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Fifth Worldwide Uchinanchu Taikai

Mensore! Welcome HOME! Aloha!



These greetings were extended to us by more than 200 Uchinanchu from Okinawa as we arrived at the Naha International Airport. Mamo Kuniyoshi was one of the many travelers from Hawaii who was so touched by the **Welcome Home** greetings that he really felt like he belonged. Mamo said it was a nice beginning to 10 fantastic days in Okinawa. Others were so surprised by the banners, greetings and smiling faces....they felt like celebrities! There must have been more than 50 members of the Okinawa Hawaii Kyokai and the Leinani Hula dancers present to extend their aloha.

More than 1,100 Uchinanchu and Uchinanchu at Heart from Hawaii participated in the Fifth Worldwide Uchinanchu Taikai and enjoyed the many events that were offered. It was awesome to look up in the stands at the Okinawa Cellular Stadium to see 1,100 Hawaii folks, many in our Taikai Alohawear and lei, all seated together shouting ALOHA in unison, doing the wave, and so forth, led by head cheerleaders Paul Komeiji, Cyrus Tamashiro and Dave Arakawa.

Many who marched in the parade were especially touched when, from the crowd lining Kokusai Doori to watch the parade, an Obaachan called out to us continuously until her voice was hoarse, "Okaerinasai! Aloha! Okaerinasai! (Welcome Home! Welcome Home!)"

In this issue, we offer you photos and quotes from some of our participants and hope that they might interest you in possibly attending the Sixth Worldwide Uchinanchu Taikai five years from now.

Taikai Impressions...

Uchinanchu Taikai Parade

By Paul Komeiji, HUOA Taikai Parade Coordinator

The Okinawa Taikai parade showcased people from each locale around the world where Okinawans had emigrated to - from Hawaii to Africa. The Hawaii contingent was the largest, with well over 300 participants, and was led by HUOA President Norman Nakasone and Governor Neil Abercrombie. They were followed by past HUOA presidents and other dignitaries, including University of Hawaii President M.R.C. Greenwood and Okinawa Hawaii Kyokai President Choko Takayama.

The dignitaries were followed by a group of hula dancers, who shared their hula along the parade route. Following the hula dancers were our distinctive and colorful HUOA flags, which brightened the parade route. The flags could be seen from many blocks away and was an impressive sight.



Like our parades in Hawaii, the flags were followed by a group of HUOA marchers. Unlike our parades in Hawaii, this large group represented Hawaii and impres-



sively spanned two to three blocks.

Finishing up the Hawaii contingent was a group of sanshin players led by Grant "Sandaa" Murata.

With all the pageantry, to me, the highlight of the parade was the sharing of aloha between our marchers and the parade watchers. With the pride of being Uchinanchu (or Uchinanchu at heart) as well as being from Hawaii, the Hawaii contingent walked and greeted parade watchers with warm smiles, loud "alooohas," shakas, high fives and Hawaiian flags. The crowd responded to the parade marchers with the same enthusiasm and provided the energy for all. This interaction was priceless and demonstrated the warmth, aloha and Uchinanchu spirit that Uchinanchu have regardless of where they actually live - be it Okinawa, Hawaii or any other place throughout the world...

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President's Message By Norman Nakasone



*Hana Nuuzi –
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In early August, we celebrated the unveiling of the beautiful Donor Wall in HOC's Legacy Hall, which Jon Itomura writes about elsewhere in this issue. On behalf of HUOA, I'd like to express my sincerest appreciation to those who so generously made monetary contributions to this very worthy cause. We know times are extremely tough these days so the gratitude we feel is even greater.

A big mahalo goes out to Patrick Miyashiro who came up with the Donor Wall concept and served as the project chair. Kudos also to Karen Kuba-Hori, Maurice Yamasato, and Seimo Higa for the key roles they played in making this project and unveiling event possible.

Sunny skies, a nice crowd, delicious food, great entertainment, fascinating exhibits, and so many tempting things to buy... What more could one ask for from one of the state's largest and most popular cultural festivals? Can't imagine too much more. Based on all the positive feedback I've gotten thus far, I think it's fair to say that the 29th Okinawan Festival, held over the Labor Day weekend, was a tremendous success.

Congratulations and thank you to Festival General Chair Cyrus Tamashiro, Festival Food Chair Dwight Ikehara, the many committee and booth chairs, and all the volunteers who made this year's festival another terrific one.

And now that the festival is over, all of our attention is focused on the upcoming 5th Worldwide Uchinanchu Taikai that we've been talking about for past several months. At last count, the Hawaii contingent consisted of over 1,100 people, including Governor Neil Abercrombie and UH President MRC Greenwood.

I'd like to thank Jane Serikaku and the HUOA office staff very much for carrying a huge additional workload this year because of the taikai. While one can easily imagine that putting on an event of the takai's magnitude requires a tremendous amount of work for its organizers, what's not nearly as obvious is the incredible amount of work it also means for the various kenjinkai around the world. The HUOA staff has worked tirelessly in responding to a myriad of requests, making arrangements for various traveling groups, and a whole lot of other things to make sure things go as smoothly as possible for our Hawaii contingent.

After hearing a countless number of feel-good stories from people who have experienced past taikais, watching video clips on Youtube, and reading online articles, I am so excited about what lies ahead in the next two weeks. I am anxiously looking forward to reconnecting with those whom I've met over the past couple of years, making new friends with other Uchinanchu from around the world, and participating in the many taikai activities.

And I look forward to sharing my own feel-good stories about the taikai with you in the next issue of Uchinanchu.

Ippee Niffee Deebiru!

Lost Something at the Festival?

Sunglasses, keys, cell phones and more were found at the Okinawan Festival and were turned into Lost and Found. If you think you might have lost something at the Festival, please give the HUOA Office a call at 676-5400. We might have what you're looking for!



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 *ippee niffee deebiru* to the following donors. Mahalo for keeping *Uchinanchu* alive and thriving.

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George Tamashiro Receives the Overseas Achiever's (*Kaigai Kourousha*) Designation

More than 111 years ago, the first brave pioneers left their homeland of Okinawa with hopes and dreams for the opportunities that the foreign soils of Hawaii offered to them. Challenged by many foreign languages, unfamiliar customs, discrimination and more, our *issei* relied on their determination and ingenuity to survive. They persevered to make a living and create a foundation for their families in Hawaii while maintaining a spiritual and filial connection with their loved ones who still remained in impoverished Okinawa. Such is the saga of our first generation.

Toyama Kyuzo Sensei, often called the "Father of Okinawan Immigration," composed the famous phrase, "Go forward into the world, our home lies on the five continents." As brothers and sisters traveled away from their ancestral homeland to find new beginnings on foreign soil, the meaning of such principles as *yuimaru*, *ichariba choode*, *chui shiizi*, and *chibariyo* become more endearing.

George T. Tamashiro credits his *issei* parents, Masa and Nabe Tamashiro, of Takamine Village (now a part of Itoman City) for instilling these principles and values in him. During his youth, he and his family lived in a rural area amongst five Okinawan families. The values of working honestly, cooperating with neighbors to get a job done, and giving encouragement were a way of life for these close-knit families. They brought the traditions and spirit of their homeland to Hawaii and probably formulated the work ethic and strength that fueled George in his development and success in his career and community activities.

Tamashiro was raised in a family whose income was principally derived from his parents' agricultural work. He watched and learned from his father's example. Unencumbered by obstacles, the senior Tamashiro had a creative mind and used natural resources such as a natural flow of water from the mountains to irrigate and successfully grow a myriad of vegetables and raise a variety of farm animals.

Education was important and George diligently worked his way to earn a Bachelor of Science Degree in Engineering in 1962. Throughout his working career, he worked in the private sector as well as the City government level. He held many important engineering positions and assignments. His last five years with the City and County of Honolulu, he served as the Deputy Director for the Department of Design and Construction.

George Tamashiro has used his work experience and associations in his vast involvement with the community. He has especially volunteered his valuable expertise in successfully fulfilling leadership roles for the activities of the Hawaii United Okinawa Association (HUOA), including his chairmanship of the Okinawan Festival and his tenure as the HUOA's President in 2003.

However, the one HUOA project that underscores all of his experiences is the Hawaii Okinawa Plaza Project. Since 2004, he has served as the Chairman of HUOA's Land Acquisition and Development Committee. In these very challenging economic times, Tamashiro has energetically made several trips to Okinawa to promote and develop this project. His determination to realize this project is a utilization of his career experiences in combination with the deeply rooted principles of his father's example.

Additionally, he believes in the importance of constructing the Hawaii Okinawa Plaza because it is a way of ensuring that the HUOA will have the financial support to preserve, perpetuate and promote the culture and history of Okinawa for the generations.

Congratulations George, being recognized as the Overseas Achiever (*Kaigai Kourousha*) at the 5th Worldwide Uchinanchu Taikai acknowledges your achievements as a dedicated and conscientious leader and supporter of the Hawaii United Okinawa Association and as a practitioner of your father's principles of life.



HUOA President Norman Nakasone and Distinguished Overseas Achiever Designate George Tamashiro receive certificates at the Governor's Special Recognition Ceremony during the recent Worldwide Uchinanchu Taikai.

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5TH ANNUAL OKINAWAN FESTIVAL 'SHARING UCHINANCHU ALOHA' PHOTO CONTEST WINNERS

Congratulations to the winners of this year's Okinawan Festival Photo Contest! Thank you to the talented photographers who submitted over 150 entries! To view all of the entries in color, visit the Okinawan Festival website at www.okinawanfestival.com.



GRAND PRIZE WINNER - \$100

Title: Shisa

Description: Okinawan lion dog performing for the crowd.

Photo by: Brian Haruna



CULTURE & HISTORY CATEGORY PRIZE WINNER

- \$50 Prize

Title: Dancer

Description: Close up of the intricate design of a dancer's costume.

Photo by: Jeffrey Sato



OHANA CATEGORY PRIZE WINNER - \$50 Prize

Title: Ahiru No Ohiru

Description: The ducklings were tame enough to come to the children feeding them bread.

Photo by: Stanley Yamada



FOOD CATEGORY PRIZE WINNER - \$50 Prize

Title: Okinawan Eyes

Description: It was our little 3-month-old Uchinanchu baby's first time at the Okinawan Festival. She enjoyed learning about her cultural heritage, the food, and spending time with her family.

Photo by: Marissa Yanaga

29th Okinawan Festival – Inspiring!

By Cyrus Tamashiro, Okinawan Festival Chair

While andagi woks sizzled and the enticing aroma of yakitori permeated the air, the Paranku Clubs of Hawaii performed during the Okinawan Festival's opening procession to the familiar melody of *Asadoya Yunta*. At precisely the right moment, the audience sang in unison, "Saa yui yui!" HUOA club banners proudly fluttered in the wind behind a pride of prancing Shisaa, tails wagging before a delighted crowd.

Some in the audience arrived three hours early to secure the best seats at the Kapiolani Bandstand on Sept. 3 and 4, 2011. But the love for the Okinawan Festival is even better demonstrated by the volunteer construction crew who worked at Kapiolani Park for four days to build the stage set, run cables for electrical outlets and lighting, and install plumbing for the food booths. Clyde Kaneshiro of New York plans his vacation around the Okinawan Festival just so he can volunteer his time with the construction crew! Committee chairs anxiously waited for their tents to be erected so they could set up the fencing, tables and decorations for their booths. The Safety Committee carefully hooked up propane tanks for the food booths so that they could be up and running even before the announced opening time.

The smiling faces and jovial laughter of HUOA club members working together illustrates some of the benefits of our annual Festival—people bonding by working alongside each other and even networking with members of other clubs. It was great seeing people passing on skills and traditions to younger generations. At one of the 14 woks dedicated to andagi cooking, Linda and Russell Tsutsui of Kin Chojin Kai mentored their son

Ryan on the technique of andagi dropping. Ryan was back at the Okinawan Festival after a six-year hiatus partly due to college on the mainland.

To promote interaction between clubs, Food Operations Supervisor George Bartels, Jr., initiated pre-opening meetings for food booth chairs. As leaders visited neighboring food booths, they were able to see some of the great ideas that other people came up with to make their clubs more efficient and take care of volunteer needs. Kent Billings of Club Motobu went through the trouble of making paper towel holders, painting them Uchinanchu Purple, and setting them up in neighboring tents!

Some people come to the Okinawan Festival to get their favorite foods. Where else can you buy an Oki Dog? Others come for the varied entertainment. Still others come to shop in the Craft Gallery, Heiwa Dori, Plant Tent, Country Store or Cultural Tent. We realize that people are always looking for something new so we introduced Taco Rice and Fundagi (funnel cake with andagi batter) as new menu items. Our crowds enjoyed the Taco Rice and the Fundagi line was so long during the Bon Dance that customers had to wait about an hour to try the food invention.

Also new this year was a Tsunahiki Tournament between high school students. Tom Yamamoto did a superb job as announcer and Chris Shimabukuro was impeccable as referee in his black and white striped shirt. The tournament was opened with a performance by Chinagu Eisa Hawaii. The taiko group then took a member of each high school team and taught them an Eisa number. After the first round of tug of war matches, the high school students performed Eisa for their classmates together with

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Where else can you buy an Oki Dog?

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'SHARING UCHINANCHU ALOHA' PHOTO CONTEST WINNERS

CULTURE & HISTORY CATEGORY HONORABLE MENTION

Title: Taiko Thunder
Description: Down the taiko line!
Photograph by: Taro Nobusawa



OHANA CATEGORY HONORABLE MENTION

Title: Follow Me!
Description: Girls in bon dance line
Photograph by: Dan Hamada



FOOD CATEGORY HONORABLE MENTION

Title: Grindz!
Description: Taco Rice and Andagi... the lunch of champions!
Photograph by: Laurie Smith

Ichigo Ichi E Class Debuts at the 2011 Okinawan Festival

HUOA's Ichigo Ichi E Class under the direction of Derek Asato (left) and members, Gordon Yamashiro and Paula Arakawa, gave their special rendition of Sanshin no Hana at the 2011 Okinawan Festival.

Thanks to the generosity of Okinawa's famous musical group, BEGIN, the HUOA is the lucky beneficiary of their unique Ichigo Ichi E instrument.

Classes are held at the Hawaii Okinawa Center on the first and third Thursdays of the month. Instruments are loaned to members and no experience is needed-interested participants are welcomed to call the HOC at 676-5400.



University Students from Okinawa



Energetic students from the University of the Ryukyus at HOC.

JCCH Visits HOC



Derrick Iwata, Education Specialist at the Japanese Cultural Center of Hawaii (JCCH) and a dozen JCCH volunteers visit the Hawaii Okinawa Center (HOC).

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Ready, Set, TEXT!

By Courtney Takara, Program Chair

Excitement stirred on Sunday afternoon at the Okinawan Festival during the Third Annual Hawaii's Fastest Texter Contest. Hawaii Central Federal Credit Union (HCFCU) hosted the contest, giving away a \$500 cash prize for the fastest texter. There were over 30 contestants (many were students who participated in the Tsunahiki tournament earlier that day), spread out between the four preliminary rounds. In each round, contestants were asked to



Larissalyn Minicola, a 14-year old Castle High School student, was the first to text the phrase without any errors and in less than a minute! She won \$500 from HCFCU and the title of this year's

fastest texter. Grace Chee from Honolulu was the runner-up (she was also the runner-up in last year's contest) and won an LG Optimus cell phone from Sprint and LG.

Congrats Larissalyn and thank you to all of our contestants for coming out to participate. We would also like to thank Hawaii Central Federal Credit Union (especially coordinators Mila Kobayashi and Travis Uchino) for sponsoring the contest.

text a phrase (up to 100 characters) on the provided cell phones. The fastest texter with the least errors advanced.

Four contestants earned a spot in the final round and a chance to win \$500. The phrase they had to text was: "We'll see you next year at our 30th Okinawan Festival on September 1st and 2nd 2012 - mata yaasai!" A quick side note - "mata yaasai" is an Okinawan phrase that is similar to the Japanese phrase "jaa mata" which means, "see you again." Women would say "mata yaatai."



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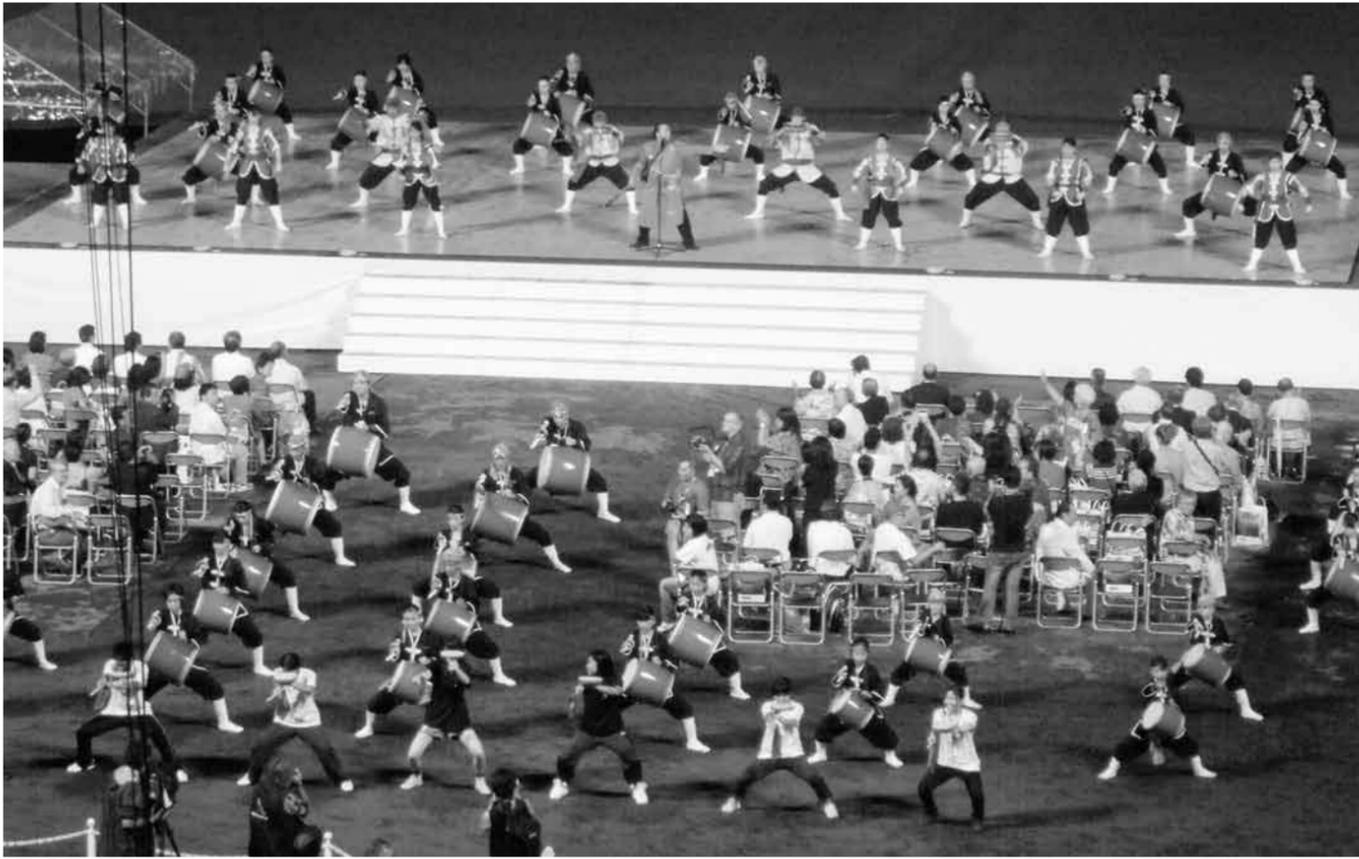
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Ikuyu Madin

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'All Good Things Must Come To An End' ... or maybe not!

By Jon Itomura, Capital Campaign Chair

On August 2, 2010, HUOA unveiled its 2010 "Donor Wall," which represents the names of individuals and families who are supporting the Ikuyu Madin - Generation to Generation Capital Campaign Fundraising effort. This marked the triumphant end of the 2010 Capital Campaign effort to "Slam Da Debt." Does it need to end here? Of course not!

The unveiling of over 90 stunning plaques, designed by Maurice Yamasato and beautifully hand crafted and installed by Seimo Higa, drew the interest of over 600 family and friends to the Hawaii Okinawa Center's Legacy Hall that evening. Through this one-year Donor Wall fundraising effort, approximately 250 donors raised almost \$800,000! The "Slam Da Debt" goal was to raise just under \$2 million dollars to pay off the loan for the Ikuyu Madin Land Development project across Ukee Street from the Hawaii Okinawa Center. Though words, gestures and objects cannot appropriately relay the gratitude of generations to come, these plaques also reflect the names of individuals and families who have donated funds since the inception of the Ikuyu Madin effort.

The idea of the Donor Wall was spurred by Pat Miyashiro (Ginowan Club). Pat has consistently initiated creative and successful fundraising events such as the "888" campaign back in 2008. His thought was to establish a reminder to all who come to the Hawaii Okinawa Center that there are those individuals and families in the community who believe in promoting, perpetuating and preserving the Okinawan culture here in Hawaii and who want to see the legacy, which is the Hawaii Okinawa Center, support the local Okinawa community for generations to come. He stressed that the wall should reflect the names of the family members no matter how old or young so that every time a person visits the Legacy Hall, they may gaze upon the names of those who came before them and those who will continue long after them and gain a sense of ownership in the Hawaii Okinawa Center and the future home of the Okinawa Plaza.

The evening was filled with anticipation as the Call to Celebration was led by an energetic and powerful performance by Chinagu Eisa Hawaii Director Lisa Tamashiro. This was followed by the talents of well-known storyteller Alton Chung, who delivered an emotional tale about the "Pigs from the Sea," the story of Hawaii Okinawans who delivered 550 pigs to their homeland, which had been devastated by the Battle of Okinawa. Then, the much-anticipated moment... Norman Nakasone - HUOA President, Alan Chinen - past Capital Campaign Chair, George Tamashiro - Land Development Committee Chair, Maurice Yamasato - Architect/Designer of the Hawaii Okinawa Center, Karen Kuba-Hori - HUOA staff for the Capital Campaign committee, and Pat Miyashiro - Capital Campaign Committee member, revealed the plaques and all 600 invitees streamed up to get a glimpse of the names of those who represent the past and future of the Hawaii Okinawa Center. Does it end here? No! The goal is within our grasp and the 2012 Donor Wall campaign will be announced soon. But the future holds promise as a very good beginning has come to an end. 🍡

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Hawaii Okinawa Center Holiday Craft Fairs

This holiday season the Hawaii United Okinawa Association will again host two of Hawaii's premier Craft Fairs. On **November 26th - 27th**, the Hawaii Okinawa Center will open its doors for the thousands of anxious shoppers trying to find that special holiday gift and don't forget to reserve **December 7th** for our **"An Evening in Waipio Craft Fair."**

2011 Winter Craft Fair

November 26th - 27th
 Saturday - 9am to 3pm
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Parking available across the Hawaii Okinawa Center.

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"An Evening in Waipio"

December 7th - Wednesday
 5:30pm to 9:00pm

Great Shopping
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Currently registering interested vendors and volunteers contact us at 676-5400

A special mahalo to organizing clubs Tomigusuku, Urasoe, Wahiawa and Yagaji for the Winter Craft Fair, and Yomitan, Yonabaru and Yonashiro for the Evening Craft Fair.



CLUB NEWS

Our Clubs, Our Future

Ginowan News

By Jane Sachiko Nakamura

Akisamiyo! Hyaaka! We'll be a hundred years old very soon, still full of energy and spirit. Ginowan Shijin Kai will celebrate its centennial on March 24, 2012 at the same time we have our *Shinnen enkai*. Great and memorable events are being planned, so mark your calendars and plan on joining in on the celebration. Notices were sent out earlier describing plans to make a cookbook of your recipes and photos with brief family information. Many of us will be in Okinawa in October so the deadline for sending in this information has been extended to October 30, 2011. If you are



contact your aza representative or anyone on the board. Send all photos and recipes to: Claire Matsumoto, 2454 Manoa Road, Honolulu HI 96822.

The annual Ginowan Shijin Kai picnic was held on August 7, 2011 at Ala Moana Park. Nice weather, jovial crowd, another successful event. Rodney Kohagura chaired this event with Ginowan, Futenma and Maehara aza's committee members. Dreaming up new games to keep the group interested is a most difficult task, but John Tasato and his group succeeded. There were games for everyone from eligible infants to centenarians, and Kathy Kaya and her committee rewarded all of the participants with prizes—the reward of having fun, of course! Patrick Miyashiro and his helpers ensured that there was plenty of colorful, refreshing shaved ice for the never-ending line. Thank you to the many donors who supported this activity!

mailing them in, please allow delivery time. A historical CD of family shots and activities is also in the making. Send in pictures that you'd like to see in this memorabilia. Suggestions are for old first generation, family groups, activities, etc. These are precious and will be returned to the senders after use. If you have any questions,

The HUOA Okinawan Festival is our third large event this year. The Ginowan club “cooked” and mixed batter for the andagi booths on Saturday and Sunday. Janyce Miyashiro was always with a clipboard recruiting volunteers before the festival, assigning time slots, tasks. Meeting new faces and working with others was fun. Each year, Prof. Shige Shiramizu brings his Tokyo class to Hawaii during this event to study culture. They learn hands-on festival workings. Great job, Janyce!

Get ready for the Ginowan centennial celebration! 🇺🇸



Okinawan Women With Wings And Hui O Laulima Session

Hawaii Okinawa Center

Tuesday, September 6, 2011

Sixteen Hui O Laulima members joined 21 visiting Okinawan Women with Wings on September 6 in one session of the weeklong Women with Wings' international seminar. Although most of the international seminar was held at the East-West Center in Manoa, the Hawaii Okinawa Center was the perfect choice of location for the September 6 event with Hui O Laulima. Both groups enjoyed the pleasure and opportunity to interact and meet each other. The event's success demonstrated that language is not a barrier for friendships among women who are Okinawan or Okinawan-at-heart! While a translator assisted with the formal program, the women's loving smiles, warm hugs, and laughter were the best means of person-to-person communication. 🇺🇸

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Hataraki Man Lives!

In honor of more than 2,000 volunteers who worked many hours and days to ensure the success of the Okinawan Festival, (L-R): 2010 HUOA President Paul Komeiji, President Norman Nakasone, President-elect Cyrus Tamashiro, 2009 President Ford Chinen, and Vice President George Bartels did a fantastic performance of the ever popular HATARAKI MAN!



Kyokai Members Meet with Governor Abercrombie

President Choko Takayama and members of the Board of Directors of the Okinawa Hawaii Kyokai met with Governor Abercrombie when more than 100 Uchinanchu from Okinawa attended our Okinawan Festival in September.



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...Inspiring!

Chinagu. The excitement that the teenagers brought with them carried over into other areas of the Festival, like the Texting Contest where they encouraged their classmates with spirited cheering. Congratulations to Castle High School for winning the Tsunahiki Tournament!

On the main stage, Courtney Takara deftly guided dancers, musicians, taiko players and martial artists in a program that was as varied as it was colorful. In addition to our talented local performers, festival-goers were treated to entertainers from Okinawa, including the Leinani Hula Group, the Kyoko Toma Family Minyo Group, the Yuino Buyo Group, and headliners Mamoru Miyagi and Yoko Hizuki. On Sunday, the Yatchii Dancers (Ford Chinen, Paul Komeiji, Norman Nakasone, George Bartels and Cyrus Tamashiro) paid tribute to the hardworking volunteers at the Okinawan Festival with the Hataraki Man Dance.

Much went into the marketing of the Okinawan Festival, including posters and flyers, radio promotions by committee chairs, media interviews including segments with Manolo Morales on the KHON morning news, establishing an Okinawan Festival Facebook page, appearances on video blogs and promotion using smart phone apps. Our thanks go out to Shari Tamashiro for helping us gain a presence on social networking sites. Visit NonStopHonolulu.com and YouTube for a sample of the increased visibility that the Okinawan Festival will have in the years to come.

The hard work of all the volunteers who give from their hearts to help make the Okinawan Festival so successful is truly inspiring: The Jefferson Kitchen Crew, Carol and Larry Yamamoto's crew who kept the construction and cleanup crews well fed and hydrated, our delivery drivers, our forklift operators, our parking lot crew, Eleanor Miyasaki's First Aid crew, our workers in the Children's Games area, the Arakaki Family reefer crew, our cooks and product sellers. Our organization has so many people with special skills, unique talents, important contacts, and who contribute without fanfare. They are self-starters who lead by example and avoid the limelight. Uchinanchu and Uchinanchu-at-Heart who are simply, AWESOME!

To the 2,000-plus volunteers at the Okinawan Festival, thank you very much for your dedication and spirit! *Ippee Niffee Deebiru!*

Mahalo Party

More than 80 Uchinanchu flew over from Okinawa to participate in the Okinawan Festival. Posing with Norman Nakasone after the Aloha Party are members of the Okinawa Hawaii Kyokai, Leinani Hula Group, Kyoko Toma Family, Yui No Buyo Group, Mamoru Miyagi and Yoko Hizuki.



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22nd Hawaii-Okinawa High School Student Exchange Program Host Students And Families Needed!

Applications due: December 10, 2011

The Hawaii United Okinawa Association (HUOA) is seeking 25 Oahu high school students who would like to host one or two students from Okinawa (10th and 11th graders) from Saturday, February 25- March 7, 2012. The Okinawan students will be on the Big Island from March 7-9, 2012. They will return on March 9 and stay overnight at the Hawaii Okinawa Center before flying back to Okinawa on March 10. There will be an Aloha Party for the students and host families on Friday, March 10,



Hawaii students performing in Okinawa

at the Hawaii Okinawa Center.

For the past 20 years, the Department of Education has participated in the Hawaii-Okinawa High School Student Exchange Program with the Okinawa Prefectural Government. Effective 2011, since there has been no funding allocated from the Legislature for this Sister-State Project, the HUOA has adopted this annual exchange program.

We anticipate the cost of this project to be approximately \$8,000, to provide all bus transportation, field trip costs to Polynesian Cultural Center and other sites, hosting the welcome luncheon, Aloha dinner, and breakfast on their last day before departure, and other costs. If you know of anyone or businesses that would consider joining us in sponsoring this very worthwhile High School Student Exchange program, please encourage them to email: edhuoa@huoa.org or call Jane Serikaku at 676-5400. Mahalo for your help.

Application forms, information about the exchange program will be posted to our website, www.huoa.org by November 1. Deadline to register to be a host student is December 10, 2011.

Okinawan Proverbs

By HUOA Uchinaaguchi Class Members

Sensei Dr. Kyoko Hijirida

The next few months are traditionally considered the harvest season, the time of year when farmers harvest their crops and prepare for winter. The following proverbs elicit the importance of food and its effects on our health, and serves as a reminder that we should be thankful for the food that we have.

(1) むずくい や ていん ぬ えーむん

Muzukui ya tin nu eemun

農作物は天の賜り物

Fresh produce is a heavenly gift.

(2) あらむん じょーぐーや どうー かんじゅー

Aramun jooguu ya duu ganjuu

One who eats plain food is strong (healthy).

(3) どうーたぶとーけー じん たぶとーしとう いぬむん

Duu tabutookee, jin tabutooshi tu inumun.

体大事にしておけば、銭貯めてあるのと同じ事。

Health is wealth. Taking care of your health saves you money in the long run.

Part II of our Student Exchange Program will be our Hawaii Students going to Okinawa in June 2012 and being hosted by the same Okinawan students who are participating in the exchange in Hawaii. Students will be responsible for their own plane fare to Okinawa.

Just as the Hawaii United Okinawa Association does when the Okinawan students are with us in Hawaii, the Okinawa Prefectural Board of Education will arrange for host families and cover the expenses for field trips, welcome party, overnight stays, and so forth for our Hawaii students. Priority to be selected to go to Okinawa will be given to Hawaii students who host Okinawan students when they arrive in February 2012.



Pictured are some of the students who participated in Part 2 of the Hawaii-Okinawa Student Exchange Program as they share their hula with our Festival goers.

An Opportunity To Study & Experience Okinawa

If you are below the age of 30, of Okinawan descent, and eager to study at an accredited university in Okinawa, this scholarship is for you! We have just learned that the Okinawa Prefectural Government Foundation will be offering a one-year scholarship, April 2012 - March 2013. The scholarship will include air transportation, enrollment fees, and room and board. In previous years, three accredited institutions were offered, University of the Ryukyus, Okinawa Prefectural University of Arts, and Meiou University. Though they are still finalizing next year's program, we learned that they are adding two more learning institutions to the program.

If we have peaked your interest, please go to our website, www.huoa.org to check out last year's Okinawa Prefectural Government Foundation Scholarship site. Although last year's scholarship was offered only for half a year, you will find a lot of information and will give you an idea of what is expected of you. As soon as we receive detailed information and the application form, it will be posted on our website.

Interested? Email: edhuoa@huoa.org and we will definitely alert you when the information arrives from Okinawa.

Uchinaa-guchi (Okinawan language) Word of the Month

September

mii-data's(h)an, adj. Outstanding; conspicuous; notable; important.

October

kunee'in, vi. [koraeru] 1 To be patient; endure; forgive.
2 To make peace with, become reconciled with.

(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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Taikai Impressions... Ichariba Choodee

By Denise Liu

Ichariba Choodee. Our tour guide told us in her limited English that this means we are *ohana*, like in Lilo and Stitch. Ohana means family. But to me it's more than just family. It also means responsibility to each other, honoring your elders and ancestors, caring for each other, teaching each other, and pulling together. Ohana means nobody gets left behind.

I see this spirit in the Okinawan people from all over the world. Whether from Brazil, Peru, Europe, Hawaii or Okinawa, we are all family. Whether it is planning our sonjin kai picnic or shinnen enkai party, helping with the HUOA Winter



Overseas descendants of Nakagusuku at the Nakagusuku castle.

Craft Fair, cleaning up the Center in Waipio, working at the Okinawan Festival at Kapiolani Park, or attending the Taikai in Okinawa, there is a tremendous pulling together of hearts and spirits. Responsibility. Participation. And nobody gets left behind.

When we walked into the airport in Naha we were greeted with "Mensooree" and "Welcome Home!" Home.

During the last taikai five years ago, I remember standing in the water at the beach in Nakagusuku thinking that this is where my Asato jichan came from. We even visited the family home, Nakanto in Tomari Nakagusuku, and I remember thinking that this is where my jichan grew up.

At the Virtual Leadership Tour that I attended, we learned how important family is in the Okinawan culture.

This year, during one of the few quiet moments of the tour, I was standing on the hill at the Nakagusuku Castle overlooking the Tomari area and I thought, this is where my family comes from. This is where I come from. And I must do my best to honor the work of the Nakagusuku members, including my jichan and his brothers who came before me.

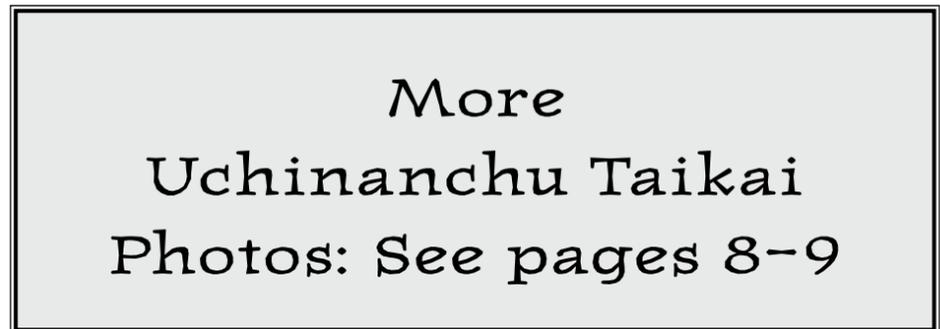
The people of Nakagusuku held a reception party for us, and it really was a welcome home party. And as we boarded the bus to go back to Naha, one of the girls told us, *ichariba choodee*. Once we meet we are brothers and sisters. Everyone Okinawan and Okinawan at heart. We work together. We play together. We are all family.

Taikai Impressions...

Uchinanchu Taikai Closing Ceremonies

By Cyrus Tamashiro, HUOA Vice President

During the Closing Ceremonies, over 1,000 spirited young Eisa drummers and dancers performed on the field and came into the stands of Onoyama Stadium to lead the spectators in dancing, singing and heishi. Pure electricity! A sea of arms waving and jerking to kachashi music ... everyone had absolute joy on their faces and smiles in their hearts. Performances and lyrics so moving that tissue was needed for teary eyes. Emotional. Energizing. Invigorating. We were from six continents and many islands, but we were one.



Taikai Impressions...

Uchinanchu Taikai Governor's Reception

By Norman Nakasone, HUOA President

I had the honor of offering the kampai toast at the governor's reception the night before the opening ceremony. There were 550 people in attendance, including Governor Nakaima, Governor Abercrombie, UH President M.R.C. Greenwood, kenjikai presidents and goodwill ambassadors from around the world, various government officials, and other dignitaries and VIPs. It was a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity and what an experience it was. I ended my speech saying that we were looking forward to "making new friends, renewing old friendships, encountering life-changing experiences, and making many memories that we will cherish a lifetime." I can honestly say that I accomplished all of these things during the wonderful time I had on this trip. I am sure that many others can say the same.



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- 5 Hawaii Shuri Naha Club, HOC Clean-up, 7am
- 8 Executive Council mtg, 7pm
- 10 Communications & Information Committee, meeting, 7pm
- 15 HUOA Board of Directors meeting, 7pm
- 17 Administration meeting, 7pm
- 20 Urasoe Shijin Kai, HOC Clean-up, 7am
- 22 Club Development & Sustainment meeting, 7pm,
- 25 HUOA Winter Craft Fair set-up
- 26 HUOA Winter Craft Fair, 9am-3pm
- 27 HUOA Winter Craft Fair, 9am-2pm
- 29 HUOA Karaoke, 7pm

December

- 6 Evening in Waipio Craft Fair, set-up
- 7 Evening in Waipio Craft Fair, 5:30-9pm
- 8 Communications & Information Committee, meeting, 7pm
- Installation Com mtg, 7pm
- 13 HUOA Karaoke (moved from 12/27), 7pm
- 15 Administration Committee meeting, 7pm

Classes · Other Meetings at Hawaii Okinawa Center:

- HUOA Sanshin: every Thursday, 7pm*
- Ichigo Ichi E: 1st & 3rd Thursday, 8-9pm*
- Ikebana: 3rd Wednesday, 7pm*
- Karaoke nite: last Tuesday, 6:30pm*
- Kobudo Taiko: every Monday, 7pm, contact Calvin Nakama 224-7374
- Monday Crafters: every Monday, 9am*
- Okinawan Genealogical Society meeting: 3rd Saturday, 9am*
- Uchinaaguchi: every 4th Thursday, 7pm*

*for more information, please call 676-5400

Subject to Change (entries as of 10/1/11)

REMINDER: Since January 2011, the regular airtime for our HOT shows has been changed to Saturday at 5 p.m. In addition to this time slot, we also premiere (new) shows on the first and third Mondays of each month at 7 p.m. These premiere shows are reshown on the Saturday of the same week. Our shows will still be aired on Oceanic Channel 53.

Nov 5, Sat, 5pm — Part Two of the HUOA Legacy Award 2007. This episode features honorees Maurice Yamasato, Wally Yonamine and Chikai Yosemite. The luncheon was held at the Sheraton Waikiki Ballroom on September 23, 2007.

Nov 7, Mon, 7pm (Premiere) & Nov 12, Sat, 5pm — Show #5 of the 28th Okinawan Festival at Kapiolani Park, September 4 & 5, 2010, featuring Hooge-Ryu Hananuui No Kai Nakasone Dance Academy; Hawaii Taiko Kai; and Texting Contest.

Nov 19, Sat, 5pm — Jimpu Kai USA, Kin Ryosho Ryukyu Geino Kensyusho-Hawaii Shibu, a performance held at the Mission Memorial Auditorium on August 5, 2006.

Nov 21, Mon, 7pm (Premiere) & Nov 26, Sat, 5pm — Part Three of the "Nenes," presented by Sadao China in a benefit concert celebrating the 20th anniversary of the Hawaii Okinawa Center, held at the center on June 29, 2010. The "Nenes" are Yasura Terumi, Uehara Nagisa, Higa Mayuko and Nakamot Maki. Also performing are Sadao China and Yasuko Nishida. — BONUS FEATURE — OMOIDE Down Memory Lane: "Remembrance" featuring James Yoshimi Iha, Lorraine Kaneshiro, Kiyoshi Kinjo, Wayne Miyahira, Shoei Moriyama, Albert "Doc" Miyasato, and Harry Seisho Nakasone.

Dec 3, Sat, 5pm — Part One of "Unji Kumiti - From The Heart," a performance by Nidaime Teishin Kai Hawaii Shibu, a tribute to the late Kiyoshi Kinjo. The concert was held at the Hawaii Okinawa Center on November 3, 2007.

Dec 5, Mon, 7pm (Premiere) & Dec 10, Sat, 5pm — Show #6 of the 28th Okinawan Festival at Kapiolani Park, September 4 & 5, 2010, featuring Tamagusuku Ryu Senjukai - Frances Nakachi Ryubu Dojo; Nidaime Teishin Kai Hawaii Shibu & the HUOA Sanshin Class; and Pauahi Okinawa Buyo Club.

Dec 17, Sat, 5pm — Young Okinawans of Hawaii 1999 Christmas Luncheon held at the Hawaii Okinawa Center.

Dec 19, Mon, 7pm (Premiere) & Dec 24, Sat, 5pm — Part Two of "Ukaji Deebiru" - "Because of You" a charity performance by Tamagusuku Ryu Senjukai - Frances Nakachi Ryubu Dojo commemorating the 20th anniversary of the Hawaii Okinawa Center, held at the Center on November 7, 2010.

Dec 31, Sat, 5pm — Part Two of "Unji Kumiti - From The Heart," a performance by Nidaime Teishin Kai Hawaii Shibu, a tribute to the late Kiyoshi Kinjo. The concert was held at the Hawaii Okinawa Center on November 3, 2007.

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