



# O.L.R.W. Newsletter

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## Luncheon / Meeting

May 3, 2007

Hale Ikena - Fort Shafter

11:00 A.M. Check In

11:30 A.M. Meeting

12:00 Noon Lunch

**Meal cost is \$20.00**

### Menu

Salad Bar

Baked Potato Bar

Assorted Entrees

& Vegetables

Fresh Rolls

Assorted Desserts

Sundae Bar

Coffee or Tea

### Reservations

Jeannine Sills

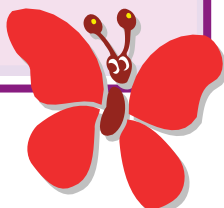
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or

www.oahuleague.homestead.com

Reservations must be made by April 30. We are committed to pay for all lunches reserved, so **No Shows will be charged for their lunch.** Please - no walk-ins.



### Get Well

To all who can't join us because you are ill - Get well soon.

We miss you



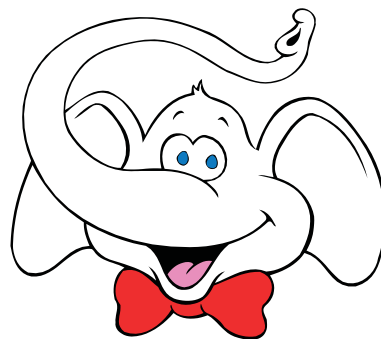
## Guest Speaker

# Vivian Aiona

Born and raised in Honolulu, Vivian appreciates the ocean, the year-round warm weather, and the healthy atmosphere surrounding the islands.

In an effort to support husband, Lt. Gov. Duke Aiona's campaign during the general election, Vivian opted for early retirement from Air Canada after twenty-five years of service. She believes that 25 years of customer service is a great asset for life in politics. In addition to attending many events on behalf of the executive office, Vivian loves music, baking, reading, and learning faith in Christ. For fun Vivian walks 2-3 miles several times a week, attends her children's sports and school activities. She enjoys University of Hawaii football games (season ticket holder over 20 years) and cheers for the Saint Louis High School basketball team (her husband is varsity assistant coach).

As newcomers to politics, the Aiona's trust that their faith, and their daily life in the community, will attest to their mission as public servants.



## A Reminder

**Dues for 2007 must be paid this month to continue receiving your newsletter.**

### Life is short

Break the rules

Forgive quickly

Kiss slowly

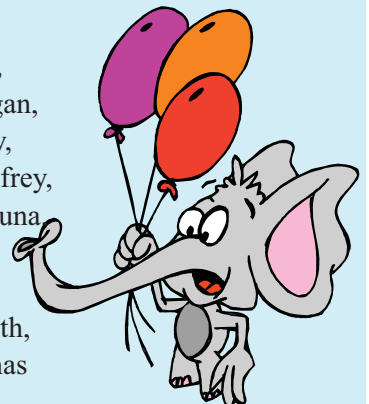
Love truly

Laugh uncontrollably

And never regret anything that made you smile.

## Happy Birthday!

Lee Awana,  
Bob Chung,  
Loretta Dugan,  
Erm Gartley,  
Signey Godfrey,  
Denise Kekuna,  
Willes Lee,  
Pat Saiki,  
Aldene Smith,  
Carol Thomas





# Member Profiles

by Nancy Gallagher

## Rose Lum Tam-Hoy

Can you think of anyone other than Rose Lum Tam-Hoy for our spring issue? Her colorful outfits brighten our luncheons like blossoms in a garden.

“Is this Auntie Rose?” “I asked the surprisingly young voice at the other end of the phone. “Yes” She answers cheerfully. After I identified myself I asked if she would mind sitting for an interview. “Me!” she exclaims. “Why? I’m not a dancer or a teacher – I’m a nobody.”

“It’s the hats.” I reply. “Oh, I do love hats; I have them all over – in boxes, hanging on hooks, up on shelves... I must have at least fifty...”

When I got to her home she was out watering her son’s garden. She directed me to her Mama’s House at the end of the driveway. Apologizing for the topsy-turvy living room, Rose explains that she and her housekeeper have not been able to gather up everything after her big birthday party. There are still some unopened presents and one, in particular caught my eye. A flashy black high heel shoe pin studded with rhinestones was taped to the bow. Where is your tape recorder?” she asks. “Don’t have one – I’ll just take some notes.” “Then let’s have some family music” she says, as she turns on her boom box. “My cousin sings falsetto. Isn’t he good?”

Agreeing, I settle on the sofa amongst the photo albums, gifts and framed pictures. “Ask me questions” she says as she scurries around the room gathering more pictures and a framed article about her mama when she was honored for her 71 years of service in Hale O’na Ali’I (House of Chiefs)

Rose instructs her housekeeper to bring Hawaiian quilts and cushions made by Mama. “Mama was one of the best quilters of her time. When I started my Hawaiian quilting business I went to see master quilter Deborah Kokalia to get certified. She told me that I didn’t need lessons from her because my mother taught me. But I felt I needed a certificate, so after two days of quilting lessons from her, she gave me my certificate. For thirty years I taught quilting.”

“Okay, ask me another question.” says Rose excitedly.



### When & where were you born?

In Honolulu on February 18th in the year of the Boar. (I certainly knew it was not the year of the “Bore”) My Chinese papa gave me his youth and brains. My Hawaiian mama gave me her beauty and aloha. We were blessed in having such a loving family.

### What high school you went?

I graduated from St Andrews Priory School for Girls (She hands me a blue St Andrews Priory alumnae ribbon with her high school photo and the word “Golden Girl!” in big gold letters!) Continued



## Hawaiian Floral Note Cards Fundraiser

Support the Oahu League by purchasing beautiful floral note cards from Painted Rainbows. The cards are \$10.50 (including tax) per set of ten. A portion of each sale goes to the OLRW Political Action Committee. You may order them online or by mail. If you want them delivered to the luncheon you can phone in your orders and pay at the luncheon. For more information go to [www.oahuleague.homestead.com](http://www.oahuleague.homestead.com) and click on the fundraiser button or call Pam at 398-5556.

### Fundraiser for Representative Gene Ward Suggested Donation \$25

When: Tuesday, April 24, 2007  
5:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Where: St. Andrews Priory

Contact: Faredah Ward (808) 428-7487

## 2007 Hawaii Republican Party State Convention

This year HRP will elect party officers and review party rules and resolutions.

Location: Maui Prince Hotel, Makena  
1-800-321-6284

Dates: May 18-20, 2007

Contact: Eliza Talbot  
593-8180  
eliza@gophawaii.com

**Bring a Book for our Community Service Opportunity!**  
Books will be donated to Senior Centers throughout Maui County.

**Mahalo for your kokua!**

Long time HRP volunteer **Jill Frierson** has just completed a round of radiation treatments for her cancer. She is not up to visitors or phone calls, but would appreciate cards.

For those of you who know Jill, you know the incredible fight she has put up to beat this cancer. Our thoughts and prayers can help her get through this round

If you need Jill’s address you can call Pam Smith at 398-5556.

## Condolences to

The Families of  
Maria Hustace  
Member since 1984

Charles Marsland  
Member since 1984



# April Luncheon



## 50/50 Winner for April

Barbara Barth Won \$32  
Barbara generously donated her cash winnings to the OLRW PAC.

## June Luncheon Speaker

Representative Cynthia Thielen



## Rose Lum Tam-Hoy Continued

### What did you do after high school?

I joined the Earn to Learn program at the Mutual Telephone Company, starting at 37 ½ cents per hour and soon getting 75 cents an hour. I was so fast on that switchboard! At that time a call from Honolulu to Pearl Harbor was a long distance call. Two years later I met and married Harold Lin Hau Tam-Hoy. He worked in civil service for 38 years. He was so good to me. Got me a car so I could go to meetings and take our children to all their activities. We had four children, eleven grandchildren and nine great grandchildren. I've been a widow for 16 years.

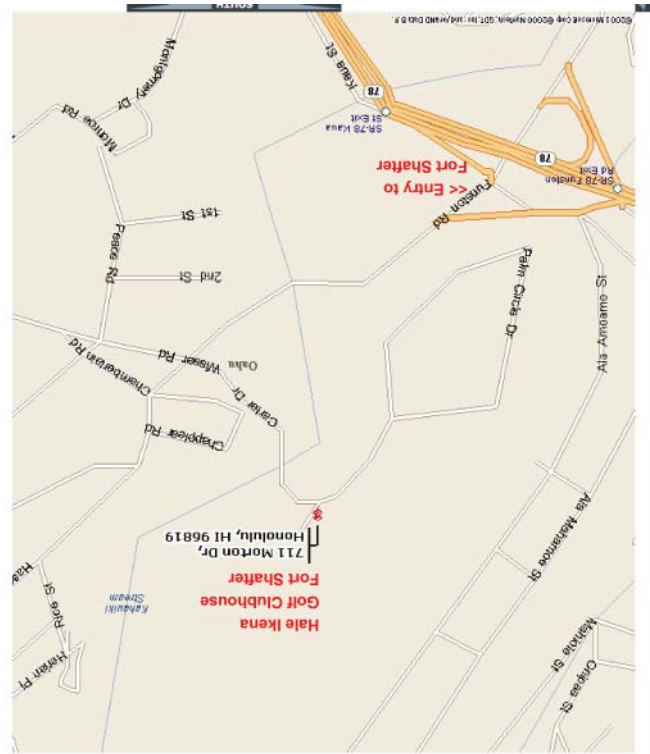
So, how many organizations do you belong to? "Twelve" she says, naming and spelling each one. "I love parties, meetings and funerals..." she adds


What is your greatest achievement? I asked without being prompted. My greatest honor was being my mama's caregiver. My sister helped me. Mama lived for 102 years and 10 months. She taught me everything. It's because of her that I was able to survive breast cancer. I am who I am because of my mama.

Are you working on any special projects right now? Yes. My friend Iwalani Tseu is making a calendar of breast cancer survivors. I want to be the February Girl. I'll only wear three hats. A big one on my head, a medium one here and a little one there (she points...).

That's our "shy little violet" (her words) masquerading as Rose.





  
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**By Bob Kessler**

Here in Honolulu the premium we all pay for the privilege of living in Paradise continues to skyrocket, thanks to Real Property taxes that are out of control. And our City Council does virtually nothing to offset the astounding increases in real property value assessments assigned by the Real Property Assessment Office. Last year the Council increased the Homeowner Exemption, a measure that vanished under the weight of this year's increased assessments. Currently the City Council is considering lowering the tax rate applied to this year's assessments by between 18 and 24%. That despite the fact that assessments increased 30 to 35% last year. The Council's proposals only slow the rate of tax increase. That's not tax relief, merely a transparent attempt to find out how much tax pain we'll tolerate.

But wait, it's worse than that. Compounding is good news for savings accounts, but it is very bad news about property taxes. Starting with 2004, if we accept that property assessments have increased 25% per year for the last three years, that sounds like a 75% increase. But, thanks to compounding, it's really a 95% increase. That explains why my real property tax bill, for example, has more than doubled in three years, even after applying rebates and increased homeowner exemptions. If the Council were serious about stabilizing Real Property taxes, they would consider cutting the current tax rate by ONE HALF to offset the huge assessment increases imposed by the Real Property Assessment Office.

Do we have any leverage over our Council? The answer is NOT YET. Citizen initiative on issues involving "the levy of taxes" currently is prohibited by the Honolulu City Charter, which has prompted LET HONOLULU VOTE's petition seeking to remove that City Charter wording. After we gather enough signatures to qualify our initiative, voters will have the opportunity, on the November 2008 General Election ballot, to reclaim some control over our tax situation. The ballot will contain a measure amending the City Charter by deleting the four words that allow our City Government to avoid accountability for their tax policies. So be prepared to support that measure in 2008.

But act right now! You can help assure victory by contacting LET HONOLULU VOTE to support our effort with donations, circulating our petition, providing legal or notary services, or any number of ways that will help us progress. Find out more about us at our web site, [LETHONOLULUVOTE.ORG](http://LETHONOLULUVOTE.ORG), or call Paul Smith at 524-2436, or Bob Kessler at 922-6188. Contact us today and be part of the remedy to our tax problems.

Get a LET HONOLULU VOTE update each Monday on Rick Hamada during the 7am hour.