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April Monthly Meeting

DATE: Friday, April 29, 1988

TIME: 12:00 Noon - 1:15 p.m.

PLACE: Cades Schutte Fleming and Wright
10th Floor, Conference Room

TOPIC: "Women in the Making of Modern Hawaii"

The April meeting will be held on Friday, April 29, 1988. HWL invites you to a presentation by Dr. Barbara Peterson, History Professor at Honolulu Community College. Dr. Peterson is the editor of **Notable Women of Hawaii** and a member of the Hawaii Committee for the Humanities Speakers Bureau. She will give a slide presentation on women who have played a key role in developing the cultural and community climate of the islands, especially in the areas of social and political reform. Please join us for what promises to be an interesting and informative presentation.

Recap of March Monthly Meeting

On Friday, March 25, 1988, Lynn Rafto, of Theta Associates, addressed HWL members concerning the design and implementation of childcare benefit plans for private employees, and her plans to organize the non-profit Alliance for Child Care. Lynn Fallin, the Director of the State of Hawaii Office of Children & Youth, and Lois Evora, Commissioner on the State of Hawaii Commission on the Status of Women joined in the

discussion which followed Ms. Rafto's presentation. Thanks to all who participated, and to Ms. Rafto for her excellent analysis of the issues related to childcare.

U.S. Supreme Court Hears Challenge to New York Curb On All-Male Clubs

The Hawaii Women Lawyers Foundation and HWL joined with 32 organizations in filing an amicus brief in the U.S. Supreme Court which supports a New York City ordinance barring discrimination by private, all-male social clubs of 400 members or more. This law is intended to force some of the country's most prestigious men's clubs to admit women as members.

The 1984 law, which has become a model for anti-discrimination statutes in other cities from Boston to Los Angeles, was upheld last year by New York's highest state court, the Court of Appeals. That court rejected arguments by an organization representing 125 private clubs in the state that the city law infringed on club members' constitutional rights to freedom of association.

On February 23, 1988, a skeptical Supreme Court heard the constitutional challenge to the New York City law. In the last few years, the Supreme Court has rejected constitutional challenges to anti-discrimination laws brought by the Jaycees and the Rotary Club, ruling that these huge organizations functioned as public accommodations rather than as private clubs. New York City's

Local Law 63 bars discrimination on the basis of sex, race, religion or national origin by clubs that meet three criteria: they have more than 400 members, provide regular meal service and regularly receive income from the use of the facilities by non-members "for furtherance of trade or business".

Last month, Justice Harry A. Blackmun resigned from the Cosmos Club, a prominent all-male New York club. Justice Anthony M. Kennedy resigned from an all-male club in San Francisco shortly before his nomination to the Supreme Court last fall. Several senators criticized him during his confirmation hearing for not having resigned years earlier.

From: **The New York Times**, Wednesday, February 24, 1988, p. B3.

Kiwanis Club of Honolulu Admits First Woman Member

HWL congratulates Annette Wall for being the first woman member admitted to the Kiwanis Club of Honolulu. Wall is president and founder of All-Ways Travel and Tours, 1188 Bishop Street.

The Kiwanis Club of Honolulu was chartered in 1948 and is the first club to be formed outside of the mainland U.S. and Canada. Club president Ed Slavish said, "Our club petitioned Kiwanis International for several years to admit women. Only recently have the international bylaws been changed to remove the gender restriction. We're happy to have Wall as our first woman member." Slavish added, "We are hopeful she will pave the way for more community minded business women to join. We need those who would enjoy putting a little time and effort back into the community."

The Hawaii Women Lawyers Foundation ("THWLF")

On February 20, 1988, THWLF sponsored a retreat for its members and Directors of HWL. The retreat was held at the home of Sherry Broder and was well attended by members of THWLF. Facilitators from Help for Non-Profits, a branch of the Health and Community Services Council, led participants in a review of the history of the organization and in a discussion of the mission and goals for its future. A topic of particular interest to those in attendance was the interrelationship of HWL and THWLF. Several ideas were discussed to make the relationship more effective and efficient from the standpoint of both organizations. THWLF's Board of Directors plans to follow up the retreat with a mission statement and a long range plan incorporating the goals discussed at the retreat.

Update On Na Loio No Na Kanaka

Na Loio No Na Kanaka - The Lawyers for the People of Hawaii, a nonprofit public interest law office established in 1983 continues its work in serving those who cannot afford private attorneys. Na Loio's immigration law project provides representation in deportation, exclusion and political asylum cases.

In addition to immigration law cases, Na Loio has expanded its services to include civil rights cases. Most recently, Na Loio represented Manuel Fragante in his Title 7 employment discrimination suit against the City and County of Honolulu. Na Loio is also presently handling two sex discrimination cases. One case involves discriminatory promotion practices in a historically all male field. The other lawsuit involves a sexual harassment claim. Na Loio believes that sex discrimination is an issue which must be addressed by the legal community. In the future, the organization hopes to expand its services in this area.

For more information regarding Na Loio and its services, call the Na Loio office at 847-8828.

100th Anniversary Celebration of Women Lawyers in Hawaii

In 1888, Hawaii's 85,000 citizens were ruled by King Kalakaua. Married women gained the legal right to keep their own wages, make contracts and own property. And Hawaii's first woman attorney, Almeida Hitchcock, was admitted to practice law.

To recognize the 100th anniversary of this milestone, and to launch HWL's upcoming biography project entitled "Early Women Lawyers of Hawaii", a special reception will be held from 5:00 until 7:30 p.m. Friday, May 20, 1988, at the Garden Courtyard of the Richards Street YWCA.

Sponsored by HWL and THWLF, the event will feature comments by honorees Patsy T. Mink and Judge Betty Vitousek. Fifteen other women lawyers, first admitted to practice between 1888 and Hawaii's statehood year of 1959, will also be recognized that evening and included in the book to be published in fall 1989. Autographed first edition copies may be reserved by those in attendance.

The reception is open to the public, however reservations must be made by May 6. Tickets are available for a minimum \$25 donation payable to "Hawaii Women Lawyers Foundation", c/o HWL P. O. Box 2072, Honolulu, Hawaii 96805. For additional information or tickets, telephone Lorraine Akiba at 521-9200, Cori Lau at 536-6922, or Sherry Broder at 531-1411.

Announcements

Solo Practitioner and Small Firm Committee

Meetings will be held the 3rd Thursday of each month at the Federal Building Cafeteria, 5th Floor, at 12:00 noon. The April meeting's topic is "Billing and Accounting". For more information, call Allison Jacobs-Pendragon at 235-8928.

The Child Care Law Center

The Child Care Law Center is the only non-profit legal services organization in the U.S. exclusively dedicated to resolving legal issues concerning the provisions of childcare. According to the information and brochures received by the HWL Family Leave Committee, the Center's major objective is to use legal tools to foster the development of quality affordable childcare programs. For a list of The Child Care Law Center's publications, please contact Ann Burns at 533-3999.

March Newsletter Job Announcement Correction

The Office of the Public Defender has no positions available at this time. However, we have been informed that qualified applicants are encouraged to apply for future openings by submitting a resume to 200 North Vineyard Boulevard, Suite 200, Honolulu, Hawaii 96817.

Personals

Boyce R. Brown, Jr., joined by associates Cynthia Thielen, Brian Jenkins and Lynn Merrick, has formed the law firm of Boyce R. Brown, attorney at law, a law corporation. The firm is located at 222 Merchant Street, Second Floor, Honolulu, Hawaii 96813, telephone: 521-5337.

If you have any announcements you wish to submit for the monthly newsletter, please contact Lorraine H. Akiba at 521-9200, Cades Schutte Fleming & Wright, 1000 Bishop Street, 12th Floor, Honolulu, Hawaii 96813 by the 3rd of every month.

HWL MEMBERSHIP

If you have not done so already, please renew your membership. Dues are \$25. \$15 (Out of State Members), \$15 (New Admittees), \$5 (Students). Please remit with the following form to HWL, P.O. Box 2072, Honolulu, Hawaii 96805:

Name _____ Business Address _____

Phone _____ Residence Address _____

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Please note any topics or projects in which you are interested _____

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