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Great East Japan Earthquake – People of Hawaii Step Up to Help




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On March 11th, northeast Japan was hit by the largest earthquake in its recorded history. That earthquake and the terrible *tsunami* that followed devastated entire towns and regions. Countless homes and business were damaged with over 20,000 people killed or missing. The initial outpouring of grief and sympathy from the members of Japan-America Society of Hawaii (JASH) and all the people of Hawaii, as well as the world, was immediate and wide, but that grief and sympathy transitioned quickly to thoughts of relief and support for the victims. JASH immediately initiated a fundraising drive, committing to provide 100% of all donations to help the victims in Japan. JASH reached out to the Japanese Red Cross Society (JRCS) as its chosen recipient and executed a partnering agreement with them to distribute donated funds. The JRCS, in turn, committed to using all donated funds to help the victims in the affected region, and to provide JASH with periodic updates on its relief efforts and activities.

Led by Hawaii's Lieutenant Governor Brian Schatz, a state-wide fundraising effort for the earthquake and *tsunami*

victims was initiated immediately following the event. Called "Aloha for Japan," the fundraising drive sought the partnership of Hawaii's major banks and other financial institutions that opened all their branches across the state as donation points. Many other organizations and people volunteered to hold fundraising concerts or other events to collect donations. Two of Hawaii's non-profit organizations stepped forward as recipients of donated funds and perform all the required fiduciary responsibilities to protect the tax privileges for donors. The Hawaii Chapter of the American Red Cross was one; JASH was the other.

By month's end, donations reached over \$2 million, with JASH receiving \$1 million. Plans were made to make the first distribution to the JRCS which JASH President Ed Hawkins would deliver in person to the Vice President of the JRCS in Tokyo. As of the writing of this article, donations are still flowing in. In the next Journal, JASH will acknowledge donors and report on how donated funds are being used, along with the activities of the JRCS. In the interim, updates will be posted on the JASH website and Facebook page. 

JASH Holds Annual New Year Reception

The Japan-America Society of Hawaii (JASH) held its annual New Year Reception at historic Washington Place on Thursday, January 27th. New Hawaii Governor Neil Abercrombie opened the official Governor’s quarters to JASH and its guests for an evening of celebration and camaraderie. Over 200 Society members and guests attended this gala event that is intended to celebrate the accomplishments of the previous year and dedicate the Society to the tasks ahead. It was also an opportunity for new JASH Chair and DFS Group Vice President Sharon Weiner to introduce herself and welcome everyone.

JASH also welcomed the Mayor of Nagaoka City, Honorable Tamio Mori, who was visiting Hawaii to meet with Honolulu Mayor Peter Carlisle. Mayor Mori was in town to coordinate final planning for a fireworks display Nagaoka City was bringing to the Honolulu Festival in March as a gift of peace and friendship to the people of Hawaii. JASH is assisting Nagaoka’s efforts to further ties with the City and County of Honolulu.

This year’s event was again sponsored by long-time JASH benefactor Stanford Carr of Stanford Carr Development. JASH members and guests enjoyed making new acquaintances and

talking story while enjoying delectable Japanese dishes crafted by Mr. Shuji Abe’s Takumi Catering.

This year, the Kokusai Sake Kai provided a special high quality *sake* tasting booth for the benefit of our Society. Reverend Irene Matsumoto of Palolo Kwannon Temple delivered the blessing. A traditional *kagamiwari sake* cask breaking ceremony was held. Led by host Stanford Carr and JASH Chair Sharon Weiner, military guests Major General Jan-Marc Jouas of Pacific Air Forces and Rear Admiral Charles Ray of the 14th Coast Guard District, Consul General of Japan in Honolulu Yoshihiko Kamo along with special guest Mayor Mori participated. Guests later enjoyed the performance of Ryukyukoku Matsuri Daiko Hawaii, under the direction of *sensei* Akemi Martin. The *taiko*/dance group combines traditional music and dance with *taiko* and martial arts that Okinawa is known for. The Azami Quartet provided the evening’s music.

JASH would like to thank Stanford Carr for the event sponsorship, The Cherry Company for donating the *sake* and supplies for the *kagamiwari*, and Paradise Beverages for donating the wine. A special thanks goes to Director Dr. Michael Leinweber and his Kokusai Sake Kai for providing a classy and enjoyable *sake* tasting experience for our guests. 祝賀



Clockwise from top left: Guests enjoy delicious foods; JASH Chair Sharon Weiner with Nagaoka Mayor Mori, his staff, and JTB Hawaii reps Mr. Keiichi Tsujino and Mr. David Asanuma; Rear Admiral Charles Ray, Major General Jan-Marc Jouas, Sharon Weiner, Consul General Yoshihiko Kamo, Nagaoka Mayor Tamio Mori, and event sponsor and JASH Director Stanford Carr; Attendees raise their glasses to a *kanpai* made by Consul General Kamo.

Tenth Anniversary of Ehime Maru Accident Remembered

On February 9, 2011, over 200 people gathered at Kaka’ako Waterfront Park in Honolulu to mark the tenth anniversary of the tragic accident in 2001 that resulted in the loss of nine crewmembers, including four students, aboard the Uwajima Fishery High School training ship Ehime Maru.


Seven of the nine bereaved families led a delegation of about 60 visitors from Ehime Prefecture and Uwajima City, the home port of the Ehime Maru. In attendance were the new Governor of Ehime Prefecture, Honorable Tokihiro Nakamura, Uwajima City Mayor Hirohisa Ishibashi, Uwajima Fishery High School Principal Kanji Nogami, and officials from Ehime Prefecture Government office and the Board of Education. Hawaii Governor Neil Abercrombie led a list of local dignitaries to include the City and County of Honolulu Managing Director Douglas Chin who read a message from Mayor Peter Carlisle. Flower wreaths were presented by each of the dignitaries, led by Japanese Consul General Yoshihiko Kamo representing the Government of Japan and Rear Admiral Kathleen Gregory representing the Commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet.

Precisely at 1:43 p.m. (the time of the accident), the gathered paused for a moment of silence while the names of the nine lost crew were read followed by the chiming of a bell. Ehime Governor Nakamura, Uwajima City Mayor Ishibashi, and City and County of Honolulu Managing Director Chin addressed the crowd, promising never to forget the incident that cost so many lives and to constantly work for the comfort of the bereaved, as well as for establishing and promoting good will between the people of Ehime and Hawaii. The bereaved families led the gathered crowd in presenting flower *lei* and offerings to the lost. White carnations had been prepared for all the attendees to give as an offering.

At the conclusion of the ceremony, Mr. Tatsuyoshi Mizuguchi, representing the bereaved families, addressed the crowd, commenting on how the memorial at Kaka’ako is always clean and well maintained, and flowers are presented by many people... “this allows the spirits of the nine to remain here without being lonely.” Mr. Mizuguchi thanked the various volunteer groups who clean and maintain the memorial.

Following the ceremony, dignitaries and bereaved family members planted three *mikan* (mandarin orange) trees near the memorial. The trees, which originated from Japan, were planted to symbolize the friendship that has developed between the people of Hawaii and the people of Ehime through various goodwill programs such as the Ehime Hawaii Goodwill Youth Baseball Exchange, sister school relationship between Uwajima Minami Junior High School and Kawanakoa Middle School, and an annual summer internship at Ehime Prefectural International Center for University of Hawaii students. On the same day, *mikan* trees were also planted in Uwajima City at the site of its memorial.

The following evening, the Japan-America Society of Hawaii (JASH), acting as the Ehime Maru Memorial Association (EMMA), hosted a dinner reception for the bereaved families and various local volunteer groups at the Hawaii Prince Hotel. A video tribute by ukulele virtuoso and friend Jake Shimabukuro was presented to the bereaved families, along with letters from the Honolulu City Council and the Governor of the State of Hawaii. JASH and EMMA plans and executes these memorial events each year, assists the bereaved family members when they visit Hawaii, and promotes Ehime-Hawaii ties by establishing goodwill programs listed above.

The ceremony program, speeches, official documents, and photos can be found on the Society’s Facebook page. 



Left: The gathered observe a moment of silence for the departed (front row, L-R): Rear Admiral Kathleen Gregory; Managing Director Douglas Chin; Mrs. Etsuko Kamo; Consul General Yoshihiko Kamo; Governor Neil Abercrombie; Governor Tokihiro Nakamura; Mayor Hirohisa Ishibashi; Prefectural Assemblyman Yasubito Takayama; Ehime Board of Education Director Junichi Fukumoto; Principal Kanji Nogami. Right: Bereaved family members offer lei at the memorial.


2011 APCC Junior Ambassadors Selected

In January, JASH selected six 11-year-old students (three boys and three girls) from across the state to represent Hawaii as Junior Ambassadors (JAs) at the 23rd Asian-Pacific Children’s Convention (APCC), which will be held in Fukuoka, Japan, from July 15-27, 2011. Hosted by the Fukuoka based NPO by the same name, the APCC promotes international relationships between children with the goal of them becoming adults with a strong social responsibility for the world. A total of 222 children from 43 countries and cities throughout the Asia-Pacific region have been invited to participate this year. The students will travel to Japan with JASH volunteer chaperone, Daniel Hwang, as parents are not allowed to accompany the JAs.

This year, JASH received a total of 26 applicants from three islands — Oahu, Maui, and the Big Island. After a long day of interviews and team activities held at the JASH office, the final six JAs were selected: Jocelyn Bonilla (Holomua Elementary), Shyen Hirabayashi (Aina Haina Elementary), Betsy Wo (Punahou), Kailoa Akaka (Aina Haina Elementary), Kevan Elias (Hanahauoli School), and Ian Shigezawa (Maryknoll).

The students will spend one Saturday each month from now until July preparing for their trip to Fukuoka. The workshops are designed to develop teamwork skills and build students’ knowledge about Japan, Hawaii-Japan ties, cultural etiquette and the 42 other countries and cities that will be sending delegates to the Convention. Each delegation is required to give a cultural performance unique to that country or region. The Hawaii delegation will be performing a *bula*, taught by Shayna Kim, daughter of Makua Dori Kim, a Hawaiian studies teacher at Aina Haina Elementary.

The first workshop was held on Saturday, March 5th. The 2011 JAs got to know each other and learned more about their responsibilities as a JA. The new JAs and parents also had a chance to meet the 2010 delegates to hear about their experiences and perspectives from participating last year. They enjoyed a potluck lunch arranged by the 2010 JA families.

The following Saturday, on March 12, the six Junior Ambassadors and their families had the opportunity to get together again to learn more about Japan and the Pacific at the Honolulu Festival. They spent nearly four hours watching the performances, playing games and visiting the different booths set up at the Hawaii Convention Center. What a unique opportunity for the kids to learn more about Japan while getting to know each other better! 



2011 Junior Ambassadors (L-R) Kevan Elias, Shyen Hirabayashi, chaperone Daniel Hwang, Jocelyn Bonilla, Kailoa Akaka, Betsy Wo and Ian Shigezawa.

The 2011 APCC Mission Project in Hawaii

Sayonara! It was hard to say goodbye as 15 Japanese students and three chaperones from Fukuoka, Japan left Honolulu on March 30, 2011. The delegation had been in Honolulu for five nights (from March 25 – 30) staying with host families as part of the APCC Mission Project. This is the third time JASH has hosted a Mission Project delegation from Fukuoka. In addition to Hawaii, other Mission Project delegates from Fukuoka were sent to Singapore, Indonesia, Mongolia, Sri Lanka, New Caledonia and Maldives.

Established in 1994 by the APCC in Fukuoka, the goal of the Mission Project is to enhance the Japanese children’s understanding of their Asian-Pacific neighbors by learning about their lifestyles, culture and customs through first-hand experiences. They do this by sending delegates to various Asian-Pacific countries. Here in Hawaii, the students, ages

10-17, stayed with host families selected by JASH and



Japanese delegate Yuki Murata climbs a banyan tree with host siblings Korie and Wesley Lum.

were able to experience local culture, food, sightseeing and many other fun activities. A highlight of the visit was the opportunity for Japanese students to attend school with their American sibling. JASH would like to extend a warm *mahalo*

to all of the principals of hosting schools for opening their classrooms and welcoming the Japanese students.

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Forty-two Hawaii Teams Participate in Japan Wizards 2011

February 26th started like any other Saturday in Honolulu. However by mid-morning, 42 teams representing 24 schools from Oahu and neighbor islands Hawaii, Kauai, and Maui gathered at Kapiolani Community College (KCC) for the annual Japan Wizards Statewide Academic Team Competition sponsored by the Japan-America Society of Hawaii.

Each year JASH brings together high school teams from across the state for a challenging, fun-filled competition designed to motivate students to learn more about Japan and help them develop lifelong skills in research, teamwork, personal responsibility and operating under pressure. Students are provided study guides to prepare themselves through the fall by studying a wide range of topics including art, contemporary Japan, culture and traditions, food, geography, history, Japan-Hawaii ties, literature, politics and government, sports, and Japanese language. The competition in February is a way for the students to show what they have learned, and compete for four trips to Japan for the top scoring public and private teams in two language levels.

The Japan-America Society of Hawaii awarded plaques to the three top scoring teams from each level, Level A and Level B, which are based on the language capability of the

students. In Level A, these were Iolani School (1st place), Aiea High School (2nd place) and Kapaa High School (3rd place). The Level B winners were Iolani School (1st place), Kamehameha Schools-Kapalama (2nd place), and Baldwin High School (3rd place).

This year’s Japan trip award winning public school teams were Aiea High School (Level A) and Baldwin High School (Maui) for the Level B division. Iolani School won both Level A and B trip awards for the private school division. These teams (three students and an advisor each) will be sent to Japan this summer by JASH to experience firsthand what they studied and learned. This year’s Atsuhiko Tateuchi Memorial Award for Outstanding Scholarship went to overall top scoring team Iolani School, Level B.

Between competitions, team members participated in the Activity Center staffed with volunteers to learn more about Japan and stay focused on the day’s competition. These include calligraphy, *karuta* recognition game, *origami*, and *gyotaku* fish printing to name a few. The Ken Yu Kai Kendo Club demonstrated Japanese *kendo* techniques and the University of Hawaii Hawaii at Manoa (UH Manoa), Department of Theatre and Dance provided a *kabuki* demonstration.

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JASH President Ed Hawkins with JTB Hawaii’s Mr. Keiichi Tsujino, Mr. David Asanuma and Consul General Yoshihiko Kamo and the Japan Trip Award winning teams.

Wizards...

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Student team members try out kendo moves in the Activity Center.



Students try their hand at karuta in a kanji character recognition game.

JASH would like to thank all the major sponsors, including ABC Stores, Atsuhiko and Ina Goodwin Tateuchi Foundation, Friends of Hawaii Charities, Hawaii Hotel Industry Foundation, Hawaiian Airlines, International Cultural and Friendship Association, JTB Goodwill Foundation, The America-Japan Society of Tama Tokyo, and The Freeman Foundation, and all the contributors who provided prizes, snacks, drinks, and other donations that assisted with the competition.

JASH would also like to recognize the 67 volunteers to include those from organizations and schools such as the JET Alumni Association of Hawaii, UH Manoa, KCC, and Hawaii Tokai International College without whose hard work this competition would not have been possible. Finally, our *mahalo* to the President, Chancellor and staff of Kapiolani Community College for the generous use of their facilities and for their support of the Japan Wizards Competition. 日本会

Misson Project...

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Each summer, the APCC generously sponsors Hawaii's JAs for a global youth camp and homestay with host families in Fukuoka. The Mission Project allows JASH to reciprocate the hospitality that our own JAs experience in Japan.

Excitement was in the air on the morning of March 25, as the host families gathered at a JASH sponsored Welcome Ceremony at the Honolulu International Airport Conference Center where they met each other and waited for the delegates to arrive from Japan. Many of the delegates had been in contact for a few weeks with their host families so everyone was anxious to finally meet face to face. The Welcome Ceremony was also attended by Consul General of Japan Yoshihiko Kamo who gave welcoming remarks to the delegates.

JASH also hosted an Appreciation Luncheon for the host families and Japanese students at the Newtown Recreation Center on March 27. In addition, about 40 members of Bridge Club Hawaii (APCC Alumni Association) and the 2011 JAs were in attendance. It was an afternoon of food and laughter as the Japanese delegates shared their talents with the audience. The last dance they performed was especially fun as everyone was asked to participate. The afternoon ended with the whole group (over 100 people) holding hands in a circle

and singing the “We Are the Bridge” song. JASH would like to send a thank you to Faye Mau (Bridge Club parent) for serving as our sponsor at Newtown Recreation Center.

The visiting students from Fukuoka received once-in-a-lifetime experiences because of the generosity and warm *aloha* of the host families. The program would not have been possible without them, and both JASH and the visiting students owe them a debt of gratitude. 日本会



Aloha APCC Delegates! Everyone gathered together at the Luncheon on March 27.

Mahalo!

The Japan-America Society of Hawaii wishes to thank its many generous and dedicated sponsors and contributors for their support of the Japan Wizards Competition.

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Mahalo!

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Students at St. Theresa School Benefit from Cross-Cultural Exchange

Laughter, music, and excitement exuded from the two Kindergarten classes at St. Theresa School in Honolulu on Friday, March 4, 2011 as the students participated in an exchange of cultures with members of the China Welfare Institute (CWI). Based in Shanghai, China, six Kindergarten teachers and members of the CWI were hosted by the International Cultural and Friendship Association (ICFA) of Hawaii and had the opportunity to observe the Kindergarten classes and compare the curriculum and educational culture with their own. During the second half of this cross-cultural exchange, members of the CWI introduced Chinese *kung fu* and other fun Chinese games to over 30 energetic students. Each year, ICFA hosts a U.S.-Japan-China Friendship Youth

Delegation in Hawaii and has collaborated with JASH for the past several years to bring a cultural program to local youth in Hawaii. Following the exchange program, members of CWI were able to experience a typical Friday lunch with the students: personal pan pizzas!

JASH would like to send a big mahalo to Ms. Liane Bilonta, Kindergarten teacher, for graciously welcoming the China delegation at St. Theresa School, and for providing the pizza! We would also like to thank Ms. Kelli Keener, Kindergarten teacher, for allowing her students to participate in the program. Mahalo also to Mr. Yuhi Yamasaki, Project Manager at ICFA, for sponsoring the Youth Delegation and collaborating with JASH for another successful exchange program! 福日 会報



Members of CWI pose with Ms. Bilonta's Kindergarten class.



Students enjoy practicing Chinese kung fu with members of CWI.

JASH Members Visits Japanese Submarine

Members of JASH were hosted by Commander Mit-sutake Chihara, captain of the Japanese submarine Uzushio on February 13 and 14, 2011. The Uzushio was in Pearl Harbor for annual training between the Japanese Maritime Self Defense Force and the U.S. Pacific Fleet.

On board, Commander Chihara provided a personal briefing on the capabilities of JS Uzushio and conducted the JASH members on a tour of the submarine, to include its combat operations center with its periscope and weapons system controls, engine and propulsion room, the torpedo/weapons room, and crew-related facilities such as the crew quarters, lavatory/shower facilities, and officers/enlisted mess.

Launched in 1998 and commissioned in 2000, the JS Uzushio is the third submarine of the OYASHIO class of submarines. Its mission is to operate deep under the sea, be as inconspicuous as possible to potential adversaries, and launch weapons to safeguard Japan's territories and its sea lanes. The Uzushio displaces 2,700 tons, is propelled by diesel-electric engines, carries a full complement of 10 officers and 61 enlisted, and is fitted with six torpedo tubes.

JASH would like to thank Commander Seishi Goto, Japan Maritime Self Defense Force Liaison to U.S. Pacific Fleet for arranging this tour and to the captain and crew of JS Uzushio for taking time to show us their ship. 福日 会報



JASH members pose with Commander Chihara after touring JS Uzushio.

JASH Members Experience U.S. Airpower

The weather was great on March 15th. On that day, eight members of the Japan-America Society of Hawaii got a wonderful treat - experiencing an aerial refueling mission of the newest front-line combat aircraft in the U.S. Air Force inventory, the F-22 Raptor.

The flight was arranged courtesy of The Hawaii Air National Guard (HIANG) who flies and maintains the F-22. March 15th was a routine training mission, including an aerial refueling. JASH members boarded the KC-135 tanker aircraft at Hickam Air Force Base and proceeded out over the ocean. Each member was able to see the F-22 approach the tanker aircraft, hook up to its refueling boom, and take on a load of jet fuel.



JASH members prepare for the flight aboard the KC-135 tanker aircraft.

HIANG and the U.S. Air Force provide these demonstration flights for the civilian public to show the capabilities of its equipment and the training and dedication of its people. A special thanks to HIANG's Jim Townsend who arranged the flight and to the men and women of HIANG who hosted the training mission. 日本 協会

JASH Cosponsors Public Seminar “Japan Matters for America”

In cooperation with the East-West Center, JASH sponsored a public seminar led by the Director of the East-West Center in Washington, Dr. Satu Limaye. Dr. Limaye was in Honolulu to discuss the findings from the on-going research project he oversees, which is a comprehensive effort to demonstrate and track Japan's importance to the U.S. and vice versa. The project is produced in collaboration with the Sasakawa Peace Foundation with additional data and analysis provided by the Japan Center for International Exchange. Dr. Limaye previously served as director of research at the Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies and was a Luce Scholar and head of South Asia programs at the Japan Institute of International Affairs in Tokyo. He has also written and edited numerous books including *Japan in a Dynamic Asia*.



Dr. Satu Limaye

Dr. Limaye introduced the audience to the “Japan Matters for America” website filled with data on how the U.S.-Japan relationship impacts all aspects of daily life in each of the 50 states. Dr. Limaye then shared his perspectives on the current and future U.S.-Japan relationship, the dynamics of the Asia-Pacific region, and the future of this project. For more information regarding this project, visit JapanMattersforAmerica.org. 日本 協会

Tomodachi Committee Celebrates Hinamatsuri

On March 1, Consul General of Japan Yoshihiko Kamo and Mrs. Etsuko Kamo graciously opened their residence to the JASH's Tomodachi Committee for the annual Hinamatsuri program in celebration of Girls' Day. Traditionally held on March 3rd, Hinamatsuri is marked by families praying for the good health and happiness for their girls.



(L-R) JASH President Ed Hawkins, Consul General Kamo, JASH Chair Sharon Weiner, and Mrs. Kamo fronting the hinaninyo display.

Upon entering the residence, guests enjoyed a beautiful 7-tiered *hinaninyo* display, a traditional Girls' Day doll display. The dolls represent the Emperor, Empress, and their court in traditional court dress of the Heian Period. Families traditionally

start to display their dolls in February and take them down on March 4th. According to superstition, leaving the dolls up past March 4th will lead to a late marriage for the daughter.

Guests were also treated to a brilliant musical performance by Na Hoku Hanohano Award winners Randall and Gay Hongo, along with *hula* performances by Ethel Kubo and Shinko Ishikawa. The Hongos entertained guests with their lovely renditions of both Hawaiian and traditional Japanese songs. After the performance, Consul General & Mrs. Kamo invited guests to partake in special Hinamatsuri refreshments prepared by their personal chef. Tomodachi Committee members also donated delicious items. The Tomodachi Committee would like to send a *mahalo* to Consul General and Mrs. Kamo for hosting this special event. We would also like to thank Randall and Gay Hongo for providing a memorable musical experience and Ethel and Shinko for their *hula* performance. Thank you to the Tomodachi Committee members who generously donated refreshments and to Tomodachi Chair Mrs. Kazuko Love for chairing this event. 日本 協会

Calendar of Events

APRIL

- 1 Professor Takeo Iguchi Luncheon, Hale Koa Hotel
- 13 Spring Japan Day, Hawaii Tokai International College
- 14 DFS Hawaii 5:01, DFS Galleria Waikiki
- 27 Annual Friendship Golf Classic, Pearl Country Club
- 29 Palolo Elementary School Art Program with Artist Toshiaki Tomita, Palolo Elementary School

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- 19 Japan-in-a-Suitcase Presentation at Kapiolani Elementary School, Hilo
- 21 Visitor Industry Charity Walk, Ala Moana Park
- 21 APCC Workshop, JASH Office

JUNE

- 10 Hilton Hawaii 5:01, Hilton Hawaiian Village
- 11 Waikiki Beach Cleanup, Waikiki Beach
- 21 Tomodachi Tour of Battleship Missouri Memorial, Pearl Harbor
- 25 APCC Workshop, JASH Office


New Corporate Member

Interesse International

Interesse International provides HR and employment services within the U.S. and between Japan and the U.S. We are celebrating our 15th anniversary this year at our NY head office. We have gathered approximately 40,000 candidates database, more than half who are Japanese and English bilinguals.

The Honolulu office is one of our 14 branches across U.S. and Tokyo, operating since 2007. This office has more than 1,000 registered Japanese and English bilingual candidates, and has been helping companies in travel, hospitality, retail, finance, banking, insurance, real-estate, logistics, publishing, IT, E-commerce, construction, manufacturing industries, etc.

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JN Productions	Entrepreneur
Lighthouse Hawaii Magazine	Regular
Pacific Rim Bank	Regular

Corporate Member Upgrade

Prince Resorts Hawaii	Supporting
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New General Members

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Mr. Nicholas Haigler	Student
Mrs. Patricia Hamamoto	Sustaining
Ms. Stacey Hayashi	Individual
Mr. Brock Honda	Student
Ms. Frances Mossman	Individual
Ms. Nicole Wilder	Student


General Member Upgrades

Ms. Marion Campbell	Individual
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New Corporate Member

JN Productions

Ms. Joanne Ninomiya is President and Owner of JN Productions (JNP), Inc. since 1981, when the company was established. JN Productions specializes in translation, subtitling and voice overs in Japanese, Korean, Chinese and other Asian and Pacific languages. JNP has transitioned from analog to digital, and has the capability to adapt to various media, delivery formats and technology.

JN Productions has won Pele Awards for commercial and DVD production and its employees were recognized as High-Tech Leaders at the annual Flavors of Technology Awards. Ms. Joanne Ninomiya was named High-Tech Woman of the Year in 2006. JNP is also known for reviving the iconic Japanese super hero of the mid-seventies, “Kikaida.” 

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