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Monthly Newsletter of the Aiea Hongwanji Mission Embrace Change - Awareness (Seek Opportunities)

EVENTS OF JULY 2015

Jul 1	Thur	7:30pm	Buddhist Women's Association Hapi Sewing Nite
Jul 2	Thur	9:00am	Aiea Buddhist Women's Association Meeting
Jul 3-4	Fri/Sat	5:30pm	Moilili Hongwanji Bon Dance (note correction in time)
Jul 5	Sun	9:00am	Family Service and Dharma School (Rev. Yagi at Betsuin)
Jul 6	Mon	7:30pm	Sr. Young Buddhist Association Meeting
Jul 8	Wed	7:30pm	Buddhist Women's Association Hapi Sewing Nite
Jul 10	Fri	6:00pm	Sr. Young Buddhist Association Dinner (Zakahi)
Jul 10-11	Fri-Sat	7:00pm	Waipahu Hongwanji Bon Dance
Jul 12	Sun	9:00am	Family Service and Dharma School
Jul 15	Wed	7:30pm	Buddhist Women's Association Hapi Sewing Nite
Jul 18	Sat	9:00am	Annual Imin Yosebaka Service at Makiki Cemetery
Jul 18	Sat	6:30pm	Waianae Hongwanji Bon Dance
Jul 19	Sun	9:00am	Dharma School Recognition Service
Jul 20-24	Mon-Fri	6:30-9pm	Buddhist Study Center Summer Session
Jul 20-Aug 3			Rev. Yagi is on vacation
Jul 21	Tue	7:00pm	Aiea Hongwanji Mission Board of Directors' Meeting
Jul 22	Wed	7:30pm	Buddhist Women's Association Hapi Sewing Nite
Jul 26	Sun	9:00am	No service
Jul 26	Sun	11:30am	United of O`ahu Jr. YBA Meeting at Mililani
Jul 29	Wed		Last Day of Preschool Summer Session
Jul 29	Wed	7:30pm	Buddhist Women's Association Hapi Sewing Nite

HIGHLIGHTS OF AUGUST 2015

Aug 1	Sat	7:00pm	Waialua Hongwanji Bon Dance
Aug 2	Sun		No Service (Rev. Yagi will return on Aug 4)
Aug 2	Sun		United of O`ahu Jr. YBA Meeting
Aug 6	Thur	9:00am	Aiea Buddhist Women's Association Meeting
Aug 7,8	Fri-Sat	7:00pm	Pearl City Hongwanji Bon Dance
Aug 7-10	Fri-Mon		Young Adult Retreat at Kailua Hongwanji
Aug 9	Sun	9:00am	Sutra Chanting Service / Japanese Service
Aug 16	Sun	9:00am	Sutra Chanting Service / Japanese Service
Aug 18	Tue	7:00 pm	Aiea Hongwanji Mission Board of Director's Meeting
Aug 21,22	Fri-Sat	7:00pm	Mililani Hongwanji Bon Dance
Aug 23	Sun	8:00am	Yagura Set Up; no service
Aug 23	Sun	6:00pm	Hatsubon Service
Aug ???	Mon	7:00pm	O`ahu District Buddhist Education Meeting
Aug 29	Sat	6:00pm	Aiea O-bon Service
Aug 29	Sat	7:00pm	Aiea Hongwanji Mission Bon Dance
Aug 30	Sun		Bon Dance Clean Up; no service

**NEED THE
ASSISTANCE OF
THE MINISTER?**

**While Rev. Kosho
Yagi is on
vacation, from
July 20 thru
August 3, please
call the temple
office
for non-urgent
matters.**

**For religious
emergencies
(Makuragyo or
bedside
services), please
call Rev. Mari
Nishiyama on her
cell phone,
896-0488.**

**Temple
President,
Warren
Tamamoto, is
also available for
assistance. His
pager number is
576-4136.**

[Continue from Last Month Jiko]

Minister's Message

Dr. Tanaka says "I find Buddhism appealing because it's voluntary, open, personal, and peaceful. I would like to share some Shinran Shonin's words, especially keeping the four points in mind.



Voluntary: Now, whether you accept the Nembutsu, entrusting yourself to it, or reject it, that is your own decision.

Open: If that be the case (you suspect that there is a better teaching), there are many eminent, scholars in the monasteries of Nara and Mount Hiei, so you should go see them and ask them in detail about the way to attain birth in the Pure Land.

Personal: When I ponder the compassionate vow of Amida, established through five kalpas of profound thought, it was for myself Shinran, alone.

Peaceful: All beings have been fathers and mothers, brothers and sisters, in the timeless process of birth-and-death.

Tathagata (Buddha) fills the hearts and minds of the ocean of all beings. Thus, plants, trees, and land all attain Buddhahood. And as his life was coming to an end, he requested, "Throw my ashes in the Kamo River and feed me to the fish."

Obon Season is around the corner! This year again, I humbly ask for your help and support. *Yoroshiku Onegai Shimasu.*

I would like to share the story about origins of Obon and Bon dance.

The origins of Obon can be traced to the Ulambana Sutra which relates the story of Mahamaudgalyayana (Mogallana in Pali, 目連尊者 Mokuren Sonja in Jpn.), the most gifted of Shakamuni Buddha's disciples in the area of extraordinary sense perceptions. A very filial son, Mahamaudgalyayana one day used his extraordinary powers to visualize the whereabouts of his mother who had died. Searching all the realms, from the highest of the heavens to the lowest of the hells, he was surprised and horrified to find his mother suffering the torments of the realm of Hungry Ghosts. With his powers again, he filled a bowl with food and sent it to his mother. The food burst into flames each time she put it to her mouth. Finding himself helpless in aiding his mother, he ran to the Buddha seeking help.

The Buddha tells Mahamaudgalyayana that he needs the combined help of all the monks to help his mother. He was told to bring offerings of food from land and sea, and sweets piled on a platter to the Sangha at the end of the Pravara. The Pravara was a period of retreat for the Buddha and his disciples during the rainy season in India. This was from the 15th of April to the 15th of July by the western calendar. Monks were forbidden to travel in order to avoid the killing of insects which multiplied greatly during the rainy season. They were to stay in one place to listen to the Buddha's talks, study, and meditate. This tradition of study and meditation continued in China and Japan and was known as the Uango (雨安居 "rain-quiet-stay") or Ango. Mahamaudgalyayana made the prescribed offerings and his mother and seven generations of his ancestors were relieved of their sufferings. Mahamaudgalyayana was so overjoyed that he clapped his hands and danced for joy. This is said to have been the beginning of the Bon Odori.

For Bon Festivities, let us work together and enjoy together. Hatsu Bon Service will be held on Aug. 23 at 6pm, and Bon Service will be held on Aug. 29 at 6pm.

Namo Amida Butsu
Rev. Kosho Yagi

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hi everyone! I hope you are well!



I want to thank everyone who was able to help at the temple beautification day on Sunday, June 7th. Thanks to help from many volunteers, we are able to keep our facilities in good working order. The AHM Preschool teachers and parents come to work on various projects at the preschool and keep the preschool in great shape. Members and friends come to clean the temple yard, clean inside the temple and Social Hall. Because the Social Hall is so heavily used, it always needs cleaning.

The Hosha gang is always busy with various projects around the temple. The Buddhist Women's Association provides breakfast, a delicious lunch and refreshments for everyone. The quarterly Temple Beautification program was started several years ago. It has become an essential part of our temple maintenance program. Look for the dates in our newsletter, the JIKO and please come out to help keep your temple looking beautiful!

Summer is the O-Bon season and Ewa Hongwanji kicked off the Bon season for the Oahu District this past Saturday. Ewa is one of the smaller temples in the Oahu District. However, Ewa usually has one of the larger Bon celebrations. The community participation was fantastic! I got there a little late and had to park a half mile away because the parking lot was full and cars were parked all along the roadside in either direction. The food was delicious. They had pig's feet soup, lau-lau, fried saimin, fried chicken, hot dogs and saimin. The line for andagi was super long, as always. Music and dancing was lively! The Aiea Sr. YBA helped serve hot dogs and saimin. This coming weekend is at Wahiawa Hongwanji and I encourage you to go if you are able to get out to Wahiawa!

Here at Aiea, we have started to plan for this year's O-Bon. This year, the AHM Board of Directors is collectively planning the O-Bon celebration. Aiea's Bon Dance is on Saturday, August 29th. Set up for the Yagura and Food Booth is tentatively set for Sunday, August 16th. Hatsubon service is on Sunday, August 23rd at 6:00 pm. Bon Service is on Saturday, August 29th at 6:00 pm. Bon dance will start at 7:00 pm. Hope to see you there!

Gassho,
Warren Tamamoto

AIEA HONGWANJI HALL WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Sunday	Dharma Service	9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
Sunday & Thursday	Hosha Work Days	8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Monday to Friday	Preschool Use	8:45 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.
Monday & Thursday	Kumon Class	2:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Monday & Wednesday	Zumba Class	6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday & Thursday	Judo	5:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Tuesday & Thursday	Sanshin Class (classroom)	7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
1st Thursday	BWA Meeting	9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
Thursdays	BWA Craft Class	8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Mettabhavana Meditation

Amida Buddha
surrounds all men
and all forms of life
with Infinite Love
and Compassion.
Particularly does
he send forth
loving thoughts to
those in suffering
and sorrow, those
in doubt and
ignorance, to
those who are
striving to attain
Truth; and to those
whose feet are
standing close to
the great change
men call death,
Amida Buddha
sends forth oceans
of Wisdom and
Compassion.

Namo Amida Butsu.

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATION

The JIKO will publish names and amounts of donations made for services or projects. If you DO NOT want your name published, please mark your donation-"NO PUBLISH", and your name will be omitted and your donation marked "Generous Member or Anonymous".

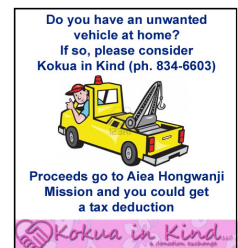
Donations listed here were received prior to approximately June 17, 2015. Donations received after this date will be published in next month's newsletter.

ADDITIONAL GOTAN-E DONATIONS

ADDITIONAL ALOHA FOR NEPAL

IN MEMORY OF

GENERAL DONATIONS



DONATIONS TO AIEA HONGWANJI BUDDHIST WOMENS ASSOCIATION

United of O'ahu Juniors want to thank Aiea Hongwanji Mission for hosting the 58th State Convention.

HI-5 RECYCLABLE DONATIONS

Deposit Hi-5¢ donations outside in the back (Makai) corner of hall building where our master recycler Kazuto Tomoyasu works on it on Hosha days. Please deposit non Hi-5 items and card board at our neighborhood school depositories or your blue home recycle bins. If you would like to be recognized for your donation, please include your name.

Recycle Hawai'i 

Note: For Hi-5 recyclables, may we ask for your kokua in removing the caps from the plastic beverage containers. In addition, plastic drink bottles cannot be redeemed without the Hi-5 label. If detached, please roll up and stick it in the bottle. Thank you for your continued support.



Senior YBA Dinner at the Morikawa's on May 15

PICTURES



Rev. Irene Nakamoto, guest speaker on May 17, 2015



United of O'ahu Juniors with Keynote Speaker Former Representative Colleen Hanabusa



Oahu District Ministers at Hawaii Plantation Village Obon Service 2015: Rev. Mariko Nishiyama, Rev. Kojun Hashimoto, Rev. Roy Ryosho Kokuzo (Soto Mission), Rev. Kosho Yagi, Rev. Jan Youth, Rev. Jay Okamoto.



BWA Craft Sale: Beautiful coverlet creator and satisfied buyer. More creations at Bon Dance on August 29.



Winners of the Mr. and Miss Jr. Y. B. A. (the top Juniors in the State): Mr. Jake Chang, Ty Y. _____ (Mr. Jr. Y. B.A.), Akane S _____ (Miss Jr. Y. B A.), Bishop Eric Matsumoto at the Pagoda Hotel

Cy, Justin, Chloe, Seated
Koji, Jared, Shoshi, Kenji and Aaron, Standing



United of O'ahu Juniors who were selected by their peers as the Model United for the Hawaii Federation of Jr. Y. B. A.
 First Row: Jared, Cy, Chloe, Shoshi, Kenji, Koji, Ty.
 Standing: Jake Chang (Retiring Youth Specialist), Aaron, Rev. Kojun Hashimoto (Minister Advisor), Akane, Justin, Kano (Convention Co-Chair), Gay Tanaka (Advisor), Katelyn (Convention Co-Chair), Ryan, Claire Tamamoto (Advisor), Bishop Eric Matsumoto.

**GOLDEN
CHAIN
OF LOVE**

I am a link in
Amida
Buddha's
Golden Chain of
Love that
stretches around
the world. I must
keep my link
bright and
strong. I will try
to be kind and
Gentle to every
living thing and
protect all who
are weaker than
myself. I will try
to think pure and
beautiful
thoughts, to say
pure and beauti-
ful words and to
do pure and
beautiful deeds,
knowing on what
I do now de-
pends not only
on my happiness
or unhappiness
but also that of
others. May
every link In
Amida
Buddha's
Golden Chain of
Love become
bright and strong
and may we all
attain Perfect
Peace. Namo
Amida Butsu.

NEWS FROM HEADQUARTERS

DENTO HOKOKU HOYO. Honzan recently announced the schedule of Commemoration Services of Transmission (*Dento Hokoku Hoyo* 伝灯奉告法要) for the 25th Sennyō Monshū:
In 2016

1st period: From Sat, Oct 1 thru Sat, Oct 8
2nd period: From Thur, Oct 20 thru Thur, Oct 27
3rd period: From Fri, Nov 4 thru Fri, Nov 11
4th period: From Fri, Nov 18 thru Fri, Nov 25
In 2017

5th period: Tues, Mar 7 thru Tues, Mar 14
6th period: From Tue, Mar 28 thru Tue, Apr 4
7th period: From Tue, Apr 11 thru Tue, Apr 18
8th period: From Tue, Apr 25 thru Tue, May 2
9th period: From Tue, May 9 thru Tue, May 16
10th period: Fr Wed May 24 thru Wed May 31

The Commemoration Services will be held in the afternoon at Honzan (Kyoto, Japan) except one service on April 18, 2017 at Ohtani Honbyō. Please wait for more detailed information on a pilgrimage tour which the office of the Bishop plans to coordinate for this special observance.

HMH HONORED TO PARTICIPATE IN NATIONAL MEMORIAL CEMETERY OF THE PACIFIC MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE

On Monday, May 25, 2015, Memorial Day,



Hawaii Kyodan participated in the Memorial Day Service held at Punchbowl. Under auspicious blue skies, the ceremony honoring all fallen military men and women and their families was held with military honors, songs and speeches in praise and remembrance. In attendance were the Governor, Honorable David Ige and First Lady of Hawaii, Dawn Amano-Ige and many other dignitaries. The keynote address was given by General Lori J. Robinson, Commander, Pacific Air Forces. She is the first female general to reach this rank. As part of the ceremony, among the representatives of various organizations was Hawaii Kyodan State President Pieper Toyama and Executive Assistant to the Bishop Rev. Toshiyuki Umitani who on behalf of Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii

presented a floral wreath. The Memorial Day Service closed with a Benediction by Bishop Eric Matsumoto of Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii emphasizing peace for all people of all lands. On the day prior to the ceremony, the Boy Scout Troop of Hawaii Betsuin was one of the many troops that placed flags and lei on the graves at Punchbowl. Thank you to all those who made lei and also participated in Memorial Day remembrances throughout the State.

SUMMER SESSION. This year's Summer Session will be held from Mon, July 20-Fri, July 24 from 6:30-9pm at the Buddhist Study Center. The theme is: "What is Jodo Shinshu to You?" The week-long session will be a discussion among ministers and lay members to try to explain Shin Buddhism in a relevant and accessible way. The Session will be dedicated to the people of Nepal and is a fundraiser for Kathmandu Hongwanji. Suggested donation for this event is \$50.00

YOUNG ADULT RETREAT. This year's Young Adult Retreat 7 will be held from Aug 7-10 at Kailua Hongwanji. The theme for this year is: Ichigo Ichie (Once in a lifetime chance). For those familiar with YESS Camp there will be a similar format, goals, and general experience. In addition to dharma talks, this year we will be going to a beach in Kailua, hopefully to attend a showing of the Peace on Your Wings musical and participate in the Sunday morning service with Kailua Hongwanji.

The early deadline for registration is Fri, June 26 for \$100. The late deadline is July 17. The Young Adult Retreat is open to all young adults from ages 18-35 interested in growing deeper in the Dharma/Buddhism.

Shoshinge & Wasan Book

Has been reviewed/ revised and is available for your temple/family usage.

Price: \$22.00

(Temple members will receive 10% discount).

Please call HQ Bookstore at 522-9202

PEACE ON YOUR WINGS. "Peace On Your Wings" makes an exciting Hawaii Theatre debut. In observance of the 70th anniversary of the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, performances will be held from August 6-9, 2015. Sadako Sasaki's brother Masahiro Sasaki and his son Yuji Sasaki will join in the event in Hawaii.

“Peace On Your Wings” will make its North American premiere in partnership with the Japanese American Cultural & Community Center (JACCC) at the Aratani Theater in Los Angeles as part of the JACCC’s annual Remembering Sadako event that promotes international peace through arts and culture. Three performances will take place on September 18th & 19th, 2015.

For more information: peaceonyourwings.com

STATE MINISTERS ASSOCIATION SEMINAR. The 57th State Ministers Association Seminar was held on June 9-11, 2015. This year’s seminar was hosted by the Oahu District Ministers Association (Seminar Chair Rev. Mariko Nishiyama), and the Honzan dispatched Professor Kenneth Tanaka of Musashino University as its keynote lecturer. Professor Tanaka gave a lecture on the theme of “Embrace Change: Awareness (Seek Opportunities): Within a Changing World and Needs”. Professor Carrie Tanaka (Mrs. Kenneth Tanaka) provided a class on English pronunciation for the ministers who came from Japan. From our sister organization, Buddhist Churches of America, Rev. William Briones (Rinban of Los Angeles Betsuin) and Rev. Patricia Usuki (Resident Minister of San Fernando Valley Hongwanji Buddhist Temple) joined the seminar.



Thank you very much Oahu District Ministers Association for hosting the wonderful seminar, and also members of HHMH for your support.

Aiea Hongwanji Preschool

Graduation was successful. Thank you Hosha and Ito for hanging the backdrop. ♥

Summer Session began June 1. It will end on July 29 with 86 students.

Field trips scheduled are Bishop Museum and Sesame Street Live.

The Fall (August) session is expected to be full based on applications received.

The Preschool is now qualified to assist military and DOD families with their children's tuition.

The Hobart dishwasher and new disposal have been installed by Plumber and Electrician. ♥ ♥

Thank you to Russell Nonaka for putting in a new redwood garden bed and repairing the low stonewall by the Puakala entrance.

Drive cautiously and slowly when entering and leaving the parking lot and Puakala Street. Please remember that we are in the middle of a residential neighborhood with children.



Pacific Buddhist Academy News

Calling All PBA Alumni and Families! Head of School Josh Hernandez Morse and Head of School Emeritus Pieper Toyama cordially invite PBA Alumni and their Families to Pacific Buddhist Academy’s 1st Annual Alumni Luncheon! Reconnect with old friends and families, meet other alumni, and share your latest news. We look forward to seeing all of you!

August 1, 2015 (Saturday), Manoa Grand Ballroom, 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Costs: \$50 for alumni family members
\$40 for PBA Alumni

All Proceeds benefit the Pieper Toyama Peacemaker Fund. For more information, please call or write to Events Manager Ms. Liane Vilorio, at phone 808-532-2649, or liane.vilorio@pbahi.org

Spring Fund Appeal. Our Spring Annual Fund appeal has brought us to the \$100,000 mark toward our goal of

\$120,000. Every contribution to the Annual Fund helps PBA’s young peacemakers make the world a better place. To donate, please send your gift of any amount to the Advancement Office, Pacific Buddhist Academy, 1710 Pali Highway, Honolulu, 96813, or click: <http://www.pacificbuddhistacademy.org/giving/give-online>.

2015 Lighting Our Way Banquet: Save the Date!

Our annual Lighting Our Way Banquet will be held Friday, October 2, at the Waialae Country Club at 5 p.m. This year’s honorees include Satoru Abe, one of Hawaii’s best known sculptors and painters; Frederick Nonaka, Hawaii Island landscaper and first Board Chair of PBA; Dr. Robert Peters, early childhood educator and former Head of School at Hanahauoli; and L. Candy Suiso, creator of the successful Searider Productions at Waianae High School. Further details forthcoming.

Major Yearly Memorial Service Schedule

For The Year 2015

2014-1st year
 2013-3rd year*
 2009-7th year
 2003-13th year
 1999-17th year
 1991-25th year
 1983-33rd year
 1966-50th year

* from the 2nd anniversary, please follow the Japanese custom of holding the service the year ahead.

Family Memorial Service

In the Japanese Buddhist tradition, families hold memorial services (Nen-ki Hoyo) in memory of our loved ones, and to express our gratitude for Amida Buddha's Infinite Light.

The Buddha's Wisdom and Compassion embrace our loved ones in the land of peace and happiness. May we also remember Amida's embrace on our lives as we remember those who have departed.

If your family would like to arrange a memorial service for your loved one, please call the temple at 487-2626 (please leave a message if no one is available). You may schedule the service either before or after the memorial date. The ideal time is when as many family members as possible will attend. If you have any questions about memorial services, please call Rev. Yagi at 488-5685.

	<u>July 2015</u>	<u>August 2015</u>
	Sachiko Toyofuku 1st	Jenichi Ginoza 1st
	Robert Yukio Kojima 7th	Evelyn Nishimura 1st
2014-1st year	Mary Fumie Dacosin 13th	Jane Tokuda 1st
2013-3rd year*	Hisako Monden 13th	Robert Tadashi Araki 3rd
	Tomoichi Isobe 17th	Larry Yoshio Nakahara 7th
2009-7th year	Sayo Koyanagi 17th	Takawo Arai 13th
	Tsurue Minami 17th	Kaneko Murakami 13th
2003-13th year	Sakayo Okoga 17th	Sadame Okimoto 13th
	Chika Ippongi 25th	Ayame Hasebe 25th
1999-17th year	Kenso Tasaki 25th	
	Koisa Inokuchi 33rd	
1991-25th year	Yaeno Ogata 33rd	

Our apologies for the erroneous memorial anniversary information provided in the last issue of the JIKO.

Nokotsudo (Columbarium)

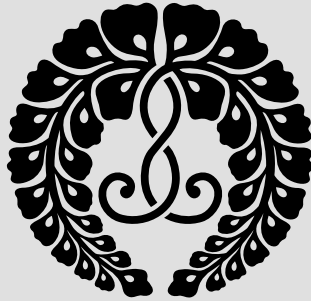
If you would like to visit the Nokotsudo, please call the minister at 488-5685 or the office at 487-2626 well ahead of time so that arrangements can be made to open the Nokotsudo for you.

ALOHA FOR NEPAL - Based on updated information from Headquarters. The Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii initially donated \$10,000 to Kathmandu Hongwanji and \$5,000 to the disaster relief organization, Mercy Corps, in order to lend our immediate support for the tremendous devastation in Nepal which occurred on April 25, 2015. The "Aloha for Nepal Fund" was also established to help all those affected by this earthquake. Due to concern shared by many people, the initial deadline to submit donations was extended to June 30. As of June 14, 2015, an additional \$28,109.02 was collected. All monies collected by Aiea Hongwanji was forwarded to Headquarters. Thank you for your generous contributions !!!

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Aiea BWA News

Happy 4th of July !

Please join us on Wed nites at 7:30pm to sew hapi coats and other projects

On July 22 we will be meeting at 6:30pm (no zumba).

On July 29 at 7:30 pm, we will have "Conversational Japanese Language lessons" by Ms. Sugi Tomori, a Japanese Language teacher at Kalani High School. Come join us to learn or share your knowledge.

Hapi coats are still on sale in blue or brown print: \$30 for adult sizes, \$20.00 for childrens.

Call the office 486-2626 or come on Thursday mornings to place an order.

Enjoy the summer with family and friends.

With gassho,
Arlene Sunada



Senior YBA News

Our Senior YBA service project was to help Ewa Hongwanji with their obon dance. We were in charge of hot dog and saimin in the food booth. We all reported at 4:30 p.m. to set up our assigned chores. We started to sell the food at 5:30 p.m. and with the help of a hungry crowd in attendance, I'm happy to say that by 9:15 p.m. we were sold out! What a joy to see our YBA Sangha wearing our purple club shirts and working together as a team. Domo arigato to our co-chairs Larry and Lynn for doing such a good job! Well done! The dedicated crew consisted of Roy and Gayle, Ernie and Elaine

with their grandson Justin, Susan M., Thelma, Harriet, me and our granddaughter Madison. It was so good to see our YBA in action. Thank you for your time and hard work!

Please remember our next Senior YBA meeting is July 6th (Monday), in the BWA kitchen. See you all at 7:30 p.m. On the agenda – our pot luck dinner at the Zakahi's.

Enjoy your summer. Have fun and stay safe!

In Gassho,
George Zakahi

