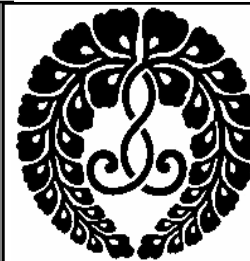


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## EVENTS OF MAY 2016

May 1	Sun	9:00am	Dharma Service and School
May 1	Sun	1:00pm	OUBWA meeting at Waianae
May 5	Thur	9:00am	Aiea BWA meeting
May 5	Thur	6:00pm	PBA Baccalaureate Ceremony at Hawaii Betsuin
May 6	Fri	5:00pm	PBA Commencement Exercise at JCCH
May 6	Fri		Sanmu and Sanmu-Kanji Meetings
May 7	Sat		Honpa Hongwanji Hawai'i Board of Directors' Meeting
May 8	Sun	9:00am	Mother's Day Service
May 15	Sun	9:00am	Dharma Service and School
May 15	Sun	10:30am	Preschool Committee meeting
May 15	Sun	noon	O'ahu Lay Association Meeting at Waipahu
May 17	Tue	7:00pm	Aiea Hongwanji Mission Board of Directors' Meeting
May 22	Sun	9:00am	Gotan-E Service (Shinran Shonin's Birthday)
May 22	Sun	11:00am	Lotus ADC Committee meeting
May 22	Sun	noon	Bon Dance practice at Aiea Hongwanji (Hall)
May 23	Mon	7:00pm	O'ahu Buddhist Education Meeting at Mililani
May 27	Fri	9:30am	Aiea Hongwanji Mission Pre-School Graduation
May 29	Sun	9:00am	Dharma Service and School
May 29	Sun	10:30am	115th Anniversary Committee meeting

## HIGHLIGHTS OF JUNE 2016

June 1	Wed		First Day of Preschool Summer Session
June 2	Thur	9:00am	Aiea BWA meeting
June 4	Sat	4:00pm	O'ahu Sangha O-Bon Service at Hawai'i Plantation Village
June 5	Sun	9:00am	Family Dharma Service and School
June 12	Sun	8:00am	Quarterly Temple Beautification Day/no service
June 14-16	Tue-Thur		58th State Ministers Association Seminar (Kauai)
June 18	Sat	7:00pm	Ewa Bon Dance
June 19	Sun	9:00am	Father's Day Service
June 21	Tue	7:00pm	AHM BOD Meeting
June 24-25	Fri-Sat	7:00pm	Wahiawa Hongwanji Bon Dance
June 24-26	Fri-Sun		59th Jr. YBA State Convention
June 26	Sun	9:00am	Family Dharma Service and School
June 28	Tue	7:00pm	O'ahu Hongwanji Council Meeting at Wahiawa

### ***Aloha Members and Friends***

- This is just a reminder to turn in your membership (Gojikai) dues for 2015 and 2016 if you have not already done so. Dues are \$125 per year, and \$50 if you are under age 40. Your dues help to support our temple and the Hongwanji organization and activities statewide. If you are no longer a member, or if you wish to sign up to become a member, please contact the office at 487-2626 or email: [aieajiko@gmail.com](mailto:aieajiko@gmail.com). Thank you!
- To avoid confusion, when submitting payment or donations, please indicate in the lower left hand corner of your check or on an attached note, the purpose of your payment—dues (for what year, and for whom), donation in memory of (who?), and who the donation should be credited to if it is not clear.
- At our 115th Anniversary Celebration, we will be honoring our members who are 80 year and older. If you will be 80 or over in 2017, please notify the office as soon as possible.

**NEED THE  
ASSISTANCE OF  
THE MINISTER?**

**Please call Rev.  
Kosho Yagi at  
488-5685  
(residence) or  
487-2626 (office).  
If he is not  
available, leave a  
message on the  
answering  
machine.**

**For religious  
emergencies  
(Makuragyo or  
bedside  
services), please  
call Rev. Yagi on  
his cell phone,  
364-2825.**

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

Minister's Message

Rev. Yagi is on leave, and will be back again with next month's message.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Hi everyone,

I hope you are in good spirits. Claire and I had a chance to go to Kailua Hongwanji this past Sunday afternoon to listen to a special speaker, Mr. Timber Hawkeye. We enjoyed the conversation and learned a little about ourselves at the same time. I'd like to share a little of what we learned with you

First of all, Kailua Hongwanji is recently rebuilt from the ground up. It is a beautiful and modern facility. It is very quiet and cool. Seating is flexible with moveable chairs and it is a perfect place for a small group gathering.

Timber Hawkeye is a young man (about 40?) who emigrated to the U. S. as a teenager from Israel. He could not speak English when he got here. His family was Jewish, but he wasn't raised to follow the traditional Jewish path. He does not associate with any one religion. Instead, he developed his own approach to being at peace with the world, both within and around him. He is the author of two very popular inspirational books, "*Buddhist Boot Camp*" and "*Faithfully Religionless*" and he shared his observations of life (also in his books) with us.

Mr. Hawkeye studied Tibetan and Zen Buddhism in Asia. He was attracted to Buddhism because it is honest (we don't know how the universe started) and it always points back to personal responsibility. Buddha himself instructed his followers to examine the teachings for themselves. If they found the teachings to be true, then follow the teachings. Also, the conversation in Buddhism always leads to the concept of gratitude. That is, look at what we have, not what we don't have. Be grateful for what we have and that is enough.

One of the first observations that he made when he got to the United States was that he realized that happiness has nothing to do with what we have. He came from a less prosperous country to the wealthiest country in the world. Yet, people were less happy here. He advised us to be happy on the journey itself (this is such good advice—I've heard this so many times, but still have to be reminded).

Here are his thoughts about religion (from his book *Faithfully Religionless*): "*It's not that I'm against religion, I simply don't have one (nor do I believe that we need it to be ethical). My faith is doctrine-free, with a definition of God that doesn't conjure a white man in the sky who dispenses blessings for good behavior and harsh judgments to condemn the bad. That's because I don't believe God does that; religion does. You see, faith is a spiritual practice of continually letting go of certainty, of ego, and of the underlying need to know, while religion is a ceremonial tradition of hanging on, clinging to concrete dogmas, stubborn rigidity, and ageless ritual.*"

Food for thought!

Gassho,  
Warren Tamamoto

## HAWAI'I BOOK & MUSIC FESTIVAL

Civic Grounds at Honolulu Hale -- Free admission & Free Parking

[www.HawaiiBookandMusicFestival.org](http://www.HawaiiBookandMusicFestival.org)



Honpa Hongwanji main temple in the International Indian-Western style

### BUDDHIST ADAPTATIONS IN HAWAI'I A Program of Seven Panels Sunday, May 1

Of the 112,000 people in Hawai'i who identify themselves as Buddhists, approximately 20,000 are members of Japanese temples. The remaining 92,000 people belong to other Buddhist organizations or simply think of themselves as being Buddhists without any ties to a group. In the United States as a whole, over 2.2 million people are Buddhists, which means that Hawai'i's Buddhist population makes up only 5% of the number of Buddhists nationwide.

These statistics clearly show that there is a huge Buddhist community outside of Japanese Buddhist congregations in our state and nation, and any discussion about the place of Buddhism in our society needs to be set in this wider context.

This is exactly what will happen at the Hawai'i Book and Music Festival, which will take place on April 30 and May 1, 2016 on the grounds of the City Hall of Honolulu. On Sunday, May 1, nineteen panelists in seven sessions between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. will explore diverse aspects of the Buddhist community in Hawai'i. Co-sponsored by the Hawai'i Council for the Humanities and BDK Hawai'i, each of the following panels will begin with comments from the panelists, and the audience will then be invited to participate in an informal, talk-story exploration of the many, sometimes surprising, facets of Buddhism in Hawai'i.

For biographies of the panelists go to [www.hawaiiBookandMusicFestival.com](http://www.hawaiiBookandMusicFestival.com)



#### Panel 1: Architectural Adaptations of Japanese Buddhist Temples in Hawai'i (10 am)

Lorraine Minatoishi Palumbo, architectural historian and producer of *Aloha Buddha*  
Willa Tanabe, art historian and co-author of *Japanese Buddhist Temples in Hawai'i*

#### Panel 2: Translating the Buddhist Canon into English (11am)

George Tanabe, historian of Japanese religions and chairman of BDK America's Buddhist Translation Project.  
Michel Mohr, Japanese Buddhist specialist and translator of Zen texts  
Arnie Kotler, founder of Koa Books and former director of Parallax Press

#### Panel 3: Diamond Sangha Zen in Hawai'i (Noon)

Helen Baroni, Japanese Buddhist specialist and author of *Love, Roshi: Robert Baker Aitken and His Distant Correspondents*, and Michael Kieran, teacher at the Palolo Zen Center of the Honolulu Diamond Sangha

#### Panel 4: Buddhism, Christianity and Hawaiian Spirituality (1 pm)

Rev. Sherman Thompson, chaplain, Kamehameha Schools and member, Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawai'i, and Manulani Aluli-Meyer, UH Hilo

#### Panel 5: Socially Engaged Buddhism (2 pm)

Rose Nakamura: Project Dana  
Maya Soetoro Ng, Assistant Faculty Specialist, Matsunaga Institute for Peace, UH Manoa  
Therese Fitzgerald, Zen Buddhist minister and Spiritual Care Counselor, Hospice Maui

#### Panel 6: Buddhist Meditation and the Rise of Mindfulness (3 pm)

Jesse Maceo Vega-Frey, Vipassana Hawai'i  
Pat Masters, ordained Buddhist nun, teacher at Bodhi Tree Dharma Center, and UH Student Services staff  
Rev. Bert Sumikawa, Moiliili Hongwanji

#### Panel 7: Japanese Buddhist Adaptations for the Future (4 pm)

Bishop Eric Matsumoto, Honpa Hongwanji  
Bishop Chishin Hirai, Nichiren Mission of Hawai'i  
Bishop Kenjun Kawawata, Higashi Hongwanji Mission

## 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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**CONDOLENCE.** Mrs. M. Kimiko Okano, wife of the late Rev. Ryoshin Okano and mother of Rev. Thomas Okano, passed away at the age of 98 on March 14, 2016. Mrs. Okano received the Ingo (Posthumous Title) of *E-Gen-In* from Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha. This was presented to her family at the Funeral Service which was officiated by Moiliili Hongwanji Resident Minister Rev. Bert Sumikawa on March 28, 2016.

Rev. Chikai Yosemite, the 14th Bishop of Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii, passed away at the age of 84 on April 13, 2016. Rev. Yosemite served as resident minister of Paia/Makawao Hongwanji (10/1964-8/1981) and Jikoen Hongwanji (9/1981-2/1996), and as Bishop (3/1996-2/2007). The Hawaii Kyodan-Sponsored Funeral Service, will be held at Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin on Saturday, April 30, 2016 and will be officiated by Bishop Eric Matsumoto. Visitation will start at 9:30am followed by the Funeral Service at 10:30am.

**THE 30TH MINISTERS' SPOUSES SEMINAR ON BIG ISLAND.**

The spouses of the Hawaii Kyodan ministers gathered together on the Big Island for their annual seminar (chaired by Mrs. Kumika Soga) on



March 25-26, 2016. This was the first seminar after the association's official title was changed from "Ministers' Wives Association" to "Ministers' Spouses Association."

On the first day of the seminar, there were two workshops held after the opening service at Puna Hongwanji. In the first workshop, Bishop Eric Matsumoto explained the "Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha General Promotion Plan". Workshop 2 was "Making Lavosh" instructed by Mrs. Hisae Kubo in

the Puna Hongwanji kitchen. We also had a Puna Hongwanji temple tour guided by Rev. Midori Kondo, and visited the Tsunami Museum at Hilo. We strengthened mutual bonds with each other through fellowship.

We visited the Farmers' market in the morning of the second day. Workshop 3 was the "Explanation of Robert's Rules of Order" by Hilo Betsuin Rimban Rev. Jeffrey Soga. Thanks to the useful information we had learned from the workshop, the General Membership Meeting, which was held after the workshop 3, was conducted in a more efficient and productive manner. To celebrate the Association's 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary seminar, we watched a special slideshow of the past seminars during lunch time.

We appreciate the ministers' spouses on Big Island for hosting this meaningful seminar, and the ministers, office staff and members of Hilo Betsuin and Puna Hongwanji Mission for welcoming us warmly. Last but not least, we would like to express our deepest appreciation to Hawaii Kyodan and each temple for giving us this precious opportunity. As ministers' spouses, we hope we can bring what we had learned at this seminar back to our temples.

**SOCIAL CONCERNS DONATION TO THE AMERICAN RED CROSS.** Bishop Eric Matsumoto and Dean Sakamoto, the Committee on Social Concerns Chair, presented a monetary donation to the American Red Cross Hawaii State Chapter, on March 21, 2016. The donation was made towards their International Relief Fund to support relief efforts for damage incurred at Fiji caused by Tropical Cyclone Winston where over 6,000 residents were placed in emergency shelters after their homes were damaged or swamped.



The donation was presented to Ms. Coralie Chun Matayoshi, Esq., Chief Executive Officer, Ms. Jennifer L. Dotson, Chief Development Officer (not in photo), and Mr. Scott Kramling, Fund Development Coordinator. The Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii has made donations in the past to the Red Cross to support relief efforts for Hurricanes Iselle and Sandy, Typhoon Haiyan and other disasters.

**HAWAII FAITH-BASED SUMMIT ON HOMELESSNESS.** The Institute for Human Services (IHS) with a mission to support those who need help and to respect all people's rights to live safely and with dignity, held a faith-based Summit on Homelessness at Central Union Church on March 14, 2016, co-sponsored by the Interfaith Alliance of Hawai'i. The intention was to involve faith communities to better: a) meet the needs of homeless persons on their property, b) partner with non-profit and government service providers, and c) assist ministers, who are rooted in faith, to implement best practices. Bishop Eric Matsumoto, Social Concerns Committee Chair Dean Sakamoto, and Rev. Satoshi Tomioka represented Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawai'i at the Seminar. There were two plenary sessions and four workshops. The first plenary session by Connie Mitchell, IHS executive director was entitled "The changing face of homelessness: lessons learned during these past 37 years." The second session was by Doug Chin, Hawai'i State Attorney General, and his theme was "I will give you rest: Legal issues surrounding respite and housing." Each religious organization, Buddhist, Christian, Hindu, Muslim, and Jewish, submitted its perspectives about homelessness. (The HHMH Social Concerns Committee's Buddhist Perspective on Homelessness is on page 8 of the JIKO.)

Rev. Satoshi Tomioka remarked, "The purpose of this summit was to share our information and knowledge so that each of us can effectively contribute to solutions to end homelessness and cooperate with other religious organizations, volunteer groups, and government entities. As I work as a minister of Hongwanji and encounter people who are suffering from drugs, alcohol, low income, traumatic experiences, difficult family and human relationships, and loss of loved ones, I face the reality of suffering in Hawai'i. As I see people suffer, my attention to suffering has broadened to not only people I know in Hongwanji but also in the larger community. Homelessness is an ever-growing issue in Hawai'i. Some questions that came to my mind, as a minister,

as a Buddhist, as a person who listens to the teachings of Amida Buddha, were 1) Do I want to end homelessness? 2) What can I do? My answer to question 1 was YES. Then, what can I do to contribute to solutions to end homelessness? This summit on homelessness was a great opportunity to learn the facts and information about how we can work together beyond the differences of faith. What we can do is learn about available shelters, services, and organizations for homeless in our community, and we can donate needed items. Amida Buddha's compassion is expressed as "*Your suffering is my suffering. Your happiness is my happiness.*" Once we are touched by such compassion, we naturally let our own compassion, love, kindness and smile erupt to those who suffer and those who need kindness. Our happiness never decreases by being shared."

**APPRECIATION TO REV. SHIMABUKURO** Rev. Yoshiko Shimabukuro's Appreciation Service was held on April 17, 2016 at 9:00am at West Kauai Hongwanji Mission. Resident Minister Rev. Tomo Hojo and President Mr. Alton Miyamoto: It was a great honor to have Rev. Shimabukuro's Appreciation Service. We presented her with an appreciation

resolution from Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii and a letter from the Bishop. Over one hundred Kauai Hongwanji members and community people participated in the service and expressed their appreciation for Rev. Shimabukuro, who keeps guiding us to the Nembutsu path.



**CALENDAR COMMITTEE.** The HHMH Calendar Committee would like to invite the Hongwanji members and friends to provide creative works of art for the 2017 Hongwanji Calendar. Please encourage each other and your various temple organizations to start thinking about ideas to submit your works of art such as photos, drawings, and poems. The Hongwanji theme and Slogan for the year 2017 is "**Embrace Change: Action (Open Communications)**".

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

We would like to extend a very warm welcome to new members, Kim and Marc Kunimitsu and their daughter Taylor. We look forward to your participation in our temple activities. Please encourage your family and friends to join Aiea Hongwanji.

Do you have an unwanted vehicle at home?  
If so, please consider  
Kokua in Kind (ph. 834-6603)



Proceeds go to Aiea Hongwanji Mission and you could get a tax deduction



## Senior YBA News

Our first pot luck dinner for 2016 was held in our BWA kitchen and social hall on Friday, April 22. We had so much ono kine kau kau! We had a lot of good chefs who prepared onolicious food and desserts. Fellowship started at 5:30 p.m. At 6 p.m. Sensei Yagi led us in the Words of Thanksgiving. After we ate all the ono kine grindz, we played our



favorite game... Bingo! Yes, everyone went home with a bag full of goodies. We had dessert and capped the evening with talk story time. Thanks to our ladies who helped clean up in the kitchen. Truly a great get together for our YBA members.



The Morikawas will be hosting our next pot luck dinner on May 20<sup>th</sup>. Yes, 5:30 p.m. is fellowship and dinner will be at 6 p.m. Please bring your favorite kau kau or dessert.



Our next Senior YBA meeting is on May 16. We will meet in our BWA kitchen. On the agenda will be "who brings what to the Morikawa's pot luck." We will discuss May 29<sup>th</sup> (5<sup>th</sup> Sunday) Hosha – kokua is needed. Also on the agenda is new YBA shirts and also, our upcoming service project: assisting in the food booth at Ewa Bon Dance on June 16.

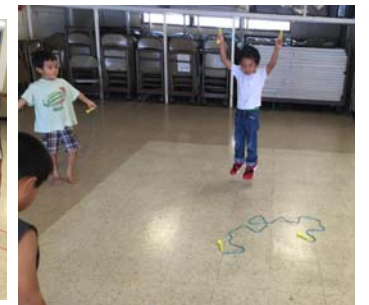
See you at our May 16<sup>th</sup> meeting!

In Gassho,  
George Zakahi



## Aiea Hongwanji Preschool

- Enrollment is at full capacity at 97 students.
- The Preschool will be offering only a full day program this upcoming school years 2016-2017. Current children that still want to opt for the 3/4 day program are "grandfathered" in.
- The four year old classes continue to visit the Lotus Adult Day Care Center weekly. The seniors are very happy and the children are more at ease engaging with them.
- Profits from the Preschool's Feb 23 CPK fundraiser were \$495.50. The next fundraiser will be on May 10, 2016 (coupon on page 9.) Thank you for your support of the Preschool's quarterly fundraisers.
- April 8—Jump Rope for Heart (see pictures)



- April 25—Marine Mammal Inflatable Classroom Tour in Hall



# HANAMATSURI



Close up of Aiea's beautifully decorated Hanamido. Thank you for your flowers!!



Hanamatsuri Service on April 3, 2016 at Aiea Hongwanji Mission

# COLORED PICTURES



Aiea Hongwanji's Eshinni Kakushinni Day Service Speaker (and organist) Mrs. Claire Tamamoto.



Gagaku music at the Hawaii Buddhist Council's Buddha Day Service at Higashi Hongwanji Betsuin.



HBC Buddha Day Service Guest Speaker Mrs. Chizuko Endo (wearing lei) after the service with Lillian.



BWA crafters with some of their handiwork at the Craft Fair following our Eshinni-Kakushinni Day Service on April 24, 2016.



Eshinni Kakushinni Day Service at Aiea Hongwanji Mission on April 24, 2016.

## A Buddhist Perspective on Homelessness

*"Your suffering is my suffering. Your happiness is my happiness."*

The words above, attributed to the Buddha, are an expression of a central tenet of Buddhist teachings: interdependence. Interdependence means that everything occurs as the result of causes and conditions, and, just as importantly, that anything can change or disappear as causes and conditions change or pass away.

A beautiful metaphor for interdependence is Indra's Net, an image from Hindu mythology used in Buddhist teaching. Indra's Net is a vast web of connections in which each knot in the net is a multifaceted jewel reflecting all other jewels. We are like those jewels: we are who we are only because of everyone and everything else in the web of life. This metaphor helps us understand how we are all connected in both direct and unseen ways, and how, through our own thoughts and actions, we can change the world.

If we have a home, the Buddha's teachings help us realize that, given a different set of causes and conditions, we could easily be homeless. Similarly, we recognize that comforts in our lives are not produced by our effort alone. "What comes to a person comes to him because of a combination of causes and conditions; it can be kept by him only temporarily and, therefore, he must not use it selfishly or for unworthy purposes" (*The Teaching of Buddha*). In the Buddhist teachings, offering shelter is among the seven kinds of offering that may be practiced even by those who are not wealthy. The seven offerings also include a warm glance, a smile, and kind words — so very applicable to encountering the houseless.

Another central concept in Buddhism is all-embracing compassion. The true compassion of the Buddha asks neither who you are, nor how rich, poor, wise, or ignorant you are. All lives are perfectly accepted as they are, each one precious and irreplaceable.

The value of all lives is illustrated by the story of King Sibi, a Jataka tale about a previous life of the Buddha. One day, King Sibi was walking in the countryside. A pigeon came down to him and pleaded, "A hawk is after me! Please, save my life!" Just then, a hawk flew down and said, "Please, give me the pigeon! Without it I will starve!" The king pondered what to do. To allow the hawk its prey would mean the death of the pigeon; to save the pigeon would mean the death of the hawk. In order to save both lives, the king decided to give his own flesh to the hawk, an amount equal in weight to the pigeon. And so, the king's attendants brought a scale and a knife and the king began to put pieces of his flesh on the scale. But no matter how much

he added, the scale would not balance. Only when he climbed on the scale himself did the scale balance. The king realized the truth of life: that all life is precious and of equal value. He became a Buddha and committed himself to saving lives.

A Buddhist perspective on homelessness begins with deepening our understanding of interdependence and interconnectedness, the nondiscriminating and unconditional nature of the Buddha's compassion, and the preciousness of each individual and all life. Whether we picture ourselves as jewels in Indra's Net or links in Buddha's golden chain of love, we understand that our thoughts and actions affect not only our own happiness or unhappiness, but also that of others (*The Golden Chain*).

We do not walk the Buddhist path alone. We are guided and supported by our fellow travelers on the path. We become the Sangha, the community that follows the Buddha and the Buddha's teachings, or Dharma. By coming together as the Sangha, we are able to manifest the Dharma and embody Buddha's love and kindness in our lives and in our community, including those experiencing homelessness.

As Buddhists, we strive to see things the way they really are: as the Buddha sees them. To the Buddha, all beings are enlightened, shining and brilliant like diamonds. Through the Buddha's compassionate working, we are awakened to our own self-centered and judgmental view of others. We begin to understand that our vision of life is filtered through ignorance, indifference, hatred, disharmony, discrimination, inequality, and ego. Seeing as we do through this selfish filter, our eyes turn away from homelessness as if it were somebody else's problem. But, guided by Buddha's eyes of loving-kindness, our eyes can be opened and transformed into kind and gentle ones, eyes that see the suffering of others, because we know we are part of the cause of that suffering. The actions that naturally flow from this transformation create new causes and conditions that will inevitably change our society and our world.

*This statement was prepared on behalf of the Social Concerns Committee, Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii, by committee members Reverend Satoshi Tomioka (Hawaii Betsuin) and David Atcheson (Hawaii Betsuin).*

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## NEWS from Lotus Adult Day Care Center (LADCC)

- If you have an aging senior that is in need a care on a daily or part time basis; the Lotus Adult Day Care Center might be the answer. We provide safe, physically and mentally interactive care for your love ones.
- Though the Lotus Adult Day Care Center is nearing capacity, we are still accepting applications for part-time and full-time participants.
- Give us a call at 486-5050 if you are interested in learning more.





## Aiea BWA News

Happy Mother's Day !

Thank you all for helping out every Thursday and Sunday. We are so grateful for your unselfish dana of time and energy to support Aiea Hongwanji activities. A special mahalo for the Sunday Hosha Kitchen groups who plan and make delicious meals for our Hosha Gang.

On April 14, 8 BWA ladies spent time with the members of the Lotus Adult Day Care Center playing bingo. We donated prizes, which were appreciated by all.

Thanks to all who purchased items from our Craft Sale after the Eshinni and Kakushinni Memorial Service on April 24. A special mahalo to Elaine K. who donated containers of delicious kim chee.

Thank you for bringing the beautiful flowers for our Sunday services. They really brighten up the altar.

Best wishes for a speedy recovery to Harriet Zakahi.



With Gassho,  
Arlene Sunada

### Buddhist Women's Association STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAM 2016

Hawaii will once again be hosting students from Japan who are participating in our Student Exchange program from Aug 12 to 19, 2016. Oahu District will be the host on Aug 16 and 17, and has been asked to "Homestay" the students. If anyone in the Aiea Hongwanji Ohana is interesting in opening up their home to two exchange students from Japan, please call Susan in the office at 487-2626.

### 2017

Next year, 2017, Hawaii will be sending our two students (age 17-23) to Japan for 14 days (late July to early August) to be exposed to Buddhist and Asian culture and be a missionary of goodwill. Application forms can be obtained from the temple office or online at [http://www.hawaiibwa.org/Student\\_Exchange/student\\_exchange.htm](http://www.hawaiibwa.org/Student_Exchange/student_exchange.htm). Deadline for submittal of applications is Oct 31, 2016.

Join us at  
**California Pizza Kitchen**  
for a flavorful FUNdraising event!

**Just bring in this flyer**, present it to your server, and **20%** of your check will be donated to our organization. Purchases include dine-in, take-out, catering and all beverages!

Fundraiser in support of

**Aiea Hongwanji Preschool**  
**May 10, 2016, Tuesday**  
(All Day)

### California Pizza Kitchen

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**Major Yearly Memorial Service Schedule**

For The Year  
2016

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 (residence).

May 2016

June 2016

2015-1st year  
2014-3rd year\*  
2010-7th year  
2004-13th year  
2000-17th year  
1992-25th year  
1984-33rd year  
1967-50th year

Kiyomi Hoshino	1st	Hisako Kinoshita	1st
Richard Goshi	3rd	Kazuye "Lillian" Yamamoto	3rd
Tokio Higa	7th	Arnold Makoto Morishima	3rd
Kimiko "Eva" Omori	7th	Harumi Nishikata	13th
Tomonori Sakaguchi	13th	Jane Yaeko Harada	13th
Carl Masao Kitashima	17th	Shigeki Nakashima	13th
Masuichi Mitsui	25th	Yukie Kondo	13th
Kwanyei Toyama	33rd	Kazuo Ikeda	25th
Masako Kubo	33rd	Saburo Harada	25th
		Rikichi Hoshino	33rd
		Katsuji Shintani	50th
		Misae Watanabe	50th
		Yoshimi Ohara	50th

We apologize if we have inadvertently made an error in printing the name of your loved one, or the date of memorial. Please inform the office of any errors at 487-2626 so that we may correct our records.

We appreciate your assistance in updating our memorial records and contact information when you call in for a Memorial Service. Thank you.

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

Nokotsudo (Columbarium)

If you would like to visit the Nokotsudo, please call the minister at 488-5685 (residence) or the office at 487-2626 at least two days in advance so that arrangements can be made to open the Nokotsudo for you. The best days to visit the Nokotsudo are Thursday and Sunday mornings.

## 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 April 20, 2016. Donations received after this date will be published in next month's newsletter.*

## **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  
beautiful words  
and to do pure  
and beautiful  
deeds, knowing  
on what I do  
now depends  
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.

### HI-5 RECYCLABLE DONATIONS

Please 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. Thank you Kazu for your hard work!

To all Hall Users—Please deposit your Hi-5 recycle items in the Recycle area, not in the trash can. Thank you for your donations! And please deposit your refuse in the trash can, not the Recycle Bin!

For Hi-5 recyclables, may we ask for your kokua in removing the caps from the plastic beverage containers. Please note—plastic drink bottles cannot be redeemed without the Hi-5 label. If detached, please roll up and stick it in the bottle.

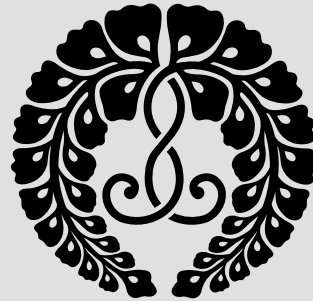
Please deposit non Hi-5 items and card board at our neighborhood school depositories or your blue home recycle bins.



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## Pacific Buddhist Academy News

**PBA GRADUATION.** The Pacific Buddhist Academy will hold its 10th Baccalaureate Ceremony on May 5, 2016 at 6pm in the Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin Hondo. The Ceremony will be officiated by Bishop Eric Matsumoto, assisted by ministers representing each district. 17 students will be graduating from PBA this year. The Commencement Exercise will be held on May 6, 2016 at 5pm at the Japanese Cultural Center of Hawaii.

### **SAVE THE DATE:**

- Aug 14, 2016 (8 am) —Set up of yagura/concession booths for Bon Dance
- Aug 21, 2016 (6 pm) —Hatsubon Service
- Aug 27, 2016 —Bon Service (6 pm) and Bon Dance (7 pm)
- Oct 25 or Nov 5, 2016—Hawaiian Dinner
- Dec 26, 2016—Mochitsuki (Monday)
- Jan 28, 2017—Shinnenenkai (New Year's Party and Annual Meeting)
- Mar 29—Apr 7, 2017 - Hongwanji Accession Ceremony  
(deadline May 13, 2016) *Tracing the Steps of Shinran Shonin*
- Oct 14, 2017— 115th Anniversary Celebration of Aiea Hongwanji Mission!

