



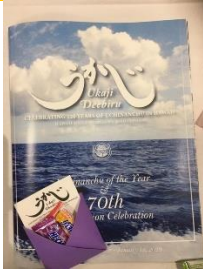
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**Donna's Word of the Month**  
 atu atu (n)  
 the future, the time to come



Congratulations to the Uchinanchu of the Year. The annual event as held on January 15, 2020, at the Hawaii Okinawan Center. Approximately 850 people attended the event.

Ukaji was the theme for this year's Uchinanchu of the Year Award and Installation Banquet.

Amy Tsuru was OGS's Uchinanchu of the Year. Other members of OGS that received awards from their clubs were David Shinsato and Shigeru Yoshimoto and his wife Eileen.

The sound of a chatter, and Uchinanchu music filled the Legacy Ballroom during the event. Fellowship and good food always make the gathering enjoyable. Amy was very generous to make cereal treats and bagged the goodies in a red bag for all the OGS attendees.

The Hawaii United Okinawan Association's next president is Lynn Miyahira. Her dad, the late Wayne Miyahira, was also a HUOA. President. They are the first father and daughter to serve as president. President elect is Patrick Miyashiro. He is the person in charge of the 2020 Okinawan Festival.




**Membership Meeting**  
 Saturday, January 25, 2020, 9 am—12 pm, Serikaku Chaya

**AGENDA**


- I. Call to Order
- II. Treasurer's Report
- III. Announcements
- IV. Committees for 2020
  - a. Okinawan Festival - Nanzan
  - b. Bonenkai - Chuzan
  - c. TBA project - Hokuzan
  - d. Library
- V. Discussion
- VI. Committee Work

**OKINAWAN GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF HAWAII | AMY TSURU**  
 Sansei Amy Tsuru, traces her family roots to Haneji and Tomigusuku. A translation resources, she learned about OGS at a HUOA festival. Attending She has researched for members of OGS as well as the larger community, participates in club activities including the annual HUOA festival, the boi programs which have been held on Oahu and neighbour islands. Described way to help others. When a scholar from Okinawa needed housing for his fa and organized the collection of numerous items and food prior to their ar your dedication and generosity in helping others!




**2019 UCHINANCHU OF THE YEAR HONOREES**

**GINOZA SONJIN KAI | DAVID SHINSATO**  
 Ginoza Sonjin Kai is happy to honor David Shinsato as its Uchinanchu of the in Hawaii, David is a yonsei whose paternal grandmother's family roots e Ginoza Village. In 2016, David was our Ginoza Sonjin Kai's first kenshusei (t to participate in a three-month exchange program in Ginoza Village, Okin he had the opportunity to study Okinawan music and culture, and was able relationships with his relatives in Ginoza. After returning from Okinawa, E active role in our club, facilitating communications in Japanese and English Kai and Ginoza Village, helping to coordinate collaborative programs with G the past two years, serving as our Club President. Also a member of the OI Society of Hawaii, David has been very passionate about reconnecting Ginoz Okinawan relatives, and further strengthening the relationship between our Cl to ensure that our club stays strong for years to come.



**TOMIGUSUKU SONJIN KAI | SHIGERU & EILEEN YOSHIMOTO**  
 Tomigusuku Sonjin Kai is honored to nominate Shigeru and Uchinanchu of the Year. They embody the spirit of Chimuu dedication to the Okinawan community. Hosting visitors fro helped to share the spirit of "Aloha." They have also helped any LooChoo identity summit to help spread the Okinawan cult being born and raised in Okinawa, has helped to provide in Tomigusuku members when asked about life in Okinawa, spirit of a true Uchinanchu by supporting Shigeru's endeavor community. If you get to know Eileen, she will share with the Okinawan culture and traditions, and how she keeps the well with her family. Their kids are active participants with culture, which shows that Shigeru and Eileen's Okinawan spir to future generations.




li Soogwachi Deebiru! Happy New Year OGSB Family!

I welcome the year of the rat with you and am looking forward to having a very productive and meaningful year with you!

Together with your OGSB Board of Directors (BOD), we have been busy working towards laying out the plans for 2020 with two meetings that were held in mid December (12/14/2019) and another last week Friday (1/17/2020). These meetings

produced our focus for 2020. Please allow me to share some of the significant items that were discussed as follows:



### **12/14/2019 BOD Meeting**

1. Our 2020 Bonenkai will be held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday in November and we were able to secure the larger ballroom in anticipation of increased attendance to celebrate our 120<sup>th</sup> year of Uchinanchu in Hawaii. The larger ballroom will allow us to have greater entertainment options and more elbow room for those in attendance.
2. The recently adopted bylaws has the word “members” in para 2.01.a under Purposes section that was inadvertently left in. Attached you will find that page with the word lined out and the date 12/14/2019 annotated in the margin. Please print that page and replace the existing page 1 with the attached.
3. The OGSB ad for the annual Uchinanchu annual was completed, paid for and submitted to HUOA by the 1/15/2020 deadline. Looking forward to seeing it in print.
4. We are working towards refreshing the membership listing by placing inactive members under a separate tab in 2021. Inactive is defined as non-payment of dues for 2020. This will result in the name(s) being dropped from the emailing list of our newsletter but will be retained in our database once membership is reinstated. Reminder: please bring your dues up-to-date if this applies to you. Additionally, no hard copies of our OGSB meetings will be provided in 2021. The rationale is to save on postage and printing costs. If you do not currently have an email addresses, please take the time this year to make arrangements with a family member or friend who can help you.
5. Annual state and federal reporting has been handed over from Rodney to myself effective this month and current officers have been uploaded into DCCA website.
6. We have an approved budget for 2020. A copy of the budget is attached. Any expenditures should be cleared by the contact person for that line item as indicated on the sheet.
7. We tentatively have a Professor Smits scheduled for March. More info to follow as confirmation is received.

**1/17/2020 BOD Meeting and Strategic Planning Session:** details will be shared at our upcoming meeting.

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Donna

## 2020 BUDGET FOR OGSB

BONENKAI: (*Chairman and designated leads*)

Catering:	\$3,500.00	
Lei:	150.00	
Printed Program:	200.00	
Door Prizes:	300.00	
Entertainment:	250.00	
Decorations/favors/ Centerpieces/nametags	500.00	
Mensore/Aloha	100.00	( <i>Kay Ikei</i> )
Library	100.00	( <i>Naomi Tome</i> )
HUOA Annual	100.00	( <i>President</i> )
Ancestry Subscription	200.00	( <i>Ron Miyashiro</i> )
Short Stories	3,000.00	( <i>Sue Ramelb</i> )
Office Supplies (postage/toner/paper)	400.00	( <i>Dorothy Nakama</i> )
Non-profit fee	3.00	
Uchinanchu of the Year		
Submittal fee	50.00	( <i>Nancy Yogi or designee</i> )
Ad fee for annual	600.00	( <i>President or designee</i> )
Miscellaneous	250.00	( <i>President</i> )
Outreach	1,000.00	( <i>President</i> )
Okinawan Festival	500.00	( <i>Festival Chair</i> )
Office Equipment	<u>1,500.00</u>	( <i>IT Committee &amp; President</i> )
	<u>\$12,703.00</u>	



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