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HUOA Community Service Picnic

By Lynn Miyahira Krupa

On a beautiful Saturday morning on May 19, approximately 100 children and adults from Ohana Ola o Kahumana – a transitional housing shelter for families in Waianae – joined us for the HUOA Community Service Picnic. The purpose of this picnic is to share our culture with people outside of the Okinawan community and to provide some fun for children in need. We provided the games, prizes, entertainment and food,

and the residents got to experience an Okinawan style summer picnic!

Over 50 volunteers from various HUOA clubs came out to help make shave ice, cook *andagi* and hot dogs, organize the games, distribute prizes, and help serve the food. When I asked the kids, "Have you ever had an *andagi* before?" they looked at me and said, "Nope! But it smells good!"

We also had members from the Hawaii Eisa Shinyuu Kai teach them *bon* dance songs and dances. Both the kids and adults joined in the circle and, for most of them, it was their first time ever seeing a *bon* dance! This was such a fun way to share some Okinawan music and dance.

A big mahalo to everyone who donated items and money to help

cover the cost of food and prizes. This picnic is a way for us to give back to our local community and share our culture with those who may have never been exposed to it. It's also an important reminder to ourselves that our Okinawan culture is truly a gift and we are so lucky to be part of this wonderful community.

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President's Message
By Courtney Takara

Rallying Together for Everyone's Success

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Haitai and Aloha!

Hiyamikasa – rallying together for everyone's success - is this year's theme and we have excelled at it! I am so proud of our members and their dedication to the success of our organization.

While only halfway through the year, we have seen numerous examples of people rallying together for success. On Kauai, Hui Alu members rallied together to put on their Kauai Okinawan Festival. I was honored to emcee their program on both nights and meet their club members. I have to say that the Kauai *Uchinanchu* make some pretty *oishii* pig feet soup. Too bad we have to wait another two years for their next festival.

Back on Oahu, there were numerous events that showcased the strength of our organization. Not only did we give back to the community through our outreach picnic in Waianae, but we also shared a little bit of our Okinawan culture with them.

On Memorial Day weekend, over 70 golfers rallied together to participate in our 48th Annual Hawaii Okinawan Invitational Golf Tournament at Pali Municipal Golf Course. And, throughout the month of June, various clubs and members across the state have been working hard to execute HUOA's Senior Health and Fitness Fair and successful Children's Day Camps on Oahu, Maui and Hawaii Island.

Not only have we worked together for the success of HUOA, but we also excelled at working together with other organizations for the success of the Japanese American community in Hawaii. This year marks the 150th anniversary of the Gannenmono, the first group of immigrants from Japan. Many of our HUOA members, also representing the United Japanese Society of Hawaii (UJSH), volunteered to help with the 59th Convention of Nikkei & Japanese Abroad. And then, HUOA worked together as part of the Kizuna group to successfully execute the Gannenmono 150th Anniversary Ceremony and Symposium. Both of these special events were held at the Sheraton Waikiki and included visits from their Imperial Highnesses Prince and Princess Akishino.

If all that excitement wasn't enough, HUOA also had the honor and privilege of hosting their Imperial Highnesses Prince and Princess Akishino at the Hawaii Okinawa Center. This was truly an opportunity of a lifetime, not only to share about the history of the center, but also the strength of our *Uchinanchu* community in Hawaii! A big *Ippe Nifee Deebiru* to Consul General Ito and his staff for recommending the imperial visit to Hawaii Okinawa Center, and thank you to everyone who contributed to the success of the visit! I have never been prouder of our organization and its members. Please see photo on page 3 and keep any eye out for details.

Finally, the best example of rallying together for everyone's success has been the planning of this year's Okinawan Festival. Our Festival Chair, Jo Ige, has been doing a great job of leading the Festival Committee. Every meeting has been full of energy, collaboration and new ideas. It is so exciting to see the clubs working together towards a successful festival at the Hawaii Convention Center. Keep up the great work! *Hiyamikasa* and *Chibariyo!*

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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.

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The year at a glance!

July 22	Hui Makaala Fashion Show, Hilton Hawaiian Village
July 24	RMD Urasoe Cultural Presentation, HOC
Sept 1-2	Okinawan Festival, Hawaii Convention Center
Sept 3	HOP Celebration, Aloha Party, HOC
Sept 4	Natsumero Charity Concert, HOC
Sept 15	Autumn Dance Festival, HOC
Oct 2-12	Study Tour to Okinawa
Oct 14	Legacy Banquet, Hilton Hawaiian Village
Oct 27	Shida Fusako Concert, HOC
Oct 29	Worldwide Uchinanchu no Hi, HOC
Nov 24-25	Winter Craft Fair, HOC
Dec 5	Evening Craft Fair, HOC

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

Ippee Nifee Deebiru for Everyone's Support!

The Hawaii Okinawa Plaza Building Shell was completed in May. Thanks to everyone's support, the project has progressed to this point. Please continue to find ways to support this effort through tenant lease references, volunteer opportunities, and ongoing fundraising efforts! Call 676-5400 for more information. *Yutasarugutu Unigee Sabira.*

Prince and Princess of Japan Visit Hawaii Okinawa Center

Their Imperial Highnesses Prince and Princess Akishino attend the "Warabi Ashibi – Children at Play" program at the Hawaii Okinawa Center. More about this royal visit will be covered in the next issue of Uchinanchu newsletter.

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Kauai Okinawan Festival

By Jonathan Chun, Chairperson

"Mensore! Haitai!" With those words Hui Alu's 2018 Kauai Okinawan Festival officially began. The festival was held on May 4 and 5, 2018 on the grounds of the Kauai Veterans Center. Our mistress of ceremony for the festival was none other than HUOA's own Courtney Takara, who not only served as emcee but also performed sanshin with Ryukyu Koten Afuso Ryu Ongaku Kenkyu Choichi Kai.

Close to 1,000 people showed up on opening night to enjoy the wonderful food and entertainment. The tempting aroma of Okinawan favorites like *champuru, rafute* and *andagi* made everyone hungry.

Tamagusuku Ryu Senjukai dancers with Toshiko Kaneshiro.

Throughout the festival, the crowds were treated to the wonderful sounds of the *sanshin* from Afuso Ryu and the driving beat of the taiko drums from Hawaii Eisa Shinyuu Kai. With dancers from both Kauai and Oahu joining in the celebration, everyone had a wonderful time!

On both Friday and Saturday night Tamagusuku Ryu Senju Kai, led by Frances Nakachi sensei, graced us with their performance of traditional Okinawan dances. Other performers include Kauai's own Toshiko Kaneshiro and singer Allison Arakawa from Oahu who performed "*Hole Hole Bushi*," "*Bashofu*," and a beautiful rendition of the Hawaiian song, "*Pua Olena*." Ryukyu Matsuri Daiko also performed on Saturday night.

Hui Alu members along with some of the Oahu performers celebrate the ending of another successful festival.

This Shishimai came all the way from Oahu to greet the crowd at the Kauai Okinawan Festival.

One of the highlights of the festival—at least for the young and young at heart—was the traditional *shishimai* dance. Seeing the children's eyes change from fear to wonder and finally joy and excitement as the *shishimai* passed by them was priceless! Special thanks goes to Melissa Yamashiro *sensei* of Hawaii Eisa Shinyuu Kai who brought their *shishimai* all the way from Oahu to perform and controlled the *shishimai's* head.

The festival ended on Saturday night with a traditional *kachashi*. Everyone joined in and it was an appropriate ending to a fun-filled weekend of Okinawan food, song and dance! *Nifee deebiru* to all who helped and participated. We'll see everyone again in 2020 for our next Kauai Okinawan Festival.

Bon dancers danced the night away to the beat of Hawaii Eisa Shinyuu Kai.

Seeing the children's eyes change from fear to wonder and finally joy and excitement as the shishimai passed by them was priceless!

Okinawan Festival 2018 @ Hawaii Convention Center

"*Hiyamikasa!* (Rallying together for everyone's success!)" Join us at the Hawaii Convention Center on September 1 and 2, 2018, as we present the 36th Okinawan Festival, "*Sharing Uchinanchu Aloha!*" This eagerly anticipated event will feature two floors of Okinawan culture and performing arts!

The exhibit floor, known now as the "*Festival Floor,*" will showcase the main stage entertainment by local and Okinawan performers sharing their dances, *eisa* and *taiko* drumming, *karate* forms, *hula, sanshin* and *koto* playing, and *minyo* (singing). Also located on the Festival Floor will be all the favorite Okinawan food booths (*andagi, andadog, champuru, Okidog,* pig feet soup, Okinawan *soba, yakisoba, yakitori, chicken* and *sushi*). Children's games and inflatables, plant and country store, *bonsai* display, Okinawan Genealogy Society of Hawaii, and photo ops await you on the "Festival Floor."

At the top of the escalators—guarded by HOCA *shisa*—will be the "*Mura* (Okinawan Village)." The *Mura* is home to the Craft Gallery, *Heiwa Doori*, Cultural Tent (*Bunkwanushima*), and festival t-shirts. New to the *Mura* is the *Yuimaaru* Room, which will feature displays from the Hawaii Restaurant Project, Peace Museum, Himeyuri Museum, and Pigs from the Sea; Blue Zones Okinawa (community projects, blood pressure screening, bone marrow registration, and Meio University research project); Okinawa! (Okinawa travel info, Hawaii Okinawa Creative Arts *shisa*, mini-stage); and We are HUOA! (gift shop, club and schools sharing). Please take the time to visit "*the Mura*" as part of the Okinawan Experience!

- Volunteers - please check with your club presidents for updates and training schedules!
- New volunteers - please email huoavolunteers@gmail.com for more information and sign ups!
- Saturday, September 1 (9 a.m.-5 p.m. Doors will open at 9 a.m. and the program will begin at 9:30 a.m. Bon dance is from 5:30-9:30 p.m.)
- Sunday, September 2 (9 a.m.-4 p.m. Doors will open at 9 a.m. and the program will begin at 9:30 a.m.)
- Parking at the Hawaii Convention Center is $10 for the day; there are over 600 stalls available.
- Shuttle from off site parking at McKinley High School will be from 7:00 a.m.-10:30 p.m. (Saturday) and 7:00 a.m.-8 p.m. (Sunday). Cost is $3 or free if rider is wearing the 2018 Festival Pin.
- No admission charge - turnstile may be used to help determine attendance.
- Convention Center guidelines: no pets, lawn chairs, or hardshell coolers allowed. Please kokua. Lots of seating around the center; beach mats also available for use on the third floor.

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Yuntaku with Colin Sewake & Stephanie Katayama

Executive Council members and friends got together to yuntaku with Colin Sewake and Stephanie Katayama and show our appreciation for their support of HUOA. Colin, a dedicated Okinawa Hawaii Kyokai member, was in Hawaii for a couple of weeks and we wanted to thank him for all his help in strengthening our connection with Okinawa. We also wanted to thank Stephanie Katayama, HUOA Treasurer, for all her hard work and to wish her well on her new adventure. Stephanie has since moved to Japan to join her husband who took a job there. We look forward to seeing Colin and Stephanie again during the Okinawan Festival, as each plans to return to Hawaii at that time.

Hawaii State Senate Recognizes Oroku Restaurant Project

On April 2, State Senator Jill Tokuda and members of the Hawaii State Senate recognized and honored 75 Oroku Azajin Club restaurant owners and their families for their hard work, cooperation and determination to operate restaurants as a means of supporting themselves and their families.

On entering the Senate Chamber, each person was give flower lei and a name tag. Over 80 family members representing some 70 restaurants were called upon and recognized as each restaurant and owner were called upon during the Senate Session. The only owner and senior participant was Ethel Teruya of Times Grill and later Times Super Markets, as the rest were all family members.

At the close of the session, everyone was escorted to the second floor to enjoy a catered buffet lunch, and live *sanshin* music by Allison Yanagi and four others, including Dexter Teruya. At this time, each restaurant family also received a Senate Certificate honoring and recognizing each restaurant and its owner.

It was a first time experience for many Oroku members to participate in a Senate Legislative Session and all expressed their appreciation for Senator Tokuda's hard work and generosity to honor the Oroku people.

2018 HUOA Senior Health And Fitness Fair

On June 15, over 600 guests packed the Hawaii Okinawa Center to attend the HUOA's Annual Senior Health and Fitness Fair. Established 10 years ago, this fair has provided much needed information and education on what to do when you get older, how to improve your retirement life, how to take care of your elderly parents, and more.

This year, 45 government agencies, non-profits and private businesses participated in the only Senior Fair held in the Central and Leeward districts on Oahu that is open to the public. Organizers Hawaii Katsuren Chojin Kai and Hawaii Sashiki-Chinen Doshi Kai created a fun and highly educational experience for attendees. Four educational workshops were held in the main hall, including such topics as, "How to Declutter and Downsize" and "What you need to know about Medicare." In the garden, the Lanikila Okinawan Nenchosha Club provided senior exercises. Other workshops included "Senior Falling Safety" by Kupuna Aikido, chair Zumba by Mililani YMCA, and gentle yoga from Body n Brain.

Contributing to the fun were generous donations from our vendors. We were able to offer door prizes throughout the day and a grand prize of a Vacations Hawaii Las Vegas package. The first 300 guests received a red reusable tote from Hawaiian Electric with helpful safety handbooks and a reflector safety light. It is no wonder this fair has been growing every year.

Above: Vacations Hawaii's Kevin Kaneshiro presents grand prize winner Dancetta Feary with her Las Vegas voucher.

A special thank you to our vendors, community supporters, Hawaii Katsuren and Hawaii Sashiki-Chinen members for making this Senior Fair such a worthwhile event for our community.

Pan Pacific Festival Parade

HUOA members turned out in full force to march in the Pan Pacific Festival Parade!

RMD Hawaii Presents Exciting New Show

Ryukyukoku Matsuri Daiko Hawaii is very excited to be working with the Pacific Cultural Interchange Association (PCIA) to present *Ko-Ryukyu: The Dawn of Ryukyu*, a one-of-a-kind presentation of Okinawan cultural arts and ancient pre-Ryukyuan history which will take place on July 24, 2018 at the Hawaii Okinawa Center.

Akemi Martin-sensei was inspired to create this show when she was named as a Goodwill Ambassador to Urasoe City. As a way of strengthening ties between Okinawa and Hawaii, Akemi-sensei wants to share the stories of the three kings of Urasoe through *taiko, odori, karate, hula* and much more! RMD has secured commitments from several outstanding Okinawan performers, including world renowned singer and songwriter Hidekatsu, who will be joined by several local groups to create a truly unique event. A portion of the proceeds from the concert will be donated to the Hawaii United Okinawa Association to support their ongoing efforts to promote, perpetuate and preserve Okinawan culture.

Ticket Information:

• *Reserved VIP at $100, which includes early entrance at 6 p.m., assigned seating in the VIP seating section, and an okashi gift box. In addition, with the purchase of each pair of tickets, a parking pass will be provided.*

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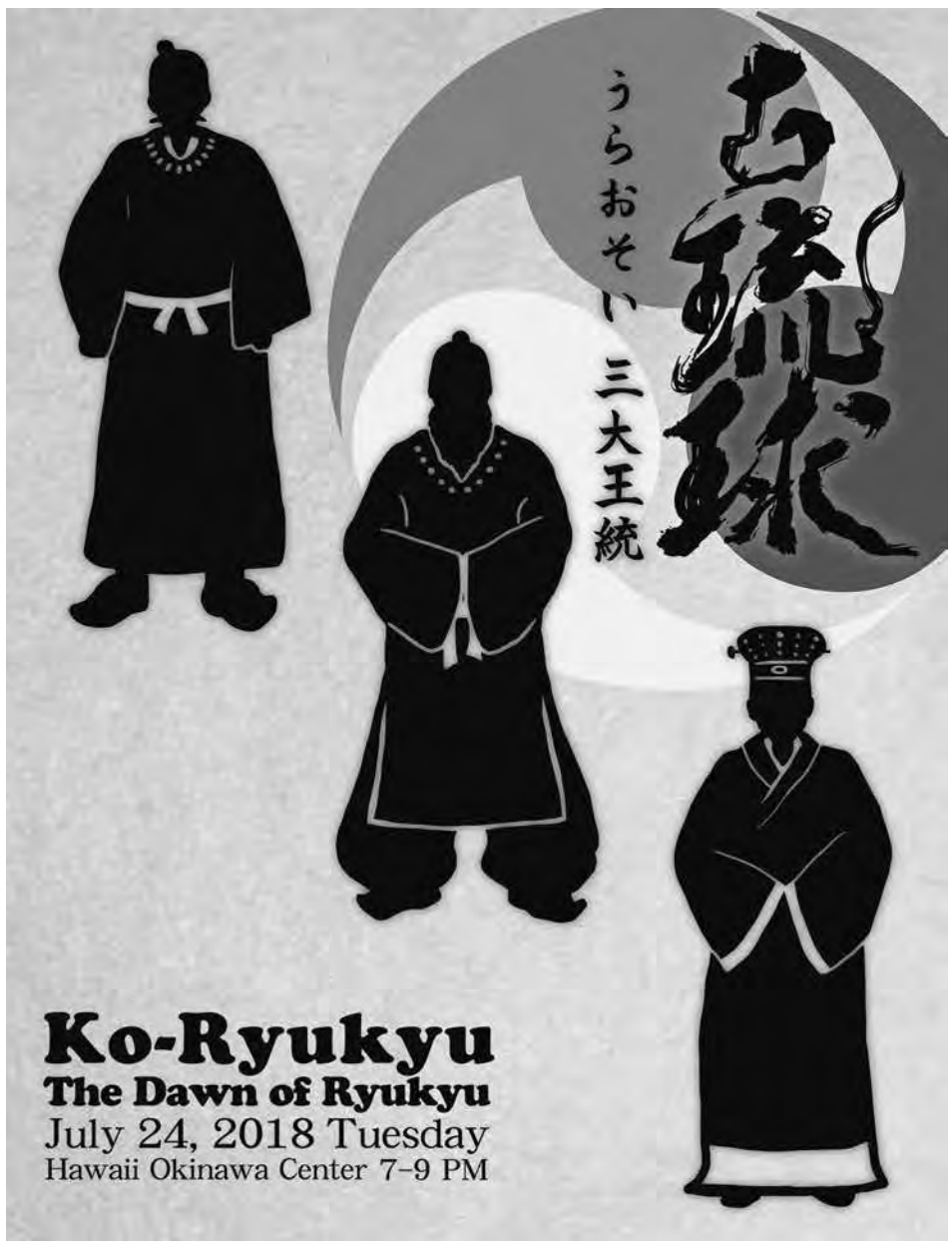

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Ikuyu Madin

Rallying Together for Everyone's Success

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We are appreciative to the clubs and their members who have continually support us. We would like to welcome Noburo and Elsie Yonamine to our 200 for 2M club.

Magukuru Kara Ippee Nifee Deebiru – from our hearts, thank you very much.

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Since our last report, we have received responses from 777 generous donors, representing $119,359. We truly appreciate your early support and the confidence you have shown in us. *Ippee Nifee Deebiru*!

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HOGS in Okinawa

By Colin Sewake

Many Okinawans and their descendants in Hawaii are familiar with the goodwill effort of Hawaii Okinawans who sent 550 pigs to Okinawa after World War II to help with the relief effort. In early March, another goodwill effort involved 37 HOGS (Hawaii Okinawa Goodwill Softball) players and family members traveling to Okinawa to play modified fast pitch softball games against teams from Chatan, Yomitan and Nakagusuku.

The HOGS first played against teams from Itoman during the 6th Worldwide Okinawa Festival in October 2016 and decided to continue building friendships between the two island communities. Planning started right after the October 2016 festival ended, when HOGS team leader Wayne Shibata contacted Hawaii United Okinawa Association (HUOA) Executive Director Jane Serikaku for assistance. Fellow Okinawa Hawaii Kyoukai (OHK) member and Yomitan resident Masaji Matsuda and I assisted with coordination of the team's day spent in the village on March 9.

The day started with an "*aisatsu*" meeting with Mayor Denjitsu Ishimine at his office in the Yomitan Sonyakuba (village office). I translated as he welcomed everyone and explained how Yomitan has a softball association and some of its teams have traveled to mainland Japan to compete nationally. I introduced Yomitan descendant Gordon Okuhara, then Wayne presented a HOGS jersey to Mayor Ishimine. On the front of the jersey were depictions of Diamond Head, an '*ukulele*, and *tiki* symbols, while on the back were Mount Gusuku (a.k.a. Iejima Tacchu), a *sanshin*, and *shisa* dogs. An Okinawan flag and a Hawaiian flag were printed on the left and right sleeves, respectively. Team member Mamo Kuniyoshi presented *omiyage* to Mayor Ishimine, who gave a few more remarks. I then introduced a few *sonyakuba* staff members and a few Yomitan History Office staff members who had volunteered to assist with hosting the team.

After taking a group photo with the Mayor, the HOGS headed to Yachimun No Sato Pottery Village where I explained the firing process of Yomitan Zanyaki Pottery Association's "*noborigama*" outdoor climbing kiln. The group listened to my explanation while standing outside with a constant breeze and temperatures in the low 50s before moving into the association's "*baiten*" store to admire and to purchase the works of the four "*oyakata*" pottery masters.

From there, the group boarded the bus and made the short trip to the Hanaui Textile Factory located near the Yomitan Sonyakuba and Yomitan Junior High School. They learned about the *hanaui* history and designs before going into the backroom to observe both veterans and new students weaving *hanaui* on wooden looms.

The final stop in the morning line up of visits was at Higa Shuzo, where Zanpa Awamori is distilled. The group was treated to a tour of the factory, which includes a view of the East China Sea from atop one of the buildings. Before leaving, they expressed their thanks to the Higa Family and staff for donating several cases of *awamori*, which would be used at the "*kouryuukai*" friendship party later that evening.

The HOGS fueled up on the delicious buffet lunch at Murasaki Mura, which included Okinawan dishes such as Okinawa soba, "*mozuku*" seaweed tenpura, and "*tebichi*" pigs feet in preparation for the softball games they were about to play in the afternoon.

After lunch, the HOGS took a short drive to the Uza Sports Ground where members from the Tokeshi Urashima and Zanpa Softball Aikoukai teams were waiting for them. The HOGS presented "*omiyage*" to each member of the Okinawa teams and umpires, then lined up facing each other to go through the normal greetings at the start of ballgames. After the four team captains (the HOGS split up into two teams) met with the umpires to quickly go over the modified fast pitch and other game rules, the first HOGS team went up to bat against Tokeshi Urashima. OHK Vice President Asami Ginoza and Akira Yamauchi—who will take over as President from October this year—were driving HUOA President Courtney Takara and President-Elect Jocelyn Ige to various appointments and came to the field to observe the games.

After the HOGS Team 1 beat Tokeshi Urashima 18-16, the Tokeshi team departed for the Tokeshi Kouminkan (community center) to begin preparing for the "*kouryuukai*" friendship party to be held after the games were done. The second HOGS team started their game against Zanpa Softball Aikoukai and took that game as well. Even with the two wins for the Hawaii side, the purpose of the trip to Okinawa was not to compete in sports but to develop friendships between the two island communities. That purpose was met as evidenced by the smiles and "*shaka*" hand signs shared that afternoon.

To conclude the HOGS team's visit to Yomitan, a "*kouryuukai*" (friendship party) was held at the Tokeshi Kouminkan in the evening. I partnered with a Tokeshi Urashima team member to emcee the event, which opened up with speeches by the Tokeshi Kouminkan "*kucho*" chief Kiyofumi Kobashigawa, Vice Mayor Toshio Tajima, HUOA President Courtney Takara, OHK Vice President Asami Ginoza, the Tokeshi Urashima and Zanpa Softball Aikoukai team captains, and HOGS team captain Wayne Shibata.

The first part of the program ended with a "*kanpai*" toast by a Tokeshi Urashima team member. Finding a drink to participate in the *kanpai* was no problem with the amount of beverages that were prepared along with the several cases of Zanpa *awamori* that were donated by Higa Shuzo President Kensaku Higa.

Everyone went through the dinner line and enjoyed food catered by the Zanpa Golf Course Restaurant. I then introduced HOGS Team Member Gordon Okuhara who has Yomitan roots. I called him and his wife up to take a photo with local residents such as FM Yomitan President Tomoharu Nakasone,

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HOGS - *Continued from Page 10.*

incoming OHK President Akira Yamauchi, Tokeshi Kouminkan Kucho Kiyofumi Kobashigawa, and OHK Member Masaji Matsuda.

Entertainment filled the second part of the evening, and Courtney Takara, Masaji Matsuda, and a Yomitan elder and youth member opened up by singing "*Asatoya Yunta*" and "*Tinsagu Nu Hana*" while playing the *sanshin*. Their performance was complemented by a Tokeshi Urashima elder who came up to dance, which added that extra touch to the traditional Okinawan songs. Several Tokeshi Urashima members followed, dancing "*Kagiyadefuu*," and then the Tokeshi kids group took the stage with their *shishimai* lion dance. The HOGS went up on stage to thank them and present them with "*omiyage*."

We continued the program by introducing more Tokeshi Urashima team members who danced to the song, "*Mensore Okinawa*," to welcome the HOGS team members. Their performance was followed by the Ayano Yamashiro Ryubu Dojo who danced to "*Nuchibana*" which is named after the Okinawan *lei* that is traditionally given to loved ones. A group of junior and senior high school girls ended the entertainment by dancing to "*Tanchame*," which depicts the fishing activities of the villagers in the Tanchame area of Onna-son.

No Okinawan party is complete without the "*Kachashi*" dance, so everyone filled the stage and floor and joined in as soon as the group photo was taken. Okinawa ballplayers presented omiyage to the HOGS team members, and the Hawaii team boarded their buses for the return trip to their hotel… but not before sharing hugs, more smiles, and more shakas.

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Mensore welcome!

Mensore! Ayako Uehara

HUOA Past Presidents Maurice Yamasato and David Arakawa, along with Hui O Laulima President Jean Yamasato and HUOA President Courtney Takara, joined Ayako Uehara for an aisatsu visit with Governor Ige. Ayako, a professional golfer from Okinawa, was in Hawaii to compete in the LPGA Lotte Championship Tournament.

Mensore! Gushikawa High School

Energetic high school students from Gushikawa enjoyed their visit to HOC.

Mensore! Okinawa Tourist Service

It's always a pleasure to greet our friends from OTS.

Mensore! Momoto Magazine

Chizu Inoue, writer and chief editor, and photographer Motoki Irei of Momoto Magazine were in Hawaii to do interviews and research about the post Battle of Okinawa relief effort and other stories about Hawaii, including the completion of Hawaii Okinawa Plaza. Momoto Magazine is an Okinawan publication and will be dedicating its entire July issue to Hawaii.

CLUB NEWS
Our Clubs, Our Future

Ginowan Club News

By Jane Nakamura

Ginowan City Mayor Atsushi Sakima made a very brief stop at Honolulu enroute home to Okinawa. Mayor Sakima and his staff took the opportunity to reunite with members of the Hawaii Ginowan Shijin Kai over an informal dinner at Gyotaku Restaurant on May 24. Joining the joyous occasion were HUOA President Courtney Takara and President Elect Jocelyn Ige.

COMING EVENTS: Picnic! This year's picnic will be held on August 8, 2018, at Ala Moana Park—same place as previous years, close to the canal and arched bridge. Fun and games for the young and not-too-young, good food, happy friends! Build happy memories. Chaired by Sandy Nishimoto with Aragusuku, Ganeku and Oyama aza's. Information will soon be in the mail.

The 36th Okinawan Festival will be held September 1 and 2, 2018, at the Hawaii Convention Center. *Andagi* preparation will be a little different this year. *Andagi* cooking and batter mixing will be at a different site. You'll hear more about these changes as information is available. Please sign up!

Seated: Betsy Miyahira, Robbie Umeno, Mayor Atsushi Sakima, Koji Suzuki (Director, Military Base Policy Dept.), Hideto Isa (Section Chief, Military Base Affairs Section), Janet Umemoto, Jocelyn Ige. Standing: John Tasato, Hiroko Tamaki (Interpreter), Carl Nakamura, Jane Nakamura, Russell Higa, Sandy Nishimoto, Ellen Higa, Gail Fuller, June Zakimi, Karl Umemoto, Carole Kohagura, Chris Higa, Rodney Kohagura, Pat Miyashiro, Courtney Takara, Stan Higa, and Ed Sakima.

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Open Division - Urasoe 1

A Division - Aza Gushikawa 1

B Division - Aza Gushikawa 4

C Division - Osato

48th Annual Hawaii Okinawan Invitational Golf Tournament Highlights

Another successful golf tournament is in the books! Congratulations to all of our golfers for coming out to this two-day tournament and thank you for braving the bouts of rain at Pali Municipal Golf Course. A special thank you to tournament co-chairs Neal Takara and Joey Itagaki for organizing this year's tournament, as well as all our volunteers. We look forward to seeing all of you at next year. Don't forget to mark your calendars for Memorial Day weekend, 2019!

Winners

Tournament Grand Champion: Ronn Miyashiro
Over-All Low Net: Shirlyn Ogata
Senior Flight Champion: Randy Teruya

Shirlyn Ogata came in with the win for overall low net score. President Courtney Takara presented her with the Mayor's bowl. Shirlyn was also the Women's Flight Champ.

It's a family affair! Golfer George Kaneshiro is pictured with his sisters Ethel Kawahara, Frances Kaneshiro and Sandra Yanagi, who volunteer at the golf tournament.

Highest Net Scores *("T" Ties were determined by match card)*

Champion Flight
T1) Marc Arakaki 139
T1) Neal Tamashiro 139
T3) Sean Sadaoka 142
T3) Les Tamashiro 142
T5) Neal Takara 143

A-Flight
1) Paul H. Uyehara 133
2) Nelson Tamashiro 138
3) David Miyashiro 139
4) Matt DeMello 142
T5) Daryn Arakaki 143

B-Flight
1) Lester Higa 135
T2) Jay Higa 136
T2) Hilton Lau 136
4) Calvin Nakama 137
T5) Todd Unten 140

Senior Flight
1) Randy Teruya 132
2) Melvin Oshiro 143
3) George Kaneshiro 148
4) Stanley Onaga 149
5) Merl Miyashiro 150

Women's Flight
1) Shirlyn Ogata 130
2) Kristine Lindstrom 132
3) Katrina Higa 147
T4) Natalie Nakamura 150
T4) Susan Shimotsu 150

Super Senior Flight (Round 2 only)
1) Shingen Matayoshi 67
2) Paul T. Uyehara 68

Guest Flight
1) Tyler Ota 134
2) Barry Usagawa 135
3) Reid Yoshimura 136
4) Keith Nakamura 139
T5) Larry Kodama 140

Les Tamashiro, son of the late David Tamashiro, presented Senior Flight Champ Randy Teruyu with the David Tamashiro Memorial Trophy.

(L-R): Ronn Miyashiro, Grand Champion, Neal Takara, Tournament Co-Chair, and Shawn Sakoda, runner up for Grand Champion at the first hole. The Tournament Grand Champion is awarded to the golfer with the best two-day gross score. This year, Ronn and Shawn were tied, which resulted in the need for a playoff. Ronn birdied the hole for the big win. This is what makes a two-day tournament so exciting!

Urasoe Wins 2018 HUOA Softball League Championship

Urasoe defeated Nakagusuku 7-1 in the championship bracket playoff to capture the Championship title. Itoman beat Nishihara 9-6 in the consolation bracket playoff to win the Consolation title.

On March 11, eleven teams began their journey to become the Hawaii United Okinawa Association's Softball Champion. Since its establishment in 1983, only 11 teams have held this coveted title: Minami Nakagusuku/Nakagusuku (8); Haneji (5); Hui Makaala I (4); Itoman (4), Gaza Yonagusuku (4); Naha(2); Urasoe(2); Gushikawa (1); Oroku Doshi Kai (1); Shuri (1); Yomitan(1); and Sashiki (1). For all our other teams it has been a long summer.

This year, teams Aza Gushikawa, Gushichan, Gushikawa, Gushikawa Blue, Haneji, Hui Makaala, Itoman, Nakagusuku, Nishihara, Urasoe, and Wahiawa challenged each other on the hot fields of Halawa to determine who would become this year's champion.

It started with round robin play until May 6 when the teams were divided into two brackets – the top six performing teams were placed in the Championship Bracket and the remaining five in the Consolation Bracket. After the third round of playoff completion, the final teams were determined for the Championship finals.

In the Championship bracket Urasoe faced Nakagusuku. Urasoe entered undefeated, until they faced a determined Nakagusuku team who defeated them 13-3, requiring that a second game needed to be played to determine who would reign this year. Nakagusuku, which holds the most HUOA Softball Championship titles, fell short this year, losing to Urasoe, 7-1. Congratulations to team Urasoe, who proved summer droughts are only temporary. It took only 30 years for Urasoe.

For Urasoe team members: Kelan Hashimura (manager), Kevin Enomoto, Greg Yoshioka, Danny Nitahara, Jarvis Nohara, Matt Arakaki,

Carson Tsuruda, Trey Garman, Ryan Murakami, Sean Amorozo, Kai Kaulukukui , Gray Haynie, James Miyashiro, Greg Wong, Mark Kelsom, Matt Yoshimura, Evan Kaneshiro, Nick Gibbons, Dayton Morinaga, Jared Okamura, Jacob Wong, and Justin Okimoto, a special congratulations to all of you.

[Note: In the Consolation Bracket, Itoman was the winner over Nishihara, Gushichan, Gushikawa Blue, and Gushikawa.]

Genealogy? There's an App for That!

Sharing Family Trees Across Seas and Rediscovering Roots

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There is a cloud app called "*Gajumo*" that enables users to share family trees online and rediscover their roots and family history. It was developed by Minami Tamamoto, who has been involved in the "World Uchinanchu Festival." She came up with the idea of a "family tree app" after meeting *Uchinanchu* from overseas who wanted to know their connection to relatives. Individual life histories can also be recorded and she hopes the lives of each family member will be passed down to their descendants.

An account on *Gajumo* can be obtained for $5 a month and if a family shares their password, relatives from around the world can contribute to the same family tree.

Nuclear family members, grandparents, siblings, eldest sons and daughters, and others can all be added to the family tree. Name, birthdate, birthplace, *yagō* (house name), *kamon* (family crest), *ohaka* (grave) locations, as well as photos and personal histories can also be recorded, facilitating the transmission of family history to relatives and descendants.

By clicking "*Create a Separate Family Tree*," family trees of maternal lineages can also be added. The birthplace of family and relatives is displayed on a map of the world, creating a visual record of where the family migrated.

Paper family trees are kept by a select number of people and difficulties with sharing information between relatives arise. Tamamoto has aimed to develop a family tree app that can be shared by relatives around the world.

Aside from Japanese, it is also available in English, Portuguese, and Spanish. It also includes the dates and significance of *Hinukan* (Fire God) and "annual events held in Okinawa," such as *Tankāyūē* (1st birthday celebration).

Tamamoto expresses her ambitions in saying, "By knowing the history of ancestors and relatives, a sense of unity among the family will emerge. I hope it can aid in the transmission of the history of *Uchinaanchu* 100 and even 200 years from now."

"*Gajumo*" can be accessed from: https;//gajumo.net/

A one-week free trial is available.

Kin Re-Striping Parking Lot Project

Six members of the Kin Chojin Kai club came out on Good Friday morning to repaint the parking lot stalls.

Ralph Nakata (front) coordinated this effort with President George Toyama (back middle). Kanoe Nakata (front), Chis Ige, Casey Imaino and Edward Nakata assisted with this project. Missing from photo is Mamo Kuniyoshi.

Uchinaa-guchi

(Okinawan language)

Word of the Month

May

diki•in, *vi.* [dekiru] **1** To do well; be good at; be proficient in; be versed in. **2** To grow well; be produced. **3** To work out well; succeed; finish well

June

naabi-doogu, *n.* Pots and pans and ladles. See also **shimudoogu.**

(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 Specials

Special shows scheduled by 'Olelo to fit available timeslots.

Show One - WUB Uchinanchu Talk Story VII Conference - STEM Education and Research in Okinawa and Hawaii - "Views from the Cutting Edge," held on March 26, 2018 at the East-West Center. Keynote Speech by Dr. Peter Gruss, President/CEO of Okinawa Institute of Science and Technology (53 minutes)

Air Dates and Times
6/30/2018 - 6 pm - Olelo 53
7/5/2018 - 8 am - Olelo 53
7/6/2018 - 3 pm - Olelo 53
7/12/2018 - 10 pm - Olelo 53

Show Two - WUB Uchinanchu Talk Story VII Conference - STEM Education and Research in Okinawa and Hawaii - "Views from the Cutting Edge," held on March 26, 2018 at the East-West Center. Panel Discussion with Dr. David Lassner, Kenneth Kaneshiro, Glenn Lee, Gov. David Ige, and Dr. Peter Gruss. (Edited to 92 minutes)

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2	Ichigo Ichi E, 7:30pm, HOC
4	INDEPENDENCE DAY, HOC office closed
11	Executive Council meeting, 7pm, HOC
12	(no Sanshin class)
18	Okinawan Festival meeting, 7pm, HOC
22	Hui Makaala Scholarship Fund Luncheon & Fashion Show – Hilton Hawaiian Village
24	Ko-Ryukyu, The Dawn of Ryukyu Concert, 7pm, HOC
25	Board of Directors meeting, 7pm, HOC

August 2018

8	Executive Council meeting, 7pm, HOC
14	Okinawan Festival meeting, 7pm, HOC
22	Okinawan Festival meeting, 7pm, HOC

September 2018

1 & 2	Okinawan Festival, Hawaii Convention Center
3	HOP Celebration & Okinawan Festival Aloha Party, Time: TBA, HOC
4	Natsumero Concert, 5:00pm, doors to open at 4:30pm, HOC (call the HUOA office for tickets)
15	Autumn Dance Matsuri, Time: TBA, HOC
22	Maui Okinawan Festival – Location/Time: TBA

Classes • Other Meetings at Hawaii Okinawa Center:

HUOA Sanshin: every Thursday, 7pm*
Ichigo Ichi E: 1st & 3rd Tuesday, 7pm* (for July, Monday 7/2)
Ikebana: 1st Wednesday, 7pm* (for July, Thursday 7/5)
Karaoke nite: 4th Tuesday, 6:30pm*
Kobudo Taiko: every Monday, 7pm, contact Calvin Nakama 224-7374
Monday Crafters: every Monday, 9am*
Okinawan Genealogical Society mtg: 3rd Saturday, 9am*
Uchinaaguchi: every 2nd Tuesday, 1pm*; every 4th Thursday, 7pm*

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

"The Spectrum cable TV company has agreed with the state Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs to maintain the current channel numbers for 'Olelo. Our shows will still be on NATV channel 53."

Jul 7, Sat, 7 pm, Jul 12 & 19, Thurs, 5 pm "Aloha Den - On No Hibiki" (Show Three). The event was held on November 19, 2017 at the Hawaii Okinawa Center. The performance was coordinated by the Nomura School of Traditional Music Association based in Okinawa.

Jul 21, Sat, 7 pm, Jul 26 & Aug 2, Thurs, 5 pm Highlights of the 2016 Worldwide Uchinanchu Festival in Okinawa (Show Three). Featuring continuation of the Closing Ceremony.

Aug 4, Sat, 7 pm, Aug 9 & 16, Thurs, 5 pm 2017 Okinawan Festival (Show Three) featuring Ryukyukoku Matsuri Daiko Hawaii, Jimpu Kai U.S.A. Kin Ryosho Ryukyu Geino Kenkyusho, and Ryusei Honryu Ryuko Kai Toguchi Mitsuko Ryukyu Buyo Kenkyusho.

Aug 18, Sat, 7 pm, Aug 23, Thurs, 5 pm Highlights of the 2016 Worldwide Uchinanchu Festival in Okinawa (Show Four). Featuring continuation of the Closing Ceremony and then the Grand Finale.

Hawaii Okinawa Specials
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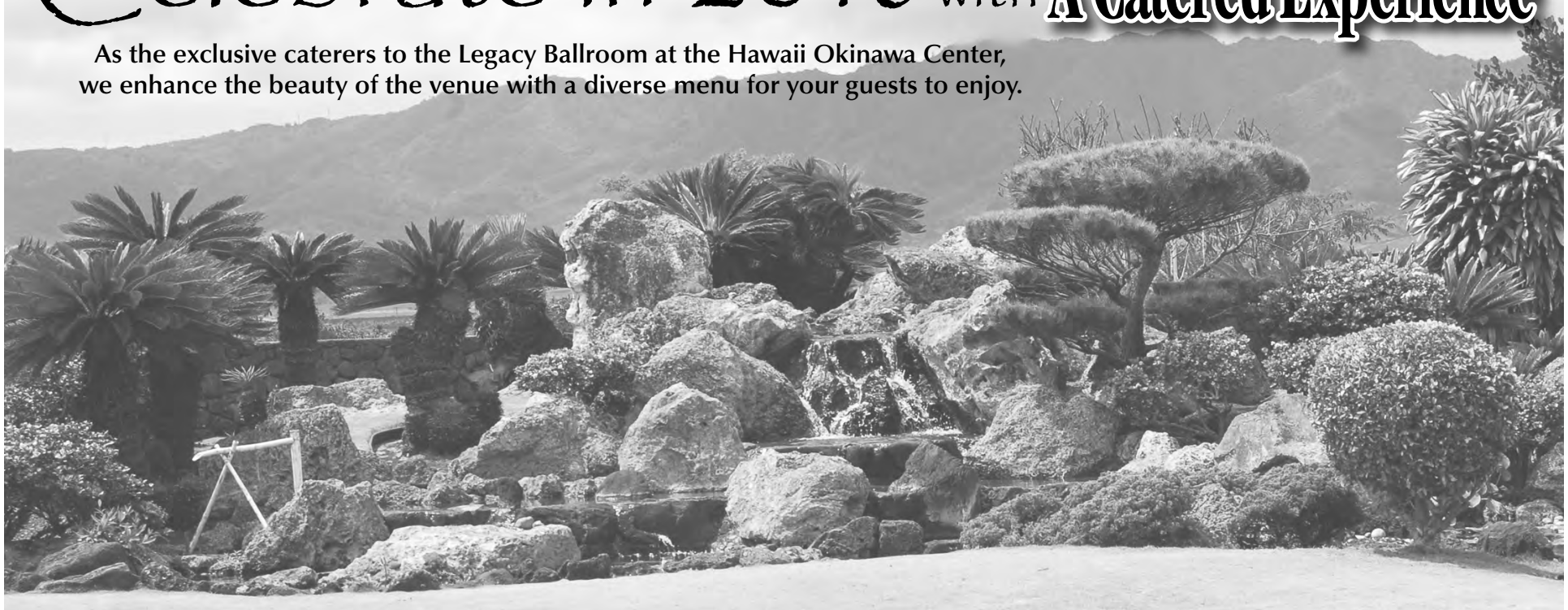

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