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2023 is a year of the Water Rabbit, starting from January 22nd, 2023 (Chinese New Year), and ending on February 9th, 2024 (Chinese New Year's Eve). The sign of Rabbit is a symbol of longevity, peace, and prosperity in Chinese culture. 2023 is predicted to be a year of hope.

<https://www.chinahighlights.com/travelguide/chinese-zodiac/rabbit.htm>

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“Is there a person who, at one time in one’s life, has not yearned for those ancestral ties that bind? What part do I play in the family line started by my forebears? What can I leave for the generations that come after me? Ultimately, each of our individual genealogies become a valuable foundation for the future of our ethnic population which today often encompasses a cultural diversity of groups due to successful inter-marriages. This heritage will disappear unless we do something now. Congratulations on starting the genealogy workshop!”

Dr. Bernice Hirai

Ippee Nifee Debiru

BONEKAI 2022

Ukaji Deebiru, Thanking Our Ancestors
Saturday, November 19, 2022, 10AM
Hawaii Okinawan Center

Thank you very much

to all who were able to attend, for your contributions, and those who helped to organize the successful Bonenkai 2022.



Regina and Jackie were the leaders, who along with their helpers, planned, collected the lunch money, and carried all the stress to make Bonenkai 2022 possible.

An ancestor PowerPoint created by Clyde U. will be shown at OGS’s January’s meeting.

Pictures taken by Curtis at the Bonenkai and a summary will be in OGS’s January’s Newsletter.

Below is the link to a Bonenkai 2022 PowerPoint presentation created by Joy.

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1m7RRLjUhmLnrSzkt79GK5E1TgikS-X0w/view?usp=share_link

Upcoming Events 2023

January 2023

- 21 - No OGS meeting. January’s meeting will be on the fourth Saturday, January 28 -Uchinanchu of the Year and 73rd Installation Celebration, HOC, OGS UOY – Curtis Shinsato
- 22- Chinese New Year Year of the Water Rabbit
- 28 -OGS Meeting
Speaker:
Raplee Nobori sharing about DNA and ancestor research.

February 2023

- 14 – Valentine’s Day
- 18 – OGS Meeting

March 2023

- 17,18, 19 – SAVE THE DATE
Loochoo Identity Summit Windward Community College (Additional information will be posted later.)

April 2023

- 2 - HUOA “Karii Cheers” at HOC, 5pm-8pm, \$60

June 2023

- 16 – Senior Fitness Fair, HOC

Services for Isaac Miyashiro

Services for Isaac will be on Tuesday, January 17, 2023, at the Church of Jesus Christ LDS in Kaneohe. Isaac and his wife, Mary (deceased), were active and dedicated members of OGS.

Thank you to Isaac and Mary Miyashiro for their time, sharing their knowledge and talents to OGS.

ISAAC ISAMU "MIYAGI" MIYASHIRO

Passed away peacefully at home December 15, 2022, surrounded by loving family. Born July 30, 1936 in Honolulu to the late Kichiro and Florence Miyashiro. Preceded in death by beloved wife of 61 years, Mary Keala "Aunty Mary" Miyashiro. His life was committed to service - scouting, participating in Luk Tung Kuen exercise classes, Okinawa Geological Society and his church. Honorably served in the U.S. Marine Corps and retired as a glazier from Mid-Pac Lumber Co., member of local union 1889.



Survived by sons Ike (Lei) and Masa (Holly), daughter Trudy Tom (Richard) and hanai daughter Yumiko O'Farrell (John), 12 grandchildren, 16 great-grand-children and 3 great-great-grand-children, sisters Jean Miyashiro, Marian Mark (Wes), Sherron Gines, Judy Cosme (Ted) and brother Dan (Wilnette) and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

*Service January 17 -
Church of Jesus Christ LDS
45-150 Waikalua Rd., Kaneohe
Visitation 10:30-11:30am / Service at Noon
Interment January 17, 2pm - Veteran's Cemetery, Kaneohe.*

<https://obits.staradvertiser.com/2023/01/15/isaac-isamu-miyagi-miyashiro-15012023/>



Mary's centerpiece creation for the 2017 Bonenkai.





Ukwanshin Kabudan is pleased to announce that their upcoming 9th annual **LOOCHOO IDENTITY SUMMIT** will be held next year in 2023 on March 17 (Friday), March 18 (Saturday), and March 19 (Sunday) at Windward Community College in beautiful Kaneohe. We are delighted to declare that the Summit will be held **IN PERSON**- YAY! Please plan to join us.

Questions may be directed to events@ukwanshinkabudan.org. Summit registration and additional information will be posted later at loochooidentity.com