

BONENKAI 1984 . . .

- a time to reflect on the entire year's activities,
- a time to extend our appreciation to those who have worked so hard throughout the year and to those who have so willingly supported us in our many activities, and
- a time to recognize individuals for their outstanding contributions and achievement.

Six hundred UOA members representing the many sonjinkai filled the Ala Moana Americana's Hibiscus Ballroom on Sunday, Dec. 9, and generated much enthusiasm and excitement celebrating the end of a very successful year for the UOA.

The evening was filled with many touching moments, reflective moments, proud moments, and delightful moments. It began with dinner music provided by the ever popular Grant Murata and his group, the Sansei Minyo Kenkyu Kai. Murata has become a household name for those who appreciate Okinawan music as the amazing "yonsei naichi" who fell in love with Uchinanchu music.

Distinguished guests present included the Honorable Mayor Eileen Anderson, Mr. James Takushi representing Gov. George Ariyoshi, and Mr. Atsushi Tanaka representing the Consul General of Japan.

Mayor Anderson, who was received with great warmth by the audience, set the tone for the evening when she expressed her deep appreciation to the Okinawan community for their commitment, dedication and united effort in promoting, perpetuating and preserving the Okinawan culture. She marvelled at the many accomplishments of the UOA and challenged the members to continue demonstrating the spirit of the Uchinanchu.

UOA President Noboru Yonamine focused on the past endeavors of the UOA and how the noted Uchinanchu spirit has drawn us together to plan and implement the many, many successful events of 1984. He extended his Mahalo to all members who have participated in the activities, to the many businesses who have continuously supported the organization and to the media for their support and efforts in promoting our mission.

Assisting Yonamine in recapturing



President Yonamine presents Mike Nakama with the UOA Bowling Trophy.

the events of '84 were Rick Higashionna, festival chairman, who extended his appreciation to the approximately 1,000 Uchinanchu who together effectuated the most successful festival ever; Akira Sakima, who enlightened us with news of the many cultural exchange activities with the Okinawan government and its leaders, and of the many Okinawan dignitaries that have

graced our state in the past year; Ed Kino, who recognized our UOA sports award-winners for bowling, softball, volleyball and golf; Ray Tengan, who introduced UOA scholarship winners who were present: Lance Tokuda and Shirley Kaneshiro; and Ed Kuba, who highlighted several special events such as the JAL-sponsored Majikina Dance Troupe from Okinawa and Gov. Ariyoshi's reception for leaders of the Okinawan community at Washington Place. Kuba, Chairman of the 1985 Okinawan festival, stated that this year's festival is scheduled for Sept. 7 and 8 at Thomas Square and the Academy of Arts.

Yonamine presented the President's award to Koichi Kaneshiro for 30 years of dedicated service to his Tamagusuku sonjin kai and to the UOA.

The highlight of the evening was a sensational performance by the incomparable Teddy and Nanci Tanaka. This fabulous duo mesmerized the audience with their blend of musical harmonies and Uchinanchu humor. They certainly enthralled everyone with Nanci's taiko playing, Teddy's samisen expertise and their renditions of Okinawan selections.

As it is traditionally, the evening ended with everyone singing "Ashimiji Bushi" and dancing the kachashi after the talented and mischievous Grant Murata tricked the audience into standing to participate.

Congratulations to the members of Sashiki Chinen Doshi Kai, Tamagusuku sonjin kai, and Tomigusuku sonjin kai who coordinated this memorable event. In the words of the Bonenkai chair, Jane Serikaku, "Whoever gave birth to the idea of involving three clubs in the planning of the Bonenkai had tremendous foresight . . . It provided the opportunity to pool our ideas, resources, and expertise, and best of all, to get to know each other quite well." Serikaku, the emcee for the evening, challenged the three or four clubs who are slated to be the planners for next year's Bonenkai to take advantage of their unique combination of people and clubs. They will find the experience most rewarding.



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Guest Editorial

All of the United Okinawan Association accomplishments the past year are due to the efforts of many of you. I look at 1985 as another great year, because I feel the solid support of the UOA.

For those of you who have been very actively involved in the UOA activities, I want to express my sincere thanks. Without your energies and commitment of many hours, the UOA would not have succeeded in its many efforts. For those of you who are considering participation in the UOA of 1985, I look forward to working with you. Without any doubt, the more dedicated and committed people in the association, the stronger and more productive the organization will be.

I find that being a part of UOA is important. Together we will make things happen for the benefit of our members and community.

Mahalo to all of you. I look forward to a great year of fellowship, as we work to achieve the goals of the United Okinawan Association.—
Noboru Yonamine, President, UOA

Calendar of Events

- February 19 Executive Council Meeting-Jikoen
- March 12 Board of Directors Meeting-Jikoen
- March 23 Installation Banquet
- April 30 Next issue of Uchinanchu

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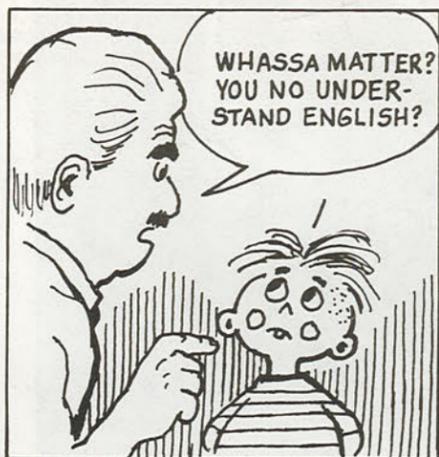
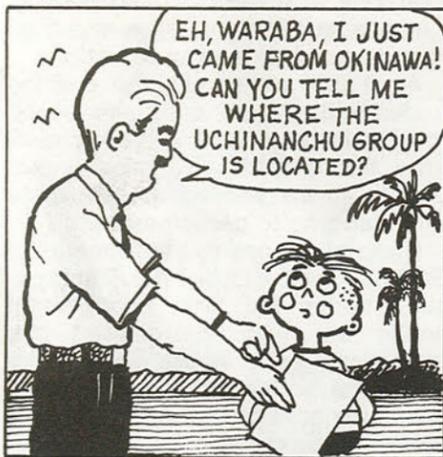
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UOA President's Award Recipient Koichi Kaneshiro



(Photo provided by the Hawaii Pacific Press.)

Koichi Kaneshiro was the worthy recipient of the United Okinawan Association President's Award at the annual UOA Bonenkai held on December 9, 1984 at the Ala Moana Hotel. The President's award recognized Mr. Kaneshiro as an individual who exemplifies the many Okinawans, giving of their time and energies to support the UOA.

President Noboru Yonamine describes Mr. Kaneshiro as a "dedicated, unselfish man who works hard behind the scenes to get a job done and desires no recognition of his efforts. His high productivity in many of the Tamagusuku Sonjin Kai and the

UOA is attributed to his conscientiousness, reliability and consistent effort to fulfill a task."

For 30 years, Koichi Kaneshiro has served in many capacities in both the Tamagusuku Sonjin Kai and the United Okinawan Association. As President Yonamine stated, "He truly personifies the spirit of UOA through his active involvement and participation for the benefit of the Okinawan community."

Presently, Mr. Kaneshiro works at the University of Hawaii Experimental Station in Waimanalo. He is very active in the Farm Bureau.

By Harold Oda

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Night Life By Eric Wada



The young issei of Hawaii entertained at Farrington.



Churakagi Chiburus: Pretty dancers display their best features.

Competitive voices of 12 women and 13 men, KZOO RYUKYU MINYO KO-HAKU UTAGASEN, filled the Farrington Auditorium on Jan. 12. Led by their team captains from Okinawa, each team put out their best as the individuals presented their songs and skits to try to convince 20 judges whether the Red or White team was the best. The men sang their hearts out and presented very good skits.

However, the women held the overall talent as they came out ahead in the team competition with Nobuko Akamine as best minyo singer. Akamine received a samisen valued at \$1,600 and the winning team received \$50 for each individual, while the men got \$30 each.

The entertainment wasn't restricted to Saturday. Friday was the opening

festivity with Kaneshiro, Majikina, Nakasone and Tamaki Setsuko dance studios providing dance numbers for the night. Sumiko Kitajima, Masa Sagawa, and Akira and Saieko Iraha put on a delightful and humorous play. Then Sunday was the Aloha performance, where more plays were performed and dances provided by students of Takako Sato, Tanida Sensai

and Setsuko Tamaki. Nobuko Akamine, Junko Kinjo, Kiku Uchima and Akiko Kaneshiro also danced "HAMACHIDORI." The three shows were very successful, with the first two nights being full house. Much congratulations to Keiko Ura for her hard work and determination, and to KZOO for sponsoring this memorable event.

YOH's Third Annual Service Project

Senior Citizens Enjoy Festivities



If you've never seen a Santa Claus dancing the kachashi, you should have been at the third annual senior citizens' Christmas party presented by the Young Okinawans of Hawaii on Dec. 18.

Held at the Lanakila multi-purpose senior center, the event consisted of Okinawan song, music and dance performances, as well as a luncheon served by the Young Okinawans. The program, coordinated by Barbara Hirata and Gail Tomlinson, attracted

more than 200 senior citizens and guests.

Roughly the same number of persons attended the previous year's program, but the 1984 party included guests from Nuuanu Lani Care Home rather than Hale Pulama Mau.

The guests seemed to enjoy every minute of the two-hour program. Lively emcee Yutaka Takamine began by leading the group in patriotic singing. Speaking mostly in Japanese, he introduced the older guests, who were honored with handmade yarn leis.

During the entertainment portion of the program, Grant Murata, Glenn Miyahira, Isaac Hokama and Wayne Takamine supplied the music, while other Young Okinawans showed their talents in singing or dancing. Scottie Moriyama performed "Kagiyadefu" and "Minatu Kuibushi"; young Dennis Togami danced to "Hamanu Amangwa"; Aileen Higa performed the dance "Kanayo"; Debbie Tamashiro and Lynn Yamashiro, in their sweet, harmonious voices, sang "Asato Ya Yunta" and "Miyarabi Hanazumi Gwa"; and Debbie Tama-



shiro with Bobbi Hirata did a graceful and flowing dance, "Hamachidori." "Tanchame," a comical dance rendition by Keith Shimabukuro and Gail Yonamine, drew two rounds of applause.

Then, 16 of the Young Okinawans participated in on-stage group carolling. The guests sang along to "I'm Dreaming of a White Christmas," "Jingle Bells" in Japanese and "Hawaii Rojin Club," a Hawaiian adaptation of an Okinawan song.

Milton Onna, dressed in a Santa suit with the exception of an Okinawan obi and kihan leg wrappings, danced the kachashi among the guests, some of whom stood up and joined him as the program neared an end. Santa and his "elves" then passed out gifts of instant ramen and fruit jelly to every guest.

The program was followed by

delicious hot lunches. Much thanks to: the Daiei USA Inc., for donating the instant soba; Hawaii Food Products, for the pork to go with the noodles; Columbia Inn Chef George Uehara, for preparing the pork; City Produce, for the green onion and ginger garnishes; and Koban Sushi, for supplying the sushi. The Young Okinawans also distributed chi chi dango to the guests.

For the Young Okinawans, the event was a time to honor their parents and grandparents, and to express their pride in, and knowledge of, their ethnic heritage. For the senior citizens, it was a time to socialize, enjoy a live cultural performance and reminisce about their roots. For all, the ethnic Christmas celebration was a time for the generations to express their appreciation for one another.

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"How do we get the sansei and yonsei active?" This question echoed throughout the Okinawan community over the past years. Shinnenkai and picnic attendance were on the decline and the elders grew concerned. The nisei reminisced about their younger days during the '50s and how active they were. You think sports had anything to do with it? Well, 40 teams, men and women, competing every Sunday at Ala Moana Park must have contributed some.

Realizing the potential of a sports program, the UOA included softball, volleyball and, most recently, bowling to the annual calendar of events. All three were welcomed with great enthusiasm. Softball and volleyball just completed two very successful seasons. Bowling finished its first season in October and immediately got rolling again after a month's rest.

To those of you who have not participated yet, please make an effort. I am positive that you have all to gain. To those of you who are, let's keep the spirit alive.

A very special recognition to all the chairpersons, committee members and sponsors: Your unselfish time and donations are definitely creating a positive impact on the Okinawan community.

THE 1985 UOA SOFTBALL SEASON WILL BEGIN ON MARCH 3.
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MIYAKO AND YAEYAMA TOUR: (6/25-6/26) 2 days/1 night on the neighboring islands of Okinawa. Includes air fare, ground & water transportations and hotel accommodations. **\$ 50**

(6/26-6/30) 5 days/4 nights in Naha, Okinawa. Hotel accommodation at Nansei Kanko. **\$ 250**

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MAINLAND JAPAN TOUR

June 9, Sunday
 Group 1 Honolulu-Tokyo
 Leave Honolulu International Airport. Since will be crossing the International Date Line arrival in Tokyo will be on June 10, Mon.

June 10, Monday
 Arrive at Narita New Tokyo International Airport. After entry procedure transfer by motorcoach to Ginza Marunouchi Hotel for 4 nights.

June 11, Tuesday
TOKYO
 Early morning tour of Tsukiji Market. Half-day Tokyo city tour. Lunch, dinner and evening on your own.

June 12, Wednesday
TOKYO TO NIKKO EXCURSION
 Transfer by motorcoach to Asakusa station. Leave Asakusa for Nikko by Tobu

June 13, Thursday
TOKYO
 All day free.
 Optional Tours:
 Full day Tsukuba Expo—Approx. cost \$57 adult; \$52 15-22 yrs.; and \$48 4-14 yrs.
 Full day Disneyland—\$37 adult; \$33 12-17 yrs.; and \$22 4-11 yrs.

June 14, Friday
TOKYO-KAMAKURA-HAKONE
 Tokyo to Kamakura by motorcoach. Visit the "Great Budha" of Kamakura. Then proceed to Hakone. Lunch included. After lunch sightseeing at Hakone National Park. Accommodation at Hotel Kowakien. "Sukiyaki Dinner" included.

June 15, Saturday
HAKONE-ATAMI-KYOTO
 Hakone to Atami via Otome Pass. Leave Atami station for Kyoto by bullet train—"Kodma #227". At Kyoto transfer by motorcoach to Kyoto Royal Hotel. Lunch, dinner and evening on your own.

June 16, Sunday
KYOTO
 Half-day sightseeing in Kyoto. After sightseeing free time. Lunch, dinner and evening on your own.

June 17, Monday
KYOTO TO NARA EXCURSION
 Leave Kyoto for Nara by motorcoach. Enroute visit "Byodoin Phoenix Temple" at Uji. Lunch included. Return to Kyoto late evening. Dinner and evening on your own.

June 18, Tuesday
KYOTO-OSAKA AIRPORT
 Leave Kyoto for Osaka to visit Osaka Castle. Dropped off at Osaka Main Shopping Center for shopping and sightseeing. Pick up at Osaka Terminal Hotel and transfer to Osaka International Airport for flight to Okinawa. Will meet Group 2 at the airport.

June 17, Monday
 Group 2 Honolulu-Osaka-Okinawa
 Leave Honolulu International Airport. Since will be crossing the International Date Line arrival in Osaka will be on June 18, Tue.

June 18, Tuesday
 Group 1 Osaka-Okinawa
 Upon completion of mainland Japan tour will meet Group 2 for flight into Okinawa. Groups 1 & 2 arrive Naha Airport then proceed to Nansei Kanko Hotel.

June 19, Wednesday
Naha, Okinawa
 Breakfast at hotel.* Leave for a half day tour of Shuri area, visiting Ryukyu University, Shurei-No-Mon, Shuri Museum and Tamaudon. Lunch at hotel.* Afternoon and evening on your own.

June 20, Thursday
Lecture and Tour of Central Okinawa
 Breakfast at hotel.* Meet with representative of Governor Nishime of Okinawa. Then proceed to Rodo Fukushi Kaikan to hear a lecture on the history of Okinawa. Lunch at Rodo Fukushi Kaikan.* Tour Nakagusuku Castle, Yachimun-No-Sato (a pottery demonstration). Return to hotel, dinner on your own.

June 21, Friday
Lecture plus Tour of Arts and Crafts Industries
 Breakfast at hotel.* Lecture on the industrial business of Okinawa and on the arts and crafts of Okinawa at Rodo Fukushi Kaikan. Lunch at Rodo Fukushi Kaikan.* Tour of cloth weaving at Haebaru, bingata production at Tomigusuku and Lacquerware industry in Naha. Return to hotel, dinner on your own.

June 22, Saturday
Tour Southern Okinawa
 Breakfast at hotel.* Tour the site of the Underground Japanese Headquarters during World War II. Lunch at Mabuni.* Tour Himeyuri-No-To, Mabuni-Ga-Oka the Peace Memorial Hall and Gyokusando Cave. Dinner and show at Geihinkan.*

June 23, Sunday
Tour of Central and Northern Okinawa
 Breakfast at hotel.* Bus tour via Shuri, New Ryukyu University at Nishihara, Okinawa City, Ishikawa City and Kin Village (to visit Toyama Kyuzo's statue) and continue to Nago City. Check into hotel, lunch on your own. After lunch—shopping tour or free time. Dinner at hotel with Mayor Toguchi of Nago City.*

June 24, Monday
Tour of Western Okinawa from Nago to Naha
 Breakfast at hotel.* After breakfast, check out of hotel and visit the International Ocean Expo site. Lunch on your own. Leave to tour Manzano Beach Park driving thru Nakijin, Haneji and Nago City. Tour of a glass blowing factory at Onna Village. Return to Naha, check into Nansei Kanko Hotel. Dinner and evening on your own.

June 25, Tuesday
Naha
 Breakfast at hotel.* Those who are staying with relatives will check out of hotel. This day is set aside to visit with relatives and friends. Lunch, dinner and evening on your own.

June 26, Wednesday
Naha
 Breakfast at hotel.* Free day to visit with relatives and friends and/or go shopping. Lunch, dinner and evening on your own.

June 27, Thursday
Naha
 Breakfast at hotel.* Those at the hotel will check out and prepare for departure. Those with relatives and friends be sure to be at the airport on time. *Meal provided.

MIYAKO & YAEYAMA TOUR

June 25, Tuesday
 Check out of hotel. Take early morning flight to Miyako Island for all day tour. Late evening flight to Yaeyama Island. Hotel accommodations on Yaeyama.

June 26, Wednesday
 Tour of Yaeyama and Taketomi Islands. Late evening flight back to Okinawa.

June 26, Wednesday thru June 29, Saturday
OPTIONS: 1. You can arrange to stay with your relatives or friends during the remaining days of the tour; or 2. Arrange to stay at Nansei Kanko Hotel (breakfast provided). These remaining days are on your own.

June 30, Sunday
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EXTENDED STAY IN OKINAWA

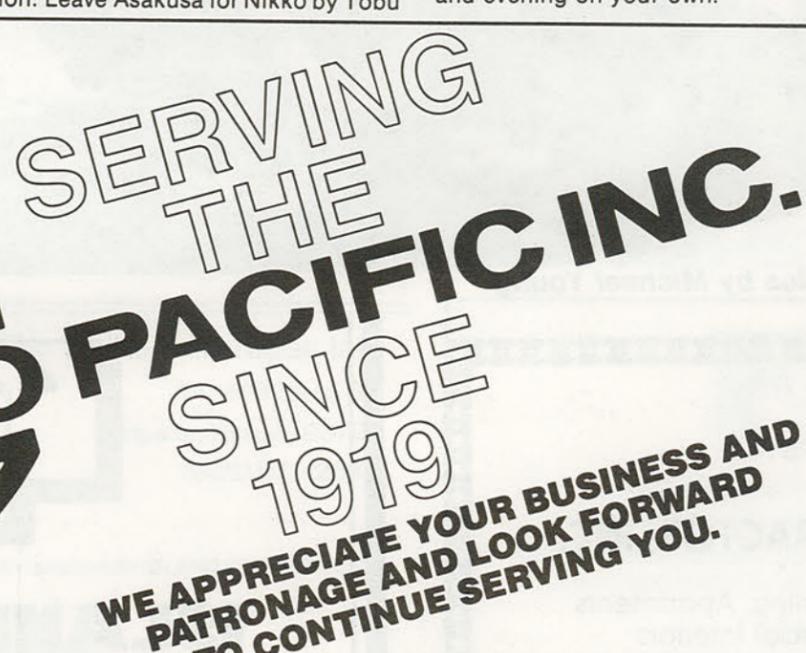
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Club News Roundup

Awase Doshi Kai will have its Shinnen-en Kai on Feb. 9 at the Flamingo Chuckwagon.

Chatan Shinenkai will be held on March 2 at Victoria Inn. Names of recent college graduates, 73-year-old birthday people, and volunteers to dance or sing will be taken by Mr. Jerry Chinen, Shinnenkai Chairman.

The Chatan Club is also looking for members interested in participating in the UOA softball, volleyball and bowling leagues. The softball team will hold its first meeting/practice at 10 a.m. Feb. 3 at the McKinley High School baseball field. All members interested in playing with the team should be present.

Hawaii Shuri Club. On Sunday Dec. 2, after more than 25 years, the Hawaii Shuri Club revived the traditional Christmas party remembered by older club members. The success of the function, held at Masa's Cafeteria, was evident by the laughter and smiling faces. Young and old alike participated in playing games, singing Christmas carols and visiting with Santa (Sandor Palko) and his elf (Anita Painter). A video tape made during the party will be shown at the annual Shinnenkai to be held at the Japanese Junior Chamber of Commerce on Saturday, Feb. 9.

The club has again managed to place first in total commissions earned for the Okinawan Festival — 1984. Congratulations to all club members for their participation and hard work.

Students or parents interested in applying for the newly established Shuri Scholarship please contact President Jeff Itoman at 955-1195 for details and information. Jeff should also be contacted for nominees for Shuri's entry for Uchinanchu of the year.

Kanegusuku Sonjin Kai held its first ever tournament at Olomana Golf Links on Nov. 25, to encourage participation among its members. Except for a few brief showers and slightly moist course conditions, 11 Okinawan golfers produced some respectable scores. Low Net for the day were: David Yamauchi 61, Bob Nagamine 67 and Shomei Yamauchi, Ed Kino and Myles Ishizaki, 68's. Upcoming dates at Olomana are March 24 at 11:24 a.m., April 14 at 10:48 a.m., June 30 at 11:42 a.m. and November 24 at 10:06 a.m.

The club's 59th annual Shinnen Enkai will be held Feb. 9, at 6 p.m. at Victoria Inn. Kanegusuku's new golf and ladies shirts, caps and visors are on sale now.

The UOA Men's 14-inch Slow-pitch Softball League will again begin in March on Sundays at Stevenson Intermediate School. All interested Kanegusuku players should contact Ed Kino at 262-0217 immediately. Active participation of younger generations will keep goodwill among members and perpetuate our Okinawan cultural heritage.

Katsuren Cho Jin Kai's Shinnenkai is set for Saturday, March 30 at the Japanese Chamber of Commerce. Committee members are busy planning the program and other details. Election of new officers will be held. If anyone is interested in becoming an officer, call President Ken Mijo at 839-9662. Members who attended the UOA Bonnenkai enjoyed the varied program as well as the opportunity to meet old friends from other clubs.

KITA NAKAGUSUKU SONJINKAI new officers are President Shigeharu Shiroma, Vice President William Higa, Secretary Takejiro Higa and Treasurer Frederick Yogi. Our new year's party will be held on Feb. 23 at Wisteria.

Osato Doshi-Kai was second in UOA calendar sales, selling approximately 400 calendars—thanks, everyone!

Congratulations are in store for member Isaac Hokama who finally relinquished his bachelorhood by marrying Tammi Yonamine on January 26th. The two originally met on the first UOA Study Tour to Okinawa in 1980.

President David Ishikawa is encouraging members to participate in the club's annual Shinnenkai. The festivities are scheduled for Saturday, March 9th at Fort Delicatessen.

Yomitan Club elected its first woman president on Nov. 17, at its biennial Bonnenkai Party at Flamingo Chuckwagon. Tom Uechi, outstanding president, presented the gavel to new president, Carol Okuhara Kaki-moto, who will lead the Club's 450+ members. Other officers elected are: Lynn Higa, vice president; Shirley Higa Kaneshiro, secretary; Owen Teruya, assistant secretary; Janet Higa Yokoyama, treasurer and Nathan Asato, assistant treasurer.

Various outstanding members were recognized at the Bonnenkai for their contributions to the Club's sports activities and participation at the Okinawan Festivals. The evening was filled with merriment and warmth as the guests were entertained with lively music and beautiful dances by the Sansei Minyo Group. Impromptu dance participation by members Lori and Owen Teruya, Kamado Higa, Masaye Takushi and Charlie Higa added much to the evening; member Bert Nakama brought tears of laughter to the crowd as he did his very unique 'Yomitan logo flag dance.'

The next event is the Annual Shinnenkai Party to be held on Saturday, Feb. 9, at Fort Delicatessen.

THANK YOU to club reporters for news to keep members informed and to promote a sense of unity among UOA members.

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(happy new year!)

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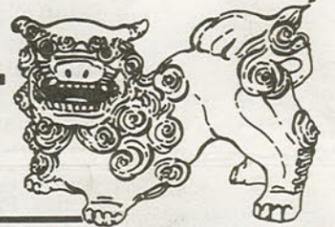
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