

# JIKO-"Wisdom-Light"

February 2017

Volume 61, Issue 2



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

## EVENTS OF FEBRUARY 2017

Feb 2	Thur	9:00am	Aiea BWA meeting
Feb 5	Sun	9:00am	Service and Dharma School; <b>Guest speaker: Rev. Ryoso Toshima</b>
Feb 5	Sun	11:30am	United of O'ahu Jr. YBA Meeting at Waipahu
Feb 6	Mon	7:30pm	Senior Young Buddhist Association meeting in office
Feb 9	Thur	9:00am	HHMH BOD Meeting and State Ministers' Association Meeting
Feb 9	Thur	6:00pm	Rap Session in Hawaii Betsuin Social Hall
Feb 10-11	Fri-Sat		105th Legislative Assembly (Giseikai)
Feb 11	Sat		Living Treasures Recognition Luncheon at Hilton
Feb 12	Sun	9:00am	BWA Dana Day & Nirvana Day Service/Dharma School
Feb 12	Sun	10:00am	115th Anniversary Committee meeting
Feb 12	Sun	noon	O'ahu Lay Association Meeting at Mililani
Feb 17	Fri	5:30pm	Senior YBA Installation Banquet at Pearl Country Club
Feb 19	Sun	9:00am	Service and Dharma School
Feb 19	Sun	11:00am	Preschool Committee Meeting
Feb 20	Mon		Presidents' Day HOLIDAY
Feb 21	Tue	7:00pm	<b>Annual Membership Meeting</b> (see notice on page 4); Board of Directors' Meeting to follow.
Feb 26	Sun	9:00am	Service and Dharma School
Feb 26	Sun	1-3pm	Living in the Blue Zones O'ahu District Eng Seminar at Mililani
Feb 27	Mon	7:00pm	O'ahu Education Committee meeting at Aiea

## HIGHLIGHTS OF MARCH 2017

Mar 2	Thu	9:00am	Aiea BWA meeting/Hongwanji Day
Mar 5	Sun	8:30-2pm	<b>O'ahu Hongwanji Council Sangha Day at Aiea</b> /no service
Mar 5	Sun	11:30am	United of O'ahu Jr. YBA Meeting at Aiea
Mar 10	Fri	7:00pm	Affirmation Rites (Kie-Shiki) at Mililani Hongwanji
Mar 12	Sun	8:00am	<b>Quarterly Temple Beautification Day/no service</b>
Mar 13	Mon	7:00pm	O'ahu Hongwanji Council meeting at Aiea
Mar 14	Tue		<b>Preschool CPK Fundraiser</b>
Mar 14-15	Tue-Wed		Ryokoku University-BSC Spring Seminar
Mar 20-24	Mon-Fri		Preschool Spring Break
Mar 19	Sun	9:00am	Buddhist Dedication Day (Spring Higan-Equinox Service)
Mar 21	Tue	7:00pm	Aiea Hongwanji Mission Board of Directors' Meeting
Mar 26	Sun	9:00am	Service and Dharma School
Mar 31	Fri		Honzan Dento Hokoku Hoyo (Accession Ceremony in Kyoto)

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

- Save the date for our next Beautification Day on Sunday, March 12. We appreciate your help in keeping Aiea Hongwanji clean. 
- Don't forget to turn in your annual "Gojikai" membership dues. They help to support our Temple and the Hongwanji programs statewide. \$125 comes out to less than 12 dollars a month, 3 dollars a week. It's even less if you are under the age of 40. Half-price.
- Confused about whether you are a member or not, or whether you are current? Call the Office at 487-2626, and we will ask the Treasurer to look into his records.

## Minister's Message



### NIRVANA DAY

Nirvana Day or Nehan E is held in commemoration of Sakyamuni's Parinirvana, the culmination of eighty years of life, forty-five of which were dedicated to the spreading of the Buddha Dharma. The Sanskrit term Nirvana literally means "a blowing out as of a flame," and suggests the extinction of worldly passions and illusions.

#### Meaning of Nirvana Day

Nirvana Day, which comes on February 15, is one of the major Buddhist observances. The Sanskrit term "Nirvana" literally means "extinction, the extinction of the worldly illusions and passions." Wherever the extinction of illusions and passions is being achieved, there will be a calm and peaceful Nirvana, but the term which applies to this particular day means the death of the Buddha Sakyamuni.

Since the Buddha had attained his Enlightenment on this earth, he was a living Buddha and his Buddhahood would never die; but as the Buddha appeared from Dharma (Truth) onto this earth in the form of man in order to save man, his manhood had been a subject of earthly restrictions. He passed away at the age of 80 and entered into Mahaparinirvana or the absolute free state of Enlightenment. Nirvana Day in short, therefore, is the Memorial Day of Sakyamuni Buddha, the great founder of Buddhism.

#### Life and Death

On the full-moon day of February, knowing that his end was near, the Buddha came to Kusinagara, located about 100 miles from Benares. He had his bedding spread with his head toward the north between the twin Sala trees and he lay upon it facing the west. After giving his last instructions to his disciples, he entered into the fourth meditation and passed away.

No teacher was so serious about the problems of life and death as the Buddha. After years of study and meditation he came to this conclusion: "People think life and death occur in two different times and are two separate things. This is the reason some of them enjoy living and lament death while others seek death, being disgusted with living. Life and death are fundamentally simultaneous; life and death occur at the same time. A man lives in his mind after mind and dies in his mind after mind. The process of life and process of death always go together. Therefore, if he clings to life and death, both become an essence of his self. If he transcends from life and death, both become non-essence of his self. You should find your eternity in Buddhahood lifting yourself above the realm of life and death."

On February 13<sup>th</sup>, we will have Nirvana day and Dana day Service. Please come and let us think about our Precious and Unrepeatable life thru the teachings of the Buddha.

In Gassho,  
Rev. Shawn K. Yagi

### WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

We would like to extend a very warm welcome to new members Linda and Roy Yamaguchi and Alan and Suzanne Mishima. We look forward to their participation in our temple activities. Please encourage your family and friends to join Aiea Hongwanji.

### NEED THE ASSISTANCE OF THE MINISTER?

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

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

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

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Hi everyone,

Hope you are in good spirits. By the time you read this, we should have had another wonderful New Years' Party. If you were able to make the party, I hope you had a nice time. Thank you to everyone who helped to make the party a success! You know who you are.

The other major event of note is the inauguration of our new President, Donald Trump. This event occupied the news for days before and after the inauguration on January 20<sup>th</sup>, and hasn't really settled down yet. There is a lot of controversy and I hope you, as an American citizen keeps track of it. It is important to note that, despite the harsh feeling on both sides, there again was a peaceful transfer of power from one president to the next.

I recall part of President Barack Obama's message in 2012, when he was re-elected to the Presidency. He faced a divided Congress and he knew that it would be very difficult to get his programs approved. He said at that time that the process of governing our country is a very difficult one. Democracy is not always easy. However, he reminded everyone at the same time that in spite of our problems in America, that he would not want to be in any other country on earth. He would not want to be president of any other country on earth (my recollection of his message). That statement applies, I think, to most of us, if not all of us. Let us remember his message about America as we go forward.

Sangha Day is coming up in March. Please see the announcement in this newsletter. Sangha Day is a day when the Oahu District temples get together to have a day of fun and fellowship. It is on Sunday, March 5<sup>th</sup>. Should be an enjoyable day. Please sign up and bring your family and friends.

This December you elected a new board of directors for the years 2017-2018. The board then elected the officers and advisors. It is an honor and a great responsibility to serve on the board. Please join me in thanking each board member for agreeing to serve.

I'd like to take a moment to thank one of the "unsung" heroes of our Sangha. Mr. George Zakahi is a former AHM President and currently President of the Aiea Sr. YBA. For many years, Mr. Zakahi has been assisting our temple members by meeting with families after the death of a loved one (along with our minister). He has helped families prepare for a funeral service and served as the M. C. when requested. Families greatly appreciate his assistance. On behalf of the AHM Sangha, thank you George!

Gassho,  
Warren Tamamoto

### AIEA HONGWANJI HALL WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Sunday	Dharma Service	9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
Sunday & Thursday	Hosha Work Days	8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Monday to Wednesday, & Friday	Preschool Use	8:45 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.
Monday & Thursday	Kumon Class	2:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Monday & Wednesday	Zumba Class #1	6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Monday & Wednesday	Zumba Class #2	7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Tuesday & Thursday	Judo	5:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Tuesday & Thursday	Sanshin Class	7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
1st Thursday	BWA Meeting	9:00 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.
Thursdays	BWA Craft Class	8:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

## **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 Mission,**

99-186 Puakala St,  
Aiea 96701

PH: 487-2626

Email:

[aieajiko@gmail.com](mailto:aieajiko@gmail.com)

AHM Preschool

PH: 488-0404

Lotus Adult Day Care  
Center:

PH: 486-5050

**HEADQUARTERS UPDATE**

1727 Pali Highway, Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Phone: (808) 522-9200 Fax: (808) 522-9209

Web: [www.hongwanjihawaii.com](http://www.hongwanjihawaii.com) Email: [hqs@honpahi.org](mailto:hqs@honpahi.org)

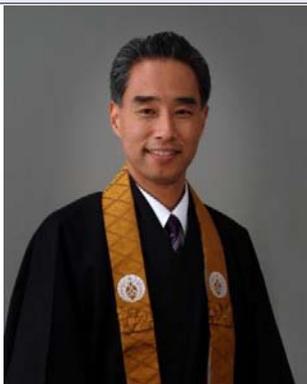
**NAMO AMIDA BUTSU AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

In this New Year, please let me express my warmest Aloha and Best Wishes to you for a harmonious, peaceful and reflective New Year filled with the Joy of the Dharma!

As we reflect (including self-reflect) on what is happening around the world

including our own nation, there is room for dire concern as aggression, violence, hate, inequality, disrespect, suspicion and mistrust erupt. At times, it may seem all too overwhelming. However, let us not lose hope. May we avail ourselves to the Wisdom of Enlightenment by letting it guide us and may Buddha's Compassion inspire us. Our Jodo Shinshu Teachings share that the Bodhisattva Dharmakara/Amida Buddha gives hope to the spiritually lost foolish being/bonbu by promising the attainment of Enlightenment through the Buddha's Unconditional Compassion by saying "Entrust yourself to me calling my Name, Namu Amida Butsu." Out of the Joy and Gratitude of True Entrusting for being unconditionally accepted without judgment emerges a deep lament about this imperfect I and an aspiration to live a more Dharma-centered life. In one of his Letters, Shinran Shonin states,

"There was a time when for each of you when you knew nothing of Amida's Vow and did not say the Name of Amida Buddha, but now, guided by the compassionate means of Sakyamuni and Amida, you have begun to hear the Vow. Formerly you were drunk with the wine of ignorance and had a liking only for the three poisons of greed, anger, and folly, but since you have begun to hear the Buddha's Vow you have gradually rejected the three poisons, and come to prefer at all times the medicine of Amida Buddha." (*Lamp for the Latter Ages, Letter 20*)



Further, says the late Rev. Jitsuen Kakehashi, "The 'turning of the heart' means forsaking the human-centered way of thinking and placing the teaching of the Tathagata at the center of our thought. Being saved means that with the Dharma-centered values, a new view of life is established in ourselves." "In our daily life, we are liable to be dictated to by our self-centered thoughts, but in the mind of nembutsu practitioners who are saddened and pained by this reality, there is a recurring transformation in which, with the heart and mind of the Tathagata's great wisdom and great compassion, we come to look back at our own thoughts and behaviors. When we look at the world with an ordinary human mind, it is distinctly divided into things we love and things we hate, but with the mind of the Tathagata, we are made to know that everyone is equally the Tathagata's indispensably important child. From that standpoint, we realize that we are all brothers and sisters and fellow human beings. Then slowly but steadily, we come to reflect on our self-centered thoughts, reject our blind passions and make efforts to see things and live our lives in a way that can be approved by the Tathagata." (*From "Hearing the Buddha's Call, The Life, Works and Words of Shinran*).

In this New Year, may the manifestations of True Entrusting such as "the benefit of having great joy in our hearts, the benefit of being aware of Amida's benevolence and of responding in gratitude to his virtue, and the benefit of constantly practicing great compassion" become more evident in our daily lives. As Jodo Shin Buddhists, let us respond to Amida Buddha's Wisdom and Compassion by reciting the Nembutsu and encourage each other to live a life centered on the Dharma including sharing our Awareness, Joy and Gratitude of the Buddha's Great Wisdom and Compassion with others. Truly as Shinran Shonin said, "May there be peace in the world, and may the Buddha's Teaching spread!" Once again, Happy New Year to one and all!

Namu Amida Butsu/ Entrusting in All-Inclusive Wisdom and All-Embracing Compassion  
In Gassho/Anjali,  
Bishop Eric Matsumoto  
Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii

**Announcement of Annual Meeting**

Aiea Hongwanji Mission will have a General Membership meeting on Tuesday, February 21, 2017 at 7:00 pm in the Kindergarten Classroom in the Hall. All Aiea Hongwanji Gojikai members are invited to attend. At the Annual meeting, the Officers shall present their Annual Reports, a review of the past year's business shall be taken up, and any other matter pertaining to the corporation can be discussed



**WE TAKE THIS MOMENT TO SEND OUR WARMEST  
ALOHA TO YOU!  
2017**

At the start of the New Year, we send our warmest greetings and express our deepest appreciation for your

dedicated support of Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii. How fortunate we have been to hear the Nembutsu Teachings which is like seeing the rare Silversword in full bloom. May we respond in gratitude to Amida Buddha's Wisdom and Compassion and all that makes our life and living possible and embrace the Buddha's aspiration for peace and harmony in the world.

Respectfully,

Headquarters, Office of the Bishop

Rev. Eric Matsumoto, Bishop

Tamayo Matsumoto

Pieper Toyama, President

Rev. Toshiyuki Umitani, Executive Assistant to the Bishop

Arthur Nakagawa, Business Manager Dianne Sumida,

Administrative Assistant Yoshiko Umitani, Secretary

Office of Buddhist Education & Buddhist Study Center

Rev. Kevin Kuniyuki, Director

Jamie Lyn Itokazu, Assistant to the Director

Kerrie Wong, OBE Assistant

Photo courtesy of Alan Kubota (Hawaii Betsuin)



**HONPA HONGWANJI MISSION OF HAWAI'I  
O'AHU HONGWANJI COUNCIL**

**AFFIRMATION RITES CEREMONY (KIE-SHIKI)**

DATE: MARCH 10, 2017

TIME: 7:00 PM

PLACE: MILILANI HONGWANJI MISSION

**AFFIRMATION RITES**

THE MEANING OF THE AFFIRMATION RITES BECOMES CLEAR IF WE LOOK INTO THE ORIGINAL NAME, "KIE-SHIKI". KIE MEANS TO SEEK REFUGE, AND IN BUDDHISM, WE MEAN TO SEEK REFUGE IN THE THREE TREASURES OF THE BUDDHA, DHARMA, AND SANGHA. THE OTHER PART SHIKI MEANS RITUAL. THEREFORE, WITH THESE MEANINGS IN MIND, THE TERM "AFFIRMATION RITES" WAS ADOPTED.

AFFIRMATION RITES IS OFFICIATED BY THE BISHOP OF HONPA HONGWANJI MISSION OF HAWAI'I. IT IS A RITUAL THAT GIVES THE RECIPIENT A DEFINITE AWARENESS THAT HE/SHE IS BECOMING A FOLLOWER OF THE BUDDHA'S TEACHINGS AND A MEMBER OF THE HONGWANJI. DURING THE RITES, EACH RECIPIENT WILL RECEIVE HIS/HER OWN HOMYO (DHARMA BUDDHIST NAME) FROM THE BISHOP.

THERE IS NO LIMIT OF AGE. HOWEVER, IF THE ASPIRANT IS BELOW 20 YEARS OF AGE, HIS/HER PARENT OR GUARDIAN WILL BE ASKED TO SIGN ON THE OFFICIAL RECORD.

IT IS HOPED THAT THROUGH THIS RITUAL ONE WOULD GAIN CONVICTION IN HIS/HER RELIGION AND THAT IT WOULD BE A DEFINITE START INTO A LIFE OF A BUDDHIST.

THE APPLICATION FEE FOR THE AFFIRMATION RITES IS \$50. IF YOU WISH TO RECEIVE THE AFFIRMATION RITES, PLEASE COMPLETE THE APPLICATION FORM AND SEND IT TO THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS WITH YOUR APPLICATION FEE PAYABLE TO "MILILANI HONGWANJI MISSION" BY FEBRUARY 1, 2017. PLEASE WRITE "AFFIRMATION RITES" IN THE FIELD OF YOUR CHECK. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE FEEL FREE TO CONTACT US.

MILILANI HONGWANJI MISSION  
95-257 KALOAPAU STREET  
MILILANI, HI 96789  
ATTN: REV. DAVID FUJIMOTO



On Saturday, March 11, 2017, Mililani Hongwanji will be celebrating its 40th Anniversary.

Congratulations to Mililani Hongwanji !

Call Susan in the office at 487-2626 if you want an application for the Affirmation Rites.





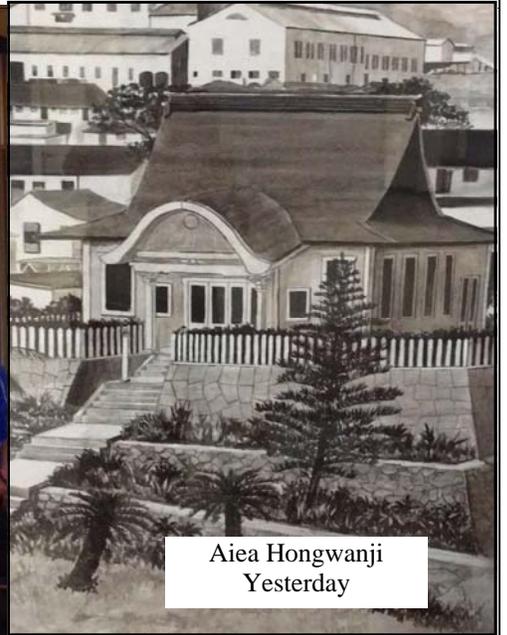
Our altar on New Year's Eve. Thank you to the Minami Family for the beautiful Kadomatsu on the left.



New Year's Day Service at Aiea Hongwanji—Jan 1, 2017. Sorry camera battery died on Jan 31st. We had lots more people then.



Hoonko Service on January 22, 2017 with Guest Speaker, the Reverend Thomas Okano, former Bishop (on the left)

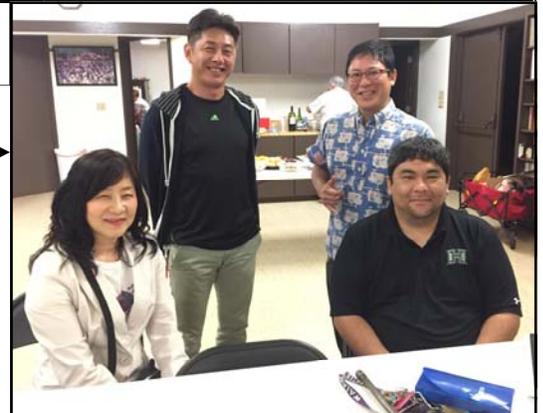


Aiea Hongwanji Yesterday



Our four O'ahu Ministers

Aiea Hongwanji Today





Pacific Buddhist Academy will host its February Open House on February 1 from 5:30 to 7 p.m.

Please help us spread the word by inviting your friends and family! Learn more about PBA's inclusive college prep academics, our nurturing environment and peace education.

Word of mouth marketing is critical in Hawaii, and PBA hopes to enroll 30 students for the new school year. If you know of families looking at high schools, or of families with high school-aged children that might benefit from an excellent small school environment, share their information with us, and we will take care of rest!

For more information about the Open House or PBA, contact Director of Admissions Blanche Yarnell at 808-532-2649 ext. 204, or write Blanche: [blanche.yarnell@pbahi.org](mailto:blanche.yarnell@pbahi.org).

### Living in the Blue Zones®



**COME LEARN ABOUT THE POWER 9®**  
**The 9 Blue Zones Secrets to Living Long, Happy, and Healthy Lives**  
Join us for FREE!

**DATE:** Sunday, February 26, 2017

**TIME:** 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

**PLACE:** Mililani Hongwanji  
95-257 Kaloapau St.  
Mililani, HI 96789

For more information, contact Mas Nishimoto at (808) 623-2388

**Sponsored by the Oahu Hongwanji Buddhist Council**



BLUE ZONES PROJECT  
by HEALTHWAYS

Brought to  
Hawaii by

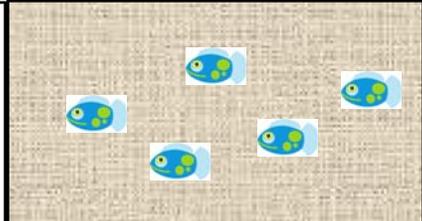


**Sangha Day**  
sponsored by Oahu Hongwanji Council  
**Aiea Hongwanji Mission**  
9:00 am to 2:00 pm

## “BUDDHISTS IN ACTION”

Hanafuda, Magician, Cooking, Lunch and Fellowship

MARCH  
**5**



AIEA, to register & order bento, please email info to [aieajiko@gmail.com](mailto:aieajiko@gmail.com) or call Susan in office at 487-2626.

**Bento Choices:**

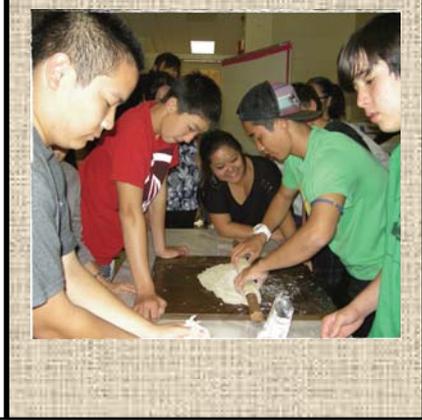
- Keiki: Musubi, Two small chicken, Spam, Kamaboko & Andagi \$3.70
- Small: Rice, Chicken, Hot Dog, Kamaboko, Takuan, & Andagi \$6.10
- Medium: Rice, Mochiko Chicken, Teri Beef, Kamaboko & Takuan \$7.50
- Large: Furikake Rice, Mochiko Chicken, Teri Beef, Luncheon Meat, Takuan, Tsukemono & Kamaboko \$8.70

- Medium Vegetarian: Rice, Eggplant, Choy Sum, Takuan & Tsukemono \$7.50
- Large Vegetarian: Rice, Three Vegetable Items, Takuan & Tsukemono \$9.00

Sign up your choices with your temple and submit one order, one payment per temple. Orders are due on February 27th to [aieajiko@gmail.com](mailto:aieajiko@gmail.com) or call Susan at 487-2626.

Drinks will be provided by Aiea. \*If you have your reusable cups, please bring it.

8:30 am —REGISTRATION !



Temple: _____	Contact Person: _____	Phone # _____	
Type	Quantity	Cost	Total
Keiki Bento		3.70	_____
Small Bento		6.10	_____
Medium Regular/Vegetarian	/	7.50	_____
Large Bento		8.70	_____
Large Vegetarian		9.00	_____
		Grand Total:	_____

**Major Yearly  
Memorial  
Service  
Schedule**

For The Year  
2017

2016-1st year  
2015-3rd year\*  
2011-7th year  
2005-13th year  
2001-17th year  
1993-25th year  
1985-33rd year  
1968-50th year  
\* from the 2nd  
anniversary,  
please follow the  
Japanese custom  
of holding the  
service the year  
ahead.

Family Memorial Service

In the Japanese Buddhist tradition, families hold memorial services (Nen-ki Hoyo) in memory of our loved ones, and to express our gratitude for Amida Buddha's Infinite Light.

The Buddha's Wisdom and Compassion embrace our loved ones in the land of peace and happiness. May we also remember Amida's embrace on our lives as we remember those who have departed.

If your family would like to arrange a memorial service for your loved one, please call the temple at 487-2626 (please leave a message if no one is available). You may schedule the service either before or after the memorial date. The ideal time is when as many family members as possible will attend. If you have any questions about memorial services, please call Rev. Yagi at 488-5685 (residence).

February 2017

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

March 2017

Tamotsu Miyamoto	3rd
Jane Hisae Koga	17th
Kaoru Nakashima	17th
David Hisao Ouchi	17th
Ryuichi Tsuji	25th
Charles Sadao Nuibe	33rd
Takeo Nakaya	50th

Nokotsudo (Columbarium)

If you would like to visit the Nokotsudo, please call Rev. Yagi at 488-5685 at least two days in advance so that arrangements can be made to open the Nokotsudo for you.

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.

NEWS from Lotus Adult Day Care Center (LADCC)

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



## Senior YBA News

In January we enjoyed all the New Year's celebrations, ate ono kine kau kau with our family and friends. We now turn our thoughts to Senior YBA activities.

Yes, our Senior YBA Installation will be on February 17 (Friday) at Pearl Country Club – Grille Room. Fellowship starts at 5:30 p.m. and our onolicious dinner starts at 6 p.m. We will install our 2017 Senior YBA officers, play our favorite games and end with talk story time. Be sure to sign up! Come and enjoy!

Our Senior YBA meeting is on February 6 (Monday) at 7:30 p.m. Yes, we will meet in our

AHM office. Please attend and contribute to the meeting by sharing your thoughts and opinions.

A big MAHALO to our Senior YBA for donating over \$300 worth of Bingo and Door Prizes for our Temple's New Year Party on January 28. Doomo arigato to our members who always help to pass out all the prizes. Congratulations to Larry Onaka and Harriet Zakahi, our Senior YBA Keirokai honorees.

Let us all follow the 2017 Hongwanji Slogan, "Embrace Change: Action (Open Communications)!"

In Gassho,  
George Zakahi



## Aiea BWA News

Happy Dana Day, Valentine's Day, and Presidents Day!

Thank you all in advance for coming and helping to prepare for our New Year's Dinner!

Please join us on February 12 for our Nirvana Day/BWA Dana Day Service. The offertory collected at that service will be donated to a BWA Dana Project.

Please come to Sangha Day (Sunday, March 5) to be held at Aiea Hongwanji Mission. We will be hosting, so we will need your help for set-up / clean up, refreshments, games and participation! It

will be a good time to spend time with friends from the other temples, and meet new ones!

Thank you to those of you who have already paid your BWA dues for 2017. Dues can be dropped off at the office or bring it to our Thursday morning social hours, or on Sunday. It's still only \$10.00 for the year. If you have any family or friends who would like to join us, please let us know. You can call Susan in the office at 487-2626, or leave a message.

Have a great February!

With gassho, Arlene Sunada



## Aiea Hongwanji Preschool & Kindergarten

- Jan 11—Honolulu Theatre for Youth presentation of "Home" in the hall.
- Jan 26—Field Trip to the Children's Discovery Center (8:30-noon)
- Feb 10—Family Movie Night Fundraiser in the hall at 6:00pm.
- Please save the date on March 14th for the Preschool's quarterly California Pizza Kitchen Fundraiser. Thank you Aiea Hongwanji members and friends for your support. (Always a good excuse for me to eat there.)
- Thank you to all those who donated to the Hawaii Food Bank. The Preschool donated a total of 64 lbs of canned goods.



## THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATION

The JIKO will publish names and amounts of donations made for services or projects. If you DO NOT want your name published, please mark your donation-"NO PUBLISH", and your name will be omitted and your donation marked "Generous Member or Anonymous".

### Donations to the Kitchen and/or BWA

9/15/2016 George Hoshino—Meyer Lemons  
 10/6/2016 Haramura Family—Big can of mixed nuts  
 Dorothy Nambara Family (Barbara Shinsato)—Material and Yarn for the BWA  
 11/6/2016 Florence and Charlie Shigeta—White Kiku Flowers  
 11/13/2016 Florence and Charlie Shigeta—White Kiku Flowers  
 11/16/2016 George Hoshino —White Kiku Flowers and Lemons  
 11/20/2016 Florence and Charlie Shigeta—White Kiku Flowers (large)  
 11/27/2016 Florence and Charlie Shigeta—White Kiku Flowers (large)  
 11/27/2016 Ben Kaito—Box of Manju and Mochi from Japan  
 1/5/2017 Generous Member—Anthurium Flowers  
 1/12/2017 George Hoshino—Large Bag of Lemons  
 1/15/2017 Roy Hatada—two (2) bag of rice (White and Brown)

**Thank you to the Generous Donor of a vehicle (STZ 698) to Kokua in Kind with proceeds to go to Aiea Hongwanji Mission. The temple received \$365 from Kokua in Kind in May 2016 for that generous donation.**



### HI-5 RECYCLABLE DONATIONS

- Please deposit Hi-5¢ donations outside in the back (Makai) corner of hall building where our master recycler Kazuto Tomoyasu works on it on Hosha days. Thank you Kazu for your hard work!
- Please deposit non Hi-5 items and card board at our neighborhood school depositories or your blue home recycle bins.
- 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.
- To all Hall Users—Please deposit your Hi-5 recycle items in the Recycle bins, not in the trash can. Please no rubbish!

- If you would like to be recognized for your donation, please include your name. Thank you for your continued support.
- Have you noticed the new Recycle Bins around the Hall? They have round holes at the top so you can insert your (normal size) cans and bottles. The green bins are still around for your large Hi-5 containers.

Mahalo for your contributions and support !! The recycling program supports the Green Hongwanji Initiative.



**Resolution 016-03**  
**GREEN HONGWANJI INITIATIVE**  
(State Lay Association)  
**APPROVED AS AMENDED**

WHEREAS, the teachings of the Buddha guides us to act in compassion and wisdom;

WHEREAS, humanity has abused the environment in which we live today;

WHEREAS, our Sangha needs leadership and education on how to live in harmony and sustainability with our precious planet;

WHEREAS, other churches and organizations have already developed programs to embrace environmental awareness and sustainability;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the 104th Legislative Assembly approve 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. This program would be led by a Kyodan committee charged with initial implementation by the 2017 Legislative Assembly; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution, upon its approval, be directed by said Legislative Assembly.

The above resolution was passed at Giseikai last year. The "Green" is for safeguarding our Environment. We are One World. What we do affects us all eventually.

One of the first steps in reaching a Green Hongwanji that has been suggested at many temples and by the BWA is for members to bring their own "recycleable" cups to functions to cut down on all the disposable (especially foam cups) thrown away and bulking up our trash bins. The Aiea Hongwanji Preschool has already switched to recycleable plates and cups and flatware for its noon-time meals. Of course, they have an automatic dishwasher. The Aiea Hongwanji Hosha group and the BWA on Thursdays use coffee cups and plates for its lunches, which are then hand washed and stored away for the next use. Many young and not-so-young people already have HydroFlasks and other sports drink containers, which (gasp) are recycleable !

Some temples are even suggesting that members to bring their own chopsticks. I bought a pair of plastic chopsticks in a cute container at Marukai, intending to use it for my meals outside of my home. Unfortunately, the first time I used it, I forgot it on the plate and I think it got thrown away. So now I have the cute container without the cute chopsticks. But I am going to try again.

**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.

Aiea Hongwanji Mission  
99-186 Puakala Street  
Aiea, Hawaii 96701

Change Service Requested

Non-Profit Org.  
U. S. Postage  
Paid  
Permit No. 42

2/17



Aiea Hongwanji Mission  
Board of Directors Election Results  
December 20, 2016

The Board of Directors election was closed on Dec 17, and ballots were tabulated on Dec 18. The following Directors have been elected: Mark Funasaki, Mark Haimoto, Richard Ito, Thelma Kawaguchi, Alvah Kondo, Itsuto Kurasaki, Boyd Marumoto, Colin Morikawa, Ikuo Nakata, Russell Nonaka, Larry Onaka, Lynnette Onaka, Frank Takenouchi, Helen Takenouchi, Claire Tamamoto, Warren Tamamoto, Carol Yamamoto, Wade Yamamoto, George Zakahi, and Harriet Zakahi

The election results were certified at the AHM Board of Directors meeting on Dec 20, 2016. The newly elected board shall serve from Jan 1, 2017 to Dec 31, 2018 (two year term) or until their successors are elected and qualified. At the AHM Board meeting of Dec 20, 2016, the newly elected board members voted unanimously for the following officers to serve a two year term:

President: Warren Tamamoto  
1st Vice President: Russell Nonaka  
2nd Vice President: George Zakahi  
3rd Vice President: Richard Ito  
Secretary: Lynnette Onaka  
Assistant Secretary: Harriet Zakahi  
Treasurer: Wade Yamamoto  
Assistant Treasurer: Alvah Kondo  
Auditors: Colin Morikawa, Laurence Onaka and Mark Funasaki

The Aiea BWA reported that Susan Morishige will serve as one of its three Directors on the Board.

The AHM Board of Directors meets on the 3rd Tuesday of each month in the Social Hall at 7 pm.