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Haisai! Wow, this is our 39th year of the Okinawan Festival and the second year presenting it in a virtual format. The COVID-19 pandemic continues to be a challenge, yet our community finds a way to persevere and stay connected. For example, we had no clue last year what a virtual festival would look like and what to expect. The Virtual Okinawan Festival (VOF) was a huge success staying true to our theme of "Sharing Uchinanchu Aloha" to our members and reaching new audiences globally.

Now that we have one VOF under our belt, our goal this year is to reach a new broader audience and elevate the viewer experience. So, what's new? We are very happy to announce our partnership with KHON2! For the first time, the Okinawan Festival will also be presented in a one-hour special on KHON! HUOA and Festival will also be featured in various KHON programming throughout the week of the festival. We are also partnering with Shari Tamashiro and Okinawan FEASTival this year to promote local Okinawan owned and affiliated restaurants and food businesses. The 2nd Okinawan FEASTival

event runs from September 1 - 14, 2021 and features various restaurant specials and Okinawan themed menus.

We would also like to take the opportunity to say a big mahalo and *ippee nifwee deebiru* to our VOF volunteers and sponsors!

For the most up-to-date information on the Okinawan Festival event, Okinawan FEASTival, and program scheduling, please visit our festival website at www.OkinawanFestival.com.

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How do we watch? VOF will once again be broadcast via the internet on Youtube and Facebook. If you are not as familiar with these platforms, this is the perfect opportunity to reach out to your younger family members and friends to set up for you! You can tune in using your computer, your smart phone, or tablet and play it in your living room Smart TV. The easiest way is to go to www.OkinawanFestival.com and follow the steps on how to tune in!

What to expect? Staying true to our festival tradition, you can expect lots of Okinawan music, dance, club-member features, restaurant features, and Okinawa performers including Nanaironote and Okinawa Americana.

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President's Message

By Patrick Miyashiro



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Once again, *Haisai Gusuiyoo* – Hello everyone!

It's that time of the year for our Okinawan Festival. We have decided to do a modified Virtual Okinawan Festival like we did last year. It was a new experience for everyone to visualize just how we could put all the programs together and make the festival come alive on their computer screens for all to enjoy. Doing it this way made us aware that we could broadcast the event to a wider audience around the world.

Putting on a festival is a daunting task, and I would like to express my sincere appreciation to all the sponsors who have generously donated to our HUOA. Thank you so much.

We have been able to purchase new equipment to enhance our broadcasts to all of you. A great big Mahalo to all the volunteers who have dedicated their time and effort to make this event a most memorable experience for everyone to enjoy. Thank you to all the performing arts groups for showcasing the Okinawan cultural arts to everyone. It is just this spirit of *CHIMUGUKURU TIICHI* that continues to provide the energy for this wonderful experience. *ALL HEARTS UNITE AS ONE.*

Thank you to all the club volunteers who always answer the call when asked to help. Also, thank you for your continued support in purchasing *Bento, Andagi and Andadog*, as well as making donations to support our Festival. You have also supported our local restaurants during these difficult times and they truly appreciate your patronage throughout the year.

Another upcoming virtual event is the 70th Anniversary Celebration of the formation of the Hawaii United Okinawan Association. Yes, it has been 70 exciting years of thoughtful planning of cultural events pertaining to all things Okinawan. Look for and read an article about this upcoming event on page 5 in this edition of *Uchinanchu*. The event is scheduled for broadcast on September 21 at 7 p.m. We are posting an order form to select *bentos* for this event with two pick up times so that you can watch the event and enjoy your Okinawan food.

In this period of uncertain times in relation to the current increase of COVID cases, please take the time to keep your family safe and healthy. Look out for one another and remain positive that there are always good things to every story.

This is an Okinawan proverb that is dear to my heart.
"Chu nu nni akire dun nni akin."

It means: "We will open our hearts to one who opens his own."

Ippee Niffee Deebiru

2021 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

The year at a glance!

- Sep 4-5 VIRTUAL OKINAWAN FESTIVAL
- Sep 4-5 Bento Pick-up, HOC
- Sep 18 Autumn Matsuri, Cancelled
- Oct 3-14 Study Tour in Okinawa, Cancelled
- Oct 29 Uchinanchu no Hi Celebration, Virtual
- Nov 28-29 Winter Craft Fair, TBD
- Dec 8 An Evening in Waipio Craft Fair, TBD

Check HUOA website – www.huoa.org for more information.



UCHINANCHU

Ippee Niffee 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*. HUOA sends a sincere *ippée niffee deebiru* to the following donors. Mahalo for keeping *Uchinanchu* alive and thriving.

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2nd Annual Okinawan FEASTival

By Shari Tamashiro

WHAT IS OKINAWAN FEASTival? From the opening of **American Cafe** in 1923 to today, there have been over 350 Okinawan-owned restaurants in Hawaii. Most of the original restaurants have closed but there is a new generation operating today. In the spirit of *Yuimaaru* (communities supporting one another), we are asking the community (Okinawans and Okinawans-at-Heart) to help support these local Okinawan-owned restaurants and food businesses. The first FEASTival was a great success, so we are holding it again this year! The 2nd Annual Okinawan FEASTival will run from September 1 - 14.

GO EAT! We are asking people to really support Okinawan-owned restaurants and food businesses during the two weeks of FEASTival (and the rest of the year) by eating! We have compiled a listing of all the Okinawan-owned food businesses on Oahu. There are over 51 restaurants and a dozen food businesses like **Aloha Tofu**, **Okuhara Foods**, and **Sun Noodle**. Please look over the list, find places you have never eaten at and re-visit old favorites! <https://www.hawaiiokinawans.com/restaurant-list>

EAT OKINAWAN! There are nine restaurants that have Okinawan dishes on their regular menus. We are extremely lucky to have so many Okinawan dishes regularly available for us to eat. Not just for a special week but ALL YEAR. Okinawan dishes were not on regular menus but added on by request because they thought Okinawan food would not sell. If we don't regularly order them, then we are proving it is not worth it to keep Okinawan dishes on menus. We need to prove that wrong! I have also included a breakdown of who sells *andagi* regularly! Here is a complete listing of all the Okinawan dishes being offered on Oahu: <https://www.hawaiiokinawans.com/okinawan-dishes>

FEASTival SPECIALS! A number of Okinawan-owned restaurants are connecting to their roots and creating special Okinawan-inspired dishes or deals that will only be available during FEASTival. <https://www.hawaiiokinawans.com/specials>

Information may change but here's what we know so far! Please check our website and social media for the most up-to-date information and details on how to order specials because they will be offered on different days and instructions vary!

- * **Beer Lab HI:** Shikuwasa Hazy IPA (FEASTival exclusive). Hazy IPA with strong fruity hop notes of citrus, pineapple and mango with a moderate addition of Shikuwasa Citrus to round out the flavor. An Okinawan take on Corona and lime!
- * **Hank's Haute Dogs:** Hank's Andadog (back by popular demand!). Seared SPAM on a stick, dipped in Andagi batter and fried! Accompanied by honey mustard & mayo.



* **Heiho House:** Andagi Kokuto Ice Cream in pints (back by popular demand!). Specialty awamori cocktails.

* **Square Barrels** (same owner as Heiho House): Traditional Okinawan Saataa Andagii with drink pairings.

* **Hibachi Honolulu:** Sooki Jiru (Sparerib Soup) with a side of Shiitake Rice (FEASTival exclusive), Okinawan Sweet Potato Haupia Pie, and Orion beer on tap.

- * **Ige's Halawa:** Okinawan Sweet Potato Manju (daily). September 4 - 3 lb. pans of chilled, heat at home Shoyu Pork, 1 lb. bags of Smoked Meat, freshly made Andagi by the dozen, and DIY Fruit Pizza Kits.
- * **Izu's Mochi:** Okinawan Sweet Potato Muuchi steamed in shell ginger leaf.
- * **Kilani Bakery (Wahiawa):** 10% off pre-orders of Kilani's famous brownies and Okinawan Sweet Potato Turnovers during Festival weekend.
- * **Masa's Cafeteria / Ige's Mapunapuna:** Okinawan Yakisoba, Andagi, Andadog, Nmu Muuchi and changing daily specials.

SAVE THE DATE

UCHINANCHU NO HI

世界のウチナンチュの日
WORLDWIDE UCHINANCHU DAY

1 Uchinanchu no Hi is celebrated on Oct 30 in Okinawa and was established at the 2016 Worldwide Uchinanchu Taikai. Uchinanchu no Hi commemorates the Uchinanchus and Uchinanchus-at-heart all over the world.

In Hawaii, we celebrate on Oct 29 due to the time difference with Okinawa and we invite everyone to join us in celebrating our Okinawan culture and heritage.

Please mark your calendar for **Friday, October 29, 2021** and tune in to the "Hawaii United Okinawa Association" Facebook and Youtube Pages!

Sharing Uchinanchu Aloha

Okinawan immigrants arrived in Hawaii over 120 years ago determined to build better lives for themselves and their families. Today, Hawaii's Okinawan population prospers as one of the largest outside of Okinawa, and has made countless important contributions to our cultural and business communities.

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Okinawan FEASTival

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- * **Okuhara Foods:** Fresh Gobo Tempura Fishcake (5 lb bag) or Vegetable Tempura Fishcake (5 lb. bag) will be \$15 (normally priced at \$20)! Miso Butterfish (2 lb. container) for \$30 (normally priced at \$35)! Pre-order only.
- * **Olena Cafe:** Olena Cafe is working on a Goya (bittermelon) cold pressed juice (FEASTival exclusive).
- * **POTAMA (Pork Tamago Onigiri):** Goya Tempura POTAMA (FEASTival exclusive) and Aburamiso POTAMA with \$2 Aloha Beer on tap.
- * **Roy's Hawaii:** Roy's will be offering a special Okinawan-inspired dish at their Hawaii Kai location only.
- * **Sakana Grill & Sakana Express (Pearl Kai):** Discount on Nasubi Champuru (\$3 off) and Shoyu Pork (\$2 off) dishes, both plate lunch and a la carte items.
- * **Scoop Scoops HI:** Okinawan Sweet Potato and Kinako Sherbert (FEASTival exclusive).
- * **Sunrise Restaurant:** Take-out orders of Pig Feet Soup, Okinawa Soba, Spare Rib Soup, and Nakami Soup.
- * **Tatsuo's Hawaii:** Chilled, ready to heat containers of Shoyu Pork, Spare Rib Soup, and Chicken Nishime. Homemade pickled items. Special ready to eat pasta dish.
- * **Teruya's Andagi:** Special hours for the Okinawan Festival. September 4-5, open 9 am to 2 pm. Fresh made Regular Andagi, Cinnamon & Sugar Andagi, and Sweet Potato Fried Mochi.
- * **Azasu:** Okinawan-at-Heart Azasu is offering Okinawan Sweet Potato Tempura (FEASTival exclusive). 



Celebrating 70 Years of Hawaii United Okinawa Association

"All Hearts Unite as One, Chimugukuru Tiichi"

By Gail Watanabe

HUOA will be celebrating its 70th Anniversary on September 21, 2021. The organization was established on September 21, 1951 by 14 founding clubs, with 11 still remaining: Ginowan Shinjin Kai, Gushichan Sonjin Kai, Gushikawa Shinjin Kai, Hawaii Shuri-Naha Club, Kitanakagusuku Sonjin Kai, Nago Club, Okinawa-City Goeku, Onna Sonjin Kai, Osato Doshi Kai, Tamagusuku Club and Yomitan Club. These founding clubs are planning an exciting virtual celebration featuring member clubs of HUOA and highlighting the club's history and sharing stories about its members.

You can watch this special virtual program and leave the cooking to ACE Catering. Two delicious bento selections can be pre-ordered online and picked up at HOC on Sept. 21. Along with the virtual program and bento sales, a poster board display created by member clubs will be on exhibit in the Chaya from Sept. 21 - Oct. 15, 2021 and open to the public during the center's business hours.

The theme for this exhibit is, "Restoring Forgotten Stories." It is our responsibility to keep these stories alive so the younger generation will have a deeper understanding and appreciation for the generations that came before them. Please mark your calendars, as you won't want to miss this once in a lifetime celebration!

Pre-order your bento!

Cost: \$20 per bento, including a commemorative gift and bottled water.

Bentos can be ordered online at www.huoa.org from August 30 to September 10.

Bento A-
Shoyu Pork
Nishime
Vegetable Tempura
Fish Tempura
Sweet Potato
Rice w/Furikake

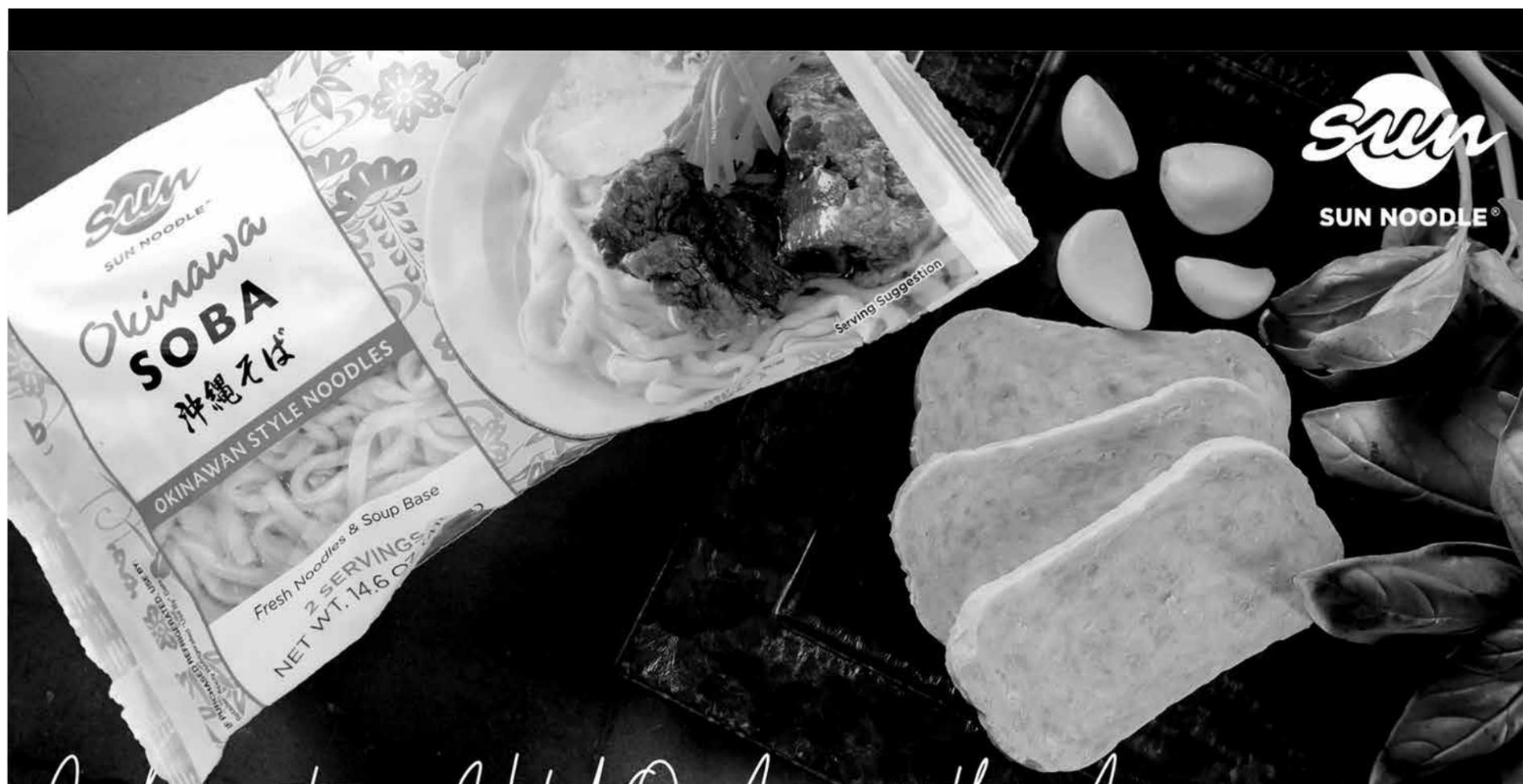
Bento B-
Champuru Eggplant/Tofu
Nishime
Vegetable Tempura
Fish Tempura
Sweet Potato
Rice w/Furikake

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The Hawaii Okinawa Plaza opened its doors in late 2019 and is now home to five tenants. Rental income from the Plaza will go to the Hawaii United Okinawa Association to support its cultural programs as well as the upkeep and capital improvements of the Hawaii Okinawa Center. Now that the Plaza is open for business, this campaign will be winding down. This accomplishment took years in the making and would not have been possible without the help and support of the over 1,200 donors in Hawaii and Okinawa. Since our last report, we received \$4,109.30.

In honor of our previous generations and in promise to those to come, "Shikinoo Chui Shijii Shiru Kurasuru," we will greatly enhance our shared way of life, now and for future generations.

To all of our donors, we say *Magukuru Kara Ippee Niffee Deebiru* – from our hearts, thank you very much.

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Thank you to the many members, friends, and businesses that have responded to our 2020-2021 annual giving campaign. The coronavirus pandemic has impacted everyone around the globe, and we are deeply grateful for the confidence you have shown in us. Your donation allows us to create a bright future for the HUOA and the Hawaii Okinawa Center.

From November 2020 we received a total of 1,021 donations totaling \$201,104.29. We are forever grateful to all of you.

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Foodland's Annual Community Matching Gifts Program

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Sunday, August 29, 2021

- 6:30 PM KHON–Sam Choy’s in the Kitchen Uchinanchu Episode featuring Grant “Masanduu” Murata
- 7:00 PM KHII–Modern Wahine Hawaii featuring Hui O Laulima
- 10:30 PM KHON (rebroadcast) on KHII–Sam Choy’s in the Kitchen Uchinanchu Episode featuring Grant “Masanduu” Murata
- 11:05 PM KHON–Modern Wahine Hawaii featuring Hui O Laulima (rebroadcast)

Monday, August 30, 2021–

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- 2:00 PM – 5:00 PM Virtual Okinawan Festival 2021 (Main event day 1 of 2)–Live Streamed on Youtube and HUOA - Go to www.OkinawanFestival.com
- 6:30 PM KHON Mixed Plate Chibariyo - Uchinanchu Special (rebroadcast)
- 7:00 PM KHON Okinawan Festival Special “Sharing Uchinanchu Aloha”
- 8:00 PM Virtual Okinawan Festival Bon Dance - Live Streamed on YouTube and HUOA – Go to www.OkinawanFestival.com
- 9:30 PM KHON Modern Wahine Hawaii featuring Hui O Laulima (rebroadcast)

Sunday, September 5, 2021

- 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM Pre-ordered food pick up at HOC
- 2:00 PM – 5:00 PM Virtual Okinawan Festival 2021 (Main event day 2 of 2)–Live Streamed on Youtube and HUOA – Go to www.OkinawanFestival.com
- 7:30 PM – Mixed Plate Chibariyo – Uchinanchu Special on KHII (rebroadcast)
- 8:00 PM KHON (rebroadcast) Okinawan Festival Special “Sharing Uchinanchu Aloha”

Monday, September 6, 2021

- 8:00 PM KHII (rebroadcast) Okinawan Festival Special “Sharing Uchinanchu Aloha”

Wednesday, September 8, 2021

- 6:00 PM KHII (rebroadcast)–Okinawan Festival Special “Sharing Uchinanchu Aloha”



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2021 Okinawan Cultural Day Camp for Children - Oahu



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children at play

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Imagine it's early June 2021, Hawaii is trending down on COVID-19 infections, Kauai-Kona-Kohala-Hilo cancelled their day camp, Maui had just completed their children's camp successfully, and the Hawaii Okinawa Center was preparing to welcome 39 warabi (children) to its own Okinawan Cultural Day Camp (CDC).



Anticipation and stress levels were very high as Oahu opened its doors to H U O A ' s "Warabi Ashibi - Children at Play" program, after having to cancel in 2020. Starting on June 8, children ages 8 to 13 years participated in a four-day culturally rich program; learning odaiko eisa drumming, plantation games, karate, history, language and cultural crafts, in a protocol safe manner.

In order to limit exposure, the number of campers and staff was decreased

by half. Parents dropped off their children from their car and campers were escorted to their parents' car when being picked up. Children and staff were kept in "bubble" groups, limiting exposure to others. The always popular sleepover had to be cancelled.

Creativity, flexibility and safety were the "mantra" for the camp. It has been 25 years since the Cultural Day Camp was envisioned by Karen Kuba-Hori, who just wanted a children's summer program that would promote the Okinawan culture and provide meaningful classes and projects.

With the support of HUOA President Randy Kuba and many knowledgeable kupuna, the camp was created. Formatted so that campers would have fun, always be occupied and would learn several different aspects of Okinawan culture and history. In 25 years, the camp has changed very little from its start.

Directors from its beginning, included Karen Kuba-Hori, Carrie Corcoran and Mavis Gushiken, Thelma Arakawa, Wendy Yoshimoto and Jean Tsuda, Connie Chun and Kate Ardon, and finally coming back full circle with newly retired CDC State Director Karen Kuba-Hori and Jo Ige for 2021. Aunties Jo and Karen, Group leader aunties Karen Fuse,



Jan Angeles, Jeannene Oshiro, Corinne Takara, Sandy Yanagi, Florence Lau, Robbie Umeno, Stella Shinkoethe, Lee Anne Van Woerkham, Chloe Talkington - along with the talented staff Zina Nagamine, Nancy Yogi, Stacy Gibo, Paula Kurashige, Jo Richardson, June and Wally Tamashiro, Dawn Watanabe, Jean Yamasato, Caro Higa, Taylor San Juan, Sensei Teruya, Sensei Hirayama, Sensei Ito, Thelma Lam, Laura Ajimine, Irene Hino, Jim Hino, Sharon Miyashiro, Roy Arakaki, Auntie Kate Ardon and her gang, Margot Sarae, Sharon Fujino, Carolyn Matsuura, Diane Miyasato, and Jane Nishihara created a safe, creative and fun four days for the campers. From playing Uchinaabingo, making an eisa taiko drum and daruma, learning karate and eisa drumming, making their own personal ice cream to learning old-style games, campers received the same number of activities in a modified creative way. For example, ice cream became a one-person activity by shaking (churning) sugared cream in a plastic bag surrounded by ice instead of having two persons rolling the plastic bagged cream in a can between two persons. Interesting, results were delicious, and covid modified. Other projects were adjusted similar to ice cream making, became the "norm" throughout the camp. Ippee nifee deebiru to the HOC staff and HUOA for their assistance and support for the program.

Also, a new component included a live "zoom" family program for the very last day, since campers were only able to invite one person to watch their final performance on Friday. Special thank you to Jon Itomura, Jacob Higa, Devon Kawamura, Ron Miyashiro, Toby Anguay and Copeland Talkington. An interesting challenge for our staff, celebrating our 25th year. Well, was the Cultural Day Camp a success this year? Based on the smiles and laughter we heard throughout the camp and receiving a very positive evaluation from the campers - 2021 Okinawan Cultural Day Camp for Children, was indeed a success. See you in 2022!



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WarabiZOOM HUOA Virtual Okinawan Cultural Day Camp

By Karen Kuba-Hori

ZOOM – a word that has become part of daily living in Hawaii, no longer represents a very fast car, but it signifies a quick, safe method of communication between many individuals – and ZOOM we did to get the Okinawan Cultural Day Camp to children unable to participate in an in-person camp this year.

Designed to be as “regular” as a Camp could be, organizers Caro Higa



and Karen Kuba-Hori, along with camp directors Dwayne Miyashiro (Hilo), Cheryl Kurashige (Kona), Kathy Matsuda (Kohala), Janet Miyahira (Maui), Christine Hondo (Maui), Elaine Fujita (Maui), and Shantelle Rego (Kauai) welcomed 23 campers from Oahu, Maui and Hawaii to this new experience.

For three days via computer, campers were introduced to Okinawan history and language, paaranku eisaa drum making and drumming, Japanese book binding, karate, shiisaa mask making, and camp favorites making ice cream and playing UchinaaBingo.

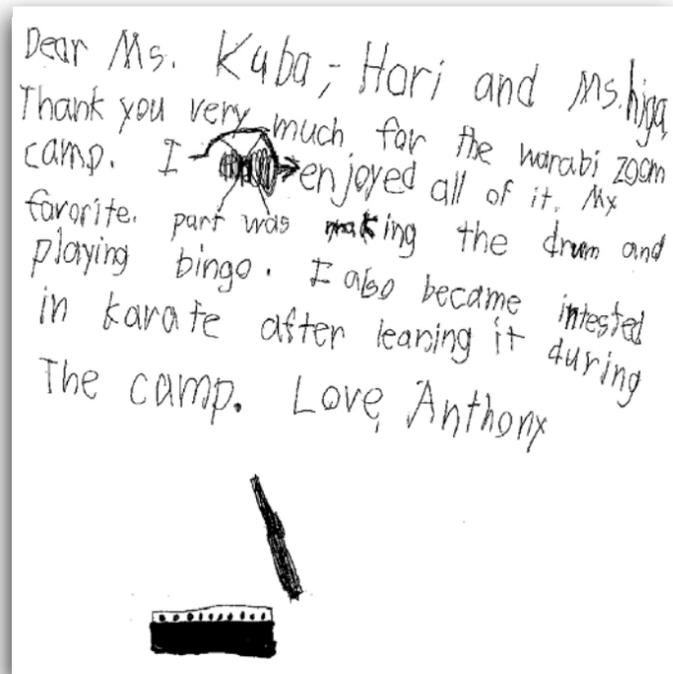
Our ZOOM camp started on July 7 from 9 a.m. till noon and closed on July 9. Our zoomers when they signed in, were instructed to open project kits prepared for them. Our ZOOMing box included most of the ingredients/supplies they needed, with the exception of wet ingredients – scissors

– paper towels – and their creativity.

Creating this program was due to the efforts of several excellent teams coming together. Starting from our planning group (listed above), kit organizers – Aunty Caro, Aunty Karen, Aunty Shizu Higa, Jacob Higa, Kathy Matsuda, Richard Tamanaha, June Tamashiro and Wally Tamashiro; teaching staff - Aunty Caro (history, language, plantation games), Aunty Karen (shiisaa mask, Japanese book binding and drum making), Aunty Shizu (ice cream), Sensei Lynn Miyahira (karate) and Sensei Devin Kawamura (paaranku); and our technical staff, Jacob Higa and Aunty Caro, who made ZOOMing possible.

A special shoutout to our ZOOMers – do you think we are going to have a ZOOM generation? The children that joined us made our work so exciting and pleasant. They joined us daily, worked diligently on their projects, were always attentive when on the screen and of course, their final craft projects looked so much better than Aunty Karen’s!

Our greatest satisfaction occurred when we received an email from one of the campers’ family. He was so enthusiastic about Sensei Lynn’s karate lesson, that his family plans to register him in a karate class. Congratulations Sensei Lynn and our WarabiZOOM program. 🙏



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Maui Okinawa Kenjin Kai Awards 2021 Scholarships

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

Sydnie Matsuda is a graduate of Maui High School. She is the daughter of Mark and Gwyn Matsuda. Sydnie will be continuing her education at Pacific University in Oregon, majoring in education with a minor in psychology. She was admitted into Pacific University as an Honors Scholar. She will also continue her love for golf on their women's golf team.



Throughout high school, Sydnie has been involved in student government as class vice president, a member of the National Honor Society, Key Club, cross country and school golf teams. Outside of school, she was a member of the Ilima 4-H club, where she had the opportunity to represent Hawaii as a delegate at the National 4-H Congress 2018 in Atlanta, Georgia.

"I have always felt much pride to be Okinawan and have always been curious and want to further my knowledge of my Okinawan culture. My Grandpa

Shimabukuro is full Okinawan, whose parents came from Okinawa. My great-grandparents came with the intention to earn money and return to Okinawa. However, they ended up staying on Maui. From this story, I'm interested to learn more about his family and culture. I feel it's very important to know my heritage and keep the cultural ties connected to my family.

"I would like to take this opportunity to thank the MOKK for selecting me as one of the 2021 scholarship recipients. This scholarship will help me and

my family financially and attend a university to further my education. I am very honored to be named a recipient of this scholarship."

Nicholas Gima is a graduate of Maui High School. He is the son of Stephen and Denise Gima. Nicholas will be attending California Polytechnic State University-San Luis Obispo this fall, where he will study civil engineering.

Nicholas was the president of the Maui High Band and was also involved in Scouting, where he recently attained the rank of Eagle Scout. He also volunteered at the local Big Brothers Big Sisters organization and served as a member of the National Honor Society Silversword Chapter.



"My great-grandparents on my dad's side are first generation Okinawans. My maternal great-grandparents are also first-generation Okinawans. So, the Okinawan culture has been a big part of my life. My family and I are members of the MOKK and Gushichan Sonjin Kai on Oahu. I participated in multiple Children's Day Camps here on Maui and worked as a junior leader for two summers. I also briefly performed Taiko with a group from MOKK. Attending the HUOA Okinawan Festival is a highlight for

my family and me. We have a family reunion that revolves around the Okinawan Festival. Together, we celebrate our culture through songs and delicious food. We also volunteer in the Heiwa Dori Booth, selling a variety of Okinawan food.

"On Maui, I enjoyed going to the Okinawan Obon to watch the shisa dances and eisa groups. I also loved playing the paranku with my grandma there. In the future, I hope to learn more about my culture and one day visit Okinawa to see where my family came from."

Congratulations Sydnie and Nicholas!

Hui Makaala Scholarship Recipients

Formed in 1946, Hui Maka'ala is an organization whose goal is to promote the Okinawan culture and Uchinanchu Spirit through the awarding of scholarships to Hawaii's college students who have an interest in perpetuating the Okinawan culture. The word "hui" means club or group and "maka'ala" means to be alert or vigilant. Together, Hui Maka'ala is an organization ever alert to serve Hawaii's deserving students. We are proud to recognize the 2021 recipients, including the inaugural Shinki Kuniyoshi Memorial Scholarship top awardee, Travis Nitta. Congratulations!

SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT	HIGH SCHOOL	COLLEGE
Amanda Flores-Gutierrez	McKinley	UH-Manoa
Kara Kanetake	Moanalua	Linfield University
Cuyler Murata	Kalani (2020)	University of Northern Texas
Riley Nakasone	Kalani (2019)	UH-Manoa
Amanda Nitta	Kaiser (2019)	UH-Manoa
Travis Nitta*	Kaiser	UH-Manoa
Kyra Pila	Kamehameha (2019)	UH-Manoa
Jaylyn Reyes	Castle (2019)	UH-Manoa
Taylor San Juan	Kaimuki Christian (2020)	Pacific Lutheran University
Evan Shishido	Hawaii Baptist Academy	Oregon State University
Cheyne Tanoue	Mililani (2017)	Pacific University

*Shinki Kuniyoshi Memorial Scholarship

Please visit our website www.huimakaala.com for pictures of this year's scholarship awardees along with club news and history. In total, Hui Maka'ala awarded \$30,000 to 11 deserving students in 2021.

Due to the pandemic, we are not able to recognize them at our annual fashion show, which has been postponed again. Please save the date AUGUST 7, 2022 for the 2022 HUI MAKALA FASHION SHOW & 75th ANNIVERSARY at the Hilton Hawaiian Village. Thankfully, we will still have our annual golf tournament on Friday, October 1, 2021 at Leileihua Golf Course.

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Consul General Aoki Visits Kona

By Cheryl Kurashige

On July 15, Consul General Yutaka Aoki and Consul Aya Kumakura met with five kenjinkai presidents in Kona at the King Kamehameha Kona Beach Hotel. Guests included Akemi Iwamoto, Fukuoka Kenjin Kai; Claudia Chang, Hiroshima Kenjin Kai; Linda Nagai, Kumamoto Kenjin Kai; Nathan Kurashige, Yamaguchi Kenjin Kai (vice-president); and Cheryl Kurashige, Kona Okinawa Kenjinkai.

Consul General Aoki arrived in Hawaii last September, but due to COVID restrictions saw a limited number of visitors at the consulate office



(L-R): Cheryl Kurashige, Claudia Chang, Linda Nagai, Consul General Aoki, Consul Kumakura, Akemi Iwamoto and Nathan Kurashige.

in Nuuanu. When restrictions were recently loosened, CG Aoki was happy to start his neighbor island visits beginning with Hawaii Island.

Besides assignments in Japan, CG Aoki has been all over the world – including assignments in Geneva, Indonesia, Cambodia and Canada. Consul Kumakura, who is in charge of General Affairs, arrived from Indonesia just three months ago.

Following the meeting, CG Aoki and Consul Kumakura left to make

stops at UCC and Doutor Coffee companies, NELHA, and Parker Ranch before making their way to Hilo to meet with other organizations and businesses on the east side of Hawaii Island.

Haebaru Club News

By Kaden Kawakami

A Lesson in Respect

On July 3, eight Haebaru members met at Kakaako Waterfront Park to clean the Ehime Maru Memorial. Upon arriving, we were met by caretaker Kenneth Saiki and HUOA President Pat Miyashiro before going to the memorial to learn about its history and its significance.

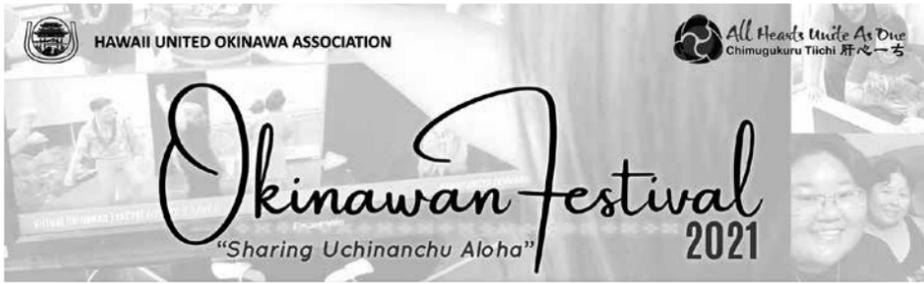
I thought it was important that we still maintain the memorial and show respect for those who lost their lives in the accident and their families. No matter what verbal or physical lines separate us, in the end we are still all people that can sympathize and respect each other. On July 3, we took a small part of our day to wash away those lines in order to honor and support those affected by the Ehime Maru collision.



(L-R): Fran, Keenan and Kaden Kawakami, Kellie Kodama, Katie, Kyle, Kymberlie, and Deri Arakaki.

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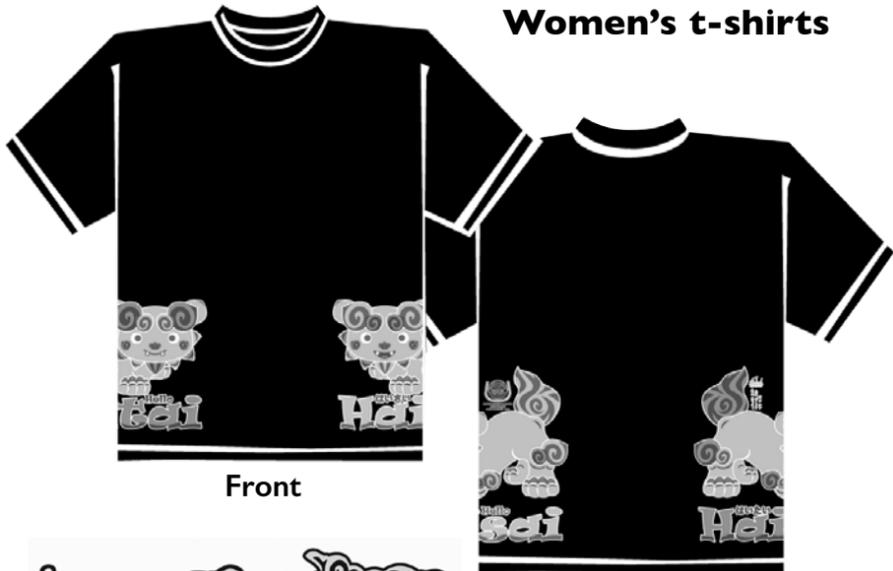


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2021 T-shirt Contest Winning Designer Morris Umeno

The focus of this design is the Okinawan spirit (aloha). The late Takeshi Onaga, Governor of Okinawa, described it as living proud, honoring the hard work and adversity of our ancestors, and insuring the happiness of future generations. This is reflected in HUOA President Patrick Miyashiro's theme, *Chimugukuru Tiichi*, "All Hearts Unite as One."

The design contains symbolic references. The *enso* circle, oneness of life, is created with a single clockwise brushstroke that visually moves counter-clockwise. I interpret this as "moving forward with respect to the past."

The *minsaa* pattern is culture, the fabric that binds us together. The arts express our thoughts and feelings. History and tales of the past, represented with *shiisaa*, provide a solid foundation for the future.

The *shaka* sign and rubber slippers identify the people of Okinawa and Hawaii. The yellow hibiscus, associated with good luck and fortune, radiates sunshine and happiness. Earth tone colors depict the four elements that are essential to life: Fire, Water, Air and Earth.

We honor, celebrate and perpetuate the Okinawan Spirit.
-Morris Y. Umeno

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Laulima Visits Pearl Harbor

Remember when COVID counts in Hawaii were down and we were all following the rules? Back in May, Laulima took advantage of a relatively "safe" period and joined a VIP tour of the Pearl Harbor Memorial – the very first tour allowed after the COVID shutdown.

A limited number of our members viewed sites around Ford Island that not many tourists or locals are able to view. Via shuttle boat, we first traveled under the Ford Island bridge, then, on the far side of the island, we viewed the USS Utah Memorial, Hospital Point where the battleship USS



(L-R): Kneeling: Shari Tamashiro. Standing: Celeste Yamaguchi, Bertha Arakawa, Lu Soong, Sharon Miyashiro, Leigh Miyashiro, Irene Hino, Karen Kuba-Hori, and Jim Hino.

Nevada beached trying to leave Battleship Row, traveled past a loch gate, then towards the USS Missouri and finally stopped at the USS Arizona Memorial before ending our tour. Our group included Lu Soong, Shari Tamashiro, Celeste Yamaguchi, Bertha Arakawa, Irene Hino, Jim Hino, Sharon Miyashiro, Leigh Miyashiro and Karen Kuba-Hori. This was truly a memorable tour. A special mahalo to Laulima's President-Elect Jane Au.

Laulima is again sponsoring another drive-thru drop-off fundraiser, this time with Savers. Members and friends will be able to drop-off their clothing, soft goods, houseware, and other donations at Jikoen Temple pre-school parking lot on September 18 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. We hope you will join us.

Congratulations to Cynthia Uza and her crew of organizing Laulima's Yuntaku Live! program on August 10. Our program featured President Gwen Fujie, Tina Kaneshiro and a number of chairwomen of Hui O Laulima.

Okinawan Proverb

Deekuni njiree isa iran

English:

You don't need a doctor as long as you have radish (if radish grows).

"An apple a day keeps the doctor away."

Source: Okinawago no nyuumon. Tanoshii Uchinaaguchi



HUI O LAULIMA Garage SALE (well sort of)

SEPTEMBER 18TH - SATURDAY 9:00AM TO 1:00PM
JIKOEN HONGWANJI TEMPLE

Clean-out those closets, and help Hui O Laulima. We are collecting clothes, household textiles, and small household goods for our annual garage sale. Donations can be dropped off at Jikoen Hongwanji Temple on September 18th, from 9am to 1pm. Small household goods include kitchen items such as pots/pans, dishes, silverware, glasses, hand held appliances, home decorative items, knick-knacks, toys, games and small electronics. If you happen to be donating nice women business attire/accessories, please pack it separately. Laulima will be donating those items to Fernhurst YWCA Women's Program.

Please use plastic bags for clothes and household textiles and tightly packed boxes for small household goods. All items must be clean and in sellable condition. For additional information contact:

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Uchinaa-guchi

(Okinawan language)

Word of the Month

July

Deekuni, n. A radish.

August

Isa, n. A medical doctor; a medical practitioner; a physician; a surgeon

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

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"HAWAII OKINAWA TODAY" SCHEDULE

Important notes for our 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, including entries marked "TBD."
- All 2021 EC and BOD meetings will be conducted on ZOOM video conference until further notice

September 2021

- 4-5 Virtual Okinawan Festival
- 8 Executive Council meeting, ZOOM Video Conference 7pm
- 18 Autumn Okinawan Dance Matsuri, **Cancelled**
- 21 HUOA 70th Anniversary Celebration
- 22 Board of Directors meeting, ZOOM Video Conference 7pm

October 2021

- 3-14 Study Tour in Okinawa, **Cancelled**
- 13 Executive Council meeting, ZOOM Video Conference 7pm
- 29 Uchinanchu no Hi event, Virtual

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 meetings
Uchinaaguchi

- Subject to Change (entries as of 8/4/21)

Our new episodes premiere on the first and third Saturday of the month at 7pm and repeat the following Thursdays at 5pm on 'Olelo Community Media Channel NATV 53. No Hawaii Okinawa Today (HOT) show is aired on the fifth Thursday of a month.

All 'Olelo shows are streamed on the Internet at www.olelo.org. Our latest shows are available on-demand on the 'Olelo website: select Tune In, OleloNet On Demand, then search for keyword "Okinawa". The HUOA website www.huoa.org has links to the site.

Because of the COVID-19 virus pandemic, 'Olelo has allowed us to show previously aired shows in place of new shows. We hope you will enjoy re-runs of episodes.

Sep 2 Thurs 5pm - (Re-run) Part One of the group Nenes (Yasura Terumi, Higa Mayuko, Uehara Nagisa and Nakamoto Maki) presented by Sadao China in a benefit concert celebrating the 20th anniversary of the Hawaii Okinawa Center. The performance was held at the Hawaii Okinawa Center on June 29, 2010.

Sep 4 Sat 7pm, Sep 9 & 16 Thurs 5pm - (Re-run) Part Two of the group Nenes. Also performing in this episode are Sadao China and Yasuko Yoshida.

Sep 18 Sat 7pm, Sep 23 Thurs 5pm - (Re-run) Part Three of the group Nenes. Plus BONUS FEATURE - Omoide, Down Memory Lane: Remembering James Yoshimi Iha, Lorraine Kaneshiro, Kiyoshi Kinjo, Wayne Miyahira, Shoei Moriyama, Albert "Doc" Miyasato, Harry Seisho Nakasone, Kikue Kaneshiro, June Arakawa, and Akira Sakima. [Note: No showing on the fifth Thurs of the month Sep 30.]

Oct 2 Sat 7pm, Oct 7 & 14 Thurs 5pm - (Re-run) Part One of the 4th Eisa Drum Festival held at the Great Lawn at Kapiolani Community College on May 17, 2014. The festival featured Daiichi Hirata, Kajimaai Eisa group from Okinawa, Chinagu Eisa Hawaii, Hawaii Okinawa Creative Arts, Nuuanu Okinawa Shorin-Ryu/Shinden-Ryu Karate Association, the Young Okinawans of Hawaii, and Halla Huhm Korean Dance Studio.

Oct 16 Sat 7pm, Oct 21 & 28 and Nov 4 Thurs 5pm - (Re-run) Part Two of the 4th Eisa Drum Festival.

HAWAII OKINAWA SPECIAL (our new show on 'Olelo). Episodes are scheduled by 'Olelo on a time available basis. Our website (www.huoa.org) lists the airdates given to us by 'Olelo. Other airdates subsequently scheduled by 'Olelo can be found on their website (www.olelo.org): select Tune In, TV Schedule, and then search for "Hawaii Okinawa Special". Our Hawaii Okinawa Special episodes have featured shows (e.g., Yuntaku Live!) that have been produced and live streamed on the Internet by a new HUOA team of young enthusiasts of digital media led by David Jones, Jon Itomura, and Chris Iwamura. Their shows are available on-demand on HUOA's YouTube and Facebook channels. They are also responsible for live streaming the Virtual Okinawan Festival.

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