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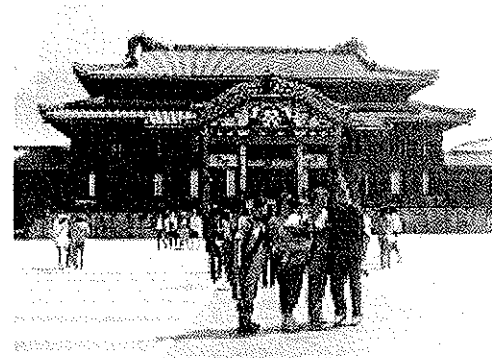


Haisai! It's been a pleasure serving as your President in 2005. I was honored to participate in the various events through out the year, such as the Annual Hui Makaala Fashion Show, Hui Makaala Golf Tournament, Annual Okinawan Festival, and Winter Craft Fair.

Hui Makaala held there Annual Golf Tournament at the Kapolei Golf Course on August 27, 2005. We were fortunate to have last year's Uchinanchu of the Year, Ryan Okunaga spearhead the event. We were blessed to have had such a wonderful turnout with a total of 84 golfers. Great Job Ryan and all your helpers! We hope you will join us next year if we didn't see you out this year!

The members of Hui Makaala came out in full force to help out at the Oki Dog booth for the Annual Okinawan Festival on Sunday, September 4, 2005. A total of 35 members come out for morning and afternoon shifts, and we were lucky to have Joleen Oshiro a Scholarship recipient join in on the fun.

In October of 2005, I was lucky to have a chance to travel to Okinawa since my last visit to Okinawa with the Leadership Tour. A group of us were able to travel back to Okinawa to share the experience with our family. Dean and I brought Evan and Grandparents, Don and Harriet Kumashiro. Last year's Uchinanchu of the year, Ryan Okunaga brought his parents David and Marian Okunaga, Jan and Ed Toma brought their daughter Sara and grandmothers, to experience Okinawa some for the first time and for others it felt like they were coming home. We re-visited the beautiful Shuri Castle, the Peace Memorial Park, and the Gyokusendo Park.



Our Annual Scholarship Fashion Show was held on October 23, 2005 at the Sheraton Waikiki Hotel. Fashion in the show varied from Unique and one of a kind designs by Oyako, Ltd., to contemporary designs for every women from Calista by Cotton Cargo, as well as flirty designs for the young and young at heart from Betsy Johnson. Due to the success of the Fashion Show, we were able to award 9 Scholarships. Please help to perpetuate the Hui Makaala Legacy to help College bound Seniors with more scholarships in the future. We ask that you mark your calendar for **This Year's date of the Hui Makaala Annual Scholarship Luncheon on Sunday, October 22, 2006!**

If has been an honor and a pleasure to serve as your Hui Makaala President, I hope that you will join us at the various events, and if you see me around, stop and feel free to make suggestions for your club. Respectfully your president, Lisa Shishido.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

2006

<u>Tues., JAN. 24</u>	Hui Makaala Installation of Officers for 2006 – Ala Moana Hotel (flyer enclosed)
	5:30p - No-host cocktails 6:00p - Dinner
<u>JULY, 2006</u>	Hui Makaala Scholarship Banquet
<u>AUGUST, 2006</u>	Hui Makaala Golf Tournament
<u>Sept. 2-3, 2006</u>	Okinawan Festival @ Kapiolani Park
<u>Sun., OCT. 22</u>	Hui Makaala Fashion Show @ Waikiki Sheraton Hotel, Hawaii Ballroom

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Let's play ball!**SOFTBALL**

League: March - May

Sundays at Halawa District Park

If you are interested in playing, please contact Vaughn Arakaki @ 674-2207 (res.) or 224-6917 (cel.)

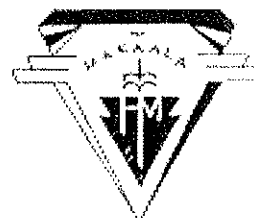
**VOLLEYBALL**

League: February - April

Sundays at Radford High School

Hui Makaala has two teams.

If you are interested in playing, please contact Deanna Lee @ 525-7611 (bus.) or 341-3884 (cel.) or Lisa Tobara Inouye @ 597-8588 (res.) or 722-0517 (cel.) by the first week of February



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HAI SAI. CHA GAN JU
(Hi there! How are you?)

Congratulations are in order for several Hui Makaala members:

LILLIAN MIYAO on her retirement from the Moanalua Adult Education School. I guess Lillian will now be trying out for the LPGA pro-golf tour and spending a lot more time in her old hometown of Hilo.

KEITH USHIJIMA on being recognized as the "Most Inspirational Hui Makaala Softball Player" in the HUOA Softball League.



LISA and JASON YANASE have added a new addition to their family. Lisa and Jason, let Hui Makaala know of baby's name and gender.



MELANIE and VAUGHN ARAKAKI on the birth of their new daughter, Kayla who arrived on October 26, 2005. It's a girl!

WADE and GENEL OGANEKU welcomed twins, Zack and Zane, to their now ohana of six.

RAY MIYASHIRO who celebrated his Kanreiki in June at the Honolulu Country Club in Rooster style (Ray was born in the year of the Rooster).

JILL SHIROMA who will be opening the doors to her new wine shop in the Waimalu Shopping Plaza hopefully in April of this year. Shop's name is SWAM (Shiroma Wines and More). For more information, please e-mail her at petitJS@aol.com. Jill will be specializing in wines and baskets so please contact her if in need of a gift or to be just a patron.

Heard Michelle Kakazu is also venturing in her own business. Michelle, please let us know what you are doing!

Hui Makaala would like to thank KAWEO KANOHO of Hilo for offering to help with the Hui Makaala newsletter. If you wish to send any information or article, Kaweo may be e-mailed at heiwa@ilhawaii.net. Editor, Karen Shishido, will be working hand-in-hand with Kaweo in getting each newsletter hopefully in good time.

Heard LIZ TERUYA is out of commission for the month of January due to a major surgery procedure. According to Liz, she says she hopes to be back in full gear in February. Get well soon, Liz!

Hui Makaala's Uchinanchu of the Year

Eric and Michele Nitta

If you've attended any Hui Makaala event in the past few years, Eric and Michele Nitta are sure to have been found busily assisting.

Eric and Michele have been very active members of our organization and have coordinated many Hui Makaala events. Since visiting Okinawa as part of the HUOA leadership tour, both Michele and Eric have served various capacities with Hui Makaala, culminating with Michele serving as our 2001 Hui Makaala President and Eric as our 2004 Hui Makaala President.



From L to R: Michele, Amanda, Eric and Travis

Recently, the Nitta family has increased Hui Makaala membership with the additions of daughter, Amanda, and son, Travis. Despite their growing family and professional careers with the Hawaii State

government, the Nittas always find time not only to support Hui Makaala, but also to be active members of both Chatan and Young Okinawans.

Many of you may be unaware, but Eric is also the self-proclaimed "better half" of Shiisa along with Michele's brother, Jon. Shiisa provide engaging performances seen at HUOA, Hawaii Okinawan community, and local events.

Many thanks to the Nittas for their dedication to and support of Hui Makaala!

FOCUS
HUI MAKAAALA SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT
IVY KAWAKAMI PESCADOR
1988

The Editor has been highlighting a former scholarship recipient in every Hui Makaala newsletter. This issue, may we present: IVY KAWAKAMI PESCADOR...

Born to parents Sharon (Oshiro/Shimabukuro) and Robert Kawakami, Ivy grew up in Pearl City and graduated from Pearl City High School in 1988. She received her Hui Makaala Scholarship upon her graduation and attended the University of Hawaii – Manoa. Graduation came in 1993 with a Bachelor's Degree in Geography, specializing in cartography and geographic information systems.

Ivy enjoyed the experience of attending the University of Manoa, and was awarded two fellowships at the University of South Florida in Tampa, and at North Carolina State University in Raleigh. Ivy started her

career with an internship with the State Office of Planning, but ended up as a full-time State employee as a "Geographic Information System Analyst" from 1993 to 1999.

In 1999, Ivy did an Intergovernmental Transfer from the State Government to the City and County of Honolulu. She currently is a GIS Analyst with the City Department of Environmental Services, where she manages the Department's various information technology programs.

In 2002, Ivy became the wife of John Pescador who is employed with the State of Hawaii as the ICSD State Webmaster. They have an infant son,

Akira, born in 2004 and they all reside in Mililani Mauka. The Pescadors love to travel, except traveling has been temporarily interrupted with the birth of their son.

Ivy expressed that she was "honored with her Hui Makaala scholarship." But, she further states, "reading about the current recipients and their list of accomplishments, she feels unworthy of her former award."

Ivy's main goal in life is to be a good mom. IVY, we are proud of the person you have become! GOOD LUCK IN ALL FUTURE ENDEAVORS!

Eight scholarship winners awarded at banquet

The Ala Moana Hotel, Ilima Room, was the setting for the Scholarship Awards Banquet for eight deserving recipients. Friends and family of the recipients and members of Hui Makaala gathered for lunch to witness the presentation of the scholarship awards.

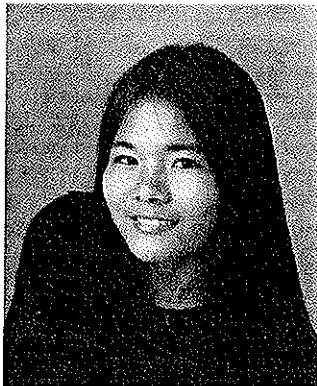
Hui Makaala is proud to present the recipients for the 2005-2006 school year as listed on the next two pages. Emcee Ryan Okunaga brought the banquet to order with Millie Moriyama doing the invocation. As always, loyal members Ethel and Patsy Kishimoto handled the duties of the reception

table with their constant smiles and greetings. President Lisa Shishido chaired the event with ease.

Former Senator Patsy (Miyahira) Young delighted and even made some of us shed tears as she spoke of her endearing life of humble beginnings to her highly-achieved government career. Her story stressed the philosophy of life that “everyone is capable of almost anything if you strive, focus, and persevere toward achieving one’s goals.” Thank you, Patsy, for sharing your beautiful story with all of us! Hui Makaala is so proud of you and what you have accomplished.

Many thanks to the Scholarship Selection Committee headed by former 4-year scholarship recipient, Gary Nako. Committee members were: Ivy Pescador, Lisa Shishido, Ryan Okunaga, and Ruby Uehara. This year, Hui Makaala received more than 90 scholarship applications and to weed them down to eight was a monumental task. The Selection Committee is to be commended for doing an excellent job. Each recipient was awarded a scholarship in the amount of \$2,000. Congratulations, again, to these eight deserving students.

Getting to know the 2005 Hui Makaala Scholars



Jessie Hori is a graduate of Castle High School and is the daughter of Gene Hori and Karen Kuba-Hori and a member of Okinawa City-Goeku Son. One of her teachers describes Jessie as a smart, hard-working girl who is able to balance schoolwork with sports. Since 1996, Jessie has been active in Hawaii Okinawa Center’s Okinawan Summer Day Camp, both as a participant and a junior leader. Jessie’s sports background includes high school track and field, high school soccer, AYSO soccer and club soccer leagues.

Jessie also had participated in a Junior Study Tour Program in Okinawa and has enjoyed a multitude of Okinawan activities as part of a family affair, as well as a personal one.

Jessie will be attending the University of Hawaii at Manoa to major in Biology.



Ann Inouye is a graduate of Waiakea High School and is the daughter of Kent Inouye and Cynthia Murakami and a member of Hui Okinawa in Hilo. Even with her background in Okinawan dance, taiko and sanshin, most people would describe her as a “people person” – Ann, however, has a rare talent for insight. Some of this worldly insight could be attributed to her participation in a 2002 Okinawa-Hawaii Exchange Program and a 2004 China Study Tour.

Ann was chosen to speak before her classmates at her Waiakea High School graduation—she gave an uplifting speech—a spirited young lady she is!

Ann will be attending the University of Hawaii at Hilo to major in Japanese Studies and later pursue International Studies.



Ban Ishii is a graduate of Moanalua High School and is the son of Yoichi and Ryoko Ishii. Ban is a member and instructor at Ryukukoku Matsuri Daiko Hawaii club, teaching the art of Eisa (Taiko drumming and dance) here on Oahu, and frequently on Kauai and Maui. He also loves to share his talents at Young Okinawans.

Ban is not a person who learns or is knowledgeable in the culture, but is instead one who immerses himself in the culture. To some, Eisa is music and dance, but to Ban it is hope and purpose.

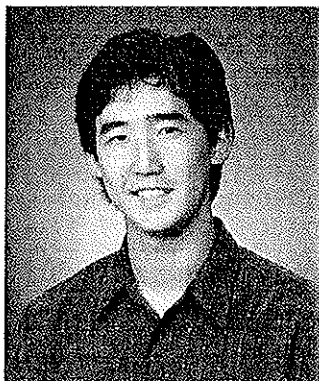
Ban will be attending the University of San Francisco and major in Hospitality.



Stacie Kobashigawa is a graduate of Waianae High School and is the daughter of Katsuhiko and Yone Kobashigawa.

Stacie has played Koto and taken Okinawan Dance since 5 years old. Presently, she is attending dance instruction at Nakasone Hooge Kai Academy from Sensei Yoshiko Nakasone, and taking Koto instruction at Miyashiro Soho Kai from Sensei Bonne Miyashiro. Although Stacie has performed at a number of Okinawan Festivals and at the Hui Makaala fashion Show, what stood out in her experiences came in 1998 when she performed Koto at Meio University in Nago City, Okinawa. And again in 2002, Stacie performed in the 45th anniversary concert of Sadao China (Okinawan artist, composer & producer) in Okinawa.

Stacie will be attending Leeward Community College and the University of Hawaii at Manoa to study Elementary Education.



Patrick Mishina is a graduate of Moanalua High School and is the son of Roy and Cynthia Mishina.

In addition to going to Okinawa in the 9th and 12th grade, Patrick and his family hosted a student from Okinawa in the 10th and 11th grades. During the last three years, Patrick was also the group leader and provided Japanese speaking tours for some 60 Hiroshima students visiting Hawaii. A teacher stressed Patrick's basic goodness and great character. In his essay, Patrick wrote of one day returning to Okinawa to possibly teach there and to study there.

Patrick will be attending the University of Washington to major in Japanese.



Joleen Oshiro is a graduate of Iolani School and is the daughter of Paul and Janice Oshiro.

Joleen is more than a scholar athlete – to be more accurate, she is an athletic scholar whose participation encompasses cross-country, track, wrestling, hospital volunteer work, student tutoring, Iolani Okinawan club, and a number of other school and community services. After championing at the state level, Joleen continued and placed 2nd in the US National Wrestling championships in her weight class. It is a wonder how she can still maintain a 4.0 GPA after taking a number of the highest level classes offered at Iolani. A teacher describes her as hard working, motivated, conscientious, bright, and a pleasure to have around.

Joleen will be attending Stanford University to study medicine.

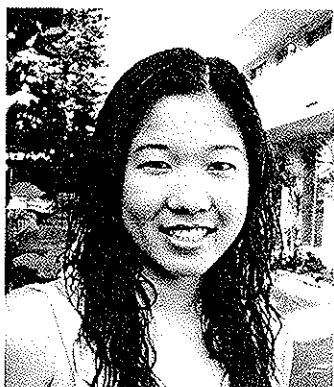


Kira Tamashiro is a graduate from Iolani School and is the daughter of Cyrus and Ann Tamashiro.

In addition to being the senior class president, Kira has kept busy in Judo, band, cross-country, wrestling, and a number of school and community service projects. Kira succeeded in becoming the state champion in the 90 pound weight division.

A member of the Nago Club and Hawaii Shuri-Naha Club, Kira enjoys helping and participating in club functions.

Kira will be attending Claremont McKenna College and major in Economics.

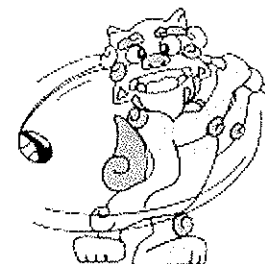


Lisa Tamashiro is a graduate of Kaimuki High School and is the daughter of Tetsushi and Kinuko Tamashiro.

Lisa is no stranger to the Okinawan community. In addition to being involved with cross-country, track, and band, Lisa has played the Koto since the 1st grade with Toma Toyoko Sensei. Lisa toured Okinawa with a Ryukyu Daiko group to perform taiko. A touching letter of recommendation (written in Japanese) from Toyoko Toma describes Lisa as a person that embodies the essence of Okinawa – her reliable, sensitive and intelligence projects from her great character; her dance and music shows great understanding of Okinawan culture in every performance; and her great fondness of all cultural activities is apparent whenever she enters the room.

Lisa will be attending the University of Hawaii at Manoa to study Psychology and Environmental Science.

Eckerd, Kameoka, Ikezawa, and Fallau swing to the top



On bright Sunday, August 27, Hui Makaala welcomed 21 4-person scramble teams to our golf tournament at Kapolei Golf Course.

After a fun afternoon of golf we all retired to the clubhouse for the awards ceremony.

The top teams (in order) were:

- 1) Jeff Eckerd, Dean Kameoka, Chad Ikezawa, and Mike Fallau
- 2) Keith Ushijima, Nate Higa, Len Nakasone, and Sheryl Yamashiro
- 3) Robin Nishimura, Albert Yamasato, Darren Nakamatsu, and Michael Raymond
- 4) Jerry Kim, Kathy Mizuzawa, Tracy Kim, and Ryan Kim

- 5) Jon Serikaku, Dane Serikaku, Mike Yanagihashi, and Lissa Goya
- 6) Warren Sato, Jared Miyaji, Larry Agena, and Diane Kodama
- 7) Vince Watabu, Rene Nakama, Vance Watabu, and Jere Masumoto
- 8) David Chung, Ryan Izumihara, Lillian Miyao, and Alex Seto
- 9) Todd Nakatsukasa, Mark Nakatuskasa, Kevin Kitagawa, and Scott Yoshikado

These top 9 teams placing were eligible for a drawing of team prizes and individual golfers also had the opportunity to win additional prizes.

In the end everyone had a great

time and once again gave a wonderful opportunity for our members and friends to enhance their fellowship as well as forming new bonds.

Many thanks to all of our golfers for participating – we were able to raise some funds towards our scholarship programs. A big mahalo goes to all of our generous donors for providing all of our door and grand prizes for the event.

Lastly, special thanks goes to all of the volunteers who gave their time and effort to helping us put this event on. Thank you to everyone for another successful event!

See you next year!

Awamori returns to Hawaii with some new clothes

Fifteen years ago Randall Kuba's journey began. At the time he did not even drink much, but as he went back and forth between Hawaii and Okinawa, he developed a taste for Okinawa's signature distilled alcohol, *awamori*. His generous nature led him to bring it home and share with his friends this unique beverage that until recently could mostly be found only in Okinawa. As time passed, he decided to bring awamori to even more people.

So in September 2005, Randall received a shipment of awamori for his new company, Awamori Spirits LLC, to share with the state of Hawaii. This is not the first time that he has tried to do this. His first try was actually twelve years ago, but unattractive labels and bottles prevented it from being appreciated by a wider audience. Learning from the lessons of his previous attempt, Randall had new bottles and labels designed with an American audience in mind.

This time out Randall decided to really go for broke. He made sure his product was of the highest quality he could find. He spent the time to develop relationships with eleven of the 47 awamori distilleries in Okinawa. And it was not an easy task. Initially he was met with resistance as awamori was more than a business to the Okinawan distilleries. It was also a tradition and a way of life stretching back nearly five centuries. But he persevered and the fruits of his labor can now be enjoyed by all.

To introduce the drink to the average consumer, he created two lines of awamori, Dancing Sea and CraZcrane. Dancing Sea is a more sophisticated line with four flavors, Silver, Gold, Platinum, and Black. The percentage of alcohol increased from 25 percent to 43 percent and is aged from a minimum of 3 years to 10 years. CraZcrane is designed for the younger set and has three flavors, Silver Gold,



Nathalie Walker photo

and Platinum. This line is aged from one to three years and ranges from 20 percent alcohol to 43 percent. Its high level of alcohol should not scare away light drinkers however, as its careful distillation process and high quality ingredients ensure that no strong aftereffects are felt the next morning.

Awamori is primarily made from Thai rice and koji, a type of black yeast native to Okinawa. It is normally stored in a kame, a type of ceramic pot. Awamori is a drink that is allowed to age for years. In parts of Okinawa are noted for their storage facilities devoted to Awamori, like Gyokusendo cave and Kin Kannonji, which has a cave that is 270 meters long and stores awamori for as long as 25 years or more.

This is awamori's chance to shine, as the wide variety being imported lets highlights its flexibility. Not only is it a great drink on its own, but it can be mixed with other alcoholic drinks and especially in cooking, either in the food or with it. Randall's dream to share the wonders of awamori extends not just to the state but to the mainland and beyond.

So if you enjoy awamori, pass the

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With Deepest Condolences



In the passing of KAROLE KANESHIRO on June 24, as wife of Wilfred, mother of Dave, Keith, Gary and Kevin.

To the family of the late SUME SHIMABUKURO who passed away on June 17, 2005. Hui Makaala received a donation in memory of the late Sume Shimabukuro from Karen and Glenn Tamayoshi.

With deepest sympathy to the family of the late WALLACE TERUYA, co-founder of Times Super Markets. Survived by wife, Ethel and sons, Raymond, Wayne, Dexter, and daughter, Rosemarie.



To President LISA SHISHIDO, in the passing of her grandmother, Edith Izumi Kumashiro, on July 29.

New styles dazzle at 36th Scholarship Fashion Show

On Sunday, October 23, 2005, Hui Maka'ala held its 36th Annual Scholarship Fund Luncheon and Fashion Show at the Sheraton Waikiki Hotel Hawaii Ballroom. The event unfolded with 40 boutiques with a variety of interesting fashion accessories, clothing and tasty food items. At noon, the ballroom doors opened to welcome the more than 600 attendees to relax and enjoy the spectacular entertainment, a palate pleasing lunch menu and the unfolding of an array of fashion designs from 3 diverse designers.

The afternoon event began with the introduction of the witty and talented dynamic duo emcees of Gwen Fujie and Jon Itomura. The stage then exploded with the colors and energetic drum beat of the Ryukyukoku Matsuri Daiko Hawaii, directed by Akemi Martin. Traditional Okinawan dances were performed by the Hooge Kai Nakasone Dance Academy, directed by Lynne Yoshiko Nakasone, and her broad, talented range of 3rd and 4th generation young adults. Finally, the silver citizens of our organization showed us what youth, vigor and energy really means, when the Paranku Club of Hawaii, directed by Violet Ogawa put on an amazing performance.



The fashion design segment began with the transformation of the stage ambience and the audience was introduced to the vibrant, exuberant and avante garde designs of Betsey Johnson. Calista's Gilda Minassian showcased a fluid, yet equally exciting transition into their designs, exemplifying the "beauty beyond the ordinary" designs, which is the Greek translation for Calista. The finale designs of Oyako, Ltd. by Vicki Yamagami

Ragasa display the cultured, sophisticated woman, complementing ages from late 20's to the silver generation.

Hui Maka'ala would like to thank and make special acknowledgments to all the sponsors and donors for the silent auction. Chairperson Liz Teruya and 2006 President, Lisa Shishido, would like to extend a huge mahalo to all the volunteers who spend a lot of time and hours to make this special event happen.

Awamori coming to restaurants and stores near you

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word along. Dancing Sea and CraZcrane can be found at the following locations Cydney Brooks, Daiei Kaheka, Kailua and Waipahu, HASR WINE CO., Ilikai General Store, J n J

Food & Beverage Store, Kyo-ya Restaurant, Marukai Wholesale Mart (Dillingham and Ward), Nashville Waikiki, New Hanagasa Inn, Okonomi Cuisine Kai, Palama Market, Panya Bistro, Shirokiya, Star Market Kahala Mall and Moiliili, Tamura's Fine Wine & Spirits, The Liquor Collection, the O Lounge, The Wine Shop, Titan Tobacco & Liquor Market, Tokkuri Tei and Tokyo-Tokyo Japanese Restaurant.

