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APRIL PROGRAM INFORMATION

Topic: Financial Strategies for Women

Date: April 24, 1992

Time: 12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m.

Place: Richards Street YWCA, Room 203

Now that you've paid your taxes for another year (we hope), come learn about strategies for maximizing your financial security. Leading the program will be Deborah Bocken, a Certified Financial Planner with Mariner Financial Services, Inc., and her colleague Ruth Komatsu, an experienced educator and financial planner.

The program will provide an overview of the financial planning process and assist you in determining your financial priorities. Ms. Bocken and Ms. Komatsu will also discuss investment choices, risk management, and the effect of taxes on your financial strategy. This program is a must for those who want some control over their finances.

For more information, contact Sharon Takeuchi at 541-1827.

GENDER-NEUTRAL LANGUAGE

March's program on Using Gender-Neutral Language resulted in several useful suggestions to submit to the Legislative Reference Bureau as substitutions for gender-specific words. The following are the initial suggestions to be proposed:

| <u>Existing Word</u> | <u>Substitution</u> |
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| Kinsman | Kin or Relative |
| Materialman | Material Supplier |
| Manslaughter | Homicide in the ____ degree |
| Heir | Retain, but define as gender neutral |

Anyone wishing to comment on these suggestions should contact Sharon Takeuchi at 541-1827.

The participants also discussed possibly starting a media watch program. Participants in the program would monitor a certain segment of the media for a set period of time, documenting any use of inappropriate gender-specific language or gender stereotyping. A request for more careful editing would then be sent, along with the documentation of the inappropriate references. Anyone interested in participating in such a program should attend a meeting of the Gender Bias Committee on April 29, at 12:00 p.m., at Ellen Carson's office, 1800 Pacific Tower, 1001 Bishop Street.

FAMILY NEEDED

A permanent adoptive home is needed for two little girls, ages 6 and 7. The State of Hawaii is seeking a compassionate family who can care for these two young sisters.

They are bright, beautiful, lively children, who want very much to have a family of their own. Both girls are in first grade, are good at sports, and love animals.

If you or someone you know might be interested in exploring long-term foster care or adoption, please call their Guardian ad Litem, Ramona Hussey, at 537-5300.

HAWAII WOMEN'S LEGAL FOUNDATION: FINANCING THE QUEST FOR EQUALITY

The Hawaii Women's Legal Foundation ("HWLF") is spearheading efforts to finance the quest for women's legal equality in Hawaii. At its recent annual retreat, HWLF's Board set goals in fundraising, grant distribution, membership and public relations, all aimed at developing HWLF as a leader in supporting programs to empower women and to improve women's rights and lives in Hawaii.

This year, these are some of the ways that HWLF plans to develop its role as a leader in financing projects that empower women:

- Reaffirming its commitment to support the work of Hawaii Women Lawyers. HWLF's fundraising and grant distribution focus means that volunteers' time can be more efficiently directed to carrying out projects of Hawaii Women Lawyers and other recipients of HWLF funds.
- Hosting a gala fundraiser dinner in mid-September with special guests and a preview of the upcoming biography of Hawaii's first women lawyers. HWLF hopes to build on the success of its September 1991 fundraiser which featured Hawaii's three women mayors and which raised about \$35,000 for new projects. You'll be hearing more about the event in the months to come.
- Developing a brochure on planned giving to serve as a guide for those who wish to remember HWLF by way of bequests, memorials and the like. HWLF is looking for volunteers to assist on this project. Those who are interested can call HWLF's president Louise Ing at 524-1800.
- Networking with women's groups, professional organizations and other interest groups to expand HWLF's membership and donor base and to explore ways that resources and skills can be shared. Any group which desires a short presentation by an HWLF representative about the Foundation can contact Dona Hanaike, HWLF's membership chair, at 587-0391.
- Developing a public relations plan for increasing awareness of HWLF as a fundraiser and funding source for projects advancing women's rights in Hawaii.

Last year, HWLF changed its name from The Hawaii Women Lawyers Foundation to the Hawaii Women's Legal Foundation. This was done to recognize its diverse base of members and supporters (which includes non-lawyers and men, as well as women lawyers) and its mission of empowering all women in Hawaii, not just women lawyers.

Your contributions to HWLF are tax-deductible and provide a wonderful investment in the future of women's legal rights in Hawaii. Any contributions, correspondence, or grant requests can be sent to HWLF, P.O. Box 2576, Honolulu, Hawaii 96803.

MEDIATION SEMINAR

The Alternative Dispute Resolution Section of the Hawaii State Bar Association will hold a mediation seminar on May 15, 1992. Seminar information is as follows:

- Program: "Mediation: Understanding, Preparation and Practice"
- Date: May 15, 1992
- Time: Registration: 7:30 to 8:00 a.m.
- Program: 8:00 a.m. to Noon
- Lunch: Noon to 1:00 p.m.
- Place: Hyatt Regency
Section of the
Regency Ballroom
2424 Kalakaua Avenue
- Faculty: Gerald S. Clay, Esq.
Thomas E. Crowley III, Esq.
William A. Stricklin, Esq.

Representatives from the following service providers will also speak on what services their organizations provide and literature will be available: American Arbitration Association, Neighborhood Justice Center, Mediation Specialist of Hawaii, Center for Alternative Dispute Resolution, United States Arbitration and Mediation of Hawaii and the Pacific Islands.

To register call Cori C. Weston, Esq., Vice Chair of the HSBA ADR Section at 537-8597.

TAKE ME FLYING, PIERRE

At 8:00 p.m., April 25, 1992 at the Diamond Head Theatre, there will be a public reading of *Take Me Flying, Pierre*, an original full-length stage play by Honolulu attorney Elaine M. Hazzard. *Take Me Flying, Pierre* is a multi-cultural drama set in Hawaii amidst a background of Hawaiian mythology, ghosts and psychic phenomena. Elaine M. Hazzard is a Honolulu attorney who is admitted to practice in the States of Hawaii, California and New Hampshire. She received her JD from the University of San Diego School of Law and LLM in banking law studies from Boston University. She is an Arbitrator for the State of Hawaii and the American Arbitration Association, teaches Business Law for the University of Hawaii at West Oahu, and enjoys outrigger canoeing in her spare time. For further information on the reading, call 734-0274.

BROWN BAG LUNCHEON: HAWAII DISTRICT COURT PRACTICE

The Hon. Francis Yamashita and the Hon. Marcia Waldorf will discuss Hawaii District Court practice at the next brown bag luncheon scheduled for Wednesday, **May 6, 1992** at the Intermediate Court of Appeals, 3rd Floor, Old Federal Building, 335 Merchant Street, from **noon until 1:15 p.m.** The brown bag luncheon program is part of the Lawyer Kokua Program sponsored by the Young Lawyers Division of the Hawaii State Bar Association. Upcoming programs include discussions of bankruptcy practice, how to avoid disciplinary action, and appellate procedure.

HWL MEMBERSHIP

HWL invites you to become a member, or to renew your membership dues, if you have not already done so. (Dues run from July 1 to June 30 of the following year.) Please send the following form to P.O. Box 2072, Honolulu, Hawaii 96805. Dues are as follows:

Regular member \$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)

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