

HAWAII WOMEN LAWYERS NEWSLETTER

MARCH MEETING

DATE: Thursday, March 31, 1983 (Note new day)
TIME: 12:00 - 1:15 p.m.
PLACE: Hoddick Reinwald O'Connor & Marrack, Conference Room, 24th Floor,
PRI Building, Grosvenor Center
AGENDA: Working Mothers - a panel consisting of working women attorneys
discussing their experiences regarding child rearing and their
employment.

Annual Membership Meeting/Installation: On Jan. 28, 1983, HWL held their annual membership meeting at the Liberty House Special Events Room. The luncheon honored Harriet Buslog with the Distinguished Service Award and Carol Mon Lee with the Outstanding Woman Attorney Award. At that time, HWL installed the new Board of Directors: Dona Hanaike, President; Charlene Norris, Vice President; Virginia Crandall, Secretary; Haunani Burns, Treasurer; Susan Ichinose, Diane Kishimoto & Linda Oliver, Directors. Special thanks to Judge Betty Vitousek, Acting Chief Justice Herman Lum & Lt. Governor John Waihee for assisting in the presentations and for those HWL members who helped organize a very successful event.

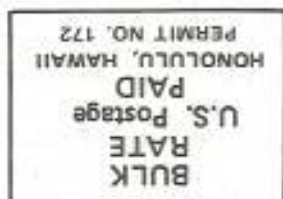
February Meeting: HWL was honored to have Ms. Alice Cook, Professor Emerita Cornell University, speak on the subject of comparable worth. Her research into this subject has resulted in a report being presented to the Hawaii Legislature recommending a review of the State's Civil Service system in an effort to eliminate sex-bias in job classifications and to bring certain underpaid jobs normally held by women, in parity with other comparable classes.

HWL Foundation: This month HWL Foundation held its annual membership meeting and elected the following members to the board: Dona Hanaike, President; Charlene Norris, Vice President; Virginia Crandall, Secretary; Haunani Burns, Treasurer; Susan Ichinose, Diane Kishimoto & Linda Oliver, Directors. The Foundation reported its tax-exempt status was approved and can now receive your tax-deductible, charitable contributions. Treasurer's Report: \$1,128.26 of which \$900.00 is targeted for completion of the HWL survey. Some of the projects being considered by the Foundation: Survey, Distinguished Speaker Program, Scholarships and Awards, travel allowances, educational workshops, donations to other 501(C)(3) organizations.

Judicial Selection Commissioner Election: HWL presents, for its members, a brief statement from and about the only three women candidates. HWL is not endorsing any particular candidate, but we hope that HWL members will consider the following information when casting your votes for this position. The comments are offered in alphabetical order:

1. Karen Napua Brown: Known to everyone as Pua, she was admitted to practice in 1978 and since that time has been a staff attorney with Legal Aid in the Kauai office, and now in the Hilo office. Pua feels the interests of the residents of the outer islands, and in particular, the interests of minorities and disadvantaged populations should be included on the Commission. She feels her experience as a representative of these groups will enable her to enhance the work of the Commission. Pua is a native Hawaiian, married, with a 2 year old son.
2. Beatrice Kanahale Dawson: Known to us as Beadie, she has been with the AG's office, handling real property matters, since she was admitted to practice in 1981. She has an extensive background of service with community organizations, having served on numerous boards prior to entering law. She is astonished at and extremely concerned about the pressure coming from the public to elect judges. She feels the rules governing the work of the Commission are clear and fair. It is important to Beadie that the Commission be above politics and feels that by following these rules, the Commission can and should be able to make its selections in an objective and straightforward manner.
3. Judith Weightman: Judith has worked closely with judges since she was admitted to practice in 1981, first as clerk to Intermediate Court Judge James Burns, and currently as a Public Defender, which Judith feels has given her an understanding of the criteria to be met in selecting judges. She is disturbed, however, that the election of a commission member has become such a political phenomenon, and wishes not to exacerbate the situation by making any campaign statement.

Law Day: The Hawaii State Bar Association is sponsoring various activities during the 1st week of May targeted as Law Week (i.e. Mock trial program at high schools, info booths at Ala Moana). If anyone is interested in participating, please contact Pamela Boyd at HSBA office (ph. 537-9140). The Legal Auxillary will be sponsoring a forum on May 6th dealing with the following subjects: Social Security, juvenile mediation, divorce and EEO.



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Per diem Appointments: Congratulations to Frances Wong and Marjorie Higa Manuia for both being appointed per diem judges in Family Court.

Congratulations: Congratulations to Pat Putnam who received the Alan Saunders' Award presented by ACLU. Congratulations to Juliette T. Sarmiento who received the outstanding Young Woman Award for 1982 presented by the Board of Advisors of the Outstanding Young Women of America.

Fellowship: A Women's Law & Public Fellowship is available (\$19,000 stipend) for one year in Washington, D.C. Anyone interested, please contact Cathy Matayoshi at Judge King's Office before the end of this month.

Legal Services Developer: Part-time positions open for attorney to advise the Executive Office on Aging. Contact Dona Hanaïke (ph: 548-8929) for more info.

REMINDER: HWL Board Meeting April 14, 1983, Old Federal Bldg., A.G.'s Conference Room, 2nd Floor, at 12:00 noon.