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### September Monthly Meeting

DATE: Friday, September 30, 1988

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

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

TOPIC: "Open House/Open Agenda"

The September monthly meeting will be devoted to evaluation of organizational goals and programs and long-range planning. We invite you to attend this informal open house to discuss your assessments and ideas concerning our organization's direction. Refreshments will be served. Please plan on attending this event since your opinions are important to us. All questions, comments, and ideas are welcome. Bring a friend with you. This also is an excellent opportunity to network with each other.

### Recap of August Monthly Meeting

Democratic Congressional candidates from the First Congressional District Mary Bitterman, Leigh-Wai Doo, and John Radcliffe attended a Candidates Forum at the Richards Street YWCA. This event was well attended and media representatives were present to cover the forum. The Candidates aired their views on a number of topics including the environment, child care, nuclear disarmament, budget deficit reduction, education, contra-aid, and defense spending.

## THWLF and HWL Laud HSBA on Private Clubs Resolution!

On July 21, 1988, the Hawaii State Bar Association ("HSBA") unanimously passed a resolution which prohibits the HSBA and its authorized entities from using private clubs that discriminate on the basis of gender. In every essential respect, the language of the HSBA resolution tracts that of the American Bar Association's ("ABA") rule which will apply to all ABA convention activities in Honolulu in 1989.

Copies of the resolutions were sent to all private clubs in Hawaii, law firms, and HSBA affiliated entities to inform them of the anti-discrimination policy formally announced by the HSBA. In a letter to these groups, HSBA President Bill McCorrison stated, "The HSBA recognizes the principle that women should have the same right to economic opportunity as men, and exclusion from private clubs diminishes that opportunity." Mr. McCorrison also informed the groups of the recent Supreme Court case which abolished the "private club" exemption to New York City's anti-discrimination laws, *New York State Club Association, Inc. v. City of New York, et al.*, 56 L.W. 4653, (June 21, 1988).

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The HSBA encouraged law firms and organizations to adopt similar policies with respect to private clubs that discriminate. The resolution also specifically mandates "that lawyers actively continue in their leadership role to eliminate discriminatory practices on the basis of race, sex, national origin, including gender discrimination by membership organizations."

THWLF and HWL would like to recognize HSBA President, Bill McCorriston, and the HSBA Executive Committee for their vocal support and progressive action in promoting social change to establish equal opportunity for women and to assist in the advancement of women in their business and professional lives.

## **HWL Receives First Place in ABA/YLD Awards of Achievement Competition**

HWL was recognized at the ABA annual convention in Toronto in August as the recipient of a first place award in the 1987-88 Awards of Achievement Competition sponsored by the ABA Young Lawyers Division. The competition presents awards to ABA/YLD affiliated organizations in several different divisions for projects in service to the public and the bar. Judges considered factors such as the overall balanced nature of the projects, the achievement of goals, the impact of the projects, and the degree of participation by the membership. The selection of HWL for the first place award in its division was unanimous.

HWL's first place award in the comprehensive category was based upon the broad range of projects it was involved in during the last year. The most prominent of these projects include the Legal Rights Handbook, the biography project entitled "Early Women Lawyers of Hawaii", the gender bias survey conducted with the endorsement of the state Judiciary, and the pay equity videotape which aired on KHET's "Rice and Roses" program. HWL extends its appreciation to all of its members and friends whose help with various projects over the past year contributed to our receipt of this award.

## **Domestic Violence Hotline Featured on KGMB-TV Program "Perspective"**

Leslie Hayashi, Hawaii Lawyers Care Executive Director and past HWL President, and Lorraine H. Akiba, current HWL President, spoke about the domestic violence hotline on the community program "Perspective" which aired Sunday, August 21, 1988 at 1:30 p.m. on KGMB-TV.

Leslie addressed the problems of spousal abuse and the myths that have impeded solving many of the domestic violence problems. It was pointed out that intervention by either counseling, the courts, or the police does work. Details of the project were reviewed and explained. There are plans to expand the hotline to provide bilingual staff to assist immigrant non-English speaking women who may call.

As part of the television program, a former spousal abuse victim was also interviewed about her experiences. She shared her insights on causes of domestic violence problems, how victims are often unable to utilize resources from social service agencies and the courts, and the problems with attorneys and others who are not aware of or sensitive to the particular emotional and psychological trauma that complicates representation of victims in their legal suits against abusers.

It is hoped that the television program will publicize the availability of the hotline to women in the community, and also encourage those women who are victims to take the first step and reach out for help.

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## **Improve Your Communications Skills**

The Fifth Annual Joint Communications Conference of Women Professionals will be held on Saturday, October 15, 1988 at the Hale Koa Hotel from 8:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The seminar is co-sponsored by the American Medical Women's Association, American Organization of Nurse Executives, American Society of Women Accountants, HWL, National Association of Bank Women, Organization of Women Leaders, Professional Women's Network, and Women In Communications, Inc.

A morning panel entitled "Professional Women Who Have Met The Challenge" will feature Lily K. Yao, President/CEO of Pioneer Federal Savings Bank, Dr. Ann B. Catts, a pathologist at Queen's Medical Center, Linda Coble, Vice-President of Community Affairs for Hefstel Broadcasting, and HWL President Lorraine H. Akiba, a partner at Cades Schutte Fleming & Wright. The featured brunch speaker will be Nancy Sakamoto who will address the topic "Why Japanese And Americans Seem Rude To Each Other".

Participants can attend two elective sessions; one before and after brunch. Workshops include Maureen McDonough - Cutting Corners Through Communications; Rolinda Hewitt - Neurolinguistic Programming; Diane Wolfe - Pre-Employment Inquiries (EEOC); Joan Madden - Nurturing Self Esteem; Mary Dizon - Voice and Diction; Ray W. Hartz, Jr. - Handling Performance Problems; Betty Floriani - Personality Inventory; and Kenneth Kipnis - Ethics and Power.

The conference will close with cocktails, "pupus", and informal modeling of "business" clothing from Casual Corner.

We hope you all can attend this event. Watch your mail for a separate flyer!

## **Announcements**

### **Mahalo to HSBA President and Executive Director**

The August newsletter article "Foundation Sponsors Celebration Honoring Judge Vitousek" inadvertently omitted to mention the hard work of Bill McCorrison, HSBA President, and Eleanor Pierce, HSBA Executive Director, which helped make the retirement party for Judge Vitousek a success. The HSBA generously shared its resources in pulling the program together. Bill McCorrison was also one of the speakers honoring Judge Vitousek and presented her with a scroll of recognition on behalf of the HSBA. Our sincere mahalo to Bill, Elle, and the HSBA staff.

### **Hawaii Planned Parenthood Fall Fashion Show**

Hawaii Planned Parenthood invites you to "The Eighties' Woman", a fall fashion show luncheon on Saturday, October 1, 1988 at the Monarch Room of the Royal Hawaiian Hotel. No host cocktails will begin at noon, followed by lunch at 12:45 p.m. Kai Maxwell will emcee the fashion show beginning at 1:30 p.m. Please call Hawaii Planned Parenthood at 521-6991 for reservations or more information.

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.

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## 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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