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Large Gathering at Hilton Hawaiian Village "5:01" Annual Event



Tama Tokyo JAS's Mr. Shoichi Suzuki with Cherry Blossom Queen Erin Morimoto and Court who helped greet guests (our thanks to the Honolulu Japanese Junior Chamber of Commerce).

ne hundred forty-seven people attended this year's 5:01 networking event at the Hilton Hawaiian Village (HHV) Beach Resort & Spa on June 8th. Each year, JASH corporate member HHV hosts a networking event for JASH and its visitors from Japan who attend the following day's Waikiki Beach Cleanup. This year, nine members of The Japan-America Society of Fukuoka and one member of The America-Japan Society of Tama Tokyo came all the way from Japan to attend this event. The next day, the visitors joined JASH volunteers for the Waikiki Beach Cleanup.

The evening began with a welcome by Honolulu Mayor Peter Carlisle, joined by his wife Judy. Mayor Carlisle pointed to all the good work done by JASH in promoting U.S.-Japan relations, while praising its work providing relief to Japan fol-

lowing the tragic earthquake, tsunami, and nuclear accident last March.

The HHV 5:01 has also traditionally been the event JASH introduces the year's Asian-Pacific Children Convention (APCC) Junior Ambassadors (JA) to the attendees. This year's JAs performed a Hawaiian chant and hula which they will demonstrate to children from other countries who will gather at the APCC in Fukuoka in July. JASH was also honored to welcome former Hawaii Governor Linda Lingle to whom past APCC Junior Ambassadors presented a gift for her support during her time in office meeting with the JA's prior to and after their trip to Japan. This year's Cherry Blossom Queen and Court welcomed the guests.



Governor Linda Lingle shows the signed Kokeshi Doll she received from the APCC Junior Ambassadors.

JASH and Japanese Visitors Participate in Waikiki Beach Cleanup



JASH President Ed Hawkins with Japanese visitors who assisted with the beach cleanup: to his right, Tama Tokyo's Mr. Shoichi Suzuki; front row far left, Fukuoka JAS's Motoyuki Murahashi.

aturday, June 9th was a glorious day in Waikiki. Sixtyeight members and guests of the Japan-America Society of Hawaii joined other volunteers to perform a public service to the City and County of Honolulu. Each year, Waikiki's Ohana Workforce under the leadership of Waikiki Improvement Association (WIA) organizes cleanups of Waikiki Beach as a way to promote pride in our city and beaches. JASH and its members have supported this project for many years. Several Japan-America Societies in Japan make the trip to Honolulu each year to participate. This year, nine members of The Japan-America Society of Fukuoka attended, plus Mr. Shoichi Suzuki, Executive Director of The Tama Tokyo America-Japan Society. Dutifully at 6:30 a.m.,

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Beach Cleanup...

the volunteers gathered at the Duke Kahanamoku statue at Kuhio Beach Park to a breakfast of rolls and coffee prepared by the Hyatt Regency Waikiki Resort & Spa, one of the sponsors. WIA's Rick Egged welcomed the volunteers, who included JASH's Asian-Pacific Children's Convention (APCC) Junior Ambassadors (JA) and former JA's who comprise Bridge Club Hawaii. They were all introduced the previous night at the Hilton Hawaiian 5:01. Following the introduction, the volunteers boarded trolleys to starting points at Hilton Hawaiian Village and Kaimana Beach.

JASH would like to thank all the volunteers, especially our friends who came all the way from Japan for this event. Events such as these continue to promote close relations between the people of Hawaii and Japan while supporting the Hawaii community.



APCC Junior Ambassadors and Bridge Club Hawaii preparing for the cleanup.



U.S. and Japanese Scholars Receive the Crown Prince Akihito Scholarship

wo scholars, one from Japan and one from the University of Hawaii (UH) were presented with the Crown Prince Akihito Scholarship at the Japanese Consulate on June 26, 2012. This year, Consul General Yoshihiko Kamo and Mrs. Etsuko Kamo opened their residence for this ceremony once again.

The Japanese scholar is Ms. Yukie Michelle Lloyd (academic years 2011-2013). Ms. Lloyd received her B.S. in Biochemistry from Kitasato University and a Masters degree from the University of Tokyo. She has always been interested in vaccine research,

and is currently pursuing her Ph.D. in Tropical Medicine at the University of Hawaii at Manoa's John A. Burns School of Medicine, exploring a new Dengue vaccine candidate.

The U.S. scholar is Mr. Christopher Smith (academic years 2012-2014). Mr. Smith received his B.A. in East Asian Studies from the College of William and Mary and his M.A. in the same field from the University of Virginia. He



(Front, L-R) Scholarship recipients Ms. Yukie Lloyd, Mr. Christopher Smith; (Rear, L-R) UH Center for Japanese Studies' Dr. Robert Huey, Trustee Christine Yano, Trustee Jean Rolles, Trustee Siegfried Ramler, Mrs. Etsuko Kamo, Consul General Yoshihiko Kamo, Trustee Sharon Weiner, Trustee Stafford Kiguchi, UH Foundation's Malia Peters, and CPASF President Ed Hawkins.

is currently a Ph.D. candidate in Japanese literature at the University of Hawaii in Manoa. His research interest is in historical Japanese anachronism in the Edo period and contemporary literature. He will be studying in Japan beginning this year.

The Crown Prince Akihito Scholarship was established in 1959 to commemorate the wedding of Crown Prince Akihito and Princess Michiko. The purpose of the scholarship is to promote better understanding between the peoples of Japan and the United States by providing scholarships to UH scholars to study in

Japan and Japanese scholars to study at UH. The Emperor and Empress of Japan honors the scholars with a personal audience at their residence in the Imperial Palace. Since inception, a total of 138 scholarships have been granted. Those interested in applying for this scholarship are directed to the Japan-America Society of Hawaii website at www.jashawaii. org/cpas.asp.



Japan's Maritime Self Defense Force Personnel Visit Ehime Maru Memorial

apan Maritime Self Defense Force ships and aircraft visited Hawaii on June 28 to participate in the annual Rim of the Pacific Exercise hosted by U.S. Pacific Command. This year, 22 nations will participate in this joint maritime exercise. The Japanese contingent was led by Commander of Escort Flotilla 3, Vice Admiral Fumiyuki Kitagawa. Following a short office call with Japan-America Society of Hawaii and Ehime Maru Memorial Association President Ed Hawkins, the group proceeded to Kakaako Waterfront Park where they presented a wreath to the lost crew of the Ehime Maru and prayed for their souls. Admiral Kitagawa was accompanied by Captain Osamu Takeuchi of JS Shirane (home port, Maizuru, Kyoto), Commander Hiroki Yokozawa of JS Bungo (home port, Kure, Hiroshima), and Commander Kouichi Matsuura of VP Detachment 47 (P-3C, Kanoya Air Base, Kagoshima). Japanese military personnel routinely visit the Ehime Maru Memorial during their official visits to Hawaii as a sign of respect to the lost crewmembers.



Rear Admiral Fumiyuki Kitagawa places a wreath at the Ehime Maru Memorial.

JASH Members Attend Orientation Session with FBI Honolulu Division

n May 23rd, Japan-America Society of Hawaii (JASH) was invited to attend a Community Relations Executive Seminar Training (CREST) Program, newly-launched by the FBI Honolulu Division to educate the community about the mission of the FBI and to tailor information to participating organizations' desires. This was

the inaugural offering of this program by the local FBI.

After a welcome by Community Outreach Specialist Joy van der Voort, the administrative officer and special agents presented an overall history of the FBI, followed by seminars in International Law and Industrial Espionage. The block on International Law covered human traf-

ficking, something that has affected Hawaii in recent years, and the work being done by the FBI as it focuses on global terrorism and threats to national security. The block on Industrial Espionage covered recent case studies of multi-national companies and foreign governments engaging in attempts to steal trade and defense secrets, areas under the jurisdiction of

the FBI. The audience engaged in a lively Q&A session over the two-hour presentation.

JASH would like to thank the FBI Honolulu Division for arranging this informative event for us. JASH plans to have other presentations in the future. Please watch our activities calendar and announcements for future sessions.



JASH attendees at the FBI Honolulu Office's CREST presentation.

22nd Annual Friendship Golf Classic at Pearl Country Club



Top finishing team of Ted McAneeley and Garrett Yamamoto are presented with the winner's trophy by the trophy sponsor, Japan's Consul General Yoshihiko Kamo.

ne hundred twenty-two golfers gathered at Pearl Country Club on April 26 for the Society's 22nd Annual Friendship Golf Tournament. Together with the JASH Annual Dinner in the fall, the golf tournament is the major fund-raiser for the Society. Prizes donated by our supporters were presented to top 30 teams, with the grand prize, a fly/stay/golf package to Maui's Makena Resort (with airfare by go! Airlines), presented to the team that placed 22nd. All players received a prize.

As in previous years, JASH invited members of the military to participate. Four individuals from the Hawaii Air National Guard who were instrumental in providing disaster

relief to Japan following the tragic earthquake and tsunami last year participated, courtesy of retired Admiral and JASH Director Thomas Fargo.

JASH would like to thank all the major sponsors, Titanium and Graphite sponsors, and the individual players who supported this tournament. A special thanks to the 31 volunteers without whose support this tournament would not have been possible. Proceeds from this tournament will go right back into programs for the community, including educational programs such as cultural exchanges for Hawaii's schools and students to continue building grass-root relations between the people of Hawaii and Japan.



Korean Consul General Young Kil Suh, JASH Chair Sharon Weiner, Japan's Consul General Yoshihiko Kamo, and Australian Consul General Scott Dewar are set for the challenge.



Yoshinori Maeda and Bobby Ichikawa get a quick snack.

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APCC Delegates meet Governor Abercrombie

overnor Neil Abercrombie invited the six Hawaii Junior Ambassadors – Christian Bonilla, Kiana Favela, Kurt Naguwa, Lauryn Sameshima, Gabriel Tom,

and Ava Williams – along with Peace Ambassador Korie Lum and all of the delegates' families to meet him on the afternoon of Thursday, June 28. The Governor was pleased to meet everyone and presented each of the delegates (and their siblings) a "Youth Ambassador"

card announcing that each of them was a representative of Hawaii. He also offered friendly advice to the delegates saying that "everyone is going to want to meet you because you are

> from Hawaii."

For all of the Junior Ambassadors, this was their first time to meet the Governor and JASH is very appreciative that the Governor spent part of his afternoon sharing his time and advice with the delegates.



The Hawaii delegates to the Asian-Pacific Children's Convention meet with Governor Neil Abercrombie before their departure to Japan.

Junior Ambassadors Learn About Team Building at Camp Erdman

he 2012 Asian-Pacific Children's Convention (APCC) delegates spent a fun filled weekend on May 5 - 6, 2012, learning how to rely on each other at Camp Erdman in Waialua. The six Junior Ambassadors (JAs) and Peace Ambassador Korie Lum accompanied by 2012 chaperone Cheryl Parker and 2013 chaperone Daniel Hwang, along with JASH staff Marsha Yokomichi, Liz Stanton-Barrera and Yuri Matsuoka, took part in an overnight stay that helps the delegates bond with one another through outdoor activities and team building exercises. While at the camp, the JAs took part in a Team Development Course with YMCA staff, made samurai hats in honor of Boys' Day and got to experience an authentic Japanese tea ceremony by JASH intern Yuri Matsuoka. They also shot archery, played basketball, opened coconuts, ate s'mores while sharing stories around a campfire, and practiced their hula performance. For several of the JAs, this was their first overnight experience at a camp away from their families. The experience helped the group connect so that they are ready for their trip to Fukuoka, Japan from July 13 through July 24 where they will participate in the APCC.



The JAs participate in team building exercises at Camp Erdman.

2011 Japan Wizards Iolani Teams Reflect on Japan Trip

n March 2012, the two Japan Wizards Competition (JWC) winning teams from Iolani School were able to immerse themselves in the culture of Japan and experience what they had studied in and outside of the classroom. Due to the Great East Japan Earthquake in March 2011, the teams delayed their Japan trip. According to the students, it was well worth the wait. Micah Lau wrote in his trip essay, "I could never forget the beautiful and silent gardens of Kyoto, muted by the imminent blossoming of millions of flowers; the peaceful, deep forests of Nara, the grand scale of Todaiji, the chilled water of Kiyomizu on my lips – I'll keep them forever."



Iolani boys pose with Mr. Shoichi Suzuki at Ooedo Onsen Monogatari.

As part of the Japan trip prize, the Japan-America Society of Hawaii (JASH) arranged an all-day educational experience. On March 21, Level A 1st place winners Melanie Carlile, Brittney Imada, Trey Takara, Level B 1st place winners Micah Lau, Dylan Miyasaki, Aaron Nojima, and advisors Jo Ann Akamine and Ann Tomatani Hirata were graciously hosted by Mr. Shoichi Suzuki, Executive Director of the America-Japan Society of Tama Tokyo. Mr. Suzuki escorted the group to the



A deer visits the students in Nara.

Edo-Tokyo Museum and Ooedo Onsen Monogatari (a popular hot springs theme park in Odaiba, Tokyo), which proved



Iolani girls and advisors show off their beautiful yukata.

to be a favorite activity amongst the students. Trey Takara remarked, "we learned and saw firsthand much of what we studied last year...The *onsen* (hot springs) was beautiful, and we all enjoyed soaking in all the different types of baths which took away all of the aches and pains of travelling...What a treasure amid such a bustling place!" Coincidentally, one of the volunteers who accompanied Mr. Suzuki was a graduate of Iolani School, and is currently a research engineer in Japan. Aaron Nojima wrote, "He told me that he loved his job and that I, too, should pursue my dream...Meeting him gave me hope that one day I too could work and live in Japan."

JASH would like to send a big Arigatougozaimashita to Mr. Suzuki and supporters from the America-Japan Society of Tama Tokyo for welcoming our JWC Iolani teams to Japan and providing wonderful opportunities for discovery. Trey Takara said it perfectly: "I feel truly blessed to have had the experience of going to Japan, and the Wizards competition and trip reiterated my interest in such an amazing country...I believe it is through the generosity and hard work of institutions like JASH

and its supporters which keep students on both ends interested in such an important global connection." \blacksquare

Japan-America Society of Hawaii Holds Spring 2012 McInerny Foundation's Japan Day









(Clockwise L-R): Students learn how to make Children's Day-themed origami; Students enjoy the opportunity to wear yukata; Members of the Urasenke Foundation perform a traditional tea ceremony for the students; The Kenny Endo Taiko Ensemble explains the different instruments used in taiko.

hanks to the generous support provided by the McInerny Foundation, the Japan-America Society of Hawaii (JASH) held its Spring 2012 Japan Day on Wednesday, May 2 at Hawaii Tokai International College. A total of 133 students representing Hanalani Schools, Kaiser High School, Kamehameha Schools - Hawaii, and Punahou School gathered for an exceptional opportunity to experience the Japanese culture. The day began with a taiko performance and demonstration by the Kenny Endo Taiko Ensemble. Energized and inspired, the students spent the next few hours absorbing the Japanese culture. 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. Excitement filled the air as students beamed with pride while making their own cultural creations, coincidentally in time for Kodomo no hi (Children's Day) on May 5!

Since its inception in 1993, over 5,000 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 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, Mr. Hiroaki Yoshida, 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. For more information on this educational program, please contact Kelsey Soma Turek at 469-4646.

JASH holds 5:01 Networking Reception at Hawaii State Supreme Court

ogether with the Consular Corps of Hawaii, JASH held a "Hawaii 5:01" networking and social event at the historic Aliiolani Hale Hawaii State Supreme Court on April 2nd. Hawaii 5:01s are exclusively for corporate and lifetime members and their guests. The purpose of these events is to get to know each other and introduce potential new JASH members. That it was held at the



The Hawaii State Judiciary Building with the statue of King Kamehameha at its front has recently become more well-known thanks to being featured as the headquarters of the popular TV series "Hawaii Five-O".

Hawaii State Supreme Court was a big plus. Those who attended received a history lesson on Hawaii's legal history, including the period after the Japanese attack in 1941 when Martial Law was declared in Hawaii. Guests viewed a film about that period in the adjoining theater and were escorted by the staff through the museum displays and the original courtroom. Mr. Shuji Abe of Takumi Catering provided the delicious food and drinks, which were generously sponsored by three corporate members.

This time, the 5:01 was a joint event with the Consular Corps of Hawaii, with 18 members attending to include Consul General Yoshihiko Kamo of Japan, Dean of the Consular Corps and Honorary Consul of Sri Lanka Ms. Kusuma Cooray, and visiting Ambassador of Hungary Balazs Bokor.

The evening began with Chief Justice Mark Recktenwald welcoming the crowd and relating the history of *Aliiolani Hale*. Completed in 1874, *Aliiolani Hale* (House of the Heavenly King in Hawaiian, one of the names given to Kamehameha) was the seat of government of the Kingdom of Hawaii and the Republic of Hawaii until the Legislature was moved to Iolani Palace across the street after the overthrow of the Hawaiian Monarchy in 1893. Chief Justice Recktenwald added that the hit TV series Hawaii Five-0, which depicts the building as its

to the building. The Chief Justice also acknowledged the work JASH has done to bring greater understanding between Hawaii and Japan and in providing disaster relief to Japan after the tragic events of March 11, 2011. Afterwards, the guests were conducted on a tour of the historic building. It was a wonderful evening of camaraderie and learning about the history

headquarters, has

brought greater fo-

cus and attention

of Hawaii and its legal heritage.

JASH would like to thank sponsors Sachi Braden of Sachi Hawaii—Pacific Century Properties, James Stanton of the Stanton Law Group, and Alan Fujimoto of Goodsill Anderson Quinn & Stifel law firm for sponsoring this event and donating funds for the food and drink service provided by Takumi Catering.



Chief Justice Mark Recktenwald welcomes the guests inside the Aliiolani Hale rotunda.

Special Tour of Mānoa Heritage Center

ASH members and guests were able to take a specially arranged tour of Mānoa Heritage Center on Wednesday, May 9. The beautiful weather with light breezes and no surprises from *Tuahine* (Mānoa rain) allowed attendees to fully enjoy the outdoor tour that navigates the grounds of the Cooke family home. The stately historic home, Kūali'i, named for a great Oahu chief, is 101 years old. Built in the Tudor style in 1911 by Charles Montague Cooke, Jr. and his wife Anna, the home is now lived in and preserved by his grandson Sam Cooke and wife Mary. When Charles had the house built, he had a strong feeling about the heiau (ancient religious site) on the property and decided to preserve it instead of building over it. Kūali'i is now on the National Register of Historic Places. It is considered to be a very multicultural house as it was inspired by European architecture, designed by an American, built by expert Japanese stone cutters on the land of a sacred Hawaiian site and named for a Hawaiian chief who lived in



Educational Director Margo Vitarelli explains to guests about the native and non-native plants in the garden.

the area.

Guests were able to tour the Kūka'ō'ō Heiau and the Native Hawaiian Garden that surround the house. The name of the heiau means "a

farmer's dig-

ging stick" and is considered to be a famer's heiau. There are many legends that surround it, including one where a man climbed to the top of the Koʻolau Mountain, threw his 'ō'ō (digging stick) which landed at the site of the heiau, so it was decided to build a heiau there. There used to be fourteen heiau in the area all



Kūali'i was built high on the property to spare the heiau.

the way down to Waikiki for farmers, dancers, and fishermen. Now only *Kūka'ō'ō Heiau* remains. Guests also enjoyed learning about the native plants that surround the home such as *'ohia lehua*, *'ohai*, and *'akia*. Mānoa used to be a thriving agricultural community that, like many parts of Hawaii, has turned residential.

At the end of the tour, guests were treated to a delicious bento from Hakkei along with fresh fruits, juice, and tea that were graciously provided by the Mānoa Heritage Center.

A special mahalo to Tomodachi co-chair Hiroko Dewitz for arranging the tour and picking up the bento from Hakkei. Also mahalo to Mānoa Heritage Center Program Manager Aloha McGuffie, Educational Director Margo Vitarelli, and Volunteer Docent Al Furuto.

Additional Golf Classic Photos



Mahalo to First Insurance Company of Hawaii for their Golf Jacket and Titanium sponsorships.



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Additional photos from the 22nd Annual Friendship Golf Classic can be seen on the JASH Facebook page.

Calendar of Events

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Hawaii 5:01- Aloha Beer 26

AUGUST

Japan: Going, Going, Gone? With Merle Aiko Okawara

22 Hawaii 5:01- Pacific Aviation Museum

SEPTEMBER

1-30 Foodland's Give Aloha Annual Community Matching Gifts Program

20 Tomodachi- Let's Talk Luncheon, Waialae Country

OCTOBER

Annual General Membership Meeting & Annual Dinner, Hilton Hawaiian Village Coral Ballroom

DECEMBER

TBD Christmas 5:01 & Silent Auction



The JASH staff volunteered once again as Course Marshalls for the 34th Annual Visitor Industry Charity Walk held on Saturday, May 19, 2012. The Charity Walk raised \$471,000 on Oahu alone and \$1,371,817 statewide. Local non-profit charities, including JASH, benefit from the funds raised. On Oahu, 6,300 walkers participated. Statewide there were 12,412 walkers. The 35th Annual Visitor Industry Charity Walk is scheduled for Saturday, May

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April - June 2011

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Ms. Jennifer Kato	Individual
Ms. Cheri Nakamura	Individual

General Member Upgrades

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JASH is participating in Give Aloha, Foodland's Annual Community Matching Gifts Program. From Sept. 1 - 30, customers are invited to make donations of up to a cumulative total of \$249 per person.

JASH's five-digit registration code is 77966



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