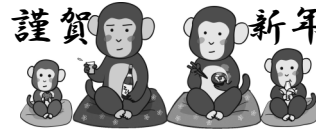




The Newsletter

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A Happy New Year
(Kinga Shinnen)

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President's Message – Jan Higashi

Wishing you and your family all the best during this holiday season and a Happy New Year too!
Your association has been busy since our last newsletter.

September 14 - we welcomed new Consul General of Japan Yasushi Misawa and his wife Yoko at a reception at the Hilo Hawaiian Hotel.

September 27-28 - Buzen City Mayor Goto and his entourage arrive in Hilo to discuss and firm plans for the Kagura-Taiko-Jazz performance in November. The Buzen Welcome Committee co-chair Harold Uyeno and June Kunimoto and others meet with them to tie up loose ends.

October 10-12 - We were very honored to have the Japanese Self-Defense Training Squadron stop in Hilo for three days. And it was a pleasure to represent our association. We were treated royally by Rear Admiral Yasuki Nakahata, Commander of the Japan Training Squadron and his crew. A formal welcome was held with Welcome remarks from: Hawaii County Managing Director, Randy Kurohara; Honorary Consul General of Japan, Art Taniguchi, JCCIH 2nd VP Audrey Takamine, and Kona Japanese Civic Association Walter Kunitake.

November 13 - Welcome Dinner for the 35

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performers, 6 dignitaries and 5 family members from Buzen City including Mayor Goto at Hilo Daijingu Activity Center. The committee and members from JCAH, Hawaii Shima Fukuoka Kenjin Kai, and Hilo Daijingu, about 150, greeted the guests with leis and omiyage. A delicious spaghetti dinner was prepared by Richard Kunimoto and his helpers; entertainment was provided by Waiakea Intermediate School Ukulele Band and Hālau Nā Pua 'O Uluhaimālama (Kumu Hula Emery Aceret). The Buzen City enjoyed the dinner, fellowship and entertainment.

November 14 - Bunka No Hi (Japanese Culture Day) included a colorful Omikoshi Parade chaired by Paul Sakamoto and with Grand Marshal Ethel Yonemitsu; honoring of our five cultural treasures; recognition of our members 90 years of age; entertainment, demonstrations and displays and shichigosan kimono dressing. (See photos on Page 3)

November 14 - In the evening, the Buzen Kagura-Taiko-Jazz Orchestra shared their most unique Kagura fused with full Jazz Orchestra, choreographed beautifully, the red oni and the white oni played with the audience! The Taiko group was fabulous and awesome! They performed to a full

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Welcome dinner for new Consul General of Japan Yasushi Misawa (center back) with some of the guests.



Buzen City Mayor Goto (center, front) and other officials met with Kagura-Taiko-Jazz event committee co-chair Harold Uyeno and June Kunimoto and other committee.



Jan presents gift to Rear Admiral and Commander of the Japan Training Squadron, Yasuki Nakahata.

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2016 Event Calendar

- January 9, March 12 and May 21 – Washi Chigirie Classes at Culture & Art Dept.
- January 22 – Nikkei Kigyo Banquet at Nani Mau Gardens
- May 14 – Kodomo No Matsuri (Children's Day Festival) at Sangha Hall

house of appreciative audience at the Sangha Hall...entertainment which will not be forgotten! The Buzen group enjoyed the hospitality and goodwill in Hilo and they are looking forward to a return visit! Mahalo to all who attended and thank you to the hardworking committee who made it a success! Thank you to the Officers and Directors, committee chairs and to all of you who support our organization! A very special thank you to Jane Miyasaki who is the exemplary volunteer of the JCAH!



Jan Higashi presents an appreciation gift to Jane Miyasaki for her dedication and hard-work.



Guests from Buzen tried Hula with Waiakea Intermediate School Ukulele Band.



Left: Japanese Self-Defense Training Ship officers played Shozui Daiko at Civic Auditorium. Right: Visitors were allowed on board until the last minutes before departure.



35 performers for Kagura, Taiko and Jazz, 6 delegates including the Mayor and 20 family members and friends of performers/delegates from Buzen City, Fukuoka visited Hilo on November 13, 14 and 15. Buzen City is hometown of Governor George Ariyoshi's father. All performers are amateurs and made time for this



historic event. They were greeted at the Welcome Party held at Hilo Daijingu on November 13. Hula performed by Hālau Nā Pua 'O

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The Nikkei Kigyo Japanese Ancestry) extremely pleased Stores who, celebrating their 2016! KTA is a company which Koichi and Taniyo modest 500 square-goods store. Since then, KTA has grown to a five store chain, serving the residents of Hawaii Island. KTA has been committed to their founder's philosophy, which is commitment to humbly serve the people of our community and this legacy continues as KTA is known for their outstanding commitment to our community.



Japanese Community Association of Hawaii
NIKKEI KIGYO BANQUET
Honoring KTA SUPER STORES
FRIDAY, JANUARY 22, 2016
Nani Mau Gardens, 421 Makalika St. Hilo
5:00 pm - No Host Cocktails;
6:00 pm - Dinner & Program



(enterprise of Committee is to honor KTA Super ironically, will be 100th Anniversary in multi-generational was start-ed by Taniguchi as a foot grocery and dry

The Nikkei Kigyo fundraising event honoring KTA Super Stores is sold out and we thank everyone for their tremendous support of this iconic company. A portion of the proceeds will benefit our scholarship fund.

BUNKA NO HI

Japanese Culture Day in Hawai'i

NOVEMBER 14, 2015—HIGHLIGHTS



Grand Marshal Ethel Yonemitsu led the parade.



Shichigosan Kimono Dressing—Riley & Zoi Hirae.



The revered Omikoshi carried by volunteers from Buzen City, Puna Taiko, Hui Okinawa Kobudo Taiko, Hilo High Japan Club, Larry Omura from Honolulu, and others.



Recycled Art contest adult division & People's Choice Winner Lynette Maesato and her art "Tabo Masho."



Left: Otemae or Tea Ceremony. Right: Members 90+ years young: Miyako Yamamoto Naylor; Takashi Nonaka, Edna Tokiuke and Yayoi Nakamura.



Parade marchers included: JCAH, Hilo Hongwanji Judo Club, Fukushima Kenjinkai, Hilo Kobukan Kendo Club and other individuals.



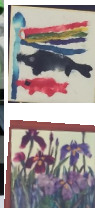
Hilo Kobukan Kendo Club



Hilo Hongwanji Judo Club



Left: Senshin Master Grant Murata (center), Chikako Murata (L) & Jason Hondo (R). Right: Calligraphy.



Left: Kumihimo, Right: Mokuhanga or Woodblock printing



Left: Hui Okinawa Kobudo Taiko. Right: Food concession by Honpa Hongwanji Hilo Betsuin Buddhist Women's Association.



CULTURAL TREASURES HONORED: Sensei Buck, -Judo; Gary Kuroyama-Judo; Hiroshi Shima-Bonsai; Nancy Nakaishi-Okinawan Dance & Culture; Yoshiko Shimada -Japanese singer/coach/vocal teacher & Yuri Yahiro -Ikebana.

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Uluhaimālama seemed to be an eye-opening experience to the guests. The cultural program held on November 14 after daytime event of Bunka No Hi started with standard numbers by New Swing Jazz Orchestra. Colored lighting added extraordinary feeling to the audience. Strong and yet orderly play by Tengu Daiko group followed. Puna Taiko and Taishoji provided most taikos to the performers. The last part was kagura performed by Buzen Kagura "Jaraku" that is formed by members of four kagura

groups in Buzen city. The kagura music was both traditional ensemble of taiko, flute and cymbal, and modern jazz. Red and white "oni"s jumped into the audience and successfully scared them. Not only audience were pleased, but also all players were impressed with audience's positive reaction. They have pledged that they would return to Hilo in near future.

The event committee would like to thank all groups and individuals for making this wonderful event happen in Hilo.

WASHI CHIGIRI-E CLASS

(Instructor Lily Nakao from Oahu)

All Saturday classes: 10:30-3:00
At Culture & Arts Dept.
(28 Shipman St., Hilo)

January 9, 2016
March 12
May 21

Class fee: \$10-JCAH member;
\$15-non-member
Basic Kit: \$10-JCAH member;
\$12-non-member

Join us! Try this art form, tearing hand-made, hand dyed washi paper to create beautiful art. Call JCAH at 969-6437 or jcahawaii@yahoo.com for more information.



Save the date!!

KODOMO NO MATSURI

(Children's Day Festival)

Saturday, May 14, 2015
At Sangha Hall



Welcome new members who



joined since last newsletter

John Akagi & Miyako Naylor
Michael Fujimoto
Geraldine & Raymond Hasegawa
Lynette & Glenn Kaneshiro
Lynne & Michael Miura
Hazel & Owen Nakano
Rayson & Kumiko Noguchi
Lois & Jerri Shimizu
Winston & Pearl Towata
Merle & David Yee

Butch Cox
Alan & Priscilla Garson
Lance & Tara Honda
Myra & Rodney Kawamura
Dwayne Miyashiro
Mitzi Nakano
Steve Pollard
Dale & Sandra Tokuuke
Cyrus Wilson

Nettie & Ronald Yokoyama
Bobby Fujimoto
Thomas & Judi Haraguchi
Harriet Iyo & Roy Aramori
Mieko & Dennis Leatherman
Yayoi Nakamura
Mark Nakashima
Misaki Saito
Edna Tokuuke
Yuriko & Katsumi Yahiro

