

Chicago Okinawa Kenjinkai Announcements



The winner of the contest to design the next generation Chicago Okinawa Kenjinkai T shirt is Mari Jocson. The design idea had to incorporate the concepts of Chicago and Okinawa into one recognizable design. Mari designed a Shisa using the prefectural symbol for Okinawa as the eyes and the city skyline of Chicago as the teeth. The Shisa is a mythical creature brought from China to Okinawa in the days of the Ryukyu Kingdom. Shisa can be seen all over the island of Okinawa as they are believed to welcome good spirits and chase away evil spirits. Congratulations Mari!

Preorder Your New T Shirts Today

The New Chicago Okinawa Kenjinkai T Shirts are now in the process of being screen printed. Their arrival is expected to be September 13th 2011. Now is your chance to order one in advance at a discounted price of \$10. That's Right, For a limited time during the month of September you can purchase these shirts at cost. Hurry though on October 1st the price goes up to \$15 dollars.

The shirts are available in Red White and Blue this time in the sizes shown to the right. There is a small Chicago Okinawa Kenjinkai Logo on the left front of the shirt and the new Shisa design on the back of the shirt with the words Chicago & Okinawa above and below the design.

If you would like to pre-order your shirt, contact Tom Corrao at tcorrao@wi.rr.com . He will be happy to add you to the list.



THE KENJINKAI IS SEEKING A TREASURER

The Chicago Okinawa Kenjinkai has an opening for Treasurer because Tomiko Schumaier has resigned her position citing personal reasons. If you or anyone you know in the Kenjinkai is interested in the position, please contact Paula Schmidling prior to September 25th 2011. The qualified applicant must have a working knowledge of Microsoft Excel and be reasonably good at math to qualify.

Also the Kenjinkai would like to thank Tomiko Schumaier for the wonderful job she did during her short tenure. Your dedication to the Kenjinkai was greatly appreciated.