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President's Message — Hiroshi Suga

会長挨拶

Dear members,

A friend of mine reported to me that there was a short autumn in Japan and cold winter has arrived. However, here in Hawaii, we enjoy comfortable weather all year round. How lucky we are!

Since the last newsletter, I have visited Japan twice, in June and in August. I felt a little bit like "Urashima Taro" because Japan has changed so rapidly. I got lost at railway and subway stations mainly because there were so many new lines added since I used to live there. I was also surprised to see so much construction despite the poor Japanese economy.

The second trip was to our sister city, Ikaho/Shibukawa City to attend the 17th Annual Ikaho King Kalakaua "The Merrie Monarch" Hula Festival. More details are included in the Ikaho Merrie Monarch article, but it was one trip I will remember for the rest of my life. More than 6,000 hula dancers filled the city that turned into an Aloha City. I was quite impressed by the many accomplished dancers at the competition site.



Our sister city government and friends exchanged much Aloha with the Hawaiian delegates, and confirmed their desire to take our relationship to the next level.

Hawaii County's Managing Director Wally Lau and Research and Development Director Lavern Omori had a lengthy meeting with representative of the Shibukawa City Planning Department. Both of them were totally impressed by the hospitably shown to them.

Thank you very much to those members participated in our recent "Bunka no HI-Cultural Day."

The cheerful Mikoshi Parade kicked off an exciting cultural event. A recap is included in this newsletter. It was coordinated by Co-cultural Committee Chairs, Larry Isemoto and Jan Higashi.

Pertaining to our upcoming event, our Annual Shinnen-kai is replaced by the Inaugural Nikkei Kigyo Banquet where we will recognize local well-established businesses of Japanese ancestry. The Board of Directors has decided to launch this exciting new event since there will be

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Oshima Island Relief Fund Drive

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Our oldest sister city, Oshima Island, was hit by a major Typhoon this fall and we are joining the relief efforts. Attached is Mayor Kenoi's letter asking for your support. The Big Island is Oshima Island's only sister city. The deadline for donation has been extended at least to the end of January. Let's get together and help them out.

Our donations will be sent to a private non-profit organization, NGO, which works closely with the Oshima Island government so the monies will be handled efficiently and utilized quickly. One of the leaders of the organization, Mayumi Jinguh, visited Mayor Kenoi on

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Inaugural Fundraising Event

Honoring I. Kitagawa & Co., Ltd. & Suisan Co., Ltd.

A benefit for our Scholarship Program

Saturday, January 18, 2014 — See page 3.

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no officer installation till 2015. Our past President Roland Higashi will chair the event. Proceeds from this event will go to the JCAH Scholarship fund. More information to follow.

On behalf of JCAH, we wish each and every member a Happy New Year.

Hiroshi Suga ■

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behalf of the Oshima Island last year in commemoration of the 50th Anniversary of our sister city relationship.

Every dollar of your donation is greatly appreciated. Through the end of January, donations to "Aloha Ohshima" will be accepted at Bank of Hawai'i branches statewide. ■

Bunka No Hi - Japanese Culture Day in Hawaii "dedicated to the late Mr. Yasuo Kuwaye"

Bringing the Omikoshi or mikoshi (portable shrine) to life was the highlight of this year's Bunka No Hi. For the first time, a short parade preceded the Japanese Culture Day festivities at the Sangha Hall. The parade featured Grand Marshal, Mrs. Hanako Kuwaye; the 2013 Cultural Treasures, President and Mrs. Hiroshi Suga, Waiakea Judo Club, Hilo Kobukan Kendo, Hilo Meishoin Tsukiage Bon Dance Club along with Puna Taiko, Taishoji Taiko, Hui Okinawa Kobudo Taiko and many "mikoshi escorts." The Omikoshi was carried Hilo-style by 55+ Hi-loans (men and women) led by Nao Noguchi of SF Taru Mikoshi; Larry Omura, Hawaii Mikoshi (Honolulu) and Paul Sakamoto, Hilo's Own. Noguchi and Omura came to Hilo at their own expense to help prepare and teach the intricacies of carrying the mikoshi!

The Omikoshi was left in Hilo by the Japan Mari-time Training Ship. The sailors of the ship carried it with much enthusiasm at the now defunct International Festival of The Pacific parade, an annual event sponsored by the JCCIH for over 40 years. The mikoshi has been stored at Hilo Daijingu for about ten

years...MOTTAINAI! And, now, thanks to Wayne Kuwaye of Kuwaye Trucking, it has a new home. Thanks also to Craig Takamaine, Takamine Construction for building a special dolly for the mikoshi so it can be moved when needed.

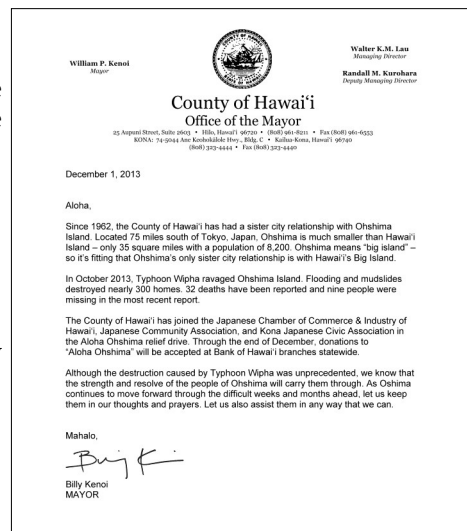
Congratulations to our 2013 Cultural Treasures!

(see photos on the next page) who were honored at the event. Also, to our members 90 years +: Shizu-ko Akamine, Yachiyo Hamada, Lily Inouye, Hisao Kaya, Rex Matsuno, Chishiko Takata.

This year's Bunka No Hi enjoyed the largest crowd ever and featured many exciting demos and displays, and entertainment. One of the most popular was the demo on "the life cycle of a silkworm and natural dyeing." Also, the Sei-jinshiki Kimono Dressing by Keiko Fujishita from Tokyo who dressed three "coming of age" young ladies in beautiful furisode. Fujishita came to Hilo on her own expense.

Mahalo to all JCAH members and ALL who vol-unteered and helped to make this biennial event a huge success!!

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President & Mrs. Hiroshi Suga carry JCAH Banner in parade!



- Japanese games, crafts, and activities!
- Sakana tsumi!
- Learn to play the Taiko!
- The life cycle of a silkworm with Akihiko Izukura
- Fun! Games! Surprises!

KODOMO NO MATSURI

Children's Day Festival

SATURDAY, MAY 10, 2014

SANGHA HALL— 10 a.m.

Free admission!

MOTTAINAI ART CONTEST

Ten year old, Isaac Inouye, won the People's Choice Award and a \$50 gift certificate for his clever entry, "Sumo Bowling." Isaac used small recycled bottled water containers and painted sumo faces on each bowling pin. He also won first place in the 10-17 year old division and a \$50 gift certificate. 2nd & honorable mention in the 10-17 category were: Kira Baird and Angie Hilton, respectively.

Other winners were: 9 years and younger, 1st place Jesse Inouye, 4 years old,

"ladybug," made of recycled egg carton; Adult division, 1st place Sahra Indio, "Egg carton vessel with lid," using egg carton, burlap remnants and fallen bark. 2nd place, Ken Charon, "Eyes on the prize," using Hermes bottles, clock frame and sushi grass. Honorable mentions went to Janice



Mrs. Hanako Kuwaye, Grand Marshal Of Parade.



Mottainai Recycled Art Winner, age 10-17 and People's Choice winner: Isaac Inouye.



2013 CULTURAL TREASURES HONORED AT BUNKA NO HI

1ST row: Larry Isemoto, Cultural Leadership; Jane Kawazoe, Tea Ceremony; Sakae Kaya, Kimono Dressing & Bon Dance; Clara Koga, Tea Ceremony; Rosa Sadako Majo, Kimono Dressing, Okinawan Dance & Sanshin.

2nd row: James Mimaki, Bonsai; Kiyoko Miyashiro, Okinawan Andagi Making; Yoshii Miyazaki, Tea Ceremony; Motoe Tada, Cultural Leadership and Susan Urasaki, Tea Ceremony

Nakatsu, Howard Kamei and J. Jay West. All were awarded \$10-\$50 gift certificates for their entries.

Doomo arigato gozaimashita
for your help at
BUNKA NO HI 2013!!

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Inaugural Fundraising Event HONORING I. KITAGAWA & CO., LTD. & SUISAN CO., LTD. A benefit for our Scholarship Program



The Japanese Community Association of Hawaii will honor two Nikkei Kigyo companies (enterprise of Japanese Ancestry) in East Hawaii, specifically, those who have been in business for many generations. For this inaugural event we have selected: **I. Kitagawa & Company, Ltd.** and **Suisan Co., Ltd.**, established in 1905 and 1907 respectively. Both companies were severely affected by the 1946 and 1960 tsunamis and two wars, but because of their "**gambare**" spirit, hard work, and perseverance, they are both still very viable and vibrant businesses in Hilo, *108 and 106 years later!!* I. Kitagawa is now headed by fourth generation, Brian Kitagawa, while Suisan is now headed by 6th president, Rex Matsuno.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 18, 2014 AT NANI MAU GARDENS (421 MAKALIKA ST., HILO)

5:00 PM - NO HOST COCKTAILS; 6:00 P.M. - DINNER AND PROGRAM TO FOLLOW.

Cost: \$50 JCAH member; \$75 non-member

For more information call 969-6437 or jcahawaii@yahoo.com; <http://jcahawaii.wix.com/home>

RESERVATION FORM

____ I/We would like to attend the Nikkei Kigyo Fundraiser

Name: _____ Phone: _____

E-mail address: _____ Cell # _____

____ I am a JCAH member ____ I am not a JCAH member

JCAH member: \$50 per person, open seating; or \$400 for a table of 8, reserved seating.

NONMEMBER: \$75 per person. Advanced reservations required. Limited seating.

The following will attend: *(please print legibly)*

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Enclosed is my/our check in the amount of \$_____ payable to JCAH (Japanese Community Association of Hawaii) and mail to: JCAH, 714 Kanoelehua Ave., Suite 202, Hilo, HI 96720

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SPONSORS: County of Hawaii, Isemoto Contracting Inc., KTA Super Stores, Roy & Gladys Sonomura, Roland & Jan Higashi
FOOD BOOTHS: East Hawaii Hiroshima Kenjin Kai, Fukushima Kenji Kai, Hawaii Shima Fukuoka Kenjin Kai, Hawaii Shima Kumamoto, Doshi Kai, Hui Okinawa, Yamaguchi Kenjin Kai, Honpa Hongwanji BWA, Asami's for JCAH, Hilo Hongwanji Hoyukai, Hilo High Key Club.

COMMITTEE: Allan Onishi, Amy Miwa, Anne Chung, Chiaki Noumaru, Dennis & Sharyn Taniguchi, Donna Tanabe, Elaine Wakayama, Gayle Kamei, Jane Miyasaki, Jon Arizumi, Judith Fujiyama, Lani Yamami, Lillian Watanabe, Miles & Wendy Yoshioka, Noriko Roth, Paul Sakamoto, Roland Higashi, Tommy Goya.

Thank you for the amazing team work!
Larry Isemoto & Jan Higashi, co-chair ■



Seijinshiki models: Heather Chase, Jennifer Taniguchi, Catelyn Hakoda

HILO WASHI CHIGIRI-E CLASS (REVISED)

Sponsored by the
Japanese Community Association of Hawaii
& Hakubi Chigiri-e Gakuin of Japan
INSTRUCTOR: LILY NAKAO
(teaching in Hilo for five years)

2014 SCHEDULE

Saturday, January 11
Saturday, March 8
Saturday, April 12

Time: 10:30 – 3:00 p.m.

Place: Culture & Arts Dept. – 28 Shipman St.
(Hilo Armory-ocean side)

Class fee: \$10 (JCAH member)/\$15 (non-member)
Basic Kit: \$10 (JCAH member)/\$12 (non-member)

BYOB - bring your own bento
For more info on joining class, call 969-6437
or email: jcahawaii@yahoo.com ■



Welcome new members who joined since last newsletter

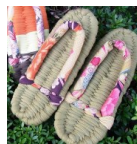
Catherine Ishida & Michael Connelley
Maxine Ferra
Leona Hirata
Jasmine Iyo

Gayle & Howard Kamei
Erin & John Kihara
Randall Kurohara
Helen Matsui

Amy & Seiji Miwa
Robert & Eleanor Miyake
Chishiko Takata
Fern & Glenn Yamane

Event Calendar

January 11 Chigiri-e Class
January 18 Nikkei Kigyo Fundraiser
March 8 Chigiri-e Class
April 12 Chigiri-e Class
May 10 Kodomo No Matsuri



COMING SOON!! Nuno Zouri Classes

Inquire at JCAH – 969-6437.



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