

## MHS 72 Newsletter

February 26, 2026

Our Annual **“Kick Back Saturday”** gathering will be held on Saturday, July 11, 2026, at Cy Yamamoto’s house in Mililani. As usual, it starts early and ends early.

Cost for Lunch:       \$25     Buffet Lunch includes bottled water. Please bring your own specialty beverages.

Timeline:       Start arriving at 10:00 am, Lunch to be served by 12:00 noon

[Please complete the fillable registration form and submit with your check payment.](#)

### **“72 Birthday Reunion”**

We are turning 72 this year. Hawaii 72 is planning a 72 in 72 birthday gathering in Las Vegas on October 20-22, 2026 so please “Save the Date”. More information will be coming your way shortly as they are making the final planning is just about completed.

### **Takai 2027**

The word *Uchinanchu* first came into prominence in Hawaii, when Okinawans fled their home for a better life. In Hawaii, many Okinawans left for North and South America compared to other Japanese prefectures. Many of them never saw the shores of Okinawa again. For their descendants looking to retrace their family tree, the Uchinanchu Festival supports several initiatives, such as the work of the prefectural library in searching for emigration records at Naha Port, much like the work of Ellis Island in New York for new arrivals.

Our next adventure 2027 is going to be "The World Uchinanchu Festival" called "Taikai". Please contact us if you want to be a part of the big event coming up! This event takes place every 5 years, last one being in 2022.

Lastly, if you classmate that you know has not received our newsletter, we would appreciate it if you would provide their updated information and please pass this newsletter on.

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