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President's Message — Ivan Nakano

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AKEMASHITE OMEDETO GOZAIMASU, yes, we bid Aloha to 2017 and welcome the New Year 2018 the year of the DOG.

Since our last newsletter, the Japanese Community Association of Hawaii (JCAH) has been active and alive and well.

Chair Allan Sasahara did an excellent job coordinating the 16th Annual Kenjinkai Golf Tournament on September 19, 2017 at the Hilo Municipal Golf Course.

Congratulations to the Tokyo Golf Club for placing 1st followed by Kumamoto Kenjinkai, 2nd and Yamaguchi Kenjinkai, 3rd. Please mark your calendars, for 2018, the tournament date is Tuesday, September 18, 2018 at the Hilo Municipal Course.

Mahalo, Allan for a job well done.

We would like to express our appreciation to Jan Higashi, Paul Sakamoto & Jane Miyasaki, co-chairs of the Cultural Committee and their respective committee chairs for organizing a most successful

biennial Bunka No Hi – Japanese Cultural Day held on Saturday, November 18, 2017 at Honpa Hongwanji Hilo Betsuin Sangha Hall.

On December 11, 2017 we had the opportunity to

meet and host the new Japan Consul General Ito and his wife, Misako to a welcome luncheon. We want to express our appreciation to our Honorary Consul General, Art Taniguchi for chairing the event.

2017 was a busy and exciting year for the JCAH. 2018 promises to be greater and better year in the Celebration of the Gannenmono, the 150th Anniversary of the first Japanese Immigrants to Hawaii. We

begin with the arrival of the Japanese

Training Ship, Nippon Maru in January, 2018.

This past year has been an exciting learning year for me. I truly appreciate all the hard work and effort by each Officer, Director and Committee Chairs in making 2017 a

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Shibukawa City Student Art Exchange Program

As some of you might recall, Shibukawa City has a sister-city relationship with the County of Hawaii. Our association has the honor of being the sponsor for this sister-city relationship.

Originally, the sister-city relationship was started in January 1997 with Ikaho-machi. However, in February 2006, Ikaho was merged along with four other nearby villages into the larger Shibukawa City. Shibukawa is located to the west of Tokyo and is famous for its many hot spring resorts. Ikaho Onsen is reported to be one of the best hot springs in Japan.

Ikaho is also the home of the Ikaho King Kalakaua Merrie Monarch Festival. Their festival was started over twenty years ago and attracts hula dancers and halaus from



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across Japan. This past August, Ikaho held its annual festival which reportedly attracted more than 7,000 hula dancers who performed on exhibition venues throughout the city. This was also a competition year with the winning halau scheduled to perform during the upcoming 2018

Merrie Monarch in Hilo.

This past April, our association was asked to participate in Shibukawa City's Student Art Exchange Program which features art work produced by students, ages 10 – 11, from Shibukawa. 4th Grade students from

Waiakea Elementary School worked diligently this past semester to produce art work which was recently sent up to Shibukawa to be put on display from February 22 through March 5, 2018 in Shibukawa. Their art work will be

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Event Calendar

- February 2, 2018 – Nikkei Kigyo Banquet

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Doomo arigato to everyone who helped in many ways to make the biennial Bunka No Hi a huge success!

Photo left: **Cultural Treasures: Akiko Masuda, Takayoshi Kanda and Ron Takeya** with Gov. Ariyoshi and Pres. Ivan Nakano.



JCAH nonagenarians: Tomie Shiigi; Robert Fujimoto, Morris Nakaishi, Itsuko Murakami, Yuri Yahiro and Hiroshi Shima.



Leading the Parade, Grand Marshals Gov. & Mrs. Ariyoshi, our Cultural Treasures and walkers from various organizations and our revered MIKOSHI carried by Youth Challenge students and other volunteers. Led by Rev. Hotta & Larry Omura of Hawaii Mikoshi of Honolulu.



Mark from Moon & Turtle demo on veg carving/ cutting ahi for a sashimi platter.



Shuji by Rev. Tomioka



Izu Oshima Mayor & delegation walk Parade



Kim Springer & her Shibori display.



Demo by Shin Shin Toitsu Aikido



Urasenke Shibu ladies prepare for Tea Ceremony demo.



Sun Noodle Ramen Slurping Contest was a hit! L-R: Ivan Nakano, JCAH; Steve Ueda, JCCIH; Val Poindexter, Council Chair; Mitch Roth, Prosecuting Attorney with empty bowl on his head declared the winner of the contest! G Cruz M.C. in back.



Fukushima Kenjinkai



Hilo's Own Taishoji Taiko !!!



Hidehito Uki, President of Sun Noodle presented: Ramen Eating 101 and the contest. R- Chef Yuichi Miura who prepared the ono ramen for the contestants.



Hideaki Oshima, presented The Art of Soroban.



The Bunka No Hi Committee at Sangha Hall to finalize plans.



Japanese Community Association of Hawaii
5th ANNUAL NIKKEI KIGYO RECOGNITION BANQUET
honoring and recognizing two multi-generational companies
Kuwaye Trucking and S. Tokunaga Store
Friday, February 2, 2018 at Nani Mau Gardens
5:00 pm – No Host Cocktails; 6:00 pm - Dinner & Program



Matsu Kuwaye started Kuwaye Taxi with a horse-and-buggy in 1912 in Honokaa after he completed his three-year contract with Honokaa Sugar. His son, Yasuo Kuwaye continued and expanded the business in 1940 with a service station in Honokaa, Kuwaye Service Station, in addition the Kuwaye brothers started Kuwaye Trucking and Kuwaye Bus Service. When the 1946 tsunami demolished the railroad system which serviced the Hamakua coast, Kuwaye Trucking expanded their business. In 1950 they purchased Hawaii Trucking Co. from Theo. H. Davies and moved the business to Hilo. Today, third generation and Yasu's son Wayne Kuwaye continues the legacy.



S. Tokunaga Store, a fishing store was established in 1920 by Sumie Tokunaga who was a young immigrant plantation worker. The tsunamis of 1946 and 1960 destroyed the store at its original Bayfront location and was relocated and rebuilt several times and is now located on Manono Street. Sumie's daughter-in-law Ethel took over the business in 1960 followed by Michael Tokunaga, third generation, in 1991. Michael has expanded the store's reach, by including hunting, dart and archery supplies. The store retains a strong sense of history where you can still find traditional Japanese fishing tabis!



The Nikkei Kigyo Recognition Banquet began five years ago to recognize longstanding Nikkei companies in East Hawaii. We recognize that our issei forefathers had the will, spirit, creativity, diligence to do whatever it took to support their family and to provide much needed services to the community; and, their "gambare" spirit lives on in their successors!

Proceeds from this event benefits our scholarship program and helps us to perpetuate and promote our Japanese culture.



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5TH ANNUAL NIKKEI KIGYO BANQUET RESERVATION FORM—\$75 per person
Fri., Feb. 2, 2018, Nani Mau Gardens 5 pm-No Host Cocktails; 6pm-Dinner & Program

Name: _____ Phone: _____

_____ Cell _____ text ok? _____

Address: _____ City _____ Zip _____

E-mail: _____

Enclosed is a check in the amount of (\$75 x _____) = \$ _____

Limited seating. In the event of a sell out, reservations will be determined by date check received. No ticket will be issued. Your reservation will be confirmed by Japanese Community Association of Hawaii (JCAH).

Please make check payable to JCAH and mail to:
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successful year. I would also like to extend our appreciation to Arnold & Elo Hiura and the Hawaii Japanese Center for being a great support to the JCAH.

Thank you for such a humbling experience as your president. Domo Arigato Gozaimasu for helping me understand the true meaning of Okage Sama De.

Ivan I. Nakano, President

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displayed along with art work from students from Foligno City, Italy, and Logan City, Australia; other sister cities of Shibukawa.

Shibukawa will be sending the art work of their students to us in September 2018, after it has been displayed in Foligno City and Logan City. We will be working with the County's Parks and Recreation to put their art work on display when it gets here.

16th Annual Kenjinkai Friendship Golf Tournament

The golf tournament was held on September 19, 2017. Here are the tournament results and individual scores.

Tournament Results

1st	Tokyo (T)	277
2nd	Kumamoto (K)	279
3rd	Yamaguchi (Y)	282
4th	Hiroshima (H)	285
5th	Fukuoka (F)	291
6th	Hui Okinawa (O)	296

Individual Scores

Hiroshi Suga	T	65	Joe Tanaka	Y	66
Grayson Inouye	K	66	Tommy Haraguchi	F	68
Brian Iwata	H	68	Harold Goya	K	69

Ivan Nakano	K	69	Elaine Shikuma	Y	69
Arnold Hiura	H	69	Shin Suzuki	T	69
Hide Doi	T	71	Warren Egusa	Y	71
Tommy Goya	H	71	Shin Ishimaru	T	72
Harold Uyeno	F	73	John Stewart	O	74
Alex Antonio	O	74	Allan Sasahara	O	74
Dwayne Mukai	K	75	Naomi Menor	T	75
Rylan Tanaka	Y	76	Wayne Miyaji	Y	77
Eugene Nishimura	H	77	Mark Nakamura	Y	80
Eloise Hiura	H	85			

Thank you to: Ivan Nakano (Donated gold balls)
Tentative date for this year's tournament is Tuesday, September 18, 2018.



Welcome new members who joined since last newsletter

Rev. Daido & Aki Baba
Katherine & Keith Higa
Kaialii & Maria Kahele
Marcia Sakai

Jason Echavez & Becki Kulm
Darren Horio
Amy & Glenn Miyao
Cary Tanoue

Dorothea & Jeffrey Fendenz
Michael & Terri Inouye
Derrick & Valerie Nishimura
J & Tracie Yoshimoto



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