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RESPECT FOR THE AGED DAY

Japan observes a national holiday on September 15 called the Respect for the Aged Day which honors the elderly. The Japanese government has a program to recognize persons who have reached the age of 100 by giving them a congratulatory message and a commemorative gift. Japanese nationals received these from the Prime Minister of Japan. Japanese naturalized US citizens receive these from Consul General in Honolulu.

If you know someone that is born prior to March 31, 1910, please contact HUOA as soon as possible at huoa@huoa.org or call (808) 676-5400. We will need the person's birth name, birth date and telephone number to forward to the Consulate.



Ijyuu no hana in bloom. This flower blooms once a year and is now in bloom at the Hawaii Okinawa Center.

UPCOMING EVENTS

AKATSICHI

Aki no Kai Koto Ensemble Debut Recital

April 19: 1pm

Kaimuki High School Auditorium

Ryukyuan Koto Master Yasuko Arakawa

For tickets or more information, contact HUOA at huoa@huoa.org or call (808) 676-5400

SPRING CRAFT FAIR

April 25: 9am – 3pm

\$5 Early Entry at 8:30 am

Hawaii Okinawa Center

Over 100 crafts vendors and delicious food!

FREE ANDAGI

Ride the shuttle bus service OR

Bring a food donation for the Hawaii Food Bank

FREE PARKING SHUTTLE BUS

Avoid the hassle of finding street parking and find monitored parking at Leeward Community College or parking area across the street from 7-Eleven on Ukee Street and Ka Uka Blvd and ride the FREE shuttle bus service. Plus, you'll receive one free andagi for riding the bus!

HUOA Community Service Project

May 2

Pai'olu Kaiaulu at Waianae Civic Center

HUOA Bazaar – Trash & Treasure Sale

May 15: 5pm-9pm

HUOA COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT

*Bringing an Okinawan Picnic to
Pai'olu Kaiaulu at Waianae Civic Center
Saturday, May 2*

Pai'olu Kaiaulu at the Waianae Civic Center is a homeless emergency shelter assisting individuals and families. This is community service project by HUOA's Club Development and Sustainment Committee will bring a typical Okinawan picnic to



"Share Our Uchinanchu Aloha".

Enjoying shaved ice at HUOA Community Service Project at Kahumana in 2007.

Would you like to help?

Volunteers are needed for Saturday and to join the planning committee. Donations are welcome for personal items such as shampoo, conditioner, soap,

May 16: 9am-4pm
Hawaii Okinawa Center

39th Annual HUOA Invitational Golf Tournament

May 23 & 24, Pali Golf Course

Banquet: May 24, 5:30pm, Jikoen Temple

Registration Form

towels, toiletries, tissue, disposable razors, shaving cream, toothbrushes, powdered laundry detergent, clean clothing for infants and children. Please note that due to the facility (no kitchen) and living quarters, food donations are not requested.

To volunteer or make a donation, please contact HUOA at huoa@huoa.org or call us at (808) 676-5400.

WHAT CAN I DO TO HELP?

SURF & SHOP

We are always looking for new ways that you can help HUOA in an easy way. For those that love surfing the web, there is GoodSearch.com, a Yahoo! search engine that will donate one penny per search you make. Last year, we earned 1.3 cents per search! A feature on Goodsearch.com is GoodShop.com, where you can shop your favorite online stores by clicking a link from GoodShop.com and the merchant will donate a % of your purchase to HUOA! GoodShop.com even lists discount codes and coupons that you can use! Both opportunities to surf and shop are FREE – no charges or user fees are collected. You won't receive SPAM from using this site. You can rest assured because you are using a Yahoo! search engine.



Shop at your favorite online stores by clicking on a link from GoodShop and GoodSearch & the merchant will donate a % of your shopping to HUOA! Go to www.goodshop.com to start shopping!

DONATE YOUR CAR

We've recently become listed as a beneficiary with Kokua in Kind, a car exchange service that will take your old car and resell it. Proceeds from the sale less a few fees can be donated to HUOA! And yes, this is a tax deductible donation. You will receive a letter from HUOA once we are notified. You don't have to be an HUOA Club member to donate. Encourage your family, friends and co-workers who are considering donating their vehicle to go to Kokua in Kind to benefit HUOA. Our first donor is our very own HUOA President, Ford Chinen! Check out Kokua in Kind's website for more information.

www.kokuainkind.com



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