



Haebaru Club News

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Organized in 1937 — Celebrating 70 years of *chodegwa* (kinship)

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE *by Drusilla Tanaka, President*

Hai tai, Minnasama! Iisoo gwachi shimisoochi!

Happy New Year! Our annual Shinnen Enkai (New Year Party) is right around the corner, so please read the details in this newsletter and send in your reservations. We look forward to another grand time together! One of the highlights of 2006 was the visit in October by 8 students and officials from Haebaru Cho (Please see the article on page 5 for details of the 2006 Student Exchange program).

My message is short so that all of the important and interesting information can be included in this issue. Please pay special attention to the information about the Leadership Study Tour which will be held this fall. Your board of directors has agreed to sponsor qualified applicants, for we see this program as a means of sustaining our club in the years to come. We need the next generation of leaders to assure the continuation of our programs, and participation in this program is an "investment" in the club's future. The last time our club sponsored a member in this program was in 1999 when Bill Akamine represented Haebaru Club. Subsequently, Bill served as President of the club for more than three years, and he also served as President of the Young Okinawans club. His leadership was proven in successful Craft Fair events and various other programs of HUOA and he continues to participate and lend his assistance as much as he can. Be sure to read Bill's article on his experience and pass on the information about the Leadership Study Tour to the young adults in your family.

Thus, I'd like to close by expressing my heartfelt ippe nihei deebiru to all of my fellow officers and board members and to each and every Haebarunchu for their outstanding support this past year!

See you on February 18!

2007 HUOA LEADERSHIP STUDY TOUR

The HUOA Leadership Study Tour is set for Sep. 26-Oct. 8, 2007. Sixteen young adults (maximum of two from Haebaru Club), ages 25-45, will engage in three orientation sessions prior to the trip to Okinawa. Study tour participants will participate in lectures, activities, tours and interaction with young adults from Okinawa. This leadership group will join the regular HUOA Study Tour group from Oct. 3-7, 2007. One-third (\$950) of the total fare of \$2,850 will be paid for by the HUOA, one-third (\$950) by Haebaru Club for qualifying member(s) who are selected to participate and one-third (\$950) by the individual participant. Interested members should please call Drusilla Tanaka at

235-1343 or e-mail at datanaka@juno.com.

THE 1999 HUOA LEADERSHIP STUDY TOUR

by Past President Bill Akamine

In the fall of 1999, the Haebaru Club gave me the opportunity to join the HUOA Leadership Study Tour to Okinawa. The Tour was a once in a lifetime opportunity to learn about Okinawa, learn about my ancestral home of Haebaru Town, and create lasting friendships among the participants. My experience from that tour was so positive that I wanted to get more involved in the Okinawan community; that tour started my career as President of the Haebaru Club, and later as President of the Young Okinawans of Hawaii.

Upon leaving the airport, I noticed how similar Okinawa is to Hawaii. Okinawa and Hawaii exists in a tropical environment, with Okinawa being more humid. Like Hawaii, Okinawa has palm trees, sand and beaches. However, while Hawaii has had the luck of not experiencing hurricanes annually, Okinawa potentially can experience a number of typhoons annually. Homes in Okinawa are made of concrete and are designed to withstand the worst of weathers.

Okinawa is made of a number of cities, towns or villages, depending on the population size. At the annual Okinawan Festival held at Kapiolani Park during the Labor Day weekend, banners of these locales are displayed at the various booths. Haebaru is a town, which is larger than a village and smaller than a city. It is located at the southern part of the main island, and it has a relatively recently built city hall, schools, and cultural museum.

Each city, town and village has its own history. The most touching moment of the trip was learning that my ancestral home was the location of the Japanese Imperial Army's Field Hospital, which was a system of underground cave hospitals that housed the wounded, and that Haebaru's school girls served as nurses in those cave hospitals. At Himeyuri no To museum, I recall seeing photos of some of the nurses that served in the caves, and even today, it makes me pause to imagine the hardship that Okinawans had to endure during WWII. Understanding that part of Haebaru's history made more meaningful all that I learned about the Battle of Okinawa.

In the past, the HUOA has offered the Leadership Study Tour every other year. However, in 2003, the tour was canceled for lack of an adequate number of participants. Tour participants will learn much about the Okinawan culture, and develop a greater appreciation of their heritage. There is also much food and shopping to experience, and a whole lot of fun meeting new friends. Participating in the Leadership Study Tour is an opportunity that young adults should take.

2007 HAEBARU CLUB SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

DATE	TIME	ACTIVITY	LOCATION	CHAIRPERSON
February 18 Sunday	10:00 AM	Shinnen Enkai (New Years Party)	Japanese Cultural Center	Sansei and Yonsei
April 29 Sunday	7:00 AM	HOC Cleanup	HOC	Haebaru Club President
July 29 Sunday	9:00 AM	Annual Picnic	DAV Hall	Tsukazan
September 2 Sunday	8:00 AM	Okinawa Festival	Kapiolani Park	David Kaneshiro

SHINNEN ENKAI AND ANNUAL PICNIC ASSIGNMENTS

YEAR	ACTIVITY	ASSIGNMENTS
2007	Shinnen Enkai	Sansei and Yonsei
	Summer Picnic	Tsukazan
2008	Shinnen Enkai	Motobu, Teruya and Chan
	Summer Picnic	Kamisato, Kanegushiku and Miyahira

HAEBARU CLUB 2006 OFFICERS & DIRECTORS

President	Ms. Drusilla Tanaka	235-1343
Vice President	Dr. Yoshinobu Oshiro	455-2500
Secretary	Ms. Joan Moriyama	373-2451
Treasurer	Mr. David Kaneshiro	833-3381
Director	Ms. Karen Otaguro	988-7913
Director	Mr. Thomas Otaguro	988-7913
Director	Mr. Kenneth Kaneshiro	488-6098
Director	Mr. Bernard Akamine	734-8738

2007 THE YEAR OF THE BOAR

Year of the Boar people are born in the pervious years 1923, 1935, 1947, 1959, 1971, 1983, 1995 and 2007.



Boar people are shy but have tremendous inner strength. They are honest, kind, and affectionate. They never retreat once a goal has been set, and rarely seek help from others. They get along best with Rabbit and Sheep year people.

HAEBARU 2007 NEW YEAR'S PARTY (SHINNEN ENKAI)

Day and Time *Sunday, February 18, 2007, starting from 10:00 am*
Location *Japanese Cultural Center in the Manoa Grand Ballroom*
..... *2454 South Beretania Street*
Parking (enter from Beretania Street) *Validated parking at center is \$3.00*

The annual New Year's Party will be a luncheon buffet including the following items: rice, salad bar (mixed greens with dressing, potato / macaroni salad, relish tray, pasta salad, fresh fruits in season), entrees (shoyu pork, chicken chow mein, mahi mahi tempura), vegetable of the day, rolls and butter, coconut haupia cake, and beverages (fruit punch, ice tea, coffee or hot tea). You will be entertained by the *Haebaru Homegrown Entertainers* and have a chance to win one of the many door prizes.

Please help us out and turn in the attached sign up sheet for the party by Saturday, January 27, 2007 and join us in the first club event to be planned and put together by the Sansei and Yonsei members. *Ashibi nu chura sa ya ninju nu sunawai* (the more participants there are, the more enjoyable the gathering becomes).

DEADLINE TO TURN IN REGISTRATION FORM IS JANUARY 27, 2007

HAEBARU CLUB NEWSLETTER GOES ONLINE

Since mid-2006, we've been e-mailing our newsletter to Haebaru member recipients who were receiving a full color version (with weblinks) of our wonderful newsletter. Our last newsletter was forwarded to the HUOA president who really enjoyed it and suggested posting a copy onto the HUOA website. From this year on, our Haebaru newsletter will be available on the HUOA website a few days after the newsletter is mailed out to our members. The web site is:

<http://www.huoa.org>

2006 UCHINANCHU OF THE YEAR

Hard-working, creative, caring, talented, generous, fun to be with, reliable, devoted wife and mother—these are just a few words that describe Haeburu Club’s Uchinanchu of the Year for 2006, Shigeko Oshiro. Shigeko is one of the quiet ones who contribute to the success of Haeburu Club by volunteering to help with all of the club’s activities—the annual HOC Clean-Up, dancing Paranku for the Shinnen Enkai, holding the club’s banner in the various matsuri parades, donating her clever hand-crafted items for the Shinnen Enkai and summer picnic, working for long, hot hours in the Andagi Sales booth at the annual festival, opening her home to students in the Haeburu Cultural Exchange Program, cooking authentic Okinawan dishes for social gatherings, and just being there. Beneath Shigeko’s enthusiastic smile is a resilient spirit that serves and gives with gratitude—truly a reflection of what it means to be “Uchinanchu.”



A WARM MAHALO AND CONGRATULATIONS TO SHIGEKO !!

HAEBARU MEMBERS OF INTEREST

From time to time, we’d like to congratulate, honor, or bring to light, people in the Haeburu Club family who have shown great initiative to improve themselves and/or others.



On October 30, 2006, Tom Jr. son of Thomas and Karen Otaguro was honored by Mayor Mufi Hanneman when he was selected to be the Employee of the Year for the Board of Water Supply, (BWS) City and County of Honolulu. Tom has been with the BWS starting as a Student Engineering Intern I in 1989 and presently participates in many essential programs including capital and water system improvement projects using his expertise in hydraulic modeling in water system operations. He is an active member of the

Haeburu Club and he and his wife Lynn has been helping with many of the Club’s activities throughout the year.

2006 STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAM

Since 1993, Haeburu Club has been involved with the Cultural Exchange Program of Haeburu Cho, Okinawa, with our members hosting specially selected students from the town's schools. Since 2003, students from our club's families have been hosted by the Haeburu Cho government in alternating years. The program has been very successful in giving students from Okinawa and Hawaii an experience in international living and learning. Thus far, there have been more than 100 students from Haeburu Cho and six college students from Hawaii who have participated in the program over the years. For the 2006 Homestay program in Hawaii, eight students and four adults arrived on Friday, October 20, 2006, five days after the earthquake and during a 48-hour flood watch. Despite an expected 10 inches of rainfall, their spirits remained high, and their positive attitude paid off in great weather and another successful program. Students met their Host Families at a small reception at Hawaii Okinawa Center before beginning a two-night homestay where they could experience the local way of life and practice their English with their hosts. Prior to leaving Okinawa, the group was given a quick course in Island life by Lisa Teruya, a Yonsei Haebarunchu, who is teaching in Itoman and is the grand-daughter of the late Archie Kamisato. Thus, the visitors knew about significant visitor destinations and where to shop for popular omiyage.



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The students spent three days at Washington Middle School where they spent the day in classes with students who hosted them. They made instant friends in this multi-ethnic public school, several of whom are enrolled in Japanese language class and eager to put their lessons to use. At the Aloha Party, with 90 Haeburu members and guests in attendance, Washington Middle School Principal, Michael Harano, drove home the value of such programs—he believes that “the future for world peace lies in the young people who can instantly make connections despite language barriers, cultural differences, and ideological disputes.” Here is a letter we received from Haeburu-Cho on January 3, 2007:



“Dear: The President of (Haeburu Club) Hawaii

Haeburu-chojinkai, Thank you very much for hosting us during the Haeburu International Exchange Program. We had the final meeting on Nov. 10th, discussing the Program success. The students had wonderful experiences. They want to thank you for your hospitality. We would like to share with you the students’ thoughts and feelings regarding their experiences from the program. We would also like to continue to build on our relationship. The students of Haeburu-cho benefit greatly from our exchange program. We appreciate all of your hard work throughout the duration of this program. It is much appreciated. We wish you the best of health and happiness this Christmas and New Year. The Mayor of Haeburu Town, Toshiyasu Shiroma; the Superintendent of Education, Noboru Oshiro, and the Chief of Board of Education, Shigeki Nohara.”



We hope this experience will plant the seed for life-long learning, encourage cultural understanding and promote peace in our world. We cannot forget the Haeburu Host Families who opened their homes and hearts to the youngsters, Mrs. Chiyoko Kaneshiro, Mike and Claire Mamitsuka, Mike and Mitzi Miyashiro, and Yoshinobu and Anna Oshiro.



2007 Haeburu Club Membership Dues

NUMBER OF MEMBERS	ANNUAL DUES (1/1/2007 - 12/31/2007)	NEW OR RENEWAL	COST	TOTAL
	FAMILY (Husband/Wife)		\$5.00 each person	
	SINGLE ADULT		\$5.00	
	HONORARY (80 YEARS OR OLDER)		FREE	
	TOTAL MEMBERS			

NAME (first and last names of adult applicants): _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

CITY / STATE / ZIP CODE: _____

TELEPHONE: _____ E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

AZA and GENERATION: _____ / _____ BIRTH YEAR(S): _____

2007 Haeburu New Year's Party registration (Shinnen Enkai)

NUMBER ATTENDING		COST	TOTAL
	ADULTS (members, guests & children 11+ years)	\$20.00	
	CHILDREN 5 TO 10	\$10.00	
	CHILDREN 1 TO 4	FREE	
	TOTAL ATTENDING		

DEADLINE TO REGISTER FOR THE 2007 SHINNEN ENKAI (NEW YEAR'S PARTY) IS JANUARY 27, 2007

Please make check payable to "Haeburu Club" and mail it along with this form to:

David Kaneshiro
1303 Ala Napunani Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96818

PARADE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Each year, the Haebaru Club is contacted by HUOA to carry the Haebaru Cho flag in representation in both the Honolulu Festival and Pan Pacific Festival Parades. This requires the participant to arrive at the parade staging area to receive the Haebaru Cho flag from a HUOA representative, line up in the parade and walk the parade route, carrying the flag from start to finish. If we have extra volunteers, a backup will walk alongside the flag holder in case the holder needs to take a break.

Currently, the Honolulu Festival Parade is scheduled for March 11 down Kalakaua Avenue from 4:30 PM—8:00 PM and the Pan Pacific (Matsuri) Festival Parade is on June 10th from Kapiolani Avenue to Fort DeRussy from 5:00 PM—7:00 PM. According to both websites, the scheduled events are subject to change. We're looking for 4 volunteers, 2 to walk the parade (1 to carry the flag and 1 to be a backup) and 2 to be their backups in case first 2 volunteers are not able to make it.

Please contact Joan Moriyama if you are interested. If we can get a picture of our flag holder, I'll be sure to publish it in the next newsletter !

If you can't volunteer, please be sure to attend the parade and cheer on our flag and flag holder !



UYA GANASHI

BELOVED PARENTS (ENGLISH TRANSLATION)

BY JANE YOSHIKO (OSHIRO) GOYA

UMI YU NAGA MIRIBA
KUI SHI UYA GANASHI
UMUKAJI YU MASATI
WA UYA GANASHI.

AS I GAZE THE BOUNDLESS OCEAN,
I REMINISCE OLD TIMES OF MY PARENTS;

MY BELOVED PARENTS.

ASA YU HATARA CHAI
UMUI KANA WARIBA
ICHI BUSAYA HAWAII
WA UYA GANASHI

TOILING FROM DAWN TO DUSK,
NOSTALGIC HAWAII, I YEARN TO GO;
HOPING MY DREAMS COME TRUE,
MY BELOVED PARENTS.

UYA NU UMUKAJI Y
ANU YU TABI DACHIN
KWA NMAGA MIMAN TI
WA UYA GANASHI.

THO' DEPARTED TO THE LAND OF ENLIGHTENMENT;
RESTING IN PEACE, THEY WATCH OVER US.

MY BELOVED PARENTS.

UYA NU YUSHI GUTU YA
NAMAN WASHI RA RAN
GUUN FUKA BUKA TU
WA UYA GANASHI.

FORGET NOT THE COUNTLESS PARENTAL TEACHINGS:
WITH GRATITUDE, I KEEP WITHIN MY HEART.

MY BELOVED PARENTS.

SOME LINKS OF INTEREST

I found some interesting links that people might find interesting or useful. If you have some interesting links, please send me an e-mail with the URL address and I'll be happy to post them up in the following edition ! Music, art, dance, food, history, contemporary ideas, news, etc. The more links I can post up, the better !

<http://www.huoa.org/>

Hawaii United Okinawa Association

<http://www.jcch.com/>

Japanese Culture Center of Hawaii

<http://www.honolulu festival.com/index.html>

Annual Honolulu Festival

<http://www.pan-pacific-festival.com/index.aspx>

Annual Pan Pacific Festival

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Haeburu_Okinawa

Some general information about Haeburu, Okinawa from Wikipedia Encyclopedia

<http://www.japan-guide.com/>

I found this link useful when I was researching the places I visited from the 2004 Japan / Okinawa trip

<http://www.okinawa.com/>

A useful link for traveling in Okinawa

<http://www.cbfhawaii.com/>

Cherry Blossom Festival. 2006 Princess Kara Iwasaki is the grand-daughter of one of our Haeburu Club members

<http://www.pref.okinawa.jp/english/index.html>

Okinawa Prefectural Government Home Page

<http://www.asahi.com/english/english.html>

Asahi Shimbun (English version)

<http://www.japantimes.co.jp/>

Japan Times (English version)

<http://www.jnto.go.jp/>

Japan National Tourist Organization

<http://www.hawaiiokinawa.com/>

Hawaii Okinawa Network

<http://maps.google.com/maps?f=q&hl=en&q=&ie=UTF8&t=h&om=1&z=9&ll=26.512362,127.828674&spn=1.57292,2.532349>

Okinawa viewed from Google Map



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Honolulu, HI 96821

TV PROGRAMMING

Melody Club (Rebroadcasting KIKU Ch. 9 Feb 23rd, 9 PM—10 PM). Music program starring Jake Shimabukuro, Konishiki, and Okinawan singer Rimu Natsukawa. The show had a Hawaiian / Japanese flavor to it since most of the songs were Hawaiian and there were hula dancers. Some parts of the show consisted of interviews with Konoshiki and Jake. Rimu sang both Hawaiian and Japanese songs.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION ABOUT HUOA ACTIVITIES

Here are some sources that you can look up to learn about the various HUOA activities throughout this year (and past years):

Hawaii Okinawa Today (Olelo Channel 53) on Monday at 7:00 PM—8:00 PM. Recorded events of previous activities and other interesting Okinawan people and events from around the world. You can also view these shows on Olelonet—simultaneous Web streaming. See www.huoa.org for detailed information.

Uchinanchu Newsletter (bi-monthly, although subject to change). Every Haebaru member should be receiving a copy. If you are not receiving a copy, please call Joan Moriyama at 373-2451.

Radio stations **KZOO** (AM 1210) and **KNDI** (AM 1270)