



# Plantation Village News

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**New Year's 2013**

## Happy Year of the Snake!



Come join Hawaii's Plantation Village as we celebrate the Year of the Snake and the 110th Anniversary of the Korean Immigration to Hawaii, Saturday, February 9, 2013 from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm, on the grounds of the Village. As usual, admission will be free that day and we will feature a variety of different entertainers, including:

**Keiki Hula performance, Chinese Lion Dance by Kung Siu Lum Pai, Portuguese fado singing by Josephine Carreira, modern Filipino dance by the Tekniqlingz Crew, Okinawan shishmai Lion Dog performance, traditional Puerto Rican dance by Kathy Montabo, and vocal performance by the August Ahrens Elem. School Music Ensemble.**

**February 9, 2013 • 10:00 am - 2:00 pm (rain or shine)**

**FREE Admission • FREE Parking**

**Keiki games and prizes**

**Free New Year's food tasting throughout the Village**

**New Year's blessings by Rev. Amano of Izumo Taisha Mission**

**Homemade *gau* and *jai* for sale**

**Special Chinese plate lunch for sale**

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*Alan Wong's Restaurant*

## A Message from the President



*Faith P. Evans, President*

Dear Friends of Hawaii's Plantation Village,

The New Years is always a time for reflection and thanks for the past year. I would like to thank all of you for your patience these past eight months since the Major Okada Center has been closed and we have had to work around the lack of bathrooms, space, and comfort. The good humor and industriousness of the staff, volunteers, and members as we work out of the trailers and Social Hall has helped our operations stay on track. Although we have been saddled with

new financial burdens as a result of the relocation (archives and artifact storage costs, portable bathroom costs, moving etc...) we are still able to maintain the fine quality educational programs that the schools and the public have to come to expect from Hawaii's Plantation Village.

We had originally planned to move back into the Major Okada Center in January; however, that does not look possible. Although the roof has been replaced and the A/C system and electrical systems have been replaced, there is one issue that remains before we are able to move back in.

For some time now, the Board of Directors has been in discussions with the City and County of Honolulu regarding our contract with the Department of Parks and Recreation. As you know, Hawaii's Plantation Village is situated in the Waipahu Cultural Garden Park, a Cultural & Botanical Park that is owned by the City & County. Our past contracts with the City have stipulated that Hawaii's Plantation Village would be able to use both the Park and the Major Okada Center free of charge, provided we maintain the Village and continue to provide educational services to the school children and public. For almost 30 years, we have continued to serve the community in this capacity.

Our last contract with the Department of Parks and Recreation expired in 2002, the City and County of Honolulu is requiring us to pay rent and utilities for the Major Okada Center and the entirety of Waipahu Cultural Garden Park. While we understand the City and County is under a financial squeeze, we do not think that squeezing a non-profit educational museum that serves 14,000 school children per year is somewhere the C&C should be looking to solve its financial problems. To view us in the same light as a food concession at a public beach, or an operation that is similar to a golf course is to fundamentally misconstrue our mission. As a result, we have rejected all of their contracts. In addition, we have retained a law firm to present and fight our case with the City and County's Corporate Counsel.

Despite the financial burden that hiring legal counsel has placed upon our operations, the Board of Directors felt it was necessary to ensure that our relationship with the City and County of Honolulu and the Department of Parks and Recreation was on mutually satisfactory terms.

So, as we look forward to 2013, with our continuing operations, ethnic festivals and celebrations, and the challenges of our upcoming negotiations with the City and County, I and the Board of Directors would like to thank all of you for your donations and continued support in 2012 and 2013.



# The Inari Shrine Re-Roofing Project

In 1979, the bright red Wakamiya Inari Shrine in Mo`ili`ili was threatened with demolition. Luckily, a small committee of community members rallied to save it. The Inari Shrine Preservation Committee succeeded in moving it from 2132 South King Street, where it had stood for sixty years. It became the first building in Hawaii's Plantation Village. It was restored and listed on the State and National Registers of Historic Places.

The Inari Shrine shows today's schoolchildren and other visitors a vital part of immigrant life in Hawai'i, a life that fostered a unique multicultural society. Thousands of people have come here to pray for safe childbirth, to have their children blessed, to show gratitude for good fishing and business, and to seek blessings in the New Year.

Now, over thirty years later, this graceful Shinto shrine desperately needs a new shingled roof, building restoration, painting, and landscaping. Fortunately, we have received a \$20,000 grant from the Freeman

Foundation to commence with the roofing project, but still need funds — \$30,000 — to complete the refurbishing project.



The Wakamiya Inari Shrine was built in 1914 in Honolulu's Kaka`ako section, then a village of small wooden houses inhabited by fishermen and tradespeople, many of Japanese background. The Shrine's architect was Haschun, a local architect who designed the Shrine in traditional style. Its red color, common with Inari shrines, is associated with good luck and happiness.

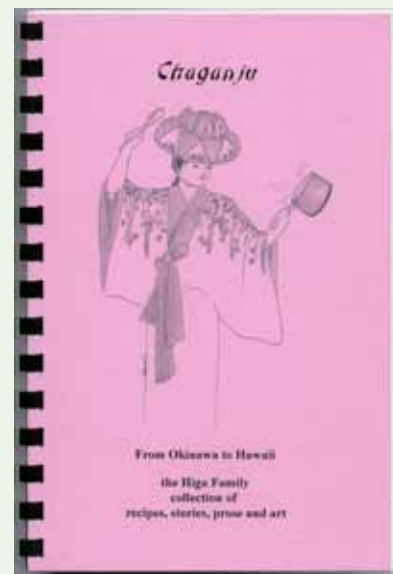


Village in Waipahu Cultural Garden Park. At 1 a.m. one night in August of 1979, the shrine was moved to Waipahu.

If you wish to donate funds for restoration or donate materials (specified paint etc...) or contractor services, please feel free to contact Bev Keever (bkeever@hawaii.rr.com) or Gail Okawa (gyokawa@yahoo.com), both members of the 1979 community committee that saved the Shrine. You may also contact Jeffrey Higa at Hawaii's Plantation Village (677-0110). All donations are tax deductible.

## New Cookbook Available at our GIFT SHOP

Hawaii's Plantation Village is blessed to have the support of docent and crafter Lorene Ono, who has donated several of her family's cookbooks for sale at our Gift Shop.



Titled *Chaganju* (which means "How are you" in Okinawan), this collection of prose, recipes, stories, and art document the story of the Ushi and Kama Higa family from their emigration from Okinawa to Hawaii.

A highly detailed and informative family history make up the first part of the book, and includes many details of early plantation life. Ghost stories, cultural events, and common Okinawan phrases are mixed in with the delicious recipes.

Supplies are limited, so get your copy now! Only at the Hawaii's Plantation Village Gift Shop!

**\$10.00**



## News from:



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**Member's  
Meeting  
Sunday,  
1/27/2013**

## **Membership Meeting January 27th, 2013** *(please note earlier 2:00 p.m. time)*

Please join us for our annual Membership Meeting on Sunday, January 27th. We will be meeting in the Village Social Hall, at 2:00 pm. The agenda includes voting on new Board Members, an update on the Okada Center construction, upcoming events, and new developments at Hawaii's Plantation Village. Come meet and socialize with your fellow members. Refreshments will be served.

**2013 Membership Meeting**  
**January 27, 2013**  
**2:00 - 3:30 p.m.**

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