

Welcoming 2006 at the Japanese Consulate

The Society welcomed in the New Year at its annual New Year's Reception on January 25 at the Official Residence of the Consul General of Japan. Consul General and Mrs. Shigeo Iwatani and Society Chair Peter Schall welcomed Governor Linda Lingle, General Paul Hester, Pacific Air Forces Commander, and nearly 200 Society members and guests to their residence.

After a dreary and rainy day, the skies cleared to allow guests to enjoy the early evening splendor of the garden at the Consulate. Society members and friends exchanged good wishes for the New Year and took the opportunity to meet Consul General and Mrs. Iwatani, who came to our islands in November of 2005. For many, this was the first chance to meet the couple.



U.S. Attorney Ed Kubo being greeted at the Consulate

The program commenced with opening remarks by President Earl Okawa, who thanked the Consul General and welcomed Society members and friends. He was followed by Society Chair Peter Schall, who expressed gratitude to all for supporting the Society. Consul General Iwatani then shared his words of welcome and thanked everyone for joining the festivities. Finally, Governor Lingle shared her admiration and support for the Society's educational programs and mentioned how she has been impressed with what the Society has done for the children of Hawaii. She also expressed her appreciation at being a part of the Society's celebration.

One of the highlights of the evening was the *kagamiwari* (sake cask breaking ceremony). Governor Lingle, Consul General Iwatani, General Hester and Chair Schall participated in the ceremony. *Kagami* refers to the circular lid of the sake cask that is broken open by the guests of honor using large wooden mallets. The *kagamiwari* celebrates important events



Governor Lingle, Chairman Schall, Consul General Iwatani & Mrs. Iwatani

and is believed to bestow blessings of happiness, good health and prosperity to all in attendance. After the cask was broken, Chair Schall and Consul General Iwatani led Society members in a *kanpai* as they toasted to the year 2006.

The Society would like to thank Consul General and



Chairman Schall, General Hester, Governor Lingle & Consul General Iwatani participate in the kagamiwari

Mrs. Iwatani for the use of their residence and the Consulate staff for their assistance. Mahalo also to Mr. Takekeru Kishii of The Cherry Company for donating the sake barrel, cask, mallets and extra sake for guests to enjoy after the *kagamiwari*. Special thanks to Roy Otaguro of Ikebana International for arranging the flowers that were prominently displayed in the reception area of the residence. We look forward to seeing everyone at next year's New Year's Reception.

Message from the Chairman, Peter Schall

Aloha! It is an honor and privilege for me to serve as the Japan-America Society of Hawaii’s 20th Chairman of the Board of Directors during this 30th anniversary year. It is a real privilege to lead this very prestigious organization and to build upon its many accomplishments over the years. And I know that these accomplishments were made possible only through your support—my fellow Directors, members of the Senior Advisory Council, Society members and friends, the various foundations, and the Society’s staff. I look forward to working with each of you during my tenure to add to the Society’s accomplishments for the betterment of our communities, locally, nationally, and internationally.

There is already change in the wind. Our president, Earl Okawa, informed the Board that he will be resigning from the Society in 2007. Earl will have served 15 years with the Society when he retires. His early announcement and willingness to allow a succession plan to be implemented, gave the Board time to seek a replacement and at its February Board meeting, the Board approved Edwin (Ed) Hawkins to succeed Earl. Ed begins a year of transition with Earl from April 1st as the Society’s Vice President-Development. Ed is a 30-year Air Force veteran, retiring as a Colonel. He is an Air Force Academy graduate and received his MA in Asian Studies from Harvard University. A more detailed biography and photo are included in this Journal. We welcome Ed and look forward to his leadership in adding to the accomplishments of the Society.

This Journal places emphasis on the Society’s school programs. We want each of you to know how important we believe these programs are in developing our future leaders. Since January of 2005, we have implemented the *Continuum of School Programs Project*, a series of six integrated school programs from kindergarten to grade 12. I believe we are the only organization in the U.S. or Japan that is focusing on teaching the concept of different perspectives from grades K-5 and then reinforcing that concept with programs from grades 6-12. It is a huge but very important undertaking.

This emphasis on teaching the concept of different perspectives is to help our very young children learn how to examine issues and objects from different viewpoints. By doing so, it causes them to be inquisitive and to gain the skill of inquiry. They will learn to seek alternatives to problems and become better decision-makers because they will have examined the alternatives. Seeking different viewpoints will help them to keep and continue their natural inquisitiveness that they were born with and help them to be open-minded. With this concept of different perspectives, our young students will become better thinkers as they practice their skill of inquiry. They will not be afraid of new ideas or people of other cultures. On the contrary, we see these young students developing into our future leaders with new ideas and our future global citizens who flow easily into and out of various cultures. As you read about the school programs described in the Journal, please think of ways in which we could improve our programs to better teach this concept and convey your suggestions to our staff.

But the Society is not only about education for our school students. The Program Committee has developed a strengthened slate of programs for our members. In April, the Society will participate in the 5th International Symposium of Japan-America Societies in Kyoto. Members will also tour Ise Shrine, Mikimoto Pearl Island, Iga-Ueno (Ninja town), and Mount Koya. In May, we have Brad Glosserman, Executive Director, Pacific Forum CSIS speaking about Japan and Asia; a Tomodachi Tour of Iolani Palace; and Consul General Iwatani speaking about Japan’s role in Iraq. In June, we will kick-off the month with the Society’s Annual Golf Tournament, which was postponed due to the heavy rains in March. On June 10, the Japan-America Society of Miyakonojo will be coming for the 10th consecutive year to help clean Waikiki Beach. After the beach cleanup, we will head to the Kakaako Waterfront Park to clean the Ehime Maru Memorial. A picnic with the JAS of Miyakonojo members will follow.

There is a lot on our plate but we are always interested in your input on how we can make the Society better. Please take an active role in your Society. Again, thank you for the privilege and honor of serving as your Chairman and as Earl has taught me to say, “Onegaishimasu.” I look forward to working with each of you. Mahalo!

Sincerely,

Peter H. Schall

Uwajima Students Visit Hawaii

March 22 marked the beginning of the inaugural student visit under the Society’s Sister School Relationship Program. For one week, students, teachers, and parents from Kawanakoa Middle School in Honolulu hosted 20 students and three teachers from Uwajima Minami Junior High School in Ehime Prefecture.

The Japanese visitors experienced life in a Hawaii middle school firsthand. They toured the school, and the students spent a day in class with their hosts. They also introduced themselves to the entire school on Kawanakoa’s closed-circuit television program.

Outside of school, the students from Uwajima and Kawanakoa toured various spots around the island together, learning about Hawaii and each other. Some of the places they visited were the Arizona Memorial, the Bishop Museum, the Polynesian Cultural Center, and the Ehime Maru Memorial, where students presented a wreath in remembrance of those lost in the Ehime Maru accident.

The students from Japan also spent three nights doing homestays. This was the highlight of the trip for many of the



students, with several commenting on how welcome the families made them feel and how they wished the homestay had been longer. Thank you, host families!

Before the visit ended, the Japanese delegation, the student hosts and their families, and a number of faculty and staff from Kawanakoa all gathered in the Kawanakoa cafeteria for a local-style BBQ dinner to say farewell. During dinner, each of the Uwajima students and their hosts

from Kawanakoa did a short presentation on what they learned from each other during the visit.

Overall, this first visit was a very successful one. Students, teachers, and families at both schools are now committed more than ever to sustaining a long-term sister school relationship, which in turn will help further the goal of the Society’s *Continuum of School Programs Project*: teaching students to see things from a variety of perspectives. It was a learning experience for all involved, including the Society. Everyone waits in eager anticipation for Kawanakoa’s reciprocal visit to Uwajima in June.

The Society would like to send a special thank you to the Freeman Foundation, whose generous support makes the Sister School Relationship Program possible.



Students offer a wreath and a prayer at the Ehime Maru Memorial at Kakaako Waterfront Park



Kawanakoa MS Principal Sandra Ishihara-Shibata asks the students what they learned from each other as parents look on

Gaining Lifelong Skills and a Chance to Visit Japan

On February 4, the Society welcomed 27 high school teams from throughout the state, including teams from the Big Island, Maui and Kauai, for the third annual Japan Wizards Competition. The Convention Floor of the Sheraton Waikiki Hotel and Resort was buzzing with excitement as students, advisors, staff and volunteers prepared for the competition. As one volunteer observed, “I always feel so inspired by the participating schools and their teachers. They are so positively curious and excited about Japan. It’s wonderful!”

Some of the special guests in attendance were: Consul General and Mrs. Shigeo Iwatani; Noriko Omori, Director of the Ehime Prefecture International Center Internship Program; Society



Participants listen intently as the rules are explained

Chair Peter Schall; Society Board member and Community Service Committee Chair Jean Rolles; and Tsuneo Irita and David Asanuma of JTB Goodwill Foundation (one of the primary financial supporters of Japan Wizards). Other major donors who help make the competition possible include Aloha Airlines, Tateuchi Foundation, Friends of Hawaii Charities and Frear Eleemosynary Trust.

The Japan Wizards Competition is part of the Society’s *Continuum of School Programs Project* and is a statewide academic team competition at the high school level that tests students’ knowledge of Japan. In preparing for the competition, students spend many hours learning and studying about Japan. By doing so, they gain lifelong skills of teamwork, personal responsibility, researching and operating under pressure. To prepare, they must study an extensive range of topics including transportation, history, popular culture, sports, edu-

cation, geography, government, language and culture. As they study, they become more aware that people in different countries may have different perspectives than their own.

Preparation for the competition can be a reward in itself, but the teams and their advisors also have the opportunity to win an all-expense paid trip to Japan in the summer. The possibility of winning a free trip to Japan is an incentive to participate, but as one student from Campbell High School stated, “The Japan trip motivated me to participate in the competition, but representing my school at this event made me feel honored.” According to a student from Kauai High School, “A benefit of the competition was meeting other students that like Japan just as much as me.”

The students who earn the trip will learn that people in Japan may do things differently than they do. They will see firsthand how people in other countries may have different perspectives than their own. They then may begin to seek varying viewpoints, and look at alternatives when making decisions. The Society’s hope is that these students will learn to make good decisions as they continue to mature.

While some teams were competing, other students enjoyed the Activity Center, participating in seven different hands-on activities (*soroban*, *fukuwarai*, *karuta*, pictionary, jeopardy, charades and *origami*) in the Maui Ballroom. Thank you to all of the dedicated Society members and friends who volunteered their time and energy to make the Activity Center a success. In the words of a Campbell High School student, “The Activity Center was simply awesome!”

As the competition drew to a close, the scores were tallied and President Earl Okawa announced the winning teams. Congratulations go out to Kapolei High School, Sacred Hearts Academy and King Kekaulike High School for winning first place in their Japanese level (2, 3, and 4 respectively) competitions. The Society will send these three teams, along with teams from Saint Francis School and Saint Louis School (who scored the next highest number of points) to Japan this summer.

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*This year’s winning teams accepting their plaques with Consul General Iwatani and Chairman Schall
From left to right, Level 2: Kapolei High School; Level 3: Sacred Hearts Academy; Level 4: King Kekaulike High School*

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As one of the winning participants stated, "It was a great honor to even be allowed to participate. The experience that I gained will help me as I progress on to college and in a later career. It taught me the worth of being prepared, the fruits of hard labor, and the accomplishments made from trying your best in whatever you do." It is important to remember that all students are winners. They expanded their knowledge and gained skills that will help them through life.

One of the most important components of Japan Wizards is ensuring that all of the questions are fair, accurate, and suitable for the students. The Society extends a special thank you to the Questions Committee, who put in many hours writing and editing the questions that were used in the competition. The Society also wishes to thank the following sponsors, donors and volunteers for supporting the Japan Wizards Competition. This



Society President Okawa, Mrs. Iwatani, Consul General Iwatani, Tsuneo Irita & David Asanuma of JTB

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Kapaa High School	Mililani High School	Waipahu High School
Kapolei High School		

Hinamatsuri Celebration on Girl’s Day

Society members and friends spent the afternoon of March 3 celebrating *Hinamatsuri* (Doll Festival) at the Official Residence of the Consul General of Japan. Consul General and Mrs. Shigeo Iwatani graciously opened their home for this annual JASH event arranged by the Society’s Tomodachi Committee.

Society members and guests learned about traditional kimono wearing from Mrs. Jean Sakihara, Program Chair and originator of the Kimono Project U.S.A. at the University Laboratory School. Mrs. Sakihara explained the proper way to wear a kimono as Nikki Love, Keiko Hasegawa, Eriko Hirose and Yumiko Hamaguchi modeled the different types of women’s kimono that are worn in Japan. She explained that different kimono are worn depending on one’s age and marital status. She also narrated while Yoko Nakayama went through the very involved process of dressing Erica Chee in a beautiful bridal kimono. Everyone in attendance was fascinated to see how Erica was transformed from a young American woman into a Japanese bride. During the kimono demonstrations, Keiko Mochida made *hina* (dolls) out of paper and Noriko Sand demonstrated the art of *kumihimo* (cord braiding).

After the program, guests enjoyed *barazushi*, *sekihan* and other traditional *Hinamatsuri* delicacies and took photos with the ladies in kimono against the backdrop of the Consulate’s traditional seven-tiered doll display. *Hinamatsuri* is celebrated on March 3rd to wish for the happiness and good health of



Nikki Love, Kazuko Love, Mrs. Iwatani, Erica Chee, Yumiko Hamaguchi & Eriko Hirose

female children. Dolls, which include the Emperor, Empress, attendants and musicians in traditional court dress are arranged on a tiered stand covered with red cloth. The custom of displaying dolls began during the Edo period.

The Society would like to thank Consul General and Mrs. Iwatani for allowing the use of their residence, and the Consulate staff for their assistance. Thank you also to Jean Sakihara, Yoko Nakayama, Keiko Mochida, Noriko Sand and Yoshiko Bailey for sharing their special talents with those in attendance. Finally, a big mahalo goes out to Tomodachi Co-Chairs Kazuko Love and Chikako Lobley for coordinating this event.

Students Selected to Attend 18th APCC in Fukuoka

The Society congratulates the eight Junior Ambassadors (JAs) who have been selected to represent Hawaii at the 18th Annual Asian-Pacific Children’s Convention. The APCC is part of the Society’s *Continuum of School Programs Project* providing experience for eight 11-year-olds to immerse themselves in a different culture and surrounding themselves with people who may have different perspectives other than their own. This year’s JAs, who will be attending the convention in Fukuoka this July, are: Brock Honda (Pearl Ridge Elem.), Aaron Jimenez (Barbers Point Elem.), Layne Kawahara (Palisades Elem.), Kiyoko Keanini (Momilani Elem.), Evan Lin (Momilani Elem.), Korie Lum (Pearl Ridge Elem.), Rachelle Matson (Aina Haina Elem.) and Shenaniah Romias (Palisades Elem.). The students will be traveling to Japan with chaperone Eileen Beamis, former JASH Program Coordinator.

For several of these children, this trip to Japan will be the first time they are spending time away from their fam-

ilies or the first time they will be visiting a foreign country. They will be joining about 350 other 11-year-olds from over 40 countries for a two-week cultural learning experience.

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18th APCC Junior Ambassadors with chaperone Eileen Beamis

Who is Ranald MacDonald?

On Saturday, March 11, the Society, together with the Honolulu Festival Foundation, the Consulate General of Japan, Bishop Museum and McDonald's Restaurants of Hawaii, co-sponsored a seminar entitled, "Who is Ranald MacDonald? His early contribution to Japan-United States relations." This marked the third U.S.-Japan Cultural Exchange Seminar Program.

Held in conjunction with the Honolulu Festival at the Hawaii Convention Center, over 130 people came to learn about this fascinating man. Ranald MacDonald was a half-Scot, half-Chinook American who determinedly visited Japan in 1848 at a time when foreigners were often killed under the nation's strict policy of isolation. MacDonald was the first Native American to set foot on Japanese soil and reputed to be the first American teacher of English in Japan. He is credited with teaching the English language to Japanese interpreters before Commodore Perry's initial visit to Japan.

The seminar panelists included Mr. Frederick Schodt, author of the historical biography, *Native American in the Land of the Shogun: Ranald MacDonald and the Opening of Japan*; Ms. Yumiko Kawamoto, member of the Historical Society of Western Learning and Historical Society of English Studies of Japan; and Mr. Dwight Damon, fifth generation descendent of Reverend Samuel Damon. The panel was moderated by Dr. Robert Huey, Director of the Center for Japanese Studies at the University of Hawaii at Manoa.

Mr. Schodt discussed MacDonald's background and motivation for venturing to a far-off and potentially dangerous land, and his experiences getting and surviving there. Next,

Ms. Kawamoto focused on MacDonald's language learning, providing fascinating examples of his methodology in teaching himself Japanese. She also showed excerpts from a ninth grade textbook used in present-day Japanese middle schools describing MacDonald. Mr. Damon then discussed an article on MacDonald in the newspaper, "Friends," published in 1840 by Reverend Damon. Each panelist shared a unique insight into MacDonald's life and together they wove a compelling tale of the man and his contribution to U.S.-Japan relations.

The Society wishes to thank the Honolulu Festival Foundation and especially its Executive Director, David Asanuma, Society Board member and Program Committee Co-Chair. Special thanks also to the panelists and Dr. Robert Huey for moderating the seminar.



Panel discussion on Ranald MacDonald

CPASF 50th Anniversary Planning Committee Established

In 2009, the Crown Prince Akihito Scholarship Foundation plans to mark the 50th anniversary of its establishment with events in Tokyo and Honolulu. CPASF alumni will play an integral part in the festivities, and it is hoped that as many of the scholarship recipients as possible will attend. Earlier this year, the CPASF alumni network formed the "50th Anniversary Planning Committee" to coordinate alumni efforts and create a program for

the event. Planning Committee members include: Christopher Bondy, Doug Fuqua, Ritsuko Kikusawa, Aya Kitamura, Brian Masshardt, Jane Yamashiro, and Christine Yano. The committee plans to complete a program draft by the end of May and submit it to the rest of the alumni for their input and approval. Any alumnus wishing to join the committee or just wanting to share ideas should contact Brian at cpas50th@mac.com.

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The APCC is a non-profit organization whose mission is to promote international understanding for children as "citizens of the future." The convention was created in commemoration of the 1989 Asian-Pacific Exposition, celebrating Fukuoka City's centennial. Since 1989, over 6,000 Junior Ambassadors from

around the world have participated in the exchange.

Mahalo to the Selection Committee: Dr. Lorraine Mito, Cory Mitsui, Dean Ueda, and Cindy Tanaka for all of their help during the selection process.

Japan in a Suitcase Update

The 2005-2006 school year has been one of tremendous growth for the Japan in a Suitcase program (JIAS). Thanks to generous grants from the Tateuchi Foundation and the Atherton Foundation, a new, full-time Volunteer Coordinator position was created. In August of 2005, this position was filled by Allison Murata, who took over the program’s coordination efforts. Program announcements were sent out to schools at the start of the fall semester and the response was overwhelming. Thanks in large part to positive word-of-mouth from previous years, demand for the program has been unprecedented this school year. The Society received a record number of requests from teachers and grade-level chairs.

JIAS is the foundation of the Society’s *Continuum of School Programs Project* and is where the concept of different perspectives is first introduced at the kindergarten to grade 5 levels. The program teaches students to look at ideas and issues from all viewpoints; that there are always other ways to see or do things. It is designed to teach young children how to think critically and see things from varying perspectives.

The Society feels it is crucial to reach students when they are very young. By teaching different perspectives, the Society is nurturing the natural inquisitiveness students were born with, making them more open-minded and accepting of others. Developing their skill of inquiry will help them to become better decision-makers and



Volunteer Michael Locke presents JIAS I

risk-takers as they will seek alternatives to problems. In essence, the Society intends to help develop their thinking skills. The goal is to develop global citizens and visionary leaders for the future who will make our world a better place to live.

In January of 2005, JIAS I (for kindergarten through grade 2) and JIAS II (for grades 3-5) were launched as part of the *Continuum of School Programs Project*. JIAS I teaches different perspectives by using easy to understand examples such as pictures of cars and animals to help our very young children learn about similarities and differences between themselves and their counterparts in Japan. In other words, through easy to comprehend examples, children gain a simple understanding of different perspectives. JIAS goes beyond Japan and includes examples from Korea to further illustrate the concept and provide a broader world view.

JIAS II continues teaching this concept by using more sophisticated examples, including the comparison of Japan-centered and U.S.-centered world maps, as well as a slideshow illustrating elementary school life in Japan. In both programs, presenters bring with them a suitcase filled with school items from Japan that provides an interactive and fascinating glimpse into the life of children from a different culture. By comparing and contrasting the United States and Japan and stressing that neither is “good” or “bad,” “right” or “wrong,” the Society hopes to foster an attitude of open-mindedness and tolerance through this concept of different perspectives.

The JIAS programs have received positive feedback from the teachers. Approximately 200 presentations for nearly 4,000 students at 50 schools were given from October through March with a heavy schedule continuing through May. One teacher from Kainalu Elementary wrote the following: “The program surpassed my expectations...[it] was well-thought out and presented well. It helped our students to gain an open-minded attitude and a better understanding of cultural differences.” A third grade teacher from Mililani Mauka Elementary wrote, “Japan in a Suitcase helped students to understand different perspectives and reminded teachers to use the term repetitively so students will be able to understand

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In Memoriam

The Hawaii community and the Society lost one of its leaders when Dr. Albert Miyasato passed away on February 24, 2006. Dr. Miyasato served as a member of the Society’s Board of Directors. He was always there for the Society as he was for all the other organizations he supported. As late as January, he was helping the Society develop its sister school relationship program between Kapolei

Middle School and Kin Junior High School in Okinawa. Last year, he served on the Annual Dinner Planning Committee that culminated in a successful event featuring the Society’s educational programs. Above all, he was a man of integrity and of community — always smiling and always helping. We shall miss him very much.

Kin JHS Selected as Sister School

The second relationship in the Society's Sister School Relationship Program is beginning to take form. This February, Jane Serikaku, past president of the Hawaii United Okinawa Association, accompanied JASH Sister Schools Coordinator Matt Ackerman to the town of Kin, Okinawa to decide on Kin Junior High School as a potential sister school for Kapolei Middle School. The first Okinawan immigrants to Hawaii came from Kin and the town was home to Kyuzo Toyama, who is considered the "Father of Okinawan Immigration."

While in Okinawa, Ms. Serikaku and Mr. Ackerman met with Kin Mayor Tsuyoshi Gibu, the Kin Board of Education and its Superintendent Henri Higa, the Okinawa Board of Education, and the Okinawa International Exchange Foundation. All expressed their support of the Sister School Relationship Program and its goal of teaching students the concept of different perspectives as a part of the larger *Continuum of School Programs Project*.

The most important visit, however, was to Kin JHS itself. There, Ms. Serikaku and Mr. Ackerman met with students and faculty while touring the school. After the tour, they discussed the Sister School Relationship Program and



Jane Serikaku, Matt Ackerman & Superintendent Henri Higa in front of a statue of Kyuzo Toyama

Miyasato and Ms. Serikaku for their assistance and expertise, and to all those in Okinawa whose help made our visit a success.

some of the ways it could be carried out at Kin JHS. All were enthusiastic about a sister school relationship with Kapolei Middle School. In fact, the interest in the program at Kin JHS was so high it was easy to decide that Kin JHS would be perfect for the program.

The Society would like to express its thanks to the late Dr. Albert

Ed Hawkins Joins the Society

The Society welcomes Mr. Edwin (Ed) Hawkins as the Vice President-Development! Mr. Hawkins was born in Japan, the son of an Air Force sergeant and a Japanese mother. He is a graduate of the U.S. Air Force Academy and received his Master's Degree in East Asian Studies from Harvard University. He retired from the Air Force in 2003 after 30 years of service. As a career intelligence officer, a Foreign Area Officer and a Joint Staff Officer, he commanded intelligence squadrons and groups as well as serving a combat tour as Director of Intelligence in Desert Storm. Mr. Hawkins is fluent in Japanese and attended senior military school while on active duty at Japan's National Institute for Defense Studies in Tokyo. Although he is not a "local," Mr. Hawkins has had a number of



Ed Hawkins

military assignments to Hawaii and has lived here in Honolulu for the last five years. His first assignment to Hawaii was to Pacific Air Forces Headquarters at Hickam Air Force Base where he was the Executive Assistant to General Richard Myers. His last active duty assignment was at Asia Pacific Center for Security Studies in Honolulu as the Director of Admissions and Support. After retirement, Mr. Hawkins worked for the defense consulting firm Booz Allen Hamilton as a contractor working for U.S. Pacific Command providing crisis action planning support.

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the full meaning and relate it to other situations."

Mahalo to the dedicated volunteers who have helped the Society share the program with Hawaii's children. The demand for Japan in a Suitcase is expected to be even greater during the 2006-2007 school year, so please contact Allison Murata at 524-4450 or amurata@jashawaii.org if you are interested in volunteering. It's a worthwhile, rewarding experience and a wonderful way to reach out to our students.

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Amnet is a full-service travel agency established in 1991, specializing in travel to Japan from the United States. Their mission is to be a "network to provide amenity for life." Amnet is headquartered in New York with branches in Los Angeles, Costa Mesa, Miami, Boston, Chicago, Honolulu and Tokyo. The Honolulu branch was opened in 2003 and has been approved as an ARC and IATA agency. Amnet primarily markets destinations in Japan, however, global destinations are serviced. Amnet specializes in promoting tour packages in Japan to popular destinations such as Tokyo, Kyoto, Hakone, Osaka and Hiroshima with their Visit Japan Campaign (Yokoso Japan!). As a full-service agency they also offer services including automobile rentals, hotel accommodations, travel insurance, incentives as well as meeting special needs of the client. Amnet provides both leisure and business travel for the individual as well as corporate markets.

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GTY Enterprises LLC is committed to helping people improve their health and their lifestyle. They have exclusive rights to a technology for the next 18 years that can measure your antioxidant protection level non-invasively in only three minutes. Antioxidants keep your body healthy by neutralizing the free radicals that damage your healthy cells. Because of this technology, they can guarantee that your antioxidant protection level will increase in 60 to 90 days by starting on a health regimen with their pharmaceutical grade supplements and supernutritious fruit beverage. Please visit their website at www.gyukuno.com or call 808-358-2685 to have your antioxidant protection level measured.

Hilton Grand Vacations Company LLC

Hilton Grand Vacations Company LLC (HGVC), is wholly owned by Hilton Hotels Corporation, and was established in 1992. Headquartered in Orlando, Florida, HGVC develops, markets and operates a system of brand name, high-quality vacation ownership resorts in select vacation destinations. The company also manages and operates two innovative club membership programs: Hilton Grand Vacations Club® (HGVCclub®) and The Hilton Club®, providing exclusive exchange, leisure travel, and reservation services for more than 97,000 Club Members.

The Hawaii region of HGVC employs over 500 team members and is led by Mark Wang, Senior Vice President, Hawaii. The region consists of projects located at the Hilton Hawaiian Village Beach Resort and Spa on Oahu and at the Waikoloa Beach Resort on the Big Island of Hawaii. With future projects in the planning and development stages for both Waikoloa and Waikiki, HGVC is poised for expansion in Hawaii.

For more information, please visit their website at www.hiltongrandvacations.com.

Pacific LightNet Communications

Pacific LightNet Communications is a Hawaii-based company offering a full range of integrated telecommunication products and services including local dial tone, high speed Internet, long distance, collocation, special access and enhanced data services. They have more than 10,000 submarine and terrestrial fiber miles connecting the six major Hawaiian Islands.

They are interconnected with major carriers to provide cost-saving solutions. Whether your telecom service needs are state-wide or global, contact them to find out how they can put their people and emerging technologies to work for your business.

They are committed to establishing and promoting professional partnerships and strategic alliances, while creating a professional work environment that fosters and recognizes individual contribution, teamwork, accountability, resourcefulness, growth and integrity. They will achieve their vision by providing their customers with high quality, timely and accurate services using innovative, cost effective technology in a courteous and committed manner.

Pacific Pipe Restoration

Pacific Pipe Restoration provides island homeowners and property managers with a proven, safe, and cost-effective way to restore aging drinking water piping systems. While new to the islands, the process has been used successfully on the mainland for over 15 years, and for more than 50 years in Europe and Japan, where the technology was developed.

The technology utilizes a unique in-place pipe lining process to treat rusty, corroded and galvanized steel, hot and cold drinking water pipes, as well as copper piping systems experiencing pin-hole leaks. The proprietary air-sand/epoxy lining process removes rust and corrosion build-up from inside pipes, and lines the pipe's interior with a safe and durable liquid epoxy coating. Following in-place treatment of their galvanized steel piping systems, customers will notice an immediate improvement in water quality (color, taste, odor), water pressure and flow. The cured epoxy lining provides a permanent protective barrier inside the existing pipes, which eliminates future corrosion, leaching of heavy metals (e.g., lead) and leaks in copper pipe, extending the pipes' useful life by an additional 35 - 40 years.

With in-place pipe restoration, property disruption is minimal, and cost savings can be significant over traditional pipe replacement. In addition to restoring pipes, which are installed behind walls and in ceilings, the technology is effective in restoring water pipes that are buried underground beneath cement slabs, pavement or landscaping.

Pacific Pipe Restoration is the exclusive Hawaii licensee of American Pipe Lining, Inc. based in San Diego, California. American Pipe Lining, Inc. pioneered the in-place pipe restoration technology for drinking water piping systems in the U.S. and has been serving customers since 1987. John Nakamura, who grew up in the islands, worked as Sales and Marketing Director and Operations Manager for American Pipe Lining in San Diego for 14 years, before moving back to Hawaii and founding the local company.

Calendar of Events

APRIL

- 5 27th Biannual Japan Day, Hawaii Tokai International College
- 14-23 Tour of Japan
- 21-22 5th International Symposium in Kyoto, Japan
- 19 Tomodachi luncheon for Mrs. Iwatani, Hilton Hawaiian Village
- 27 CPASF Awards Ceremony, Official Residence of the Consulate General of Japan
- 29 APCC Workshop, Halawa District Park

MAY

- 2 "Japan's Place in a Changing Asia" with Brad Glosserman, Executive Director of Pacific Forum CSIS, The Pacific Club
- 3 Tour of Iolani Palace with the Tomodachi Committee
- 4 Japan Day Volunteer Appreciation Dinner, Manoa Grand Ballroom
- 11 Executive Committee meeting, JASH office
- 18 Board of Directors meeting, Bankers Club
- 18 "What Should Japan Do in Iraq?" with Consul General Shigeo Iwatani, Official Residence of the Consulate General of Japan
- 20 "Can Democracy be Exported?" Public Symposium at the East-West Center
- 20 Visitor Industry Charity Walk
- 20 APCC Workshop, Halawa District Park

JUNE

- 1 16th Annual Friendship Golf Classic, Hickam AFB Mamala Bay Golf Course
- 3-4 APCC Overnight Workshop at Camp Erdman
- 9 *Hilton Hawaiian Village Hawaii 5:01 (Welcome for members from Japan)
- 10 WOW Waikiki Beach Clean-up; Ehime Maru Memorial Cleaning; Picnic with the JAS of Miyakonojo
- 14-23 Kawanakoa Middle School visit to Uwajima Minami JHS in Ehime, Japan
- 21 Book signing and lecture with Fumiko Halloran, Hale Koa Hotel

JULY

- 1 APCC Workshop, Halawa District Park
- 12-25 18th Asian-Pacific Children's Convention in Fukuoka, Japan
- 15 Ehime Maru Memorial Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon

**Hawaii 5:01 Programs are exclusively for Corporate, Board, Lifetime and Senior Advisory Council Members*

Announcements

Advertise in the Society's 2006-2007 Membership Directory

Full and half page advertising opportunities in the Society's 2006-2007 Membership Directory are now available. The Directory reaches the Society's 1,200 members in Hawaii, North America and Japan. It is also sent to the Japan-America Societies in Canada, and to Societies in Australia. Please contact our Administrative Director, Ron Quizon, at 524-4450 or admindir@jashawaii.org for more information.

The Society Online

If you are interested in receiving JASH announcements and flyers by email, please contact Ron at admindir@jashawaii.org. The Society's quarterly newsletter, Japan-America Journal and special dinner/reception invitations will continue to be sent by regular mail.

Check out the Society's website at www.jashawaii.org. Doumo arigatou gozaimasu to Carl Tarumi, corporate member of Kobayashi Travel for creating and maintaining our website. Please browse through the site for current information on programs, educational opportunities, membership forms and updates on the Society.

Mark your calendars for the Society's Annual Dinner - Celebrating 30 years!

Save the date for the Society's Annual Dinner on Thursday, September 28, 2006. This year marks the Society's 30th Anniversary and the Annual Dinner will be one not to miss! Join us as we reflect on where the Society has been over the last 30 years and where we will head in the next 30. Invitations will be sent out in mid-August. Table sponsorships and individual tickets for both members and non-members will be available. All proceeds from the Annual Dinner will help fund the Society's *Continuum of School Programs Project* and our other community programs. We hope to see you there!

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