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## Mark your calendar!

Shinnen Enkai (New Year Party) & Installation  
Saturday, January 19, 2013

Sangha Hall—4:30 p.m.

(See insert flyer & registration form)—SILENT AUCTION of  
memorabilia from the late Mayor Stephen Yamashiro



### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE Kenji Kawai

As I end my presidency, I'd like to thank you for the opportunity to serve as your President the past two years. JCAH continues promote cultural and community activities:

- November 2011 - Japanese Culture Day in Hawaii—a huge success with the theme "Mottainai" and which featured Nobuko Miyamoto of Great Leap of LA along with the traditional exhibits of Bonsai, Chigiri-e, Ikebana, Taiko, Martial arts, etc. Thanks to Jan Higashi and her committee
- May 2012—Kodomo No Matsuri—another huge success! In addition we had other fun and games for children. The Kingyo Sukui (gold fish scooping game) was most popular among children, as was the Doraemon character. We thank very much Joni Onishi and her crew and the great contribution made by both Hilo and Waiakea high schools for making this event such a great success!
- January 2012—Our New Year Party was well attended by our members, our sister city delegation and Consul General of Japan. There was no new officer installation this year.
- June 2012—Nuno Zouri and Newspaper Corsage classes conducted by Haruko Sugitani from Japan.
- July-August 2012 - I was honored to represent JCAH and Hawaii County at the annual Ikaho Hawaiian Festival. The event was another major success attended by some 400 halau from all over Japan and hundreds of thousands of visitors from every where. Hawaii sent the Merrie Monarch winner "Ika Wekiu." Their exhibition of Hawaiian art was superb!! The audience reactions may have exceeded those of some rock concerts here in the US. In addition to Hula dancing, the cultural lecture series given by the Merrie Monarch organization was well attended by three times the number of students compared to last year. The town of Ikaho and Shibukawa city was totally immersed in the festive mood. Every body in the city, so it appeared to me, started dancing hula whenever and where ever a Hawaiian music was made available.
- August 2012—Ireito Ceremony and Shibukawa City junior high exchange students homestay in Hilo.
- September 2012— Annual Kenjin-kai golf tournament. Five kenjinkais, total of 30 players participated. It was a fun day for every one in attendance and provided a good opportunity to deepen fellowship

### ABOUT OUR INCOMING PRESIDENT HIROSHI SUGA

Born and raised in Tokyo he enrolled at UHH in 1974 and graduated in 1977 with a Bachelor of Business Administration degree. He returned to Tokyo and worked from 1978 to spring of 1980 and returned to Hilo. He married Carolyn Monden whom he met during his years at UHH.

He initially came to Hilo as a member of the Tokyo YMCA English Study Tour in 1971.

He worked at American Trading Company and its subsidiary, "The Importers" from 1980 -1984. Then worked for the Suisan Company Ltd. for 26 years and retired in July 2011 as a Key Account Manager. He is known as the "singing salesman from Suisan."

The Sugas have two children, Karlen and Mason.



Hiroshi helped as a calligrapher at the recent Kodomo no Matsuri.

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE (continued)

among various Kenjin-kai. Hui Okinawa came out as the winner again. Other Kenjin-kais were encouraged to practice harder to give Okinawa more competition.

The year is almost over! Next event will be our annual New Year's party on January 19, 2013. I hope see you all there.

Doomo arigato gozaimashita!  
Kenji Kawai, President

### SHIBUKAWA SISTER CITY STUDENT



Shibukawa Junior High School students and their chaperones visited Nawahi Hawaiian Immersion School in Keaau where they received a Hawaiian style welcome by the entire school.

## HIGHLIGHTS

### Japanese Culture Day in Hawaii

Held in November 2011 —a success!

**MOTTAINAI!**  
"no waste"



Thanks to our Super MCs—G Cruz & Kat from KWWX.—always willing to help!

A day full of displays and demos!  
Taiko—Calligraphy—  
Martial arts,.  
Food booths by  
Various kenjinkais

**NEXT JAPANESE  
CULTURE DAY  
NOVEMBER 16, 2013**  
**Volunteers needed!**  
If interested call  
969-6437 and leave a  
message.



Nobuko Miyamoto of Great Leap performs with her Shishi mai dog made of recycled material by Dennis Taniguchi of EHCC—MOTTAINAI!



Recycled Art Contest and Display. Display in back center—large box covered with obi material by Kay Kawachika.



Amy Aoyagi and the beautiful Bunka Shishu she handcrafted..

The three Sakai girls participated in the Shichi-go-san kimono dressing—kawaii and sweet! Over 60 children dressed and photographed.



Cultural Treasures who were honored: L-R: Michio Iyo—Bonsai; Michi Koizumi—Japanese Language; Morris Nakaishi—Bonsai; Richard Nakamura—AJA Baseball; Lily Nakao—Chigiri-e; Charles Narimatsu-Kendo (represented by wife Olive); Lillian Noda—Japanese Dance; Ruth Walker—Aikido; Miyeko Yamane—Calligraphy; Hanako Yoshimura—Shishu & Japanese art.. In back Mayor Kenoi, President Kenji Kawai; Takako Kenoi.

## Newspaper Corsage and Nuno Zouri Classes held in June



A colorful array of Newspaper corsages made by one of Haruko's students.



Kay Shintani shows her completed Zouri.

Newspaper corsage using colorful sections of old newspaper and Nuno Zouri (fabric slippers) classes sponsored by JCAH were taught by Haruko Sugitani of Japan. Classes were held in Hilo in early June. Both classes were sold out with over 50 students in attendance. Chairperson Elaine Wakayama was elated by the response. Sugitani sensei was happy to present the classes in Hilo—it was her first trip to the Big Island.

Haruko Sugitani teaches how to make waraji slippers. You can use recycled materials such as old t-shirts.



## KODOMO NO MATSURI (CHILDREN'S DAY FESTIVAL)

**SATURDAY, MAY 5, 2012**

Highlights from this exciting event for children age 1-101. Chaired by Joni Onishi  
A wonderful day and overwhelming attendance!!!



LOTS  
OF  
ACTIVITIES



A big hug from Doraemon!

Arigato to generous sponsors: Big Island Candies, Isemoto Contracting, KTA Super Stores; Roy & Gladys Sonomura; HPM Building Supply; Bank of Hawaii, De Luz Chevrolet; Hirayama Brothers Electric, Rober & Alice Fujimoto Foundation; Suisan Company. Also, James & Grace Arakaki, Ben Franklin Crafts, Book Gallery, Fukunaga Electrical; Raymond K. Hasegawa, First Hawaiian Bank, Wallace T. Oki; Kozmic Cones; Yukio Takeya

### Shibukawa Sister City Exchange Student Program 2012 (continued)

On August 7, we welcomed 8 junior high school exchange students and 2 chaperones Mr. Shinobu Uehara, Principal of the Ikaho Junior High School and Mrs. Reiko Nakano, an English teacher from the Shibukawa Sister City. The students spent one week with their host families from the Waiakea High School Key Club. The exchange student program has been supported by Hilo's intermediate and high schools' service clubs, our sister cities, and the JCAH. Waiakea High School Key Club is headed by Mrs. Kari Sato and she is responsible for this program.

After a brief tour of Hilo, the Shibukawa group met their host families at a Welcome Dinner and enjoyed a delicious spaghetti dinner provided by JCAH. Host families were: Alan, Tammy, and Ashlynn Shiraishi; Gayle, Wendell, and Keisha Sato; Darren, Tammy, and Sharyse Molina; Ivan, Desi, and Vandey Okinaka; Peter, Wendy, and Daniel Matsuura; Ray, Lori Lei, and Noah Shirakawa; David, Brenda, and Matt Camacho and Blayne, Kari, and Dayson Sato

During their stay, students were exposed to American high school classes, club activities, Hawaiian food and culture. One of the highlights was visiting the Nawahi Hawaiian Immersion School in Keaau where they received a Hawaiian style welcome by the assembly of the entire school. The exchange students experienced priceless Hawaiian culture there.

Having enjoyed many activities with their host families, the host family, Shibukawa group, JCAH members and a couple of dignitaries got together for a farewell party at the Waiakea High School Library. Each exchange student and their counterpart Waiakea Key Club members presented their impressions of the exchange student experiences and the audience was treated with Shibukawa students' singing, dancing, and ukulele performance.

The Shibukawa group left Hilo on August 13 for Honolulu where they spent two days sightseeing and shopping on their way back to Gunma Prefecture, Japan. Waiakea Key Club is scheduled to send their exchange students to Shibukawa City in October of 2013.



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### **2013 Upcoming Events:**

January 12 Washi Chigiri-e Class  
9 am-2 pm at EHCC  
January 19 New Year's Party &  
Installation  
March 9 Washi Chigiri-e Class  
9 am-2 pm at EHCC  
May 4 Washi Chigiri-e Class  
9 am-2 pm at EHCC  
November 16 Japanese Culture Day

### **WASHI CHIGIRI-E CLASS SCHEDULE 2013**

Sponsored by the JCAH & Hakubi Chigiri-e  
Gakuin of Japan

Learn the Art of Chigiri-e from Lily Nakao, instructor, of Honolulu. Anyone can learn this unique art form

9 a.m. to 2 p.m. East Hawaii Cultural Center  
(upstairs in the Café) 141 Kalakaua Street, Hilo

January 12      March 9      May 4

Class fee JCAH member: \$10/Non-member:  
\$15

Basic Kit - \$10 JCAH member/\$12 non-member

For more info, call JCAH at 969-6437 or  
[jcah@yahoo.com](mailto:jcah@yahoo.com)

### *Welcome new members who joined in 2012:*

Jan & John Abundo  
Lincoln & Jonna Ashida  
Patrick Chong & Tanya Diaz-Chong  
Mona Eskaran  
Janet Fujioka  
Dale Hayashi & Diane Noda  
Kazue & Charles Igawa  
Michio Iyo  
Wilma Kawasaka  
Lisa & Philip Matlage  
Jeff & Jennifer Ng  
Marty & Aki Orlando  
Noriko & Mitch Roth  
Edward & Satomi Shindo  
Teruko Smith  
Mayumi & Gene Tamashiro  
Ruth Walker  
Leslie Yamasaki  
Eiko & Thomas Yellen  
Jenny Yoshizumi

Andrew & Kimberly Arakawa  
Michiyo & Francis Boshu  
Millie & Don Ellis  
Kiyoshi & Ellen Fujimoto  
Miriam Hamakawa  
Tony Hoke & Marie Labagh Hoke  
Elsie & Adrian Iida  
Cindy & Kevin Iwata  
Alan & Danette Koochi  
Marilynn Nakata  
Arnold & Patricia Okamura  
Maureen Ota-McClure & Bruce McClure  
Marcia Sakai  
Kay & Wayne Shintani  
Clarice & Wayne Suzuki  
Sachiko Tanaka  
Lillian Watanabe  
Merle & David Yee  
J & Tracie Yoshimoto

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*Mahalo for your continued  
support!*

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