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Monthly Newsletter of the Aiea Hongwanji Mission Embrace Change - New Vision (Create Engagement)

EVENTS OF JULY 2016

July 3	Sun	9:00am	Family Dharma Service and Dharma School
July 3	Sun		O`ahu Jr. Young Buddhist Association meeting
July 4	Mon		Independence Day HOLIDAY
July 7	Thur	9:00am	Aiea Buddhist Women's Association meeting
July 9	Sat	7:00pm	Waipahu Hongwanji Bon Dance
July 10	Sun	9:00am	Family Dharma Service and Dharma School
July 10	Sun	11:00am	Preschool Committee Meeting
July 11-15	Mon-Fr	6-9pm	Buddhist Study Center Summer Session (Dr. Jeff Wilson)
July 12	Tue	12:30pm	O`ahu Kyogakkai meeting at Pearl City
July 16	Sat	7:00pm	Waianae Hongwanji Bon Dance
July 17	Sun	9:00am	Family Dharma Service and Dharma School
July 17	Sun	11:00am	Lotus Committee Meeting
July 19	Tue	7:00pm	O`ahu District Education Seminar: Jeff Wilson at Aiea
July 20	Wed	7:00pm	Aiea Hongwanji Mission Board of Directors' Meeting
July 24	Sun	9:00am	Dharma School Recognition Service
July 24	Sun	11:00am	115th Anniversary Committee Meeting
July 24	Sun	1:30pm	Dharma School Teachers of O`ahu meeting at Aiea
July 29	Fri		Last day of Preschool Summer Session
July 31	Sun		No service

HIGHLIGHTS OF AUGUST 2016

Aug 4	Thur	9:00am	Aiea Buddhist Women's Association meeting
Aug 6	Sat	7:00pm	Waialua Hongwanji Bon Dance
Aug 7	Sun	9:00am	Sutra Chanting Service/ Japanese Service
Aug 8	Mon		Start of Preschool year round session
Aug 8	Mon	7:30pm	Aiea Senior Young Buddhist Association Meeting
Aug 12-13	Fri-Sat	7:00pm	Pearl City Bon Dance
Aug 14	Sun	8:00am	Yagura and Concession Set Up/no service
Aug 16	Tue	7:00pm	Aiea Hongwanji Mission Board of Directors' Meeting
Aug 16-17	Tue-Wed		O`ahu BWA hosting Exchange Students from Japan
Aug 19	Fri		Statehood Day HOLIDAY
Aug 19-20	Fri-Sat	7:00pm	Mililani Bon Dance
Aug 21	Sun	6:00pm	Hatsubon Service (First Year Service)
Aug 27	Sat	6:00pm	Aiea Hongwanji O-bon Service
Aug 27	Sat	7:00pm	Aiea Hongwanji Mission Bon Dance
Aug 28	Sun		Cleanup after Bon Dance/ no service
Aug 28	Sun	noon	O`ahu Lay Association Meeting at Aiea

Aloha Members and Friends

We are taking reservations for the Hall for **2017**. Please call the office if you are interested in renting the hall for a party.



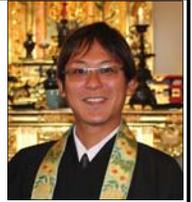
NEED THE ASSISTANCE OF THE MINISTER?

Please call Rev. Shawn K. 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



INDEPENDENCE DAY

Every year, American citizens celebrate July 4th as Independence Day. However, should this day be taken merely just as another holiday to be enjoyed casually as a day of rest, then one must begin to realize that this particular holiday has lost something and will become a day of value and significance.

Looking over the situation of the American colonial government during the 18th century, one cannot help but feel the immensity of oppression the English government laid upon the lives of the colonists. The oppression was of such magnitude that it sparked and ignited the Revolutionary War. The Declaration of Independence states: "We hold these truths to be self-evident—that all men are created equal; that they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights; that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness." The oppression was of such degree that it sparked and ignite the will of the colonists to acquire and secure that which they believed were their inalienable rights. History confirms this. History was made with the War of Independence.

The American colonists had long been oppressed and abused to the point of retaliation even to bear arms and fight for these rights-not the least was the freedom from oppression. Many sacrifices were made in the struggle to obtain the freedom should be known to all people.

It must not be forgotten that the independence fought for at the time was the independence of a will to obtain liberty or freedom rather than the independence of status of certain people. As events turned out, after the War, the freedom of religious belief was woven into the Constitution of the American government. As early as it was, it cannot be denied that there was carried within this war, an undercurrent wherein flowed the desire to win the freedom of religious conscience. America has for its basic freedoms: freedom of religious belief, speech and press. Of these, the freedom of religious belief affects us closely as followers of Buddhist faith, and as such we should appreciate this freedom which is given to us to enjoy.

If we as Buddhist fail to appreciate this freedom that we enjoy, it would be like treating the meaning of Independence Day as valueless. Should we as Buddhist never be awakened to hold and observe the spirit of appreciation and gratitude to those whose sacrifices made this freedom possible, can we as laymen truthfully say that we are qualified to celebrate in a proper sense this Independence Day? To say that we cannot be truly qualified would not be an overstatement. As Jodo Shin sect followers, we should strive to observe Independence Day with a spirit of thanksgiving and gratitude imbued with humility.

We look back toward the period of infancy of the American nation. We note that at that time not every nation of the world has had written into its national constitution the granting of religious liberty to its citizens as it was done by our forefathers when freedom of religious belief transcending sectarianism was incorporated into the Constitution of the United States. Then, couldn't it be said that were it not for America, the insertion of this freedom of religious belief within a nation's constitution would not have been possible?

We, as followers of Nembutsu Teaching, should foster especially, whenever Independence Day comes around, an understanding of the many struggles and sacrifices involved and a deep sense of appreciation for the blessings of liberty. It behooves us to hold within our hearts, the ever nurtured thought of expressing thankfulness and gratitude with the spirit of Gassho for that freedom of conscience we Buddhists enjoy throughout the United States of America.

NAMO AMIDA BUTSU

In Gassho,
Rev. Shawn K. Yagi

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	6:00 p.m. - 7:00 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,

I hope you are in good spirits. Thank you to all of those who were able to come out to our Temple Beautification on June 12th. We had a good turnout of hard-working volunteers who cleaned windows, cleaned the storage room, repaired some of the tables and chairs, cleaned under the stage, washed the statue of Shinran and cleaned the kitchen. Preschool parents and teachers did extra cleaning of the Preschool. Thanks again, everyone!

Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii is coordinating two tours to Japan in celebration of our newly inducted Head Priest (25th Gomonsu Kojun Ohtani) taking on the responsibilities as Monshu and following in the footsteps of his predecessors (Dento Hokoku Hoyo). It is a festive occasion welcoming everyone to celebrate the inauguration of the new Monshu. The first tour this fall is no longer taking applicants. The second tour, March 29-April 7, 2017 is still open for new registrants. The tour starts in Kyoto for the commemoration, but includes sightseeing in Kyoto, Takayama, Kanazawa, Akakura onsen and Tokyo. I think it will be an enjoyable, educational and inspiring trip! Join us. If you are interested, please contact Rev. Yagi or leave a message on the office phone.

Son, Craig sent us photos from the Hokulea's stop in New York Harbor. The voyaging canoe Hokulea left Hawaii in 2013 and has traveled to Polynesia, Australia, Africa, South America and up the east coast to New York. How amazing is that? Around the world in a double-hulled canoe powered by the wind and guided by observing the sun, stars and waves. Happy sailing, Hokulea! From the Hokulea website: "The Hawaiian name for this voyage, Mālama Honua, means 'to care for our Earth.' Living on an island chain teaches us that our natural world is a gift with limits and that we must carefully steward this gift if we are to survive together. As we work to protect cultural and environmental resources for our children's future, our Pacific voyaging traditions teach us to venture beyond the horizon to connect and learn with others."



O-Bon season is upon us. The Aiea Sr. Young Buddhist Association helped the Ewa Hongwanji at their Bon Dance on June 18th. Thank you for representing AHM and for helping a sister temple! Bon season in Hawaii has become a big event-for both religious and cultural/social reasons. There was a large crowd at Ewa enjoying the food, music, dancing and sense of community! Here at AHM, we are planning for our O-Bon on Saturday, August 27th. Please keep your eye on the Jiko for important dates. We can use everyone's help.

Gassho,

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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We solicit your generous donations of items for our Bon Dance on August 27 of

- Cans of spam (low sodium spam preferred)
- Bottles of water
- Cans of passion-orange drink.
- Cans of soda:

**Coke,
Pepsi,
Diet Coke
7-up.**



Arigato, Mahalo and Thank you very much!!!

Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii

HEADQUARTERS UPDATE

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NEW HHMH KYODAN COMMITTEES FORMED BY 2016 LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY ACTION

Green Hongwanji Committee

Excerpt from Resolution

“...our Sangha needs leadership and education on how to live in harmony and sustainability with our precious planet. ...a program, the ‘Green Hongwanji Initiative’, to educate, set goals and develop an action plan to help temples and members live in ecological harmony within our communities, State and planet.”

Committee Members: Dexter Mar, Convener (H), Dave Atcheson (H), Karen Kikukawa (H), Rev. Shindo Nishiyama (H), Rev. Janet Youth (O), Margie Kaiser (HI) and Van Velasco, PBA Instructor & 2 Students (PBA)

Technology for Remote Communication Committee

Excerpt from Resolution

“...the technology now exists for Dharma talks and even complete services to be conducted remotely through video conferencing and other technologies... ...a committee be established too explore the feasibility method, and cost of training and implementing the technology to support remote communication...”

Committee members: Travis Nakaji, Chair, Chris Richardson (M), Raymond Takiue, Jr. (H), Rev. Shinji Kawagoe (HI), Rev. Kazunori Takahashi (K), and Rev. Kevin Kuniyuki (HQ)

NATIONAL MEMORIAL CEMETERY OF THE PACIFIC MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE.

On Monday, May 30, 2016, Memorial Day, Hawaii Kyodan



Bishop Eric Matsumoto and President Pieper Toyama participated in the Memorial Day Service held at Punchbowl. Pieper Toyama presented a floral wreath on behalf of Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii.

THE 58TH ANNUAL HONPA HONGWANJI MINISTERS' ASSOCIATION SEMINAR.

The 58th Annual Honpa Hongwanji Ministers' Association Seminar was held on June 14-16, 2016 on the island of Kauai. The keynote speaker was Professor Ryusei Takeda (the Emeritus Professor of Ryukoku University) who was specially dispatched by the Honzan for this occasion. A special thanks goes to the ministers and temples of Kauai District for hosting

the seminar, Professor Ryusei Takeda, Ministers from the Buddhist Churches of America (Rev. Naomi Nakano and Rev. Yuki Sugahara), and last but not least, all the temples and Hawaii Kyodan for giving us the ministers this wonderful opportunity to gather together to deepen our understanding of the Jodo Shinshu Teaching and to strengthen our bond with one another. The 59th Seminar is scheduled to be held on



June 13-15, 2017 on the Big Island.

2017 BWA STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAM TO JAPAN.

The HHMH Hawaii Federation of Buddhist Women's Associations extends invitation to the women, ages 17-23 years old, to be one of two exchange students from Hawaii to Japan in the late July to early August in 2017. The purpose of this Exchange Program is to send two female delegates to Japan as “exchange students” in compliance with a resolution adopted during the 3rd World Buddhist Women's Convention held in Honolulu in June 1967 “as means of nurturing future leaders for Jodo Shinshu Women's activities through exposure to Buddhist culture in Japan, oriental culture and youth movement and as a mission of good will.” Please see the attached flyer for more information and go to the following website to obtain the Fact Sheet and Application Form; http://www.hawaiiwba.org/Student_Exchange/student_exchange.htm

HONPA HONGWANJI SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE.

Bishop Eric Matsumoto and Dean Sakamoto, Committee on Social Concerns Chair, presented a donation to Ohana Arts (Carolyn Lee, Laurie Rubin, and Jennifer Taira) on May 20, 2016. The donation was made to support the Peace On Your Wings 2016 World Tour Production.



Bishop Eric Matsumoto and Dean Sakamoto attended the Buddhist Tzu Chi Foundation, Pacific Islands Region 20th Anniversary celebration on May 22, 2016. Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii made a donation in 2013 for Typhoon Haiyan relief efforts.



The Tzu Chi (which means “compassion and relief” in Chinese) Foundation is a non-profit, non-governmental, humanitarian organization with four major missions: charity, medicine, education, and humanistic culture.

Pieper Toyama, Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii President, and Dean Sakamoto presented a donation to Coralie Chun Matayoshi, Esq., CEO of the American Red Cross Hawaii State Chapter, on June 1, 2016. The donation was made to support relief efforts for the Ecuador Earthquake.

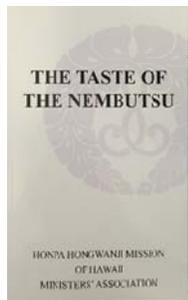


Dean Sakamoto presented a donation to United Jr YBA of Oahu on June 5, 2016. The donation was made to match the Jr YBA’s donation for a project to provide the “Buddhist Boot Camp” book (Timber Hawkeye author) in prisons.

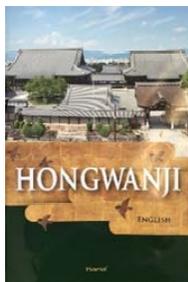


Reverend Kojun Hashimoto, minister advisor (back row, left) and advisor Aryn Ishikawa (right) are in the photo with the Jr YBA members.

THE TASTE OF THE NEMBUTSU. The HHMH State Ministers Association is proud to present the newly published book “The Taste of the Nembutsu” which is the collection of the Dharma Messages of all the active ministers sharing their appreciation and understanding of the Nembutsu teaching. Bishop Eric Matsumoto expresses his wish that you will find these messages not only enjoyable, but meaningful and insightful. The books will be distributed to all the temples soon. Please contact your temple minister if you wish to read this book.



HQ BOOKSTORE UPDATE. The new English edition of “Pictorial Hongwanji” (\$10.00) is now available at HQ Bookstore. This “Pictorial Hongwanji” was published by Hongwanji Publishing Company, Kyoto Japan in 2016. It contains the message of the new Monshu and many pictures of Hongwanji (Honzan) buildings, rooms, garden, gate etc. many of which are national treasures and important cultural assets. This book also introduces services and ceremonies of Honzan and explains life of Shinran Shonin and history of the Hongwanji. It is a very informative booklet. HQ had



distributed one copy to each 33 temples of Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii to share this informative booklet with the temple members. If you wish to have your personal copy, please contact HQ bookstore at 522-9202.

**HONPA HONGWANJI CALENDAR COMMITTEE.
CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS for the Honpa Hongwanji
Mission of Hawaii 2017 CALENDAR
5-YEAR THEME (2015-2019): EMBRACE CHANGE
2017 SLOGAN: Action (Open Communication)**

We take ACTION to implement our plans for our temples, ensuring OPEN COMMUNICATION to engage all those connected with our temples.

The Calendar Committee requests your assistance to share this information and flyer via:

- Announcements at Sunday Morning Services and Obon Services.
- Agenda item and/or announcement at your temple events, meetings, and through your various organizations.
- Articles in your monthly temple newsletters July - September 2015.
- Weaving the slogan into the minister’s sermons, various messages, newsletter articles, etc. to encourage the members to reflect on the slogan in a Jodo Shinshu context and discover ways to express it in creative ways.

The Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii Calendar Committee invites individuals and groups to provide creative works of art for the Hongwanji calendar: photos, drawings, poems, and even picture of things like sculptures and pottery. The picture will need to be able to be clearly enlarged. This year, we welcome cell phone pictures as well, as some have the technology to take pictures that are able to be clearly enlarged. You may submit more than one submission, but for each, please include a paragraph describing how the picture relates to the 2017 slogan:

ACTION (OPEN COMMUNICATION).

In particular for the 2017 calendar, we’d like to focus on the theme of Obon, which is the season upon us NOW.

Please take pictures of all the traditional, modern, and unique Obon activities and services at your temples and in the community (lanterns, parades, games and crafts, food prep and booths, Choba, yukata and happi designs, bon dance towel graphics, Hatsubon, special altar and temple arrangements, decorated yagura, graveyard cleaning, musicians and dancers, community temple services, bon dances held in the community, etc.). Whatever and anything showcasing our: **“Hawaii Style” Obon season!**

Please encourage your temples and organizations to submit their ideas to us! If you have questions, please leave a message for Yumi Suzuki at the Hongwanji Headquarters Office c/o Rev. Umitani at 522-9205 or email address: hqs@honpahi.org. For entry submissions, please submit directly to Alan Kubota at alan.kubota@pbahi.org. He will be able to respond to your technical questions. Thank you.

***** Deadline: September 7, 2016, WEDNESDAY*****

Aiea Hongwanji Preschool

AIEA HONGWANJI MISSION
PRESCHOOL
 AGES: 2 1/2 to 5 YEARS
 naoyc 488-0404



Visitation to the Lotus and Preschool by the Living Art Marine Center



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 and full-time participants.
- Give us a call at 486-5050 if you are interested in learning more.



Hokulea visit to New York City and the Hawaiian Airlines Liberty Challenge outrigger race.

more pictures

Dharma School students working on Father's Day project.



Congratulations to Aaron for winning 2016 Mr. Junior YBA at the Maui State Convention!!!



Aiea BWA News

Happy 4th of July!

Big THANK YOU to those who came out to help at the Beautification Day in June. New Dharma student, Taylor K., who was just the right size to clean under the stage, asked me "Who owns this building?" I told her "We all do!"..... and it was apparent as everyone put a lot of hard work into whatever areas they worked on. In the past, we had depended on certain leaders to tell us what to do..... but now, because many of those people are gone, it was enlightening to see people just pick a job and do it. (Thanks, Ikuo, for making that list!)

The ladies have been busy making crafts for Obon, leis for the 115th Anniversary in 2017 and seat pads for the Lotus Day Care Center. We are truly grateful to these ladies who share their time and talents on BWA projects.

We will need help serving refreshments for the O'ahu District Education Seminar on Tues, July 19 @ 6:30pm. Aiea is hosting this event in the Lotus Adult Day Care Center. Please call Susan if you can help 487-2626.

We will be honoring our 10 Dharma school students on July 24 at the Dharma School Recognition Service. Join us as we cheer them on!

We will be needing lots of help for Obon activities on August 27, so please save that date (Sign ups will be posted in the kitchen and in the August Jiko.) We are also asking for your delicious desserts for the "post dance" refreshments.

A special thank you to the Nakahara family, for monetary and craft donations in memory of Sumiko. ♥

Thank you all for your continued support and participation.

With Gassho,
Arlene Sunada



*Aiea Hongwanji Mission extends its
Deepest Sympathy
to the families of the late
Sumiko Nakahara
Teruo Kimura
Satoko Sadamaru*

O'ahu United Junior YBA News

The United of O'ahu Jr. YBA would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all the O'ahu temples/lay members, ministers, and Women's organizations that helped to support the United for the CPK fundraiser. The United was able to raise \$524. This was matched by \$500 from the Social Concerns committee of the Honpa Hongwanji Mission, which was then contributed as Orei to Timber Hawkeye.

The United also used monies from the fundraiser to defray registration fees for those going to the 59th Jr. YBA State Convention on Maui this past weekend. From the United of O'ahu 11 Juniors (A'iea 3, Mililani 1, Pearl City 3, Wahiawa 4); 5 Advisors/Chaperones (Arynn Ishikawa, Gay Tanaka, Yumi Suzuki, Mark Haimoto, Claire

Tamamoto), and one upcoming Junior observer (K. Suzuki) attended. Some Juniors participated in zip lining as a pre-convention activity. This activity along with the lower registration/hotel fee of \$125 seemed to boost attendance to the convention. There were 70 plus attendees. The theme was "Talk Dharma" and a lot of good interaction and bonding could be observed.

We would like to especially thank the many temple Buddhist Women Associations who supported the United of O'ahu's Juniors by subsidizing their registration fee and \$200.00 plane fare. Thank you all for your donations.

The United of Hawai'i won the Model United award. Membership awards were won by the Uniteds of Hawai'i

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**Major Yearly
Memorial
Service
Schedule**

For The Year
2016

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

* 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).

July 2016

Sachiko Toyofuku	3rd
Hiroshi "Harold" Chinen	7th
Flora Fuyuko Kamei	7th
Seitaro Hoshino	13th
Masayoshi Fukuchi	13th
Kay Kiyoko Tokushige	17th
Raymond Takeichi Tanaka	17th
Junichi Ukita	25th
Asako Saito	25th
Naomi Lynette Okamura	50th

August 2016

Evelyn Nishimura	3rd
Jenichi Ginoza	3rd
Jane Tokuda	3rd
Yeichi Uyeunten	7th
Vivian Matsue Kage	7th
Jean Yukiko Sato	7th
Yoshio Ishioka	13th
Kinuko Sakaguchi	13th
Marion Yoshino Onaka	13th
Teruko Hosokawa	13th
Barbara Mieko Hirano	17th
Asayo Oba	25th
Tojyu Furukawa	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.

Nokotsudo (Columbarium)

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



Pacific Buddhist Academy News

Summer School Students Engaged in New Challenges.

For the first time ever, Pacific Buddhist Academy is offering an Honors Physics/Calculus course, and it has proven to be quite popular! Instructor Steven James offers hands-on activities which require students to solve problems mathematically. A testament to the students' engagement is that they all stayed an extra hour to complete their challenge on the first day of summer school!

More than 40 students are enrolled this year at PBA's Summer School. Classes began on Monday

Mahalo to Everyone for a Landmark Year PBA sends a hearty mahalo to everyone for a landmark year and a fond farewell and best wishes to Language Arts teacher Jennifer Stierli, who will take on a new challenge at Hanahau'oli School as a 2nd/3rd grade teacher this coming year.

2015-2016 has been a great success. We just received word from HAIS that the "Board of Directors of the Hawaii Association of Independent Schools has received and reviewed the report of the accreditation Visiting Committee and grants Pacific Buddhist Academy Seven-Year Accreditation Status with a Mid-Cycle Progress Report and One-Day visit in year 4." The building project also resumes this summer in earnest, with grading, followed by foundation work and the vertical build thereafter.

Congratulations to Van Velasco!

Our very own Van Velasco has received an Educator of the Future Award from the Hawaii Association of Independent Schools (HAIS)!

Van has worked with juniors in the PBA Peace Core class "Radical Movements" through a student-directed pedagogical inquiry to analyze and modify PBA's carbon footprint. The student inquiry has led to student initiatives in vegan diets, community waste collection and analysis,

"zero waste" days, water preservation and aquaponics systems, recycling systems and infrastructure, and ongoing experiments in composting.

Van and other recipients of the first annual award were praised for "extraordinary leadership, creativity, positivity, optimism, and innovative initiatives. Matt, Branden, Van, and Mark are truly educational leaders, not only in their schools but across the State of Hawai'i."

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Support the Class of 2017. Please stop by the Fishpond Booth at the Moiliili Bon Dance on July 1 and the Jikoen Bon Dance on July 15 and 16 to support the Class of 2017 Project Grad.

Annual Lighting Our Way Banquet: Save the Date!

Our annual Lighting Our Way Banquet will be held this year on Friday, November 18, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Waialae Country Club.

You Can Still Help Us Reach Our Goal. Our goal for the Annual Fund is \$120,000 and this year we are closer than ever before! Join us in spreading seeds of peace throughout the world with your support. Donations to the Annual Fund provide more tuition assistance for students from PBA's diverse families, help retain our outstanding and teachers and staff, and enhance exceptional learning experiences. To donate, please call Rüdiger Rückmann, Advancement Director, at 808-532-2649

Mahalo!!

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and Maui. **Outstanding Junior YBA members from O`ahu were Kenji S, Koji S (Pearl City) and Chloe O (Mililani). Kenji placed in the Essay Contest. Koji won the Poster Contest.** The Oratorical contest was won by Layce Y (Maui). 2nd place was Zoi N (Hawai'i.) **Mr. Jr. YBA award was won by Aaron N (Aiea).** Miss Jr. YBA award was a tie between Layce Y and Cristina G (Hawai'i). Each award's prize was a \$1000.00 scholarship for post high school education.

Next year's Federation officers are Pres. Zoi N, VP Sheera T (Hon), Co Secretaries **Kano H (O`ahu)** and Allyson K (Hon) and **Treasurer Aaron N.**

Our United officers are Pres Kenji S, VP Koji S, Sec. Shoshi H, and Treasurer Chloe O.

The Federation passed two resolutions: one was the budget and the other was to establish an *Instagram* account for present and past Jr. YBA'ers.

United of O`ahu will be in charge of two standing committees this upcoming year: Membership and Handbook.

The Federation Hawaii Buddhist Youth Month charities will be Project Dana and Special Olympics. Juniors will work year-long for these two charities. Also, a special thank you from Claire to Rev. Hashimoto for all his efforts.

Article submitted by Claire Tamamoto

United of O`ahu Advisor

Rev. Kojun Hashimoto

United of O`ahu Minister Advisor

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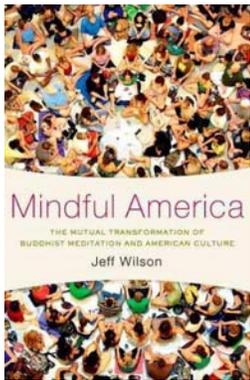
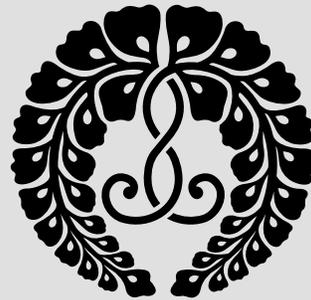
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