



# Maui Okinawa Kenjin Kai News

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## Congratulations to our 2008 Uchinanchu of the Year!



### *Uchinanchu (Member) of the Year*

*Each year, MOKK selects an individual who best exemplifies the spirit of being Uchinanchu, of being Okinawan. As this year's recipient, Nancy will be honored at the Hawaii United Okinawa Association's (HUOA) Installation Banquet on Oahu on January 17th along with other Uchinanchu of the Year recipients from the HUOA clubs throughout Hawaii.*

Our 2008 Uchinanchu of the Year is **Nancy Yoshiko Kiyabu**. A Maui Okinawa Kenjin Kai member for over 30 years, Nancy has been the club's Japanese secretary for most of those years. Her job has been to translate correspondence from Okinawa so that board members can understand and respond.

Nancy is also the person that many club members go to for their personal correspondence. She translates letters to and from Okinawa, so that Maui people continue to have a connection with their family and friends there.

In addition to being MOKK's Japanese secretary, Nancy's other interests have been to teach the Okinawa language class every Tuesday night and participate in senior club and fujinkai activities. She is also active with the Kahului Jodo Mission and Japanese Cultural Society.

Nancy came to Hawaii from Shuri Naha in 1959 as a new bride. She spent those early years being a homemaker and mother of three. When her children were grown, she worked as the Maui correspondent for the Hawaii Hochi and later as a produce clerk for Noda Market.



President **Dennis Shinsato** presents Nancy with a plaque from the Maui Okinawa Kenjin Kai.



Last year's Uchinanchu of the Year recipient, **Grace Oshiro**, holds a portrait that was donated by **Nagamine Photo Studio**.

# President's Message



*Hai Sai,*

Year 2008 has finally come to a close. This was a busy year for the organization and many of us had little time to rest. Nevertheless, all of our events were successful. We started the year with our annual Golf Tournament at the Waiehu Golf Course and then continued with our fundraisers: the Maui Matsuri, Bazaar, and Obon concessions. During the summer, we also held our annual picnic. Then, the last quarter of the year included our cultural events: flower arrangement classes, an andagi demonstration, a genealogy class, and a cultural display. Year 2008 ended with our 80th Anniversary at the Maui Arts & Cultural Center and Bonen Kai celebration.

The chairpersons of each event did an outstanding job. The success of Year 2008 is reflective of your diligence. I appreciate your time and dedication to the development of the Maui Okinawa Kenjin Kai.

Thank you to the members and friends who also helped make this past year a success. Your donations, hard work and performances enabled our organization to achieve one of our most important goals--to perpetuate the Okinawa culture to the Maui community. I am grateful for everyone's support and wish the best to next year's officers.

*Thank you again,*

*Dennis K. Shinsato*

*MOKK President*

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80 Years of  
  
 1928-2008

*The Maui Okinawa Kenjin Kai wishes to thank the following individuals, groups and businesses for their support of the recent 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Music and Dance Performance at the Maui Arts & Cultural Center on November 9, 2008:*

**Performers/Program:**

Sensei Cheryl Yoshie Nakasone  
 Jimpu Kai USA Kin Ryosho  
 Ryukyu Geino Kenkyusho  
 Earl Zaan  
 Mary Ann Lundquist  
 Diane Nako  
 Mealani Nako  
 Sarah Fusato  
 Alyssa Fusato  
 Sensei Terry Higa  
 Hawaii Taiko Kai  
 Janet Miyahira  
 June Konno  
 Toshiko Nishihara  
 Nancy Kimura  
 Betty Yamashiro  
 Elaine Fujita  
 Sensei Grant "Sandaa" Murata  
 Afusoryu Gensei Kai  
 Sensei Robert Montgomery  
 Komei Juku Maui

Guy Junker

Young Okinawans of Hawaii  
 Hui Okinawa  
 Kathy Collins  
 Dennis Shinsato  
 Kara Shinsato  
 Lori Shinsato  
 Cheryl Okuma

**Back Stage Crew:**

Charlotte Fusato  
 George Fujita  
 Jay Fujita  
 Lawrence Miyahira  
 Raymond Higa  
 Bob Yonahara  
 Wendy Tamashiro  
 Stan Tamayose  
 Layne Oishi  
 Casey Nakasone  
 Maui Arts & Cultural Center's  
 Castle Theater stage crew

**Committee:**

Alan Arakawa  
 Amy Shinsato  
 George Tengan  
 Todd Hondo  
 Linda Kiyabu

**Donations:**

George Tengan  
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*The vision for the celebration was to give our parents and grandparents—the heart and soul of the Maui Okinawa Kenjin Kai—an opportunity to dress up, go to a first class theater, sit back and enjoy the colorful traditions of their culture, without having to work as hard as they usually do. Over a year of planning and effort was put into making this event happen.*

*Our members and friends, who chose to give us their time and support, especially in this challenging economic season, honored us with their presence. Thank you for helping us celebrate "80 Years of Okinawan Community."*

***Ippei Nifee Debiru (thank you very much)***



*The Maui Okinawa Kenjin Kai celebrated its 80th anniversary with an afternoon of Okinawan music and dance on November 9, 2008, at the Maui Arts & Cultural Center's Castle Theater.*



**Kathy Collins**, mistress of ceremony, welcomed our guests and provided professional introductions for all the performances.



Not only is it rare to see the Shi-Shi Mai performance outside of Okinawa, we welcomed two shishi in our performance thanks to Young Okinawans of Hawaii (Honolulu) and Hui Okinawa (Hilo).



The audience was treated to the captivating drum beats of Hawaii Taiko Kai's classical style (Koten) of Okinawan drumming. Front Row: **Janet Miyahira, Terry Higa, Elaine Fujita**. Back Row: **Nancy Kimura, Kaaren Takara, Yoko Wakasugi, Judi Kawachi**.



Jimpu Kai USA Kin Ryosho Ryukyu Geino Kenkyusho, under the direction of **Cheryl Yoshie Nakasone Sensei**, performed "Erabu Koi Uta." Shown here are dancers (front) **Charlene Gima**, (back left to right) **Melanie Van Der Tuin, Mary Ann Lundquist, and Diane Nako**.



Remember small-kid time? "Warabi Uta" is a collection of children's songs, in which the children go to the beach, play with their siblings, and dream about a red pony. Our young Maui performers were **Alyssa Fusato**, **Sarah Fusato**, and **Mealani Nako** of Jimpu Kai USA Kin Ryosho Ryukyu Geino Kenkyusho, Hawaii Shibu.

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Jimpu Kai USA Kin Ryosho Ryukyu Geino Kenkyusho, Hawaii Shibu, was first established in 1977 to continue the legacy of Master Kin Ryosho, designated a National Living Treasure by the Japanese government. "Ichihanari Bushi," choreographed by Master Kin Ryosho, describes the islands of Ichihanari, Henza, and Chikin Kudaka. This dance was performed by **Cheryl Nakasone Sensei**.

The Afuso School, teaching Okinawan Sanshin (or samisen), formally established a school in Hawaii in 1994 under the direction of Japanese National Living Treasure Choichi Terukina. Members of Afusoryu Gensei Kai Hawaii Shibu included: (from left to right) **Calvin Nakama**, **Sean Sadaoka**, **Kenton Odo**, **Grant "Sandaa" Murata Sensei**, **Lisa Sadaoka** and **June Nakama** (not shown). Joining them on the koto is **Derek Fujio** of Jane Kaneshiro Sozan Kai.





# Congratulations!

Certificates awarded on  
December 6, 2008,  
at the Bonen Kai:



80-year-olds  
Yoshio Yamanuha  
Ann Sato  
Margaret Miyashiro  
Alice Maloney



Yoshio Yamanuha



Toshiko Oki



Alice Maloney, Rachel Shiroma

## Genealogy Workshop

The Okinawan Genealogical Society of Hawaii presented a workshop on Saturday, November 1st at our kaikan. The speakers generously shared valuable information and personal experiences to help participants begin their own research into their family roots. The workshop was open to the public and was sponsored by Maui Okinawa Kenjin Kai and the Fujinkai.

Thank you to all who helped with the Genealogy workshop. It was a huge success! Thanks to The Okinawan Genealogical Society of Hawaii President **Fred Shinsato, Amy Tsuru, Bob Kishaba, Nancy Tome, Tom Shimabuku and Nancy Yogi**. Thanks to the Maui Okinawa Kenjin Kai President **Dennis**

**Shinsato**, volunteers who helped in different capacities, **Janet Miyahira, Koki Tamashiro, Elaine Fujita, Betty M. Yamashiro, Nancy Kimura, Michael Hondo, Shigeru Nakanishi, Jerry Arakawa, Ed & Renee Nakata, Diane Nako, Earl Zaan, Eileen Taketa, Hideo Goya, Helen Tamashiro, Wendy Tamashiro, Amy Shinsato, Lynette Shiroma and Henry Yamashiro**. A big thank you to all those who attended the workshop.

Warmest Mahalo,  
**Betty Yamashiro**  
Keizu (Genealogy) Workshop Event Chair

If you are interested in a future genealogy workshop please leave a message at the kaikan 242-1560 with your contact information.

# 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Maui State Okinawan Golf Tournament

## Flights

**A Flight** (Cut off shall be determined by # of entries)

**B Flight** (Cut off shall be determined by # of entries)

**Senior flight** (62 Years & Older)

**Women's Flight**

**Guest Flight**

## Waiehu Golf Course

**February 14 & 15, 2009 (Sat & Sun)**

**Awards Banquet @ Maui Okinawa Cultural Center**

**Sunday 4:00 PM: Cocktails \*\*\* 5:00 PM: Dinner**

## Great Prizes!!!

**Closest to the Hole #2** (Sat & Sun) Maui Okinawa Kenjin Kai

**Closest to the Hole #16** (Sat & Sun) Maui Junior Golf

**Door Prizes!!!** (Must be present to win)

## \$100.00 Entry Fee

### 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Maui State Okinawan Golf Tournament

**Entry Fee \$100** (includes Green Fees, Cart Fees, & Dinner)

**Detach & Mail To: Ron Gibo, P.O. Box 1884, Wailuku, HI 96793**

**Make Check Payable To: Maui Okinawa Kenjin Kai**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Flight  
(Check one)

Address \_\_\_\_\_

- A & B Flight
- Senior Flight
- Women's
- Guest Flight

Check Box(es)  Uchinanchu  Uchinanchu club member \_\_\_\_\_

None of the above (Club name)

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Lowest Handicap as of 1/01/09 \_\_\_\_\_

**Entry deadline: February 7, 2009**

**Extra Dinner \$15.00 x \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_**

# MAUI OKINAWA CULTURAL CENTER SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

	1 <sup>st</sup> Week	2 <sup>nd</sup> Week	3 <sup>rd</sup> Week	4 <sup>th</sup> Week	5 <sup>th</sup> Week
<b>Sunday</b>	1-3pm Odori 3pm RMD	1-3pm Odori 3pm RMD	1-3pm Fujinkai Mtg (Jan, Apr, July, Oct) 1-3pm Odori 3pm RMD	1-3pm Odori 3pm RMD	1-3pm Odori 3pm RMD
<b>Monday</b>	7-9am Gateball 9am-12n Seniors  7-9pm HTK (Koten taiko)	7-9am Gateball  7-9pm HTK (Koten taiko)	7-9am Gateball  7-9pm HTK (Koten taiko)	7-9am Gateball  7-9pm HTK (Koten taiko)	7-9am Gateball  7-9pm HTK (Koten taiko)
<b>Tuesday</b>	6-9pm Iaido (Sword) 6-7pm Uchinaguchi/ Culture Class - kitchen	6-9pm Iaido (Sword) 6-7pm Uchinaguchi/ Culture Class - kitchen	6-9pm Iaido (Sword) 6-7pm Uchinaguchi/ Culture Class - kitchen	6-9pm Iaido (Sword) 6-7pm Uchinaguchi/ Culture Class - kitchen	6-9pm Iaido (Sword) 6-7pm Uchinaguchi/ Culture Class - kitchen
<b>Wednesday</b>	7-9am Gateball 10am-12n Fun Day	7-9am Gateball 10am-12n Fun Day  6:30pm Sanshin	7-9am Gateball 10am-12n Fun Day	7-9am Gateball 10am-12n Fun Day	7-9am Gateball 10am-12n Fun Day
<b>Thursday</b>	6:30pm Sanshin	6pm Board Meeting	6:30pm Sanshin	6:30pm Sanshin	6:30pm Sanshin
<b>Friday</b>	6-9pm Iaido (Sword)	6-9pm Iaido (Sword)	6-9pm Iaido (Sword)	6-9pm Iaido (Sword)	6-9pm Iaido (Sword)
<b>Saturday</b>	8-11am Workday 9am-1pm MOT (Drums)	8-11am Workday 9am-1pm MOT (Drums) 1-5pm Hawaii Taiko Kai	8-11am Workday 9am-1pm MOT (Drums)	8-11am Workday 9am-1pm MOT (Drums)	8-11am Workday 9am-1pm MOT (Drums)

Contact:

**Fun Day** (Hanafuda, bingo, craft, etc) Robert Miyashiro  
**Gateball** Charlene Yamashiro  
**Iaido** (Sword) Robert Montgomery  
**Hawaii Taiko Kai** (HTK Koten-Drums) Janet Miyahira  
**Maui Okinawa Taiko** (MOT - Drums) Wendy Tamashiro  
**Odori** (Dance) June Konno  
**Ryukyukoku Matsuri Daiko** (RMD - Drums) Traci Villarosa  
**Sanshin** Koki Tamashiro  
**Senior Citizen's Club** Helen Tamashiro  
**Fujinkai** (Women's Group)  
**Project DANA** (Service Group) Betty Yamashiro  
**Board Meetings:** 2nd Thursday of the month

Classes and activities held at the Maui Okinawa Cultural Center (MOCC or "kaikan"). Call 242-1560.



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1982 Yamaha Studio upright piano. Call the MOKK office at 242-1560 for details.



## Donations to the Maui Okinawa Kenjin Kai

08/30/08 to 11/20/08

**General Fund**

Anonymous \$5  
 Arakawa, Alan & Ann \$50  
 Cappalla, Michiko (Calif) \$20  
 Endo, Ray & Yvonne \$25  
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 Nakayama Minyo Kai \$50  
 Serikaku, Jane F. \$100  
 Shinsato, Haruko \$25  
 Sugimura, Yuki Lei \$50  
 Takamiya, James \$300  
 Takushi, Yasuhiko & Marian \$25  
 Uehara, Dr. Sakae & Fumiko \$100  
 Uehara, Steven Y. \$100  
 Yogi, Larry & Nancy \$100

**In-Kind**

Arakawa, Jerry - Coffee  
 Nakayama Minyo Kai -  
     1 case Kirkland water  
 Nishihara, Toshiko - Tea & coffee  
 Zaan, Earl - Wall clock & batteries

**In memory of Yeiho Higa**

Higa, Mitsuko & Raymond T \$50

**In memory of Tsuruko "Bertha"**

**Kameya**

Kameya Family \$2,000

**Bonen Kai - 12/6/08**

Nishida, Rose \$20

**Scholarship Fund**

Matsui, Chiyoko \$25  
 Nako, Yaeko \$25  
 Tanabe, Shizuko \$25

**Project DANA In-Kind**

Anonymous - various meals to client  
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**Genealogy Workshop - 11/1/08**

Anonymous \$20  
 Anonymous \$20  
 Anonymous \$25  
 Gusukuma, Tokusei/Miyoko \$25  
 Kuniyoshi, Sumiko \$10

Nakama, L \$5  
 Shinsato, Dennis & Amy \$25  
 Tamashiro, Helen \$10  
 Yamashiro, Walter & Betty \$20

**80th Anniversary**

Arakawa, Humiko \$25  
 Arakawa, Jim & Eunice \$80  
 Brown, Benjamin \$5,000  
 Higa, Seichi & Yoshiko \$25  
 Jimpu Kai USA \$100  
 Kiyabu, Nancy \$100  
 Nakamura, Shigeru & Joyce \$20  
 Onaga, Miyoko H. \$50  
 Oshiro, Ginsei & Kimiko (Calif) \$200  
 Penhart, Cheryl \$100  
 Shimabuku, Edith \$50  
 Teruya, Lorraine \$25  
 Tome, Ken & Nancy \$80

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## MAUI OKINAWA KENJIN KAI 2009 DUES

Dues are \$25.00 per family. (Adult children living in the same home are considered a separate family.) Members who are 80 years or older are exempt from dues. Please fill in the form and make check payable to Maui Okinawa Kenjin Kai. **DO NOT MAIL CASH WITH THIS FORM.** Send form and dues to: PO Box 1884, Wailuku HI 96793. Thank you!

[ ] New Member                      [ ] Renewal                      [ ] Exempt (80 years old)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse: \_\_\_\_\_

Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

(If you provide your email address(es), the newsletter will be sent to you electronically.)

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

(Street Address or Post Office Box, City, State, Zip Code)

Home Address (if different from mailing address): \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

“Son” (village in Okinawa your parents or grandparents came from) \_\_\_\_\_

What kind of activities would you like to see or participate in: (music or dance classes, cultural workshops, performances, cooking classes, Okinawan history presentations, etc.)  
 \_\_\_\_\_

I am interested in helping with the following committees:

- |   |   |                                     |                                      |                                      |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Bazaar               | <input type="checkbox"/> Golf           | <input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter | <input type="checkbox"/> Museum      | <input type="checkbox"/> Hospitality |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fujinkai (Women)     | <input type="checkbox"/> Children/Youth | <input type="checkbox"/> Festival   | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |                                      |

*Thank you to the corporate sponsors of our 80th Anniversary Celebration.*

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The Dowling Company is a major commercial and residential developer on Maui. They are also committed to improving the lives of all Maui county residents by funding educational, athletic and cultural programs.

## **Mayor Alan Arakawa Community Kokua Fund**

The Mayor Alan Arakawa Community Kokua Fund disburses thousands of dollars to groups and individuals in need.



**MAUI  
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Maui Medical Plaza at Kanaha is a new, privately funded medical facility to meet the healthcare needs of island residents.



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Central Pacific Bank is Hawaii's third largest commercial bank. CPB has assisted the Maui Okinawa Kenjin Kai with its financial needs for many years.

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SpectraColor Hawaii Printing & Imaging, Inc., was the commercial printing company responsible for our beautifully printed event program covers and posters.

Nagamine Photo Studio has captured priceless memories for generations of Maui families and also provided photographic needs for the Maui Okinawa Kenjin Kai for many years.



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