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PRESIDENT'S NEWSLETTER

February Meeting

Date: February 26, 1982
Time: Noon to 1:15 (Brown bag lunch)
Place: Penthouse, Bishop Trust Building, 1000 Bishop Street
Agenda: Representative Mazie Hirono and Representative Carol Fukunaga: "1982 Legislative Issues of Particular Concern to Women"

Greetings from the 1982 HWL Board: The 1982 board members are honored to have this opportunity to serve HWL during the coming year. We welcome suggestions regarding ways in which HWL can better address the concerns and interests of its members.

February Meeting: Representative Mazie Hirono and Representative Carol Fukunaga, both of whom are attorneys, will discuss 1982 legislative issues of particular concern to women and will outline provisions of relevant bills pending in the House of Representatives. Representatives Hirono and Fukunaga have been active advocates of statutory reform designed to meet the requirements of Hawaii's ERA. Please note that this meeting will be held at the Bishop Trust Building Penthouse.

January Installation and Awards Luncheon: The installation and awards luncheon was extremely successful. Distinguished guests included Governor George Ariyoshi, Lieutenant Governor Jean King, Chief Justice William Richardson, Judges Betty Vitousek, Helen Gillmor and Marie Milks, Hawaii State Bar Association President James Duffy and Executive Director Elle Pierce, Representative Mazie Hirono, and Acting Dean Richard Miller and Associate Dean Jon Van Dyke of the University of Hawaii School of Law. Judge Vitousek presented HWL's Distinguished Service Award to former Supreme Court Justice RHODA LEWIS, the first and only woman to serve on the Hawaii Supreme Court. In addition to her judicial service, Justice Lewis served as a Deputy Attorney General for 22 years and was the Reporter for the Committee on Coordination of Rules and Statutes which revised Hawaii's Rules of Civil Procedure. Chief Justice Richardson presented HWL's Woman Lawyer of the Year Award to MEREDITH LENNELL of Kailua-Kona. Ms. Lennell helped to establish the Kona Women's Center where she provides legal advice on a pro bono basis and has also given professional help to numerous other community organizations in West Hawaii. 1981 President SHERRY BRODER highlighted HWL's activities during the past year and Lieutenant Governor Jean King installed the 1982 board members.

Report of Joint 1981-1982 Board Meeting, February 11: The following appointments were approved: LEA CRANDALL, Chairwoman of Standing Committee on Legislation, SHERRY BRODER, Chairwoman of Standing Committee on Judicial Selection, MARGUERITE SIMSON, Chairwoman of Monthly Program Committee, and DIANE ERICKSON, HWL representative on the Board of Trustees of the Associated Women Entrepreneurs, Inc. The Board voted to co-sponsor, with the American Society of Women Accountants, a seminar to be held Saturday, May 8, 1982. The seminar will feature speakers on time management, stress management and office politics. Mayor Eileen Anderson will give the luncheon address.

Women's Advancement in the Judiciary: In recognition of Women's History Week (March 7-13, 1982), a review of women's role and advancement in the judiciary is appropriate. The first woman judge in the United States (a non-lawyer serving as justice of the peace in Wyoming) was appointed in 1870. Over one hundred years later, in 1971, there were still fewer than 200 women lawyers serving on state courts throughout the country. By 1980, the picture changed substantially: 11 women were serving on the states' highest benches, 32 on intermediate appellate courts, 183 on general jurisdiction trial courts, and 322 on courts of limited jurisdiction. On the federal bench women's gains during the 1970's were also impressive. In 1969 there were only 3 women district court judges and 1 woman serving on a circuit court of appeals. By 1980 31 women were serving on district courts and 10 on circuit courts. (From "Women in the Judiciary," Judicature, the Journal of the American Judicature Society, Vol. 65, No. 6, January, 1982.)

Congratulations: To JUDITH ANN PAVEY on the formation of her new partnership with David Schutter, Schutter & Pavey; and to CORA LUM, RAI ST. CHU and DONNA WOO on the birth of their respective sons and daughters.

Half-Year Dues/Mailing List: New members have the option of paying half-year dues (\$7.50) for membership effective until July 1, 1982. You may forward your dues to Treasurer CHARLENE NORRIS, at Hoddick, Rainwald, O'Connor & Marrack or to the HWL P.O. Box. We are up-dating our mailing list. If you are aware of any woman lawyer who is not receiving the monthly newsletter, please so advise CHARLENE NORRIS.