



# O.A.A. Newsletter



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## President's Message

### Ken Kamiya

Hai sai, Gusuyo!

In 2009, OAA will celebrate the 100th Year of the Hokubei Okinawa Kenjinkai which was formed in 1909. After the incorporation of the club on January 28, 1994, the name of the club was officially amended to "Okinawa Association of America, Inc." The OAA, Inc. is a 501c3 non-profit organization. In June, 2007, Chogi Higa, Pedro Agena and I flew to Okinawa to visit the governor of Okinawa, Mr. Hirokazu Nakaima and other government officials, to inform them of our upcoming 100th year celebration of OAA, Inc. Governor Nakaima readily accepted our invitation and said he would be very happy to attend. A letter was sent to the Governor recently regarding the 100th year celebration and that an official invitation will be sent as soon as the exact date and location are selected. We also met with Mr. Masayuki

Oshiro, Director of Tourism, Commerce and Industry Exchange Promotion Division. He was very helpful in informing us of the schedule of the Legislature and other valuable information. We were very fortunate to also meet two of the "Living Treasures of Japan," Mr. Masao Shimabukuro and Mr. Choichi Terukina. I have known Terukina Sensei since 1992 and have played golf with him several times. We all enjoyed a special buffet luncheon with Terukina Sensei and his wife at Jimmy's Bakery. One of the highlights of the trip was the presentation of the "Maku" backdrop made especially for the Yamauchi Building. Mr. Eitoku Shinjo (artist) made the maku and the sponsor is Shinsei Shuppan Printing Company. It is a very beautiful and colorful Bingata Shochikubai design maku. Fortunately, the Itoman Haree was held while we

were in Okinawa. We were extended an invitation to ride in one of the Haree boats. We all readily accepted and made the very exciting and memorable journey in the harbor of Itoman about a 100 meter round trip. If you ever have a chance to ride in the Haree, please do so. Mr. Shinichi Maehara of Okinawa TV was another celebrity that we met at a WUB welcome party. He is a very friendly person and a fine gentleman. We spent one night with him having dinner and karaoke. When Haruo Yamashiro was OAA President, he attempted to form a sister city relationship with Gushikawa and the city of Gardena. Unfortunately, Gushikawa and several surrounding cities were forming a new city, so the formation of the sister city was put on hold. The new city has been formed and it is called URUMA CITY. We visited the Mayor of Uruma City, Tsuneo Chinen and again discussed the possible formation of a sister city relationship. Hopefully, a new discussion can be



started soon. We also met with Alberto Shiroma and discussed the possibility of performing at our 100th year celebration. He was very receptive to the invitation and will discuss this event with his manager. Lastly, I wish to extend my heartfelt Thanks to all the volunteers who unselfishly support OAA's programs, events and facilities. Special Thanks to the Board of Directors, Officers, Chairpersons and staff for their continued support.  
IPPEE NIFEE DEEBIRU!



## 行事予定表



- 9月8日 ルアウ (ヤング・オキナワonz)
- 9月9日 敬老感謝の日
- 9月23日 第16回ゴルフ大会 (青壮年部)
- 9月23日 第4回口述歴史プロジェクト・トレーニング
- 10月6日 \*\*週末図書館開館時間 (午前10時~午後4時)
- 10月21日 \*南加県人会協議会親睦演芸会
- 11月3日 \*\*週末図書館開館時間 (午前10時~午後4時)
- 11月3日 婦人部クラフトクラス (スクラップブック作り)
- 11月4日 会員総会
- 11月7日 婦人部行事計画ミーティング
- 11月11日 \*南加県人会協議会第1回ボーリング大会(予定)
- 11月18日 ウチナーグチクラス5周年記念
- 11月25日 年末大掃除
- 12月1日 \*\*週末図書館開館時間 (午前10時~午後4時)
- 12月2日 ボランティア感謝パーティー
- 12月1日、8-9日、15-16日 年末助け合い運動  
敬老シニア・ヘルスケア基金運動
- 1月20日 新年宴会



\*\*OAA以外の行事

開館時間確認を県人会事務所まで。

## Events

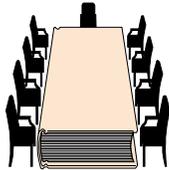


- September 8 YOSC Summer-end Luau
  - September 9 Keiro Kansha No Hi
  - September 23 16th OAA Seisonen-bu Golf Tournament
  - September 23 Oral History Project Training #4
  - October 6 \*\*Weekend Library Hours (10am - 4pm)
  - October 7 OAA Bazaar
  - October 21 \*Nanka Kenjinkai Kyogikai Shinboku Engeikai
  - November 3 \*\*Weekend Library Hours (10am - 4pm)
  - November 3 Fujinbu Craft Class - Scrapbooking
  - November 4 Annual General Membership Meeting & Elections
  - November 7 Fujinbu Planning Meeting
  - November 11 \*Nanka Kenjinkai Kyogikai  
All-Kenjinkai Bowling Tournament
  - November 18 Uchinaguchi Class 5th Anniversary Celebration
  - November 25 OAA General Clean Up Day
  - December 1 \*\*Weekend Library Hours (10am - 4pm)
  - December 2 Volunteer Appreciation
  - December 1st, 8-9, 15-16 Annual Charity Drive for Keiro Services
  - January 20, 2008 OAA New Year's Party
- \* Denotes non-OAA events \*\* Please call to confirm library hours.

## OAA General Membership Meeting

Join us at our OAA General Membership Meeting on Sunday, November 4, 2007 at 2:00 PM in the Yamauchi Building, 16500 S. Western Ave., Gardena. On the agenda will be the financial report, annual reports from all Committees, and election of 8 Board of Directors for a 2 year term. Nominations for the 8 Board of Directors are:

Ken Kamiya  
 Pedro Agena  
 Chogi Higa  
 Sadao Tome  
 Ethel Asato  
 Helene Shimane  
 Haruo Yamashiro  
 Shigeiko Yamauchi



\*\* Nominations will be open till the meeting. All nominees must be present at this meeting.

Qualifications:

- 1) California resident
- 2) Member in good standing for more than 3 years

\*\*Only paid OAA members by July 12, 2007 deadline are eligible to vote. "Come exercise your right to vote for a better OAA in 2008."

\*\*Refreshments will be served.

## ANNOUNCEMENT Kempi Scholarship



Kempi Scholarship Application for 2008-2009 academic year will be available soon!

Every year the Okinawa Prefectural Government (OPG) offers full one year scholarship opportunities to study overseas at one of three universities in Okinawa (Ryukyu University, University of Arts, Meio University). The window to apply is very short and the official application is usually not made available until a few weeks before the deadline. Therefore, OAA would like to ask any families or individuals interested, to please contact Yuko at the OAA office. She can provide a sample application so individuals may prepare. Study period begins April 2008 until March 2009.

The basic qualifications are as follows:

- 1) Must be US citizen of Okinawan descent;
  - 2) High school graduate between 18 and 30 years of age (born after March 31, 1979);
  - 3) Must receive a recommendation (sponsorship) from an Okinawa Kenjinkai in the mainland US;
  - 4) Proficiency in Japanese;
  - 5) Need sponsor (relative or friend) in Okinawa during schooling.
- For more specific information on qualifications, the scholarship, or application process, please email or call the OAA Center at:

mensore@earthlink.net or (310) 532-1929.



## OAA Annual Picnic



In spite of our current heat wave, our annual OAA PICNIC drew a crowd of 300+ people to Whittier Narrows Recreation Park. Delicious snow cones and ice cold drinks kept everyone cool while the races and entertainment filled the day with fun and relaxation. The RyukyuKoku Matsuri Daiko performers began the entertainment with their rhythmic drum beats. The ever-popular line and salsa dancing brought many people to their feet to join in the rhythmic music. The Scholarship Presentation is always a highlight of our picnic as we honored 8 high school graduates for their high academic achievement, extracurricular activities and community involvement. We also acknowledged their parents for their love, support and encourage-

ment. After the many races for children and adults winning prizes, our special feature this year was our first Okinawan Bon Odori with dances led by our 4 buyo senseis and their students and music provided by the 2 Minyo senseis and their students. Many from the audience joined in. This brought back many memories of Bon Odoris with Okinawan dances in Hawaii. It was a delight to watch and brought joy and happiness to everyone's hearts!

We must do it again next year!

Picnic Financial Statement	
Income.....	\$4,003.00
Expenses.....	\$2,606.22
Net.....	\$1,396.78
Recycling.....	\$70.00

(Helene Shimane)

## OAA Members in the News:

1) We are so proud of two beautiful Okinawan young ladies who are in the 2007 Nisei Week Queen's Court: 1st Princess Saki Uechi (daughter of Satoru and Toshiko Uechi), and Mandy Michiko Kusumoto (daughter of Gene and Donna Kusumoto). "Congratulations Saki and Mandy!"

2) We are also proud of OAA

members, Shinsei and Hisako Hokama who were honored as the Nikkei Parents of the Year on Sunday, July 22, 2007 at the Aratani Japan America Theater. Their 5 children, Dennis, Galen, Carolyn Calvin and Mory, wrote enthusiastically about their loving, strong and close-knit family. "Congratulations Shinsei and Hisako Hokama!" (Helene Shimane)



Photo: Geino-bu dancers beginning the 1st Okinawan Bon Odori



# OAA Fujinbu News



## 8th Anniversary and Open House



On June 21, 2007, 46 Fujinbu and Kajimaya members embarked on a bus trip to Santa Barbara. We boarded "The Land Shark" (land and sea vehicle) for a 90 minutes guided tour of historic landmarks of downtown Santa Barbara then splash down into Santa Barbara Harbor. We saw luxurious private yachts, commercial fishing boats and even a family of sea lions on the buoy.

After eating our delicious bento, we had time to browse through the shops for souvenirs. On our way home, we stopped at the "Gardens of the World" in Thousand Oaks and saw the beautiful Japanese Garden as well as the Italian, French and English gardens. A wonderful trip for everyone. On July 14, 2007, the

Fujinbu ladies were busy making the cabbage tsukemono and marinating the meat for the picnic bentos. At the picnic on the next day, more Fujinbu ladies worked hard putting the bentos together, serving the many guests and even dancing in our first "Okinawan Bon-odori." We thank everyone for your help towards another successful picnic. On August 26, 2007, 2 of our Fujinbu officers were the 2007 honorees inducted into the OAA Wall of Fame. Ethel Asato who was Fujinbu Chairperson (1994 - 1999) and presently the Fujinbu Advisor and Helene Shimane is the Fujinbu secretary are both long time volunteers for OAA. Congratulations Ethel and Helene!

Sunday, September 9, 2007, marked the celebration of 8 years since acquiring the OAA Center in Gardena. The Open House which began at 1:00pm, nearly 100 members, family, friends and guests toured our office, the newly decorated Charles M. & Yoshiko Kamiya Library, and other parts of our facilities, including the conference room, the Higashi Building (used for dance and martial arts practices) and the Yamauchi Building (social hall).

Recent generous furniture donations to the Kamiya Library by OAA member Marilyn La Roche left the most lasting impression of all. From the new display cabinet of artifacts, to a new Children's Corner with pint-sized furniture, many who had previously visited the library were pleasantly surprised.

By 2pm, everyone had moved to the Yamauchi Building where the 8th Anniversary celebration commenced. Dedication of the new elevator completed earlier this year was made on behalf of the 261 Elevator Fund donors by

president Ken Kamiya. After acknowledging special guests by vice president, Pedro Agena, the new bingata-dye Shochikubai maku was introduced. Fully funded by Shinsei Shuppan, this curtain created by Okinawan artist Eitoku Shinjo was recently brought back from Okinawa. M.C. Chogi Higa, past president, pointed out the plum, pine, and bamboo designs which collectively mean Shochikubai.

Then came the highlight: recognizing the 2007 honorees, Ms. Ethel Asato and Ms. Helene Shimane. Profile intros were done by former Open House honoree, Ms. Kitty Sankey and OAA Vice President, Aiko Tokunaga, though anyone who comes to OAA functions will be familiar with the faces of these two women who go above and beyond to plan and implement OAA activities. Certificates from the State of California, Gardena City Council, LA City Council and OAA were presented as well as plenty of flowers and leis from their family and friends. The pleasant afternoon ended with picture-taking and plenty of refreshments!

(Yuko Yamauchi) (Photos on Page 4 & 5)

(Photo: 2007 Honorees (from left) Ethel Asato and Helene Shimane with Fujinbu ladies: Aiko Tokunaga, Hiroko Higa, Takako Yamashiro, Tomiko Akamine, Miyako Kinjo, Haru Mosby & Shigeko Yamauchi)

### Fujinbu Cooking Class



On Saturday, August 18, 2007, 29 people attended a Nantou demonstration by Saeko Gushiken with helper, Mariko Bringentoff. She used Aka (dark miso), peanut butter, Mochiko, sugar, water and Hihachi spice. The Nantou dough was flattened on Sannin (shell Ginger leaf) and decorated with raw peanuts. After steaming for 1 hour, sprinkle with sesame seeds

on top. Everyone had a whole Nantou to sample which was prepared earlier. It was "Maasan!" \*\*Recipes are available if you want to make it to sell at our Bazaar on October 7, 2007. Our apologies for the date change due to Yamauchi Building was being used on August 11, 2007.

(Ethel Asato)



(From left) Mariko and Saeko



### 二世週祭グランドパレードに 沖縄芸能で華を添える 北米沖縄県人会

南加日系社会の夏の最大の祭典である第六十七回二世週祭は、七月十五日、幕開けとなった。恒例のグランドパレードは、八月十九(日)午後六時から小東京で華やかに行われた。北米沖縄県人会からは、七十人が参加。県人会横幕を先頭に、二つの県人会旗や十の各部ののぼり、



(旗)を掲げ行進、続いて、ミュージック・トラックの後から集まった舞踊メンバーは、扇子を手にパレードのテーマソングの一つ「しのぶの一番纏」と、軽快な調べの沖縄民謡「トウルルンテン(三線の音で景気付けの囃子)」の両音楽に合わせて踊り、

旗持ちの「沖縄万歳!」の声とともに、沿道の観客から歓声が沸きあがった。県人会は七〇年代に二回、一九九〇年の二世週祭五周年記念パレードにも参加、以来、毎年参加している。今回は母親の信子さんと五歳の安次富ステファニーちゃんやティーンエイジャーの次世代を担う若者の姿が目立っていた。今年のオープンカーに、南加県人会協議会を代表して会長の沢岬安和氏が乗り、沿道の観客に手を振りながら会釈をし、車は前進して行った。ローカルパレードの後、午後八時ごろから、エレクトロカルで飾った武田信玄をモチーフにしたねぶた祭りに、青森からのグループ約一〇〇人余とローカルからの参加者約二〇〇人余のはねとダンサーが、太鼓や鉦の音に合わせて飛び跳ねながら踊り、集まった観客も一体となり祭り気分を味わい、今までにないパレードの盛り上がりを見せた。大とをを務めたねぶた祭りは日本三大祭りの一つであり、小東京の活性化のために招致された。(パレードに参加された県人会の皆さんに深く感謝し、厚く御礼を申し上げます。)

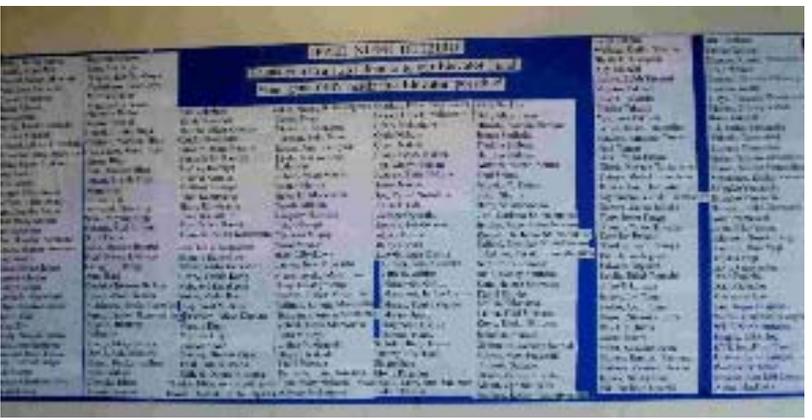


(比嘉朝儀・記)

### 北米沖縄県人会に びん型の舞台幕寄贈 新城画伯ら



二〇〇二年度の比嘉朝儀会長が依頼したびん型幕が完成した。製作に当たった舞台美術作家の新城榮徳画伯とスポンサーの新星出版株式会社の松島弘明社長は、六月十九日、北米沖縄県人会にびん型幕を寄贈した。県人会の神谷ケン会長、比嘉朝儀顧問、安慶名ベドロ副会長、山内繁子理事らが那覇市天久の琉球新報社で、松竹梅・鶴亀の描かれた色鮮やかな舞台幕を受領した。受け取ったびん型幕は、二〇〇九年に開催される県人会創立一〇〇周年記念祝典に掲げ、県会員の皆さんには、久保田照子首里



Photos for "8th Anniversary and Open house" on Page 3





## 2007 OAA Scholarship Recipients



We are so proud to present scholarships to 8 very deserving High School Graduates for their high academic achievement, active extra-curricular activities and charitable community participation. We also honor their parents for their love, support and encouragement throughout the years. We hope our scholarships will help them reach their potential and achieve their goals! (Helene Shimane)

### Higashi Scholarship:

#### Yukiko Higa

Yukiko Higa was born in Nishihara, Okinawa to Takashi and Satomi Higa. She graduated from Redlands High School, where she was an excellent student, receiving numerous awards and scholarships including Freshman of the Year, Certificates of Merit in Piano, English and Calculus, a Volunteer Service award, and scholarships from the Compact Club, Mustard Seed Tutorial and Japanese American Riverside Chapter. She was also active in track and field and badminton, winning medals in track. She held offices in the Compact Careers club and the Chinese club. Yukiko says, "To be able to give back to a community that has supported and helped me become what I am today is not only an obligation but an honor..." She plans to attend U.C. Berkeley in the fall and major in Chemistry in the pursuit of becoming a doctor.

### Miyahara Scholarship:

#### Amy Jean Ono

Amy Jean Ono is the daughter of Hitoshi and Kinuko Ono. She graduated from North Torrance High School, where she was a CSF Gold Seal Bearer, and won the President's Award for Educational Excellence. She also received a Sammy Saxon Award for Art as well. She was active in Film Club, French Club, Craft Club and Volunteer Youth Coalition. Amy is an accomplished piano as well as sanshin player and traveled to Okinawa to take her tests, receiving a "shinjinsho" in sanshin. She also has been studying Okinawan dance for 13 years. Amy states, "Dancing has given

me a chance to introduce new experiences to others. Performing in front of audiences is always an exhilarating occasion; it is good to know that I may have shown someone a new culture they have never known until then." Amy plans to major in psychology and social behavior.

### Yamauchi Scholarship:

#### Scott Youichi Suwabe

Scott Youichi Suwabe is the son of Steven and Grace Suwabe and grandson of Charles and Yoshiko Kamiya. He graduated from Bella Vista High School in Fair Oaks, California. An outstanding student, Scott received a Golden Seal Merit Diploma, Presidential Award for Educational Excellence and the Bella Vista Choir Scholarship. In addition, he held offices in the Choir Student Board, Math Club, Anime Club and Drama Club. He is active in his community in both sports as well as the arts. He played on the Fair Oaks Soccer Club for 13 years, and has participated in local community theater, including the Interactive Asian Contemporary Theater. He has also played violin and guitar, performed with Sacramento Youth Symphony and sang in the Madrigals choir group. This well rounded young man plans to attend U.C. Santa Barbara to major in Economics/Mathematics.

### Bryce Kirt-Tamaki Hamaguchi

Bryce Kirt-Tamaki Hamaguchi is the son of Ray Hamaguchi and Ellen Tamaki. He attended Santa Monica Catholic High School where he served as the School President for both the National Honor Society and the California Scholarship Federation. He also

won the prestigious Santa Monica Kiwanis Club Alice Carrera scholarship which is awarded to the most well rounded senior at his school. In addition to his excellent academics, Bryce was awarded the Connelly Award which is given to the top senior athlete. He was captain and 4 year varsity letterman in Basketball, receiving All League honors in both his junior and senior year. Even more impressive, he was ranked #8 in the State of California in 3 point baskets. Bryce's community activities extends from being elected to Boys' State, serving as President of the Youth Group at West LA United Methodist Church, participating in a Youth Think Tank and also being elected Fire Chief for his city. This accomplished young man will attend U.C. Santa Barbara in the fall.

### Charles Masatomo Tamae

Charles Masatomo Tamae is the son of Paul and Hide Tamae. Charles graduated from Torrance High School where he received the Academic Letter and served as Commissioner of Academics for his student body. He played soccer, varsity volleyball and cross country and even served as a volunteer soccer referee for AYSO. He was voted Most Inspirational by his volleyball teammates by proving his dedication and support to the team despite injury. Charles also was secretary of the Japanese Club, and head of publicity for the Tartar Knights Service League. He will attend Cal Poly San Luis Obispo in the fall, majoring in Landscape Architecture, with a possible minor in Art.

### Craig Kazuhiro Yorizane

Craig Kazuhiro Yorizane is the son of Eddie and Eileen Yorizane. He is a graduate of North Torrance High School. He participated in wrestling and was also the Torrance Sister City Association student club historian. Craig was chosen by the association to participate in a student exchange program in Kashiwa, Japan. In addition, Craig went to Mexico on a

mission trip where he worked on Vacation Bible School. These two international trips of outreach had a big impact on Craig, where he not only gained independence but also had significant character growth. This worldly young man will attend U.C. Irvine in the fall majoring in either aerospace engineering or biology.

### Christopher J. Shane

Christopher J. Shane is the son of Steven and Rimiko Shane. He attended Vista Murrieta High School where he was an honor roll student. He received awards for High Excellence in Mathematics, the George Washington Award for History and the UCI Cosmos High Honors in Astrophysics. Christopher was active in many clubs including president of the Cosmos Astronomy Club, secretary of Interact club, and both secretary and president of the Academic Decathlon. He also was a varsity wrestler and participated in Ninjitsu and Aikido. Christopher will attend U.C. Irvine, majoring in biomedical engineering with a minor in Japanese language and literature.

### Stephanie Naomi Yaka

Stephanie Naomi Yaka is the daughter of Steve and Beatriz Yaka. She graduated from West Covina High School where she was on the Honor roll and Principal Honor roll all four years. She served as treasurer for the Science Explorers and also played on the tennis team. Stephanie studied Okinawan dance outside of school, under Miyagi Noshosei. She also is a student of Nihon odori as well as Taiko. She has performed dance throughout the community including the Cherry Blossom Festival, Japan Expo, Japan America Theater, and even here at the Okinawa picnic. Stephanie will attend Cal State Fullerton in the fall.

(Tatia Oshidari)



Merging and emerging the State of our Hometowns

(By Shigeeko Yamauchi)

市町村の合併の動き  
平成18年1月1日(2006)

Updates on municipal merges  
as of January 1, 2006

1)沖繩県内では、平成14年4月1日(2002)仲里村と具志川村の合併⇒久米島町 On April 1, 2002, the villages of Nakazato and Gushikawa (of Shimajiri district) merged to form the village of Kumejima 2)平成17年4月1日(2005)石川市、具志川市、与那城町、勝連町の合併⇒うるま市 On April 1, 2005, Ishikawa and Gushikawa cities, Yonashiro and Katsuren towns merged to form the city of Uruma. 平成17年10月1日(2005)平良市、城辺町、下地町、上野村、伊良部町の合併⇒宮古島市 On October 1, 2005, the city of Hirara, the towns of Gusukube, Shimoji, Irabu, and the village of Ueno merged to form the city of Miyakojima. 平成17年10月1日(2005)東風平町、具志頭村の合併⇒八重瀬町 On October 1, 2005, the town of Kochinda and the village of Gushikami merged to form the town of Yaese. 平成18年1月1日(2006)玉城村、知念村、佐敷町、大里村の合併⇒南城市 On January 1, 2006, the villages of Tamagusuku, Chinen, Ozato and the town of Sashiki merged to form the city of Nanjo.

沖繩県市町村 Okinawa Prefecture Municipalities Today

市Cities (10): 那覇市Naha, 石垣市Ishigaki, 糸満市Itoman, 浦添市

Urasoe, うるま市Uruma, 沖繩市Okinawa City, 宜野湾市Ginowan, 南城市Nanjo, 宮古島市Miyakojima 村Villages (19): 伊江村Ie, 粟国村Aguni, 伊是名村Izena, 伊平屋村Iheya, 大宜味村Ogimi, 恩納村Onna, 北大東村Kitadaito, 北中城村Kitanakagusuku, 宜野座村Ginoza, 国頭村Kunigami, 座間味村Zamami, 多良間村Tarama, 渡嘉敷村Tokashiki, 渡名喜村Tonaki, 中城村Nakagusuku, 今帰仁村Nakijin, 南大東村Minamidaito, 読谷村Yomitan, 東村Higashi 町Towns (11): 嘉手納町Kadena, 金武町Kin, 久米島町Kume, 竹富町Taketomi, 北谷町Chatan, 南風原町Haeburu, 西原町Nishihara, 本部町Motobu, 八重瀬町Yaese, 与那国町Yonaguni, 与那原町Yonabaru

References:<http://en.wikipedia.com/wiki/okinawa>; Although voluntary, the Japanese government offers various incentives for the merging of local governments. Below illustrates the declining number of municipalities over time. 日本本土では、明治20年、(in 1888) 71,1314 の市町村。明治22年( 1890) 15,859 municipalities, 大正10年( 1922) 12,315 昭和22年( 1949) 1,505 municipalities, 昭和31年( 1953) 9,858 municipalities 昭和34年( 1956) 3,975 municipalities, 平成16年( 2004)3,007 municipalities 平成19年( 2007) ---

YOSC Wants to Hear From You!

YOSC has put on a couple of different events this year from the "Okinawa in Pop Culture Series" to family events like Warabi-no-Hi and even and Andagi cooking class. What else can YOSC do to serve and inspire other "young" uchinanchus to come out? We are also always looking for some good men and women to get involved to help with other events. Write: [youngokinawans@yahoo.com](mailto:youngokinawans@yahoo.com).

P.S. Answer to last newsletter's Uchinanchu IQ question about the sanshin: False. The Japanese shamisen is a descendant of Okinawa's sanshin. (Also, a correction from last newsletter: Sources say Karate Kid 2's Tomi Village may have been based on a real village.)

Photos on Page 5 (From left) Leila Higa, Kyo Yohena and Amy Oshiro master the one-handed-andagi-making at YOSC's andagi cooking class. Would you like to see more family events? Here is another shot of the kids who learned how to make Okinawan-inspired Taco Rice at the Warabi-no-Hi (Children's Day).



OAA Wishlist and Volunteer Skills Wanted:

- Some OAA members have repeatedly asked for us to publish a wishlist in the newsletter for those zeitaku (luxury) items we only dream of having one day. We were reminded, it doesn't hurt to ask! We welcome all thoughtful donations!
- Library - 2 rolling book carts for the Kamiya Library, DEMCO clear label protectors for books, Okinawan music CDs (originals and copies welcome!)
- Office - Multi-color Chromark sign kit (paint pens)
- Special volunteer skills are also part of our "wishlist"?
- experience in archival management; library sciences
- bilingual in Japanese, English (and Spanish, too)! We'd like to create a database of volunteers who might be willing to do occasional translating, interpreting. Great resume builder!
- can do computer word processing in Japanese
- advanced computer skills in MS Access
- research and grantwriting
- newsletter writers, proofreaders, editors
- Anyone with these skills and experiences already or a willingness and patience to learn alongside our current volunteers are all welcome!



OAA presents scholarships to 8 deserving high school students: (left to right) Charles Tamae, Christopher Shane, Bryce Hamaguchi, Yukiko Higa, Amy Ono, Stephanie Yaka, Craig Yorizane. (Scott Suwabe-absent)Back row: Scholarship Committee members (left to right) Helene Shimane, Tatia Oshidari, Emy Tome, Ken Kamiya & K. K. Mihara



YOSC is grateful to "Iron Chef" Keiko Morris who taught us the real Uchinanchu-way of making andagi!



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# OAA ANNUAL BAZAAR



Date: Sunday, October 7, 2007

Time: 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM



Place: OAA Center - 16500 S. Western Ave., Gardena.

Bring your family and friends for Okinawa Soba, Teri-Bento, Nantu, Andagi, Spam Musubi, Bake Sale, Snocones, Fresh vegetable and plants sale - Bonsai Demonstration! OAA Merchandise, handmade crafts & Rummage Sale Children's games with prizes, face painting & balloon animals



\*\*\*Raffle and Live entertainment!\*\*\*

Note: We need donations of Sugar-10# size, Canola Oil-1.5 gal. size, Flour-10# size, Spam, Paper Towels, Can Soda/Bottled Water, Vegetables, Potted Plants, Baked Goods & Raffle Prizes.

\* Please bring to OAA Center by October 1, 2007



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