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### Dates to Remember

**Maui Okinawa  
Kenjin Kai Picnic** –  
Sunday, July 27,  
10 a.m., Velma Santos  
Community Center

**Maui Yamaguchi  
Kenjin Kai Picnic** –  
Sunday, Aug. 10,  
9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Velma Santos  
Community Center

**Maui Kumamoto  
Kenjin Kai Picnic** –  
Sunday, Aug. 17, 9:30 a.m. to 2  
p.m., Velma Santos  
Community Center

**Maui Fukushima  
Kenjin Kai Picnic** –  
Sunday, Aug. 24, 9 a.m., Paia  
Mantokujji

**JCSM Quarterly  
Membership Meeting &  
Craft Activity** – Saturday,  
Sept. 27, 9:30 a.m., Maui Okinawan Cultural Center

**Deadline for  
Submissions for  
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(Oct.-Dec. 2008 Edition) –  
Sunday, Sept. 30.  
Email: [lynn@araki-regan.com](mailto:lynn@araki-regan.com)

**JCSM 2009 Shinnen  
Enkai** – Saturday, Jan. 31,  
5:30 p.m., Maui Beach Hotel  
Elleair Ballroom

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of Maui website at:  
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### Sister City youth to visit Maui County

Eighteen youth from Maui County's Sister Cities of Miyakojima and Fukuyama will make a Goodwill visit to Maui County at the end of July. The youth will begin their Sister Cities Youth Summit, with a stop at the Peace Pole fronting the County Building, then visiting both the Maui County Council and the Mayor's office.

The **Maui Japanese Chamber of Commerce, Maui Okinawan Kenjin Kai, Maui County Sister Cities Foundation, Maui Taiko** and the **Marriott Hotel** are sponsoring various events such as a photo essay project, luau show, and beach picnics for the visiting delegations.

While they are here on Maui, the students will also be learning English and Hawaiian Culture at Maui Community College.

For more information about the Miyakojima or Fukuyama youth program, call **Stephanie Ohigashi** at 281-4535.

### Muso Jikiden Eishin Ryu Iaijutsu, the study of martial arts, benefits youth, to be highlighted at upcoming meeting

The study of *Muso Jikiden Eishin Ryu Iaijutsu*, the ancient and cultural based martial art of drawing the Japanese sword, is taught by **Sensei Robert Montgomery** at the Maui Okinawan Cultural Center.

Held twice a week, the classes' purpose is to defend from surprise attacks, but, ultimately, it helps students mature, gain composure and more discipline, while enjoying the companionship of fellow classmates. **Komei Juku Maui** is one of the few *iai-jutsu* schools outside of Japan that teaches youth such as **Layke Yamauchi**, 10, a junior trainer and the oldest member of the children's group.

On June 2, Montgomery, head of Komei Juku Maui, awarded **Nicholas Hokama** the *Kenshi* (Swordsman) certificate for his dedication, spirit and attitude, as well as his skills and historical understanding of the sword. Instructor **Guy Junker** as well as **Eddie Maiwa** and **Aimee Cope** are helping the young students practice the values of the sword training to guide them in achieving one of Komei Juku's basic goals — to live a full, peaceful and harmonious life.

In September, Montgomery and his students welcome **Sekiguchi Komei Sensei** from Tokyo, Japan for a special 10-day training on Maui. Sekiguchi is the 21st Grand-master of Muso Jikiden Eishin Ryu Iaijutsu and head of the International Komei Juku. During his visit, Sekiguchi and the Komei Juku Maui students will be highlighted at the Japanese Cultural Society of Maui's quarterly meeting to be held on Saturday, Sept. 27, at 9:30 a.m. at the Maui Okinawan Cultural Center. To order a \$7 bento lunch, call **Priscilla Yamamura** at 877-5558.



Pictured are (L to R): first row (bottom) - Arissa Molina, Nicholas Hokama, Montgomery Sensei, Layke Yamauchi, Ken Agonoy. Second row - Yvonne Ladera, Nicolas Sepulveda, Layce Yamauchi, Aden Molina. Third row - Karen Hotopp, Blyad Calaro, Aimee Cope. Fourth row - Eddie Maiwa, Michael Sugimura, and Guy Junker Sensei

## Message from the President of the Japanese Cultural Society of Maui

On July 5, we celebrated the many sacrifices and contributions made by Japanese American Veterans through our “A Salute to Our Veterans” event held on the grounds of the Kahului Hongwanji Mission. There were over 200 people in attendance to help honor our veterans. The day was beautiful; the food was terrific; and the purpose was right by all accounts.



Photo by Photography by Irvin

We would like to extend special thanks to all those who made the event a success. There were many volunteers who spent many hours preparing and working hard to ensure all those in attendance were comfortable and treated with dignity and respect. We are very grateful to the many businesses and individuals who made monetary and door prize contributions. We are also very thankful for the participation of the **Maui Fukushima Kenjin Kai**, **Maui Kumamoto Kenjin Kai** (led by **Aiko and Nadao Makimoto**, the Kumamoto Kenjin Kai

members prepared the chicken hekka, rice and tsukemono), **Maui Okinawa Kenjin Kai**, and the **Maui Yamaguchi Ken-**



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**jin Kai.**

Thank you also to **Maui Taiko**, **Rev. Jeffrey Soga**, **Guy Kokubun** and **Ryukyukoku Matsuri Daiko** for entertaining the honorees that day!

**Lt. Governor “Duke” Aiona** made a special trip from Oahu to provide welcoming remarks in honor of our veterans. He was especially moved by the display set up by the **Sons & Daughters of the Nisei Veterans** and was honored to be asked to provide remarks. There were many other elected officials in attendance and all had wonderful messages to share with our honorees.



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**Brigadier General Gary Ishikawa**, the keynote speaker, played a major role by presenting the “Certificates of Appreciation” to each one of our honorees. This was the first time for many veterans to actually shake the hand of a General. They were truly amazed at

the General’s humility and appreciation for their service. Thank you, General Ishikawa, for all your help and support!

We hope this recent event shows our dedication, as an organization, to promoting and perpetuating all aspects of the Japanese culture. As we move forward, the Japanese Cultural Society of Maui will continue to focus on its mission. We ask for your help

and support by joining our organization or renewing your membership in order for us to continue the work we do.



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I’d like to share with you some important events that will be taking place over the next few months. We will be holding a cleanup of the Japanese pavillion at Kepaniwai Park tentatively scheduled on Saturday, Aug. 23, 9 a.m. to noon. Please visit our website at [www.jcsmaui.com](http://www.jcsmaui.com) to confirm the date and time and contact me at 357-6009 if you are interested in volunteering to protect this very special area.

We will also be holding our membership meeting on Saturday, Sept. 27. Please save this date as we will be putting together another “must attend” gathering for our members. See next page for details on the upcoming meeting.

We are also in the midst of planning our 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Japan Tour. A committee has been formed to develop a proposed tour package for our membership. To ensure the tour is manageable, we will be limiting the tour to the first 30 people who register. Anyone interested must be a “current” member of the JCSM. We plan on doing a lot of walking and using the public transportation system as much as possible. It will be a most memorable trip.

Thank you again for the support we’ve received. We look forward to continuing our mission and hope that you will consider joining the Japanese Cultural Society of Maui if you’re not already a member!

**Keith A. Regan**

President

Japanese Cultural Society of Maui

## Takabuki, Araki-Regan host golf event Sept. 26

The public is invited to participate in a non-competitive golf fundraiser event in support of Hawai'i's only children's hospital: the Kapi'olani Medical Center for Women & Children. The *Kapi'olani Golf for Miracles* event will be held Friday, Sept. 26 on the Wailea Golf Club's Emerald Course. It is open to golfers of all levels. In fact, you don't even have to golf to participate. Your participation as a non-golfing fundraiser is welcome!

What is important is that participation will support the vital programs and services of Hawai'i's children's hospital. For Maui families who are faced with their child being critically ill, diagnosed with a life-threatening disease, or being born premature, Kapi'olani Medical Center is essential. Though on Oahu, Kapi'olani is the only place in the Pacific Region that treats many childhood illnesses. Countless Maui families have depended on Kapiolani for providing the care necessary for their sick or premature children. And as a not-for-profit hospital, Kapi'olani needs the support from the Maui community.

All *Kapi'olani Golf for Miracles* participants will enjoy a complimentary breakfast starting at 11 a.m. Play will begin at noon. Afterward, participants will join event co-chairs **Anne Takabuki** and **Lynn Araki-Regan** for a special pupu reception at 5 p.m. at the Wailea Golf Club. Participants will hear of the important work being done at Kapi'olani Medical Center, including amazing stories from the parents of children here on Maui who have received lifesaving medical treatment at Hawai'i's only children's hospital.

Those wanting to participate may register at [www.kapiolani.org](http://www.kapiolani.org). Participants fundraise a minimum of \$360. Upon sign-up, participants will receive a personal online Pledge Page to seek individual donations from friends, family members, clients, etc. on a per-hole basis. Or, you can make the \$360 donation yourself. All funds raised, through the Kapi'olani Children's Miracle Network and Kapi'olani Medical Center, will benefit the children of Maui and all the Hawaiian islands. And remember, teeing off is optional.



Lynn Araki-Regan & Anne Takabuki

## JCS presents scholarships to college bound seniors

The Japanese Cultural Society of Maui (JCS Maui) recently presented a \$1,000 scholarship towards college expenses to Maui High School graduate **Michelle Soga** and Kamehameha School graduate **Jaime Hoku Kubota**.

Soga will be attending Pacific University in Oregon in the fall. The daughter of **Reverend Jeffrey and Kumiko Soga**, Soga graduated with a 3.9 GPA and plans on majoring in biology or chemistry. She is a member of Jr. YBA and served as Federation Treasurer, United Treasurer, and United Vice-President. In addition, she was a volunteer tutor for the Wailuku Hong-



Michelle Soga

wani Japanese School, was an active member of the Maui High School Japanese Club.

The daughter of **Casey Kubota** and **Jana Dean-Saribay**, Kubota studied Japanese language while studying at Kamehameha School. Involved with Student Government and a member of the National Honor Society, Kubota intends to major

in sociology.



Jaime Hoku Kubota

The JCS Maui Scholarship is an annual scholarship. Selection criteria for the scholarship includes the student's interest in perpetuating the Japanese culture, how their education will assist in perpetuating the Japanese culture, and their present and past involvement in Japanese organizations, as well as academics and community service participation. Donations for the annual scholarship may be made to the Japanese Cultural Society of Maui and mailed to P.O. Box 5090, Kahului, HI 96733.

For more information on the JCS Maui Scholarship program, call Committee Chair **Tiffany Iida** at 276-5444.

## Kenjin Kai events scheduled

### MAUI OKINAWA KENJIN KAI

**PICNIC** — Sunday, July 27, at Velma McWayne Santos Community Center, Wailuku, at 10 a.m. In addition to the wonderful potluck dishes, there will be entertainment and door prizes.

### MAUI YAMAGUCHI KENJIN KAI

**PICNIC** — Sunday, Aug. 10, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., at Velma McWayne Santos Community Center, Wailuku. There will be a potluck luncheon and entertainment.

### MAUI KUMAMOTO KENJIN KAI

**PICNIC** — Sunday, Aug. 17, 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., at Velma McWayne Santos Community Center, Wailuku. In addition to a potluck luncheon, there will be entertainment and bingo games.

Kumamoto Kenjin Kai annual membership dues are \$10.

### MAUI FUKUSHIMA KENJIN KAI

**PICNIC** — Sunday, Aug. 24, at Paia Mantokuji, at 9 a.m. In addition to the wonderful potluck dishes, there will be entertainment and door prizes.

### HONOLULU FUKUSHIMA KENJIN KAI ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

— Sunday, Oct. 26, 11 at 11 a.m., at Ala Moana Hotel. Representatives of Maui Fukushima Kenjin Kai plan on attending this 85th anniversary commemorative celebration. The current president of Honolulu Fukushima Kenjin Kai is **James Y. Sato**.

## 8th Annual Matsuri draws over 8,000

The 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Maui Matsuri, presented by Island Honda, was held on May 16-17, to honor Japanese cultural traditions with its theme of “*Kodomo No Tame Ni (for the sake of the children)*”. A crowd of over 8,000 attendees enjoyed this year’s

offerings of art, entertainment, contests, crafts and food. The Maui Matsuri included a number of contests including the 3rd annual Japanese Karaoke Contest, the annual **Sam Sato’s Saimin** eating contest, and the inaugural Cosplay Contest. The winners of the Matsuri contests are listed below.

The karaoke contest was held on Friday, May 16 at Iao Theater. The grand prize winner for the 2008 Karaoke Contest was **Sherry Tamayose**. Tamayose won an entry into the famed KZOO Japanese radio station’s Karaoke Contest on Oahu as well as \$500 cash. In the junior division (age 64 & below), the winners were: 1st Place – **Ariel Sohn** and 2nd Place – **Wendee Kokubun**. In the senior division (age 65 and above), the winners were: 1st Place – **Ruth Fukushima** and 2nd Place – **Sherry Remez**.

The Matsuri festivities continued on Saturday, May 17 at the **Maui Community College (MCC)**, where the good hearted participated



Al Shimoda captured the first place award with her bento bako submission during the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Pukalani Superette Bento Bako Contest at the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Maui Matsuri on May 17.



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Tyler Orikasa

in the annual **Iwamoto Natto** and **Sam Sato’s Saimin** eating contests. This year’s winners in the Natto contest were: Adult Division – 1<sup>st</sup> place **Takako Nakaaki**, 2<sup>nd</sup> place **Ayume Givensel**, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place **Karen Suzuki**. Children’s Division 1st place **Chance Rodrigues**, 2nd place **Dean Kazu Omura**, and 3rd place **Davynn Kochi**.

Winners in this year’s 8<sup>th</sup> Annual **Sam Sato Saimin** contest were: Adult Division – 1<sup>st</sup> place **Tyler Orikasa**, 2<sup>nd</sup> place **Chris Dela Cruz**, and 3<sup>rd</sup> Place **Nelson Sensano**. Children’s Division – 1<sup>st</sup> place **Diego Torres**, 2<sup>nd</sup> place **Tyler Nishikawa**, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place **Thomas Peterson**.

The winners of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual **Pukalani Superette Bento Bako (box)** contest are as follows: 1<sup>st</sup> place **Al Shimoda**, 2<sup>nd</sup> place **Nani Higashino**, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place **Takako Nakaaki**.

The annual Manga and Art contests were held with guest judge

## 2007 Obon festivities continue . . .

Date	Name of Temple	Time: Service/Dance
<b>JULY</b>		
18-19	Kahului Hongwanji Mission	Service 7 p.m.; Dancing 8 p.m.
25-26	Makawao Hongwanji Mission	Service 6:30 p.m.; Dancing 7:30 p.m.
<b>AUGUST</b>		
1-2	Wailuku Hongwanji Mission	Service 7 p.m.; Dancing 8 p.m.
8-9	Kahului Jodo Mission	Service 7 p.m.; Dancing 8 p.m.
16	Paia Rinzaï Zen Mission	Service 6 p.m.; Dancing 7 p.m.
23	Kula Shofukuji Mission	Service 6:30 p.m.; Dancing 7:30 p.m.

**Kirk Kurokawa.** Kurokawa is an award-winning artist who was born and raised on Maui. The winning artwork were be on display at the Kahului branch of **Central Pacific Bank** until May 31<sup>st</sup>.

The winners for the 2008 Manga and Art contest were: 3rd-5th grade—1st place Erin Manibog, 2nd place **Chayse Tamaki**, and 3rd place **Courtney Gomes**. 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade—1st place **Kimilyn Yoshizawa**, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place **Cordelia Xie**, and 3rd place **Seo Yeon Orite**. 9th-12 grade—1st place **Tyler Nishikawa**, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place **Alyssa Baysa**, and 3rd place **Anuheia Reimann**.

The winners for the 2008 Traditional Art contest were: 3rd-5th grade—1st place **Layce Yamauchi** and 2nd place **Kaitlyn Yamada**. 6th-8th grade—1st place **Lakiesha Ching** and 2nd place **Terra Miller**.

The winners of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Children's Kimono Dress-Up Contest, sponsored by **Araki-Regan & Associates, LLC**, were: Boys Division—1st place **Jonah Valois-Nishimura** and 2nd Place **William George**. Girls Division—1<sup>st</sup> place **Tiffany Kokubun**, 2<sup>nd</sup> place **Caitlyn Villarosa**, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place **Taylie Kawakami** and **Megan Koga**.

The winners of the inaugural Cosplay Contest are as follows: Hallway Cosplay - Children's Division—1st place **Helen Allcorn**,

2nd place **Andrew Viloría**, and 3rd place **Jennifer Viloría**. In the high school division, winners were 1st Place **Marc Cabalo**, 2nd place **Angelo Davis**, and 3rd place **Tanisha Bowker**. In the adult division, winners were 1st place **Daniel Nakama** and 2nd place **Jasmine Lake**.

For the Cosplay Showcase, winners were 1st place **Jasmine Lake**, 2nd place **Marc Cabalo**, and 3rd place **Natalie Allcorn**.

The 2008 Maui Matsuri event sponsors included **Island Honda**, **County of Maui**, **Hawaii Tour-**



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For more information on sponsorship opportunities for the 2009 Maui Matsuri, call **Kay Fukumoto** at 283-9999.

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