



OKINAWA CITY - GOEKU SON

STEVEN KIM

This year Okinawa City-Goeku honors Steven Kim as our Uchinanchu of the Year. Steven joined our club via his wife Lorene whose family has been members of our club for many generations. Steven is willing to pitch in where necessary. In recent years, Steven has provided the music and entertainment system for our annual Shinnen Enkai making the event enjoyable with the Karaoke services he brings. He's always present at the Okinawan Festival working an entire shift, not only picking up wherever help is needed but keeping us entertained, creating a fun and enjoyable atmosphere. It is our pleasure to honor Steven this year. Though he is not Okinawan, he is an Uchinanchu at heart. We are truly blessed to have him as a member of our club.



OKINAWAN GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF HAWAII

SALLY TSUDA

We would like to recognize Sally Tsuda as our Uchinanchu of the Year 2008. . When OGSB was in dire need of a secretary, she willingly accepted the position. She donated a laptop computer that we presently use for many of OGSB functions and activities. She is an active volunteer for OGSB and HUAO and helps at the Okinawan Center every Friday. Sally did the typing, computer input, editing and other essential tasks for OGSB's two special projects: 2005 Short Story II and 2007 Short Story III. In Short Story Books we write down our personal experiences, family history and information that we want to pass on to our children. She is also working on the input of data for OGSB's Immigrant Data Base Project. OGSB appreciates the hard work that Sally does and shows the "Uchinanchu at Heart" spirit. We thank Sally for her dedicated service to OGSB and we honor her as our club's Uchinanchu of the Year.



OROKU AZAJIN CLUB

ALEX TOKUO TERUYA

Oroku Azajin Club has selected Alex Tokuo Teruya (yago-Agariuyehajame), as our Uchinanchu of the Year. Over the last six years, Alex has spent many hours as an officer of our club. His activities included being a Board Member, Vice President and President for the last three years. Alex has led the club in its annual picnics at Ala Moana Park in July and its annual Shinnen Enkai at the Hawaii Okinawa Center in March of each year. Alex has also spearheaded the club's involvement in the annual Okinawan Festival at Kapiolani Park mixing all the andagi batter on Saturdays and cooking andagi on Sundays. Alex has also participated in various craft fairs, special activities and parades sponsored by the HUAO. Alex is a very busy man and committed to our club and HUAO. Oroku Azajin Club is proud to name Alex Tokuo Teruya as our 2008 Uchinanchu of the Year.



TAMAGUSUKU CLUB

JOYCE CHINEN

Since 1980, Joyce Chinen has served as an officer for the Tamagusuku Club. She has served as President, Vice-President and currently serves as the club's Secretary and is responsible for sending out notices of the yearly picnics and Shinnen Enkai parties. Always willing to participate in Club events, she is always coordinating prizes at the annual picnics and helping at the registration table at the Shinnen Enkai parties, and she may be found at the Pig's Feet soup booth at the Okinawan Festival. Joyce is a sansei, the daughter of the late Takaaki and Hatsuyo Chinen, and traces her roots to "O no Shima", an island off the southern coast of Okinawa where her father was raised and educated. Tamagusuku Club is honored to name Joyce Chinen as their Uchinanchu of the Year.