

HAWAI'I WOMEN LAWYERS NEWSLETTER

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HWLF unveils this year's theme for the eighth annual Evening With Hawaii's Mayors.

Protect Our Constitution

Hawaiian music, silent auction and surprise celebrity guests highlight this September 24th event.

Calendar of Events

Wednesday, September 23th

5:30 p.m. at Murphys on Nuuanu Street. Gaelic Gala to benefit CSI

Thursday, September 24th

5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Dole Cannery Protect Our Constitution Fundraiser

Wednesday, September 30th

noon to 1:30 p.m. Room 304, Richards Street YWCA Shari Shrink Luncheon. No charge.

Thursday, October 1st

"Chapter XI Bankruptcy Law" with Hon. Lloyd King, to be held in the HSBA Conference Room located at 1136 Union Mall, PH-1 in downtown Honolulu. Call 537-1868 for reservations.

Saturday, October 10th

5:30 to 9:30 p.m. Hawaii Women's Legal Foundation Fundraiser "An Evening with Hawaii's Mayors" \$125 Call Mary Houghton at 396-8506 for reservations.

HWL Hosts September 30th Luncheon

Meet Shari Shrink, founder of Children's Law Center

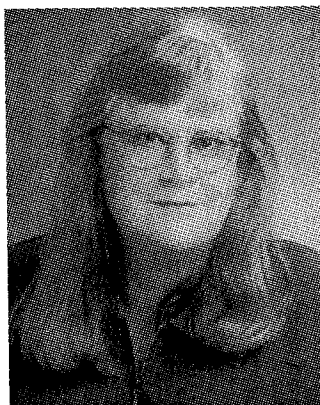
By Calleen J. Ching, Special Projects Committee

Hawaii Women Lawyers is happy to have an opportunity to host a brown bag lunch reception for Shari Shrink, the Founder and Executive Director of the Rocky Mountain Children's Law Center in Denver, Colorado. The reception will be held on Wednesday, September 30, 1998, from noon to 1:30, at the Richards Street YWCA, Room 304. Drinks and light dessert will be provided. Ms. Shrink will give a brief presentation on national children's issues and be available for a round-table discussion on the topic.

Ms. Shrink has represented children exclusively for more than 20 years. As a children's advocate, she has litigated many children's issues, including a class action on behalf of children in foster care. She has also lobbied for reform in achieving legal standing for foster parents and their right to intervene in foster custody cases without an attorney.

Recognized by Esquire Magazine as "The Best of the New Generation" of men and women changing America, Ms. Shrink is currently a member of the American Bar Association's Task Force on Children.

Please call Kay Lorraine by September 25th at the HWL office to RSVP for this event. The phone number at HWL is 545-8055.



Letter from the President

Rosemary McShane

I am very proud to be the new President of Hawaii Women Lawyers, and am excited about leading the organization into our third decade. I am dedicating my presidency year to domestic violence issues.

Domestic violence has been an area of long standing concern to Hawaii

Women Lawyers. Because I was introduced to this issue through my HWL board membership, it seems only appropriate for this issue to be a focal point of my tenure.

To this end, this year HWL is planning a number of domestic violence projects: a new volume of *Our Rights, Our Lives* focused on domestic violence issues; a project intended to provide women with transportation, including airfare, to escape domestic violence situations and to travel to hearings related to safety, divorce, and child custody; exploring the possibility of drafting federal legislation that, if enacted, would allow domestic violence victims and their children to use federal transportation to escape dangerous situations; continuing our Clothes closet program, and; providing legal advice to women in domestic violence shelters.

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Hawaii Women's Legal Foundation

Presents its Annual Fundraising Dinner

Ain't Too Proud to Beg

"Save the Counties" 1998 TELETHON

You are Invited to Spend an Evening with Hawaii's Mayors featuring:

The Honorable Jeremy Harris
Mayor, City and County of Honolulu

The Honorable Maryanne W. Kasaka
Mayor, County of Kauai

The Honorable Linda Lingle
Mayor, County of Maui

The Honorable Stephen K. Yamashiro
Mayor, County of Hawaii

HONORARY CO-CHAIRS

Ms. Faye Kurren
President - Tesoro Hawaii Corp.

Mr. Glenn Zander
President & CEO - Aloha Airlines, Inc.

Saturday, October 10, 1998

Champagne Reception & Silent Auction - 5:30 pm

Dinner & Program - 6:30 - 9:30 pm

Monarch Room - Royal Hawaiian Hotel - Honolulu, Hawaii

Attire: Elegant

Validated Parking: \$3.00 Sheraton Parking Structure; \$6.00 Royal Hawaiian Valet Parking

Please respond by October 2, 1998

Information: 396-8506

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 which "empower women in the legal profession..., influence the future of the legal profession, improve the status of women and advance equal opportunities for all people." Recent grantees include Americorps, SAVD, Angel Network, Family Planning Centers of Hawaii, Friends of the Children's Advocacy Center and Na Loio No Na Kanaka. Various grants for education and informational materials on issues relating to women and children are also funded annually. Membership consists of lawyers, businesspeople, judges, physicians and other professional and community leaders, both men and women.

They say you're playing hide and seek,
hiding behind the Constitution
and civil rights.

It's time they knew the truth.

People like Lea Hong, Susan Ichinose, and Louise Ing don't hide from anything. Just the opposite. They, with scores of their colleagues, are standing up for our Bill of Rights. For when it comes to carving up our constitution to exclude a group of people from equal rights, they know how grave a threat that is.

Same-gender marriage is the wedge that powerful right-wing groups are using to tear at the foundation of justice, fairness and equality upon which our society is built. As Dr. Martin Luther King said, "injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere."

That's the real issue. And that's the truth that supporters of the constitutional amendment don't want you to hear.

Let the truth be known. Help us defeat this insidious threat to the civil rights of all people of Hawaii.

Your help is needed now to defeat the constitutional amendment threatening individual rights! Join us at our fundraiser September 24 at Dole Cannery Square. See the reverse side of this flier for details.

To volunteer to help the campaign, or to provide names of potential volunteers we can contact, call us at (808) 739-6263.

To make a contribution to the campaign, please send your check payable to "Protect Our Constitution" to:

Protect Our Constitution
870 Kapahulu Ave., #110
Honolulu, Hawaii 96816

(Contributions are not tax-deductable; contributions of more than \$100 require reporting of the donor's occupation and employer; the Campaign Spending Commission has ruled that limits on contributions are unconstitutional, therefore donations of any amount are acceptable.)



If they succeed in amending the Constitution to deprive one group of rights, who is next?

—Jean Aoki, President, League of Women Voters of Hawaii

**PROTECT OUR
CONSTITUTION**



There is less than two months left before the general election. Just a few weeks to reach the tens of thousands of people with whom we must connect in order to stave off the dangerous threat to our civil rights that this constitutional amendment represents.

We need your help now more than ever.

Volunteer your time to assist in contacting your neighbors, in sending friend-to-friend cards, in participating in events. Make a contribution, so that we can get the truth out about this amendment. ***And please join us at our fundraiser September 24.*** The details are below.

Whatever you can do is needed, important, and appreciated. Because when we wake up on November 4, after the votes are all counted, we want to greet a new day of tolerance, acceptance, fairness, and justice as it dawns over the Hawaii we love.

Thank you for your help!

Aloha,



Jackie Young
Campaign Director
Protect Our Constitution

**PROTECT OUR
CONSTITUTION**



A Fundraiser to Protect Our Constitution

Thursday, September 24

5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Dole Cannery Square

Food, music, fun, and a surprise guest or two...all in support of the campaign to preserve equal rights under the constitution for all people.

Tickets are \$25, and are available at the door,
or by calling Protect Our Constitution at 739-6263.

Join us for an old-time, good-time fundraiser for a great cause!

Chop Sui Generis

Welcome Back

Elsbeth "Beth" McKeen has relocated from Kamuela/Waimea to Honolulu. "Even though I was on the Big Island, I always felt connected with my peers around the state via the Hawai'i Women Lawyers Newsletter." says McKeen. "I really came to appreciate the way it kept me abreast of the news and issues within the legal community." Well known on the Big Island for her mediation work, Elsbeth is continuing her practice in family law and estate planning, now at Lynch, Ichida, Thompson & Kim. Her friends can call her office at 528-0100.

Change of Office

Evelyn J. Black, formerly president of Marine Adjusting Services Corporation, a marine claims adjusting and risk-management company, has recently been named Director of Marine Claims with John Mullen & Company, Inc. Evelyn can be reached at 541-5544



Roots and Causes of Domestic Violence

On Saturday, September 26th, from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, talk with Dr. Faye Untalan, Associate Professor, School of Public Health, at the University of Hawaii. Dr. Untalan will be speaking on *Roots and Causes of Domestic Violence*; hurdles; early detection and arrest; and work related problems. The forum will take place at the Richards Street YWCA, room 312. The event is sponsored by Americorps/SAVD. For information call 566-0661.

Clothes Closet Gaining Momentum

Project Gets a Boost from Media & Jo Rae Exclusives

For those of us who have gained some weight (or are planning on losing weight *real soon*) this is the perfect time to buy something new.

Just drop off your donation of clean, wearable business clothing in sizes 14 and larger, from now through September 13th at Jo Rae Exclusives at Ward Warehouse, and owner Jo Hirokane will give you a \$5 gift certificate toward something new.

Jo Rae Exclusives is collecting the used garments for HWL's Clothes Closet project, a venture which assists women returning to the workplace.

Women in transition who need a working wardrobe to get them started at a new job are given two completely accessorized business outfits; 26 women have benefited since May.

The Clothes Closet, a joint project between Hawai'i Women Lawyers and the Women's Resource Center, continues to garner media attention. The Honolulu Advertiser, Pacific Business News and KHON all did feature stories on this undertaking over the Labor Day weekend.

The Clothes Closet is located on the 3rd floor of the Richards St. YWCA.

Fifth Annual Gaelic Gala to Benefit CSI on September 23rd at Murphy's

You can have fun while benefiting a worthwhile cause when you attend the fifth annual *Gaelic Gala* to be held at Murphy's Bar & Grill in downtown Honolulu on Wednesday evening, September 23rd.

The Gala is a benefit for CSI, Inc. (Comfort, Security, Independence) a nonprofit agency providing daily money management and protective services for the elderly and disabled. CSI bridges the gap between those services offered by traditional caregivers such as nurses or social workers, and professional advisors such as accountants and attorneys.

Attorneys who are looking for someone to act as guardian for their clients often come to CSI for assistance. "In fact, most of our work comes by referral," says Sister Michele McQueeney, who has run CSI for the last seven of its eleven-year existence.

Since CSI receives no state or federal funding, it must rely on grants, volunteers, donations and fundraising for support.

The annual Gaelic Gala is a popular event for downtown business people. In keeping with the theme, the Gala will feature Irish music, an Irish feast, great door prizes and an auction. Items to be auctioned include golf packages, outer island getaways, exotic gift baskets, and much more. A drawing for a trip to San Francisco and \$500 in cash will also round out the evening.

The celebration begins at 5:30 p.m. Tickets are 25 per person presale, or \$35 at the door. The ticket price includes dinner and entertainment, and is tax deductible to the extent of the law.

For tickets or more information, call CSI at 538-0353. CSI is located at 1021 Smith Street (suite 409) in Honolulu's Chinatown.

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President's Letter

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Additionally, in the past week, I have been approached by several groups seeking Hawai'i Women Lawyers' cooperation on other domestic violence projects. Domestic violence is a societal issue whose time has come and HWL is grateful for the opportunity to help find solutions.

Women lawyers have come a long way in the past twenty years, but the journey is not over yet. We must not become complacent. You only need to look at problems like domestic violence, discrimination, the small number of women in positions of power, and the difference between the wages of men and women, including men and women lawyers in Hawai'i, to know the battle is not over. This year Hawai'i Women Lawyers intends to take a new look into the goals, interests, and problems of our members, and all other women lawyers in Hawai'i, in order to reevaluate and refocus our goals into the twenty-first century.

New and sustaining members in Hawai'i Women Lawyers are essential to the ability of the organization to achieve its goals. HWL needs to grow its membership as the number of women lawyers grows. Many women lawyers, encouraged by their professional success and discouraged by their lack of time, fail to realize the importance of a powerful, skilled and caring women's Bar dedicated to the support of women lawyers and of issues of special concern to women and children. Hawai'i Women Lawyers will make a concerted effort to increase its membership this year in order to effect our goals.

Mahalo for your support and participation.

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