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## JASH Brings Innovative Way to Enjoy Learning Math

Teaching math can be a challenge. For many kids, the experience can be intimidating or outright boring. But mathematics is a fundamental life skill that all children need to master. Making it easy to understand and fun to learn are challenges for all educators. JASH teamed with a teacher of math to bring an innovative way to enjoy learning math to a school class.

Mr. Hideaki Oshima is an instructor of *soroban*, an abacus known in Japan, and teaches it at the Araki Hiroya Soroban School in Honolulu. This ancient tool with origins in China is used extensively in Asia to teach children the concept of calculations. The *soroban* is composed of beads that one manipulates to add and subtract, and can be used for multiplication and division and all sorts of mathematical calculations at higher levels. The *soroban* teaches students the relationship of single digits to tens, hundreds, and beyond, and trains the mind to see these relationships quickly. It also teaches them not to be afraid of big numbers. The results are truly impressive once the concept is understood. Fingers fly as the instructor calls the numbers, reaching speeds faster than one can achieve with an electronic calculator. But the most


important benefit of this method is not the speeds achieved by the students, but the concentration they show and the enthusiasm with which they manipulate the beads. The final reward is the smiles on their faces as they realize they can do calculations confidently and are truly enjoying it!



Students at Kawananakoa Middle School using a soroban in a math exercise.

For several years, Mr. Oshima has volunteered to introduce *soroban* in JASH's educational programs such as Japan Day for high school students, and has demonstrated it at Boys and Girls Clubs. This is the first time the class has been taken to a public school for the main purpose of showing its benefits to students and teachers. Kawananakoa Middle School was the first school identified for this project, and JASH incorporated it into after-school and summer school classes as requested. The project is

generously funded by the Atherton Foundation.

JASH will continue this project with Kawananakoa Middle School this coming fall. Our goal is to seek feedback from students, teachers, and parents to assess its effectiveness and if there is interest and support to expand it to other schools. We thank the Atherton Foundation for providing the funds for this project. 

## Hilton Hosts JASH Networking Event; Waikiki Beach Cleanup Next Day

Hilton Hawaiian Village again hosted JASH for a networking "5:01" event on the first weekend in June. Nearly 200 JASH members and guests assembled, sampling the delicious array of dishes and pupus prepared by the Hilton culinary staff. JASH invited volunteers who assisted with events throughout the year. It was also an opportunity to introduce this year's 11-year-old "Junior Ambassador" representatives to the Asian-Pacific Children's Convention (APCC). Six Junior Ambassadors entertained the crowd with a Hawaiian Chant and Hula they will perform as a distinct cultural presentation at the Global Youth Camp in Fukuoka, Japan.

The next day, many of the attendees to include the



JASH members and their guests enjoying food and entertainment at the Hilton 5:01.

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## 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Golf Fundraiser Held at Pearl Country Club



*Congratulations to first place team of Mike Nitta and daughter Nicolle Nitta who are presented with the winner's trophy by trophy sponsor Japan's Consul General Toyoei Shigeeda.*

**M**orning thundershowers did not keep away 130 golfers from gathering at Pearl Country Club on Wednesday, April 24 for the Society's 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Friendship Golf Classic. The golf tournament is one of the major fundraisers along with the Annual Dinner held in the fall. Every participant received a prize. The grand prize, a fly and stay package to the Makena Beach and Golf Resort on Maui with airfare donated by go! Airlines, was presented to the 23<sup>rd</sup> place team in honor of our 23<sup>rd</sup> year.

JASH would like to thank Tournament Sponsor First Insurance Company of Hawaii, all of the other major sponsors, Titanium and Graphite sponsors, and the individual players who supported this tournament. A special thanks to the 40 volunteers who help to make the tournament run smoothly. Proceeds from this tournament will be used for community programs, including educational programs and

cultural exchanges for Hawaii's schools and students to continue to build special relationships between the people of Hawaii and Japan.

As in previous years, JASH invited members of the military to participate. Four individuals from Hawaii Air National Guard and military members from Pacific Air Forces participated. Their services in supporting Operation Tomodachi and the Rainbow for Japan Kids program are greatly appreciated. A special thanks to Admiral Thomas Fargo and Ms. Sharon Weiner for sponsoring our military guests.

Mahalo to JASH Director Denis Isono of Central Pacific Bank for chairing the Golf Committee. A special thanks to Jim Yuki, a JASH friend and Sony Open volunteer pool chairman for assisting with golf questions and scoring. Also thanks to our roving course photographer, JASH member Ray Tabata. Please visit [www.jashawaii.org](http://www.jashawaii.org) for a link to his photos. 



*Mahalo to Sony Hawaii for sponsoring a special prize giveaway in honor of their 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.*

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## Crown Prince Akihito Scholarship Chairman Invited to Lunch with Emperor of Japan

The Chairman of the Crown Prince Akihito Scholarship Foundation, Mr. Howard Hamamoto was recently accorded a distinct honor by the Emperor of Japan, Akihito. Upon learning of Mr. Hamamoto's retirement as Chair of the Foundation, a position that he held since the year 2000, Emperor Akihito invited him to a private luncheon at His residence at the Imperial Palace in Tokyo. On that occasion Their Majesties expressed Their gratitude for his many years of service to the Foundation.


Since its inception in 1959, the Foundation has provided scholarships for advanced degrees to a total of 140 scholars, those from Hawaii to study in Japan and those from Japan to study at the University of Hawaii. The scholarship was established to commemorate the wedding of the then Prince Akihito to Princess Michiko.

The aim of the scholarship is not only to give students an opportunity to study in respective countries, but also to create ambassadors of goodwill who as graduates will work to promote the important U.S.-Japan relationship. Their Majesties have always taken a personal interest in the scholars, and the indication of that interest is the audiences they annually accord each scholar at Their residence in the Imperial Palace.

Their Majesties came to Hawaii in 2009 on the occasion of the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the establishment of the scholarship to mark the event and celebrate



*Mr. Howard Hamamoto (fourth from left) with his wife Joanne at his side sitting next to His Majesty the Emperor of Japan and Her Majesty the Empress of Japan during the Royal Couple's visit to Hawaii in July 2009 to commemorate the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Crown Prince Akihito Scholarship Foundation.*


along with the Trustees, guests, and Akihito Scholars. One thousand six hundred attendees enjoyed a traditional Hawaiian program beginning with a formal royal processional with the sounding of a conch shell which ushered Their Majesties into the ballroom. 

## JASH Director Barbara Tanabe Recognized as UH Distinguished Alumni

JASH Director Barbara Tanabe was recently recognized by the University of Hawaii as a distinguished alumna for 2013. In recognizing Ms. Tanabe, the UH Alumni Foundation said, “Celebrating 25 years honoring the University of Hawaii's outstanding alumni, The University of Hawaii Alumni Association Distinguished Alumni Awards has, since it was introduced in 1989, sought to pay tribute to alumni who have made a difference in Hawaii. For a quarter of a century, those recognized have come from many walks of life, studied a wide variety of academic disciplines on our campuses and gone forth to excel in diverse professions. They exemplify exceptional professional accomplishments, ser-



*JASH Director Barbara Tanabe.*

vice to the University of Hawaii, and commitment to the betterment of the community.” Ms. Tanabe started her journalistic career in 1970 as reporter for KOMO-TV in Seattle, the first Asian-American woman on the air in the Northwest. She received an Emmy in 1971 for the first public broadcast of a documentary on the internment of Japanese-Americans during World War II, and became news anchor and later senior business correspondent for KHON-TV (Channel 2 News). In 1994 she was appointed to the Bank of Hawaii Board of Directors and in 2003 established Ho'akea Communications, a public affairs consulting partnership. JASH Director since 1987, Ms. Tanabe served as Chair of the Board from 2004-2005. 





## UH Scholars Receive the Crown Prince Akihito Scholarship

On May 13<sup>th</sup> at the Japanese Consulate, two University of Hawaii students were presented with the prestigious Crown Prince Akihito Scholarship. Chairman of the Crown Prince Akihito Scholarship Foundation, Mr. Howard Hamamoto, presented certificates of scholarship to two scholars, Ms. Ikuyo Takara and Ms. Laura Specker Sullivan. Ms. Malia Peters of UH Foundation also presented scholarship certificates.

Ms. Takara holds a B.A. from Japan Women's University and M.A. from the University of Tokyo where she is currently a Ph.D. candidate. She is pursuing her second M.A. at UH Manoa in Second Language Studies. Ms. Sullivan received her B.A. in Philosophy from Williams College and her M.A. in Philosophy from UH Manoa. She is pursuing a Ph.D. in Philosophy and a Graduate Certificate in Japanese Studies at UH Manoa. Ms. Sullivan will be researching ethics of medical decision-making at the University of Kyoto.

The Crown Prince Akihito Scholarship was established in



(R-L): Scholarship awardees Laura Specker Sullivan and Ikuyo Takara, Foundation Chairman Howard Hamamoto, Consul General Toyoei Shigeeda, Mrs. Michiko Shigeeda, Foundation President Ed Hawkins.

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 140 scholarships have been granted.

American scholars are provided with either one or two years of study in Japan and \$30,000 in annual living expenses, plus up to \$15,000 annual allowance for tuition and round trip airfare to Japan. Japanese scholars are provided with full tuition at the University of Hawaii plus \$20,000 in annual living expenses and a round trip airfare to Hawaii. Those interested in applying for this scholarship are directed to the Japan-America Society of Hawaii website at [www.jashawaii.org/cpas.asp](http://www.jashawaii.org/cpas.asp).

## Beach Cleanup...

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APCC Junior Ambassadors and members of Bridge Club Hawaii participated in the Waikiki Ohana Workforce Beach Cleanup. The Waikiki Ohana Workforce coordinates three to four Waikiki Beach cleanups each year. (Visit <http://www.waikikiimprovement.com/waikiki-calendar-of-events/beach-clean-up> for their schedule.) Joining over 100 JASH representatives were members of the Japanese Consulate led by Consul General Toyoei Shigeeda and Mrs. Michiko Shigeeda. JASH participates annually in this public service event along with Japanese visitors and volunteers.

*Right: Bridge Club members, along with Consul General Toyoei Shigeeda, prepare for the Waikiki Beach Cleanup.*





## Japan’s Defense Minister Visits Ehime Maru Memorial

Japan’s Minister of Defense Honorable Itsunori Onodera visited the Ehime Maru Memorial at Kakaako Waterfront Park in Honolulu on July 1<sup>st</sup>. Minister Onodera was in Hawaii for discussions with the Commander of U.S. Pacific Command.



*Japan’s Defense Minister Itsunori Onodera greets volunteers who clean the memorial at Kakaako Waterfront Park.*

On hand to greet Minister Onodera was Japan-America Society of Hawaii and Ehime Maru Memorial Association President Ed Hawkins. Mr. Hawkins explained the significance of the memorial and the efforts of the Hawaii community and other visitors to clean the memorial as a public service and to honor the nine lost crew of the *Ehime Maru*. Mr. Hawkins also discussed educational and sports exchanges set up between Hawaii and Ehime as good-will measures following the tragedy. Following the presentation of a wreath to the victims, Minister Onodera met with groups of volunteers from various organizations who clean the memorial. These included the current and incoming President of Hawaii United Japanese Society, the President of Meijikai, President of Fukushima Kenjinkai, and President and members of the Miyagi Kenjinkai. Being from the city of Kesenuma, a town devastated by the earthquake and tsunami of March, 2011, Minister Onodera was especially thankful to Miyagi Kenjinkai and JASH for taking care of the children of Miyagi who visit Hawaii under the Rainbow for Japan Kids project. （原田 隆夫）

## JASH Makes Final Donation to Japanese Red Cross Society

JASH President Ed Hawkins took the opportunity of a visit to Japan to deliver the last donation of funds collected from the people of Hawaii to the Japanese Red Cross Society (JRCS). The check in the sum of \$86,749.58 was presented to JRCS Vice President Mr. Yoshiharu Otsuka on April 25<sup>th</sup>. JASH ended collection of donations for Japan Disaster Relief on March 31<sup>st</sup>, started under the Aloha for Japan campaign following the 3/11 triple disaster. In all, the people of Hawaii donated \$3,963,250 through JASH. Mr. Otsuka thanked JASH and the people of Hawaii for these funds and the support

provided to JRCS and the people of the disaster region.

These funds were distributed directly to the people of



*JRCS Vice President Yoshiharu Otsuka accepts the final donation check from JASH President Ed Hawkins at the JRCS Headquarters in Tokyo.*

Tohoku through grants, or were used by the JRCS to bring needed food, medicine, equipment, medical care and psychological counseling to the affected people. Funds were also used by the JRCS to provide clean water and outfit temporary shelters with electric appliances. Through a special agreement with JASH, the JRCS specifically identified donations originating from the people of Hawaii as “Japan-America Society of Hawaii” in its financial and operational reports sent out to the world. （原田 隆夫）



## Visit with Pacific Air Forces Commander

On June 12, General Herbert "Hawk" Carlisle invited members of the Japan-America Society of Hawaii (JASH) and the Hawaii United Okinawa Association (HUOA) to his Pacific Air Forces Headquarters at Hickam Air Base to learn the mission of his expansive command first hand and hear his thoughts on the U.S.-Japan relationship. On hand were 17 members of JASH and HUOA, along with General Carlisle's Vice Commander, Lieutenant General Stanley Kresge, and other general officers and heads of his staff offices. General Carlisle began the session with a personal description of the Command's mission, stressing the importance of the U.S.-Japan relationship. Following his talk, the General opened up the floor for questions.

General Carlisle emphasized the importance of the professional and personal relationship he has with the "Koukuujieitai," the Japan Air Self-Defense Force. He and his staff covered the threat posed by North Korea, China's emergence as a military power in the region, security relations with the Republic of Korea, and the general situation in the vast Asia-Pacific region. General Carlisle also addressed the importance of Kadena Air Base and the U.S. military presence in Okinawa, stressing the need to work closely with the local Okinawa population to promote mutual understanding and the public welfare. As an example, he pointed to a program that allows



*General Herbert Carlisle addresses JASH and HUOA members as his staff listens.*

for farming in military areas to benefit the local economy.

This visit is part of the JASH program to inform its members and local community organizations on the importance of the U.S. military presence in Hawaii and the region, and the importance of the military relationship with Japan. JASH meets with U.S. Pacific Command and its Component Commands regularly. 陸自

## Japan-in-a-Suitcase Visits Kaumuali'i Elementary

For the last day of the 2012-2013 school year, children of King Kaumuali'i Elementary School on Kauai were treated to a special presentation of Japan in a Suitcase (JIAS). JASH staff members along with a volunteer spent the day on Kauai presenting to grades K, 1, and 2. Principal Karen Liu gave the presenters a warm welcome. It was obvious to the presenters that the school thrives because of the involvement of the Principal and Vice Principal who were busy running around coordinating the days' activities.



*First graders enjoyed learning animal sounds and the Japanese version of "Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star."*

The students were excited to see the various school items and learn new Japanese words. Many students were buzzing with curiosity as they asked questions such as, 'why do some Japanese coins have a hole in the middle?' Students were encouraged to spot differences in the way the Japanese children do things and were reminded that different does not equal wrong. Not many children were of Japanese descent, and overall they were not exposed to Japan much. Some children took a martial art so they knew

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## Japan-America Society of Hawaii Holds Spring 2013 McInerny Foundation’s Japan Day



(L-R Clockwise): Students are deep in concentration during a soroban (Japanese abacus) calculation; Dancing with fans is a unique bon dance experience for the students; Students learn how to put on their own yukata; Students proudly show their calligraphy masterpieces.

April 3<sup>rd</sup> proved to be a very eventful day for 105 students representing Aiea High School, Farrington High School, Lahainaluna High School (Maui), and McKinley High School. These students participated in the Japan-America Society of Hawaii’s (JASH) Spring 2013 Japan Day, sponsored by the McInerny Foundation and held at Hawaii Tokai International College. Over 40 volunteer experts presented cultural classes on bon dance, calligraphy, traditional crafts, *ikebana* (flower arranging), kimono/*yukata* wear, *soroban* (Japanese abacus), and tea ceremony. Master drummer Kenny Endo and four members of the Kenny Endo Taiko Ensemble livened up the Welcome Ceremony with a flawless *taiko* performance and demonstration. Inspired and energized, the students proceeded to their cultural classes. Throughout the hallways and in the classrooms, students ex-

citedly compared their cultural creations and class anecdotes, wishing the day would not end!

Now in its 20<sup>th</sup> year, over 5,200 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 and respecting different cultures and customs, we continue to bridge the gap

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## Japan Day...

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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; 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. Hide-

aki 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. 

## How the APCC Has Influenced Me

*In honor of the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Asian-Pacific Children's Convention (APCC) in Fukuoka, Japan, the Japan-America Society of Hawaii (JASH) held an essay contest asking former Junior Ambassadors to write, in 500 words or less, how the APCC and/or JASH has affected their life. Four winning essays were selected, which will be printed in Japan-America Journals in 2013. Justin Ho, a Junior Ambassador in 2010, is currently attending Punahou School and will be starting the 9<sup>th</sup> grade this fall. Read his winning essay below. JASH is proud to have served as the Liaison Office representing Hawaii in selecting and training our delegation to prepare them for their Fukuoka trip since 2003.*

**T**he Asian-Pacific Children's Convention (APCC) and Mission Project are programs sponsored by the Japan-America Society of Hawaii (JASH). These programs allow the opportunity to be or to host a homestay student. For me, I did both.

Having a homestay student through the Mission Project taught me how to speak some Japanese. It also taught me to take care of someone for an extended period of time. Hosting someone from a different country taught me responsibility and hard work. It taught me



*Justin helping with the Beach Cleanup as a Junior Ambassador.*

responsibility because I had to be responsible for the homestay student and always make sure that the student felt comfortable and the student was safe. It taught me hard work because it took hard work to set a good example so that he would have a good time and would have positive things to say about Hawaii and its people. The homestay students were always fun to hang around with and they were very kind. It was very sad to see them


leave but they always kept a smile on their faces which made me feel a lot better. Being a homestay student in Japan through APCC was

a different experience for me and it was very fun. The thing that I made sure to do was to behave myself. I wanted to do this because I knew from experience how it was to take care of a homestay student. Being a homestay student taught me to see how things are in other people's shoes and experience another culture. When I was in Japan, I had a lot of fun and the host family was really nice to me.



*Justin in 2013.*

Their kids were fun to play with as well. I had a lot of fun meeting their family and their neighbors. The people in Japan are very polite but they have a lot of house rules. While at the school the host family's son attends, I learned that the teachers and some of the students spoke English well. I also learned that my host brothers had to walk to school and it wasn't a very short walk either. Some things that were hard to put up with in Japan were the insects that were really loud and kept me up at night, and the time difference. The food was very good but not much different for me because I eat a lot of Japanese food in Hawaii.

In conclusion, I can say that the APCC and Mission Project programs have been two of the greatest things I have ever participated in. These programs through JASH treated me like I was a part of a great big family. These programs helped me realize that great opportunities don't come easily. The APCC program is a once a lifetime opportunity. It took a lot of my free time and a lot of hard work to do the homework to prepare for the trip but it was worth it. This is something that I would want to relive. I enjoy sharing my experience with other people because it makes me think back and relive the time I went to Japan and also when I hosted homestay students. 

## Junior Ambassadors bond at Camp Erdman

**D**uring the weekend of May 4 – 5, the 2013 Asian-Pacific Children’s Convention (APCC) Junior Ambassadors (JAs) along with Peace Ambassador David Nakanishi learned about team building at Camp Erdman in Waialua. The APCC delegates were accompanied by 2013 chaperone Daniel Hwang and 2014 chaperone Dori Kim, along with JASH staff Marsha Yokomichi, Liz Stanton-Barrera and Tomoko Hamamatsu.

This annual outing helps the APCC 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, learned about Boys’ Day and made samurai hats, shot archery, 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 bond together in preparation for their trip to the APCC in Fukuoka, Japan from July 12 through July 22. 山口県



APCC delegates participate in a team building exercise while at Camp Erdman.

## King Kaumuali‘i...

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First graders spot the differences between driving in the U.S. and Japan.

the word ‘sensei,’ which quickly became the popular word of the day. Students in the lower grades loved the Japanese version of “Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star” and wanted to sing it throughout the day. Teachers were surprised to learn that in Japan the students and teachers eat together in the classroom. They were also surprised that a *randoseru* (Japanese school backpack) can cost upwards of \$300.

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 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 relationships with Japan. Children of King Kaumuali‘i Elementary now understand this rich cultural relationship first hand. Thanks to grants from donors such as the Atsuhiko and Ina



Second graders model a Japanese yukata (cotton kimono) for their classmates.

Goodwin Tateuchi Foundation, Friends of Hawaii Charities, and individual donors that made this excursion possible. Also a special thanks to Principal Karen Liu who helped us to arrange this visit. 山口県




## New Corporate Member

### *Asia Pacific Exchange and Development*

Asia Pacific Exchange and Development (APED) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit that promotes mutual understanding with diverse cultures and encourages cooperative activity so as to ultimately achieve global harmony and welfare.

APED will host a youth baseball exchange with Ehime Prefecture, Japan, in 2013 and 2014. The goal of this exchange is to promote international friendship and cultural exchange in furtherance of the Sister-State relationship between Ehime Prefecture and the State of Hawaii.

On the 9th of February 2001, the USS *Greenville* and the Japanese fishing training vessel *Ehime Maru* collided off the south coast of Oahu. This incident strained the relationship between the United States and Japan. In 2002, a youth baseball and cultural exchange was established between Hawaii and Ehime Prefecture. The exchange occurs in Ehime and Hawaii in alternative years. This year, Ehime families and government officials will travel to Hawaii to participate in the tournament. 

## New Corporate Member

### *The Modern Honolulu*

Located at the gateway to Waikiki, The Modern Honolulu sets a new standard for lifestyle hotels with an innovative urban resort design that reflects sophistication and style. As one of Honolulu’s newest Waikiki resorts, The Modern caters to everyone from modern-day business travelers to savvy jetsetters from all over the world. Offering personal, friendly service and incomparable food, beverage and entertainment options in one of the destination’s most stylish atmospheres, the hotel features eye-catching, notable artwork and attracts an eclectic mix of in-the-know locals and chic guests. The Modern Honolulu’s marina-front setting on the threshold of Waikiki is slightly removed, providing a feeling of refuge for guests from Waikiki’s bustling main drag. It is centrally located and within walking distances to popular Waikiki beaches, Hawaii’s largest open-air shopping center, Ala Moana, and near a selection of luxury boutiques and retail stores that line Kalakaua Avenue.

Sweeping vistas of the Pacific Ocean and city skyline surround the hotel’s 353 guest rooms and suites. The Spa’s exhilarating treatments are developed around the purest and most exclusive products in the world -- natural, organic, hand-crafted and sustainable. Iron Chef Masaharu Morimoto plates international fare at Morimoto Waikiki and Executive Chef Scott Toner delivers organic, local and house-made culinary pleasures for poolside and in-room dining. Two stylish pools overlook the Pacific for daytime fun while a vibrant scene at ADDICTION nightclub and The Study lobby bar offer

## Membership Updates

*April - June 2013*

### New Corporate Member

Asia Pacific Exchange and Development Entrepreneur  
The Modern Honolulu Donor

### Corporate Member Upgrade

Honolulu Star-Advertiser Patron

### New General Members

Mrs. Keiko Akamine K-12 Educator  
Mr. & Mrs. David Arakawa Family  
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Ms. Kate Helbush Student  
Mr. Cole Ichikawa Student  
Ms. Kiana Kawahara Student  
Ms. Mieko Nakajima Individual  
Mr. David Nakanishi Student  
Ms. Megan Oshiro Student  
Mr. Arthur Taniguchi Individual  
Mr. & Mrs. Dean Ueda Family  
Mr. Wesley Yamada Student


### General Member Upgrades

Mrs. Crystal Haney Family



evening rendezvous.

The hotel also offers studio conference rooms, an expansive hospitality suite, one of the largest ballrooms in Oahu, onsite business center, custom catering services and several additional premier amenities. An array of sophisticated and stylish venues for weddings, bridal luncheons and other special events are also available.

For more information and reservations call 888-970-4161 or visit [www.TheModernHonolulu.com](http://www.TheModernHonolulu.com) online. 

## Calendar of Events

### JULY

- 11 Tomodachi- Bellinger Tea House Tour
- 11-17 Bridge Club Hawaii kids visit Sendai, Japan
- 12-24 Asian-Pacific Children's Convention, Fukuoka, Japan
- 29-8/6 Rainbow For Japan Kids visit Hawaii

### AUGUST

- 8 Tomodachi- Let's Talk Luncheon: Machiya with Ms. Pauline Chakmakjian
- 21 Abe's Agenda for Japan with Dr. Sheila A. Smith

### SEPTEMBER

- 1-30 Foodland's Give Aloha Annual Community Matching Gifts Program
- 25 Japan Day, Hawaii Tokai International College

### OCTOBER

- 10 Annual General Membership Meeting & Annual Dinner, Hilton Hawaii Village Coral Ballroom

### DECEMBER

- 4 Holiday Gala, The Modern Honolulu

## JASH Donor Recognition

April - June 2013

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The JASH staff volunteered once again as Course Marshalls for the 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Visitor Industry Charity Walk held on Saturday, May 18, 2013. The Charity Walk raised \$452,000 on Oahu alone and \$1,671,436 statewide. Local non-profit charities, including JASH, benefit from the funds raised. On Oahu, 6,800 walkers participated. Statewide there were 14,736 walkers. The 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Visitor Industry Charity Walk is scheduled for Saturday, May 17, 2014.



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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