

Uchinanchu of the Year 2008

The Hawaii United Okinawa Association wishes to express its heartfelt appreciation to the following individuals who have contributed unselfishly to the success of their respective clubs and our organization. It is with great pride and pleasure that we honor this wonderful group of individuals on this special occasion. Ippee Niffee Deebiru



AZA GUSHIKAWA DOSHI KAI
AGENA

JAMES & TERRY

Aza Gushikawa Doshi Kai is privileged to honor James and Terry Agena as the recipients of our 2008 Uchinanchu of the Year Award. Both James and Terry are active members, with hearts that are always willing to serve. At the HUOA's Okinawan Festival James helped with plumbing for the booths and making himself available throughout the week, while Terry set up tables. She also works a mean shave-ice machine. Terry has served as Assistant Secretary and as club advisor. Whenever you need a lei or a special gift for guests, Terry would come up with a one of a kind creation. Terry constantly encourages her family to serve as well. Both James and Terry are supportive of all our club events and epitomize what it means to be proud and gracious Okinawans. We are very grateful for their commitment and dedication. James Agena passed away on March 18, 2008. He is greatly missed by his family and friends.



AZA YOGI DOSHI KAI
MIYASATO

TATSUKO

Aza Yogi Doshi Kai proudly honors Tatsuko Miyasato, the widow of Matsusei Miyasato, as our Uchinanchu of the Year. Tatsuko is 86 years young and has three daughters, Janice Napuunoo, the late Irene Kubota and Patricia Konno, and son, Richard Miyasato. She has been an active member of Aza Yogi Doshi Kai for over 40 years, is a strong supporter of the Okinawan Festival, is an active member of Jikoen Hongwanji and enjoys traveling to Las Vegas. Tatsuko has been instrumental in encouraging all four generations of her extended family in getting involved with the Aza Yogi Doshi Kai's activities and to be proud of their Okinawan heritage. In 2007, she toured Okinawa with her family and visited with relatives who still live in Aza Yogi, Okinawa. Through Tatsuko's encouragement, the Uchinanchu spirit continues to prosper today. Thank-you, Tatsuko. Ippee Niffee Deebiru!



BITO DOSHI KAI

CECILIA SHIMABUKURO

Bito Doshi Kai is proud to honor the late Cecilia Shimabukuro as our 2008 Uchinanchu of the Year. Cecilia is the daughter-in-law of Sally and the late Reynold Shimabukuro. Since she became an active member two years ago, she has worked hard in the Club's food booth at the Okinawan Festival and has been a great assistant to our club's Treasurer. She has also helped her husband Jerry, and her children become more active in the club and HUOA activities. Today we honor her posthumously. Cecilia Shimabukuro will be remembered fondly as she was truly Uchinanchu at heart.