

## Wahiawa Kendo Club Bulletin - October 2022

Our Club annual fundraise Zippy's ticket sale is in the middle of course. If you can help our club with tickets, let me know. If you have received tickets and cannot sell/buy all tickets, please return unsold tickets to me as soon as possible, I may ask others who can handle more tickets. Tickets are \$10 and good till November 13 and have a choice of Chili, Portuguese Bean soup, 5 pieces corn bread or breakfast menu.

We are excited to have Yamada Masayuki Sensei from Iwate Prefecture be with us from October 25 to November 8. Please come to his practice sessions and learn from him.

Kaimuki Gym just announced that Gym roof renovation would start in late October. Though they did not mention the duration, we may not be able to use Gym during the time work is being conducted.

Pacific Northwest Kendo Federation sent us the invitation to their 46th Annual Tournament on Sunday, November 6 in Tacoma, Washington, after 2 years hiatus due to Covid. Let me know if you want to participate.

Aiea Taiheiji Kendo Club is hosting their tournament on Saturday, November 19 at Aiea High School Gym. Tell your instructors if you want to compete.

Hawaii Kendo Federation 1 Kyu and Dan examination will be on Sunday, November 20. If you are seeking promotion, tell your teachers and prepare for it.

Hawaii Kendo Federation is holding Fundraise and Friendship promotion banquet at Natsunoya Tea House on Sunday, November 20 evening along with silent auctions. Join if you can.

Foodland Super Market "Give Aloha" matching donation program finished one month duration in September. I am hoping that Hawaii Kendo Federation received needed funds from donors.

Recently Hawaii Kendo Federation netted significant amount from a generous donor through Kokua-In-Kind vehicle donation program. Keep in mind that you can donate your old vehicle to Hawaii Kendo Federation through this tax deductible donation program.

International Kendo Leaders' Seminar which normally held in summer in the past will be held from March 18 through March 24, 2023 in Kitamoto, Saitama Japan. This time they are limiting one person per an organization. Hawaii Kendo Federation will prioritize applicants if multiple people apply.

During Sunday practice I told Hawaii Kendo Federation President Furutani that I was ashamed of myself when he finished his practice while practicing was still on. At the end of practice when everyone lined up for the final *Rei*, he told everyone that he wanted me to tell what I said to him. It was my shame and embarrassment but what I had to announce was when I finished and rested, two gentlemen older than me were still getting at each other. I thought that I should increase my stamina to keep on going like them. They became my goals and role models. I added to my comments about kids came to practice with me. They were eager to improve themselves. Their eagerness and vitality are what we all have lost. And practices became routine and mannerism. Try to find stimulation and enthusiasm from whatever you encounter with.

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