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e-Newsletter  
 2022  
 May

**Donna's Word of the Month**  
 tigumi, *n.*  
 arrangement, preparation

**Upcoming Events 2022**

May 25 Festival Planning Meeting, Hybrid, 7PM

June 17 Senior Fair, HOC, 9AM-1PM, Free

July 24 Legacy Banquet, Hilton Hawaiian Hotel, \$150 per ticket

September 3 and 4; Okinawan Festival, Hybrid-Hawaii Convention Center

November 19 OGSB Bonenkai, Legacy Ballroom, HOC

**Hybrid Membership Meeting**  
 Chaya and Zoom  
 Saturday, May 21, 2022, 9AM

**AGENDA**

I. Guest Speakers  
 -Jon Itomura, HUOA Executive Director  
 -Shigeru Yoshimoto – “Family Kafu”

II. Treasurer’s Report  
 Income: Membership dues, donations, HUOA fundraiser, sales of Guidebooks and Short Stories  
 Expense: Ancestry.com annual fee

III. Committee Updates

- Okinawan Festival (Nanzan)
- Bonenkai Update (Hokuzan)
- Taikai
- Research Committee
- Library

Visit HUOA’s new website: <https://huoa.org>  
 Go to the Events page: <https://huoa.org/events>  
 for information on the Senior Fair, Legacy Banquet, Okinawan Festival, and more.

Haitai OGSB Members!



Here we are on the eve before we meet each other again face-to-face after a long wait. We have done the best we can with preparation and arrangement (*tigumi*) prior to meeting you in a hybrid event and I am getting a little queasy thinking about it! It’s a mixture of excitement and hoping that all goes well. With support from HUOA staff and Jon Itomura, we will fare very well as we navigate the waters of doing a hybrid event. Unfortunately, with COVID numbers on the rise, it is strongly recommended that masking become part of our attire as we greet each other on Saturday! We will be there early waiting for you!

We have an exciting lineup for you with Shigeru Yoshimoto as our featured speaker about his family kafu! The topic of Okinawan kafu is one that fascinates me as it imparts details about our rich history as a kingdom! We will also share many updates for you in the areas of our Okinawan Festival, Taikai, Bonenkai, Research and Library Committee reports. Saving the rest of our news for the meeting on Saturday! Hope to see most of you! Until then . . .

**HUOA Senior Health & Fitness Fair**  
 at the Hawaii Okinawa Center

Friday 6/17/22  
 9 am to 1 pm

Educational & Wellness Workshops  
 Products & Services for Seniors  
 Valuable Information for Caregivers & Families  
 Health, Safety, Financial, Cultural Booths

**WIN a**  
 5 night California Hotel stay with 3 meals daily (without air fare)  
 Courtesy of *Victorian Hawaii*

- Giveaways
- Door Prizes
- Free Blood Pressure Test
- Tons of FUN!

**FREE ADMISSION – OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**  
 Hawaii Okinawa Center - 94-587 Ukeae St., Waipio  
 808-676-9100 / [www.huoa.org](http://www.huoa.org) / [info@huoa.org](mailto:info@huoa.org)

SUNDAY, JULY 24, 2022

**Legacy Award BANQUET**

*Honoring*

<b>DR. MARK MUGIISHI</b>	<b>JANE SERIKAKU</b> Posthumously Awarded	<b>PAUL YONAMINE</b>
President and CEO of Hawaii Medical Service Association (HMSA)	HUOA Executive Director 2009 - 2015 HUOA President 1963-1994	Chairman and CEO of Central Pacific Financial Corporation and Central Pacific Bank

HAWAII UNITED OKINAWA ASSOCIATION

Welcome Back!

**40th Hawaii Okinawan Festival**

"Sharing Uchinanchu Aloha"

September 3 & 4, 2022 LIVE IN-PERSON Honolulu, Hawaii

Ippei, nifei, deebiru,  
 Donna Nakamura



## A Moment of Reflection for Patsy Kikue Miyahira Young

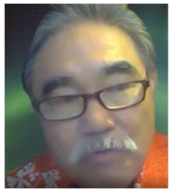


<https://www.staradvertiser.com/2022/04/10/hawaii-news/>

Donna: For those of you who are members of the Genealogy Club and the larger involvement in the Okinawan community, I'm pretty sure a lot of you had opportunities to rub shoulders with her. Is there anyone else who would like to share?



Mark: I didn't know Patsy personally, but I've been involved with HUOA side with the Legacy Banquet. In that, we learned so much about her. I think Carleen Chinen was a big proponent in nominating her for a Legacy award. It was through that, that people like me who didn't know her, got to understand and know her story in writing the biographies and what not. It is what OGSB does in terms of recording oral history. People like myself, who haven't been around while she was doing a lot of these things realize what great people they are and how much they supported out communities. I think OGSB is awesome because of the work we do with short stories and with everybody sharing. I would love to continue doing this and learning with everybody.



David: Our family was close to the Young family. Her husband was my baseball coach. I played with her son. I know her daughter. Helped them with the Legacy Banquet. Her daughter recalls that I helped draft the bio, but who knows. A lot of people chimed in. She accomplished a lot for the state of Hawaii during her tenure. You can read more in the newsletter. She was an example for a lot of local people who became elected local officials, both men and women. She showed you could do anything if you put your mind to it. She was on the Board of Regents and Public Utilities Commission, two of the most powerful state boards. She makes the Okinawan and Waipahu communities proud. Thank you for mentioning and honoring her today.

Donna: Collectively, when I think of us as a group, there is so much history, connections, and relationships that enhances the quality and value of what we do. Thank you for sharing all these remembrances. It is very much appreciated.



Event Planners 2022  
Hokuzan, Chuzan, Nanzan

For the new members I would like to clarify even further the three separate committee groups. My knowledge is the north part of Okinawa was known as Hokuzan, middle part was Chuzan, and the south part as Nanzan. We separated the group by alphabet, the whole alphabet. The first of the alphabet is Hokuzan, the middle part Chuzan, and the ending of the alphabet Nanzan. The area of responsibilities is rotated every year. The big events are the Bonenkai and the Okinawan Festival. The third group gets a bye or has some other project involvement. That is how it is all divided and everybody participates in accordingly. Please help out your committee.



A thank you to Rodney for thinking of a way to get everyone involve and help plan OGS events.

Hokuzan – Alpha A to the name before Kohagura – event planners for the 2022 Okinawan Festival

Chuzan – Kohagura to the name before Shinsato

Nanzan – Shinsato – Alpha Z -event planners for the 2022 Bonenkai

April 16, 2022

