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OKINAWAN COMMUNITY PARTICIPATES IN FLORA PACIFICA

In keeping with its purpose of promoting its cultural heritage, the UOAH and Hui O Laulima, along with Hui Makaala, will act as liason clubs for the '72 Flora Pacifica. The purpose of Flora Pacifica is to introduce to the community various plants from northeast Asia and to present live, cultural demonstrations connected with the plants. Japan, Okinawa, Korea, and China are the participating countries.

Flora Pacifica will be held from Mar. 25 to Apr. 9, 1972, at Mrs. Alexander Walker's Garden on Nuuanu Pali Highway, next to Jack Lane, from 1:00 to 10:00 p.m. Live demonstrations by the Okinawan Community will be held from 2-4 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. on the following days: Music and dance: Mar. 28, Apr. 1, 5, & 9; Cooking: Mar. 27 & 31, Apr. 4 & 8; Crafts: Mar. 26 and 30, Apr. 3 & 7; Visual Arts: Mar. 25 and 29, Apr. 2 & 6. The State Senior Citizen Center at Lanakila will participate. Various music and dance groups are also giving all-out support.

Admission to Flora Pacifica is: $6.00 for a couple plus children under 18 yrs.; $3.00 for a single person; $1.50 for students and service personnel with ID; and 50¢ for student excursion from schools.

We hope you will all take this opportunity to enjoy and appreciate the presentations of our rich Okinawan heritage.

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GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MTNG.
APR. 3 - 7:30 P.M.
JIKOEN HALL

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HAWAII OKINAWAN JUBILEE '72

Many of you can still recall the first Hawaii Okinawan Jubilee held last August, which proved to be an overwhelming success. Plans are already underway to bring you the second Hawaii Okinawan Jubilee. The dates for this year's cultural festival have been set for July 11th to July 15th. Ala Moana Hotel Banquet Hall will be the location of the cultural exhibit, which will run from July 11 to the 13th. Performances by the music and dance groups will be held at the newly renovated McKinley High School Auditorium. An additional feature to the Jubilee will be an Okinawan Products Show, which will be drawing the attendance of many mayors and village head from Okinawa.

Further details of the festival will be relayed to you as soon as they are received. Your whole-hearted cooperation and participation will be greatly appreciated.

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HUI O LAULIMA

The next luncheon meeting of the Hui O Laulima is scheduled for Sunday, Apr. ~~23~~30, 1972 at 12:00 noon at the Ala Moana Banquet Hall. Stanley Kanetake, son of Mr. and Mrs. Choki Kanetake, will be the featured speaker. Mr. Kanetake, a lawyer, works very closely with the Police Dept. in the area of Drug Abuse. Everyone is invited to listen to his timely topic and to enjoy the fellowship of Hui O Laulima at the same time. For reservations, call Ella Teruya at 737-2567 or Judy Arakaki at 988-6022.

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NEW YEAR PARTY HIGHLIGHTS

The annual Nishihara Club Shinen-enkai was held at Masa's Cafeteria on Feb. 12, 1972. With all the women's liberation news in the forefront, the coveted "Man of the Year Award" was bestowed upon Mrs. Tokujin Tamashiro and Mrs. Mitsuto Goya. These two women are very deserving of the award for their hard working and "behind-the-scene" efforts. (By Tomu Arakawa)

The 25th year Haneji Club celebrated its Silver Anniversary with a 3-tiered birthday cake donated by one of the members, Mr. Robert Taira of King's Bakery. The 25 candles were lit by the president and all the past presidents. Highlight of the evening was the presentation of koa bowls and silk leis to the 34 senior members who are over 80 years old. The oldest member is 96 years old Mrs. Inafuku, mother of Raymond Inafuku. The Haneji Club has one of the well known Okinawan dance instructor among its membership - Mrs. Yoshino Nakasone, wife of Dr. Nobuyuki Nakasone. Mrs. Nakasone and her students presented an outstanding Okinawan dance to those in attendance. Members of the Friendship Mission from Okinawa were honored guests. They in turn, entertained the host club. (By Genko Yafuso)

Kin Sonjin Kai club held its New Year party on Jan. 29, 1972. About 400 members attended and enjoyed the good food and entertainment at Fort Delicatessen. Master of ceremonies was Hiroshi Ige.

Kiichi Kobashigawa was installed as president for the '72-'73 year. Recognition was given to Robert Nakama and Hansei Nakata, the club's first samisen instructors. Two local sansei girls were selected as bando dancing members. They are Leila Ann Higa, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Harold Higa and Florence Toyama, Daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Fred Toyama. (By Sally Nakata)

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ALL MEMBER CLUBS:
SEND YOUR FOUR
REPRESENTATIVES TO
THE ANNUAL MEETING

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HEAR THIS, ALL GOLFERS!!!

The Hawaii Okinawan Invitational Golf Tournament will be held on May 27 and 28 (Saturday and Sunday). The Championship Flight will play their first 18 holes in the afternoon of the 27th and their second 18 holes on Sunday, with the rest of the flights. By doing this, the committee hopes to accommodate more players and especially those from the outer islands. It is hoped that women players can be accommodated on Saturday. Watch for more news of this Tournament later.

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RYUO - OKINAWAN SUMO WRESTLER

Participating in the recent 442nd sponsored Sumo Tournament was Ryuo, (Takemitsu Shima) the first Okinawan sumo wrestler.

The UOAH and local Okinawan community hosted an aloha banquet at Flamingo Chuckwagon on Feb. 1st. Approximately 200 well wishers and fans attended.

Ryuo was presented with an inscribed koa bowl from the UOA and from the general patronaged monetary gift, a custom of the sumo world. The Deigo Minyo Club members provided entertainment.

Local Okinawans are already forming a Fan Club for Ryuo. The UOA and all Okinawans in Hawaii wish Ryuo much success in the Sumo World. Ganbare, Ryuo!!!

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1972 INSTALLATION BANQUET

Chairman Reynold Teruya announced that the 1972 Installation Banquet will be held on April 14, at the Flamingo Chuckwagon. No host cocktails will begin at 6:00 p.m. and dinner will be served at 7:00 p.m. Cost will be $6.00 per person. Each sonjin kai will be asked to sell tickets.

A fine program is in the planning. Please circle APRIL 14 on your calendar right now so you will remember to come out and give support to our incoming officers!!

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ELEVEN HONORED AT '71 BONENKAI

Eleven islanders of Okinawan ancestry received special recognition for their achievements in the community at the 1971 Bonenkai on Dec. 11. The annual year-end banquet, chaired by George Kaneshiro, was held at Kanraku Tea House.

Those honored by the UOAH were:

Ryokin Toyohira, retired after 50 years with the Hawaii Times, 20 years as editor; Dr. Yoshio Yamashiro, veterinarian, retired after serving in U.S. agricultural aid programs in Taiwan, Laos and Okinawa; Ralph Shimabukuro, for adult Boy Scout work. He is a winner of Scouting's Silver Beaver Medal; Dennis Arakaki, member of the State Commission on Children and Youth and delegate to the White House Conference on Children; Dr. Phillip Ige, deputy superintendent of education; Dr. Albert Miyasato, Honolulu district school superintendent; Jimmy Izu, Windward Oahu district school superintendent; Edward Tonaki, teacher of the year; Lloyd Nakama, United Okinawan golf champion; Merl Miyashiro, Farrington High School football all-star; Lloyd Shimabuku, Kalani High School football all-star.

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ON THE GOLDEN TEE

The UOA Golf Tournament was held on February 21, 1972 at the Olomana Golf Links. There were 142 golfers participating in this first tournament of 1972. The 19th hole at Olomana Inn was managed by Larry Nakama. After a sumptuous luncheon, the awards were presented to the top winners. Dr. Thomas Oshiro won President Neal Goya's Trophy for Overall. Those receiving Olomana Trophies were: Warren Tamashiro, A Flight; Tommy Toma, B Flight; Richard Akamine, C Flight; Glenn Morikawa, D Flight. Twenty six dozen balls were distributed up to 16 places.

Henry Uyeshiro served as the chairman for the hard working committee. Mahalo to Henry and all his members!!!

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PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

It was recently announced that Dr. Masanori Higa, an associate professor of English as a Second Language at the University of Hawaii, now will serve also as an associate researcher in the East-West Culture Learning Institute.

Dr. Higa, who came to the University of Hawaii in 1969 after four years as an associate professor at Kwansei Gakuin University in Japan, was a guest speaker at the UOAH's 1969 College Graduate Testimonial Banquet.

He will also hold a joint appointment as associate professor with the University's Pacific and Asian Linguistics Institute.

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STATE SENATE RESOLUTION

A certified copy of Senate Resolution No. 35, which was adopted by the Senate of the 6th Legislature of the State of Hawaii, was received by Neal Goya, president of UOAH.

The Resolution extends best wishes to the people of Okinawa on the restoration of the Ryukyu Islands to the Japanese governement.

Copies of this resolution were transmitted to President Nixon, Prime Minister Sato, the U.S. Army Civil Administration of the Ryukyu Islands, and to the elected representatives of the people of the Ryukyus.

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TRAVEL NEWS

A 26-days Orient Tour is being planned for Yomitan Club members. Relatives and friends are also welcome.

The tour group will leave Oct. 1, 1972 on Japan Airlines to Japan, Hong Kong, Taipei and Okinawa.

For further information, call Sam Takushi at the Makiki Branch of American Security Bank or Hiroshi Okuhara at 734-6831.

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