

World-wide Uchinanchu Festival



exclaimed, "my strong wish is that many overseas Uchinanchu will come to this important event."

The key however is, how many people will come from Hawaii? Hawaii definitely plays an important part in the success of the Festival".

In response to Governor Nishime's challenge, the UOA Board of Directors voted to support and promote the Festival to be held on August 24, 25, and 26, 1990. The UOA's goal is to send an entourage of at least 300 Hawaii Uchinanchu to the Festival.

For the first time ever, the UOA has designated three travel agencies to co-

ordinate a study tour group for the World-wide Festival - NAKA'S TRAVEL SERVICE, TRANS PACIFIC TOURS, INC., and HONOLULU TOURIST. Each travel agency has prepared their own itinerary to appeal to different schedules and interests. For the benefit of its readership, UCHINANCHU NEWSLETTER has provided the itinerary of each agency on the inside pages.

"This will truly be a once in a lifetime event that will be remembered by all who participate. I urge our members to plan to make this trip even if they've been to Okinawa before" says, Vice-President Wayne Miyahira, who led the Study Tour to Okinawa this year.

1990 OKINAWAN CELEBRATION EVENTS

A year-long program of events has been scheduled for the next year 1990, the Year of the Okinawan. The State of Hawaii 1990 Okinawan Celebration Commission has been busy planning and scheduling numerous projects and events that will help us share our unique culture with Hawaii's many ethnic groups. In the next several issue of your Uchinanchu Newspaper, descriptions of several of the up-coming events will be featured.



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90TH ANNIVERSARY OPENING CEREMONIES

Sunday, January 7, 1990

"Okagesama de," our theme for 1990's year-long celebration, will be especially appropriate for our opening day ceremonies. First, at 9 a.m. at Aloha Tower, an re-enactment of the arrival of the first 27 Okinawan immigrants at Honolulu Harbor in 1990. Then, a procession with colorful club banners to Iolani Palace and the official opening of the celebration year, complete with entertainment. A multi-denominational memorial service will be conducted for those 27 pioneers and all the other isseis who have laid down the foundation for our lives in Hawaii. This will be free to the public and we encourage full participation by all club members.

90TH ANNIVERSARY OPENING BANQUET

Sunday, January 7, 1990

Again reflecting the theme, "Okagesama de," our evening banquet at the Tapa Ballroom, Hilton Hawaiian Village, will be the setting for the honoring of our isseis from all over the State who are still with us. Starting at 5 p.m. cocktails, the evening will be filled with thank-you's for the past and promises for the future from the niseis, sanseis and yonseis. Club-sponsored isseis will be honored by the Governor of the State of Hawaii, as well as the United Okinawan Association of Hawaii. Tickets to this event will be distributed to club representatives at our next Board of Directors meeting on November 14th. Let's show our surviving isseis our deep appreciation for their past sacrifices at this banquet!

"OKAGE SAMA DE" 1990 CELEBRATION CALENDAR

(Block these dates on your personal calendar.
Details will be provided as the year progresses.)

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION
Jan. 7th	Opening Ceremony	Iolani Palace
Jan. 7th	Opening Banquet	Hilton Hawaiian Vg.
Feb. 4th	Okinawa Family Sunday	Bishop Museum
Feb thru	Local Cultural	Maui/Hilo/Kauai
March	Touring Shows	
Mar. 3rd	Essay Contest	State-Wide
May 6th	Pau Hana Plantation Senior Fair	Sheraton Waikiki
May 19th	Gateball Tournament	Ala Moana Park
May 20th	Gateball Banquet	
May 23rd to	Okinawan Treasures Exhibit	Academy of Arts
July 1st	Uncō Kai	Kapiolani Park
June 10th	Hawaii Okinawa Center Grand Opening Ceremony	Waipio-Gentry
June 16th	Okinawan Culture Workshop/Forums	Academy of Arts
June 18th to 22nd	Okinawan Dance Recitals	NBC Arena
July 28th	Okinawa Hari Boat Races	Waiola State Park
Aug. 17th to 19th	Worldwide Uchinanchu	Hilo, Hawaii
Aug. 24th		Okinawa, Japan

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Commentary

CHIBARIYO!

Admiration, pride and good feelings stirred in me, when I watched our youngsters perform in KZOO Radio's "Hawaii Ryuku Minyo Kohaku Uta Gassen," red and white song contest. On that Friday evening, I thought, these amazing third and fourth generation performers will uphold our Uchinanchu culture.

I enjoyed very much Saturday's program. The jokes were hilarious, and the Iha sisters' nostalgia songs were touching. But this was possible only because

I know "Hogen", the Okinawan language.

My parents gave me an appreciation of our "Hogen", yet I failed to do the same for my own children. I know in my heart that language and culture are one, and I would like to see our young people find the way to learn the Okinawan language.

Only then, will our culture be truly maintained. Their fine performances will be even more beautiful.

Dorothy Shiroma Hoe

UNIQUE PRESENTATION

Majikina Honryu to Celebrate 25 Years of Dance in Hawaii

The Majikina Honryu Buyo Dojo, under the direction of Yoshino Majikina will be celebrating its 25th anniversary with a special recital on Saturday, November 25, 1989, at the Farrington High School Auditorium. Tickets are \$15 with all net proceeds to benefit the Hawaii Okinawa Center and Jikoen Temple.

Master instructress Yoshino Majikina began dancing at the tender age of 3 under the guidance of her father, Iemoto Yuko Majikina. She has performed extensively throughout the world in such places as Washington D.C., Los Angeles, and San Paulo, Brazil. She was also invited to perform at the Kokuritsu Gekijo National Theater in Tokyo, Japan. In 1964 she established the Hawaii Branch of the Majikina Honryu.

The Majikina Honryu has strived to preserve and perpetuate the Okinawan culture through song and dance in Hawaii. Yoshino Sensei has also been an instructor at the University of Hawaii since 1965 which allows her to expose the Okinawan culture to a broader segment of our Hawaiian community.



For more information, please call the Majikina Honryu Organization at 595-6257.

Ryukyu Medical Team Wraps Up 8th Project

The 8th annual Ryukyu University Medical School Research Project held from September 23 through October 1 was once again a huge success.

This UOA Community Service project started in 1982 with the assistance of Hui O Lailima is a ten-year research program.

This year there were twelve medical staff members. Dr. Goro Mimura, project director; Dr. Masamichi Gushiken, assistant director; Dr. Junko Arie; Dr. Fumio Nagamine; Dr. Kazutaka Nashiro; Dr. Kiyoshi Oshiro; Dr. Satsuki Odo; Ms. Chikako Minei; Mrs. Kuni Chinen; Ms. Erimi Kawamitsu; Ms. Naomi Arakaki; Ms. Satomi Shimabukuro.



This year 750 persons were examined in nine days. On Saturday, September 30, 120 persons had checked in by 9 a.m. and the staff was forced to close further registration. They regret that many had to be turned away and hope it will not happen next year.

The program is popular because of the thorough physical examination which includes an EKG, stomach scan, blood test, obesity check, and consultation with the physician plus advice on nutrition by attractive young dieticians.

Dr. Gushiken recently received his Ph.D. from Kagoshima University. His study on heart diseases was partly based on this project. The Aloha Dinner at the Flamingo Chuckwagon on Sunday, October 1, for the team of doctors, technicians and dieticians was well attended.

UOA wishes to thank Rev. Yosemite for the use of Jikoen Memorial Hall and the many people and businesses that generously donated lunches and money. Your support is greatly appreciated.



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Uchinanchu

The Uchinanchu is a quarterly newsletter for the members of the United Okinawan Association of Hawaii. Issue dates are January, April, July and October of each year. Submissions are welcome; send them to Uchinanchu Newsletter, P.O. Box 2076, Honolulu, HI 96805, one month prior to the issue date. Please include the name and telephone number of the contact person.

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Exciting Activities Abound as Year's End Approaches...

Aza Gushikawa

Roy Kaneshiro, President, and fellow officers are in charge of the Shinnen enkai to be held on Saturday, January 27, 1990 at Victoria Inn. Thanks to the efforts of the active officers, the annual picnic on August 12 was a huge success.

Although the volleyball and softball teams won no trophies, the club enjoyed participating in the UOA games.

Ginowan Shijin Kai

President Akira Sakima announces the Shinnen enkai to be held at the Pearl Country Club on March 3, 1990.

Ginowan has undertaken an exciting project of putting together a book of old photographs. Many thanks to those who contributed their old and precious family pictures.

Akira and Jane Sakima and Betsy Miyahira have shown much Aloha to the Ryukyu University Medical Team.

Haneji Club

President Ruby Miyashiro and Toyo Yamashiro are in charge of the Shinnen enkai at Masa's Cafeteria on January 20, 1990. There will be a special program to honor the issei. Program chairpersons Ella Teruya and Jeannie Yamasato request ideas and suggestions from the membership.

Many thanks to Gordon Miyashiro and his gang for the success of the annual picnic held on August 13 at Kapiolani Park.

Hui O Lailima

Hui O Lailima is pleased to announce that the total amount of \$7,000 was awarded in scholarships recently. The academic scholarship recipients are as follows: Alton Uyema, senior at University of Hawaii; Gayle Bisho, teacher pursuing special education at University of Hawaii; Pianta, graduate student at University of Hawaii; Maili Higa, junior at Stanford University; Patti Taira, senior at Pacific University; Judy Honda, graduate student at University of Puget Sound; and Darin Iha, UCLA Dental School.

The cultural grant was awarded to Shinsei Kai of Hilo Hawaii, an organization composed of individuals interested in classical samisen. The Cultural Grant

enabled the Club to arrange for Seisho Nakasone Sensei to travel to Hilo once a month and offer the samisen players of Hilo an opportunity to learn from the Master.

Hui O Lailima looks forward to its annual Christmas party which will be held at Kahala Hilton Hotel on Sunday, December 10, 1989. Entertainment will consist of music by Derrick Shiroma, Eric Wada, Scotty Moriyama and Debbie Nakamoto; dances by Hui O Lailima members of local dance studios.

Hui Okinawa

Melvin N. Kaneshiro, President, announces Bonenkai Banquet on Saturday, November 4, 1989, at Hilo Daijingu. New Year's Party will be held on Sunday, March , 1990 at the Seven Seas Luau House.

In sometimes rainy Hilo, the annual picnic was held at the Hilo Civic Auditorium on Saturday, August 19 from 10 am. to 4 p.m. 350 persons attended.

Other offices for this year are Thomas Kohagura, First Vice-President; Conrad Hokama, Second Vice-President; Bernard Sagawa, Treasurer; Faith St. Germain, Recording Secretary; and Merle Tomori, Corresponding Secretary.

Kanegusuku Sonjin Kai

Ed Kino, President, is in charge of the Golf Club Tourney on November 5 at the Hawaii Kai Golf Course.

Low net winners of the September 10 Tourney at Pearl Country Club were George Kino, 1st with 67; Ed Kino, 2nd with 69; Morio Tamayose, 3rd with 70; and Kiichi Oshiro, 4th with 72.

The Club's 90th year of Okinawan Immigration Honorees are Teiko China, Haruo Kaneshiro, Ine Kaneshiro, Kame Kaneshiro, Yoshisuke Kaneshiro, Kame Oshiro, Masae Oshiro, Ushi Oshiro, Yoshi Oshiro, Jiro Shimabukuro, Ushiya Tamashiro and Ushi Tamayose.

Oroku Doshi Kai

James M. Akamine, President, is the person to contact for reservations to Shinnen enkai at the Flamingo Chuckwagon in February, 1990. The number to call is 259-9196.

The club picnic at Kapiolani Park in

August was a huge success due to the efforts of Russell Akamine (Treasurer), Shigeo Takara, Ron Ajimine (prizes) and Masaru and Joe Akamine (games).

Nishihara Chojin Kai

Mr. Tsunenori Namihira and Mr. Toshio Taira of Nishihara Municipal Office in Okinawa met with local Nishibarunchu in September. They were gathering information for the history of Nishihara immigration abroad, which will be written in both Japanese and English.

Last year they visited south America and this year they hope to cover the United States and Hawaii.

After the Aloha party at Wisteria on September 12, 1989, the two visitors called on several Nishihara Isseis, recording their oral histories and gathering old photos and documents. At the same time a survey was made of people who claim Nishihara heritage. Aza Gaza Yonagusuku and Aza Kobashigawa are to be commended for their prompt replies.

Members instrumental in the success of this project are Mr. & Mrs. Tokujin Tamashiro, Mrs. Tomi Adaniya, Hideyasu Kohashigawa, Mr. & Mrs. Tomu Arakawa, Masa Shiroma and Larry Nagatoshi.

Oroku Aza Jin Kai

Final plans have been completed to revive the annual Oroku Aza Jin Kai Christmas party which had been so ably carried on by the late Toshi Kaneshiro and others. The revival of the Christmas party is primarily for the children to get acquainted with their Oroku age-mates and to keep in touch with their Oroku roots. Parents, grandparents and other adults are most welcome to join in the Christmas festivities.

The party is scheduled for Saturday, December 2, 1989, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Okinawa Memorial Hall, Jikoen Temple on School Street.

A luncheon, catered by Ilima Catering and a traditional Christmas program are in store for attendees. We ask our members to support this activity as they do our Shinnen enkai and annual picnic. Members will receive a newsletter with details by the middle of October.

Young Okinawans

Sr. Citizens' Christmas Party to be Held December 9

The Annual Senior Citizens Christmas Party sponsored by the Young Okinawans of Hawaii is planned for Saturday, December 9, 1989 at the Jikoen Temple.

The doors will be open from 10:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. for the scheduled fun and frivolity. There will be Okinawan dance, music and skits as part of the special Christmas show for senior citizens "65 years thereabouts" says coordinator Debbie Nakamoto. The problem is we can only give out 450 tickets and it has to be "first come, first serve" she apologizes.

So the event is free with lots of food and services donated from generous organizations too many to mention! For further information and tickets call Debbie Nakamoto at 247-2524 or Kathy Murata at 734-5918. If you've never seen an Uchinanchu Santa Claus, you gotta come to the Annual Senior Citizens Christmas Party!

AUTUMN TOUR ON SCHEDULE

For those interested in joining the UOA Study Tour in October, 1990, be sure to contact Isaac Hokama. His telephone number is 595-3664.

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Tour Cost: \$1,200.00
Tour Guide: Dennis Arakaki

August 20:

Depart Honolulu for Taipei, Taiwan via China Airlines.

August 21:

Arrive Taipei International Airport. Depart Taipei for Okinawa. Arrive Okinawa. After entry procedures, board motorcoach to transfer to Nansei Kanko Hotel. Dinner at hotel.

August 22:

Breakfast at hotel. Optional Tour #1: After breakfast, board the motorcoach for a sightseeing tour of Northern Okinawa. Visit Nago City, continue on to the International Exposition Memorial Park site. See the Dolphin Show and visit one of the largest aquariums in the Far East. Enjoy "Nago Soba" luncheon at Nago City. Visit the Glass Blowing Factory and return through Koza City.

August 23 to 26:

Breakfast at hotel. Opening reception at 9 a.m. Uchinanchu Worldwide Conference. Activities: dance and musical festival, karate tournament, symposium.

August 27:

Breakfast at hotel. Option Tour: "Miyako & Yaeyama Islands" Board motorcoach to transfer to Naha Domestic Airport at 8 a.m. Depart for Miyako Island at 9 a.m. All day tour of Miyako Island. Depart at 4 p.m. for Yaeyama Island. Dinner at hotel.

August 28:

Breakfast at hotel. Board motorcoach at 8:30 am. for an all day tour of Yaeyama and Takitomi Island. Depart at 4:30 p.m. for Okinawa. Evening free for your own activities.

August 29:

Breakfast at hotel. Board motorcoach at 9 a.m. to transfer to Naha International Airport. Depart Okinawa at 11:15 a.m. for Taipei, Taiwan via China Airlines. Arrive Taipei, Taiwan at 11:40 a.m. Upon arrival transfer to China Airlines Flt #018. Depart Taipei for Honolulu International Airport at 2:15 p.m. Arrive Honolulu International Airport at 7:30 a.m., Wednesday, August 29.

FOR RESERVATIONS AND FURTHER INFORMATION CALL TRANSPACIFIC TOURS AT 737-5547.

HONOLULU TOURIST UOA Study Tour

1990 Uchinanchu Sekai Taikai Tour

August 16, Thursday:

Leave Honolulu for Osaka

August 17, Friday:

Leave Osaka for Okinawa

August 18, Saturday:

Sightseeing of southern part of Okinawa

August 19, Sunday:

Sightseeing of central and northern part of Okinawa

August 20, Monday to

August 22, Wednesday:

Free

August 23, Thursday to

August 26, Sunday:

Attend Taikai

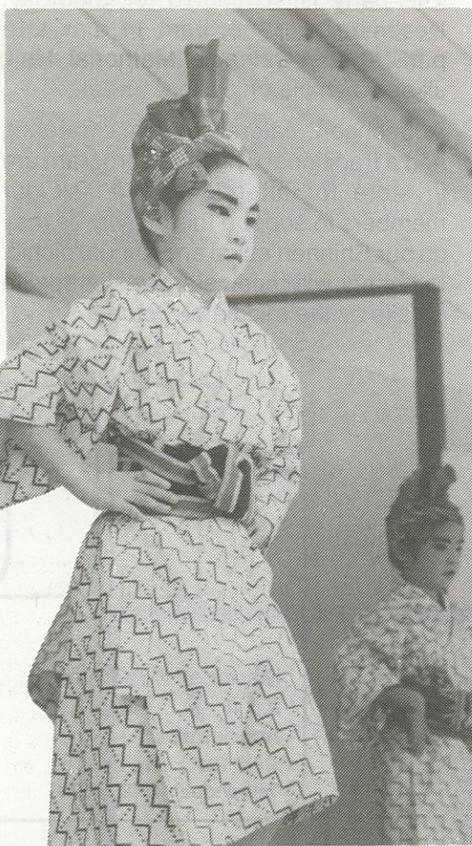
August 27, Monday:

Free

August 28, Tuesday:

Leave Okinawa for Osaka and Honolulu

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NAKA'S TRAVEL UOA Study Tour

Mainland Japan/Okinawa Group
August 14 to August 29

August 14, Tuesday:

Leave Honolulu for Tokyo
August 15, Wednesday:

Arrive Narita International Airport, Tokyo

August 16, Thursday:

Tour of Tokyo City, including the Imperial Palace Plaza, Tokyo Tower, Asakusa Kannon Temple, Nakamise Arcade and the famous street of Ginza.

August 17, Friday:

Option tours of either Kamakura/Hakone, Nikko or Tokyo Disneyland. Or free day for shopping or visiting with friends and relatives.

August 18, Saturday:

Leave Tokyo for Kyoto by JB Bullet Train. Tour of Kyoto, including Kinkakuji Temple (Gold Pavilion), Heian Shrine with its historical Japanese gardens, Nijo Castle, Kiyomizu Temple and Nishijin Kaikan a textile museum for shopping and enjoying a kimono show.

August 19, Sunday:

Leave Kyoto for Nara. Tour of Nara includes Todaiji Temple, largest wooden structure in the world, Kasuga Shrine with its many bronze and stone lanterns, and the famed Nara Deer Park. Continue on to the city of Osaka and visit Osaka Castle. Then to Osaka Airport for our flight to Naha, Okinawa.

August 20, Monday:

Guided walking tour of Naha's Kokusai Dori and Heiwa Dori shopping areas. Rest of day and evening free for shopping or visiting with relatives.

August 21, Tuesday:

Southern tour of Okinawa, including Shurei no Mon, Okinawan Prefectural Museum, Gyokusendo Park featuring a large underground stalactite grotto and a snake (habu) exhibit and show, Peace Memorial Park, Mabuni Hills and Himeyuri-no-to Shrines and exhibition hall.

August 22, Wednesday:

Leave for optional two-day tour of Islands of Yaeyama, Ishigaki and Taketomi, where the Okinawa of old still exists. Or a couple of days of visiting and relaxing with relatives.

August 23, Thursday:

Continue tour of islands of Yaeyama, returning in the afternoon. In the evening, attend the opening ceremonies of the World Uchinanchu Festival at the Okinawa Convention Center.

August 24, Friday to

August 26, Sunday:

You'll need three days to see it all! Besides the honoring of Uchinanchus from around the world, including many from Hawaii, there will be a two-day entertainment package featuring an interchange of both song and dances among the Okinawans living in Okinawa and Okinawans living in other areas of the world. A cultural exhibit, featuring artifacts and photographs of old and new Okinawa, a martial arts festival involving some of Hawaii's karateka, a symposium on Okinawa and Okinawans in the 21st century, and a music concert for the young-at-heart. Supporting events to be held at the same time will be a World Gateball Tournament, Free-Zone Import Fair, Orion Beer Fiesta, Awamori (rice wine) Festival, and The Okinawa Times (newspaper) Historical Art Exhibit. Also a part of the festival will be representatives of sonjinkais in Hawaii being hosted by the people and officials of the cities or districts they represent in Hawaii. Closing Ceremonies of the World Uchinanchu Festival.

August 27, Monday:

Northern tour of Okinawa, including tour of Takoyama Kanko Park featuring an authentic village from old Okinawa, including an exhibit and shopping area devoted to Okinawan pottery. Continue tour to Ocean Exposition Park in Motobu, to see the giant aquarium, sea mammals show and Okinawan horticulture. In the evening, a dinner party with the mayor and people of Nago City.

August 28, Tuesday:

Orion Beef Factory tour, Nago City Hall tour, visit Kin Village and the statue of Toyama, Kyuzo, the pioneer of Okinawan immigration to Hawaii. Return to Naha for last minute shopping.

August 29, Wednesday:

Leave Naha Airport for trip back home to Honolulu.

Call NAKA'S TRAVEL AT 523-6402 FOR RESERVATIONS AND FURTHER DETAILS.

CHIBURU TALES



H.ODA

Hawaii-Okinawa Center News

Seniors Enjoy Special Tour of HOC Grounds

The Nenchocha Club of the Lanakala Senior Center had a special treat this August 3rd. Four busloads of the touring seniors ventured a stop at the HOC site

at Waipio-Gentry. The project is only 40% complete but many of the members marveled at the size and grandeur of the still-to-come building. "We thought they

would only stay on the bus but they all insisted on touring the grounds." smiled Dot Hoe, coordinator of the site tour. Dot, and Marilyn Higa, Funiko Yoshimoto,

and Mariann Arakaki provided chilled orange juice and home-made cakes to the traveling seniors.



NOW PRESENTING: HOC COMMEMORATIVE BLOCK PROGRAM...

The Hawaii Okinawa Center genuinely thanks it's many contributors, friends, and supporters across the world for your generous and timely donations to the Center. Because of your insight and courage, we are able to fulfill this dream to bring all the people of Hawaii closer together.

As part of it's fund-raising efforts, the HOC has steadfastly worked towards a program to recognize the many donors who contributed so generously towards the successful completion of the Hawaii Okinawa Center. Combined with the opportunity to recognize it's many donors, the program also provides an opportunity to honor your parents or grandparents.

In recognition of the Donor's contribution or their Issei whom they wish to honor, their names will be engraved in a commemorative block made of granite.

These blocks will be specially installed at the Center and prominently displayed. This is truly a unique way to commemorate the heroic efforts of our first and second generation pioneers. All of their hardships and sacrifice will be remembered in stone in a lasting way for all to see and appreciate.

The Commemorative Committee of the HOC has submitted their final program for the recognition of the donors and honorees. The Committee has labored long and hard over a difficult and complex program, attempting to satisfy the wishes of as many donors as possible. The result of their efforts have met the challenge.

Meetings will be held with all club coordinators this month. If there are any questions please contact your club coordinators who may bring up your concerns at the meetings. (Please do not call the Hawaii Okinawa Center, if possible. They are extremely busy at this time and will be sending out the next series of commemorative instructions.)

All Donations under \$1000 will be recognized in a decorated Donor Book to be maintained and preserved at the Center. It is still possible however, to increase your donations or make a donation to have the Donor or Honoree name in granite memorialized at the HOC. The deadline is November 30, 1989.

Nihe Debiru!



(FRONT, left to right): Gary Mijo, Albert Teruya, June Arakawa, Ed Kuba.
(BACK): Warren Higa, Stanley Takamine, George Uyema, Akira Sakima.
(Missing): John Tasato, Wayne Miyahara, Isaac Hokama

NEWLY-ELECTED TRUSTEES

The member clubs of the Hawaii Okinawa Center non-profit corporation at its first meeting held on September 12, 1989, elected the first Board of Trustees for the Center. Out of 34 clubs attending the meeting, 33 clubs approved the election of the following: for a three year term, Albert Teruya, Stanley Takamine and George Uyema; two year term, Akira Sakima, Gary Mijo, and June Arakawa; and one year term, Ed Kuba, Warren Higa and Isaac Hokama. The President and First Vice-President of the UOA, John Tasato and Wayne Miyahira, are automatically members of the Board of Trustees by virtue of their office. The Board held its first meeting on September 21, 1989. The following were elected as officers of the Board: Chairman Albert Teruya, Vice-Chairman Ed Kuba, and Secretary Warren H. Higa.

The Board also established the Bunka Kaikan Committee headed by Stanley Takamine and Gary Mijo with the 22 members of the previous Board of Directors as the members of the Committee.

The Bunka Kaikan Committee is charged with the responsibility of completing the construction of the Hawaii Okinawa Center, as well as conducting the present fundraising and other major activities of the HOC.

The Board also created an Executive Director Search Committee headed by Warren Higa. The Committee is charged with the responsibility of conducting a search for the best possible applicant for the Executive Director of the HOC. (See Advertisement.) The Board of Trustees will make the final selection before January 1, 1990.

HAWAII OKINAWA CENTER Now seeking applications for the full-time position of EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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AKI no TAIKAI

Sanshin and Kutu Melodies Fill the Cool September Air...

by Bonnie Miyashiro

The Hawaii chapters of the Nomura-ryu Ongaku Kyokai (sanshin) and the Ryukyu Sokyoku Koyo Kai (kutu) held their annual fall concert at the Natsunoya Teahouse on September 10, 1989.

The day began with a sense of anticipation. Shortly before noon that morning, the Koto senseis and officers began arriving to tune and place their students' o-koto in rows half the length of the teahouse hall. Amid this activity, the sanshin senseis and their students arrived and began to set their instruments and seating on the opposite length of the hall. Enthusiastic family and friends were there almost as early as the first musicians.

For many it was the first time to participate in a concert, the first chance to wear a kimono or the first time to perform before an audience. All was set and a sudden quietness fell through the hall. Precisely at 2 o'clock, Lori Teruya, Mistress of Ceremonies, gave a brief greeting in Okinawan, Japanese and English. At her signal, over a hundred musicians began to play Kajadifu Bushi, the first of 23 classical Okinawan songs selected for the concert's 'daigassho' program. Like continuous waves that wash upon the shore, the dynamic sounds of the kutu-sanshin with voices raised vibrated through the hall - sometimes with vigor and sometimes with a touch of melancholy to enhance the selection being played, but always in harmony with each other.

Yasuko Arakawa introduced the performers of the special gassho and dokusho segments of the afternoon. Representatives from the various kutu and sanshin groups combined their efforts to perform Watarijo, Tachiutushi Shigagachi and Aha Bushi (beginners' groups) and Akatahanafu Bushi (advanced group). The performers of the first group were Shane Oana, Misha Shidaki, Judy Suzuki, Jennifer Brookins, Jana Tateyama, Julia Wakasugi, Stephanie Rente, Lisa Yamashiro, Karen Sugikawa, Celeste Nose and Cori Shimabukuro. The members of the second group were Nobuko Tamae, Karen Oshiro, Bonnie McAfee, Sueko Okuma, Shizue Shimabukuro and Tsuruko Miyashiro.

The 'dokusho' segment included solo performances and 'gassho' selections by members of particular clubs or schools. Jana Tateyama, Karen Sugikawa, Yoshie Nako, Kazuko Ito, Yoshiko Tamanaha and Doris Chinen of the Toma Toyoko Sokyoku Kai performed Sanya Shigagachi and Suki Bushi. They were accompanied on the sanshin by Terrence Tomori and Cory Zukeran of Hilo and David Fujimoto and Norman Kaneshiro who are all students of Nakasone Seisho Sensei.

Gwen Ishikawa of the Teruya Katsuko Sokyoku Kenkyu Kai performed Guin Bushi with the kutu accompaniment of fellow members Jolene Nakama and Alison Oshiro.

Norman Kaneshiro of the Nakasone Seifu Kai gave his solo performance of Nufwa Bushi.

This segment ended with a 'noren-wake' announcement by Kiyabu Shizuko Sensei and Mr. Shinsuke Nakamine for Bonnie Miyashiro to introduce her newly established koto group, the Miyashiro Soho Kai. This group is the 7th active koto club within the Hawaii chapter of the Koyo Kai. The first members of the Miyashiro Soho Kai, Julia Wakasugi, Lisa Wakasugi, Cori Shimabukuro, Celeste Nose and Nadine Nakamatsu performed Watarijo, Tachiutushi Shigagachi and Kumui Bushi.

The invocation was given by Mr. Akira Sakima, Chapter President of the Nomura-ryu Ongaku Kyokai.

Toyoko Toma emceed the 'dai-ishiki' and entertainment programs which followed dinner. Chapter President Jane Kaneshiro gave her greetings and represented the kutu association in making a special presentation to the United Okinawan Association. In joining with the Okinawan community's efforts, President Kaneshiro presented a \$1000 donation to the building fund for the Hawaii Okinawa Center. The Koyo Kai-Hawaii chapter's contribution was accepted by UOA President John Tasato. As the guest speaker, Mr. Tasato spoke of the 90th anniversary function to be held next year in July at the Blaisdell Arena and asked the sanshin and kutu associations for their full cooperation and kokua.

Banzai toasts were led by Teruya Katsuko Sensei and Mr. Shinsuke Nakamine.

The evening closed with dance selections by students of the Majikina Honryu Shinkun Kai. Their music accompaniment was provided by Kazuo Ishikawa and George Kohara on uta-sanshin and Derek Shiroma on taiko.

With anticipations fulfilled, the crowd began its homeward trek carrying with them hopes and new aspirations for the many taikais to come.



1989 UOA BONENKAI

"A Festive Holiday Celebration"

Come and celebrate the holiday season with your club members and UOA friends at the Pacific Beach Hotel's Grand Ballroom on Saturday, December 23. This year the Bonenkai will have a Christmas theme with an emphasis on "party."

The evening will start with a delicious prime rib/chicken combination dinner, complete with soup, salad, dessert, and beverage. Following the "short" formalities, the multi-talented Young Okinawans of Hawaii will present a Chiburu Christmas Extravaganza. Dancing to the live sounds of Asian Blend till midnight will top-off the evening.

The price for this gala event is just \$20 per person. Tickets are available from your club Presidents. For more information, please call Betty Higa at 247-5347 or Isaac Hokama at 536-4366.

It's a fun night for both young and "not so young," so get your tickets early because seating is limited.

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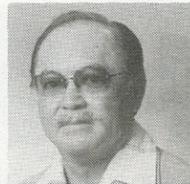


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1990 Pictorial Book Captures the Spirit, Beauty of Okinawa and Hawaii

by Chris Pearce

Over the last few weeks some UCHINANCHU readers may have noticed a stocky, bearded fellow with a camera on the prowl. You might have seen him at sonjin-kai picnics, bon dance events, sanshin recitals, karate dojos, or at dozens of homes, farms, businesses and historic sites around the State.

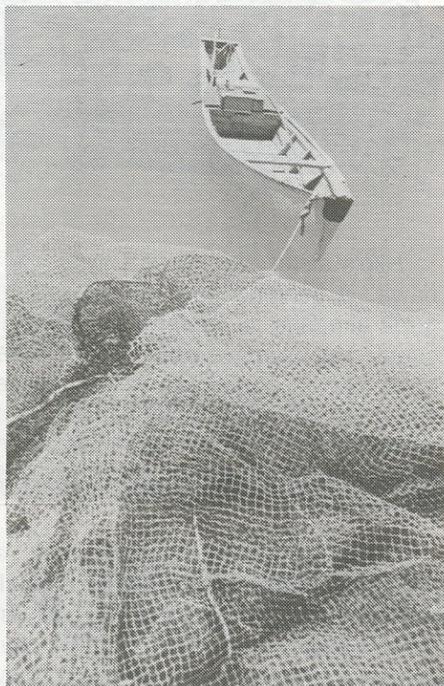
His name is Shuzo Uemoto, and over the last twenty years he has earned a reputation as one of the top portrait photographers in Hawaii. Together with his assistant, Alfred Kina, he has set out to capture the Uchinanchu spirit in a large format full-color book scheduled for publication early in 1990. To accompany the photographs Jon Shiota, author of *Lucky Come Hawaii*, has written a thoughtful, amusing, and sometimes provocative account of the changing life and times of Hawaii's 90 year-old Uchinanchu community.

But there is more to this book than local people and events. Over half of its 160 pages is devoted to Okinawa itself. Here the fascinating history of the island kingdom is recounted, with beautiful color maps, woodblock prints, and engravings by artists aboard the first European ships to visit the islands. Here too is the tragic story of how a peaceful, independent kingdom became caught up in the volatile politics of the Far East, and eventually lost its independence.

And how does Okinawa look today--from the tip of Motobu all the way down south to Miyako and Yaeyama? Okinawa's top scenic photographer, Junko Hirai, and National Geographic's Scott Rutherford have teamed up to provide a panoramic view of the islands that you will find yourself turning to again and again. Many of these gorgeous pho-



tographs were commissioned especially for this book, and appear here for the first time anywhere.



Five years in the planning stage, this commemorative volume is scheduled for publication early in 1990. Pre-sale cost until February 1st is \$22.50, with a regular cover price thereafter of \$30.00. Watch for the special order form in the next issue of UCHINANCHU. For telephone orders, call Chris Pearce, editor, at 538-0934.



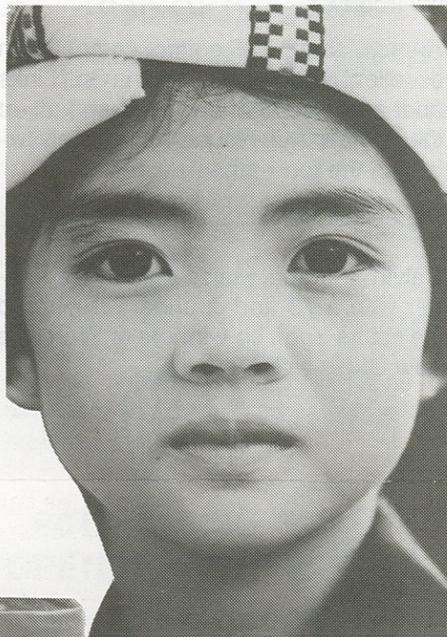
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AN EXCERPT FROM
JON SHIROTA'S INTRODUCTION

The sandy, rock-strewn path to the grave site of my father and mother is up a sharp incline bordered by tangled tropical weeds and sharp thorny bushes. The steep, arduous climb, it seems, symbolizes the hard, grueling lives Otoosan and Okaasan had endured so that their children might one day climb up to their graves and appreciate the view below.

And, indeed, the view below is a spectacle of serenity -- the blue-green macadamia groves shimmering in the distant meadows, the sparkling mountain peaks towering majestically over islands of lazy, floating clouds.

Happy, lilting voices of young children down at the St. Anthony High School football field suddenly evoke bittersweet memories of my own childhood, and momentarily detract me from the headstones: Kamata Shiota, 1888-1950; Uto Shiota, 1891-1950.



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UOA SPORTS

GOLFING NEWS

Club Motobu Captures Labor Day Tournament Championship

Club Motobu put together a crack team of crafty oldtimers who used their superb short game to capture championship honors at our annual Labor Day Golf Tournament. Captained by Richard Unten, this winning team included cagey veterans Dr. Albert Miyasato, Francis Kiyabu, Aki Akamine and Clarence Uechi, who pitched and putted their way to a 19 under par score of 197, to walk off with UOA's Sonjinkai Championship perpetual trophy.

Approximately 126 golfers competed in excellent weather at Olomana Golf Links and attended the awards banquet at Olomana's Club House immediately following the tournament.

Receiving individual honors were:

Calvin Shiroma, Men's Low Gross Winner with a 73 and Joanne Teruya and Celestine Yagi, co-winners of Women's Low Gross with 82's.



Low Net winners were as follows:

A Flight:

Yuki Uyehara, 64; Tracy Shiroma, 65; Daryl Matsuda, 65; George Takara, 65; Van Goto, 65; Calvin Shiroma, 66; Richard Tsukayama, 67; Yoshiharu Sato, 67.

BOWLING LEAGUE

20 Teams of Keglers Off to a Rolling Start

Our popular bowling league is off and running again on another full schedule of 42 Sunday afternoons at Kalihi Bowl.

With a full roster of 20 teams again competing, approximately 175 bowlers are helping to promote good fellowship within our Uchinanchu community.

Three teams have charged into the early lead. Currently in first place is Gushikawa, with Minami Nakagusuku and Wahiawa Kyoyu Kai close behind. Individual bowlers with the best statistics as of September 17, are:

B Flight:

Dr. Albert Miyasato, 64; Bob Takushi, 65; Jimmy Ajimine, 66; Stan Maeda, 67; Raymond Tengan, 67; Larry Kobashigawa, 67; Allen Agena, 67; Ron Nago, 69.

Senior Flight:

Tom Teruya, Sr., 59; Seichi Yogi, 66; Richard Unten, 66; Takejiro Higa, 66; Francis Kiyabu, 67; Larry Nakama, 70.

Women's Flight:

Joanne Teruya, 67; Lori Ann Nakata, 67; Sally Nakama, 68; Barbara Yamada, 68; Amy Fujii, 69; Julie Miyagi, 70; Aileen Yamauchi, 71; Joyce Takara, 72; Evelyn Matsuoka, 72.

To add to the excitement of the tournament, Closest-to-the-Hole contests were held at all four of the Par-3 holes. Winners were: Calvin Shiroma, hole #2; Richard Tsukayama, hole #8; Carol Sato, hole #11; and Steve Iwanaka, who won a special prize donated by Naka's Travel Service for a free round trip to any neighbor island for the person landing the closest to hole #17.

Special guests participating in this UOA event to promote "kana ganatu," (good fellowship) were: Mr. Bob Takushi, Deputy Director of the State Department of Budget and Finance, who represented Governor John Waihee; Mr. Tom Yamashiro, the other Deputy Director of Budget and Finance; Councilwoman Rene Mansho, who represented the City Council of the City & County of Honolulu; Mr. Mitsuo Gima, Chairman of the Administrative Planning Committee of the Okinawan Prefectural Assembly; and Mr. Masao Sagawa, a well-known entertainer from Okinawa.

Thank-you-for-a-job-well-done goes to Larry Nakama and his committee of volunteers for putting together a smooth-running, fun tournament. Mahalo also goes out to Olomana Golf Links for donating four rounds of golf as prizes. Lastly, Ippei Nihei Debiru to all those who participated in this tournament.

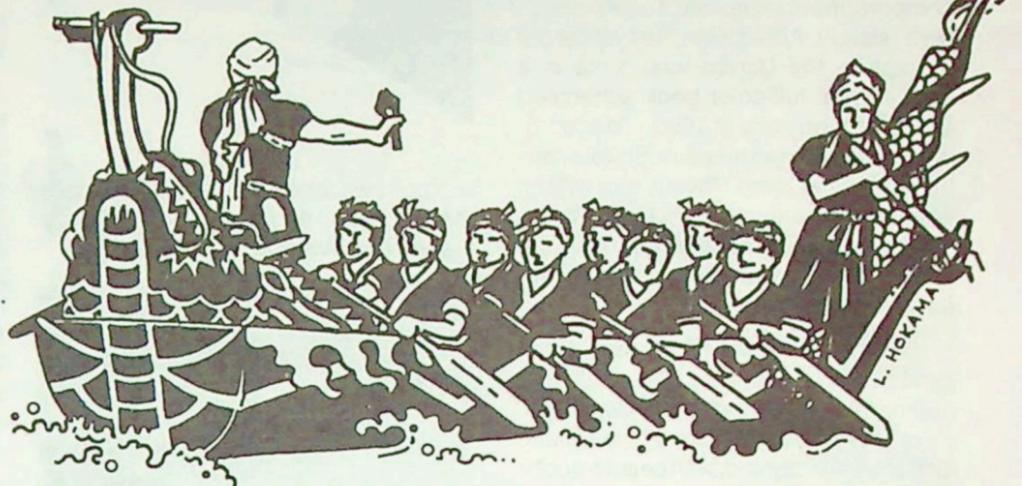
MEN		
High Average	Kenneth Tokujo	193
Hdcp High Average	Morris Kaneshiro	200
Hdcp High Series	Ken Uyehara	747
High Series	Eric Murakami	655
Hdcp High 1	Gary Arisue	267
High 1	Billy Sheppard	243
	John Sunabe	

"FUN-tastic" Hilo Hari Boat Race Set for August

The United Okinawan Association and the 90th Year Commission have asked Hui Okinawa, the major Okinawan club in Hilo, and other Big Island Okinawans, to hold a Hari Boat Race in Hilo on August 17th, 18th and 19th of 1990 as part of the year long celebration of the 90th year of Okinawan immigration to Hawaii.

day night, the 18th, Okinawan dances and a "Moashibi" event (Karaoke singing, dancing to band music and disco music) are being planned.

Hui Okinawa has already blocked off 200 rooms at the Naniloa Hotel at good rates. The renovated Naniloa Hotel with its spa, Karaoke bar, new swimming pool, excellent dining and dancing facili-



Hilo's sister city, Nago City of Okinawa, is sending three Hari boats at great expense to them for this special event. Hui Okinawa would like to invite each club to participate in this festive event by sending a team of Hari boat paddlers to Hilo. A team consists of ten paddlers, one steersman, and one gong player.

The day after the Hari Boat race, a UOA state-wide championship softball tournament is being planned. August 17th will be a Hari boat practice day; August 18th, the big race day; and August 19th, softball day.

Hui Okinawa can arrange sight-seeing tours and golf games with prior notice. It will also have cash prizes, merchandise prizes and trophies. On Satur-

ties, will be a real treat from the hustle and bustle of the city.

Please discuss this event within your clubs and make the tentative reservation to hold rooms for your group.



For reservation arrangements and further information contact Jim Arakaki, Hari Boat Coordinator, at 92 Ponahawaii Street, Hilo, HI 96720. Phone number 935-6886, Fax number 961-5078.

Okinawa Geino Variety Show Entertains Hilo Audience

Okinawa Geino Variety Show heralded as the "best Okinawan show of the year," was presented on Sunday, September 10, 1989 at the University of Hawaii Hilo auditorium.

Featured comedian Rinsuke Teruya had the audience rolling in the aisles with

his jokes and tricky handling of the shamisen. Sisters Sadako and Kumiko Iha rendered many beautiful Okinawan songs while playing their shamisen and koto. Other entertainers from Okinawa were Masao Hachiki, Masao Sagawa and Kazuo Uechi.

The Variety Show ended with selections by Honolulu dancers Kathy Uehara, Francis Uehara and Eric Wada accompanied by musicians Sue Ann Takata of Hilo, Kiyoshi Kinjo and Isaac Hokama. Sponsors of this gala event were Hui Okinawa, KZOO Radio, Richard Jitchaku, Jack Miyashiro and Merrill Kanna. Ms. Keiko Ura of KZOO served as M.C.

Co-chairman Shizu Akamine and James Arakaki of Hui Okinawa were rewarded with a "full house."

Come on down to Kalihi Bowl at Kalihi Shopping Center and cheer on your team!!

WOMEN		
High Average	Lori Tanaka	181
Hdcp High Average	Janet Oshiro	196
Hdcp High Series	Holly Takara	667
High Series	Jackie Phillips	565
Hdcp High 1	Gina Bogden	271
High 1	Jennifer Ishihara	220