

2019

-December - No OGSB meeting

2020

**January**

18-Uchinanchu of the Year Award Luncheon

25-OGSH Meeting (4<sup>th</sup> Saturday, Jan 25)

**March**

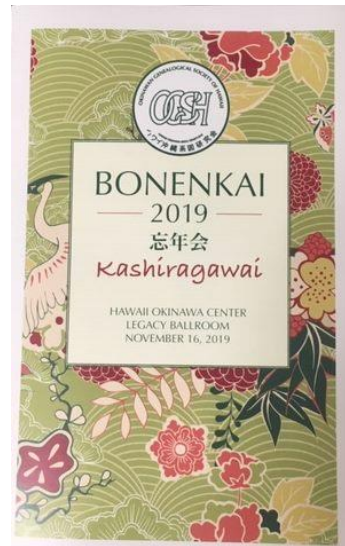
6, 7, 8-Ukwanshin Loo Choo Conference

Windward Community College

**November**

21- OGSB Bonenkai

HOC Legacy Ballroom



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Donna's Word of the Month



"nuuji"  
rainbow

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*“You have to love what you do, to give your best.” Lailah Gifty Akita*

Sandie, Chairperson for the 2019 Bonenkai, would share with us at the OGSB Saturday meetings, “This is my first and it will be the best.” Sandie and with her Hokuzan group are thankful for the dedicated OGSB members and friends who are talented, generous, and flexible. The Hokuzans appreciated the help from the Chuzans, Nanzans, and friends. They also appreciated the many suggestions, donations of time, food, prizes, monetary donations, and the spirit of cooperation.



The pointsetta centerpieces were beautiful and the chichi dango favor was yummy. Amy Tsuru made handcrafted lei and Louise Tamashiro helped get the fresh lei.

As people checked-in, members drew a lucky number, and proceeded to the prize table.

The Bonenkai started on time at 10 a.m. with a moment of silence to honor the three members who passed since the previous Bonenkai. Kiyoshi Taira, Mary Miyashiro, and Goro Arakawa.

There were four members who were present at the Bonenkai that were honored with their 88<sup>th</sup> Birthday or Tookachi. They were Sally Matsumoto, Louise Tamashiro, Nancy Tome, and Helen Yanamura.

Part of the program included OGSB members Hisashi Matsumoto, Fred Shinsato, John Hewitt, and Mark Higa. The slide show was created by Henry Isara, Ron Miyashiro, and Curtis Shinsato. The program and slide presentation was excellent.

The OGSB 2019 Uchinanchu Award was presented to Amy Tsuru. Congratulations Amy!

The weather for the day was awesome for the Bonenkai and the OGSB group picture.

With Sandie’s big smile, contagious enthusiasm, and together with her Hokuzan group they planned and executed the best Bonenkai “Kashiragawai”. Sandie thanks everyone. Ippee Niffee Deebiru!

## 2019 Hokuzans’ Bonenkai









## ENTERTAINMENT

Jimpu Kai USA Kin Ryosho Ryukyu Geino Kenkyusho,  
Hawaii Shibu  
Cheryl Nakasone Sensei, Shibu-cho

1. **Iwai Bushi** - Charlene Gima. This dance often performed to celebrate happy occasions. The dancers share their joy with the audience through their eyes, the windows of the soul. Choreographed by Master Kin.
2. **Ze** - Corey Zukeran, Jeffrey Nishihara. This classical male dance refers to the flag that was used for signaling in times of battle. The dance refers to a beautiful pine tree embedded in the rock. The tree has become strong and steadfast, which refers to the family bond and the generations that grow strong together.
3. **Hatuma Bushi** - Cheryl Yoshie Nakasone Sensei, Shibu-cho. This dance comes from the Yaeyama islands. This young man's dance describes the beauty of Hatoma Island and praises the green trees and the boats in the distance, filled with grain that represents the wealth and prosperity of the island.

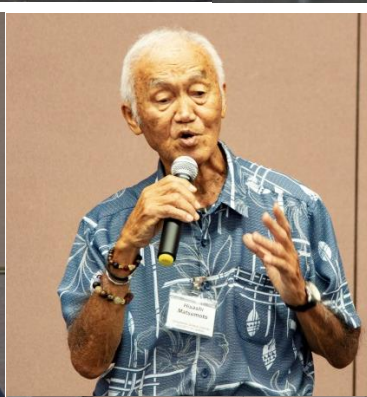
Musical Interlude by OGSJ Members and Friend  
Mark Higa, John Hewitt and Mindy Oumi

4. **Akayura** - Cheryl Yoshie Nakasone Sensei, Shibu-cho, Jeffrey Nishihara, Charlene Gima and Corey Zukeran. This song by Ōshima Yasukatsu describes the vivid red flowers of the spring in Okinawa, like the *deigo no hana*. The song describes the fresh beauty of the islands in the spring and the turn of the tide that brings good fortune to the islanders.

CLOSING REMARKS - Donna Nakamura

KACHASHI









































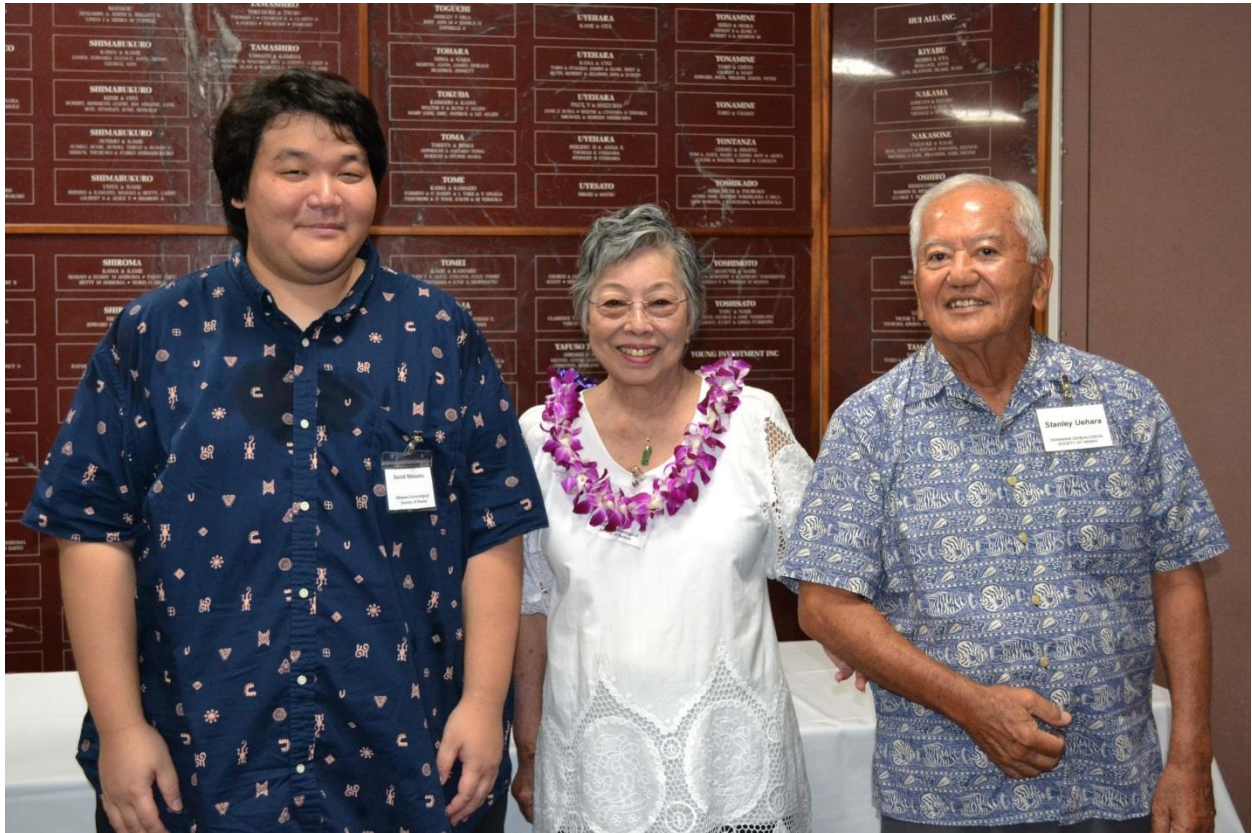


















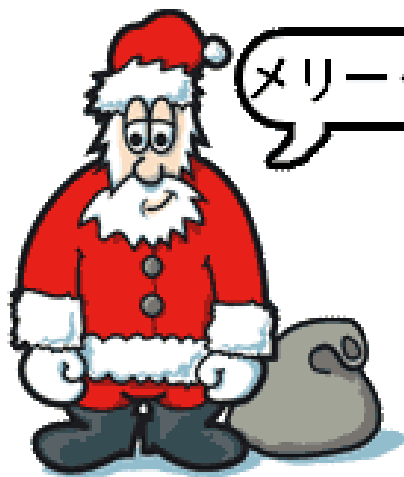








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