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e-Newsletter
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 SEPTEMBER

Donna's Word of the Month
 "chaganju shimisoriyo"
 Always stay strong and healthy.



Fred. S at the entrance of OGS Room,
 2019 Okinawan Festival, Honolulu Convention Center
 Picture from the Virtual Okinawan Festival, Day 2

Membership Meeting
 Saturday, September 19, 2020, 10AM
 Zoom Meeting



September's Report

Treasurer's Report: Expense-none Income-dues
 Secretary's Report: Newsletter
 OGS Photos: Curtis S., members and friends

Speakers for September



Dr. Ann (Tsukayama) Yabusaki is a family psychologist who is a sansei. Her father comes from Ewa and her mother from Ookala, Hawaii Island. She continues her parents' legacy of family/community building as a family psychologist. Her grandparents are from Ginoza, Okinawa. Dr. Yabusaki will be sharing on family and the significance or role it plays in preserving and transmitting legacies. She will be available for Q&A after her talk.

Jennifer Kumura will be sharing her background and current interests along with projected developments in our new web page development. It'll be an exciting meeting! *Donna*



Jennifer is a user experience immersive instructor and product designer. She studied and has professional experience in Human-Centered Design, focusing on Human Computer Interaction over the past 6 years. Her continual passion in the field is driven by understanding and designing for the relationship between technology and overall well-being (mental, environmental, societal, etc.)

In addition to teaching at GA*, Jennifer dances hula, plays taiko, and volunteers at the Crisis Text Line.

<https://generalassemb.ly/instructors/jennifer-kumura/21505>

*GA-General Assembly Vocational and Technical School

Ippee Nifee Debiru Umuiganasa Committee
 (umuiganasa-thinking of you)

Were you a brave soul and answered your phone to an unknown number? Or did you let it go to voicemail? Did you listen to your voicemail and then return the call?

Nifee debiru brave souls. The Umuiganasa Committee were busy contacting OGS members to see if they were okay, get updates on email addresses, and did a little chit chat. Positive responses were received from the members who were lucky to speak to a Umuiganasa Committee member.

The others who got a voicemail must have been surprised to hear the caring voice from an Umuiganasa Committee. "I should have answered the phone." Mahalo ***

DONATE

Ippee Nifee Debiru to all that clicked the donation button at the Virtual Okinawan Festival and designated your donation to the "Genealogy Database."

A total of \$320 was received during the festival.

OGSH Board of Directors for 2021

Current approved OGSB bylaws in paragraph 5.02 Election of Officer, reads” The President, Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer shall be elected on odd-numbered years and the 1st, 2nd Vice Presidents, Recording Secretary and Assistant Treasurer on even-numbered years.”

The current COVID-19 situation has made it impossible to meet and to carry on our business in the normal way. Based on extenuating circumstances that are beyond our control, an executive decision with approval from the BOD, has ruled that all elections will be deferred to next year or such time as we can meet again. All officers have agreed to continue their service for another year to accommodate the current situation. Donna



20-21 Membership Dues Special

Your membership dues of \$10 for 2020 will be good for the year 2021.

If you are current in your membership dues, ippee niffee debiru.

If you are not current, collection of membership dues is ongoing. We are not set-up to collect credit/debit card payments. You may submit your check with the membership application to:



Clyde Higa
95-917 Paikauhale Street
Mililani, Hawaii 96789-2841

Ippee Niffee Debiru

Questions? Email: ogshnews@gmail.com

Virtual Okinawan Festival 2020

Overall, the Board of Directors felt that it was a very successful virtual festival given the fact that this was a first ever attempt. The only disappointment was that more of our OGSB videos was not shared (probably because of length). Future plans involve posting the videos on our OGSB new web page and to create other videos to share with community. The HUOA is also planning to post it on their YouTube site.

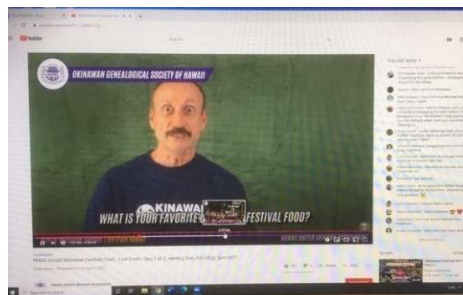
If you missed the virtual festival or would like to watch it again, go to:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC61hEnfb8TenI9Aq6o_dTnQ

or google: Hawaii United Okinawa Association YouTube, click on [www.youtube.com Hawaii United Okinawa Association](https://www.youtube.com/Hawaii United Okinawa Association)



Rodney K. "Hairy Contest"



Mike S. "Orion"



Elvis Higa and Alberto Shiroma

Media Release

Nisei Veterans Memorial Service

In lieu of its annual memorial service which was cancelled due to COVID-19 restrictions, the Nisei Veterans Legacy will present a memorial program on:

- **Sunday, September 27 at 9:30 a.m. on `Ōlelo public access Channel 53.**
- **Monday, September 28 at 6:00 p.m. (Channel 53)**
- **Tuesday, September 29 at 10:00 p.m. (Channel 53)**
- **Wednesday, September 30 at 12:30 p.m. (Channel 53)**

The program will also air on `Ōlelo's YouTube channel: www.YouTube.com/olelocm Facebook page: www.facebook.com/olelocommunity and stream on www.olelo.org/53. The program will then be archived on `ŌleloNet on-demand at www.olelo.org/olelonet.

The service is usually held on the last Sunday of September in honor of Sergeant Shigeo "Joe" Takata, the first Nisei soldier to be killed in combat in Italy on September 29, 1943.

The Nisei soldiers were second-generation Japanese Americans who fought in defense of America during World War II in large part to prove their loyalty which was questioned after the attack on Pearl Harbor in December 1941 by Japan. Initially labeled as "enemy aliens" and unable to serve in the U.S. armed forces, they were later recruited and served in the European and Pacific theaters.

On the West Coast and in Hawai`i, over 110,000 people of Japanese ancestry were forced from their homes and sent to internment camps in the country's interior. Despite the suspicion and bigotry, more than 20,000 young men served honorably and heroically in racially segregated U.S. Army units.

After the war, the Nisei soldiers returned home and worked to win equal treatment for all people and create a better community in which to raise their families. The following generations owe much to their sacrifice and service.

The program features commentary by Governor George Ariyoshi, Major General Suzanne P. Vares-Lum and Mr. Jon Teraizumi, the grandson of Nisei veteran Makoto Kunimune. Musical performances by Ms. Sandy Tsukiyama, daughter of Nisei veteran Ted Tsukiyama, and Alan Miyamura are also featured. Military honors are conducted by the 100th Battalion 442d Infantry Regiment, the Army reserve unit that carries the name of two of the famous Nisei units during World War II.

The Nisei Veterans Legacy is a non-profit educational organization dedicated to the preservation and promulgation of the contributions of the Nisei soldiers of World War II. For information on the NVL, please see: nvlchawaii.org