CAPITOL IDOL II

The Return of Capitol Idol

Fundraiser for the Hawai'i Foodbank

Monday, April 14, 2014

5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Capitol Auditorium

Mark your calendars! Game on! Capitol Idol returns on April 14, 2014, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. in the State Capitol Auditorium as a fundraiser for the Hawai'i Foodbank. Your 3 branches of state government will be working together for a great cause, so save the date. You won't want to miss it.

This year, we have three teams––Senate, House and Executive Branch––competing for bragging rights and a perpetual team trophy in a talent show unlike anything else you will experience in this lifetime. The Senate, with Senator Mike "Tulsi's Dad" Gabbard as team captain, will have four acts, consisting only of senators. The House, with former 2011 Miss Hawai'i and now Representative Lauren Cheape Matsumoto as team captain, will have four acts, consisting only of representatives. The Executive Branch, with team captain TBA, will have acts consisting of department or agency directors or deputy directors and above. More details to come later, as each branch is aggressively recruiting their best talent to fill the four slots.

In the first Capitol Idol 2012, Rep. Marcus Oshiro (aka "Madame Moshiro") stole the show, and people are still talking about it. Many objective observers opined that it was simply a fluke that the House won the overall honors. The word on the street is that the Senate will definitely be bringing their "A" game this year.

People may vote for their favorite acts with scrips that they can purchase at Room 201 at $1 per scrip. The sale of scrips is limited to legislators and other state employees, per the Ethics Commission. People may vote as much as they wish for whichever act they wish. So you may put all of your votes for one act, or you may spread your votes around. Volunteers from the Judiciary Branch will be the official vote counters. In 2012, Capitol Idol raised $1,400 for the Hawai'i Foodbank. We hope to surpass that this year. So dig deep everyone, and support this very worthy cause.

See you at the Auditorium at 5 p.m. on April 14.