



# The Newsletter

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## President's Message — Jan Higashi

会長挨拶

Happy Holidays!

It has been a very memorable, unforgettable, and active two years serving as President of this special organization.

- We have presented many activities such as Bunka No Hi, Kodomo No Matsuri and the annual Nikkei Kigyo Banquet honoring Isemoto Contracting and HPM Building Supply in May 2015 at which time three scholarships were awarded.
- Our involvement in the sister-city relationship with Shibukawa City (formerly Ikaho), celebrating 20 years, has created many long lasting friendships mostly because of the King David Kalakaua Merrie Monarch Festival in Ikaho. I was privileged to represent JCAH and travelled with the winning Merrie Monarch Halau--Kumu Kaleo Trinidad in 2015 and Kumu Sonny Ching in 2016 along with dignitaries of our Merrie Monarch Festival.
- A farewell party was held for Consul General of Japan Toyoei Shigeeda in June of 2015 and a welcome party was held for the new Consul General Yasushi Misawa and wife Yoko in September.
- One of the most memorable events was in October 2015 as Hilo was chosen as the last stop of a 12 country tour for the Japan Training Squadron's three magnificent ships. I was privileged to greet, meet and dine with Rear



President Jan Higashi with Hakubi Washi Chigiri-e sensei, Lily Nakao from Oahu. Chigiri-e art classes started in Hilo in 2007.

Admiral and Commander Yasuki Nakahata. Board members and other Hiloans also enjoyed the tour of the ships and a wonderful dinner on the JS Kashima; in addition, the talented crew

performed free at the Civic Auditorium!

- In November 2015, the Buzen City Kagura and Jazz Band performed at the Sangha Hall to a full house! Thanks to the Mayor Goto and the 41 performers! They also participated in our 2nd Omikoshi Parade, adding a lot of color to the parade and Bunka No Hi!
- 2016 went by quickly with the 3rd Annual Nikkei Kigyo Banquet honoring KTA Super Stores held in January; Nittaidai University sumo students exhibition in February; hosted three Shibukawa City dignitaries who attended the Merrie Monarch Festival in April; Kenny Endo Taiko Ensemble concert and Kodomo No Matsuri in May with six scholarships awarded at the event; JCAH and Puna Taiko participated in the Hui Okinawa Haari Boat Race and the annual Ireito Memorial Service at Alae Cemetery in August; and the Friendship Golf Tourney in September.
- Mahalo to Arnold Hiura, Executive Director, of Hawaii Japanese Center and a JCAH board member for his continued assistance. We look forward to continued close relationship with HJC.
- Mahalo to all of the kenjinkais for their support of

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## Event Calendar

- Jan. 14 — Chigiri-e Class
- Jan. 21 — Shinnen enkai and installation
- March 18, May 13 — Chigiri-e Class
- Sept. 19 (Tentative) — Kenjinkai Friendship Golf Tournament

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various projects!  
This being my last President's message, I want to thank you all for your part in making JCAH a very special organization whose mission is to perpetuate the Japanese culture. Thank you to all of you who willingly and wholeheartedly volunteered to ensure the success of the many projects!! Thanks to the Board of Directors for all of their support and for

embracing our theme "iss honi yarimashou!" And, a sincere and big mahalo to Jane Miyasaki, JCAH's secretary, office manager, and super volunteer! Congratulations and Best Wishes to incoming President Ivan Nakano and the Board of Directors! Doomo arigato gozaimashita,

Jan Higashi, President

## JCAH holds 2016 Ireito Memorial Service

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The 2016 Ireito Memorial Service was held on August 23, Sunday, at 2 pm at the Alae Cemetery. Blessed with beautiful Hawaiian weather, the 100 strong in attendance expressed their gratitude and paid respect to our Japanese ancestors, the Issei immigrants, who established their legacy through hard work and sacrifice.

The event was officiated by Rev. Shinji Kawagoe of the Papaikou Hongwanji. Representatives of the late Sanji Abe family, Consul General of Hawaii, County of Hawaii, Japanese Community Association of Hawaii, Japanese Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Hawaii, Ireito Trustees, Subaru Telescope, Big Island Buddhist Federation, United Junior YBA, Hawaii Japanese Center, various Buddhist



churches, Shinto shrines, and Kenjinkai's offered incense and bouquets of flowers at the Ireito Monument. A group of students from the Chuo University of Japan and a representative from

Miyako Town government, Fukuoka attended the event as well.

In addition to the memorial services, flowers and short services were given at the gravesides of the two Japanese training ship cadets. The two individuals lost their lives during their training voyages to Hawaii several decades ago.

The Japanese Community Association of Hawaii would like to take this opportunity to

thank all who attended and supported this annual event.

Puna Taiko represented the JCAH in Hui Okinawa Haari Boat Festival, which was held on Saturday, August 20th at Wailoa State Park.

## Haari Boat Festival



The boat crew after winning their second race.



The JCAH/Puna Taiko crew and cheering section preparing to kick off the Parade of Teams.



## JCAH 15th Annual Friendship Golf Tournament

## 第15回県人会友好ゴルフトーナメント

The 15th Annual Friendship Golf Tournament was held on Tuesday, September 13, 2016 at the Hilo Municipal Golf Course. The following Kenjinkais participated, Fukuoka, Hiroshima, Hui Okinawa, Yamaguchi and Tokyo. There were 24 men and 6 women golfers.

Yamaguchi Kenjinkai won with a score of 280. Low net for the women was, Phyllis Hayama at 69 and for the men, Yoshi Hirose and Shin Suzuki at

net 69.

All golfers had a great time, thanks to our annual tournament chairperson, Allan Sasahara. He makes sure everyone has a great time and everyone walks away with a prize.

Tentative date for the 16th Annual Friendship Golf Tournament is Tuesday, September 19, 2017 at the Hilo Municipal Golf Course.

### Hakubi WASHI CHIGIRI-E 2017 CLASS SCHEDULE

(Instructor Lily Nakao from Oahu)

January 14  
March 18  
May 13

10 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. at  
Culture & Arts Dept.  
(Hilo Armory bldg.)  
28 Shipman St., Downtown Hilo

For more info, contact:  
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### JCAH POLO SHIRTS

Cost: \$35.00  
Color: Iron Grey  
Deadline: January 31, 2017  
Email request to: jcahawaii@yahoo.com

Polo shirts run small so (ORDER A  
SIZE LARGER) than your usual size.

Men: Medium; Large; XL; XXL

Ladies: Medium; Large; XL



### Shinnen Enkai (New Year Banquet) and Installation

**Date: Saturday, January 21, 2017**  
**Time: 4:30 p.m.**

**Place: Hilo Hawaiian Hotel**  
**Moku Ola Room (Downstairs)**

**See registration form for details.**

### JCAH OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS YEAR 2017-2018

PRESIDENT	Ivan Nakano	
1st VICE PRESIDENT & TREASURER	Michael Miyahira	
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Dorothy Horita	David Ikawa	Larry Isemoto

## President-Elect Message for 2017—Ivan Nakano

Akemashite Omedeto Gozaimasu

On behalf of the New Officers and Directors of the Japanese Community Association of Hawaii (JCAH), we wish you all Happy Holidays and a Safe, Healthy and Prosperous New Year.

We would like to extend our congratulations and best wishes to our current president, Jan Higashi and her officers and directors for doing such an outstanding job for the past two years, 2015 and 2016. They truly carried out the mission of our organization in perpetuating and promoting the Japanese Culture in East Hawaii.

As we enter 2017 the Year of the Rooster, we anticipate an exciting and eventful year for the JCAH. We kick off the year with our Shinnen Enkai and Installation Dinner on Saturday, January 21, 2017 at the Hilo Hawaiian Hotel. We have word that representatives from

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Ikaho/Shibukawa City are planning to attend.

Our calendar of events will include the Merrie Monarch Festival and Parade in April with Ikaho/Shibukawa delegation participating. In May, we have the Nikkei Kigyo recognition dinner honoring Dodo Mortuary (118 years) and The Seaside Restaurant (95 years). In August, we have Ireito Memorial Service. September the Kenjinkai Friendship Golf and November, the Bunka No Hi.

The JCAH can only be successful with the support and participation by its members. We encourage all of you to come and join us for 2017. We promise the Year of the Rooster will be a Cock A Doodle Doo year !!!



Welcome new member who  
joined since last newsletter

Ian Kitagawa

