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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



To All our Ikebana Friends,  
Your new Board just started in June, and we have been busy already! Check out our various activities below with the Japanese Consulate General of Hawaii and the 2018 State Fair at Kualoa Ranch.

Your Program Committee has arranged an exciting year for us with 3 Luncheons, 3 Workshops and a garden tour. Please join us for the Membership Luncheon at Japanese restaurant Yoshiya in the Sheraton Waikiki on Sept 16. We will celebrate *otsukimi* with a moon viewing party. I will even wear a *yukata* for this occasion!

Please note that we still have a few vacancies on the Board. If you are interested, let us know and we will send you a description of the duties. Don't worry, we provide free training.

Enjoy your summer and the Obon season! See you at the September Luncheon!  
Darryl

## DONATIONS

The Ways & Means committee is accepting donations of vases, books, plants and baked goods for our September 16th luncheon. For pick-up, contact Earl Shimabukuro, Helene Furuya or Maile Wilkerson. Thank you.

## MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON

The 2018-19 year will start off with the annual Membership Luncheon. This year it will be held at the Yoshiya Restaurant in the Sheraton Waikiki Hotel on Sunday, September 16, 2018. The theme for this year's luncheon is "*Otsukimi*" (Moon - viewing), as we say goodbye to summer and hello to autumn. Traditional items that are displayed for *otsukimi* include *susuki* (pampas grass), *tsukimi dango* (rice dumplings), and seasonal produce like chestnuts, taro, and *edamame* (soybeans).

Everyone is encouraged to come wearing a *yukata* (summer kimono)! If you don't have one, you may borrow one from Shisho Kikuta *sensei*. Please check the box on the registration form, located elsewhere in this newsletter. We would also like to request door prize contributions.

Send in your reservation form today! Maximum capacity is 80 guests. Note: you will be asked to remove your footwear before entering the banquet room.



UPCOMING EVENTS

September 16, 2018 10 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Membership Luncheon

Yoshiya Restaurant, Sheraton Waikiki Hotel, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor

Theme: *Otsukimi* (Moon viewing)

We will celebrate early autumn by having a moon-viewing party! Come in your *yukata* and be ready to learn about the customs, foods, and traditions associated with *otsukimi* in Japan. Don't have a *yukata*? We will have some ready for you to borrow for the day.



October 28, 2018 1 p.m. - 3 p.m. Ikenobo Workshop

MCC Room 105

Developed in the Muromachi period over 550 years ago, Ikenobo is the oldest school of *ikebana*. Come discover the Ikenobo style; find out why this style has provided peace and harmony to its artisans over time and learn how it has evolved. Create your own arrangement utilizing this style of *ikebana*.

November 18, 2018 1 p.m. - 3 p.m. The Art of Japanese Department Store-style Gift Wrapping

MCC Room 105

If you have ever shopped at a Japanese department store, you've seen the clerk deftly wrap your purchase in the blink of an eye, using just one piece of tape at the end. You too can master this technique during this hands-on session! Polish your gift-wrapping skills, just in time for the holidays.

January 20, 2019 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. New Year Luncheon

Pearl Country Club

Theme: New Year - Year of the Boar

Enter the *inoshishi*. This Year of the Pig promises to bring joy, abundance and lots of luck to all. Learn new ways of looking at "old things."

February 17, 2019 1 p.m. - 3 p.m. Girls' Day Workshop

MCC Room 105

Hinamatsuri or Girls' Day is celebrated on March 3rd. Charmaine Yee-Hollison will hold a special ikebana workshop to prepare for this fun occasion.

March 16, 2019 10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Docent-led tour of Wahiawa Botanical Garden (including lunch at the garden)

May 19, 2019 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. May Luncheon



Natsunoya Tea House  
1935 Makanani Dr.

Theme: May Day is Lei Day in Hawaii  
Come and celebrate a belated May Day in your best muumuu or Aloha attire!

### PRINCE AKISHINO'S RECEPTION

Earl and Darryl attended a reception on June 7 in celebration of the 59th Convention of Nikkei and Japanese Abroad and the 150th Anniversary of the Arrival of the Gannenmono to Hawaii. Four of ten arrangements done by II members for a luncheon with the Prince are shown on pages 1 and 6. They were well received.



### LUNCH WITH MRS ITO AT THE JAPANESE CONSULATE

Several members were invited to attend a luncheon at the Japanese Consulate on June 28 with Mrs. Ito, in appreciation for the arrangements the chapter made for the Prince's visit. The 2 shown here were done by Mrs. Ito for the luncheon.

Attendees included Darrrl Tagami, Earl Shimabukuro, Karen Kirk, Charmaine Yee-Hollison, Caroline Abe, Susan Hirate, Yukari Sato, and Masami Lachman.



### I.I.COMMUNITY SERVICE

The Hawaii Farm Bureau's State Fair was held on Saturday and Sunday, Jul 14 and 15 at Kualoa Ranch. This fair is the premier agricultural event that showcases Hawaii's farming and ranching community. The fair promotes awareness of Hawaii's growing agricultural industry that includes production of floral material used in Hawaii and exported to other states and countries. Ikebana International Chapter 56 was invited to participate in creating floral arrangements using tropical flowers donated by growers. This request was approved at the June board meeting as a service to the community and to promote awareness of the art of Ikebana.



Fourteen members and two husbands attended ikekomi on July 13. Using a wide variety of plant materials from members' yards and anthurium, dendrobium orchid sprays and ginger blossoms provided by the farm bureau, the enthusiastic members created over 70 beautiful arrangements of various sizes in three hours. Vases, oasis and other embellishments were donated by I.I. and individual members. Thank you Gale, Tim, Yukari, Carol, Helene and Karen.

Thank you to senseis Karen Kirk, Earl Shimabukuro, Bertha Tottori, Charmaine Yee-Hollison, Gwen Nagata, Tim Donahue and the following members: Caroline Abe, Gale Kobayashi, Carol Murakami, April Sasaki, Helene Furuya, Jennifer Shintani, Sue Shimabukuro and Yukari Sato for their excellent work. The Community Service committee really appreciates your giving up your time to make this event so successful. Thank you also to carpool drivers.



The floral arrangements were on display then sold on Sunday. Ikebana brochures were available for visitors to learn more about Ikebana.



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#### HELP WANTED

Do you want your organization to stay healthy? Please volunteer. In most cases you would be one of several people taking turns sharing a key role. We could use help with the following: Recording & Corresponding Secretaries, Historian, Newsletter, Nominations or Storage...

#### IN MEMORIAM

Valerie Hata-Kowal, a devoted member of Chapter 56, passed away on July 15, 2018, at the age of 67. Her ikebana school was Sogetsu. Val lived life to the fullest, and enjoyed traveling, good food, painting, ikebana, and laughing with friends. She will be missed!

