

Haebaru Club News

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hai tai, Minnasama! Chaganjyu?



Hello, Everyone! I hope this newsletter finds you in good health and good spirits. We are sending out a third newsletter to encourage everyone to participate in the Aloha Party for the Haebaru Cho Cultural Exchange students and officials on Wednesday, October 25, 2006, at 6:30 p.m.. Please see the details in this newsletter by Joan Moriyama and Dr. Yoshinobu Oshiro.

Haebaru Club families have traditionally been generous in their giving to HUOA fundraisers. This legacy continues in the current fundraising to acquire property for the future of HUOA. If you have not yet had the opportunity to make a donation or a pledge, please contact me. You may also contact anyone of the club's telephone volunteers: Dr. Yoshinobu Oshiro or Joan Moriyama. Haebaru Club's goal is to raise \$70,000 from among our club's families and we are very close to topping that goal!

During the year, the HUOA puts out calls for volunteers to carry the club's banner in parades and for other occasions. Three eager volunteers, Shigeko Oshiro, and her sons, Paul and Morris, have been proudly carrying the Haebaru Club banner this year in the Honolulu Festivals Parade, the Kintetsu Parade and the opening parade for the Okinawan Festival. They also enthusiastically carry banners for clubs who are not able to send representatives. Thus, they provide an important service to sister clubs in HUOA. Maida arigato gozaimasu to the Oshiro Family!

Congratulations to fellow Haebarunchu Seiki Oshiro of Burnsville, Minnesota, for the "Okagesamade" salute he received from HUOA President Laverne Higa Nance on behalf of the Okinawan Prefectural Government. Seiki Oshiro has spent countless hours conducting research into the Army and National Archives, gathering data on World War II and post-war activity of Nisei soldiers, interpreters, and those Nisei who were stationed in Okinawa. His valuable research helped to make possible the June 5 ceremony which honored the American Military Personnel who served as interpreters during the Battle of Okinawa and the period that followed immediately thereafter in the rebuilding period of war-torn Okinawa. The event was a pre-event to the Fourth Worldwide Uchinanchu Festival in October and also commemorated the 60th Anniversary since the Battle of Okinawa ended. Seiki-san's family in Honolulu include his sister-in-law, Jean Oshiro and his sister, Rose Kaneshiro.



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If you have a computer and wish to receive the Haebaru Club newsletter via e-mail in full color, submit your name and e-mail address to manoa001@hawaii.rr.com. Haebaru Club members only.



Congratulations to Sonsei and Elaine Nakamura whose grandson, Jonathan D. Awaya, Ph.D., received one of 12 National Science Foundation fellowships. The fellowship will support his post-doctoral research at the University of Notre Dame. His research is in the area of molecular biology and bio-engineering.

It has been a wonderful experience to work with fellow officers and board members and advisors this year. Thank you to Vice President, Dr. Yoshinobu Oshiro; Secretary, Joan Moriyama; Treasurer, David Kaneshiro; Board Members Karen and Tom Otaguro, and Advisors, Bernard Akamine and Kenneth Kaneshiro, for their guidance and support. All of you make the President's job so easy!

Ippee nihei deebiru,

Drusilla Tanaka

President

2007 SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

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

HAEBARU CLUB 2006 OFFICERS & DIRECTORS

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

HAEBARU CHO STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAM

Since 1993, Haebaru Club has been involved with the Cultural Exchange Program of Haebaru 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 Haebaru 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 Haebaru Cho and six college students from Hawaii who have participated in the program over the years. Please attend this year's Aloha Party for the eight students and their three adult escorts. This event is requested by the Haebaru Cho officials. The students have an opportunity to share their experiences and to showcase their talent by singing and dancing and other demonstrations. We know it's a school night, but encourage families with school/college-age children to attend so they might gain an interest in future programs.

This year's Haebaru Cho student exchange program will begin on Friday, October 20th, eight Haebaru Cho students (7 girls and 1 boy) will be participating. They will be accompanied by three adult chaperones and a tour leader from JAL Sales Co., Ltd:

STUDENTS (Girls)	AGE	AZA	ADULTS
Kazuho Tome	15	Arakawa	Isamu Oki, Principal, Nansei Junior High School
Minami Oshiro	15	Kyan	Yuko Nagamine, Teacher, Haebaru Junior High School
Tomoe Itokazu	15	Miyahira	Shigeyoshi Nohara, General Mgr., Haebaru Town Office
Yukino Shiroma	14	Tsukazan	
Riko Kaneshiro	15	Miyahira	
Niina Hamasaki	15	Teruya	
Chihiro Nohara	13		
Yuichi Yameshiro (Boy)	14	Miyahira	

ITINERARY

Fri, Oct. 20th	10:30 AM	Arrive Honolulu International Airport, JAL Flight #078
Fri., Oct. 20th to Sat, Oct. 21st		Stay with Host families
Sun., Oct. 22nd	4:00 PM	Check in at Pagoda Hotel
Mon., Oct. 23rd to Wed., Oct. 25th		Attending classes at Washington Middle School
Wed., Oct. 25th	6:30 PM	Aloha Party at Pagoda Hotel
Thu., Oct. 26th	12:20 PM	Depart Honolulu International Airport, JAL Flight #077

HAEBARU ALOHA PARTY

Day and Time *Wednesday, October 25, starting from 6:30 pm*

Location *Pagoda Hotel, East ballroom*

..... *1525 Rycroft Street*

Parking *Parking Lot and street parking*

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MENU

Chicken Salad

Filet Mignon and Chicken

Vegetables

Steamed white rice

Haupia Cake

Coffee and Fruit Punch

Please join us and meet our visitors from Okinawa and enjoy dinner and friendship !

WE NEED NEW OFFICERS TO SERVE

It is hard to believe that my term as your club President will be ending in December, just a few months away. I hope that one of you will step forward to serve as President next year. It has been a very rewarding experience. The other seasoned officers and directors on the board are right there to offer their wisdom, guidance and experience, so the President can confidently represent the club at HUOA Board meetings and in other matters. Another position that is being vacated is that of club Secretary. Joan Moriyama has been our faithful and hard-working Secretary for so many years. She still takes minutes in short-hand and keeps excellent records of our events. She knows everyone or has spoken to almost everyone on the telephone list, encouraging members to participate in events. She has agreed to continue with some of these duties, but not as an officer. So the next Secretary will be responsible just for minute-taking and correspondence. If you or someone in your family is interested in serving Haeburu Club as an officer, please contact Vice President Yoshinobu Oshiro or Secretary Joan Moriyama. We look forward to a full slate of officers to be elected and installed at our Shinnen Enkai in February!

We are also actively asking all Haeburu members for their e-mail addresses to update our membership lists. It will give us the ability to distribute the newsletter faster and in color and in the future, we'd like to send 'reminders' or 'updates' on upcoming events. All e-mail addresses will be kept private within Haeburu Club. Contact Karen Otaguro at kotaguro001@hawaii.rr.com or Glenn Otaguro at manoa001@hawaii.rr.com.

2006 HAEBARU PICNIC HIGHLIGHTS

A few weeks before the festival, we enjoyed another game- and prize-filled Annual Summer Picnic at the DAV complex next to Keehi Lagoon. The donated items added so much to the prize table. Thanks to the following donors: Bernard Akamine, Mitzi and Mike Miyashiro, Shigeko Oshiro, Donna Oshiro, Drusilla Tanaka, Star Super Market, St. Louis Drive In and anonymous monetary donors. It appeared that everyone went home with something. And the loaded buffet table with a delicious variety of home-made dishes and desserts assured everyone of going home with a full stomach. Ippe nihee deebiru to the Chan, Teruya and Miyagusuku aza for coordinating this successful event. Dr. Yoshinobu Oshiro and Sonsei Nakamura began their planning and preparation months before the picnic and their hard work paid off in a relaxing and enjoyable day for everyone. If you haven't been to the DAV complex before, please join us next year. The facility offers us indoor and outdoor space to stage our "picnic" in comfort and convenience. Tables, chairs, clean restrooms and plenty of parking are provided.



Photos contributed by [Glenn Otaguro](#)

2006 OKINAWA FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHTS

More than 40 Haebaru Club members and friends turned out in force on September 3 to staff the Andagi Sales Booth at the 24th Okinawan Festival. Thank you to the following for their hard work and Haebarunchu spirit: Bernard Akamine, Bill Akamine, Elsie Almeida, Sally Arakaki, David Kaneshiro, Kenneth Kaneshiro, Karolyn Kaneshiro, Steve Miyasato, Patsy Manmoto, Kenneth Manmoto, Nancy Sogawa, Laurie Sogawa, Rick Sogawa, Annette Yanagida, Bert Yanagida, Laraine Koga, Kathy Teruya, Joan Moriyama, Elaine Nakamura, Donna Oshiro, Ranko Oshiro, Shigeko Oshiro, Paul Oshiro, Morris Oshiro, Trixie Oshiro, Yoshinobu Oshiro, Thomas Otaguro Family (Karen, Clyde, Glenn and Lynn and Tom Jr.), Avin Oshiro, MaryAnn Oshiro, Grant Sato, Stanley Tanaka Family (Drusilla, Cecilee, Carolee), and Ernie Edraisa, Ms. Pascual, and volunteers from Castle High School Project Graduation. A special thank you to those who helped with the Andagi Cooking, Andadog Cooking and Andadog Sales Booth. Thanks, also, to everyone who purchased Festival scrip from our club.



Haebaru Club volunteer Grant Sato (left), grandson of Haebaru member Bernard Akamine (right). Grant is Chef Instructor at KCC's Culinary Arts Program & manages various fine dining facilities.



If you have photos of Haebaru Club, Okinawan, or notable Japanese events, this is the place for them! A pictorial will be in the following newsletter as space permits. Submit them via mail to the return address or e-mail them to manoa001@hawaii.rr.com.

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JAPAN / OKINAWA TOUR

We want to get feedback on future tours that members might be interested in participating in. This will help the club to taylor the next trip to everyone's interest. Please fill out the survey below and return to Joan Moriyama via the return address or bring them to the Aloha Party:

What times of the year would you like to go?_____

What cities in Japan would you like to visit?

Are there any places, events, organizations that you would like to visit in Japan?

What cities in Okinawa would you like to visit?

Are there any places, events, organizations that you would like to visit in Okinawa?

Do you need any help finding anything/anyone there?

Do you have additional comments/feedback/request to add?

SHINNEN ENKAI AND ANNUAL PICNIC ASSIGNMENTS

YEAR	ACTIVITY	ASSIGNMENTS
2007	Shinnen Enkai	Yonaha and Miyagushiku
	Summer Picnic	Tsukazan

JAPANESE PICTORIALS



ABOVE LEFT and **ABOVE RIGHT**: The O-Bon festival at the Shingon Shu Mission on Sheridan Street. **CENTER**: O-Bon festival at the Kapahulu Senior center

SOME WEBLINKS 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 (manoa001@hawaii.rr.com) 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.wonder-okinawa.jp>

"Wonder Okinawa" Japan's largest regional digital archives. Takes a little time to navigate through the various topics, but a wealth of information about Okinawa.

<http://www.wonder-okinawa.jp/007/english/hilight/index.html>

Some videos I found on Okinawa's outlying islands (all in English). I couldn't find the link on the Wonder-Okinawa webpage that would navigate to this site, so I'm listing this separately (I think you need a high speed connection to view any video content).

<http://www.wonder-okinawa.jp/004/e/movie/index.html>

Okinawa nature movies. Same thing as above

http://www.wonder-okinawa.jp/022/en/visit/022_e4rn.html

Some interesting content about Okinawa. Unfortunately, the video resolution is in a thumbnail size, but the audio content is good.

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

A useful link for traveling in Okinawa

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Haebaru,_Okinawa

Some general information about Haebaru, 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.pref.okinawa.jp/english/index.html>

Okinawa Prefectural Government Home Page

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

Japan National Tourist Organization

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

Hawaii United Okinawa Association

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

Hawaii Okinawa Network

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

Asahi Shimbun (English version)

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

Japan Times (English version)



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