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Past, Present, and a Future Fueled by 'Josei Power'

A full house of some 900 people packed the Hawaii Okinawa Center's Legacy Ballroom on January 19 to attend the Hawaii United Okinawa Association's Uchinanchu of the Year (UOY) and 69th Installation Celebration.

As in years past, the event highlighted a theme selected by the incoming HUOA president. This year, President Jocelyn "Jo" Ige selected "Reflection... Looking to the Past to Create the Future" to serve as the guiding principle of her administration. This message encourages members to step back and appreciate their family origins as well as longstanding cultural activities such as the Okinawan Festival, club picnics, and *Shinnen Enkai* celebrations. "We hope to continue strengthening opportunities for future generations to learn about their heritage, their culture, and the HUOA," Ige said to the crowd.

The appropriateness of this reflective tone was evident, as the annual UOY and Installation event provided the organization with an opportunity to take time from its very busy schedule to take a look back and appreciate what has led them to this point in time. This reflection included the heartfelt practice of honoring UOY for their outstanding dedication and service to HUOA's member clubs.

The assembled crowd also had an opportunity to express its thanks to outgoing president Courtney Takara and executive board members for their hard work over the past year, as well as recognizing the immeasurable legacy of longtime executive director Jane Serikaku, who passed away in July 2018. The HUOA had met and overcome some extraordinary challenges in 2018, including the lengthy journey to complete the Hawaii Okinawa Plaza and the massive logistical task of relocating the Okinawan Festival from Kapiolani Park to the Hawaii Convention Center.

President Ige also explained that "Reflections" also serves as a reference to the fact that 2018 marked the 150th anniversary of Japanese immigration (*Gannenmono*) to Hawaii. The year of their arrival (1868) was also the

year that Kyuzo Toyama was born. Toyama went on to become the "father of Okinawan immigration," which began in 1900. The 120th anniversary of Okinawan immigration to Hawaii will therefore be observed in 2020. Toyama hailed from Kin Cho, the same locality that Ige's ancestral roots are from. Toyama's legacy, Ige noted, stands as a symbol of courage and perseverance to this very day.

An impressive lineup of distinguished speakers took to the podium, adding their observations and congratulations to the HUOA. They including Governor David Ige, Consul General of Japan Koichi Ito, and Mayor Hajime Nakama of Kin Cho, amongst others.

Honolulu Mayor Kirk Caldwell called the UOY and Installation Celebration one of his favorite events of the year, citing the spirited entertainment and fellowship that always prevails. This year was no exception, starting from the call to celebration by a *shishimai* performance by the Hawaii Okinawa Creative Arts,

followed by dance performances by Dazzman Toguchi, Tamagusuku Ryu Senju Kai, Frances Nakachi, and Azama Honryu Hawaii Buyo Kenkyujo. Live musical accompaniment was provided by Ryukyu Koten Afuso Ryu Ongaku Kenkyu Choichi Kai USA Hawaii and Miyashiro Soho Kai.

Following the swearing in ceremony led by Judge Karen Nakasone, newly installed President Jo Ige looked at past president Courtney Takara, President-elect Lynn Miyahira, and Executive Director Gwen Fujie, and accurately described the leadership of the HUOA as a case of "Josei (Female) Power."

One could make a case that the Uchinanchu of the Year and Installation celebration is an indicator of the organization's wellbeing. If that is indeed the case, the HUOA appears to be in good hands given the large and enthusiastic turnout, committed leadership, youthful participation, and, without a doubt, a strong dose of Josei Power! 🍷



2019 HUOA Executive Council. Seated (L-R): Assistant Secretary Terry Goya, Executive Secretary Sandra Yanagi, Vice President Val Kato, President-Elect Lynn Miyahira, President Jocelyn (Jo) Ige, Vice Presidents Tammy Namihira and Roberta Uneno, Japanese Language Secretary Hanae Gushiken Higa, and Treasurer Norman Nakasone. Standing (L-R): Club Representative Laura Ajimine, Advisors Paul Komeiji, Allison Yanagi and Gainor Miyashiro, Club Representative Donna Kakazu, Executive Director Gwen Fujie, Immediate Past President Courtney Takara, Advisors Cyrus Tamashiro, Jon Itomura, Rodney Kohagura, and David Arakawa. Not pictured: Assistant Treasurer Naomi Oshiro, Club Representative David Shinsato and Advisor Scott Arakaki.

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President's Message

By Jocelyn Ige

REFLECTION:
Look to the Past
to
Create the Future



Iisogwachi Deebiru!

“Shinjichi nu ada nayuni. (A kindness is never ill spent no matter how small.)”

Congratulations to the Uchinanchu of the Year honorees and the 50 member clubs for their outstanding contributions to the Hawaii United Okinawa Association! Congratulations to my team of excellent officers and advisors for 2019! Congratulations to Gwen Fujie, our new Executive Director for the Hawaii Okinawa Center! All of you continue the legacy of the *Issei*, who 120 years ago began the journey from Okinawa to foreign lands. Despite the challenges and struggles, they managed to pull together and keep their culture and heritage as a source of strength. They created communities and remembered the kindness of others. We will look to our past and create our future for HUOA, building on the *chimugukuru* (heart, soul, spirit) within all of us.

As the year begins to unfold, the HUOA will play host to many visitors, activities and events. Please check the HUOA website (huoa.org), the Purple Blast, and your *Uchinanchu* newsletter for upcoming events. We also have a 4:30 p.m. timeslot on Sundays on KZOO Radio, when we talk story with various *Uchinanchu* and share what's going on at the HOC and with HUOA.

It's *Shinnen Enkai* Season from January to April and many clubs gather at the Hawaii Okinawa Center, Natsunoya, Masa's and other popular venues to celebrate the beginning of the year with their members. Special recognition is extended to 80-plus year old members and those celebrating their 60th, 72nd, 85th, 88th, and 97th birthdays—truly showing that Okinawans live long! Several clubs even have 100-year-old members who are definitely the “new 90.” The secret for long life? “*Shinjichi nu ada nayuni.....*”

Love a parade? The Honolulu Festival is celebrating its 25th anniversary and we will be there on March 10, marching down Kalakaua Avenue with our super colorful banners and strutting our club shirts! In June, we will participate in the Pan Pacific parade, so please let your club president know that you want to join in and share *Uchinanchu Aloha!*

Young leaders on the rise! Student exchange programs are becoming more frequent between our Hawaii clubs and their respective Okinawan hometowns. As the young leaders from the two localities get together and spend time learning new cultures, they are also developing “*Icharibachode* (once we meet, we are forever brothers)” relationships. Each side always professes to want to live in the other's island! With Taikai coming up in 2021, you can be sure that these young members will be keeping in touch. Check with your club president if any visitors are coming over soon—the Okinawans are always so happy to meet the local *Uchinanchu!*

Airports and buses. Hey old timers! Remember when we could go to the airport gate and greet family and friends when they arrived or wave goodbye to the airplanes as they departed? Remember all the *omiyage* we would give them before they walked out to the plane's steps? Well, HUOA actually greets our Okinawan visitors (special visitors, dignitaries, performers) with the *Aloha/Mensore* banner at the airport and, if they come to visit the HOC, members will stand along the curb or sidewalk to wave goodbye to those on the bus as they leave! So, the next time you come for a special Okinawan performance, wait until the visitors get on the bus and you can wave with the rest of us. “*Shinjichi nu ada nayuni.*”

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Correction-

In the last issue of Uchinanchu (No. 177 - Nov/Dec), we inadvertently left out an individual in the list of 2018 Konkuru recipients. We apologize for the omission and extend hearty congratulations to Haruko Kessler (Yūshūsho; Kazuko Ito Sensei) of Ryukyu Sokyoku Koyo Kai-Hawaii Shibu for her achievements in the art of Uta-kutu.



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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.

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| Feb 17-Mar 2 | Hawaii-Okinawa Student Exchange Program - students from Okinawa |
| Mar 9-10 | Honolulu Festival Exhibition, Hawaii Convention Center |
| Mar 10 | Honolulu Festival Parade, Kalakaua Ave. |
| Mar 28 | TOBE! Uta-Sanshin in NY Preview, HOC |
| April 14 | Hawaii Ni Hibiku Uchina De-Ku, HOC |
| April 18 | TOBE! Uta Sanshin in NY, Carnegie Hall |
| May 25-26 | Goodwill Golf Tournament, Pali Golf Course |
| June 4-7 | Children's Day Camp - Oahu, HOC |
| June 9 | Pan Pacific Festival Parade, Kalakaua Ave. |
| June 14 | Senior Health & Wellness Fair, HOC |
| June 22 | Irei No Hi Remembrance, HOC |
| July 21 | Hui Makaala Fashion Show Luncheon, Hilton Hawaiian Village |
| Aug 30-Sept 1 | Okinawan Festival, Hawaii Convention Center |
| Sept 2 | Aloha Party, HOC |
| Sept 14 | Autumn Matsuri, HOC |
| Oct 3-14 | Study Tour to Okinawa |
| Oct 29 | Uchinanchu No Hi Celebration, HOC |
| Nov 30-Dec 1 | Winter Craft Fair, HOC |
| Dec 11 | An Evening in Waipio Craft Fair, HOC |

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Executive Director's Message



*Haitai gusuyo, chuuganabira!
Ii sogwachi deebiru! Akemashite
shinnen omedetto gozaimasu!
Happy New Year to all!*

It is a privilege and honor to welcome the Year of the Boar (Buta) as your newly appointed executive director of the Hawaii United Okinawa Association. Thank you for such a wonderful and warm welcome at our 2019 Uchinanchu of the Year and Installation of Officers celebration.

Congratulations to Jo Ige, our new president, and to her newly installed Board of Directors. I look forward to a great year working together. *Chibarimasho!* As your E.D., I will do my best to represent all of you in the larger Hawaii community and will work hard to assure that our Hawaii Okinawa Center is maintained efficiently and effectively with a motivated staff and happy volunteers.

Speaking of volunteers, I would like to ask you to consider volunteering some of your energy and time, at least once a week, at the Center. We need help and I know Okinawans are always there when help is needed. We are very flexible. Please review the item on page 6 of this newsletter that describes the various volunteer opportunities we have here at the Center.

One of the positions that I would like to especially highlight in this ED's message is the position of Volunteer Chef. No, not the kind of chef like Roy Yamaguchi, but the down home kind that can cook simple *okazu* or make chili and rice (we cook the rice!) for our volunteers. We need a cook for Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays. You can come here and cook or bring a cooked meal between 11:30 a.m. and noon. The best part is you get to sit and eat together. Great company! Good fun!

For your information, our staff has been taking turns cooking for the volunteers and it takes time from their usual jobs to market, prepare and cook. They often use their own time before or after work to go marketing.

I would like to close this special New Year's message with one of

*“Uyafaafuji umuyuru Uchinanchu nu chimugukuru jettai washirankyo.
(In the hearts of every Okinawan lives the spirit of their ancestors.)”*

my favorite Okinawan sayings shared with you at the UOY celebration: *“Uyafaafuji umuyuru Uchinanchu nu chimugukuru jettai washirankyo. (In the hearts of every Okinawan lives the spirit of their ancestors.)”* Here at the Center, I am led by my *babasan, jisan*, my late mother and sister, to remember the who, what, where, when, and why, we work tirelessly together to promote and perpetuate our unique culture, tradition, and *Uchinanchu* spirit. Together, I believe we can be steadfast and strong as our ancestors were and each, in our own way, express our gratitude for all that we have been gifted. *Jettai washirankyo!*

Thank you for your enthusiasm and good wishes as we “*kachashi*” into 2019. *Chibariyo!*
Gwen Fujie 🇺🇸



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- * Okinawan Genealogical Society Of Hawaii
- * Oroku Azajin Club
- * Osato Doshi Kai
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- * Wahiawa Okinawa Kyoyu Kai
- * Yomitan Club
- * Yonashiro Chojin Kai
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Volunteers Needed at HUOA/HOC

Volunteers are a vital part of the Hawaii United Okinawa Association (HUOA), a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. As the umbrella organization for 50 member clubs statewide, the HUOA relies on the services of volunteers who help carry on the many programs of the HUOA, as well as the maintenance of our home, the Hawaii Okinawa Center.

HUOA depends on a wide variety of volunteers who contribute their time and energy to achieve its mission of preserving, promoting and perpetuating the Okinawan culture. The following are brief descriptions of our volunteer needs. Come be a part of this friendly and fun *taruminchu* (helpers). For more information, please contact Gwen Fujie at 676-5400 or email her at edhuoa@hawaii.rr.com. *Ippee Niffee Deebiru!*

Mensore Men & WoMen - Personable volunteers to answer the telephone, assist in welcoming visitors, perform simple clerical duties, and assist gift shop customers as needed. Main requirement is a friendly demeanor and a natural smile! Japanese speaking is a plus.

OL's (Office ladies), OM's and "Kon Marie" Team - Dependable volunteers to provide general and clerical support to the HUOA staff, including computer data entry, filing, typing, copying, and collating. The "Kon Marie" team will tidy up the offices and Chaya, organize files and go wherever needed and spark joy!

The Hoe Hana Gang (our own Edward Scissorhands!) - Provide garden and lawn maintenance at the Hawaii Okinawa Center, including maintaining flower beds, trimming hedges, pruning trees, weed control, mowing the lawn, and cleaning the parking lot. *Pau hana* time for lunch and talk story. Good fun!

Machiyagwaa Volunteers - Assist in preparing Gift Shop items for sale, keeping inventory of items, restocking inventory, and providing other assistance as needed.

Gallery and HOC Hanashi Kwatchi Volunteers - Share the story of the Hawaii United Okinawa Association, the Hawaii Okinawa Center and our display gallery. Assist with tours of the Hawaii Okinawa Center on an on-call basis. Training will be held.

Muntachaa Volunteers - Cook lunch for our volunteers. No need be professional like Roy Yamaguchi! *Okazu* stir fry, home cooking, is perfect. Desperately needed Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. Choose one day a week and come enjoy the company of friendly and fun volunteers! Reimbursed for ingredients. Good food, good fun!

Special Events - If you work full-time this is perfect for you! Volunteers assist on an on-call basis for our cultural programs, community service projects, fundraising activities, and special receptions. Our biggest need for volunteers occurs at our annual Okinawan Festival, where they assist with set up, breakdown and clean up, manning various booths, and providing cultural information on Okinawa and things Okinawan.

This is a fun and fulfilling volunteer opportunity. Sign up to be on our on-call list. Full-time student? Get your community service hours via your volunteer service with us. Call today! 676-5400. *Chibariyo!*

Mahalo Billy Teruya

"Retired" Tuesday garden volunteer Billy Teruya (middle) is given a fond send-off by his gardening buddies.



(L-R): Albert Miral, Tom Nakasone, (Billy), Mamo Kaneshiro and Larry Yogi.

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Staging Area: Ft. DeRussy (Saratoga & Kalakaua)
Parade Start Time: 4:00 pm
Parade Route: Kalakaua Ave. (ends at Kapiolani Park)

What to Wear

Long black pants or black Bermuda shorts (length right above knee) and any HUOA logo or club t-shirt. Vests (*uchikake*) and purple sashes will be provided on a first-come, first-served basis. Don't forget to wear comfortable shoes and apply sunscreen!

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To participate and to ride the bus, please contact the HUOA Office at 676-5400 or email Greg at gmkuwazaki@gmail.com by March 2. *Ippee Niffee Deebiru - Mahalo Nui Loa!*

Gwen Fujie Hired as New Executive Director

Gwen Fujie has been selected to serve as executive director of the Hawaii United Okinawa Association (HUOA), effective January 2, 2019.

Gwen is a *Sansei* (third generation) with roots in Oroku and Yomitan, Okinawa. She is a member of Yomitan Club, Hui O Laulima, and the Okinawan Genealogical Society of Hawaii (OGSH), all member clubs of HUOA. An active participant in the Okinawan community, she has served



as president of Hui O Laulima, chaired HUOA's Irei no Hi (the Battle of Okinawa Memorial Day) remembrance events, and provided leadership training for HUOA. Gwen also received the HUOA Legacy Award in 2015 for her dedication to community service and non-profit leadership.

Gwen recently retired after 20 years as a professional speaker and seminar presenter of Gwen

Fujie Keynotes and Seminars. Her list of clients in Hawaii included Hawaii Pacific Health, the Hawaii State Department of Labor, the U.S. Pacific Command, the County of Maui, and the University of Hawaii, to name a few. She also presented to audiences across the mainland United States and Tokyo, Japan. Gwen provided numerous seminars pro bono, including customer service seminars ("Project Aloha") for the Hawaii State Department of Education.

Gwen has extensive experience working with volunteers and with non-profit organizations. She served as guest relations and volunteer services director at St. Francis Healthcare Systems and director of volunteer services at The Queen's Medical Center. In her first year at Queen's, she doubled the volunteer staff and created many new volunteer programs. Gwen served on the boards of Executive Women International, Network of Volunteer Leaders, Hawaii Society of Directors of Volunteer Services, Japanese American Citizens League-Japan Chapter, Japanese Women's Society Foundation and Sakura Alumnae. She is a former member of the

National Speakers Association.

Gwen was born and raised in Hawaii. She attended the University of Hawaii and the Japanese Language Institute in Tokyo, Japan. She has been active in the Japanese American community and is a member of the Nisei Veterans Legacy, Japanese Cultural Center of Hawaii, Japanese American National Museum, and Go for Broke National Education Center. As a member of the Sons & Daughters of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team, she served as co-chair of the 70th and 75th anniversaries of the 442nd RCT. She also authored the book, "101 Ways To Say Thank You - A Guidebook on Appreciation, Motivation, and Validation." Gwen is married to Clayton Fujie, former Hawaii State Department of Education Deputy Superintendent.

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Like a family album, Uchinanchu 2018 is a keepsake that will help to preserve the many memorable moments that our members have shared in our six regular issues of our Uchinanchu newsletter in 2018.

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We are appreciative to the clubs and their members who have continually supported us. We would like to welcome Ginoza Sonjin Kai to our 200 for 2M Campaign. *Magukuru Kara Ippee Nifee Deebiru* – from our hearts, thank you very much.

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Your donation allows us to create a bright future for the HUOA and Hawaii Okinawa Center. By the end of 2018 we received 610 donations, representing \$100,376.00. We are forever grateful to all of you.

Please join us in 2019—together, our future will only be limited by our imagination. It is through your continued contributions that we are able to have successful cultural programs and upkeep our home, the Hawaii Okinawa Center. *Ippee Nifee Deebirul!*

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HAWAII OKINAWA PLAZA UPDATE: TENANTS BEGIN TO OCCUPY SPACES!

Good news! The Hawaii Okinawa Plaza building is complete and tenants have started on their own internal construction. Currently, all 12,000 square feet of the building have been leased out except for roughly 1,100 square feet of space still available on the second floor. The completion of the construction phase of the project was a huge milestone, but signing up tenants to occupy the building was the next crucial step to make this project a success. Whether you have visited the completed building or not, we encourage you to stop by and see a beautiful new surprise that was recently added!

There are many people who made this project possible. Henry Ford once said, "Coming together is a beginning. Keeping together is progress. Working together is success." This quote seems very applicable to the Hawaii Okinawa Plaza project. Thanks to the HUOA leaders over a decade ago who first came together to start this very ambitious project, to all the HUOA and HOP leaders both in Hawaii and in Okinawa who overcame many challenges to keep this dream alive, to everyone today who has worked so hard and sacrificed so much to get the project to where it is today, we owe all of you a debt of gratitude.

The building is complete, but our fundraising efforts continue. The total construction cost of the Hawaii Okinawa Plaza is approximately \$5.4 million and the HUOA has done well to raise funds in support of this project, but we can still benefit from your support. The more funds the HUOA is able to raise, the less we need to rely on our line of credit with the bank. To date, over 1,200 donors have helped to raise just over \$2.4 million. We would like to ask for your kokua and financial support to help support this important project.

Making a donation in support of the Hawaii Okinawa Plaza is making an investment in the future of the HUOA. The goal of the HOP Project is to provide an annual income stream to support the HUOA and the many wonderful programs it puts on. Programs like the student exchange program, sanshin classes, taiko classes, Uchinaaguchi classes, ikebana classes, Children's Cultural Day Camps, music and dance recitals, and community service projects would benefit from the financial support provided by the HOP Project.

These programs make the HUOA special, but it also leaves it dependent on annual contributions from its members. In addition, the annual income stream provided to the HUOA will help to offset rising maintenance costs that make it harder and harder for the HUOA to sustain itself. Your gift today will pay dividends for our generation as well as for future generations. Thank you for your consideration and support.

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Geijutsu in Hawaii

A very talented group of Okinawan high school students visited Hawaii from February 3-8, 2019. The official title of this visit is the 2019 Overseas Short-Term Project for Global Leadership Development, Arts and Culture Exchange Program (Geijutsu). The student exchange was sponsored by the Okinawan Prefectural Government's Department of Education, Folk Art Department.

The traveling party included 16 students from high schools throughout Okinawa, accompanied by seven administrators and chaperones who were led by Yoshimichi Yonamine, Deputy Superintendent, OPG-DOE. All of the students went through an extensive screening process that began with recommendations by their school, followed by auditions and written essays. Once selected, the students were provided intensive individual training by a coach depending on



Students pose in front of the Kyuzo Toyama statue during a tour of the Hawaii Okinawa Center.

Above: Okinawa students participate in a cultural exchange with Kamehameha students. Left: Students enjoy various foods prepared by HUOA members during a local style potluck dinner.

their talent, English classes, and lessons about Hawaiian culture. On February 4, the group visited HOC and toured its grounds. They learned about Okinawan immigration to Hawaii and their subsequent growth and contributions. The students participated in a panel discussion with Eric Wada, Norman Kaneshiro, Collin Hoo and Brandon Ing, who discussed how they became interested in the Okinawan performing arts. The panel encouraged the students to continue their studies in the arts as well as to learn about their cultural past.

Geijutsu provided a wonderful performance at HOC for approximately 120 attendees at a potluck dinner on February 4. The students sat among the HUOA members and friends, enjoyed a dinner of local food, and performed for the appreciative crowd. The Young Okinawans also performed, teaching the students and the crowd a bon dance. The Young Okinawans taught the students about how Hawaii's Eisa group performances at bon dances differ from the Eisa performed in Okinawa.

On February 5, the students visited the high school campus at Kamehameha School to interact with the school's Japanese language students, share friendships, experiences and culture. That was followed by a performance and cultural exchange with the boys of the Kamehameha School hula class in the Performing Arts Studio. The boys performed several hula for the group and the Okinawan students shared their art through dance and music. The exchange of student ideas and cultures was the highlight of their experience in Hawaii. Deputy Superintendent Yonamine and Kamehameha School administrators are looking forward to more of these exchanges in the future.

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CLUB NEWS

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Gushikawa Shijin Kai Shinnen Enkai

On January 26, 2019, Gushikawa Shijin Kai held its annual *Shinnen Enkai* at Masa's Cafeteria. Gushikawa Shijin Kai's mission to foster goodwill and friendship among its members by promoting, preserving, and perpetuating Okinawan culture and, more specifically, the Gushikawa heritage was on full display at the *Shinnen Enkai* with 200 family and friends present.



Korner where kids and teens were able to decorate and color their own Okinawan objects, symbols, and Shisa.

Gushikawa Shijin Kai strives to appeal to all ages. Therefore, the *Shinnen Enkai* party integrated a Kupuna Health area with fall-prevention exercises and a Keiki



There were beautiful dances by Sarah Agena and entertainment throughout the evening included Ryukyu Koten Afuso Ryu Ongaku Kenkyuu Choichi Kai USA, Grant Murata Sensei; and Hooge Ryu, Hana Nuuzi nu Kai, National Heritage Foundation Living Treasure Lynne Yoshiko Nakasone Sensei.



Other highlights were the gifts of premium Japanese rice presented to members over 80 years of age and a celebration of two centenarians. Of course, the food was amazing and guests included HUOA President Jo Ige, HUOA Assistant Treasurer

Naomi Oshiro (from Gushikawa Shijin Kai) and Shinka President Kurt Nagamine. Last, but most certainly not least, Gushikawa Shijin Kai con-



tinued to celebrate its *Uchinanchu of the Year*, Arlene Fountain. This event was truly something special for everyone in our Gushikawa Shijin Kai ohana to enjoy.

Reminder: Gushikawa Shijin Kai's annual picnic will be held on July 28 at 9 a.m. at Kapiolani Park.



Ginowan Club News



Cousins Gail Crosson, Dean Oshiro and Robbie Umeno carry the Ginowan flag at a HUOA parade. Dean has served as flag bearer in Honolulu as well as at the Worldwide Uchinanchu Festival in Naha, Okinawa.

Happy New Year! The Ginowan Shijin Kai looks forward to another eventful year led by its newly elected officers: President Sandra Nishimoto; Vice President Joy Schoonover; Secretary Carol Kohagura; and Treasurer Garrett Iha. Advisors: Roberta Umeno, Ellen Higa, Christine Higa, Rodney Kohagura, Guy Miyashiro, Patrick Miyashiro, Alice Morisako, and John Tasato.

Activities: Rodney Kohagura, *Shinnenenkai* chairman and his committee of the Futenma and Maehara aza's are in the midst of planning for the New Year's celebration on March 16 at 5 p.m. Flyers will be sent to all members. The picnic committee has already begun planning for a fun-filled event on August 11 at Ala Moana Park. These are the club's two major events where families and friends can get together, reunite for fun and fellowship, and celebrate Ginowan's past and present.

The Ginowan Club also actively participates in HUOA events such as the annual Okinawan Festival, craft fairs, parades, concerts and other cultural activities throughout the year.

Friendship Gathering With Naha Clubs

Seven council members and an aide from Naha City visited Hawaii from January 21-24. During their four-day stay, they met with local government agencies to research tourism in Hawaii, met East-West Center officials, and visited a U.S. military base. They also met with City officials to maintain and strengthen the Honolulu-Naha sister-city relationship and discuss plans for the upcoming 60th anniversary in 2020.



Under the direction of Bobbi Kuba and Val Teruya, the Naha delegation danced "The Boy from Lapahoehoe" hula.

A friendship gathering was planned by the Hawaii Shuri-Naha Club and Oroku Azajin Club with the assistance of HUOA Executive Director Gwen Fujie and Colin Sewake of the Okinawa Hawaii Kyokai on January 21 at the Serikaku Chaya, Hawaii Okinawa Center (HOC).

The delegation from Naha visited Kyuzo Toyama's gravesite at Mililani Memorial Cemetery and toured the HOC and Hawaii Okinawa Plaza sites before gathering for pupus and a Hawaiian dinner in the Chaya. This was a great opportunity for Hawaii folks to connect with Naha City officials and strengthen the bonds between Hawaii and Okinawa. Mayor Kirk Caldwell joined the group for dinner and pledged his continued support for the sister-city relationship.



Friendship Gathering of Naha officials, HUOA board members, Hawaii Shuri-Naha Club and Oroku Azajin Club.

Wayne Takamine serenaded the group during the cocktail reception. After the delicious Hawaiian dinner, Val Teruya performed the hula to "Nada Sou Sou." Val and Bobbi Kuba encouraged the Naha officials to roll up their pants cuffs and taught them the "Boy from Lapahoehoe" hula. Dexter Teruya and Hanae Higa entertained with song and sanshin, and kachashi and fellowship were terrific!

Traditional omiyage gifts were exchanged with the Naha delegation. HUOA President Jo Ige and Gwen Fujie represented HUOA and Greg Kuwazaki, Hawaii Shuri-Naha Club President, and Beverly Taira, Oroku Azajin Club President, represented the two hosting clubs.

Mahalo to all our guests and volunteers who attended this event and Cyrus Tamashiro and David Arakawa who provided the Naha delegation with round-trip transportation.

MORE CLUB NEWS—

Hui O Laulima Recognizes its Outstanding Members

Hui O Laulima congratulates its Woman of the Year Karen Chibana Fuse. Karen is a legacy member following the “HOL spirit” fostered by her mother Nora Chibana, a longtime HOL member. Honored at the 2019 HUOA Uchinanchu of the Year and Installation Banquet, Karen was joined by other HOL members honored as Uchinanchu of the Year. HOL is proud to congratulate Beatrice Shiroma from Kitanakagusuku, Shari Tamashiro from Itoman, and Loretta Tokuda from Nago. Also, honored that day were members: Jocelyn Ige, HUOA’s 2019 President and Gwen Fujie, HUOA’s Executive Director.



HOL Members take a few minutes to have their picture taken with HOL’s Woman of the Year, Karen Fuse, at the 2019 HUOA Uchinanchu of the Year and Installation Banquet. (Karen is the one with all the lei).

The festivities at the banquet were enhanced by the many HOL hands that prepared the over 90 floral arrangements. Under the guidance of Karen Kuba-Hori, ferns, palm leaves, mystery leaves, camellia branches, mums, mini carnations and the most unusual amethyst blue sea holly eryngium were used.

Looking forward to 2019, HOL has on its calendar a “New Members Tea” and will be attending Manoa Valley Theatre’s production of “Allegiance” on March 30. If you are interested in attending the play please contact us at kuba2351243@gmail.com.

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Hui Makaala To Host 50th Annual Scholarship Luncheon and Fashion Show

Sunday, July 21, 2019

Hilton Hawaiian Village, Coral Ballroom
9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Hui Makaala is pulling out all the stops for this 50th anniversary extravaganza. From Okinawa, Hui Makaala is showcasing internationally acclaimed designer, Kanna Yamauchi, owner and designer of the Yokang designer label. Please visit the website: www.yokang.com

Ms. Yamauchi was born in Naha, Okinawa in 1973 and was artistically influenced by her mother, Mitsuko Yamauchi, who was known for using Bingata designs in western clothes. After a one-year study abroad in France, Kanna studied fashion in Okinawa and Japan where she has received numerous grand prize fashion awards. Kanna distinguishes herself from her mother’s designs with a modern-style and youthful approach that has won broad appeal.

And, by popular demand, Hui Makaala will also feature Kumu Hula Sonny Ching, with his Ho Ololi collection of artistic fabric designs and manipulations. Sonny Ching is also associated worldwide for his work with the award-winning and critically acclaimed Halau Na Mamo o Pu’uanahulu: School of Hawaiian Chant & Dance. Teacher, dancer, chanter, writer, composer, recording artist, performer, producer, jewelry designer, fabric designer and fashion designer, Kumu Sonny Ching will delight the audience with his creativity.

The lunchtime show will proudly highlight our beloved Okinawan culture and arts. Again, please mark your calendars for our 50th Annual Show and don’t miss out on what we expect to be a fantastic show.



Ehime Maru Cleaning

On the first Saturday in February, HUOA Executive Council members participated in the clean up of the Ehime Maru Memorial at Kakaako Park in Honolulu. The Ehime Maru, a high school training ship, was tragically struck on February 9, 2001 about 12 miles off Diamond Head by the USS Greenville submarine, killing nine.

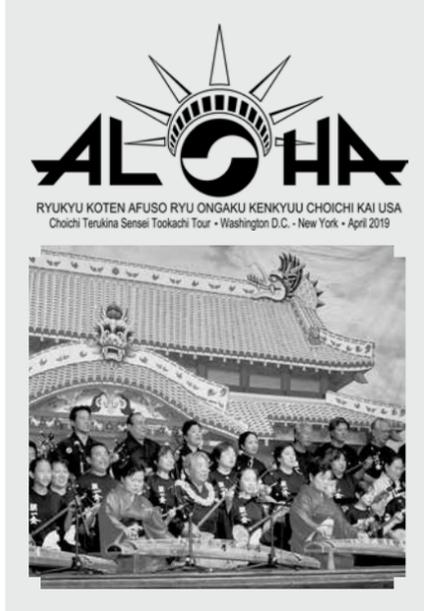


(L-R) Back Row: Cyrus Tamashiro, Jon Itomura, David Arakawa, Gary Jitchaku, Rodney Kohagura and Norman Nakasone. Front Row: Donna Kakazu, Blossom Lunn, Gainor Miyashiro, Jo Ige, Sandy Yanagi, Laura Ajimine and Ethel Kawahara. Photo courtesy of Renette Nakasone

The memorial consists of nine panels representing each life lost; the anchor of the ship rests on the outline of the ship with nine chain links still attached. The city also planted three mikan trees in memory of the students, teachers and crew. Other prefectural groups and Japanese organizations help to maintain the memorial site throughout the year. Family members from Japan arrive annually to attend the memorial service.

'TOBE! Uta-Sanshin In NY' Preview Performance

On Thursday, March, 28 2019, at 7 p.m., the Afuso-Ryu Gensei Kai Hawaii presents "TOBE! Uta-Sanshin in NY, Preview Performance" at the Hawaii Okinawa Center. Marking his 88th birthday, Grand Master Choichi Terukina will travel from Okinawa to Washington, DC and New York City. His descendant master musicians and members from Hawaii and Los Angeles will join him at this milestone event. Together they will share classical music rooted in 300-year-old poetry, folk music, and modern compositions.



Everyone is invited to enjoy a special preview of the performance that will be presented in Washington, D.C. and New York City. It will be an evening filled with Okinawan *koten* and *minyō* music, and dance.

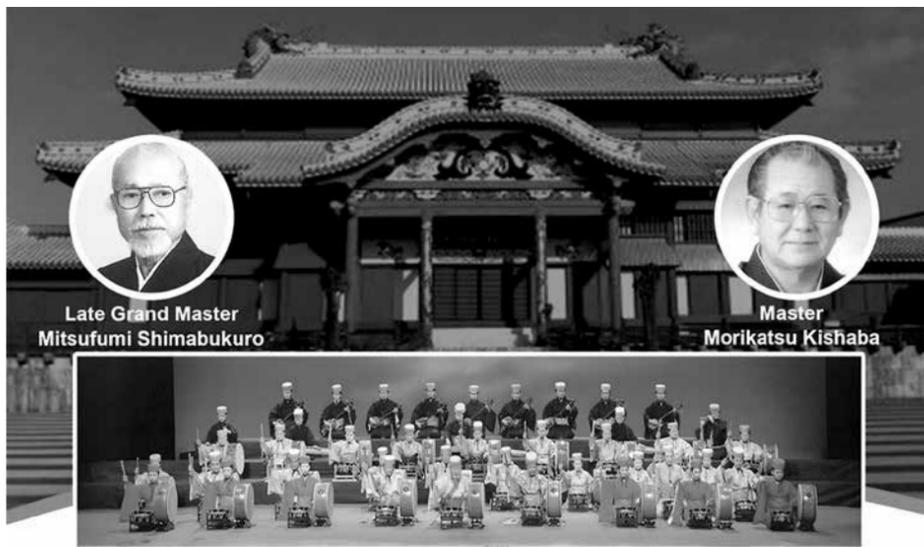
Uta-sanshin is the art of singing while playing a traditional Okinawan three-stringed instrument called a *sanshin*. *Uta-sanshin* as we know it today can be traced back over 300 years to its roots in the Ryukyu Kingdom (modern Okinawa). The classical (*koten*) form called Afuso-Ryu style dates back to approximately 250 years ago. The genealogy of Terukina Sensei today can be traced back to these roots.

Tickets for the Hawaii preview performance are available for \$30. For information or tickets contact Melissa at (808) 497-3037 or by email at uyeuntenm@gmail.com.

"Hawaii Ni Hibiku Uchina De-Ku" Concert

Hawaii Taiko Kai is pleased to announce an upcoming concert featuring the Mitsufumi Ryu Taiko Hozon Kai of Okinawa. The concert, titled "Hawaii Ni Hibiku Uchina De-Ku (Echoes of Uchina Taiko in Hawaii)," celebrates the 50th Anniversary of founding of Mitsufumi Ryu Taiko by the late Grand Master Mitsufumi Shimabukuro, who was recognized as a National Living Treasure in 2003.

The concert cast will be led by Morikatsu Kishaba, Shihan, President of Mitsufumi Ryu Taiko Hozon Kai, and by Satoshi Higa, Shihan, Vice-



President. Accompanying them will be over 30 master instructors and instructors of the Mitsufumi Ryu Taiko Hozon Kai. This will be a unique opportunity to see a presentation of Uchina Deeku, ranging from classical to folk and contemporary.

Hawaii Taiko Kai is assisting in this endeavor by hosting the performance at the Hawaii Okinawa Center on Sunday, April 14, 2019 at 3 p.m. Tickets to the concert are \$35 each. An Aloha Party for the visitors from Okinawa will be held immediately following the concert. Tickets for the Aloha Party are \$25 each. Tickets for the Aloha Party will not be available after April 2, 2019.

Tickets to both the concert and the Aloha party can be purchased prior to the event through any of the sources listed below. If paying by check, please make the check payable to Hawaii Taiko Kai.

Hawaii Taiko Kai
Hawaii Okinawa Center
Senju Kai Hawaii

John Awakuni Ph. 808-676-5400, Ph. 808-754-8828, Ph. 808-888-5723, "info@huoa.org" "senjukaihawaii@gmail.com" "jjawakuni@gmail.com"

Free bus transportation will be provided from Jikoen Hongwanji Temple on School Street. Those wishing to take advantage of this service should contact Diana Kawaguchi at 808-261-8421 (leave message), or e-mail dk1284@yahoo.com. The buses are scheduled to leave Jikoen Temple at 2 p.m. on the day of the concert.

"TOBE! Uta-Sanshin in DC"

Okinawa Kuisha - Bridging Okinawa & America with Choichi Terukina,

National Living Treasure of Japan.

Monday, April 13, 2019, 6 p.m.

Millennium Stage at The Kennedy Center
Washington, DC

"TOBE! Uta-Sanshin in NY"

Thursday, April 18, 2019, 7:30 p.m.

Zankel Hall at Carnegie Hall
New York, NY

Performers:

Grand Master Choichi Terukina
Afuso Ryu Choichi Kai Hawaii, USA, Kansai, Tokyo and Okinawa
Hooge Ryu Hana Nuuzi no Kai Nakasone Dance Academy
Tamagusuku Ryu Shosetsukai Shihan Higa Ben Naoya Ryubu Dojo
Tamagusuku Ryu Kansen Kai Yonamine Ryubu Dojo
Tamagusuku Ryu Shosetsu Michiko No Kai Washington DC Momoe Onno Ryubu Dojo
Azama Honryu
Other artists to be announced.

Tickets are available at: carnegiehall.org.

CarnegieCharge 212-247-7800. Box Office at 57th and Seventh.

Website: <https://www.afusochoichikaiusa.com>



Kanegusuku Sonjin Kai Shinnen Enkai

Kanegusuku Sonjin Kai celebrated the "Year of the Boar" and Valentine's Day at its *Shinnen Enkai* at the Maple Garden Restaurant on February 10. Eighty-seven members and families enjoyed the club's 93rd Anniversary.

Special events included a group singing of "Asatoya Yunta" led by Grant "Sandaa" Murata Sensei, bingo, and entertainment by Afuso Ryu Hawaii Choichi Kai. Afuso Ryu has provided entertainment for Kanegusuku Sonjin Kai for over 24 years. This year, Sandaa Sensei was joined by Kenton Odo and Sean Sadaoka.

Thank you to our President Ed Kino and club advisors Sharon Quitan, Calvin Lum, Doris Kino, and Michelle, Marc and Mia Nakagawa, who made the evening enjoyable. In addition to the pupus, desserts, door prizes, food and drinks, the camaraderie among friends from California and Brazil made the event extra special.

Congratulations to members who were lucky enough to win some of the great door prizes such as a rice cooker, florescent lantern, crock pot—and especially the 43" TV grand prize! The event closed with *kachashi* led by the grand prize winner (as directed by Murata Sensei).

A special Kanegusuku factoid: Masao Kino, our emcee for 38 years, will be participating in the Great Aloha Run at the age of 90. He is the eldest of 40 participants that have participated in the race for 35 consecutive years.

2019 Maui Okinawa Kenjin Kai Scholarship

The Maui Okinawa Kenjin Kai (MOKK) is pleased to announce the availability of two \$1,000 scholarships to:

1. Graduating high school seniors of Maui who are children of MOKK members
 2. Graduating high school seniors of Okinawan ancestry who are residents of Maui
- Applications are available at:
1. Counselors' offices at Maui high schools
 2. MOKK office
 3. Scholarship chairperson

Applications and transcripts must be mailed to:
Maui Okinawa Kenjin Kai Scholarship Committee
P.O. Box 1884 Wailuku, HI 96793
Attn: Darren Konno

Applications and accompanying transcript must be postmarked no later than Wednesday, March 27, 2019. This deadline also applies to walk-ins.

Late or incomplete applications will not be eligible for consideration.

For further information, contact Darren Konno, scholarship chairperson, at 344-1060.

UJSH Honors Hanae Higa as Young Achiever

On January 12, hundreds gathered for the United Japanese Society of Hawaii's (UJSH) *Shinnen Enkai*. Not only did we celebrate the new year with many other *kenjin kai*, but we also recognized recipients of Imperial decorations from the government of Japan and the *kenjin kai* Young Achievers.



HUOA Young Achiever Hanae Higa with her husband, Mark Higa.

This year, three Young Achievers were honored, including our own Hanae Higa. HUOA selected Hanae as its honoree for her dedication to preserving, promoting and perpetuating Okinawan culture, and her service to HUOA. Hanae serves as HUOA's Japanese Language Secretary, providing both written and oral translation, including at many of our weekly KZOO Radio shows.

Hanae is also a founding member and past president of Shinka, a club dedicated to sharing the *Uchinanchu* culture with the next generation. She remains active in Shinka, as well as with the Hawaii Shuri-Naha Club and Nago Club.



"Josei Power" with Lynn Miyahira, Jo Ige, Hanae Higa and Courtney Takara.

Born and raised in Naha, Okinawa, Hanae grew up enjoying activities like playing basketball and dancing hip-hop. It was not until she came to Hawaii that she was inspired by our local *Uchinanchu* community to start learning more about the unique Okinawan culture. Immersing herself in the Okinawan culture, she started *Uta-sanshin* lessons with Afuso Ryu Choichi Kai.

Hanae discovered that she had a beautiful singing voice, perfect for *Uta-sanshin*—and she can whistle! Hanae shared her talents at the UJSH *Shinnen Enkai*, where she performed "*Ashibi Shogane*," singing solo with



sanshin backup from Sandaa Sensei and fellow Afuso Ryu members.

Congratulations, Hanae, and thank you for inspiring the next generation of *Uchinanchu* leaders.



Hanae performs "*Ashibi Shogane*."

Hui O Laulima Announces 2019 Cultural Grant Awardees

Hui O Laulima, 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 \$15,000 was awarded to 10 individuals and organizations. We congratulate and extend our best wishes to each of the following 2019 Cultural Grant recipients for a successful year.

1. *Afuso Ryu Choichi Kai Maui* - Financial assistance to bring sensei to Maui for monthly *sanshin* classes
2. *Jimpu Kai USA Kin Ryosho Ryukyu Geino Kenkyusho* - Airfare help for two sensei to do research & lecture/demonstration in Okinawa
3. *Kohala Okinawa Kenjin Kai* - Airfare assistance for four members of *Ukwanshin Kabudan* and Young Okinawans of Hawaii to perform at the *Hawi Jodo obon*
4. *Maui Okinawa Kenjin Kai-Jimpu Kai Maui* - Airfare support for sensei's monthly classes in *odori*, *kumi-udui*, *dressing/make-up*, etc.
5. *Maui Okinawa Kenjin Kai - Maui Okinawa Sanshin* - Airfare support for sensei's monthly *uta-sanshin* classes
6. *Nomura Ryu Ongaku Kyo Kai Hawaii Shibu* - Airfare support for sensei's monthly *uta-sanshin* and *Shimakutuba* lessons
7. *Lynette Teruya, Allison Yanagi, & Jodie Ching* - Financial help for compilation of multimedia expressions of Okinawan culture in commemoration of 120th anniversary of Okinawan immigration to Hawaii
8. *RMD Kohala/Waimea* - Airfare support for two instructors from Okinawa for *shishimai* workshop
9. *RMD Hawaii* - Airfare support for two instructors from Okinawa to teach *shishimai* and *taiko* workshops
10. *Tamagusuku Ryu Senjukai Frances Nakachi Ryubu Dojo* - Airfare help for 10 dancers to perform at *Japan Day* in San Francisco

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Uchinaa-guchi

(Okinawan language)

Word of the Month

January

gu-muttun, n. [gomuttomo] Being reasonable; being justifiable; being just; being natural; being warrantable

February

nashi-hanjoo, n. Delivery; parturition; a childbirth; a birth. Also hanjoo. -sun, v. To give birth to (a baby); be delivered of (a baby).

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

HUOA SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Mark Your Calendar!

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"HAWAII OKINAWA TODAY" SCHEDULE

March 2019

- 1 Hawaii-Okinawa Student Exchange Aloha Party, 6:30pm, HOC
- 2-9 Aisatsu Tour to Okinawa
- 7 Gushikawa Commercial HS Students visit HOC 3pm
- 9-10 Honolulu Festival Exhibit, Hawaii Convention Center; 3/9 10a-5p, 3/10 10a-3p
- 10 Honolulu Festival Parade [Assemble by 3:30pm at Ft. Derussy]
- 13 Executive Council meeting, HOC, 7pm
- 27 Board of Directors meeting, 7pm, HOC
- 28 Afuso Ryu Preview Concert-Tobe Uta Sanshin in NY, 7pm, HOC

April 2019

- 10 Executive Council mtg, 7pm, HOC
- 14 Mitsufumi-ryu Taiko Hozon Kai 50th Anniversary Concert, 3pm, HOC. Aloha Party to follow.

- Classes • Other Meetings at Hawaii Okinawa Center:**
- HUOA Sanshin: every Thursday, 7pm*
 - Ichigo Ichi E: 1st & 3rd Tuesday, 7pm*
 - Ikebana: 1st Wednesday, 7pm*
 - Karaoke nite: 4th Tuesday, 6:30pm*
 - Kobudo Taiko: every Monday, 7pm
 - Monday Crafters: every Monday, 9am*
 - Okinawan Genealogical Society meeting: 3rd Saturday, 9am*
 - Uchinaaguchi: every 2nd Tuesday, 1pm*; every 4th Thursday, 7pm*

*for more information, please call 676-5400
 Subject to Change (entries as of 1/30/19)

Our new episodes premiere on the first and third Saturday of the month at 7 pm and repeat the following Thursday at 5 pm on 'Olelo Community Media Channel NATV 53; no HOC show is aired on the fifth Thursday of a month.

All shows are submitted in high definition. 'Olelo currently offers HD programming on Hawaiian Telcom channels 1049 and 1053.

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

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

Mar 2, Sat, 7 pm, Mar 7 & 14, Thurs, 5 pm — Show One of the Uchinanchu of the Year and 69th Installation Celebration held on January 19, 2019, at the Hawaii Okinawa Center. Installed were the officers, advisors and club representatives to the Executive Council of the HUOA, with Jocelyn Ige as president.

Mar 16, Sat, 7 pm, Mar 21 & 28 & Apr 4, Thurs, 5 pm — Show Two of the Uchinanchu of the Year and 69th Installation Celebration held on January 19, 2019, at the Hawaii Okinawa Center. Installed were the officers, advisors and club representatives to the Executive Council of the HUOA, with Jocelyn Ige as president.

Apr 6, Sat, 7 pm, Apr 11 & 18, Thurs, 5 pm — 2018 Okinawan Festival (Show Two), held in September for the first time at the Hawaii Convention Center in Waikiki. Featured in this episode are the Opening Procession with the Paranku Clubs of Hawaii, Formal Opening Ceremony, and the Lei Nani Group from Okinawa.

Apr 20, Sat, 7 pm, Apr 25 & May 2, Thurs, 5 pm — Show One of the Ko-Ryukyu: The Dawn of Ryukyu concert presented by Ryukyukoku Matsuri Daiko Hawaii and the Pacific Cultural Interchange Association. Held on July 24, 2018 at the Hawaii Okinawa Center.



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