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## From the Chair By Tracy Ryan

Our newsletter is a little late this month since this is a very busy time of my work year. We do hope to get one more newsletter out in mid-May to promote our convention.

## LPH Convention 2005

**Sunday June 5th  
at the Ala Moana  
Hotel**

We continue to move along with a small but dedicated team in preparation for what we hope will be a well attended and successful event on June 5th. Our bi-monthly general meetings do not seem to be attracting as many people as we'd like so I am asking again for all of you to make a special effort to join us for the convention.

Our April general meeting was the second one held at the Yum Yum tree. Featured guest Bob Sigall was very entertaining with his quiz on well known Hawaii business's and other entities. Those who were there had a great time. I am dedicated to the concept that political meetings should be enjoyable. Politics revolves too much about getting people angry enough to take some action. We should remember, as libertarians, that the true goal is a better world and we need not make ourselves miserable trying to achieve it.

A story about Hawaii Free Press is included on page three of this newsletter. We are pleased to see a paper with a libertarian view join the longtime published Molokai Advertiser and News in bringing neighbor islanders a different perspective than the big media outlets normally do. We don't use this newsletter to actively promote the economic interests of any member, but those interested in supporting the HFP can contact them at 808-969-6062 or at [hfpads@email.com](mailto:hfpads@email.com). Those interested in Mr. Peobody's Molokai Advertiser and News may contact him at [molokaiman@flex.com](mailto:molokaiman@flex.com) or at 808-558-8283.

Jeff Mallan has gotten something up now for our new website. See the new address listed on the back of this newsletter. We still have some things to add.

Our featured speaker will be Rudy Rummel an internationally recognized writer and thinker. A full column about Mr. Rummel is included on page two. We plan to have his speech right after lunch at about 12:40. Since his area of interest is the manner in which authoritarian governments cause violence and war we will follow his presentation with a related panel discussion on authoritarian regimes in Asia.

As we go to press we are working out the details for the rest of the day's program. The tentative schedule will start off with registration and coffee at about 9 AM. The Chair will open the convention at 10 AM. We will have a speech from our one declared candidate for the 2006 election in the morning program. There will be two other issue related panel discussions. One before noon and one beginning about 2 PM. We are waiting for confirmations from some of the proposed speakers.

Party business including elections of the new executive committee and party officers will start after 3 PM. Fees for attendance will be requested up until three o'clock.

# All About Rudy Rummel

From [www.hawaii.edu/powerkills/PERSONAL.HTM](http://www.hawaii.edu/powerkills/PERSONAL.HTM)

RUDOLPH J. RUMMEL, b, 1932, BA and MA from the University of Hawaii (1959, 1961); Ph.D. in Political Science (Northwestern University, 1963); Phi Beta Kappa, Phi Kappa Phi, Omicron Delta Kappa. Taught at Indiana University (1963), Yale (1964-66), University of Hawaii (1966-1995); now Professor Emeritus of Political Science, University of Hawaii. Received numerous grants from NSF, ARPA, and the United States Peace Research Institute. Finalist for 1996 Nobel Peace Prize. Received the Susan Strange Award of the International Studies Association for having intellectually most challenged the field in 1999. And received the Lifetime Achievement Award 2003 from the Conflict Processes Section, American Political Science Association.

Wrote about two-dozen books and over 100 professional articles. Most recent books: *Death By Government* (Transaction Publications, 1994), *The Miracle That Is Freedom* (Martin Institute for Peace Studies and Conflict Resolution, University of Idaho, 1996), *Power Kills* (Transaction Publications, 1997), and *Statistics of Democide* (Center for National Security Law, 1997).

Through his undergraduate term papers, MA Thesis, Ph.D. dissertation, and academic career, R.J. Rummel has focused his research on the causes and conditions of collective violence and war with a view toward helping their resolution or elimination. He published his major results in *Understanding Conflict and War*, Vols. 1-5 (Sage Publications, 1975, 1976, 1977, 1979, and 1981). His conclusion was that "To eliminate war, to restrain violence, to nurture universal peace and justice, is to foster freedom (liberal democracy)." Given the supreme importance of this conclusion published in 1981, Rummel then spent the next fifteen years refining the underlying theory and testing it empirically on new data, against the empirical results of others, and on case studies (as in his *Death By Government*). All this theoretical, empirical, and comparative research is documented in his final work, *Power Kills*, nominated for the 1998 Grawemeyer Award for Ideas Improving World Order.

*Power Kills* sums up Rummel's research on violence and reaffirms and extends his earlier work. In theory and fact, democracies do not (or virtually never) make

war on each other; the more democratic two regimes, the less likely violence between them; the more democratic a regime, the less its overall foreign violence; and the more democratic a regime, the less its genocide and mass murder (which in this century has killed about four times the battle dead of all its foreign and domestic wars).

With the growing international interest and work on human security, in his latest work Rummel has documented and shown empirically that the power of freedom to improve human affairs extends as well to social and economic development. Not only is democratic freedom a method of nonviolence, it also is a means to wealth and prosperity. He shows, for example, that no democracy has had a famine. He also goes beyond establishing these utilitarian benefits and shows that freedom is the basic right that people have aside from however it improves their lives. He has published the results of this research exclusively on this site as *Saving Lives, Enriching Life*.

In sum, then, all this research shows that democracy is a method of nonviolence--that power kills--and that freedom is not only a right, but that freedom also is an engine of wealth and prosperity. This research thus contributes to world order by showing empirically, historically, and theoretically that fostering liberal democracy is a route to global human security.

Rummel is now trying to widely communicate these results and their meaning for current events and foreign policy through his related *Democratic Peace* blog, and a *Never Again* series of alternative history novels.

See also Rummel's Curriculum Vitae; "An Exclusive Freeman Interview: Rudolph Rummel Talks About the Miracle of Liberty and Peace," *THE FREEMAN* 47 (July 1997), 396-403; and an August-September 1998 interview for the "Laissez-Faire Thought" web page.

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# Hawai'i Free Press

Andrew Walden Editor

The Hawai'i Free Press features content from the Grassroot Institute of Hawaii and HawaiiReporter.Com. We hope you will enjoy reading and consider the political value of having the Grassroot Institute content in print for 22,000 Big Island readers twice monthly.

The Hawai'i Free Press is already having a huge impact on Big Island politics. Every time I distribute the paper friends I never knew I had stop to shake my hand and tell me to keep up the good work.

The Hawai'i Free Press is now the largest circulation free-distribution paper on the Big Island. We are also the fastest growing. We have over 250 news distribution points on every community on the island.

Thousands of Big Island residents are fed up with extreme left-wingers dominating the media and political scene. Hawai'i Free Press is the means for these people to realize their power and abandon the self-defeating mentality of "we can't win".

Ronald Reagan proved to a doubting world that the USSR was a hollow and rotted state, waiting for someone to kick in the door. The extreme left in Hawaii is also hollow and corrupt. All it takes is guts and will.

# Cliff Slater is April's SBH Sunrise Speaker

Transportation expert, Cliff Slater will be the speaker at the next SBH Sunrise Networking Breakfast, Thursday, April 28, in the Pineapple Room, Ala Moana Center (Macy's), 7 - 8:30 AM.

Cliff's topic will be traffic and his unrelenting opposition to the foolhardy rail transit plans proposed by Governor Lingle and the Democrats.

A buffet breakfast, program and networking are all included. Those wishing to attend should contact Small Business Hawaii at 396-1724 to reserve space and arrange for payment.

The National Rifle Association wants support for efforts in the Federal Congress to stop frivolous suits against US gun manufacturers. You can help by asking your Congressman to support S.397 and H.R. 800 without any anti-gun amendments. Ed Case has been a particular weak link in Hawaii's delegation on supporting gun rights.

You can contact the US Senate at 202-224-3121 and the House at 202-225-3121.

In conjunction with UH College Republicans, Hawaii Free Press (Hilo) and Hawaii Reporter, Grassroot Institute is pleased to announce a breakfast with David Horowitz. David is a best selling author and talk show regular who has been particularly vocal concerning the political bias on college campuses. He is President of the Center for Popular Culture.

Where: Sam Choy's Breakfast Lunch and Crab on Nimitz Highway. Valet parking.

When: Wednesday, April 20 from 7:30 - 8:50 AM. Please come eat early if you can. Open: 7:00 AM.

Who: David Horowitz: "College Brainwashing: How can you help get balance?" There will be ample time for discussion.

What: Breakfast Buffet. Pay in advance \$20. At the door; \$25.

Reservations: Call Stephanie Ghilarducci at 591-9193.

Deadline: Advise attendance by Friday, April 15 as that is order headcount deadline.

We hope to see you there, this is an exciting time to have Mr. Horowitz here, right on the heels of Ward Churchill. See [www.salon.com/col/bios/horo/](http://www.salon.com/col/bios/horo/) for more information on David Horowitz.

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