

Wahiawa Kendo Club Bulletin - December 2023

Zippy's ticket sale fund raise finished successfully. Thank you for your help buying and selling tickets. Because of you, we could pay 5 *kenshis'* airfare to Seattle to participate in PNKF tournament where we recaptured Team Championship and donate some money to Team Hawaii for 2024 World Kendo Championships in Italy.

Congratulations to our club member Peyton Ching who was 1st in Consolation bracket for *Yonenbu* Division at Aiea Taiheiji Kendo Club Tournament on Saturday, November 18.

We were very happy when our club members Noa Mulder passed 1 *Dan* and Cathleen Okabe for 4 *Dan* examinations on Sunday, November 19. Congratulations to them.

Aoyama Yasuo Sensei, Kendo 7 *Dan*, from Aichi Prefecture came to Kenshikan Kendo Club on November 25, 28 and 29. He said that his kendo goal is to go forward rather than retreating.

Sekine Hirokazu Sensei, Kendo 7 *Dan*, from Saitama came with his family to Kenshikan Kendo Club on Tuesday, November 28. He with his 12 years old daughter Hoho and 10 years old Koshiro displayed wonderful kendo. Thank you for coming. Hope they repeat their visit.

We thank Late Dr. Akagi who passed away in January to leave his and Mrs. Ethel Akagi's personal collections for Hawaii Kendo Federation. They have many good quality, elegant and interesting items for HKF to offer to General Public on Saturday and Sunday December 2 and 3 from 9AM to 3PM at Kahala address, 4504 Aukai Avenue, Honolulu Hawaii 96816. Please advise people you know who may be interested in Kendo equipments, Tea Ceremony equipments, *Kimono's* and other ornaments.

Sakushu *Budo* Tourism Promotional Organization in conjunction with Tsuyama Budo School is hosting people who join in their tour and seminar from December 8 through 11. From Hawaii Kendo Federation led by President Furutani are Liz Santana, Jason Bryant, Kazuko Nishiyone and Corey Kahalewai. Enjoy the tour and learn *Budo* histories.

Ono Tomohide Sensei from Saitama will be with us from December 15 through 19. Please welcome him when he visits your dojo.

We do not have *Honbu* Dojo practice in Pearl City District Park Gym on Christmas Eve, Sunday December 24 and New Year Eve, Sunday December 31.

We are excited to be informed that Inoue Kazuyoshi Sensei from Fukuoka is visiting Hawaii from January 8 to 16 from 5 years hiatus. We are looking forward to receiving his lessons.

During my kendo life I practiced with people with disabilities, some minor, others with more severe. In fact one person told my partner with severe one to look for other thing feasible for his disability. I was sad because this person enjoyed practices and did his best. Though I know that he could not win the tournament or get higher rank, he was giving me such inspiration as, "This disabled person practice hard. I with abled body should try harder." Now, I have pain and aches here and there in my body. But, I should continue to practice with my limitations rather than quitting.

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