



ITOMAN SHIJIN KAI

SANDIE MEGUMI SHIMABUKU

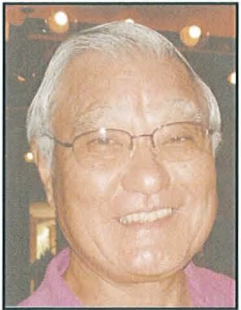
Itoman Shinjin Kai's Uchinanchu of the Year for 2008 is Sandie Megumi Shimabuku. Sandie has been active in Itoman Shijin Kai for many years and is currently serving as Assistant Treasurer on the board. Sandie is the eldest of three children of Reiko (Tamashiro) and the late Masahide Shimabuku, long time Itoman Shijin Kai members; so you could say she was a born member of Itoman. Her bright smile and reliable and hard working spirit has always been one of the many wonderful ways she has made our club as strong as it is today. You'll always see her at club activities, volunteering at the Okinawan Festival, Club Picnic, working hard at our New Year's Party and many other events. She'd love to see more participation from younger members in their clubs and hopes to see an increase in our membership. When not active with Itoman Shijin Kai, Sandie loves spending time with family and friends, shopping, reading and traveling. Congratulations Sandie!



KIN CHOJIN KAI

HATSUKO NAKATA

Our Uchinanchu of the Year is Hatsuko Nakata. Hatsuko has been a tireless member who has helped our club every year at the Okinawan Festival. Whenever we needed workers to cook andagi or anda-dog, she actively recruited many of the other club members to help cook. In past years, Hatsuko and her late husband, Hitoshi, helped out with cutting various produce for the Pig's Feet soup. They would go to the central kitchen and cut vegetables in the 40 degree prep room. Afterwards, Hitoshi would sharpen everyone's knives. Every year, Hatsuko and Hitoshi would also donate produce from their Kalihi farm for our annual picnics. Once when there was a shortage of produce, they saved the festival food committee by letting us purchase 700lbs. of togan from their farm for the Okinawan Festival.



KITANAKAGUSUKU SONJIN KAI

HAROLD H. YAMAUCHI

We are proud to present Harold H. Yamauchi as our Uchinanchu of the Year. Harold has been one of our premier volunteers for HUOA craft fairs, Okinawan festivals, HOC cleanup, etc. An avid golfer, Harold has always supported the HUOA golf tournaments. Harold is a Korean War Veteran and retired from the U.S.Coast Guard as a technician. He and his wife Toyo have three sons and seven grandchildren. Parents, Jiro and Kama Yamauchi are from Adaniya, Kitanakagusuku. Like many Okinawan families, his parents worked hard and sacrificed to sustain the family by farming and raising domestic animals. Little known fact: Harold plays the harmonica which we anticipate he will share with us soon!



KUBA ROSEI KAI

STANLEY & JANE MIYASHIRO

Kuba Rosei Kai is proud to introduce their "Uchinanchu of the Year", Stanley and Jane Miyashiro. They have been active members since 1951 and believe they have not missed a Shinnen Enkai or summer picnic. Stanley has been the club treasurer, and Jane loves to perform Okinawan folk dances at the club's Shinnen Enkai or any time she hears Okinawan music. They also volunteer at the annual HUOA craft fairs and at the Okinawan Festivals cooking andagi. Stanley and Jane perpetuate the Okinawan culture by passing on their knowledge of Okinawan history to their children and grandchildren. They share the importance of the Kuba Rosei Kai and what it means to them and the family. Stanley and Jane are happiest when they see their grandchildren and young people participate at club activities. Congratulations, Stanley and Jane! "Okage sama de."