



YOMITAN CLUB NEWS

“PERPETUATING THE
YOMITAN SPIRIT”

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2009 Shinnen Enkai Celebration

It is time to celebrate! Yomitan Club will be celebrating its 82nd Annual Shinnen Enkai and its approaching fast. The event will take place at Hawaii Okinawa Center on Sunday, February 15, 2009 at 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Our Special Guest for Entertainment is never a bore, for you will be tempted by our raffles galore. Enjoy the delicious buffet and don't forget to contribute your famous pupu spread, if you wish; but we must acknowledge you and your dish! So mark your calendar as we close the year behind us with gratefulness and hope for a Healthy and Prosperous New Year. Don't forget to RSVP by Sunday, January 25, 2009. (see flyer enclosed)



Through out the year, members and their families look forward to attending one of Yomitan's major events. It is a time where we reminisce on the past, acknowledge the present, and encourage future club members. Most importantly, to show recognition and appreciation to all those Uchinanchus and Uchinanchus at heart for Perpetuating the Okinawan Culture. Thank you, Shinnen Enkai Committee for your hard work and dedication in making this a memorable one for all. Committee Chair/Co-Chair Linda Takushi and Tom Uechi.

Presidents Message

From Ronlynn Arakaki:

Hai Sai and Happy New Year! I would like to extend my sincerest appreciation and gratitude to all who have continuously supported and volunteered themselves, their families and friends over the years in nurturing, maintaining, promoting and preserving the Spirit of Yomitan...Your diligence and commitment honor our elder generation, encourage our young and enlighten a path for our babies. From sun up to sun down, your participation,

accountability and team effort, has made each event a success. With our economy at a slumber, let us take time to enjoy and appreciate the simple things in Life and find laughter in every thing we do. It has been a busy but yet enjoyable 1st year of office. I look forward in meeting with you all and continuing to keep Yomitan Club alive. The Board of Directs Office positions vacant are, Assistant; Recording Secretary, Treasurer, Corresponding and 2nd Vice-President. We need you!!



**YOMITAN CLUB 2008-2010
OFFICERS**

President
Ronlynn Arakaki

1st Vice President
Miles Nishizawa

2nd Vice President
Melvin Horimoto

Recording Sec.
Elva Furuya

Assit. Rec. Sec.
(vacant)

Treasurer
Harold Higa

Asst. Treasurer
(vacant)

Corresponding Sec.
Kenny Arakaki
Asst. Correspdg. Sec.
(vacant)

The Yomitan Club seeks to fill the vacant positions above. If you have the desire and willingness to support our leadership, please feel free to contact one of the officers above. It is fun, challenging and rewarding...

Upcoming Events

Saturday, January 17, 2009
HUOA 2008 Uchinanchu of the Year and 59th Installation Banquet
(visit www.huoa.org for more info)

Sunday, February 15, 2009
Yomitan Club Annual Shinnen Enkai to be held at HOC

Date: TBA
Yomitan Club Annual Picnic

For HUOA upcoming events, visit their website at www.huoa.org.

JUST A NOTE ON OUR CLUB DUES AND DONATIONS

All club dues and donations that the Yomitan Club collects, provides our club with a general operating fund to cover annual club events that we all enjoy, such as the Shinnen-Enkai, Summer Picnic, and miscellaneous club events. Currently, our club dues are \$15 for singles, \$30 for families and waived for senior members 65 years and older.

Dues and donations are very critical in keeping our club alive and in a healthy condition for the next generation. Keep the Yomitan Spirit alive!! Donations are greatly appreciated.



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**2009 YOMITAN CLUB
BOARD MEETINGS**

All members are welcome to attend any of our board meetings. We meet on every 3rd Thursday of an odd month at 7:00 p.m. at Victoria Inn Restaurant in Kaimuki. If you would like to add something to our agenda, please contact Ronlynn Arakaki at yomitanhawaii@gmail.com

We encourage and want your participation, suggestions and comments. So, please join us!

The following is our meeting schedule for 2009:

- January 15, 2009
- March 19, 2009
- May 21, 2009
- July 16, 2009
- September 17, 2009
- November 19, 2009

KEEP MOVING FORWARD!!!

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In Remembrance

Let us take time in being grateful for the special memories our ancestors have left behind for us to enjoy....