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## President's Letter

Aloha,

As my year as President of the Honolulu Japanese Junior Chamber of Commerce comes to a close, I want to express my sincere appreciation to everyone who came out to support the Chamber and the Cherry Blossom Festival and for your kindness and generosity.

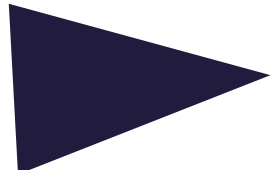
The chamber sponsored many different events and gave back to the community through various community drives, invited young professionals to share their stories with the members, held fundraisers, and sponsored CBF Festival Ball at Hawaii Theater. The positive response received from the events demonstrated the fulfillment of the values of the HJJCC: its leadership development, sharing of Japanese culture and traditions and volunteering in the community.

I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to each of my fellow board members for their dedication and hard work. We have been through many challenging times, but preserved and accomplished a lot as a board. Thank you for your patience and bearing with me through my "organized mess". I could not have done my job without you.

I am grateful to all of you and will remember my year as the President of the HJJCC for many years to come.

Very Truly Yours,

Kris Miyamoto



# 58<sup>th</sup> Cherry Blossom Festival Ball



On Saturday March 27, 2010 our annual Cherry Blossom Festival Ball was held at the historic Hawaii Theatre in downtown Honolulu. Over 1,000 guests were present to see our new 58<sup>th</sup> Cherry Blossom Festival Queen & her Court crowned. Our Judges crowned Marissa Nicole Machida as our 58<sup>th</sup> Cherry Blossom Festival Queen, she was also given the title of Miss Popularity. Allison - Jae Mikiala Hyun was crowned 1<sup>st</sup> Princess; Kimberly Chie Fujinaka, Cori Kiyoko Hanagami & Kimberlee Marika Young were named Princesses; and Andrea Mie Hiura was named Miss Congeniality.



The Honolulu Japanese Junior Chamber of Commerce would like to say "CONGRATULATIONS" to our 58<sup>th</sup> Cherry Blossom Festival Court. We know that they will represent us well.



We would also like to thank all of our Cherry Blossom Festival Steering Committee Members and Volunteers for pulling off a great show. Without them all of this would not have been possible.



# 58<sup>th</sup> Cherry Blossom Festival Court Update Spring 2010

Wow! What a whirlwind it has been since we were crowned the 58<sup>th</sup> Cherry Blossom Festival Court. This year's Festival Ball was held in the Hawaii Theatre on March 27, 2010. The theater was filled with love and support for the contestants and their families and we could not be more grateful.

Our first activity as court was the Aloha Party at Willows on March 30<sup>th</sup>. It was wonderful to get to meet our sister city Courts and volunteers from San Francisco, Seattle and Los Angeles. Their warmth and excitement for being in Hawaii made us look forward to visiting and getting to know them better in their home towns.

On April 8<sup>th</sup>, the court participated in the Taste of Marukai. This was truly a treat as we were able to meet new faces and sample the oishii dishes prepared for this event.

In April, Northern California celebrated their Cherry Blossom Festival, with the crowning of their new court and a week of festivities and activities honoring the Japanese culture. We were fortunate to visit the Consul General's home and represent our State in their Festival Parade on a float sponsored by Kikkoman.

On April 22<sup>nd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>, we were able to meet and get to know the San Jaycee Chapters at the Welcome & Aloha Parties. We played games, laughed and ate a lot together. They were so much fun and we look forward to visiting them on our Goodwill Tour in October.

Our generous sponsor, The Wedding Café, launched their new boutique called *Eden In Love*, on April 25<sup>th</sup>. We modeled new fashions and looks for spring and had a great time!

Cop-On-Top, a fundraiser for the Special Olympics asked us to help with their cause on April 30<sup>th</sup> at Safeway Beretania. We had a blast raising funds and awareness for such a worthy cause.

Each Year, the court participates in the Fishing Booth at Kodomo No Hi at the Japanese Cultural Center to celebrate our children. It was so much fun to see the children's faces light up when they "caught their fish" and walked away with a prize.

One of the highlights within this past month is being invited to the Consul General's home for a reception with our court, Cherry Blossom Festival volunteers, sponsors and supporters of the Japanese-American culture in Hawaii. Consul General Kamo and his wife were such gracious hosts and we were honored to visit their beautiful home in Nuuanu.

Thank you to all the Festival Sponsors and volunteers who have made our experience as contestants possible. We truly learned about selflessness through your actions and will perpetuate the values you have shared. We hope to make Hawaii, the Japanese-American community and the HJJCC proud of as the 58<sup>th</sup> Cherry Blossom Festival Court.

Love, Marissa, Allison-Sae, Kimberly, Cori, Kimberlee & Andrea



## CBF Hospitality Committee

The 58<sup>th</sup> CBF Hospitality Committee hosted our mainland queens, courts and guests from the Nisei Week Japanese Festival (Los Angeles), the Northern California Cherry Blossom Festival (San Francisco), and the Greater Seattle Japanese Community Queen Contest. The itinerary was filled with various events including paddle boarding lessons a sunset picnic featuring Hawaiian food from Ono's, and visits to the Arizona Memorial, the North Shore and Menehune Mac.

Thank you to all the volunteers who worked months ahead to plan and prepare for our guests. It truly was a memorable two weeks! We hope our long time four-city friendship will continue for many more years to come!



## Young Business Roundtable

Young Business Roundtable provides our members with opportunities to network and advance professionally and personally.

On April 29<sup>th</sup>, we were fortunate to be a part of the Honolulu Japanese Chamber of Commerce's Networking basics event. Brian Nishida, who is the founder and President of Step Stone Business Development, presented on the foundations of making connections and first impressions. Many of the attendees will be taking their newly learned strategies and put them to practice at the HJCC's Meishi Koukan on June 10<sup>th</sup>.

Visit their website for more info:

[www.honolulu.japanesechamber.org/newsandevents](http://www.honolulu.japanesechamber.org/newsandevents)



## April, May & June Birthday's

# Happy Birthday!

### April:

Jodi Chang  
April Cheung  
Michael Chong  
Stacey Fukuda  
Taylor Kiriara  
Tiffanie Masutani  
Jonathan Murai  
Michael Nakamura  
Matt Wong  
Allen Woo  
Desiree Yamamoto  
Michael Yoshino  
Julie Yoshioka

### May

Ian Kamemoto  
Kristin Kato  
Takashi Kobayashi  
Keenan Sue  
Randi Tsushima  
Sharene Urakami-Oyama

### June

Seiji Aspergen  
John Esdicul  
Caprice Itagaki  
Brad Itagaki  
Ashley Kaneshiro  
Roger Lee  
Tiffany Mitani  
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## The Jaycee Creed

That faith in god gives meaning and purpose to human life;  
That the brotherhood of man transcends the sovereignty of nations;  
That economic justice can best be won by free men through free enterprise;  
That government should be of laws rather than of men;  
That the earth's greatest treasure lies in human personality;  
And that service to humanity is the best work of life