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SURII JYURII: Working Together in Harmony

By Arnold Hiura

The New Year is traditionally a time to reflect on the past and look forward to the future. On Jan. 18, 2014, the Hawaii United Okinawa Association (HUOA) held its 64th annual Installation and Uchinanchu of the Year Celebration at the Hawaii Okinawa Center (HOC), providing the organization with just such an opportunity to toast the successes of the previous year and to embrace the promise of the year to come.



The passing of the gavel from 2013 HUOA President George Bartels, Jr. to 2014 President Chris Shimabukuro.

Outgoing HUOA president, George Bartels, Jr., took the opportunity to say “thank you” to those who contributed so mightily to the HUOA’s mission of promoting, perpetuating and preserving Okinawan culture throughout his tenure. He also cited major maintenance projects and facilities upgrades made to the HOC, and underscored the importance of the Hawaii Okinawa Plaza project to the long-term health of the organization. All of the 2013 officers and advisors were brought on stage and recognized for their efforts.

Cyrus Tamashiro, 2012 HUOA President, served as the master of ceremonies for the program, which included heartfelt messages of praise and support from Governor Neil Abercrombie, Honolulu Mayor Kirk Caldwell, and Consul General of Japan Toyoei Shigeeda. *Karii* (toasts) were led by Dr. Mark Muguishi and Maurice Yamasato.

Champions of the HUOA’s highly competitive 2013 sports leagues and tournaments were awarded their trophies: Goodwill Golf Tournament (Kent Tamashiro), Inamine Golf Cup (Nakagusuku Sonjin Kai), Mixed Handicap Bowling (Aza Yogi Doshi Kai-Nakasone Ohana), Invitational Slow Pitch Softball (Haneji Club), and Mixed Volleyball (Urasoe Shijin Kai).

One of the highlights of the banquet, of course, was the recognition of the *Uchinanchu* of the Year. These individuals (see photo, page 5) were selected by their respective clubs for their outstanding service to the club and to HUOA not just for this past year, but over the course of many years. The *Uchinanchu* of the Year honorees always include an amazing diversity of gender, age, occupation and even ethnicity. Each honoree was presented with a certificate and gift from George Bartels, Jr. and incoming President Chris Shimabukuro.

Even the event’s entertainment represented a carefully crafted blend of experience and youth. This year’s program opened with a pulsating “Call to Celebration”

by Chinagu Eisa Hawaii, followed by a dynamic *Shishimai* performance by Hawaii Okinawa Creative Arts, music by the Michael Nakasone Trio, and classical Okinawan dance performances by Majikina Honryu Buyo Dojo, Yoshino Majikina Nakasone – Sohke, and Frances Nakachi Ryubu Dojo, Frances Nakachi Sensei. Jikata members included Shihan Kenton Odo and Kyoshi Sean Sadaoka (*Uta Sanshin*); Lynn Masuda (*Fue*); Alison Ebesu (*Taiko*); and Kyoshi Sara Nakatsu (*Koto*).

The installation of the HUOA’s slate of 2014 officers and advisors reflected the organization’s continuing commitment to move forward. An extra poignant generational circumstance this year was that the installing officer, retired Circuit Court Judge Herbert K. Shimabukuro, is the father of President Chris Shimabukuro.

Each president brings his or her own experience, strengths and personality with them to their administration. If this is indeed the case, then Chris’ tenure promises to be both energetic and full of surprises. Chris entered with a bang by joining in a special performance of *Hatoma Bushi* in full costume and makeup. Unbeknownst to all, Chris had learned the dance from Frances Nakachi Sensei just for this occasion.

And, as if that were not enough to energize the crowd, Hawaii’s *ukulele* virtuoso Jake Shimabukuro took the stage and delivered his usual mind-boggling performance filled with energy, emotion and artistry.

Chris’ dance and Jake’s *ukulele* performance led to the culminating *Kachashi*. This rousing conclusion underscored the importance of having fun while pursu-



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President's Message

By Chris Shimabukuro

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*Surii Jyurii -
Working Together in Harmony*

My father shared with me a lesson he learned from his father, “*Yarikata wa daiji*,” meaning, the way you do things is important.

On January 18, 2014, we honored 36 *Uchinanchu* of the Year award recipients from our HUOA member clubs who have done and continue to do things the right way. Thank you, *Uchinanchu* of the Year honorees, for all that you do for your respective clubs. It is volunteers like you who help make each club and the HUOA special. You serve as important role models for all of us to emulate. Congratulations and thank you for helping to perpetuate and promote the Okinawan Culture and the *Uchinanchu* spirit.

Let us also recognize and thank George Bartels Jr. for doing things the right way as he served as 2013 HUOA President. We were especially fortunate to have a president whose tremendous qualities of leadership, integrity, broad thinking, compassion, and dedication led to a successful year. Thank you, George and your family, for giving so much of yourself to serve the betterment of the HUOA and our community.

A special Mahalo goes out to Jane Serikaku and her staff for helping to oversee all of the HUOA's programs and activities. They all wear many hats and go above and beyond their own jobs to make sure everything is done the right way.

The HUOA is a very special organization and it would not be able to function and thrive without its wonderful volunteers, clubs members, employees, and various supporters. Thank you, everyone, for your ongoing support. It is with the people of the HUOA in mind that our committee decided on *Surii Jyurii, Working Together in Harmony*, as our theme for 2014. The spirit of *Surii Jyurii* is powerful and effective and will allow all of us to bring our hearts and hands together to move forward as one body. Together, I am confident that we will meet the challenges that are upon us and fulfill the goals of the HUOA which are to preserve, perpetuate and promote the Okinawan culture.

It is a very exciting time for the HUOA as we move forward with plans to develop the Hawaii Okinawa Plaza on our adjacent property and our spirit of *Surii Jyurii* will be vital as we all come together for the benefit of our organization and our community.

In addition, many wonderful events will take place in 2014. The Maui Okinawa Kenjin Kai will be having their annual Maui Okinawan Festival and Hui Okinawa will be having their biennial Haari Boat Festival on August 15 and 16 at Wailoa State Park in Hilo. Our signature event, the 32nd Okinawan Festival, will be held on August 30 and 31 at Kapiolani Park. For those that would like to develop an even deeper appreciation for our Okinawan culture, our Leadership and Study Tours will travel to Okinawa on October 6 to 16, where we will visit many historical sites and also have the opportunity to participate in the tsunahiki contest at the Naha Matsuri Festival.

Of course, there will also be many cultural and performing arts events scheduled throughout the year. I would encourage everyone to attend these events as it is a meaningful way to have your spirits lifted and meet some very special fellow Okinawans and Okinawans at heart.

When I think back to my grandfather's lesson of “*Yarikata wa daiji*” and the way that you do things is important, I think about the HUOA and its clubs and how it lives this lesson every day. The HUOA is not the biggest or the wealthiest

organization, but it really does things the right way. It gives from the heart, unselfishly and with compassion, with the hope of sharing our *Uchinanchu* spirit with our club members and extended families. It is with this respect for the HUOA and its members that I am very humbled to serve as your president. The HUOA and its clubs are made up of amazing people and to think that I have the opportunity to serve such an organization is truly an honor.

There is much to look forward to this coming year and I can't wait to get started. I know that, Together, we can accomplish great things. I humbly ask for your participation and support.

Ippee Niffee Deebiru! Yoroshiku Onegai Itashimasu.



UCHINANCHU

Ippee Niffee Deebiru... Mahalo!

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UCHINANCHU SPOTLIGHT

Spotlight: Robert Fukuhara



A refreshing breeze gently swayed the branches surrounding the Takakura Okinawa Garden of the Hawaii Okinawa Center. Dragonflies and golden monarchs flitted over the manicured lawn before disappearing with the wind or perching their gossamer wings on the Chinese lotus flowers in the symbolic pond representing the oceans surrounding the Okinawan and Hawaiian islands. It is a tranquil place that has been the setting for countless wedding ceremonies and bridal portraits. The HUOA is truly fortunate that a corps of diligent volunteers have taken that extra measure of pride and effort to create this haven for everyone to enjoy.

In 1999, a year before the Hawaii Okinawa Center's 10th anniversary, volunteers were focused on enhancing the beauty of the Takakura Okinawa Garden and Okinawa Issei Garden to welcome the thousands who would visit us to celebrate the Center's birthday and our community's centennial anniversary. This is the year that the late Stanley Higa encouraged Robert Fukuhara, a fellow Okinawa City-Goeku member, to join the volunteer force that maintained these gardens. Robert's unwavering commitment and dedication are spotlighted in this issue of *Uchinanchu*.

Robert is the eldest of four sons born to Choki and Yuriko Fukuhara. Robert's dad was an *issei* and his mom was a *kibei Nisei* and both of their ancestral roots were connected with the former Goeku Village in Okinawa. His dad worked as a dairyman at various locations and also ran a piggery. His mom took in laundry to help supplement the family's income. Doubtlessly, working hard was a way of life for the entire Fukuhara family.

Soon after graduation from high school, Robert ventured to the mainland for three years before returning to Hawaii. In the 50's he was an avid member of Goeku's softball team in the Hui Makaala softball league and in the 80's he coached the game for other Goeku members. Subsequently, the seasoned members of Goeku noticed

When asked why he has continued as a HOC volunteer gardener, Robert immediately shared that it is great to be part of a team whose members' heart and soul moved as one force to care for our home, the Hawaii Okinawa Center.

Robert's leadership qualities and ability to balance communication between the seniors and younger members of his club, hence, recruiting him to be their club's president. Robert fulfilled this role and other advisor positions while he and wife, Amy, raised their sons Craig and Ross, cared for his parents, and later actively focused on their six grandchildren as well.

When asked why he has continued as a HOC volunteer gardener, Robert immediately shared that it is great to be part of a team whose members' heart and soul moved as one force to care for our home, the Hawaii Okinawa Center. He said that he has especially enjoyed the many stories and experiences shared by senior gardener Minoru Teruya and, when he first started, the special welcome and appreciation that the former Executive Director, the late Wayne Miyahira, extended to him and all of the gardeners. He truly believes that their stories and the sharing of thoughts by the present volunteers underscore the presence of the *Uchinanchu* spirit. He is very proud that his son, Craig, has fulfilled his involvement with the Goeku club as its Treasurer for many years.

Robert looks forward to a time when other members of his club and community will recognize the importance of becoming involved and participating in club and HUOA activities to ensure that our ethnic identity will be strong and carried into the future.

We would like to also thank Amy for the many occasions that she has supplemented our volunteer lunches and coffee breaks with delicious home salads and treats she has prepared for everyone.

Ipee Nifee Deebiru to Robert Fukuhara and the entire Fukuhara Family for generously living in the spirit of *Yuimaaruu* in all that you do.

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ing the success of the organization.

Beyond honoring the past and the future, perhaps the most important function of the Installation and *Uchinanchu* of the Year Celebration is to assure continuity between the two. It fosters confidence to see past officers and advisors standing shoulder to shoulder with fresh new faces; to know that future presidents are

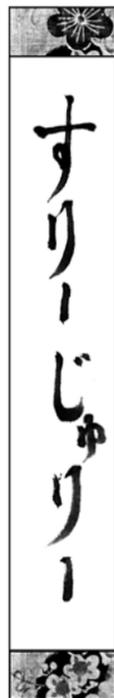
being groomed for their role by serving as vice presidents; that the passing of gavel is more than just a photo op, and, finally, that there is indeed strength in numbers.

Individuals have long used the New Year to fashion resolutions. To do so as an organization is an infinitely wise exercise—something that the HUOA has instinctively done for more than six decades.



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— *Chris M. Shimabukuro, 2014*





HAWAII UNITED OKINAWA ASSOCIATION

2013 Uchinanchu of the Year Honorees

Our heartfelt appreciation goes out to all the honorees who have contributed unselfishly to their respective clubs and the Hawaii United Okinawa Association. The following were recognized at the Installation & Uchinanchu of the Year Celebration on January 18, 2014.

Club Name	Honoree(s)
☺ Aza Gushikawa Doshi Kai.....	Skye Goo Darnell
☺ Aza Yogi Doshi Kai.....	Gilbert Nakasone
☺ Chatan – Kadena Chojin Kai.....	Patti Sakihara
☺ Gaza Yonagusku Doshi Kai	Gloria Sato
☺ Ginowan Shijin Kai	Sharlene Shimada
☺ Ginoza Sonjin Kai.....	Ken Nakama
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☺ Hawaii Sashiki Chinen Doshi Kai.....	Masao & Kimiko Kinjo
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☺ Hui O Laulima	Jean Tsuda
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☺ Kitanakagusuku Sonjin Kai	Charlene Maeda
☺ Kona Okinawa Kenjin Kai	Shigeko Nakasone
☺ Kuba Rosei Kai	Margaret Yuriko (Higa) Sawamura
☺ Maui Okinawa Kenjin Kai.....	Toshiko Oki
☺ Nago Club	Mark Higa
☺ Nishihara Chojin Kai.....	Masato Katekaru
☺ Okinawa City – Goeku Son.....	Yvonne Lui
☺ Okinawan Genealogical Society	John Tasato
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☺ Osato Doshi Kai.....	Yoshiko Sickels
☺ Tamagusuku Club	Takashi Tsuhako
☺ Urasoe Shijin Kai	Shigeru Awakuni
☺ Wahiawa Okinawa Kyoyu Kai.....	Alan Kakazu
☺ Yomitan Club	Thelma Tomiko Higa
☺ Yonashiro Chojin Kai.....	Eunice Hirata

Mahalo from Senju Kai Hawaii

"When we recognize that a better word for Fundraising is 'friend raising,' we open limitless doors to creativity in support of our causes." — Sue Vineyard

Cultural Fusion (formerly known as the Awamori Festival) was the 12th annual fundraiser for Tamagusuku Ryu Senju Kai Frances Nakachi Ryubu Dojo. The Senju Kai ohana is overwhelmed with gratitude for the support that was exhibited at their recent event held on December 12. The Harbor View Center located at the historic Pier 38 served as an elegant venue for this lively event. Packed wall to wall with laughter, music, games, good food and spirits, this party was a joyful addition to the holiday season.

Those who were accustomed to previous Awamori Festivals anticipated that there would be Okinawan music and dance, raffle, silent auction, and the recent addition of a *kachashii* contest. This year, however, the entertainment was more of a mixed bag with Hawaiian, Korean and French musical performances. Also new was the Wall of Wonder, which was like a raffle. For \$25, a person would be matched to a mystery bottle of wine, *sake*, *soju* or *awamori* on the Wall of Wonder. A few of them were worth a lot more than \$25!



Friends and supporters of Senju Kai had a wonderful time while raising funds for the school. (Courtesy of honolulupulse.com)

Senju Kai is grateful for all the words of support as well as practical advice from attendees who expressed that although the cuisine was delicious, service was slow and small in portion. Artistic director Frances Nakachi apologetically says, "We will do better next year." While trying to keep each event fresh with new venues and ideas, it is always a learning experience. Senju Kai is excited about the challenge for coordinating another successful event next year and welcomes feedback from its supporters. The success of our school depends on the success of our fundraising ventures.

Senju Kai would especially like to thank the Hawaii United Okinawan Association, United Japanese Society of Hawaii, Hawaii Herald, KZOO radio station, KNNDI radio station, and Randy Kuba for their support. We would also like to thank Derek

Shiroma Sensei and the Okinawa Minyo Kyokai, Jon Itomura with the *shishimai*, Derrick Iwata with the Japanese dance, and emcee Sharen Nakashima.

Finally, reflecting back on 2013, it was an evolving year for Senju Kai. Member Mina Tamashiro received her *Saikou-sho* (a certificate of superior achievement in Okinawan Classical Dance) in Okinawa. What does this mean for our school? Because this achievement requires discipline and rigorous training, these standards are carried into our Hawaii *dojo* and shared with the rest of the students. This type of experience supplemented by dance implementations, *kimono*, make-up, and costs for renting practice facilities really add up. Sharing the gift of *Ryukyuan* dance with the community at sites such as the Okinawan Festival at Kapiolani Park, Lanakila Senior Center, Hale Pulamamau and various New Year's celebrations requires the charitable support of friends and family that has so generously been given in the past.



Four enthusiastic young girls were declared winners of the *Kachashi* Contest by judges Clyde Matsumoto and George Bartels, Jr. Sensei Frances Nakachi Kuba and HUAO President Chris Shimabukuro join the dancers in this photo. (Courtesy of honolulupulse.com)

Tamagusuku Ryu Senju Kai Frances Nakachi Ryubu Dojo humbly asks for your continued support so that the students may continue to enrich their own lives and resonate this cultural affluence throughout the community and the world. For information about our school and upcoming events, please visit our website at www.senjukaihawaii.com.

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(L-R): Liz Teruya and Yukiko Miyazato escorted karate researchers from Okinawa and Okinawa Prefectural Government staff: Akira Nakasone; Takao Kadekaru, Deputy Director General of Department of Culture, Tourism and Sports; Supervisor Chojiro Kamizato; Hidemi Nishimura, Kuniken, Ltd.; and Hiroshi Higa, Okinawa Eizou Center. The group arrived in Hawaii with four of Okinawa's well known karate instructors.



2014 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

 *The year at a glance!* 

- Feb. 22-Mar. 8 Hawaii-Okinawa High School Student Exchange
- May 10 Community Outreach: Okinawan style picnic at a Transitional Shelter
- May 17 4th Eisa Drum Festival at Kapiolani Community College
- May 18 Okinawa's BEGIN performance at Waikiki Shell
- May 24-25 HUOA Invitational Golf Tournament at Pali Golf Course
- June 2-6 Children's Cultural Day Camp at HOC
- June 20 Senior Health & Awareness Fair at HOC
- July 13 Legacy Awards Luncheon at Sheraton Waikiki
- July 27 Okinawa's Toshiko Chinen Benefit Concert at HOC
- Aug. 5 Okinawan Cooking Class at HOC
- Aug. 30, 31 Okinawan Festival at Kapiolani Park
- Nov. 29, 30 Winter Craft Fair
- Dec. 10 Evening in Waipio-Craft Fair

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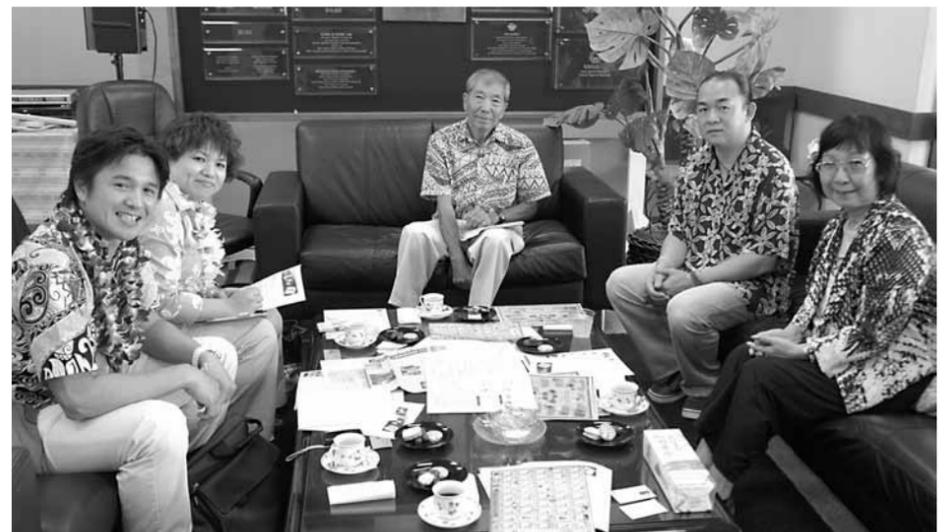
Welcome Terukina-san!

Former HUOA Presidents, Executive Council members and Kenpi graduates gathered to welcome Mr. Hajime Terukina, Director of Exchange Promotion Division of Okinawa Prefectural Government (seated front row, center) and his entourage.



Welcome Uchinaaguchi Researchers

Okinawa Prefectural Government's "Shimakotoba" researchers: Makoto Taira, Kumiko Arakaki and Nobu Takeno discuss Hawaii's status and pursuit of learning the Okinawan language with Eric Wada and Dr. Kyoko Hijirida, who teaches the Uchinaaguchi class at HOC. 



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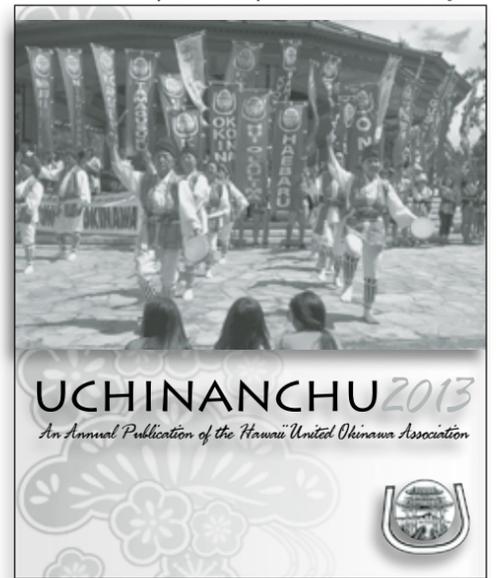
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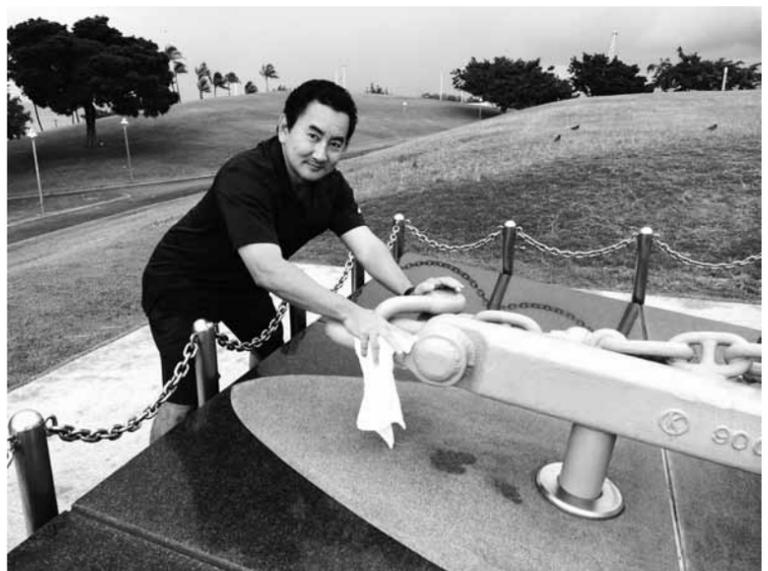
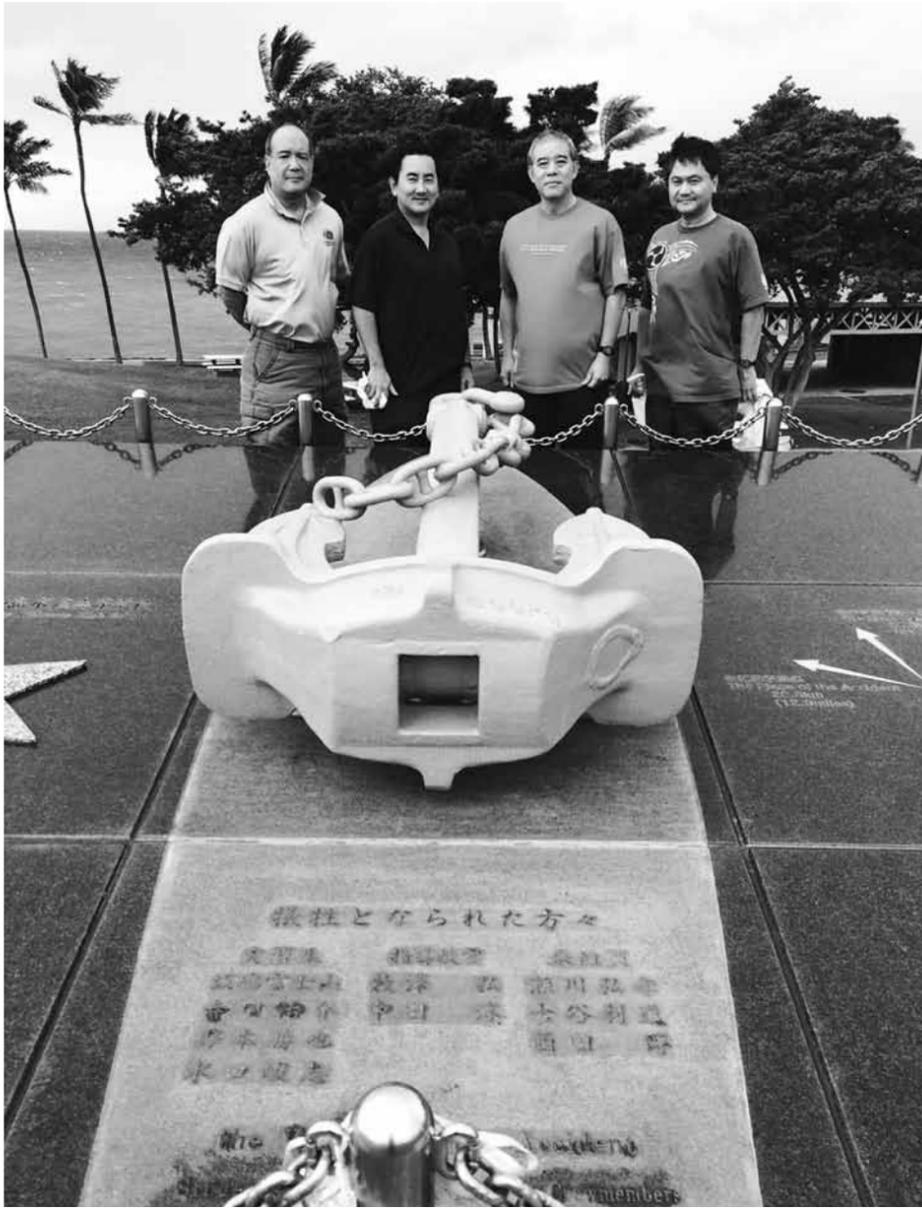


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HUOA'S Ehime Maru Memorial Clean-up Day

Former HUOA presidents George Bartels, Jr., Norman Nakasone and Cyrus Tamashiro joined current president Chris Shimabukuro in cleaning the Ehime Maru Memorial at the Kakaako Waterfront Park on February 1.



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Haari Boat Races are Headed to Hilo



Hui Okinawa is once again hosting the Haari (Dragon) Boat Festival on Saturday August 16, 2014 at the Wailoa State Park and River. This free event is expected to draw thousands of spectators. The Haari boats were a gift from Nago City, Okinawa, in 1990 to commemorate the 90th Anniversary of Okinawan emigration to Hawaii and also the anniversary of Nago City and the City and County of Hawaii becoming sister cities. There are two teams already signed up from New York. Nago Club took the HUOA Club division championship in 2012—let's see who will win it this year. Sign your team up today at www.haariboatfestival.com.

Ginowan News

By Ellen Higa, President

Haitai fellow Ginowanchus - 2013 was again an eventful year for the Ginowan Club and I thank you for your support through all the activities.

Let's start off 2014 with joyous celebration. Come to our annual *Shinnen Enkai* on Sunday, March 23, 2014. The committee has worked hard to put together an exciting afternoon. We will have good food and great entertainment but, most of all, you can catch up with old friends and family or get to know other Ginowanchus, especially with a fun mixer Chris Higa has put together. So come early! I look forward to seeing all of you this coming year and humbly ask for your continued support. Join in the activities! "Yoroshiku onegai shimasu."

The Ginowan club has been very actively involved in HUOA activities. Our annual New Year celebration will be held in March. Members will receive flyers. Please plan



Ginowan members on the October 2013 Study Tour at Ginowan City reception with Mayor Atsushi Sakima. Seated: Amy Ige, Alice Kishimoto, Robert Miyahira, Betsy Miyahira, Jane Sakima, Ellen Higa. Standing: Ted Kishimoto, Gilbert Aragaki, Ray Yogi, Eleanor Yogi, George Ige, Dorothy Aragaki, Mayor Sakima, George Bartels, Slate Higa (in black), Doreen Bartels, Amanda Higa, Sandra Nishimoto, Noreen Higa, Dave Higa, Robin Miyahira, Lily Miyahira, Nadine Shimabukuro, and Troy Nishimoto.

to join in. The annual picnic will be held on August 3, 2014. The club also joins in the HUOA Study Tours to Okinawa, and some of the members are pictured at a reception by the mayor. Dorothy Aragaki made her first trip to Okinawa with this group in October 2013 and was very happy to have done so. She says, "Visiting Okinawa is a must to understand and connect to your roots. The trip was culturally very rich and rewarding. Although I didn't speak the language, I understood most of what was shared because of my parents and grandparents. Connecting with the people



Andagi batter mixing volunteers for November craft fair (several people left before photo session) are, Kneeling: John Tasato, Chris Santomauro, Ashley Morisako, Alan Kunibisa, Sharlene Shimada. Middle Row: June Zakimi, Lauren Suekawa, Wilma Ogimi, Jane Nakamura, Ginowan volunteer, Linda Kunibisa, Steven Kunibisa, Dot Aragaki, Myra Oyama. Back Row: Gilbert Aragaki, Tom Ogimi, Robbie Umeno, Jay Higa, Rodney Kohagura, Max Shinkawa, Dean Oshiro, Brad Araki, Gloria Iwata.

was an exceptional experience for there was much warmth, love and appreciation for the people of Hawaii." A treasured memory is a piece of the *tsunabiki* rope she got at the parade.

Remember the Shinnen Enkai, look forward to the summer picnic, and join in the HUOA Okinawan Festival. We also participate in other HUOA-sponsored activities such as parades, shows, craft fair activities, clean up, and more. Connect with your *aza* representative or anyone in the Ginowan club for more information.



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2014 Hui O Laulima Cultural Grant Awardees

Hui O Laulima (HOL) is pleased to announce the 2014 Cultural Grant recipients. HOL, a non-profit women's organization, offers grants to individuals and organizations that promote and perpetuate the unique culture of Okinawa in our island communities. Each awardee demonstrated potential to promote and expand the influence of our vibrant and colorful Okinawan culture. A total of \$7,000 was awarded to eight individuals and organizations. We congratulate and extend our best wishes to each of the following recipients for a successful year.

1. Jacob Higa - To fund travel to Okinawa to study and take the Shinjinsho Certification test
2. Shari Tamashiro - To cover costs of sound equipment and radio rentals for the 4th Eisa Festival at KCC
3. Hui Okinawa Kobudo Taiko (Hilo) - To provide financial assistance for participation in the 32nd Okinawan Festival
4. Kauai Sanshin Club - To fund airfare for Grant Murata Sensei from Honolulu to teach *uta-sanshin* monthly
5. Maui Ryukyu Culture Group - To assist with airfare for two certified senseis from Honolulu to teach monthly classes in *sanshin*, flute, language, dance, etc.
6. Ryukyukoku Matsuri Daiko Hawaii - To assist with airfare for neighbor island performers to come to Oahu
7. Tamagusuku Ryu Senjukai Frances Nakachi Ryubu Dojo - To provide financial assistance with upcoming recital in 2014
8. Ukwanshin Kabudan - To assist with airfare to Big Island for two certified senseis from Honolulu to teach twice-monthly classes in *sanshin*, dance, flute, and *shisa* dancing

Hui O Laulima is an active member of the Hawaii United Okinawa Association.

What is kajimaya?

Kajimaya is "kazeguruma" in Japanese or "windmill" in English. It signifies the circle of life, meaning you are born as a child and return to being childlike again. It is the celebration of the 97th (96th in US) birthday held on September 7th of the Lunar calendar in Okinawa.

I was fortunate to attend my grandmother's *Kajimaya* celebration in Okinawa in 1989. That year in Gaza there were two grandmothers who turned 97 years old and it was a joint celebration.

There was a parade starting with a truck with music and dancing by the Gaza woman's club, next came the car with the two grandmothers with their names on a banner and decorations, it was followed by several cars with families who passed out candies to well wishers who stood by the roadside. For good luck we crossed seven bridges to get to the city hall, where hundreds of friends and relatives came to celebrate. The grandmothers wore bright yellow *kimonos* and sat at the head table. The guests were given *bento* lunch and a windmill on a stick.



Congratulations to two of our Gazanchus who will celebrate their *Kajimaya* this year. Mrs. Mildred Kikue Kobashikawa who has been our club member since the beginning and is Fred Kobashikawa's mother turned 96 this year. She is very healthy and makes the best *manju* and custard pie. We honor you and wish you many more healthy years!

There are other birthdays that are celebrated in Okinawa. *Jusan-yuue* or 13th birthday is a celebration for girls. Then 25, 37, 49, 61, 73, and 85. *Tokachi* is the 88th birthday and *Kajimaya*, 97th is the last birthday celebrated. If you were born in the year of the snake this is your year of celebration.

Happy Birthday to all!

Mildred Kobashikawa

Kajimaya Celebration February 28, 2013

Gasa gasa is one way to describe Mildred Kikue Kobashikawa. If she is not working in her vegetable garden, where she grows *goya*, *nasubi*, *kandaba* leaves and green onions, you may find her working in her yard or busy baking her specialties: *manju* and custard pie.



Mildred and her husband, the late Thomas Kobashikawa, owned and operated Pawa Radio Shop for over 40 years. They joined Gasa Yonagusuku in 1941. Together they raised four children: Ruby, Peter, Fred and Leilani.

Mildred is considered the gracious matriarch of her family. She meticulously keeps a personal journal and accurately preserves dates of memorable activities, birthdays, celebrations, recipes and other notable events. With enthusiasm, she is always willing to share details on what happened years ago. Her knowledge of Okinawan traditions, culture and language is amazing. Born on Maui, she traveled to the Big Island as the family sought work in the pineapple and sugar cane industry. Mildred celebrated her 96th birthday with her family in Las Vegas this past February.

Kajimaya - Okinawan celebration of longevity

MORE CLUB NEWS

Hui Okinawa Honors Centenarians at Shinnen Enkai and Keirokai

Hui Okinawa's annual *Shinnen Enkai* and *Keirokai* on January 26th at Auntie Sally's Luau Hale in Hilo celebrated the Year of the Horse with 'ono food, music and fellowship.



Members of Hui Okinawa Kobudo Taiko perform at the club's annual *Shinnen Enkai* and *Keirokai* celebration on January 26.

The traditional New Year gathering featured Okinawan, Japanese, and local cuisine from Cousin's Seafood and Bento, enjoyed by nearly 270 attendees. Members donated homemade or premade *pupu* and desserts, and brought canned goods that were donated to the Hawai'i Island Food Basket.

The program featured a *kutu* performance by Soshin Kai led by Sensei Darin Miyashiro, *sanshin* music by Ukwanshin Kabudan Uta Sanshin Group with Leader Gary Oshiro, and *taiko* numbers by Hui Okinawa Kobudo Taiko.

The *Keirokai* program welcomed 11 new *koreisha*, or those who will attain 80 years of life this year, and recognized 200 existing *koreisha*.

President Roy Hokama, Hawaii Island Mayor Billy Kenoi, and HUOA President Chris Shimabukuro honored centenarians Ethel Yonemitsu and Ronald Miyasato.

Mrs. Yonemitsu keeps active every day at the Pomaika'i Senior Activities Center in Hilo. She plays the *ukulele* and performs with the Pomaika'i group, most recently during the Holiday Season at various skilled nursing facilities.

Mrs. Yonemitsu attends church every Sunday and prays every day, "giving thanks to the Lord" for her good life.

Congratulations to 2014 Officers of Yomitan Club



(L-R): President Mel Horimoto, Treasurer Ralph Okubara, Recording Secretary Jennifer Nguyen, Vice President Laura Ajimine, Asst. Rec. Secretary Kristen Murashige, Asst. Treasurer Roxanne Yoshida, Corresponding Secretary Shelly Ann Ito, and Asst. Corr. Secretary Linda Takushi.



Hui Okinawa member Ronald Miyasato was honored as a centenarian at the *Shinnen Enkai* and *Keirokai* on January 26 prior to his recent passing.

Sadly, Mr. Miyasato was unable to attend this year's *Shinnen Enkai* and *Keirokai* due to health complications, but was represented by family. He passed away on February 7 in Hilo.

Hui Okinawa extends its deepest sympathy to the Miyasato family and shares a warm mahalo to Mr. Miyasato for his contributions to Hui Hanalike, Hui Okinawa, and the community.

Mr. Miyasato retired from the Shell Oil Co. after 36 years of service and became a "gentleman farmer," growing vegetables and fruits on his 3.5 acre property. Mr. Miyasato was active in the community through 4-H, Hui Hanalike (the forerunner of Hui Okinawa), and the Democratic Party. Mr. Miyasato and his wife Grace attend church services every week.

Mr. Miyasato credited his long life to "shoyu pork and *laulau*," and a philosophy of "*nuchi du takara*," which translates to "value or treasure your life."

"One must enjoy what [one] does and look forward to each and every day. I can't wait to go to bed every night because I can't wait to get up in the morning and get started on my day."



Hui Okinawa President Roy Hokama and HUOA President Chris Shimabukuro honored member Ethel Yonemitsu as a centenarian at the *Shinnen Enkai* and *Keirokai*.

Nakagusuku Shinnen Enkai



Celebrating the rich age of 91 at the Nakagusuku Shinnen Enkai were (L-R): Eugene Higa (son of Doris), HUOA President-Elect Mark Higa representing the HUOA, Doris Higa, Asano Yakihu and Michael Yahiku (son of Asano).

Providing entertainment at the Nakagusuku Shinnen

enkai were Afuso Ryu Gensei Kai sensei Kenton Odo, Grant "Sandaa" Murata and Chikako, playing music for 11-year-old Kolby Odo as he demonstrates the *kata*. (Photo courtesy of Randall Asato)



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44th Annual Hawaii Okinawan Invitational Golf Tournament

Saturday, May 24, 2014 and Sunday, May 25, 2014,
Pali Municipal Golf Course

ELIGIBILITY:

Open to all members and guests of the Hawaii United Okinawa Association and affiliated Okinawan clubs.

FLIGHTS:

CHAMPIONSHIP	0-9	36 holes	One low gross, all others net
“A”	10-19	36 holes	Low Net
“B”	20-30	36 holes	Low Net
Women	0-38	36 holes	Low Net
Seniors (60 & over)	0-30	36 holes	Low Net
Super Seniors (75+)	0-30	18 Holes	Sunday Low Net Sunday

NOTE:

Championship Flight golfer with the lowest 36-hole gross total will be declared the Tournament Champion. In case of a tie, the winner will be determined by sudden death play off. For net scores, ties will be decided by matching cards or by other methods as determined by the Tournament Committee.

AWARDS & BANQUET:

Prizes and awards to be presented on May 25, 2014 at Jikoen Temple, 1731 North School Street, with cocktails starting at 5:30pm and dinner at 6pm.

44th Annual Hawaii Okinawan Invitational Golf Tournament
ENTRY FORM

Complete and mail this form so we receive your entry no later than May 10, 2014. Entry fees must accompany this form or it will be rejected. The Tournament Committee reserves the right to verify and adjust handicaps and to accept or reject entries. **Please print all information. Mahalo.**

Name: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____ Handicap as of 5/1/14: _____

Your HUOA Club: _____ OR are you a Guest _____

Golf Club Affiliation: _____

DO YOU INTEND TO PLAY IN THE:

OR Senior Flight? Yes___ No___ Age___

Super Senior (75+); Sunday Only? Yes___ No___ Age___

****TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE RESERVES THE RIGHT TO ADJUST HANDICAP****

GROUP REQUEST	Enter Handicap:	Indicate HUOA Club Name or if Guest
Player #1: _____	_____	_____
Player #2: _____	_____	_____
Player #3: _____	_____	_____
Player #4: _____	_____	_____

_____ Entry Fee - \$130

_____ Super Seniors Entry Fee - \$60

_____ Banquet Tickets - \$15 each (_____ tickets)

_____ Total Amount Enclosed (checks payable to HUOA)

MAIL ENTRY FORM
BY MAY 10, 2014:

HUOA-Golf
94-587 Ukee Street
Waipahu, HI 96797-4214

Mahalo! Ippee Nifee Deebiru!

ENTRY FEE:

\$130.00 includes green fees, cart fees, City and County of Honolulu user fees, and awards banquet. Additional banquet tickets are available at \$15.00 each.
Super Seniors: \$60.00, green fees & cart fees, Sunday User fees & awards banquet.

STARTING TIMES:

Starting times for all flights will be from 6:30am to 9am. Tee times will be posted at the Starter’s Booth at Pali Municipal Golf Course. All participants will be grouped according to flights: Seniors, Women, A, Championship, and B.

ENTRY DEADLINE:

First 120 players or May 10, 2014, whichever comes first. (Entry forms will be available at most municipal golf courses

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:

- WES TERUYA AT 235-3117 or 228-8696,
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- or • HUOA 676-5400

Okinawa Karate Instructor Exchange Program

Four karate instructors from Okinawa participated in a five-day program offering seminars and training in the different schools of traditional karate. Mahalo to Hawaii's Masakazu Teruya sensei (Shorin-ryu) and Grant "Sandaa" Murata, who coordinated all the seminars, training and transportation for the instructors from Okinawa.



Okinawa karate sensei are flanked by two Hawaii karate sensei – Lee Donahue, Sr., on the left and Masakazu Teruya on the right.



(L-R): Ippei Yagi (Goju-Ryu), Zenpo Shimabukuro (Shorin-Ryu), Yoshitaka Taira (Shorin-Ryu—also known as Matsubayashi-Ryu) and Kiyohide Shinjo (Uechi-Ryu).

Okinawa Prefectural Peace Memorial Museum Exhibition

The Okinawa Prefectural Peace Memorial Museum Exhibition will be available for public viewing until mid-May in the Serikaku Chaya at the Hawaii Okinawa Center. The exhibition features testimonies by Hawaii *nisei* veterans on their experiences during and after the Battle of Okinawa. They include: Takejiro Higa; Shinyei Gima and his brother Noboru Gima, who was living in Okinawa when the Battle began; Herbert Matsumoto; Herbert



Yanamura; Yoshinobu Oshiro; and Taro Higa, who was instrumental in the war relief efforts by Okinawans in Hawaii.

Information about the 550 pigs, 700 milk goats, and other relief efforts are documented in this exhibit. Also included is the moving story about Hideo Kaneshiro's five years spent in the relocation camp.

Okinawa Prefectural Peace Memorial Museum's curator, Hiroyuki Kunugi, brought messages of peace written by Okinawan schoolchildren, along with the History of Okinawan Immigration to Hawaii. Kunugi-san and his part-

ner, Makoto Arakaki, spent many hours interviewing Hawaii *nisei* in order to capture the essence of their stories in a wonderful exhibition. Unfortunately, the children's peace messages had to be returned to Okinawa, but everything else is still on display in the Serikaku Chaya for all to view. Our office hours are Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.



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Uchinaa-guchi (Okinawan language) Word of the Month

January

michi¹, n. [michi] 1 A road; a way; a thoroughfare; a highway; a path; a lane. 2 Journey; distance. 3 A course; a way; a channel; a means; a step. 4 A duty; morality; teachings; doctrines; truth; reason; justice. 5 A line; a career.

February

yu·bun, vt. [yobu] 1 To call; call out (to); invoke. 2 To send for; send after; summon; call in. 3 To invite; attract.

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

Okinawan Proverb

Chosen by the Uchinaaguchi Class Members

A Proverb of the month:

Aikoo nu mutchin hinayun.

あいこーぬ むっちゃん ひなゆん

English equivalent: Even ants can consume (large amounts) little by little.

What is your new year's resolution for 2014? Inspiration to fulfill any personal goal can be found in little ants. As tiny as they are, ants provide great examples to succeed in life. It is said that if the need arises, ants are capable of moving a whole forest. Like these hardworking ants, humans need to be practical, focused and diligent in paving their way to attain their goals. May you understand and accept the wisdom of this proverb and meet with success in your goals for 2014. Best wishes from the HUOA and members of our Uchinaaguchi Class!

HUOA SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Mark Your Calendar!

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"HAWAII OKINAWA TODAY" SCHEDULE

March 2014

- 7 Visit to HOC by 38 students and 2 teachers from Gushikawa Commercial High School; around 9 am
- 7 Aloha Party for Okinawa-Hawaii Student Exchange Program
- 9 Participate in JTB-Honolulu Festival Parade; assembly by 3:30 pm at Ft. DeRussy; parade starts 4:30 pm down Kalakaua Avenue
- 11 New Uchinaaguchi Class added at HOC; 1-3 pm
- 17 Administration Com meeting; HOC, 7 pm
- 17 Executive Council meeting; HOC, 8 pm

(note: President & President-elect's Aisatsu trip to Okinawa is scheduled for the week of March 24, therefore our March Board of Directors' meeting has been moved to April 9)

April

- 1 New Uchinaaguchi Class added at HOC; 1-3 pm
- 2 General Festival meeting; HOC, 7 pm
- 9 Board of Directors' meeting; HOC 7 pm
- 16 Festival Food Com meeting; HOC 7 pm
- 23 Administration Com meeting; HOC, 7 pm
- 23 Executive Council meeting; HOC, 8 pm

Classes · Other Meetings at Hawaii Okinawa Center:

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

*for more information, please call 676-5400

Subject to Change (entries as of 2/14/14)

NOTICE: For the year 2014, our shows are premiered on the first and third SATURDAYS of the month at 7 p.m. on Olelo Community Media Channel NATV 53. The shows repeat on the following THURSDAYS at 5 p.m., except on any fifth Thursday of the month.

All Olelo shows are also streamed live on the Internet at www.olelo.org. Some of our latest shows are available on-demand on the same website at: What's On - OleloNet Video On Demand - Culture and Ethnic.

MARCH 1, SATURDAY, 7 PM & MARCH 6 & 13, THURSDAY, 5 PM - Show Two of the 31st Okinawan Festival held at Kapiolani Park on August 31 and September 1, 2013. This show features the Opening Procession with the HUOA banners, shishimai, chondara, and Paranku Clubs of Hawaii; Formal Opening Ceremonies highlighting speeches by special guests; and Okinawan dancing by the Hooge Ryu Hana Nuuzi No Kai Nakasone Dance Academy.

MARCH 15, SATURDAY, 7 PM & MARCH 20 & 27, THURSDAY, 5 PM - Show Three of the 31st Okinawan Festival held at Kapiolani Park on August 31 and September 1, 2013. This episode features Okinawan sanshin musicians of Afuso Ryu Choichi Kai Hawaii; dancers of the Ryusei Honryu Ryuko Kai, and the initial portion of the performance of the Ryukyukoku Matsuri Daiko Hawaii taiko group. The performance of this group is continued in our next premiere episode on April 5th.

APRIL 5, SATURDAY, 7 PM & APRIL 10 & 17, THURSDAY, 5 PM - This episode covers two events. (1) Show Three of the Third Eisa Drum Festival held on May 11, 2013 on the Great Lawn of the Kapiolani Community College campus, and

(2) The latter portion of the performance of the Ryukyukoku Matsuri Daiko Hawaii taiko group at the 2013 HUOA Okinawan Festival.

APRIL 19, SATURDAY, 7 PM & APRIL 24 & MAY 1, THURSDAY, 5 PM - Part One of the HUOA 64th Installation & Uchinanchu of the Year Celebration held at the Hawaii Okinawa Center on January 18, 2014. This show presents the installation of Chris Shimabukuro as the HUOA 2014 president along with his fellow officers and advisors. The show begins with the Call to Celebration by Chinagu Eisa Hawaii and the Hawaii Okinawa Creative Arts group. This episode includes congratulatory messages from special guests.

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