

2009 UCHINANCHU OF THE YEAR

OROKU AZAJIN KAI

PAULA YOKOCHI

Oroku Azajin Kai has selected Paula Yokochi, yago Kushinakajogwa, as our Uchinanchu of the Year. Paula is a sansei with both father and mother having origins from Aza Oroku, Okinawa.

Over the past ten years, Paula has spent many hours as an officer of our club. Her activities included being Board Member and Vice President for all of those years. Paula has chaired or co-chaired our annual Shinmen Enkai held at the Hawaii Okinawa Center in March and its annual picnics at Ala Moana Park held in July. Paula has worked at all the Okinawan Festivals mixing and cooking andagi, our club's major function. She also participated in various HUOA Craft Fairs and other activities. Paula is a very dedicated member who works and completes the job from start to finish. Paula recruits her husband, sister and other family members and friends to help our club to successfully complete its various activities. Without a doubt, Paula is a "most valuable" member of our club and the HUOA.

Oroku Azajin Kai is proud to name Paula Yokochi as our 2009 Uchinanchu of the Year.



OROKU DOSHI KAI

ALISON HORIE

Oroku Doshi Kai is proud to nominate and honor Alison Horie as our Uchinanchu of the Year. Alison has stepped up to the plate as the club's Secretary and has given of her time to help update the club roster and in sending Okinawan Festival tickets to our members. Whenever called upon to help with volunteering or mail outs that need to be done she has enthusiastically come forward and always gives 100%. Alison is a "Yonsei" and is the oldest daughter of James and Barbara Akamine. She resides in Wailuku, Maui with her husband Guy Horie. Thank you and congratulations Alison.



URASOE SHIJIN KAI

CRAIG TOKASHIKI

Urasoe Shijin Kai is proud to honor Craig Tokashiki as our 2009 Uchinanchu of the Year. Craig is and has been the epitome of a volunteer over the past decade. Whenever a call for help went out, he would be at the forefront to help our Club meet its commitment in support of Hawaii United Okinawa Association activities. Whether its support for the HUOA craft fairs, Okinawan Festival, or on-site clean up activities, Craig is normally the first to arrive and one of the last to leave.

Craig has been instrumental in encouraging and leading our fourth generation to participate in club activities. Urasoe Shijin Kai is proud to present Craig Tokashiki as our 2009 Uchinanchu of the Year.



WAHIAWA OKINAWA KYO YU KAI

RONALD KAZUMI "HAPA" AGENA

Ronald Kazumi "Hapa" Agena has been among the most active participants in Wahiawa Okinawa Kyo Yu Kai (WOKYK) activities for many years. Along with our 2008 Uchinanchu of the Year, Richard Nakasone, Hapa has provided shaved ice at our annual picnics for over 40 years. He also was there each year to help set-up and decorate the banquet hall for our New Year's party. He worked with other family members to ensure his mother, one of the last issei members, regularly attend these functions. Mrs. Agena recently passed away at age 100.

Hapa and his wife, Irene, are charter members of WOKYK mixed bowling league. Hapa has been a team captain throughout the 25 year operation of the 14-team league. Hapa's son, daughter and son-in-law are also currently bowling. Hapa served as a district representative several year while his son, Kevin, served as club president for two years.

For Hapa's continued dedication and his overall contributions to our club, we proudly declare him our 2009 Uchinanchu of the Year.

