, the appropriation was for \$523,000, which probably was what remained of the originally appropriated \$750,000 after the design costs were taken out.

Tom Yamachika President



But alas, delays plagued the project once again. Our Department of Transportation posted a notice on October 10, 2017, requesting bids by November 9. The work included “installation of traffic signals, underground ducts, traffic/pedestrian signal poles, foundations, controller hardware, curb ramps, BMP, pavement markers, lane extension, electrical installation and connection, and removal of chain link fences.” (Sounds pretty involved – but would it be different installing any other traffic signal?)

On November 9, 2017, the bids were opened. Two bids were received, the lower of which was for \$816,000. That’s in addition to the design work that already had been done, putting the total project cost north of \$1 million. Because this new project cost is somewhat larger than the \$750,000 originally appropriated for the project, Senate Bill 2004 asks for an additional \$352,800 on top of the funds in the 2016 appropriation. The bill says that “construction costs have increased over the intervening years.” (That’s an increase of over 13% per year. I must be in the wrong business.)

The median price of a single-family home, which includes design, construction, electrical work, plumbing, and the dirt on which all of it sits, was \$760,000 in 2017 according to Honolulu real estate firm Locations. That amount of money doesn’t seem to be enough to pay for one crosswalk with a traffic signal. And a single-family home can be built much more quickly.

Is this the new normal? Is this a signal for the need to raise taxes again? Please tell me that it’s not!

**EVERY TIME YOU
SEE STORIES ABOUT
MILLIONS OF AMERICANS
RECEIVING RAISES
AND BONUSES
DUE TO THE
TRUMP TAX CUT
REMEMBER THIS:
NOT A SINGLE DEMOCRAT
VOTED FOR IT.**

GRASSROOT INSTITUTE

President's Corner

by Dr. Keli'i Akina, President/CEO



Just because some ideas are motivated by good intentions doesn't mean they should be approved by the Hawaii Legislature.

In the current legislative session, such a proposal is SB2291, which would raise the minimum wage in Hawaii to \$15 an hour by 2020.

For several years, the Grassroot Institute of Hawaii has offered comments to the Legislature on why such well-intended proposals would be a mistake, but so far, they just keep coming back.

If you want a snapshot of how hard it is to run a small business in Hawaii, just look at who weighed in on this bill during the hearing before the Senate Committee on Labor: mostly unions and social advocacy groups.

Compared to this avalanche of special interests, the lonely voices of the entrepreneurs and chambers of commerce were easily overwhelmed. But as the ones with the clearest idea of how a higher minimum wage would affect their businesses and labor pools, their concerns should be front and center.

The unfortunate truth is that higher minimum wage laws don't do as much to help low-wage workers as their supporters claim. Research demonstrates that higher minimum-wage laws reduce teenage employment and raise the cost of low-skilled labor while benefiting only a small proportion of low-income families.

A recent study from the National Bureau of Economic Research found that the 2016 minimum wage increase in Seattle, to \$13 an hour, actually lowered the amount of money workers were taking home. That's because wages increased 3 percent, but hours worked decreased 9 percent. So the higher minimum wage actually lowered the employees' earnings by about \$125 per month.

Hawaii's current minimum wage currently is \$9.25 an hour, and is one of the factors contributing to the state's poor ranking (43rd) in the American Legislative Exchange Council's 2017 Rich States, Poor States forecast of economic outlook.

Add in Hawaii's regulatory overload, high marginal tax rate, worst-in-the-nation excise tax and other tax schemes currently being weighed at the Legislature, it almost looks like policymakers here are trying to limit our state's economic competitiveness, not improve it.

If Hawaii legislators are serious about helping low-wage workers, they need to think differently. Raising the state's minimum wage would only create more barriers to business and enterprise in the islands, thus harming the very folks these well-intended policies are meant to help.

Enacting policies that encourage investment and entrepreneurship instead would raise everyone's standard of living, including those struggling the most, without attaching an anchor to the state's economy.



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		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	18,200.00	18,500.00	19,000.00
Actual Vs Planned Goal															
Goal - 1000/mo															
Feb-18	\$18,185.27														

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.



Pam Smith sold Valentine Cookies and Balloons at the February Luncheon and donated the profits of \$140 to the PAC.

Thank you to all who participated.

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Our Facebook feed is also visible on our PAC Website - WWW.OLRWPAC.com

Visit our online sites to see more information about or PAC and our candidates.

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Letters to the Editor

President Trump acknowledged reality when recognizing Jerusalem as the capital of Israel

Jews and various Arab tribes have inhabited the Middle East for thousands of years. But only the Jews have ever had a nation with Jerusalem as its capital. Israel rose and fell during invasions by kingdoms such as the Persians and Babylonians. Indeed, the term "Palestine" was given by the Romans to describe the area, not the people.

The United Nations devised two separate lands for Arabs (Jordan) and Jews (Israel) following WWII; the so-called West Bank was to be a part of Jordan. Jerusalem was to be an international city. When Israel declared its independence in 1948, they were immediately attacked by the Arab nations surrounding them. Miraculously, Israel survived but Jordan held the Old City (east) section of Jerusalem. Every Jew they found was murdered; the Jewish cemetery on the Mount of Olives was desecrated, used for army barracks and latrines. The Jewish quarter was completely razed.

When Israel was attacked by the surrounding Arab nations in the Six-Day War of 1967, Jordan hesitated to join the war. It did, and Israel took the West Bank and all of Jerusalem. Continually threatened by genocide, why would Israel give up their historical right to their capital?

Carol White

NEWSLETTER EDITOR TO RESIGN

I have had the honor of Editing the OLRW newsletter for 10 of the last 12 years. It has been an interesting and educational process and it has kept me very busy.

We have grown from a simple four page newsletter to as much as a full 12 pages in busy times.

We have tried to change things up and find items that inform and challenge our members.

I have had fun, but it has become more & more difficult for me to juggle my personal responsibilities with my work with the league. I will be retiring from the newsletter with the December issue.

WE ARE LOOKING FOR A NEW EDITOR.

Please contact Carol if you are interested in taking on this important position or know someone that would be a good fit.

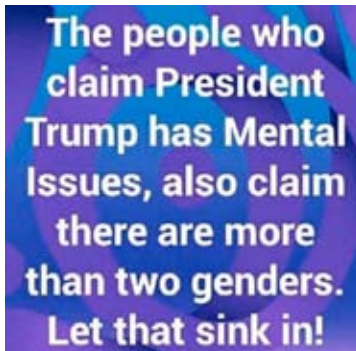
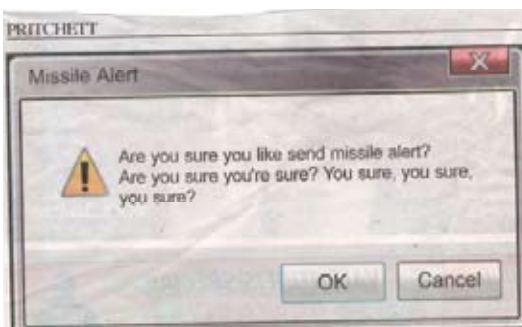
There is lots of time for training at this point, and time to find the right software to transfer all of the info from the current format to a new one.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve you all these years. I am looking forward to working with the new editor.

Pam Smith

The *Not Very* Funnies

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



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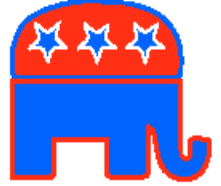
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OLRW Volunteer opportunities: contact Ione Gumpfer, OLRW Volunteer Coordinator, at 262-9788 or igumpfer@aol.com

Volunteer at HRP Headquarters

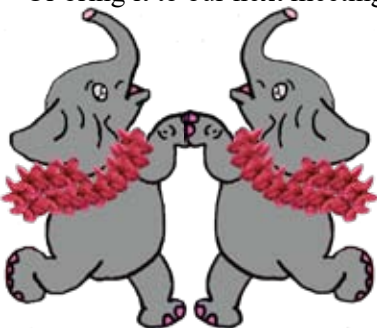
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