

Hawai`i Women Lawyers

May 2003



Filled to the brink, Karen Char's living room overflows with donations . . .

HWL's Annual Mother's Day Project A Huge Success

Through the generosity and help of HWL members and friends, HWL distributed 790 gift bags of new toiletries and cosmetics: 150 to the Domestic Violence Clearinghouse &

Legal Hotline, 55 to Ohana Ola O Kahumana which runs a transitional housing program on the Waianae Coast, 55 to Waianae Community Outreach, and 533 to Friends of FosterKids.

Friends of Foster Kids distributed the gift bags to social workers for foster children to give to their foster or birth mothers. At least one foster child couldn't wait until Mother's Day to give his foster mother the gift. DVCLH distributed the gift bags at its 4th annual luncheon which was called, "Heart to Heart Real Deal Buffet Luncheon for Mothers and their Sons." Ohana Ola O Kahumana and

Waianae Community Outreach plan to distribute the gift bags on Mother's Day.

In February and March, we collected boxes and boxes of soaps, shampoos, perfumes, "gift with purchase" items, and other toiletries. Over 4 Sunday afternoons in March and April, we painstakingly sorted and packaged the items.

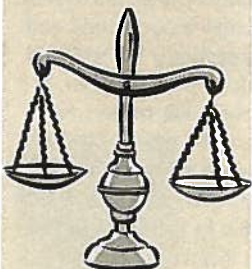
Mahalo to the many, many HWL members and friends who contributed the gift items, loaned their offices as drop off points, and

sorted, packaged, and distributed the gift bags! A special mahalo to Elizabeth Kent, the project coordinator who was seen pushing a dolly all over downtown Honolulu to pick up Xerox boxes filled with toiletries; Karen Char, whose

home was taken over for more than a month by soap and shampoo and who so graciously hosted the volunteers; and June Lee, whose creativity in designing the gift bags still amazes us!

Thank you to all of you, and start saving up for next year! ■

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FRIENDS OF HWL BREAKFAST

Please join us for a Friends of HWL Breakfast on Friday, May 30, 2003, 7:30 a.m. to 8:45 a.m., Plaza Club, Pioneer Plaza, 900 Fort Street Mall. All HWL members are invited. A special invitation is extended to past HWL board members, HW:LF board members and other HWL supporters. We would like to let you know what HWL is doing, but more important, we would like to see and hear from you! Your input and support will help to ensure that HWL continues to play a meaningful role in the community. We hope to make this breakfast an annual event. If you plan to attend, RSVP by May 23 to Erin Uyeda at 521-3255 or eu@miyasaki.com. There is no charge for this event. ■



President's Column

Joy Miyasaki, President, Hawai'i Women Lawyers

Congratulations to April Wilson-South! April recently left her position as the Deputy Executive Director of the Hawaii Civil Rights Commission and opened her own law practice. We thank her for her many contributions to HWL. I didn't expect to step into the HWL President's position early, and there has been no lack of activity!

We worked on the Mother's Day project in March and April. It's a worthwhile project that is greatly appreciated. And it's fun.

We wrote to Gov. Lingle, Lt. Gov. Aiona, and Honolulu's two daily papers in April to support continued state funding for the Hawaii State Commission on the Status of Women. A copy of the letter is reprinted on page seven of our newsletter. Gov. Lingle has called for cutting \$95,000 to fund the Commission's operating costs from the state budget. The legislative session ends on May 1st and she has 45 days to line-item veto budget items. We strongly urge you to express your support for the commission by calling or writing Gov. Lingle urging her to approve the budget and support the Commission.

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Tracey Wiltgen, Executive Director of The Mediation Center of the Pacific, was our lunch speaker on April 25th. Her expertise in and commitment to ADR were clear from her presentation. Coincidentally, two days later, Tracey received HWLF's Rhoda Lewis Public Service Award for 2003.

Elections for our new board for the July 1, 2003 to June 30, 2004 year are this month. It looks like we'll have 4 new board members. We are looking forward to their ideas, energy and enthusiasm.

We are having a Friends of HWL breakfast on May 30th. The annual membership meeting and installation of the new board is on June 20th. We hope

you will join us for these events.

Planning is underway for HWLF's annual fundraiser. This year's fundraiser is on October 4th. Both HWLF and HWL members work hard on this event, which benefits Hawaii's women and children. Please reserve the date and donate a special item for the silent auction. We will be organizing HWL tables.

Thank you for your continued support of HWL! ■

HWL Annual Membership Meeting and Installation of Officers and Board of Directors for 2003-04:

HWL is a member driven organization, so come and meet your fellow members at this annual event!

Friday, June 20, 2003, 5:30 p.m.

Murphy's Bar & Grill

2 Merchant Street

Downtown Honolulu

Free Pupus, No Host Bar

Free to all HWL members

All others \$20

IBA Scholarship Deadline May 9th

The International Bar Association (IBA), the largest organization of law societies, bar associations and individual lawyers engaged in transactional law, will hold its 2003 Conference in San Francisco on September 14-19. It will attract approximately 3,000 lawyers from more than 90 countries.

The IBA's Section on Business Law (SBL) awards scholarships to young lawyers (35 years or under at the time of the conference) who wish to participate in the conference but are unable to because of financial constraints. The scholarship covers accommodations and provides a contribution toward registration and travel costs.

The SBL is still soliciting applications for scholarships and has extended the application deadline from May 2 to May 9. For more information and an application form, contact HWL Newsletter Editor Yvonne Lau at yylau@hawaii.rr.com.

Who's Who on the Hawai'i Women Lawyers Board of Directors, Officers and Candidates for HWL's 2003 Election



Joy Miyasaki, President
(currently through June 30, 2004)

Joy is an attorney with the Law Offices of Shuichi Miyasaki, practicing primarily in the areas of tax, estate, and business planning. She was a partner with a law firm based in the New York area and a trial attorney with the IRS Chief Counsel's Office. She is an adjunct professor at the Wm. S. Richardson School of Law



Lane C. Hornfeck, currently interim Vice-President

Lane is running for Vice-President/President Elect for 2003-2004

Lane concentrates her practice in the areas of real estate and complex commercial litigation. She is an associate with Starn O'Toole Marcus & Fisher. Lane also clerked for Hawaii Supreme Court Justice Mario Ramil (now retired). Lane has served as HWL Secretary.



Anne E. Lopez, currently interim Secretary
Anne is running for Secretary for 2003-2004

Anne Lopez received her Bachelors of Science degree in Occupational Therapy in 1985 from San Jose State University. Anne moved to Hawaii in 1993 and developed a successful private consulting practice in which she facilitated the efforts of Hawaii businesses to reduce their worker's compensation losses.

After selling her private practice, Anne attended the William S. Richardson School of Law and received her Juris Doctorate in 2001. Anne was the Co-Editor-in-Chief of the University of Hawai'i Law Review. Prior to joining Kobayashi, Sugita & Goda in October 2002, Anne clerked for the Honorable Paula A. Nakayama, Associate Justice of the Hawai'i Supreme Court. Anne currently serves on the Board of Directors of Hawai'i Women Lawyers.

Anne previously served as a Director and Chairs the Projects Committee.



Lauren R. Sharkey, Treasurer
Lauren is running for the office of Treasurer

Lauren is an associate with Case, Bigelow & Lombardi. She concentrates her practice in business law and commercial litigation and is a member of the Hawaii and California bar. Prior to becoming an attorney, Ms. Sharkey was an auditor for Nishihama & Kishida, CPA's. She is also licensed as a certified public accountant in Hawaii and California. Lauren graduated from Pepperdine School of Law and received a B.B.A. from the University of Hawaii at Manoa. She is a former summer clerk to the Honorable Marie N. Milks of the First Circuit Court of Hawaii, Sixteenth Division.

(Lauren Sharkey continued) She currently serves on the Board of Directors and as Treasurer for the Hawaii Women's Legal Foundation and has been an HWL Board member, serving as Treasurer since 2000.



Stacey Kawasaki Djou, Director
Stacey Chairs the Publicity Committee
(currently through June 30, 2004)

Stacey is an associate in the Litigation Department of Cades Schutte. Her practice focuses on commercial and employment litigation. She served as Editor-in-Chief of the University of Hawaii Law Review and authored "Interspousal Torts: A Procedural Framework for Hawaii," 19 U. Hawaii L. Rev. 377 (1997). Stacey clerked for Judge Susan Oki Mollway and Chief Judge Emeritus Samuel P. King in the United States District Court for the District of Hawaii.



Yvonne W.M. Lau, Director
Yvonne serves as the Newsletter Editor
(currently through June 30, 2004)

Yvonne is an Investigator with the Hawai'i Civil Rights Commission, which enforces Hawai'i's anti-discrimination laws in employment, housing, and public accommodations. She also has a passion for art, namely water-media and collage. Yvonne has been our Newsletter Editor for the last three years.



Joanne L. Grimes, Director
Serves as the Chair of the Judicial Equity Committee and is running for another term as Director.

Joanne is a partner with Carlsmith Ball, where she concentrates in employment, employee benefits and trust law. In her previous career in the stock brokerage industry, Joanne worked for Merrill Lynch in Honolulu, New York and Hong Kong. She also clerked for the Honorable Ronald T.Y. Moon.

Joanne has a Bachelor of Science degree in Finance, with an emphasis on investment analysis and portfolio management, as well as a Masters degree in International Management. Joanne is also a Certified Financial Planner (CFP).



Lynne Jenkins McGivern, Director
Lynne is running for another term as a Director

Lynne graduated from California Western School of Law in San Diego in 1990. She was a Deputy Prosecuting Attorney for the City and County of Honolulu, State of Hawaii from 1990-2000 and specialized in the prosecution of Domestic Violence

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(*Lynne Jenkins McGivern continued*) case and was the Branch Chief of the Felony Domestic Violence Unit from 1997-2000. She went on to join the Law firm of Ashford and Wriston in January 2001. She continues to specialize in cases with Domestic Violence dynamics. Lynne is married and has two boys, ages 5 and 8. She loves to read, bake, and hike, and attend her sons' baseball, soccer, and basketball games.



Danielle Conway-Jones, Candidate for Director 2003-2005

Danielle is an Assistant Professor of Law at the William S. Richardson School of Law. She is the Director of the law school's Law and Methods Program. Danielle joined the faculty in 2000, and teaches Intellectual Property, Government Contracts Law, International Intellectual Property, and Internet Law and Policy. She is a graduate of Howard University School of Law, where she served on both the Howard Law Journal and the National Moot Court Board. After attaining her law degree and bar membership, Danielle fulfilled her military commitment by graduating from the Judge Advocate General's School in Charlottesville, VA and receiving an appointment to the Chief Counsel's Honors Program, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Washington, D.C. Danielle is a Major in the U.S. Army Reserve, and is assigned as a Professor at the Judge Advocate General's School in Charlottesville, VA.



Emi L. Morita, Director

Chairs the Membership Committee

Emi is running for another term as Director

Emi is a recent graduate of the William S. Richardson School of Law. Currently Emi clerks for the Hawai'i Supreme Court. Emi has been our Membership Chair and works diligently to keep our membership up to date and growing.

Shawna J. Sodersten, Director

Chair of HWL's Legislative Committee

Shawna is running for another term as Director

Shawna received her J.D. from the WSR School of Law in 1991. She worked in environmental law at Ashford & Wriston for two years and then took a 4-year hiatus from the practice of law to do music. She returned to private practice in 1998 and joined the Domestic Violence Clearinghouse and Legal Hotline the same year. She has been the litigation supervisor there since 2001.

In addition to working at DVCLH she has done legislative work with HWL, the Women's Coalition, and the Hawaii State Coalition Against Domestic Violence.

She has taught the fall semester family law clinic at WSR School of Law for the past three years and also taught an undergraduate course in Women and Law.

Anna Friend, Candidate for Director 2003-2005

Anna is a 2001 graduate of the William S. Richardson School of Law. She works as Family Law Attorney at the Legal Aid Society of Hawaii. At Legal Aid she assists victims of domestic violence with their legal problems and co-manage the Statewide Welfare Support System project which includes a website, hotline and listserv. Anna is currently the chairperson of the Advocates For Public Interest Law (APIL) community board.



Patsy H. Kirio, Candidate for Director 2003-2005

Since entering the practice of law in 1992, Patsy H. Kirio has practiced in the area of commercial, professional malpractice and personal injury litigation at the law firm of Watanabe Ing Kawashima & Komeiji, LLP, and has served as hiring partner and pro bono coordinator for the firm since 1999.

She attended Mount Holyoke College, and received her Juris Doctor degree in 1992 from the University of Hawaii, William S. Richardson School of Law.

She currently serves on the Board of Directors of the Institute for Human Services, Inc. and Helping Hands Hawaii, Inc.

Zale T. Okazaki, Candidate for Director 2003-2005

Zale is an associate at Ayabe Chong Nishimoto Sia & Nakamura. As a recent member of HWL, Zale says that she is impressed with the commitment and drive of the HWL members she's met. Most recently, she took part in sorting the toiletries for the Mother's Day gift bags and that was a truly rewarding experience. She looks forward to helping in the future in that as well as other HWL community service activities.

Hawai`i Women Lawyers Official Ballot for 2003 Elections for Board of Directors and Officers

All HWL members in good standing are eligible to vote in the annual election to fill vacancies on the Board of Directors and the Officers of HWL.

Instructions: Please vote for your candidate by marking the box to the right of the person's name with an "X" and mail your ballot to:

Hawai`i Women Lawyers
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You may detach and fold this page and mail to HWL.
All ballots must be received by 5 PM on May 23, 2003 to be counted.

The terms of the new Board members and Officers will take effect on July 1, 2003. The new Board members and Officers will be "un-officially" installed at the Annual Meeting on June 20, 2003 at 5:30 PM at Murphy's Bar & Grill.

The following persons are running for officer positions:

- Lane C. Hornfeck, for the office of Vice-President/President-Elect
- Anne E. Lopez, for the office of Secretary
- Lauren R. Sharkey, for the office of Treasurer
- Write in: _____ for _____
(name) (position)

Joy Miyasaki will continue in the office of President until June 30, 2004.

The following persons are running for positions as members of the Board of Directors; you may vote for up to 8 persons:

- Danielle Conway-Jones
- Joanne L. Grimes
- Anna Friend
- Patsy H. Kirio
- Lynne Jenkins McGivern
- Emi L. Morita
- Zale T. Okazaki
- Shawna J. Sodersten
- Write in: _____ (name)
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The following persons will continue to serve their 2-year terms (expiring June 30, 2004) as members of the Board of Directors: Stacey Kawasaki Djou; Yvonne W.M. Lau

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Outstanding Woman Honored

Hawaii Women's Legal Foundation presented the Rhoda Lewis Award for Public Service to Tracey Wiltgen, Executive Director of The Mediation Center of the Pacific, at its annual Mad Hatter's Tea Party on Sunday, April 27, 2003.

Named after the first woman appointed to the Hawaii Supreme Court, the Rhoda Lewis Public Service Award provides a \$500 honorarium to honor an outstanding woman attorney for extraordinary public service.

This year's honoree, Tracey Wiltgen, Executive Director of The Mediation Center of the Pacific, is a leader in the alternative dispute resolution ("ADR") field. She has been instrumental in the success of the Temporary Restraining Order Mediation Project in the District Court of the First Circuit. She has also assisted the United States Navy in developing an innovative mediation program throughout the Pacific Fleet. In addition, she works to increase the awareness of ADR through programs like "April is ADR Month" and spearheads the annual ADR conference.



Tracey Wiltgen accepts the Rhoda Lewis Award for Public Service



Elizabeth Kent, Faye Koyanagi, and Ellen Godbey Carson don their mad hats for the camera!

HWL SUPPORTS THE HAWAII STATE COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

HWL strongly supports continued state funding for the Hawaii State Commission on the Status of Women.

We have worked closely with the commission in the Hawaii Women's Coalition. The commission is the coalition's facilitator and co-chair. We are a coalition member. The coalition's diverse group of nearly 200 private and public sector organizations and individuals develops a legislative package each year aimed at improving the lives of Hawaii's women and children. The legislative packages have included bills addressing pay equity, sex discrimination, civil rights, health and welfare, child care, and domestic violence.

Among the coalition's more recent legislative achievements: adoption of Rule 412 in the Hawaii Rules of Evidence (the rape shield rule, deeming inadmissible past sexual conduct of victims of sexual assaults), substantive changes in domestic violence laws, and enhanced temporary restraining orders. The commission's effectiveness was critical in bringing about these changes in the law.

Throughout the year, the commission serves as a clearinghouse for information and activities related to women and children. It has a long and distinguished track record of developing and promoting programs to help women and children in need in our community.

Budget cuts are necessary and inevitable. However, \$95,000 to fund the commission's operating costs are tax dollars well spent. The commission's work results in long-term benefits and cost savings to the state and taxpayers by:

- fostering community leadership and mobilization,
- disseminating information to and encouraging collaboration among public and private organizations, community groups, and individuals,
- promoting private-public partnerships,
- developing preventive ways of addressing social and economic problems, and
- sponsoring research to help the legislature, government agencies, and private organizations make informed choices and measure results.

The commission is a model facilitator for one of Gov. Lingle's objectives: collaborative leadership, that is, by partnership between the government and the community it serves.

We strongly urge Gov. Lingle to reconsider her position to eliminate funding for the commission from the state's budget. Voice your opinion to Gov. Lingle by calling or writing to her at: Executive Chambers; State Capitol; Honolulu, HI 96813; phone no: 586-0034; Fax: 586-0006; e-mail: gov@gov.state.hi.us

HWLF SEEKS ATTORNEYS WITH TASTE AND TALENT!

The Hawaii Women's Legal Foundation annual fundraiser will be on October 4, 2003, in the Tapa Ballroom, Hilton Hawaiian Village.



The silent auction will showcase entertainment packages, original arts and crafts, and other items donated by Hawaii's attorneys. HWLF seeks your generous donation for the silent auction of:

- fine wine from your cellar
- dinner at your home
- golf at your country club
- a stay at your vacation home
- your original art or craft work
- your musical talent
- or other silent auction items

Perhaps you have clients who will donate gift certificates for hotel stays, fine dining, golf rounds, wine or other gifts.

Please contact one of the silent auction co-chairs, Karen Char at 533-2951 or kc@johnchild.com, Joy Miyasaki at 521-3255 or jmm@miyasaki.com, or Charla Ota at 524-2355 or cj_ota@hotmail.com, to donate silent auction items. The last day for silent auction donations is August 7th! ■

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