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PRESIDENT'S NEWSLETTER

May Meeting

Date. May 29, 1981
Time. 12 noon to 1:15 (brown bag lunch)
Place Grosvenor Center, 733 Bishop Street
24th Floor, main conference room
Agenda. Eileen Mortenson, State Coordinator, NOW
ERA Update

Meeting Notes: This month's meeting, Friday, May 29, features Eileen Mortenson, management consultant with her own practice, and presently State coordinator for NOW, who will bring us up to date on ratification efforts of the ERA.

MARK THIS DATE: MAY 28, 1981, at 11:30 AM at the State Capitol!! Jerry Falwell's ultra-conservative Moral Majority, which credits itself with the election of Ronald Reagan, is trying to organize Hawaii. This group, among other things, opposes the ERA and all rights for women, including the right to choose abortion, and would impose its views on ALL OF US. The Hawaii Coalition Against Falwell, of which Hawaii Women Lawyers is a part, has organized a demonstration against Falwell, to be held at 11:30 AM at the State Capitol, on May 28, the day before our monthly meeting. The Board urges your active participation in this event. Numbers Count!! Please be there and tell your friends and neighbors to be there!!

Among Ourselves: Congratulations to Carol Mon Lee, who has been named Vice President for Land Trust at American Trust Company of Hawaii. And our thanks to Ruth Hood, who organized our portion of the successful special joint meeting of Hawaii Women Lawyers, Network of Marketing Women, Association of Women Entrepreneurs, and the American Society of Women Accountants, held Saturday, May 16th, and which discussed experiences of and problems facing professional women. And congratulations to Angie King, just named Director of the "Pro Bono" Lawyer Referral Project, funded in part by a grant from ABA and Aloha United Way.

Membership: We now have 22 more women on our mailing list, all of whom successfully passed the February 1981 bar exam. Congratulations! HWL welcomes you, and, although you will continue to receive our newsletter, and may attend our monthly meetings, we urge you to become dues paying members, at a low price of \$15 per year, beginning July 1, 1981. Anyone paying now will be covered in addition for the months until July. And, for old members, a reminder that payment of dues for the year beginning July 1, 1981 may be made to our treasurer, Nancy Stivers. We seem to have lost the following people. If anyone has a current address for any of them, please call Angie King: 735-2967:

Gale L. F. Ching, Alexa D. M. Fujise, Joanne Lanham, Patricia McManaman,
Ann Misura, Sharon Miyasato, Lorna Nishimitsu, Anne Randolph, Molly Zimring.

For the new members; in 4 years, HWL has grown from the original 10-15 members to nearly 100, and has recently adopted bylaws (available from the Board members). We meet on the last Friday of every month, except July, August and December, at noon, at the address above. As you can see from this newsletter, HWL is an active participant in various community efforts and we welcome your new energy.

Sports News: Dr. Donnis Thompson, the Women's athletic director at UH is requesting our assistance in sponsoring the Wahine's volleyball team, by agreeing to pre-sell tickets for one of their games. We keep all proceeds collected, over the initial \$1200. Can we do it? The Board wants to hear your views before its meeting, June 9.

Legislative Report: Of the 6 bills HWL drafted and lobbied for this session, 2 were passed. HB 440 as finally amended, doubled the tax credit for child care expenses to 10% of the costs. HB 435 became part of HB 300, the rape bill, which in its final form, deleted altogether the requirement for prompt reporting of a rape incident as a prerequisite to prosecution. The wrangling at the legislature over whether, and if so, what to do about the state's rape laws in the aftermath of the "Anna" trial was appalling from a feminist view. I cannot say I am much pleased by the final version, which did delete the requirement that the defendant's use of force was resisted by the victim, but substituted instead the requirement that there be a showing that the defendant used force which "causes a person to submit." We all hope these words will be interpreted by the courts consistent with the intent of the legislature to change the focus away from the victim's actions in a rape case.

In addition, HWL worked as a constituent part of the Women's Legislative Coalition; Nancy Stivers was our liaison and we thank her for following through our efforts there. Partly through the WLC efforts, there will be an interim study by the Judiciary Committees of both houses, with a view to a complete update of the state's sexual assault laws next session.

Because the session is so short, and comes on us so rapidly, if anyone has ideas for bills for next session, please see Nancy Stivers ASAP.

Board Members: Next meeting, June 9, 12 noon, YMCA. (note: Tuesday, not Thurs.)

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