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November 2015

Luncheon / Meeting
November 5, 2015

The Willows

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

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 Oct 27th. We are
committed to pay for all lunches
reserved, so *No Shows will be
charged for their lunch.*

Please - no walk-ins.



Speaker
Riz Almagro
Keiki O Ka Aina



Riz will be talking to us about Our Adopted family for this Christmas season.

Riz has been part of the Keiki O Ka Aina ohana for the past four years and has been part of the Laulima Giving Program since it started in 2012. It has been a privilege for Riz to serve this program that has blessed so many of Hawaii's most needy ohana, keiki and kupuna during the Christmas season. One of Riz's favorite olelo no'eau is, 'E kuaui like i ka hana. Let everybody pitch in and work together.' She believes this Hawaiian proverb truly captures the essence of what Laulima is, many hands working together so that we can kokua our fellow neighbors in need.

The LAULIMA Giving Program is a Christmas charity born out of the partnership between the Keiki O Ka Aina'a Family Learning Centers and KHON2. The essence of our organization is to cooperate, which is why it is our goal this holiday season to bring the community together for the good of others this Christmas.

When you choose to join hands with the LAULIMA Giving Program, we provide you with the specifications of a single family, and suggested gift requests.

It is our hope that all served feel the joy of the season through the kindness and generosity of their neighbors.

Start thinking about how you would like to help Oahu League help our family.

We will need people to purchase items on the family's request list, We'll need a gift certificate for a Christmas Meal and we will need cash to purchase items on the family's list that are not picked up by members.

A little bit about our family and a list of items they are requesting is inside.

Reminder

Please bring in your OLRW PAC Change. The change brought in last month was \$65.32.

We have jars available that you can reuse every month.

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




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The Pres Says...

Carol Thomas, President

Headlines in Star Advertiser 10/12/2015: BEHIND THE VEIL

Governor Ige's campaign rhetoric of transparency is failing him badly. Where is the promise to restore faith and confidence in government? His Lt. Governor stated that he was more involved in decision making in Abercrombie's administration than the present. LG Tsutsui seems to be sitting with nothing to do because he's not included in Governor Ige's inner circle of advisors. Ige said Tsutsui is not on the decision making team. Well, who is? A prime example was the Governor's selection of Kaiser Permanente to operate three Maui county hospitals. The LG is from Maui, worked on the privatization of the hospitals when he was in the Senate.

Is the governor's office being run by his chief-of-staff, Mike McCartney, who took a huge pay cut to come on board? Is he the equivalent of Obama's iron fisted Valerie Jarrett who rules the White House?

Do you sometimes think how our state would have been governed with Duke Aiona and Elwin Ahu as our leaders? Do you sometimes mutter, "had enough, yet people?!"

On Oahu the potholes keep opening up after each downpour, the city pipes keep breaking, the sewers keep overflowing, the homeless keep relocating to new neighborhoods, the rail fiasco keeps inching on to town, and government bureaucrats wring their hands, study and talk about the crisis, can't make decisions so keep kicking the can down the road. Hey Caldwell and Ige! Are you listening? But, don't look to Council Chair, Ernie Martin, as your next mayor. Not if you want a change; but then do you? Think about it.



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

2016 Dues

Your Dues will remain the same for 2016 at \$25, but we will change the way they are allocated.



Twenty dollars will pay for our operating expenses, such as our newsletter, website, liability insurance, promotional items, gifts and office supplies.



Five dollars of your dues will be allocated as an OLRW PAC contribution from you. Your name will not appear on the campaign spending report unless you donate an additional \$96 during the campaign period. (Campaign spending reports only show aggregate contributions of MORE THAN \$100 from any donor)



Welcome

to our newest members

Sarah Correa

Merilee Pearson

We are looking forward to getting to know you!

Welcome to George Simons

The Republican Party Of Hawaii Has announced that Republican National Committee has engaged the services of Hawaii Republican and La'ie resident George Simons to provide finance consulting services for the Western United States (which includes Hawaii) under the director of Peter Graves, RNC Regional Political Director.

George also has significant experience in field operations, having organized the winning field campaign in Anchorage for recently-elected U.S. Senator Dan Sullivan of Alaska.

George interned in the Washington D.C. Office of U.S. Senator Flake of Arizona, and graduated from Brigham Young University - Idaho with a BA in Political Science.

In his personal life George enjoys mountain biking and ice cream mochi.



Luncheon Schedule

- Dec 3 Waialae Country Club
Christmas Sale | Entertainment | Christmas Family Wrap-up
- Jan 7 Oahu Country Club
Andrew Waldon - Presidential Caucuses
- Feb 3 Jade Dynasty
Percy Ihara - Generations Magazine
Valentine Cookie/Balloon Sale



Mahalo

to the following members that made PAC contributions in the past month:

- P. Pasha Baker
- Sarah Correa
- Carole Cruze
- Janet Judwin
- Sandy Pease
- Pam Smith
- Diane Yri

October Luncheon Waialae Country Club



Thanks to Capt. John McCarthy for speaking to us about Financial Crime in Honolulu



Mahalo to our head waiter, Kevin and his staff for service above & beyond at our October luncheon. He handled the challenges we had professionally and with grace.



2015 Senior Fair



As in past years, OLRW manned the booth for the Republican Party. This year we gave out informational pieces about our Legislators and OLRW. If you missed them at our luncheon in October you can get a PDF version at our website.



Carole Cruze won the 50/50 drawing in October. \$41 went to Carole and \$41 went to the PAC. Carole Generously donated her winnings to the PAC.



Hot classrooms a serious health and safety issue

Honolulu Star-Advertiser September 3, 2015

Jaci Agustin



Since moving to Hawaii recently, this ohana has gone through some tremendous struggles. The family moved to Hawaii when Jaime was relocated here for work. Since then, they have been living with limited resources and have had to face many obstacles. The two children have been suffering the most. The kids have been enduring discrimination, bullying (verbal and physical), and theft from peers at school. Ashlyn recently had to be pulled out of her middle school after continual sexual harassment from a male peer. Because of this, Stephanie has started homeschooling her daughter, which makes it even harder for her to find a job here.

They are a hard working family with no problems in their past of any sort and the kids have always been straight A students. This move has hindered them immensely. They have spent the first 4 months with only mattresses and futons on the floor and what few personal belongings they brought with them. Their greatest need is a dining room or kitchen table for the kids to do their homework on. They also have been living out of boxes and suitcases and are in need of dresser drawers to put their clothes in. Bryan is the last one in the family to get a mattress and would greatly appreciate one to replace the cushions that he currently sleeps on.



Ashlyn is very much a "girly girl" and would love any fun hair accessories, clothes, etc. She also loves to draw and listen to music. Bryan loves football and basketball and could use a new football, as his is getting too old to use. He loves everything that has to do with monsters, like Harry Potter and TMNT. He could really use new shoes right now since he just had to throw out his old shoes due to the fact that they were falling apart. Both of the kids love reading and would love to get new books to read.

This family is very humble and doesn't expect much, but could really use some kokua this holiday season.

Name	Age	Gender	Clothing Sizes	Shoe Sizes
Jaime	35	M	Shirt -L Pants 36/32	11.5/12
shoe rack, gas card, grocery store card				
Stephanie	32	F	Shirt - L Pants 10-12	8.5
dining room or kitchen table, gas card, grocery store card				
Ashlyn	12	F	Shirt - S Pants Jr -1-3	4.5
Clothing drawers, books, drawing supplies, clothes, shoes, accessories				
Bryan	10	M	Shirt - L Pants 10-12	4
Clothing drawers, books, shoes, mattress, football, clothes, (Harry Potter or TMNT) toys				

Hot Damn!" as Bruno Mars says. Hawaii classrooms are on fire!

Hawaii public schools started July 29, forcing students to sweat through academics.

Average temperatures for Hawaii in July and August were in the 90s. The kicker is that 90 percent of public schools here do not have air conditioning.

Teachers, parents and students have reported temperatures inside classrooms of up to 108 degrees! Teachers are sending their students to the nurse's office because of heat exhaustion, headaches and dehydration. This is no longer a concern about calendars and instructional days; it is now a matter of health and safety. Hawaii does not have the mechanical infrastructure to start public schools in July or August. Our children are being neglected, and their health and safety are in jeopardy.

There are two options to fix this immediate health problem:

- >> Spend \$1.7 billion to put air conditioners in all Hawaii public schools now.
- >> Delay the start date for public schools to after Labor Day and allocate money annually to start retrofitting schools.

It is unlikely that state legislators will spend \$1.7 billion all at once on air conditioners in public schools (option 1).

Sadly, this hasn't been a priority for current elected officials, which is why the school start date has to be after Labor Day (option 2).

Schools around the country, including Hawaii, have traditionally started around Labor Day. So why has Hawaii changed, beginning the school year in the height of summer?

The state Department of Education dispersed school breaks throughout the year for better retention of information for the students. The theory is that students lose knowledge when they have longer breaks, requiring teachers to reteach curriculum upon returning from break.

The new school calendar, where children are attending school in sweltering months, also has been implemented because it's conducive to standardized testing. The Hawaii State Teachers Association's president, Corey Rosenlee, told Hawaii News Now: "The nice thing about ending at winter break is that lessons are done, tests are done. Over a three-week break, kids can forget stuff, and so you want to sort of complete their lessons when everything is done."

Hawaii could use best practices of school calendars around the country as a guide. Hawaii has 180 instructional days in a school year. By cutting back holidays/breaks and non-instructional days, schools would not have to start or finish in the excruciatingly hot summer months.

Children and teachers of Hawaii are exposed to conditions that are unacceptable for most working environments.

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration recommends temperatures in the range of 68-76 degrees Fahrenheit for offices.

The American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air-Conditioning Engineers standard on Thermal Environmental Conditions for Human Occupancy defines "thermal comfort in an office environment, which means that an employee wearing a normal amount of clothing feels neither too cold nor too warm."

Hawaii's Department of Health requires that employers provide "fresh air" for employees. Working standards for adults are in a different class than those for our children. How can we expect our students to learn, retain and score high on standardized tests in such hot climates when we don't expect even the working adults to function in these environments?

This health and safety issue must be dealt with immediately. Our children's grades and tests scores are not the only things suffering. Children are physically suffering, being forced to sit in saunas. Reports of heat exhaustion, headaches, dehydration and others will continue to increase if we don't do something.

If the state is not willing to pay \$1.7 billion now to protect our children from these extreme conditions, then public schools have to start after Labor Day

Why I'm a Republican

By Susan Krueger

Elijah Adams McGregor born June 5, 1831 in Cardington, Ohio. Enlisted in the Union Army, April 5, 1862 Quartermaster's department. In 1862, Elijah sold his grocery business and his family went to live with his wife's parents. He enlisted in the Army, serving until the close of the Civil War. **Elijah was a staunch Republican and was against slavery.** He died Sept. 25, 1909 on his ranch in Powderhorn, Gunnison County, Colorado.



Here I am at my Grandfather's tombstone. Note the small brown cabin behind me. The present owner of the ranch told me it was built by my Grandfather without nails. He now uses it for his guests who come during hunting season.

SPECIAL MESSAGE TO MY FELLOW REPUBLICANS October 10, 2016

I write this letter to all of you as the immediate past Chair of our Republican Party to set the record straight. The illusive, destructive, untruthful rantings of HIRA – (Hawaii Republican Assembly which is not affiliated with either the Local or National Republican Parties) – has only one purpose in mind. To destroy our Party by spreading lies and deceptions regarding the use of your contributions to our efforts.

During my tenure as Chair, I faithfully watched all expenditures of the Party funds and can vouch that none of it was squandered as charged in recent diatribes. No fraud was committed.

The funds raised to pay the mortgage were used to pay the mortgage and never secretly used to cover other expenses. The charges made are false and destructive with the blatant agenda to discourage your help in the coming Party fundraiser to be held on October 27th.

I was there as your Party Chair – I managed the budget and was well aware of all contributions and expenditures. I put my personal reputation and integrity on the line. I still sit on the Executive Committee and endorse the new Chair, Fritz Rohlffing.

I hope this message helps to clear the air and assure you that the Party will use your contributions wisely and as promised, as we prepare for the coming Presidential elections and the local elections of 2016.

Aloha.

PAT SAIKI
Immediate Past Chair



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.

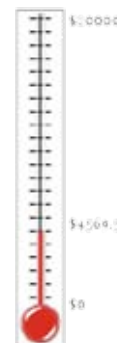
Every coin, every check, every dollar brings us closer to our goal.

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



\$ 65.32
Change for Change



\$ 41.00
Calabash

\$ 96.00
Other Contributions

\$ 202.32
Total this month



Last Month

Veterans Day

World War I – known at the time as “The Great War” - officially ended when the Treaty of Versailles was signed on June 28, 1919, in the Palace of Versailles outside the town of Versailles, France.

However, fighting ceased seven months earlier when an armistice, or temporary cessation of hostilities, between the Allied nations and Germany went into effect on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month. For that reason, November 11, 1918, is generally regarded as the end of “the war to end all wars.”

In November 1919, President Wilson proclaimed November 11 as the first commemoration of Armistice Day with the following words: “To us in America, the reflections of Armistice Day will be filled with solemn pride in the heroism of those who died in the country’s service and with gratitude for the victory, both because of the thing from which it has freed us and because of the opportunity it has given America to show her sympathy with peace and justice in the councils of the nations...”

The original concept for the celebration was for a day observed with parades and public meetings and a brief suspension of business beginning at 11:00 a.m.

The United States Congress officially recognized the end of World War I when it passed a concurrent resolution on June 4, 1926.

An Act (52 Stat. 351; 5 U. S. Code, Sec. 87a) approved May 13, 1938, made the 11th of November in each year a legal holiday—a day to be dedicated to the cause of world peace and to be thereafter celebrated and known as “Armistice Day.” Armistice Day was primarily a day set aside to honor veterans of World War I, but in 1954, after World War II had required the greatest mobilization of soldiers, sailors, Marines and airmen in the Nation’s history; after American forces had fought aggression in Korea, the 83rd Congress, at the urging of the veterans service organizations, amended the Act of 1938 by striking out the word “Armistice” and inserting in its place the word “Veterans.” With the approval of this legislation (Public Law 380) on June 1, 1954, November 11th became a day to honor American veterans of all wars.



Thanksgiving

The tradition of the Pilgrims’ first Thanksgiving is steeped in myth and legend. Several Presidents, including George Washington, made one-time Thanksgiving holidays. In 1827, Mrs. Sarah Josepha Hale began lobbying several Presidents for the creation of Thanksgiving as a national holiday, but her lobbying was unsuccessful until 1863 when Abraham Lincoln finally made it a national holiday.



Today, our Thanksgiving is the fourth Thursday of November. This was set by President Franklin D. Roosevelt in 1939 (approved by Congress in 1941), The Pilgrims’ first Thanksgiving began at some unknown date between September 21 and November 9, most likely in very early October. The date of Thanksgiving was probably set by Lincoln to somewhat correlate with the anchoring of the Mayflower at Cape Cod, which occurred on November 21, 1620.

This is a contemporary account of the 1621 Thanksgiving by Edward Winslow, which he wrote in a letter dated December 12, 1621. The complete letter was first published in 1622.

Our corn [i.e. wheat] did prove well, and God be praised, we had a good increase of Indian corn, and our barley indifferent good, but our peas not worth the gathering, for we feared they were too late sown. They came up very well, and blossomed, but the sun parched them in the blossom. Our harvest being gotten in, our governor sent four men on fowling, that so we might after a special manner rejoice together after we had gathered the fruit of our labors. They four in one day killed as much fowl as, with a little help beside, served the company almost a week. At which time, amongst other recreations, we exercised our arms, many of the Indians coming amongst us, and among the rest their greatest king Massasoit, with some ninety men, whom for three days we entertained and feasted, and they went out and killed five deer, which they brought to the plantation and bestowed on our governor, and upon the captain and others. And although it be not always so plentiful as it was at this time with us, yet by the goodness of God, we are so far from want that we often wish you partakers of our plenty.

The Not Very Funnies

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



Please claim your umbrella.

This pretty umbrella was found after our last luncheon at Waialae Country Club. It will be at our next luncheon at The Willows on November 5th.



Thank you to Kanani for helping us to fold and stamp our October OLRW Newsletter. She was very helpful.

She is getting in practice for when she becomes a member of the League.

Kanani is Carol Thomas’s niece.



Letters to the Editor

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 at garrysmith01@gmail.com.

We 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

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. 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).

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.



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Mayor didn't object to \$910M overrun

'Honolulu Star-Advertiser' - 2015-09-29

I cannot understand why all of a sudden Mayor Kirk Caldwell has decided to become interested in keeping rail costs under control ("Let's fight to eliminate delays and cost increases in rail project," Star-Advertiser, Island Voices, Sept. 27).

In December 2014, when the Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation announced a \$910 million cost overrun, the mayor, instead of becoming indignant at the cost, went to the Legislature to beg for the extension of the rail tax surcharge. Not much of a fight.

Less than nine months later, it's now only a \$200 million increase and he wants to be known as a cost-cutter and budget watchdog.

What bothers me most is his comment that "neither the state nor the city is planning new freeways, highways or roadways."

If rail will not reduce traffic congestion, does Caldwell realize he is dooming all Leeward and Central Oahu residents to traffic gridlock without any hope of relief?
Earl Arakaki

Stop calling rail a '\$5.2B project'

'Honolulu Star-Advertiser' - 2015-09-30

Surely by now most people are numb to every announced increase in the price of the rail project, with a \$910 million cost overrun, and now \$200 million more not even a year later ("Rail shortfall tops \$1 billion," Star-Advertiser, Sept. 16).

But now we are told we are also at least one year late in construction.

Some mathematical corrections are needed. It is now noted that the project is well above \$6 billion. Prior to December 2014 it was a \$5.2 billion project and then the Legislature approved an extension in general excise tax surcharges for five years, which will result in a \$1.5 billion to \$1.9 billion increase in taxes. So now the project is between \$6.7 billion to \$7 billion, which is why it should be called a \$7 billion project.

Does anyone at this point believe that the cost overruns and construction delays are over and we finally will complete this project with the new schedule and new money?
Shirley Gibbs

Mayor should work on rail solutions, too

'Honolulu Star-Advertiser' - 2015-10-01

It is nothing more than a cruel hoax for the mayor to say that we are supposed to fight to make rail right ("Let's fight to eliminate delays and cost increases in rail project," Star-Advertiser, Island Voices, Sept. 27).

The mayor's plans for fighting all have to do with the Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation doing something, not the mayor doing anything. His column has five action items for HART but zero for the mayor and only one for the City Council (to vote to extend the general excise tax surcharge).

In 2012, then-mayoral candidate Caldwell said he was going to "build rail better." Apparently that slogan was as hollow as his new "let's fight" demand.

If the mayor really intends on making rail a reality, he is going to have to step into the fight, throw some punches and not just watch from the sidelines.

Garry P. Smith



Mayor's call to 'fight' over rail rings hollow

'Honolulu Star-Advertiser' - 2015-10-04

Who is it that Mayor Kirk Caldwell intends to fight ("Let's fight to eliminate delays and cost increases in rail project," Star-Advertiser, Island Voices, Sept. 27)?

Certainly he doesn't mean he is fighting the Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation, as it seems to have complete control over rail cost overruns, delays and the mayor, as he willingly lobbied the legislators to extend the rail tax surcharge. The mayor got five years to start with, but wanted much more.

He's not fighting taxpayers, as they seem numb to any tax increase for rail, not even caring that there will be a \$200 million-a-year subsidy paid for with property taxes once rail begins operating.

He's definitely not fighting the unions, as the Pacific Resource Partnership spent \$3 million defaming his mayoral election opponent to ensure their pro-rail candidate was elected.

He must mean that he is fighting his own shadow. He promised to build rail better, on time and on budget, and now it is \$1.1 billion over budget and at least one year delayed completion. Shadow boxing doesn't get you ready for a fight.

Mary Monohon

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

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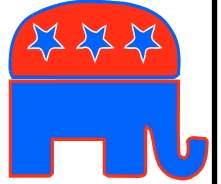
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October 27 Koolau Ballrooms in Kaneohe PROUD TO BE AN AMERICAN Burn the Mortgage event

Speaker Susana Martinez, Republican Governor of New Mexico

For more information call Carol Thomas at (808) 261-1146



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