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President's Message – Jan Higashi

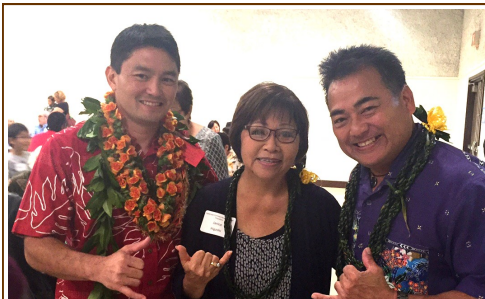
2016 will be another busy year and JCAH started the year with a big bang!

January 22 – Our Third Annual Nikkei Kigyo Recognition Banquet honoring KTA Super Stores was held at Nani Mau Gardens. The event was sold out way in advance because of the tremendous support of the businesses and individuals who supported the event with their sponsorship. Ironically KTA is celebrating their 100th Anniversary this year! There were many who wanted to honor not only KTA but its chairman and CEO Barry Taniguchi who has led this iconic and innovative company for many years and has been an outstanding community servant leading many organizations and a generous donor to many, many organizations including JCAH!

In January, February and March – We have represented the many shinnen enkaï (new year's party) for the many kenjinkais in Hilo – Hui Okinawa, Hiroshima, Fukushima and Fukuoka, along with the Urasenke Hilo Tea Ceremony's new year celebration.

February 18 and 20 – I represented JCAH at the invitation of the Mayor, at the Yurihama (formerly Hawaii Cho), Japan 20th year sister city celebration with representatives from Yurihama.

Scholarship Recipient Fred Visaya Jr. recently wrote a heart-warming thank you letter. Fred is now studying at Rikkyo University in Tokyo, Japan. Fred



Jan Higashi with newly installed Hui Okinawa President Troy Sakihara (L) and President of Hawaii United Okinawan Association Tom Yamamoto at Hui Okinawa Shinnen enkaï.

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has been part of the Puna Taiko and while in Japan he has been studying with the Nihon Taiko Dojo and had an opportunity to perform with the dojo. He said that he is truly honored and grateful to have received the JCAH Scholarship knowing that his intention is to raise awareness of the Japanese culture and becoming a role model. A copy of his letter will be on our website.

JCAH is once again offering two \$1500 scholarships. For more information go to our website: <http://www.jcahawaii.org> to download the application and procedures.

The Ikaho Shibukawa city officials will be in Hilo for the Merrie Monarch Festival and we will assist their visit. DID YOU KNOW THAT Ikaho/Shibukawa King

David Kalakaua Hawaiian Merrie Monarch Festival has been presenting the GRAND PRIZE to the winning Merrie Monarch Festival an all expense trip to Ikaho to their festival in Japan.

Saturday, May 14 – 10-1 pm – Kodomo No Matsuri (Children's Day Festival) at the Sangha Hall will be exciting for children ages 1-105!! In addition to the many hands on make and take activities, Kenny Endo Taiko Ensemble will be featured. (see enclosed flyer)

Saturday, May 14 – 6 pm – Kenny Endo Taiko Ensemble (total of 8 artists) will perform in the evening, one show only. (see pre-sale ticket form and flyer)

I'd like to thank the many members and businesses who support us in the many activities that JCAH presents, such as Bunka No Hi, Nikkei Kigyo and Kodomo No Matsuri not only monetarily but also by

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Event Calendar

- May 14 – Kodomo No Matsuri (Children's Day Festival)
- May 14 – Kenny Endo Taiko Ensemble
- May 21 – Chigiri-e Class



SCHOLARSHIP FUND FILLS ITS COFFERS WITH RECENT NIKKEI KIGYO EVENT HONORING KTA SUPER STORES!



The 3rd Annual Nikkei Kigyo event honoring KTA Super Stores sold out early due to the tremendous response of businesses in the community who wanted to honor the iconic 100 year old company! Chairman & CEO Barry Taniguchi & son Toby Taniguchi, President & COO of KTA talked about the founders Koichi and Taniyo Taniguchi whose philosophy was to serve the people of the community with humility and appreciation, a practice still carried on. They also thanked everyone for their support.



The program also included a blessing by Rev. Naohiro Hotta; traditional Kagami Biraki, entertainment by Puna Taiko, Hiroshi Suga, and Sidney Fuke; congratulatory messages from Mayor Kenoi, State Senator Kahele, Representative Clifton Tsuji and Councilman Aaron Chung. In addition a video presentation on the history of KTA. JCAH's Award presentation followed. The event ended with a very special song written

and sung by Sidney Fuke with the help of the audience, "The KTA Way" to the tune of "My Way."



Mahalo to our Sponsors!!

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volunteering and supporting these activities. You are appreciated!!



REMINDER:

If you have not paid your 2016 dues, \$15, please send it to JCAH as soon as possible.



Free Admission!

Saturday, May 14, 2016
From 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. / Sangha Hall

Come and meet
 with
Kamen Rider V3!

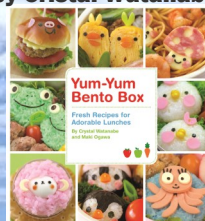


Experience kid's play and culture of Japan!

Shashin Satsuei
 (Picture-taking)
Sakana Sukui
 (Scooping fish)
Somen Nagashi
Lantern Making
Paper Koi
Origami

Chigiri-e
Bonsai
Otedama
Kazaguruma
Tea Ceremony
Toy of Japan
Face Painting
And more...

Bento making
 by **Cristal Watanabe**



WASHI CHIGIRI-E CLASS

(Instructor Lily Nakao from Oahu)

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

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 handmade, hand dyed washi paper to create beautiful art.

Call JCAH at 969-6437 for sign-up/ information.

Don't miss

Kenny Endo Taiko Ensemble

Saturday, May 14, 2016
From 6 p.m.



Japanese Self Defense Force Training Squadron's Visit

On October 10th, 2015, we were honored to be visited by the Japanese Maritime Self Defense Force Training Squadron consisting of three ships, the flagship JS Kashima, JS Yamagiri and JS Shimayuki, which included approximately 710 officers and crew including 169 newly commissioned officers. The squadron was under the command of Rear Admiral Yasuki Nakahata and the training tour started in Japan in May, with visits to 16 ports and 12 countries ending in Hilo. This was the first time in 47 years that the Navy's training ships had visited Hilo.

This purpose of the training cruise is to develop seamanship of the newly commissioned officers, cultivate their minds as future leaders and also to promote mutual understanding and goodwill with the countries visited.



During their short stay in Hilo, the Admiral, Senior Officers and Newly Commissioned Officers (approximately 200) paid their respects at the Ireito Monument at Alae Cemetery with a brief service and wreath-laying ceremony. They

also paid respects at two graves of Japanese cadets who died in the 1920's and are buried at Alae Cemetery.

One team consisting of the crew and officers performed community service at Alae Cemetery, where they painted the rusted chain links at the Ireito Monument as well as the graves of the cadets and also cleaned the surrounding areas. Another team performed community service at Francis Wong Stadium, painting a storage container as well as the parking lot blockades.

On Sunday October 11th, we held a friendship softball game between two teams from the ships and local players. After the game we had a

potluck lunch and fellowship. Simultaneously, the official military band for the squadron along with their Taiko group performed alongside Taishoji Taiko, a hula halau, Tahitian group and Mark Yamanaka at the Civic Auditorium for a free community concert event. The event ended with all participants and spectators joining in a ceremonial "Matsuri" dance around the Mikoshi which was placed in the middle of the floor. Also on Sunday, members of the various Kenjin Kai's met with newly commissioned officers from their respective prefectures and treated them to sightseeing and lunch.

On Saturday and Sunday the squadron hosted over 150 persons for tours on the ships. These were prearranged due to security concerns and were very well received.

On Monday, October 12th, Admiral Nakahata conducted a briefing at the Hawaii Japanese Center presenting the squadron's efforts in the aftermath of the devastating earthquake and tsunami in Tohoku. At 4:00pm the squadron started departing the Port of Hilo.

Although their visit was very brief, they were able to do a lot of things and we were honored to be part of the exercise. Admiral Nakahata was very appreciative and guaranteed that it will not be 47 years before they visit Hilo again.



Hurry! JCAH Scholarship Application due is March 31, 2016

The Japanese Community Association of Hawai'i is offering two \$1,500 scholarship awards to local high school graduates from Hawai'i Island and current college students who are pursuing a degree in Japanese Studies at a college or university in the United States and Japan as early as next fall, 2016. The deadline for students to apply is March 31, 2016.

Qualifications of Applicants include:

- Must be a resident of the Island of Hawai'i (Waimea-Naalehu). Preference will be given to graduating seniors of a high school on the Island of Hawai'i whose intent is to major or minor in Japanese studies. Post-secondary students, formerly from the island of Hawaii may also be considered.
- Enrolled or planning to enroll at a college or university.
- Preference will be given to an applicant whose parent or guardian is a member of good standing of the Japanese Community Association of Hawai'i.

Criteria:

- Academic merit as demonstrated by a minimum GPA of 3.0.
- Some degree of financial need, not necessarily determined by federal guidelines.
- Two letters of reference.

All interested applicants are required to complete and submit all components of the application by the deadline of March 31, 2016. This year, scholarship recipients will be announced at the Kodomo No Matsuri event on May 14, 2016. For more information about criteria and awards, please go to: <http://www.jcahawaii.org/#!jcah-scholarship/c9ws> For more information on the Japanese Community Association of Hawai'i, please contact Jan Higashi at (808) 969-6437.



Welcome new members who joined since last newsletter

Sidney & Aileen Fuke
Amy & Eric Honda

Satoru Odaira
Joan Shimoda

George & Cheryl Yoshida
Kayleen & George Yuda

