



# TOMIGUSUKU



Fall/Winter 2008

## Upcoming events:

- November 27—Thanksgiving Day
- November 29 & 30 (Saturday & Sunday) - HOC Holiday Craft Fair—HOC
- December 4 (Thursday) - Senior Fair—HOC
- December 10 (Wednesday) - Winter in Waipio Evening Craft Fair—HOC
- December 25 (Thursday) - Christmas Day
- January 1 (Thursday) - New Year's Day
- February 28 (Saturday) —Annual Shinnen En Kai—JCCH

## 2009 Shinnen En Kai—February 28th

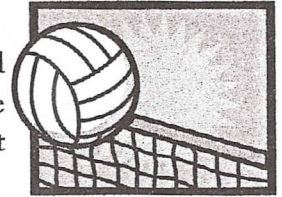
Our annual Shinnen En Kai party will be held once again at the beautiful Manoa Grand Ballroom at the Japanese Cultural Center (JCCH) in Moiliili on Saturday, February 28, 2009 at 5:00 p.m. Come and enjoy the fantastic food, games, prizes and just to socialize with old friends. We are once again looking for talented club members to show off what they've got. We know that we have a lot of talent out there so we would like anyone—young and old to be part of our program. If you would like to participate or assist with the planning of the event, please contact Tammy Namihira at 223-3362. We will also be having a very special performance by a group of talented youngsters during our dinner portion so you don't want to miss them. Because the club is 83 years in existence, we would like to display the history of the club so we are also looking for old club photos of events and any other memorabilia that represents Tomigusuku. We promise to handle with care during our possession. Contact Tammy if you would like to share any items.

Due to the rising costs of hosting this type of event, this year we will begin charging a nominal dinner price of \$10 per person and \$5 per child between the ages of 2-10. There will be no cost to members 80 years and older. Dinner for any guests attending will be at full price which will be determined at a later date. If anyone that is not a club member is interested in attending our party, it is encouraged for them to join as a member a pay a lesser price and they will be able to participate in all club activities. The normal cost of the dinner is now between \$30—\$40 per person and although the club has always provided this party at no charge to members and their families in good standing, we have found it necessary to begin collecting a small amount to help defray expenses. This is also necessary if we want to continue to have our annual party at a nice venue and to sustain club activities for many years to come. Come early to grab a great seat for yourself and your family (no assigned seating this year), Also as a community service, we will be collecting donations for the Hawaii Food Bank. We hope to see everyone there!

# Calling All Athletes!!!

With the new year coming up very shortly, it also means a new season of HUAO Mixed league Volleyball and Softball.

The volleyball season kicks off the last weekend in January and runs to May. All games will be held every Sunday (except Super Bowl Sunday) at Waipahu High School gym. Anyone interested in participating may contact Brian Alos at 383-8279 or Tom Yamamoto at 228-6428. Deadline for joining is January 10th.



The softball season will get into full swing in February and runs through June. All games will also be held every Sunday at Halawa Park. Anyone interested in taking a shot at softball may contact Simon Sanidad at 456-3286.



Reminder that both leagues are mixed leagues where both men and women can participate. Tomigusuku sponsors all teams participating in these leagues and we do not charge our members to participate so it is encouraged that all team members assist the club during our fundraising events such as the chicken sale and Okinawa soba booth at the Okinawan Festival

where manpower is always needed.

# Thank you for your participation!

We would like to thank everyone that came out to help with our annual picnic held in July at Ala Moana park and in the Okinawa Soba booth at the Okinawan Festival on Labor Day weekend.



We had a good turnout this year at the picnic with a lot of people, big and small, joining in on our games. It was a great day to sit, relax, play games and go to the beach! Thank you to all the members who came VERY early to help set up the area, tents and prizes. A special mahalo to Ralph Oshiro and his family for providing all the free shave ice for everyone once again this year. It really hit the spot on a hot day!

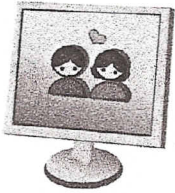
Many thanks also to the members that took time from their busy schedules to help in the Okinawa soba booth on Saturday during the Okinawan festival. We are one of the booths that stay open all day and night so the extra manpower is always needed and without you, we wouldn't be able to handle the crowds. Thank you to Sandy Kaneshiro for being at the park from Friday afternoon to set up the booth and again from 6:00 am Saturday to begin prepping the soup base for the long day ahead. We had many compliments that this year's soup was exceptionally tasty and ono!

We wouldn't be able to do what we do without our awesome member participation!

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!!!



## CLUB NEWSLETTER SOON TO BE POSTED ON THE WEB!

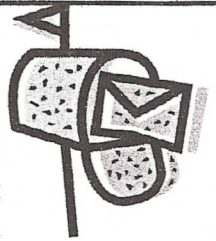


The Hawaii United Okinawa Association has a website containing all the latest happenings in the Okinawan community. Because we sometimes are unable to get our newsletter out fast enough, we highly encourage everyone to check their website often to check any upcoming events. They also have provided space for clubs to post their newsletters on the site. We will begin submitting our club newsletter to share with everyone near and far. So just in case you misplace

your newsletter or know of anyone not receiving this newsletter, check out the HUOA website at [www.huoa.org](http://www.huoa.org).

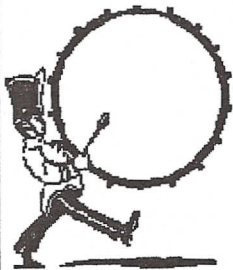
## KEEP YOUR MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION CURRENT

As a reminder—to help keep our mailing costs down and to avoid a lot of return mail, please keep your membership information current. If you have a change of name, address, phone number, marital status, etc. or would like your newsletter emailed to you, contact Tammy Namihira at 223-3362 (cell) or via email: [diamondgirl808@hawaiiantel.net](mailto:diamondgirl808@hawaiiantel.net) with your updated information. Also—if you have any club news that you would like to share, you may contact Tammy to include in the club newsletter. Your input is always welcome.



## UPCOMING EVENTS - DON'T MISS IT!

As the holiday season is fast approaching, and even in these tough economic times, all are encouraged to attend the many craft fairs, holiday shows, events and sporting events around town.



Hawaii Okinawa Center (HOC) - Winter craft fair - November 29 & 30. Saturday (9 to 3), Sunday (9 to 2)

Senior Fair - December 4, Thursday (10 to 3)

Evening Craft fair - December 10, Wednesday (6 to 9 pm)

Waikiki Christmas Parade - November 28th (Friday evening beginning at 7 pm) From Saratoga Road down Kalakaua Avenue to Kapiolani Park.

Honolulu City Lights Parade - December 6th (Saturday evening beginning at 6 pm) From Aala Street down King Street to Honolulu Hale.

UH Football at Aloha Stadium - November 29th (Saturday) 6:05 kickoff against Washington State Cougars  
December 6th (Saturday) 6:30 kickoff against Cincinnati Bearcats  
(LET'S GO 'BOWS!!!)

