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Cheers - Karii
 Jackie was voted OGSB President at the May 18, 2024 meeting. Her passion, courage, and her vision makes her a great leader for OGSB.
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Upcoming Speakers for OGSB Monthly Meetings
 Topic: "Jikoen Hongwanji's Role in supporting Hawaii's Okinawans"
July 20, 2024
 Speaker: Riuping Lu, UH Linguistics student from Beijing
 Topic: "Ryukyu Kingdom and Qing Dynasty Relations"
August 17, 2024
 Speaker: Dr. Kaori Akiyama, Research Fellow
 International Research Center for Japanese Studies, Kyoto
 Topic: "Hardships of Okinawan POWs in Hawaii during and after WWII"

**JUNE
 2024**



Message from JackieToma
 OGSB President



Intro for June OGSB Meeting

The word for the month is *Chinagu*. Chinagu means "to connect." Within OGSB, we connect with our ancestors, other members, other Okinawan organizations, genealogical resources, and Okinawa. Our mission is to provide a service for the Okinawan community to: 1) guide individuals in their search for family histories and lineage; 2) provide educational programs on Okinawan history and culture especially as it influences genealogy understanding; and 3) facilitate interaction among members and the community-at-large.

Announcements

- Karii to Cheryl Sasaki for carrying the OGSB banner at last Sunday's Pan Pacific Parade
- Karii to Amy Usui who volunteered to handle Sales for Short Stories, and Bookmarks
- Volunteers needed for Mensore (Welcome) and the new Finding Relatives in Okinawa Committees
- July Meeting – Presentation on Ryukyu Kingdom and Qing Dynasty Relationships and Discussion on adding link to Lew Chew website back on OGSB website

AGENDA

- I. Welcome – Ken Kamiya
- II. Introduce new members and guests – Kay Ikei
- III. Treasurer's Report – Ginny Tully
- IV. Announcements – Jackie Toma
- V. Guest Speaker: Ty Wakahiro, "Serving Hawaii's Uchinanchu: The Buddhist Temple That Transformed the Hawaiian Frontier for the Okinawan Community"
- VI. Member Sharing (up to 5 minutes for each member)
- VII. BREAK, the Zoom portion of the meeting will end.
- VIII. After the break, members present will divide into the Bonenkai and Okinawan Festival Committees
- IX. The Research Team will be available after the break to provide in-person genealogy research assistance. The OGSB Genealogy Service form is attached, please bring it with you if you will be talking with a member from the Research Team.



Hawaii Okinawa Center – Takakura Okinawa Garden

May 18, 2024
OGSH Meeting

Treasurer’s Report as of
May 17, 2024

- Expense-HUOA-In memory of BettyTakamine; DCCA; postage
- Income-dues, donation, book sales
- Speakers: Lahapa and Rodney Ichimura, Family Search
- OGSH Research Team
- Camera: Eric P
- Photos: Clyde S. and Ann K; members
- Transcript: David R



Cheryl carrying the OGSH flag in the Pan Pacific Parade.



2024

June

- 7, 14, and 28 Jikoen Bon Dance Practice
7-9pm at Jikoen Hongwanji
- 15 OGS Meeting 9 a.m.
Speaker – Ty Wakahiro

July

- 5 and 13 - Jikoen Bon Dance Practice 7-9pm
Jikoen Hongwanji
- 14 -HUOA Legacy Award, 10 a.m.
Sheraton Waikiki
- 20 -OGSH Meeting 9 a.m.
Speaker – Riuping Lu
- Jikoen Bon Dance 5 p.m.

August

- 17 OGS Meeting 9 a.m.
Speaker – Dr. Kaori Akiyama

August 31 and September 1, 2024

- Okinawan Festival
Hawaii Convention Center

September

- TBA
- 21 Maui Okinawan Festival

October

- 19 OGS Meeting 9 a.m.

November

- 16 Bonenkai
Hawaii Okinawa Center
Legacy Ballroom
- 30 HUOA Winter Craft Fair

December

- No Meeting
- Happy Holidays

2025

January

- 08 125th Anniversary of Okinawan
Immigration to the World
HOC-Legacy Ballroom



Hawaii Okinawa Center Museum



Introduction by Jackie Toma: We have 2 guest speakers, Rodney and Lahapa Ichimura, who are here to talk about Family Search (Familysearch.org) They are service missionaries from the Church of Latter Day Saints and their purpose is to tell people about *Family Search* and how to use it, so they will be doing a brief presentation and will answer questions. I know some of you know about it because you have previously used their service.

Rodney: It's good to be here. Minasan, ohayo gozaimasu. Yoroshiku onegaishimasu. We're here from Family Search and we're going to do 2 presentations. One is "Record Preservation" which is on video and the other is "How to use Family Search". Sister Toma talked about Okinawan immigration. There is on the website records about Okinawan immigration from the 1900s to 1937. We're going to show a quick video and answer questions after that. (A FamilySearch Partner video is being shown. Link to the video)

Rodney : I just want to let you know, here in Hawaii, you might ask if we are digitizing records. We in the Hawaii state archives have digitized over 4 million records. We have done the Portuguese Genealogy Society, the Japanese Chamber of Commerce, the Chinese Chamber of Commerce. We are in the process of doing the Hochi newspaper here in Hawaii. When we digitize, there is no cost. What we digitize is uploaded to FamilySearch, where there is easy access and we give you a copy of the records that you can keep. It is on a disk, so if it is destroyed, it can be replaced with a new copy.

Lahapa: We go out to different businesses. Why would that be important? My husband comes from Lahaina. All of the records in a lot of those places are gone. FamilySearch has been able to help a lot of different organizations in different countries to restore their records. There is a little island called Niue, a sovereign community that lost all their records and their records were able to be restored. Some of Rodney's family cremains are in the Lahaina Hongwanji, some are in the Lahaina Jodo Mission. The cremains are all there because the nokotsudo is still standing but the paper records are not. We're here to tell you it is important to protect your family histories and important documents. I want you to know there is a saying that, "When a person dies, and we all will, it's as if a library has been burned to the ground." Think about all the things you know, how you grew up. Do you think your grandchildren will be able to appreciate how it is you grew up? Would our grandchildren survive the way we grew up? Maybe not. In my husband's family home, most of the ground in Lahaina, if you had a big tree was dirt. The grass didn't grow. He didn't have indoor plumbing when he grew up, except for

the kitchen. So, the bathroom was the outhouse in the corner of the yard. Their bath was a copper tub in the backyard. They would put sticks under it and start a fire and they would get into the furo. Our children would never survive that. Now what Rodney is going to do is to get on Family Search and we're going to show you some things. We want to show you what Family Search is able to do. Family Search is a free program. It is a family tree program. All of the resources that we talked about, that you saw in the video, are records are secured and made available to you on family search. Do you remember the days of running down to get a copy of a marriage certificate or birth certificate or death certificate? You had to pay your \$10 or whatever it costs now. Some of that information is available now on FamilySearch. It's available on other sites, as well. We're not the only ones, but we give it for free. I'm also able to view my family tree while waiting at the doctor's office on my phone. I can do things within my family tree. So, I want to share with you the web site to go to: familysearch.org. It runs best on Chrome or Safari. It doesn't work as well on Firefox or Microsoft Edge. There's also Family Search Tree. This is a mobile app for your iPad, tablet, or phone. The logo is very different. If you pull up FamilySearchTree from the app store, you're going to see other programs that are out there. We use a logo that is a tree, a gray and green logo.

Lahapa is showing examples of the FamilyTree web pages. She is explaining how you can add to the web pages. See is doing a brief tutorial of doing changes. The primary reason for FamilySearch is for us to know who our ancestors were. Therefore, FamilySearch is our deceased relatives. We can have living relatives on the page, as we should, but living people's information on FamilySearch is confidential. So, if you want to have living people on your family tree, you will have to create their record and you will be the only one who sees it. Deceased people, we all share because we're not the only ones. Are we? I'm not the only child my parents had. I'm not the only grandchild my grandparents had. So, we share those people. We each don't create a separate record for them. We share it, so we can share in the bounty of all these memories that we all have.

How many of you may have documents? Journals? Something that was written by a family member? I do not know about you, but whenever I see...Rodney's mother loved to cook and she had some really great deserts. They were mostly Japanese style deserts. She would send me the recipes. I happened to pull one out, looked at this recipe, and it had been written in the back of an old envelope. Just seeing her handwriting invoked memories of being with her in the kitchen making these deserts. Or eating them and talking story with her in the kitchen. Does your mother's, father's, grandmother's, or grandfather's do that for you? You can save those things and how you save them is by taking a photo or an image and saving it as a memory in Family Search.





If you create an account with Family Search and you create your living people, you're the only one who sees it. But if your wife goes out and creates her own account and creates all of the family records, she has to put in the same living people. Rodney goes in and he actively takes a part in updating his family. Why is that? Because they're his people. She is showing more examples of drop down menus and what functions they do. During Q and A, questions were about functions and how to accomplish the task.



FamilySearch puts on a genealogy conference every year called RootsTech and it is free. You can go online but you will not get everything as opposed to going in person. But, you can get a lot of presentations by going online. There are some things on Okinawa that you may pursue. Things you may know or things you may not. There are things on how to read a Koseki. How to apply for a Koseki. How to obtain one. So, a lot of these tutorials are out there.











2024 Festival Update:

Festival scrip is here and Amy Tsuru and Sumie Consillio will be available at this Saturday's meeting to distribute the scrips to those who have responded to their calls. Additionally, sign up sheets will be available for those of you interested in volunteering for the various categories such as Set-up, Displays, Sales, Research, Database, Greeters. Wrist bands and meal tickets will be distributed at the August meeting. For Chuzan members: see you this Saturday along with our 2024 Booth Captain, Chase Takenaka. More to follow . . . Donna Nakamura



OGSH GENEALOGY SERVICE Form

Person Making Request

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| お名前 | **Full Name | |
| 居住地域 | **Living area (City & State, Village, Town) | |
| メールアドレス | **E-mail* | |

About 1st generation immigrant

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| お名前 | **Full Name | |
| 漢字 | Name in Kanji | |
| 生年月日・年齢 | **Date of Birth/Age at Travel | |
| 本籍地住所/字 | **BirthPlace/AZA | |
| パスポート番号 | Passport Number | |
| 出発年（月日） | Travel Year & Date | |
| 家族関係 | Family Information | |
| 屋号 | Yago/Household Name | |

Footprint in Hawaii *House Head Only

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| | Residential Place | |
| | Occupation | |
| | Number of family | |
| | Residential Place | |
| | Occupation | |

Asterisks in red means "ESSENTIAL INFORMATION"



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To promote, preserve and perpetuate our Okinawan family heritage through education, research, and networking.

Date: _____

Name: _____ Mailing Address: _____

City, State and Zip Code: _____ Birth Year: _____

Preferred Contact Number: _____ Email Address: _____

(To receive newsletters/updates)

I would enjoy participating in the following activities/committees:

- Committees: Food; Aloha; Bonenkai; Okinawan Festival
- Group Projects: Short stories, Library; Bookmarks; Presentations; Fundraising
- Information Technology: Computer; Data base; Graphic Arts
- Japanese/English Translation
- Leadership (OGSH Officers)
- Other: _____

How did you learn about OGSH?

- Another Okinawan organization
- HUAO
- OSGH event
- Okinawan Festival
- Word of Mouth
- Other _____

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| OGSH MEMBERSHIP: Membership year is from January to December. | |
| \$10 Annual Dues | \$ |
| Donation | \$ |
| Total Due: | \$ |

Payment options for OGSH Membership Dues:

For mail-in:

1. Please complete membership form
2. Write check payable to OGSH
3. Mail completed membership form and check to:

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Or give to Treasurer at the Membership meeting

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1. Submit the completed membership form
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