

Okinawan Kenjinkai Activities from Various Countries and Regions



Okinawa Tomonokai of Ohio

In March of 2015, we celebrated our 20th anniversary! We work hard to pass down Okinawan culture to the next generation.



A joint performance between the members of Texas Ryukyu Matsuri Taiko and our Tomonokai at the 20th anniversary celebration.



Asia Festival
A festival where over 20 different Asian countries come together. The Tomonokai had its own booth where guests were treated to sata andagi and more. We also performed traditional Okinawan dances such as Ryukyu Buyo and Eisa.



Summer Picnic
Members got together to share food, drink, and catch up. There were also Eisa performances from the adults, and the kids took part in Eisa and a tug-of-war competition.



Las Vegas Okinawan Club

Founded in 2011. We publish a quarterly newsletter and disseminate information through our homepage and Facebook. <http://lvokinawa.jimdo.com/>

Our yearly events include a spring picnic and a New Year's party in the winter. We also have sanshin and Ryukyu Buyo groups who periodically get together to practice. We showcase the results of these practices through shared events with other Nikkei groups, and conduct exchange with Kenjinkai in neighboring states and the local community.



The finale of our 2014 New Year's celebration.



2015 Picnic: Deepening friendships and building harmonious relationships through BBQ and more.

Florida Okinawa Kenjinkai

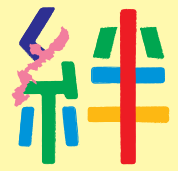
We often visit elementary schools and introduce children to Okinawa and Japan.



January 2014 – We had a booth and a Ryukyu Buyo performance at the Japan association. The local kids were fascinated.



March 2014 – Performing Eisa and Japanese dance in front of a crowd of all 700 students at a local elementary school. There was also origami.



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Dallas Ft. Worth Okinawa Association

Around 200 people attend our New Year's celebration each year. Our Eisa and Ryukyu Buyo performances are also very well regarded.

2015 New Year's Party Member's Group Picture. Each year, over 200 people attend this event including members, family, and friends.



2015 New Year's Party – This Texas-Style Modorikago dance had the audience in tears of laughter.



2015 New Year's Party – This year, we were honored to have a number of high school exchange students on vocals during our performance. The sanshin performance is a big hit every year.



Everyone brings a dish to share and comes prepared to enjoy performances, catch up with friends, and have a fun and relaxing time.

Canada Okinawa Federation

Active since 1975, an "at-home" atmosphere guides our exchange efforts.



Our summer picnic provides a great chance for everyone to catch up.



An informal golf gathering.



General meeting on the eve of Christmas.

Calgary Okinawan Club

Founded in 1982, we have 57 registered members across 20 households.



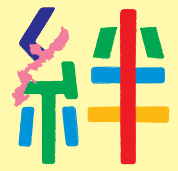
January 2015 – New Year's Party



August 2015 – A picnic at Fish Creek Park



October 2015 – A welcome dinner for exchange students to Canada from the town of Haebaru.



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Okinawa Kenjin Association of Brazil

With over 2,000 members, we work to pass down Okinawa's culture far and wide.
<http://okinawa-brasil.blogspot.jp/>



Kenjinkai-organized track-and-field festival.



Ryukyu Minyo Festival



Participating in the Niseta Tour 2015 in Bolivia (To be held in Brazil in 2016)



Performance by the Nomura-Ryu Music Association's Brazilian branch.



Okinawa Shikai 2015



Okinawazumo (Okinawan sumo) 2015



Kyudo Matsuri - Miss Ryuso 2015

Okinawa Association of Bolivia

With over 1,500 members, We are a top class Kenjinkai Network.



Niseta Tour participants, commemorative picture.



Learning about immigration: First generation immigrants teaching later generations about their connection to Okinawa at the Okinawa First Wave Immigration History Museum.



The Okinawa First Wave Immigration History Museum, commemorative picture.



At Colonia Okinawa, an immigrant destination.



Traditional Okinawan Performing Arts Study: Deepening exchange through the sanshin.



Learning about traditional Okinawan crafts by splitting into groups and making guardian shisa.