



Maui Okinawa Kenjin Kai News

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2004 Scholarship Recipients

Maui Okinawa Kenjin Kai,

Thank you very much for choosing me as a recipient for your scholarship. I am proud to be able to represent my heritage in such a way. I know my grandparents, who moved to Hawaii from Okinawa twenty years ago, will also be very happy. Regrettably, I have no direct ties with the MOKK. The only string that ties me to your organization is that I am half Okinawan and represent my culture as such. I hope to meet many of your members at the annual picnic. Until then, thank you very much.

Sincerely, *Maiko Arashiro*



Maiko Arashiro

daughter of Suzuko Arashiro of Wailuku graduate of Baldwin High School plans to attend Pomona College to major in Economics and International Relations

Dear Maui Okinawa Kenjin Kai,

Thank you so much for choosing me as one of the recipients of the Maui Okinawa Kenjin Kai Scholarship. I am so grateful and honored to receive such an award.

My family and I are members of the Maui Okinawa Kenjin Kai and my grandparents, Helen & Frank Kawahara, are actively involved in the club. We attend many of the yearly functions with my grandparents.

Sincerely, Merrily Cretton



Merrily Cretton

daughter of Daniel & Janice Cretton of Haiku graduate of King Kekaulike High School hopes to attend Point Loma University to study Journalism

Dear Maui Okinawa Kenjin Kai,

Thank you very much for choosing me as a recipient for your generous scholarship award. I greatly appreciate the financial help you have given me. Our family is a new member of MOKK. Once again thank you very much!

Sincerely,

Eric Takamine



Eric Takamine

son of Tracy & Cynthia Takamine of Kula graduate of King Kekaulike High School plans to attend University of Portland to major in civil engineering



Maui Sugar Plantation Festival

We will again participate in the Maui Sugar Plantation Festival on **Saturday, August 14**, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the A & B Sugar Museum in Puunene. This fun, festive day includes a wonderful program of cultural entertainment, a wide selection of ethnic foods, interactive demonstrations, exhibits and plantation games for the kids. MOKK will need help in making and selling *andagi*. For more information or to volunteer to help, contact **Todd Hondo** or leave a message at 242-1560.



Maui Okinawa Kenjin Kai News is a publication of the Maui Okinawa Kenjin Kai (MOKK), a non-profit organization committed to promote, perpetuate and encourage the appreciation of Okinawan heritage, culture and arts. The newsletter is published for members of MOKK.

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President's Message

MOKK Members & Friends,

The month of May was once again a very busy one for MOKK. Our bazaar on May 8 culminated many weeks of preparation and proved to be a huge success. Thank you to chairpersons **Helen Tamashiro**, **Dennis Shinsato** and **Diane Nako** and the many volunteers who put in hundreds of hours to prepare for our largest fundraiser of the year.

One week later, we participated in the Maui Matsuri Festival at Kahului Shopping Center. Chairpersons **Todd Hondo**, **June Konno** and **Clarence Uehara** led the group of volunteers in cooking and selling of *andagi* and sushi. Thanks to all who helped.

At the end of May, I had the privilege of presenting the MOKK scholarships to three outstanding high school seniors. Thank you to **Jan Matsushita** for coordinating our scholarship program. I would like to ask the membership to support this program by making donations to the scholarship fund. With your help, we can be sure this program will continue to recognize our outstanding young students for many years to come.

On June 9–12, our annual Children's Camp was held at MOCC. It was such a great camp that the adult and junior counselors seemed to enjoy themselves just as much as the children. Thanks again to the all of you who volunteered for this event. Special thanks to **Traci Villarosa** and **Jana Yamashiro** for coordinating the camp. I would also like to recognize **Karen Kuba-Hori** from HUOA for her support and for staying with us for the entire camp.

Have a good summer.

Bob

M O K K Scholarship Recipients

Where are they now? The first scholarship was awarded in 1977. The amount of the original award was \$300. Over the years, the amount of the award and the number of scholarship recipients has increased. Since its inception, MOKK has awarded 81 scholarships worth over \$42,000.

1977

Name: **Ralph H. Ajifu** of Wailuku, Maui
 School(s) attended: UH Hilo
 Current Occupation: Branch Manager
 Employer: FKS Rentals, Sales & Service
 Family: Wife – Debbie, Daughter – Sharla, Son – Reece
It was a great honor for myself and my family to have been the first to receive this scholarship. Back then \$300 was a big help.

1978

Name: **Linda M. Kiyabu** of Kahului, Maui
 School(s) attended: University of Hawaii at Manoa
 Degree(s) attained: BA English
 Current Occupation: Unemployment Insurance Specialist
 Employer: State Department of Labor
Thank you very much for supporting my college education!

1979

Name: **Ruby (Uehara) Yip** of Makawao, Maui
 School(s) attended: Maui Community College, University of Hawaii - Manoa
 Degree(s) attained: BS Home Economics
 Current Occupation: Accounting Clerk
 Employer: The Maui News
 Family: Husband – Garret Yip, Children – Jensen, Jarret, Jadelyn
I am very grateful to MOKK for the scholarship I received many years ago. I am also very thankful for my Okinawan heritage and the values it has instilled.



1985

Name: **Cynthia Takamiya Low** of Honolulu, Oahu
 School(s) attended: University of Hawaii, Texas A&M, George Washington University
 Degree(s) attained: BA Art History, MA Architecture, Certificate Museum Studies
 Current Occupation: Collections Manager Assistant
 Employer: The Contemporary Museum
 Family: Husband – James Low
Thank you for supporting my education and dreams!

1985

Name: **Amy Nishihara Tamaribuchi** of Aiea, Oahu
 School(s) attended: University of Hawaii at Manoa
 Degree(s) attained: BA Communications
 Current Occupation: Client Advisor
 Employer: Olelo Community Television
 Family: Husband – Jay Tamaribuchi
Thank you for supporting young students throughout these years.



1985, 1986, 1997

Name: **Laurie Omuro-Yamamoto** of Wailuku, Maui
 School(s) attended: University of Hawaii at Manoa, University of Wisconsin - Madison
 Degree(s) attained: BEd, MEd, PhD
 Current Occupation: Counseling Psychologist
 Employer: Aloha House Inc.
 Family: Husband – Reid Yamamoto, Daughter – Mari Mie Yamamoto
Thank you very much for your past support in helping me continue my education. The scholarship award helped me to reduce all my educational expenses. I am glad that MOKK continue to support children of MOKK and Maui residents of Okinawan ancestry.

Where are they now?

1988

Name: **Raina Takumi Kaholoaa** of Kahului, Maui
School(s) attended: Colorado State University, University of California Berkeley

Degree(s) attained: B.S., M.S. Entomology

Current Occupation: Biologist

Employer: Haleakala National Park

Family: Husband - Jeremiah, Son - Tani

I am glad I had the opportunity to attend college on the mainland. I am now back on Maui and working to conserve the natural and cultural resources at Haleakala. I also enjoy playing with Maui Okinawa Taiko.

1988

Name: **Brady Shirota** of Wailuku, Maui

School(s) attended: Creighton University

Degree(s) attained: DDS

Current Occupation: Dentist

Employer: self-employed

I value the scholarship award more than ever since college education has gotten so expensive. Thanks again.

1989

Name: **Trevor N. Tokishi** of Kahului, Maui

School(s) attended: University of Hawaii - Manoa

Degree(s) attained: BBA in Accounting, BBA in Human Resource Mgmt

Current Occupation: Executive Vice President

Employer: Valley Isle Community Federal Credit Union

Family: Wife – Judith, Sons – Dawson, Ethan

1991, 1992, 1994, 1995

Name: **Wade H. Hondo** of Kahului, Maui

School(s) attended: University of Puget Sound

Degree(s) attained: BA Fine Arts, Masters in Teaching

Current Occupation: Teacher

Employer: Department of Education, Baldwin High School

I've always been thankful to the Kenjin Kai for helping me to go to college. It's an honor to be in such a respected circle of recipients.

1992, 1996

Name: **Carrie Ann Yoshiko Shirota** of Honolulu, Oahu

School(s) attended: Santa Clara University, William S.

Richardson School of Law/UH Law School

Degree(s) attained: BA in Liberal Arts, Minor in Sociology and Ethnic Studies, Juris Doctorate, J.D.

Current Occupation: Enforcement Attorney

Employer: Hawaii Civil Rights Commission

1993, 1994, 1995

Name: **Jason T. Hondo** of Honolulu, Oahu

School(s) attended: Stanford University, Santa Clara University

Degree(s) attained: BA Psychology

Current Occupation: Student, working towards Masters

Degree in Education

College was such a big expense for myself and my family.

Your scholarship allowed me to continue my education. I am very grateful to the Okinawa Kenjin Kai and their members.

1995

Name: **Jay Tokishi** of Honolulu, Oahu

School(s) attended: Stanford University, UH – John A. Burns School of Medicine

Degree(s) attained: BA Human Biology

Current Occupation: Medical Student

1995

Name: **Lisa Tamie (Hondo) Mahoe** of Kahului, Maui

School(s) attended: Willamette University

Degree(s) attained: BA Business Economics

Current Occupation: Escrow Associate

Employer: Title Guaranty Escrow

Family: Husband – Donald Mahoe, Jr.

I am thankful for the educational opportunities I have had—none of which would have been possible without this scholarship.

1996

Name: **Joey Yoshio Kohatsu** of Honolulu, Oahu

School(s) attended: University of Hawaii at Manoa, John A. Burns School of Medicine

Degree(s) attained: BS Human Nutrition (2002), MD (2007 anticipated)

Current Occupation: 1st Year Medical Student

Okinawan Festival 2005

Our next festival is already in the works for October 2005 at the War Memorial Soccer Field Complex. Chairpersons **Todd Hondo** and **Linda Kiyabu** are requesting your assistance for this major event. Former committee chairs are being contacted for information. Please give us your ideas, help and input!

Where are they now?



1998
 Name: **Destin (Daniel) Yori Cretton** of Haiku, Maui
 School(s) attended: Maui Community College, Point Loma Nazarene University, San Diego State University (starting Masters Program)
 Degree(s) attained: BS Mass Media Communications
 Current Occupation: DDC Video Production – self-employed, High School Video Teacher (part-time)
 Employer: California Department of Education

I want to express my sincere

appreciation for the financial support the Maui Okinawa Kenjin Kai offered to me in my education.



2001
 Name: **Marisa Shimabukuro** of Pukalani, Maui
 School(s) attending: Pacific University
 Degree(s) attained: Business Administration/ Japanese
 The Maui Okinawa Kenjin Kai scholarship has helped me with my college expenses, and I am very thankful.



Tiffany with her art.

2000
 Name: **Tiffany Taira** of Lahaina, Maui
 School(s) attended: University of Hawaii at Manoa
 Degree(s) attained: BA Painting/Drawing (December 2004)
 Current Occupation: Student
It was such an honor to be awarded for the MOKK Scholarship. Thank you for the financial support it provided. I am applying to graduate schools in California for the fall of 2005. I am pursuing a career in Filmmaking. Upon completion, I would like to someday share my experiences, knowledge and support to Hawaii's growing filmmakers.

2002
 Name: **Kaylee Shimomura** of Kula, Maui
 School(s) attended: Loyola Marymount University
 Degree(s) attained: working on BS Biology
 Current Occupation: Student
 · *Studying art abroad in Tuscany, Italy (summer '04)*
 · *Conducting undergraduate research through Biology Department at LMU*
 · *Trying to form Taiko Club at University*

2003
 Name: **Keakealani Tanabe** of Kihei, Maui
 School(s) attended: Brigham Young University - Hawaii
I have recently completed my first year at BYU-H and will be returning in the Fall. I will be continuing my studies in my major, which is Hawaiian Studies. Thank you to Maui Okinawa Kenjin Kai for helping me continue my education.

2003

Name: **Lori Shimabukuro** of Pukalani, Maui
 School(s) attending: Westmont College
Thank you for all of your support in helping with my college expenses. The Maui Okinawa Kenjin Kai is a generous organization that has contributed to the success of my first year of college.



HUOA Okinawan Festival

Scripts for the HUOA Okinawan Festival in Honolulu are available at the Maui Okinawa Cultural Center. Those who are planning to attend the festival at Kapiolani Park are encouraged to purchase these presale scripts from the MOKK as a portion of each script sale will be given to MOKK.

There will be a Festival Parade on September 5, 2004. HUOA is offering any Issei that is able the opportunity to be in the parade as a grand marshal. If you are interested, please call the MOKK office at 242-1560.



2003

Name: **Kathryn Monet** of Wailuku, Maui
 School(s) attended: Seton Hall University
Thank you again for your scholarship. As my 1st year at Seton Hall University has

come to an end, I am updating you on the progress of my college education thus far. I still have yet to receive my grades for this semester, but my 1st semester GPA was a 3.625. This semester I took History of Traditional Asia, Intermediate Japanese II, Statistical Models for the Social Sciences, English II, and World Religions. I am enrolled in Sustainable Development, Comparative Foreign Policy, Ethics & International Relations, Principles of Economics I, History of Traditional Japan, and Advanced Japanese I for the fall semester. In addition to that, I also will have an on-campus job with the math department as a tutor for Statistics students.

As you may or may not know, the study of Japanese has taken up quite a large portion of my life, thus I have decided to become a double major in Asian

Studies and Diplomacy & International Relations rather than minoring in Asian Studies. There is no Japanese major therefore my major in Asian Studies will have a concentration on Japan. The Japanese Department at Seton Hall sponsor an annual Japan week, during which they award deserving students for excellence in studying the Japanese language thus I was one of 7 awardees from the Intermediate Japanese classes receiving a plaque and numerous gifts from the Japan week sponsors. Subsequently, I am also participating in Seton Hall's Summer at Sophia University Program. I will be studying contemporary Japanese economy and politics in Tokyo between July 25 and August 19. The 2 classes that I take there will transfer as 9 credits toward my Asian Studies degree. For \$100 more than the cost of 9 credits a Seton Hall prices, I get a month-long trip to Japan. I'm really excited to go back to Japan! If I'm not mistaken, we're supposed to climb Mt. Fuji while we're there.

Subsequently, I wanted to thank you once again for your contribution to my education, as it has provided me with many educational opportunities that have meant a great deal to me.

We were not able to locate current addresses of some of our past scholarship recipients. If you are a past recipient or know their whereabouts, please give this information to the MOKK office for future reference. Thank you.

B A Z A A R 2 0 0 4

The 2004 Bazaar Committee greatly appreciates all the hard work and support from the MOKK Bazaar chairpersons, members, and friends. Your donations and contributions enabled this year's Bazaar to be a success. All funds received will help to maintain our facility as well as perpetuate the Okinawan culture. Thank you very much.

Special thanks to:

Co chairs – **Dennis Shinsato & Diane Nako**
 Committee chairs:
 Newsletter – **Linda Kiyabu**
 Publicity – **Michael Hondo**
 Traffic & Security – **Jerry Arakawa**
 Andagi – **Mrs. June Konno and family**
 Plants – **Russel Gushi**
 Flowers – **Kimiko Takamiya**
 Vegetables – **Ed Tengan**
 Hot Dog and Advisor – **Bob Yonahara**
 Silent Auction – **Anne Masuda**
 Electronics – **Koki Tamashiro**
 New Items – **Betty Yamashiro & Betty K Yamashiro**
 Clothing – **Hiroko Fukuda & Sadako Ige**
 House wares – **Rachael Gusukuma & Grace Takushi**
 Toys – **Margaret Miyashiro**
 Books, Luggage, purses – **Wendy Tamashiro**
 Cashiers – **Colleen Takamura**
 Cookies – **Toshiko Nishihara**
 Pretzels – **Helen Kawahara**
 Banana Bread – **Mitsuko Kiyabu**
 Spam Musubi – **Toshiko Oki,**
 Jane Ginoza & Don Ginoza
 Sushi – **Helen Kawahara**
 Pickles – **Pat Miyashiro**
 Lunch – **Nazo Yamashiro (chili) & Don Ginoza (rice)**

Some of you brought your non-member friends to help. Please be sure to thank them. Hopefully it was a pleasant experience for them.

Thank you to the donors of the *nuntu*, *mochi*, *okoshi*, jams and jellies, *takuwan*, banana bread, plants, flowers, vegetables, food items, and things for the silent auction and rummage sale.

The recorded in-kind donations amounted to \$6,567.

Starting April 28, 2004, the women folks worked over 700 “Lady hours” pricing the rummage, baking cookies and banana bread, frying pretzels, making spam *musubi*, *ti* leaf leis and corsages, and packing the food items. **Edwin Miyahira** spent most of the year getting hundreds of plants ready for the plant sale.

Thank you to the **Konno family** and their crew of *andagi* makers who started working at 2 a.m. on bazaar day so they could make some 2,500 *andagis*.

The rummage that was not sold was shared with the community through the Big Brothers – Big Sisters organization.

The gross profit from the bazaar sales was \$12,662. Some of the profit from the bazaar will be used for the maintenance of the *Kaikan* such as: liability insurance, electricity, and water expenses. Thank you to those who made monetary donations, a total of \$1,113.

Thank you to the men who set up the tents and tables, to those who loaned us 15 tables so we would have enough display space for our products.

Thanks to **Nazo Yamashiro** for preparing the delicious chili for lunch and **Don Ginoza** for cooking the rice.

Last, but not least, thanks to all who helped on bazaar day as sales persons, guards, traffic directors, cashiers, and helpers where ever needed.

Our next bazaar is scheduled for the year 2006. May we ask for your support again at that time? If you have any suggestions or comments about the bazaar please call me.

Mahalo,

Helen Tamashiro
 Bazaar Co-chair

MENSORE

“Welcome”

Class/Activity	Day of the Week/Time	Contact:
Fun Day (Hanafuda, cribbage, piute, socializing, bingo, craft, etc.)	Wednesday 10:00 a.m.-12:00 noon	Robert Miyashiro
Gateball	Monday/Wednesday 7:00 a.m.	Umeno Toyama
Hogen (Okinawan Language) & Culture	Monday 7:00 p.m.	Charlene Yamashiro
Iaido (Sword)	Tuesday/Friday 6:00 p.m.	Koki Tamashiro
Karaoke	1st/4th Sunday 11:00 a.m.	Robert Montgomery
Odori (Dance)	2nd Sunday of the month Sunday 1:00 p.m.	Wallace Miyahira
Paranku	Sunday 3:30 p.m.	Cheryl Nakasone
Senior Citizen's Club	1st Monday, 9:00 a.m.	June Konno/Yoneko Higa
Sanshin	Thursday 6:30 p.m.(except 2nd Thursdays)	Fumiko Cup Choy
Taiko (Drum) for all ages/levels	Monday 5:30 p.m.	Ralph Yamanuha
Taiko (Drum) for beginners	Saturday 8:45 a.m.	Hirofada Toyama
Taiko (Drum) for children	Saturday 9:45 a.m.	Wendy Tamashiro
Taiko (Drum) for advanced	Saturday 10:45 a.m.	Darren Konno
Workday	Saturday 8:00-11:00 a.m. (potluck lunch)	Darren Konno
General Board Meeting	2nd Thursday of the month, 7:30 p.m. (Jan, Mar, May, July, Sept, Nov)	
Executive Board Meeting	2nd Thursday of the month, 7:30 p.m. (Feb, Apr, June, Aug, Oct, Dec)	
Project Dana	Last Friday of the month, 11:00 a.m.	Betty Yamashiro

These classes and activities are held at the Maui Okinawa Cultural Center (MOCC) unless otherwise noted.
For more information, please call the contact person or MOCC at 242-1560.

Donations to Maui Okinawa Kenjin Kai

as of 3/10/04 to 6/16/04

General Fund

M/M William Higa	50.00
Susumu Nakasone	30.00
M/M Donald Nishibayashi	20.00
Ms. Shizuko Tanabe	20.00
Mr. Takeshi Teruya	50.00
Ms. Elsie Ting	25.00
M/M Masano Toguchi	50.00
Ms. Misao Tshako	25.00
Fred & Nancy Yamashita	50.00
Mrs. Tammy Yonahara	25.00

Maui Matsuri

Mrs. Hideko Uehara	20.00
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Scholarship

Mr. Wade Hondo	50.00
Mr. Robert Montgomery	50.00
Dr. Brady Shirota	100.00
Ms. Miki Amy Tamaribuchi	100.00
Mr. Trevor Tokishi	100.00
M/M Steven Uyehara	100.00
Mrs. Ruby Yip	25.00

In Memory of Shinken Nakama

Mrs. Fern Nakama	100.00
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In Memory of Roy Yonahara

Anonymous	5000.00
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In Memory of Nobuo Miyahira

Ms. Jennifer Miyahira	100.00
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Scholarship/In Memory of Teiki Shirota & Dianne Yoshizawa

Ms. Aimee Yatsushiro	100.00
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Bazaar

M/M Tony Arakaki	50.00
Humio Arakawa	25.00
Shintoku Arakawa	20.00
Mrs. Jane Ginoza	27.00
Mrs. Yukiko Ginoza	30.00
Seichi Higa	20.00
Mrs. Yoneko Higa	20.00
Edwin & Elsie Ige, Sr.	100.00
Mrs. Kiyoko Isagawa	25.00
Mrs. Norma Kamiya	30.00
Mr. Harold Kishaba	100.00
Ms. Chiyoko Matsui	10.00
Janet C. Matsuoka	20.00
M/M Robert Miyashiro	25.00
M/M Yasuo Nagamine	100.00
Ms. Florence Nakama	25.00

Mrs. Doris Nakasone	25.00
Shinso & Yoshiko Nakasone	20.00
Tamotsu & Patsy Nakata	20.00
Mrs. Doris Saiki	11.00
M/M Raymond Sasaoka	50.00
M/M Donald Shimabukuro	100.00
M/M Dennis Shinsato	50.00
Ms. Lynette Shiroma	25.00
M/M Toshio Shiroma	25.00
Mr. Jin Takamiya	20.00
M/M Kenneth Takamiya	30.00
Masako Takamiya	20.00
Ms. Linda Tengan	20.00
M/M Masanobu Yamashiro	20.00

In Kind

Mr. Alan Arakawa	“Roots” CD
Ms. Barbara Kawakami	Japanese book
M/M Sakae Kiyabu	
	“Okinawa Graph” magazines
M/M Richard Oya	Sanshin Music Book
Ukwanshin Kabudan Ryukyu Troupe	
	Namikagi CD & Ukwanshin Video

If you think there is an error or omission on the donation list, please contact the office so we can make the correction. Thank you.

Warabi Ashibi

"Children at Play"

Children's
Cultural
Day
Camp

June
9-12,
2004



Eisa Taiko



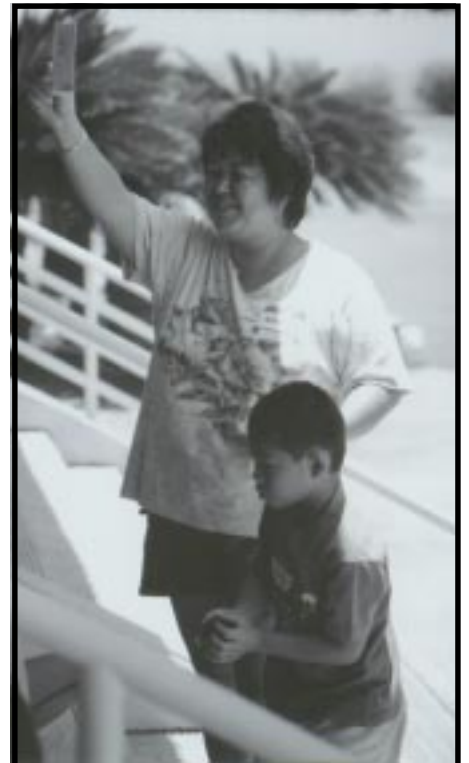
Uchina Bingo
Children's Camp Co-Chair
Traci Fujita Villarosa



Arts & Crafts



Tsunahiki Tug-O-War



Children's Camp Co-Chair
Jana Yamashiro

Annual Picnic

Sunday, August 1, 2004
Pukalani Community Center
10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.



Bring your potluck dish and join the fun!
Meet the scholarship recipients!

Sunday, August 1, 2004
Annual Picnic
Pukalani Community Center
Chairpersons
Wendy Tamashiro, Charlene Gima
Saturday, August 14, 2004
Sugar Plantation Festival
Age B Sugar Museum
Chairperson Todd Hondo
Friday-Saturday, August 20-21, 2004
Obon Concession
Paia Rinzai Zen Mission
Chairperson Jana Yamashiro
Saturday, October 30, 2004
Youth Halloween Party
Maui Okinawa Cultural Center
Chairpersons
Traci Fujita Villarosa, Jana Yamashiro
Saturday, November 20, 2004
Bonen Kai (End of the Year Celebration)
Maui Beach Hotel
Chairpersons
Todd Hondo, Christine Hondo, Sandy Hondo

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