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August Monthly Meeting: Save A Child's Life

Time: August 25, 1989, at noon

Place: Cades Schutte Fleming & Wright Conference Room,
10th Floor, 1000 Bishop Street

Topic: Administering First Aid to Children

To assist our members who are parents or who are around children, we are providing a session on administering first aid to children and infants. Petty Officer Vanita Conti of U.S. Cinpac, U.S. Navy, has volunteered through the American Red Cross to conduct an informational session on administering first aid for injuries commonly suffered by children and infants. Among the emergencies she will cover are suffocation, cuts and abrasions, choking, and basic elements of CPR. Please try to work this session into your busy day to better equip yourself to save a child's life in the event of emergency.

HWL Domestic Violence Hotline Wins National ABA Award

For the second year in a row, Hawaii Women Lawyers is the First-Place Recipient of an American Bar Association national competition award. In 1988, HWL won first place in the comprehensive

category in the 1987-1988 Awards of Achievement Competition sponsored by the ABA/YLD, based on its broad range of community projects. At the 1989 ABA convention in Honolulu, HWL received First Place for the Most Outstanding Single Project/Service Award, for HWL's Domestic Violence Legal Hotline.

The Domestic Violence Legal Hotline provides legal assistance and counseling that could save a woman's life. Approximately 75% of women murdered in Hawaii have as their alleged assailant their spouse or boyfriend; many other women live in daily fear for their lives and those of their children. The HWL Domestic Violence Legal Hotline provides advice on temporary restraining orders, police intervention, divorce, child custody and support issues. The Hotline also coordinates donations of clothing and household goods for domestic abuse shelters. The Hotline is staffed by lawyers and paralegals who urge victims of domestic abuse to have a "Safety Plan" that will enable them to leave their home quickly and safely, to avoid arguments in places where weapons may be present, to keep necessary documents and spare cash available, and to seek intervention at the earliest possible time. The Hotline is administered by the staff of Hawaii Lawyers Care, and is now in English and Korean. Congratulations are owed to Leslie Hayashi (former executive director of HLC), Nanci Kriedman (consultant), and the many wonderful volunteers who have helped make the Hotline a success. We also appreciate the generosity of the Hotline funding sources:

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the Hawaii Women Lawyers Foundation, Hawaii Bar Foundation (IOLTA), and Hawaii Lawyers Care. Volunteers interested in providing assistance to the Hotline should call Hawaii Lawyers Care at 521-7740.

Standing Up For Reproductive Rights

A "standing room only" crowd attended HWL's July meeting calling for action in response to the U.S. Supreme Court's attack on reproductive freedoms in its recent Webster decision. Many thanks to our speakers, Patsy Mink, Cheryl Vasconcellos and Ellen Carson, for their analyses of the recent decision, outline of the anticipated dangers of Webster, and enumeration of specific actions to take to fight the growing attack on reproductive rights.

HWL's agenda for reproductive rights includes:

- Legal Speakers Bureau on reproductive rights
- Legal written advocacy on reproductive rights for community magazines, newspapers, legislators, etc.,
- Amicus Assistance in reproductive rights cases
- Legislative work:
 - opposition to any efforts to curtail rights of access to abortion and contraceptive services
 - repeal of currently unenforced (and burdensome) state abortion laws
 - repeal of burdensome state regulations regarding minor's access to contraceptive services, abortion reporting requirements, and licensing regulations for abortion clinics

HWL seeks volunteers to assist in each of these efforts, and in ongoing community efforts, fund raising and political activities in support of reproductive freedom. All interested persons should call Reproductive Rights co-chairs Ellen Carson (524-1212) and Cori Lau (536-6922), or staff at Hawaii Planned Parenthood (521-6991).

Country Club Discrimination

HWL has received some very positive feedback from recent news articles regarding our effort to eliminate sex discrimination in private country clubs in Hawaii. A year ago, HWL sent letters asking Waialae, Oahu, and Mid-Pacific Country Clubs to eliminate discriminatory by-law provisions which ban women from full membership rights. Waialae is the only one of the three that has taken action to try to eliminate those provisions, but to date it still retains discriminatory transfer-by-inheritance provisions, which are a major means by which club membership is obtained. (Oahu and Mid-Pacific have merely responded that they have been "studying" the issue). In May, Pacific Club was added to our list of discriminatory clubs, when it refused bar service to Joyce Neeley (a member of Pacific Club and HWL), because she was female. As a result, Pacific Club lost substantial business for functions planned by the ABA and other groups who oppose discrimination.

H.R.S. Chapter 489 prohibits discrimination in "Public Accommodations," including facilities which sell retail goods and services (as do all these clubs). The Supreme Court has struck down all-male membership requirements of the Jaycees, Rotary Clubs, and private clubs in New York. The time for "all deliberate speed" in integration is long past. HWL seeks your support in patronizing only clubs who do not discriminate against women, and encouraging members of these clubs to eliminate their discrimination immediately.

Are Your Dues Overdue?

If there is a green dot on your mailing label, your HWL dues are overdue and this will be your last HWL newsletter unless you renew immediately. We don't want to lose you, so please send in payment now. Your mailing address label always states when your membership is due for renewal (e.g., 6/89 or 6/90).

Announcements Personals

Congratulations to HWL member Leslie Hayashi, who was appointed a per diem judge to the Hawaii District Court on August 11, 1989. Leslie was formerly a partner with Rush, Moore, Craven, et al., and Executive Director of Hawaii Lawyers Care. Leslie's new mailing address is 1033 Hunakai Street, Honolulu 96816 (635-4538).

HWL Board member Lissa Andrews and husband, attorney Paul Aoki, announce the birth of their new baby boy, Matthew Aoki, born July 17, 1989.

UH Professor Mari Matsuda was the keynote speaker at the Yale Law School Conference on Women of Color and the Law on April 16, 1988, presenting the topic of "When the First Quail Calls: Multiple Consciousness as Jurisprudential Method." Her speech has been printed in the Spring 1989 Women's Rights Law Reporter.

Job Positions

Paul Johnson Alston & Hunt has immediate openings for full or part time law clerks for Fall 1989. Interested persons with at least two years of law school experience (including recent graduates) should send their resume, transcript, writing sample, names of references, and a cover letter to Louise Ing, Esq., at Paul Johnson Alston & Hunt.

Hawaii Lawyers Care will be looking for a new Executive Director to replace Leslie Hayashi. Interested persons should contact Hawaii Lawyers Care.

Events of Interest

Circuit Court Practice will be the topic of a seminar by Judge Robert G. Klein, at a Lawyer Round Program brown bag luncheon on September 6, 1989, at noon at the Intermediate Court of Appeals, 3rd Floor, Old Federal Building, 335 Merchant Street. All interested persons are invited. Free of charge.

Women's Freedom Fair will be held on August 26th from 10:00 to 2:00 at Church of the Crossroads, 1212 University Avenue, to celebrate Women's Equality Day. Women and women's organizations are invited to meet, share organizational information (booths available), enjoy women's music, art, and refreshments. The Fair will also feature a Self-Help Abortion Video. For more information, call Ramona Hussey at 262-0581.

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 _____

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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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