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June Monthly Meeting: Open House and Welcome to New Bar Admittees

Date: Friday, June 29, 1990

Time: 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. (new time)

Place: YWCA Courtyard, 1040 Richards Street (new place)

Topic: Open House and Welcome to New Bar Admittees

Light Refreshments will be provided

We cordially invite you to our open house and reception to welcome new bar admittees and members alike. As a mahalo to all our members and as a welcome to all new bar admittees, we will be providing light refreshments for this festive event. If it has been some time since you have come to a monthly meeting, we especially invite you to come and meet the new bar admittees as well as get an update on the organization and our plans for the rest of this year and beyond. Please join us for a lively and relaxing end-of-the-month party. See you there!

July 5 THWLF Luncheon

Save July 5 for a THWLF Luncheon Celebration honoring the authors and editors of HWL's new Legal Rights Handbook, Our Rights. Our Lives. Invitations will be mailed.

Bar Foundation Funds Handbook

Celebrate with us our recent good news from The Hawaii Bar Foundation, which has granted \$15,000 to support a reprinting of 5,000 copies of Hawaii Women Lawyers' Our Rights. Our Lives: A Guide to Women's Legal Rights in Hawaii. The Bar Foundation grants are derived from IOLTA funds (interest on lawyers' trust accounts). HWL deeply appreciates the Bar Foundation's continuing generosity!

HWL Family Leave Brochure Is On Its Way!

HWL's Family Leave Committee, chaired this year by Rhonda Griswold and Beverly Wee, is in the final stages of preparation of a brochure entitled "How to Negotiate a Successful Family Leave Policy for You and Your Company." The brochure is an outgrowth of HWL's survey of family leave policies of legal employers in Honolulu, and of the ever increasing demand for flexible family leave procedures for employees with children or other dependent family members. The Hawaii Women Lawyers Foundation has granted HWL \$1,500 to help print 1,000 brochures, and the HSBA/Young Lawyers Division has also indicated its interest in supporting the project. We will notify you when the brochures are available. If you would like to help the Family Leave Committee, please call Rhonda at 521-9200 or Beverly at 541-2850.

New Funding Received to Expand Domestic Violence Hotline

By Gail Robertson, THWLF

The Domestic Violence Legal Hotline is preparing for its first major expansion since its inception. Beginning later this summer, the Hotline plans to increase its hours from the current 2 hours to 8 hours on weekdays. Additionally, part-time administrative personnel will be hired, and the project plans to move from its present physical location in the Hawaii Lawyers Care offices, to its own office space. These exciting changes have been made possible by funding from three primary sources: 1) the Hawaii State Legislature through Representative Annelle Amaral (\$75,000), 2) the Hawaii State Bar Foundation (\$10,000), and 3) the Junior League (\$1,500). THWLF and HWL thank these contributors for their support.

However, the changes will not lessen the need for volunteers-to staff the telephone during lunch hours, to serve as supervising attorneys, and to accept referrals. In fact, the increased services, combined with an extensive publicity and networking campaign designed to educate the community about the expansion, will probably increase the need for volunteers.

In addition to volunteers, the Hotline is presently seeking approximately 200-300 square feet of low-cost office space in the downtown area for its relocation, as well as office furniture, computer and typing equipment, and supplies. All contributions toward these needs are welcome! If you can assist with any of these needs, please contact Sheryl Nicholson at 524-1212. We need you to help prevent domestic abuse. Please call.

Kudos for Our Networking Speakers

A special thank you to Lorraine Akiba and Trudy Burns for their interesting talk on networking at our May meeting. HWL is truly fortunate to have these dynamic speakers to speak at the monthly meetings. (And our apologies for an erroneous newsletter headline for the May monthly meeting, which was on networking, and not reproductive rights!)

Pro-Choice Five Free!

Five Pro-Choice demonstrators were arrested during a demonstration at an anti-abortion center (Pregnancy Problem Centers) on March 8, 1990, and were charged with obstruction of the parking lot driveway. After a trial in district court, the judge dismissed their convictions, saying the infraction was "too trivial to warrant the condemnation of conviction."

Ramona Hussey, attorney for the Pro-Choice Five, and 1989 graduate of the UH Law School, was pleased with the result. Ramona reports that this was her first women's rights case, but not her last. She states that her goal in going to law school was to establish a women's rights law firm in Honolulu.

Civil Rights Counsel Sought

The Hawaii Civil Rights Commission is seeking a Chief Counsel and Staff Attorney, with prior litigation experience. Interested persons should send resumes to Linda Tseu, Executive Director, Civil Rights Commission, 830 Punchbowl Street, Room 335, Honolulu, HI 96813.

Celebrate HWL's Male Members

Yes, HWL does have male members, both dues-paying members and honorary members. We are proud of our male members who join us in our efforts for equal rights and advancement of women. Do you have male friends and colleagues who would like to join our efforts? We would enjoy their membership and support.

A Dues Reminder: Please Renew

If you have not done so already, please renew your HWL dues (if your mailing label shows 6/90, you need to renew). In our efforts to expand HWL's membership and services to all women attorneys, we offer the following special: Receive your membership free for the coming year by mailing in your own membership form with the membership form and dues payment of three persons who are not already HWL members. Please take a few minutes to invite new or old friends to join HWL.

Events of Interest

A free brown bag luncheon seminar on family law will be held on July 11, at noon, featuring Judge Linda K. C. Luke and Jeffrey Hamilton. The meeting will be held at the Intermediate Court of Appeals, 3rd Floor, Old Federal Building, 335 Merchant Street, and is part of the Lawyer Kokua Program, a project of HSBA/YLD and HWL.

A free one—day mediation training seminar for attorneys will soon be held soon by the American Arbitration Association (Honolulu) to help attorneys resolve attorney/client fee disputes through mediation. Interested persons should call Coralie Matayoshi at 537-1868.

Debbie Kahane, author of No Less a Woman: Ten Women Shatter the Myths About Breast Cancer, will speak on her insights on breast cancer on June 28 at 7 p.m. at Pali Momi Medical Center, Ho'ola Room; on June 29 at 2 p.m. at Queen's Cancer Institute, Kamehameha Room, 1301 Punchbowl Street; and on June 30 at 1 p.m. at Honolulu Book Shops, Ala Moana Center (lower level). For details, call Susan Walker Kowen at 526-2211.

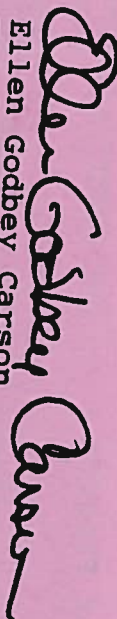
The 3rd National Conference on Women of Color and the Law will be held on October 6-7, 1990, at Stanford Law School. The Conference will offer a variety of seminars and programs supporting the rights of women of color. For more information, contact Women of Color Conference, Stanford Law School, Stanford, CA 94305, (415) 723-8014.

The Yale Journal of Law and Feminism (founded in 1988) seeks submissions of legal articles, autobiographies, fiction, poetry, and essays for its semiannual publication on feminist legal theory. Contact: Yale Journal of Law and Feminism, 401A Yale Station, New Haven, CT 06520, (203) 432-4056. Subscriptions are \$12/year.

CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS!

Have you been thinking you would like to participate in HWL projects, but have just never made the call? Please take this occasion to join HWL in its many activities and programs. We are people making a difference, and we need your help!

Please review our current projects and committees on the reverse side, and call any of the contact persons now. We welcome your input and energies. Our successful projects and ideas are the products of people like you, who are willing to spend a little time and effort to see an idea become a reality. We thank you for your support and participation!



Ellen Godbey Carson
President, Hawaii Women Lawyers

HWL COMMITTEES --- 1990

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HWL MEMBERSHIP

HWL invites you to become a member, or to renew your membership dues, if you have not already done so. (The date on your address label shows the last date your dues are current). Please send the following form to HWL, P.O. Box 2072, Honolulu, Hawaii 96805. Dues are as follows:

Regular members \$30 Out-of-state members \$20 Student members \$10

New admittees (within 1 year of Hawaii admission) \$20

HWL President's Circle: \$100 \$500 \$1000 (circle one)

Name _____ Phone (day) _____ (night) _____

Mailing Address _____

Please indicate if you are interested in information about serving on the HWL Board or Committees

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

Moved? Name change? Receiving duplicates? Please send old mailing label with corrections to HWL, P.O. Box 2072, Honolulu, Hawaii 96805. If you have any announcements you wish to submit for the monthly newsletter, please call Ellen Godbey Carson at 524-1212 or send a copy to HWL by the end of every month.

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