



# The Newsletter

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## President's Message — Ivan Nakano

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### President's Message

AKEMASHITE OMEDETO GOZAIMASU, yes, we are well into 2018 the Year of the Dog.

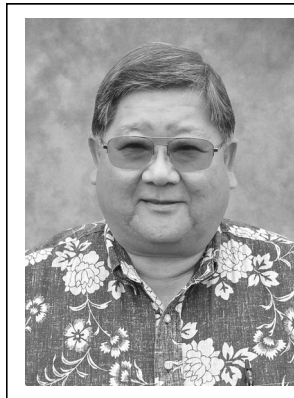
Since our last newsletter, the Japanese Community Association of Hawaii (JCAH) has been active and alive and well.

This year the JCAH will play an active role in assisting the Gannenmono (150th Anniversary of the First Japanese Immigrants to Hawaii) Committee with the many planned activities.

On January 6, 2018 the Japanese Training Ship, Nippon Maru arrived to participate in 3 days of cultural exchanges and planned activities with the officers, crew and the training cadets. The community embraced the opportunity for the various kenjinkais to interact with crew and cadets. Many friendships and memories were enjoyed by all who participated. Thank you Art Taniguchi and the Gannenmono Committee for coordinating such a wonderful cultural exchange.

On January 21, 2018 members of the JCAH participated in the Urasenke Hilo Association Annual Hatsudate Tea Ceremony. It was such an education to learn the way of "Cha".

January 26, 2018 the JCAH celebrated 10 years of participating in the art form of Chigiri-e and also, the opportunity to celebrate the 90th birthday of Cheigiri-e Sensei Lily Nakao. Thank you Jan Higashi for coordinating a memorable event.



On February 2, 2018 the 5th Annual Nikkei Kigyo congratulated and recognized Kuwaye Trucking, Inc. founded in Honokaa in 1912 and S. Tokunaga Store, Inc. founded in Hilo in 1920. The evening went on to congratulate the two companies for their perseverance, hard work and patience or "Gaman" and for the important role they continue to play in our community. We thank Roland and Jan Higashi for co-chairing the most prestigious event.

On February 15, 2018, as part of a Gannenmono cultural program, the JCAH assisted with a Traditional Japanese Arts Concert in Hawaii of Shamisen Master Goshiro Kineya. The program and performance featured the Shamisen, Koto, Shakuhachi, and Yokobue. The JCAH also had the opportunity to host a dinner reception for the group and everyone enjoyed an evening of music, fellowship and lasting memories. The JCAH thanks

Reiko Hamano and the Gannenmono Committee for their efforts.

The first week of April, 2018 brings the Merrie Monarch Festival and the JCAH will be hosting 3 guests from Shibukawa Japan. Takahiro Omori, Chairman, Ikaho Hot Springs Tourism Association, Nobuaki Ito, Executive Director, Ikaho Hot Springs Tourism Association, and Hiroyuki Nakazawa, Councilman, Shibukawa City Council. On the final evening of the Merrie Monarch Festival, Shibukawa City awards the winning halau an all expense paid trip to Shibukawa City to participate in their Hawaii Festival.

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### Event Calendar

- May 12 – Kodomo No Matsuri
- Sept. 18 (Tentative) – Kenjinkai Friendship Golf Tournament

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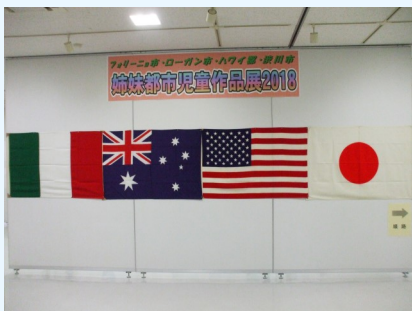
On May 12, 2018 we have our Kodomo No Matsuri event at the Sangha Hall. Co-Chairs, Jon Arizumi, Jan Higashi and Jane Miyasaki have planned a fantastic program for our children to enjoy. Please mark your calendars, it is an event you would not want to miss. See details in this newsletter.

The Year of the Dog is an exciting year. Hold on to your leash, we are really moving and barking up many trees.

Ivan I. Nakano, President

### Shibukawa City Student Art Exchange Program

Art works made by 4th graders at Waiakea Elementary School were displayed in Shibukawa City.



### JCAH Scholarship

The Scholarship Committee is pleased to announce this year's awardees. Caitlin Tsuchiya, a 2017 JCAH scholarship recipient, whose major is in Japanese Studies, is completing her first year at University of Hawaii at Hilo. She hopes to study abroad in Japan.

Deylen Nekoba is a senior at Waiakea High School. Deylen plans to pursue a major in a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) field, possibly Biomedical Engineering, and a minor in Japanese Studies. Deylen is interested in participating in a Japan study abroad program.

Caitlin and Deylen will each receive \$1,500.

### Long and strong link between Hawaii and Shibukawa

Mr. Takahiro Omori, the President of Shubukawa Ikaho Hot Spring Tourism Association, Mr. Nobuaki Ito, the Chief Secretary of the Association, and Mr. Hiroyuki Nakazawa, the Council member of Shibukawa City visited Hilo to attend Merrie Monarch Festival and to present prize to the winner of the festival. At this time, they brought a copy of a certificate of an award which High Honor gave to Mr. Robert W. Irwin, Consul General of the Kingdom of Hawaii in 1882. The Fourth Class of the Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette was made to Irwin in consideration for his work to forge ties between Japan and the Kingdom of Hawaii. Mr. Irwin owned a summer house in Ikaho which is preserved to date and that resulted in sister city relationship between the County of Hawaii and Ikaho Town, which is now a part of Shibukawa City in 1997.

Shubukawa Ikaho Hot Spring Tourism Association hosts Ikaho Hawaiian Festival in Augusts. Every four years, hula competition is held during the festival and the winners are invited to Merrie Monarch Festival and perform at the Hoike.



Winners of the 2017 Ikaho Merrie Monarch Festival; Hula Halau 'O Kamuela Iapana, posing at Queen Liliu'okalani Gardens. They were hosted to lunch by the Friends of the Liliu'okalani Gardens. They performed at the Hoike.



The certificate of the award bestowed to Robert W. Irwin from Emperor Meiji.



Mr. Omori (right) and Mr. Nakazawa (second from left) presented the replica of the certificate of the award to Ivan Nakano and Mike Miyahira.





# Children's Day Festival **FREE ADMISSION!**

Free Hachimaki (headband) for the first 150 children

## KODOMO NO MATSURI

*"Kokoro"... heart, mind, spirit.*

**SATURDAY  
MAY 12, 2018**

**10:00 AM-1:30 PM**

**SANGHA HALL**

404 Kilauea Ave. Hilo

Special performance by  
**EVAN NAGAO**

2017 National Yo-Yo Champion



Hui Okinawa Kobudo Taiko



Kamen Rider

### FEE ACTIVITIES

- Sakana Sukui
- Somen Nagashi
- Shuuji/Calligraphy by expert calligraphers

**JAN KEN PO  
CONTEST!!**

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**NINTENDO SWITCH  
"JUST DANCE"  
CONTEST!!**

### FREE Activities!!

- Bonsai—art of miniature trees
- Chigiri-e—washi paper art
- Kabuto/Koinobori—samurai hats & koi
- Kazaguruma—pinwheel
- Origami—folding paper art
- Shibori—fold/twist/dyeing technique
- Uchiwa—fan
- Make a Mother's Day card
- Irezumi—face painting
- Tea Ceremony for children

### FOOD BOOTHS



### DISPLAY

"Celebrating 150 years since the first group of Japanese, known as Gannenmono, immigrated to Hawaii."



Commemorative  
Kodomo No Matsuri-Gannenmono  
T-SHIRTS ON SALE



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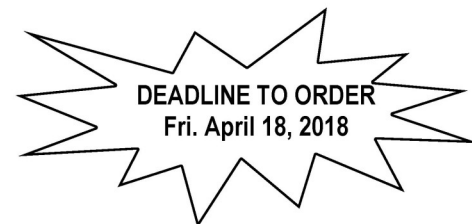
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# KODOMO NO MATSURI/GANNENMONO COMMEMORATIVE T-SHIRT

PRE-ORDER (SPECIAL PRICE) FOR JCAH MEMBERS ONLY



T-SHIRT COLOR: HEATHER BLUE

Front of shirt: **Kodomo No Matsuri**

*Kokoro...heart, mind, spirit*

Back of shirt: **Gannenmono** (1868-2018)

Japanese Immigration to Hawaii

**ADULT SIZES ONLY (S-XL)-\$18; XXL—\$20**



## JCAH MEMBER SPECIAL T-SHIRT PRE- ORDER FORM

(please print legibly)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile # \_\_\_\_\_

\$18 per t-shirt (S-XL) \$18: SMALL - Qty: \_\_\_\_\_ MEDIUM - Qty: \_\_\_\_\_ LARGE - Qty: \_\_\_\_\_ XL— Qty: \_\_\_\_\_

\$20 XXL- Qty: \_\_\_\_\_

Sub total: \$18 (S-XL) x \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ plus \$20 (XXL) x \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Total due \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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Welcome new members who  
joined since last newsletter

Gareth & Carol Makino  
Caryn Yamamoto



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