



OGSH
 PO Box 894779
 Mililani, Hawaii 96789
OGSHnews@gmail.com

RSVP due November 6, 2023

30th Anniversary Bonenkai

Hawaii Okinawa Center-Legacy Ballroom

*Entertainment:

Brandon Ing and Yuttai Kwattai

Yukie Shiroma

Ukwanshin Kabudan

*Subject to change

e-Newsletter
 2023
 October

<p>Donna Nakamura <i>President</i></p> <p>Ken Kamiya <i>First Vice-President</i></p> <p>Jackie Toma <i>Second Vice-President</i></p> <p>Heidi Shimabuku <i>Corresponding Secretary</i></p> <p>Susan Ramelb <i>RecorCcliding Secretary</i></p> <p>Clyde Higa <i>Treasurer</i></p> <p>Virginia Tully <i>Assistant Treasurer</i></p> <p>Rodney Kohagura <i>Advisor</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">OGSH Meeting October 21, 2023, 9AM Serikaku Chaya or Zoom</p> <p style="text-align: center;">AGENDA</p> <p>I. Remembering Barbara Nakamatsu</p> <p>II. Treasurer’s Report</p> <p>III. Guest speaker: Marcel Arakaki Asato Brazil: Campo Grande Okinawa Association</p> <p>IV. Voting for upcoming vacancies <i>Zoom Session will end and those at the Chaya who wish to pay their respect to Barbara will be excused.</i></p> <p>V. Feedback for DNA workshop</p> <p>VI. Bonenkai Update</p> <p>VII. Web-based database- Next steps for improvement photos by Curtis and members</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Upcoming Events</p> <p>2023</p> <p>November</p> <p>10-Fri 3pm-5pm Ukwanshin Kabudan’s Eric Wada FREE Okinawan Dance Workshop Windward Community College</p> <p>18-Sat 10am OGSB Bonenkai Hawaii Okinawa Center Legacy Ballroom</p> <p>25-Sat 9am HUOA Winter Craft Fair Hawaii Okinawa Center Legacy Ballroom</p> <p>December</p> <p>No OGSB Meeting Happy Holidays</p> <p>06- Wed 5:30pm HUOA Evening Craft Fair Hawaii Okinawa Center</p> <p>2024</p> <p>January</p> <p>OGSB Meeting -4th Saturday</p> <p>20-Sat Uchinanchu of the Year and 73rd Installation Celebration Hawaii Okinawa Center</p> <p>27-Sat OGSB Meeting</p> <p>February</p> <p>17-Sat OGSB Meeting</p> <p>March</p> <p>16-Sat OGSB Meeting</p> <p>22,23,24 Ukwanshin Kabudan Loochoo Conference Windward Community College</p> <div data-bbox="1019 1764 1461 1963" style="text-align: center;"> </div>
<p style="text-align: center;">Donna’s Word of the Month Umukaji, noun; memory, vestiges, traces</p>		
<p>Haitai OGSB members!</p> <div data-bbox="121 1255 295 1444" style="float: left; margin-right: 10px;"> </div> <p>As I sit here typing this I have become very reflective of the time I have spent with you as your President! It has been a journey that has brought many fascinating people and projects into our lives and I know that the future holds much more to be shared with each other and with our larger community partners. Our culture and heritage holds so much meaning and tradition and it is truly impossible to learn it all in a short period of time. It is my hope that each of us will continue our journey as treasure hunters and that this journey will yield more “gems” that will keep us hooked on discovering much more!</p> <p>Our meeting today will give us an opportunity to elect leaders who will take you into the future with bold confidence that the best is yet to come. I also am so excited about our upcoming Bonenkai as we celebrate 30 years of providing exceptional service and products to our fellow Uchinanchu brothers and sisters, both literally and figuratively! I look forward to spending another morning with you as we head down the road to another eventful year coming to a close.</p> <p>Chibariyo, Donna</p>		

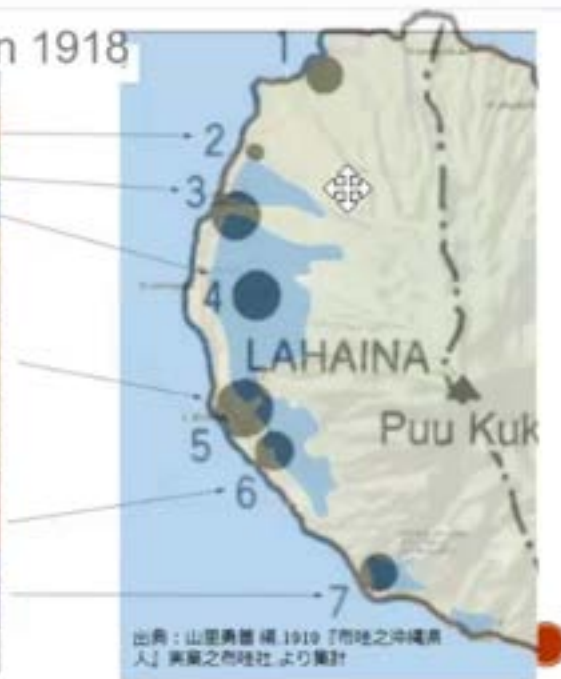
I would like to introduce our online event on Lahaina on September 26, Tuesday from 3pm to 4:30PM, Hawaii time. I planned this event to promote Lahaina fundraising project for both HUOA and Okinawa/Hawaii Kyokai in Okinawa. I will talk about the history of Okinawans in Lahaina. Referring to a picture: this picture of Okinawans was taken in Lahaina in 1945. I would like to introduce the history of why they settled in Lahaina at this event. HUOA and Maui Okinawa Kenjin Kai people will talk about the damage done by the fire. Governor Denny Tamaki will give the opening remarks. I would like to invite you to join us. It will also be simultaneously translated in Portuguese and Spanish. We also will invite Okinawans from Brazil, Argentina, and Peru.

Referring to a picture: I am making this slide to show the distribution of Okinawans in the Lahaina area in 1918. Listed in the picture are the camp names and the area where they were located. Some of the camp names were in Japanese. For example, Narase Camp, Kiyabu Camp, Hirai Camp, Otani Camp, and Kawaura Camp. I don't know where exactly these camps were located and if you do know, please let me know. I would like to know exactly where each camp was located. From my research, more than 700 people lived in the Lahaina area in the 1920s. I would like to share this kind of history for my presentation. Thank you.



Okinawans in Lahaina Region 1918

Camp	Town	Total
2 Honokowai	Honokowai	20
3 Kanaqali	Kanaqali	112
4 New Place	Puukoo?	85
5 Lahaina Town	Lahaina	50
5 Waihee (Pump) Camp	Lahaina	32
5 Waihiuki(Maruyama) Camp	Lahaina	43
5 Forgue Camp	Lahaina ?	38
5 Narase Camp	Lahaina ?	28
5 Kiyabu Camp	Lahaina ?	81
6 Leunipoko	Leunipoko	38
6 Hirai Camp	Leunipoko	73
7 Otani Camp	Olowalu	62
7 Kawaura Camp	Olowalu	48
		690



TRACING OKINAWAN ANCESTRY THROUGH DNA

On Tuesday, September 26, Okinawan Genealogical Society of Hawaii (OGSH) hosted a workshop to feature Raplee Nobori whose lifelong passion for his Okinawan roots resulted in a fascinating life journey. His story and journey made a significant discovery in 2015 when he decided to have his DNA analysis. His research led to confirming what he suspected for many years . . . that Okinawans and the Ainu share similar genetic roots. There are many different views held regarding this finding. Scientific research continues as we speak and findings can sometimes supersede previously held conclusions, but the purpose of this article is really to encourage each of you to discover your own story. Why you may ask? And my reply is simply “Because your story matters!” First for yourself, then for your family and finally for the larger community. Each story adds to the richness of our heritage and therefore, adds to the vibrancy of our community. Sharing and preserving personal stories is part of what OGSH does to support the preservation, promotion and perpetuation of our legacy and we do this by sharing knowledge with those in our community who share the same passion.

OGSH has several tools we can share with you as you begin your “treasure hunting” journey into your ancestry. You can become a member, visit our website accessible through HUOA portal under “Get Involved, Join a club, Okinawan Genealogical Society of Hawaii” or send an email to the email addresses available on our website. Looking forward to more sessions of sharing stories and knowledge with you. *Donna Nakamura*



September 2023 OGSH Meeting

Continuation from August 2023 Newsletter...

OGSH Research Team: Part II – A Recent Case Example

A 32-year-old Okinawa female requested assistance in finding grandfather in Hawaii. Grandfather was born in Hawaii, went to Okinawa at age 28, had an affair with a local girl resulting in a son, and he returned to Hawaii. Son grew up, had a daughter (client), went to Osaka to work after WWII and daughter (client) was raised by unwed grandmother since age 2. Father passed away, grandmother passed away, house in Shuri after WWII “gone”. Client states “no parents, no family belongings but is married and has 6 children”.

Genealogy search:

Serendipitous outcome:

If you have questions, or would like to meet with a OGSH Research Team member email:

ogsh.rteam@gmail.com



September 2023 OGSB Meeting

30th Anniversary Bonenkai

The 30th Anniversary Bonenkai party is quickly approaching. Please join us and be a part of the festivities as we share food, entertainment, fun, prizes and precious time with each other. Looking forward to seeing you there.

Menu: Chinese Chicken Salad, Fresh Fruit Salad, Purple Sweet Potato Salad, Boneless Kalbi, Chinatown Fish, Boneless Herb Roasted Chicken with Lemon Thyme Sauce, Assorted Sushi, White Rice, Kandaba Juushii, Dessert Sheet Cake

Registration deadline is Monday, Nov. 6, 2023.

Attached is a registration form.

**Okinawan Genealogical Society of Hawaii
2023 Bonenkai – 30th Anniversary Celebration**

Date: Saturday, November 18, 2023

Time: 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Place: Hawaii Okinawa Center - Legacy I Ballroom

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

REGISTRATION:

Registration Deadline: Registration AND payment emailed/postmarked Monday, November 6, 2023.

OGSH MEMBER: Dues paid for membership. Membership year is January - December.

	Registration Fee	Number of Seats(s) or Number of Table(s)	Amount
Individual Seat(s): Adult	\$40.00		\$
Child (12 years old and under)	Free		-
Table(s): (10 seats per table):	\$400.00		\$
2024 OGSH Annual Membership Dues	\$10.00		\$
Donation			\$
		Grand Total	\$

*******Final Registration Deadline—Monday, November 6, 2023 *******

For registration and payment:

1. Complete registration form.
2. Write check payable to OGSH.
3. Mail form and check to:

OGSH
P.O. Box 894779
Mililani, Hawaii 96789

To pay via PayPal:

1. Pay “Grand Total” at this PayPal link:

https://paypal.me/mensore?country.x=US&locale.x=en_US

Cancellation policy: To receive full refund, notice of cancellation must be received by Monday, November 6, 2023.

No refund will be given if notice is received from Tuesday, November 7, 2023 or later.

Name(s) of attendees (Include additional names on back). Please note child’s age after name, e.g., Mary Asato (5 y/o)

Names of Attendee(s)	
1.	6.
2.	7.
3.	8.
4.	9.
5.	10.

If any questions, please email ogshevent@gmail.com

Local dance instructor, Eric Wada will be offering a free workshop on Okinawan dance on **Friday, November 10** (Veteran's Day holiday) at **Windward Community College from 3pm-5pm.**

Eric, the artistic director and co-founder of *Ukwanshin Kabudan*, is a staunch advocate for the perpetuation of traditional Okinawan languages, values and culture. As such, he has helped to raise the consciousness of local *Uchinānchu* of the importance of their heritage. Eric holds the title of *shihan* and heads the Hawai'i branch of the *Tamagusuku Ryū Shōsetsu Kai*, teaching traditional Ryukuan dance in Honolulu. Don't miss this rare opportunity to learn more about the intrinsic nature of *Nufani*. No registration necessary; just come!



NUFANI

A Glance into Indigenous Loochoo

Storytelling Through Okinawan Dance / Theater

Friday, November 10, 2023 3pm-5pm.
Windward Community College, Pālanakila 224

Windward Community College's Hawai'i Conservatory of Performing Arts introduces Ryūkyū Dance and Theater with this first workshop that gives the Okinawan insight to passing down of oral traditions through this unique non-western form of dance and theater which has evolved through ancient chants and rituals to political performances and into folk dances which connects to the everyday lives and emotions of the people.