



July 2012

Luncheon / Meeting

July 5, 2012

Hee Hing

11:00 A.M. Social Hour

11:30 A.M. Meeting

12:00 Noon Lunch

12:30 P.M. Speaker

Cost

25.00

Menu

Chinese Chicken Salad

Hong Kong Crisp Chicken

Honey Walnut Shrimp

Beef & Asparagus

Vegetarian Braised Tofu &

Vegetables

Boneless Braised

Stuffed Duck w/Barley

Custard Tart

Rice & Tea

Reservations/Cancellations

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Reservations/Cancellations must be made by **12 Noon, Monday, July 2**. We are committed to pay for all lunches reserved. No Shows will be charged for their lunch. Please -no walk-ins.

O.L.R.W. Newsletter

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Ben Cayetano

Ben Cayetano is running for Mayor of Honolulu. He is the ONLY candidate that is taking on the hard questions about how we will address our problems of crumbling infrastructure. Ben's candidacy transcends political identities and has brought together Republicans, Democrats, Libertarians and Independents in an effort to save our city from crumbling water and sewer systems and a bloated rail monstrosity that will be a blight on our Island. When you see Sam Slom and Clayton Hee supporting the same candidate you have to believe he is doing something right.



Ben's public service began with his election in 1974 to the Hawai'i State Legislature. During two terms in the House of Representatives and two in the State Senate, he had a well-earned reputation for independence, honesty and effectiveness. On November 8, 1994, the people of Hawai'i elected Benjamin J. Cayetano as the state's chief executive. As Governor he

- Pushed through one of the biggest state personal income tax reductions in the nation at the time
- Reduced the size and growth of state government to less than the inflation rate
- Established the Hawai'i Tourism Authority
- Implemented civil service reform
- Built a record number of public schools
- Built a record number of homes for Native Hawaiian homesteaders
- Developed the Hawai'i Convention Center to boost tourism
- Ordered the State Attorney General to investigate the Bishop Estate.

Ben was born and raised in Kalihi. He graduated from Farrington High School in 1958. Married at 18 and a father at 19, Ben supported his family by working as a service station attendant, laborer, truck driver, electrician apprentice and draftsman. Ben quickly realized that his lack of a college education stood in the way of better opportunities. In 1963, Ben moved to Los Angeles with his wife and two children to pursue a college degree. This was the first time Ben had been off the island of Oahu. He went to Harbor community college for two years then on to graduate from UCLA in 1968 and Loyola University School of Law in 1971. Recruited by a highly regarded law firm, Ben moved his family back to Hawai'i where he entered private practice as a trial attorney. In 1972, Ben was appointed by Governor John A. Burns to the Hawai'i Housing Authority. This experience gave him an insight into the realities and potential for progress in Hawai'i politics. Shortly thereafter, he launched his public service career and dedicated his life to serving the people of Hawaii. For more information on Governor Cayetano visit www.voteben2012.com



The Pres Says...

WITH SPECIAL THANKS AND PERMISSION FROM GARY WELLER:

Hawaii

Although Hawaii paid its full annual pension contribution in all but one year from 2005 to 2010, the system was 61 percent funded in fiscal year 2010 and faced a **\$7 billion funding gap**. Most experts agree that a fiscally sustainable system should be at least 80 percent funded.

The state also had a **\$14 billion bill for retiree health care costs**, none of which was funded, well below the 8 percent national average in 2010.

Hawaii lawmakers approved pension benefit cuts for newly hired employees in 2011, increasing employee and taxpayer contributions and trimming cost-of-living increases for retirees.

Lawmakers also changed the retirement age for employees hired after July 1, 2012.

TOTAL BILL COMING DUE Hawaii's retirement plans had a liability of **\$32.5 billion** and the state has fallen **\$21 billion short** in setting aside money to pay for it.

In 2010, Hawaii paid 102 percent of the recommended contribution to its pension plan and just 24 percent of what the state should have paid to fund retiree health benefits.

Hawaii's management of its long-term liabilities for pensions and retiree health care was cause for serious concern.

Announcements & Birthdays

Mahalo to Some of our Many Volunteers

For Linda Lingle at the Convention - May 12, 2012

Nancy Gallagher, Carolyn Tobias, Carol Thomas & Ione Gumpfer

For Linda Lingle Grand Opening - June 1, 2012

Jane Au, Carolyn Tobias, Judy Jordan & Cynthia Rosebrough

For Linda Lingle Birthday Bash - June 6, 2012

Jeanette Templeman, Nancy Gallagher, Edna Fujiwara, Jerilyn Jeffryes, Cynthia Rosebrough, Maile Anderson, Jane Au, Carolyn Tobias, Carol Thomas, Ione Gumpfer

OLRW Website & Facebook Page

If you are online please check out our new Facebook page. We would love it if you liked us. Coming soon is the new website with a new web address. www.olrw.org

July Birthdays - Hau`oli La Hanau

July Reider Akini

July 1 Ruth Terna

July 2 Betty Viers

July 4 Lorimegan Black

Ione Gumpfer

July 7 Emily Auwae

July 11 Judy Jordan

July 12 Jacqueline Lowe

Nancy Lynn

July 13 Miriam Hellreich

July 21 Rep. Barbara Marumoto

July 23 Carolyn Tobias

July 28 Celyn Chong-Kee

July 29 Carol Cruze

July 29 Dona Strode

July 31 Cy Baker

Faith Badeaux

Loren Butler

Jane Butler

Evelyn Cass

Golden Wheelden Davis

Miriam Hellreich

Anne Keamo

George Kekuna

Helen Kekuna

Adrienne King

Nancy Lynn

Teresita Lilker

Beverly Meiers

Janice Pechauer

Cynthia Rosebrough

Anne Sutton

Carol Thomas

Bev Toomey

Jeanette Templeman

Kathleen Watson

OLRW 100 Club

June Luncheon Pictures



Everything Political, with Willes Lee

And.... they're off! Races, and horses and horse races. This month - Primaries!!

The field is set for the Belmont this weekend and, by the time you read this, there may be another horseracing Triple Crown winner. Pending withdrawals, our Hawaii field is set (<http://hawaii.gov/elections>). Several candidates we mentioned last month failed to file papers and others decided at the last minute to get in the race. Candidates have to get through their Primary election to get to the General. There are many exciting Dem Primary races (Case-Hirono, Hannemann-Gabbard, Fukumoto-Taniguchi, Cayetano-Caldwell-Carlisle, Solomon-Inouye to mention just a few) but we'll focus this month on the Republican Primary races.



Former gov Lingle continues her triple crown quest with a US Senate Primary against conservative former State Senator Carroll and three others. Former Congressman Djou is back from an Army Reserve Afghanistan deployment and has two Congressional District 1 (CD1) Primary opponents. Local musician and conservative activist Crowley is joined in CD2 by newcomer Libertarian-oriented DiGeronimo.

Our state races will most impact your daily lives. Civil Beat calculates a 2-1 Dem advantage of the number of candidates with 121 Dems and 56 (now 55) Republicans running for office <http://www.civilbeat.com/articles/2012/06/05/15993-off-and-running-the-race-for-hawaiis-legislature/>. Here, we look at the contested seats, regardless of whether the challenge is serious or simply a name on the ballot.

Republicans are involved in 14/25 (56%) Senate races with 11 Dem seats uncontested. Six Dem senators have no Primary or General competition. One Republican dropped out after filing. Republicans have one Primary contest, the Dems have nine. In Kona, TEA party activist and writer LaFrance faces pension tax supporter Totten in a Primary.

There are 34/51 (67%) House races involving Republicans. Nine Dems and two Republicans have no competition. Dems have 23 Primary contests. Republicans have six contested Primaries with two incumbents being challenged. On the Oahu North Shore, incumbent environmental advocate Riviere is challenged by Fale and incumbent Ching faces Kim in Liliha. Former County Chair Ku faces Butler in Waianae. In Mililani, former candidate Apana is challenged by the state party chair's fiancée, Fukumoto. Former Council staffer and recent convert back to Republican Wingard faces former legislative aide and Council candidate Low in East Oahu. High School of the Pacific Principal Breslin faces Ebert in Kona.

There are Republicans in Council races who have a Primary to either determine a win in August or runoff election in November. Republicans have Couch, Gapero and Pohle on Maui and Berg with Pine for Honolulu. On the Big Island, Republicans include Sanborn, McIntosh, Blas and D'Almedia.

At the very top of the ticket, Romney is the Republican presumptive Presidential nominee with Paul challenging the party to take a constitutional stance on foreign policy and war, fiscal policy and a lot of domestic policy. The nomination takes place at the National Convention at the end of August. Senators Portman and Rubio currently lead the pundits VP lists but don't be surprised by a surprise pick.

This is certain to be an interesting year. OL will support Republicans through our volunteer efforts and our PAC at <http://oahuleague.org/olrw-pac>. In Hawaii and the US, the results this cycle will have a great impact on our lives. We can help determine whether that impact is positive or negative. Research your candidate, support your choice. Get involved.