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President's Message – Hiroshi Suga

会長挨拶

Dear members,

Aloha, JCAH members! Since the last newsletter, I had two opportunities to visit Japan, first in June, and second time in August.

In June, I visited my relatives, friends, and went to Nikko and Kinugawa Hot Spring. One day after we arrived, we were in "Tsuyu-Rainy Season." It rained off and on during our 10 day stay thereafter. Nevertheless, my family and I enjoyed good food, scenery, friendship, and shopping.

One of the amazing attractions in Kinugawa was the Tobu World Square where world's famous architectural structures built are reduced scale. There were the White House, The Leaning Tower of Pisa, The Eiffel Tower, The Tokyo Sky Tree, The Statue of Liberty, The Pyramid of Khafre and The Great Sphinx, The Parthenon, The Arc de Triomphe, The Sagrada Familia, The Great Wall of China, The Itsukushima Shrine, The Himeji Castle, and many more. All of them were displayed with incredible accuracy. As you can see, without our presence in the picture, they all look real.

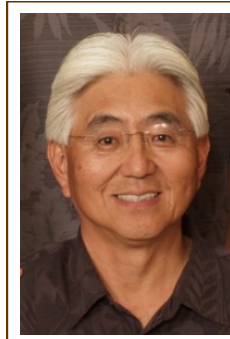
If you have a chance to visit Kinugawa Hot Spring in Tochigi-ken, please visit the Tobu World Square.

In August, we visited our sister city, Shibukawa City in Gunma-ken during

their Ikaho Merrie Monarch Hula Festival where over 6000 hula dancers from all over Japan got together to celebrate Hula and Hawaiian culture and arts. More details follow in this newsletter.

We are already in the last quarter of the 2014. My term will end soon, and we will have a new President, Jan Higashi, who will be installed at our 2015 New Year Installation Banquet scheduled for January 25, Sunday at Hilo Naniloa Hotel. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you for your support. During these two years, I have learned a lot and had priceless experiences which will remain in my memory for the rest of my life. I also would like to ask your continued support of JCAH, which plays a major role in perpetuating Japanese culture and arts in our community as well as developing much closer relationship with our sister cities and Japanese government. Much Mahalo,

Hiroshi Suga ■



Event Calendar

- NIKKEI KIGYO BANQUET - Friday, May 15, 2015
- BUNKA NO HI (Japanese Culture Day in Hawaii) - Saturday, Novem-

Save the date!!

4:30 pm No Host Cocktails

5:00 Program & Installation

6:00 Dinner

7:00 Entertainment &

Lucky Number prizes!!

JCAH Shinnen Enkai & Installation Banquet

Sunday, January 25, 2015

Hilo Naniloa Hotel - Crown Room



Guest Speaker:
Honorable Governor
George Ariyoshi

DINNER BUFFET
Catered by AJ & Sons
Special price—\$25 for JCAH members

More info & ticket sales in
December

18th Annual Ikaho Merrie Monarch Hula Festival

伊香保メリーモナークフェスティバル

Our sister city Shibukawa held the 18th Annual Ikaho King Kalakaua the “Merrie Monarch” Hula Festival from August 5th through August 8th at one of the oldest hot spring resorts in Japan, “Ikaho Onsen.”

Over 6,000 hula dancers from all over Japan gathered to show their hula dancing skills at several sites prepared by the Ikaho Hot Spring Tourism Association’s Festival Steering Committee. It also offered Hula and Hawaiian culture workshops conducted by Kumu Hula Frank Hewett. Many enthusiastic hula dancers and instructors attended the rare and valuable classes despite the over 90 degree grueling summer heat.

This year’s Merrie Monarch Festival overall winning halau, “Kaleo O Laka I Ka Hikina O Ka La” under the direction of Kumu Hula Kaleo Trinidad, gave spectacular performances every night. The audience that filled the main event site was mesmerized by the award winning Kane hula group for the four consecutive nights.

In addition to President Hiroshi Suga and his wife Carolyn, the County of Hawaii was represented by Mrs. Roxie Waltjen, the County’s culture and art administrator and the granddaughter of the late Mrs. Dorothy Thompson, Miss Kaycie Saiki, from the Mayor’s Office. Mr. Roland Yamamoto represented the Merrie Monarch Festival in place of President Luana Kawelu.■



Kane Hula Halau “Ka Leo O Laka I Ka Hikina O Ka La” performs surfer hula at the 18th Annual Ikaho Merrie Monarch Hula Festival.

JCAH holds 2014 Ireito Memorial Service 慰霊塔追悼会

2014 Ireito Memorial Service was held on a beautiful sunny Sunday at the Alae Cemetery on August 24 at 2 pm. Japanese Consul General Toyoei Shigeeda, Mrs. Pat Abe, a family member of the late Senator Sanji Abe who erected the memorial monument, various reverends from local Buddhist, Shinto, and other Japanese churches, County’s Deputy Managing Director Randy Kurohara, State House Representative Richard Onishi, Japanese Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Hawaii President David Honma, several Kenjin-kai Presidents and members, Boy Scout Troup 78 members, and JCAH members attended the event. The Reverend Marcos Sawada of Hilo Higashi Hongwanji officiated the service.

After the Ireito Trustee Tommy Goya gave a history of the Ireito Memorial Service, each representative of the participating organizations offered incense and floral bouquets at the magnificent Ireito Monument. Rev. Sawada gave a sermon and Consul General Shigeeda commended the organizers and participants for honoring the Japanese legacy, actions that have been forgotten in many areas in Japan. Randy Kurohara told the audience that he was quite moved by understanding the history of the Japanese Immigrants and the Ireito monument. JCAH President stressed the organization’s important duty to perpetuate the Ireito legacy for the generations to come. JCAH past President Glenn Hirata chaired the event. The Master of Ceremonies was Hilo Higashi Hongwanji’s Mr. David Kohara and the Fujin-kai provided delicious desserts and refreshments.■

JCAH SCHOLARSHIPS WILL BE AWARDED IN 2015!!

Happy days! Congratulations! Your child is about to graduate from high school and is ready for college! **Could you use some financial assistance?** We may have a solution!. The Japanese Community Association of Hawaii is offering for the first time, SCHOLARSHIPS for deserving students interested in Japanese studies !!!



Janet Fujioka, Scholarship Award chairperson, announced recently that, “We are extremely pleased that up to two scholarships of \$1500 each, will be available to deserving student(s) of JCAH members.”

Preference will be given to graduating seniors of a high school on the Island of Hawai’i (Waimea to Naalehu) whose major or minor is in Japanese studies. Post-secondary students, formerly from the island of Hawaii may also be considered.

Applications will be available after December 1, 2014 by downloading scholarship form from: <http://www.jcahawaii.org>; or by calling the JCAH office at 969-6437 or email jcahawaii@yahoo.com.

Scholarship recipient(s) will be announced at the Nikkei Kigyo (enterprise of Japanese ancestry) event, honoring two very special kamaaina companies on May 15, 2015. At the inaugural Nikkei Kigyo event in 2014, we honored Suisan Company, Ltd. and I. Kitagawa & Company, Ltd.. The proceeds from this event will be used to fund scholarships.

Members of the committee are: Janet Fujioka, chairperson, Mariko Miho, Karen Maedo, and Jan Higashi.

KODOMO NO MATSURI 2014

The Japanese Community Association of Hawaii (JCAH) once again sponsored the biennial Kodomo No Matsuri (Children's Day Festival) on Saturday, May 10, 2014 at the Honpa Hongwanji Hilo Betsuin Sangha Hall.

The theme for this year's matsuri was again "Mottainai." This year's activities, like in the past, included a wide array of Japanese arts, crafts, demonstrations, and games. Most were hands-on activities where children can 'make and take home' what they have learned. And, this year's highlight was the Kendama Contest, which drew over 100 contestants and a huge crowd.

Kodomo No Hi is a national holiday in Japan. It's a day set aside to respect children's personalities and to celebrate their happiness, it's like a birthday for all children. And, that's what it did for the hundreds of children who filled the Sangha Hall inside and out, as they share this Japanese tradition. It was heartwarming to see over 1000 "young and the "young at heart" enjoying the day, said Dennis Taniguchi, chairman of the event.

This festival is special because families celebrate with their children. Every child brings home many Japanese "gifts" that they made, like chigiri-e, origami, pinwheels, Boy's Day hats, kites, woodcut prints, their name written in Japanese and tasty treats like Takoyaki, Mochi and Musubi.



Bonsai time! The Mokuhonua Bonsai club once again helped many with starter bonsai to take home!

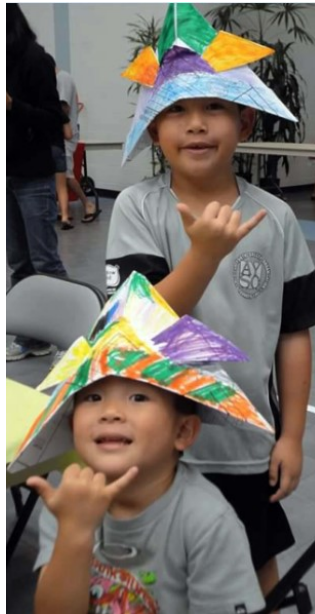


Life Cycle of a Silkworm by Makoto Izukura, son of Akihiko Izukura, natural textile artist from Japan was a very popular demo. Lots of cocoons were given to children.



Everyone loves to learn the art of folding paper— Origami.

These two boys loved making their own Kabuto hat!



Winner of the Kendama contest, Edie Manzano, center, with 2nd and 3rd place winners and the Razor Pearlridge team!



Takoage (kite making) and later flying the Kite...oh what fun!



Hakozukuri, paper box making, using Recycled paper...Mottainai!



The Hilo Chigiri-e team were kept busy teaching the art of tearing paper to children of all ages.

JCAH Annual Kenjinkai Golf Tournament

Yamaguchi Kenjinkai denies Hui Okinawa's 6 Year Reign

Trying to stop Hui Okinawa's 7th winning streak at the JCAH Annual Kenjinkai Golf Tournament, members of Hiroshima Kenjinkai, Yamaguchi Kenjinkai, and Tokyo Tominkai along with the defending champion team gathered at the Hilo Municipal Golf Course on September 10, Wednesday. On a little humid but nice day, 25 golfers enjoyed camaraderie, fellowship, and a round of difficult game of golf.

After exciting, frustrating, depressing, humorous, and serious-for-some 18 holes, the Yamaguchi squad came through and claimed the coveted title with the slightest margin of 1 stroke over the 2nd place, the Hiroshima Kenjinkai.

On the individual side, the following players turned in the best 10 net scores: Tom Goya (64), Eugene Nishimura (65), Phyllis Hayama (65), Elaine Shikuma (67), Joe Tanaka (67), Hide Doi (68), Allan Sasahara (68), Richard Onishi (69), Shin Ichimaru (70), and Edgar Torigoe (70)

After the tournament, the participants enjoyed refreshments and fellowship at the club house. ■



President and the team leader of the Yamaguchi Kenjinkai, Mark Nakamura, receives the perpetual victory plaque from the committee chairman, Allan Sasahara.

HILO WASHI CHIGIRI-E CLASS

Sponsored by
The JCAH & Hakubi Chigiri-e Gakuin of Japan

2015 SCHEDULE

Saturday, January 31

Saturday, March 14

Saturday, May 9

Time: 10:30—3:00 p.m.

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

BYOB - bring your own bento

Class fee: \$10-JCAH member;
\$15-non-member—per class
Basic Kit: \$10-JCAH member;
\$12-non-member—per kit

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Welcome new members who joined since last newsletter

Teresa & Gary Barnes
Alice Basque-Torres & Daniel Torres
Lorna Baysa
Lovisa Baysa
June Bratton
June & William Cabatbat
Marie Campbell
Harrison Chambers
Jan & Randall Ching
Karen & Milton Fuke
Ryan Grant
Sonja & Ted Gumbs
Natalie Higa
William Higa
Melvin & Kayleen Honda
Tara & Lance Honda
Noriko & Jeff Hood

Kauanoe Hoomanawanui
Naohiro & Makiko Hotta
Charlene Iboshi-Wagner & John Wagner
Mayumi & Lance Ishida
Lisa Javier
Roanne Kaopua
Raymond & Sakae Kaya
Josie & Randy Kiyon
Gloria & Raymond Kobayashi
Linda & Grant Kow
Ruth Kunimura
Dennis & Mieko Leatherman
Karen & Dennis Maedo
Ella & William Maneely
Jonathan & Piyakul Marsh
Charlene & John Masuhara
Georgie & Corey Matsu

Wilma & Ernest Matsumura
Akiko Miyashita
Reiko Mizutani
Itsuko Murakami
Tracy Nagamine
Connie Nahale-a
Nancy & Joseph Nakamatsu
Aiko Nakamura
Maria & Glenn Nishihara
Eva & Melvin Nishina
Randal & Clarysse Nunokawa
Suzanne & Stacy Ochi
Kerri & Dave Okamura
Arlene Ozeki & Walter Watanabe
Lori & Daniel Rogers
Janet & Kevin Sakai
Ronald Sakai & Georgette Olinger-Sakai

Paul & Jenny Sakamoto
S. Beverly Spencer
Eva & Masamori Takaki
Craig & Audrey Takamine
Glenn Takase
Naomi Tanaka & Sky Nitta
Michelle Tomboc-Denault & Anthony Denault
Sandra & Myles Tomiyama
Andrea Ueno
Leanne Urasaki
Lynette Uyesato
Judy Voss
Richard Waipa
Melvin & Annette Yamaki
Jeff Yamauchi
Alvin Yoshimoto



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