

CHATAN-KADENA CHOJIN KAI

LAURA AJIMINE

Laura Ajimine has been one of the club's most valuable assets. She has worked in the shaved ice booth at our annual picnics for the last ten years. Laura serves on the Board as Secretary, is famous for her delicious desserts that she makes for our Shinnen Enkai and other events, and is always eager and willing to help wherever there is a need. This past year she helped with the HUOA installation banquet setting up and making mochi favors. Laura is also an active member of Hui O Laulima where she serves on the Board and volunteers and helps with community events.



GAZA YONAGUSUKU DOSHI KAI

MIMI SHIROMA

If we were to describe Mimi with one word, DEPENDABLE comes to mind. We can always depend on her to volunteer her time and talent for our club and HUOA activities working in the Andadog booth at the Okinawan Festival every year. At our Shinnen Enkai and Gaza picnics, she's always assisting her husband Bob who served as Gaza Yonagusuku's treasurer for 18 years. She feels that it's important for her children, Erin and Scott, to get involved and learn about their Okinawan heritage. Mimi graduated from the University of Hawaii with an Elementary Education degree and was the owner and instructor of the Moanalua Kumon Center for 16 years. She also works full-time for the Federal Government at Pearl Harbor as a Budget Analyst for the Pacific Fleet Submarine Force. We are very fortunate to have a very special person like Mimi in our club. Congratulations, Mimi!.



GINOWAN SHIJIN KAI

GUY MIYASHIRO

Guy Miyashiro has been serving on the Ginowan executive board for the last 15 years and has been Ginowan's president for four years. He donated the shave ice machine used at our picnics for the last 15 years. Our Ginowan picnic tent is stored at his work place and he makes sure that it's brought to the picnic every year. During the Okinawan Festival, he is there all day for two days helping with the andagi cooking, making sure that everything works out well. He is a generous and caring person and has a bulldog attitude with a gentle heart. Guy is supported by his wife Frances and daughter Dana, who is presently at Creighton University. We are ever so grateful for his time and support of our club activities



GINOZA SON JIN KAI

LILY RATLIFF

Ginoza Sonjin Kai's 2008 Uchinanchu of the Year is the kind of person that one wishes to have in any club. Lily Toguchi Ratliff is a second generation member of a charter member. She continues the spirit of the founding members of the club and is an outstanding volunteer. She is and has been the membership chair for the club for many years and she is the link to the many families of the club. She makes it a point to know the families in the club. She helps organize the annual picnic, the Shinnen Enkai helps with the choba, and actively participates in club related activities when the club has various responsibilities at HUOA functions. She has served as volunteer nurse for many years at HUOA functions. Ginoza Son Jin Kai is proud to honor Lily Toguchi Ratliff as their 2008 Uchinanchu of the Year.

