

Maui Okinawa Kenjin Kai News

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January 2008 Special



We hope you'll join us for good food
and great company at our
Shinnen Enkai ~
New Year's Celebration
Saturday, March 8, 2008
5:00 p.m.
Maui Okinawa Cultural Center
potluck dinner and
entertainment
by MOKK members

President's Message



Hai Sai!

I want to thank our 2007 president, **Traci Fujita-Villarosa**, for her hard work and dedication this past year. During her time in office, she obtained a grant from the A&B Foundation and started the strategic

planning for Maui Okinawa Kenjin Kai. Traci was the first woman president for this organization and her leadership has strengthened the future of the Okinawan community.

This year the Maui Okinawa Kenjin Kai will be celebrating its 80th Anniversary. As the newly elected president for 2008, I would like to focus this year's events on perpetuating the Okinawan culture through our events and the 80th celebration.

I am a third-generation Okinawan-American, but have only recently discovered my cultural identity. During these past few years, I have learned much about the Okinawan culture from participating in the Maui Okinawa Kenjin Kai activities and now take pride in being an Okinawan. As president, my hope is that others will also be able to learn more about their cultural heritage.

With the support from the members of this organization, my family, and strength of the Lord, I look forward to serving as your 2008 president.

Ippei Nifee Debiru,
Dennis K Shinsato



Correction from last issue: Bonen Kai photo of the **Yogi Family: Jennie Nakamoto, Alice Sasaki, Yaemi Yogi, Kathy Mayo**. We apologize for the error.

Donations to the Maui Okinawa Kenjin Kai Obon In-Kind:

Valley Isle Produce (VIP) - refrigerated truck
Pacific Pile and Crane - diesel fuel

Maui Okinawa Kenjin Kai 2008 Schedule of Events

(subject to change)

30th Annual Maui State Okinawan Golf Tournament

February 16 & 17 (Sat & Sun)
Waiehu Golf Course

Ronald Gibo, Patrick Miyahira
(Awards Dinner on Sunday
at the Maui Okinawa Cultural Ctr)

Shinnen Enkai

New Year's Celebration

March 8 (Sat)
Joe Toma
Maui Okinawa Cultural Center

Maui Matsuri

May 17 (Sat)
Maui Community College Campus
Paul Horikawa (Sales)
June Konno (Andagi)

Bazaar/Rummage Sale

June 14 (Sat)
Maui Okinawa Cultural Center

Picnic

July 27 (Sun)
Tracy Takamine
Velma McWayne Santos
Community Center (Wailuku)

Obon Concession

August 16 (Sat)
Bob Yonahara
Paia Rinzai Zen Mission

Hawaii United Okinawa Assn (HUOA) Festival

August 30-31 (Sat & Sun)
Kapiolani Park, Oahu

Maui Okinawa Kenjin Kai

80th Anniversary Celebration

November/December 2008
(Date/location to be announced)
Todd Hondo, Linda Kiyabu

Bonen Kai

End of the Year Celebration

November/December 2008
(Date/location to be announced)
Christine Hondo, Sandy Hondo,
Jan Matsushita

Youth Activity

(Date to be announced)

Approved at the General Board
Meeting on January 10, 2008

Ii Sogwachi Debirui!
Happy New Year!



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