It starts with a dream, develops into an idea, grows into challenges & ends as a reality.

The dream - to elevate the Okinawan Festival as Hawaii’s premier cultural event.

The idea - to invite international entertainers to join our Okinawan Festival.

The challenge - to find ways to accommodate the change in venue.

The reality - 2004 Okinawan Festival

On September 4th - it seemed all of Hawaii and half of Okinawa were at our Okinawan Festival. Under an unforgiving sun, thousands of Okinawans, Okinawans-at-heart, and Okinawan “wanna-be’s,” gathered at Kapiolani Park to attend what would be Hawaii’s largest cultural event for the year.

Festival ‘04 opened at 8:30am when the Okinawa Buyo Club was introduced onto the stage, andagi booth opened for business (and its lines never ceased), the first bottle of Pepsi was won at Ring Toss, and dozens of senior members sought the limited shade available. (Shade inventory? I counted three trees, shade fronting the KZOO radio booth and the “Gratitude in Action” tent).

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Mahalo to the following individuals and organizations for their generous contributions to the Hawaii United Okinawa Association’s 2003-2004 “Preserving Our Legacy” annual fund drive. The following donations were received between August 1, 2004 to September 30, 2004. Your continued contributions help us maintain the Hawaii Okinawa Center as well as fulfill our mission of preserving, perpetuating and promoting the Okinawan cultural heritage.

The donations received for the UCHINANCHU totaled $2,705 and were distributed to support HUOA’s various programs. Ippé Nihei Deebiru.

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Mahalo to all those who support HUOA.

Preserving Our Legacy
This year of Good Fortune has also brought us:

A first time staging in the State of Hawaii of the musical production from Okinawa “Umii Kara Buta ga Yatte Kita (Pigs from the Sea).” This production which received a standing ovation in Okinawa and in Honolulu is a heartwarming story of the heroism, dedication, passion, and dreams of the Okinawans of Hawaii who undertook a humanitarian relief project to supply 550 pigs to Okinawa which had been terribly devastated in World War II. We are grateful to the people of Okinawa, the Okinawa Prefectural Government, Gushikawa City, to our co-chairs Calvin Nakama and Dorene Tengan Niibu and to the many volunteers who coordinated this effort on our behalf.

Nidaiime Teishinkai – Hawaii Shibu led by Kiyoshi Kinjo Sensei and Ryoset Oshiro, together with guests from Hawaii and Okinawa presented “Uta Ya Sanshi Udai Hanekachi” a recital at the Leeward Community College in celebration of their fifth anniversary. This event was co-chaired by Henry Isara and Victor Yamashiroya.

Our Spring Craft Fair was a great success thanks to the hard working chair George Miyashiro who spent weeks planning this event with Tomigusuku, Urasoe, Wahiawa Kyoyu Kai and Yagaji.

The 15th annual Kariyushi Variety Show had an extraordinary program with karaoke competition between the men and women, Okinawan dances, and a variety of performers. This years program was dedicated to Nelson Yoshiko who chaired this event for the previous three years. Proceeds from this event are to fund improvements to the Hawaii Okinawa Center. We are grateful to former HOC Trustee Dorothy Shiroma Hoe who started this program to highlight the talents of our senior citizens. “With Lorraine with the community, and to Lorraine for her gift to the Okinawan community.

The Okinawa Diet Plan Fundraiser at the Hawaii Okinawa Center proposed to the Administration Committee by John Tasato and chaired by Mark Miyahira was a tremendous success. Thank you to authors Bradley J. Willcox, M.D. and D. Craig Willcox, Ph.D. for their interest and support of HUOA.

Congratulations to HUOA’s great supporters Charlie Higa and the late Francis Higa of FCH Enterprises, Inc. upon their recent induction into Leeward Community College Culinary Arts, “Culinary Hall of Fame.”

HUOA’s 34th Annual Golf Tournament this Memorial Day Weekend was a success. Neal Takara and his committee did an outstanding job. Congratulations to Tournament Champion Craig Uyehara from Orokku Azajin Kai.

For the first time in Hawaii an Okinawan cultural group from Brazil graced the stage of the Hawaii Okinawa Center. Thank you to the Brazil Ryubu Kyokai and Tamagusuku Ryu Teda no Kai, for their beautiful milestone performance. Chairman Victor Yamashiroya, Ed and Bobbie Kuba and their committees did a tremendous job to make this concert a success. In June, I had the honor of accepting on behalf of the HUOA “THE FOREIGN MINISTER’S COMMENDATION” signed by Yoriko Kawaguchi, Minister for Foreign Affairs, Japan at the official residence of Consul General Muto. This recognition award commemorates the 150th Anniversary of US-Japan Relations. In total, this commendation was awarded to 97 individuals and 61 groups in the United States of which 10 individuals and 5 groups were from Hawaii. The HUOA was recognized for our contribution “to the advancement of friendship and goodwill between Japan and the United States through our tireless efforts dedicated to the promotion of this bilateral relationship.”

A very successful Okinawa-Hawaii Student Exchange program concluded this year under the chairmanship of Jane Senikaku. Coordinated by the Hawaii and Okinawa Prefectural Department of Education, selected high school students from Okinawa and Hawaii experienced living in a different culture.

Congratulations to Hawaii Shuri-Naha member Meredith Kuba, crowned the 52nd Cherry Blossom Festival Queen. Meredith, the daughter of former HUOA President Edward Kuba and Bobbi Kuba, is pursuing her doctorate in chemistry at the University of Hawaii at Manoa. She was also selected as Miss Popularity.

This year we expanded the Okinawan Children’s Day Camp to Waimana, Hawaii. Over 200 children learned and played with us - enjoying the Okinawan culture. Congratulations and thank you to the directors and staff members from Kauai, Oahu, Maui and the Big Island.

Congratulations to former HUOA President Dr. Albert Miyasato for his recent recognition by the Japanese Cultural Center of Hawaii, as a Celebration of Lifetime Achievement honoree. Dr. Miyasato is a leader in the state Honpa Hongwanji Assn., United Japanese Society, Matsuri in Hawaii-Pacific Festival and serves as the President of the Hawaii Kimono Cultural Foundation.

We celebrated the Fall with our Autumn Okinawan Dance Matsuri chaired by Jon Itohara. Our indoor eisa festival attracted hundreds of eisa dancers and groups islandwide.

As the year comes to a close we are looking forward to the following events:

Kaoru Zukeran & Tae no Kai Taiko Kenkyusho Concert
Red Dirt Storytelling Festival
Winter Craft Fair & Evening Craft Fair

In addition to our cultural programs, there are some important projects that we began discussing this year at the meetings of HUOA’s Administration Committee, Executive Council and Board of Directors. The Administration Committee chaired by Jimmy Toyama has undertaken a project involving the Higa Building Annex extension. Important discussions and research are also underway regarding the Land Acquisition Project involving the property across from the Hawaii Okinawa Center.

It has been an exciting and productive year. I would like to say “Mahalo” to all our club members, volunteers, supporters and our HUOA staff. HUOA thrives because you are the strength, heart and spirit of HUOA—it has truly been an honor to serve as your 2004 President.

Ippe Nihei Deebiru.

“Warai Fukui - joy in our hearts brings good fortune”

OKINAWAN PREFECTURAL SCHOLARSHIPS 2005 TO 2006

Applications are now available for students who wish to apply for the Okinawa Prefectural Government Scholarships for descendants of Okinawan immigrants. An academic scholarship for the University of the Ryukyus and a scholarship from the Performing and Fine Arts University in Okinawa are presently available. The tenure for both scholarships will be from April, 2005 through March, 2006.

These government sponsored scholarships include air transportation, tuition, books, room and board, and other expenses. The applicants must be high school graduates between 18 and 30 years of age with sufficient knowledge of the Japanese language in order to conduct research work or to study at the university level. The HUOA Scholarship Committee will conduct written tests and interviews. Interested students are encouraged to call the HUOA office at 676-5400, for an application as soon as possible.
HUI Makaala
ANNOUNCES THEIR 2004 SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

KELLIANNE LEIKO CHONG -
Graduate of Kealakehe High School, in Kona, Hawaii. Kellianne is the daughter of Warren Chong and Joan Sunahara Chong. Kellianne will attend Boston University – Sargent College and major in Athletic Training.

JONATHAN ED HSIAUCHI HARA -

TERI REIKO KONISHI -
Graduate of Kapaa High School on Kauai and is the daughter of Keith and Natalie Konishi. Teri will attend the University of Hawaii at Manoa this fall.

CARLY YUKIE SHIBATA -
Graduate of Waiakea High School and is the daughter of Russell and Marissa Shibata. Carly will attend the University of Hawaii at Manoa to major in Biology.

JOANA SAYURI NAKANDAKARI -
Graduate of Kalani High School and is the daughter of Toshihiro Nakandakari and Lisa Nakasone Nakandakari. Joana will attend the University of Hawaii at Manoa.

Yeah!!! We just finished our summer bon season and again, we had a lot of fun with no less than 30 and at times as many as 70 performers at our events. We started off with our major fundraiser for our Senior Luncheon with the 2nd annual Windward Mall Summer Festival. Then went on to Wahiawa, Kauhuku, Pearl City, Kukui and Autumn Festival. A very big Mahalo to Kiyoshi Kinjo and Norman Kaneshiro for gathering jikata players at all of our events. They are sooo talented, and sooooo nice looking too, not to mention how unconditional they give back sooo positively. We also had the opportunity to appear with Ryukyu Matsuri Daiko (Akemi Martin) at Ala Moana Park for the opening of obon season and the Toro Nagashi lantern release ceremony. Our shishimai continues to be busy at all YOH events as well as outside appearances. Again, a very big Ippel Nihwe Debiru to the Akamine family for generously allowing us to use their shishi to help promote the Okinawan culture in our community. Alongside with bon dance, our members were able to experience other cultural hands-on lessons with odaku drum repair (thanks to Hui O Laulima for the grant monies and Jay Iwanaga for his expertise), hapi coat making, paranku drum making, and sanshin lessons under Norman Kaneshiro’s tutelage.

Our major highlight was our Las Vegas trip in July with 15 Yoh’ers on board. It was hilarious, and lots of fun and of course we made sure that our very own President Bill Akamine enjoyed himself. It was again a time of just kicking back and relaxing. Our other activities such as our tennis social, movie night, cosmic bowling, and luncheons also helped us to just enjoy each other’s company. As I am writing this, we are getting ready for our beachhouse in Laie get-together and again a time to relax before our very own exclusive event: The Christmas Senior Luncheon. We would like to say thank you very much to all of you who continue to support us, as well as humor us for all that we do. As you all know, the Young Okinawans strives to “spark” interest in as many cultural areas as possible, create unconditional friendships, and give back to the community whole-heartedly. OK, enough of my seriousness…..anyone interested in more information on The Young Okinawans of Hawaii can call Val Zukeran @235-5620 or e-mail at vzukeran@hawaii.rr.com.

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Hui O Laulima
APPLICATIONS FOR CULTURAL GRANTS AVAILABLE

Hui O Laulima is accepting applications for their 2005 Cultural Grants program. Grants are awarded to those who show the greatest potential for the preservation, promotion and perpetuation of the Okinawan culture. Applicants must also exhibit leadership ability and participate in community service. Two letters of recommendation must accompany the application. Applications are due by January 30, 2005. For application forms, please contact: Jean Yamazato, 1726 Oheke Place, Honolulu, Hawaii 96819 or (808) 839-6089.

On November 6th, HOL will be sponsoring its first GARAGE SALE. Members will be cleaning out their closets and selling all these treasures as a benefit for our organization. Please join us at Jikoen Temple from 8am to 1pm. Of course if you have stuff you would like to donate towards this fun event, drop-off will be at Jikoen Temple on Friday, November 5th from 8am to 9pm. Please contact Karen Kuba-Hori at 389-6482 or Thelma Lam at 739-0054.

HOL is proud to announce its incoming officers for 2005: President Val Teruya; 1st Vice President Eleanor Hu; 2nd Vice President Lilly Higa; Corresponding Secretary Wendy Yoshimoto; Recording Secretary Jean Ige; Treasurer Bobbi Kuba; Asst. Treasurer Diane Kawakami; Auditor Lillian Takata; and Advisors Jean Agena, Karen Kuba-Hori, Ella Teruya and Doris Yamashiro. Thank you to President Karen Kubu-Hori and the 2004 HOL Board of Directors for their dedication and diligent work this year. Val will be installed on December 11th at Willows Restaurant. Members wishing to attend, please contact Val Teruya at 988-5808.

Maui Okinawa Kenjin Kai
ANNOUNCES ITS NEW WEB SITE
http://groups.msn.com/MAUIOKINAWACULTURALCENTER

Aloha and Mensore - welcomes you as you view MOKK’s newly launched web site for the Maui Okinawa Cultural Center. You will be able to view Yonahara? Well, you would know these facts if you opened their web site. Please visit MOKK if you would like to know more.

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Jikoen Temple
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Kanegusuku Sonjin Kai
RESULTS OF THE “BLACK AND BLUE” TOURNAMENT

Mahalo to Richard Shimabukuro for marching with our banner in the Okinawan Festival Parade along Kalakaua Ave. on September 4th to Kapiolani Park. Another big ippe nihii deebiru goes to the 37 volunteers who worked in the Pigs Feet Soup booth at the Festival during the 7:30am to 1:30pm shifts. Linda Nakasone again sold the most scrip in our club. Stan Tamayose of Maui again came to work with us while staying at Waikiki for the fourteenth year.

Kanegusuku Golf Club’s “Black and Blue” Tournament was held on Wednesday, October 13th at Olomana Golf Links. The 12 golfers had fun golfing on that hot and muggy day. The “One Man Show” was won by Warren Naruto with a net 67 followed by Ryan Yamauuchi’s 68, Herbert Kaneshiro and Ed Watase’s 69 and George Kino and Ken Tome’s 70. The “Two Men Team” was won by Ryan Yamauuchi and Ed Watase. The Black Team of Ed Kino beat the Blue Team of Toshi Shimabukuro (6 players each) by the score of 428 to 430.

Don’t forget that our 79th Shinnen Enkai will be on Sunday, February 13, 2005 at Victoria Inn’s 2nd floor banquet room.

UOA Mixed Handicap League
LOOKING FOR NEW BOWLERS

The UHOA Mixed Handicap League is now accepting new bowlers for the next season, 2004-2005. The league is on their way to the 31st week of the season and still continuing to have fun and fellowship. If you’d like to check it out, it is every Sunday from 1:00 pm to 4:30 pm at Leeward Bowl in Pearl City. Support your club/team, enjoy all the fun and fellowship or maybe get some club members together and start your own team.

If you have members or know members who are very interested in bowling in our league, please contact Germaine Kiyomoto-Isara at 734-3334 or at huoa@hawaii.rr.com, and sign up now!!!

Deadline to sign up is Sunday, November 7, 2004.

Frances Nakachi Ryubu Dojo
SETS SIGHT TOWARDS NEXT RECITAL

Tamagusuku Ryu Senju Kai Frances Nakachi Ryubu Dojo invites you to attend “AwamoriFEST” a fundraising event to help offset costs for their next recital and to provide cultural educational scholarships for members. The event is scheduled for December 2, 2004, Thursday at Alan Wong’s Pineapple Room, located on the 3rd floor in MACY’S, Ala Moana Center. Time will be from 5:30 to 8:00pm. Cost is $40 per person and is all you can eat and drink. For more information please contact Randy Kuba at 599-2882 or at randykuba@verizon.net.
Remember how enjoyable it was to sit at a family gathering and listen to stories from the "olden days". Grandma and grandpa would share their immigrant experiences of growing up on a plantation complete with lunas, toiling under the hot sun, and even ghost stories. Well, grandma and grandpa may no longer be around and plantation life in old Hawaii is but a distant memory. But we can still experience and relive these stories and more at the First Annual Red Dirt Storytelling Festival on November 19th and 20th at the Hawaii Okinawa Center.

This first annual event is being sponsored by the Hawaii United Okinawa Association as a means of showcasing the rich cultural heritage of Hawaii’s plantation life through storytelling, an art form that has kept life experiences and fascinating stories alive in many cultural communities for centuries. This festival will bring together some of Hawaii’s best storytellers and internationally renown storytellers, to share tales in four public performances over the two-day festival.

Headlining the first "Red Dirt Storytelling Festival"—will be renowned storyteller and internationally acclaimed Celtic harpist, Patrick Ball. A California native, Patrick Ball is a captivating storyteller in the Celtic tradition. His special gift for weaving the Irish lore of his ancestral homeland with Celtic harp pieces won him the Circle of Excellence Award from the National Storytelling Association. Ball has recorded seven instrumental and three spoken word albums. He tours extensively in the United States and Canada. Of his performances, Variety, the bible of the entertainment industry, wrote: "Hauntingly beautiful ballads and lilting storytelling." The St. Petersburg Times described his performances as "Richly theatrical . . . a gem of a show."

The first Concert, "Tales Under a Tent," featuring local backyard tales, will be held on Friday from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Sharing stories will be Janice Terukina, Eric Mita and Walter Carvalho on slack key guitar. Admission to this event will be free.

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At 8 p.m., guest artist Patrick Ball will join Hawaii storytellers Karen Yamamoto Hackler, Woody Fern, Dann Seki, Nyla Ching Fujii and James McCarthy, sharing “Obake Tales” from Hawaii, the Pacific and around the world.

On Saturday, enjoy “Tales for the Entire Family” from Nyla Ching Fujii, James McCarthy, Karen Yamamoto Hackler and Jeff Babb from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Then, at 7 p.m., Patrick Ball will open “Tales from Island Cultures,” a collection of funny, serious and heartwarming stories that reflect the spirit of island people and places. He will be joined by the other featured storytellers throughout the evening and then will return for a solo finale. Also sharing stories of growing up in a sugar plantation community will be long-time Waipahu resident and Nishihara Chojin Kai member Goro Arakawa.

Tickets are $5 per performance for adults and $3 per performance for children 12 and under and are available at the Hawaii Okinawa Center. A weekend pass can be purchased for $13 for adults and $6 for children.

For more information on the Red Dirt Storytelling Festival, call 676-5400 or visit the HUOA web site at http://www.huoa.org.
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MESSAGE

TAIKO TAE NO KAI
KAORU ZUKERAN, SHIHAN

It is a pleasure to express my happiness for your good health. On the occasion of our charity program, “Umanchu Suruti, Utati Uduyabira”, I extend my welcome and express my joy in the opportunity to perform for you with my fellow artists from Hawaii, Okinawa and the mainland United States.

As a teacher and performer of the Uta-Sanshin tradition of classical Okinawan music, I represent my chapter and school in Okinawa. It has been my life’s work to transmit the heritage of Okinawan music to all who are interested in learning about our rich musical tradition.

It is my greatest wish that through programs such as our concert we will be able to help people to understand and appreciate Okinawan music and dance. Whenever we perform in public, we are helping to acquaint others with the tradition that some of us take for granted and don’t appreciate, as much as the teachers and students of the Okinawan performing arts.

Please join with us on November 7, 2004 at the Hawaii Okinawa Center and enjoy and absorb the beauty and richness of our cultural heritage.

OFFERS CLASS ON OKINAWANS

Professor Joyce N. Chinen will be teaching SOC/ANTH 496J: “Okinawans Locally and Globally” during Summer Session 2005 at the University of Hawaii – West Oahu. This course was last offered in the summer of 2000 in conjunction with the International Scholars Forum on the Uchinanchu Diaspora as one of the Hawaii Okinawan Centennial activities.

This year will mark the 60th anniversary of the end of the Battle of Okinawa (Irei no hi). The Summer 2005 offering will also feature a special Uchinanchu Diasporic Communities Tour to Okinawa, Osaka, and Tsurumi-Kawasaki (outside of Tokyo). Travelers will be able to visit pre-World War II and post-war immigration communities; museums; be in Okinawa for Irei no hi; meet and discuss issues with professors at the University of the Ryukyus; and learn about the changing nature of Uchinanchu culture and communities.

Dr. Chinen is working with Ms. Barbara Minzhiro of TRANS Pacific Tours on this “one-of-a-kind” study tour. For further information on the “Okinawans Locally and Globally” course and/or the Uchinanchu Diasporic Communities Tour, please contact Professor Chinen at 454-4720 or by email at chinen@hawaii.edu or Professor Joe Mobley at jmobley@hawaii.edu
Considered as Japan's top contemporary band, BEGIN's Masaru Shimabukuro, Eisho Higa and Hitoshi Uechi recently performed a fantastic concert to a “sold out” crowd at Festival. Every inch of our Festival grounds was packed. Our audience sat, stood, climbed and tried any means possible to view BEGIN’s concert. Though the crowd was phenomenal (sorry to the poor guys who decided to go the UH football game instead), what is truly amazing is that BEGIN donated their performance to the HUOA as a thank you to Hawaii’s Okinawan community for their assistance to post-WWII Okinawa. Truly, the Uchinanchu spirit was alive and thriving at the concert.

Sunday, September 5th proved to be the perfect closing to our Festival. Our audience was treated to more top local Okinawan performing groups; contemporary groups such as Wayne Takamine’s TWO LEAF BAND, Keith Nakaganeku’s CALABASH, Ozzie Kotani and Steve Sano, up and coming contemporary Okinawan group KATEREH and Okinawa’s Naha Taiko brought down the curtain to our Festival 2004.

Co-Chairman Keith Kaneshiro best summarized this year’s Festival experience, “It is important that the international direction of the Festival continues so that we can share with Hawaii and the rest of the world our Uchinanchu aloha. The purpose of the HUOA is to share and perpetuate our Okinawan heritage and culture. We are doing it in a big way with our Festival. We are well on our way of making the Festival the major cultural event in Hawaii.”

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Editor's note: It has been the goal for UCHINANCHU to thank the many individuals who assisted in the success of our Okinawan Festival. Please understand in our humble attempt to recognize everyone this year, we may miss individuals, groups, and clubs or misspell names. To these individuals we apologize and will make amends to you in our next issue. Please contact me at 676-5400, 676-7811 (fax) or via e-mail at huoa@hawaii.rr.com with the name(s) of individual(s) we may have inadvertently missed. The success of our Festival was achieved because of you - you may not think it is important - but please allow the Hawaii United Okinawa Association the opportunity to thank you. Ukazi Deebiru.

Karen Kuba-Hori, Editor
HUOA SCHEDULE OF EVENTS
MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Oct 23: *Hui Okinawa Autumn Festival - 8:30am Hilo, Sangha Hall
Oct 24: *Takezo Toma 2nd Charity Performance - 1:00pm Mamiya Theater
Oct 26: Karaoke Club: 6:30pm HOC (Teruya Pavilion)
Oct 27: HUOA STUDY TOUR RETURNS FROM OKINAWA
Nov 1: HUOA Executive Council Mtg. 7pm HOC (Higa Building)
Nov 7: KAORU ZUKERAN DANCE PERFORMANCE
2pm Concert - Aloha Party to follow HOC (Teruya Pavilion)
Nov 8: HUOA Board of Directors Mtg. 7pm (Teruya Pavilion)
Nov 10: Ikebana Class: 7pm HOC (Higa Building)
Nov 15: Uchinaaguchi Class: 7pm HOC (Higa Building)
Nov 19: RED DIRT Storytelling Festival - HOC
Nov 20: RED DIRT Storytelling Festival - HOC
Nov 25: THANKSGIVING - Holiday, HOC Closed
Nov 27: WINTER CRAFT FAIR - 9am to 3pm - HOC
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“An Evening in Waipio”
December 8, 2004
5:30 pm to 9:00 pm
Enjoy the holidays at HUOA’s premier craft fair.
Crafts, Food, Music and shopping galore.
Mahalo to member clubs Anase Doshi Kai, Aza Gushikawa Doshi Kai, Aza Yagi Doshi Kai & Bito Doshi Kai for coordinating this fair. Chairpersons for the event are Doreen Miyasato and Yuri Rudden. Special events planned for the evening include Door prizes, Silent Auction, Santa and Live Entertainment.

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HUOA SCHEDULE OF EVENTS
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Oct 23: *Hui Okinawa Autumn Festival - 8:30am Hilo, Sangha Hall
Oct 24: *Takezo Toma 2nd Charity Performance - 1:00pm Mamiya Theater
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Oct 27: HUOA STUDY TOUR RETURNS FROM OKINAWA
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Nov 7: KAORU ZUKERAN DANCE PERFORMANCE
2pm Concert - Aloha Party to follow HOC (Teruya Pavilion)
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