

Haisai OAA News #73 Supplemental

This supplemental is to cover those articles that did not make it into the newsletter due to space restrictions.

OAA Annual Bazaar By Kristin Yamauchi

The annual OAA Bazaar was held at the Okinawan Association of America Center on Sunday, August 28th this year. The bazaar, which is normally held in October, was moved to an earlier date to accommodate the 5th Worldwide Uchinanchu Festival in Okinawa. We didn't want any of our members or community to miss out on the local entertainment, food and crafts!

First and foremost, thank you to Dan Ashimine and Hiroshi Yamauchi, the co-chairs for the 2011 Bazaar. We also sincerely thank all the volunteers who came out before, during and after the bazaar to help set-up, cook, run the booths, perform, and clean-up. Also, thank you to all those who donated raffle prizes, rummage items, cooking oil, sugar, eggs, canned soda, bottled water, cans of Spam and paper towels. All of our events are entirely volunteer run and we definitely could not do this without you! Thank you again for all your dedication and support!

This year, we also extended the Bazaar hours, so there was more time to shop, eat and have fun! In addition to the new extended hours, we had a new attraction this year: a children's taiko-making- workshop called, "Warabi Eisa." Participants made their very own hand-held shime daiko, then learned simple eisa choreography and performed to live music on the OAA Bazaar stage. Thank you to Royji Inatsugi for leading the workshop, supplying all the materials, and providing the music. Also, thank you to Ken Yamauchi for, teaching the Warabi Eisa participants basic eisa choreography and performing alongside them.

There were delicious food booths selling sata andagi (Okinawan dango), Okinawan soba, teriyaki chicken bento, kakiage vegetable tempura, nantu Okinawan mochi, snow cone, spam musubi and much more! We also had raffle drawings throughout the day, exciting performances and excellent karate demonstrations.

We want to thank Noriko Chung for doing a fabulous job as MC and to the performers: Ryukyukoku Matsuri Daiko, Majikina Honryu and Tamagusuku-ryu Kansenkai dancers, Aikohkai, Ishihara Minyo and Shima Minyo music groups, Ai Teshima for her hula, Maria Evans' and Richard Rabago's dojos for karate demonstrations, Awaya Koto Kai, and the Hollywood Academy Action group.

As an added bonus, United Television Broadcasting (UTB)'s Marudashi, an online web program, highlighted the OAA Bazaar as one of their show's segments! Several of our members were interviewed including Kimiko Goya, OAA President; Ai Teshima, Hula Dancer; and Helene Shimane and Sadao Tome, OAA Board Members. To see the full segment on the OAA Bazaar, you can find the link on the Okinawa Association of America's Facebook page or on the UTB Marudashi's website at www.utbhollywood.com/marudashi

Although we did not raise as much money as last year, we did net \$5,723.02 for our only fundraising event. We hope you will join us again at next year's bazaar!



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