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HUOA Virtual Okinawan Festival - *Live from Hawaii* Stay home and turn on your computer!

The COVID-19 pandemic has challenged all of us to find new ways to stay connected. The Hawaii United Okinawa Association (HUOA) will strive to bring you all the excitement of an in-person Okinawan Festival from the comfort of your home. For the first time in 38 years, you can enjoy a front-row seat to all of the singing, dancing, speeches, and interviews from anywhere around the world! We encourage you to cook your favorite Okinawan dish or order take-out from your favorite Okinawan-owned restaurant and enjoy the best that our culture has to offer.



VIRTUAL OKINAWAN FESTIVAL

(All times are Hawaii Standard Time)

September 4, Friday, 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

120th Anniversary of Okinawan Immigration Webinar

(See page 4 for more info)

Free to participate—

Register online at:

<https://bit.ly/HUOAwebinar> or send an email to info@huoa.org

September 5, Saturday, 2:00 pm - 5:00 pm

LIVE SHOW: Watch us live at www.okinawanfestival.com

(See pages 8-9 for a more detailed schedule of Saturday and Sunday entertainment.)

Grab your favorite dish from an Okinawan-owned local restaurant and join us again at 7:00 PM.

Virtual Bon Dance: 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

September 6, Sunday, 2:00 pm - 5:00 pm

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President's Message

By Lynn Miyahira



CELEBRATING 120 YEARS OF UCHINANCHU IN HAWAII
HAWAII UNITED OKINAWA ASSOCIATION

On September 4-7, 2020, we are excited to bring you HUAO's first-ever Virtual Okinawan Festival. As we shift to more virtual events, we are learning new ways to connect with our community and finding new skills among our volunteers. We have found more video editors, sound technicians, web developers and graphic designers. We are learning new skills – like using live streaming platforms, digital sound mixers, and online marketplaces – and we are teaching each other along the way. The Virtual Okinawan Festival will be a major step toward a new era that will help us reach people in ways we didn't think were possible before.

Although the Coronavirus pandemic continues to change our

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lives every day, the silver lining is that we are upgrading our capacity to reach a new generation of *Uchinanchu* – both here in Hawaii and all over the world. We will come out of this pandemic more digitally equipped to take on future projects that will make the HUAO stronger and more sustainable into the future.

The Virtual Okinawan Festival will be a testament to the resilience and adaptability of our community. You can expect music, dance, *taiko*, *karate*, *eisa* and much more by our local Okinawan performing arts groups. We'll also have special guests Jake Shimabukuro and Chef Roy Yamaguchi share their talents with us. You'll also see special performances from

Okinawan guest artists Daiichi Hirata, Mamoru Miyagi, Alberto Shiroma from the Diamantes, and Udui Haru & Requios. It will surely be something you won't want to miss!

I also want to thank our individual donors and sponsors for supporting us during these difficult times. In the midst of this economic downturn, it says volumes for people to come forward and donate to causes and organizations they feel are worthy. Mahalo to all the individuals, families and clubs who donated everything from \$5 to \$5,000 to support the HUAO and our virtual programming. A big mahalo to our Virtual Okinawan Festival sponsors Central Pacific Bank Foundation, the Hawaii Tourism Authority, Island Insurance, Rainbow Drive-In, 50th State Poultry, JTB Hawaii and Zippy's for stepping up to support us during these uncertain times.

As we continue to adapt to the ever-changing COVID-19 pandemic, please make sure to take care of each other during these tough times. We are all in uncharted territory and I'm sure people are getting weary of the ongoing uncertainty. While chatting with Allison Arakawa for the 15th episode of our weekly Yuntaku Live show, we talked about the song "*Hole Hole Bushi*" and how the song's lyrics conveyed the feelings of the plantation workers during those challenging times. The verse that resonated with me was:

*It's starting to rain,
The wash is getting wet,
The child is crying upon the mother's back,
And the rice just burnt.*

I think many of us understand the weariness and exhaustion conveyed in this verse. As the pandemic continues to turn our daily lives upside down, let's gather strength from our ancestors who endured so much to give us the lives we have today.

Please continue to wear masks in public, practice social distancing, and keep each other safe. We are all in this together! *Tagee ni chibarayaa!*



UCHINANCHU

Ippee Nifee Deebiru... Mahalo!

Uchinanchu is our voice — the voice of the Hawaii United Okinawa Association, its members, and the “home” we all built together, the Hawaii Okinawa Center. By sharing information and experiences, *Uchinanchu* keeps us connected as a family, dedicated to preserving, sharing and perpetuating our Okinawan cultural heritage.

Every dollar donated — along with the valuable income from advertising - helps offset the cost of publishing *Uchinanchu*. HUAO sends a sincere *ippee nifee deebiru* to the following donors. Mahalo for keeping *Uchinanchu* alive and thriving.

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2020 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

The year at a glance!

Events are subject to change.

- Sep 4, 5, & 6 Virtual Okinawan Experience
- Oct 29 Uchinanchu no Hi Celebration, HOC (TBD)
- Nov 28-29 Winter Craft Fair, HOC (TBD)
- Dec 9 An Evening in Waipio Craft Fair, HOC (TBD)

Yuntaku Live! Every Tuesday at 7 pm HST on Facebook and YouTube
 Check HUAO website - www.huoa.org for more information.

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HAWAII UNITED OKINAWA ASSOCIATION

120th Anniversary of Okinawan Immigration Webinar

Friday, September 4, 2020

5:00pm – 7:00pm (Hawaii Standard Time)

In commemoration of the 120th Anniversary of Okinawan Immigration, the Hawaii United Okinawa Association is proud to partner with the University of Hawaii at Manoa Center for Okinawan Studies to present an educational symposium webinar about Okinawan immigration.

The first group of Okinawan migrants left Okinawa in 1899 and arrived in Hawaii in 1900. But the socio-political-economic forces that led to immigration began decades earlier. Learn about the conditions that led to immigration to Hawaii and beyond. Presentations will be made in English and Japanese (English subtitled).

Speakers:

Masato Ishida, PhD, University of Hawaii at Manoa
Masafumi Honda, PhD, University of Hawaii at Hilo

Special Guest Lecturer:

Munehiro Machida, former Director of the Center for Okinawa Migration Studies, University of the Ryukyus

Commentators:

Wesley Ueunten, PhD, San Francisco State University
Takahiro Nakajima, PhD, University of Tokyo

Free to participate. Register online at: <https://bit.ly/HUOAw Webinar> or send an email to info@huoa.org

2020 Census – It's Not Too Late to Respond

As of August 12, 2020, Hawaii had a 60.2 percent self-response rate for the 2020 Census, as compared to the national response rate of 63.4 percent. The U.S. Census Bureau has begun its final stage in collecting responses by sending census takers door to door to follow up with households that have yet to respond.

Census takers have been trained on COVID-19 social distancing and safety protocols, will follow local public health guidelines, and will be required to wear a face mask when conducting follow-up visits.

If a census taker who visits your home does not speak your language, you may request a visit from a census taker who does speak your language. If no one is home when the census taker visits, the census taker will leave a notice of the attempted visit. In addition, census takers may try to reach the household by phone to obtain responses.

Remember, responding to the 2020 Census will provide information that assists the government in making important funding decisions for services and resources in your community. When completing the questionnaire, you will be asked questions pertaining to race. To self-identify, select "Other Asian" and write in "Okinawan." Self-identification will help us count the number of Uchinanchu in Hawaii.

How can I complete the 2020 Census?

1. Online, visit www.my2020census.gov,
2. By mail – return the completed questionnaire in the envelope provided,
3. By phone - for English call: 844-330-2020, for Japanese call: 844-460-2020, or
4. In person – during a door to door follow-up visit by a Census Taker

How Can You Verify That Someone is a Census Taker?

- If someone visits your home to collect information for the 2020 Census, make sure they have a valid ID badge with their photograph, a U.S. Department of Commerce watermark and an expiration date.
- Census takers may also carry Census Bureau bags and other equipment with the Census Bureau logo.
- A census taker will NEVER ask for your social security number, your bank account or credit card numbers, or for money or donations.
- If you still have questions about their identity, you can call 844-330-2020 to speak with a Census Bureau representative.

For more information, visit www.hawaiicounts.org or www.2020census.gov



Fresh Andagi to Go: Going, Going... Gone!

By Patrick Miyashiro

HUOA's first *andagi* presale drive-thru fundraiser was held on July 19 at the Hawaii Okinawa Center. It was a huge success, as close to 720 dozen sold out in just three days of online sales.



As head of the organizing committee, I faced the challenge of getting volunteers together and assigning responsibilities. This was not an easy task, as COVID-19 preventive measures forced changes in planning and limited the number of people who could work in each area. Limiting the number of volunteers and *andagi* cooking stations was crucial, as it determined the number of pieces we could sell. We set 8,000 as our target figure. Although it was only



a small fraction of the 96,000 made for the traditional festival, it was a challenge to get it right in that short time.

On Saturday, July 18, David Nakasone and his team got together to put up tents and water lines. On Sunday morning, volunteers from various clubs gathered to mix the batter, "drop" *andagi*, and bag them.

They were greeted by the hospitality team, who took their temperatures and offered a good breakfast and lunch to go. Volunteers wore face masks and head covers at all times, while practicing two feet distance whenever possible. Kent Billings dusted off and upgraded his "andagi cart," which had been kept in



storage since the last Okinawan Festival at Kapiolani Park.

Customers also wore face masks as they entered the parking lot and picked up their bags of *andagi* without leaving their cars. They were greeted by HUOA President Lynn Miyahira, who stated, "It was our first time selling *andagi* online and setting up a drive-thru pick-up, but it all went smoothly. The customers seemed happy!"

A BIG IPPEI NIFEE DEBIRU, THANK YOU, MAHALO to all the volunteers that made this event a success and to all of you who supported our first *andagi* presale drive-thru fundraiser.



Executive Director's Message

By Jon Itomura

“We must all endure a new normal, but we will succeed because we are and will always be an amazing family.”

Haisai Gusuyo Chuuganabira

What an amazing year! A little over six months ago, we were anticipating celebrating our 120th Anniversary of Okinawan Immigration, the 30th Anniversary of the Hawaii Okinawa Center, the 60th Anniversary of the Sister City agreement between Honolulu and Naha, the 35th Anniversary of the Sister State agreement between Hawaii and Okinawa, and the 30th Anniversary of the Hawaii Okinawa Student Exchange Program. COVID-19 continues to impact our lives BUT we are still eagerly looking forward to acknowledging our heritage, our *Chimugukuru* (Okinawan Spirit), and our anniversaries!

We have had an “amazing” 18 weeks of “Yuntaku Live” fun and education! It has been a wonderful journey learning about so many talented Okinawa cultural performers. HUOA President Lynn Miyahira and Vice-President David Jones have done a terrific job bringing Okinawan music, memories, and an in-depth look behind our talented *senseis* and their students right into your homes! We look forward to the opportunity to present more entertainment in addition to more education on important elements of our heritage and culture, including language, food and history. A special *Nifwee Deebiru* to Chris Iwamura for all his contributions of time, effort and high-tech equipment that have been invaluable to producing Yuntaku Live.

Due to health and safety concerns, the Hawaii Okinawa Center was not able to reopen back on July 1 and will remain closed to the public until September 30, 2020. The indiscriminate impacts of this pandemic continue to raise challenges for HUOA as more of our anticipated revenue events may need to be cancelled later in 2020. However, what an “amazing” *andagi* pop-up drive through event on July 19. During our online pre-sale, we sold out over 800 dozen *andagi*! We are already planning several more drive through Okinawan pop-ups – dates are to be determined and are subject to COVID-19 restrictions.

As always, a sincere and warm Mahalo for my “amazing” HOC staff and all the volunteers who continually give their time and effort to sustain

the Hawaii Okinawa Center. I, once again, respectfully and humbly call upon HUOA supporters and friends to visit our website and consider the opportunities to contribute to the HUOA Annual Legacy Fund drive. Your support will help us work through the challenges that we will be facing in the coming months.

This weekend, you will all be able to join us in taking a step back in time as well as looking towards the future as we present our “amazing” Virtual Okinawan Festival Live from Hawaii to the *shimanchu* network throughout the world! Truly a reflection of *Ichaariba Choode!* (“Once we meet and talk, we are family”). We may be universally restricted by the pandemic, but Okinawan music, food and *yuntaku* (“informal talk story”) will be available at your fingertips. We warmly welcome you to join us in keeping our spirits up and our familial bonds strong.

Ippee Nihwee Deebiru for your continued support to enable HUOA to continue to preserve, perpetuate and promote the *Uchinanchu* community here in Hawaii. We must all endure a new normal, but we will succeed because we are and will always be an “Amazing FAMILY.” Please keep yourselves and your family safe. *Chibarayaa!* (Together we will not give up!) 

HUOA Kariyushi Hour with Umichiru

Tune in to KZOO Radio (AM 1210) every Sunday from 4-6pm for Okinawan music, up-to-date news from Okinawa, and upcoming community events. The “HUOA Kariyushi Hour” starts at 4pm and features a great selection of both Okinawan classics and O-Pop, as well as special guests.



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Ikuyu Madin

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The Hawaii United Okinawa Association would like to acknowledge the following individuals, families, organizations and companies who have donated or pledged to our campaign. Since our last report, we received \$3,900. We are humbled by the support and the confidence you have displayed through your generous donations.

The Hawaii Okinawa Plaza will be our testament to the future of Okinawan culture in Hawaii. *Magukuru Kara Ipee Nifee Deebiru.* From our hearts, thank you very much.

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Due to the unprecedented impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, all of our HUOA fundraising events for the first three quarters of this year have been canceled or postponed. HUOA, like so many others in our community, will be facing many difficult decisions in the immediate future. Your contributions are appreciated and will be needed to enable HUOA to maintain our home – the Hawaii Okinawa Center – and continue to preserve, perpetuate and promote our heritage here in Hawaii. We are deeply grateful for your generosity and the confidence you have shown in us during this difficult time.

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During September, make a donation to HUOA at any Foodland or Sack N Save check-out, and Foodland and the Western Union Foundation will make a donation to our organization, too!

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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2:00 P.M. - 5:00 P.M.

2:00 p.m. (HST) **Welcome**
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 Geino Performances:
 Ryukyu Sokyoku Koyo Kai Hawaii Shibu
 Ryukyu Koten Ongaku Nomura Ryu Ongaku Kyokai Hawaii Shibu
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 120th Anniversary of Uchinanchu in Hawaii
 Performances:
 Hawaii Taiko Kai
 Paranku Clubs of Hawaii

3:00 p.m. (HST) **Performances:**
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Performances:
 Chinagu Eisa Hawaii
 Special Performance - Jake Shimabukuro
 Cooking Demo - Chef Roy Yamaguchi
Performances:
 Hawaii Okinawa Creative Arts
 We Are HUOA Feature
 Hawaii-Okinawa High School Student Exchange
Performances:
 Hooge Ryu Hana Nuuzi No Kai Nakasone Dance Academy
 Ryusei Honryu Ryuko Kai

4:00 p.m. (HST) **Performances:**
 Special Performance - Udui Haru & Lequios
 Azama Akemi Ryubu Kenkyujo Hawaii Shibu &
 Nomura Ryu Dento Ongaku Kyokai Hawaii
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 We Are HUOA Club Feature
Performances:
 Ryukyu Koten Afuso Ryu Ongaku Kenkyuu Choichi Kai Hawaii
 Special Performance - Daiichi Hirata

5:00 p.m. (HST) **End of Day 1 Program**
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7:00 PM (HST) VIRTUAL OKINAWAN FESTIVAL BON DANCE
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 Hawaii Shin Kobukai
 Iwakuni Odori Aiko Kai
 Hawaii Eisa Shinyuu Kai

8:00 PM (HST) END OF VIRTUAL BON DANCE

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2:00 P.M. - 5:00 P.M.

2:00 p.m. (HST) **Welcome**
 Greetings from Special Guests
Performances:
 Kilauea Okinawa Dance Club
 Hawaii Okinawa Shorin-Ryu/Shinden-Ryu Karate Association
 We Are HUOA Club Feature
 Hawaii Okinawa Center 30th Anniversary

3:00 p.m. (HST) **Performances:**
 Brandon Ing & Yuttai Kwattai
 HUOA Ichigo Ichi E Class
 Allison Arakawa
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 Special Performance - Mamoru Miyagi
Performances:
 Yui Buyo Suishin Kyogi Kai Hawaii Shibu
 Jimpu Kai USA Kin Ryosho Ryukyu Geino
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 Warabi Ashibi - Children's Day Camp

4:00 p.m. (HST) **Performances:**
 Nidaime Teishin Kai Hawaii Shibu & HUOA
 Sanshin Class
 Tamagusuku Ryu Senju Kai - Frances
 Nakachi Ryubu Dojo
 Okinawa Minyo Kyokai Hawaii & Urizun
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 Special Performance - Alberto Shiroma
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5:00 p.m. (HST) **Closing Remarks**
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Dr. Allison Tran is a first generation Vietnamese-Chinese American born in Saigon, Vietnam. She and her family immigrated to the United States when she was 5 years old. She was raised in Wichita, Kansas, alongside her five brothers. It was an essentially traditional Midwest upbringing.

Dr. Tran graduated from the University of Kansas with a Bachelor's degree in Biology and decided to work as a dental assistant for a large dental practice in Kansas City, Missouri. One of the dentists in the practice mentored her and encouraged her to apply to dental school. She was accepted into the University of Missouri-Kansas City, School of Dentistry, and eventually graduated with a Doctor of Dental Surgery degree in 2004. She spent the next few years working in a national health services dental clinic and teaching at the dental school.



Dr. Tran's interests became more focused on the specialty of periodontics. In 2006, she was accepted into the Graduate Program in Periodontics at her dental school. She graduated in December 2008.

People wonder how Dr. Tran moved from Kansas to Hawaii. She met her husband, Brandon Yokota, a local Oahu boy and third generation Japanese American, in dental school. They married in 2006 while she was in her periodontal residency. They had to decide between her hometown or her husband's to build a dental practice. With the island lifestyle, family, and mild weather, it was an easy choice.

Besides working in her Waipio office, Dr. Tran volunteers her time teaching at the Queen's Medical Center dental residency program. She is an active member of the Terry Tanaka Study Club, Honolulu County Dental Society, Hawaii Dental Association, American Dental Association, and American Academy of Periodontology. She is Board-certified in Periodontics.

The specialty of periodontics addresses the prevention, diagnosis, and

treatment of gum disease, the placement and treatment of dental implants, and cosmetic gum procedures. They are specialists in oral inflammation treatment and the connection to a patient's systemic health. There is evidence to show close relationships of multiple systemic diseases – such as diabetes and cardiovascular disease – and periodontal disease.

Dr. Tran provides compassionate care in a state-of-the-art dental practice. The office is open Monday-Wednesday and Friday from 8:30 am to 5 pm by appointment. Potential patients can call for an appointment or be referred by their general dentist.

During this COVID-19 pandemic, all precautions are being taken for the safety of the patients, with pre-screening questionnaires, temperature checks, office air purifier, and the use of full, personal protective equipment. HUAO members will be offered free implant consultations until the end of September 2020. You can call 808-744-0288 to schedule a visit. 🏠

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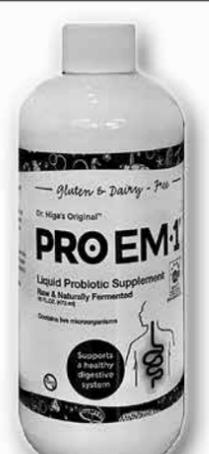
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**Hui Makaala
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Yuimaaru is Needed NOW

By Shari Y. Tamashiro

Yuimaaru or “Communities supporting one another, especially in times of need” is a core value of our Okinawan community. It is sorely needed now. This is a personal plea I am making. I have been worried a lot about how our local businesses are being affected by the pandemic and how much they need our kokua.

I know there are a myriad of places that desperately need help, but I want to go to bat for our local Hawaii Okinawan restaurants and businesses, especially Hide-Chan, Sunrise, and Utage. Please consider supporting these small, family owned and run restaurants that provide us with wonderful Okinawan homestyle cooking! All of them have said there are days that are very slow. They will need our help in the long run to survive. In addition to helping out by doing regular take out, purchasing Gift Certificates is a great way to support. Here's a breakdown:



Hide-Chan Restaurant. Will not re-open for dine-in yet but will continue to offer take out. Hours of Operation are Tuesday to Saturday, 11 am to 4:30 pm. Last call 4:15 pm. Call 942-7900 to order. Cash only. Only one customer will be allowed in the restaurant at a time to pick up. Their regular menu is available, but they are currently not offering sashimi. Popular take out dishes are Goya Champuru, Ahi Garlic Butter, and Pigs Feet Soup. Gift Certificates available for purchase.

Sunrise Restaurant. Will not re-open for dine-in yet but will continue to offer take out. Hours of Operation are M-F, 11 am to 8 pm (last call 7:30 pm), Saturday 1 pm to 8 pm.

Call 737-4118 to order. Park in front and Tomoko will come out to take payment and deliver your order. Gift Certificates available for purchase. Sunrise is offering a Sushi Platter priced at \$40 (normally \$50) as a special service to help their customers thru this difficult time. Order a day in advance. Note: You can also order the sushi on Sunday. Photos and their take out menu are posted on their Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/SunriseHawaii>



Utage Restaurant. Dine in and take out being offered. Hours of Operation:

Monday to Saturday, 10 am to 7 pm. Last order at 6:45 pm. Call 843-8109 to order. They have ample parking. You can request that they bring out the bill and your order to your car. On Fridays, they make andagi! Popular take out dishes are Nori wrapped Ahi Tempura, Salmon Ponzu, Eggplant with Shoyu Pork, Oxtail and Pigs Feet Soup. View their regular menu at their website: <https://utagehawaii.com/> and daily specials on their Instagram page: <https://www.instagram.com/utagehawaii/>



Okinawan Owned Businesses

There are a number of other businesses that can use our kokua. This is not a complete list, it is based on who I could get information from. If you know of other Okinawan owned businesses, please email me at pigs-fromthesea@gmail.com and I can do follow up posts on social media.

Aloha Tofu Factory. You can purchase soft tofu, firm tofu, aburage, yakidofu, freshly made soy milk, natto, okara, and freshly made yudofu (super soft tofu) direct from the factory at 961 Akepo Lane. Hours are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, and Sunday from 7 am to Noon. Wednesday and Saturday from 7 am to 11 am. Face masks are required. Call 845-2669 to place your order in advance so it is ready for you. Bring an umbrella for shade in case there is a line. Tip: Check out their Ohana Shoyu which is specifically for tofu! <http://www.aloha-tofu.com/>

Higa Food Service. To help families out during this crisis, they are currently selling smaller portions of meat. They have ground beef, ribeye steak, oxtail, ground pork, pork butt, pork belly, bacon, and much more. Hours are Monday to Friday, 7 am to 3 pm. Call 531-3591 to place an order and pick up at 225 North Nimitz. Tip: Order a day in advance so they can cut the meat that morning. You can place orders online at: <https://higa-food-service.myshopify.com/>

Okuhara Foods. Okuhara kamaboko can be found at grocery stores but you can also purchase items directly from them. Hours are M-F (6 am to 4 pm) and Sat (7 am to Noon). They make gobo tempura and vegetable tempura every Tuesday. Tip: If you call in an order (848-0581) on Monday, you can go to their factory at 881 N. King Street and get a 5 lb bag of freshly made gobo or veggie fishcake on Tuesday for \$20 (plus tax) between 10 am and 4 pm. These are seriously good! Okuhara is also selling miso butterfish. <https://www.okuharafoods.com/>

Tamashiro Market. Open for business. Hours are Monday to Wednesday (8 am to 9 am for Kupuna, 9 am to 6 pm for general public), Thursday to Saturday (8 am to 6 pm), Sunday (8 am to 4 pm). Park at the church lot across the street. Call 841-8047 for more information. <https://tamashiro-market.com/>

Other Okinawan Owned Restaurants to Support



ETHEL'S GRILL is open for take out, cash only. Hours are Tuesday to Saturday, 8 am to 2 pm (1:45 pm last call). Call 847-6467 to order. Regular menu available with specials posted on Instagram. https://www.instagram.com/ethelsgrill_kalihi

RAINBOW DRIVE-IN is offering take out. More info at <https://rainbow-drivein.com/>

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HANK'S HAUTE DOGS is doing take out. More info at <http://www.hankshautedogs.com/>

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GYOTAKU will open for dine-in and take out. More info at: <https://gyotaku-hawaii.com/>

Their new venture, **KOROMO** at Pearlridge, is offering take out. More info at: <https://koromo-hawaii.com/>



SAKANA GRILL is open for take out. Call 531-5988 for more info. **TATSUO'S** is open. Call 841-2044 or visit <http://www.tatsuohawaii.com/> for more info. **MR. OJISAN** is open for take out. They are now selling okazuya food from 10 am to 1:30 pm! Call 735-4455 for more info.

It is too late for us to help Likelike Drive Inn, which permanently closed their doors on April 30 after almost 70 years in business, but we can hopefully help other family businesses stay afloat during this difficult time.

Kame Kame (Eat Eat)! 🍣

2020 MOKK Scholarship Recipients

Each year, the Maui Okinawa Kenjin Kai (MOKK) awards scholarships to outstanding high school graduates from Maui. This year, two recipients each received a \$1,000 scholarship from MOKK. This program has awarded more than \$70,000 since 1977, assisting students who are members of MOKK or are of Okinawan ancestry. The scholarship recognizes academic achievement, school and community activities, financial need, and connection with Okinawa. This year's recipients are Sarah Fusato and Jayda Cortez.



Sarah Fusato is a graduate of King Kekaulike High School. She is the daughter of Dr. Ryan and Kara Fusato. She will be attending the University of Hawaii at Manoa as a Regents Scholar with plans to enroll in the Shindler College of Business, while also continuing to learn Japanese.

Sarah is one-half Okinawan on her father's side. Her grandfather, Roy Fusato, is a past president of the Maui Okinawa Kenjin Kai from 1992 to 1994. Sarah has participated in the MOKK Children's Camp and, most recently, she also served as a junior camp leader. Sarah learned Okinawan dance with The Maui Bunka Club and with Jimpu Kai USA. She has performed Okinawan dance

at the Maui Matsuri. In 2018, Sarah participated in the Miyakojima Student Exchange Program and has also hosted students from Miyakojima at her home.

Sarah was her school National Honor Society President and Student Government Vice President. She also participated in her school STEM Club, soccer and judo teams. She is also a member of the Makawao Hongwanji Judo Club.

Jayda Cortez is a graduate of Baldwin High School. She is the daughter of Joel and Danise Cortez. She will be attending Chapman University as a Presidential Scholar with plans to study health sciences.

Jayda's great-great-grandparents on her mother's side are first generation Okinawans

that immigrated to the Big Island of Hawaii. Her mom, Danise (formerly Miyasato), was also a MOKK Scholarship recipient when she graduated from high school. Like mother, like daughter!

Jayda remembers going to many Okinawan festivals and also watching her grandmother play and perform *paranku*. She remembers learning some of the dance steps and drumming patterns.

Jayda was the Student Body President and a member of Key and Interact Clubs and the National Honor Society. She was also a member of Judy's Gang, doing tap and jazz dancing

Congratulations Sarah and Jayda!

Special Congratulations

A special congratulations goes out to Angela Mu. Angela is a graduate of Baldwin High School. She is the daughter of Yeong Woei and Jessica Mu. Angela will be attending the University of Hawaii at Manoa, with plans to major in secondary education.

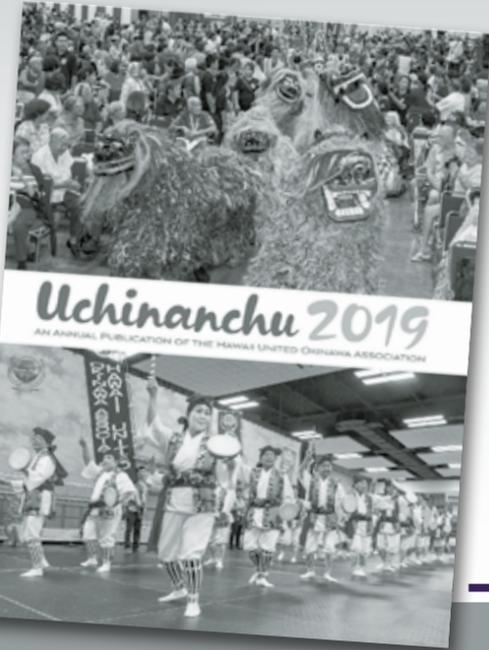
Angela had applied for the Maui Okinawa Kenjin Kai scholarship this year and was ranked a close third in the judging results. Unfortunately, we awarded only two scholarships this year. One of our MOKK members and scholarship committee judge was so impressed by Angela's accomplishments that this judge decided to donate \$500 to our MOKK scholarship fund, earmarking the award to Angela. This judge also requested to remain anonymous.

Angela's Okinawa connection began a few years back, when she volunteered to help with the Maui Okinawa Festival with the Baldwin High School Manga-Anime Gaming Club. She enjoyed trying Okinawan food, like pig feet soup and *andagi* at the festival for the first time. She also began *sanshin* classes and was able to perform at the 2019 MOKK Okinawa Festival. She also performed the dragon dance at the Paia Rinzai Zen Obon. Angela hopes to continue to volunteer and participate in Okinawan events in the future.

Congratulations Angela and a special *Ippei Nihei Debiru* (thank you) to our anonymous donor! 🍀



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Frances Nakachi Kuba Installed as UJSH President

Aloha and Haitai,

I am honored and humbled to serve as President of the United Japanese Society of Hawaii (UJSH). UJSH is made up of various *kenjinkai* or prefectural organizations, religious, cultural and community organizations.

Key role models that I look up to like David Arakawa, Cyrus Tamashiro and Norman Nakasone have inspired me to join. Some of you may know me as an Okinawan dance *sensei*, and I am also a proud member of HUOA. Being a cultural practitioner, I appreciated the different traditions and cultures of many prefectural groups. Diverse organizations working together and respecting each other's traditions are truly an enriching experience. Members are dynamic leaders dedicated to creating harmonious unity in the spirit of WA (和) which stands for Unity, Harmony, Togetherness and Peace.



This year marks the 62nd year of the UJSH. It is a challenging time for everyone due to COVID-19. However,

we are finding creative solutions to keep our traditions alive. My theme for the year is *Kai Ka*, 開花, which translates to "blossoming flower." For me, *Kai Ka* also means to "Live strong, never be defeated and inspire hope." Now more than ever we need to live strong and lift our spirits.

Like many organizations, events and meetings are shifting to online format. In June, we had our first virtual swearing-in ceremony via Zoom. Although we were not able to have an installation like we normally have, the



new virtual experience united all of us together. And, of course, we enjoyed *karii* and a beverage in the comfort of our homes.

On July 1, we had a Passing of the Gavel ceremony to officially record the succession from Rev. Akihiro Okada to myself at the Japanese Cultural Center of Hawaii in the Okage Sama De Historical Gallery. It was a very special and meaningful place to hold the ceremony in front of the pioneers who fought to protect our freedom and enabled us to live with pride. Truly, *Okage Sama De* or *Ukaji Deebiru*, I am what I am because of you.

Due to the social distancing guidelines, we reached out to a few immediate UJSH board members, advisors and Senju Kai Hawaii students for the



Passing of the Gavel ceremony. Consul General Ito gave a warm congratulatory message and David Arakawa who introduced me to UJSH, did the warm *Karii*. We were also honored to have Consul General Ito and Mrs. Ito visit the Senju Kai Hawaii *dojo* as we continued to celebrate with our favorite Okinawan music and dance.

Culture and arts are my passions, and I am deeply grateful that I have the opportunity to learn and work with many organizations. My commitment is to continue to honor the past by preserving our precious culture and traditions, creating opportunities for young leaders to share this journey and making positive changes in our communities together. I look forward to



working with everyone. *Yutasarugutu Unigee sabira, yoroshiku onegaishimasu. Kariyushi,* With much gratitude and happiness,
Frances Nakachi Kuba, 2020-2021 UJSH President

Okinawan Proverb

Chosen by Brandon Ufugusuku Ing

Yuu ya shititin, mii ya shitin-na

English:

No matter how bad the world gets, be sure to care of yourself.

Source: *Kugani Kutuba. Uchinanchu ga tsutaeru kotowaza 200 hen.*
Edited by Yuko Nakamura, Published by Ryukyu Shimpo.

Uchinaa-guchi

(Okinawan language)

Word of the Month

August

Yuu, n. A generation; the world; society; life; existence.

September

Shitin, vt. To discard; cast aside; throw away; abandon.

(Excerpted, with permission, from the Okinawan-English Wordbook, by Mitsugu Sakihara, edited by Stewart Curry, University of Hawaii Press, Honolulu, 2006)

HUOA SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

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"HAWAII OKINAWA TODAY" SCHEDULE

Important notes for September-October calendar entries:

- Any event not already cancelled or postponed will be subject to change given the unforeseen actions that may be taken by the State and County. These include entries marked "TBD."
- All 2020 EC and BOD meetings will be conducted on ZOOM video conference until further notice.

September 2020

- 9/4-9/6 Virtual Okinawan Festival
- 9/9 Executive Council Meeting-ZOOM Video Conference, 7pm
- 9/19 Autumn Okinawan Dance Matsuri, HOC, Cancelled
- 9/23 Board of Directors Meeting-ZOOM Vide Conference, 7pm

October 2020

- 10/14 Executive Council Meeting-ZOOM Video Conference, 7pm

IMPORTANT: All entries listed below continue to be on hold until further notice.

Classes • Other Meetings at Hawaii Okinawa Center

- HUOA Sanshin
- Ichi Go Ichi E
- Ikebana
- Karaoke nite
- Monday Crafters
- Okinawan Genealogical Society mtgs
- Uchinaaguchi

Subject to Change (entries as of 8/7/20)

New HOT episodes premiere on the first and third Saturday of the month at 7 pm and repeat the following Thursday at 5 pm on 'Olelo Community Media Channel NATV 53. No Hawaii Okinawa Today (HOT) show is aired on the fifth Thursday of a month. All of our shows are submitted in high definition (HD) format. 'Olelo currently offers HD programming on Hawaiian Telcom channels 1049 and 1053.

All 'Olelo shows are streamed on the Internet at www.olelo.org. Our latest shows are available on-demand on the same 'Olelo website at: What's on; OleloNet Video On demand; then search for keyword "Okinawa". The HUOA website www.huoa.org has links to the site.

This TV schedule is also available on the HUOA website, which will be updated should any changes occur.

Sep 5, Sat 7 pm, Sep 10 & 17 Thurs 5 pm - Show Two of Hui Makaala's 50th Annual Scholarship Fund Luncheon and Fashion Show. The event was held on July 21, 2019 at the Hilton Hawaiian Village Coral Ballroom. Show Two features Okinawan performances by Hooge Ryu Hana Nuuzi no Kai, Ryukyukoku Matsuri Daiko Hawaii, and Marion Arakaki and Dazzman Toguchi in a rendition of 'Mihai Yu.' This episode also features the fashions of Yokang and Kanna Yamauchi.

Sep 19, Sat 7 pm, Sep 24 & Oct 1 Thurs 5 pm - Show One of Ginoza Village's "Geinou Kouryu Kouen (Yui)," a benefit dinner concert for HUOA in celebration of the 70th Anniversary founding of the Hawaii Ginoza Sonjin Kai held Nov 29, 2018 at the Hawaii Okinawa Center. The concert features traditional Ginoza Village dances by performers from Okinawa and Hawaii.

Oct 3, Sat 7 pm, Oct 8 & 15 Thurs 5 pm - 2019 Okinawan Festival (Show Seven) held at the Hawaii Convention Center on Labor Day weekend (Aug 31 & Sept 1). This episode features (1) Kilauea Okinawa Dance Club, (2) Hawaii Okinawa Shorin-Ryu/Shinden-Ryu Karate Association and (3) HUOA Ichigo Ichi E Class.

Oct 17, Sat 7 pm, Oct 22 & Nov 5 Thurs 5 pm - Show Two of Ginoza Village's "Geinou Kouryu Kouen (Yui)," a benefit dinner concert for HUOA in celebration of the 70th Anniversary founding of the Hawaii Ginoza Sonjin Kai held Nov 29, 2018 at the Hawaii Okinawa Center. The concert features traditional Ginoza Village dances by performers from Okinawa and Hawaii.



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