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No October General Membership Meeting

No HWL general membership meeting is scheduled this month. Instead, we urge all of you to attend the **Fifth Annual Joint Communications Conference of Women Professionals**, "Professional Women Meeting the Challenge", which is being co-sponsored by HWL. The seminar will be held on Saturday, October 15, 1988 from 7:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Hale Koa Hotel. The program includes a morning panel entitled "Professional Women Who Have Met The Challenge" and elective workshops before and after brunch. The brunch speaker is Nancy Sakamoto who will address the topic: "Why Japanese and Americans Seem Rude to Each Other". For more information, please call Lani Wright at 536-1041.

Recap of September Monthly Meeting

The September monthly meeting provided a wonderful opportunity for old and new HWL members to gather informally and get to know one another. HWL - Student Division members were also in attendance. There was an abundance of food and conversation to go around.

Members assessed HWL's accomplishments to date and discussed future plans and goals for the organization. Some of the

new ideas and projects suggested for next year include: (1) revitalizing the mentor committee and HWL's joint project with the Hawaii State Bar Association - Young Lawyers Division for monthly topic presentations to new bar admittees; (2) revising the HWL brochure; (3) changing the HWL monthly meetings to the third Friday of the month; and (4) having a representative from the HWL Board regularly attend HWL-SD board and general meetings at UH campus.

THWLF Active with Grants and More Applicants Sought

The Hawaii Women Lawyers Foundation ("THWLF") wants to announce the grants awarded during the past year and a half to let you know that your contributions are being used to further our common interests and goals. Also, THWLF recently commenced its annual fundraising letter drive. Please continue to support THWLF and projects of HWL by giving generously.

In 1987, THWLF awarded one scholarship to help a worthy student at the William S. Richardson School of Law continue her education. Grants were made to defray expenses to attend national conferences on women and the law, and public interest law. A grant was made to provide production support for a documentary on acquaintance rape. The first distribution by the Schutte

fund was a \$2,000 grant to the East-West Center for the showing of a special segment of "WE THE PEOPLE" during the International Film Festival. HWL received funds for production of a pay equity video and for the publication of a directory of women attorneys.

To date in 1988, THWLF has given over \$6,000 to HWL and Hawaii Lawyers Care to fund the domestic violence hotline project. THWLF continues to assist with raising funds for the notable early women attorneys biography project and the publication of a handbook on women's legal rights. THWLF also co-sponsored the retirement party for Judge Betty M. Vitousek.

Reproductive Freedom: An Endangered Right

HWL, along with over 25 community groups, will sponsor an educational forum entitled "Reproductive Freedom: An Endangered Right" on October 12, 1988 from noon to 2:00 p.m. at UH Hemenway Hall Theatre. Admission is free. The program will focus on the history of access to family planning, contraception and abortion, as well as the efforts of community groups to preserve these hard-won rights from current threats.

The panel of speakers represents individuals from the legal, medical, religious, and social welfare areas and includes the Very Reverend Lin Knight, Dean of St. Andrew's Cathedral, Reverend Joan Ishibashi, Associate Pastor of Nuuanu Congregational Church, Barbara Warkus, M.D., George Goto, M.D., Pam Lichty, M.P.H., from the ACLU, and Prof. Casey Jarman of the UH School of Law. Prof. Jon Van Dyke of the law school will moderate.

Co-sponsors of the forum include the Hawaii Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies Coalition, the YWCA, the National Association of Social Workers, the National Organization for Women, the ACLU, the American Association of University Women - Hawaii Pacific Division, the Hawaii Commission on the Status of Women, Working Women of Hawaii, the League of Women Voters, the Hawaii Federation of Business and Professional Women, the Hawaii Medical Association, the Student Bar Association, the Hawaii Women's Political Caucus, the Honolulu County Committee on the Status of Women, Hawaii Planned Parenthood, UH Student Health Service, Americans for Democratic Action - Hawaii Chapter, the UH Women's Studies, UH Women's Faculty Caucus, the Public Affairs Council of the First Unitarian Church of Honolulu, the Division of Church and Society of the United Methodist Church - Hawaii District, Humanists - Hawaii, the UH Graduate Student Organization, Hawaii Lawyers Care, and the Hawaii Women's Consortium.

For more information, please contact Cori Lau at 536-6922 or Ellen Carson at 524-1212.

Announcements

League of Women Voters of Hawaii

The League of Women Voters of Hawaii encourages you to vote YES on Proposed Amendment #7 to guarantee equal representation. When you go into the ballot booth on November 8, you will have the opportunity to vote for a very important State constitutional amendment. Proposed Amendment #7 reads: Shall the requirements of minimum representation among basic island units be removed and the basis for reapportionment be changed from a registered voter base to a population base.

The League of Women Voters supports this proposal and urges you to vote YES. A YES vote means that you support the basic right to equality of representation. It is a right guaranteed by the United States Constitution.

Equality of Representation is often referred to as "one person-one vote" and means that every legislator must represent just about the same numbers of people. That is critical to representative democracy in order to make sure that your voice is of equal weight with other citizens. In our democracy we are equal not only in terms of human rights but in terms of political rights as well.

Right now our State constitution does not follow the basic guarantee of equal representation. It actually allows for legislative districts which will be very unequal in terms of population. It permits the voices of people in some wealthier areas, to be stronger than those in poorer or more crowded areas.

Our state laws should always conform to the U.S. Constitution and, that is what this amendment would bring about. The unfairness which exists in our present law can be eliminated if you vote YES on proposed Constitutional Amendment #7.

Reproductive Rights Fundraiser

On Friday, November 18, 1988 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the YWCA Courtyard, 1050 Richards Street, HWL will co-sponsor, along with other community groups, a fundraiser to help preserve reproductive rights. Tickets and further information are available by calling Cynthia Farias at 536-6922. Proceeds from the fundraiser will go to Hawaii Planned Parenthood for its continuing efforts in preserving women's right of access to abortion and contraception.

Personals

Congratulations to HWL Treasurer Michelle H. Tucker and her husband, Jay L. Friedheim, on the birth of their daughter, Rose Evelyn Puaaomaikalani Friedheim, who weighed in at 6 lbs./12 oz. on September 12, 1988.

HWL Director Lissa H. Andrews was recently appointed by Judge Harold Fong to the United States District Court for the District of Hawaii Local Rules Committee.

Cynthia Thielen, a former senior associate with the law firm of Boyce R. Brown, Jr. has opened her own law office at 345 Queen Street, Suite 700, Honolulu, Hawaii; telephone: 599-4141.

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 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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