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June Monthly Meeting

DATE: Friday, June 24, 1988

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

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

TOPIC: "Pro-Choice Activism"

Hawaii Women Lawyers has consistently supported the reproductive rights of women to choose alternatives to unwanted pregnancy and birth. This right has been constitutionally upheld by the United States Supreme Court in **Roe v. Wade**. The recent obstacles faced by Hawaii Planned Parenthood in its attempts to offer abortion services at its downtown clinic reflect the political pressures applied by anti-choice groups to curb reproductive rights. HWL invites you to attend our June meeting to learn more about this issue and the problems faced in protecting women's reproductive rights. Representatives from Hawaii Planned Parenthood and other pro-choice groups will be present to discuss the current threats to women's reproductive rights and to inform us of how we as lawyers can assist in protecting pro-choice options and family planning services.

Recap of May Meeting and Formation of Ad Hoc Committee on Country Club Membership Policies for Women

Representatives from Oahu, Waialae, and Mid Pacific Country Clubs who were invited to participate in a forum discussion on country club membership for women declined to attend. Instead, meeting attendees discussed problems perceived with current inequities in membership for women. HWL has formed an ad hoc committee to coordinate actions to be taken to study this problem and work toward changes in current membership policies. If you are interested in participating or want further information, please call Ellen Carson at 524-1212.

100th Anniversary Reception is a Smashing Success!

The HWL/THWLF reception and fundraiser held on Friday, May 20, 1988 to honor the pioneering women attorneys of Hawaii and to celebrate the centennial of Almeda Hitchcock's admission to the bar as the first woman attorney in Hawaii was a tremendous success. Food and chamber music complemented the festivities at the picturesque Richards Street YWCA courtyard. More than 200 people attended the reception. Numerous dignitaries from the federal and state judiciary, city and state government, and the Hawaii State Bar Association were also in attendance, including Intermediate Court of Appeals Chief Judge James Burns, United States District Court Judge David Ezra, Judge Bambi Weil, Judge James Dannenberg, and Hawaii State Bar Association President William McCorriston.

A brief program featured three outstanding women speakers. Professor Mari Matsuda challenged the group to continue to forge ahead following the examples of the early women lawyers of Hawaii and to make continued gains for women in the legal profession. Patsy Mink shared her personal experiences, motivations, and insights as an inspiring role model for women attorneys. Judge Betty Vitousek provided a thoughtful retrospective on the lives of Almeda Hitchcock and other early women attorneys in Hawaii.

THWLF proudly announced at the event that Harriet Bouslog, one of the honorees, has generously donated \$10,000.00 to the HWL/THWLF biography project: "Early Women Lawyers of Hawaii". In addition to the generous donation from Harriet Bouslog, proceeds received from the event exceeded \$6,000.00.

HWL is grateful to all the tireless volunteers who helped plan, organize, and put on the event. A special mahalo for your kokua.

THWLF Holds Annual Meeting

On May 25, 1988 The Hawaii Women Lawyers Foundation ("THWLF") held its annual meeting at the beautiful home of Beadie Dawson in Nuuanu. A reception, including wine and pupus, highlighted the evening and provided a wonderful opportunity for THWLF members and the HWL Board to gather informally and meet each other. Outgoing President Dona Hanaike spoke about the various projects which THWLF has funded and the plans for future projects. Some highlights of the last year included sponsorship of the Biography Project, the Legal Rights Handbook and the Domestic Violence Hotline. THWLF also sponsored a retreat to work on future goals and direction. The new officers are Joyce Neeley, President; Angie King, Vice President; Louise Ing, Secretary; Lelanda Lee, Treasurer and Lea Crandall, Assistant Treasurer. The newly elected members of the Board of Directors include Lorraine Akiba, Sherry Broder, Richard Clifton, Bernice Littman and Charlene Norris. Members of the Board whose terms will continue include Laurie Furuya, Dona Hanaike and Diane Kishimoto.

Announcements

Women's Consortium Needs Legal Assistance

The Women's Consortium is attempting to form a 501(c)(3) foundation. Anyone interested in helping to draft the corporate charter and by-laws for the Women's Consortium Foundation, please call Allison Jacobs-Pendragon at 599-4005.

Solo Practitioner and Small Firm Committee

Meetings are held the 3rd Thursday of each month at the Federal Building Cafeteria, 5th floor, at 12:00 noon. The June meeting's topic is "Staff Issues". For more information, please call Allison Jacobs-Pendragon at 599-4005.

"A Modern Women's Dilemma: Succeeding at Home and at Work"

The Commission on the Status of Women and the Hawaii State Labor Department invite you to attend a brown bag discussion about child care, jobs, job training, and the role of women in the economy on Wednesday, June 8 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the Senate Conference Room 2, 2nd Floor, State Capitol. Featured speakers are Shirley Dennis, Director of the Women's Bureau, U.S. Department of Labor, and Madeline Mixer, Regional Administration, Women's Bureau, U.S. Department of Labor. For reservations, please call 548-4199/4576

“Single and Moving On”

A conference for single parents will be held on Saturday, June 18, 1988 at 2500 Pali Highway from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Partners in Health, Single Parents Advocacy Network and Kapiolani Community College-Single Parents/Homemakers Program are sponsoring this conference. Call 548-3487, Partners in Health, or 538-7061, SPAN, for registration information.

“Ho’ono’ono”

The Hawaii State Commission on the Status of Women will hold their installation dinner on Friday, June 24, 1988, beginning at 7:30 p.m. at the Island Colony Hotel, 455 Seaside Avenue. The cost for the dinner and entertainment is \$18.50 per person. To make reservations or for more information, please call 548-4199 or 548-4576 before June 15, 1988.

“Women in Business: An Entrepreneurial Conference”

The U.S. Small Business Administration, Women in Business Committee, Travelers Companies, State of Hawaii Department of Business & Economic Development, University of Hawaii Pacific Business Center, and the National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB) are sponsoring “Women in Business: An Entrepreneurial Conference” on Thursday, July 14, 1988 at the Hilton Hawaiian Village Hotel, beginning at 7:30 a.m. This conference is for the business owner who wants to expand; the entrepreneur just starting out in business; and the corporate person who would like to go into business for herself. For further information, please call Stephanie Tsukano at 541-2973.

“Non-profit Legal Issues: VLANO to the Rescue!”

A conference will be held at the University of Hawaii Law School on July 23 to: (1) train lawyers about legal issues and problems encountered by non-profit organizations; (2) teach non-profit organization administrators and board leadership how to spot legal issues and prevent problems from arising; and (3) to help VLANO (Volunteer Lawyers to Assist Non-profit Organizations) to recruit more members to provide legal services to needy non-profit organizations and/or serve on their boards. The conference is sponsored by HICLE and VLANO. For more information, call Holly Henderson at 521-3861.

HWL Student Division Elects New Officers

The HWL Student Division has elected new officers. They are: Carmel Ann Patton, President; Laree McGuire, Vice President; Twila Harris, Treasurer; and Michael Ragsdale, Recorder. Congratulations to the new officers.

Reminder to Renew Your HWL Membership

Check the address label on your newsletter to see when your dues expire. Most dues are paid until 6/88. Payments received in June will renew your membership until 6/89. Thanks for your kokua.

Personals

The firm of Ezra, O'Connor, Moon & Tam recently voted to invite Lissa Andrews to become a director of their firm. Congratulations Lissa!

Congratulations to Ramona Hussey, past President of the HWL-Student Division who was recently elected President of the Student Bar Association for the upcoming year.

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 _____

Please indicate the committees, if any, on which you would be willing to serve _____

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

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