



GUSHIKAWA SHIJIN KAI

CLARICE KUMURA

Gushikawa Shijin Kai is proud and honored to recognize Clarice Kumura as our Uchinanchu of the Year. Clarice is very deserving of this award because of her commitment and dedication as a member and officer of Gushikawa. She has always been a part of our Shinnen Enkais, our annual summer picnics and the Okinawan Festival. Clarice has been the key member of the Tamayose family to involve her family in supporting our club since the 1940's. Their support in our club's activities is evidence of their strong pride in our Okinawan heritage and culture. Clarice has served as secretary for Gushikawa Shijin Kai and still remains an essential member of our Board of Directors.

The members of Gushikawa Shijin Kai salute Clarice and her family as our "Uchinanchu of the Year". In gratitude, we extend to you our most sincere Ippei Nihei Deebiru



HAEBARU CLUB

MORRIS & PAUL OSHIRO

Haebaru Club has been blessed with two brothers, Morris and Paul Oshiro, young active members who have participated in all of the club activities. Every year, Morris and Paul have participated in the Okinawan Festival, marched in the Festival holding flags in the opening ceremonies for Haebaru club and other clubs, worked diligently in the andagi booth and spent time socializing with members. They are always dependable and they volunteer their help willingly whenever

our club is asked to participate in an activity. The Haebaru Club members and Board of Directors would like to recognize Morris and Paul Oshiro as our 2008 Uchinanchu of the Year.



HAWAII SASHIKI-CHINEN DOSHI KAI

MARGARET TONAKI

Margaret Tonaki was born on February 5, 1925 in Kukai Haile, a sugar plantation camp in Hamakua on the Big Island. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Shinsei Kawakami immigrated to Hawaii from a small village in Henza, Okinawa. When Margie was about three years old, they moved to Hilo to the plantation Amaulu Camp 4. Margie claimed that this particular plantation camp was inhabited predominantly by Uchinanchu, so she could hear the uchinaguchi and sanshin daily. Margie ventured to Honolulu looking for work after leaving school. In 1947, Margie together with her late husband George Tonaki

joined the club and began actively participating in the club's many functions. She is currently serving as a district representative of our club. Every year, Margie has been the top seller of the festival scrip for our club. We are truly grateful for her hard work and dedication.



HAWAII SHURI-NAHA CLUB

CHRISTINE TAYLOR

Hawaii Shuri-Naha Club is proud to recognize Christine (Yogi) Taylor as our 2008 Uchinanchu of the Year. Year in and year out, Chris has volunteered and participated in our club's and HUOA's activities and events. Her enthusiasm is evident as she regularly works double shifts at our Okinawan Plate booth at the Okinawan Festival. Our summer picnics wouldn't be the same without the games she organizes for the children and adults. Most recently, Chris participated in the HUOA Okinawan Study Tour. She shared that the readings prior to the trip provided her with a better understanding of Okinawa's

history. Along with her mother and her sisters, they were able to experience the culture first hand. They all developed a greater appreciation and respect for their Okinawan heritage.