

# O.L.R.W. Newsletter



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February 2015

Luncheon / Meeting  
February 5, 2015  
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

Reservations/Cancellations must  
be made by **January 31<sup>st</sup>**. We are  
committed to pay for all lunches  
reserved, so **No Shows will be  
charged for their lunch.**

Please - no walk-ins.



## Speaker:

## Kim Buffett

Sergeant Kim Buffett is the face of Crime Stoppers in Honolulu. She has been the Crime Stoppers coordinator since 2005 and with The Honolulu Police Department for a total of 27 years. From 1995 to 2005 Kim worked in the gang unit out of the Juvenile Service Division. She traveled, training officers from police departments across the US, in a gang curriculum taught in middle schools.

From 1987 to 1995 she worked as a patrol officer in the McCully and Pearl City areas. Kim is married with three children and three step children .

## 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 February Babies

HAU'OLI LA HANAU To



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# The Pres Says...

Carol Thomas, President

Dear Members:

The recent Islamic terrorists jihad attack by Radical Islamists in Paris, France is a wake up call for the world. Yes, I did call it an attack by Radical Islamists even though President Obama and his administration will not speak those words. The absence of the leader of the free world, our President Barry Barack Obama on Sunday, January 11 against Islamic Jihadists showed the true character of this president. Attorney General Holder was in Paris at a conference but was probably told to "STAND DOWN." Our ambassador to France was lost at the back of the crowd since, you know, we do lead from behind. John Kerry showed up days later with an awkward hug and James Taylor singing to Paris citizens "you got a friend" with a falling mic. Anyone remember the Keystone Cops or the Three Stooges? And the #1 REASON FOR OUR ABSENCE: Former President Jimmy Carter said that Obama had just returned from vacation in Hawaii and had stacks of more pressing things on his desk!!! Seriously?

The newest idea by BO hits the middle class wallet. "Free community college tuition" for two years. Why aren't existing PELL grants enough for lower income students that qualify? Why not expand this existing program? Maybe this great program should be directed to trade schools to teach young people to be carpenters, electricians, mechanics, etc. so we can return to our great manufacturing days. It's a given that not all young people thrive in academia but do so in trade schools. I hope Congress will pass and override BO's veto on the Keystone Pipeline project. This should have happened years ago and "screw" the environmentalists. I don't care that the price of crude oil is now at its low. Do we want to continue to buy from our enemies so they can use our money to wage war on us and support terrorists? Lastly, there should have been no \$B appropriation to Pakistan, period!

**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.



# Welcome

to our newest member:  
**Leigh Buchholz**

**We are looking forward to getting to know you!**

We are Happy to announce  
**Diane Yri**  
has become a Life Member

## Luncheon Schedule

- March 5 -Waialae Country Club**
- April 2 - Hale Koa Hotel**
- May 7- Waialea Country Club**
- June 4 - The Willows**

**Congratulations to new OLRW Board member  
Diane Yri.**



Diane accepted appointment as the chair of the fundraising committee. She will be responsible for raising funds for our PAC and any other purpose.

If anyone is interested in helping Diane on this committee you can e-mail her at [yriarthur@hotmail.com](mailto:yriarthur@hotmail.com) .

Diane and her husband, Arthur, live in Kapolei and have 3 children.

Diane is the Vice President of Membership for the Newcomers Club of Honolulu and the secretary for the Naval Academy Parents' Club.

Her favorite book is *The Great Escape: Nine Jews Who Escaped Hitler and Changed the World* by Kati Marton. Her hobbies include genealogy, cooking, traveling, and reading.

Diane served as office manager for Duke Aiona's gubernatorial campaign in 2014.



# January Luncheon

## The Willows



Thank you to Sam Slom for giving us an idea of what might happen during this year's session.



Marian Crislip won the 50/50 drawing in November. \$68 went to Marian and \$68 went to the PAC.





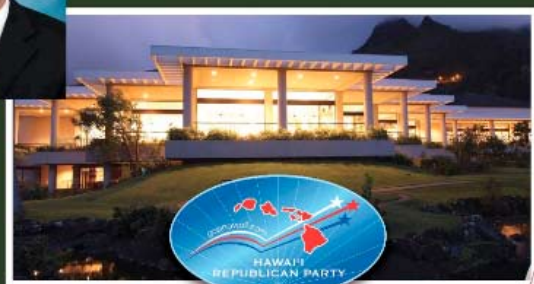
# The Annual Lincoln Dinner

A Benefit for the Republican Party of Hawaii

Join fellow Republicans to celebrate as we move into the 2016 Presidential election with an insider's view from a member of the Republican Senate Majority. The proceeds from this event will give the Republican Party of Hawaii the necessary resources to find, train and support local candidates, and ready them for the battles of 2016.



**Keynote Speaker:** U.S. Senator Jeff Flake from Arizona; Attended BYU Hawaii; Member of the Senate Foreign Relations, Judiciary, and Energy and Natural Resources Committees; Rising star on the national stage.



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The stunning lush emerald 2000-foot green cliffs are the backdrop for the 242 tropical acres of the Ko'olau Ballrooms & Conference Center and golf course, a beautiful elegant site for the Republican Party of Hawaii's Annual Lincoln Dinner.

For more information: [info@gophawaii.com](mailto:info@gophawaii.com) • 808-593-8180 • [gophawaii.com](http://gophawaii.com)

# Lincoln Day Dinner

Representative Barbara Marumoto, Chair of the Lincoln Dinner Committee, along with Co-Chairs Governor Linda Lingle, Lieutenant Governor Duke Aiona, Congressman Charles Djou, The Honorable Elwin Ahu and Finance Committee Chair John Henry Felix, are proud to announce that U.S. Senator Jeff Flake from Arizona will be the keynote speaker at our annual Lincoln Day Dinner on Thursday, February 19, 2015 at 6:00 PM at the Ko'olau Ballrooms in Kaneohe.

As a Member of the Senate Energy Natural and Resources, Foreign Relations, and Judiciary Committees, Senator Flake oversees Congressional legislation on many domestic and international issues important to Hawaii. Furthermore, he serves on the Subcommittee on East Asian and Pacific Affairs, which oversees all matters relating to countries in our geographic area, including the promotion of U.S. trade and exports, foreign assistance and terrorism. From the proliferation of solar power systems and liquefied natural gas in the islands, to the rise of the Islamic State and formalizing relations with Cuba, don't miss this opportunity to hear from a sitting United States Senator in the majority!

The proceeds of this event will provide our party the resources to find, train, and support Republican candidates in Hawaii for the 2016 election cycle. You'll get to hear insights from a rising star in the national Republican Party about priorities for the Republican controlled U.S. Senate and other interesting topics. You'll also have the opportunity to mingle with your fellow Republicans and our Republican elected officials.

## Republicans Gather to Elect Leaders

### All Registered Republicans Notified of Upcoming Caucuses In Their Neighborhood

Per section 320 and 326 of the Rules of the Republican Party of Hawaii, and under the direction of the State Executive and County Committees, the Republican Party of Hawaii is proud to announce the annual precinct and district caucus elections.

To be held on a single day for each island, Republicans will gather to elect precinct and district officers, and elect delegates and alternates to the 2015 State Convention.

Delegates and alternates to the 2015 State Convention will elect the officers of the Republican Party of Hawaii, including State Chair, Secretary, Treasurer and Vice-Chairs who will serve through the 2016 Presidential election cycle.

*To the right is the Oahu Schedule of meetings.*



2015 Hawaii Republican Party District/Precinct Caucuses

**Thursday, February 5 - 6:00 p.m. - Check-In; 6:30 p.m. - Meeting**

DISTRICT	LOCATION
17-18	Room #F1, Niu Valley Middle School, 310 Halemaumau Street, Honolulu, HI 96821
19-20	Wilson Elementary School, 4945 Kilauea Avenue, Honolulu, HI 96816
21-22	Hawaii Republican Party, 725 Kapiolani Blvd., Suite C-105, Honolulu, HI 96813
23-24	Cafeteria, Manoa Elementary School, 3155 Manoa Road, Honolulu, HI 96822
25-26	Hawaii Republican Party, 725 Kapiolani Blvd., Suite C-105, Honolulu, HI 96813
27-28	Lanakila Elementary, 717 North Kuakini Street, Honolulu, HI 96817
29-30	Cafeteria, Kalihi Kai Elementary School, 626 Mc Neill Street, Honolulu, HI 96817
31-32	Fleet Reserve Association Branch 46; 891 Valkenburgh Street, Honolulu, HI 96818
33-34	Aiea Elementary School, 99-370 Moanalua Road, Aiea, HI 96701
35-38	Multipurpose Room, Pearl City High School, 2100 Hookiekie Street
36-37	Cafeteria, Mililani Uka Elementary School, 94-380 Kuahelani Avenue, Mililani, HI 96789
39-40	Waialele Elementary School, 94-1035 Kukula St., Waipahu, HI 96797
41-42	Barber's Point Elementary, 3001 Boxer Road, Kapolei, HI 96707
43-44	Cafeteria, Maili Elementary School, 87-360 Kulaaupuni Street, Waianae, HI 96792-3197
45-46	Library, Waialua Elementary School, 67-020 Waialua Beach Road, Waialua, HI 96791
47	Kahuku High School, 56-490 Kamehameha Highway, Kahuku, HI 96731
48-49	Cafeteria, Benjamin Parker Elementary School, 45-259 Waikalua Road, Kaneohe, HI 96744
50-51	Cafeteria, Kailua High School, 451 Ulumanu Drive, Kailua, HI 96734

# Happy Valentines



Saint Valentine's Day, also known as Valentine's Day or the Feast of Saint Valentine, is a holiday observed on February 14 each year. It is celebrated in many countries around the world, although it is not a holiday in most of them.

St. Valentine's Day began as a liturgical celebration one or more early Christian saints named Valentinus. Several martyrdom stories were invented for the various Valentines that belonged to February 14, and added to later martyrologies. A popular hagiographical account of Saint Valentine of Rome states that he was imprisoned for performing weddings for soldiers who were forbidden to marry and for ministering to Christians, who were persecuted under the Roman Empire. According to legend, during his imprisonment, he healed the daughter of his jailer, Asterius. An embellishment to this story states that before his execution he wrote her a letter signed "Your Valentine" as a farewell. Today, Saint Valentine's Day is an official feast day in the Anglican Communion, as well as in the Lutheran Church

The day was first associated with romantic love in the circle of Geoffrey Chaucer in the High Middle Ages, when the tradition of courtly love flourished. In 18th-century England, it evolved into an occasion in which lovers expressed their love for each other by presenting flowers, offering confectionery, and sending greeting cards (known as "valentines"). In Europe, Saint Valentine's Keys are given to lovers "as a romantic symbol and an invitation to unlock the giver's heart".



Valentine's Day symbols that are used today include the heart-shaped outline, doves, and the figure of the winged Cupid. Since the 19th century, handwritten valentines have given way to mass-produced greeting cards.

## Valentines Goodies Sale!

We will have Valentine cookies and heart balloons available for sale at our February Luncheon.

**The proceeds from the sales will be donated to our Political Action Committee.**

The price for 1 1/2 dozen small heart sugar cookies topped with cinnamon sugar and a balloon is \$10.

These make excellent gifts for your sweetheart (or for your sweet tooth). Quantities are limited, so place your advance order now.

E-mail Pam at [pamleesmith@gmail.com](mailto:pamleesmith@gmail.com) or call 398-5556 to pre-order.



**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.**



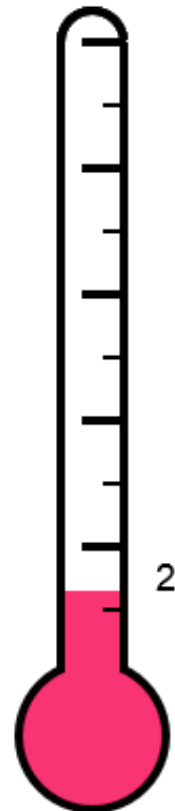
If you would like to just throw your loose change in a jar every day we have jars available

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.

Target: \$20000



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Chinese New Year is an important traditional Chinese holiday celebrated at the turn of the Chinese calendar. In China, it is also known as the Spring Festival, the literal translation of the modern Chinese name. Chinese New Year celebrations traditionally run from Chinese New Year's Eve, the last day of the last month of the Chinese calendar, to the Lantern Festival on the 15th day of the first month, making the festival the longest in the Chinese calendar. Because the Chinese calendar is lunisolar, the Chinese New Year is often referred to as the "Lunar New Year".

The source of Chinese New Year is itself centuries old and gains significance because of several myths and traditions. Traditionally, the festival was a time to honor deities as well as ancestors. Chinese New Year is celebrated in countries and territories with significant Chinese populations, and in Chinatowns elsewhere. Chinese New Year is considered a major holiday for the Chinese and has had influence on the lunar new year celebrations of its geographic neighbours.

Within China, regional customs and traditions concerning the celebration of the Chinese new year vary widely. Often, the evening preceding Chinese New Year's Day is an occasion for Chinese families to gather for the annual reunion dinner. It is also traditional for every family to thoroughly cleanse the house, in order to sweep away any ill-fortune and to make way for good incoming luck. Windows and doors will be decorated with red color paper-cuts and couplets with popular themes of "good fortune" or "happiness", "wealth", and "longevity." Other activities include lighting firecrackers and giving money in red paper envelopes.



The Goat comes 8th in the Chinese zodiac. The 12 zodiac animals are: Rat, Ox, Tiger, Rabbit, Dragon, Snake, Horse, Goat, Monkey, Rooster, Dog, and Pig.

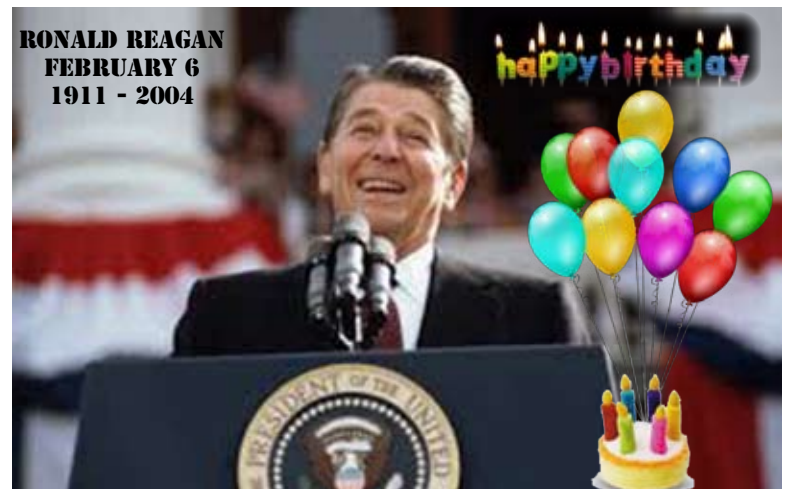
According to Chinese astrology, each year (starting from Chinese New Year) is associated with an animal sign, occurring in a 12-year cycle. For example 2015 is a year of the Goat.

Lucky Colors: brown, red, purple

Lucky Numbers: 2, 7

Lucky Flowers: carnation, primrose

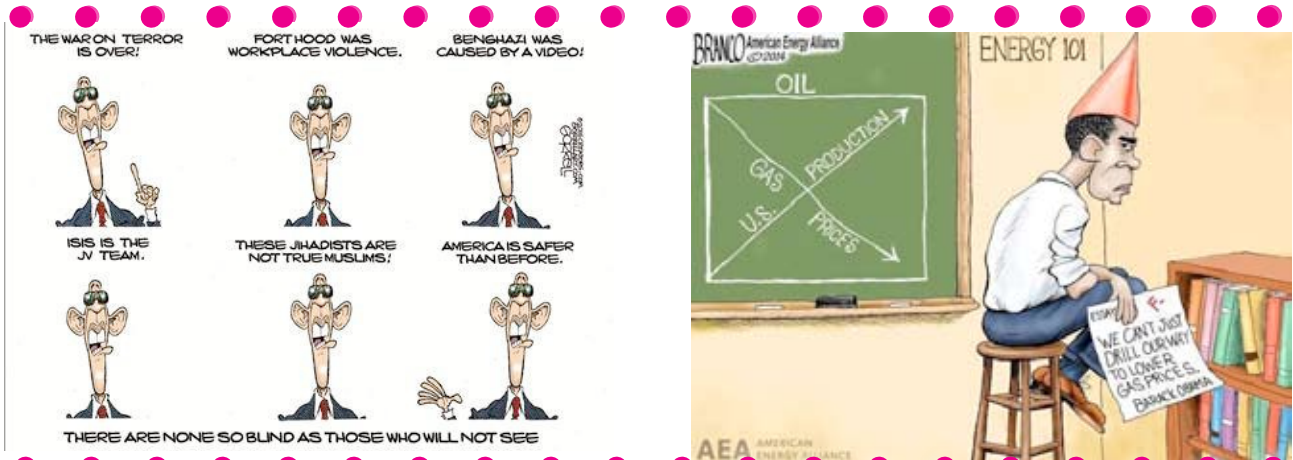
Year of Birth: 1919, 1931, 1943, 1955, 1967, 1979, 1991, 2003, 2015, 2027



**RONALD REAGAN**  
**FEBRUARY 6**  
**1911 - 2004**

## 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 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).

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[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.

## Homelessness goes back to '60s reforms

*Honolulu Star-Advertiser - 2015-01-04*

Yes, there is "no need to study homelessness" (Star-Advertiser, Letters, Dec. 31) but Smoky Guerrero shouldn't blame Ronald Reagan.

An Oct. 30, 1984 article in The New York Times, "How Release of Mental Patients Began," explained how 1960s reforms resulted in the shutdowns of large state hospitals in favor of community mental health centers (first suggested in the 1950s) which were never adequately funded.

Civil libertarian lawyers and the American Civil Liberties Union pushed an agenda that resulted in a 1975 Supreme Court decision, O'Connor v. Donaldson, which found a constitutional right to liberty for mental health patients.

By the 1970s, sympathetic courts had made it virtually impossible for patients to be involuntarily committed. When state budgets were tightened, mental hospitals and outpatient facilities took the hit.

As for conservatives not caring about the homeless, Guerrero should visit the River of Life Mission downtown and see how it cares for the poor and the homeless.

No federal or state funding, just us conservatives.

**Carol R. White** - Lower Punchbowl

## It's obvious rail will go over budget

*Honolulu Star-Advertiser - 2015-01-08*

I am deeply concerned that City Council Chairman Ernie Martin just doesn't get it when it comes to the broke rail project ("Leaders to further scrutinize rail project," Star-Advertiser, Jan. 3).

When he says that the project should be completed "in a fiscally responsible manner" by 2019, he doesn't seem to understand all that has been missed already.

It's impossible for rail to meet the \$5.2 billion budget when it already has used so much of the contingency fund at just over the halfway point.

As far as meeting the 2019 deadline, how can that happen when the Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation says the Kapolei-to-Aloha Stadium portion will be delayed to 2018, which could push back the route to Ala Moana even more?

It's OK to be optimistic, but to ignore reality isn't what Council members are elected to do.

**Mary Monohon** - Kailua

## Rail proponent relied on straw men

*Honolulu Star-Advertiser - 2015-01-19*

Gordon Wolfe sets up so many straw men I worried the paper would spontaneously burst into flames ("Anti-rail crowd being unrealistic," Star-Advertiser, Letters, Jan. 7).

>> "You can't build a huge rail system on a profit."

>> "The Portland, Ore. (light rail) is the darling of ... the nation."

>> "We simply do not have a large enough island to handle all the traffic."

No one except Wolfe has ever confused the rail project with "profit." This is not an at-grade light rail project and it will not reduce traffic congestion.

Wolfe rejects financial accountability for huge overruns and helpfully advises, "Let's close our mouths, open our pocketbooks and pay."

I prefer a more thoughtful approach to traffic congestion. Improve the bus, optimize traffic light synchronization and consider at-grade light rail.

And let's adopt the quickly maturing autonomous driving technology (ADT) to slash commuting times.

Create an ADT research and manufacturing center at UH West Oahu and begin enjoying your commute.

**Mark Torreano** - Waikiki

## Sad liberal ending

*MidWeek - 2015-01-07*

What a perfect end for 2014: an interview with Bill Maher and Bob Jones' musings on Cuba. Maher has waged continuous war on Republican women, especially Sarah Palin. He thinks she's "an idiot" and that excuses him for using the "c-word" to describe her. He must be particularly jealous of Dennis Miller, who has steady work appearing in casinos and on tour with Bill O'Reilly.

Bob Jones thinks Cuba "has great health care, high literacy and low infant mortality." Such great health care that its citizens cannot even get aspirin unless their relatives bring it into the country. "Great health care" is for visitors and the governing elite.

Children cannot get milk rations after reaching 6 years of age. A high basic literacy rate means little if there is no freedom of the press or expression.

**Carol R. White** - Honolulu

Kudos to all helping to improve Waikiki

*Honolulu Star-Advertiser - 2015-01-18*

I'd like to express a heartfelt mahalo nui loa to all who are leading the charge in striving to combat homelessness in our beloved tourist mecca of the world — Waikiki.

George Szigeti, president and CEO of the Hawaii Lodging & Tourism Association, and other partnerships should be commended for their example and deliberateness in awarding the Institute for Human Services the funds needed to launch the longoverdue Housing First pilot project. This critical initiative seeks to move our homeless neighbors off the streets and into supportive shelter space and Housing First units.

Although there is still a long way to go, the passionate and diligent efforts of IHS and other agencies are improving the quality of life for all who work, live and visit our legendary home.

Together, with aloha and all hands on deck, Waikiki will continue to be great.

**Janet M. Grace** - Waikiki

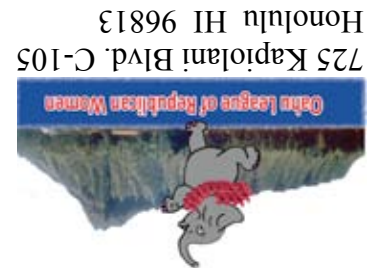
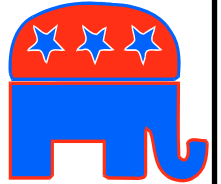


### Upcoming Events

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Or bring it to our next meeting

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