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JASH Holds 36th Annual Dinner, Honors Governor and Mrs. Ariyoshi



JASH President Ed Hawkins with Mrs. Irene Hirano Inouye, Senator Daniel Inouye, Mrs. Jean Ariyoshi, grandson Ryoichi Ariyoshi, Consul General Toyoei Shigeeda, and Governor George Ariyoshi at the Annual Dinner VIP pre-reception.

The Japan-America Society of Hawaii (JASH) held its 36th Anniversary Annual Dinner on Thursday, October 25th at the Hilton Hawaiian Village's Coral Ballroom. Nearly 350 members, supporters, and friends attended this gala affair, the major annual fundraising event for JASH.

As in previous years, JASH honored a member of the

community with the JASH Bridge Award for building bridges of understanding and friendship between Hawaii and Japan. This year's honorees were former Hawaii Governor George Ariyoshi and Mrs. Jean Ariyoshi for their lifetime of work in promoting this most important relationship. While Governor Ariyoshi broke a lot of ground reaching out to Japan after taking office in 1974 to promote economic, cultural, and educational ties when relations with Japan were not the best, Mrs. Ariyoshi as First Lady worked to promote cultural ties, including the launching of her "One Thousand Trees of Aloha" and her work promoting the tea ceremony with Grand Master Dr. Genshitsu Sen.

On hand was Senior Hawaii Senator Daniel Inouye who recognized Governor and Mrs. Ariyoshi's work in promoting the important relationship with Japan, telling personal stories during the many years of their political and personal relationship. In his acceptance speech, Governor Ariyoshi complimented the work of JASH, quoting former U.S. Ambassador Mansfield by saying that what it promotes is the most important bilateral relationship, bar none, in the Asia-Pacific region and encouraged new initiatives to promote better ties with Japan-based societies. Mrs. Ariyoshi praised her hus-



Jean Ariyoshi and Governor George Ariyoshi accepting the JASH Bridge Award Honors.

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Tribute to JASH Senior Advisor Senator Daniel Inouye

On December 17, Hawaii and the world lost a giant of a man—Senator Daniel K. Inouye. Senator Inouye meant so much to the people of Hawaii, but also to the Japan-America Society of Hawaii, serving as Senior Advisor. In that capacity, Senator Inouye actively supported our programs and events, attending many of them. Just this past October, Senator Inouye along with wife Irene Hirano attended our Annual Dinner that paid tribute to JASH Bridge Award honorees, former Hawaii Governor George Ariyoshi and Mrs. Jean Ariyoshi. After relating personal stories about the Ariyoshi’s, Senator Inouye praised JASH for its work and spoke passionately about the importance of maintaining the relationship with our closest friend, Japan, challenging us to continue with this work. We convey our deepest sympathies to his wife Irene, his son Ken, and the rest of the Inouye family. We lost a great statesman, friend, and supporter, but his

words of encouragement live on, and we commit ourselves to pursue his legacy. 協日



Senator Inouye addresses the audience at the JASH Annual Dinner.

JASH Assists with Return of War Trophy to Japan

What to do with a relic of a long-ago war with Japan passed down from his father? That’s the question former Hawaii Judge Thomas Kaulukukui faced when he looked at a Japanese Arisaka training rifle his father had brought back from Japan after the war. His father was a standout athlete and was selected to a military volleyball team that competed in Japan and won. As a reward, he and his teammates were taken to a room full of captured Japanese weapons and told to select something to take. His father picked out a rifle, not knowing what it really was. The rifle was in family possession for nearly 70 years when his son, Judge Kaulukukui, decided to research it. It turned out the rifle came from a Japanese Naval Air training base, the Okazaki Naval Air Group, that trained young Japanese pilots who participated in kamikaze attacks against U.S. forces. Being a man of peace, according to Judge Kaulukukui, his father would have wanted the rifle returned to its place of origin. That’s when the Judge contacted JASH

to see if such a transfer could be done. JASH President Ed Hawkins contacted his Japanese Defense College classmate Lieutenant General (retired) Seiichi Hirose who now was in charge of the All-Japan Defense Association. General Hirose found that the Okazaki Naval Air Group where the rifle



Judge Kaulukukui presents the Arisaka training rifle to General Hirose at Hawaii Army Museum’s Hall of Heroes, Fort DeRussy, Honolulu.

was used is no longer in existence, and neither was there a museum in the local area that might accept the rifle. After some research, General Hirose found a naval air museum in Kanoya, Kyushu that would accept and display the rifle. Kanoya had been the air base from which half of all the kamikaze attacks against the U.S. fleet were launched. It also happened that Mr. Hawkins was planning a reunion of his Japanese Defense College classmates in Hawaii the

following month and General Hirose would be one of those attending. JASH scheduled a presentation ceremony at the Hawaii Army Museum which Museum Executive Director Vicki Olson arranged and the transfer was done at this historical location on Nov 30. 協日

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JASH Celebrates “Bonenkai” with Christmas 5:01

This has been a busy year for JASH. Beginning the year with a memorial service for Japanese training ship Ehime Maru victims, to continuing assisting with recovery efforts from the Great East Japan Earthquake through the Rainbow for Japan Kids project, and promoting educational and exchange programs with sister cities and societies in Japan to include Nagaoka City and Ehime Prefecture, JASH has stayed busy for the entire year. It was

time to “kick back,” view our accomplishments, recharge, and dedicate ourselves for the tasks ahead next year.

Halekulani Corporation again welcomed JASH, its members, and friends to a holiday social at this world class venue. Its master chefs prepared sumptuous dishes, complemented by a hosted bar and a dessert station. What made the evening even better was the silent auction, filled with over 200 items donated by JASH members and supporters. The nearly 200 guests who attended enjoyed not only the feast and conversation with members and guests, but many walked away with early Christmas gifts such as getaways and golf packages to other islands, local hotel stays, and guitars and ukuleles for themselves or their friends and loved ones. All the proceeds will help JASH with its programs for the coming year. This year, the event welcomed students and advisors from Honolulu’s sister city, Nagaoka, who were in Hawaii to engage in round table discussions with students at the University of Hawaii and to attend the Pearl Harbor memorial ceremony.

JASH would like to thank Halekulani Corporation, especially Executive Vice President Yoshinori Maeda, for generously sponsoring this premier annual event. We’d also like to thank all the donors and volunteers who made this event possible. 印刷



Guests enjoy the Halekulani’s ambience and cuisine while bidding on auction items.



Laura Specker Sullivan Selected as Akihito Scholar for 2013

Laura Specker Sullivan, a PhD student in the Department of Philosophy under the University of Hawaii (UH) College of Arts and Humanities, has been awarded the prestigious Crown Prince Akihito Scholarship for academic years 2013-2015. Ms. Sullivan was selected from a group of ten outstanding applicants. The scholarship provides \$45,000 per year, which includes up to a \$15,000 allowance for tuition and one time round trip economy class airfare between Hawaii and Japan. Ms. Sullivan will be studying at the University of Kyoto with previous Akihito Scholar, Dr. Carl Becker who is Chair of its Philosophy Department. Her field of study is cross-cultural bioethics and she will be researching Japan’s practice of informed consent among patients.



Laura Sullivan, 2013 Crown Prince Akihito Scholarship Recipient.

The Crown Prince Akihito Scholarship Foundation provides scholarships to UH graduate students for study in Ja-

pan and graduate students in Japan for study at UH. The Scholarship was established to commemorate the wedding of Crown Prince Akihito to Michiko Shoda in 1959 to promote good relations between U.S. and Japan, and so far has provided scholarships to 139 scholars who are now serving around the world as “ambassadors of good will.” As a unique aspect of the scholarship, scholars are given an audience with Their Majesties The Emperor and Empress of Japan at their Imperial Palace residence in Tokyo. Their Majesties have maintained a special relationship with the scholars, evidenced by their visit to Hawaii in July 2009 to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the Scholarship during which they met with the scholar alumni.

The scholarship is administered by the Japan-America Society of Hawaii. Those interested in the scholarship are directed to the website www.jashawaii.org/cpas.asp. 印刷

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Japan's New Consul General Visits Ehime Maru Memorial

On December 14, the new Consul General of Japan at Honolulu, Honorable Toyoei Shigeeda paid a visit to the Ehime Maru Memorial at Kakaako Waterfront Park. Consul General Shigeeda was accompanied by his wife Mrs. Michiko Shigeeda. President of the Japan-America Society of Hawaii and the Ehime Maru Memorial Association, Ed Hawkins was on hand to relate the history of the accident on February 9, 2001 when the Japanese Fisheries High School training ship Ehime Maru was struck by a U.S. submarine off the shore of Oahu, resulting in the loss of nine crew, including four students. Mr. Hawkins also informed the Consul General about the many good-will measures between Ehime and Hawaii to include educational and sports exchanges set up after the accident and how various volunteers from Hawaii clean the memorial in honor of the victims and bereaved family members. Afterwards, Consul General and Mrs. Shigeeda presented a wreath to the victims of the tragic accident and offered prayers. Consul General Shigeeda also thanked Mr.

Hawkins and the people of Hawaii for taking such good care of the memorial and assisting the bereaved. （写真）



New Japanese Consul General Toyoei Shigeeda and Mrs. Michiko Shigeeda present a wreath to the victims of Ehime Maru and offer prayers.

Fifth Group of Rainbow for Japan Kids Visits Hawaii

Twelve junior high students from Iwate and Fukushima Prefectures arrived in Honolulu on Sunday, December 23rd as the fifth group of children visiting Hawaii from the disaster affected regions of Japan under the Rainbow for Japan Kids (RFJK) project. This is the second year-end holiday season that these Japanese children have visited Hawaii since the tragic events of March 11, 2011. This group brings the total number of Japanese children to visit Hawaii under this program to over 100. This time, the children engaged in beach activities and enjoyed a home-style Christmas dinner prepared by members of the Nadeshiko Club of Hawaii. The children then visited the Island of Hawaii and spent several nights at the Makoa Lodge near Hilo for outdoor activities to include a visit to the Volcanoes National Park. The children departed Honolulu for return to Japan on December 30. The next RFJK project is scheduled for March 2013.



RFJK students enjoy the view of Honolulu from the top of Diamond Head Crater.

This program is a proud partner with TOMODACHI, a private-public partnership led by the U.S. Embassy in Tokyo and the U.S.-Japan Council. More information on these programs can be found on JASH website at www.jashawaii.org, or call JASH at (808) 524-4450 and on the U.S. Embassy website at <http://japan.usembassy.gov/>. （写真）



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band's efforts, and vowed to continue working to promote this important relationship with Japan.

In keeping with previous tradition, JASH invited a world-class speaker to the event to deliver the keynote address. Japan's Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) House of Representatives Member and former Minister of the Environment and Minister of Defense Ms. Yuriko Koike addressed the gathered crowd, delivering a personal message from newly-elected LDP President Shinzo Abe with a story about Governor Ariyoshi, pointing to the importance of the U.S.-Japan relationship, and discussing future regional security issues.

JASH would like to thank all the table sponsors, supporters, and attendees for their support of this annual dinner, and for their support throughout the year. Names of sponsors can also be found on the JASH website at www.jashawaii.org. 協賛 後援



Keynote Speaker Yuriko Koike addressing the Annual Dinner attendees.

JASH Hosts Nagaoka City Students Again



Nagaoka students Kento Yoshida and Saki Iizuka are interviewed about their impressions by KITV 4 reporter Lara Yamada after the Pearl Harbor Attack memorial ceremony.

As in 2011, college students from Honolulu's newest sister city, Nagaoka, Niigata Prefecture, visited Honolulu from December 2 – 9 as a continuation of a collaborative program with Nagaoka's International Exchange Association to promote emerging ties between the two cities. The students' visit was twofold. First was to engage in round-table discussions about Japan's war experience and attainment of peace in the world with students at the University of Hawaii. The other was to attend the Pearl Harbor memorial ceremony on December 7, see the actual attack sites, and see how America remembers that event and honors those who died and those who survived.

Nagaoka City was totally destroyed by U.S. bombing near the waning stages of World War II and the city holds a fireworks festival each year on the anniversary of that attack to remember the victims and to dedicate itself to lasting peace.

In March, Nagaoka brought these world-famous fireworks to the Honolulu Festival as a gift to the people of Honolulu and visitors to the festival. As a result of the deepening relationship, Nagaoka is again bringing the fireworks to Honolulu next year.

JASH began the student exchanges with Nagaoka several years ago, leading to the signing of a sister city agreement with Honolulu this March. In February, JASH sent three Waipahu High School students to Nagaoka to experience its snow festival, learn its history, and participate in home-stays. JASH believes it's vitally important to educate our youth about the shared history and experiences. A related initiative was to bring together Nagaoka's Admiral Isoroku Yamamoto museum (his home town) and Pearl Harbor Memorial Museum to share materials and artifacts. JASH is proud to assist with these acts of furthering understanding and promoting reconciliation between former enemies who are now close friends. 協賛 後援



Nagaoka students engage in peace discussions with University of Hawaii at Manoa students at the East-West Center.

Japan-America Society of Hawaii Holds Fall 2012 McInerny Foundation’s Japan Day



(L-R): The Kenny Endo Taiko Ensemble provides a stellar taiko performance; A student perfects her ikebana creation.

Thanks to the generous support provided by the McInerny Foundation, the Japan-America Society of Hawaii (JASH) held its Fall 2012 Japan Day on Wednesday, November 7 at Hawaii Tokai International College. A total of 132 students representing Kalani High School, King Kekaulike High School (Maui), La Pietra Hawaii School for Girls, and Lutheran High School of Hawaii gathered for an interactive experience with Japanese culture. The day began with an inspirational taiko performance and demonstration in the Welcome Ceremony, led by master drummer Kenny Endo and seven members of the Kenny Endo Taiko Ensemble. Senses awakened, the students proceeded to their cultural classes for the next few hours. Over 40 volunteer experts presented cultural classes on bon dance, bonsai tree planting, calligraphy, traditional crafts, ikebana (flower arranging), kimono/yukata wear, soroban (Japanese abacus), and tea ceremony. The students had a newfound appreciation for the arts as they compared craft creations and class stories with each other throughout the day.

Since its inception in 1993, over 5,100 students from 56 schools statewide have experienced Japan Day. This unique program is one of two programs offered by JASH to Hawaii’s high school students, with the other being the Japan Wizards Statewide Academic Team Competition. Japan Day provides students with hands-on experience with traditional Japanese arts and culture while reinforcing and complementing what is taught in the classroom setting. Japan Day also illustrates

how art and culture in different societies can influence and enhance people’s lives, and how these cultural values are perpetuated by devotees of the arts. Through understanding different cultures and customs, we continue to bridge the gap that leads to friendship and cultural appreciation.

JASH would like to thank all the volunteer experts for their dedication to the program, for without them, this program would not be possible: Ms. Betty Dela Cuesta and members of Hawaii Shin Kobukai; Mr. Jim Meyer and the Hawaii Bonsai Association; calligraphy master Mrs. Shokyoku Hashiro and Mrs. Setsusen Tokumine; Mrs. Kikuji Yonesato




The Pokemon Ondo is a hit in the bon dance class!

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and members of the Kikufu Nippon Bunka Kenkyu Kai; Mrs. Jessie Nakata of MOA Hawaii; Mrs. Jean Sakihara and members of Kimono Project USA; Mr. and Mrs. Hideaki Oshima from Araki Hiroya Soroban School; and Mr. Yoshibumi Ogawa and members of Urasenke Foundation. We would also like to thank Hawaii Tokai International College for the generous use of their facilities, and the Kenny Endo Taiko Ensemble for their moving taiko performance and demonstration. Please visit the JASH Facebook page for more photos of the event. For more information on this educational program, please contact Kelsey Soma Turek at 524-4450 or via email at ksoma@jashawaii.org. 



Students learn the art of calligraphy.

Japan in a Suitcase Visits Naalehu Elementary

On Thursday, November 15th, our Japan-in-a-Suitcase (JIAS) Program Director and two volunteers traveled to Naalehu on the Big Island for a day to present to grades 3, 4, and 5 at Naalehu Elementary. Naalehu is the southernmost point in the entire United States. The drive from Hilo Airport is nearly two hours, one way. It is especially the goal of Japan-in-a-Suitcase to bring this program to schools in remote areas.

Naalehu Elementary has just over 300 students. The presenters were able to reach out to about 130 of them. The demographic of Naalehu Elementary consists of many children of immigrant workers who came to work on the nearby ranches. Many students struggle with English as their second language and don't have a chance to be exposed to other cultures.



Third graders model the Japanese yukata.

Before the program arrived, students and teachers alike imagined that the presenters would come with a suitcase full of items from Japan. They were delightfully surprised when they found out their predictions were correct. A fourth grade teacher commented that it was not only a great way for students to learn of another culture, but also to learn about respect and responsibility through the ways of Japanese school children. Even after the presentations were over words like *sensei* or *arigatou* suddenly became trendy on campus and students continued to use them throughout the day.




Naalehu fourth graders model the hats that Japanese children wear when they walk to school.

JIAS is a free program offered to elementary schools in Hawaii. It is one of five JASH educational programs aimed at teaching the concept of different perspectives and is aligned with the Hawaii Department of Education Content Standards for Social Studies and World Languages. The major goal of JIAS is to nurture students' sense of inquisitiveness and help them to look at objects and issues from different viewpoints. This is accomplished through a hands-on demonstration of items used by Japanese school children in the classroom and challenging the children to explain the differences they see

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JIAS Naalehu...

from how they learn. JASH believes teaching these concepts at an early age will make them more open-minded to new ideas and people of other cultures. The secondary purpose is to teach the children about Japan's unique culture and to appreciate Hawaii's special relationship with Japan. Children of Naalehu Elementary now understand this rich cultural relationship first-hand. Thanks to grants from donors such as the Atsuhiko and Ina Goodwin Tateuchi Foundation, Friends of Hawaii Charities, and individual donors that made this excursion possible. Also a special thanks to Ms. Denise Garcia, Naalehu Parent-Community Networking Center (PCNC), who helped us to arrange this visit. 



Fifth graders model the apron, cap, and mask worn by Japanese student lunch monitors.

A Joyful Christmas Tea




JASH members and guests enjoyed each other's company at the annual Christmas Tea.

Twenty-five JASH members and guests gathered in the Ginger VIP room at the historic Waioli Tea Room in Manoa for the annual Tomodachi Christmas Tea on Monday, December 17. The blustery winds and Manoa rains gave the day a more wintery feel. Each table of guests was able to choose three different teas to fill their tea pots to pair with the fresh baked goodies from the Waioli bakery. Guests were entertained with guitar music by Charles K. “Uncle Charlie” Morton and everyone participated in a Christmas sing-a-long. The diverse mix of songs truly reflected the faces of the guests and the goal of making new relationships and friendships through programs like the Tomodachi Christmas Tea.

Tomodachi co-chair Shirley Miyamoto reminded guests that despite all of the tragedies happening in the world we should still reflect on the good that is happening and celebrate the joy in our lives. Following this uplifting message, guests joined together in singing “Joy to the World.” Guests also

joined together in singing the English, Japanese, and Hawaiian versions of “Silent Night.”

JASH would like to thank Tomodachi Planning Committee member Roberta Sullivan for making the arrangements for this event as well as providing the cute favors. We would also like to thank Charles K. Morton for getting us into the Christmas spirit with his medleys. Mahalo also to Tomodachi co-chair Ray Tabata who made us all feel like celebrities by being our photographer for the afternoon. 



Waioli Tea Room staff explains the delicious assortment of freshly baked goods.

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Clockwise, from top left: Governor George and Mrs. Jean Ariyoshi enjoying Senator Daniel Inouye's remarks; Consul General Toyoei Shigeeda giving the kanpai toast; Mayor-elect Kurt Caldwell with JASH members; JASH Chair Sharon Weiner presenting a gift to Ms. Yuriko Koike for her speech.

Calendar of Events

JANUARY

- 23 New Year Reception, Washington Place
- 26 Japan Wizards Statewide Academic Team Competition Volunteer Orientation, KCC
- 29 Freemasonry in Japan, Hale Koa Hotel

FEBRUARY

- 6 Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command Tour, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam
- 9 Ehime Maru 13th Anniversary Memorial Ceremony, Ehime Maru Memorial, Kakaako Waterfront Park
- 23 Japan Wizards Statewide Academic Team Competition, Kapiolani Community College (KCC)

MARCH

- 25-4/1 Rainbow For Japan Kids visit Hawaii
- 26-31 Asian-Pacific Children's Convention Mission Project Homestay

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- 24 23rd Annual Friendship Golf Classic, Pearl Country Club

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