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## BOOK FAIR FUNDRAISER FOR HUOA

**Saturday & Sunday, November 7 & 8**

Barnes & Noble at Kahala Mall

Bring your keiki for FREE activities. Hawaii United Okinawa Association (HUOA) will have balloons, goodies, and origami activities for kids on Saturday from 11 A.M. to 2 P.M. and Sunday from 11 A.M. to 12:30 P.M.

Meet and talk with Jane Okamoto Komeiji, co-author of *The Japanese Living in Hawaii: Okage Sama De*, who will be at the Kahala store on Saturday from 1 P.M. for a book signing.

Be introduced to and discover Okinawa, with a unique selection of books on history, art and culture. Talk story with Association members to learn about the educational activities, volunteer opportunities and cultural events sponsored by Hawaii United Okinawa Association on Saturday & Sunday from 11 A.M. to 2 P.M.

HUOA has partnered with Barnes & Noble for a book fair fundraiser. Proceeds from the weekend's net sales will assist the Association to continue its work to preserve, perpetuate and promote Okinawan culture – cultural events like the annual Okinawan Festival.

How can you help? Shop at any Barnes & Noble store during November 7 & 8 and let the cashier know that your purchase is in support of Hawaii United Okinawa Association or simply give our book fair ID#588459.

## BOOK LAUNCH CELEBRATION!

**UCHINANCHU: A HISTORY OF OKINAWANS IN HAWAII**

**Wednesday, November 11: 2:00 pm – 3:30 pm**

Hawaii Okinawa Center

Book Launch Celebration is FREE and open to the public

- *Readings of issei oral history narratives by Dann Seki and Nyla Fujii-Babb.*
- *Uchinanchu books will be available for purchase at a special launch day only price of \$37. Regular retail price is \$45.*
- *Light refreshments will be served.*

**Uchinanchu** was first published in 1981 and reprinted in 1984; this will be a limited third printing. In the book, 80 and 90 year old *issei* describe through interviews what it was like to pull up roots in their homeland and make new lives in the islands. The story of the gradual development and progress of the Okinawan community is documented through articles on labor, religion, culture, business, agriculture, government, son (village) clubs, and community wide organizations.

## NEXT EVENTS

**Sat, November 7: 4:30 pm**

Hawaii Okinawa Today TV show replay of HUOA 59<sup>th</sup> Installation Banquet

**Sat & Sun, November 7 & 8**

HUOA Book Fair Fundraiser  
Barnes & Noble, Kahala Mall

**Mon, November 9**

HUOA members host an evening with Governor Hirokazu Nakaima, Okinawa Prefecture Government, HUOA members only

**Wed, November 11**

Uchinanchu: A History of Okinawans in Hawaii, book launch celebration

**Sun, November 15**

Legacy Awards Banquet  
Sheraton Hotel

[more event information](#)

## LEGACY AWARD BANQUET

**Sunday, November 15**

Hawaii Ballroom, Sheraton Waikiki Hotel  
9:30 am – Welcome Reception & Silent Auction  
11:00 am - Luncheon

**Honoring:**

**The late Kiyoshi Kinjo  
Ronald K. Migita  
James Serikaku  
Victor Yamashiroya**

Tickets still available, contact HUOA.

Individual tickets - \$100

\$1,500 – Silver Table

\$3,000 – Gold Table

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# SURF, SHOP, TAX CREDIT!

## SURF & SHOP

Do you shop online often? Did you know that your shopping can earn funds for HUOA? Yes, through GoodShop, you can raise money for HUOA by selecting Hawaii United Okinawa Association in the Who Do You Support section, then select your online retailer of choice. You can earn from 0.5% to 35% of your total purchase for HUOA! There is no cost to you, the retailer has an agreement with GoodShop to donate a percentage of sales. So, shop away and help us raise funds for HUOA!

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! Both opportunities to surf and shop are FREE – no charges or user fees are collected.



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](http://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](http://www.kokuainkind.com)



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