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# President's Message

BY BOB SHIROMA

## **YII SOOGWACHI DEEBIRU AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

2025 has been truly special under the leadership of Frances Kuba Sensei. She guided us through a historic time—the 125th Anniversary of Okinawan immigration to Hawaii and emigration to the world, the 40th Anniversary of the Hawaii–Okinawa Sister-State relationship, and the 35th Anniversary of the Hawaii Okinawa Center. Notably, she brought Governor Tamaki to our Festival and 40 of Okinawa’s 41 mayors—a testament to her warmth, charm, and leadership. Her theme, “Miree ya Kugani — Bright, Hopeful Future,” reminds us to treasure the children.

I also want to recognize our hardworking Executive Council—those who chaired and supported the many HUOA events that made the year a success. Your dedication, teamwork, and countless hours truly uplifted our organization. To the incoming Executive Council, thank you for stepping forward. Your leadership and expertise give me great confidence that the coming year will be outstanding.

Our guiding theme for the year is *Chimugukuru* — Polish, Protect, and Be Proud. With *Chimugukuru* at heart, we move forward together: polishing what we cherish, protecting what we have, and being proud of our community and our Okinawan identity as we prepare for milestone events in 2026.

Looking ahead, we approach the future of HUOA with excitement and shared purpose. We’ll continue cherished traditions—from the Legacy Banquet to the 44th Okinawan Festival, to our Leadership and Heritage Tours—while beginning preparations for the 2027 Worldwide Uchinanchu Taikai.

As I step into this role, I know it takes all of us—clubs, volunteers, leaders, and community—working together with *Chimugukuru* to keep HUOA strong and vibrant. To our clubs and community—*Ippee Niffee Deebiru!* Your ongoing commitment, support, and aloha make everything we do possible.

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## 2026 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### *The Year at a Glance!*

March 13-15	Honolulu Festival
March 15	Honolulu Festival Parade
TBD	Shinka Family Event, Legacy I/II
April 10	Senior Fair, Legacy I/II
TBD	Kauai Okinawan Festival
May 23-24	HUOA Goodwill Golf Tournament, Pali Golf Course
June 2-5	Children's Cultural Day Camp, Oahu
June 12-14	Pan Pacific Festival
June 14	Pan Pacific Festival Parade
June 22	Irei no Hi Remembrance event, Legacy I/II
July 26	Hui Makaala Fashion Show, Hilton Hawaiian Village
Sept 5-6	Okinawan Festival, TBD
Sept 7	Okinawan Festival Aloha Party, Legacy I/II
Sept 19	Autumn Okinawa Dance Matsuri, Legacy I/II
Sept 26	Maui Okinawa Festival, Maui Mall
Mid-Oct	HUOA Heritage Tour, Okinawa
Mid-Oct	HUOA Leadership Tour, Okinawa
Oct 29	Uchinanchu no Hi, Legacy I/II
Nov 1	Kugani Warabi, Legacy I/II
Nov 8	Legacy Award Banquet, Sheraton Waikiki
Nov 28-29	Winter Craft Fair, Legacy I/II

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In Memory of Al Uyehara by Toshiko Uyehara

In Memory of George Yoshio Uyema & Yoshiko Uyema

In Memory of Koki Tamashiro by Gabriel Vista

In Memory of Shinshin & Kamado Kise by Robert & Norma Yara

In Memory of Shinyei & Hatsue Zakahi by Aileen Yoshimura

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## Peace Boat Passengers Visit the Hawaii Okinawa Center

BY TOM YAMAMOTO

**IT WAS AN UNFORGETTABLE BOND** that was shared between visitors from Japan and our local Okinawan community members! On Monday, November 23, thirty-five passengers and four staff members from the Japan-based Peace Boat visited the Hawaii Okinawa Center for an enriching cultural exchange with our HUAO Monday Crafters and volunteers. Peace Boat is an international non-governmental organization (NGO), whose passengers embark on a 100+ day voyage engaging in various onboard activities and visiting many countries to promote peace and human rights, engage in intercultural exchange, educate the youth and provide humanitarian support to the communities that they visit.

The passengers and the Monday crafters and volunteers worked together to create three-dimensional Hawaiian postcards with an origami-styled Aloha shirt on the front. Through language challenges, laughter and hands-on teaching and learning, each passenger was able to finish their own make and take product and also purchase other items from the Monday crafters "shop."

HUAO President Frances Nakachi-Kuba greeted the guests and opened with Kagiya defu along with Peace Boat staff, Aino Nakayama. To complete the Okinawan and Hawaiian experience, past president Randy Kuba served and shared information about his Shaka Hawaii/Okinawa Spirit and Mana-su blends, while past president Ford Chinen and ohana served an authentic Hawaiian lunch of kalua pork on taro bun, poke, haupia and more.

As a guest educator onboard the Peace Boat, one of my lectures on "A Nikkei Experience", focused on Okinawa immigration to Hawaii, and how the community has worked together throughout the years to become one of the most successful ethnic groups in Hawaii. From their visit to the Hawaii Okinawa Center, the participants of the Peace Boat were able to see one example of how our HUAO community works together and supports one another. *Ippei Nifwe debiru* and *Mahalo* to the HUAO staff, Monday crafters, gardeners and many volunteers who helped make this a memorable visit. We look forward to their visit on December 26!

## Peace Boat Visitor Experience

BY KAKINOKI HITOSHI

**WE HAD THE WONDERFUL OPPORTUNITY** to visit the Hawaii Okinawa Center and take part in cultural exchange with the descendants of Okinawan immigrants. Together with the volunteers, we enjoyed a variety of cultural activities such as making postcards, Okinawan dance, Eisa drumming, calligraphy, and kendama.

After watching a touching video expressing the gratitude of Okinawan high school students toward the Hawaiian immigrants who once sent pigs to Okinawa, we were treated to a delicious homemade lunch.

To conclude the visit, everyone joined together to dance *Kachāshī*, filling the entire venue with excitement and joy.

It was a day that truly made us feel the deep and enduring bond between Okinawa and Hawaii, stretching far back into history. The day before, we visited Pearl Harbor, where we were reminded of the tragic consequences of war and the foolishness of human conflict. Yet the next day, we were able to feel the greatness and kindness of humanity — making it a profoundly moving and unforgettable experience. We left with a hopeful sense that if human kindness and compassion can rise above greed, anger, and hatred, a peaceful future may truly be possible.

“When we snatch from one another,  
there is never enough.  
When we share with one another,  
there is more than enough.  
When we snatch, hatred grows.  
When we share, peace follows.”  
— Mitsuo Aida



### Chatan Kadena Chojin Kai

#### CHATAN KADENA CHOJIN KAI

2026 Shinnenkai is on Saturday, March 7, 2026 at the Hawaii Okinawan Center. Usually, the Shinnenkai is held in the evening, but this year it's being held during lunch time from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Please mark your calendars and look out for more information.

*Ippee nifee deebiru!*



Front row: Jane Martin, Jennifer Yamanuha, Pili; Back row: Dick Takara, Clifford Antoque, Alicia Rogan, Sandy Antoque, Chloe Nakamura, Rod Martin, Linda Nakamura, Gabe Preis, Samantha Preis, Julia Preis; Missing: Cheryl To, Clay Asato, Lisa Asato

### HOC clean up by Nago club on 11/23/25

**CLUB NEWS**



Left to right: George Toyama, Callie Toyama, Michael Ige, Marc Morioka, Ralph, Kanoë, and Edward Nakata.

**Kin Chojin Kai**

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**2026 SHINNEN ENKAI LISTING**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Club Name</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Contact</b>
3/8/2026.....	10:00 AM.....	Aza Yogi Doshi Kai & ..... Bito Doshi Kai	Masa's Cafeteria.....	Myles Nakasone, <i>pastor_myles@yahoo.com</i>
3/7/2026.....	10:00 AM.....	Chatan Kadena Chojin Kai.....	Hawaii Okinawa Center .....	Eric Nitta, <i>ericnitta@yahoo.com</i>
2/22/2026 ...	10:00 AM.....	Ginowan Shijin Kai .....	Hawaii Okinawa Center .....	Garrett Iha
2/28/2026 ...	5:30 PM .....	Gushichan Sonjin Kai .....	Masa's Cafeteria.....	Derek Uesato, 808.780.8427, <i>duwormy@yahoo.com</i>
3/7/2026.....	6:00 PM .....	Gushikawa Shijin Kai.....	Masa's Cafeteria.....	John Hewitt, <i>jhewitt54@gmail.com</i> Drake Akiyoshi, <i>dsga791@yahoo.com</i>
3/22/2026 ...	10:00 AM.....	Hawaii Sashiki-Chinen .....	Hawaii Okinawa Center .....	Jeannene Oshiro, <i>jeanneneoshi@gmail.com</i>
2/22/2026 ...	10:00 AM.....	Hawaii Shuri-Naha Club .....	Hawaii Okinawa Center .....	Greg Kuwazaki, <i>gmkuwazaki@gmail.com</i>
2/22/2026 ...	10:30 AM.....	Hui Okinawa.....	Aunty Sally's Luau Hale .....	Robert Kaneshiro, <i>rskanesh@outlook.com</i>
3/1/2026.....	10:00 AM.....	Itoman Shijin Kai & .....	Masa's Cafeteria .....	Shari Tamashiro, <i>sharit@hawaii.edu</i> Club Motobu
3/8/2026.....	10:00 AM.....	Kin Chojin Kai .....	Hawaii Okinawa Center .....	Chelsea Rios
3/29/2026 ...	11:00 AM.....	Kona Okinawa Kenjin Kai .....	Kona Daifukuji .....	Cheryl Kurashige Soto Mission Hall
2/28/2026 ...	11:00 AM.....	Maui Okinawa Kenjin Kai .....	Maui Okinawa.....	Jason Hondo Cultural Center
3/29/2026 ...	Lunch.....	Nakagusuku Sonjin Kai.....	Hawaii Okinawa Center .....	Denise Liu, 808-284-9793 <i>deniliu@hotmail.com</i> (TENTATIVE)
3/21/2026.....	5:00 PM .....	Okinawa City-Goeku Son.....	Natsunoya Teahouse.....	Stephanie Higa, <i>stephiga@gmail.com</i>
2/28/2026 ...	5:00 PM .....	Onna Sonjin Kai.....	Natsunoya Teahouse.....	Liane Yoshitsugu-Cenido, <i>liane.yoshitsugu@gmail.com</i>
3/1/2026.....	9:30 AM.....	Oroku Azajin Club.....	Hawaii Okinawa Center .....	<i>www.orokuazajinhawaii.org</i>
4/12/2026 ...	10:00 AM.....	Osato Doshi Kai.....	Masa's Cafeteria.....	Dennis Arakaki, President <i>darock3046@gmail.com</i> , Lance Akana, event chair
3/15/2026.....	10:30 AM.....	Tamagusuku Club .....	Masa's Cafeteria.....	Ford Chinen, 808.753.0507, <i>ford.chinen@gmail.com</i>
4/18/2026.....	5:30 PM .....	Tomigusuku Sonjin Kai .....	Saint Louis Alumni Clubhouse...	Eugene Kaneshiro, <i>ek4fisherman@hawaiiintel.net</i>
2/21/2026 ...	5:00 PM .....	Wahiawa Okinawa.....	Wahiawa Ryusenji .....	Lori Tamanaha, <i>pilot4sale@gmail.com</i> Kyo Yu Kai Soto Mission
3/8/2026.....	11:00 AM.....	Yagaji Doshi Kai.....	Saint Louis Clubhouse .....	Dale Nakasone, <i>dalenaka@hawaii.edu</i>
2/28/2026 ...	5:00 PM .....	Yomitan Club .....	Hawaii Okinawa Center .....	Lea Ann Kakimoto, 808.384.7248, <i>yomitan.lkakimoto@gmail.com</i>

## 2025 Uchinanchu of the Year



The Uchinanchu of the Year selected by their respective Clubs span the generations. The Club's pride and gratitude are evident through their words as they described their UOY. Respect for the past, desire to perpetuate the Okinawan culture and unselfish willingness to support their Clubs are common threads all the Uchinanchu of the Year share.

Aza Gushikawa Doshi Kai | **Annette Miyashiro**  
Aza Yogi Doshi Kai | **Carol-Ann Thornton & Ashley Enriques**  
Bito Doshi Kai | **Ayako Nakasato**  
Chatan-Kadena Chojin Kai | **Barbara and Kenji Maeshiro**  
Club Motobu | **Kent Billings**  
Gaza Yonagusuku Doshi Kai | **Erin Shiroma**  
Ginowan Shijin Kai | **Charlene Tamanaha**  
Ginoza Sonjin Kai | **Daniel Oshiro**  
Gushichan Sonjin Kai | **George K. Zakahi**  
Gushikawa Shijin Kai | **Brian Funasaki**  
Haneji Club | **Gail and Rodney Okaneku**  
Hawaii Sashiki-Chinen Doshi Kai | **Mark and Aileen Ueunten**  
Hui Alu, Inc. | **Shawn Shimabukuro**  
Hui O Laulima | **Cynthia Uza**  
Hui Okinawa | **Grant Miyashiro and Grant Fukunaga**  
Kin Chojin Kai | **Rylan Kunimitsu**

Kitanakagusuku Sonjin Kai | **Kelly Emelia Higa**  
Maui Okinawa Kenjin Kai | **Henry and Donna Tamashiro**  
Nago Club | **Clay Asato**  
Nakagusuku Sonjin Kai | **Jacob Higa**  
Nishihara Chojin Kai | **Thomas Osami Nakasone**  
Okinawa City Goeku Son | **Zoey Simmons**  
Okinawan Genealogical Society of Hawaii | **Clyde Uchima**  
Oroku Azajin Club | **Roberta and Gene Kaneshiro**  
Ozato Doshi Kai | **Lynette Teruya**  
Shinka Hawaii | **Chris Iwamura**  
Tamagusuku Club | **Janice Toma Shiira**  
Tomigusuku Son Jin Kai | **Hilda K. Thomas**  
Wahiawa Okinawa Kyo Yu Kai | **Derek and Karen Iha**  
Yomitan Club | **Earlene Nakachi**  
Yonashiro Chojin Kai | **Marisa Maemori**

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2026 Executive Council

## Chimugukuru — Polish, Protect, and Be Proud

BY JODIE CHIEMI CHING

### II SOOGWACHI DEEBIRU! HAPPY NEW YEAR!

**O**N SATURDAY, JAN. 17, the Hawaii United Okinawa Association held its Uchinanchu of the Year and 76th Installation Celebration, embracing the 2026 guiding theme of *Chimugukuru* — Polish, Protect, and Be Proud. Approximately 750 attendees filled the Albert T. and Wallace T. Teruya Pavilion at the Hawaii Okinawa Center, joining together to honor HUOA’s legacy of service while looking toward the future with heart.

As HUOA President Bob Shiroma shared, *Chimugukuru* reminds us to polish what we cherish, protect what we hold dear, and take pride in our community and Okinawan identity — as we move forward together into 2026.

Twenty-twenty-five HUOA Outgoing President Frances Nakachi Kuba passed her gavel and presidential duties to Robert “Bob” Shiroma. With decades of leadership experience and deep ties to the Okinawan community, Shiroma brings both professional expertise and heartfelt commitment to his role as HUOA President. A lifelong member of Gaza

Yonagusuku Doshikai — where he has served as treasurer since 1988 and president since 2024 — Shiroma is rooted in service and community stewardship. His extensive career, spanning senior roles at First Hawaiian Bank and as Facilities Director at Kamehameha Schools/Bishop Estate, reflects strong organizational, managerial, and financial acumen. Combined with his years on the Hawai’i Okinawa Plaza Board, Shiroma steps into the presidency with a thoughtful vision for HUOA’s future, grounded in heritage, humility, and a dedication to uplifting the next generation of Uchinanchu.

HUOA recognized 39 Uchinanchu of the Year who contributed unselfishly to the success of their respective clubs. Karen Nakasone, Chief Judge of the Intermediate Court of Appeals for the State of Hawai’i, installed the 2026 HUOA Officers.

The 2026 Executive Council includes: Robert “Bob” Shiroma, president; Jeannene Oshiro, president-elect; Jennifer Kumura, vice president; David Shinsato, vice president;

Jessica Yamamoto, vice president; Kim Yamamoto, vice president; Sandra Yanagi, executive secretary; Jason Adaniya, assistant executive secretary; Mikiko Kakurai, Japanese-language secretary; Brianne Yamada Nitahara, treasurer; Kirstie (Maeshiro) Oshima, assistant treasurer; Frances Nakachi Kuba, immediate past president; David Jones, past-president advisor; Lynn Miyahira, past-president advisor; Tom Yamamoto, past-president advisor; Jodie Ching, advisor; Dr. Yuko Kakazu, advisor; Roy Arakaki, at-large member; Chris Iwamura, at-large member; Natalie Teruya, at-large member; Kathleen Matsuda, Hawai'i Island representative; Robert Kaneshiro, Hawai'i Island representative; Jason Hondo, Maui representative; Jonathan Chun, Kaua'i representative; Wendy Horikami, club representative; Lee Ann Kakimoto, club representative; Kylie Sato, club representative; Mark Higa, Business Advisory and Audit Committee (BAAC) member; Brandon Nakasone and Lisa Tamashiro, BAAC members.

Many of Hawai'i's dignitaries and community leaders were in attendance, including: Lt. Gov. Sylvia Luke and husband Mike; U.S. Congresswoman Jill Tokuda; Former Gov. David Ige and Former First Lady Dawn Amano-Ige; Former Gov. John Waihe'e III and wife Lynne Waihe'e; Deputy

Consul General of Japan in Honolulu Hideaki Chotoku; The Honorable Karen Nakasone and her mother Chieko Nakasone; Sen. Glenn Wakai and wife Miki; State House Vice Speaker Linda Ichiyama; Honolulu City Council Chair Tommy Waters; Misaki Takabayashi, Chancellor of Kapi'olani Community College; United Japanese Society of Hawaii President Brian Taniguchi; and Dr. Mark McNally, University of Hawai'i at Mānoa Center for Okinawan Studies Director.

The opening segment featured two dance performances — “Bashin Tui” and “Nada Sou Sou/Kanohona Pilikai” — by Tamagusuku Ryu Senju Kai Hawaii Frances Nakachi Ryubu Dojo and Shelby Oshiro of Hālau O Pōhai Kealoha.

The dances were followed by a children's play titled Mumutaru, based on the book Mumutaru of Okinawa. The playscript, presented in Uchinaguchi, Japanese, and English, included translations by Dr. Kyoko Hijirida, and was performed by keiki of Tamagusuku Ryu Senjukai Frances Nakachi Ryubu Dojo and Chinagu Eisa of Hawaii.

The newly sworn-in President Shiroma announced his guiding theme for 2026, reminding attendees, “With the heart of *chimumuguru*, we move forward together — polishing what we cherish, protecting what we have, and being proud of our community and our Okinawan identity.”

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Sports Awards Recipients



Frances and Bob exchanging gifts

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Cynthia Arnold and David Shinsato emceed the Sports Awards portion of the program. Award recipients included: Sean Sadaoka, HUOA Golf Tournament Grand Champion; Robin Miyahira, Senior Flight Champion; Brianne Yamada, Women’s Flight Champion; Nakagusuku Sonjin Kai, HUOA Inamine Golf Cup winner; Wahiwawa Kyo Yu Kai, HUOA Invitational Slow-Pitch Softball League champion; and Kochinda Chojin Kai, HUOA Volleyball champion.

The event concluded on a high note, with Shiroma front and center, leading young Uchinanchu keiki in a spirited “Chibariyo Haka,” chanting “CHIBARI-CHIBARI-CHIBARI-YO!” followed by a lively grand finale *Kachāshī* led by Ryukyu Koten Afuso Ryu Ongaku Kenkyu Choichi Kai USA–Hawaii. 🌺



Certificate from Council Chair Tommy Waters and Council Member Scott Nishimoto

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## Maizome



On Monday, January 5, the HUOA celebrated Maizome - the First dance of the year! This special gathering is a chance to reflect on the past year, share laughter and joy, and look ahead to the opportunities awaiting us in 2026. We celebrated as an Okinawan 'ohana with a night filled with culture, tradition, and community spirit.

## Cherry Blossom Court



On December 14, 2025, the 74th Cherry Blossom Festival Queen contestants visited Tamagusuku Ryu Senjukai Frances Nakachi Ryubu Dojo in Mānoa for a cultural class! The contestants experienced a wonderful Okinawan dance lesson as part of their 74th Cherry Blossom Festival journey. *Kahuushi* (with heartfelt gratitude) to Frances Nakachi Kuba, 2025 HUOA President, for hosting this enriching experience.

# Winter Craft Fair

Shoppers filled the Hawaii Okinawa Center at the annual Winter Craft Fair, held on Saturday and Sunday, November 29 and 30, 2025. *Ipee niffee deebiru* to Okinawa City-Goeku Son, Osato Doshi Kai, Shinka Hawaii, and Tomigusuku Son Jin Kai, and for overseeing the various responsibilities. Thank you to Hawaii Shuri-Naha Club, Oroku Azajin Club, Ginowan Club, Wahiawa Kyo Yu Kai, Urasoe Sonjin Kaii, Hui O Laulima and volunteers helping with specific tasks for your support year after year!



# Winter Craft Fair





## Volunteer Luncheon

**ON THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2025**, volunteers, staff, and members of the Executive Council, and Board of Directors gathered at the Legacy Ballroom to celebrate the end of the year, welcome 2026, and acknowledge Jon Itomura for all his work during his 5 years as Executive Director. HUAO President Frances Nakachi Kuba and President-Elect Bob Shiroma joined and had the chance to talk story and play games. Thank you to the following individuals for their donations that made this a very special celebration: Courtney Takara, Dale Nakasone (Yagaji Doshi Kai), Dave Arakawa, Ford Chinen, Jeannene Oshiro, Lynn Miyahira, Laura Ajimine, Norman Nakasone, Rodney Kohagura, Ron Hattori, Roy Arakaki, Sandra Yanagi, Laverne Higa, Jodie Ching, Terry Goya, Ed Kuba, Kent & Pam Saito, Natalie Teruya, Greg Kuwazaki, Jon Itomura, Sandra & Alan Nishimoto.

## UJSH Shinnen Enkai

**T**HE UNITED JAPANESE SOCIETY OF HAWAII (UJSH) celebrated its 67th Annual Shinnen Enkai on January 10, honoring Natalie Teruya as the HUOA 2025 Young Achiever for her contributions to the community. Natalie is the immediate past-President of the Oroku Azajin club. She continues to serve as the Corresponding Secretary for the Club, where she manages the Club's website, newsletter, and email communications. She has enjoyed helping with the Club's recent initiatives to help with Club sustainment efforts and is really enjoying meeting Club members and others in the Okinawan community. She also recently completed her first year on HUOA's Executive Council as a Club Representative. Professionally, Natalie works remotely as a Manager of the electronic filing group at Corptax, a leading corporate tax software provider. Over her 22-year career, she has built technical expertise, led projects and mentored teams. She also serves on the Board of Directors for her family's business, Teruya Brothers, Ltd., where she is becoming increasingly involved in governance, strategic planning, and what it means to run a small business. Natalie is a proud yonsei and is the daughter of Dexter and Valerie Teruya. With her husband Kyu Yeo, they are raising two children, Colin (17) and Cameron (13). She hopes to inspire her children to embrace their cultural roots. Through her service and continued learning, Natalie is honored to contribute to HUOA's mission and strengthen intergenerational connections.

Other awardees included Lisa Furukawa, Kayla Settsu Hernandez, Jerald James, Rae Sumiko Smith, Lauren Sugai, Rena Tomlinson, and Kelsey Uehira. The event also

recognized the 2025 recipients of the Imperial Decorations by the Government of Japan: Dr. Mary G. McDonald, The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette; Bertrand Kobayashi, The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette; George B. Rowell, IV, The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon.





## Cultural Fusion Presented by Senjukai Hawaii

BY ERIC KOBAYASHI

**T**AMAGUSUKU RYU SENJUKAI FRANCES NAKACHI RYUBU DOJO would like to extend our gratitude to everyone who supported our annual fundraiser, Cultural Fusion, held on Saturday, November 22, at the Hawaii Okinawa Center. This year marked the 23rd year our dance academy held the event, which helps our school raise funds for community outreach events and for scholarships to send students to Okinawa to train under our *iemoto* (grand masters) Yoshiko Tanita Sensei and Mieko Kinjo Sensei. Attendees were treated to entertainment by the approximately 25 students of Senjukai Hawaii, ranging in age from 3 years old to 86 years young. The event also featured a silent auction and the ever-popular Kachashi Contest. Food was provided by A Catered Experience, and drinks were provided by Randy Kuba and Lotus Spirits.

This event is particularly meaningful for me. In addition to serving as the chair of the event this year and for several previous years, I am fortunate and extremely



grateful to have received scholarships provided by the funds raised through this event. These scholarships helped me to travel to Okinawa to train for the certification testing, *konkuru*, on my path to achieving my *kyoshi* teaching certificate in Okinawan dance. To become a certified dance instructor, students need to pass three levels of the *konkuru*, *shinjin sho* – newcomer's award, *yuushuu sho* – award of excellence, and *saikou sho* – highest award. Through training, we learn much more than dance. We have opportunities to strengthen our ties to our culture, solidify the relationship between Hawaii and Okinawa, and gain a deeper sense of our Okinawan identity.

On behalf of Senjukai Hawaii, I want to express my most sincere and heartfelt thank you to all the support



we have received that continues to make Cultural Fusion successful in its 23rd year! This event could not have been possible without the support of the attendees, the friends and family, our Senjukai Hawaii advisors for their many years of guidance and support, and the many donors whose generosity helped make Cultural Fusion a success! We are especially thankful for the Hawaii United Okinawa Association, A Catered Experience, and Randy Kuba and Lotus Spirits for their continued support of Cultural Fusion and Senjukai Hawaii.

In 2026, we will celebrate the 24th annual Cultural Fusion on Sunday, November 22, 2026, at the Hawaii Okinawa Center. In addition, 2027 marks the 30th anniversary of Senjukai Hawaii! We look forward to seeing you

at one of our community performances and at Cultural Fusion 2026. We humbly ask for your continued support of Senjukai Hawaii. *Ippee Nifée Deebiru* and *Yutashiku Unigeesabira!* 🇺🇸



## Uchinamuun II: A Family Variety Show to Celebrate 125 Years of Okinawan Immigration

**2025 WAS QUITE A YEAR,** wouldn't you agree? Much appreciation to the HUOA for sponsoring the many events in honor of the 125th year of immigration to the Hawaiian Islands! Amongst the plethora of amazing events that graced the stage at our Hawaii Okinawa Center in 2025, there was a particularly awesome event that took place on November 23rd, the event was called "Uchinaamun II: A Family Variety Show." The event was presented by Nomura Ryu Dento Ongaku Kyokai Hawaii Shibu and Azama Honryu Allison Yanagi Ryukyu Dance Studio, both groups under the tutelage of Allison Yanagi Sensei.

"Uchinaamun," interpreted as "Okinawan things," featured a very fresh take on traditional Okinawan concerts. The concert offered a generous mixture of traditional

Okinawan music and dance, as well as music by the Maajiru band that links our Okinawan heritage to the local music of Hawaii. There was also a special portion of the show that allowed discussion on how to be an interactive audience member, getting the most out of the experience.

Allison Yanagi Sensei led her students as well as invited special guest performers, Akemi Azama Iemoto of Azama Honryu, Lisa Nakasone Nakandakari Sensei and Julia Okamura Sensei of Hooqe Ryu Hana Nuuzi No Kai Nakasone Dance Academy, Yukie Shiroma Sensei and Ann Moribe of Shoshin Dance Company to perform in the opening number, "Kajyadefu," and the finale number, Hatoma bushi, to wrap up the concert.

Music was provided by Allison Yanagi Sensei and her





students at Nomura Ryu Dento Ongaku Kyokai Hawaii Shibu, rounding out the jikata were Terry Higa Sensei on taiko, Lynn Masuda Sensei on fue, and Sara Nakatsu Sensei on koto. The collaborative stylings of the musicians laid the backdrop for the numbers, joined by the dancers of Azama Honryu. The first few classical dances showed a focus on majestic precision, while the later dances exhibited the playfulness of the folk music repertoire. The crowd favorite was “Yonaguni Kouta,” which encouraged the audience to participate with the dancers in a friendly game of “patty-cake.”

Honolulu City and County Council Chair Tommy Waters offered words of appreciation and congratulations to Allison Yanagi Sensei and the performers at the beginning of the concert. Special recognitions during the concert

included Kathy Oshiro Sensei receiving her Kyoshi teaching certificate for Kucho from Allison Yanagi Sensei, and then Allison Yanagi Sensei receiving her Shihan Master Teacher certificate for Ryukyu dance from Akemi Azama Iemoto. Congratulations to the esteemed recipients!

A big Mahalo to all the volunteers who made the concert such a success! Uchinaamun II marks the beginning of another 125 years for Hawaii to celebrate the rich Okinawan culture. We look forward to many more performances from Azama Honryu Allison Yanagi Ryukyu Dance Studio, and Nomura Ryu Dento Ongaku Kyokai Hawaii Shibu. For more info and the latest happenings of the groups, please follow Allison Yanagi Sensei @azadentei on Instagram! *Ii Soogwachi Deebiru* - Happy New Year! 🍀

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## From On-Air to On-Demand: Expanding the Reach of Our Community's Voices

**AS PART OF AN INTENTIONAL SHIFT** in how we share stories and connect with our community, the Hawaii United Okinawa Association's 2026 Media Team kicked off a new media strategy centered on expanding the reach of our KZOO Radio Hour, also known as Kariyushi to Tomoni in the new year. Our approach was created to ensure the voices, history, culture, and conversations of our community remain accessible, relevant, and engaging across generations.

While the KZOO Radio Hour continues to air live every Sunday from 4:00-5:00 pm on KZOO AM 1210, the Media Team is extending the life of each broadcast beyond the radio. Listeners can expect curated segments, which include Uchinanchu music, yuntaku (talk story), and cultural lessons, to be shared across our social media, YouTube, and Spotify—allowing you, our community members, to tune in anytime and engage in ways that fit your schedule. From traditions and legacy to present-day involvement, each episode celebrates what it means to grow, serve, and belong within the Okinawan community in Hawaii.

### The 2026 Media Team:

Jennifer Kumura | VP of Traditional Media

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### We look forward to you tuning in!

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Tune in every Sunday from 4:00-5:00 pm on KZOO AM 1210 for an hour of Okinawan culture and connection. The show features Okinawan music, voices, and stories, with conversations with guests from across the Hawaii United Okinawa Association. Together, we explore Okinawan culture, lived experiences, and the events shaping our community today—celebrating tradition, legacy, and present-day involvement within Hawaii's Okinawan community.

Can't listen live? Catch clips and replays on our social media channels and new Spotify account.

**Important notes for our calendar entries:**

- All events may be subject to change.  
Entries as of 1/9
- EC and BOD meetings will be held in a Zoom/ hybrid format until further notice

**MARCH 2026**

- 3 Okinawan Festival Core Committee meeting, Online only at 7pm
- 12 Executive Council meeting, Online only at 7pm
- 19 Board of Directors meeting, Online only at 7pm
- 20 75th Anniversary of HUOA, Online only at 7pm
- 26 HOC Office Closed - Prince Kuhio Day

**APRIL 2026**

- 7 Okinawan Festival Core Committee meeting, Online only at 7pm
- 9 Executive Council meeting, Online only at 7pm
- 14 Okinawan Festival General Committee meeting, HOC at 7pm
- 17 75th Anniversary of HUOA, Online only at 6pm

**CLASSES · OTHER MEETINGS:**

- Sanshin: Thursdays @ 7pm
- Shorin-ryu Seibukan Karate Class: Thursdays 6:30pm-8:30pm
- Ichi Go Ichi E: 1st and 3rd Tuesday @ 7pm
- Ikebana: 2nd Tuesday @ 7pm
- Karaoke: 3rd Thursday @ 10am
- Monday Crafters: Mondays @ 9am
- Okinawan Genealogical Society of Hawaii meeting: 3rd Saturday @ 9am

For more information, please call 808-676-5400 or email [info@huoa.org](mailto:info@huoa.org)

'Ōlelo Community Media Channel NATV 53 broadcasts a new Hawaii Okinawa Today, half an hour episode that premieres on the 4th Friday of each month at 7:00pm and repeat Saturdays at 5:00pm. Special programs will also be scheduled with dates and times noted below.

In addition to these fixed time slots, these programs are eligible to be considered for additional airings when appropriate airtime is available.

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**FEBRUARY 27 7PM; 28 AT 5PM; MARCH 7, 14, 21 AT 5PM**

HOT: 2025 Okinawan Festival featuring the Opening Procession, Paranku Club of Hawaii, Tamagusuku Ryu Kansen Atae No Kai Akiko Tome Ryubu Dojo

**MARCH 18 6PM; 20 AT 10AM; 21 AT 8AM; 23 AT 2:30PM**

SPECIAL: 2026 Uchinanchu of the Year/Installation Banquet

**MARCH 27 AT 7PM; 28 AT 5PM; APRIL 4, 11, 18 AT 5PM**

HOT: 2025 Okinawan Festival featuring Ryusei Honryu Ryuko Kai, Shorin-Ryu Hawaii Seibukan

**APRIL 24 AT 7PM; 25 AT 5PM; MAY 2, 9, 16 AT 5PM**

HOT: 2025 Okinawan Festival featuring Hooqe Ryu Hana Nuuzi No Kai Nakasone Dance Academy, Yuttai Kwattai

**FEBRUARY 16 AT 6PM; 17 AT 10PM; 20 AT 5PM; 22 AT 9AM**

SPECIAL: 1-hour performance by world-renown singer Rimi Natsukawa at the 2025 Okinawan Festival

**FEBRUARY 18 AT 6PM; 21 AT 8AM; 23 AT 3:30PM; 26 AT 3:30PM**

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