



KIN CHOJIN KAI NEWSLETTER

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2010 Kin Chojin Kai Annual Picnic (Sunday, July 11, 2010)

Mark your calendars! This year's annual Kin Chojin Kai's Picnic will be held on the second Sunday, July 11, 2010. The picnic will be held from 9:00am - 3:00pm at Kapiolani Park next to the park restrooms by the big old banyan tree on Paki Street across the Diamond Head Tennis Courts; picnic sites 9, 12, 13, 14, 27 and 28. Games and relays for the club members will be held from 9:00am to 11:30am. Lunch break will be from 11:30am - 1:00pm. Every family will receive a towel and a lucky number ticket to win a prize if they are current with their membership dues. Lucky numbers will be drawn and announced after lunch. The games will continue after the lucky number grand prize is called.

Please plan on attending and bring your family for lots of fun, games, and prizes for all club members, young and old. Let the children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren build on good childhood memories of "small kid time Okinawa club picnic". Activities are planned for various ages, as young as one month old or 80+ years young. Everyone will receive a prize if they participate in the activities. Also, there will be lots of ono-licious shaved ice to cool you down on a nice sunny day. It is the time of the year to take out your hibachi from storage and a time to barbecue your ono-licious grinds. Remember that our Issei's and Nissei's look forward to seeing family, friends, and club members to "talk stories" about the good old days. Come on down for some fun times, fellowship, and a day of relaxation.

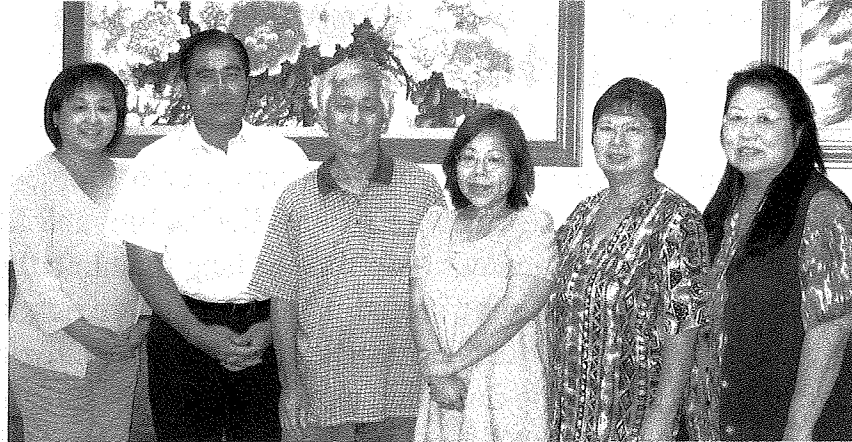
2010 HUOA Okinawan Festival Scripts

Please encourage your family and friends to purchase HUOA 2010 Okinawan Festival Scripts from the Kin Chojin Kai's Club. We really need your support in selling the Okinawan Festival Scripts because our club gets 30% of the ticket sales. This helps to maintain our expenses from being increased such as our membership dues, and to defray some of our expenses such as postage stamps and printing cost for mailing out newsletters, to purchase game prizes and lucky number prizes for the annual picnic. It also lowers the cost of our annual Shinnei Enkai (New Year's Party) Dinner tickets. The 2010 Okinawan Festival Scripts will be sold at our annual picnic on Sunday, July 11, 2010 at the registration table at Kapiolani Park or you may contact:

Tsuyoshi Afuso c: 349-3192
 Carol Ginoza-Chun h: 486-6029

"Ippee Niffee Deebiru" (Thank you) in advance for your support!

2010 Kin Chojin Kai Club Officers



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Please call the Kin Chojin Kai Officers or advisors if you have any suggestions, questions, concerns, or if you would like to help the club in any way. Please call us if anyone is interested in becoming an officer for the club.

(Mark your calendars) Next year's 2011 Shinnen Enkai (New Year's Party) will be held on the first Saturday in February, (February 5, 2011) at the Hawaii Okinawa Center Registration/Social Hour at 5:30pm and Dinner at 6:00pm

Kin Cho Kinku Dento Geino Hozonkai from Kin Town Okinawa

Applying the dynamism of “Kin Damshi”, (The Spirit of Kin), 30 members of the Traditional Performing Arts Preservation Society from Kin-ku, Kin Town, Okinawa, Japan, joined members of the Kin Chojin Kai of Hawaii for our 2010 Shinnen Enkai (New Year’s Party) on Saturday evening, February 6, 2010 at the Hawaii Okinawa Center. They performed traditional celebratory selections in honor of the three “Kajimaya” Birthday Celebrities and other birthday celebrities. They even had a “miruku”, a demi-god that heightened the auspiciousness of the occasion and a very special shishi mai performance using a shishi cloned after the shishi of Kin-ku, which was originally gifted to the Kin Chojin Kai in Hawaii many years ago. The delegation from Kin Town, Okinawa also included its former Mayor, now a Prefectural Assemblyman, The Honorable Katsuhiko Yoshida. In his usual way, Mr. Yoshida ‘s enthusiasm heightened the excitement of the entire celebration.

Kin Cho Kinku Dento Geino Hozonkai (Kin Town, Okinawa)



Lost & Found

Lost/Found: Please contact Nancy Ige at 845-0567 if you forgot your Kin T-shirts at the Shinnen Enkai at the Hawaii Okinawa Center on Saturday, February 6, 2010.

**2010 Shinnen Enkai Honors Three “Kajimaya” 97th Birthday Celebrities,
88th, 85th, and 73rd Birthday Celebrities,
“Congratulations” to the 2009 High School, College/University Graduates,
“Congratulations” to the 2009 Uchinanchu of the Year,
“Ippee Nifee Deebiru” to the Outgoing President,
“Congratulations” to the New President**

Kin Chojin Kai 2010 Shinnen Enkai was held on Saturday evening, February 6, 2010 at the Hawaii Okinawa Center and we had our Hawaii talented musicians and dancers perform for our Shinnen Enkai. We were fortunate to have 30 members of the Traditional Performing Arts Preservation Society from Kin-ku, Kin Town, Okinawa, Japan perform for the club members and their guests and they were the highlight of the Shinnen Enkai. It was a special New Year's party because three local Kin Chojin Kai members, Zenichi Ginoza, Seiyu Matsudo, and Manei Nakada, celebrated their special “Kajimaya” (97th) birthdays. When a person reaches the age of ninety-seven (97), “Kajimaya” was a major cause for a celebration. The characters written in Japanese for “Kajimaya” is Kaji (Kaze in Japanese) meaning “wind” and Maya (Mawaru in Japanese) meaning “to spin”. Hence, the use of “kazeguruma” (pinwheels) were sent from Kin Town, Okinawa and were used as part of the centerpiece for the celebration. Okinawans believe that the older a person gets the more childlike they become. The pinwheels used in the celebrations symbolize the 97 year olds coming to a full circle in life to the point of being a new born again. We also celebrated and honored other club members for their special birthdays: 88th Birthday Celebraties were Sally Nakata and Shinyei Yonashiro; 85th Birthday Celebraties were Tomiko Kaneshiro and Sue Mizak, and 73rd Birthday Celebrate was Kazuko Nakama. Each birthday celebraties were honored with a lei and had a piece of the birthday cake after they had the opportunity to blow out their birthday candles. They also took a group picture and danced the “kachashi” on stage to help celebrate their special occasion.

Kin Chojin Kai Club also honored and celebrated the 2009 High School Graduates: Chris Ige, Justin Cockett, Edward Nakata, and the 2009 College/University Graduates Lisa Agarijo, Sherilyn Naomi Fukuda-Duldulao, Reid Ginoza, Justin Nakamura, Brandee Lei Toyama, and Chelsea Toyama. Each graduate was presented with a lei and a \$25.00 gift certificate.

Kin Chojin Kai Club honored and recognized the 2009 Uchinanchu of the Year, Elaine Kikue Sato for being the Assistant Treasurer for four years and the Secretary for the past eight years.

It was also a very special evening as the club honored and recognized our out-going president, Dwight Ikehara who has served as the club's president for the past 16 years. He and his wife, Sandra, were called to the stage and formally thanked by their membership. While Dwight will continue to be active in his club, he will also be a key person in HUOA's Okinawan Festival as our Food Chairperson. “Ippee Nifee Deebiru, Dwight”!

“Congratulations and Best Wishes” to Carol-Ginoza Chun for taking the role as our new president.

**Thank You to the Issei Garden Volunteers
and
Volunteers Needed for the Issei Garden
at the Hawaii Okinawa Center**

Thank you very much to the volunteers whose been donating their precious time and labor of love to help maintain the Issei Garden at the Hawaii Okinawa Center (HOC). Emi and Mamo Kuniyoshi suggested any club member who wants to volunteer their time to help maintain the Issei Garden to please contact them for scheduling. The gardening would involve light weeding, raking the leaves, mowing the lawn, cutting the grass around the edge of the Kyuzo Toyama Statue boundary, and watering the lawn, plants, and trees. Please do not bring plants from your home to plant in the Issei Garden. The overall goal is to maintain and keep the Issei Garden clean, simple, low maintenance and presentable to the public. Please check in at the HOC office and let them know that you are there to help with the gardening. Please contact Emi Kuniyoshi at 626-1064 for more information or if you want to volunteer your services.

“Ippee Niffee Deebiru to the Issei Garden Volunteers”!

**Donations to Ikuyu Madin
HUOA Fundraiser Program**

The Hawaii United Okinawan Association (HUOA) is asking the Okinawan Clubs to join together as a community towards paying off the loan on the property across the street from HOC at 94-587 Ukee Street by the end of this year (December 2010). This will be the first step; then the next step is the plans for development of the land; followed by building a center with facilities that will promote Okinawan businesses, culture, as well as HUOA programs. The Board of Directors are giving our members the opportunity to be recognized on a donor wall at the HOC. Ikuyu Madin “generation to generation” for Our Family - “Yuimaaru” Permanent Recognition Program. This fundraiser program allows donors to recognize family members on a permanent recognition generational wall. Individuals/Families will have the opportunity to honor their child/grandchild/parent/great grandparent. Levels of recognition are as follows:

Single Line:	\$1,500.00 - \$2,999.99	
Double Line:	\$3,000.00 - \$4,999.99	
Triple Line:	\$5,000.00 - \$7,499.99	
Bronze Level:	\$7,500.00 - \$9,999.99	4” x 16” block
Silver Level:	\$10,000 - \$19,999.99	5” x 16” block
Gold Level:	\$20,000.00 - \$29,000.00	7” x 16” block w/logo
Platinum Level:	\$30,000.00 and over	10” x 16” block w/logo

2010 HUOA Okinawan Festival

This year's annual Okinawan Festival will be held at Kapiolani Park near the bandstand on Saturday, September 4, 2010 and Sunday, September 5, 2010. There will be lots of ono-licious food booths, crafts, plants, country store, cultural display tent, local and Okinawan entertainment and Obon-dancing. Please join the Uchinanchus and the Uchinanchus-at-Heart at the Okinawan Festival and learn about the Okinawan culture and heritage! Looking forward to seeing all of you there! "Ipee Nifee Deebiru"

Volunteers Needed for the 2010 Okinawan Festival

ACTIVITY	DATE, LOCATION, & TIME	CONTACT PERSON
Andadog Booth: Cooking - 18 years and older Packing and selling of andadog - 12-17 years (with parental consent waiver) and 18 years and older	Sunday, September 5, 2010 First shift from 8:00am to 1:00pm Second shift from 12:30pm to 5:30pm (Every volunteer must sign a waiver)	Karen Koles Phone: 292-3115 or Florence Ohnishi Phone: 271-6848 Leave name(s), phone number(s), and time of shift you are volunteering for

For volunteers who want to help in other booths on Saturday, September 4, 2010 and Sunday, September 5, 2010; please check with the HUOA's Manpower Volunteer Booth and they will place you where ever help is needed. Free lunch will be provided to all volunteers.

Thank You to the 2010 HUOA Spring Evening Craft Fair Volunteers

Thank you very much to the volunteers who helped at the 2010 HUOA Spring Evening Craft Fair event. Thank you if you helped with the mailing of the Craft Vendors Registration Forms, making phone calls to the Craft Vendors of the change in date and time, helped with the set-up and/or clean up, loading/unloading the Craft Vendors supplies, cooking/runners/selling of the andagi and drinks in the Food Booth. A special thank you to the 2010 HUOA Spring Evening Craft Fair Committee for coordinating and attending the meetings, making phone calls to the Craft Vendors of the change in date and time, typing the Craft Vendors Information Lists, mailing of the Craft Vendors Registration Forms, refunds for cancellations, and confirmation letters, set up and/or clean up, and typing the Craft Vendors Evaluation Information. "Ipee Nifee Deebiru" for donating your time, hard work and for making this 2010 HUOA Spring Evening Craft Fair a successful event!

Kin Chojin Kai Club would like our club name and club logo to be part of the donor wall. If every club member donates a minimum of \$10.00, we can reach our goal of \$3,000.00. Please fill out the form below. "Ippee Niffee Deebiru" for your donation and help support our club reach our goal.

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**Donation to Ikuyu Madin
HUOA Fundraiser Program
for Kin Chojin Kai Club**

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ E-mail: _____

Please check one line and write a check payable to: Kin Chojin Kai Club and write on the bottom left hand corner of the check: Donation to Ikuyu Madin.

Donation Amount: \$10.00 _____ \$20.00 _____ \$25.00 _____ \$50.00 _____
\$100.00 _____ \$200.00 _____ \$300.00 _____ \$400.00 _____
\$500.00 _____ Other \$ _____

This donation is tax deductible because we are a non-profit organization. We would appreciate that you send your donation with a self stamp addressed envelope for your receipt.

"Ippee Niffee Deebiru for your donation and support"

Please mail the check with a self stamped address envelope to:

Kin Chojin Kai Club
c/o Rosaline Horiuchi
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