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Monthly Newsletter of the Aiea Hongwanji Mission Embrace Change - Action (Open Communications)

## EVENTS OF JANUARY 2017

Jan 1	Sun	10:00am	Shusho-e (New Year's Day Service-no refreshments)
Jan 2	Mon		New Year's Day HOLIDAY observed
Jan 3	Tue		Preschool resumes classes
Jan 5	Thu	9:00am	Aiea Buddhist Women's Association meeting in kitchen
Jan 8	Sun	9:00am	Service and Dharma School
Jan 8	Sun	11:00am	115th Anniversary Committee Meeting
Jan 8	Sun	11:30am	United of O'ahu Jr. YBA Meeting at Wahiawa
Jan 9	Mon	7:30pm	Senior YBA Meeting in Office
Jan 15	Sun	9:00am	Service and Dharma School
Jan 16	Mon		Martin Luther King Day HOLIDAY and parade (march with the BWA)/ St. Shinran Shonin's Memorial Day
Jan 17	Tue	7:00pm	Aiea Hongwanji Mission Board of Directors' Meeting
Jan 22	Sun	9:00am	Shinran Shonin Memorial Service (Hoonko)
Jan 26	Thu		Preschool Field Trip to the Hawaii Children's Discovery Center
Jan 28	Sat		New Year's Party (Shinnenenkai) dinner at 5:00 pm; BOD Installation 4:30 pm
Jan 29	Sun	9:00am	Service and Dharma School
Jan 30	Mon	7:00pm	O'ahu Hongwanji Council Pre-Giseikai Meeting at Waipahu

## HIGHLIGHTS OF FEBRUARY 2017

Feb 2	Thur	9:00am	Aiea BWA meeting
Feb 5	Sun	9:00am	Service and Dharma School
Feb 5	Sun	11:30am	United of O'ahu Jr. YBA Meeting at Waipahu
Feb 9	Thur	9:00am	HHMH BOD Meeting and State Ministers' Association Meeting
Feb 9	Thur	6:00pm	Rap Session in Hawaii Betsuin Social Hall
Feb 10-11	Fri-Sat		105th Legislative Assembly (Giseikai)
Feb 11	Sat		Living Treasures Recognition Luncheon at Hilton
Feb 12	Sun	9:00am	BWA Dana Day & Nirvana Day Service/Dharma School
Feb 12	Sun	noon	O'ahu Lay Association Meeting at Mililani
Feb 17	Fri	5:30pm	Senior YBA Installation Banquet at Pearl Country Club
Feb 19	Sun	9:00am	Service and Dharma School
Feb 20	Mon		Presidents' Day HOLIDAY
Feb 21	Tue	7:00pm	Aiea Hongwanji Mission Board of Directors' Meeting
Feb 26	Sun	9:00am	Service and Dharma School
Feb 27	Mon	7:00pm	O'ahu Education Committee meeting at Aiea

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

- This is just a reminder to turn in your membership (Gojikai) dues for 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 this year's Shinnen-Enkai (New Year's Party), we will be honoring those members who will reach 80 in 2017/ If you will be 80 in 2017, please notify the office at 487-2626 as soon as possible.

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## New Year's Greeting

At the beginning of this New Year, I would like to extend my warmest greetings to you.

This past year, we have been observing the ceremony known as The Commemoration on the Accession of the Jodo Shinshu Tradition since last October. This service will be continuing until the end of May over 10 sessions and a total of 80 days. The participation of the many delegates from both domestic and overseas districts has revitalized the atmosphere of all of our temple activities, and for that I am truly happy and grateful to each and every one of you.

Through holding the service together with you fellow Nembutsu followers, I am able to personally experience how the Jodo Shinshu teaching has not only been passed down to us over the span of nearly 800 years, but also how it has been delivered to many regions of the world beyond national borders. I believe that we have the Jodo Shinshu teaching today precisely because it served as the spiritual foundation for all of the preceding Nembutsu followers.

Shinran Shonin revealed his understanding of the Dharma known today as Jodo Shinshu Buddhism. It is a teaching for those of us who constantly struggle with various worries and hardships in life. Let us continue to listen to the teaching and share our own appreciation of the Dharma with family and friends in the hope that we can follow the Nembutsu path together with them.

January 1, 2017

OHTANI Kojun  
Monshu  
Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha



**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



*Shin'nen Akemashite Omedetou Gozaimasu.* Happy New Year 2017!

I would like to extend my best wishes for a happy and healthy new year to the members and supporters of the Aiea Hongwanji Buddhist Temple. Many thanks to the Officers and Directors of Kyodan, Sr. YBA, BWA, Jr. YBA, Dharma School and Hosha Gang; Teachers and Staff of, Preschool, Lotus Adult Day Care Center, Judo Club and Sanshin Class; and you all.

This year, we, the Aiea Hongwanji Buddhist Temple will be celebrating our 115<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in October. Let us share our Gratitude, Happiness, Joy and Aloha on this *Ichigo Ichie* (Once in Life time) moment. I humbly ask for your help and attendance for this precious event.

In the book titled *Chanoyu Ichie Shuu*, the mind of *Ichigo Ichie* is explained below: Now we will have a tea ceremony to be called, "A meeting happens only once in a lifetime." However, many times the master and guests meet, when we think we will never come back to today's meeting, truly it is a unique meeting in our entire lifetime. Therefore, the master should consider everything, and any imperfection should be avoided. You should treat your guests with true sincerity. This is called *ichigo ichie*.

Rennyō said from a slightly different viewpoint, One mistake is the mistake of an entire life. One indiscretion is a lifetime of indiscretions. The reason for this is that if you die at that moment, it becomes the mistake of your whole life.

I would like to ask for your continuing Support and Help this Year again. *Douzo Yoroshiku Onegai Itashimasu.*

Please have Happy, Safe, Healthy and Prosperous Year!

*Today, unforgettably,  
is the only day in your life,  
Otherwise incessant strivings are endless.  
- a lyric of Kakunyo*

In Gassho, Rev. Shawn K. Yagii

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 Wednesday, & 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 #1	6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Monday & Wednesday	Zumba Class #2	7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Tuesday & Thursday	Judo	5:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Tuesday & Thursday	Sanshin Class	7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
1st Thursday	BWA Meeting	9:00 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.
Thursdays	BWA Craft Class	8:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Hi everyone,

Shin'nen Akemashite Omedetou Gozaimasu! Happy New Year! I hope you are well. We had a very nice day at the Mochi-tsuki today. We cooked 200 pounds of mochi rice and shaped them into round balls, plain or filled with delicious an (bean filling). The community really enjoys this event and there were a lot of friends and visitors from around Oahu. I spoke to a woman from the mainland, married to a local boy here with her family on vacation. They live in Indiana and were having a lot of fun making mochi. I also spoke to a local man who learned about mochi-tsuki from the late news last night. He drove here from Kahuku to participate. Thank you, Hosha Gang, Buddhist Women's Association and AHM member-families and friends for working on this very popular community event!

Earlier this month we attended the Hawaii Buddhist Council Bodhi Day service at the Jodo Mission in Honolulu. Bodhi Day celebrates the day that Shakyamuni Buddha attains enlightenment under a Bodhi tree. Very well organized service and I encourage you to attend these HBC services (twice a year).

We also had a really good turnout for the Temple Beautification Day on Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup>. We reserve the last quarterly Temple Beautification Day for cleaning the temple for the New Year! If your family has an urn in the Nokotsudo, please thank the Sr. YBA for carefully and thoroughly cleaning the Nokotsudo-including the glass partition doors, unlocking each one to clean the inside of the door. The temple floors, seats, walls and lights were cleaned thoroughly. Thank you to everyone who was able to help us! Oh, and thank you to the Dharma School students and Mrs. Kawaguchi who washed the statue of Shinran Shonin.

This October, we'll celebrate Aiea Hongwanji Mission's 115<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. The celebration is scheduled for the weekend of October 14-15, 2017. The theme is "Remember, Reflect and Renew". Please save the date and we'll look forward to seeing you then.

Members, please pay your dues for 2017. As you know, our membership dues are very reasonable, just \$125 a year. And we offer a discount to members under the age of 40. We pay Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii a little more than that per member every year to support our Headquarters activities. Your additional donations to our temple, along with income from the AHM Preschool and Lotus Adult Day Care, help to cover our budget. Thank you for deciding to be a member of the Aiea Hongwanji Mission Sangha. Please continue to support us!

Gassho, Warren Tamamoto



### WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

We would like to extend a very warm welcome to three new members Gregory and Diane Nitta, Jennifer Haramura and daughter Adysen, and Dr. Benjamin Bruch and Rudiger Ruckmann and daughter Ellen. We look forward to their participation in our temple activities. Please encourage your family and friends to join Aiea Hongwanji.

## **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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**PERSONNEL**

**Rev. Satoshi Tomioka**, who is currently serving at Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin as its Associate Minister, will be assigned to Puna Hongwanji Mission as its Resident Minister effective Feb 16, 2017. He will also be assigned to Naalehu Hongwanji Mission and Pahala Hongwanji Mission as their Oversee Minister.

**Rev. Sol Kalu** will be assigned to Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin as its Associate Minister effective March 1, 2017. In accordance with the "Shin Buddhist Ministry in Hawaii" document, Rev. Kalu will be initially categorized as "Resigned Kaikyoshi" during his first one (1) year of service.

**Rev. Shinji Kawagoe and Mrs. Noriko Kawagoe** of Papaikou Hongwanji Mission had received an approval from the USCIS of their applications to become a lawful permanent resident of the United States on Dec 1, 2016.

**HILO BETSUIN'S 100TH MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR LILI'UOKALANI, QUEEN OF HAWAII.**

This is an event that I will remember for a very, very, very long time. I had never ever seen representatives of so many Hawaiian organizations in their ceremonial dress enter a Hongwanji temple in formal procession. After the sounds of conch shell subsided, they walked in following protocol appropriate for a queen and her family and filled rows and rows of the temple's pews. A portrait of the Queen, surrounded with ti leaves and greenery



*KT Cannon-Eger and Barbara Fujimoto with Professor Jackie Johnson Debus as the Queen*

fittingly gathered from Hilo's famous Lili'uokanli Gardens, stood on the left side of the onaijin.

The Hilo Hongwanji and the Puna Hongwanji Choir gathered to open the service with the gatha, "Nori No Miyama." It was the first of two gathas the massed choir sang that was sung at the original service in 1901 at Hawaii Betsuin which Queen Lili'uokalani attended with Mary Foster. This marked the first time Hawaiian royalty attended a Buddhist service.

Representatives from each of the Hawaiian organizations participated in oshoko. I noted that their attention to the details of Jodo Shinshu's protocol for oshoko was precise, attentive and humble. I was impressed at their efforts to respect Hongwanji traditions.

Bishop Matsumoto, in his Dharma Message, recognized the Queen's courage in her non-violent response the overthrow of her government. Bishop Matsumoto pointed out that the Queen in her decision for non-violence, represented the spirit of Prince Shotoku's words, "Let us cease from wrath and refrain from angry looks. Nor let us be resentful when others differ from us. For all people have hearts and each heart has its own leanings. Their right is our wrong, and our right is their wrong. We are not unquestionably sages, nor are they unquestionably fools."

Following the Dharma Talk, University of Hawaii at Hilo Professor Jackie Johnson Debus, entered the temple dressed as the Queen. She took my breath away. In my eyes, in that moment, she was the Queen. She performed a monologue, based on research by KT Cannon-Eger and Barbara Fujimoto, on the Queen's attendance to that 1901 service at Hawaii Betsuin. In her monologue, the Queen reflected on the details of that occasion and her thoughts and impressions of Buddhism. She also described her relationship to the Japanese who worked for her. It was extraordinary to hear the details of her feelings and her genuine respect for the Japanese community.

The service ended with the entire gathering singing *Aloha O'e*, a song she wrote. It was a fitting and very emotional moment for me.

The one thing that moved me above all else is the fact that this service brought together members of our community in a loving and gentle way that was respectful of diverse cultures and belief systems. It was a living moment of the truth of our profound interdependence with all beings. (Pieper Toyama, President of Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii)

**2016 VETERAN'S DAY PARADE.** The sky was clear and the weather perfect for the largest Veteran's Day Parade in the state of Hawaii. The Wahiawa Lion's Club has sponsored this parade for 70 years and Wahiawa Hongwanji has partnered with them and has been an active participant in all those years.

Over 78 units marched in this 2-hour parade including the various military branches, island schools, their ROTC units and marching bands, and many other organizations. Marchers from the Wahiawa Hongwanji totaled 50+, including Bishop Eric Matsumoto and State Kyo dan President Pieper Toyama, as well



as 20 or more cheerleaders (those unable to make the uphill walk) who cheered from in front of the temple.

The approximate 2-1/2 mile walk up California Avenue ended at the Wahiawa District Park, where for the first

time in the parade's 70-year history a Buddhist minister was invited to open the formal ceremony. For the past number of years Rev. Hashimoto has been doing the benediction to close the ceremony. This year Rev. Hashimoto had the honor of doing the invocation for this big community event. (Dale Shimaura, Wahiawa Hongwanji)

Members from temples all over the island, including the Betsuin, Jikoen and Mililani, joined Wahiawa members out on the field to assist Rev. Hashimoto by scattering flower petals during the chanting of the "Sanbujo." The "Sanbujo," used at the beginning of many formal services, welcomes all Buddhas for whom we joyfully scatter these flower petals.

During the chant Sensei not only explained each verse in English but also honored in gratitude all ancestors and veterans. It was a beautiful and moving experience that will be remembered by many in the audience especially those seeing this for the very first time.

**LIVING TREASURES OF HAWAII RECOGNITION.** Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii will honor the following individuals as the 2017 Living Treasures of Hawai'i™ in recognition of their personal and professional achievements and their contributions to the community. We welcome you to celebrate this honor with them.

Date: Saturday, Feb 11, 2017

Place: Hilton Hawaiian Village, Coral Ballroom

Time: 11AM Registration, 12Noon Lunch/Program

Attire: Aloha

Cost: Early registration - \$75 if payments received by Jan 28, 2017; Late registration - \$90 payments Jan 29 – Feb 5, 2017 (Reservations will NOT be accepted after Feb 6, 2017)

Please go to <http://hongwanjihawaii.com/living-treasures/> to download the registration form.

### **JODO SHINSHU CAREER DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP.**

Due to the success of our first Jodo Shinshu Career Development workshop, we are offering a second workshop on Saturday January 28, 2017 from 9a.m. -8p.m. Ms. Janelle Sasaki, executive director of Diversity & Inclusion Services for Ernst & Young Advisory Co., Ltd. Japan will be the guest speaker.

The workshop will include resume writing, interviewing with confidence, elevator pitches, social media marketing and a networking dinner. This workshop is open to college students, those who are just entering the workforce or those wanting to improve their job skills for a career change. We will also be hosting 3 additional mentoring sessions throughout the year as a way to meet and bond with your selected mentor. **Join us in this exciting endeavor!** (Aiea members, call Susan (487-2626) if you would like an application form or Jamie at the BSC—[bscassist@honpahi.org](mailto:bscassist@honpahi.org) or 973-6555.

**YESS CAMP 34.** YESS Camp 34 will be held on April 14-16, 2017 at Camp Kokokahi on Oahu, Hawaii. This year's theme is YESS-topia and the guest speaker will be Rev. Satoshi Tomioka. This year's theme focuses around the Buddhist themes presented in the Disney movie *Zootopia*.

YESS camp is open to 13 year-23 years old, who are interested in learning more or growing deeper in Buddhism. The camp will have several talks by the guest speaker in which the campers will be asked to reflect on their daily

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## PACIFIC BUDDHIST ACADEMY

### **Juniors Step Into the Community for Peace Practice.**

During Cycle 3, Pacific Buddhist Academy's Junior class stepped outside the classroom and into the community for its Peace Core course in social activism. PBA students take two courses a year focused specifically on peace practice as part of their core curriculum. For this course, students chose a current social issue affecting society, researched the topic, interviewed experts, designed an activism campaign, and produced a documentary on their topic. This semester, the two class groups focused their efforts on the public education system in Hawaii and the cultural oppression of Native Hawaiians.

Research for the Hawaiian oppression group took them to the University of Hawai'i where they found two experts in cultural trauma and Hawaiian oppression. After reaching out to these professors, students crafted interview questions and recorded interviews for use in their final documentary. Similarly, the public education group contacted principals at local public high schools to arrange interviews with students and teachers, and continued these interviews well into the holiday break. In addition, juniors became involved with Ceeds of Peace, a non-profit organization created to educate teachers and students on how to



incorporate peacebuilding skills and awareness into their curriculum and activities. The group was given the opportunity to interview the Ceeds of Peace director and attend a teacher training workshop at Ko'olau ballrooms.

Throughout this process, the teacher, Steven James, employed classic methods of inquiry-based learning. "I was a guide more than the 'genius in the room,'" he quipped. Students researched and located interviewees themselves, wrote phone and email scripts to contact them, and organized the logistics for the meetings and recordings with Mr. James' oversight, but for all intents and purposes, on their own. This encouraged the groups to learn numerous aspects of planning, coordination, and professionalism. The community engagements allowed students to produce high-quality documentaries and connect PBA more intimately with these experts and organizations. Students expressed excitement to engage in future collaborative activism projects across the island. "Being a part of an activism class as a core subject was exciting and gave my classmates and I a great opportunity to learn beyond just what's inside the textbook," said Kano Hashimoto. "I learned many new things that I would not have known if not for this class, such as approaching organizations, communicating with everyone from executive directors to student coordinators. I also learned about activism, how to practice interdependence, and much more. This was certainly an eye opening project."



Last month's pumpkin picture: Ransen and Taylor, not Jamelyn.



See the Buddha Ornament



Dharma School Pictures



Senior YBA

Senior YBA

Cleaning the Temple

Cleaning the Temple



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BEAUTIFICATION  
DAY  
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**MOCHITSUKI PICTURES**





**Major Yearly  
Memorial  
Service  
Schedule**

For The Year  
2017

2016-1st year  
2015-3rd year\*  
2011-7th year  
2005-13th year  
2001-17th year  
1993-25th year  
1985-33rd year  
1968-50th 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 (residence).

January 2017

Elsie Hisano Nakagawa	1st
Richard Chagami	7th
Nancy Natsuko Gould	17th
Teruko Miyoga	17th
Masayuki Morikawa	17th
Fujino Nakata	17th
<b>John Haruto Oka</b>	17th
Hazel Hatsuko Jike	25th
Toyoichi Kuroda	33rd
Seiichi Yoshikane	33rd

February 2017

Janet Yoshie Kojima	3rd
Dorothy Riseko Onishi Nanbara	3rd
Haruyo Fujimoto	7th
Theodore Mitsuyoshi Shiroma	13th
Hidetoshi "Henry" Maeda	17th
Doris Sumiko Fujiwara	25th
Sueko Nagai	25th
Tatsumi Ichishita	33rd

Nokotsudo (Columbarium)

If you would like to visit the Nokotsudo, please call 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.

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.

*Aiea Hongwanji Mission extends its  
Deepest Sympathy  
to the family of the late  
Misuye Morita (11/4/2016)*

## Senior YBA News

Happy New Year! Yes, it's 2017 and yes we are all getting older!! Let's all take very good care of our health and do our best for the Aiea Senior YBA.

At our December meeting, our Nominating Committee (Roy Matsumoto, Elaine Kutaka, and Larry Onaka) presented the slate of officers for the coming year. Here are the Aiea Senior YBA Officers elected for 2017:

Minister/Advisor - Rev. Shawn Yagi  
President - George Zakahi  
Vice President - Roy Matsumoto  
Recording Secretary - Lynn Onaka  
Corresponding Secretary - Thelma Kawaguchi  
Treasurer - Larry Onaka  
Assistant Treasurer - Wade Yamamoto  
Auditors: Colin Morikawa; Keith Fukuda

Congratulations to all our officers!

Our Installation Banquet will be on February 17<sup>th</sup>, at

Pearl Country Club (Grille Room). More details to follow.

Don't forget our Senior YBA meeting is on January 9<sup>th</sup> (Monday). It will be held in the AHM office and will start at 7:30 p.m. We will plan our calendar of events for 2017.

A big MAHALO to our Senior YBA who worked so hard cleaning our Temple and columbarium for Beautification Day on December 18<sup>th</sup>.



Doomo arigato to Claire and Warren for hosting our Senior YBA Year End Dinner. Yep, good food and a lot of talk story time was enjoyed by all!!



In Gassho,  
*George Zakahi*

## Aiea BWA News

Aloha and Akemashite Omedeto Gozaimasu as we greet the New Year!

We had a very eventful 2016 and anticipate lots of good events for 2017!

In December, 21 BWA members and Hosha Gang enjoyed a delicious lunch, with games and prizes. Thanks to Janice, Charlene, Elaine K, Sally, Helen, Jean, Elaine Y, Cindy and Arlene for planning/preparing for this event. We are so grateful for everyone's kokua in supporting Aiea Hongwanji Missions activities. Please join us for fellowship on Thursday mornings and Sunday.

On Dec 13, Rev. Yagi, Sayuri, Helen, Thelma and Arlene visited 7 Homebound BWA and Kyodan members. It gave us such a happy feeling to spend time with them.

On Dec 18, our members cleaned the temple and nokotsudo, as well as cupboards in the kitchen. Many hands, in deed, make the work go faster and rewarding, knowing that so many members care about our temple. We appreciate your dana, big and small, and the time you

share with us.

Thank you to those members who bring their beautiful flowers and greenery to decorate the altar. We appreciate your sharing of these precious gifts. We also thank those talented members who arrange the flowers each week. Please drop off the flowers on Thursday so the ladies have time to prepare them.

At the Mochitsuki event on Dec 26, we gathered with old and new friends in the annual tradition of pounding mochi. Many thanks to the members, family and friends who participated in this end of the year event.

Please join us at our annual New Year's Dinner on Jan 28, 2017. It is a great time to see old friends and meet new members. We appreciate any dessert/pupu donations that you contribute for this event.

Arigato gozaimashite and Best Wishes for a Prosperous, Happy New Year!

With Gassho,  
Arlene Sunada



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

- If you have an aging senior who is in need of 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 loved ones.
- Though the Lotus Adult Day Care Center is nearing capacity, we are still accepting applications for part-time participants. Give us a call at 486-5050 if you are interested in learning more.

## Aiea Hongwanji Preschool & Kindergarten

- We have received the official Certificate for our Private School License from the Hawaii Council of Private Schools to operate a private school known as Aiea Hongwanji Preschool & Kindergarten in Aiea from July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2019.
- The school is at total enrollment of 97 students.
- Thank you Norman for your generous donation!♥
- Thank you Hosha Gang and Friends for weeding our lawn and removing the dying vines from fence.

## 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 December 25, 2016. Donations received after this date will be published in another month's newsletter.*

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### 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!
- Please deposit non Hi-5 items and card board at our neighborhood school depositories or your blue home recycle bins.
- To all Hall Users—Please deposit your Hi-5 recycle items in the Recycle area, not in the trash can.
- Please note—plastic drink bottles cannot be redeemed without the Hi-5 label. If label is



- detached, please roll it up and stick it in the bottle. Also please remove plastic caps as they will reject containers w/caps.
- If you would like to be recognized for your donation, please include your name. Thank you for your continued support.



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

 Kokua in Kind  
A Community Foundation

**MAHALO FOR FOOD DONATIONS at  
MOCHITSUKI**

Delicious Corn Bread—Rev. Shawn Yagi  
 Apple Strudel—BWA  
 Chocolate Bundt Cake—Sally Okihiro family  
 Taste of Paradise cookies—Mark & Yuka  
 Masutomi  
 Big can of Popcorn and candy canes—Mavis Niino  
 Cookies and snacks—Wyatt & Dylan Tamamoto  
 Aplets and Cotlets—Kenneth & Jennifer Lee  
 Cookies—Ben Kaito

Mini Donuts—Anonymous  
 Cinnamon Rolls—Anonymous  
 Okoshi—Anonymous  
**and BEAUTIFICATION DAY**  
 Cornbread—Kim Kunimitsu  
 Monkey Bread—Helen Takenouchi  
 Cookies—Janice Ito  
 Pound cake—Ikuo Nakata  
 Mochi rice—Gail & Roy Matsumoto



**“BUDDHIST IN ACTION”**

**Sangha Day**  
 sponsored by Oahu Hongwanji Council

**Aiea Hongwanji Mission**  
**9:00 am to 2:00 pm**

8:30 registration

SERVICE, HANAFUDA (JAPANESE CARDS), COOKING, MAGICIAN, AND LUNCH

OPEN TO ALL... LET'S GROW AND ENJOY THE SANGHA TOGETHER

MORE INFORMATION TO COME: MARK YOUR CALENDARS TO BE THERE!

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lives. In the three days the campers will interact with other young Buddhists from around the state and hopefully for lifelong friendships.

Though the camp is sponsored by the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii, your support of the camp by placing an ad in the booklet is gratefully accepted. (Aiea members and friends, please call Susan in the office at 487-2626 for an application form for YESS camp, or to get an Ad order form.)

**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.

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*Aiea Hongwanji Mission New Year's Party (Shinnen Enkai)*

*Saturday, January 28, 2017*



4:00 pm Doors open. Fellowship.

4:30 pm Service and Installation of Aiea Hongwanji Board Officers

5:00 pm Dinner (the best *pupus*, the best food and desserts!)

6:15 pm Annual Meeting, Keirokai, Entertainment, Bingo, Door Prizes

Members and friends--our food, refreshment and entertainment committees are hard at work planning our New Year's Party. Please plan to join us. Tickets are **\$10** for adults, **\$5** for children 6-10 years old and **free** for those under 6. Sign up in the office with Susan or call 487-2626 and leave a message.



Deadline: Sunday, January 17. Everyone is welcome! See you there,

