

JIKO-"Wisdom-Light"

July 2017

Volume 61, Issue 7



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

EVENTS OF JULY 2017

| | | | |
|--------------|---------|---------|---|
| Jun 30-Jul 2 | Fri-Sun | | 60th Jr. YBA State Convention |
| Jul 2 | Sun | 9:00am | Family Service and Dharma School |
| Jul 3 | Mon | 7:30pm | Aiea Senior Young Buddhist Association mtg (office) |
| Jul 4 | Tue | | Independence Day HOLIDAY |
| Jul 5 | Wed | 9:30am | Kyogakkai meeting at Pearl City |
| Jul 6 | Thu | 9:00am | Aiea Buddhist Women's Association meeting |
| Jul 8 | Sat | 7:00pm | Waipahu Bon Dance |
| Jul 9 | Sun | 9:00am | Family Service and Dharma School |
| Jul 10-14 | Mon-Fri | | Buddhist Study Center Summer Session |
| Jul 16 | Sun | 9:00am | Family Service and Dharma School |
| Jul 16 | Sun | 11:00am | 115th Anniversary Committee meeting |
| Jul 18 | Tue | 7:00pm | Aiea Hongwanji Mission Board of Directors' Meeting |
| Jul 20 | Thu | 7:00pm | Public Lecture: Rev. Sonam Bhutia at Pearl City |
| Jul 22 | Sat | 7:00pm | Waianae Bon Dance |
| Jul 23 | Sun | 9:00am | Dharma School Recognition Service |
| Jul 28 | Sat | | Last day of Preschool Summer Session |
| Jul 30 | Sun | 9:00am | Sutra Chanting Service/ Japanese Service |
| Jul 30 | Sun | 10:00am | Lotus Committee meeting |
| Jul 30 | Sun | noon | O 'ahu Lay Association meeting at Aiea |

HIGHLIGHTS OF AUGUST 2017

| | | | |
|-----------|---------|--------|--|
| Aug 3 | Thu | 9:00am | Aiea BWA meeting |
| Aug 5 | Sat | 7:00pm | Waialua Bon Dance |
| Aug 6 | Sun | 9:00am | Sutra Chanting Service/ Japanese Service |
| Aug 7 | Mon | | Start of Preschool year round session |
| Aug 11-12 | Fri-Sat | 7:00pm | Pearl City Bon Dance |
| Aug 13 | Sun | 8:00am | Yagura and Concession Set Up |
| Aug 15 | Tue | 7:00pm | Aiea Hongwanji Mission Board of Directors' Meeting |
| Aug 18-19 | Fri-Sat | 7:00pm | Mililani Bon dance |
| Aug 20 | Sun | 5:00pm | Hatsubon Service (First Year Service) |
| Aug 20 | Sun | 1:00pm | OUBWA meeting at Waipahu |
| Aug 26 | Sat | 6:00pm | O-bon Service in temple |
| Aug 26 | Sat | 7:00pm | Aiea Hongwanji Mission Bon Dance |
| Aug 27 | Sun | | Bon Dance Clean-up |
| Aug 27 | Sun | noon | O 'ahu Lay Convention Planning Meeting at Waipahu |
| Aug 28 | Mon | 7:00pm | O 'ahu District Education meeting at Mililani |

Aloha Members and Friends

This year's Hawaii State Federation of Honpa Hongwanji Lay Association's Annual Convention is hosted by O'ahu District. It will be held on September 9-10, 2017 here at Aiea Hongwanji Mission. The convention will be held in the middle of the visit of Gomonsu Kojun Ohtani, Head Priest and Spiritual Leader of the Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha worldwide organization, headquartered in Kyoto, Japan. See page 12 for the special Lay Convention service and lunch with the Gomonsu.

July 2017 JIKO

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.

=====
**Aiea Hongwanji Mission,
99-186 Puakala St,
Aiea 96701
PH: 487-2626
Email:
aieajiko@gmail.com**

**Website:
aieahongwanji.org**

Minister's Message



FAQ about Temple Customs

☺ Please tell me how to Enter the Temple: When entering or exiting, face the Naijin (altar) and make a slight bow of respect. We are entering the realm of Amida Buddha, the representation of Immeasurable Wisdom and Compassion. We come to the temple to hear the Dharma teachings that will allow us to live each moment with reverence and gratitude.

● What is Nenju and how to do Gassho? : The Nenju (or Ojuzu) is a circle of beads carried in the left hand or worn on the wrist to remind us of our blind passions. The nenju is treated with respect at all times. Gassho means to put our palms together with the nenju encircling them.

♪ Is it OK for me to talk story with other people before service begins? : After being seated in the Temple, it is customary to bow in Gassho and say "Namo Amida Butsu." It is a good opportunity for quiet reflection and meditation. It is also good opportunity to share your Dharma related story with your Dharma friends but please use soft voices.

♪ What is Nembutsu? : We recite "Namo Amida Butsu" while hearing the words as a command to take refuge in Amida Buddha. Nembutsu is our Buddhist life manifested verbally and is also an expression of gratitude for the Buddha, Dharma and Sangha. It is said before and after chanting, before and after Dharma talks, but it can also be said informally at any time. Other ways of saying the Nembutsu are "Namu Amida Butsu," "Namandabutsu," "Namandabu," and "Namandab," which all carry the same meaning.

● How come you hit bell just before service starts? : The "Temple Bell", "calling bell" or Kansho is struck at the beginning of the service. We can think of it as Amida Buddha, Ultimate Reality, calling us to come and hear the Dharma. Listening to each sound of the bell as it disappears helps us to become reflective and ready to listen.

□ Please tell me proper way of doing Oshoko: An incense offering is made in front of the Naijin (Altar). Stand before a burner a few paces away. Bow slightly, and with your left foot first, approach the burner. Take some ground incense with your right hand if possible, and drop it onto the coal. Bow in Gassho, saying the Nembutsu, then step back with your right foot, and bow slightly again. Oshoko may be performed before, during, or at the end of service. In Shin Buddhism, offering of incense is an expression of reverence and gratitude.

□ What the thing MC wearing around her neck while Service? That is called "Shikisho" or "Monto Shikisho" (simplified okesa for lay members), an embroidered cloth draped around the neck that symbolizes membership in a Buddhist Sangha. It is an emblem of the robes worn by Sakyamuni Buddha and his disciples. Wearing it at services is encouraged and indicates readiness to hear the Dharma. We encourage to all Members to wear Shikisho during all Buddhist Services.

♥ I want to make small token of donation, how shall I do: Monetary offerings are made by donations into osaisen containers at the front of the Temple and reflect the aspect of Dana or selfless giving. Thank you very much. When we have Major Service, we'll insert special envelope for you in the Jiko Newsletter. Please use envelope for making special Donation. We will acknowledge your Donation in the Jiko later date so please let us know if you don't want publish your Name and/or amount. (See page 10)

(*~*) If you have question, comments or concern, please contact us by email (aieajiko@gmail.com) or call 487-2626.

In Gassho, Rev. Shawn K. Yagi

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Hi everyone,

I hope you are well. Have you heard the term “Dharma-centered” organization? This is a bit of a difficult topic but it is something that we should have in mind as we go about our daily lives. I’d like to share thoughts from a presentation given at the Giseikai 2017.

A Dharma-centered organization (as opposed to a self-centered organization) is one where inclusive, open and compassionate relationships are the highest priority. All are embraced just the way they are at whatever part of the journey they find themselves. A Dharma-centered organization is a safe environment for everyone.

Other principles that a Dharma-centered organization supports include:

- Equality - everyone is equal before Amida
- Fosters kindness, respect and compassion
- Ichigo ichie—appreciative mindfulness
- Become aware of our Bonbu nature through self-reflection
- Understand the interdependence of all things
- Namo Amida Butsu - The expression of gratitude for the absolute compassion with which Amida embraces us.

In many ways, we already are “Dharma-centered” when we greet each other warmly and treat each person with respect. However, we can always do better. We can develop a welcoming temple atmosphere where both temple members and newcomers can gather. Inviting members and newcomers to have coffee and snacks on Sunday after service is one way. Individually, we can try to live each day as a Nembutsu follower. That is, to live each day with a feeling of gratitude for Amida’s Compassion that surrounds us.

Aiea O-Bon preparations are in the planning stages. We’ll need lots of help again this year. Yagura and food booth setup will be on Sunday, August 13th starting at 8 am. Please try to be there to set up for Bon. Thank you, everyone for all that you do.

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. |
| 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 (classroom or Lotus) | 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. |
| 1st Thursday | BWA Meeting (kitchen) | 9:00 a.m. - 10:15 a.m. |
| Thursdays | BWA Craft Class | 8:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. |
| Fridays | Taiko Class | 6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. |

**Aiea Hongwanji
Preschool and
Kindergarten:**
PH: 488-0404

**Lotus Adult Day
Care Center:**
PH: 486-5050

Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii
HEADQUARTERS UPDATE

1727 Pali Highway, Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
Phone: (808) 522-9200 Fax: (808) 522-9209

Web: www.hongwanjihawaii.com

Email: hqs@honpahi.org

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Honpa-Hongwanji-Mission-of-Hawaii/528681867268518>

THE 59th ANNUAL HAWAII HONPA HONGWANJI MINISTERS ASSOCIATION SEMINAR.

The 59th Annual Hawaii Honpa Hongwanji Ministers Association Seminar was held on June 13-15, 2017 hosted by the ministers of Hawaii District with the support of the Hawaii District members. Annually, a lecturer is dispatched from the Honzan (Main Temple) to provide kaikyoshi ministers with an opportunity to deepen their understanding and appreciation of the Buddha-Dharma. The theme of this year's seminar was "Shin Buddhist Living & medicine" and ministers received very informative and timely sessions from Professor Masahisa Tabata who is a medical doctor and also a professor of Ryukoku University. He has been advocating the integration of Buddhist perspectives into the world of medicine. Simultaneously, there is a movement promoting the inclusion of spiritual care into health care in the United States. In January 2017, HHMH participated in a seminar on "Making Healthcare Whole."

Ministers express their deepest appreciation to the members of Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii for their support which makes it possible for ministers to gather for learning, reflection, discussion, fellowship and revitalization.



CONCLUSION OF DENTO HOKOKU HOYO. Dento Hokoku Hoyo (The Commemoration on the Accession of the Jodo Shinshu Tradition) is a series of services at Honzan in Kyoto, Japan to formally announce that His Eminence Kojun Ohtani has taken on the responsibilities of Monshu and is following the footsteps of his predecessors to spread the Dharma with an emphasis on sharing the Nembutsu teaching to a greater number of people throughout the world.

This Commemoration started in October 2016 and, and successfully concluded a total of 80 services conducted on May 31, 2017. About 2,000 people attended each service, and members from the Overseas Districts (BCA, Canada, and Hawaii) were able to participate in this auspicious observance

on October 21, 2016 and March 31, 2017.

On May 24, 2017, the Overseas' Bishops (Bishop Kodo Umezu of Buddhist Churches of America, Bishop Tetsuei Somayama of Federacao Budista Sul-Americana Jodo Shinshu Honpa Hongwanji, Bishop Tatsuya Aoki of Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Temples of Canada, and Bishop Eric Matsumoto of Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii)



participated in the Hoyo representing their respective Kyodans as they gathered for the World Jodo Shinshu Coordinating Council Meeting.

PRESIDENT'S DENTO HOKOKU HOYO REPORT.

I had the honor of representing Hawaii Kyodan and joining Bishop Matsumoto in personally congratulating the Gomonshu as he assumed leadership of the Hongwanji worldwide. These are excerpts from my congratulatory remarks:

*"On behalf of the members in Hawaii, we congratulate Gomonshu on his accession to head of our Jodo Shinshu spiritual tradition. I am a member of Jikoen Temple in Kalihi in the city of Honolulu. In front of our temple is a large boulder from Okinawa with the kanji SHIKAI KEI TEI carved in it. SHIKAI KEI TEI translates to: **Within the four seas, all are brothers.** Our presence here today is proof of the truth of this saying. We have come from across the Pacific Ocean to congratulate and wish you well, our brother in Nembutsu, as you lead us into the future. We are proud, motivated, and honored that you are clearly communicating the joys and our responsibilities as Jodo Shinshu followers. You are pointing the way into the future, and we will follow you. Again, congratulations from Hawaii."*

After attending the ceremonies in Kyoto, we traveled north to follow in the footsteps of Shinran. On the seventh day of our trip, we visited the Kotagahama Beach. It was desolate, cold, windy, and cloudy. As I gazed out over the beach, the breaking waves, feeling the cold and wind, I felt in my bones the desolation and loneliness that Shinran must have



felt as he approached the beach in his unsteady boat. And yet out of such despair, he was able to nurture the spirit of the Namu Amida Butsu. As we held a short service above the beach, in the cold, and Reverend Hasebe read a Gobunsho, "The Tradition of Shinran Shonin," I was completely overwhelmed by where I was. In that moment, Shinran was real for me, living and breathing. Namu Amida Butsu was real. At that moment, our pilgrimage has accomplished its purpose.

Pieper Toyama

President, Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii

KIKYOSHIKI CONFIRMATION CEREMONY BY HIS EMINENCE GOMONSHU KOJUN OHTANI.

Confirmation Ceremony, or "Kikyoshiki", is a solemn ceremony performed before Amida Buddha and Shinran Shonin to officially confirm your entry into the Path of the Nembutsu. Participants will affirm their reverence toward the Three Treasures of the Buddha, Dharma, and Sangha. "Buddha" is not simply in reference to Shakyamuni, but refers more importantly to Amida Buddha, the Buddha of Immeasurable Wisdom and Boundless Compassion. "Dharma" is the teaching of Amida's Compassionate working to embrace all beings without any discrimination. "Sangha" refers to the community of people who have entrusted themselves to Amida Buddha and its Nembutsu teaching.

By participating in the Confirmation Ceremony, you will receive a Dharma Buddhist Name (*Homyo*). These names are in the form of "Shaku" and two Buddhist terms which follow. The word "Shaku" means "disciple of Shakyamuni" and signifies that the person has joined the followers of the teachings of Shakyamuni Buddha, a community that transcends race or nationality.

His Eminence Gomonshu Kojun Ohtani, the Head Priest and the Spiritual Leader of the Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha

Organization, will be officiating the Confirmation Ceremony at the following three locations.

**Honpa Hongwanji Hilo Betsuin (398 Kilauea Ave., Hilo)
Tuesday, September 5, 2017, 5:30pm**

**Wailuku Hongwanji Mission (1828 Vineyard Street,
Wailuku)**

Wednesday, September 6, 2017, 5:30pm

**Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin (1727 Pali Highway,
Honolulu)**

Sunday, September 10, 2017, 1:00pm

***Please note that the time has changed to 1:00pm.**

Please note that the Confirmation Ceremony is open to anyone throughout the State. There is no minimum or maximum age limit however the individual must be able to participate in the ceremony at the temple. We sincerely hope that you will take this wonderful opportunity and participate in the Confirmation Ceremony.

<http://hongwanjihawaii.com/blog/2017/04/10/confirmation-ceremonies-0917/>. Please contact your resident minister for application instruction.

Application deadline is June 30, 2017.

HQ BOOKSTORE UPDATE – JUNE 2017. HHMH Original Kakocho (Family Record). New edition is now

available at HQ Bookstore. The contents of the previous version were carefully reviewed and updated, and now it includes more helpful information such as "Etiquette toward Family Altar". The Kakocho is very convenient for you to keep all of your family members' information including their Buddhist Names in one place. Price: \$30.00 *(continued on page 9)*



PACIFIC BUDDHIST ACADEMY



What's That Rocket in the Roofline of the PBA Building ?

Curious passers-by have asked recently what the "rocket"-shaped cylinder is on the new Pacific Buddhist Academy building roof. Great question! As it turns out, it is the exhaust

stack for the fume hood that is part of the science laboratory.

PBA's STEM programs (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) will get a significant boost from the science laboratory. The science teachers, Mr. Van Velasco (life sciences) and Mr. Steven James (physical sciences), are licking their chops in anticipation." The science lab, and equipment therein, will let us better explore the physical principles that govern our world, and give students a deep and rich perspective on current scientific research. It is gonna be so much fun!" said Mr. James. Fundraising to equip the lab is ongoing." In addition to a fume hood," said Mr. Velasco, "I hope the school acquires equipment like a biological safety cabinet, centrifuge, -20C° freezer, etc., so we can conduct microbiology experiments that take best advantage of the planned aquaponics capabilities, lab facilities and our peace-based emphasis on making a positive difference for the environment."



Biological safety cabinet in consideration for PBA Science Lab

If you are interested in contributing to science equipment and other learning tools, please contact Rudiger Ruchmann at (808) 532-2649 or rudiger.ruchmann@pbahi.org.

Spring Appeal for PBA's Annual Fund. This request was received too late to put into the June JIKO. The Fund drive ends on June 30, 2017; **however**, it is not too late to get an early start on the Annual Fund Drive for 2018. The Annual Fund Drive's goal is for more students to receive the benefits of PBA's rigorous curriculum

based on individualized learning and instruction from outstanding teachers. Donations to the Annual Fund make up the difference between tuition and the actual costs of educating our students. For more information, contact Rudiger Ruchmann at the above phone number or email address.

PBA is accepting applications for the new school year for grades 9 thru 12. Email PBA Admission Director Blanche Yarnell (blanche.yarnell@pbahi.org) for more information or to schedule a campus visit.

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 just a few more openings on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

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



Hula Performance by the Team of Angels.



Seniors making Father's Day Cards with the Lokahi Project students from Aiea High School.

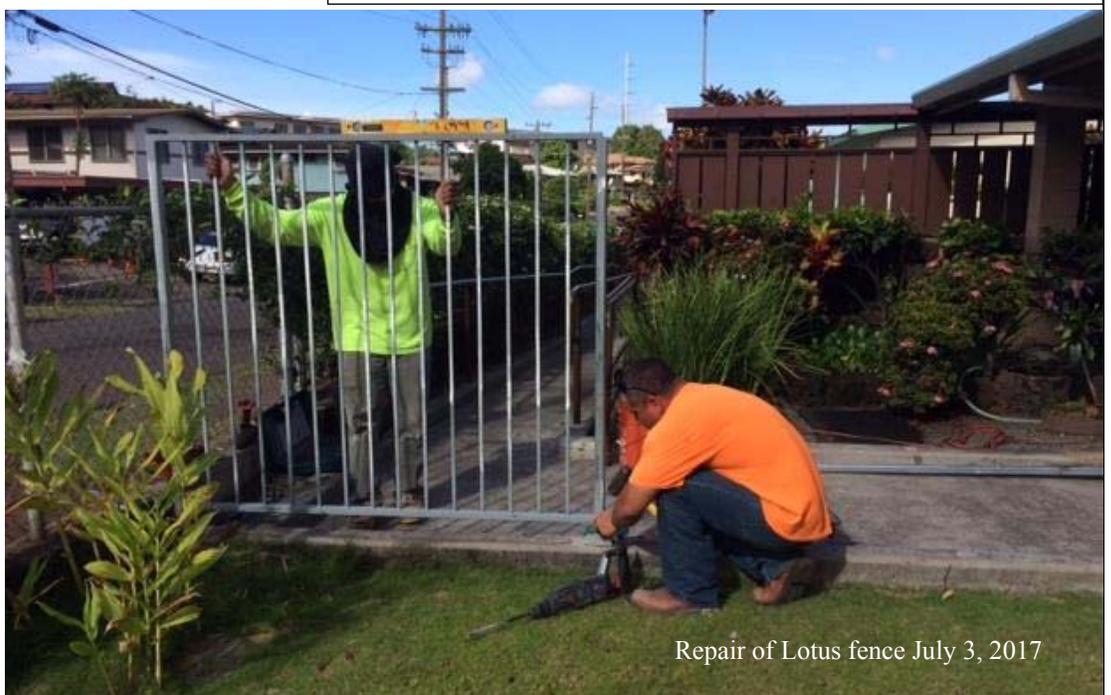
Highlights for the Month of June:

- June 8—Leadership Club Visitation
- June 9—Pearl City Community Church (hula and song)
- June 20—Living with Parkinson's Workshop

Happy Birthday to Bertha!

Mahalo to Judy K. for canned goods Bingo prizes and to Thomas O. for sugar free popsicles and strawberries.

Thank you to the Aiea Hongwanji Hosha Gang for maintaining our yard



Repair of Lotus fence July 3, 2017



BEAUTIFICATION DAY



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.

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 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 2017

| | |
|--------------------------|------|
| Midori Taonouchi Okino | 1st |
| Albert Mitsugi Nishikawa | 7th |
| Kenichi Matsushige | 17th |
| Tome Matsuura | 50th |
| Tetsuji Tahara | 50th |

August 2017

| | |
|-------------------------|------|
| Tsugie Matsumoto | 7th |
| Joyce Sanae Nakagawa | 13th |
| Joyce Toshino Matsunaga | 17th |
| Eleanor Chisato Ohira | 17th |
| Kenso Higuchi | 25th |
| Richard Isami Okano | 25th |
| Satsu Hosokawa | 33rd |
| Ura Nakatani | 50th |

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.

PROJECT DANA

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

Please call Frank at 772-3050 for information on becoming a Project Dana volunteer. Orientation and training will be provided to the volunteers. Thank you very much!



Headquarters Update (Continued from page 5)

8th ANNUAL THREE-PETALS PEACE WALK SERVICE. *Wednesday, August 9, 2017, 5pm.*

Join a multi-faith service & walk to remember the **72nd anniversary** of the atomic bombing of Nagasaki, Japan and the 11th anniversary of the 1600-mile pilgrimage of three Buddhist monks to save humanity from the cycle of nuclear destruction. Walk from the Hongwanji Buddhist Temple to the Nagasaki Peace Bell Memorial at Honolulu Hale (1 mile) to express our gratitude for another year without global nuclear destruction and our hope for continued nuclear peace.

LOCATION. Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin, 1727 Pali Highway, Honolulu to Nagasaki Peace Bell near Honolulu City Hall.

SCHEDULE

- 3 PM – Movie showing: GATE
- 5 PM – Welcoming Remarks
- 5:30 PM – Walk Begins
- 6:30 PM – Aspiration and Ringing of the Peace Bell

THE INSPIRATION FOR THE PEACE WALK.

From July 25 to August 9, three Japanese monks made a walking pilgrimage of 1600 miles from San Francisco, California to Trinity, New Mexico to return the atomic flame from Japan to its origin point, thus closing the 60-year cycle of destruction and saving humanity.

The Three-Petals Partnership (Buddhist, Newman/Catholic and Quaker Centers). Quarterly Peace Services rotating between multi-faith sponsors

express our joint affirmations for peace, of mindfulness and a blossoming from our common humanity.

YESS CAMP 34. YESS Camp 34 was held on April 14-16, 2017 at Camp Kokokahi. Our theme this year was YESStopia. It was based off the movie Zootopia, and our message to the campers was “be kind and gentle to every living thing, and protect all who are weaker than myself”. We had about 27 campers this year and our guest speaker was Rev. Satoshi Tomioka. Rev. Tomioka gave a wonderful Dharma message to our campers. Our campers had a great time listening and engaging in the dharma discussions based off of his messages. Our campers also did some activities like egg drop, marshmallows and toothpick building, tarp folding, snowball fight with paper balls, amazing race, and much more. We had a dance Saturday night and this year the majority of our campers were dancing!!! We also did a self-letter for our future self. We asked the campers to write about any goals they were currently doing or wanted to achieve by a certain date, reflect on YESS camp, self-improvements, etc. We are going to send these back to the campers at the start of 2018 to see if they achieved some of their goals or if they improved on anything that they were working on. Lastly, we just want to give a big big thank you to Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii, our campers and their parents, our counselors, and our staff. Without your help and support we would have not been able to do camp.

Co-Chairs Kristyn Katayama and Bryce Ikeda

Aiea Hongwanji Preschool & Kindergarten

Thank you to all the friends and family who supported our CPK Fundraiser on May 9, 2017. 

Please drive cautiously and slowly when entering or leaving the Aiea Hongwanji Preschool parking lot.

- June 5-7—Welcome! First day of the Summer Program
- June 11—Preschool Beautification Day.
- June 13—Soccer Shots began.
- June 22—Temple Visitation with Rev. Shawn Kosho Yagi.
- July 28—Last day of Summer School.

The Hawaiian Airlines airport tour was a huge success. * The 4's class visited the Lotus Adult Day Care participants and the carryover students helped to show the newer student what they do on their visits.

Thank you Norman Mizuguchi for your generous donation to the Preschool.



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.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATION

The JIKO will publish names and amounts of donations made for services or projects. **NOTE:** If you DO NOT want your name published, please write "NO PUBLISH" on your check in the left bottom corner, and your name will be omitted and your donation marked "Generous Member or Anonymous". If you wish to have your name published without the dollar amount showing, please write "DONATION \$ BLANK".

Donations listed here were recorded prior to approximately June 25, 2017. Donations recorded after this date will be published in next month's newsletter.

This space left blank intentionally.



Do you have an unwanted vehicle at home?
If so, please consider
Kokua in Kind (ph. 834-6603)



Proceeds go to Aiea Hongwanji Mission and you could get a tax deduction



HI-5 RECYCLABLE DONATIONS

- Please deposit Hi-5¢ donations outside in the back (Makai) corner of hall building where our master recycler Kazuto Tomoyasu works on it on Hosha days. Thank you Kazu for your hard work!
- Please deposit non Hi-5 items and card board at our neighborhood school depositories or your blue home recycle bins.



- To all Hall Users—Please deposit your Hi-5 recycle items in the Recycle area, not in the trash can.
- Please note—plastic drink bottles cannot be redeemed without the Hi-5 label. If label is detached, please roll it up and stick it in the bottle. Also please remove plastic caps as they will reject containers w/caps.
- If you would like to be recognized for your donation, please include your name. Thank you for your continued support.

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



WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

We would like to extend a very warm welcome to new member Mrs. Yukie Haas. We look forward to her participation in our temple activities.

Please encourage your family and friends to join Aiea Hongwanji.

Aiea Hongwanji recognizes that some individuals or families who would like to become gojikai or contributing members may not be able to afford the regular dues, which are \$125 for a husband and wife and dependent children, or \$50 for young adults under the age of 40. We would be happy to discuss a dues rate that may work for you. Please call the office at 487-2626 to leave your name and number so that the membership committee can contact you.

Senior YBA News

Hope everyone is enjoying the summer, even with the hot and muggy weather. Let's all remember to drink a lot of water!

A big MAHALO to the Senior YBA members who worked very hard by manning the food booth at Ewa Hongwanji obon dance on June 17, 2017. Yes, that has been our Service Project for over 20 years now!

We are starting to plan our 2nd YBA Dinner for the

year. Yes, the Zakahis are happy to host and open up our house for this pot luck gathering. The date of this dinner will be set at the upcoming Senior YBA meeting.

The Aiea Senior YBA meeting will be on July 3rd (Monday), at 7:30 p.m. in the AHM office. Please make time to attend this meeting.

Happy Independence Day!!
In Gassho,
George Zakahi



Aiea BWA News

As we take a nice summer break, BWA ladies are busy making lots of handcrafted items for our big Craft Sale at Aiea's Obon on August 26.

Please save that date to help us out with preparations for our big event. We can always use your help, no matter big or small. (Times to be announced next month).

We will also need your ono desserts for the meal we serve to dancers and volunteers who help

make this wonderful event possible. We thank you in advance for your continued help and support.

We'd like to congratulate our Jr. YBA members, Aaron and Jared Nonaka for being selected as delegates of this year's YBICSE from Honpa Hongwanji Mission. We wish them well on their tour of Japan in the Honzan's program.

Happy 4th of July !

With gassho, Arlene Sunada



