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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE FOR SPRING

Aloha for the last time as your president.

It is time again for our annual convention and election of new officers – see notices elsewhere in this edition.

Once again we have remarkably survived an election and are likely to survive the legislative session. Learn more about the legislative work on following pages. We did ourselves proud thanks mostly to Jean Aoki, ably assisted by JoAnn Maruoka.

Their work educating voters on the pros and cons of having a constitutional convention was a major contribution to the community and gave the League a lot of respect and gratitude. Working with the Hawaiian Institute of Public Affairs (HIPA) and 'Olelo's Election '08 program, the League reached a lot of people. The first events, five forums taped and presented on 'Olelo's channels, provided wonderful insights and great conversations. Jean and her ConCon team truly assembled a remarkable cast of people. The public forum "A Primer on ConCon" held on September 6 at the State Capitol (co-sponsored by HIPA and the Richardson School of Law at UH Manoa) was reasonably well attended and brought many compliments. Repeated broadcasts on public access stations reached additional people. The final event, the ConCon Debate broadcast on KGMB, was fabulous. It was also taped and presented to 'Olelo and the other public access stations for wider viewing.

As our primary speaker for the Primer, Professor Robert F. Wilkins, noted in his opening remarks, if you research the history of any constitutional convention in any state in the union, you will find the work of a League of Women Voters.

Jean and JoAnn have continued their fine work by keeping on top of the legislative issues dearest to the League, including campaign spending limits and the annual battle to preserve our sunshine laws. If there is anything our legislators, with a few notable exceptions, love, it is unrestricted funding for themselves and total secrecy of their operations.

As someone wise pointed out, democracy is not a spectator sport. We are proud to have continued that tradition of constant effort to educate voters and our elected representatives to make wise decisions and truly make democracy work!

Have a great new year! Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve as president of our League.

*Jackie P., President, Hawaii State LWV*

## COME TO THE BIENNIAL CONVENTION MAY 30!

Learn, Meet Interesting People, Help Set the Agenda for Hawaii League of Women Voters!

Judge Karen M. Radius has accepted our invitation to speak to us about Hawaii's Girls Court, the first of its kind in the country.

Delegates from local Leagues will approve the Program and Budget (page 4), and vote for Board and Officers:

Board Nominees: Valerie McFarland, Suzanne Meisenzahl, Mary Anne Raywid

Officer Candidates:

President, Pearl Johnson

Vice President, Sue Irvine

Secretary, Ann Sack Shaver

Treasurer: no nominee as of 3/26/09

If you have additional nominations to make call Betty Goodwin at 947-7625.

See back page for details. Pre-registration required. Each League is entitled to one delegate for every 15 members but all members are welcome. Feel free to invite a friend or prospective member.

## PUBLIC FUNDING OF ELECTION CAMPAIGNS

After 10 years of work by advocates last year Hawaii became the 9<sup>th</sup> state to pass a full public funding option. Act 244 provides for a pilot program to give candidates for the

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## BILLS RELATING TO HEALTH CARE.

*We welcome Joy Marshall to our legislative team. Her professional credentials, dedication to improving health care for all, and insights acquired during her career as an RN and ongoing volunteer work make her a valuable member of our team.*

LWV has supported the following bills.

HB330/SB777 Relating to Comprehensive Sexuality Health Education requires any recipient of state funding for sexuality health education programs to provide comprehensive medically accurate sexuality education.

HB 343 funds a statewide rural primary care training program for the state through the John A Burns School of Medicine Department of Family Medicine.

HB 690 requires any employer that provides health insurance to provide the same benefits to 15 hour workers.

HB 691 establishes the Hawaii Rural Health Care Provider Loan Replacement Program to help new physicians repay their loans as they practice in areas of need.

HB 811 Requires foreign nursing students to meet the same standards of education before being qualified to sit for licensure exams as our Hawaii educated nurses.

HB1504/SB 424 establishes the Hawaii Health Authority to develop a comprehensive plan to provide Universal Health Care to all residents of Hawaii. SB 1075 establishes an appropriation for SB 424.

SB173 creates an appropriation for a tax credit for employers to provide health care for their employees.

HB423/SB604 Relating to Emergency Contraceptives for Sexual Assault Survivors requires hospitals to

provide information about emergency contraception to women who are sexually assaulted and to provide emergency contraception when requested. Provides for administrative penalties for noncompliance The House bill is dead. The senate won't hear the bill unless it includes a religious exemption, which was in HD1, then removed in HD2. We have worked on this bill for 6 years -when it does pass the legislature the governor vetoes it.

HB967 Relating to Medical Cannabis amends the term "medical marijuana" to "medical cannabis", transfers the administration of the program from the department of public safety to the department of health. It was deferred on February 5.

*Joy Marshall  
and Suzanne Meisenzahl*

## ELECTION DAY REGISTRATION

**SB 654 Relating to Voting** (This is the Election Day Registration (EDR) bill axed by the finance committees last year).

Registration for elections ends 30 days before an election to allow for the preparation of the poll book. Some see this as a barrier to voter registration. Many citizens do not get engaged in candidate selection or ballot issues until close to elections when advertisements, debates, public discourse and social chatter pique their interests.

Demos: A Network for Ideas & Action is a non-partisan public policy research organization. It champions EDR and states, "EDR increases the opportunity to cast a vote and participate in American Democracy". The Network:

1. Did a survey in six EDR states (Idaho, Maine, Minnesota, New Hampshire, Wisconsin and Wyoming) in 2007 which found great support

among elections officials. Fewer than half of surveyed officials found that administering registrations at the polls can complicate Election Day operations; most of those were quick to add that these challenges are more than outweighed by the benefit to voters, according to a brochure. Montana adopted EDR in 2006. Since then, Iowa and North Carolina have also adopted EDR.

17 states are currently considering bills enacting EDR, including Hawaii.

### Facts to Consider

\* More than 787,000 votes were cast by individuals who registered on Election Day in 2006 in the six EDR states for which data is available.

\* Voter turnout in the seven states that offered EDR in the 2006 election was on average nearly 10% higher than in states without EDR.

\* Five EDR states made the list of top 10 voter turnout states in 2006.

### Action Needed

Call or e-mail your representative and the chair of the Judiciary Committee, Rep. Jon Riki Karamatsu (ph. 586-8490. e-mail [repkaramatsu@capitol.hawaii.gov](mailto:repkaramatsu@capitol.hawaii.gov)) to support SB 654.

*Jean Aoki*

## HOUSING

Since affordable housing production depends on tax credits and special funds (% of conveyance tax), this session is all about hanging on to the little we have, with no hope for new initiatives. Even leveraging state funds to get larger federal grants seems beyond legislators' vision. Unfortunately, it is just more of the same - balance the budget through the sacrifices of the poorest and most helpless members of the community. Alas.

*Jackie Parnell*

## MAJOR CHALLENGES FOR 2010 ELECTIONS

Kevin B. Cronin was appointed as Chief Elections Officer about a year before the 2008 Elections. In a report to the Legislature in January, 2009, he mentioned two major challenges that have developed since the last elections. These were discussed by the Elections Commission on February 18, 2009.

First, "because the contract with Hart InterCivic that provided the equipment and technical support for the 2008 Elections has been terminated, and because the protest on the contract continues pending appeal with a final decision that could be many months away, no voting system and technical services are now available for the 2010 Elections."

The second major problem is the unanticipated resignations of two section heads - Election Support Services and Ballot Operations, both critical to election operations. The positions need to be filled as soon as possible, but a state agency hiring freeze is in effect. Permission to authorize hiring of two section heads has been requested. Two present staffers could be promoted to those positions but that would require replacements for them. There is also a question as to whether the two promoted could be given raises reflecting their new responsibilities.

Both positions involve complex responsibilities. For example, the head of Ballot Operations is responsible for "the designing of ballots, printing, organizing, distributing, and collecting ballots and related materials used in the elections." Ballot design depends on the number of political parties with candidates on the ballot, the number of candidates for each seat, number of ballot issues, etc. After the primary election, new ballots need to be designed and printed for the general elections. Since names and ballot issues on ballots differ between districts/counties, de-

livering the ballots accurately to 330 polling site is a challenge. At the end of the day, ballots and other material must be collected from each polling site, and delivered to the counting centers.

### 2008 Elections

The 2008 Elections were conducted fairly well according to the Elections Office. There were no major problems, and the early release of election results through the internet, eliminated the need to provide hard copies of the results for the media.

Mr. Cronin cited the successful implementation of a series of performance improvement initiatives: a 25% reduction in the number of control center staff and a shortening of wait time for precinct officials calling in for assistance, for example. .

The AskedED program, first deployed in 2006, is an electronic system that permits prompt analysis of and response to elections officials who request assistance to resolve issues arising at the polling place on elections days. This tool allowed the Office of Elections to capture the true performance of the precinct operations and control center customer servicing on election day. Using the data, the office could develop and implement improvements to help them better serve the public and the precinct officials.

*Jean Aoki*

## CIVIL UNIONS

**HB 444, HD1** attempts to provide equal rights to gay, lesbian, bisexual, or transgendered people by establishing civil unions; (see "A parent's testimony). This bill passed the House crossed to the Senate, where an all-day hearing in the Judiciary and Government Operations Committee ended in a 3 – 3 tie.

There is a provision in our state constitution, Article III, Section 12, which states, "Twenty days after a bill has been referred to a committee

in either house, the bill may be recalled from such committee by the affirmative vote of one-third of the members to which such house is entitled." Support for this bill seems to be there in the whole senate, but the culture of respect for the rights and powers of committees makes many senators reluctant to use their constitutional authority to override the stalemated committee. But the **public** deserves Senate action! Our elected leaders have taken an oath to uphold the State Constitution and equal rights for all are part of Article I, the Bill of Rights. The Bill of Rights, not majority rule, determines who is entitled to these constitutional rights.

**Action Needed:** Call or e-mail Senator Colleen Hanabusa (586-7793; [senhanabusa@capitol.hawaii.gov](mailto:senhanabusa@capitol.hawaii.gov)) and your senators. Ask them to pull HB 444, HD1 from Judiciary and Government Operations and bring the bill up for a vote by the whole Senate.

*Jean Aoki*

*Ed. Note: On March 25 legislative leaders, responding to a very vocal minority, failed much of the community and left HB 444 to virtually certain death for this year.*

## MY FAVORITE TESTIMONY

The hearing room on HB 444, HD1 was packed. Many of us outside watched on video. Dozens of great testimonies later, I heard one that in its heartfelt simplicity, made me say, "That's it!" Here is the concluding paragraph of testimony presented by David Henkins.

"My daughter is 8 years old, and my son is 5. They are too young at this point for me to know their sexual orientation. As a parent, my only hope is that, whether straight, gay, bisexual, or transgender, they will find happiness in a committed relationship with someone they love. When they do, I want to ensure that they will enjoy the same legal rights as any other citizen of this state, regardless of the sex of their partner. Please pass this bill."

## Proposed Budget June 1, 2009- May 31, 2010

*for adoption at the State Annual Meeting May 30th.*

<b>Income</b>	
<b>FUNDRAISING INCOME</b>	
Fundraiser Non-Event	\$3,000
Fundraiser Actual Event	\$800
Member Contrib. & In Kind	\$500
Other (Ed Fund and other)	\$1,250
<b>Total FUNDRAISING INCOME</b>	<b>\$5,550</b>
<b>INTEREST</b>	\$100
<b>PER MEMBER PAYMENT</b>	
MAL Maui	\$69
PMP County of Hawaii	\$633
PMP Honolulu	\$2,300
PMP Kauai	\$127
<b>Total PER MEMBER PAYMENT</b>	<b>\$3,128</b>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$8,778</b>
<b>Expense</b>	
<b>BOARD EXPENSES</b>	
Office Supplies	\$25
Other	\$25
Petty Cash/Stamps	\$50
Travel - Board Members	\$1,500
<b>Total BOARD EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$1,600</b>
<b>COUNCIL/CONVENTION</b>	
National	\$1,000
State	\$250
<b>Total COUNCIL/CONVENTION</b>	<b>\$1,250</b>
<b>FUNDRAISING EXPENSES</b>	
Fundraiser Actual Event	\$0
Fundraiser Non-Event	\$900
<b>Total FUNDRAISING EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$900</b>
<b>LEO HANA</b>	
Design	\$400
Printing	\$800
Bulk Mail	\$200
<b>Total LEO HANA</b>	<b>\$1,400</b>
<b>LOCAL LEAGUE OPERATING EXPENSES</b>	
Licenses & Permits	\$5
Online Services	\$335
Rent	\$2,350
Telephone	\$200
<b>Total OPERATING EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$2,890</b>
<b>PROGRAM/ACTION</b>	
Legislative Action	\$500
Special Studies	\$238
<b>Total PROGRAM/ACTION</b>	<b>\$738</b>
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$8,778</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>\$0</b>

*Submitted by Treasurer Susan Miller*

## VOTING RIGHTS, INCARCERATED PERSONS

**SB 619, SD2** would allow incarcerated persons who were Hawaii residents at the time of their arrest and who have no more than two years left before release from imprisonment, to vote by absentee ballot in Hawaii's elections.

Some Leaguers do not support this measure and wonder if State or National League has adopted a related position. The question is whether LWV's overall position that all citizens have the right to vote should be interpreted to give prisoners who have not lost their citizenship the right to vote. Of course, this bill restores the right to vote only in the last two years of a prisoner's sentence, but it is a start. If you know of anything related to this please call the office and leave us a message so we can follow up.

*Jean Aoki*

## WITHDRAWALS AND NOMINATIONS

**HB128 H.D.1.** Ann Kobayashi's last minute announcement that she was filing nominations papers for mayor and not her council seat caused confusion and speculations. Amid the scramble to file for her open seat one representative lost his seat as he sought to file but missed the deadline; another was thought to have received advance notice about the open seat. HB 128 HD1 is supposed to provide for corrective action should such a situation arise again. But while the bill allows for extending the deadline should no one file nomination papers for a seat, it does not seem to provide for the situation where the withdrawal is so late and unexpected that no one can be expected to be ready to file except someone who has been forewarned.

*Jean Aoki*

## CORPORATE DONATIONS

**HB 539, HD1** would have allowed corporations to make unlimited contributions to their Political Action Committees (PACs). It would also have preempted an expected court opinion by clarifying the present law which limits the contributions of corporations to their PACs to \$1000 per election.

HB 539 was amended and passed by only one committee, Judiciary (JUD). Public resistance in the House killed the bill.

However, the House Finance Committee (FIN), inserted the pertinent language from HB 539 into **HB 215,**

**HD1,** which originally reorganized and clarified all of the campaign finance laws which, through years of constant amending, had become disorganized. The House JUD had left two important sub sections blank. One had to do with raising the maximum limit on corporate contributions to PACs and the other dealt with a 20% cap on contributions from out of state donors. The intent of the latter was to either raise that cap or to eliminate that cap.

The Finance Committee filled in one space by raising the cap on corporate PAC contributions to \$50,000 per two-year election period and on individual contributions

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## MAHALO TO ALL THE CONTRIBUTORS TO OUR BIG NON-EVENT!

Neil Abercrombie

Carol Bain

Belle Bernatowicz

Eleonora Dalton

Alice Fisher

Kit Glover

Betty Goodwin

Bernice Hayashida

Pearl Johnson

Jane Katayama

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Pamela Lichty

Ruth McAngus

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Shaunagh & Kenneth Robbins

Marianna Scheffer

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Norman Turrill

Carol Whitesell

Jennie Yukimura

Dale Bachman

Evelyn Bender

Sally Bowen

Susan Dursin

Grace & Ed Furukawa

Nancy Golden

Helen Griffin

HIPA

Piilani Kaopuiki

Steph & Alex Hendrick

Gail Laros

Robin & Harold Loomis

Suzanne Meisenzahl

Mary Mulder

Ursula Retherford

Colleen Roth

Ann & Leroy Shaver

Cynthia Thielen

Ann & Robert Todd

Lois Tyler

Evangeline Yacuk

And good old "Anonymous"

*So far we have collected over \$2800!*

## CAMPAIGN TO STOP LEGALIZED GAMBLING SUCCESSFUL.

Anticipating a push to legalize some forms of gambling to address the economic slowdown, the Hawaii Coalition Against Legalized Gambling (HCALG) went into crisis mode. We arranged a visit by John W. Kindt, professor of business and legal policy at the University of Illinois, whose research over 20 years has focused on the societal, business, and economic impacts of decriminalizing gambling activities.

To introduce Professor Kindt to the public, Ira Rohter wrote an op-ed for the Star Bulletin about the professor and his thoughts on the impacts of legalized gambling on any community. For five days, Professor Kindt was rushed from one activity to another: morning radio shows, talks to groups like Rotary, a meeting sponsored by the Interfaith Alliance, Koa Council, Interfaith Open Table, among others, a panel on Hawaii Public Radio's "Town Square". PBS's "Insights", an appearance on a radio station's Filipino program, productions (sponsored by Representative Cindy Evans) using 'Olelo's Capitol Productions program, a lunch for legislators. Every spare minute he met with individual legislators. The lunch was taped and distributed using 'Olelo's mini-cam program.

By the time he left Hawaii we understand he was hoarse and I'm sure, worn out. We really owe him a debt of gratitude for persevering through all that.

The frontal attack to activate the support of opponents of legalized gambling was a stunning success thanks to the untiring leadership of HCALG President Dianne Kay, the unstinting efforts of Ira Rohter, Vice President of HCALG, Richard Port, Jean Aoki, Grace Miller, Violet Horvarth, Jack Hoag, and yours truly.

While eight bills including a constitutional amendment were introduced to legalize different forms of gambling, and proponents did debate the issue, not a single hearing was held for any of these bills.

Our final work is to pass SB260, SD1 in the House. It will declare the phone pull-tab machines that have been operating in bars and restaurants for years as "gambling". This bill would allow the police to remove them. We have no desire to let gambling enter the State through this back door.

*Grace Furukawa, League representative on HCALG Board*

### CORPORATE DONATIONS

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to non candidate committees to \$2,000. In the other space, it left the 20% cap pretty much unchanged.

But again as in HB 539, HD1, the bill was recommitted to FIN and died

**But. wait!** This cat has more lives. We expect at least one more try at reviving the corporate contribution limit increase. **SB 93** was a sensible bill providing a grace period during which campaigns could return to donors any excessive out-of-state contributions, clarifying "electioneering communication" etc. But in the **SD1** version, a section was dropped and the 20% cap on out-of-state contributions was left blank. This is the perfect vehicle for amending any section of campaign finance law

#### **Why is banning corporate contributions so important?**

Consider a *Honolulu Star Bulletin* article by Nicholas Kristoff who concluded that for the sake of faster-growing hogs, we're empowering microbes that endanger our food supply and threaten our lives, referring to

MRSA, an antibiotic-resistant staph infection. People often get this infection in hospitals, but a new strain is emerging on modern hog farms. Research at the University of Minnesota, suggests that 25% - 39% of American hogs carry MRSA. Hogs are fed antibiotics so stay healthy he said. Knowing all this, why are we allowing the use of antibiotics in feed? Says Mr. Kristoff, "The answer is simple - politics. Legislation to ban the non-therapeutic use of antibiotics in agriculture has always been blocked by agribusiness interests". He adds that the Agriculture Department has functioned mostly as a protector of agribusiness interest.

**Action needed.** Let legislators know that you oppose corporate contributions to election campaigns. Let their members make contributions the way we do, from our own pockets.

*Jean Aoki*

### ELECTION CAMPAIGNS

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Hawaii County Council the option of qualifying for public funding for campaigns in 2010, 2012, and 2014.

Unfortunately, last Friday, the House Judiciary Committee passed **HB 345** which would delay implementation of Act 244 until 2014.

#### Clean Elections is the Reform that Makes Every Reform Possible

.The corrosive effects of money on politics reach every issue. Nationally and in Hawaii we've seen what happens when banks determine SEC regulations, developers determine planning and zoning laws, auto companies determine transportation policies, or drug companies influence health care programs. Money influences laws that affect the way we live; it also creates a politics that prioritizes short term profits over long term sustainability of the environment and economy.

**Action Needed! Please call or e-mail your legislators to protect Act 244.**

*Kory Payne, Executive Director of  
Voter Owned Hawaii (VOH)*

## LOCAL LEAGUE REPORTS

### HONOLULU

1. Membership as of March 3, 2009 – 196
2. Planning and Transportation – Pearl Johnson and Charles Carole monitor the City and its actions regarding rail. We wrote a response to the draft EIS and presented testimony in support of following zoning laws at a hearing on bed and breakfast facilities.
3. Vote Count – Arlene Ellis is coordinating Honolulu's participation in the Neighborhood Board elections in 2009. Projects assisted: a survey by the police officer's union; the Mililani Town Association election of its board of directors, vote counts for several unions.
4. Women's Health and Safety – On November 22<sup>nd</sup>, the Hawaii State LWV Board unanimously adopted our Drug Policy Study position that LWV supports measures to develop effective solutions to problems associated with drug misuse and the unintended consequences of current drug policies. Kudos to Claire Sullivan and Suzanne Meisenzahl for their work.
5. The First Annual Donald & Astrid Monson Award Celebration was held on Nov 13, honoring Jeff Mikulina, Executive Director of Blue Planet and former Director of the Sierra Club of Hawaii. The LWVHnl selected the award recipient and organized and sponsored the event. 81 attended
6. The annual Honolulu Planning Meeting was held December 6. Professor James Dator, Head of the Research Center, Dept. of Political Science, UH Manoa, gave a thought provoking talk on the future of Hawaii and whether Hawaii residents are ready for it
7. Four program proposals were adopted at the planning meeting.
  - a. Whenever there is a con-

tested City election, no one can be elected outright in primaries.

b. League to begin a survey on the efficient use of a police officer's time at Neighborhood Board meetings.

c. League to support a workable single payer universal health care law bill for the State of Hawaii and the nation; we urge the State to advocate for the change.

d. To study the concept of municipalities by looking at the mainland.

7. Thirteen members participated in the Martin Luther King Jr. Parade in January. Everyone had fun and League received very good exposure. Ann Shaver leads the planning committee for 2010.

8. The 2008 election season saw League registering voters and briefing organizations on the voting.

9. Piilani Kaopuiki was a member of Lieutenant Governor Aiona's Constitution Cost Task Force in July that gathered information on the cost of conducting a constitutional convention.

*Piilani Kaopuiki, President*

### HAWAII

JANUARY - MARCH, 2009

#### LEGISLATIVE ACTION

The Big Island lost its bid for a Vote-By-Mail pilot project, actively supported by LWVHC, when HB1614 was not heard in the Judiciary Committee of the State Legislature.

LWVHC is working to block HB345, which would delay the pilot project for comprehensive public campaign funding. Our League was disappointed that the Hawaii Council chairman testified and lobbied on his own, along with the County Clerk,

although the issue of reversing its position was never brought before the Council itself. This convinced many legislators that the entire Hawaii County Council approved a delay.

PROJECTS: Helen Hale, sponsor for the Model U.N. Program, presented enthusiastic reports from students who attended the Honolulu conference. LWVHC's \$500 donation helped defray participant costs.

#### MEETINGS:

- At its general meeting on Feb. 21, Lynne Penek-Holden spoke about single-payer healthcare. In California, she helped craft the bill which moved forward supported by the California LWV and became the basis for HB676 in Congress. To learn more, go to <http://thomas.loc.gov>,

- The Big Island annual meeting takes place on April 25th. As both co-presidents are termed-out, LWVHC is looking for willing, energetic leaders.

- Both the East and Westside units will meet on March 31<sup>st</sup> to complete the National Popular Vote Compact Study.

#### VOTE COUNT:

On April 8 and 9 the Westside unit will conduct a vote count for Wai-koloa Village Association. Marian and George Wilkins are in charge.

*Leilani Bronson-Crelly and Susan Dursin, Co-presidents*

### KAUAI

The Kauai League is not functioning at this time, pending emergence of new leadership."

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**Register for the**

**STATE LEAGUE BIENNIAL CONVENTION**

**Hear Judge Radius on Hawaii's Girls Court, discuss budget, program and Board nominees (see p. 1)**

**Grand Café, 31 N. Pauahi St. in Chinatown Cost: \$29**

**May 30, 2009 Sign-in 8:30am, Start 9am, Eat 10am, End 2pm**

Menu Choice - Orange Juice or Grapefruit/Brown Sugar Glaze

Choice - \*Bananas Foster French Toast, Bacon

\*Corn Beef Hash, Scrambled Eggs, Potatoes

\*Veggie Omelet/Salad

Space is limited. Reservations Required. Mail check with name, contact info. & menu choice; call LWV office 531-7448; or email

[Voters@lwv-hawaii.org](mailto:Voters@lwv-hawaii.org) now!

**MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

**YES, I want to add my voice to yours by joining the League of Women Voters as part of your voice for citizens and force for change. I enclose:**

\_\_ \$35.00 ONE YEAR  
individual membership

\_\_ \$52.50 HOUSEHOLD 1-year membership (for two people who share an address.)

Name(s)

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Please make your check payable to League of Women Voters and return with your application form to: League of Women Voters, 49 S. Hotel St., #314, Honolulu, HI 96813.