

Gushichanchu

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President's Message

By Cheryl Tanaka

Hi Everyone!

It was nice seeing everyone at our annual Shinnen Enkai. Everyone had a nice time. I would like to thank my officers and advisors for planning the Shinnen Enkai. The food and entertainment was awesome!

Summer is finally here. This means graduation, graduation parties and summer vacation. It also means our annual Gushichan picnic and the Okinawan Festival shortly thereafter. Please join us as our Gushichan families plan this year's picnic. I will have tickets for the Okinawa Festival available.

There's lots happening with the HUOA. Volunteers are always being sought for these activities. Check out the HUOA web site for current happenings. You can also see pictures of the various activities that have taken place. You might be in one of those pictures. Get involved!

Have a great and safe summer! See you at the picnic.

Annual Picnic – June 22 !

Where: Ala Moana Beach Park, Area 24 & 26
(same place as before, behind Ewa restrooms)

Time: 10:00am – 11:00am Games
1:00pm Afternoon Games
1:30pm Lucky Number prizes

Are you ready for some fun with games like China Hichi, Hashiri Tsubu, or Giitaa? How about your luck at Kaara Buu-buu? You'll have to attend this year's picnic to find out how you fare in these games! This year, the Uesato family is planning the picnic and there is sure to be lots of prizes and fellowship.

During the picnic, we will be collecting dues and selling festival scrip. Don't forget your checkbooks! We hope that the Festival T-shirts will be available at this time too.

Plan to be at this Annual event – you're sure to have a memorable day, visiting with family and fellow club members.

Okinawan Festival 2008

This year's festival will be held on Labor Day weekend, August 30 and 31, 2008 at Kapiolani Park. For more information on the Festival and all other HUOA events, visit www.huoa.org and www.okinawanfestival.com.

Volunteer sign up sheets for the Heiwa Dori booth will be available at the Picnic. Shift times for Sunday, August 31 are: 8:45am-12:00pm (shift 1), 11:45am-3:00pm (shift 2), 2:45pm – 6:00pm (shift 3). Please report to the Heiwa Dori before your starting time so that the prior shift can be relieved and that we are assured that we have enough volunteers. Shift 1: the Festival begins at 9:00am, so all workers must be in position before this time. Do not allow customers to enter the booth prior to 9:00am. All volunteers will be required to sign the Volunteer Waiver Form prior to working in the booth. If there are any volunteers under the age of 18, a parent's/guardian's signature is needed.

Loading/Unloading help is also needed during the week prior to the Festival. On Friday, August 29, we will be setting up the Heiwa Dori booth. This is the day we setup all the products and put up the signs and prices. Shift begins at 8:30am and we typically finish around 2:00pm.

NEW this year is the scrip denominations and format. In the past, scrip was available in booklets of \$10 with each scrip worth 25cents. This year, scrip will be distributed in sheets of twenty 50cent scrip. The price per sheet is still \$10. This will help to alleviate some of the counting that many of the Festival volunteers are doing. So let's see, a bag of andagi is usually 6 scrip, but this year it will be 3.... ☺ Keep an eye out for the August HUOA Newsletter, where all food prices will be listed. If you are unable to attend the picnic, please contact Lyn Uesato at 947-6117 x1302 for other scrip pickup arrangements.

T-Shirt Preview

Here is one of the designs for this year's festival. Also, the main festival shirt will feature 2 shisa lions and the current year's theme *Shinai Gukuru: heart in harmony*. We will try to have some shirts available at the picnic if they are ready.



Shinnen En Kai recap

On February 23, 2008, the Gushichan Son Jin Kai held its Annual Shinnen En Kai (New Year's Party) at Masa's Cafeteria in Mapunapuna. About 160 people attended and partied with family and friends. This was the largest crowd in recent years and it was wonderful that so many members were able to attend. They feasted on a great dinner and the delicious homemade desserts prepared by our club members.

The evening started out with fantastic live music by Darwin Uesato and friends: (I asked them for their last names, and they all replied "Uesato". So for a few hours, the family grew a bit.). The children (and some adults) were treated to some fantastic balloon creations by Balloon Monsoon. HUOA Vice President Paul Komeiji and Executive Director Jane Serikaku graciously joined us that evening and expressed their thanks to our club members who volunteer at the HOC. They also provided an update of the Capital Campaign fundraising project. After dinner, we honored our members who will be turning 70 years old this year: Shinko Kubo and Akira Tamashiro. We were entertained by Cara and Lacy Tsutsuse. The Tsutsuse sisters travel to various retirement communities entertaining seniors with traditional Japanese song and dance. Their performance was truly a treat for all of us. We closed the entertainment portion of the evening with Okinawan song by Shigeo Tamaye, a hula performance by Cara Nakagawa, and a slide show presentation compiled by Joyce Brubaker. Darwin and friends closed down the house with Hawaiian and Okinawan music.

And who can forget the ono desserts?? Here are our talented members and their contributions. We apologize if your name was inadvertently omitted. One day, we will be able to publish a Gushichan recipe book.... Wouldn't that be a great idea??

Joyce Brubaker (kahlua cake), Yukiko Esaki (coffee cake), Toshiko Hoshijo (pineapple cupcake), Juliet Jakahi (tsubushian shortbread), Earlyn Koizumi (anpan), Janet Miji (golden senbei), Neil & Cassie Nakagawa (chocolate cake), Shigemi Nishihira (brownies), Helen Oh (cocoa mochi), Wesley Oh (boiled peanuts), Aiko Onaga (mochi), Cori & Kasi Onaga (brownies), Karen Tamashiro (mochi, garlic pretzels), Karen Tamaye (butter drip cake), Eme Uesato (chocolate dobash cake), Jan Uesato (almond roca bars), Linda Uesato (macadamia nut bars), Gail Watanabe (chocolate cherry cake), Janet Yonamine (peanuts), Esther Zakabi (chayote muffins)



Honorees Akira Tamashiro, Shinko Kubo



Gushichan President Cheryl Tanaka, HUOA Vice President Paul Komeiji



Darwin Uesato, Curtis "Uesato"



Lacy Tsutsuse



Cara Tsutsuse

Softball Corner

Each Sunday during the springtime, the HUOA Softball League dusts off their bats and meet at Halawa Park for their season. On May 4th, 2008, the Gushichan Son Jin Kai played the team from Wahiawa Kyoyu Kai. Unfortunately, our team did not get to run around "all the bases" as much as the other team did. It was still a great day as the Uesato family got to watch the team play as well as plan this year's picnic. If you are interested in playing for our team, please contact Darwin Uesato so that he can keep you on the list for next year. Season starts around the end of February.



Phil Uesato awaits the pitch.



Darwin Uesato heads for first base.



Cassie & Neil Nakagawa planning the picnic



Derek Uesato shows his form.



Some members of the Gushichan Softball team

Thank you for your donations!

Thank you to the following members for their generous donations at the Shinnen En Kai. The monies are used to help defray dinner costs for the Shinnen En Kai, entertainment costs, newsletter printing/postage, and picnic drinks and prizes. In the past, we were also able to partially sponsor members to travel to Okinawa on the HUOA Leadership Study Tour.

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Ippe Nifee Deebiru!

Contact Information

For more information on any of the events listed in this newsletter or to submit comments and suggestions, please contact:

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Newsletter Submissions

If you have a thought, experience, or even a favorite recipe that you would like to share with fellow Gushichan members, please feel free to make submissions to our newsletter.

Mailing Address Updates

Have or someone you know recently moved? Are you receiving the Gushichan and HUOA Newsletter? If not, please send your new address to us!

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Tech Corner

Did you know that you can use the internet and raise funds for the HUOA? Use the search engine at www.goodsearch.com. For each search that you perform, a penny is raised to HUOA. "Only a penny!" you say? Well, because I'm a geek, I logged down each time I used the search engine for the month of May. That came out to 43 cents. This sounds like a little, but for the whole month of May, ALL searches raised only \$5.81, so during my everyday activities on the computer, I contributed 7% of the search funds. Can you imagine how many more pennies would be raised if everyone used GoodSearch? Online purchases can also raise funds. Check out www.goodshop.com, too.

Welcome "The Purple Blast" - the official e-newsletter of the HUOA. Send an e-mail message with the word 'subscribe' in the subject line to purpleblast@huoa.org and you will be added to their e-mail list. This e-newsletter will have the most current info about past and upcoming events. How current is the info? Parade pictures from Sunday were blasted out to e-mail subscribers by the next day! Whoa! (p.s. I have stopped logging my GoodSearches - I was running out of paper! ~Lyn)

HUOA CALENDAR OF EVENTS

NATSUMERO FESTIVAL, JAPANESE/OKINAWAN KARAOKE
RENDITIONS BY HAWAII AND OKINAWA SINGERS
HAWAII OKINAWA CENTER
SUNDAY JULY 20, 10:30AM, \$25
ALOHA PARTY TO FOLLOW, \$15
IKUYU MADIN GOLF TOURNAMENT
PEARL COUNTRY CLUB
WEDNESDAY, JULY 23, 10:30AM, FEES START AT \$250
HAARI BOAT FESTIVAL & RACES, HOSTED BY HUI OKINAWA
WAILOA STATE PARK (HILO)
AUGUST 15-16
OKINAWAN FESTIVAL!
KAPIOLANI PARK
AUGUST 31-31
STUDY TOUR TO OKINAWA
OCTOBER 4-13, APPROX \$2700
APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE AT WWW.HUOA.ORG
WINTER CRAFT FAIR
HAWAII OKINAWA CENTER
NOVEMBER 29-30