

HUI ALU, INC.

GLENNA UEUNTEN

Hui Alu's nomination for "Uchinanchu of the Year 2008" is Glenna Ueuten. Serving as Ryukyukoku Matsuri Daiko Kauai's Director since its inception, Glenna has worked tirelessly organizing scheduled practice sessions and performances. Under Glenna's directorship, RMD Kauai's drummers perform at the Okinawan Festival and other public events. RMD Kauai drummers joined with RMD members from Oahu under the leadership of Sensei Akemi Martin to perform in Okinawa in November of 2007. Both of her children earned the RMD "Junior Leader" title and guided new members upward through the steps of proficiency and perfection. RMD Kauai is currently the only active Okinawan cultural activity visibly performing on Kauai. Glenna is supported by her husband Gary, who was Hui Alu's President for seven years, her children Amy and Lyle, and in-laws, Dr. Sensuke and Chiyoko Ueuten, Hui Alu members and HUOA supporters of many years.



HUI MAKAAALA

VALERIE KATO

Valerie Kato has been an active member of Hui Makaala for several years, chairing the Scholarship Committee twice, serving in various officer positions, producing articles and photos for the club newsletter and volunteering with our golf tournament, in the Oki Dog booth at the Okinawan Festival and on the Fashion Show Committee. After representing our club on the HUOA Leadership Tour in Okinawa last year, Val became President of Hui Makaala. She designed and maintains the first club website, co-chaired the 39th Annual Scholarship committee, cooked up bentos for the golf tournament and served to promote the club as well as the Okinawan culture. In her spare time, she works as an attorney with the law firm of Ning Lilly and Jones. Thank you, Val Kato, for your dedication to Hui Makaala.



HUI O LAULIMA

KAREN KUBA-HORI

Karen Akiko Kuba-Hori is a visible and dedicated force in the Okinawan community. We credit her for creating the Statewide Okinawan Summer Day Camp for Children in 1996. It is still a popular summer activity on every island. Her enthusiasm is contagious as she creates art and music activities for the children. Her expertise and creativity in computer graphics were instrumental in completing Hui O Laulima's newest cookbook, CHIMUGUKURU. She was an energetic past president of Hui O Laulima and volunteers to work on different committees every year. Hui O Laulima had a very exciting 40th anniversary this year with Karen chairing the Anniversary Committee. She is committed to the preservation of Hawaii's Okinawan community through Laulima, Okinawa City - Goeku Son and the HUOA. Karen credits her parents Richard and Kiyoko Kuba and children Nicole and Jessie for inspiration.



HUI OKINAWA

ROY HOKAMA

Hui Okinawa proudly selects Roy Hokama as its Uchinanchu of the Year. Roy is currently the club's 2nd Vice President and has contributed countless hours to Hui Okinawa. He has chaired numerous events including the annual Shinnen Enkai, Bonenkai and General Membership Meeting and Grads Nite. If not in charge of the event, he can be seen advising and helping the chairperson, tending the bar/beer garden, or cooking. He has served on Hui Okinawa's Board of Directors for many years and is very humble that he declines recognition. Hui Okinawa is thankful for a dedicated and hardworking member like Roy Hokama.

