

Hawaii Welcomes New Consul General



Consul General & Mrs. Iwatani

The Hawaii community, led by the Japan-America Society of Hawaii and 15 other local organizations, welcomed incoming Consul General Shigeo Iwatani and his wife, Yuko, at a luncheon at the Sheraton Waikiki Hotel on November 30, 2005. Consul General and Mrs. Iwatani arrived from Germany where he served as a minister in the Embassy of Japan.

Since joining the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA), Consul General Iwatani has served as First Secretary in the Political Affairs Section of the United Nations; in the Economic Affairs Section at the Embassy of Japan in Indonesia; as well as in the Japanese embassies in Germany and China. In Tokyo, he served in MOFA's Scientific Affairs Division; the Immigration Policy Division; the Consular and Migration Affairs Bureau and the Abandoned Chemical Weapons Office.

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Christmas 5:01 & Silent Auction at Rumours Nightclub

Entering Rumours Nightclub at the Ala Moana Hotel on Tuesday, December 6, nearly 200 members and guests kicked off the holidays with the Society's annual Christmas 5:01 and Silent Auction. The Christmas 5:01 was co-sponsored by American Savings Bank and the Ala Moana Hotel. This event brings members and friends together for fellowship and good cheer at the start of each holiday season.



Society President Earl Okawa looks on while American Savings Bank's Wayne Ishihara makes opening remarks



Members and guests enjoy the delicious buffet provided by the Ala Moana Hotel

Great deals on travel packages, hotel stays, gift baskets, golf items, jewelry, dining certificates, electronics and much more were available for the guests to bid on at the Silent Auction. Attendees had the opportunity to get started on their Christmas shopping (or buy gifts for themselves!) by bidding on a wide variety of items. All of these items were donated by

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President’s Message

*A*loha Everyone! As you can see, this newsletter is a little tardy. The next one should be following this one more closely. The Society has had a continuous busy schedule of school programs. The previous newsletter highlighted our Annual Dinner where all of these school programs were featured. We continue to emphasize our school programs, as we believe firmly that by teaching our very young students in grades K-5 the concept of different perspectives, i.e., to develop a mindset to examine issues, ideas, objects from different viewpoints or alternatives, they will become better decision makers and thinkers. The skill of thinking with an inquisitive open mind will help our young children to grow up with better thinking skills that will allow them to be more self-sufficient because they will make better choices. Our hope is that as they examine the alternatives, they will make the right choices on a consistent basis. Imagine if all of our children could do that. We wouldn’t have the drug problems or other social problems. We realize this is a long-term goal but we need to begin early and continue to reinforce this thinking process throughout their entire school life, which is why the Society’s *Continuum of School Programs Project* of six school programs from K-12 have been given so much emphasis by the Society.

But we have not forgotten all of our members. The Program Committee is making a concerted effort to bring

you more and varied programs in the coming year. We also sent out a survey in an attempt to learn what programs you wish to have. As the survey returns were sparse, we will do our best to put forth a variety of programs to reach our equally diverse membership. Please attend the programs and don’t hesitate to give us feedback, good or bad. You can always help us become better.

The Society has had a new Program Coordinator, Elizabeth Stanton-Barrera, since summer. We also have a new Volunteer Coordinator in Allison Murata and a Sister School Coordinator, Matt Ackerman. They are all working hard for you and for your children and grandchildren.

I look forward to working with Mr. Peter Schall who will be the incoming Chairman of the Board for the Society. I also wish to thank Ms. Barbara Tanabe, outgoing Chair for her support during these past two years. I believe you will see many changes occurring this next year. I’ll report more in our next newsletter. Mahalo for your loyal and generous support of the Society.

Sincerely,

Earl K. Okawa
President

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At the luncheon, Society Chair Barbara Tanabe welcomed the Iwatanis to Hawaii and also read a proclamation from Maui Mayor Alan Arakawa. Following her remarks, State Adjutant General Robert Lee read a proclamation from Governor Linda Lingle welcoming the Iwatanis to Hawaii. United States Congressman Ed Case and Brigadier General (Select) Douglas Owens also gave speeches on behalf of the United States Congress and the military.

Consul General Iwatani expressed his appreciation to all for the goodwill extended to he and his wife. He shared his first impressions of Hawaii and mentioned how he was struck by the diversity of the people and the state. He said that he looks forward to working with the people of Hawaii to promote the bilateral relationship between Japan and the United States. Consul General Iwatani, we warmly welcome you and your wife to our islands and look forward to working with you as well!



Brigadier General (Select) Douglas Owens welcomes the Iwatanis to Hawaii

Breaking the Glass Ceiling

From unequal pay to forced retirement, women in Japan face many hurdles in the workplace. The situation is gradually changing for the better and one of the forces behind this change is Professor Hiroko Hayashi, a labor law specialist, practicing attorney, and visiting faculty at the University of Hawaii Richardson School of Law. On October 17th Professor Hayashi led a panel discussion entitled, “Breaking the Glass Ceiling: Voices of Japan’s Working Women” at Hawaii Tokai International College. Joining Professor Hayashi were Ms. Kinuko Ishida, who brought a gender discrimination suit against Sumitomo Chemical Company, and Ms. Shizuko Koedo, Secretary General of the Working Women’s International Network (WWIN).



Ms. Ishida describes her experience at Sumitomo Chemical as Professor Hayashi translates

The panel began with an overview of the changes that have occurred in Japanese labor law by Professor Hayashi. According to the professor, one of the primary catalysts for these changes has been litigation brought on by working women. Over the years, the courts have eliminated many of the obstacles facing Japanese women in the workplace as a result of these lawsuits. In addition, many discriminatory practices were forbidden by the 1985 Equal Employment Opportunity Law, which was revised and strengthened in 1997. However, these victories have not come without a cost, as many of the protections women had traditionally enjoyed, such as limits on overtime and evening work, were also abolished by the new laws.

Next, Society members in attendance heard from Ms. Ishida who recounted her battle with Sumitomo Chemical where she began working in 1963. Because of their two-track career system, her male colleagues advanced on the “managerial track” while she was placed on the “clerical track” reserved

for women and languished in the same position for over 40 years. While the men who had started at the same time as she made upwards of ¥8,000,000, Ms. Ishida’s salary remained at ¥4,200,000. After her attempts to engage Sumitomo Chemical in mediation failed, she sued the company in 1995. In 2000, the Osaka District Court handed down its ruling that while Sumitomo Chemical did violate the law, they could not be held responsible since the practice was common at the time Ms. Ishida was hired. Ms. Ishida appealed and in 2003, the Osaka High Court proposed a settlement whereby the two-track employment system would be abolished and certain women would be promoted to key positions.

Following Ms. Ishida’s speech, Ms. Koedo of the WWIN gave a short presentation about her organization. It was originally founded to support Ms. Ishida and other women who have faced discrimination in the workplace. The organization’s main strategy is to make appeals to the United Nations Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW). Japan ratified CEDAW in 1985 and as such, is subject to their periodic oversight by the UN regarding women’s rights. Members of WWIN also are working to raise awareness about these issues.

The audience was fascinated by these speakers and it especially showed when the Q&A session ran overtime due to the many questions and comments everyone had. The Society would like to thank Professor Hayashi, Ms. Ishida, and Ms. Koedo for taking the time to speak with our members. We would also like to thank Professor Mark Levin of the UH Richardson School of Law for helping to coordinate the event, the Pacific and Asian Affairs Council for co-sponsoring the event, and Hawaii Tokai International College for the use of their facilities.



Ms. Koedo, member Leilani Herman, Professor Hayashi, Ms. Ishida, member Kazuko Love, and Society President Earl Okawa

Annual General Membership Meeting

In October 26, 2005, Society members gathered for the 2005 Annual General Membership Meeting, held at Hawaii Tokai International College. The meeting began with a welcome to members by President Earl Okawa. Chair Barbara Tanabe followed with her Chair’s Message, thanking the various committee chairs and members of the Society, including Michael Leineweber, Vice Chair, Secretary and Chair of the Sister Society Committee; Gary Oda, Vice Chair, Treasurer, Chair of the Finance and Audit Committee and Co-Chair of the Annual Friendship Golf Classic; Howard Karr, Chair of the Development Committee; Kenji Sumida, Vice Chair and co-chair of the Program Committee; and Neal Kanda, Annual Dinner Committee Chair.

Chair Tanabe highlighted some of the Society’s events of 2005, such as the 15th Annual Friendship Golf Classic and the September 29th Annual Dinner with keynote speaker David McClain. She also mentioned the Society’s *Continuum of School Programs Project* which consists of the Japan Wizards Competition, Japan Day, Sister School Relationship, the

Asian-Pacific Children’s Convention and the Japan in a Suitcase programs.

After all of the congratulatory remarks, it was time to get down to business. Chair Tanabe discussed the amendments to the bylaws of the Society and called for a vote for approval of these amendments. These amendments were mailed to all Society members prior to the meeting. The amendments were approved by the general membership.

Society Director and Nominating Committee Chair Howard Hamamoto presented the nominations for the 2005-2007 officers, which were accepted and approved by the membership. Congratulations to the following new officers: Chair Peter Schall, Secretary Michael Leineweber, Treasurer Allan Yasue, and Vice Chairs Michael Fisch, Ryoza Sakai, Kenji Sumida and Allen Uyeda. After the meeting was adjourned, Mr. Shige Tanaka of JTB briefed the membership on the upcoming tour of Japan and the 5th International Symposium in Kyoto, Japan in April 2006. The Society thanks all the members who attended the Annual General Membership Meeting.

Benihana 5:01

In November 10, 2005, Society lifetime members, corporate members and prospective corporate members and guests took part in a Hawaii 5:01 program at Benihana of Tokyo Restaurant. Benihana of Tokyo’s generous support of the Hawaii 5:01 program provided Society members the chance to network and socialize in a cordial and informal setting. Guests and prospective members learned more about the Society and met new colleagues while enjoying the delicious food and drink. Every-

one enjoyed sizzling meat and seafood prepared by Benihana’s highly trained chefs, along with other delicious pupus and refreshments. The restaurant also showcased their new *miso-yaki* salmon, which was a hit with all in attendance.

Rocky Aoki, founder of Benihana, was first introduced to the teppan-style of cooking in the early 1940’s. In Japan, the preparation of food is an art form and teppanyaki is no exception. During its 200-year history this form of tabletop cooking has developed into a highly refined and beautiful form of expression, characterized by an intricate combination of presentation and knife skills. In 1964, when Benihana opened its first restaurant in New York, the elegant art of teppanyaki cooking was finally introduced to America. Benihana Hawaii is one of the best known and most popular of the Benihana restaurants worldwide and is located in the Hilton Hawaiian Village.

A very special mahalo to Benihana General Manager Mark Tateishi, Benihana Marketing Manager Marilyn Cariaga, and all of the staff at Benihana of Tokyo Restaurant for their many years of support of the Japan-America Society of Hawaii. We appreciate the opportunity Benihana of Tokyo provided for our new and prospective corporate members to become acquainted with the Society. Thank you for providing Society members with this wonderful evening of great food and camaraderie.



Benihana General Manager Mark Tateishi and Society Director Howard Hamamoto

U.S. Attorney Ed Kubo speaks about the status of our "War on Drugs" in Hawaii

*O*n Friday, October 21, 2005, the Society was honored to have Ed Kubo, United States Attorney for the District of Hawaii and Society member, speak to our members on the "Status of Our War on Drugs in Hawaii and the Future Outlook on Drugs and Terrorism in America." The program was held at the American Savings Bank Tower in downtown Honolulu.

According to Mr. Kubo, the biggest threat Hawaii is facing in terms of drug use is crystal-methamphetamine or "ice." Unfortunately, with an estimated 30,000 users, Hawaii has the dubious distinction of being the "ice capital" of the world. In fact, demand for ice in Hawaii is so high, one pound can sell for as much as \$30,000, compared to only \$2,500 for a similar amount in Texas. Considering how rapidly ice can ruin a person both physically and mentally, this is a very serious problem.

In the past three years, the Department of Justice has teamed up with the Honolulu Police Department, the U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency, and other law enforcement organizations to step up the pressure on those dealing ice. Mr. Kubo explained that the "Weed and Seed" programs have been especially successful. These programs work by aggressive enforcement of laws that get criminals off the streets (weed), coupled with implementation of social programs to improve the community (seed). For example, after one year of "Weed and Seed" operations in the Kalihi-Palama-Chinatown area, crime had dropped 70%. Similar results were achieved in Waipahu where crime dropped 80%. Overall, property crime was down 12% in 2004, and the price of ice is on the rise, which Mr. Kubo says is evidence that Hawaii is finally starting to turn the corner in its battle against ice.



U.S. Attorney Ed Kubo

There are new threats on the horizon however, Mr. Kubo warned. GHB, an industrial solvent; and Ketamine, a veterinary tranquilizer also known as "Special-K," are two new drugs that have been working their way westward from the east coast. Terrorism is also an ever-present specter. Mr. Kubo says that it is not a matter of if but when the next terrorist attack occurs on U.S. soil. Hawaii needs to be especially vigilant as it is a popular tourist destination and the home of a widely-used bus system—two favorite targets of Al-Qaeda.

The Society expresses its appreciation to Mr. Kubo for taking the time and effort to speak to Society members. The information he provided is critically important to all of Hawaii's residents. Thank you also to corporate member American Savings Bank for allowing us the use of their training room.

Sister Schools Update

*L*ast July, three teachers from Kawanakoa Middle School took a trip to Uwajima Minami Junior High School in Ehime prefecture as part of the Society's Sister School Relationship Program. In October, it was Uwajima Minami's turn to visit Kawanakoa. It was the first time to Hawaii for Uwajima Minami principal Kenji Tanimoto, English teachers Naoyoshi Hamada and Miyuki Inoue, and art teacher Toru Mizunuma. These initial visits help the teachers and administrators at both schools to learn about each other before they begin sending their students back and forth. The Uwajima group spent their time getting to know the students and teachers at Kawanakoa,

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Kawanakoa Principal Sandra Ishihara-Shibata and Uwajima Minami Principal Kenji Tanimoto shake hands after signing a sister school agreement

Adventures of Foreign Service Life

*O*n November 3, 2005, Jim and Etsuko “Leilani” Herman spoke about their “Adventures of Foreign Service Life” at a luncheon at Natsunoya Tea House sponsored by the Society’s Tomodachi committee.

Last August, the couple moved to Hawaii after Jim was selected to serve as the East-West Center’s Diplomat in Residence for the 2005-2006 academic year. Before being stationed in Hawaii, Jim recently served as consul general in the U.S. embassy in San Salvador. In his years as a diplomat, his career has also included appointments in China, Italy, Japan and Guatemala. As Jim explained in his talk, each place they have lived has its own unique flavor.

Jim shared his unique experiences and stories from the various countries the couple has lived in, and provided a fascinating glimpse into a lifestyle most people never get to experience. He recounted a story of eating food that he couldn’t recognize, and upon asking what it was, decided that it was

better he had not known. He thus recommended to the audience that in a new country, one should always eat everything offered but don’t ask what it is. He also mentioned that as a diplomat, communication is key and networking is part of one’s daily life.

At many of the American Embassies where Jim has worked, he has served in the American Citizen Services office, which provides services to Americans overseas. He recalled an experience in Japan when he worked closely with the Japanese and American governments to ensure that an American who did not have a passport was transported safely back to the United States. He mentioned that it is very important for Americans to always check for State Department travel warnings before going abroad.

Leilani then spoke about her experiences as the spouse of a diplomat and adjusting to life in these different societies. She said that each post was another class in the “School of Life,” and being a part of those cultures enriched her life and helped her become a better person. In each country she has lived, she has been an active member of the American Women’s Association (AWA), serving as the event organizer and on the Board. The AWA has provided her with the support she needed to learn about each country. She noted that for her and Jim, the perspective they have gained through the Foreign Service has been invaluable.

Mahalo to Jim and Leilani for this compelling look at life in the Foreign Service, and to Kazuko Love and Chikako Loblely as co-chairs of the Tomodachi Committee for their coordination efforts. Jim and Leilani will be leaving Honolulu in June to move on to their next adventure. We will miss you and wish you all the best!



Leilani & Jim Herman

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and also getting to know the island. In addition, they had meetings with Hawaii Department of Education Deputy Superintendent Clayton Fujie, Board of Education First Vice Chairperson Karen Knudsen, and Consul Ryuji Iwasaki of the Consulate-General of Japan in Honolulu to learn about the similarities and differences between Hawaii’s educational system and their own, and to get some advice about how to make this relationship a successful one.

This trip solidified the relationship between Kawanakoa and Uwajima Minami. The principals of both schools signed a “Sister School Agreement,” making the relationship official. They also worked out the details of the upcoming student visits; in March, 20 students and four teach-

ers from Uwajima Minami will make a weeklong visit to Kawanakoa in what will be the inaugural student visit of the Society’s Sister School Relationship Program. Students and teachers on both sides of the Pacific are looking forward to it, as are we at the Society!

In Memorium

The Society sends its deepest condolences to the family of the late R. Sinikka Hayasaka who passed away on December 20th. Sinikka was a lifetime member and a great supporter of the Society and came to many of the Society’s programs. She had signed up and was looking forward to the Society Tour and 5th International Symposium of Japan-America Societies in Kyoto. We shall miss her very much.

The Japanese Real Estate Market: Current Environment and Opportunities

The Society had the privilege of welcoming Mr. Dan Kerrigan, Chief Executive Officer of Prospect Asset Management Inc, on November 22, 2005 for a corporate breakfast forum. Prospect Asset Management, Inc. is a Hawaii-based investment advisory firm founded by Curtis Freeze in 1994 that specializes in investments in Japanese equities. Mr. Kerrigan spoke about the "Japanese Real Estate Market, Current Environment and Opportunities" at the Banker's Club in downtown Honolulu.

"The buzz is back in the Japanese equity market," stated Mr. Kerrigan as he began his discussion. He explained that Japan's cyclical economy is currently in a state of recovery, as there has been an increase in full-time employment that will, in turn, increase corporate profits. Moreover, the yen has weakened and the real estate market has improved. Before 1996, banks were the major owners and sellers in the real estate market. After 1996, however, deregulation hit and corporate buyers emerged in addition to the banks. This caused property prices to fall between 50 to 90 percent between 1990 and 2000. Mr. Kerrigan associated this cyclical pattern of recovery as being similar to the recovery cycle that Japan experienced in the 1980s. In the current cycle, however, it is easier for individual corporations to buy property through a process called "securitization." Investors have more of a hand in the real estate market, causing them to improve their asset

portfolios. Also, by promoting real property activity, securitization is expected to make the real estate market in Japan more liquid.

The breakfast forum provided those in attendance with an in-depth analysis of the current real estate market in Japan. The Society expresses its thanks to Mr. Dan Kerrigan for taking the time to speak to our members. We would also like to thank Society member Cheri Nakamura, Director of Marketing at Prospect Asset Management Inc. for helping to coordinate the program.



Mr. Dan Kerrigan, Ms. Cheri Nakamura, and President Earl Okawa

Japanese Temple Architecture comes alive at the East-West Center 5:01

Stepping into the East-West Center's art gallery on October 12, 2005 for a Hawaii 5:01, Society corporate members and guests were given a personal tour of the Gallery's *Japanese Temple Architecture in Hawaii* exhibition by guest curator Lorraine Minatoishi Palumbo, Ph.D, A.I.A. Dr. Palumbo discussed the transformation of Japanese Buddhist temple design in Hawaii and how it parallels the social transformations in the Japanese-American community from the late 19th century to present day. She explained that the design and construction of the temples did not simply mimic temples in Japan, but were adapted to Hawaii's climate and customs. As the Japanese-American community grew and developed, five distinct architectural styles emerged. These styles can be seen in temples throughout the islands and include: 1) Plantation House, 2) Japanese Design, 3) Hawaii Eclectic, 4) East/West and 5) Contemporary. Thank you, Dr. Palumbo, for taking the time to explain your exhibit to Society members.

The East-West Center contributes to a peaceful, prosperous and just Asia-Pacific community by serving as a vigorous hub for cooperative research, education and dialogue

on critical issues of common concern to the Asia-Pacific region and the United States. The Society would like to thank Society member Dr. Charles Morrison, President of the East-West Center and Karen Knudsen, Director of the East-West Center Office of External Affairs for sponsoring this 5:01 and allowing our members a chance to view the interesting exhibition in the art gallery. A warm mahalo also goes out to Society Director Howard Hamamoto for coordinating the evening.



Society Chair Barbara Tanabe, EWC Arts Program Coordinator Bill Feltz, and EWC President Dr. Charles Morrison

Students experience Japanese culture at the 26th biannual Japan Day

The Society’s 26th Japan Day was held on October 12, 2005 at Hawaii Tokai International College with 131 students from Sacred Hearts Academy, Iolani School, Kailua High School and St. Francis School. Japan Day provides students hands-on experiences of various Japanese cultural activities such as ikebana, calligraphy, bon dance, paper crafts, bonsai, tea ceremony, soroban and kimono wearing. As Yoko Yamaguchi, a Japanese teacher from Sacred Hearts Academy commented later, “The students really enjoyed the activities and to most of them, it was their first time to experience something Japanese outside of the classroom.” Another teacher commented that nothing beats experiencing what they are trying to teach in the classroom.

The morning was packed with exciting activities. Society President Earl Okawa opened with a welcome and a brief explanation of the Society’s other school programs, followed by a taiko demonstration by Mrs. Faye Komagata and her members of Hawaii Matsuri Taiko. After the final taiko number, students made their way to their first workshop.

Under the instruction of Mrs. Jessie Nakata of MOA

Hawaii, students learned the art of flower arranging in the ikebana workshop. Mr. Ed Nakanishi and the Hawaii Bonsai Association showed students how to plant their own bonsai tree and how to care properly for the tree at home. Students learned how to solve mathematical problems using a soroban (abacus) with Mr. Hideaki Oshima of the Araki Hiroya Soroban School. Mrs. Shokyoku Hashiro shared her skills in calligraphy by writing each student’s name in Japanese on a piece of washi (traditional Japanese paper). The Kikufu Nippon Bunka Kenkyu Kai taught students how to fold origami paper and cut designs out of them to create original decorations. Members of the Urasenke Foundation demonstrated the intricate Japanese tea ceremony for the students and shared fresh maccha tea and sweets. Ms. Noriko Sand and two students from Kimono Project USA brought yukata and kimono for the students to try on. *Pokemon Ondo* could be heard coming from the Bon Dance room, as students danced with the Fukushima Bon Dance club. As Iolani School Japanese teacher, Elsie Yoshimura noticed, “Watching the faces

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Students get first-hand experience creating a bonsai



Ms. Noriko Sand instructs students on how to bow



A volunteer teaches students about traditional Japanese paper crafts



Ms. Jessie Nakata of MOA International explains ikebana

CPASF Update

Four new scholars have been selected to receive the prestigious Crown Prince Akihito Scholarship. From Japan, Yukie Hara and Masahiro Yoshioka will begin their studies at the University of Hawaii at Manoa next Fall. UH Manoa Ph.D. in Japan Modern History candidate William Stevenson III and Ph.D. in Pre-Modern Japanese Literature candidate William Matsuda have been chosen from Hawaii. Congratulations to all new CPASF scholars!

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of the students as they moved from session to session was reward in itself. They were animated and excited about the various sessions, and couldn't stop talking about all that they had learned.”

Doomo arigatou to all of the volunteers who donated their time, energy and supplies so that the students of Iolani School, Sacred Hearts Academy, St. Francis School and Kailua High School could experience Japanese culture. Did you see the photographs in the Honolulu Star-Bulletin and the Hawaii Pacific Herald? The Society also extends a big mahalo to the Hawaii Tokai International College for the use of their facilities and the staff for their coordination efforts.

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Society members and local businesses, and the money raised helps fund the Society's various programs. Miniature Christmas trees, decorated by KGMB 9 Sports Director Liz Chun, KHNL Morning Anchor Angela Keen, Benihana of Tokyo's Marilyn Cariaga, JASH volunteer Sara Sawada and former Junior Ambassadors Sarah Tamashiro, Serena Li, Shawn Llanes and Kara Tsuzaki, were spread out around the room and added to the festive atmosphere. Up for sale, and also serving as decorations, were beautiful wreaths decorated by KITV Weekend Anchor Jill Kuramoto, Tiffany & Co's Herbert Hill, Benihana of Tokyo's Marilyn Cariaga, Ben Franklin Crafts' Joy Shimabukuro and ADI Design Group's Ritsuko Seta. These wonderfully decorated trees and wreaths were hot sellers at the auction.

While guests mingled with one another, they enjoyed a feast of sushi, roast pork loin, yakitori, kebobs and a festive assortment of desserts, generously provided by Ala Moana Hotel.

Mahalo to sponsors Wayne Ishihara of American Savings Bank and Ron Takayama of Ala Moana Hotel. Thanks also to the many contributors, volunteers and guests who helped make the evening a success.

A special mahalo to the following individuals and businesses who generously supported JASH by contributing items or donating and decorating a Christmas tree or wreath for our Silent Auction:

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Ala Moana Hotel	First Insurance Company of Hawaii	Manoa Valley Theatre
American Savings Bank	Flora-Dec	Marriott International
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