



# O.L.R.W. Newsletter

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March 2015

Luncheon / Meeting  
March 5, 2015  
Waialae Country Club

11:00 A.M. Social Hour  
11:30 A.M. Meeting  
12:00 Noon Lunch  
12:30 P.M. Speakers

Cost

**\$30.00 Members**

**\$35.00 Guests**

## Buffet Menu

Island Greens  
Spinach Salad  
w/Bleu Cheese and Pears  
Pasta Salad Prima Vera

Teri Chicken Breast  
w/Orange Garnish

Mashed Potatoes  
Fried Rice  
Fresh Vegetables  
Rolls & Butter

Basic Beverages

## Desserts

Key Lime Pie  
Warm Bread Pudding  
w/vanilla sauce  
Chocolate Haupia Trifle

Reservations/Cancellations

**Celyn Chong Kee**

306-5089

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Reservations/Cancellations must be made by February 28<sup>th</sup>. We are committed to pay for all lunches reserved, so **No Shows will be charged for their lunch.**

Please - no walk-ins.



Speaker:

## Tom Yamachika - Tax Foundation of Hawaii

Tom Yamachika is the President of the Tax Foundation of Hawaii, a private, nonprofit educational organization dedicated to informing the taxpaying public about the finances of our state and local governments in Hawaii. This means the Foundation looks at how government raises the money it spends, be it taxes, user fees, or borrowing money through the use of debt. While most of the Foundation's attention is focused on state government, it also keeps a watchful eye on county governments as they annually set real property tax rates in order to fund their respective budgets.

## Reminder



Please bring in your OLRW PAC Change.

The change brought in last month was \$20.02.

We have jars available that you can reuse every month.

Remember: Your Small Change can mean Big Change in Hawaii!



## 2015 Dues are Due

2015 yearly dues are \$25.00  
We accept cash, checks or credit card payment at our luncheon . You can also pay on line at [olrw.org/membership](http://olrw.org/membership)



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# The Pres Says...

Carol Thomas, President

The following was sent to our Republican Legislators this month with the approval of the board and the members present at our February Luncheon

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President, Oahu League of Republican Women  
For the Board of directors and membership

**IF NOT US, WHO? IF NOT NOW, WHEN? IF NOT HERE, THEN WHERE?**

## Luncheon Schedule

April 2 - Hale Koa Hotel  
John Keene  
Shriner's Hospital

May 7- Waialae Country Club

June 4 - The Willows  
Legislative Update

**We are dark July & August  
this year.**

Sept 3 Oahu Country Club

Oct 1 Waialae Country Club

Nov 5

Dec 3 Waialae Country Club



### Feature Writers

We need people that are willing to write stories about current events and biographies of OLRW members. Professional credentials **NOT** required.

No need for a monthly commitment.

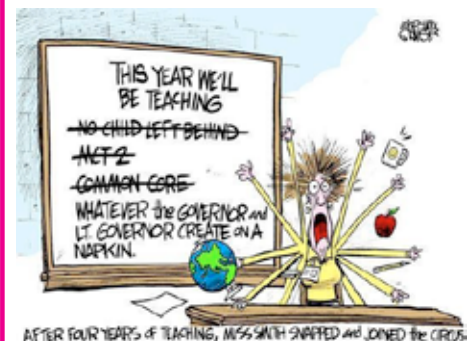
Contact Pam Smith for more information.

### Is one of our members ill?

If you know of a member that is sick or has had a death in the family please let us know so we can send them get well wishes or condolences. Call **Corresponding Secretary Jane Au** at 373-3820

### Advertisers

If we want to expand the newsletter to include more content we need to get advertisers to cover the cost. Please contact Pam for details.



# 2015 Lincoln Day Dinner



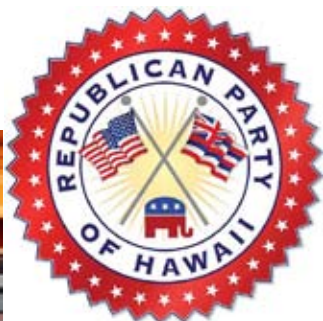
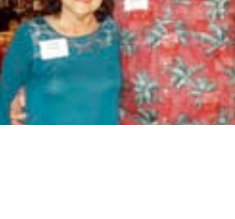
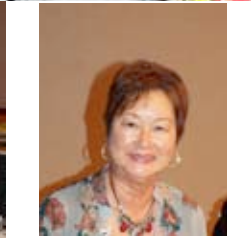
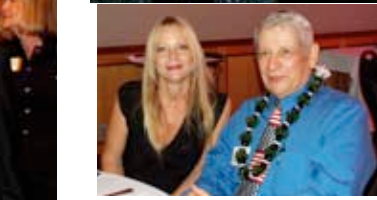
Cheryl & Sen. Jeff Flake

Sen. Jeff Flake of Arizona was our keynote speaker this year. It was nice to hear a senator that talked about issues that matter to us - not one mention of climate change all evening!



Harvey King & Pat Saiki

Harvey King was awarded the Lincoln Legacy Award this year for his tireless support of the party and its candidates.



This is the new logo for the Republican Party of Hawaii



# February Luncheon The Willows



Thank you to Kim Buffett for informing us about CrimeStoppers.



Kathy Brown won the 50/50 drawing in February. \$62 went to Kathy and \$62 went to the PAC. Kathy Generously donated her winnings to the PAC



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

STATE OF HAWAII  
STATE CAPITOL  
HONOLULU, HAWAII 96813

February 17, 2015

Mrs. Carol Thomas, President  
Oahu League of Republican Women  
725 Kapiolani Blvd C-105  
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Mrs. Thomas,

Thank you for your letter and for expressing your support of elected Republicans. I know we are all appreciative of what you and your organization do to support our various legislative initiatives.

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District 36: Mililani, Mililani Mauka, Waipio Acres  
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 333  
Honolulu, HI 96813  
586-9460 · repfukumoto@capitol.hawaii.gov

# Replies to our letter regarding the rail tax extension

We encourage each of you to respond to these folks or write or call your own representative to express your views on this or any other issues you my have. You can access all of their information at OLRW.org - click on the political links button.

"Rep. Cynthia Thielen" wrote:  
Thank you, Carol. I oppose this tax extension, but some Caucus members represent Districts that want the Rail.

Aloha,

Cynthia

Representative Cynthia Thielen  
Assistant Minority Floor Leader  
50th Representative District  
(Kailua – Kaneohe Bay)  
Phone: (808) 586-6480  
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Gene Ward Wrote:

Carol,  
Well said and well written! Your letter to Beth says it all-but some districts may tie a few Caucus member's hands.

Thank you for your input.

Aloha,

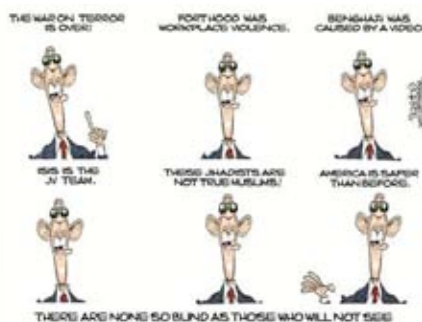
Gene



HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY

## The Not Very Funnies

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



# MARCH 26 PRINCE KUHIO DAY A Prince of a Republican

Prince Jonah Kuhio Kalanianaʻole Day remembers Prince Jonah Kuhio Kalanianaʻole's life and his efforts to improve people's lives in Hawaii. Prince Kuhio was born on the island of Kauai in 1871. He was Queen Liliuokalani's cousin and she named him to be an heir to the throne so he was given the title of "prince". He studied in California and at the Royal Agricultural College in England. He was 24 years old when he joined the Royalist uprising against the new republic in 1895 and was captured and convicted of treason.



Prince Kuhio later worked with the industrialists who overthrew the monarchy, believing that cooperation would bring political power that could help his people more than resistance would. He ran for the office of territorial delegate to the US congress AS A REPUBLICAN and won. He was re-elected 10 times. He focused on developing Pearl Harbor and Honolulu Harbor, regular mail delivery and the "back to the farm" movement during his tenure. He is best remembered for his successful effort to get congress to pass the 1920 Hawaiian Homes Commission Act to provide homesteads for Native Hawaiians. He also introduced a bill in 1919, which requested that Hawaii be admitted into America as a fully fledged state. Hawaii became the 50th state in 1959. Prince Kuhio died in Waikiki, near Honolulu, on January 7, 1922, and a holiday was created to honor him in 1949.



The OLRW PAC is the arm of the League that collects money to support our state and county candidates.

During the last election cycle we gave \$9300 to candidates running for State offices. We felt that some deserved more, but we ran out of funds. We would like to at least double our contributions next election cycle, but we need your continued and constant support to do that.

If each of our members gave just \$5 per month (about 17 cents per day) we would have well over \$20,000 in our account for the next election.

There are a variety of payment methods available. We accept cash, checks and credit cards.

If you would like to just throw your loose change in a jar every day we have jars available to save your coins in. When you are coming to the luncheon just put your coins in a ziplock bag along with a piece of paper with your name & phone number and drop it at the door when you check in.

Every coin, every check, every dollar brings us closer to our goal.

Please help us help hard working candidates win their races.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our PAC during the past month. We received

# Girl's Day



3/3 or March 3rd is Hinamatsuri or Girl's Day in Japan. It's also referred to as Momo no Sekku or Peach Festivities. Sekku, was an occasion borrowed from China to signify the change of seasons. Girls' Day celebrates and prays for a young girl's growth and happiness.

The peach is used to symbolize this day because March is when the peach flower blooms and the pink flowers are perfect for the young girls. It is a tradition that the maternal grandparents give Japanese dolls

called Hina ningyo to the baby girl. These dolls are dressed in elaborate kimonos and accessories, This is also a fun time for little girls to dress in their kimonos and enjoy Japanese sweets. In Hawaii, since the traditional Japanese foods are not as readily available, they often make sweet mochi, rice cake, what the locals call Chi Chi Dango, using mochiko, which is rice flour, and coconut milk.



**\$20.02**  
Change for Change



**\$125**  
Valentine Sale

**\$62**  
Calabash

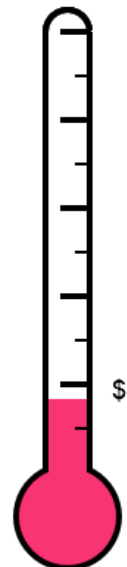
**\$367**  
Other Contributions

**\$574.02**  
Total this month



Last Month

Target: \$20000



\$3298.83

# Letters to the Editor

We want to encourage our members to write letter to the editor. As akamai members of the community, we should be commenting on the issues of the day to educate people that lack our perspective. If you have an issue that you want to speak out on, but don't know how to write a letter Garry Smith is willing to help our members to write letters to the editor. You can call Garry at 392-5559 or email him @ garrysmith01@gmail.com.

Following are the rules for The Star Advertiser and MidWeek Letters:

The Star-Advertiser welcomes letters up to 150 words and guest columns of 500-600 words. The Star-Advertiser reserves the right to edit letters for clarity and length. Please direct comments to the issues; personal attacks will not be published. We reserve the right to edit for clarity and length. Include your name, address and daytime telephone number.



Letters must

- (a) be signed and include your area of residence and
- (b) include a daytime telephone number (not for publication).

Online form: [Click here](#)

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email letters to  
[Dchapman@midweek.com](mailto:Dchapman@midweek.com)

Below are letters from OUR MEMBERS printed by the Star Advertiser and Midweek in the past month.

We should aim for at least 3-4 letters per month from our members in print. You can't change peoples' minds if you don't speak out.

## Mayor's excuses keep changing

'Honolulu Star-Advertiser' - 2015-01-30

If Mayor Kirk Caldwell has any hopes of convincing the Legislature to make the half-percent general excise tax increase for construction of rail effective ad infinitum, he needs to focus his message. Originally he said he needed it in order to provide for the expected \$50 million per year in operation and maintenance expenses. Later, he said he needed it in order to continue extending the system to the University of Hawaii at Manoa and Waikiki. Now he is insisting that if he doesn't get it, then contracts can't be signed to finish the system that is almost \$1 billion over budget, with only 60 percent contracted out. My advice to the mayor is to pick his favorite excuse and stick to it.

**Earl Arakaki**  
Ewa Beach

## Hold solar project hearings in Waianae

'Honolulu Star-Advertiser' - 2015-01-29

Why is the state Public Utilities Commission holding a public hearing on two solar-farm projects, covering more than 300 acres, in Nanakuli instead of Waianae? The projects by NextEra and Euris will be located behind the hillside of Waianae Intermediate School, not in Nanakuli. The residents who will be most affected by thousands of solar panels for the next 30-plus years have to travel to Nanakuli Elementary School on Feb. 12 at 3:30 p.m. to have their voices heard. Really?

**Johnnie-Mae L. Perry**  
Chairwoman  
Waianae Coast Neighborhood Board  
Waianae

## Mayor puts rail over residents

Honolulu Star-Advertiser - 2015-02-11

It is the height of arrogance by Mayor Kirk Caldwell to pit the real needs of Honolulu's citizens against the perceived need to continue feeding the beast that has become the Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation. If the 0.5 percent general excise tax for rail is extended, it will continue to add \$1,000 a year to the cost of living for a family of five. The mayor has threatened that if he doesn't get the extension, he will have to raise property taxes up to 45 percent instead. This would greatly burden elderly, fixed-income homeowners, and be passed along to low-income renters by landlords. It appears that financing rail, regardless of what it will eventually cost, is more important than the ability of Honolulu's citizens to afford to live here.

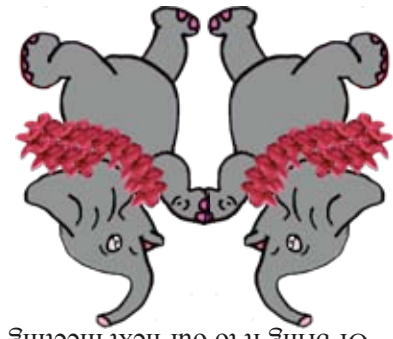
Pam Smith  
Ewa Beach

**Sam Slom**  
Facebook post  
1/31/2015

Earlier this week at a joint House Senate finance hearing in the State Capitol auditorium, I quizzed Honolulu Mayor Kirk Caldwell about the actual cost of the already over budget, failed heavy rail steel on steel train now rising in West O'ahu. No totals were forthcoming. He blamed the following for the delay and over budget of the \$9.03 billion project: Governor Linda Lingle (who's non-veto made all of this possible); a (successful) Native Hawaiian lawsuit about buried Iwi; a lawsuit (unsuccessful) led by Cliff Slater and 7 other individuals and groups (of which I through the SBH Foundation was a proud Plaintiff); unanticipated rising construction costs and other reasons unknown by the supporters. Upon further questioning of the Mayor about this project being all about development and not transportation or traffic reduction of congestion, the Mayor admonished me and said the project is really about, "**social justice**" and "**transportation equity**." He wants an unending tax stream from you. Over my dead body.



**Now you know.**



Or bring it to our next meeting

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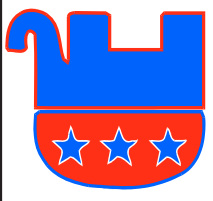
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**Oahu League of Republican Women Membership Application**



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<http://www.gophawaii.com>

For more information about upcoming events and volunteer opportunities at HRP call 808-593-8180 or online at

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

**Upcoming Events**







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For the Board of directors and membership

cc: Pat Saiki, Andria Tupola, Feki Pouha, Bob McDermott, Gene Ward, Lauren Cheape Matsumoto, Cynthia Thielen, Sam Slom, Honolulu Star Advertiser



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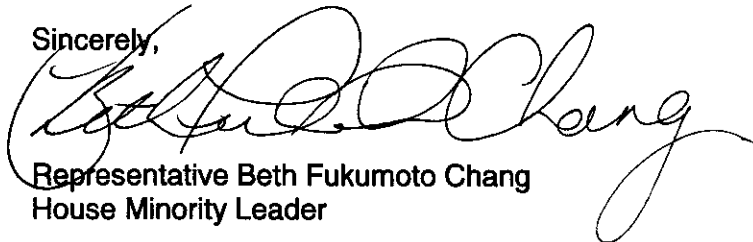
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## Mission Statement

CrimeStoppers Honolulu, Inc. is a nonprofit organization, with a civilian board of directors. It is a network of concerned citizens, law enforcement organizations, and the news media who are dedicated to reducing crime and improving the quality of life in our community.

The mission of CrimeStoppers Honolulu Inc. is to improve the public welfare by enlisting the aid of communities in putting criminals behind bars, recovering stolen property, and preventing the trafficking of illegal narcotics.

We believe that citizen involvement is a powerful weapon in the war against crime and that it can be used effectively to enhance the efforts of local police authorities. To this end, CrimeStoppers Honolulu Inc. seeks information and cooperation from the general public that may lead to the arrest and charge of felons.

## What Can You Do?

There are many things that you as a citizen can do to help the CrimeStoppers program succeed in your community:

### VOLUNTEER

Volunteering for the CrimeStoppers Program is an exciting and hands-on way that you can help. You can volunteer to be a call taker on our 24 hour hotline. You will be able to take tips and interact with fellow citizens to stop crime all over the island. Your support will make the difference. Call our hotline or visit our website to apply.

### DONATIONS

Making monetary donations to be used for reward money is another way that you can aid the CrimeStoppers Program. Funding is greatly appreciated and is tax-deductible. Call our hotline or visit our website to make a donation.

### AWARENESS/ ACTION

CrimeStoppers news briefs are on TV, radio, online, and in newspapers. Being aware of what's going on in your community and calling in any information you may have on wanted fugitives or crimes to be committed.

**(808) 955-8300 OR \*CRIME**

*All calls are confidential and anonymous*



[www.honolulucrimestoppers.org](http://www.honolulucrimestoppers.org)

*Text "CS808" followed by your tip to  
CRIMES or 274637*

**(808) 955-8300 OR \*CRIME**

*All calls are confidential and anonymous*

*Free cellular calls are provided by  
AT&T, Nextel Hawaii, Sprint,  
T-Mobile, Verizon Wireless Hawaii,  
Mobi PCS and Hawaiian Telcom.*

*Let's work together to make our  
community a safer place to live and work*

# CRIMESTOPPERS



## PURPOSE :

Provide community residents with an anonymous method to report crime in their neighborhood.

Pay rewards up to \$1,000 for information that leads to:

- Identification or arrest of a wanted person.
- Solving an open case.
- Discovery of illegal activities, such as:

Narcotics  
Prostitution  
Gambling

## HOW IT WORKS:

1. The tipster submits a tip online, through text, or calls the CrimeStoppers Hotline (808) 955-8300 or \*CRIME.

*All calls are confidential and anonymous*

2. The information is given to investigators to pursue, which may lead to :

Stolen property  
Illegal activities  
Arrest of wanted person  
Solving of open cases

3. The tipster is rewarded! Tipster calls back at a prearranged time, and the reward money is disbursed at any participating First Hawaiian Bank branch. CrimeStoppers will pay up to \$1,000 in cash!

**(808) 955-8300 OR \*CRIME**

*All calls are confidential and anonymous*

# STUDENT CRIMESTOPPERS



## PURPOSE :

Empower students to take control of their school environment.

Facilitate the enforcement of school rules and regulations.

Provide an anonymous method to report student misconduct/problem behavior.

Pay rewards up to \$250

# STUDENT CRIMESTOPPERS

## EXAMPLES :

Drugs  
Graffiti  
Knives  
Guns  
Weapons  
Cigarettes  
Assault



## TEXT YOUR TIP!

Text "CS808" followed by your tip to CRIMES or 274637

*Let's work together to make our schools a safer place to learn*

# ANIMAL CRIMESTOPPERS



## PURPOSE :

Provide an anonymous method to report animal cruelty, abuse, neglect or abandonment.

Pay rewards up to \$1,000 for information that leads to:

- Recovery of stolen animals.
- Discovery of physical abuse or neglect of any animal.
- Discovery of poisoning or killing of any animal without need.
- Discovery of raising an animal for fighting and/or using an animal for fighting.



Report Animal Crimes by calling our Hotline (808) 955-8300 or \*CRIME or on our website [www.honolulucrimestoppers.org](http://www.honolulucrimestoppers.org)

*Let's work together to make our community a safer place for animals to live*