

Society Celebrates New Year at Washington Place

The Society celebrated its annual New Year's Reception on January 24 at historic Washington Place. Governor Linda Lingle, Society Chair Peter Schall and Society Director and sponsor Stanford Carr welcomed nearly 250 Society members and guests and exchanged good wishes for the New Year while they enjoyed the ambience of Washington Place.


The program commenced with opening remarks by Vice President for Development Ed Hawkins, who welcomed Society members and friends and thanked them for coming. He was followed by Society Chair Peter Schall, who thanked Governor Lingle for allowing us the use of her home and Stanford Carr for sponsoring the event. Chair Schall also welcomed the guests, expressing appreciation to all for supporting the Society and his hopes for their continued support in 2007. Stanford Carr then shared his words of welcome and thanked everyone for joining the festivities. Finally, Governor Lingle welcomed all to her home and shared her support for the Society and all it has done for both the community and the children of Hawaii.

Following everyone's remarks, guests enjoyed the *kagamiwari* (sake cask breaking ceremony). Governor Lingle, Consul General Shigeo Iwatani, Stanford Carr, General Paul Hester, Pacific Air Forces Commander, and Chair Schall participated in the ceremony. The *kagamiwari* celebrates important events and is believed to bestow blessings of happiness, good health and prosperity to all in attendance. *Kagami* refers to the circular lid of the sake cask that is broken open (*wari*) by the guests of honor using large wooden mallets. After the cask was broken, Governor Lingle and Consul General



Consul General Iwatani, General Hester, Governor Lingle, Chair Schall & Director Carr participate in the kagamiwari

Iwatani led Society members in a *kanpai* as they toasted the New Year, and President Earl Okawa gave closing remarks. Soon after, the Hawaii Matsuri Taiko performed while guests enjoyed a delicious assortment of pupus and desserts catered by Neiman Marcus.

The Society would like to thank Governor Lingle for hosting the New Year's Reception and Stanford Carr for sponsoring the event. Mahalo also to Mr. Teru Kishii of The Cherry Company for donating the sake barrel, cask, mallets and sake for our guests to enjoy after the *kagamiwari*, and to Michael Shibuya, president of Paradise Beverages, for providing the drinks for the evening. We look forward to seeing everyone at next year's New Year's Reception! 

Ehime Maru Seventh Memorial Ceremony

February 9, 2007 marked the seventh anniversary (Buddhist calendar where the year of the event is counted as the first year) since the tragic accidental sinking of the Ehime Maru and the loss of four students, two teachers and three crew members. As this event is an important milestone in the Buddhist religion, the Ehime Maru Memorial Association organized and planned the seventh Memorial Ceremony at the Ehime Maru Memorial at Kakaako Waterfront Park. Members of the bereaved families were among the 60 people that attended the ceremony from Japan, including Governor Moriyuki Kato of Ehime Prefec-

ture, Mayor Hirohisa Ishibashi of Uwajima City, and Principal Haruki Tamai of the Uwajima Fisheries High School, the home of the Ehime Maru. In all, over 200 people attended the ceremony, including Brigadier General Gary Ishikawa who represented Governor Linda Lingle, Mr. Jay Ishibashi, representing Mayor Mufi Hannemann, Consul General and Mrs. Shigeo Iwatani and other distinguished guests from the community, including Rear Admiral Dirk Debbink representing United States Pacific Fleet, Captain Ray Charles representing the United States Coast Guard, Master Naviga-

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Chair’s Message

Aloha! Already many exciting things have been happening in this new year. The Society’s annual New Year’s Reception was held at Washington Place with Society Director Stanford Carr sponsoring the event. Mahalo to Director Carr for his generous support of the Society. The Society and its affiliate organization, the Ehime Maru Memorial Association, arranged for the Seventh Anniversary Memorial Ceremony of the Ehime Maru accident on February 9. All of the bereaved families attended along with Governor Moriyuki Kato of Ehime Prefecture. The ceremony remembered the nine who lost their lives in that unfortunate accident and paid tribute to those who have helped the bereaved families and those who have supported building relationships between Ehime and Hawaii. The Society also held its annual Japan Wizards Statewide Academic Team Competition for high school students in February. This year’s winners were Konawaena High School from the Big Island and Leilehua High School from the public schools and St. Andrew’s Priory and Hanalani Schools from the private schools. Congratulations to all of the students who competed. They are all winners in my book.

The Tomodachi Committee was also busy with the Hinamatsuri and temple tour programs. Additionally, the Society’s school programs are keeping the staff and volunteers busy. In February eight 11-year-old Junior Ambassadors

were selected to represent Hawaii at the 19th Asian-Pacific Children’s Convention in Fukuoka in July. And the Society’s Japan in a Suitcase programs are in great demand. The Society has been averaging one presentation a day to Hawaii’s young students in grades K-5. As you can see, it has already been a very busy year.

I have completed 15 months as Chairman of the Society and I am amazed at the energy and output of the Society staff. If you haven’t been to the Society’s office, please drop by. They would be happy to see you. I would encourage you to volunteer if you have the time. I’m sure you would enjoy the experience. To those who do volunteer, thank you for your help and support.

In May, we will be welcoming members from the Japan-America Society of Hiroshima, our sister society. In June, members of the Japan-America Society of Miyakonojo will come to Hawaii to again clean Waikiki Beach. They will be joined by members of the JAS of Fukuoka. Let’s show our aloha for our fellow members from Japan.

To all of our members and supporters, thank you very much for your support of the Society.

Mahalo,

Peter Schall

Society bids farewell to Admiral and Mrs. William J. Fallon

Society members and guests gathered together to bid farewell to Admiral William J. Fallon and his wife, Mary, at a luncheon at the Hilton Hawaiian Village Coral Ballroom on February 26. It was a time to remember all that the Admiral had done for the people of Hawaii while serving as Commander of U.S. Pacific Command for the past two years. He will be transferred to Tampa, Florida to assume his duties as Commander of U.S. Central Command in March 2007.

The luncheon began with opening remarks by Society Director Larry Okinaga, whose wit and sense of humor were well received as emcee for the program. A *pule* was then offered as a blessing for Admiral and Mrs. Fallon. Following lunch, Dean of the Consular Corps, John Quinn, Society Chairman Peter Schall and Mayor Mufi Hannemann all gave words of praise to the Fallons and said their farewells on behalf of the Consular Corps, the Society and the people of Honolulu. Mr. Okinaga then read congratulatory messages from Governor Linda Lingle and U.S. Senator Daniel Inouye.

Admiral Fallon thanked the audience and expressed his



Earl Okarwa, Mary Fallon, Admiral William Fallon & Peter Schall

gratitude to all who had made his time in Hawaii memorable. He was then presented with a gift from Mayor Hannemann, a street sign “renaming” Nimitz Highway as the Nimitz-

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tor Nainoa Thompson, President of the Polynesian Voyaging Society and Mrs. Kathy Thompson.

Also attending were President Walter Kirimitsu of St. Louis School, Teacher Nobu Shiga and her Japanese Club students from St. Louis School who clean the Ehime Maru Memorial every third Saturday of the month, Teacher Jeffrey Hackler and students from Iolani School's Ehime-Iolani Exchange Club and Principal Sandra Ishihara-Shibata and teachers and students from Kawanānakoā Middle School (sister school with Uwajima Minami Junior High School). Various community groups, legislators, and *kenjin-kais* were also represented. Special thanks go to student Christina Tamaru of Iolani School and her fellow students who provided volunteer help at the ceremony.

Governor Kato, General Ishikawa, EMMA President Earl Okawa, and Mr. Tatsuyoshi Mizuguchi who represented the bereaved families spoke of their thanks to all involved in taking a sad and tragic incident and working hard to restore relations and then build new friendships between the people of Ehime and Hawaii. All recognized the tremendous community outpouring of support to the bereaved families and to the people of Ehime and Uwajima. All encouraged continued effort to further build additional bridges between Japan and

the United States in remembrance of the nine who lost their lives.

Later, an appreciation reception was held at the Hawaii Prince Hotel. Thanks to the generous support of Society Director Akemi Kurokawa and General Manager Paul Yokota, the bereaved families and their friends were able to relax and enjoy an evening of delicious food and beverages to the music of Jake Shimabukuro.

After an early morning visit to the Memorial on Sunday morning, the Japan delegation departed for the airport to return to Japan. 日本



Haiku and the Art of Diplomacy

*W*hat does *Haiku* have to do with *Diplomacy*? This was the question posed and discussed at a Society program featuring United States Consul General in Quebec Abigail Friedman on March 28. Over 50 Society members and friends attended the lecture held at the American Savings Bank Tower to learn more about the connection between the Japanese traditional poetry of haiku and the American art of diplomacy.

Consul General Friedman began her lecture by sharing one of the most important life changing experiences she had while serving in Tokyo as a Foreign Service officer in 2001-2003. This was her second time in Tokyo, and she was invited to join an all-Japanese haiku group under the tutelage of award-winning haiku master Momoko Kuroda. Although she joined the group primarily to relax and escape from her work as a diplomat, she soon discovered that approaching life from a haiku poet's perspective helped her in the workplace as

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Consul General Iwatani, Consul General Friedman & Director of the Center for Japanese Studies at UH, Dr. Huey

Japan Wizards Academic Team Competition

The Society’s annual Japan Wizards Academic Team Competition was held on February 24 at the Sheraton Waikiki Hotel. The Society welcomed 32 high school teams from throughout the state, including teams from the Big Island, Kauai, Maui and Molokai to take part in this statewide academic team competition, which is part of the Society’s *Continuum of School Programs Project*. In preparing for the competition, students develop skills in teamwork, personal responsibility, operating under pressure and learning how to do research. They spend many hours learning and studying a variety of topics about Japan including transportation, history, pop culture, sports, education, geography, government, language and cultural traditions. As they study, the students learn how people in different countries may have different perspectives than their own.

Nearly one hundred nervous and excited students, seventy-five volunteers and twenty-five advisors congregated in the Maui Ballroom for the opening ceremony. Also in attendance were special guests: Consul General Shigeo Iwata; Vice Consul Kuniko Nakamura; Takashi Sugi and David Asanuma of JTB Goodwill Foundation (one of the primary financial supporters of Japan Wizards); and Lynette Fujimori and Danile Kop of the Board of Education. Although they were unable to attend, other major donors of the Japan Wizards Competition were there in spirit — Aloha Airlines and Island Air, who provided airfare for the neighbor island teams; Tateuchi Foundation; Friends of Hawaii Charities, Frear Eleemosynary Trust and the Freeman Foundation. The generosity of our sponsors makes the Japan Wizards Competition possible. As one student from Kealahou High School said after the competition, “It was a very enjoyable and memorable experience. I am grateful for the support from various sponsors and members of the Japan-America




This year’s winning teams take the stage

Society of Hawaii.”

During Japan Wizards, while some teams competed, other students enjoyed the Activity Center, participating in different hands-on activities such as *fukuwarai*, *karuta*, Japan Jeopardy, charades and *origami*. Thank you to all of the dedicated Society members, friends and family members who volunteered their time and energy to make the Activity Center an enjoyable and learning experience for the students.

At the end of the competition, the Society awarded four teams - two public and two private schools - an all-expense paid trip to Japan. Teams from Konawaena High School and Leilehua High School were awarded the public school prize, and Hanalani Schools and Saint Andrew’s Priory were awarded the private school prize. We wish all four teams a great time on their journeys to Japan this summer. It is important to remember, however, that all those who compete in the Japan Wizards Competition are winners. As one Kauai High School student mentioned, “I think it’s one of the best ways to learn about Japan without actually going there.” By studying and competing, they expanded their knowledge and gained skills that will help them through life. We would like to congratulate all of the participating teams for their hard work!

In order to make sure that all of the questions asked in the competition are fair, accurate, and appropriate for each level, the Japan Wizards Questions Committee spent many hours writing and editing the questions that were used that day. The Society extends a special thank you to all those who served on the Questions Committee. The Society also wishes to thank the sponsors, donors and volunteers listed on the next page for supporting the Japan Wizards Competition. This event would not be possible without your support. Please see also the next page for a complete listing of the final standings. 



Students enjoying themselves in the Activity Center

Congratulations to the winning teams!

Level 2

1st: Konawaena High School
2nd: Leilehua High School
3rd: McKinley High School

Level 3

1st: Leilehua High School
2nd: Hanalani Schools
3rd: Pearl City High School

Level 4

1st: Castle High School
2nd: Saint Andrew’s Priory
3rd: Seabury Hall

Mahalo to those who made this year’s Japan Wizards a success!

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Hanalani Schools	Leilehua High School	University Laboratory School
Hawaii Preparatory Academy	McKinley High School	Waianae High School
Hilo High School	Molokai High School	Waipahu High School

APCC Junior Ambassadors Selected

Congratulations to the eight Junior Ambassadors (JAs) who have been selected to attend the 19th Asian-Pacific Children’s Convention (APCC) in Fukuoka, Japan! Traveling to Japan this year to represent Hawaii will be Kelsi Cottrell (Hanahauoli School), Solomon Firth (Trinity Christian Academy), Pono Kaaa (Trinity Christian Academy), Tyler McKenna (Kahala Elementary), Kiana Pigao (Wilcox Elementary), TX Tario (Hanahauoli School), Lauren Wedemeyer (Sacred Hearts Academy) and Stephanie Yasay (Sacred Hearts Academy). The 11-year-old Junior Ambassadors will attend the convention in July and will have the opportunity to meet students from 35 countries/regions along the Pacific Rim for a two-week cultural learning experience. JASH volunteer Dean Ueda will be chaperoning the students to Japan.

This is the fifth year the Society has been involved with the APCC, which was created by the Fukuoka Junior Chamber as part of the Asian-Pacific Exhibition, an event to celebrate Fukuoka City’s 100th Anniversary in 1989. The purpose of the APCC is to promote international cooperation between children so that they will become adults with a strong social responsibility for the world. Since 1989, more than 6,000 Junior Ambassadors have traveled to Fukuoka. During the first week, the Junior Ambassadors participate in a Global Exchange camp where they interact with 350 children from the different countries, while the second week is spent with a Japanese homestay family.

The JAs were selected at the beginning of February and will be attending monthly workshops to prepare for their upcoming trip. We wish them the best of luck with their preparations and know that they will be great Junior Ambassadors!

Mahalo to the Selection Committee: Jean Rolles, Dean Ueda and Carrie Fry for their help with the selection process. 日本 留学



Chaperone Dean Ueda & the Junior Ambassadors

Haiku...

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well. While she was trying her hand at haiku, she felt herself becoming more serene and aware of the world around her.

In diplomacy, there is uncertainty, and no assurance of what tomorrow will bring. This is the same in haiku, she discovered; people must take risks and venture into the unknown. In her haiku group, she was taught how to pay attention to the small things, to focus, to get things right and to communicate her thoughts accurately.

When writing her first haiku, she was afraid her ideas would be very different from the other members of her haiku group. However, rather than telling her what she wrote was incorrect, Master Kuroda told the group how they could benefit from learning the perspective of someone new. Haiku poetry is very personal, and although there are rules to follow, everyone sees things from a different perspective when writing haiku.

As she became more involved in haiku, Consul General Friedman began to set aside her preconceptions about nature, people and their place in the world around her. She said in her lecture, “In Japan I learned to love snow, ice and nature – in haiku.” She discovered that the art of haiku was very similar to the way she needed to approach diplomacy. In both haiku and diplomacy, one has to set aside preconceptions and learn to have an open mind. In both, humility is an asset as there is no correct way to write a haiku poem, just as there is no absolutely correct way to practice diplomacy.

When she finished her tour in Japan, she took her love of haiku to her next post, Quebec, where she is founder of “Haiku Quebec,” a French/English bilingual haiku group in Quebec City. She is also a member of the Haiku Society of America and Haiku Canada. In June 2006, she published *The Haiku Apprentice: Memoirs of Writing Poetry in Japan*. Her expertise and insight in both the worlds of haiku and diplomacy interested Society members and guests greatly as evidenced by the many questions from the audience and the discussion that followed her lecture.

The Society would like to send a special Mahalo to Consul General Abigail Friedman for taking the time to share her thoughts with the Society, and to the Consulate General of Japan in Honolulu and the Center for Japanese Studies at the University of Hawaii for co-sponsoring this interesting and informative lecture. Also thank you to Board Director Wayne Ishihara of American Savings Bank for allowing us the use of the bank’s facilities. 日本 留学

CPASF meets with Japan Committee

From March 26 through March 30, three members of the Crown Prince Akihito Scholarship Foundation (CPASF) traveled to Tokyo to meet with the Foundation's Japan Committee. The three were Chairman Howard Hamamoto, President Earl Okawa, and incoming President Edwin Hawkins. Four Foundation trustees – Vice Chairman Yoshiharu Satoh, Vice Chairman/Secretary Siegfried Ramler, and trustees Mr. Stanley Sawai and Dr. Allen Zecha joined the group in Tokyo and accompanied them to meetings with the Japan Committee and other office calls.

Each spring, the chairman and staff of the CPASF meet with the Japan Committee to discuss the state of affairs of the Foundation and scholar recruitment. The Nippon Keidanren and the Japan-Hawaii Economic Council comprise the Japan

Committee. The visit also provides an opportunity for the Hawaii party to meet with the Grand Chamberlain of the Imperial Household Agency to discuss and coordinate the scholars' audience with Their Imperial Majesties, the U.S. Ambassador to update him and his staff about the Foundation's and the Society's activities, and with the U.S. scholars studying in Japan as well as members of the Alumni Association.

The Hawaii party also took time to meet with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs new Director General of the North America Affairs Bureau, Mr. Shinichi Nishimiya and the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science & Technology new Director for International Affairs, Mr. Kenji Seyama to update them on CPASF and Japan-America Society of Hawaii (JASH) activities (JASH is associated with the CPASF). Both pledged support for respective programs and looked forward to working together to promote U.S.-Japan relations.

The Hawaii party took time to visit the Japan Foundation's Center for Global Partnership (CGP) to meet with its outgoing Executive Director Hideya Taida to thank him and CGP for supporting JASH programs and to discuss ways to enhance recruitment of Akihito scholars. Mr. Okawa and Mr. Hawkins visited with the new Executive Director of The America-Japan Society, Inc., Mr. Takashi Watanabe to discuss both CPASF and future collaboration on mutual programs.

A highlight of the visit was a reception for the Akihito scholars and alumni that was attended by the Japan Committee, Foundation trustees, and other friends and supporters of the Foundation in Japan. The reception allows the Akihito scholars and alumni to meet with the Japan Committee and network with friends and supporters of the Foundation in Japan. 編日
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Incoming President Edwin Hawkins, Chairman Howard Hamamoto & President Earl Okawa on the Imperial Palace grounds

Hinamatsuri Program at the Japanese Consulate

On February 28, in observance of Hinamatsuri or Japanese Doll Festival, Consul General and Mrs. Shigeo Iwatani graciously invited Society members to their residence to view their beautiful display of *Hinaningyo* (dolls dressed in traditional kimonos from the Heian period 794-1192). Hinamatsuri traditionally takes place on March 3rd, which is Girls' Day, a day when Japanese families pray for good health, happiness, and prosperity for their daughters.

Program attendees snacked on traditional Hinamatsuri refreshments which were generously provided by the Consulate and several Tomodachi Committee members and their friends. The beautiful voices of Na Hoku Hanohano Award winners Gay Hongo and her son, Andrew, serenaded members and friends. All who attended had a nice time mingling with

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Tomodachi at the Consulate

“Building Friendships by Playing Hardball”

Fourth Honolulu Festival Cultural Exchange Seminar

On March 10, in partnership with the Honolulu Festival Foundation and cosponsored with the Consulate General of Japan in Honolulu, JASH held a seminar on baseball. Titled “Building Friendships by Playing Hardball,” the cultural exchange seminar looked at the evolution of Japanese and American baseball, the cultural barriers that have been broken, and the friendships that have been built around the game.

Famed local Hawaii baseball star Wally Yonamine, baseball author Robert Fitts, and the father of the Hawaii Winter Baseball League Duane Kurisu comprised the panel. Former pitcher for the Hanshin Tigers and the University of Hawaii Richard Olson acted as moderator. The 125 attendees were treated to nearly two hours of Hawaii-Japan baseball history, personal perspectives, and a lively question and answer period.

Dr. Robert Fitts, author of *Remembering Japanese Baseball: an Oral History of the Game* and a biography of Wally Yonamine came all the way from New York and explained how Japanese baseball was played before Wally came on the scene. Dr. Fitts gave a fascinating look at the history of Japanese baseball through the years, highlighted by the transformation that occurred in the post-war years with the arrival of American baseball players led by stars such as Wally. Using rarely seen photographs, Dr. Fitts did a masterful job of showing how Japanese baseball was transformed from mostly a mechanical game to one that incorporated hustle and other attributes of aggressive American style “hardball” of diving for fly balls and running out bunts. What resulted was a change in how baseball was played and viewed in Japan, and the lasting friendship that resulted as players such as Wally and their style of play were accepted by Japanese players, coaches, and the public. This transformation achieved its crowning moment with the hir-

ing of Wally Yonamine as coach for the Japanese major league team Chunichi Dragons whom he guided to a Japan Central League championship.

Wally talked story about his experiences and the formidable challenges he had to overcome to be accepted as a foreigner and a Nikkei player. One story was while dining with his team on a train to an away game, Wally, not a fan of raw fish, threw it out the window when his teammates were not looking so as not to offend them. In another story, Wally related how a fan angry with him for crashing into the second baseman and breaking up a potential double play, threw a rock at him when the lights went out. Fortunately, Wally had moved from his position towards the infield and after the lights came back on, found the rock where he would normally be standing.

Wally opened the doors for other foreign players to play in Japan and many outstanding AJA players from Hawaii followed Wally’s footsteps. Wally was inducted into the Japanese Baseball Hall of Fame in 1994 and was presented with the Order of the Sacred Treasure, Gold Rays with Rosette by the Japanese government for strengthening the bonds of friendship between Japan and Hawaii.

Duane Kurisu discussed the birth of Hawaii Winter Baseball as a means for Japanese and American ballplayers to learn from each other and provide the experience from which they can make the leap to the next level. A good example is Ichiro Suzuki, who played for Hawaii Winter Baseball’s Hilo Stars in its inaugural year and who went on to outstanding careers in both the Japanese and American major leagues. Mr. Kurisu explained his vision and what it has meant to develop players from both countries. Hawaii Winter Baseball continues to be a key venue for building friendships by playing hardball. 編目
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Robert Fitts & Wally Yonamine answer questions from the audience

Tomodachi Members Explore a Hidden Gem in Palolo Valley

Deep in the heart of Palolo Valley lies the Mu-Ryang-Sa Buddhist Temple. You might live in Hawaii all your life and not know of its existence, but it is worth the drive up 10th Avenue. Hidden from view for most of the drive, the temple emerges suddenly in a spectacular burst of colors on the mountainside. You'll be struck by the unusual design of the main building's roof – its top is flat rather than pointed, as if it has been abruptly lopped off. This is indeed the case; having been built higher than zoning codes allowed, temple leaders were forced to lower the height of the roof by over six feet in 2001. Originally named Dae Won Sa Temple, the new name, Mu-Ryang-Sa, or Broken Ridge, reflects this change.



Mu-Ryang-Sa Temple's unusual roof

On the morning of March 20, Society members and guests made the drive into Palolo Valley to learn more about this fascinating place. Stepping onto the grounds, Society members were immediately struck by the beauty of the surroundings. The buildings are colorful and ornate, covered in intricate designs by Korean artisans brought to Hawaii to work on them. With its location deep in the valley, the temple complex also offers stunning city views in a peaceful and serene setting.

Temple Abbot Do-Hyun Gwon gave our members a personal tour and explained about the temple's history and the buildings in the complex. He provided fascinating insights into Korean Buddhism and the life of a Buddhist monk. The temple, which is open to the public, emphasizes sitting and mediation training, which he says relieves stress, clears the mind and creates a base for peaceful living.



Temple Abbot Do-Hyun Gwon

Following the tour of the grounds, participants enjoyed a healthy lunch of mandoo and a variety of vegetarian dishes, all of which were made on the premises. Lunch was followed by a tea ceremony demonstration and sampling in the beautiful teahouse located next to the main temple.

The Tomodachi tour of Mu-Ryang-Sa Temple was a thoroughly enjoyable and educational experience. A follow-up to the Tomodachi Committee's 2004 tour of Buddhist temples, the tour enabled Society members to broaden their understanding of Buddhism in Hawaii and enjoy a spring morning in an idyllic setting. Special thanks to Abbot Gwon and the temple staff for making this such a memorable experience for JASH members. Thank you also to Tomodachi Committee Co-Chair Shirley Miyamoto for coordinating the visit. 編目 会米

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Fallon Expressway. Following the Mayor's presentation, Society President Earl Okawa presented Admiral Fallon with a feather lei in a glass case that he can display proudly in his next office. In return, Admiral Fallon gave President

Okawa a USPACOM clock in honor of his retirement later this year. The program closed with Mr. Okinaga, on behalf of the Society and all who attended the luncheon, bidding Admiral and Mrs. Fallon good wishes as they embark on their next assignment. 編目 会米

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Japan Interface

Aloha! Japan Interface is proud to be a new member of JASH. We share the mission of promoting friendship and cooperation between Japan and America, and look forward to the opportunity to make a contribution.

What is Japan Interface? It is a cross-cultural business consultancy dedicated to connecting Japan and America. We are based in the Hilo area and serve the Hawaii, mainland and Japan markets. Our customer list includes Honda of America and their entire supplier group, Toyota, Panasonic, Sony, Magna International, and Kyo-ya Sheraton.

Our services are designed to help U.S. clients understand and satisfy the Japanese market. Our Japanese clients rely on us to help them get the most out of their stay in the U.S. To achieve these ends we offer cross-cultural consultations, training programs and workshops in Japanese and English. Our program themes include:

- Japanese Expectations of Customer Service
- Teaming up with Japanese Coworkers
- Teaming up with American Coworkers (in Japanese)
- The Humble Path to Quality: Harnessing the Power of *Hansei* for Improved Performance

Hawaii's cultural diversity and spirit of aloha provide a strong foundation for developing cross-cultural relationships. Our mission in Hawaii is to promote and support Japanese tourism while helping local Hawaii businesses connect with and satisfy the Japanese visitor market.

If your business brings together Japanese and Americans, and you would like to build lasting relationships, email us at japaninterface@mac.com.

Or if you just feel like calling to welcome us to JASH, that's even better – we'd love to talk story! You can reach us by phone or fax at 808-965-5603. Mahalo in advance for all your support!

Wincubic.com Inc dba Aloha Street

Established in 1999, and spearheaded by President and Chief Editor Hajime "Jim" Ueno, Wincubic.com, Inc. utilizes Hawaii's most modern Japanese travel marketing tools through its "media mix" of magazines, directories and Web sites. The philosophy of Wincubic, as its name suggests, is to achieve a win-win-win situation for its business partners, for the consumers and for the company.

Since 2000, Wincubic has published Aloha Street, a free quarterly magazine with a circulation base of 500,000 issues per year, with an additional 3,000 subscribers in Japan. The high-quality printing of Aloha Street magazine has raised the bar for free magazines and guides distributed in Hawaii.

Wincubic also produces Aloha Street Big Island and Neighbor Island, which comes out in April, August and December and the annual Discover Big Island Travel Planner. Wincubic also conducts the planning, sales and production of Hawaii's advertorial for Japan's most popular bridal magazine, Zexy Overseas Wedding Perfect Guide. Both the Aloha Street Magazine and the Discover Big Island publication won

prestigious first place Pa'i awards from the Hawaii Publishers Association in 2006 and 2007.

Wincubic's web site, aloha-street.com, has created a steady buzz about Hawaii. The pioneer Japanese language site provides up-to-date information about Hawaii to its more than 75,000 members. The interactive aloha-street.com logs in 3.8 million page views per month. Members can input their opinions about retail and restaurant experiences in Hawaii, while web surfers can gather information as they plan to visit Hawaii. Quarterly surveys provide insight to the visitor industry regarding Japanese perceptions and desires.

When it comes to spreading solid, up-to-date information about visiting Hawaii to the Japanese traveler, Wincubic is an invaluable resource for Hawaii businesses.


For more information, call Wincubic directly at (808) 593-9463 or email info@aloha-street.com. For more information regarding the website and magazine, visit the bilingual site at www.wincubic.com.

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each other as well as listening to songs that brought back many pleasant memories of days past. What a wonderful time had by all!

Special thanks to Consul General and Mrs. Iwatani for

allowing the Society to once again be a part of the Hinamatsuri celebration at their home and to Gay and Andrew Hongo who donated their time to perform at our event. Mahalo also to Irene Kaichi for coordinating the donation of snacks and decorations and to Kazuko Love, a personal friend of the Hongos, who asked them to perform at this special program. 

Calendar of Events

APRIL

- 4 Japan Day, Hawaii Tokai International College
- 5 *Virgo USA 5:01, Anteprema Boutique at the Royal Hawaiian Shopping Center
- 14 APCC Workshop, JASH Office
- 26 17th Annual Friendship Golf Classic, Hickam AFB Mamala Bay Golf Course

MAY

- 3 *Baccarat 5:01, Baccarat
- 4 CPASF Awards Presentation, Japanese Consulate
- 5-6 APCC Overnight Camp, Camp Erdman
- 8 Lecture by Tim Sullivan, Hale Koa Hotel
- 22 Tomodachi tour of John A. Burns School of Medicine
- 29 Visit of JAS Hiroshima

JUNE

- 2 APCC Workshop, JASH Office
- 8 *Hilton 5:01, Hilton Hawaiian Village
- 9 Waikiki Beach Clean Up, Cleaning of Ehime Maru Memorial, Picnic and viewing of Kamehameha Day Parade, Kaka'ako Waterfront Park
- 22-24 NAJAS National Meeting, hosted by Philadelphia JAS
- 28 Earl Okawa's Retirement Celebration Luncheon, Hilton Hawaiian Village Coral Ballroom

JULY

- 7 APCC Workshop, JASH Office
- 10-25 Asian-Pacific Children's Convention, Fukuoka
- 27 *Tanabata Hawaii 5:01, Hawaii Loa Ridge Club

AUGUST

- 1-7 Kin Junior High School visit to Kapolei Middle School
- 10 Tomodachi "Let's Talk" Luncheon, Waiialae Country Club

SEPTEMBER

- 19 Annual Dinner, Sheraton Waikiki Hotel
- 26 Japan Day, Hawaii International Tokai College

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

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