



O.L.R.W. Newsletter

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Luncheon / Meeting
January 8, 2014
The Willows
910 Hausten St

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

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

Celynck@yahoo.com

www.olrw.org

Reservations/Cancellations must
be made by **January 5th**. We are
committed to pay for all lunches
reserved, so *No Shows will be
charged for their lunch.*

Please - no walk-ins.



Speaker:

Senator Sam Slom

Sam is going to talk to us about what he expects to
happen during the upcoming legislative session and
what you can do to help him and other legislators
do their jobs.

Reminder



Please bring in your OLRW PAC Change. The change
brought in last month was \$87.00.

We are now providing jars that you can reuse every
month.

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



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Happy Birthday January Babies

HAU'OLI LA HANAU To



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The Pres Says...

Carol Thomas, President

STATEMENT FROM PAT SAIKI REGARDING REPRESENTATIVE AARON JOHANSON'S ANNOUNCEMENT TO JOIN THE DEMOCRAT PARTY

HONOLULU (Dec. 29) – Pat Saiki, State Chair of the Hawaii Republican Party, released the following statement after the recent announcement that Representative Aaron Johanson was resigning from the Republican Party to become a Democrat.

“For Representative Johanson to sacrifice his principles for political ambition is disgraceful. He must be a disappointment to the 3,968 residents who entrusted him with their votes less than two months ago.

“A person, especially a politician, is only as good as his word. When the person breaks that word, he can never be trusted.

“It is no secret that running as a Democrat in Hawaii makes life much easier for any politician. However, it takes courage to stand up to the political machine that has dominated island politics since statehood. Representative Johanson now becomes part of that political machine, and he’ll have to fall in line.

“The Republican Party of Hawaii is alive and well, and we’ll continue engaging in heated, passionate debate about ideas and solutions to our State’s most pressing problems.

“Though Representative Johanson has decided to join in support of ‘business as usual’ with the Majority Party, I and tens of thousands of other Hawaii Republicans intend to remain the loyal opposition and keep fighting for a better future for our State.”

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

HELP WANTED

Letters to the Editor

We welcome letters to the editor regarding current events and political situations. Please keep your letters to 150 words or less.

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.

Member Services

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.

Get Well



Get well wishes go out to Bonnie Kalberer who fractured her right proximal humerus (her upper arm bone near the shoulder). She is on the mainland, but will be heading back to Hawaii in early January.
Bonnie - We hope to see you without a sling at February luncheon!



The fight is on for 2016.
Please help us bulk up our PAC for the next election.
Make contributions at
<http://oahuleague.org/olrw-pac/>



Welcome

to our newest members:

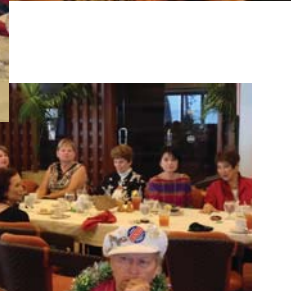
- Earl Arakaki
- Evelyn Arakaki
- Garry Smith
- Kimberly Higashi

We are looking forward to getting to know you!

December Luncheon

Waialae Country Club

Thank you to the ladies from Sacred Hearts Academy for their beautiful songs as we enjoyed our Christmas feast.



There was no 50/50 drawing in December.
We encouraged people to support the PAC by purchasing goods at our sale.
The drawing will resume in January



RONALD McDONALD HOUSE

The Oahu League of Republican Women decorated the Ronald McDonald House at Judd Hillside for Christmas again this year. We decorated December 1,2,3,5 and 10. There was a lot to do, but with many hands it was done quickly and beautifully.

Thank you to

Friends Bernie James and Delilah Patoc,

and Members

Pam Smith

Bev Toomey

Jaci Agustin

LuAnn Poti

Jeanette Templeman

Lu Fleming

Nancy Gallagher and friend

Carolyn Tobias

Betty Liu

Carol Thomas

Ione Gumpfer





Our Adopted Family



We adopted a family through Keiki O Ka Aina as part of the Laulima Giving program. We did a wonderful job of providing the wants and needs of this family.



Thank you to the following members that participated in our Christmas Family Project:

June Anderson

Pat Anderson

Kathy Brown

Marian Crislip

Nancy Gallagher

Cheri Hickman

Carole Kaapu

Rita Kama-Kimura

George & Helen Kekuna

Susan & George Krueger

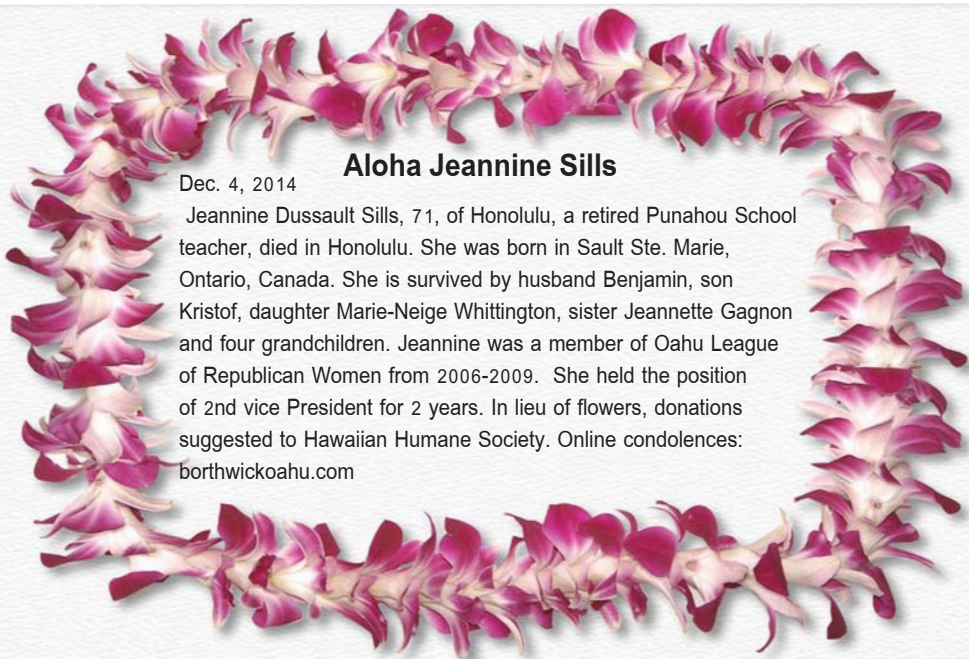
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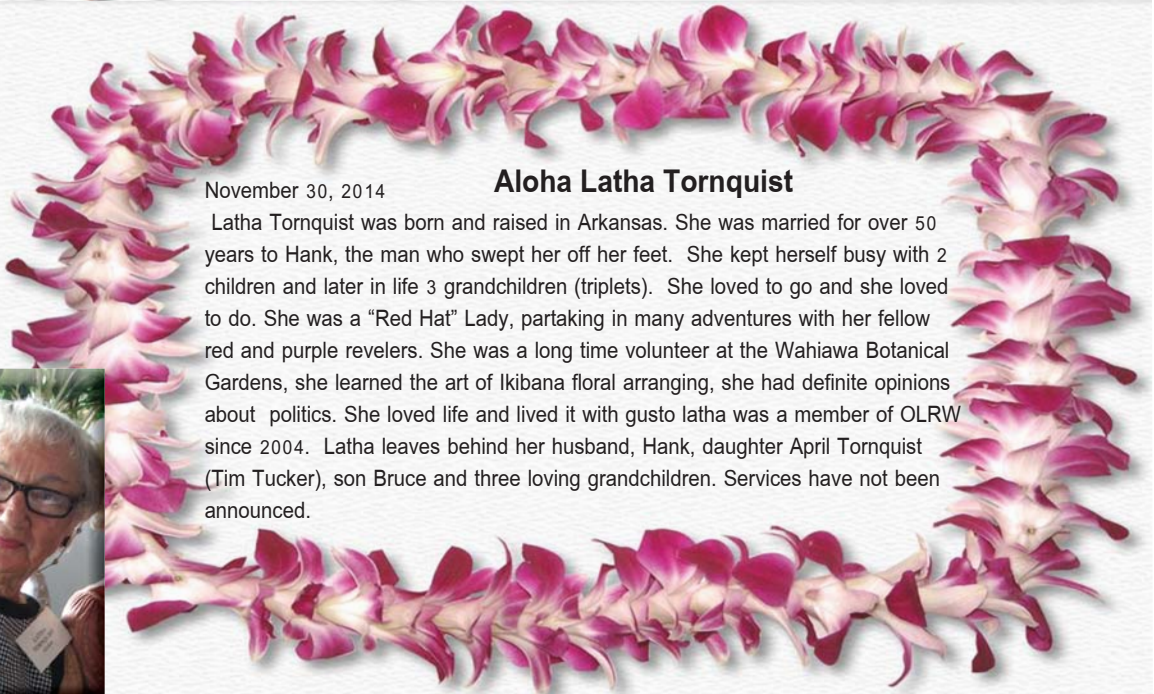




Aloha Jeannine Sills

Dec. 4, 2014

Jeannine Dussault Sills, 71, of Honolulu, a retired Punahou School teacher, died in Honolulu. She was born in Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, Canada. She is survived by husband Benjamin, son Kristof, daughter Marie-Neige Whittington, sister Jeannette Gagnon and four grandchildren. Jeannine was a member of Oahu League of Republican Women from 2006-2009. She held the position of 2nd vice President for 2 years. In lieu of flowers, donations suggested to Hawaiian Humane Society. Online condolences: borthwickoahu.com



Aloha Latha Tornquist

November 30, 2014

Latha Tornquist was born and raised in Arkansas. She was married for over 50 years to Hank, the man who swept her off her feet. She kept herself busy with 2 children and later in life 3 grandchildren (triplets). She loved to go and she loved to do. She was a "Red Hat" Lady, partaking in many adventures with her fellow red and purple revelers. She was a long time volunteer at the Wahiawa Botanical Gardens, she learned the art of Ikebana floral arranging, she had definite opinions about politics. She loved life and lived it with gusto latha was a member of OLRW since 2004. Latha leaves behind her husband, Hank, daughter April Tornquist (Tim Tucker), son Bruce and three loving grandchildren. Services have not been announced.

The ^{Not Very} Funnies

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



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 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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Below are three letters from OUR MEMBERS printed by the Star advertiser in the past few months.

We should aim for at least 1-2 letters per month from our members in print. You can't change peoples' minds if you don't speak out.

Rail costs likely will soar higher

Honolulu Star-Advertiser - 2014-12-24

"Price tag soaring" (Star-Advertiser, Dec. 19) should come as no surprise to anyone.

At a seemingly generous \$1 billion, the contingency fund was used as a crutch for every cost overrun since the start of the project. The contingency fund was \$556 million just a short time ago, in September 2014. That was before the \$110 million cost overrun for nine of 21 transit stations.

But now it is reported that the cost of rail has soared between \$550 million and \$700 million, not only wiping out the contingency fund but going into the red at least \$300 million.

The project just started construction and hasn't even started in the most likely difficult and more expensive area of the second phase — Aloha Stadium to Ala Moana Center.

Since the contingency fund is gone, what will the Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation use as a means of convincing the taxpayers that rail will come in on budget and on time?

Earl Arakaki
Ewa Beach

When mayor says 'stone,' he means us

Honolulu Star-Advertiser - 2014-12-25

It's a stunning admission from the Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation that it will blow through \$1 billion in contingency funding with 40 percent of rail still to be contracted out ("Price tag soaring," Star-Advertiser, Dec. 19) and an additional \$550 to \$700 million in costs.

More disturbing is Mayor Kirk Caldwell, who ran on a pro-rail agenda, saying, "We're going to leave no stone unturned."

If that is true, he should be saying he would look for savings by bringing the heavy rail to ground level such as the MAX in Portland, Ore., or by changing the rail to a toll roadway that not only pays for itself but relieves traffic.

Instead, the mayor and City Council will look to Oahu residents to dig deeper into their pockets to pay higher property taxes and/or extending the 0.5 percent general excise tax surcharge. We are the stones.

Garry P. Smith
Ewa Beach

Best option for rail is to stop building it

Honolulu Star-Advertiser - 2014-12-28

The editorial, "More details needed about rail options" (Star-Advertiser, Our View, Dec. 21) glosses over the most obvious answer to the ever-increasing costs of rail: Stop it now.

Now we know it will not be on time or on budget. We also know for sure that, based on the last few years, costs will continually balloon.

We've spent down the \$1 billion contingency fund. We're now planning on going into funds we don't have yet, and we still don't know the cost for the other 40 percent to be contracted out. What more do we need to know before we pull the plug? It will not help Leeward traffic, which is almost at a standstill every working day.

When you find yourself in a hole, quit digging.

Pam Smith
Ewa Beach

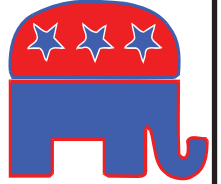


Upcoming Events

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

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

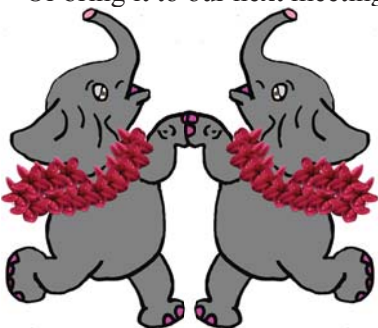
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