

OKINAWA FESTIVAL SCRIP SALE

The Okinawa Festival scrip will be distributed at the June 19, 2018, meeting. If you are unable to attend, please make a check payable to: OGSB, mail to:

Sally Matsumoto
98-672 Papalealii Street
Aiea, Hawaii 96701-2728

Upon receipt of your check I will mail your scrip to you. Thank you very much for your support! This year the allotment of scrip is \$6,000. Hopefully I will be able to sell the remainder of the scrip by Saturday; otherwise if you could use additional scrip, please let me know. Sally M.

Rodney's Word of the Month

"fi-tu-ya chimugukuru"
What counts the most is the heart.

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Membership Meeting Notice

Saturday, June 16, 2018
9 a.m.—12 p.m.
Serikaku Chaya

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order
- II. Secretary and Treasurer's Report
- III. Committee Reports
- IV. Announcements
- V. Speakers: Shinye Gima
Dan Nakasone
Battle of Okinawa
- VI. Discussion: OGSB
- VII. Research and Committee Work

SAVE THE DATE

Okinawan Festival
Labor Day Weekend - September 1-2, 2018



OGSB 25th Anniversary
Date: November 3, 2018

Meeting Report

May 19, 2018

Attendance

Members: 49

New Members: 4

Visitors: 3

Treasurer's Report

Income: Membership Dues, Donation,
Guide book and Uchinanchu Annual sale.

Expense: Newsletter printing.

Secretary's Report: Newsletter

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OKINAWAN GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF HAWAII

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Return visitor, Dan Nakasone



Rodney K.



Sally T.



O-Fest Chairman, Shinye G.



**Obuchi Scholar, Rika Inamine
Mastered in Nursing.**



New member, Ann O.



OGSH Friend, Colin Sewake



Mark H. of Hokuzan



"Obuchi Student Scholarships support Okinawan students for master's or doctoral degree study at the University of Hawai'i at Manoa (UHM) in fields deemed beneficial to Okinawan development needs or for the Asia Pacific Leadership Program (APLP)."



John T. of Nanzan



Bonenkai Chair Nancy Y.



Obuchi Student—Rika Inamine

Good morning. Thank you for having me. My name is Rika Inamine. I'm going to graduate this summer. Today I am going to talk about my experience as an Obuchi Student Scholar at East-West Center and also what I have been studying at UH.

The Obuchi Scholarship is part of the East-West Center's scholarship program. It was designed for Okinawan students to come to Hawaii to study. Keizo Obuchi was a former Prime Minister of Japan. When the Okinawan summit happened in 2000, he and the American government talked to develop a scholarship program to support students. It started in 2001 and till to 2009, it was a project for both Okinawa/Japan governments and U.S. From 2010, the East-West Center came in and from 2014 both the East-West Center and Okinawan Prefecture government are in cooperation supporting the students. So for the past 18 years, this program have sent over 50 scholars and students to UH and Hawaii. I am number 36 in the Obuchi Scholarship Program. There is going to be 2 more students added this year, bringing the total to 39 using the Obuchi Scholarship program. Right now, I am doing nursing.

Some of you may know Harry Masuda or Yuichiro Masuda. He's doing education methodology at UH. He will be at Mid-Pac this fall and has also been at Waipahu Intermediate and High Schools learning how to teach. New members will be coming this summer and fall. Hara Hiroaki will be studying library management. He is from the Okinawan Prefecture library. Also, Nakata Kikuko will be in the leadership program. She is also an announcer at RBC TV. They will be the two new students who will be coming in. We're getting a larger number of Okinawan students at East-West Center. There are now a total of five, including myself. Megumi Chibana, who just graduated in political science and Sayaku Sakuma, who is doing her PhD in geography and environment about world tourism. Also Kazuku Itaida, he's doing education psychology. These are the Okinawans members currently at East-West Center. We get together now and then to talk stories and update each other on how we are doing at our studies. We are also thinking about rebuilding Aksamio Club and we are thinking about asking for your support. This was an overview of the Obuchi Program.

(Rika is the daughter of Naomi and Seiichiro Inamine and granddaughter of the founder of Jimmy's Bakery in Okinawa, Seiho "Jimmy" Inamine, deceased.)

Who is Keizo Obuchi?

Mr Keizo Obuchi, former Prime Minister of Japan, was born on 25 June 1937 in Nakanojo, Japan and sadly passed away on 14 May 2000 at the age of 62. Son of a politician, he resolved to become a politician himself. Soft-spoken and charismatic, he was known as a man of modesty and integrity.

"I believe that the foundation of education consist in fostering the life force, a cooperative and helping spirit and a heart which respects our natural environment" (Keizo Obuchi, the Prime Minister of Japan)

<https://en.unesco.org/fellowships/keizo-obuchi/institutional-page/who-was-keizo-obuchi>

Rodney Summarizes Dan Nakansone's request for "Battle of Okinawa" relief efforts.

Dan is researching the post "Battle of Okinawa" relief efforts from Hawaii for war ravaged Okinawa. He is looking for people with stories that should be documented before the window closes, Like, what happened to the supplies (pigs, goats clothing & school supplies, etc) after they arrived in Okinawa.

Momoto Magazine from Okinawa is dedicating the entire September issue to Hawaii. This September marks the 70th anniversary of the pigs arriving at White Sands, Okinawa. So any old documents, articles & photographs are welcomed for his research.

If you have something to share, please contact Dan. He will be a speaker at our June 16, meeting.



Yachimun Experience

Colin Sewake

Hello...Ohayo gozaimasu...Aloha, Haisai. That's what they say. That's what we do in Okinawa. I'm Colin Sewake, a Wahiawa boy, Leilehua '89, UH '94. The fastest way to introduce myself is not to introduce myself but if you watch UH volleyball and you see the aunties give out leis, that's my mom. That's how I introduce myself. It is much quicker. I grew up in Wahiawa. I was in the UH Air Force ROTC program and requested Japan and got sent to Kadena Air Base and served four years active duty.

I met Keiko Yamakawa of Okinawa City. I wasn't planning on getting married, but ended up getting married. I ended up staying and never returned to Hawaii and I live in Yomitan village. I lived over half my life in Okinawa.

I wasn't going to talk about it but when I graduated from UH, I put in for Japan on my Dream Sheet, which is your request of where you would like to be stationed. The orders came back and it was for Kadena Air Base in Okinawa. I wanted to go to Tokyo. I wondered where Okinawa was. I knew it was part of Japan.

My neighbors are from Okinawa, the Teruyas. I went next door to talk to Mrs. Teruya to tell her I was going to Okinawa. I still remember this to today, she told me 2 things are going to happen. The first thing she said is, "You going to come back married." I didn't say anything. I thinking like, "What?" The second thing she said, "You go over there, you go call Jimmy." I'm thinking, "Why go Japan and call a haole guy? "Who this haole guy?" I didn't know anything about that. I got there in December of 1994 and started dating Keiko right away. I mentioned to Keiko about my neighbor, Mr. Teruya, who taught Jimmy how to bake. I eventually got in contact through my church pastor friend. He introduced me to Jimmy in 2005 and have been in touch ever since. The reason I bring this up is that the connections are lot closer and tighter than you might think.

Mark and I talked about Jimmy's Bakery and what not. That it's not like 'party central' but like a central location for meetings for me. The counterpart of HUOA, Hawaii-Okinawa Kyokai and the Association there, I'm part of that now. All our meetings are at the restaurant at Jimmy's Bakery. We're always over there. When the president and president-elect come over for their aisatsu meeting with the Okinawan governor in March that is where we do the welcome party before they depart back to Hawaii. We rent out the whole place and it's pack with all kinds of folks and have a big party to meet the president. That is my number one choice for a buffet. So, if you go over there, go for lunch and dinner.

This Wahiawa boy is living there permanently. When I say permanently, I mean I've built my haka there, so that's what I mean by permanently. When I "make" (die), I might have a funeral service over here but my ashes will be in Okinawa. I'm up there long-term. I bought property in 1998 and built in Nagahama area in Yomitan Village.

There are a lot of things to share on Okinawa. I want to share about the Yachimun Pottery Village, the pottery making process. It's very special to me, not that I'm interested in pottery but my relationship with four Okinawan pottery masters, who started Yachimun Pottery Village in 1978. It took them 2 years to build their houses, studios, and noborigama kiln and it was in 1980 that they held their first festival. They have done these festivals for almost 40 years. There have been more people who have moved in and opened their own pottery studios but for me, in particular, I support the Yomitan Zanyaki Association, the original 4 potters. I'm friends with Mieko Kinjo, not to be confused with Jiro Kinjo, a National Living Treasure of Japan.

Not too many Okinawans are taking over from that generation. A lot of them are mainland Japanese who are learning from the other three pottery masters. So, besides Kinjo's son's son and maybe another Okinawan person, there is no other person learning from their pottery association. So, it is a great honor for me to be asked to help out because artists are very particular. There are others that want to learn and help, he's turned down a lot of people who requested. I didn't even ask. He called and asked Keiko, "Where is your husband?" and here I am...doing pottery every year. So that is the Yachimun experience for me.



25th

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. OGS Member Application & Update Form

Because of outdated and missing member info, we are sending out revised member application forms. Please try to provide all requested information and return it promptly to ogshnews@gmail.com. The plan is, after verifying that your 2018 membership dues have been paid, your name will then be printed in the 25th Bonenkai program. Thank you all for your cooperation. Submit to Susan R. or Theresa T.

2. OGS Talent Search

If you possess a special talent that you would like to showcase at our 208 Bonenkai, please contact **John T.** by May 19, 2018, at jtasato@gmail.com or 808-398-3343. Tell him:

- 1) The title of your performance;
- 2) The approximated length of time of your performance;
- 3) And if possible, a back-up performance with length of time, in case of duplicities.

3. Bonenkai Donation Solicitation

If you, your pal, your coworkers, your uncles or your aunts know of a business from which you could solicit a prize, a gift certificate, or some cash, please ask them! It could make for a better Anniversary Celebration and, they could get an "Okinawan sanctioned" promo for their business in return. Contact **Stan U.** with your donation details at the next meeting, or at suehara001@hawaii.rr.com or 455-2442.





OGSH MEMBER APPLICATION / Update

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For OGSH/HUOA use only.
Info will remain confidential.

Name: _____
PRINT: Last First M.I / Maiden

New Member Month/Year Joined: _____

Current Member Month/Year Joined: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Birthdate: _____

Email Address: _____

I would like a Newsletter sent via: Mail Email No Newsletter required

Club Affiliation(s) / Family's Okinawa home town: _____

Family Name(s) you are researching: _____

In Case of Emergency, please contact:

PRINT: Full Name Phone Relationship

I would enjoy participating in the following activities:

Group Projects: Short Stories; Library; Bookmarks; Presentations; Fundraising)

Committees: Food; Aloha; Bonenkai; Okinawan Festival

Information Technology (Computer; Data Base; Graphic Arts)

Japanese/English Translation

Leadership (OGSH Officers)

Other: _____

	Initial & Date
Aloha Committee	_____
Treasurer/Payment	_____
Recording Secretary	_____
Corresponding Secretary	_____

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Hawaii United Okinawa Association
commemorates

"Irei no Hi"

Okinawa Memorial Day,
remembering the lives lost during
the Battle of Okinawa

nuchi du takara ... life is a treasure

June 21, 2018

(June 23 in Okinawa)

Hawaii Okinawa Center

Doors Open 5:30 pm

Program 6-8 pm

*sharing: **



A heart-to-heart talk about the importance of remembering the Battle of Okinawa and the many lives lost, presented by MIS veteran Dr. Shinye Gima.



A video and introduction of Mrs. Betty Fumiko Tamae Ganeku (Gushikawa) and her experience of living through and surviving the Battle of Okinawa.




The story of a Himeyuri Butai survivor, Mrs. Janice Suetomi, who was featured in June's Hawaii Herald, written by Jodie Ching.



Opening performance by Ryukyukoku Matsuri Daiko Hawaii.

free and open to the public

Please RSVP via link at huoa.org, google doc link below, or 

Pre-Order Bentos are Available for purchase:

- 1) Mini (teri beef, boneless teri chicken, rice, shoga) - \$7
- 2) Large (boneless kalbi, boneless teri chicken, rice, takuan) - \$12
- 3) Vegetarian (tofu vegetable stir fry and vegetarian yakisoba) - \$8

Bento deadline: June 18, mail payment to:

HUOA - Irei no Hi, 94-587 Ulkee St., Waipahu, HI 96797

RSVP/Bento Form at <https://goo.gl/forms/cRmH19TxwVOKAybw1>

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