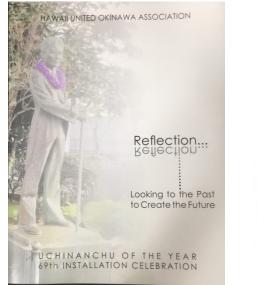
#### Meeting dates:

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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Patsy followed her parent's examples and encouraged her and her sharps to the transformer Club become members. Like her parents, she wande de necouraged her and her sharps to become members. I her the club, to the club, to day, the tampshire legacy continues with all of them members, and/y ergors traveling, reading, and doing crassword puzzle. She is looking forward to make settemely to ready wroned to recognize Patsy setting was an even with all of them members. I or her upcoming thip to Washington State in 2019 wrones will be vitiging to back settemely we are truly honored to recognize Patsy setting was our Uchinanchu of the Year and congrutulate Patsy dedication to the Nishihara Chojn Kai, the Okinawan community and her true Uchinanchu spirit.

#### KINAWA CITY-GOEKU SON KATHY KATSUKO HIGA



KAHY KATSUKO HIGA It is a pleasure to honor Kathy Katsuko Higa as our Uchinanchu of the Year. Kathy has been with our club for 15 years volunteering and participating in many of our activities such as she has a doughter. Ala Junn. Kathy is famous for her faither/doughter duo performance at she has a doughter. Ala Junn. Kathy is famous for her faither/doughter duo performance at our annual Shinnen Enkai parties. Not only is she hiadous both tolented, smath and beaufild. If her culture. Kathy is employed at Hawaii State Federal Credit Union as their Corporate and Sales Representatives and the Finnacle Award: Top Performing Business Banking. She is a performed the Rotary Club of Wakiki and the Khada Business Association.

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SCOTT C. ARAKAKI Oroku Azajin Club proudly honors Scott C. Arakaki, yago Uenakajo, as our Uchinan of the Year. Scott is a yonsei with his mother's grandparents having origins from Aza Or Okinawa. Over the last several years, Scott has spent many hours as an officer of our Okinawa. Over the last several years, Scott has a Board Member, Vice president and helping the HUOA. His activities included being a Board Member, Vice president President in 2016 and 2017. Scott has led the club in its annual picnics at Ala Maana Park in President in 2016 and 2017. Scott has the Marwnii Okinawa Center in March. Scott actively ex

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

#### AGENDA

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

## Looking Ahead PlanningSession

## January 26, 2019

### Purpose:

To enhance delivery of current OGSH 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 OGSH's Uchinanchu of the Year.

In 2018, members of OGSH 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 OGSH's Uchinanchu of the Year. He said, "Yes."

Mac had a great passion for sharing his Okinawan knowledge. He was also was 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 OGSH 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**, **Lorrin Hirano**.

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Masayuki "Mac" Yonamine

Educator, philanthropist, humanitarian; humble, generous; devoted husband; respected, are just few of the words used to describe "Mac" by those he touched. An active, contributing member since joining OGSH in its early years, many stories of his Issei upbringing are shared in the Short Story Books. Deeply humble, he gave of himself in many ways, never taking credit for any of his many gifts.

Delighting festival goers at HUOA's annual festivals, he explained the history behind their Okinawan surnames. A strong passion for Okinawa, he conducted tours to Okinawa for many groups, ending his tours speaking in English, pigeon and Uchinaaguchi, second nature to Mac. Financial assistance was generous not only for special projects, but also to students.

affording them the opportunity to participate in community activities. A project he was instrumental in initiating would serve as a commemorative to Okinawans, deceased and resting outside their homeland. He provided the funds to build an elevator lift for the Higa Building, a safety need for the mobility challenged. A devoted husband, Mac was caregiver to wife, Patsy. His final gift is now in motion for a resource center and library, to serve as a lasting legacy to Mac and Patsy. Ippee Nifei Deebiru, Mac!

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



Keith accepted the award on behalf of the family.



1<sup>st</sup> Row: Sadako, Laura, Sharynne, Gladys, 2<sup>nd</sup> Row: Chris, Ann, Keith, Leighton, Riki, Lorrin.



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



2018 Uchinanchu of the Year



Dorothy, OGSH 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

69<sup>th</sup> Annual Celebration has ended.