O'AHU COUNTY DEMOCRATS OF THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF HAWAI'I a gathering place for political action

## A HOLIDAY MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

Mele Kalikimaka and Hauʻoli Makahiki Hou!

A BIG MAHALO to our grassroots Democratic 'Ohana who have worked so hard to move our Party forward throughout the year and will continue to do so in 2024! Heaps of gratitude to......



Our **Region and District Chairs** hosted community meetings, vigorously led parades, and are currently organizing for the Biennial District Elections to be held on March 6, 2024.

The **Digital Equity Committee** supplied us with new equipment and training to enable hybrid (in person and on Zoom) meetings so that the **Legislation Committee** could help us hammer out legislative priorities for 2024.

**Organizing for Elections 2024** developed a helpful, nifty guide - *Running to Win!* - for prospective candidates and will celebrating Democratic candidates in 2024 elections.

**O'ahu Dems Blue Wave** raised significant funds to launch our voter registration postcard program to key states around the country for Democratic victories in 2024.

The **Affirmative Action, Inclusion & Diversity Committee** on Martin Luther King Weekend is sponsoring a food distribution at Palama Settlement and will march in the parade.

**City & County Connections** is a new effort to connect O'ahu Democrats with policy measures occurring in our county.

The Rules, Finance, Elections & Membership Committees have and will continue to work their magic to keep the infrastructure of our County Party functioning effectively.

**The County Convention** will be on April 13, 2024! Save the date. The hybrid format will allow for vigorous participation by all.

And, we have a beautiful new t-shirt design celebrating our Ahupua'a heritage, our Aloha for the 'āina, and how lucky we are to be here together.

With fond Aloha, Lorna Takehara Strand, Oʻahu County Democrats Chair

# **OAHU DEMS SPREAD HOLIDAY CHEER**

The holiday season is underway and Oahu Dems are out in the community participating in parades around town. There are a few more parades so come out and join fellow Dems as we wind down 2023.









# **Upcoming December Parade Schedule**

### AIEA CHRISTMAS PARADE

Saturday, December 9 - 9 a.m. Meet at Pearl Ridge Elementary at 8:15 a.m. Questions? Contact Steve Canales <u>stevecanales@hotmail.com</u>



### MANOA HOLIDAY PARADE

Saturday, December 9 - 4 p.m. Meet at Noelani Elementary at 3:30 p.m. Questions? Contact Della Au Belatti <u>daubelatti@gmail.com</u>



### WAIPAHU CHRISTMAS PARADE

Sunday, December 17 - 9 a.m. Questions? Contact Steve Canales <u>stevecanales@hotmail.com</u>





# 'tis the season

TO JOIN THE OAHU DEMS BLUE WAVE POSTCARD CREW FOR DEMOCRATIC VICTORIES IN 2024!



HELP US REGISTER PROBABLE DEMOCRATIC VOTERS IN COMPETITIVE STATES AND CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS.

HELP US SEND TENS OF THOUSANDS OF OUR NEWLY DESIGNED POSTCARDS.

120 volunteers wrote postcards in 2022. Let's double that number for the vital 2024 election.

To join the Postcard Crew contact Davy Strand: <u>dnstrand@gmail.com</u>





CANNED FOOD (fish, meats, chicken noodle soup, corn, pasta, ramen) & HYGIENE PRODUCTS (soaps, toothpaste, toilet paper, feminine hygiene) COLLECTION DATES, TIMES, SITES:

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9, 4-6 PM

Ala Moana Beach Park Makai End of Magic Island Parking Lot

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 5:30-6:30 PM Diamond Hd. Side of Blaisdell Concert Hall

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Everybody can be great ... because anybody can serve ... You only need a heart full of grace. A soul generated by love. Dr. Martin Luther King

JOIN THE MLK NATIONAL DAY OF SERVICE JANUARY 13, 2024 FOOD COLLECTION & DISTRIBUTION AT PALAMA SETTLEMENT

#### PLEASE CONTRIBUTE~

#### CANNED GOODS (TOP ITEMS REQUESTED):

Canned fish: Sardines, Mackerel, Tuna Feminine Hy Canned meat: Corned Beef, Spam, Body Wipes, Vienna Sausage Tooth Brushe Canned Chicken Noodle Soup Soap Canned Corn, Dried Pasta/Spaghetti/Ramen BONUS ITEM: 5-10 POUND RICE BAGS!

**TOILETRIES & HYGIENE PRODUCTS:** 

Feminine Hygiene: Tampons, Pads Body Wipes, Hand Wipes Tooth Brushes, Toothpaste Soap

FIRST COLLECTION DATE & SITE: (more to be announced later) SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2023 NOON-2 PM 99-1054 MANAKO STREET, AIEA 96701

### DISTRIBUTION TO OCCUR AT PALAMA SETTLEMENT SATURDAY, JANUARY 13, 10 AM - NOON 810 N. VINEYARD BLVD., HONOLULU 96817

FOR MORE INFORMATION & TO VOLUNTEER CONTACT: DELLA AU BELATTI <u>daubelatti@hawaii.rr.com</u>, CORA YAMAMOTO <u>ceyama@gmail.com</u>

Established in 1896, Palama Settlement is a non-profit, community-based social service agency serving the Kalihi and Palama neighborhoods.

Their mission is to partner with those who have the greatest needs ... empowering them to enhance their well-being through education, health and recreation.



### PARTNERS:

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African American Lawyers Association of Hawai`i

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# A LOOK AHEAD: GET INVOLVED IN 2024

Oahu Dems have big plans for 2024 - and we need YOU! Mark your calendars and get ready for an exciting kick-off in the new year.



## <u>Click Here for</u> Info from PAR

# **Participate in the 2024 Legislative Session**

The Legislative Session will convene on January 17, 2024. The Legislation Committee has armed lawmakers with the results of their Legislative Priorities Survey and the robust discussions on the topics that happened in each of our Regions.

Contact your State Senator or Representative if you'd like to discuss potential bills or resolutions to be introduced for session.

Keep an eye out for a list of bills based on Oahu Dems legislative priorities to support or oppose from the Legislation Committee in late January. In the meantime, check out resources from the Public Access Room (PAR) on how to participate in Session.



More information coming soon on these important upcoming events!

Biennial Election Meetings - March 6, 2024 ALL districts will elect a District Council and start electing delegates to the County and State Conventions.

Oʻahu County Convention - April 13, 2024

DPH State Convention - May 18-19, 2024



## Want to Get Involved? Let Us Know!

We have big plans for 2024. Whether your interest is recruiting Democrats, planning or participating in community services projects, helping elect Dems to flip or keep seats in key national seats, or helping impact chance in Hawaii -- we have something for you! Let us know how you'd like to join up with like-minded Dems, email us at <u>oahudems@gmail.com</u>



What would you like to see? More interviews? Discussion of issues? Community resources or info?

This project is a constantly evolving work-in-progress. If you'd like us to cover specific content, please let us know by email to <u>oahudems@gmail.com</u> or <u>click here</u> <u>for an anonymous feedback form</u>.

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