

JIKO-"Wisdom-Light"

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Monthly Newsletter of the Aiea Hongwanji Mission, a Buddhist Temple Embrace Change - Harmony (Accept Differences)

EVENTS OF MARCH 2018

Mar 1	Thu	9:00am	Aiea Buddhist Women's Association (BWA) meeting
Mar 3	Sat		Hawaii State Federation of Honpa Hongwanji BWAs meeting at Pacific Buddhist Academy (PBA)
Mar 4	Sun	8:30am-1pm	O'ahu Hongwanji Council Sangha Day at Wahiawa/ no service at Aiea
Mar 4	Sun	1:00pm	O'ahu Junior Young Buddhist Association meeting at Wahiawa
Mar 5	Mon	7:30pm	Senior Young Buddhist Association meeting in office
Mar 8-9	Thu-Fri		Ryukoku University-BSC Spring Seminar (Prof. Kaname Fujimaru)
Mar 10	Sat	8am-4:30pm	All Buddhist Gathering at PBA
Mar 11	Sun	8:00am	Quarterly Temple Beautification Day /no service
Mar 11	Sun	noon	Temple Improvement Meeting
Mar 11	Sun	noon	Book Signing with author Pat Masters of the book: <i>Searching for Mary Foster</i> at PBA
Mar 17	Sat	10-3pm	Friends of Aiea Library Book Sale
Mar 18	Sun	9:00am	Buddhist Dedication Day (Spring Higan-Equinox Service)
Mar 18	Sun	11:00am	Preschool Committee Meeting
Mar 18	Sun	1:00pm	O'ahu Hongwanji Council quarterly meeting at Waianae
Mar 19-23	Mon-Fri		Preschool Spring Break
Mar 20	Tue	7:00pm	Aiea Hongwanji Mission Board of Directors' Meeting
Mar 25	Sun	9:00am	Service and Dharma School
Mar 25	Sun	1:00pm	DSTO meeting
Mar 25	Sun	4:00pm	Pacific Buddhist Academy Taiko
Mar 30	Fri		No Bon Dance Practice (hall use by Preschool)

HIGHLIGHTS OF APRIL 2018

Apr 1	Sun		Hawaii Buddhist Council Buddha Day Service at Soto Mission (Nuuanu)/no service at Aiea
Apr 5	Thu	9:00am	Aiea BWA meeting
Apr 7	Sat	10-11am	Dharma Light Education Program at Aiea (Saturdays, ends May 19)
Apr 8	Sun	9:00am	Aiea Hanamatsuri Service
Apr 8	Sun	11:30am	O'ahu Junior Young Buddhist Association meeting at Mililani
Apr 15	Sun	9:00am	Service and Dharma School
Apr 17	Tue	7:00pm	Aiea Hongwanji Mission Board of Directors' Meeting
Apr 22	Sun	9:00am	Eshinni Day Service (Shinran Shonin's wife) -- speaker Rev. Mrs. Irene Nakamoto
Apr 22	Sun	10:00am	BWA Craft Sale in Hall
Apr 29	Sun	9:00am	Service and Dharma School

Aloha Members and Friends

- **BON DANCE PRACTICE**—The Eisa Okinawan Dance group is holding bon dance practice open to the public on Friday nights (until the end of May) in the Aiea Hongwanji hall from 6 to 8:30pm. Some Fridays may be pre-empted by other hall activities. Check the website calendar (aieahongwanji.org/calendar.html) for events coming up.

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.

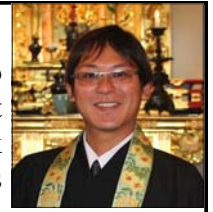
For religious emergencies (Makuragyo or bedside services), please call Rev. Yagi on his cell phone, 364-2825.

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

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Minister's Message



On February 26, Aiea Hongwanji Preschool kids went excursion to Honolulu Zoo. Prior to that event, I teach and show preschoolers about Animals in the Temple when I had Preschool Temple class. I took pictures of animals including imaginary animals such as Dragons, Birds in the Pure Land to show them and then did finding game.

In addition, for 4yrs and 5yrs class, I talked about a Bird in sutra. Present time, there are a number of issues throughout the world, specifically to do with racism, terrorist do not activities, nuclear threats, hate, violence and gun issues. These concerns remind me of a story of a bird in the Amida Sutra.

A story of a mythical bird, jivam-jivakas

Once upon a time, there lived a strange bird in a huge banyan tree which stood beside a river. The strange bird had two heads, and only one body. Once, while the bird was flying high in the sky, he saw an apple-shaped fruit lying on the bank of the river. The bird swooped down, picked up the fruit and began to eat it. It was the most delicious fruit the bird had ever eaten. As the bird had two heads, the other head protested, "I'm your brother head. Why don't you let me also eat this tasty fruit?" The first head of the bird replied, "Shut up. You know that we've only one stomach. Whichever head eats, the fruit will go to the same stomach. So it doesn't matter which head eats it. Moreover, I'm the one who found this fruit. So I have the first right to eat it."

Hearing this, the other head became silent. But this kind of selfishness on the part of the first head displeased him very much. One day, while flying, the other head spotted a tree bearing poisonous fruit. The other head immediately descended upon the tree and plucked the fruit from it.

"Please don't eat this poisonous fruit," cried the first head. "If you eat it, both of us will die, because we have a common stomach to digest it."

"Shut up!" shouted the other head. "Since I've plucked this fruit, I've every right to eat it."

The first head began to weep, but the other head didn't care. He wanted to take revenge. He ate the poisonous fruit. As a result, both died.

We can read this story as a stupid tale, however, when we carefully consider this story, it is about me, myself. I often say everything has front and back, which we call "Oneness". When I talked to this story to preschooler I named each head, Alex and Mark. One boy said "my brother is Alex", other girl said Mark is my Dad's name. Oops, sorry. Anyway, even though we don't have same body, we can be a partner or a pair. Husband and wife, brothers, sisters, father and son, mother and daughter, teacher and student, friends, Boss and worker...

If we always fight, hurting each other or even get upset, what will happen?

Shakyamuni Buddha teaches us in the Larger Sutra

All people in the world, parents and children, brothers and sisters, husbands and wives, other family members, and extended family members, should respect and love each other and should not hate and envy each other. They should share their possessions with each other, without being greedy, always speak gently, and live harmoniously without hurting each other.

The Sutra clarifies how important it is to be kind and gentle with each other and live our daily lives harmoniously.

Namo Amida Butsu,

Rev. Shawn K. Yagi

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.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hi everyone,

I hope you are in good spirits. We just got back from a really nice trip early this month to Sapporo, Japan to see the *Sapporo Snow Festival (Yuki Matsuri)*. It was a trip on my “bucket list” and I’m glad I went. Have you been to the Snow Festival? It is a “short” hop since there is a Hawaiian Airlines flight nonstop from Honolulu to Sapporo. The JR Express takes you from the New Chitose Airport to Sapporo in about 35 minutes. From the Sapporo train station, it is easy to get a cab or use the subway (our preferred mode of transportation) to get to the hotel.

Every year in February the city hosts the Sapporo Snow Festival. The Snow Festival started with just 6 snow statues made by local high school students in 1950. Over the years, the festival has grown and now there are over 200 snow and ice sculptures on three different sites in Sapporo. More than 2 million visitors from Japan and across the world visit Sapporo during the Snow Festival.

Large and small snow sculptures cover Odori Park, which extends East to West over 7-8 blocks in central Sapporo. In typical Japanese fashion, they encourage one-way traffic through the site. It is crowded and cold. There is lively entertainment—the entertainers perform on a stage made out of snow to entertain the crowds. I especially enjoyed the food booths—grilled and broiled seafood, meat sticks and ramen were so tasty! We had a little hot sake and warmed red wine (just to keep our hands warm) as we dined.

Sapporo is known for ramen, soup curry and seafood. We enjoyed everything that Sapporo offered us. Sapporo is also the home of the Sapporo Beer Museum so we couldn’t miss that! We enjoyed a beer tasting and also had a large lunch (2 hours all you can eat and drink) of beef “Genghis Khan style” with vegetables and beer.

We also took a day trip on the JR Hakodate line to Otaru. Otaru is a small town about 30 minutes (by train) west of Sapporo. Otaru is known for glass works and there are many glass shops and a glass museum. Otaru has a *Snow Light Path Festival*, which runs at the same time as the Sapporo Snow Festival to attract people from Sapporo. During this time the city is decorated with lights and small snow statues and it is especially pretty along a canal near the bay. It is a smaller celebration, but the atmosphere is very pleasant. Daughter Alyson scheduled us for a glass-blowing session at a local glass shop. We each got to make a small glass item—I made a whiskey glass and we are waiting for it to be mailed to us.

Any trip to Japan is a little too much to eat and drink so have to get back to a normal diet and exercise program. By the way, the Buddhist Women’s Association is planning to take a trip to Hokkaido next year (2019). I’d encourage you to ask one of the BWA women if you are interested. Be well!

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.

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)	7:00pm - 9:00pm
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.
Fridays	Eisa Bon Dance Practice	6:00 p.m.—8:30 p.m.

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Kindergarten:**
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Care Center:**
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Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii

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HMMH 106TH GISEIKAI LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY. The 106th Legislative Assembly (Giseikai) of the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii was held on February 9-10, 2018 at Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin. Delegates from the Hongwanji temples throughout Hawaii discussed and passed the following resolutions;

1. HMMH 2018 Budget
2. Resolution of Appreciation to Rose Nakamura
3. Resolution of Appreciation and Condolence to Mr. Theodore "Ted" Inouye
4. Resolution of Appreciation and Condolence to Reverend Tetsuun Ama
5. Resolution to establish a Honpa Hongwanji Social Media Program
6. Resolution of Appreciation and Condolence to Mr. Robert Yeiyo "Bob" Asato
7. Resolution of Appreciation and Condolence to Mr. George Isao Otani
8. Resolution of Appreciation and Condolence to Mr. Yoshio Iwai
9. Resolution of Appreciation and Condolence to Mr. Alfred Paulino
10. Resolution of Appreciation and Condolence to Mr. Kiyoshi Miyashiro

GISEIKAI MESSAGE FROM THE JODO SHINSHU HONGWANJI-HA GOVERNOR GENERAL BISHOP CHIKO IWAGAMI.

On the occasion of the 106th *Giseikai* of the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii, I humbly extend my appreciation to you the ministers, and sangha representatives from throughout the state of Hawaii, for gathering here to discuss the many concerns being faced today. I would also like to express my heartfelt gratitude to you all for your continuing efforts in propagating Jodo Shinshu and maintaining the temples within your respective districts.

At Hongwanji this past May 31, we were able to duly conclude the Commemoration on the Accession of the Jodo Shinshu Tradition to the 25th Monshu Sennyō that was conducted over a ten-session period totaling 80 days. It enabled us to share this auspicious occasion with nearly four hundred fifty thousand people from both within as well as outside of our religious organization. This was made possible through the support, understanding, and cooperation of everyone, including all affiliate individuals and parties and for that I am truly thankful.

Sennyō Monshu shared his thought in the *Shosoku* message delivered on the last day of the services as follows, "... through encountering Amida Tathagata's compassionate working we come to recognize our true state, and see that the Buddha's Primal Vow embraces and never abandons us. The sense of security of being embraced in the Buddha's compassion becomes the support in our daily life and empowers us to become actively engaged in society." Thus, we are expected to not only receive the Buddha's working ourselves but also become actively involved in society and its activities to share our indebtedness with others, both as an individual and religious organization who appreciate the Nembutsu teaching, and also the sense of security that is accordingly brought to us.

The Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha General Promotion Plan includes a clause that stipulates intensifying the framework of international propagation. In addition to reciprocal cooperation between the overseas districts, I eagerly anticipate each of the districts to build connections all the more closer with us at the Kyoto headquarters in order to cope with a variety of social issues, and in so doing, contribute to realize a society in which everyone can live with peace of mind.

Although the Commemoration of Accession has successfully come to a close, additional commemoration events including Sennyō Monshu's visitation to the overseas districts and regional-districts will continue to be carried out. We sincerely hope his visitation will be a great opportunity for those who were not able to participate in the Commemoration services to meet him in person.

In closing, it is my hope that the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii will continue to prosper and that many fruitful results will arise from this annual meeting.



Newly installed Officers, Advisors, Directors, Sanmu and Kanji Ministers of Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii.



Resolution of Appreciation presented to Mrs. Rose Nakamura.

2018 Living Treasures of Hawaii Honorees:



(From Left) Mary Jo Freshly, Hailama Farden, Gordon “Umi”Kai, Takejiro Higa (representative), and Dr. Mitchell Eli.



Reverend/Bishop Eric Matsumoto was recognized for his 25 years of active ministry.



Reverend David Nakamoto was recognized for his retirement from active ministry

COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL CONCERNS. On Saturday, January 13th, the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii, represented by Bishop Eric Matsumoto and Dean Sakamoto, Committee on Social Concerns, presented a donation to Ms. Stacey Hayashi, representing the 442nd Regimental Combat Team Foundation. The donation will be used to sponsor three School Educational Packages of “Go For Broke – a 442 Origins Story”, which includes a

S p e c i a l Educational DVD, Books, and Guides. Using the film, History, Social Studies, and Ethnic Studies teachers will be able to cover the vital history, as well



as intensify their curriculum to discuss Cultural Identity and Differences, Cultural and Ethnic Prejudice, Friendship, Courage, Integrity, Honor and Duty. The three schools that have been designated to receive the Educational

Packages are the Pacific Buddhist Academy, Hongwanji Mission School, and Kamehameha Schools, Kapalapa.

On Friday, January 19th, the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii, represented by Reverend Toshiyuki Umitani, Executive Assistant to the Bishop, and Dean Sakamoto, Committee on Social Concerns, presented a donation to Project Dana to support their 2018 Leadership Retreat. With the theme “Building Relationships, Moving Ahead: Caring for Elders, Caring for Ourselves”, the event included participants of site leaders and volunteers. Dr. Michael Cheang

of UH Manoa, Family and Consumer Sciences Department served as the Convener/Consultant for this event. The donation was presented



to Cyndi Osajima, Project Dana Executive Director, and Rose Nakamura, Former Project Dana Administrator.

Oahu United Junior YBA
bowling activity



Aiea Junior YBA officers and Minister Advisor



Richard Ito (Delegate),
Thelma Kawaguchi
(Observer) and Susan
Morishige (Observer) at
the Living Treasures
Banquet at the end of
Giseikai.



Aiea Senior YBA Officers for 2018 were installed on
February 16 at Pearl Country Club:
Thelma Kawaguchi (Corresponding Secretary), Larry
Onaka (Treasurer), Lynn Onaka (Recording
Secretary), Rev. Shawn Yagi (Advisor), Roy
Matsumoto (Vice President), and George Zakahi
(President).



Warren and Claire in Sapporo. Brrr! Namo Amida Butsu

MARCH
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Searching for Mary Foster

Nineteenth-Century Native Hawaiian
Buddhist, Philanthropist, and Social Activist

Patricia Lee Masters

Searching for Mary Foster

Book Signing with author Patricia Masters

Books Available for \$15 Donation

Sunday, March 11, 2018, 12:00 pm

Pacific Buddhist Academy
(On the grounds of the Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin)
1754 Lusitania Street, Hon., 96813



Kung Hee Fat Choy!!

On Chinese New Year, a Lion came to visit the Preschool and Lotus Adult Day Care.



12TH Annual Taiko Festival

Koi koi - Let's Go!

Pacific Buddhist Academy

Pearl City Cultural Center

March 25, 2018 4:00 pm

Doors open at 3:30 pm

Tickets:

\$25 - General

\$20 - Student/Senior

To purchase tickets visit:

www.PacificBuddhistAcademy.org

or call (808) 532-2649



Major Yearly 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.

March 2018 (corrected)

Michie Takeshita	7th
Adrienne Mitsuko Hosokawa	7th
Yuzuru Morita	13th
Kazuyoshi Minami	50th



April 2018

Hanako Tateishi	1st
Chiyoko Pauline Higuchi	7th
Stanley Hayao Kage	7th
Sueko Betsy Funatsu	13th
Tanio Shigaki	33rd
Tokuhei Harada	50th
Masayoshi Hayashida	50th

*Aiea Hongwanji Mission extends its
Deepest Sympathy to the family of
the Late Harriet Shizuyo Watanabe.*

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.

**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.



PACIFIC BUDDHIST ACADEMY

TAIKO FESTIVAL. Tickets Are On Sale. Reserve Your Seat! Hawaii's premier high school taiko program will celebrate a showcase of student, faculty and guest talent on Sunday, March 25, at 4 p.m. at the Pearl City Cultural Center. The theme of Pacific Buddhist Academy's 12th annual Taiko Festival is Koi-Koi - Let's Go!

In Hanafuda, playing cards of Japanese origin, "koi-koi" is said when a player wants to continue the hand. Hyaku Sen Ki Kai Taiko, PBA's premier taiko group, is no exception, renewing itself with vigor and high octane spirit year after year.

Individual tickets for the festival are \$25 for general admission, or \$20 for seniors, students, and PBA alumni. They may be purchased by calling 808-532-2649, in person at PBA's Main Office at 1754 Lusitana Street, or online at www.pacificbuddhistacademy.org. For reserved seating through sponsorship opportunities, call Rüdiger (Rudy) Rückmann at 532-2649, ext. 412. (see also flyer on page 7)

New Exhibition at the East-West Center: During the new exhibition *Bhutan: Gross Nation Happiness*, three artist monks in residence at the Center built a sand mandala (a visual representation of the Himalayan Buddhist cosmos) as the center piece in the gallery during the week of February 26. For information on the exhibit which will run to May 27, visit the website at arts.eastwestcenter.org.

Congratulations to PBA seniors Shala M., Lisa F. and Andrew M. for having their final projects from Dr. Benjamin Bruch's course "Made in America/Made in Hawai'i" displayed on **Historic Hawaii Foundation's website**. Dr. Ben's class provides seniors with opportunities to reflect on their experiences living in Hawai'i and their own cultural identities before many leave to attend college on the mainland. To see the work of the students, go to historichawaii.org/2018/01/05/aanhpi/.

Information found in the PBA's emailed newsletter: *What's New at PBA*.

Aiea BWA News

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Dana Day fund at the Feb. 11 Dana Day and Nirvana Day Service. In the spirit of Selfless Giving, the BWA did a Dana project led by Arlene Sunada and Marcia Koyanagi. We played Bingo games at the Lotus Adult Day Care Center. We made Dana Day cards for all the seniors and made 30 festive gift bags to give as prizes. The staff and the seniors enjoyed the activity. The BWA is also busy making walker bags that were requested by Lotus.

We were all looking forward to the visit of the Soba Chef on Feb. 18 but unfortunately the Soba Demo was cancelled due to bad weather in Japan that made it too difficult for the Chef to come to Hawaii. The Hosha kitchen team (Elaine Kutaka, Sally Ohira, Helen Takenouchi, Elaine Yamanoha) quickly changed plans

and instead made a delicious lunch for the people who were there on Sunday. Ito Kurasaki made gau and also started preparation of takuwan to be sold at Eshinni-Kakushinni Day on April 22.

A major undertaking in the month of March is the quarterly Temple Beautification Day on Sunday March 11, beginning at 8:00 am. Please come and bring your families to learn and to help. The work is not too hard and refreshments and lunch will be provided.

Mark your calendar for April 22, 2018 when the BWA "Craft Sale" following the Eshinni-Kakushinni Day service will focus on selling "homemade" food items and desserts. A selection of craft items will also be on sale. Bring your family and friends.

Janice Ito
President



WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

We would like to extend a very warm welcome to new members Donna Morita, and Dennis and Sharyn Sekine.. 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.

Aiea Junior YBA News

The Aiea Hongwanji Sangha and Preschool's contributed over 160 pounds of canned/dry goods to the United Jr. YBA of Oahu's canned goods drive in December 2017! Thank you to everyone for their generosity!

The United Jr. YBA of Honolulu invited the United Jr. YBA of Oahu to a bowling social at Aiea Bowl on Saturday, February 3 (see photo on page 6).

The next United Jr. YBA of Oahu's meeting is March 4, after the Sangha Day activities at Wahiawa Hongwanji.

The United Jr. YBA of Oahu will be selling Emergency Preparedness Kits and bottled water at the Mililani Hongwanji's Bazaar on Saturday, March 10, from 9am - 1pm.

April's United Jr. YBA of Oahu meeting will be held at Mililani Hongwanji on April 8th.

Officers and Advisors for 2018 are: (see photo on page 6) Kacie T (President), Chad O (Vice President), Kayla K (Secretary), Ransen T (Treasurer), Rev. Shawn Yagi and Mrs. Claire Tamamoto, (Minister and Lay Advisors)

Senior YBA News

February 16th, our 2018 Senior YBA Installation Banquet at Pearl Country Club was a night to remember! Here's what happened. 5:30 p.m. was Fellowship time. Yep, a table full of pupu and desserts! 6:10 p.m. dinner buffet. Onolicious kau kau! 7:00 p.m. Sensei Yagi installed our 2018 officers. We had messages from Rev. Shawn Yagi, Kyodan President Dr. Warren Tamamoto, and BWA President Janice Ito.

Thanks to our YBA ladies who gave each one of us table favors. A big MAHALO to Norman and Harriet Mizuguchi who donated beautiful flowers in a vase for each table's centerpiece. There was also a guessing contest and Sensei Yagi was the winner.

This year's President's Award went to Richard Ito who worked many hours on the "Aiea Hongwanji Mission" sign for our 115th Anniversary gift. The sign is to the right as you walk up to the main entrance of the Temple. Job well done, Richard!

At 7:30 p.m. we began the fun part for the YBA – playing games! Yes, our favorite Man Wolf and Gun! We also played Jan Ken Po. Then we did our Las Vegas game, rolling dice and card games. Thank you Wade and Carol for donating \$50 towards prizes for the games.

Finally at 8:20 p.m. everyone picked up a bagful of prizes.

Everyone was happy with our buffet, pupu, dessert, installation, and good fun games. Yes, it was really nice to see everyone talking story and enjoying great fellowship.

Our next Senior YBA meeting is on March 5th (Monday). Meeting will start at 7:30 p.m. Where? AHM Office. See you all at our meeting!

In Gassho,
George Zakahi



Aiea Hongwanji Preschool & Kindergarten



- Feb 6 — CPK Fundraiser at Pearlridge.
- Feb 9 — Field Trip to the Post Office (Walking Field Trip)
- Feb 16 — Chinese New Year! Year of the "Dog" Lion Dance in Social Hall
- Feb 19 — No School (President's Day)
- Feb 21 — Field Trip: "3 Chinese Comedies" at Kennedy Theatre
- Feb 22 — Temple with Rev. Yagi
- Feb 26 — Field Trip: Zoo



On March 30, the Preschool will hold its Family Movie Night in the Hall.

NEWS from Lotus Adult Day Care Center


The Lotus Adult Day Care Center offers a safe environment where our kupunas can interact with other Seniors and enjoy activities.

There are a few more openings on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

If you are interested in respite care for your loved ones, please contact us at 486-5050.



PROJECT DANA

Thank you to Frank and Helen Takenouchi for their work with Project Dana.  You too can be a Project Dana volunteer. 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.

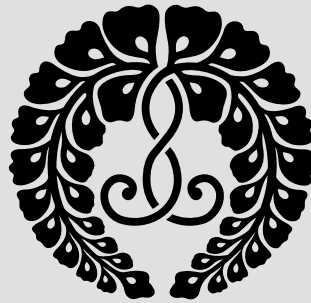
Please call the Project Dana office at 945-3736 for information on becoming a Project Dana volunteer of Aiea Hongwanji. Orientation and training will be provided to the volunteers.

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DHARMA LIGHT Buddhist Studies Program

**Saturdays at 10-11am, April 7-May 19, 2018
at the Aiea Hongwanji Mission**

First Steps in Understanding Shin Buddhism

Instructors: Dexter Mar, Rev. Kosho Yagi

What is the Shin Buddhist way of living? Learn the terminology, concepts, rituals, and services of Jodo Shinshu Buddhism to understand how to find peace and happiness.

The course goal is to help newcomers to Jodo Shinshu (Shin) Buddhism gain a basic understanding the terminology, concepts and rituals in an informal, question & answer setting.

Course Learning Opportunities

By the end of the course newcomers to Shin Buddhism will have had the opportunity to:

1. Be familiar with the basic terminology of Shin and General Buddhism
2. Be familiar with the connection between Shin and General Buddhism
3. Be familiar with Shinran Shonin and his story.
4. Be familiar with the connection between Shinran, Shakyamuni & Amida
5. Be familiar with the reason for and meaning of the service rituals
6. Be familiar with the history and impact of Shin Buddhism in Hawaii



COST: \$20 per person payable on the first day of class preferably by check made out to Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii or HHMH. Tuition assistance and scholarships are available.

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