

## Tribute to Marjorie Midkiff

**M**arjorie Midkiff, former Chair and Director of the Japan-America Society of Hawaii (JASH) and Trustee of the Crown Prince Akihito Scholarship Foundation (CPASF) passed away on May 19, 2010 at the age of 90. A true *kama'aina*, Mrs. Midkiff was born January 11, 1920 in Honolulu. She graduated from Roosevelt High School in 1936 and earned her B.A. degree with honors from the University of Southern California in 1940.

During World War II, Mrs. Midkiff was an executive secretary in the office of Hawaii's military governor. Later, she worked in the Office of Naval Intelligence, and from 1950 to 1973 served as executive secretary to 17 U.S. Navy rear admirals who commanded the Pearl Harbor naval base. Mrs. Midkiff was preceded in death by three husbands: Lieutenant Commander Merlin Paddock, a Navy pilot who was shot down over Kyushu in a 1945 air raid; architect Alfred E. Sparks in 1966; and Frank E. Midkiff, Ph.D., president of Kamehameha Schools from 1923 to 1934 and Bishop Estate trustee from 1939 until 1983.



*Marjorie Midkiff as JASH Chair*

Prominently present and visible throughout the formative years of JASH, Mrs. Midkiff was a founding member. She was there when her late husband Frank was elected to serve as the Society's first President in 1976. She shared the vision of establishing a Society in Hawaii to promote understanding and strengthen cooperation between the peoples of United States and Japan, especially in consideration of the wartime experience in Hawaii and the growing cultural and business relationships that were deepening between Hawaii and Japan.

Mrs. Midkiff launched head first into Society activities, helping to create the many programs for the membership and the community that have become hallmarks of the Society today. In the 1980s as Japanese businesses and workers located to Hawaii, she formed the "Tomodachi Committee" in order to help family members acclimate to Hawaii, form friendships

with the local people, and learn about about Hawaii's diverse culture and community. That program continues today.

Mrs. Midkiff served as the first female Chair of the Board of Directors from 1991-1993 and under her leadership began the programs of giving back to the community and helping the younger generation learn about international education and the importance of the United States-Japan relationship. The very first program launched was "Japan Day" which gives students an opportunity to participate in hands-on cultural activities related to Japan. Now with volunteer support, Japan Day introduces Japanese cultural programs to nearly 400 high school students from across the state each year. This initial commitment to supporting educational programs for Hawaii's youth expanded to seven programs covering public and private schools from kindergarten through grade 12 reaching over 6,000 students each year.

Mrs. Midkiff also saw the need to bring Japan-America Societies in the United States and Japan together to share ideas, build relationships, and further understanding. This vision was realized in 1995 when the Society hosted the first International Symposium of Japan-America Societies in Honolulu. That initial symposium launched the growth of societies, now numbering 30 in Japan and 37 in the United States, with sister society relationships springing up. These relationships have become a major conduit for promoting understanding and friendship between the two countries.

After retirement from JASH, Mrs. Midkiff served on the



*Marjorie Midkiff greeted by His Majesty The Emperor of Japan during the CPASF 50th Anniversary Visit.*

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Society’s Senior Advisory Council and continued as an active Trustee of the CPASF that awards scholarships to University of Hawaii graduate students to study in Japan and Japanese graduate students to study at the University of Hawaii. The Japanese Government honored her in 1993 with the Order of the Sacred Treasure, Gold Rays with Rosette for strengthening the friendship between Japan and the United States.

In 2008, JASH honored Mrs. Midkiff with the first “Bridge Award” for her role in promoting and enhancing the important United States-Japan relationship. This award will be presented each year in memory of Mrs. Midkiff.

In 2009, Mrs. Midkiff met with Their Majesties The Emperor and Empress of Japan during their visit in Hawaii in July to take part in the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of the Crown Prince Akihito Scholarship named in the Emperor’s honor.

Simply put, JASH would not be where it is today without Marjorie Midkiff. JASH would like to acknowledge the surviving Midkiff family for allowing donations to JASH in her memory. These donations will go to an endowment fund that will be used to continue the work Mrs. Midkiff started. 

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## JASH Holds Spring Japan Day

Thanks to the generous support and sponsorship from Japan-America Society of Hawaii (JASH) Director and Community Service Committee Chair Ms. Jean Rolles, JASH was able to organize another successful Japan Day held on May 5, 2010 at Hawaii Tokai International College. The Spring 2010 Japan Day included 128 students from Farrington High School, Iolani School, Kapaa High School (Kauai), St. Francis School, and Waipahu High School who were provided with hands-on learning experiences of the Japanese culture. Thirty-nine volunteer experts from the community donated their time, energy and sup-

plies to this half-day educational program.

The Kenny Endo Taiko Ensemble, under the direction of Mr. Kenny Endo, began the program with their creative *taiko* music pieces and rhythm demonstrations and an explanation of various sounds that *taiko* drums can make to simulate nature. Following the *taiko* performance, students were treated to various cultural classes where they learned *bon dance*, *bonsai*, calligraphy, traditional crafts, *gyotaku* (fish printing), *kimono* wear, *soroban* (Japanese abacus), and the tea ceremony.

Over 4,650 students from 52 schools



Clockwise from top left: Students learn how to make kabuto (bats) in crafts class; Volunteer experts assist students with planting bonsai; Kimono wearing class; Students make gyotaku fish prints.

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## JASH Kicks Off Brown Bag Luncheon Talk

Pacific Forum CSIS Executive Director Brad Glosserman was the guest speaker at the first Japan–America Society of Hawaii (JASH) Brown Bag Luncheon Talk hosted by Sachi Hawaii Pacific Century Properties at its Hawaiiki Tower office on Piikoi Street. Mr. Glosserman, fresh from a trip to South Korea and Japan during which he met with policy makers and analysts, shared his perspective on the political situation in Northeast Asia.



*Brad Glosserman speaks with JASH members over pizza and drinks.*

Mr. Glosserman discussed the recent sinking of the South Korean ship *Cheonan* which the Seoul government has blamed on a North Korean torpedo, and how this event will likely be the defining event for the current generation of South Koreans vis-à-vis North Korea and their concept of security. The unfolding relationship between the South Koreans and the U.S. forces stationed there was also discussed.

China was painted as attempting to emerge from the dark shadow of its past treatment at the hands of Japan and other countries yet struggling with internal contradictions and tensions. Painting a strong economic picture of China and South Korea, Mr. Glosserman cautioned those who doubt the capability of these countries to compete and surpass Japan. Indeed, he noted that Korea often uses Japan as its benchmark.

Japan’s political and social problems were described at near crisis levels, with a declining and aging population, no real improvement in the status of women, and a government structure that has proved ineffective in addressing Japan’s problems. Mr. Glosserman then took questions from the audience. It was an informative, enlightening session. JASH plans to schedule more of these talks in the future.

A special thanks to Sachi Braden for providing the pizza, drinks, and conference room. 協賛

## JASH takes King Kekaulike Students to Visit Subaru Telescope

On June 1<sup>st</sup>, JASH took members of the 2010 Japan Wizards Statewide Academic Team Competition to the Big Island to visit high tech facilities and companies. Hawaiian Airlines had donated a number of airfares to support the Japan Wizards Competition in February. Several tickets remained unused and had to be used by the year’s end. JASH decided to reward the runner-up teams with a trip to the Big Island to learn how technology is being used for the betterment of science and daily life (top winning teams had been rewarded with trips to Japan).

Through JASH’s association with the Subaru Telescope, a tour was organized to this cutting edge astronomical observatory atop the 13,796 foot mountain. Following the tour, the students visited the Japanese UCC Coffee Plantation to learn how Kona coffee is grown, harvested, and brought to market.

JASH conducts educational programs for Hawaii’s students from grades K-12. Learn about these programs on JASH’s website at [www.jashawaii.org](http://www.jashawaii.org). Grants from the ABC Stores, Friends of Hawaii Charities, JTB Friendship Foundation, and the Tateuchi Foundation support Japan Wizards. 協賛



*King Kekaulike students learn about the Subaru Telescope from guide Ms. Murai.*

## JASH Celebrates 20 years of Friendship Golf

**T**wenty years of Friendship Golf! That was the milestone reached on April 28<sup>th</sup> at Hickam Air Force Base Mamala Bay Golf Course. A total of 122 golfers teed off for this annual JASH fundraising event. Tournament Sponsor and JASH Chair Allen Uyeda of First Insurance Company of Hawaii (FICOH) led the way for 14 major sponsors and nine Titanium and eight Graphite sponsors. Japanese Consul General Yoshihiko Kamo, Australian Consul General David Binns, and retired Admiral Tom Fargo joined our event this year.

Prizes were awarded to the top 32 teams, with the first place team of Bob Yamamura and Steve Wood with a net 66 being presented with the Japanese Consulate sponsored trophy.

Both winners took the top prize of a Turtle Bay Escape Club membership to include a complimentary hotel stay and round of golf. The 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary prize went to the 20<sup>th</sup> place team of Ia Saipaia and Alvis Satele, each receiving a one night stay at the Grand Waikikian and certificate for lunch for two at Tropics Restaurant, donated by Hilton Grand Vacations and Hilton Hawaiian Village. Those who did not place received door prizes.

Mahalo to Tournament Sponsor FICOH and to all the sponsors and donors for making this a fun and memorable event. Mahalo also to the 39 volunteers without whose support we could not have made this happen. Please see the next page for a list of sponsors, donors and volunteers. 協日会米



*David Yamashita, Carol Shimomura, Gary Shiraki, and Douglas Goto.*



*Terrance Lee, Paul Taniyama, Jerry Manin and Allen Uyeda.*



*Consul General Kamo lines up a putt while Consul General Binns looks on.*



*JASH President Edwin Hawkins, winners Bob Yamamura and Steve Wood, and Allen Uyeda.*

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## Morgan Stanley Smith Barney hosts Hawaii 5:01 Program

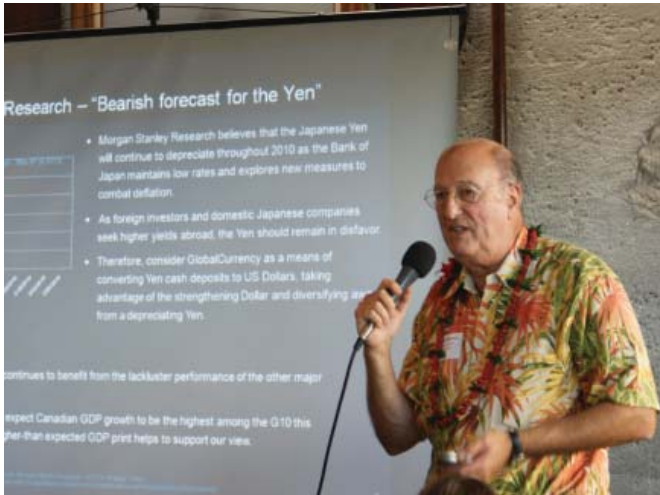
On Tuesday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, over fifty JASH members and guests gathered at the exclusive Outrigger Canoe Club for a Hawaii 5:01 Program sponsored by Corporate member Morgan Stanley Smith Barney. Attendees enjoyed delicious pupus and drinks prepared by the Club staff while taking in the beautiful oceanfront view and sunset.

Morgan Stanley Smith Barney Financial Advisor and event host David Shores, gave an interesting presentation on financial planning and foreign currencies which sparked the interest in many of the attendees. Titled “GlobalCurrency,<sup>SM</sup>” the presentation covered the forecast of the Japanese yen as

well as the advantages of cash diversification. A lively Q&A session followed the presentation.

The Hawaii 5:01 Program is a networking event for JASH corporate and lifetime members and their guests to get to know each other better and to introduce potential new members to the Society and its programs.

JASH would like to thank Morgan Stanley Smith Barney and David Shores for hosting this event. Thank you also to JASH director Dr. Michael Leineweber for sponsoring the Society at the Outrigger Canoe Club which provided a beautiful backdrop to this event. 日本経済新聞



Financial Advisor David Shores shares his expertise with the audience.



JASH members and guests take the opportunity to network.

## JASH assists with Hozonkai Exhibit for 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Kanyaku Imin

On Saturday, June 5<sup>th</sup>, the Friends of Iolani Palace hosted a celebration on the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Kanyaku Imin (arrival of the first contract Japanese laborers to Hawaii) and to honor all Americans of Japanese Ancestry (AJA) WWII Veterans at the Iolani Palace grounds.

The Japan-America Society of Hawaii (JASH) assisted the Hawaii Shiryō Hozonkai (Hawaii Japanese Immigrant Preservation Association) in putting together story boards that showcased photos from the era of the first immigrants, including life on the farms, move to the neighbor islands, and the contribution during two world wars. Included in the display were photos of every-day-use artifacts used by the immigrants. The photos were taken from the archives of the Hozonkai kept at the Bishop Museum where Dr. Yosihiko Sinoto is working to catalog and preserve them under the guidance of the Hozonkai. JASH and Dr. Sinoto's staff designed the story boards. JASH serves as an advisor on the Hozonkai Board and assists with community relations efforts. 日本経済新聞



(L) Immigrant photo taken from collection. (R) Kanyaku Imin event at Iolani Palace.

## Tomodachi Committee Welcomes Martial Arts Master

The *naginata*, a traditional Japanese weapon with a single-edged curved blade mounted on a wooden pole, is not something you'd expect a petite Japanese woman to wield. Well this is exactly what Society members and friends experienced on Friday, May 7, 2010 through a unique demonstration by Hanae Miura *sensei* and her students at the Kenshikan Dojo at the Japanese Cultural Center of Hawaii.

The Japanese martial art of *naginata jutsu* has been handed down through the generations since ancient Japan. Its origins are found on the *samurai* battlefield where it was used to bring down men and horses. During the Edo Period (1603-1868) it was exclusively taught to the women of *samurai* families in order to teach physical and spiritual discipline, and the *naginata* itself was included in a woman's dowry. Mastery in *naginata* also served as a means toward self-preservation, allowing these women to defend their homes while the men were away during times of war. Today, both men and women train in this ancient martial art.



Miura *sensei* with her cherished *naginata*.

In these modern times, *naginata* is systemized through *kata* (choreographed movements), posture, and strict cuts, thrusts and strikes. A modern form, *atarashii naginata* which includes contests, has since developed.

Miura *sensei* continues to train in *jikishinkage-ryu naginata-jutsu* as she has done for the last 70 years. She has been

teaching its traditional form for over 40 years, and in 1969 was the first instructor chosen to teach outside of Japan. She is also the first Japanese *naginata* instructor to train male students.

Accompanied by her students, Miura *sensei* demonstrated traditional *naginata* movements. One student is only in elementary school and carried herself with much poise and determination, no doubt a product of her training. While the students wielded a wooden blade, Miura *sensei* wielded a beautiful *naginata* with a metal blade. Attendees also observed a *kata* by senior students Glen Shiraki and Kent Sato who both carry the official rank of *tora no maki*, which is equivalent to an 8<sup>th</sup> level rank.

JASH would like to thank Hanae Miura *sensei* and her students for their impressive demonstration. Thank you also to Tomodachi Committee member Dr. Yoshiko Dykstra for arranging for this special event. 感謝



Hanae Miura *sensei* (center) and students.

## Japan Day...

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statewide have experienced Japan Day since its inception in 1993. Japan Day is one of two programs JASH offers to Hawaii's high schools and students, the other being the Japan Wizards Statewide Academic Team Competition. Japan Day teaches various aspects of Japanese culture, but the underlying purpose is to show how culture, art, and lifestyle of different societies enrich people's lives. JASH feels that appreciating other cultures and cultural practices helps one to be tolerant and understanding of other peoples and their customs, contributing to peaceful coexistence.

JASH would like to thank all the volunteer experts for their dedication to the program: Mrs. Kuni Morita and members of the Moiliili Senior Minyo Group, Mr. Dan Tenney and

the *bonsai* group, calligraphy master Mrs. Shokyoku Hashiro and Mrs. Setsusen Tokumine, Mrs. Kikuji Yonesato and members of the Kikufu Nippon Bunka Kenkyu Kai, Mr. Brandon Tengan of Prior 2 Pupu Productions, Mrs. Jean Sakihara and members of Kimono Project USA, Mr. and Mrs. Hideaki Oshima from Araki Hiroya Soroban School, and Mr. Yoshibumi Ogawa, Mr. Hiroaki Yoshida, and members of Urasenke Foundation. We would also like to thank Hawaii Tokai International College for the use of the auditorium and classrooms for this event.

For more information on this educational program, please contact Kelsey Soma Turek at 469-4646, or via email at [ksoma@jashawaii.org](mailto:ksoma@jashawaii.org). 感謝

## JASH Welcomes Dr. James E. Auer

The Japan-America Society of Hawaii (JASH) was pleased to have Dr. James E. Auer as the guest speaker at a Roundtable Lunch program on Thursday, June 10, 2010 in the Sachi Hawaii Pacific Century Properties Conference Room. On island to attend the Chief of Naval Operations and Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force joint conference at Pearl Harbor, Dr. Auer agreed to take the time to speak about U.S.-Japan defense.

Dr. Auer began with an overview of post-WWII Japanese defense, outlining the development of the National Police Reserve into the Japan Self-Defense Forces as it is today. He also referenced a 1972 Statement of Policy issued by the Japanese government declaring Japan's right to defend itself from attack but prohibiting engagement in collective self-defense.



Dr. James E. Auer.

Commenting on the recent resignation of former Prime Minister Yukio Hatoyama, and the Okinawa base relocation issue, Dr. Auer remarked that Hatoyama did not consider the strategic applications of the relocation during last year's campaign. Moreover Hatoyama naively believed that the 2006 agreement made during the Bush-Koizumi administrations would not carry over to the Obama-Democratic Party of Japan administrations. Under the 2006 agreement, six U.S. Marine Corps bases in Okinawa would close, 8,000 of the 18,000 Marines stationed there

would relocate to Guam, and a new helicopter base would be constructed in the village of Henoko in Nago City in order to replace the Futenma helicopter base.

Dr. Auer is optimistic that the relocation will occur smoother than expected. He offered some interesting remarks mentioning that most of the local Henoko villagers are in favor of the relocation due to its economic benefits for the land owners. Furthermore the proposed helicopter base would be completely within the confines of Camp Schwab, an existing U.S. Marine Corps base.

Dr. Auer ended his discussion with thoughts on newly elected Prime Minister Naoto Kan who he believes has the potential to strengthen the U.S.-Japan alliance by stepping up to the base relocation issue as well as addressing Japan's right to engage in collective self-defense. A Q&A session followed the discussion.

Dr. James E. Auer is Director of the Center for U.S.-Japan Studies and Cooperation at the Vanderbilt Institute for Public Policy Studies at Vanderbilt University. He served 20 years as a Naval Officer, commanding a frigate homeported in Japan and attending the Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force Staff College. He also served as Special Assistant for Japan in the Office of the Secretary of Defense for ten years.


JASH would like to thank Dr. Auer for providing an informative and insightful session on U.S.-Japan defense issues. Thank you also to JASH Director Sachi Braden for allowing the use of her conference room as well as providing the pizza, snacks and drinks.

This program was presented exclusively for our Corporate, Board, Lifetime, and Senior Advisory Council members. 

## Junior Ambassadors bond at Camp Erdman

During the weekend of May 1-2, the six Asian-Pacific Children's Convention (APCC) Junior Ambassadors (JAs) accompanied by 2010 chaperone Cheryl Parker, 2011 chaperone Daniel Hwang along with JASH staff Marsha Yokomichi, Liz Barrera and Yuko Ishigami experienced an overnight stay at Camp Erdman in Waiialua. This annual outing is intended to bond the JAs through outdoor activities and team-building exercises. The camp experience teaches the JAs to develop personal confidence in being away from their families and reliance on each other.

While at the camp, the JAs took part in a team-building course, hiked to a waterfall at the campgrounds, looked for crabs on the beach, ate smores, shared stories around a campfire, and practiced their *hula* performance. For several of the JAs, this was their first overnight camp experience away from their families. The experience helped the group bond together so

that they are ready to take their journey to Japan in July. The APCC delegates will leave Honolulu on July 16<sup>th</sup> and return from Fukuoka on July 27<sup>th</sup>. 




JAs participate in a team building exercise.



## JASH Sponsors Soroban Math Class at Olomana School

With assistance from Mr. Hideaki Oshima of the Honolulu-based Araki Hiroya Soroban School, the Japan-America Society of Hawaii (JASH) presented a series of *soroban* (abacus) math classes to students at Olomana School in Kailua, Oahu in May 2010. Part of the Hawaii Department of Education, Olomana School is an alternative education school which offers classes for students in seventh grade through twelfth grade. The school provides educational services for Hawaii Youth Correctional Facility, Secure Custody Facility, Ho’okipa Canoe House, and Olomana Youth Center and Detention Home Facility.

Holding *soroban* math classes at Olomana School was the idea of Hawaii State Senator and Education and Housing Committee Chair Norman Sakamoto through his connection to Olomana School Principal Mr. August Suehiro. JASH had discussed its previous *soroban* classes for the Boys and Girls Club of Hawaii with Senator Sakamoto. Once the idea was accepted by Mr. Suehiro, JASH worked with Mr. Oshima to

structure *soroban* math classes for students in the correctional facility. The purpose was to present an interesting and engaging program to the students while challenging them to improve their mental concentration. JASH will follow up with Olomana School to structure other presentations as they may desire. 




*Oshima sensei teaches soroban math calculations to Olomana School students*

## JASH Brings Japan in a Suitcase Classes to Molokai Schools

On May 18<sup>th</sup>, two Japan-America Society of Hawaii (JASH) staff traveled to Molokai to bring Japan in a Suitcase (JIAS) classes to Maunaloa and Kaunakakai Elementary Schools. This program is an example of a long-standing goal to bring JASH educational programs for grades K-12 to all neighbor islands.

JIAS is a free program offered to elementary schools in Hawaii. It is one of five 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 hands-on demonstrations of items used by Japanese school children in the classroom and challenging the students to explain the differences they see. 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 students about Japan’s unique culture and to appreciate Hawaii’s special relationships with Japan.

This was the first time JIAS has been presented to schools on Molokai, and it was made possible by grants from the Tateuchi Foundation and other local foundations such as the Friends of Hawaii Charities and Atherton Family Foundation. 



*Kaunakakai students dress up like Japanese school children serving lunch.*



*Maunaloa students point to Japan and Hawaii on a Japanese map.*

## Hilton Hawaiian Village Hosts its 14<sup>th</sup> Consecutive 5:01

On Friday, June 11, 2010 about 140 JASH members and friends enjoyed a Hawaii 5:01 Program hosted by Corporate Member Hilton Hawaiian Village Beach Resort & Spa (HHV). Attendees enjoyed the live Hawaiian music while partaking in the delicious array of pupus and drinks specially prepared by the resort’s master chefs. They also took the opportunity to reconnect with familiar faces and make new friends.

In attendance for the 14<sup>th</sup> consecutive year were members of the Japan-America Society of Miyakonojo, including their



JASH members and guests enjoy the festive Hawaiian atmosphere.

President Dr. Toshisuke Matsuura, who were in Honolulu to participate in the Waikiki Beach Cleanup the following day. The evening also saw the introduction of the six Asian-Pacific Children’s Convention (APCC) Junior Ambassadors who performed an *oli* (chant) and *hula* which will be showcased in July at the APCC in Fukuoka, Japan. The Hawaii 5:01 Program is a networking program presented exclusively for the Society’s Corporate, Board, Lifetime and Senior Advisory Council members. The 5:01 provides an informal setting to meet new friends, renew acquaintances, and introduce potential members to the Society.



2010 APCC Junior Ambassadors performance.

JASH would like to thank the Hilton Hawaiian Village Beach Resort & Spa for hosting yet another successful 5:01 reception. HHV has continued to sponsor a Hawaii 5:01 for JASH members and guests for 14 consecutive years. We would also like to thank JASH Director Barbara Tanabe for her wonderful job as the reception’s MC. 日本経済新聞

## Working Together to Keep Waikiki’s Beaches Clean

Under the blue skies of Waikiki, about 65 JASH members and friends participated in the annual Waikiki Ohana Workforce Beach Cleanup on Saturday, June 12, 2010. Participants included members of the Japan-America Society (JAS) of Miyakonojo, Asian-Pacific Children’s Convention (APCC) Junior Ambassadors (JAs) and their families, and members of Bridge Club Hawaii (BCH), the alumni association of the APCC. This year marks the 14<sup>th</sup> year of JAS Miyakonojo’s participation in the beach cleanup.

The participants met at the famous Duke Kahanamoku

Statue at Kuhio Beach Park where they enjoyed a continental breakfast and a briefing before boarding a shuttle to the Hilton Hawaiian Village Beach Resort & Spa for the start of the cleanup. The Society participates in this annual cleanup to provide community service to the City and County of Honolulu and people of Hawaii.

Following the cleanup, participants headed to Kakaako Makai Gateway Park to enjoy a delicious potluck and the 94<sup>th</sup> Annual King Kamehameha Celebration Floral Parade. Members of JAS Miyakonojo along with the APCC JAs and BCH also took the time to clean the Ehime Maru Memorial located in Kakaako Waterfront Park.

JASH would like to thank all of the beach cleanup participants for generously dedicating their time and to the potluck participants who provided the delicious dishes. 日本経済新聞



JAS Miyakonojo President Dr. Matsuura and others clean the Ehime Maru Memorial.



JAS Miyakonojo participate in the beach cleanup for the 14<sup>th</sup> consecutive year.

## GIVE ALOHA AT FOODLAND AND SACK N SAVE TO HELP JASH RAISE FUNDS!

JASH is participating in *Give Aloha, Foodland's Annual Community Matching Gifts Program*. This program honors Foodland's founder, Maurice J. "Sully" Sullivan, and continues his legacy of giving back to the community.



### *How It Works*

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### *How To Donate*

At checkout, **present your Maika'i Card and inform the cashier that you would like to make a donation to JASH.** If you do not have a Maika'i Card, you may request one.

## JASH's five-digit registration code is 77966

Your donation will be added to your grocery purchase total. You may give up to \$249 per organization (donations exceeding \$249 will not be matched). The amount you donated and the name of our organization will appear on your receipt. Any donation must be made payable to Foodland or Sack N Save. Donor names will not be released to our organization, so if you would like us to know of your gift, please contact us directly so that we may properly acknowledge your gift.

### *Are These Contributions Tax Deductible?*

These contributions are tax deductible to the full extent of the law. **Please save your store receipt for tax purposes** since it will be the only record you will have of your donation.

### *\*How Matching Gifts Will Be Calculated?*

Matching Gifts will be calculated after the end of the program. Organizations will receive 100% of all customer donations given to their organization, plus their % of Foodland's \$325,000 matching gift. The portion of the matching gift that each organization will receive will be based on the total dollar amount of customer donations designated to that organization as a % of all customer donations received for all organizations.

***Mahalo for your support!***

## Calendar of Events

### JULY

- 13 Asian-Pacific Children's Convention (APCC) Junior Ambassadors' pre-departure meeting with the Governor  
10 APCC Workshop, JASH Office  
16-27 APCC, Fukuoka, Japan  
22 A Golden Opportunity, The Wedding Ring Shop  
31 APCC Post-trip Meeting, JASH Office

### AUGUST

- 1-9 7<sup>th</sup> International Symposium of America-Japan Societies, Akita, Japan  
19 Tomodachi Roberto Coin Collection, elle Couture Jewellers  
24-25 National Association of Japan-America Societies Annual Meeting, San Francisco

### SEPTEMBER

- 1-30 Foodland's Give Aloha Annual Community Matching Gifts Program  
2 Tomodachi Let's Talk Luncheon, with Saleem Ahmed, Ph.D., The Willows

### OCTOBER

- TBD Annual Dinner

### NOVEMBER

- TBD Japan Day

### DECEMBER

- TBD Christmas 5:01 & Silent Auction

## Membership Updates

*April - June 2010*

### Corporate Upgrade

NAI ChaneyBrooks

Donor

### New General Members

Mr. Justin Ho

Student

Ms. Yuko Ishigami

Individual

Mr. Haruyoshi Ito

Student

Mr. Kenneth Ito

Individual

Ms. Serena Li

Student

Mr. Troy Nakamura

Individual

### General Member Upgrade

Ms. Lisa Kobuke

Family

## JASH Donor Recognition

*April - June 2010*

### Statesman \$5,000 - \$24,999

ABC Stores

First Insurance Company of Hawaii

Friends of Hawaii Charities

### Colleague \$1 - \$249

Anonymous

Janice Kamemoto

Jo Shinsho

Melvin Yamaki



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