

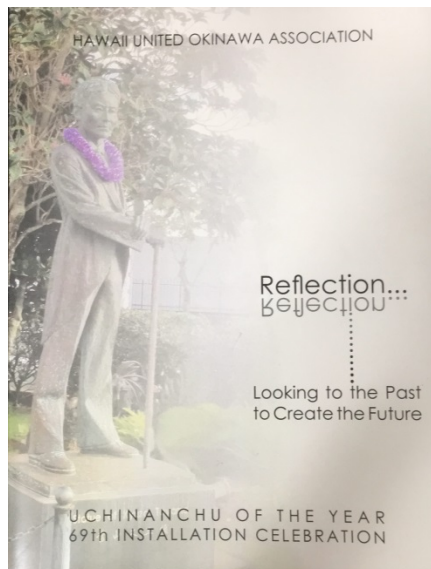
Meeting dates:

January 26, 2019, Fourth Saturday
OGSH Meeting, 9am, HOC Serikaku Chaya

“Looking Ahead Planning Session”

February 16, 2019, Third Saturday

March 16, 2019, Third Saturday



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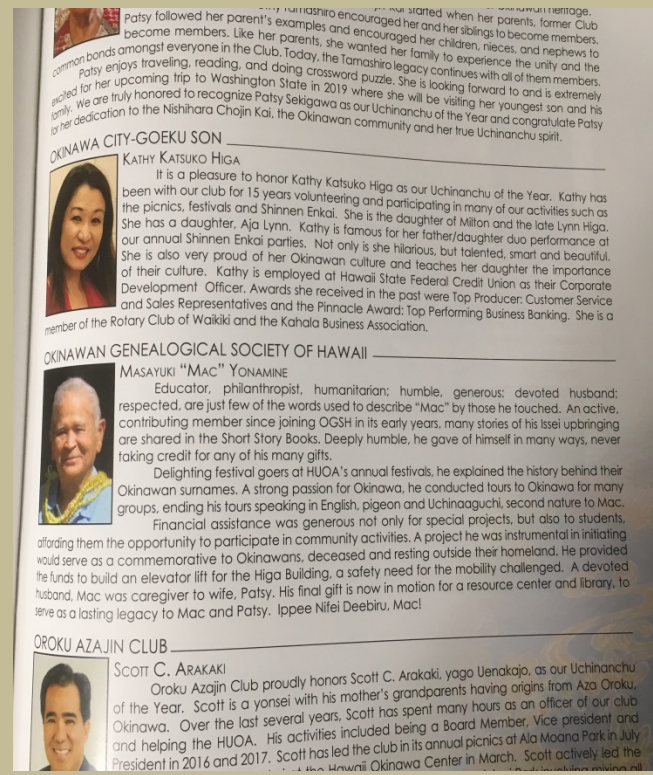


Rodney's Word of the Month

“Awatiiru naaka utichiki.”
Don't panic when you are in haste.

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Membership Meeting Notice
Saturday, January 26, 2019
9 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Hawaii Okinawan Center Serikaku Chaya

AGENDA

- 9:00 a.m. Opening Remarks, business topics
- 9:20 a.m. Looking Ahead Planning Session
- 11:00 a.m. Break
- 11:30 a.m. Wrap-up/ Evaluation

Looking Ahead Planning Session

January 26, 2019

Purpose:

To enhance delivery of current OGS products and services and to introduce new ways to expand its value to our membership and community currently and in the future.

Outcome:

Agreement in definition of products and services prioritized for:

- a. Ongoing/immediate implementation
- b. 1, 2 and 5 year plans to provide focus and prioritization for our efforts.

Schedule:

0900-0920 Rodney: Opening remarks; business topics

0920-0940 Ken Kamiya: Underlying Assumptions/Beliefs/Values

0940-0950 Donna: introduce brainstorming exercise and recorders

0950-1050 Ken Kamiya: Brainstorming facilitation

Education: recorders - Joyce/Thom Lichte

Networking: recorders - James Higa/Kay Ikei

Research: recorders - Sally Tsuda/Shigeru Yoshimoto

1050-1100 Break

1100-1130 Wrap-up/Evaluation

OGSH's Uchinanchu of the Year
Mac Yonamine (1928-2018)

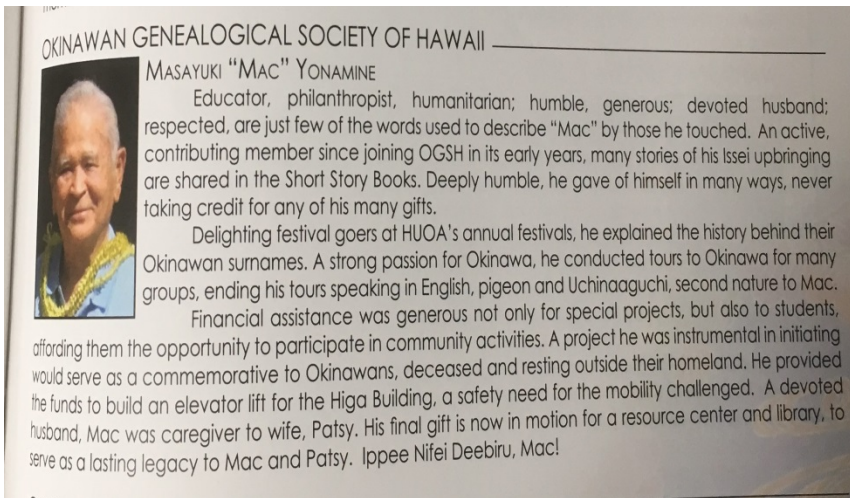
When Mac was alive and well he declined the honor to be named OGS's Uchinanchu of the Year.

In 2018, members of OGS learned that Mac's health was failing and he could no longer attend the Saturday meetings. Members visited him and one member asked if it would be okay to name him OGS's Uchinanchu of the Year. He said, "Yes."

Mac had a great passion for sharing his Okinawan knowledge. He was also very generous. One of the many things he funded is the one man lift elevator at the Higa Building.

Mac's family attended the awards ceremony. They were very proud of him and all of the members of OGS for all their hard work.

Family members who were able to attend were **Gladys Hirano**, Mac's younger sister; **Sadako Tengan**, Mac's cousin (mother's niece); niece **Sharynne Sakamoto** and her husband **Leighton**; **Chris Kaneshiro**, a grandnephew; nieces **Laura Yonamine** (daughter of Noboru Yonamine); **Ann Yonamine**; nephews **Keith Yonamine**, **Riki Hirano**, **Lorin Hirano**.



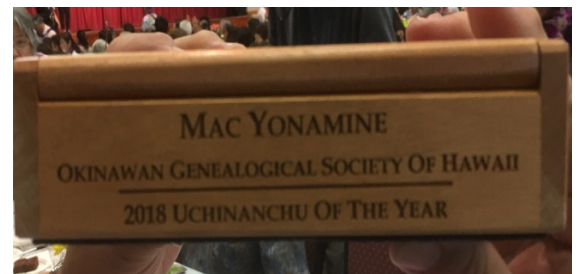
Mac's write up in the Uchinanchu of the Year program.



Keith accepted the award on behalf of the family.



1st Row: Sadako, Laura, Sharynne, Gladys, 2nd Row: Chris, Ann, Keith, Leighton, Riki, Lorin.



The awardees were presented a koa box with their named engraved.



2018 Uchinanchu of the Year



Dorothy, OGS member, Ginoza Sonjin Kai's Uchinanchu of the Year



Entertainment by Dazzman Toguchi.



The food.



OGSH in the 2018 Annual



Table decoration.



HUOA Executive Director Gwen Fujie



Kyuzo Toyama Arare



Rodney



69th Annual Celebration has ended.