



TOMIGUSUKU

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Winter/Spring 2011 - Upcoming Events

- January 1 - Happy New Year!
- January 30 (Sun) - Preserving Our Performing Arts - Presented by Carly Namihira
HUOA 6 p.m. - \$10 Adults/\$8 Students/free-child(ren) under 8
(more details inside)
- February 26 (Sat) - Tomigusuku Sonjin Kai Shinnen Enkai @ JCC 5 p.m. - 10 p.m.
- March (early) - Churasa (Youth Eisa group from Tomigusuku)
- April 9 (Sat) - Tomigusuku Chicken Sale @ Koala Moe on Nimitz Hwy

Annual Shinnen Enkai (annual meeting & New Year's dinner)

Saturday, February 26, 2011

5:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Japanese Cultural Center of Hawaii

2454 South Beretania Street

Please save the date and look for the reservation flyer in January.

Dinner will be served at 6:00 p.m.

Come and enjoy the wonderful food, great entertainment, lucky number drawing, fun game(s), silent auction, and greeting family and 'ole friends.



OKINAWAN VISITORS DINNER

In late August and early September, Tomigusuku Sonjin Kai hosted a dinner for two visiting guests, Miyuki Akamine and Yayoi Toriyama, representing the City of Tomigusuku, Board of Education, Cultural Affairs Section. They were accompanied by interpreter, Rinda Yamashiro.

Held at the Mariposa Restaurant, Ala Moana Center, the purpose of the dinner was two fold—to meet and greet each other, and to gather and share information about the first generation immigrants' emigration and settlement in Hawaii and other parts of the world.

Taking a lot of photographs and collecting a vast amount of historical data from club members to include in their research, Miyuki and Yayoi visited all the islands and spent almost a month here in Hawaii. Working tirelessly on this project, they had no time to enjoy the islands. We hope that they will return for a nice vacation.

The City of Tomigusuku will publish a book on the immigrants' life in Hawaii or wherever they finally settled. After the book is published, copies will be sent to the club for the club's library.

Many thanks to all who helped provide valuable information and treasured photographs for this wonderful and meaningful historical project.

UCHINAA JI-NO-GUKURU MAMUTI IKANA

(Protecting the spirit of the Okinawan performing arts)

(This article was taken from the Uchinanchu Newsletter—November/December 2010)

Carly Namihira is a yonsei whose paternal and maternal great-grandparents immigrated to Hawaii from Tomigusuku, Oroku and Aza Gushikawa. Carly, a senior at Aiea High School and daughter of Tammy Namihira, is taking on an ambitious project of presenting a unique fundraiser on behalf of the Hawaii United Okinawa Association while fulfilling a DOE high school requirement to qualify her to graduate with honors.

In July 2010, Carly participated in the Okinawa-Hawaii High School Exchange Program and spent two weeks with a host family and three weeks with family in Okinawa. On her trip and in attending classes, she observed that very few of her peers had any interests or strong conviction to the traditional performing arts; rather, the younger people in Okinawa, especially her age group, were more concerned with becoming "Westernized." This prompted Carly to begin interviewing various performing arts sensei in Okinawa. After returning to Hawaii, she continued interviewing and recording sensei in Hawaii for their comments and concerns about the perpetuation of the performing arts.

To support her endeavor, Carly has enlisted the generous assistance of the Afuso Ryu Ongaku Choichi Kai-Hawaii Shibu (of which she is an avid and longstanding member), the Tamagusuku Ryu Senju Kai-Frances Nakachi Ryubu Dojo, and the Young Okinawans of Hawaii Shishimai group for volunteering their performances. Carly's project is sponsored by HUOA and mirrors HUOA's goals - to preserve, perpetuate and promote the Okinawan culture.

Please come to support Carly's endeavor and enjoy traditional performances!

Place: Hawaii Okinawa Center (HOC)
Date: Sunday, January 30, 2010
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Donation: \$10.00 for adults; \$8.00 students
child(ren) 8 and under are free

For more information, please call Tammy Namihira at (808) 223-3362 or HUOA at (808) 676-5400.

❖ CHURASA ❖

The Youth Eisa group from Tomigusuku, CHURASA, plans to come to Hawaii to participate in the Pan Pacific Festival, which takes place in early March. Members of CHURASA are working very hard on raising funds for their trip and wish to bring as many of their members to participate in this festival.

CHURASA also wishes to perform for the club while they are here in Hawaii. More information of this performance will be forthcoming as they work out the details of their trip. Stay tuned.

Our understanding is that CHURASA is open to donations to fund their trip. If anyone is interested in helping out, please call Selina Higa at 677-3453.

Club T-Shirt - New Design

The club's newly designed t-shirts are available for purchase. Adult t-shirts are available in sizes small, medium, large, x-large, xx-large. Adult tanks are limited to sizes, medium, large, x-large. Children sizes are available in x-small, small, medium, large. The t-shirt style is as pictured. The cost is \$10.00. Also available are misprinted children sizes in large and medium—white only, for a reduced cost. If you wish to purchase club t-shirts, please call one of the club officers.



KEEP YOUR MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION CURRENT



As a reminder—to help keep our mailing costs down, defray expenses, 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, death in the family, or would like your newsletter emailed to you, please take a moment to contact any club officer with your updated information. Also, if you have any news that you wish to share in the newsletter or comments to improve the newsletter, feel free to contact any club officer. Your input is encouraged and welcomed.



CLUB NEWSLETTER ON THE WEB!

The Hawaii United Okinawa Association (HUOA) has a website containing all the latest happenings in the Okinawan community. Since HUOA announcements and updates are published frequently and our club newsletters are published less frequently, we encourage everyone to check HUOA's website for current & upcoming events. HUOA also provides space for clubs to post their newsletters on their website, and our club has taken advantage of this posting so its newsletter can be shared with everyone near and far. So in case you have misplaced your newsletter check out the HUOA website at www.huoa.org.

Please contact any club officer or HUOA (www.huoa.org or tel 808-676-5400) for more information on the club or HUOA events noted in this newsletter.