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Monthly Newsletter of the Aiea Hongwanji Mission Embrace Change - Harmony (Accept Differences)

New Year's Greeting

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

Last September, I had the opportunity to visit the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii as Monshu for the first time. It was wonderful to have met with so many people at each temple, and I would like to extend my appreciation for everyone's warm hospitality.

At Hongwanji in Kyoto, Japan, from October 1, 2016 until this past May 31, the Commemoration on the Accession of the Jodo Shinshu Tradition was conducted with attendance of about one hundred fifty thousand people from throughout Japan and our overseas sanghas. Since the days of our founder Shinran Shonin, for nearly 800 years, the Jodo Shinshu teaching has been cherished and carefully handed down to us today by our predecessors. Reflecting on this, I am truly grateful to have been able to recite the Nembutsu together with many of you who took part in the services whether it be in person or through the internet.

Being enabled to hear the working of Amida Buddha's voice calling to us, we become aware of our true self, in which we have the difficulty of accepting things just as they are, and being caught up in our own selfish mindset. That is why it becomes all the more important that we continue to listen to the teaching of Amida. As we appreciate the Buddha's great wisdom and compassion, we are naturally guided to care for and aspire to live together with one another.

In this New Year, let us continue to listen to the teaching while following the Nembutsu path together with everyone.

January 1, 2018

OHTANI Kojun
Monshu
Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha

For a copy of the Gomonshu's message in Japanese, please call the temple office at 487-2626.



Happy New Year! “The Value of Harmony”

Please let me express my warmest Aloha and Best Wishes to you for a joyous and harmonious New Year!



At the start of the New Year, let me share some Dharma sayings which have a special place in my heart. First, (slightly adapted) from “The Teaching of Buddha,” *“Thousands of people may live in a community, but it is not a true community until everyone knows each other and has empathy for one another. A true community has faith and wisdom that illuminate it. It is place where people know and trust one another and there is harmony. In fact, harmony is the life and essence of a true community or organization.”* “Thus, the true teaching is the fundamental requirement of a perfect organization.” Secondly from Prince Shotoku, *“Let us cease from wrath and refrain from angry looks. Nor let us be resentful when others differ from us.”* “We are not unquestionably sages, nor are they unquestionably fools. Both of us are simply ordinary people. How can any person lay down a rule by which to distinguish right from wrong? For we are all, one with another, wise and foolish, like a ring which has no end.” *“Sincerely revere the Three Treasures. The Three Treasures are: Buddha, Dharma, and Sangha.”* *“There is no age in which people cannot find the Dharma to be noble. Those who are extremely wicked are few, but when they are taught the Dharma, they can follow it. Unless they align themselves with the Three Treasures, on what basis can they correct their mistaken ways?”* Thirdly, Shinran Shonin’s words, *“May there be peace in the world and may the Buddha’s Teaching spread!”*

Our Theme & Slogan for 2018 is *Embrace Change: Harmony (Accept Differences)* and encourages us to accept differences and live in harmony with each other, but due to our self-centered tendencies this is most challenging. However, we are being encouraged by the Buddha-Dharma. Harmony and accepting differences is not a sign of weakness or powerlessness. On the contrary, it requires deep insight and inner strength as exemplified by the Two-Headed Bird/Gumyocho (found in the border pattern of this year’s calendar) that symbolizes the truth of interdependency which our 25th Spiritual Leader is emphasizing. His Eminence Gomonshu Kojun Ohtani shares *“Everything in this world exists based on interdependency. When we are not aware of this, we tend to think to ourselves that our own perspective is the only one that is right and justified. This is what causes conflicts to arise.”* *“How then, do we attain peace that we seek in the world today?”* “...it is necessary that we first treat others with the same care and respect that we would show ourselves.” *“The weakness of our relationships with each other is the result of us thinking about ourselves more than others.”*

In 2018, nurtured by Buddha’s Wisdom and Compassion, may we become more aware of the virtues of humility, self-reflection, mutual respect, non-violence, equality and harmony contributing towards a more peaceful, compassionate and harmonious world. Namo Amida Butsu/ Entrusting in All-Inclusive Wisdom and All-Embracing Compassion!

In Gassho/Anjali,

Bishop Eric Matsumoto

Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii

President's Message
**Embrace Change: Harmony
Accept Differences**



Our theme for 2018 calls us to walk the path of change in harmony by accepting differences. It is a particularly difficult time for us to walk this path while the world seems to be dissolving into divisive fragments. As we are swept by world events that seek to divide us one from the other, many feel that the development and flow of events are no longer in our control. We are simply bystanders watching human society fracture and its pieces fall away from each other. These sweeping events make us feel that our personal efforts to accept differences and live in harmony are inconsequential. How can a small personal act on my part change the course of world events? How can I make a difference?

It would be unfortunate if a world full of caring people are overtaken by doubt that one person can actually make a difference. Such doubt about the value of our personal actions surely dooms all of us to be blown about as leaves are scattered before gusts of wind.

The teachings tell us of the preciousness of life, each person's life, and the preciousness of a single act of kindness that emanates from that life. If **Namo Amida Butsu** is real and true then actions that naturally evolve from **Namo Amida Butsu** are real and true.

As we meet the tasks and events that we set for ourselves, let us take them on in the spirit of the Nembutsu. It is through the love and presence of Amida in our lives that we have these precious opportunities to bring joy into this world, into the lives of others and into our lives. So as each day unfolds in 2018, let us reflect on the opportunities that await us and review the tasks and events we have planned. With hands in gassho, let the sound of **Namo Amida Butsu** flow from our lips with gratitude that on this day, embraced by the love of Amida, we have the chance to meet those with different thoughts and feelings from us, to accept them as fellow travelers, to wish that no difficulties come to them, and that they live in peace and harmony. Let us remember the small actions we take to create harmony in the world in 2018. And let these small actions collectively speak of our sincere desire for peace.

Namo Amida Butsu
Pieper J. Toyama, President



**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.

**NEED THE
ASSISTANCE OF
THE MINISTER?**

Please call Rev. Shawn 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.

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Minister's Message

AKEMASHITE OMEDETOU GOZAIMASU!

Happy New Year! May the Infinite Light of Life of Amida Buddha awaken in each of us a fresh sense of joy for being able to welcome into our lives a brand new year.

Mahalo for the friendship, understanding and support so many of you have extended to me during past year. Please continue to support and guide us.

Before I became minister, every year my family got together in the Temple and chant Shoshinge on New Years' day morning, then sip Otoso (New Year's Day Sake) in front of Buddha, and then made New Year's resolution. After that I visited my mother side Grandparent house and enjoy Osechi (New Year's day special dishes) ... unfortunately I haven't been home to celebrate the New Year for the past 20 years.

I'm sure many of you have your own New Year traditions of visiting your grandparents or relatives house for osechi. As we revisit the activities and traditions of celebrations past, it is the family experiencing historical continuity that keeps us in touch with the present, past and future.

We also have a tradition at the Aiea Hongwanji, after our New Year's Eve service in the Temple our member's line up to ring the bell. Traditionally, the bell is struck 108 times. Thus symbolizing the 108 characteristics of our human nature also known as bonno. Contrary to holiday articles in newspapers, the striking of the bell does not rid ourselves of these 108 blind passions, rather it is a reminder of who we truly are.

Shinran taught us that as long as we are so preoccupied with our 108 passions, we will never understand the intention of the Primal Vow of Amida Buddha. Only when we come to our own realization on how truly limited we are as humans and come face to face to our true nature of ignorance, do we come to rely on Amida completely.

To truly see our ignorance, anger, and self-centeredness, to see our 108 passions, is actually liberating. This process is liberating because one can finally awaken to our true self. In Jodo Shinshu, we are truly freed because we are foolish, not in spite of it. The realization of our foolish and human nature is a very important part of our awakening.

As the beginning of year 2018, I would like to wish you and your family a very meaningful and fulfilling year. I would also like to express my sincerest appreciation and gratitude to all of you for making this past year a most valuable and rewarding experience. To be able to share the Nembutsu Teaching with you has been a truly wonderful experience for me.

Let us continue to work together in 2018 to make Aiea Hongwanji Mission a conducive environment to hear the Nembutsu Teachings.

May gratitude and appreciation enter your life as you awaken to the Nembutsu Teachings.

Namo Amida Butsu
Rev. Shawn Kosho Yagi



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Hi everyone,

We made it through another year! As we look forward to a new year, it is always good to think back over the past year to remember the people who have touched our lives. Some of you, I know have lost relatives or close friends this past year. As we appreciate the lives of our loved ones, we are reminded of the Buddha's Teaching of Impermanence. Nothing in this world is permanent. Change is a central feature of our life. Namo Amida Butsu.

Thank you to everyone for attending and helping out at our recent Mochitsuki. We had a really nice crowd here this past Saturday. There were lots of children and many new faces. There were people from all over Oahu visiting. Also, some people were from the mainland here to visit family. People really seemed to enjoy themselves as they participated in pounding and/or shaping the mochi.

The past year, 2017 was a very busy one for our Sangha. Just to highlight the year, in March we hosted the Oahu temples for our annual Sangha Day here at Aiea, in August we had our annual O-Bon Festival, in September we hosted representatives from temples throughout the state for the State Lay Association Convention and in October we celebrated the 115th Anniversary of Aiea Hongwanji Mission. In addition to hosting these large events, we continued to have our usual activities, such as weekly services, special services, New Year's Party, Hawaiian Dinner and Mochitsuki. Each of these major events required a lot of work by our Hoshu Gang, BWA, Sr. YBA, Jr. YBA and others. We would not have been able to host all of these activities without many different hands helping. Once again, thanks to you for all of your hard work.

Inevitably, as we work together "in close quarters", some friction develops. "Someone" said something. "Someone" did something. "Someone" said that someone did something-or someone didn't do something. I often hear about this because of my position as President. Very difficult and I'm poorly equipped to deal with this type of situation. Also, I have very little "power". I rely on the fact that most people here are more interested in helping this temple and Sangha move forward than getting something for themselves. So far, it has (kind of) worked. If you find yourself with these feelings, I strongly encourage you to read carefully the words of our leaders on the first four pages of this JIKO. Remember, Embrace Change-Harmony (Accept Differences).

Be your own light,
Warren Tamamoto

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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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY ALOHA LUNCHEON & LIVING TREASURES OF HAWAII RECOGNITION

The Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii will honor the following individuals as the 2018 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.

**Dr. Mitchell Eli Hailama Farden Mary Jo Freshley
Takejiro Higa Gordon "Umi" Kai**

Date: Saturday, February 10, 2018

Place: Hilton Hawaiian Village, Coral Ballroom

Time: 11:00am Registration, 12:00am Lunch and Program

Attire: Aloha

Cost:

Early registration - \$75.00, payments received by Jan 27

Late registration - \$90.00 payments Jan 28 – Feb 3

(Reservations will NOT be accepted after Feb 3, 2018)

Sponsor Tables:

Gold - \$5,000; Silver - \$3,000; Bronze - \$1,500

HHMH is also recognizing **Reverend David Nakamoto** on his retirement and **Reverend Eric Matsumoto** on his 25 years of service to Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii.

KOHALA HONGWANJI 110TH ANNIVERSARY. On Dec 3, Kohala Hongwanji's 110th Anniversary Service was held. This service was also combined with the Bodhi Day Service of the North Hawaii 4 Temples (Kohala, Honokaa, Kamuela, and Paauilo Hongwanji Missions).

At the service, Honokaa, Kamuela, Paauilo Hongwanji members, the other Hongwanji temples' representatives on the Big Island, Bishop Eric Matsumoto as a guest speaker, Rev. Ryoso Toshima, **Rev. Shawn Kosho Yagi** (the three Reverends used to be the ministers of Kohala temple) celebrated the anniversary. Also, the



Kohala High School Girls Basketball team helped by setting up and serving lunch. (Article by Rev. Shingo Furusawa, Overseer Minister of Kohala Hongwanji Mission)

COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL CONCERNS. Donation presentation to Mr. Andrew Bates, President, Samaritan Counseling Center Hawaii.

On Thursday, December 21st, the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii presented a donation to Mr. Andrew Bates, President of the Samaritan Counseling Center Hawaii. The Samaritan Counseling Center Hawaii (a non-profit organization) provides affordable, professional counseling sensitive to the spiritual orientation of individuals, families, and communities in Hawaii. The Samaritan Counseling Center Hawaii have sponsored numerous workshops for/with Oahu's Buddhist Community. A satellite office is at Hawaii Betsuin for clients to receive counseling services.



Volunteers from Mililani Hongwanji and Community Partners.

On Saturday, December 16th, Mililani Hongwanji participated in the Wahiawa Christmas Wonderland community event and hosted a booth for children to play games and win prizes. The event included free meal vouchers for pre-registered homeless and economically challenged families.



The event meal vouchers were co-sponsored by Bank of Hawaii and the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii. Mililani Hongwanji obtained funding for the meal vouchers and game prizes through a Golden Chain Grant project application that was submitted by the temple via the Committee on Social Concerns. Alea Bridge (a non-profit organization) organized the event. Alea Bridge's mission is to empower people in need to achieve self-sufficiency through genuine compassion and innovative, community-based solutions.

LIVES REMEMBERED: A TRIBUTE TO THE FALLEN OF PEARL HARBOR.

Bishop Eric Matsumoto and Reverend Toshiyuki Umitani attended a



Memorial Ceremony “Lives Remembered: A Tribute to the Fallen of Pearl Harbor” which was held on Friday, Dec 8, 2017 at the Banyan Tree on Ford Island. This ceremony was co-hosted by the Consulate General of Japan in Honolulu and Navy Region Hawaii to recognize both the American and Japanese lives lost during the Pearl Harbor attack of 1941, and as a symbol of reconciliation and friendship between

Japan and the United States. The Ceremony began with the National Anthems of both countries, remarks by Mr. Koichi Ito (The Consul General of Japan in Honolulu) and Rear Admiral Matthew Carter (Deputy Commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet), and a keynote speaker Mr. Edwin P. Hawkins, Jr. (Executive Director, Office of Economic Development, City and County of Honolulu).

2018 HONGWANJI SLOGAN

This year’s slogan: **Embrace Change: Harmony (Accept Differences)** is part of a set of five slogans:

- 2015-Embrace Change: Awareness (Seek Opportunities)
- 2016-Embrace Change: New Vision (Create Engagement)
- 2017-Embrace Change: Action (Open Communications)
- 2018-Embrace Change: Harmony (Accept Differences)**
- 2019-Embrace Change: Transformation (Walk in peace)

These slogans are meant as guides to help us and our temple communities move forward to EMBRACE CHANGE in a continuous cycle beginning with AWARENESS, that brings to us an understanding of ourselves and the world around us, which allows us to create a NEW VISION that provides the framework for ACTION in a mindful and empathetic manner that maintains HARMONY with people and the environment, which then culminates in a TRANSFORMATION. This TRANSFORMATION is a basis for lives that are continuously full of growth and meaningful experiences that are supported by a dynamic and vibrant temple community.

Harmony with our families, temple communities,

neighborhoods, and the wider world is very much needed during this time. But harmony can only arise if we can accept ourselves as we are and other people are they are. In other words, Accept Differences realizing that everyone, including ourselves, have different ways of seeing things and different ways of doing things. Amida Buddha, in Great Compassion, fully understands this reality and therefore, accepts all without discrimination and sets the example for us to aspire to. As ordinary human beings, it is very difficult to live a life of perfect non-discrimination. However, with

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HEADQUARTERS OFFICE STAFF PERSONNEL CHANGES- BUSINESS MANAGER

Mahalo to Mr. Arthur Nakagawa who will be departing Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii as Business Manager as of December 31, 2017. We express our sincere appreciation to him for being our Business Manager since 2009. He will remain on Staff, temporarily, to primarily help with orientation and training of our new Business Manager. Once again, thank you, Art!

Aloha to Mr. Derrick Inouye who will begin as our new Business Manager as of January 3, 2018. We look forward to working with him and welcoming him to the Headquarters Office Staff. Please drop to say “hello” to our new Business Manager. In the next HQ Update, we will have more to share about Derrick. For now, Welcome, Derrick!



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Memorial
Service
Schedule**

For The Year
2018

2017-1st year

2016-3rd year*

2012-7th year

2006-13th year

2002-17th year

1994-25th year

1986-33rd year

1969-50th year

* 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 residence at 488-5685 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.

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 Rev. Yagi at 488-5685. (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.

January 2018

Roger Rikio Tokushige	1st
Ethel Kameyo Sekine	1st
Elsie Hisano Nakagawa	3rd
Grace Toshie Tokushige	7th
Shizue Nakagawa	7th
Itsuji Kazunaga	7th
Masako Hirano	25th
Katherine Kikue Taniguchi	33rd
Tamiya Murakami	50th

February 2018

Masae Kakimoto	1st
Grace H Kaneshiro	1st
Nancy Chiyoko Furukawa	1st
June Yasuko Kimura	1st
Masae Sakurai	1st
Kenneth Kazuo Kaneshiro	7th
Hinako Evelyn Ito	7th
Tamotsu Marumoto	13th
Miyoko Kihara	17th
Nayo Kimura	17th
Lillie Yuriko Tahira	17th
Yusaku Nozawa	33rd

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.

Aiea BWA News

Akemashite Omedeto Gozaimasu!

As we begin 2018 I'd like to thank all of our BWA members and families for all the generous help and participation in our temple's activities in 2017. I hope that everyone will continue to support our BWA and temple. Big or small, everyone's help is greatly appreciated.

Good food and great camaraderie was enjoyed by all at our annual End of the Year Luncheon. Mahalo to Diane and Janice who coordinated games and prizes, Elaine K., Helen, Diane and Chad for making the centerpieces, to Cindy for donating the prizes, to Marsha for making the party favors, to Arlene who arranged with the restaurant, and to members and guests who donated goodies/prizes.

Congratulations to our newly elected officers who will be installed at our New Year party on January 27, 2018 at 4:30 pm:

President – Janice Ito
Vice-President – Arlene Sunada
Recording Secretary – Harriet Zakahi
Corresponding Secretary – Susan Morishige
Treasurer – Elaine Kutaka
Assistant Treasurer – Charlene Asato
Auditor – Elaine Yamanoha

They will be serving a 2 year term, so let's give them all our support and assistance by helping in all BWA projects.

Thank you to all who bring flowers for our temple services. These gifts really brighten our temple and are appreciated by all. Thank you to Helen, Elaine K., Sally and Thelma for arranging the flowers every week.

Special thanks to all our members who prepare the Sunday lunches for the hard-working Hosha gang. Everyone's unselfish dana and dedication are greatly appreciated. A very special thank you to Ito Kurasaki, our Master Chef who prepares lunch for BWA meetings every Thursday and so generously donates his time and energy to cook for numerous temple activities throughout the year.

Many thanks to members, friends and family who made our annual Mochitsuki so successful! It was so nice to meet old and new friends, sharing the experience and taste of mochi making. Thanks to the hard work and organization of Chef Ito, Wade, Carol, Arlene, BWA ladies, hosha gang and families.

Have a wonderful and Happy New Year!

Janice Ito



PROJECT DANA

Volunteers are still needed to assist with transportation for doctor and dentist visits, shopping, and respite visits. for the frail, elderly and disabled living at home from Waimalu to Salt Lake. Volunteers do not do light housekeeping.

Please call the Project Dana office at 945-3736 or information on becoming a Project Dana volunteer. Orientation and training will be provided to the volunteers.

Thank you very much!

AIEA HONGWANJI HALL WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Sunday	Dharma Service (temple)	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.
Mondays only	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 (classroom or Lotus)	7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
1st Thursdays	BWA Meeting (kitchen)	9:00 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.
Thursdays	BWA Craft Class	8:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

*Aiea Hongwanji Mission extends its
Deepest Sympathy to the family of
the Late Ronald Masami Oba.*

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awareness of self and helping each other through the journey of life we can live together harmoniously guided by the light of Wisdom and Compassion.

In Gassho,

Rev. Kevin Kuniyuki

Director, Office of Buddhist Education and the HHMH Commission on Buddhist Education

YESS CAMP 35. The 2018 YESS (Young Enthusiastic Shinshu Seekers) Camp will be held at Camp Palehua (formerly Timberline) on Feb 17-19, 2018. This year's theme is "We're all in YESS together". The camp is open to ages 13-23. Application form can be found on the YESS Camp website: yesscamp.wixsite.com/yesscamp. Early registration deadline is Jan 12. Contact Jamie of BSC at (808) 973-6555 or bscassist@honpahi.org for information.

SAVE THE DATE

**Oahu Hongwanji Council
SANGHA DAY 2018**

I am a link...

**Sunday, March 4, 2018 at
Wahiawa Hongwanji Mission**

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If you are homebound or in a care home or hospital, and would like Rev. Yagi to visit with you, please call him at 488-5685 to arrange a visit.

Senior YBA News

Happy New Year!! Yes, 2018 will be a very busy year for our Senior YBA. Let's all work together to participate with our Kyodan and our Buddhist Women's Association in our Temple's programs.

Our first Senior YBA meeting is on January 8th (Monday). We will meet in our office at 7:30 p.m. On the agenda will be our Calendar of Events for 2018.

Mark your calendar, February 16 (Friday) is our Aiea Senior YBA Installation Banquet. Our officers for 2018:

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

Officers and Senior YBA members, let's pull together so we can have a very successful year!

Let's all stay healthy and safe in 2018!

In Gassho,
George Zakahi



WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

We would like to extend a very warm welcome to new members Kathy Ogata and husband Steven. We look forward to their participation in our temple activities. Please encourage your family and friends to join Aiea Hongwanji. Prospective members should call the office at 487-2626 for the paperwork.



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Gratefulness 1

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For more
information
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NEWS from Lotus Adult Day Care Center

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- 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.
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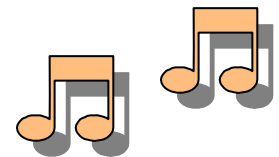
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NEW YEAR'S PARTY (SHINNENENKAI)

JANUARY 27, 2018 (SATURDAY)

*Aiea Hongwanji Mission's New Year's Party
and
Annual Membership Meeting*



4:00 pm Doors open. Fellowship.

4:30 pm Service and Installation - Aiea Hongwanji Buddhist Women's Association
and Aiea Hongwanji Junior Young Buddhist Association Officers

5:00 pm Dinner

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

Tickets are **\$10** for adults, **\$5** for children 7-12 years old, and **free** for those under 7. Sign up in the office with Susan, or call 487-2626 and leave a message.

Deadline: Sunday, January 21. Everyone is welcome! See you there.



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EVENTS OF JANUARY 2018

Jan 1	Mon	10:00am	Shusho-e (New Year's Day Service)
Jan 3	Wed		Preschool resumes
Jan 4	Thu	9:00am	Aiea Buddhist Women's Association meeting
Jan 7	Sun	9:00am	Service and Dharma School
Jan 7	Sun	11:30am	United of O'ahu Jr. YBA Meeting
Jan 8	Mon	7:30pm	Aiea Senior Young Buddhist Association meeting in office
Jan 14	Sun	9:00am	Service and Dharma School
Jan 14-15	Sun/Mon		Hawaii Federation of Jr YBA's meeting at Mililani Hongwanji
Jan 15	Mon		Martin Luther King Day HOLIDAY (Preschool/Lotus closed)
Jan 16	Tue	7:00pm	Aiea Hongwanji Mission Board of Directors' Meeting
Jan 20	Sat		Early registration deadline for Jt Conference at Ala Moana Hotel
Jan 21	Sun	9:00am	Shinran Shonin Memorial Service (Hoonko)
Jan 21	Sun	11:00am	Temple Improvement Meeting
Jan 23	Tue	7:00pm	O'ahu Hongwanji Council PreGiseikai meeting at Wahiawa
Jan 27	Sat	5:00pm	New Year's Party (Shinnenenkai) dinner; Pupus at 4:15pm; Aiea BWA and Aiea Junior YBA installation 4:30 pm
Jan 28	Sun	9:00am	Service and Dharma School

HIGHLIGHTS OF FEBRUARY 2018

Feb 1	Thu	9:00am	Aiea BWA meeting
Feb 4	Sun	9:00am	Service and Dharma School
Feb 8	Thu		HMH Board of Directors' and State Ministers' Association Mtgs
Feb 9-10	Fri-Sat		106th Legislative Assembly (Giseikai)
Feb 10	Sat		Living Treasures of Hawaii Recognition Luncheon
Feb 11	Sun	9:00am	BWA Dana Day & Nirvana Day Service/Dharma School
Feb 16	Fri	5:30pm	Aiea Senior YBA Installation Banquet
Feb 17-19	Sat-Mon		YESS Camp 35 (Camp Palehua)
Feb 18	Sun	9:00am	Service and Dharma School
Feb 18	Sun	11:00am	Lotus committee meeting
Feb 19	Mon		Presidents' Day HOLIDAY (Preschool/Lotus closed)
Feb 20	Tue	7:00pm	Aiea Hongwanji Mission Board of Directors' Meeting
Feb 25	Sun	9:00am	Service and Dharma School
Feb 25	Sun	noon	O'ahu Lay Association meeting at 'Aiea
Feb 26	Mon	7:00pm	Oahu Buddhist Education Meeting at Wahiawa

Aloha Members and Friends

- This is a reminder to turn in your membership (Gojikai) dues for 2017 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 wish to sign up to become a member or no longer wish to be a member, please contact the office at 487-2626 or email: aieajiko@gmail.com. Dues are really due at the beginning of the year. Please turn in your dues for 2018 soon. 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 if you are paying dues for someone else (who, if not clear.) If you find yourself paying dues for a deceased member, please consider becoming a member yourself. :-)
- At this year's Shinnen-Enkai (New Year's Party), we will be honoring those members who will reach 80 in 2018. If you will be 80 in 2018, please notify the office at 487-2626.