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President's Message — Jan Higashi

Heartiest congratulations and thank you to Paul Sakamoto who chaired two very successful events on May 14! Kodomo No Matsuri during the day with 1000 children and adults enjoying the activities, entertainment, and food. In the evening, Kenny Endo Taiko Ensemble presented a most entertaining performance to a full house at the Sangha Hall! Thank you to the many volunteers, sponsors and members who made both events a success! (see elsewhere in newsletter for more info) The Scholarship committee under the leadership of Janet Fujioka selected two outstanding students who will receive \$1500 stipends: Jennifer Taniguchi and Mayuko Yoshida. Also, receiving \$1000 stipends are previous scholarship recipients who continue to do very well at UH Hilo: Runa Ikeno, Keith Nerida, Fred Visaya Jr. Congratulations and Gambatte! (see Page 4). April 1 - Hosted Shibukawa officials to Hilo who participated in the Merrie Monarch Festival and parade. Takehiro Omori, President of the Ikaho Hot Springs Tourism

Association and Chairman of the Ikaho King Kalākaua "The Merrie Monarch" Festival; Nobuaki Ito, Shibukawa Ikaho Hot Springs Tourism Association Executive Director; Hiroyuki Nakazawa,



Kona Japanese Civic Association's gathering:
L-R: Art Taniguchi, Roland Higashi, Mrs. Misawa, Consul General Misawa, Jan Higashi and Walter Kunitake, President Kona Japanese Civic Association



At JCCH Gala honoring Arnold Hiura:
Back row, L-R: Mariko Miho, Linda Nakano, Ivan Nakano, Roland Higashi, Hiroshi Suga. 1st row: Joanne Richardson, representing Clifton Tsuji; Jan Higashi And Carolyn Suga.

Shibukawa City Council, Chief Council. April 30 - Attended the Hawaii Community Foundation's "A century of giving Gala at Wainaku Centre. JCAH was recognized on their display as a "Cultural Extravaganza!" May 1 - Attended Kona Japanese Civic Association's festival. President Walter Kunitake truly showed Kona hospitality presenting a bag of Kona goodies including special Kona coffee, jabon and avocado, etc. Great food and entertainment. Consul General Misawa and wife were in attendance. June 25 - JCAH was well represented at the Japanese Cultural Center of Hawaii's Gala event at the Hilton Hawaiian Village honoring Arnold Hiura, author, writer, curator, consultant, former editor of Hawaii Herald .Arnold currently

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Event Calendar

- Aug. 20 — Hui Okinawa's Haari Boat Festival
- Aug. 21 — Ireito Memorial Service
- Sep. 10, Nov. 19, 2016, Jan. 21, Mar. 18 and May 13, 2017 — Chigiri-e Class
- Sep. 13 — 15th Annual Kenjin Kai Golf Tournament
- Jan. 21, 2017 — Shinnen enkai and installation



Saturday, May 14th was an exciting day for Hilo, as the Japanese Community Association of Hawaii coordinated two cultural events at the Honpa Hongwanji Hilo Betsuin Sangha Hall.

Kicking off the day was the biennial Kodomo no Matsuri Children's Day Festival. Created to celebrate the youth (and young-at-heart) of Hawaii island, the festival provides a showcase of fun and culturally-relevant activities and presentations.

New for the 2016 festival were activities such as otedama (beanbag juggling), takeuma (bamboo stilts), tea ceremony demonstration, and presentations by Kenny Endo Taiko Ensemble,

bento-maker Crystal Watanabe, and a fun performance by the Subaru Choir. In addition, returning activities and demos included chigiri-e, bonsai, hanafuda, origami, and papercrafts such as koinobori, chochin and kazaguruma.

The committee would like to issue a hearty 'mahalo' to the legion of volunteers, presenters, and organizations that came together to make this year's Kodomo no Matsuri a success!

Following the Kodomo no Matsuri, the JCAH sponsored a concert by Kenny Endo and his two groups, the Kenny Endo Taiko Ensemble and the Kenny Endo Contemporary Ensemble. The audience was treated to a diverse selection of pieces which illustrated the broad range of modern taiko music. Blending the taiko with instruments such as shamisen, guzheng (chinese zither), shakuhachi, vibraphone, and western drum kit, Kenny and his artists treated the crowd to a wonderful evening of incredible musicality and showmanship.

Please join!



Aloha! Puna Taiko would like to extend our thanks to the Japanese Community Association of Hawaii for letting us represent the JCAH in this year's Hui Okinawa Haari Boat Festival, which will be held on Saturday, August 20th at Wailoa State Park.

In addition, we'd like to invite any JCAH members that would like to join us in paddling in this year's race. No experience is necessary (but the minimum age is 14). If interested, please contact Paul Sakamoto at psakamoto808@gmail.com. This will be the first time for all of us as well, so please consider coming out and trying something new!

JCAH holds 2016 Ireito Memorial Service

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2016 Ireito Memorial Service is scheduled for August 23, Sunday, at 2 pm at the Alae Cemetery. This event will be officiated by Rev. Shinji Kawagoe of the Papaikou Hongwanji. Representatives from the late Sanji Abe family, Japanese Consulate General, County of Hawaii, Japanese Community Association of Hawaii, Japanese Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Hawaii, members of various Buddhist churches, Shinto shrines, and Kenjinkai's will be offering incense and bouquets of flowers at the Ireito Monument.

The Annual Ireito Memorial Service is one of our major events to thank and remember our Japanese ancestors, the Issei immigrants, who established their legacy through hard work and sacrifice. In addition to the memorial services, we pay respect at the graves of two Japanese training ship cadets who lost their lives during their voyage to Hawaii. The event is open to public.



2015 Ireito Memorial Service (file picture)

WASHI CHIGIRI-E CLASS

(Instructor Lily Nakao from Oahu)

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

September 10
November 19
January 21, 2017
March 18
May 13

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 for sign-up/ information.

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serves as Executive Director of Hawaii Japanese Center and is a JCAH board member. JCAH attendees were: 1st VP, Ivan Nakano & Linda; past president Hiroshi Suga & Carolyn; Directors: Mariko Miho and Clifton Tsuji and Roland and Jan. Congratulations Arnold! We are so proud of you!! Two important events happening in August. On Saturday the 20th, JCAH will have a team in the Haari Boat Race! If you'd like to volunteer as a paddler, please call /text Paul Sakamoto at 938-9835

to join the team! Otherwise, come down to Wailoa State Park to cheer our team! On Sunday the 21st the annual Ireito (Irei sai-hoyo) Memorial Service at Alae Cemetery at 2 pm. Please join us at this impressive service in honor of deceased Japanese immigrants,

Aloha,
Jan Higashi, President



2015 Shinnen Enkai

Shinnen Enkai (New Year Banquet) and Installation

Date: Saturday, January 21, 2017
Time: Evening
Place: Hilo Hawaiian Hotel
Moku Ola Room (Downstairs)

Details will follow. Stay tuned.

15th Annual Kenjin Kai Golf Tournament

September 13, 2016 at 10:30 a.m.

Hilo Municipal Golf Course

Cost per player will be \$12.00 (bento, ball prizes and tip). All participants will take care of own green fees, cart fees & drinks. Each club will make its own collections for this amount and turn it in to the committee.

The perpetual trophy will be based on the best 4 net scores of each Kenjin Kai. Minimum scores to qualify for the perpetual trophy is 4.

Individual ball prizes will be awarded by men's and women's flights.

Please contact the following kenjin kai representatives for sign-up no later than September 1.

Harold Uyeno—Fukuoka Kenjin Kai

Kenji Kawai—Tokyo Club

Dwayne Mukai—Kumamoto

Doshi Kai

Eugene Nishimura—Hiroshima Kenjin Kai

Mark Nakamura—Yamaguchi Kenjin Kai

Allan Sasahara—Hui Okinawa

If you don't belong to any kenjinkai, you can still participate as a guest. Please contact Allan Sasahara, Chairperson at 959-5570 or allans@mutualunderwriters.com



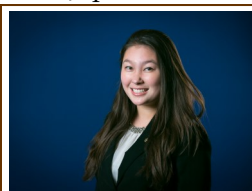
JCAH Scholarship Report

The recipients of our \$1500 scholarships this year are Jennifer Taniguchi and Mayuko Yoshida, both of whom are outstanding and deserving students.

Jennifer Taniguchi, daughter of Arthur and Barbara Taniguchi, has been immersed in Japanese culture her entire life. She is a graduate

of Waiakea High School where she studied Japanese for three years and graduated from Hilo Hongwanji Japanese Language School. Jennifer is currently matriculating at

Creighton University in Omaha, Nebraska where she is enrolled in an advanced Japanese class. She has been on the Dean's Honor Roll in academics and social responsibility. Jennifer is pursuing a business degree with a focus on



JCAH Scholarship recipients Jennifer Taniguchi (left) and Mayuko Yoshida with JCAH President Jan Higashi and Roland Higashi (right)

international business in Japan.

Mayuko Yoshida, daughter of Reiko Yoshida Hamano and Paul Hamano, graduated from Hilo High School in May.

She was an honor student and was involved in numerous extracurricular activities, including serving as student association treasurer, DECA

historian and Math League secretary. Mayuko was a member of the tennis and swim teams and a member of the

band. She will be attending Keio University in Tokyo, Japan.

Three \$1000 scholarships were awarded to Runa Ikeno, Keith Nerida and Fred Visaya, Jr. They are former recipients and all are enrolled at University of Hawaii at Hilo.



Welcome new members who joined since last newsletter

Russell Arikawa & Carol Ginoza-Arikawa
Michael & Megan Hirae
Darren & Niri Nishioka
Rev. Clark Watanabe

Carol & William Hamilton
Elizabeth & Steven Lyons
Sandra & Flavio Nucci
Dwayne Yoshina & Pat Nakamoto

Diana & Melvin Hayashi
Jamie & Gordon Nekoba
Caroline Plechac

