

Bito Doshi Kai
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Dear Bito Club Members,

First of all, Happy New Year to everyone. I hope it was a good holiday season for you.

2008 Winter Craft Fair

As you know, our club, along with Young Okinawans of Hawaii, Aza Gushikawa, Aza Yogi, and Awase, put on the HUOA Winter Craft Fair on November 29th and 30th last year. By all accounts, it was a great success. We worked with these clubs (except YOH) and the same great core people when we did the Evening Craft Fair four years ago. It was a pleasure to work with them again.

Thank you to all those who came out to help, especially to Brandon and Nathan Nakasone for taking care of the Food booth, and Angie Nakasone for doing a great job with Advertising, Silent Auction and Hawaii Food Bank. You folks were fantastic. Here's a list of the volunteers. If you don't recognize some of the names, it's because volunteers from Aza Gushikawa and Jikoen also helped us out. Mahalo nui loa!

Terry	Agena	Angie	Nakasone	Fumi	Shimabuku
Jordan	Bautista	Brandon	Nakasone	Annie	Shimabukuro
Leslie	Dang	Kenneth	Nakasone	Jade	Shimabukuro
Sally	Dang	Leina	Nakasone	Jasmine	Shimabukuro
Eunice	Dela Cruz	Lisa	Nakasone	Jeremy	Shimabukuro
Ariel	Fujise	Mely	Nakasone	Sally	Shimabukuro
Lillian	Gima	Nathan	Nakasone	Cindy	Shinmon
RaeLynn	Gushi	Tasha	Nakasone	Jean	Tokuda
Steven	Gushi	Toshiko	Nakasone	Monika	Tomita
Tanya	Hall	Roy	Nakasone Jr.	Barbara	Yamada
Karen	Hamaguchi	Cassidy	Okubo	Barbara	Yamada
Colleen	Hokutan	Ruth	Okubo	Craig	Yamada
Arden	Ikehara	Doris	Oshiro	Shasta	Yamada
Walter	Ikehara	Mildred	Phillips	Tanya	Yamada
Brooke	Kaneshiro	Chelsie	Sato	Ann	Zakimi
Remy	Kitamon	Dayle	Sato	Keane	Zakimi
Judy	Muramoto	Dwight	Sato	Kelly	Zakimi
Sandy	Nakashima	Jayme	Sato	Zayne	Zakimi
Allan	Nakasone	Kylie	Sato	Punahou School Japanese Club	

Installation Banquet and Uchinanchu of the Year Honoree

The HUOA Installation Banquet will be on **January 17, 2009** at 11:00 am at the HOC. Registration begins at 9:30 am. We submitted Cecilia Shimabukuro, Sally Shimabukuro's daughter-in-law, as our Uchinanchu of the Year honoree. Sadly, we unexpectedly lost Cecilia in mid-December, but we will be proud to honor her. Tickets

for the Installation Banquet will be \$30. Please call Eunice or me as soon as possible if you want tickets.

2009 Officers for Bito Doshi Kai

There will be an almost new slate of officers for our club beginning in 2009.

Brandon Nakasone – President
Nathan Nakasone – Vice-President
Eunice Dela Cruz – Secretary
Walter Ikehara – Treasurer (interim)

Congratulations to the new officers and our appreciation for their willingness to serve the club. Our sincere appreciation also to Karleen Chinen and Joyce Nakasone for their long-time service as our Vice-President and Secretary, respectively.

2009 Shinnen-Enkai New Year's Party

Our Shinnen-Enkai will be on Saturday, **February 14, 2009**, at Hawaii Okinawa Center, starting at 5:00 pm, in conjunction with Hawaii Sashiki-Chinen Doshi Kai. Brandon Nakasone is coordinating with Sashiki-Chinen and can provide more details later. I hope that a lot of Bito members and families will attend to enjoy the festivities and welcome the new officers for 2009.

Please Give Us Your Email Address

If you have an email address, please provide it to us. Mailing is getting expensive. We can reduce our costs by sending you the newsletter and other mailings through email. In addition, HUOA produces a cool email newsletter called the *Purple Blast*, which they can email to you if want to subscribe. Please help us communicate with you more effectively. You can email me at the address below.

Aloha and Mahalo

It has been an honor and a privilege to be your club president for the last four years. During those four years, I've been able to meet many of you and work with wonderful people on our club activities and events. It's been very gratifying to see you share your knowledge, love, and Okinawan culture with everyone. Without all of you, our club could not exist. Please continue to actively support the club, the officers, and HUOA, and continue the wonderful fellowship I've enjoyed with you. Ippei niffee debiru.

Ii soogwachi debiru,



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