



# O.L.R.W. Newsletter

Oahu League of Republican Women  
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October 2022

Luncheon / Meeting  
October 6, 2022  
Natsunoya Tea House  
1935 Makanani Dr  
Honolulu, 96817

Parking **\$6 - Cash Only**

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

Cost  
**\$40.00**

## Buffet Menu

WHITE RICE  
ORIENTAL SALAD  
HIBACHI CHICKEN  
AGEDASHI TOFU  
SHRIMP & VEGGIE  
TEMPURA  
TERIYAKI BEEF  
NOODLES  
POTATO SALAD  
FRESH FRUITS

### BEVERAGES:

ICED TEA, FRUIT PUNCH

Reservations/

Cancellations

Carol Thomas  
akamaicarol@gmail.com  
808-255-5527  
www.olrw.org

**Reservations/Cancellations must be made by September 29th**

All lunches are reserved, so *No Shows will be charged for their lunch.* Please - no walk-ins.

## October Speakers Republican Candidates in Non-Partisan Contests



Val Okimoto  
City Council Dist. 8



Sam King  
OHA At Large

For more information about our candidates go to the luncheons page of our website at [www.OLRW.org](http://www.OLRW.org)



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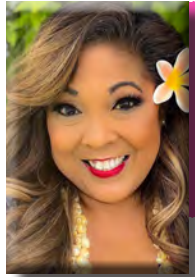
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**2022 Dues \$35.00.**



## HAU'OLI LA HANAU To October Birthdays

|                       |    |
|-----------------------|----|
| Linda Smith           | 0  |
| Betty Kekuna Tomisato | 1  |
| Maile Judith Anderson | 2  |
| Lynn Finnegan         | 3  |
| Luke Bellocchi        | 4  |
| Jane Butler           | 4  |
| Tessie Lilker         | 4  |
| Kay Ahina -Nua        | 5  |
| Bonnie Kalberer       | 6  |
| Nolan Y. Kido         | 7  |
| Helen Kekuna          | 8  |
| Larry (Lorene) Butler | 11 |
| Annalisa Bos          | 14 |
| Ann Smith             | 17 |
| Samantha De Corte     | 19 |
| Fred Gartley          | 19 |
| Corinne Solomon       | 20 |
| Norman Jean Smith     | 22 |
| Nancy Gallagher       | 26 |
| Susan Fusuma          | 28 |



# The Pres Says... Shirlene Ostrov, President

Dear Members,

The other day I got a list of all the observed Federal Holidays for planning purposes as an owner of a Defense contract. I was actually surprised at the number of holidays (for some reason, as an active duty military officer, I don't remember so many). But what struck me is that one was blatantly missing from the list: US Constitution and Citizenship Day, celebrated on September 17 of every year.

Our Constitution, by its own self-definition, is the "supreme law of the land." It forms the highest manifestation of America's commitment to the rule of law. Through that rule, we protect our natural rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. By it, we exercise republican self-government.

We fight a lot about the Constitution, and we always have, but even more so in recent years. But it's not a coincidence that the document begins with the word "we" and puts union at the front of its list of ambitions. Properly understood, and properly put into practice, it

has the capacity to bring us together. The Constitution was meant to create common ground in our society, not just to occupy it, and some of its most frustrating and peculiar features are the ones best suited to serving that purpose — a fact that a lot of our system's loudest critics blithely ignore.

Did you know that each educational institution that receives Federal funds for a fiscal year is required to hold an educational program about the U.S. Constitution for its students on September 17? I did a query of lesson plans and examples of resources for them to consider using in developing their program. If you have children or grandchildren in school, ask them what they learned about the Constitution. Their answers might surprise you. The future of our nation rests with our keiki.

We need to constantly remind them that we must commit ourselves to the idea that we can continue to chart our country's course through deliberation, elections, and lawmaking.

Happy Constitution Day!

## What do you think?

I found this article to be unsettling and the practice discussed to be unconstitutional. Even though the bank says they won't discriminate based on race, but the very way that they have chosen the neighborhoods is based on race.

Please let me know what you think at  
olrwnews@gmail.com  
Pam - newsletter editor



# Welcome

Terrilea Burnett

Became a Life Member

Star Advertiser

September 5, 2022

Business Report, Page B3

### MAKING CENTS

#### BofA tests no-down-payment mortgages

Bank of America is offering mortgages for first-time homeowners that do not require down payments, minimum credit scores or closing costs in a program that aims to boost homeownership rates among first-time Black and Latino buyers.

Under the trial program, which was announced Tuesday, Bank of America will offer loans to people in certain predominantly Black and Hispanic neighborhoods in Charlotte, N.C., Dallas, Detroit, Los Angeles and Miami. Eligibility for the program, which is called the Community Affordable Loan Solution, is based on income and location, and requires no mortgage insurance.

AJ Barkley, the head of neighborhood and community lending for Bank of America, said the goal of the program was to help individuals and families, particularly Black and Hispanic people, build wealth over time.

According to U.S. Census Bureau data for the second quarter of this year, the national Black homeownership rate was at 45%, while the rate of white homeownership reached 75%.

— New York Times





# The Party Line

by Lynn Finnegan

Hawaii Republican Party Chair



Aloha!

On behalf of the Hawai'i Republican Party, I thank each and every one of the members of the Oahu League of Republican Women. As a Hawaii Republican of over 24 years, I have fond memories of experiencing OLRW's commitment to electing Republicans in Hawaii. I remember receiving support from you back when I was an elected official and continue to see the stability that this organization has brought to the Hawaii Republican Party over the decades.

This year we have recruited more candidates than we have in decades as covered by Civil Beat and referenced in this [HRP email](#).



This success offers us an even bigger challenge and opportunity - the need to help our candidates win. We have conducted many trainings, hold weekly meetings, give consulting, and help fundraise for our candidates and we are confident that we will be able to pick up Republican seats in the legislature. But, more importantly, we are committed to a 10-year plan to turn our beloved Hawai'i from Blue to Red.

I invite you to listen to our weekly radio show and podcast Stand For Hawaii on AM830, Saturdays at 9:00 a.m. Rick Hamada facilitates discussion with myself and other guests and candidates. Last week we had Duke Aiona and Peter Savio speaking to us about the Hawaii Homeownership Solutions, an effort to combat the dire need for affordable housing for the people of Hawai'i.



Our candidates are out there in our communities pounding the pavement all across the State. There are only about 30 days left until



general election ballots are mailed out to voters and there is no time to waste!

Contact Lani Kaaa at [lani@gophawaii.com](mailto:lani@gophawaii.com) to inquire about volunteer opportunities this election cycle. We need your help to Get Out The Vote (GOTV)!!

Mahalo nui loa!

Lynn Finnegan  
State Chair  
Hawai'i Republican Party



**Congrats to everyone who didn't have college debt. Now you do.**

# Oahu Republican Candidates General Election 2022

Martha's Vineyard Takes Revenge  
On DeSantis By Shipping Him 50  
Karens

U.S.- Sep 17, 2022  
BabylonBee.com

## U.S. SENATOR

MCDERMOTT, Bob

## U.S. REPRESENTATIVE I

KRESS, Conrad

## U.S. REPRESENTATIVE II

AKANA, Joe

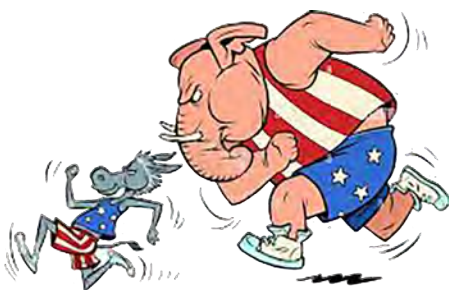
## GOVERNOR

AIONA, Duke



Find your Republican  
Candidates, Learn what  
they stand for and VOTE on  
November 8th.

You can find a list of  
candidate and their email  
addresses on our PAC  
website.  
[www.OLRWPAC.com](http://www.OLRWPAC.com)



Let's go Get 'em

## STATE SENATOR

| Dist | name                       |
|------|----------------------------|
| 9    | PARRISH, Michael L. (Mike) |
| 10   | SOON, Leilani M.           |
| 11   | SAKAI, Benjamin            |
| 12   | BOYD, Blake                |
| 13   | TINAY, Matthew             |
| 14   | RZONCA, Cheryl             |
| 15   | GODFREY, Lorene A.         |
| 16   | BEEKMAN, Patricia Yuki     |
| 17   | HUDSON, Anna Misako        |
| 18   | SMART, Mary                |
| 20   | FEVELLA, Kurt*             |
| 21   | KHAN, Matthew D.           |
| 22   | DECORTE, Samantha          |
| 23   | AWA, Brenton               |
| 24   | FERNANDEZ, Antionette      |
| 25   | LAURO, Brian S.            |

## STATE REPRESENTATIVE

| Dist | name                      |
|------|---------------------------|
| 18   | WARD, Gene                |
| 19   | TEXEIRA, Theresa (Kinsey) |
| 20   | CAIAZZO, Jessica (Priya)  |
| 21   | ALLEN, Julia E.           |
| 22   | IMAMURA, Jeffrey H.       |
| 24   | ANDERSON, Jillian T.      |
| 25   | NOVAK, Rob                |
| 26   | ROSECRANS, Charlotte      |
| 27   | LIM, Margaret U.          |
| 29   | KAAPU, Carole Kauhiwai    |
| 30   | AZINGA, P. M.             |
| 32   | SHIMIZU, Garner M.        |
| 34   | ALLEN, Theodene S.        |
| 35   | ARAKI, Josiah P.          |
| 36   | LAUTAHA, Veamoniti        |
| 37   | DETWILER, Jamie A.        |
| 38   | CHEAPE MATSUMOTO, Lauren  |
| 39   | PIERICK, Elijah           |
| 40   | GUESO, Janie              |
| 41   | ALCOS, David A., III      |
| 42   | GARCIA, Diamond           |
| 43   | SOUZA, Kanani             |
| 44   | KOPETSEG, Kimberly        |
| 45   | WILBUR, Tiana             |
| 46   | MILLER, John E.           |
| 47   | TALAEAI, Mark             |
| 48   | ELENTO, Wendell A.        |
| 49   | DANNER, Kilomana          |
| 50   | THURSTON, Kathy           |
| 51   | KAMA-TOTH, Kukana K.K.    |



TALLAHASSEE, FL — Outraged at having been sent 50 illegal immigrants from Florida by Ron DeSantis, Martha's Vineyard has taken ultimate revenge on the governor by shipping 50 Karens to Florida.

"Perhaps now DeSantis will think twice before he sullies our pristine white island with brown migrant people," said Martha's Vineyard HOA President Karen VonSchnitzel. "Once the charter flight filled with our neighborhood's most insufferable Karens touches down in Tallahassee, he will rue the day he made us look like heartless racists in front of the entire country. HAHAAAAAAAAH!"

The group of 50 Karens was selected from over 478 Karens who volunteered for the flight, as most women who live on the island are named Karen. "Hopefully this political stunt will help DeSATAN see the error of his ways," said HOA Vice President Karen Bohannan. "If not, we'll send even more. There are plenty more Karens where that came from!"

Once the Karens land in Florida, they have been instructed to wreak havoc on the locals by walking into establishments and demanding to see the manager, calling the police on black joggers, and driving slowly in the left lane. Locals have mobilized to prepare for the onslaught by building walls of sandbags and boarding up windows. At publishing time, DeSantis confirmed the Karens had been apprehended by the Florida National Guard and were on their way to Gitmo

*The Babylon Bee is a SATIRE website that prints obviously untrue stories to make a point or poke fun at the left.*



# September Luncheon Ala Moana Hotel

Thank you to Jim Hochberg for  
running the numbers and giving  
us a rundown on Primary Election  
results



**Pictured (L to R)**  
Jamie Detweiler (H37), Julia Allen (H21),  
Anna Misako Hudson (S17),  
Mary Smart (S18)

**Jim Hochberg, Speaker**



Thanks to all who turned out to hear what  
our speaker had to say!

**THANK YOU** to

**Carolyn, Susan & Rita for sending pictures.**







# OLRW Political Action Committee

## 2022 PAC Contributions

| Governor                | Amount    |
|-------------------------|-----------|
| Duke Aiona              | \$3500.00 |
| State Senate            |           |
| Lorene Godfrey          | \$400.00  |
| Anna Hudaon             | \$400.00  |
| Mary Smart              | \$400.00  |
| Samantha Decorte        | \$400.00  |
| Brenton Awa             | \$400.00  |
| State House             |           |
| Julia Allen             | \$400.00  |
| Jamie Detwiler          | \$400.00  |
| Lauren Cheape Matsumoto | \$1500.00 |
| Janie Gueso             | \$400.00  |
| David Alcos             | \$1500.00 |
| Diamond Garcia          | \$1500.00 |
| Honolulu City Council   |           |
| Val Okimoto             | \$400.00  |

Your support over the past two years has allowed us to give contributions to these candidates.

We gave a total of \$11,600.00.

Over the next two years we would like to reach a goal of \$20,000.00 so we can give even more to deserving candidates.

This is an easier goal to reach than you might think. If each of our members committed to giving only \$5 per month - less than 17cents a day - we could exceed that goal.

**Please make your committment today.**



**50/50**

Celyn Chong Kee won the 50/50 drawing in September. Half of the pot went to Celyn, the other half goes to the OLRW PAC. Thank you to all who contributed. Celyn contributed her half to the PAC. Thank you!

### PERSONAL Contributions Only Oahu League of Republican Women PAC

The following information helps us comply with campaign spending laws:

Individual Donor Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Business Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Employer & Occupation information is required for anyone contributing more than \$100 since November 3, 2020

Employer \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  Retired

#### Political Action Committee or Company Contributions Only

Corporate Contributors - Do you have a contract with the State of Hawaii or any of its counties?  Yes  No

PAC or Company Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Business Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_

I am contributing

\$ 20.00

\$ 50.00

\$ 75.00

\$150.00

\$

I'm paying by  check Please make checks payable OLRW PAC

I'm paying by  cash We are required to give you a receipt for a cash contribution of \$100 or more.

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# Editorial Page

## Letters to the Editor

### No one prepared for shut-down of coal plant

The closing of the AES coal-fired electric power plant on Sept. 1 will set a dangerous precedent for Oahu ("7% surge in Oahu electric bills projected next month," Star-Advertiser, Aug. 7).

Shutting down the 180-megawatt plant that provides 10% of Oahu electrical power was planned years ago, yet Hawaiian Electric has yet to come up with replacement renewable energy. Oahu likely will have brownouts and even some blackouts. And all of this is without considering the all-electric train that is supposed to begin operations within the next five years.

Hawaiian Electric claims that the \$15 increase in monthly cost will be for the "typical" user at 500 kilowatt-hours a month. They don't use the term "average." I don't believe any family living in a single-family home uses any less than 1,000 kilowatts a month.

I don't think it's worth the danger of losing power throughout the island to make environmentalists feel good.

**Mary Monohon**  
Kailua

### Hawaii primary election based on choice of party

S. Rick Crump needs a lesson in what a primary election is ("Voters shouldn't have to choose party in primary," Star-Advertiser, Letters, Aug. 27).

A primary election is a chance for each qualified party to select the people it wants to represent it in the general election. This ensures there will be diverse voices vying in the general election.

Hawaii allows you to choose which party you want to vote for at the time you receive your ballot. Allowing you to vote across party lines defeats the purpose of the primary.

You get to vote across party lines in the general.

Vote Republican if you want a change and a representative who cares about your concerns. Vote Democrat if you want the same dismal results again.

Pam Smith  
Ewa Beach

Minutes from the last meeting are available by email before our luncheons,

To get your copy contact  
Ellen Dihel  
edihel@icloud.com

# Get Involved

*You can't make a difference if you don't speak out*

### \*\*\*Editor's Note\*\*\*

Usually this area is reserved for letter from our members, but in this case I thought it was important to make sure you saw this letter from Mr. Pritchett.

### HIRA has axes to grind, but nothing to offer

Regarding Hawaii Republican Action (HIRA) crying, "It's pointless to do endorsements when they're probably all going to lose" ("RepublicanPAC mocks GOP lieutenant governor candidate," Star-Advertiser, Aug. 26): Most certainly they will with that attitude.

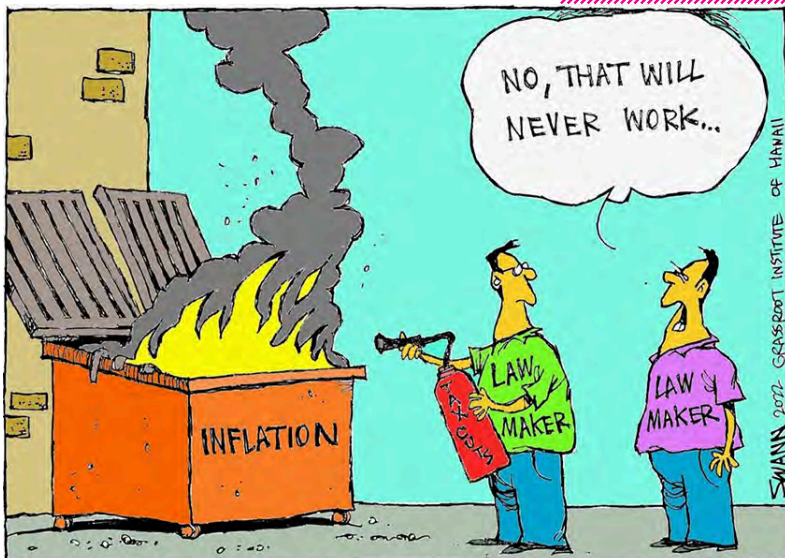
"We're not in the business of trying to offer false hope." Considering HIRA attacked almost every Republican running, just what business is it in? Whom does it endorse?

Basically, HIRA is a couple of people with axes to grind and delusions of grandeur. You've had your 15 minutes. Go away.

**James Pritchett**  
McCully-Moiliili

Next Month's Luncheon  
November 10, 2022  
The Old Spaghetti Factory

Speaker(s) to be  
announced.



### 2022-24 OLRW Board of Directors

- |                 |                         |
|-----------------|-------------------------|
| Shirlene Ostrov | President               |
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# Reading Suggestions

Links are also available on our website at [olrw.org](http://olrw.org)

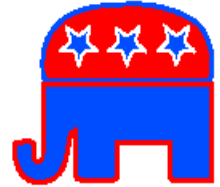
## [Grassroot Institute of Hawaii](#)

Kelii Akina explains why comonly held beliefs about the Housing crisis in Hawaii may not hold water,



## [The Tax Foundation of Hawaii](#)

Tom Yamachika explains how the lack of Accountability at the DOE effects their spending choices.



Go to [www.OLRW.org](http://www.OLRW.org) for articles and links to reading recommendations



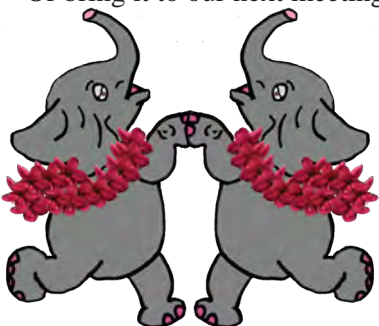
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Or bring it to our next meeting



## Oahu League of Republican Women Membership Application

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Birthday Month \_\_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address\* \_\_\_\_\_

Dues \$35.00 Yearly \$200.00 Lifetime

\* Your e-mail address will be added to our OLRW e-mail list for events and PAC requests.