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President's Letter

Dear HJJCC Members-

It's amazing to me that it's September already – where has July and August gone? The 2008 – 2009 Board of Directors and I officially took office on July 1, and we've been off and running. We've already done a few community service projects, had our very successful On the Nines event, and we have many more things planned for the year.

It is an honor to serve as President of the HJJCC, with its rich history and great accomplishments. I'm honored and privileged to work with the 12 men and women on the Board of Directors, who are working hard to organize projects and events in their respective areas. We are committed to leadership development, personal and business networking, community service, strengthening relationships with Japan, and perpetuating Japanese culture in Hawaii. Planning for the 57th Cherry Blossom Festival is underway, along with our next Young Business Roundtable event.

I thank you for your participation and support thus far, and I look forward to seeing you at our next event!

Sincerely,
David Kaneko
59th President

Board of Directors 2008-2009



The 2008-2009 Board of Directors was sworn in on July 24th 2008 at the HJCC Installation Banquet. The annual event was held at the Manoa Grand Ballroom at the Japanese Cultural Center.



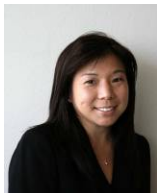
Chairman of the Board
Justin George

Justin graduated with a Bachelor's in Business Management from the University of Hawaii at Manoa. He is the Client Relations Manager for 141 Premiere Sports & Entertainment, where he is the Tournament Director of the SBS OPEN LPGA Tournament and Sponsor Relations Manager of the Sony Open in Hawaii PGA TOUR Tournament. Justin's interests include golf, basketball, football, other sports, traveling, jogging, planning events, and community service.



President
David Kaneko

Dave graduated from Pearl City High School and UHM with a B.S. in Chemistry. He also attended Colorado School of Mines where he received an M.S. in Environmental Science and Engineering. Dave is an Environmental Compliance Engineer with Hawaiian Electric Company, Inc. Dave's hobbies are tennis, cars, and science fiction novels.



Executive Vice President
Kris Miyamoto

Kris graduated from the University of Hawaii at Manoa with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Sociology. She is currently employed at Kaiser Permanente Hawaii as a Provider Relations and Contracting Representative. Kris's interests are playing with her two Corgis- Kimo and Kai, working out, running, and meeting new people.



Treasurer
Darren Ota

Darren is a Business Banking Manager at the Bank of Hawaii. He graduated from Konawaena and Santa Clara University. Darren enjoys gardening and dog-sitting.



Secretary
Shauna Goya

Shauna Goya is a copy editor for the print and online editions of The Honolulu Advertiser and also writes a blog called Odds and Ends. She's a journalism and speech grad from the University of Hawaii and is active with the Asian American Journalists Association. She enjoys tennis, going to the movies and vacationing in Las Vegas.

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Vice-President of
Community Development
Cheryl Shintani

Cheryl is a Sales Accounting Analyst at ALTRES, Inc. She is a proud graduate of Mid Pacific Institute and the University of Hawaii, where she received her Bachelor's degree. She also holds a Masters of Business Administration with an Emphasis of Accounting from Chaminade University. Her hobbies includes, baking, cooking, traveling, shopping, and watching K-drama.



Vice-President of
Management Development
Merrissa Uchimura

Merrissa is the Events Coordinator at the University of Hawaii at Manoa, School and College Services. She handles the recruitment events to promote UHM. She is also the Vice President of Communications for the Aloha Chapter of Meeting Professionals International, and the Vice President and Membership Chair for the Oahu Wedding Association. When she has the time, Merrissa loves to take long walks, hanging out with friends and traveling. She enjoys yoga, just being outdoors, and wants to explore the world!



Vice-President of
Membership Development
Wendy Yamamoto

Wendy works at the University Clinical Educational Research Associates (UCERA) as the Assistant Director of Clinical Operations. Her hobbies include golf, tennis, and reading.



Vice-President of
International Relations
Cheryl Sora

Cheryl is a graduate of Kauai High School. She works in merchandising with DFS Hawaii. Her hobbies include sports, music, traveling, and food.



Young Business
Roundtable Chairman
James Kaneshiro

James has been the ATM product manager for First Hawaiian Bank since 2007. When he's not negotiating new ATM locations with General Growth Properties (aka Ala Moana Center), Seven Eleven Hawaii, Walgreen's and Whole Foods, he is busy working with his vendors to make sure you have access to your money 24 hours a day, seven days a week. For fun, James is committed to getting his golf game to under 100 this year, and enjoys SCUBA diving any chance he gets. James received his B.S. from Santa Clara University and M.B.A. from the University of Southern California. Go Trojans!

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Queen's Advisor
Robb Taone

Robb Taone, a husband and father, Teacher at Moanalua Elementary. His spare time is spent as Boy scout incoming treasurer, PTA treasurer and QA. He enjoys snow boarding when he can get away and when his schedule permits...



57th Cherry Blossom
Festival General Chair
Corday Feagins

Corday Akiko-Nagaishi Feagins loves to watch and play football and basketball with her sons and husband. She works at Hickam Air Force Base as the 613th Support Group Commander's Secretary. Corday graduated from the University of Hawaii at Manoa with a Bachelor of Science. She also received her Masters in Organizational Management from the University of Phoenix.



Historian
Tiffany Mitani

Tiffany is a graduate of Roosevelt High School and is a student at UH Manoa. She enjoys traveling, volunteering, and spending time with family and friends. Tiffany currently works in the Coding Operations Department at Kaiser Permanente.

HJCC Events



HJCC members took a break from official duties and attended the Koganji Bon Dance on Friday, August 1st.

At Kapiolani Park on Saturday, August 16th, HJCC volunteers helped Desiree Yamamoto and Whitney-Reigh Asao at the Oahu Heart Walk Keiki and VIP Tents.



For more pictures
check out our
gallery at
www.hjcc.com !

HJJCC website & new email address Launched!



-Jon Murai & David Kaneko

Log on to www.hjjcc.com! After a soft launch a few months ago, our chapter website is officially up and running. Check it out for things like event notices and information, membership applications, past newsletters, and everyone's favorite - photos from events!



There is also a page with the history of the HJJCC, links to sister chapters and Cherry Blossom Festival Sponsors, and a listing of the Board members. The website will be a valuable tool for the chapter to disperse information to the membership and also recruit new members.

A big thanks goes to HJJCC member Chris Kanemura and the team at Entheos Interactive for developing the site

Accompanying our new website, www.hjjcc.com, is our new e-mail address info@hjjcc.com! We'll be transitioning from our hotmail account to the info@hjjcc.com account in the coming weeks, so keep an eye out for our weekly messages coming from this new address. Also, please feel free to contact us at this address, as we're happy to hear from you!

HJJCC Events

HJJCC members worked hard and had a fun time helping with the silent auction at the Na Mea Makamae O Waikiki Fundraising Gala on Friday, August 22nd.



HJJCC Board Members attended Mayor Mufi Hannemann's City and County of Honolulu Update, at the Manoa Grand Ballroom on September 5th. They ate bento lunches while Mayor Hannemann presented on current projects and did a Q & A with the audience.



Court Update

COMMUNITY SERVICE



The Court running at the Lanikai Bike Path Fun Run

July and August have been busy months with community service projects for the court. For the fourth year in a row the court assisted with the Lanikai Bike Path Fun Run, which honored the memory of Daniel Levy – classmate of Desiree Yamamoto who fell to his death while hiking. The court also participated in the American Heart Association’s Black Tie and Blue Jeans fundraiser. While manning the silent auction area, the court enjoyed being part of a fun event that helped to raise money for such a worthy cause.

A favorite event of the court was their next community service event, teaching an origami class to seniors at the Waikiki Community Center. The four students enjoyed learning from and socializing with the court members.



Court members with students from their origami workshop at the Waikiki Community Center

Members of the court were “divas doing good” as they participated in the Go Green Fashion Show which supported Kanu Hawaii. Strutting their stuff in the latest fashions the court helped to raise money and awareness of the importance of taking care of the environment.



Court members at the Waikiki Community Center’s Na Mea Makamae O Waikiki fundraiser

The final service event of August was for a familiar organization, the Waikiki Community Center. The court served as lei greeters, live and silent auction monitors, cashiers and prize distributors of the Na Mea Makamae O Waikiki fundraiser held at the Hilton Hawaiian Village.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Honolulu Bowl for Kids Sake



Another fun and memorable event was the Bowl for Kids Sake, a fundraiser for the Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Honolulu. Dressing in attire from the movie *Grease* the court helped to make the Hollywood Bowl themed event a success. From emceeing, serving food and selling raffle tickets, the court had a great time.



Court Update continued...

TRIPS

The court also went on their last mainland trip to Los Angeles to participate in Nisei Week. The court attended the Coronation Ball where they welcomed the 2008 Nisei Week Queen and Court and participated in their parade. The weekend was highlighted by a trip to the Japanese-American National Museum. Their docent, a World War II veteran named Hitoshi brought a personal and poignant touch to this unforgettable visit with his own personal experiences. The trip was capped off with a visit to California Adventure and Disneyland.



The Court with Mickey at the "Happiest Place on Earth"!



Participants of the inaugural Cherry Bowl 2008

OTHER

Sunday, August 24, 2008 marked the inaugural Cherry Bowl 2008 – a flag football challenge between the court and the HJJCC members. Despite their loss to the JCs, the court enjoyed playing, eating and spending time with the JCs, family and friends. This was a successful event and one that the court hopes continues in the years to come.

-56th Cherry Blossom Court – Trisha, Ashley, Stacey, Liann, Dawn, Keri, and Jamie

HJJCC Events

On the Nines! The HJJCC fundraiser on September 9th was a fun-filled night with entertainment from H2O, lots of great food, and raffle ticket prizes! Jessica's Traveling Boutique and DJ from the Visionary Entertainment and Da Bomb were also at the event. Thank you to everyone who came out to support the HJJCC!





Birthdays

October

Heidi Kimura
Len M. Fukushima

Robb Taone

Darren M. Ota

Aaron I. Kanemaru

Scott S. Kamiya

Lori E. Fujikawa-
Casey

Andrew Stewart

Stacie K. Uemura

Merrissa M.
Uchimura

Lauren Honbo

Neil T. K. Kuioka

Corday Feagins

Toby Tamaye

Kim Ishibashi

November

Justin George

Scott Yoshihara

Allen King

Daniel M. Chen

Aubrey S. Tamanaha

Rodney P. Batara

September

Clifton M. Yasutomi

Brandon L. Miyagi

Ken Koga Lincoln

Reid H. Higashi

Derrick Iwata

Charlen M. Taniguchi

David M. Kaneko

AT Marketing One of Hawaii's Fastest 50

AT Marketing was recognized at a recent luncheon reception for the Fastest 50 growing small businesses in Hawaii. AT Marketing's leader is HJJCC member Toby Tamaye. Toby was one of the featured speakers at June's Young Business Roundtable Member Showcase.

Sponsored by Pacific Business News, the annual Fastest 50 award recognizes growth of businesses based on three years of annual revenues. The company ranked #16 with an increase of revenues of 128%, making the company the fastest growing marketing organization in Hawaii.

Forty under 40

Congratulations to the three HJJCC members who made this year's 40 Under 40 selection!

Allison Izu Song is the owner and designer of AllisonIzu LLC

Len Fukushima is a Financial Advisor with UBS Financial Services Inc.

Scott Yoshihara is the Vice President and Branch Manager with Bank of Hawaii

For the full article visit: <http://www.bizjournals.com/pacific/stories/2008/06/30/focus3.html>

Upcoming Events



-Honolulu Japanese Chamber of Commerce mixer Wine the Experience, Tuesday September 30th, 5:30-8:30 p.m.; \$35 for HJJCC members and guests, \$40 for non-members. Register by September 23rd!

-Chopsticks and Wine 2008: Vino Las Vegas! October 15th, 5:30-8:30 p.m. at the Neal Blaisdell Center Exhibition Hall. We need volunteers! (Shifts from 11:30 a.m. to 10 p.m.)

Check out our weekly HJJCC email for updated events and announcements, or contact us at info@hjjcc.com for more info!

The Jaycee Creed

We believe:

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.

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