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"1997 and Beyond: Welfare Reform in the State of Hawaii"

Friday, September 20, 1996

In response to a far-reaching welfare reform bill recently passed by the U.S. Congress, The Hawaii Commission on Access to Justice is convening an important one-day working session on Friday, September 20, 1996, to develop a public position on welfare reform in Hawaii. Interested members of HWL are welcome to attend this planning session.

The meeting is scheduled to begin promptly at 8:15 a.m. During the morning session, Bill Hoshijo will explain "What the New Legislation Says." Kate Stanley will discuss, "Implications: What the Legislation Probably Means for Hawaii." Then Patrick Gardner will report on "What Other States are Doing." Group discussions and strategy options will follow.

The goals for the day are:

1. Analyze the immediate and longer term local impacts of the welfare reform legislation being enacted by President Clinton.
2. Develop a public, collective position for the Commission on Access to Justice.
3. Prepare for a major press conference to announce that position.
4. Create the key concepts for welfare reform legislation to be introduced to the Hawaii Legislature in January, 1997.

Meeting Begins at 8:15 a.m.

Interested parties should convene at 8:15 a.m. in Training Room #2, Hawaiian Electric Industries, 8th Floor, Pacific Tower, 1001 Bishop Street, downtown Honolulu. The session will be pau at 3:00 p.m. For more information please call 537-3886.

The UN Women's Conference One Year Later

Saturday, September 28, 1996

The President's Interagency Council on Women invites to you join people across the United States interested in the advancement of women and girls in a national conference via satellite. On this day Americans will join together in community conferences across the country to:

- Report on progress and commitments since the Women's Conference
- Share what's working in communities
- Look ahead to develop a national action agenda to improve the lives of American women and their families.

The Honorary Chair for the conference will be Lt. Governor Mazie Hirono. For part of the day, the community conferences will link to a live satellite broadcast with other interactive components. Our community satellite conference is presently scheduled to be aired on Hawaii Public Television at 7:45 a.m. There will be additional information regarding this event in next month's HWL Newsletter. In the meantime, check out the Council web site at:

http://www.whitehouse.gov/WH/EOP/Women/IACW/html/IA_CWHome.html

Public Service Award Still Accepting Nominations

The Rhoda Lewis Award for Public Service will grant \$500.00 to an attorney committed to public service. Funded by Clifford and Esther Arinaga, the recipient will be selected by the Hawaii Women's Legal Foundation. Nominations, including a brief statement about the nominee, should be forwarded to HWL, P.O. Box 2576, Honolulu, HI 96803-0576.

For the Record

An article in the July issue of this newsletter listed projects recently funded by HWLF, but stated that those were projects for which moneys raised at this year's fund-raiser would be used. The article should have noted that those projects were funded through previous fundraisers, and that they were listed as examples of the types of projects that HWLF funds.

Tickets for this year's event, which again features Hawaii's four mayors in entertaining dramatic skits, are still available by calling 396-8506. Tickets are \$125, and include a champagne reception, silent auction, and dinner. The event is titled, "Civility and Incivility: An Evening with Mayors, Manners and Misconduct."

(details of the event may be found on page 2)

Hawaii Women's Legal Foundation

presents

“CIVILITY AND INCIVILITY: AN EVENING WITH MAYORS, MANNERS AND MISCONDUCT”

featuring

The Honorable Jeremy Harris

Mayor, City and County of Honolulu

The Honorable Maryanne Kusaka

Mayor, County of Kauai

The Honorable Linda Crockett Lingle

Mayor, County of Maui

The Honorable Stephen Yamashiro

Mayor, County of Hawaii

Saturday, September 7, 1996

Monarch Room, Royal Hawaiian Hotel

2259 Kalakaua Avenue, Honolulu

5:30 p.m.

Champagne reception & silent auction

6:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Dinner & program

Attire: Elegant

Validated Parking \$2.50

Honorary Co-Chairs:

The Honorable Benjamin Cayetano

Governor, State of Hawaii

and

Ms. Joan Bickson,

President, Girl Scout Council of Hawaii,

Regional Director of Human Resources, Budget Rent A Car

Donations

Mayor's Table \$3500

Patron Table \$2500

Sponsor Table \$1250

Friend \$125 per seat

For reservations or more information, call 396-8506

Each table seats 10 people. VISA and Mastercard Accepted

Donations over \$35.00 per seat are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law

The Hawaii Women's Legal Foundation is a non-profit, Section 501(c) (3) corporation formed in 1982 as The Hawaii Women Lawyers Foundation to raise money and fund community projects for women and families. Recent grantees include the Kid's First Program, the Hawaii State Committee on Family Violence, Girl Scouts of Hawaii, the Family Peace Center, and Na Loio No Na Kanaka. Various grants for education and informational materials on issues relating to women and children are also funded. Our membership consists of lawyers, business people, judges, physicians and other professional and community leaders, both men and women.

Are You a WiLD Woman?

Woman to woman: Gifts that change the world

Looking for an unusual gift suggestion? Something you can't buy at Liberty House? How about a nice heifer? Or a water buffalo, goat, sheep, or llama. How about a hive of bees?

Two-thirds of the world's women struggle, mostly without help, to keep themselves and their families alive. Women produce 80% of the developing world's food and bear most of the responsibility for their families' animals and crops. Yet women own less than 1% of the world's land and make up 70% of the poor. Of the billion people chronically undernourished, women and children are the majority.

Gifts start at \$10

There is a way out. In a world where too many women are powerless to change their circumstances, others of us do have the power--through a simple gift--to change a life.

Since 1944, Heifer Project International has helped more than a million impoverished families become more self-sufficient through the gift of food and income-producing animals, as well as training in environmentally sound, sustainable farming. Begun in 1990, HPI's Women in Livestock Development program provides women with the resources and skills they need to overcome poverty and achieve self-reliance.

Through more than 60 WiLD projects, HPI supplies women worldwide with livestock, which provide meat, milk, eggs, wool, manure and other products that improve diet and income. WiLD training helps women work together to overcome social and cultural barriers and develop self-confidence and leadership skills. In return, WiLD partners "pass on the gift" by donating one or more of their animals' offspring to another woman in need.

Presidential Praise for HPI

Our last four presidents all recognized the work of HPI. In 1986, President Ronald Reagan awarded HPI the President's Award for Voluntary Action. Four years later, in 1990, President George Bush recognized HPI by awarding it the Presidential End Hunger Award. Both Presidents Carter and Clinton have acknowledged and praised HPI's work.

Here's how it works:

The next time you are looking for a birthday or Christmas gift for your friend or family member, instead of perfume or a floral bouquet, call 1-800-422-0474 and choose a flock of chicks for \$20, a hive of honeybees (about 12,500) for \$30, or a share of a goat for \$10. \$60 will buy a trio of rabbits, and you can get a share of a llama or alpaca for \$20. WiLD will send a beautiful card to the person you honor, announcing your gift. And a widow with a family in the United States, Africa, Asia, or Latin America will begin to move from poverty to self-sufficiency.

To learn more about how you can help women and their families in a beautiful, practical way by purchasing a gift animal through Heifer Project International, just call (800) 422-0474. They will send you a catalog of animals, each of which represents hope for a woman and her children.

3rd Annual Women's Health Forum September 20th and 21st

Health Is Our Natural State

In support of Hawaii's reputation as *The Health State*, and in celebration of Women's Health Month, Kapi'olani Women's Center and Zonta Club of Honolulu will be holding their 3rd Annual Women's Health Forum in the ballroom of the Hawaiian Regent Hotel at 2552 Kalakaua Avenue in Waikiki. This year's forum will open for registration at 7:30 a.m. on Friday, September 20th, wrapping up at 5:00 p.m. It will resume at 7:30 a.m. on Saturday, September 21st, and close at 3:00 p.m.

Health is so much more than the absence of disease or illness. It is the vitality of being one with nature, as nature balances mind/body/spirit.

The \$50 registration fee includes holistic/self care exploration in mid-life women; nutrition instruction for preventative medicine; relaxation, meditation and visualization exercises; Ta'i Chi Chuan & Chi Kung instruction; Hatha & Kundalini Yoga exercises; weight-bearing workout; an acupuncture panel; a local study report on cultural sensitivity and prenatal care; encountering the benefits of massage therapy; advice on taking care of yourself/between you and your physician; music; poetry; serious fun; and two delicious lunches.

Registration opens on August 17th and closes September 16th. To register by phone or to receive additional information regarding the 3rd Annual Women's Health Forum, phone Call-A-Nurse at 973-3030.

Chop Sui Generis

Congratulations to Deputy Attorney General **Linda Martell** and U.H. Law Professor **John Barkai** on their upcoming nuptials in New York State.

On August 15th, **Gail Robertson** will be joining the Executive Office on Aging.

Dorothy Sellers has been appointed head of the Appellate Division of the Department of the Attorney General.

Cori Lau has joined the law firm of Simons and Ichinose, concentrating in employment law and other areas of civil litigation.

Still no word on whether **Susan Oki Mollway** will be confirmed as the next US District Court Judge in the District of Hawaii. If confirmed, she would be only the second women judge ever appointed to the federal bench in Hawaii.

"I want to send the women of the world the message that if we all get together and work hard, perhaps poverty can be ended." Words from a young, illiterate Thai mother who, because of the WiLD gift of a water buffalo, can now feed her family and send her children to school.

HWL MEMBERSHIP

HWL invites you to become a member, or to renew your membership dues, if you have not already done so. Please send the following form and your check to: HWL, P.O. Box 2072, Honolulu, Hawaii 96805. Dues are as follows:

- Regular members \$40 Out-of-State members \$20 Student members \$10
- New admittees (within 1 year of Hawaii admission) \$20
- HWL President's Circle: \$100 \$500 \$1,000

Name _____

Mailing Address _____

Phone (day) _____ (night) _____

Please indicate if you are interested in information about serving on the HWL Board or Committees, or note any topics or projects in which you would be interested in assisting:

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