

Wahiawa Kendo Club Bulletin - October 2024

Our annual fund raise, Zippy's ticket sale, is in midway now. Tickets are good till November 24 and \$11 each. You can select of a choice of Zippy's Famous Chili, Portuguese Bean Soup, 5 pieces of corn bread or breakfast menu. If you have not received tickets yet, please contact me. If you have already received tickets and know that you cannot get rid of tickets, please return to me so that I can redistribute to others. If tickets lost, we have a problem because tickets are accountable.

Hijikata Masamitsu Sensei, Kyoshi 7 Dan, with his lovely wife, Sayoko Sensei, will visit Hawaii again from October 8 through 17. During their stay, they plan to teach us at *Honbu* Dojo on Sunday, October 13 as well as Kenshikan Dojo practices where his son, Ryo, is a member. Please come, receive and/or observe his teachings.

Pacific Northwest Kendo Federation is held on Saturday, November 2 in Tacoma Washington. So far, 5 children and 6 adults (16 years and older) are participating. They are Jo Etsumi, Kenzen Hino, Colton Hara, Myles Oh and Leland Hara for Children's Team. Adult Team consists of Shu Etsumi, Junsei Tanizaki, Jared McCann, Kevin Chun, Braxton Fukutomi and Sang Oh. Two parents and I will be chaperons. Our Club is very happy to cover the big portion of Team Hawaii expenses out of Club savings and fundraiser. Good luck and enjoy the experience.

About 10 people are going to Okayama, Japan, to practice *lai-do* and Kendo from October 29 to November 5. In June this year, 9 *lai-do* practitioners all passed their 1 *Kyu* and *Dan* promotion examination there. Hospitality there was unbelievable, they said. Hope they enjoy the seminar, practices and trip to Japan.

Aiea Taiheiji Kendo Club will host their tournament on Saturday, November 16 at Halawa District Park Gym. Tell your dojo senseis if you want to participate.

Hawaii Kendo Federation 1 *Kyu* and *Dan* examination is on Sunday, November 17 at *Honbu* Dojo (Myohoji Temple Hall.) If you are eligible to take examination and want to take one, let your senseis know and practice necessary examination items.

Wahiawa Kendo Club restocked Club T-shirts. It was a fund raise for our Club. But, it is no longer so because the production price got much higher. we are still asking the same price of \$15 each if you want to have one.

During September Sumo Tournament in Tokyo, one 大関 (*Oozeki*,) Champion, lost to a lower rank 力士 (*Rikishi*,) wrestler. He was so disgusted about his loss, he simply left 土俵 (*Dohyo*,) clay court without proper protocols (礼 "Rei" bowing together.). The winning *rikishi* left standing on the other side of *dohyo*. A referee sitting on the side floor called him back to *dohyo* and perform the *Rei* (Bow) together. When I was the chief referee in tournaments, I watch two of them do *rei* properly. If they did not, I called them back to the court and have them *rei* properly. Regardless winning or losing, bowing together properly is coming from pursuing 道 (*Doh*,) martial arts.

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