

HAWAII WOMEN LAWYERS

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HONOLULU, HAWAII 96805

PRESIDENT'S NEWSLETTER

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**SEPTEMBER MEETING:** Place and subjectmatter details will be announced in the next newsletter.

**Date:** Friday, September 24, 1982 **Time:** Noon to 1:15 (Brown bag lunch)

**Agenda:** Legislative concerns: Hawaii Child Care Coalition

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**MEET-THE-CANDIDATE COCKTAIL PARTY:** Both candidates and lawyers who attended the cocktail party on August 13th enjoyed the opportunity to discuss campaigning topics informally with other women. The committee deserves much praise for an outstanding event - not the least commendable aspect of which were the unusual and delicious pupus. Interest in women candidates for elective office is one response shown by supporters of ERA nationally who seek ways to continue the fight for equality. Those who want to learn more about women candidates can request examples of the informative campaign literature that was left with the organization and is available from the HWL president.

**MID-MONTH BREAKFAST:** Members have frequently suggested that informal get-together time is needed in addition to the monthly program meetings. Your Board has addressed the suggestion considering the time constraints on women lawyers and has proposed the following: As announced at the July membership meeting, interested women lawyers will be assembling for breakfast at the federal building cafeteria on the second Friday of each month from 7:30 to 9:00 a.m. One member came to the August mid-month breakfast.

**SURVEY TO BE COMPLETED:** One of our members has found an anonymous donor who will contribute the remaining funds needed to complete and publish the 1980 Survey on the Status of Women Lawyers in Hawaii. The Survey Committee and the Foundation are most grateful.

**THANKS** and best wishes for the future to Barbara Beck, 1982 member of the Board of Directors of HWL, who is resigning as of October to spend time travelling with her husband. Her wisdom and counsel have been greatly appreciated by her fellow board members.

**CONGRATULATIONS:** to former State Representative Faith Evans who has been appointed as the first woman U. S. Marshal; to Susan Park, recently named Insurance Commissioner for the State; to Jane Hall, new Hawaii's Thousand Friends Executive Director, succeeding Barbara Beck.

**BONUS:** for those who attended the recent seminar "More Business Games Your Mother Never Taught You" and anyone else who is interested): Amy Alexander-Taylor has made available follow-up materials on MBO and time-planning. You can arrange to receive the materials by contacting Marguerite Simson at 942-4456.

**JOBS CLEARINGHOUSE:** From time to time HWL is notified of the availability of positions for lawyers. Recently a half-time litigation position was called to our attention. Contact Albert Pfaltzgraff, attorney for the Veterans Administration Regional Office, 546-2162.

Announcements of openings will appear in the newsletter when space is available, but not every such notification will be listed. It makes sense, therefore, when looking for a new position, to inquire of the HWL president whether any positions are presently known. In addition, if your interest is known, you may be notified as they come in!

**LAWYER REFERRALS:** From time to time also, HWL receives requests for referrals from potential clients who particularly want a woman lawyer. Such requests are routinely routed to NOW which maintains a list of women attorneys. If you are not listed with NOW and would like to be, please submit your name, address, and the types of cases you are willing to handle, so the NOW listing can be updated.

**SOLO PRACTITIONERS:** HWL is interested in hearing from women lawyers who are practicing alone. Please call Marguerite Simson at 942-4456 or Sara Smith at 523-7021.

**BOARD MEETINGS:** The HWL Board and the HWL Foundation Board meet every month on the second Thursday noon. You can bring your concerns to the Board's attention by contacting a Board member before the meeting. Between now and the end of the year, the Board is concerning itself with next year's legislative session, in the context of continued and increasing service to women generally, women lawyers, the legal profession and the public. In addition, the Board is planning a family get-together to be held in Waimanalo at the home of Sherry Broder and Jon Van Dyke on Sunday, December 6th. More information on these topics will be sent out with the September Newsletter. Meanwhile, if you are interested in getting involved, please contact a Board member: President Marguerite Simson, Secretary/Historian Robyn Au, Treasurer Charlene Norris, Directors Barbara Beck, Haunani Burns and Sara Smith, and ex-officio member Sherry Broder.

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Agenda: Child Care Legislation: What options are there and what can you do about it?

Mary Fiedler, who represents HWL to the Child Care Coalition, and a representative from one of the other organizations belonging to the coalition will report on its plans and activities in preparation for the 1983 legislative session - its strengths and its problems, its past activities and future focuses. Does the coalition draft legislation or support other's bills? Does it act as a clearing house for ideas or an advocate for its own or others' positions? Is it a loose-knit grouping of organizations or a unified pressure group? These and other questions you may raise can be addressed during the meeting, or made the focus of further future reports.

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RECAP OF HWL LUNCH MEETING TOPICS

A comment from a member that HWL's brownbag and other luncheon meetings offer too narrow a range of topics has led me to review past newsletters to find out what has been offered to stimulate, educate, or engage the attention. Since February of 1979 the topics of discussion have ranged as follows: "What makes a good courtroom lawyer; Estate Planning for Women; legislation - generally, as well as for or about women; Women's Law Conference; International Women's Conference; Sex Abuse Treatment Center; the role of attorneys in congress; sex discrimination and other kinds of discrimination; how to become a delegate to a political convention; HSBA and ABA activities (speakers were Young Lawyer officers); how the Judicial Selection Commission functions and how to draw attention to women for selection; setting up a small business or law practice; networking; how Family Law and divorce affect other areas of law; the National Association of Women Lawyers and the status of the woman lawyer; Bylaws and other HWL business; principles of financial investments; how to be appointed to boards, commissions and directorships; how women handle stress; new developments regarding credit for women; how to dress for success in the profession; women and power. The emphases have been more on women than on lawyers, more on legislation than on practice, more on living than on working - but not to the exclusion of the less-stressed topics.

Board members would welcome further comment on the kinds of programs that should be offered: Concentrated workshops? training sessions? inter-professional meetings? semi-directed discussion meetings? ? ? ? ? ? ? ? ? ?

CONGRATULATIONS: to Mary Blaine Durant, appointed to serve as a per diem judge.

BOARD BUSINESS

Lea Crandall has accepted the Board's appointment to complete Barbara Beck's term.

The nominating committee for next year's officers and board members would like to hear your ideas Contact Haunani Burns, or call any board member with suggestions.

ATTORNEY SOUGHT FOR FAMILY LAW POSITION

The Family Support Division of the Corporation Counsel's Office in Honolulu has at least one immediate opening. The position is for enforcement of support orders, including reciprocal enforcement, and knowledge of family law is preferred.

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Don't forget that 1982-83 dues are due: \$20.00 will carry your membership to the end of June, 1983.