

# Okinawan Kenjinkai Activities from Various Countries and Regions



## Okinawakai of Washington, D.C.

Our goal is to promote exchange between members while enjoying Okinawan culture.



January 2015 – Okinawakai of Washington D.C. yearly New Year's Celebration: This event is meant to foster friendly exchange between members.



March 2015 – Bingata Workshop: Held at the George Washington University Textile Museum.



April 2015 – Performing at a “Street Festival” and introducing Okinawan culture during the National Cherry Blossom Festival.



April 2015 - Okinawakai of Washington D.C. yearly New Spring Celebration: This event is meant to foster friendly exchange between members while enjoying Okinawan culture.



May 2015 – Performing during the Around the World Embassy Tour: A day when many foreign embassies in DC open their doors to the general public. This picture depicts an Eisa performance in the garden of the old official residence of the Japanese ambassador.



July 2015 – Uchina Jr. Study: Nestor Koichi Folta chosen as one of the Overseas Youth Leaders.



September 2015 – Eisa Workshop: We welcomed a number of Eisa instructors and held a workshop.



September 2015 – Fall Picnic: An Okinawakai of Washington D.C. yearly event.

## St. Louis Okinawa Association

52 active members, comprised mostly of Issei and Nisei.



2013 Fall Picnic  
Keeping fit with Radio Taiso! Ichi, ni, Ichi, ni!



2014 New Spring Celebration  
Getting our hands dirty while enjoying some arts & crafts!



2014 New Spring Celebration  
Learning origami from our Issei Obaachans!



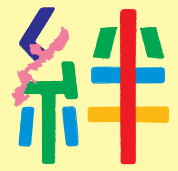
August 2014  
A super fun visit to the Atlanta kenjinkai!



The 2015 Japan Festival  
Our friendly Eisa group is comprised of Issei, Nisei, and Sansei.



The 2015 Japan Festival  
Members showing off their matching shirts in front of the Association booth.



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## Atlanta Okinawa Kenjinkai

Active since 1985. We recently celebrated our 30th anniversary.



August 2015 – At the Atlanta Okinawa Kenjinkai 30th Anniversary Ceremony, and sharing with the members of WUB. Okinawans living in Atlanta welcomed the Luck Eisa Troupe from Ginoza Village, who wowed the audience with their energetic performance.



Okinawan executives on a business visit, and the same executives visiting the King's Hawaiian Bakery.



September 2015 – Promoting Okinawan traditional performing arts, tourism, and more at the Japan Festival. Included performances of “Jinjin” by the Mirai Kanai Eisa Troupe, a karate demonstration, clay Shisa making, and more.

## Utah Okinawa Kenjinkaia

We hold Okinawan cultural activities, and create opportunities for exchange and the deepening of friendships.



Utah Okinawa Kenjinkai 25th Anniversary Event - The performers.



A performance of “Odori Kuwadesa” by Akiko Kinjo-sensei’s Sanshin group.



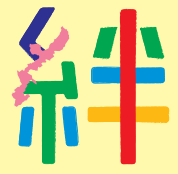
August, Summer Picnic  
Some long-time reunions followed by lively conversation.

## Houston Okinawa Kenjinkai

We conduct exchange through various luncheons and picnics.



In January of last year, we held a New Year's celebration That included specially made food from the Kenjinkai, Ryukyu Taiko, and more. In May, we held a luncheon with karaoke, a Yuntaku-kai, etc. In October, we held a picnic.



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## South Georgia Okinawa Club

Founded in 2007, we introduce Okinawa's traditional performing arts to our region through Buyo, Taiko, and more.



Pacific Island Regions Day of Thanks.



An elegant Yotsutake performance on the Day of Thanks.



Joint picture of the Eisa and Hanaodori groups at the Tuscaloosa, AL Cherry Blossom Festival.

## Indiana Okinawa Kenjinkai

For more about us and our activities, visit our website at <http://indiana-okinawa.net/>



International Festival: Since 11 years ago, we have participated in the International Festival, where groups from around the world gather and perform. Aside from sharing our culture through dance performances, goods are also sold to cover expenses.



New Year's Party: Indiana gets very chilly in the winter, so we always hold our New Year's Party a bit before or after the actual New Year's Day. It's an opportunity for exchange with other states, and to improve at dancing, the shamisen, and more.



Summer Picnic: A fun event centered on fostering friendship between members. There are games for the kids, tug-of-war for the adults, and more.