



# Okinawa International Women's Club Winter 2017

## OIWC RECENT EVENTS

### December Bazaar

OIWC raised a record 1.4 million yen in their annual end of the year fundraiser held on December 12, 2016 at Laguna Garden Hotel. From bake sale to silent auction, culture group crafts to white elephant sale and, of course, raffle tickets, all contributed to



the hard earned fundraising that will go towards local non-profit charities needs. Members also listened to a performance of Christmas carols by Bechtel Elementary school.



OIWC Holiday Bazaar Fundraiser 2016	
White elephant	¥216,897
Bake sale	¥115,150
Raffle	¥251,000
Silent auction	¥175,450
Culture crafts	¥672,093
Donation	¥30,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>¥1,460,590</b>

### January Luncheon

OIWC members enjoyed a traditional Okinawan dance by club members and a wonderful koto performance by Yoshida Onaga for the first luncheon of 2017, held on January 10 at the elegant Naha Terrace Hotel.

Members reunited after the busy holidays over a seafood lunch and



listened to both classical and contemporary works on both a Ryukyu and mainland style koto.

**Dates: April 17-19**  
**Price: 78,000 yen**  
**RSVP: February 15**  
**Contact: [oiwc4tour@gmail.com](mailto:oiwc4tour@gmail.com)**

## UPCOMING TOUR



### OIWC Off Island Tour 2017

On April 17-19, 2017, OIWC members will have a chance to see some amazing World Heritage Sites, from historical villages to shrines and waterfalls, as well as soak in traditional onsen hot springs. The tour visits Koyasan, a Buddhist temple with historical town, and continues onto Minabe to soak in the hot springs with a canyon cruise down Kumano river. One can witness the beautiful Nachi Falls and the trip concludes at Ise Shrine and Okage historical district, all for a mere 78,000 Yen! Price includes: Round trip airfare (JTA Airline), Breakfast (2) - Lunch (3) - Dinner (2), Hotels, entrance fees, chartered bus, water jet boat, English and Japanese Guides. RSVP 2-15-17!



### Welfare outreach

The OIWC welfare event at Adventist Medical Center on November 23 was a blast. OIWC members assisted with the



medical center holiday bazaar by giving out hugs and playing with the children.

As OIWC's ongoing welfare program, on December 7, Neko culture group volunteered at Yumesaki house, a children's home for at risk youth. They shared American holiday traditions, stories and songs with the youth and

partook in a gift exchange and delicious holiday meal. Washi group was the first group to do welfare in 2017, volunteering at Adventist Medical Center on January 12.

Mini March Bazaar is fast approaching! Please consider donating your accessories, books, and kitchenware.

### Word from President

Dear OIWC Members, Happy New Year! We had a wonderful year in 2016 - our club attracted 188 American members and 170 Japanese members. We donated over ¥1.7 million to 14 local charitable organizations and volunteered our time and labor in 10. In the December Christmas Bazaar, we raised ¥1,460,590 and set a new record! Thank you all very much for your generous donations and your hard work! We couldn't have done that without your support!

This year, the OIWC Board added several new board members. They are motivated, dedicated and ready to take on big responsibilities. Together, we strive to make your experience with OIWC the best you have ever had! We are looking into new venues for our luncheons for a change of scene and taste. We have identified more professional artists to perform at our luncheons. We started a new year with more welfare funds than ever!

If you would like to get more involved, we are currently looking for qualified volunteers to chair the Social and Secretary positions.

We are here to serve you. If you have any questions, concerns, suggestions or recommendations, please feel free to contact me any time!

Thank you all for your continuous support to OIWC and look forward to seeing you at the February luncheon!

Sincerely,  
Tian Olson  
Vice President



### New Board Members

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