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

EVENTS OF FEBRUARY 2018

Feb 1	Thu	9:00am	Aiea Buddhist Women's Association (BWA) meeting
Feb 4	Sun	9:00am	Service and Dharma School
Feb 4	Sun	11:30am	Jr Young Buddhist Association meeting at Waipahu
Feb 4	Sun	1:00pm	O'ahu United BWA Meeting at Waipahu
Feb 5	Mon	7:30pm	Senior Young Buddhist Association Meeting in office
Feb 6	Tue	all day	Preschool Fundraiser: California Pizza Kitchen (Pearlridge)
Feb 8	Thu		HHMH Board of Directors' and State Ministers' Assn Mtgs
Feb 8	Thu	4:00pm	BWA Tea at Hawaii Betsuin before the Rap Session
Feb 8	Thu	6:00pm	Rap Session (Pre-Giseikai) at Hawaii Betsuin
Feb 9-10	Fri-Sat	8:00am	106th Legislative Assembly (Giseikai)
Feb 10	Sat	11:00am	Living Treasures of Hawaii Recognition Luncheon (Hilton)
Feb 11	Sun	9:00am	BWA Dana Day & Nirvana Day Service/Dharma School
Feb 16	Fri	5:30pm	Aiea Senior YBA Installation Banquet at Pearl Country Club
Feb 17-19	Sat-Mon		YESS Camp 35 (Camp Palehua, formerly Camp Timberline)
Feb 18	Sun	9:00am	Service and Dharma School
Feb 18	Sun	10:00am	Soba Demonstration in Hall (<i>RSVP needed</i>)
Feb 19	Mon		Presidents' Day HOLIDAY (Preschool/Lotus closed)
Feb 20	Tue	7:00pm	Aiea Hongwanji Mission Board of Directors' Meeting
Feb 25	Sun	9:00am	Service and Dharma School
Feb 25	Sun	11:00am	Lotus Adult Day Care committee meeting
Feb 25	Sun	noon	O'ahu Lay Association meeting at 'Aiea
Feb 26	Mon	7:00pm	Oahu Buddhist Education Meeting at Wahiawa

HIGHLIGHTS OF MARCH 2018

Mar 1	Thu	9:00am	Aiea BWA meeting
Mar 3	Sat		Hawaii State Federation of Honpa Hongwanji BWAs meeting at PBA
Mar 4	Sun		O'ahu Hongwanji Council Sangha Day at Wahiawa/no service
Mar 8-9	Thu-Fri		Ryukoku University-BSC Spring Seminar (Prof. Kaname Fujimaru)
Mar 11	Sun	8:00am	Quarterly Temple Beautification Day/no service
Mar 18	Sun	9:00am	Buddhist Dedication Day (Spring Higan-Equinox Service)
Mar 18	Sun	1:00pm	O'ahu Hongwanji Council quarterly meeting at Waianae
Mar 19-23	Mon-Fri		Preschool Spring Break
Mar 20	Tue	7:00pm	Aiea Hongwanji Mission Board of Directors' Meeting
Mar 25	Sun	9:00am	Service and Dharma School
Mar 26	Mon		Prince Kuhio Day (State Holiday)
Mar 30	Fri		Good Friday (State Holiday)

Aloha Members and Friends

- To avoid confusion, when submitting payment or donations, please indicate in the lower left hand corner of your check or on an attached note, the purpose of your payment—dues (for what year, and for whom), donation in memory of (who?) and if you are paying dues for someone else (for whom, if not clear.) If you find yourself paying dues for a deceased member, please consider becoming a member yourself. :-)
- When filling out our green membership card, please give us your birth year so we can identify our members who are under 40 years of age or 80 and over. Thank you!

**NEED THE
ASSISTANCE OF
THE MINISTER?**

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

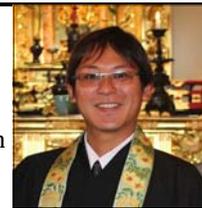
For religious emergencies (Makuragyo or bedside services), please call Rev. Yagi on his cell phone, 364-2825.

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

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Minister's Message



Hoonko Message

~This message was delivered by Rev. Yagi on the occasion of Shinran Shonin Memorial Service on January 21 at Aiea Hongwanji~

Here in the United States with its Western tradition, we honor a great man such as Washington on his birthday also State of Hawaii celebrate great man's Birthday like Prince Kuhio day but in the Eastern tradition, a man is remembered on the day he passed away. Thus for us, Hoonko is the biggest service of the year honoring Shinran Shonin and indeed in many temples, a series of services are held. For ourselves it is indeed a time to remember Shinran Shonin and his life but even more it is important to get close to his inner thoughts and feelings; his religious outlook that we call "shinjin." The true man is not expressed by his outward appearance but in his inner feelings and thoughts. Then, exactly what was the essence of the man Shinran and what was of utmost importance to him. In one word we can answer "Nembutsu" or "Shinjin" but it needs explanation.

As we go to the temple, we say "Namu Amida Butsu." These are the key words in our teaching. It is called "Nembutsu" and are words of giving thanks to the Buddha. We could say "why are we thanking him?" We are saying Nembutsu for his Light of Compassion which is shining on all sentient beings. As such, it is shining on me. As it shines on me, it promises that I will be led out of darkness into light, out of ignorance into wisdom, out of bondage into freedom, out of blindness into enlightenment, out of sorrow into Nirvana. This realization is a tremendous feeling of awe of happiness and exaltation. It is the feeling that even for this unvirtuous self, full of ego and pride, there is salvation if I let Amida into my heart. He says, "Come just as you are, with all your faults and defilements. Let me enter." As I come to fully realize this, the NAMU AMIDA BUTSU comes out upon my lips and from this basis, it starts to influence all my other thoughts and actions. With this tremendous basis of thankful feeling, I then start to give thanks to other things and people in my life. Okage sama de, thanks to these many things I am able to live and function. Mottainai desu.

Rennyō Shonin was one person who really spread the teachings of Shinran in his lifetime and brought out the teaching with words and thoughts that really made the teaching live. One such episode is the story of the bamboo mesh. A bamboo mesh is a very handy utensil to have to wash fruits and vegetables with water but it is utterly useless in carrying water or scooping it as the water leaks out just everywhere. At one time, a disciple of Rennyō decried:

"My mind is like a bamboo mesh when it tries to hold water. While I am listening to the teaching I am deeply moved and I think how wonderful the Dharma is but when I return home, the inspiration is lost and I return to my everyday shameful ways."

To this, the Rennyō Shonin replied:

"Immerse that mesh in water. Immerse your mind in the water of the Dharma and-leave it there."

As we try to scoop up the water with the bamboo mesh, water flows through the holes. In the same way, our good deeds and thoughts, indeed all worthy things are always leaking through and indeed are very limited in scope. On the other hand, our greed and desire far outweigh them and are like the holes in the mesh. Nembutsu spirit is immersing the mesh in the Dharma water and from the water's side, the mesh fills through the holes with water. Rather than trying to gain virtues with one's defiled selfish heart, when we let Amida into our hearts, the workings of the Dharma will fill our hearts just as we are with all our faults and defilements. This so called leap is SHINJIN where Amida enters into me.

At this Hoonko Service, let us resolve to be true followers of Shinran Shonin.

Namo Amida Butsu,
Rev. Shawn K. Yagi

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

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Hi everyone,

We had a great New Year's Party (Shinnen-Enkai) last weekend. The party was very well attended-the largest crowds that I remember in recent years. Food was great and people seemed to be enjoying themselves.

Thank you to Ito for spearheading the planning and preparation for dinner. Ito had a lot of help as usual from the Buddhist Women's Association, Hoshia Gang, Sr. YBA, Jr. YBA, other Sangha members and friends. Thank you for your donations-various drinks, pupus and desserts. We were entertained by the Sanshin group (shamisen), AHM Judo Club, Hector and Cammy (visitors who came to mochi-tsuki) and Rachel Kimura. Rachel sang a special version of the song "That's the Hawaiian in Me", modified to "That's the Buddhist in Me".

Our family spent 6 days around the New Year on the Big Island. About 22 of us stayed in a rented a house in Pepeekeo. We wanted to bring Great Grandma (my mom), to the Big Island to see friends and family. Also, we wanted to share some of our childhood experiences with the younger generation. It is nice that our younger generation wanted to learn a little about our family history. We visited tourist places like the Volcanoes National Park, Akaka Falls, Laupahoehoe Point, Spencer Park and Waimea Village Shopping Center. We also visited local places of interest such as the Papaaloa Country Store and Café and a goat farm in Honomu.

We attended the New Year's Service at Papaaloa Hongwanji. Rev. Shinji Kawagoe is Resident Minister for 4 temples on the Hamakua coast--Papaikou, Honohina, Honomu and Papaaloa. The membership at Papaaloa is very small--28 members. They are a mix of former sugar plantation workers and some new members who have moved to Papaaloa after the plantations closed. After the service, we had fellowship and enjoyed ozoni and snacks. We really appreciate the warm hospitality that the Papaaloa Hongwanji members showed us.

We also visited the Laupahoehoe Point Memorial, built to remember the victims of the tsunami that inundated the area on April 1, 1946. Among the victims was my uncle, Mitsuji Tamamoto who was 13 years old when the tsunami struck. Our dad was in the Army and still in Europe when he found about Uncle Mitsuji two months after it happened. Namo Amida Butsu.

Please carefully read this issue of the Jiko. There are a number of interesting events coming up that you may be interested in. On February 18th, we have a soba making demonstration by a soba chef from Japan. There is a sign up list in the kitchen. Please sign up for this one, as there is a 50-person limit. On March 4th we have Sangha Day at Wahiawa Hongwanji. Please sign up for this also. Be safe. Have fun!

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	Hoshia Work Days	8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Monday to Wednesday, & Friday	Preschool Use	8:45 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.
Monday & Thursday	Kumon Class	2:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Monday & Wednesday	Zumba Class #1	6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Mondays only	Zumba Class #2	7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Tuesday & Thursday	Judo	5:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Tuesday & Thursday	Sanshin Class (classroom or Lotus)	7:00pm - 9:00pm
1st Thursdays	BWA Meeting (kitchen)	9:00 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.
Thursdays	BWA Craft Class	8:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

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

**Lotus Adult Day
Care Center:**
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Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii

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September 29 - 30

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1727 Pali Hwy., Honolulu, HI

Conductor: *Nola Nahulu*

Gathas:

Amida Within My Heart

Green Grass

Live and Light the World

Upon Clouds

To All We Owe

Gratefulness 1

Deadline to

Register:

April 30, 2018

Reg. Fee - \$30



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information
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Education at
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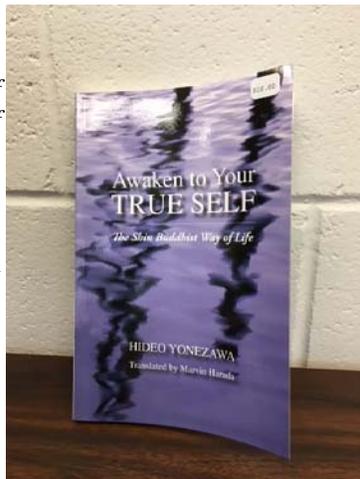
New Book,

"Awaken to Your True Self
~The Shin Buddhist Way of
Life~" \$10.00

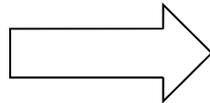
By Rev. Hideo Yonezawa

Translated by Rev. Marvin
Harada

If you order thru your temple,
there is a discount.



Sangha Day 2018 Activities



Aiea members—please call the temple office at
487-2626 by Saturday, Feb 10 to sign up for Sangha
Day, or sign up in the kitchen. Lunch orders and
activity information is available at the office.

**LUNCH ORDERS MUST BE PLACED WITH OUR
TEMPLE.** If you are not affiliated with a temple,
please call the Wahiawa Hongwanji Office at 622-
4320 or [email amy.kanemaru@gmail.com](mailto:amy.kanemaru@gmail.com) for lunch
order information.

Oahu Hongwanji Council
Sangha Day 2018
I am a Link...
Sunday, March 4, 2018
8:30 a.m.—1:00 p.m.
Wahiawa Hongwanji Mission

Come and strengthen...

... your link!

... your link between your body & brain!

... your link between you & the community!

... your link between you & the environment!

... your link between you & Buddha!

**Please sign up at your temple or by using the QR code
below or at <https://goo.gl/eBcrtD>**

**Lunch orders and activity sign up due at WHM by 2/11
(All lunch orders must be placed at a temple)**

**As a service project, we will be collecting canned food,
school supplies, gently used clothing and/or toiletries
to donate to ALEA Bridge.** ALEA Bridge is a Non-Profit Organization ded-
icated to community outreach and engagement. Their current focus is on the homeles-
sness issues impacting the Central Oahu and North Shore communities.



Please support Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii's
Green Hongwanji Initiative by bringing your own water
bottle/flask to this event. Thank you!





DHARMA LIGHT Buddhist Studies Program

**Thursday 6-8pm, February 22, 2018
at the Buddhist Study Center of Hawaii**

American Buddhism: Re-invention or Re-discovery?

Panelists: Drs. Jeff Wilson and George Tanabe Moderator: Rev. Kevin Kuniyuki

Buddhism was introduced into the United States as early as the 1850's by Asian immigrants and found again in the 1950's by the literary "Beat Generation". What is "American Buddhism" today and where is it going? Does a new form of Buddhism need to be re-invented for acceptance in America, or do we go "back to the future" and re-discover the Universal Teachings of Sakyamuni?



Explore what over 160 years of the American Buddhist experience tells us about the needs and wants of American society. What resonates with today's American public?

Forum format: Professors Tanabe and Wilson will respond to questions posed by the moderator, Rev. Kuniyuki, then questions & comments will be taken from the audience.

Learning Opportunities

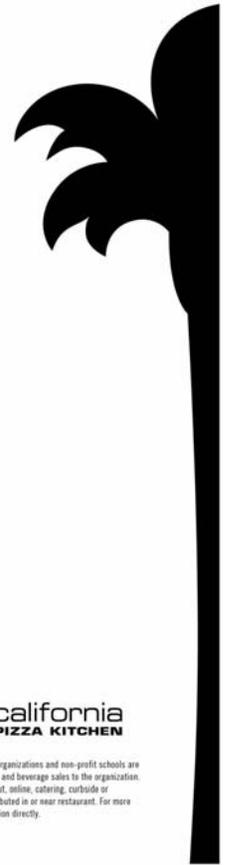
1. Become familiar with the history & influences of Buddhism in America
2. Become familiar with the diversity and terminology of American Buddhism
3. Become familiar with what Americans think about Buddhism.
4. Learn how to connect with people "outside the box" of the temple community

About the Speakers:

Dr. George Tanabe: Emeritus Professor of Religion, University of Hawaii at Mānoa; President BDK America
Dr. Jeff Wilson: Professor of Religious Studies and East Asian Studies at Renison University College, Ontario, Canada; Numata Visiting Professor in Buddhist Studies at University of Hawaii at Mānoa
Rev. Kevin Kuniyuki: Director, Buddhist Study Center

WHO: Who should attend? Ministers, temple presidents, lay leaders, those with inquiring minds
WHEN: Thursday 6-8pm, February 22, 2018
WHERE: Buddhist Study Center, 1436 University Avenue, Honolulu, HI 96822
COST: No charge, donations accepted
REFRESHMENTS: Beverages and light snacks will be available.
QUESTIONS & PRE-REGISTRATION: Call the Buddhist Study Center (808) 973-6555

Pizza with a purpose



Bring in this flyer, present it to your server and we'll donate 20% of your check to the organization listed below. Purchases include dine-in, takeout, catering and all beverages.

**Fundraiser in support of:
Aiea Hongwanji Preschool
Tuesday February 6, 2018
(All Day)**

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554 Pearlridge Center
808 487-7741**

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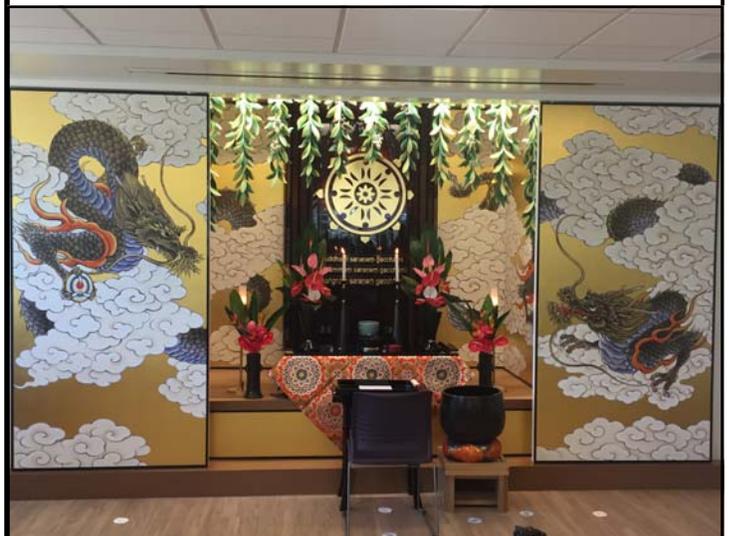
Fundraiser offer valid only on the date(s) and at the CPK location identified on the flyer. Only 501c organizations and non-profit schools are eligible to participate in CPK's fundraiser program. CPK will donate 20% (twenty percent) of all food and beverage sales to the organization. Tax, gratuity, gift card and retail sales are excluded from the donation. Offer valid for dine-in, takeout, online, catering, curbside or delivery orders placed directly with CPK. Not valid for third-party delivery. Offer void if flyer is distributed in or near restaurant. For more information about the 501c organization participating in the fundraiser, please contact the organization directly.



PACIFIC BUDDHIST ACADEMY

Accepting Applications for 2018-2019!

Our second semester is underway in PBA's new Weinberg Building! If you would like to schedule a visit to see our expanded campus, please call Admissions Director Blanche Yarnell at 808-532-2649 or write her at Blanche.Yarnell@pbahi.org.



altar in new PBA Building



Sushi Preparation

PICTURES OF THE NEW YEAR'S PARTY—



Senior YBA packaging and arranging the Door and Bingo prizes for the party..



Installation in temple: L to R, BWA—Harriet Z (Recording Secretary), Susan M (Corresponding Secretary), Elaine K (Treasurer), Charlene A (Assistant Treasurer), Elaine Y (Auditor); Junior YBA—Kacie T (President), Chad O (Vice President), Kayla K (Secretary), Ransen T (Treasurer). At top



New members Kathy and Steven



Keirosha Elaine Y.



Sanshin Class Performance





Pictures from Sunday, January 28...



Taylor was a first prize winner in the Poster Contest during the summer.

Baby shower group picture after service on January 28. Happy Labor Day Kim!



**Major Yearly
Memorial
Service
Schedule**

**For The Year
2018**

2017-1st year

2016-3rd year*

2012-7th year

2006-13th year

2002-17th year

1994-25th year

1986-33rd year

1969-50th year

* from the 2nd anniversary, please follow the Japanese custom of holding the service the year ahead.

Nokotsudo (Columbarium)

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

Family Memorial Service

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

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

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

February 2018

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

March 2018

Michie Takeshita	7th
Adrienne Mitsuko Hosokawa	7th
Yuzuru Morita	13th
Kazuyoshi Minami	50th
Hanako Tateishi	1st
Chiyoko Pauline Higuchi	7th
Stanley Hayao Kage	7th
Sueko Betsy Funatsu	13th
Tanio Shigaki	33rd
Tokuhei Harada	50th
Masayoshi Hayashida	50th

*Aiea Hongwanji Mission extends its
Deepest Sympathy to the family of
the Late Mitsuko Miriam Nishimoto
Keiji "Bob" Tokushige
Joe Haruto Taniguchi.*

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.



DHARMA LIGHT Buddhist Studies Program

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

First Steps in Understanding Shin Buddhism

Instructors: Dexter Mar, Rev. Kosho Yagi

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

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

Course Learning Opportunities

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

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

Class Pre-requisites

None. Bring your questions

About the instructors:

Dexter Mar: Certified Minister Lay Assistant and Buddhist Study Center Program Chair.

Rev. Kosho Yagi: Resident Minister of Aiea Hongwanji Mission, a Shin Buddhist Temple

WHEN: Saturdays at 10-11am, April 7, 14, 21,28, May 5, 12, 19, 2018

WHERE: Aiea Hongwanji Mission, 99-186 Puakala St, Aiea, HI 96701

COST: \$20 per person, due at 1st class in cash or preferably by check made out the "HHMH".
(Tuition assistance and scholarships are available.)

PRE-REGISTRATION: Sign up at the Temple Office and pay at first class.
Or call the Buddhist Study Center (808) 973-6555 to pre-register.

QUESTIONS: Contact Rev. Yagi (808) 487-2626 or email: contact@aieahongwanji.org



Go to website:
<http://bschawaii.org>
for information on the 2018
Dharma Light Courses and
the 44th Annual BSC
Summer Session with Dr.
Kenneth Tanaka.
Flyer also available on
bulletin board and in office

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 BWA News

Thank you to all for coming to and preparing for our New Year's dinner on January 27, 2018.

Please join us for the Nirvana Day/Dana Day service on February 11, 2018. The offertory collected at that service will be donated to a BWA Dana Project.

Thank you to all who bring the beautiful flowers for the columbarium and for temple services. Your kind donations are much appreciated.

If you have already paid your BWA dues for 2018-Thank You! You are helping to make our record-keeping easy and accurate. Dues can be dropped off at the office or brought to the kitchen on Thursday

and Sunday mornings. Please make your check payable to the Aiea Hongwanji BWA and clearly note that it is for the BWA dues so that it will be credited correctly. Dues are still only \$10.00 for the year. Please encourage others to join. They can inquire on Thursday or Sunday mornings or can call Susan at the office at 487-2626.

Please join us for a soba-making demonstration on Sunday February 18, 2018 at 10:00 am in the kitchen. Chef Yoshio Yamaguchi from Fukui is coming to share his love of soba by showing us how to make soba from scratch and will be serving the finished dish to attendees.

Janice Ito
President



WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

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

On Sunday, February 11th, Aiea Hongwanji will be holding its BWA Dana Day and Nirvana Day Service.

Dana means "selfless giving" and is an important part of Buddhism. As mentioned in Janice's article above, the BWA will use the offertory from the service for a Dana project.

Nirvana Day is observed to honor Shakyamuni Buddha who passed away in February.

Senior YBA News

Aiea Hongwanji Mission held its New Years party and installation of officers for the BWA as well as the Junior YBA on Saturday, January 27th. Yes our Senior YBA would like to congratulate our BWA officers and our future leaders – our Junior YBA officers!

According to the door prize tickets that were distributed (195), I'm happy to say we had close to 200 members, guests, and friends of AHM in attendance. Thank you to all who attended.

Our Senior YBA was in charge of door prizes and Bingo. The Junior YBA helped us by handing each winner their prize. Almost everyone went home with a prize. Thanks to Wade and Carol for purchasing the prizes. A big domo arigato to our hard working Junior YBA: Kacie and Ransen Tomoyasu, Kayla Koyanagi, and Chad Okawa. Many thanks to our Senior YBA helpers and thank you to our members for wearing your Senior YBA shirt!

In his minister's message, Sensei Yagi thanked the Senior YBA for the sign, "AIEA HONGWANJI MISSION" that is mounted on the right hand side of our Temple. The sign was a gift to AHM from the Senior YBA in celebration and commemoration of 115 years (2017). Yep, it took over a year to get the sign approved. A big mahalo to Richard Ito who spent many hours tending to all the details and for bringing this project to fruition. The sign is nicely visible from Puakala Street.

Our Senior YBA meeting is on February 5th (Monday). We will meet in the AHM Office at 7:30 p.m.

Our Senior YBA Installation of Officers will be on February 16th (Friday). Fellowship is at 5:30 p.m. Please bring your favorite pupu. Fun games to follow.

See you at our Senior YBA meeting and save February 16th! Thank you!

In Gassho, *George Zakahi*



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- If you would like to be recognized for your donation, please include your name.
- To all Hall Users—Please deposit your Hi-5 recycle items in the Recycle area, not in the trash can.
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Soba Making Demonstration at AHM

Mr. Yoshio Yamaguchi, a soba chef from Fukui, Japan, is coming to Hawaii and will demonstrate the art of making soba from scratch. He will be giving his demonstration here at Aiea Hongwanji on Sunday, February 18 at 10:00am, right after our Sunday service. The fresh soba will be served as a dish called Echizen Oroshi Soba, which is unique to Fukui Prefecture. Rather than the usual dipping of the chilled soba in tsuyu and eating it, daikon oroshi is added to the tsuyu mix. The mix is then poured over the soba and then topped with katsuo flakes and chopped green onions.

If you would like to be a part of this unique event, please inform the office as soon as possible and/or put your name on the sign up list. The demonstration is limited to 50 participants. Because the Kyodan is funding this event there is no cost to participants but you must sign up.

