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Rainbow for Japan Kids—To Dream Again



Smiling faces on the Kualoa Ranch bus tour.

n August 4th, the first group of 20 Japanese junior high school students who visited Hawaii under the Rainbow for Japan Kids program departed Honolulu for their return to Japan. The students spent ten days on Oahu and the Big Island enjoying the natural beauty of Hawaii, visiting schools and meeting other students, and staying in camps and engaging in group activities. The program's purpose is to bring children who have been through traumatic experiences such as losing relatives and friends or have been otherwise affected by the tragic earthquake and tsunami to Hawaii for physical and psychological relief and recovery and to form lasting friendships with children here. Group activities on Oahu and the Big Island, to include a stay at YMCA's Camp Erdman on the North Shore with Bridge Club Hawaii members of former JASH-sponsored Asian-Pacific Children's Convention, daytime and nighttime activities at Hawaii's Kilauea Military Camp, and visits to Rainbow Gakuen and Hawaii Academy of Arts and Science charter school were meant to meet these goals.

The students are now back at home. Home...it will mean different things for each of them. When they left, they looked like normal kids enjoying their stay in Hawaii, but we knew they would still face great anxiety and uncertainty when they return home. Most are still evacuees who lost everything they had, yet these kids showed courage and a strong will to move on. At the farewell party, Saki, a 12-year-old female participant, proudly told us that she and the other kids would do their best to revive their home town, until the ocean of Tohoku becomes as beautiful as that of Hawaii. This is the inspiration we sought from this program...this is the result we wished for

We want to share with you a message we received:



Showing ti-leaf bracelets they made at Keauhou Beach Hawaiian culture tour.

Subject: Letter to the Supporters of Rainbow for Japan Kids Project

Dear members of the group who supported this project:

I am the mother of one of the participants.

As soon as my daughter returned home, she immediately began talking about her trip to Hawaii. Going through each of the 300 plus photographs, she recounted all her experiences one by one.

My daughter always brightens our household. From the day we moved to our evacuation shelter, she voluntarily cleaned restrooms and took care of the small children. As proof of her strong will, while I myself could not face the tragic scene, she accompanied her father to rescue some of our personal items from our destroyed home.

Since childhood, my daughter has been a strong, compassionate, and cheerful girl, never complaining. She showed no tears even after experiencing the devastation. My sincere hope when she was selected to go to Hawaii was that she would be able to release some of the tension of her new daily life and discover and express her true feelings.

The trip to Hawaii accomplished exactly what I wished for. The daughter that returned home to me was transformed into a more mature, relaxed, and confident young lady, ready to face the world with greater assertiveness.

Ever since elementary school, my daughter's dream

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was to become a nursery school teacher. Now she wants to explore the world as well and see how she can help others. This is the answer to her life she found in Hawaii, and I'm certain that it was due to the many friendly people she met and all the activities she engaged in.

I am overjoyed when thinking of my daughter's future. The tragic events did not break my daughter's will; she now faces a brighter future renewed with self-confidence. I want to thank all who had a role in providing such a valuable experience to my daughter by givingher the precious time needed to overcome the tragedy, reflect on her situation, and discover her true self.



Students at Camp Erdman.



could not have accomplished this and achieved the above results without your support. Mahalo, Doumo arigatou.

The members of the

Rainbow for Japan Kids

committee will carry on this project, inviting more kids

from the devastated areas,

with the support from not

only Bikki Organization of

Miyagi, but the support of

the scores of volunteers and

here in Hawaii that make

organizations

This was

volunteer

this possible.



Hawaii Volcanoes National Park ranger explaining volcanic rocks.



Students with Jake Shimabukuro and Bridge Club Hawaii Members.

Rainbow for Japan Kids Donors and Partners

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Yutaka Ito

Japanese Red Cross Society (JRCS) Activities for Japan Disaster Relief

n the previous JASH Newsletter, we stated that future Newsletters will update the status of local fundraising as well as activities of the JRCS in relation to Japan Disaster Relief. These updates are available online at www.jashawaii.org under Japan Disaster Relief. The JRCS has released its six month report following the disaster with the following statistics:

The Japanese Red Cross Society (JRCS) has been the major recipient of funds raised from the public in Japan, with more than JPY 284 billion (USD 3.7 billion) received. Supported by the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC), JRCS has also received or been hard pledged JPY 50.5 billion (USD 657 million) from 73 sister National Societies all over the world who have raised money from the public, corporations and Governments in their countries. As per the 6 months financial report for this operation, the JRCS has disbursed JPY 253.4 billion (USD

3.3 billion) from the funds donated in Japan for distribution as cash grants to the most affected and vulnerable victims of the disaster, and as of 31 July had spent and committed JPY 15.9 billion (USD 207 million) from the funds from sister National Societies towards emergency response, medium and long term recovery programs.

To remind our donors, donations from the people of Hawaii, through JASH, are included in the "National Societies" total through an agreement between JASH and the JRCS. As a result, your donations are being used directly to assist victims in the form of emergency relief materials, equipping of emergency shelters, provision of fresh water systems, and direct medical support to include psychological counseling. Through September 2011, JASH has collected \$3.9 million in donations, with \$3.1 million distributed so far to the JRCS.

2011 Japan Wizards Japan Trip Winners Explore Japan

une proved to be a very eventful month for two winning teams from Aiea High School and Baldwin High School (Maui) as they explored Japan as reward for placing in the Japan Wizards Statewide Academic Team Competition (JWC) held in February. Part of the Japan trip prize included an all-day educational experience arranged by the Japan-America Society of Hawaii (JASH). On June 9, student team members Kelly Hamamura, Samantha Kinoshita, Christina Wine, and advisor Rory Sato from Baldwin High School (Level B 3rd place winners) were graciously hosted by the Kitakyushu Japan-America Society (Kitakyushu JAS) and



Baldwin High School team with TOTO Factory staff and Ms. Miho Harada from Kitakyushu JAS.

the Japan-America Society of Fukuoka (JAS Fukuoka). This is the first time for any JWC team to be hosted in Fukuoka prefecture on the island of Kyushu, thanks to Kitakyushu JAS and JAS Fukuoka! Besides riding the new Kyushu *shinkansen* (bullet train) and eating the authentic *umegaemochi* in Dazaifu, the highlight of the educational experience was visiting the TOTO Factory in Kokura city. Kelly Hamamura wrote in her trip essay, "We were able to learn about a part of Japan that not many foreigners take the time to notice and that is integrated into every part of Japan. The TOTO Factory was historically very informative, and learning about how toilets evolved over the years was very interesting."

On June 20, student team members Tiffany Lo, Carly Namihira, Ellen Wauters, and advisor Christine Uchida from Aiea High School (Level A 2nd place winners) were treated to an amazing educational program in Ehime prefecture, on the island of Shikoku. Ms. Noriko Omori from the Ehime Prefectural International Center (EPIC) kindly arranged a visit to a local high school, a courtesy visit with the Governor of Ehime, Mr. Tokihiro Nakamura, and sightseeing in Matsuyama city. Interestingly, one of the team members Ellen Wauters was an exchange student from Belgium for the academic year 2010-2011 and decided to participate in the competition just for the experience! Ellen remarked, "We

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Ehime Hosts UH Students

or six years, the Ehime Prefectural International Center (EPIC) has hosted two University of Hawaii students for a three month summer internship at



(L-R) Ehime-Hawaii Association President Mr. Hiroshi Suto, UH Intern Mercedes (Sadie) Bazzone, JASH President Ed Hawkins, and UH Intern Adam Schuetzler at a cultural tour of Ehime's picturesque Shimanami region in the Seto Naikai inland sea.

its center in Matsuyama, the capital of Ehime Prefecture. The program resulted in a collaborative arrangement between EPIC, JASH and UH Center for Japanese Studies following the tragic *Ehime Maru* incident. This program, along with several other educational and exchange programs, was instituted to promote goodwill between the people of Hawaii and the people of Ehime.

EPIC provides all funds associated with the internship, to include airfare, room and board, and a stipend. The interns, in turn, teach Hawaiian history and culture to the people of Ehime, to include children in schools. They also teach English at a summer English camp in Ehime near Matsuyama. The interns also participate in Ehime Hawaii Day which occurs on the first Sunday in August. JASH hopes this program will continue for years to come, providing a unique opportunity for the UH students to live in Japan, share their educational and cultural experiences, and promote friendly relations between Hawaii and Ehime.

For more information on the Ehime summer internship, please visit the UH Center for Japanese Studies website at http://www.hawaii.edu/cjs.

Governor Abercrombie meets 2011 Junior Ambassadors

overnor Neil Abercrombie opened his Executive Chambers on the afternoon of Tuesday, July 12 to welcome the six Hawaii Junior Ambassadors (JAs)—Kailoa Akaka, Jocelyn Bonilla, Kevan Elias, Shyen Hirabayashi, Ian Shigezawa and Betsy Wo; Bridge Club Hawaii founder Colby Takeda and APCC chaperone Daniel Hwang. Parents and other family members were also present as the Governor offered friendly advice to the JAs on what it means to be an ambassador. He shared that his first trip overseas as a politician was to the city of Fukuoka, and he remembers the city fondly. He also emphasized to everyone in attendance the unique perspective of Hawaii where "diversity defines, not divides."

For many of the JAs and their families this was the first time to meet the new governor, and JASH is very appreciative that the Governor spent part of his afternoon sharing his time and advice with the delegates.



The APCC delegates meet with Governor Abercrombie before their departure.

Hawaii delegates take part in the Asian-Pacific Children's Convention in Fukuoka

fter six months of JASH workshops preparing for the 23rd Asian-Pacific Children's Convention (APCC), Hawaii's six Junior Ambassadors (Kailoa Akaka, Jocelyn Bonilla, Kevan Elias, Shyen Hirabayashi, Ian Shigezawa and Betsy Wo), Peace Ambassadors Jacob Saiki and Kara Tsuzaki, Bridge Club Hawaii founder Colby Takeda and chaperone Daniel Hwang departed on Thursday, July 14 for Fukuoka, Japan. They spent a total of ten days in Fukuoka.



The Hawaii delegates at the Marine House Camp.

Eight of those days were spent with a Japanese host family in the city of Minami-ku and two days were spent with children from 42 countries/cities throughout the Asia-Pacific region. They returned to Honolulu on July 25 with many exciting stories to share about their trip.

The delegates were warmly received in Minami-ku, Fukuoka at a welcome party arranged by the host families. In appreciation of the host families, the Hawaii delegates shared their Aloha spirit by performing their hula, *Ka Uluwehi O Ke Kai*. During the week with their host families, the children had the opportunity to attend school with their Japanese host siblings and participated in many of their sibling's extracurricular activities while visiting different sites around Fukuoka.

On July 18, the host families took the delegates to Fukuoka City Hall where they participated in the first ever APCC "Public Relations Event." All of the participating delegations set up cultural booths throughout the area known as Tenjin in Fukuoka. There were over 1,000 people who visited the different country booths and the Hawaii booth was one of the most popular. During the event, the Hawaii delegation also shared their hula, *Ka Uluwehi O Ke Kai*, with the people of Fukuoka.

On Friday, July 22, all of the Junior Ambassadors, Peace Ambassadors and chaperones taking part in the APCC gathered at Global Arena in Munakata city, a large conference facility, where they spent two days participating in cultural activities while getting to know one another. That evening, the Peace Ambassadors were fortunate to hear a lecture by Dr.

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Muhammad Yunus, a Bangladeshi economist who founded the Grameen Bank and won the Nobel Peace Prize in 2006. He provided a very interesting lecture to the Peace Ambassadors about the importance of Social Business.

The following day, the delegates participated in a Sports Festival in the morning and in the afternoon participated in the 23rd Annual "We Are the Bridge" Cultural Exchange activity. The Hawaii delegation performed their hula once again for the large audience.

For the first time, JASH APCC Program Director, Elizabeth Stanton-Barrera was invited to attend a portion of the APCC as one of five liaison officers. Liasion officers from



Singing at Global Arena.

Pakistan, Indonesia, Bangladesh and Fiji were also invited. She attended the camp at Global Arena on July 22 and 23 and gave a presentation to the chaperones and Peace Ambas-

sadors about how Hawaii selects and trains its Junior Ambassadors each year. The APCC Chairman Yutaka Aso invited Elizabeth and the other liaison officers to a luncheon with the staff of the APCC. Also in attendance at the luncheon were the Governor of Fukuoka, Mayor of Fukuoka City, Ambassadors of Fiji, Bangladesh and Pakistan and Ministry Officials

from the Consulates of the United States and Indonesia.

For all of the Junior Ambassadors, this trip was the first time to be away from their parents for an extended period of time, and we can truly say that it was a life changing opportunity for all of them. JASH would like to thank all of the families and friends who helped to prepare the delegation for their trip, especially Michelle Shigezawa, who sewed the Aloha outfits and accessories for the delegates this year.

Applications for Junior Ambassadors to participate in APCC 2012 will be available on the JASH website (www. jashawaii.org) in late November. If you know of a child who was born between September 1, 2000 and August 31, 2001, please encourage them to apply.



Performing their chant, Oli Mahalo.



CPASF Scholar Brings Cheer to Japan Disaster Evacuees

amela Mitchell, a PhD candidate conducting research in Nagano, Japan and a former Crown Prince Akihito Scholar, was in Tokyo when the great earthquake and tsunami struck northeast Japan on March 11, 2011. Pamela rushed home to the U.S. to assure her family and friends she was safe, but set her sights on returning quickly to Nagano not just to continue her research but to do something to assist the victims of the great tragedy. When Pamela returned to Nagano, she learned that the prefecture and city had offered refuge to families from the disaster areas. Pamela wanted desperately to do something to help these refugees, especially the children, and hit upon the idea of making and presenting mini-quilts as signs of beauty and comfort. Pamela began this project with her Japanese scholar friend Nao Nomura whom she met during her studies at the University of Tokyo. They obtained the support of quilting guilds in both the mainland and in Hawaii. So



Pamela with two refugee children, one holding a quilt and the other a drawing.

far, quilting guilds in South Dakota, Nebraska, and Hawaii have sent boxes of quilts, 49 quilts from Hawaii alone (former Akihito Scholar and UH Center for Japanese Studies' Dr. Gay Satsuma is a contributor). Pamela's goal is to

provide quilts to all the 400 displaced families living in Nagano Prefecture. If you or your quilt group would like to participate, please contact Pamela via e-mail: plr-mitchell@hotmail.com for more information.

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Aiea High School team with Ehime Governor Tokihiro Nakamura and University of Hawaii interns from EPIC, Mercedes (Sadie) Bazzone and Adam Schuetzler.

got to see so many things and do so much! I brought back precious memories with me to Belgium and I will definitely go back to Japan someday. I could write about my experience in Japan [in] pages and pages of anecdotes."

JASH would like to send a big Arigatougozaimashita to Mr. Motoyuki Murahashi and supporters from JAS Fukuoka, Ms. Miho Harada and supporters from Kitakyushu JAS, Ms. Omori and supporters from EPIC, Governor Nakamura, and the TOTO Factory for welcoming our JWC teams to Japan and allowing them to discover its beauty. Christina Wine from Baldwin High School said it perfectly: "To find that there are Japanese people with as high a regard for Hawaii as ours for Japan was to find a little beauty in humanity; all its curiosity and warmth...The 'everyday' Japan that lives under the tourist radar was dazzling...I am certain that everyone on our team left changed in various ways, but we all had the same desire ringing in our heads – return to Japan!"

JASH Visits Aircraft Carrier USS Ronald Reagan

n September 1st, members of the Japan-America Society of Hawaii (JASH) and guests visited aircraft carrier USS Ronald Reagan, while it was in Pearl Harbor. Thirty JASH members and their guests were given this rare opportunity to visit the most modern aircraft carrier in the U.S. Navy. The visit to the USS Ronald Reagan was

also significant in that the aircraft carrier supported Japan Disaster Relief efforts immediately following the tragic earthquake and tsunami, as a major participant in the U.S. Military's *Operation Tomodachi*.

The Captain greeted the JASH visitors and provided a military briefing in the operations center on the aircraft carrier's capabilities and its role in *Operation Tomodachi*. Following the briefing,

the guests were shown around the ship, to include the aircraft-laden main flight deck. The U.S. Navy allowed all the guests to take as many photos as desired, and each visitor was able to create an unforgettable record of the visit.

JASH would like to thank the U.S. Navy and the U.S. Pacific Fleet for arranging this unique visit. We also pass

our special thanks to the many sailors who accommodated our visit. The visit to the USS Ronald Reagan is an example of how JASH promotes the important relationship with the local U.S. military community, as well as providing community leaders with the opportunity to learn about the U.S. military role in maintaining regional security and disaster relief and assistance.



JASH members and guests aboard USS Ronald Reagan.

JASH sponsors luncheon with Deputy Chief of Mission James P. Zumwalt

n July 14, JASH sponsored a luncheon with visiting U.S. Embassy Deputy Chief of Mission James P. Zumwalt. Mr. Zumwalt was in Honolulu on a private visit and agreed to speak with members of JASH and the community about the U.S. government response to the March 11 earthquake in Japan. The event was co-sponsored with the East-West Center, Pacific and Asian Affairs Council, and Honolulu Japanese Chamber of Commerce. About 80



DCM James Zumwalt with wife Ann Kambara and JASH President Ed Hawkins.

attendees listened to Mr. Zumwalt describe the U.S. response to the tragic March 11 earthquake, tsunami, and the consequences of damage to the Fukushima Nuclear Plant.

Mr. Zumwalt described the immediate actions taken by the U.S. Ambassador John Roos and staff at the U.S. Embassy, to include setting up a crisis response center for contacting and locating Americans in the affected region as well as responding to requests for information. Mr. Zumwalt's wife, Ann Kambara, accompanied Mr. Zumwalt and discussed her volunteer efforts at the U.S. Embassy's crisis response center as well as visits to the affected region.

Following his detailed presentation, Mr. Zumwalt fielded questions from the audience. Japan National Defense Academy's Colonel Yoshitomi Nozomu, who was in Hawaii to conduct research on the U.S. government response, asked how the U.S. response had been and whether it was difficult coordinating the response with the Japanese government. Mr. Zumwalt replied that the U.S. was in a supporting role and that the Japanese government, to include its defense forces, was leading the response effort. Mr. Zumwalt compared the overall response to the U.S. response and confusion following the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina and cautioned those who might be tempted to judge the Japanese crisis in isolation.

Japanese Economy after the Great Earthquake

n August 29, JASH, along with East-West Center and Pacific and Asian Affairs Council, cosponsored a luncheon presentation at the Pacific Club by Professor Motoshige Itoh. Professor Itoh is the current President of the National Institute of Research Advancement, a Tokyo based Japanese think tank for economic research and policy recommendation; and former Dean of the Graduate School of Economics and Faculty of Economics at the University of Tokyo. He is also a well-known commentator for Japanese TV news and newspapers.

Professor Itoh spoke on the topic of "Japanese Economy after the Great Earthquake," making the following points: Post-earthquake, there was a great demand for reconstruction. The recovery speed of production facilities was quicker than expected, as if people were working 24 hours a day. Due to the high yen rate, Japanese goods become more expensive and Japan loses some of its exporting power. To compensate this, Japan is starting to find new markets for certain goods that were previously not traded. Electric shortages show a need for reform in the supply system. Professor Itoh responded to a question about decentralizing the control of electricity

away from Tokyo, stating that he is not entirely optimistic about this trend since the past 50 years has shown success in centralization.

Professor Itoh proposed that reforms are needed for



Professor Motoshige Itoh

Japan's future success such as increasing tax rates as Japan's tax burdens are considerably less than that of Europe. He added that Japan's social security and pension system will also need to be reformed, especially because Japan is an aging society with a lack of young workers. Japan also has very low medical expenses over the Gross Domestic Product (GDP)—at 8% it is

nearly half of the United States. Professor Itoh summed up his presentation by declaring that the resilience and strength of Japan will persevere.

JASH would like to thank Professor Itoh for his presentation. We would also like to thank East-West Center for arranging this luncheon with Professor Itoh.

East Meets West—Let's Talk Luncheon

apan has long had a fascination with French things and France has also had its interest in Japan. East and West came together as JASH members and guests enjoyed the sixth annual Tomodachi "Let's Talk" Luncheon at Le Guignol French Restaurant on August 30, 2011. This year's special guest was long time JASH member Lillian Yajima who led a hands-on origami session after lunch.

Tomodachi Co-chair Kazuko Love opened the session by showing off Japan's fascination with French things—French sayings on clothing, French sweets, and even the popular children's book characters Gaspard and Lisa. Siegfried Ramler demonstrated the proper pronunciation to the French

sayings and explained their meaning, much to everyone's delight. Attendees enjoyed an exquisite French menu prepared exclusively for us by Chef Ala of Le Guignol. The French influence inspired



Tracey Saiki with Ms. Lillian Yajima shows off her completed eight-sided origami box.

lively conversation regarding the two cultures.

Following lunch, "Lillian-sensei" demonstrated how to make an eight-sided origami box. She also showcased her book *Kokoro* and spoke of various ways she tries to spread and preserve Japanese culture. She recounted how during

the WWII era the Japanese people had to burn their kimono and obi so many of them don't have it now. When she went to publish her book *Kokoro*, she ended up featuring the obi owned and folded by Sarah Fargo. Recycling was also a focus of her talk, as she demonstrated how to turn old calendars and cards into reusable boxes. She noted that even cake box tops and old magazines can be refolded and repurposed into something new.



Lillian-sensei instructs Tomodachi Co-chair Hiroko Dewitz and her daughter Mika how to fold the pieces for the origami box.

JASH would like to thank Lillian Yajima for her candid stories about preserving Japanese culture and for teaching how to make an origami box. Thank you to Tomodachi Co-chair Kazuko Love for arranging the lunch at Le Guignol. Also, a very special *merci* to Chef Ala of Le Guignol for preparing our delicious French meal.



Crown Prince Akihito Scholarship Foundation Trustee Judge Katsugo Miho passes away

ongtime Crown Prince Akihito Scholarship Foundation (CPASF) Trustee Judge Katsugo Miho passed away on Sunday, September 11, 2011. Judge Miho was a member of the illustrious and decorated 442nd Regimental Combat Team, a U.S. Army fighting unit composed of Japanese-Americans from Hawaii and the mainland. A true American hero, Judge Miho served with distinction in Europe, fighting in Italy, France, and Germany. He was a participant in the famous battle to liberate the towns of Bruyeres and Biffontaine in France from German occupation and took part in the rescue of the "Lost Battalion."

A former state legislator and retired judge, Judge Miho was an active Trustee of the CPASF until recently, and worked very hard to select the most deserving and best candidates for



Judge Katsugo Miho.

this prestigious scholarship that promotes U.S.-Japan relations. Judge Miho was also a strong supporter of JASH programs.

The entire JASH membership extends its condolences to Mrs. Laura Miho and all the members of the family. We will miss him greatly. We were honored to have Judge Miho as Trustee of the CPASF.

Aloha for Japan and Rainbow for Japan Kids Donation Photos



JASH President Ed Hawkins receives a donation check from American Savings Bank President and CEO Richard Wacker. American Savings Bank contributed over \$273,000 to the Aloha for Japan effort to aid the victims of the March 11, 2011 Japan earthquake and tsunami. This includes a corporate contribution as well as personal donations from employees and customers.



Melody Avis donates \$1,000 to Rainbow for Japan Kids project. Melody raised these funds through a donation booth she set up during the Punahou Carnival.



Seven-year-old Kacie Frith asked for donations to Rainbow for Japan Kids in lieu of birthday presents this year. The donations totaled \$450 which she delivered to JASH. Kacie also teamed with her sister to make greeting cards for the Rainbow for Japan Kids participants.



Sandi Minamishin (L) and Jasmine Tanioka-Lum (R) of Tanioka's Seafoods and Catering present a donation check to JASH President Ed Hawkins.

Tanioka's collected donations over several months and made donations to JASH, to be provided to the Japanese Red Cross Society for assisting earthquake and tsunami victims.

Mahalo for your support!

Calendar of Events

OCTOBER

- 20 Annual General Membership Meeting & Annual Dinner, Hilton Hawaiian Village Coral Ballroom
- 22 Go For Da Record!, Waikiki Shell
- 26 Fall Japan Day, Hawaii Tokai International College

NOVEMBER

- 3 Japan in a Suitcase, Lanai Elementary
- 4 Professor Fumiaki Kubo Luncheon, Pacific Club
- 29 Tomodachi: Remembering Pearl Harbor, Natsunoya Tea House

DECEMBER

- 8 Christmas 5:01 & Silent Auction, Halekulani
- 15 Tomodachi Christmas Tea, Waioli Tea Room
- 21-29 Rainbow for Japan Kids Project

Membership Updates

July- September 2011

New Corporate Member

Nagaoka International Exchange Association

Regular

New General Members

Mr. Michael Formby	Sustaining
Mr. Keii Fukunaga	Student
Dr. Kazuko Kameda-Madar	Individual
Ms. Yukie Lloyd	Student
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General Member Upgrade

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