

KOCHINDA NO GUKURU

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TWILIGHT PICNIC



ALA MOANA PARK
AREAS 16 & 17 (same as last year)
Saturday July 23, 2005
3:00 – 8:00 pm

Since last year's picnic at twilight was successful in accommodating more members, this year's picnic will again be held during twilight hours. Don't miss this great opportunity to reunite with your Kochinda friends and relatives, provide a fun evening for your kids, and enjoy dinner during the cool evening hours.

Though the picnic program will start at 3:00 pm, Kochinda members are needed for early set up and to reserve the area. Please **call President Derek Kobayashi (455-4055)** if you are able to come early to help set up.

If you are planning to attend the Okinawan Festival, please purchase your scrip from Kochinda.

Tentative Picnic Schedule:

3:00 – 5:00	Dues Collection/ Scrip Purchase*
3:00 – 5:00	Games**
4:00 – 6:00	Kamau Tournament***
6:00 – 6:15	Meeting
	Uchinanchu of the Year nominations
6:15 – 7:15	Dinner
7:15	Lucky Number Drawings *****
7:45	Clean up
8:00	Drive home safely!

* Dues and money for Festival Scrip will be collected during this time only. Please **call President Derek Kobayashi (455-4055)** to reserve your Festival scrip and make arrangements for pick up if you will not be coming to the picnic.

If you are not able to come to the picnic at this time, dues and scrip purchases may be sent to:

Joy Yamauchi, Treasurer
1584 Piikea St.
Honolulu, HI 96818

*** To save time, please try to find your own partner before signing up

**** Lucky number tickets will be given only to members present at the picnic. Please do not ask for tickets for other members.

PLEASE SIGN UP TO HELP AT THE OKINAWAN FESTIVAL!

September 3 - 4, 2005

Kapiolani Park



Please call **Carole Nohara (833-1995)** to volunteer. Shifts are 8 to 1 and 12 to 5 on Saturday and 8:30 to 1:30 and 12:30 to 5:30 on Sunday.

SCRIP WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR SALE AT THE PICNIC. Call Derek Kobayashi for scrip if you will not be attending the picnic.

Shinnenkai Featured Silent Auction and Lively Oral Auction

This year's Shinnenkai held at Victoria Inn featured a first-ever Silent Auction. Generous members donated a host of prizes for participants to bid on. Highest bidders were able to claim their treasures at the close of the auction. All leftover items were sold thanks to the extraordinary talents of Kochinda President and Auctioneer Derek Kobayashi. Derek created a bidding frenzy in which previously snubbed items were fought over in friendly competition. Highest income producing item was a mint-condition samurai print by Otsuka donated by Derek and Kathy Kobayashi and purchased by Charles and Geri Isara for a mere \$50! Children had fun at their own bidding table. Kochinda thanks Auctioneer Derek, members who donated as well as purchased items, and members who donated pupus and/or dessert items.

Proceeds were earmarked to support members who send their children to the 2005 HUOA Children's Cultural Day Camp. Kacie Chinen, daughter of Keith and Marcia Chinen, Courtney Kobata, daughter of Daryl and Sheri Ann Kobata, and James Platt, son of Randall and Keiko Platt, attended. James wrote a letter to thank Kochinda for sending him to this camp:

Dear Kochinda Cho Jin Kai Members,

During June 7 through June 10, I attended the Okinawan Cultural Day camp for Children. It was on a scholarship from the silent auction. It was very interesting and fun. There were many activities that I enjoyed. One of them was the dance that we did with our parankus (Okinawan drums). I forgot what the dance was called, but it was fun. I also liked the cooking. I learned how to make makisushi. Ikebana was also another good activity. I just wanted my Ikebana to be colorful, and it came out perfect. My favorite activities were the field trip to Hawaii's Plantation Village, and the Sleepover. At Hawaii's Plantation Village, we went Crayfish fishing and regular fishing. I wasn't able to catch a crayfish during Cray fishing, but for some strange reason, I was able to catch a crayfish during regular fishing! I also made kites, played games, and ate sugarcane (You're not supposed to swallow it, just chew on it until the flavor is gone. Then you spit it out.). When we returned to camp, we had the paddleboat finals (I won the prelims, but lost the semifinals.). After dinner, before we went to sleep, we watched Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban. In the morning, we watched The Incredibles. I had a great time and want to thank the members of Kochinda for sending me.

Ippe Nehei Debiru,

James Platt

Congratulations!

Kochinda proudly congratulates 13-year-old **Jasmine Kaneshiro**, daughter of Kochinda members Dean and Renee Kaneshiro, on winning the Hawaii State Spelling Bee this past March. Jasmine, who just completed the seventh grade at Hawaii Baptist Academy, represented Hawaii in the national competition in Washington, D.C. Way to go, Jasmine!

KOCHINDA THANKS OUR GENEROUS DONORS

Received 10/12/04 – 1/13/05	Clifford & Janet Nishihara
Ronald & Evelyn Gushiken	Irene Chun
Nancy Kaneshiro	Charles & Geri Isara
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Annette Platt	Thomas & Ethel Isara
	June Tokuda
Received 1/21/05 - 2/5/05	Terry & Roberta Saito
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**FOUND at the Shinnenkai: Nylon Velcro
wallet with cash inside. Please call Irene Hino
at 941-1222 and identify.**

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