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

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.

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Minister's Message

Obon

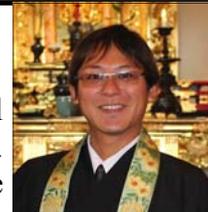
Unlike Obon in Japan, Hawaii's Obon is not a four day festival (the 13th through 16th of July or August) but rather a whole season. Although the Buddhist holiday of Obon is on the 15th of July or the 15th of August, Obon in Hawaii begins in June and lasts through the end of August. During this time, every weekend finds some Buddhist temple celebrating, Obon or Kangi-e (The Gathering of Joy) with special services and Bon Dance.

Like so many other Japanese festivals, Obon is a mixture of Buddhism, Taoism, Confucianism, and Hindu traditions. From Indian Buddhism comes the custom of feasting, donating to the Sangha, and honoring the gods with lights. In China, the Hindu custom of lights at festivals combined with the Taoist tradition of offering square lantern lights to the ancestors. The Indian Festival of Lights (Divali) in honor of 7 generations of deceased ancestors was marked by the burning of welcome lights and sending off lights. This became associated in China with the Taoist festival of Chung-yuen (Chugen in Japanese) and the Buddhist Obon Festival centers around the story of Mogallana. The three festivals happened to fall on or near the 15th day of the 7th month and over the centuries, especially in Japan, the three traditions fused into the one Buddhist tradition of Obon.

In present-day Japan, Obon is although not a national holiday but like going home for Christmas in the U.S.; most Japanese go home for Obon. Obon begins on July 13th and ends on July 16th or begins on August 13th and ends August 16th. This difference depends on the region. The first two days are usually spent in cleaning the family Butsudan and visiting family graves, cleaning the gravesites, and offering flowers, incense, and food. In temples, homes, and graveyards, "Mukaebi" or "Welcome Lights" are lit to welcome the spirits of the deceased who are believed to return to the realm of the living for these four days. Depending on the area of Japan, the lights might be simple candles, small oil lamps, or various kinds of paper lanterns, the most ancient being square in shape.

The main day of Obon is the 15th when special services are held in the temples. This is followed in most areas of Japan by Bon Odori or folk dancing which reenacts the dancing for joy of the monk Mogallana. On the 16th "Okuribi" or "Sending-off Lights" are lit to see off the spirits of the ancestors who now leave the world of the living. Okuribi takes many forms, from simple candles to lanterns floated on rivers and in the ocean.

Jodoshinshu Buddhism is emphatic in its denial of wandering souls or spirits of the dead and the need to placate such spirits with offerings of food, incense, lights, rituals, etc. Obon in Jodoshinshu is called "Kangi-e" or "The Gathering of Joy." This means joy in the Nembutsu, the religious happiness which comes from seeing life and death clearly. An important part of seeing life and death clearly is the ability to



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remember and appreciate our ancestors, of all who have gone before us, and reverence for the Truth called Amida Buddha which makes us see that this is so. We chant, offer lights, food, and incense, and we Dance not to exorcise spirits or out of fear of retribution. We do these things as an offering to the Truth: from the truths of the continuing impact of deceased friends and 'relatives on our lives to the ultimate truth of life itself.

Obon is a memorial service for our ancestors, for all of those who have gone before us, for the whole of life that was before us. The Obon festival, in the many forms it takes in Hawaii temples, is our annual opportunity to participate in a religious activity which is designed to mentally, vocally, and physically expand and deepen our awareness of ourselves and others. It is an opportunity to test our sense of Nembutsu, our sense of being basically O.K.

Obon and Bon Odori is not only "a cultural thing." That's also the celebration of continuity in a constantly changing world. It is the recognition of Truth Eternal in the midst of Change Eternal.

On August 19th, 5:00 p.m. we will have Hatsu Bon Service. Again, O-Bon is a time to remember and honor all those who have passed on before us. Hatsu Bon is a special service for those who departed between last year's and this year's Bon. August 25th, 6:00p.m. will be our Obon Service with Rev. Joshin Kamuro, Associate Minister of Hawaii Betsuin, as special speaker, and Dance follows. We humbly ask for your Kokua and participation. Mahalo.

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.

EVENTS OF AUGUST 2018

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| Aug 2 | Thu | 9:00am | Aiea BWA meeting |
| Aug 4 | Sat | 7:00pm | Waialua Hongwanji Bon Dance |
| Aug 5 | Sun | 9:00am | Sutra Chanting Service/ Japanese Lecture |
| Aug 5 | Sun | 11:30am | O'ahu United Jr. YBA meeting at Wahiawa |
| Aug 6 | Mon | | Preschool Begins |
| Aug 6 | Mon | 7:30pm | Aiea Senior Young Buddhist Association meeting in office |
| Aug 10-11 | Sat/Sun | 7:00pm | Pearl City Bon Dance |
| Aug 11 | Sat | | PRIMARY ELECTION. Remember to VOTE. |
| Aug 12 | Sun | 8:00am | Yagura and Concession Set Up |
| Aug 17 | Fri | | Statehood Day HOLIDAY |
| Aug 17-18 | Sat/Sun | 7:00pm | Mililani Hongwanji Bon Dance |
| Aug 19 | Sun | 11:30am | O'ahu United BWA Meeting at Pearl City Hongwanji |
| Aug 19 | Sun | 5:00pm | Hatsubon Service (First Obon Service) |
| Aug 21 | Tue | 7:00pm | Aiea Hongwanji Mission Board of Directors' Meeting |
| Aug 25 | Sat | 6:00pm | O-bon Service (Speaker Rev. Joshin Kamuro from Hawaii Betsuin) |
| Aug 25 | Sat | 7:00pm | Aiea Hongwanji Mission Bon Dance |
| Aug 26 | Sun | 8:30am | Cleanup after Bon Dance |
| Aug 26 | Sun | noon | O'ahu Lay Association meeting at Pearl City Hongwanji |
| Aug 27 | Mon | 7:00pm | Oahu District Buddhist Education Meeting at Mililani Hongwanji |

HIGHLIGHTS OF SEPTEMBER 2018

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| Sep 1-3 | Sat-Mon | | HHMH Joint Conference (Ala Moana Hotel) |
| Sep 2 | Sun | | No service at Aiea |
| Sep 3 | Mon | | Labor Day HOLIDAY (Preschool/Lotus closed, No Kumon, No Zumba) |
| Sep 6 | Thu | 9:00am | Aiea BWA meeting |
| Sep 7 | Fri | | Sanmu Meeting & Sanmu-Kanji Meeting |
| Sep 8 | Sat | | Honpa Hongwanji Hawai'i Board of Directors' Meeting |
| Sep 9,30 | Sun | 9:00am | Family Service and Dharma School |
| Sep 16 | Sun | 8:00am | Quarterly Temple Beautification Day/no service |
| Sep 18 | Tue | 7:00pm | Aiea Hongwanji Board of Directors' Meeting |
| Sep 21 | Fri | | Peace Day Hawai'i/United Nations International Day of Peace |
| Sep 23 | Sun | 9:00am | Buddhist Dedication Day (Autumn Higan-Equinox Service) |
| Sep 24 | Mon | 7:00pm | O'ahu Hongwanji Council meeting at 'Aiea |
| Sep 29-30 | Sat-Sun | | Choralfest 2018 at Hawaii Betsuin |
| Sep 30 | Sun | 9:00am | Family Service and Dharma School |

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.

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.

August 2018

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| Mildred Miyoko Tochiki | 1st |
| Masue Miyamoto | 1st |
| Jean Kikuno Nagai | 7th |
| Teruko Saiki | 7th |
| Eisuke Hokama | 13th |
| Fred Katsutaro Shimomura | 25th |
| Shizue Nakahara | 25th |
| Manabu Tanaka | 25th |
| Charlotte Miiko Nakagawa | 25th |
| Fumiko Matsumoto | 50th |

September 2018

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| Paul Tsugio Morioka | 3rd |
| June Hisayo Higa | 3rd |
| Ruth Fumie Yoshioka | 7th |
| Sadako Ginoza | 7th |
| Minoru Ishii | 13th |
| Carl Tadashi Uyeunten | 13th |
| Sadae Tateishi | 17th |
| Kimie Ichishita | 17th |

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.

Hatsubon honorees

The following is a list of the deceased loved ones who will be remembered by family and friends on August 20, 2017 at the Hatsubon Service at Aiea Hongwanji Mission:

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| Kikue "K" Higuchi | Mitsuko "Miriam" Nishimoto |
| Yasuto Kubota | Mildred Mutsuko Nomura |
| Gladys Seiko Minami | Rodney Oka |
| Suzanne Shizuko Mishima | Doris Tamie Sumida |
| Masue Miyamoto | Kenneth Shigeto Takata |
| Akira Mori | Joe Haruto Taniguchi |
| Dorothy Sayako Mori | Alvin Kenichi Tokuno |
| Colin Morikawa | Keiji "Bob" Tokushige |
| Gail Emiko Morimoto | Harriet Shizuyo Watanabe |

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.

Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii
HEADQUARTERS UPDATE

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WESTERN JAPAN FLOOD DISASTER RELIEF FUND.

Summer 2018 flooding throughout western Japan has killed over 220 people and dislocated many thousands. High temperatures and shortages of drinking water, food, and electricity have compounded the disaster. As of July 20th, at least 99 Jodo Shinshu temples were damaged. Members of at least 182 Jodo Shinshu temples were affected, with nearly 50 dead or missing.



Takahashi River, Wakayama Prefecture—Wikipedia

Hawaii Kyodan will immediately respond with an initial donation to Honzan from the Social Welfare Fund to help those impacted by flooding and landslides. Further, a “Western Japan Flood Relief Fund” has been created to allow temples, members and friends in Hawaii to contribute towards the relief effort. The funds will be sent to Honzan to support Hongwanji-related temples and those who are affected from this disaster.

The special collection will run through August 31, 2018. Aiea Hongwanji members please send in your donations with the notation “Western Japan Flood Relief Fund” noted on your check, and we will send in the total donation to Headquarters.

The following photos show the situation of the affected areas. Mililani Hongwanji Mission got these photos from Senkōji, their sister temple in Hiroshima. Photo courtesy: Rev. Masashi Fujisawa:

BWA EXCHANGE STUDENTS. The BWA Student Exchange program was first inaugurated in 1971 as one of the approved World Buddhist Women’s Convention resolutions. This year Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii Federation of Buddhist Women’s Associations will be hosting two girls from Japan from August 9 thru 16. They will visit Kauai, Hawaii Island and Honolulu United BWA.

PBA STUDENTS TO PARTICIPATE IN RSG SEMINAR. Ryukoku Sogo Gakuen (RSG) will be holding the 66th Religious Education Seminar at Honzan Hongwanji on August 3-5, 2018 and four students from Pacific Buddhist Academy (Chaperone: Ms. Liane Vilorio) will travel to Japan to participate in the seminar. The objective of this seminar is to provide religious education to the students of RSG schools, and to develop the sense of awareness as the students of Sogo Gakuen by participating in the various programs with fellow students from other schools. The theme of this year’s seminar is “Let us reflect the “path” that we walk together.” RSG is a federation of 24 Hongwanji School Institutions which comprise a total of 68 schools. PBA has sister school arrangements with a number of the RSG Schools.

RSG EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM FOR INTERNATIONAL UNDERSTANDING IN PBA. Ryukoku Sogo Gakuen (RSG) will be holding the Educational Program for International Understanding in Pacific Buddhist Academy on August 2 - September 15. The object of this new program is to nurture individuals with an international orientation founded on Buddhist values and perspectives through deepening their mutual

understanding of differing cultures and societies. 18 students from 10 RSG high schools in Japan will have a homestay in Hawaii and attend PBA with the PBA students.

THE 60th ANNUAL HAWAII HONPA HONGWANJI MINISTERS ASSOCIATION SEMINAR. I would like to express my deepest appreciation to all ministers for their participation and all temples who supported this seminar.

The 60th State Ministers' Association Seminar was held at Ala Moana Hotel from June 12 to 14, 2018 hosted by Honolulu District Ministers' Association. The theme of the seminar was "Kaikyo Propagation" and the guest speaker was Rev. Gene Sekiya of International Center. The lectures based upon his own experiences were truly valuable to all ministers.

Today, many people have forgotten the importance of cultivating their spiritual life. As society gets more complicated, people face various different issues

which we have never even imagined of. We, as ministers, who serve in current times, need to sincerely learn from our history and endeavor to find new approaches to share the Dharma. Rev. Sekiya's lectures deeply touched and encouraged us.

Again, thank you very much to all members and temples for giving us this wonderful opportunity to learn and share the joy of Dharma. Your continued support is truly appreciated. (Rev. Yuika Hasebe, Chair of the 60th State Ministers Association Seminar)



Affirmation Rites Ceremony (Kie-Shiki) will be held on Sunday, October 21, 2018 at 1:00pm at Wahiawa Hongwanji Mission.

"Kie" means to seek refuge, and in Buddhism, we mean to seek refuge in the Three Treasures of the Buddha, Dharma and Sangha. "Shiki" means ritual.

Affirmation rites are officiated by the Bishop of Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii. This ritual gives the recipient a definite awareness that s/he 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. If you wish to participate, application and fee (\$50) must be sent in by Sept. 15, 2018.

Please contact Rev. Kojun Hashimoto at Wahiawa Hongwanji Mission for further information. Applications can be obtained at the Aiea Hongwanji office (email: aieajiko@gmail.com, PH: 487-2626).



PACIFIC BUDDHIST ACADEMY

Friend of PBA and the Buddhist Community, Pat Masters Left a Legacy of Service.

Pacific Buddhist Academy offers condolences to the family of Patricia Lee Masters, a revered teacher, writer, and longtime friend of the Hawai'i Buddhist community.



Pat passed away last month in Honolulu. A celebration of her life was held on Friday, July 20, at the Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin at 1727 Pali Highway.

Pat Masters was born in Los Angeles, California, received her master's degree in Buddhist Studies from the University of California, Los Angeles, and a Ph.D. in Political Philosophy. Pat taught Buddhist Studies in India and Japan for 20 years. In her many professional roles in Hawai'i, she was president of the Hawai'i Association of International Buddhists, a teacher of meditation, and Associate Director of Student Equity, Excellence, and Diversity at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa.

Last spring, PBA hosted Pat for a presentation and signing of her book, *Searching for Mary Foster*, about a 19th-century Native Hawaiian Buddhist, philanthropist, and social activist. PBA Founders Hall was filled to standing room only with Pat's friends. The event lasted several more hours than planned as Pat, who was battling cancer, answered dozens of questions about her own life journey that led to her writing about Mary Foster. The room was filled with laughter, love, many conversations, and even a few tears. No one wanted to leave.

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

O'ahu United Junior YBA News



The O'ahu Juniors, including Kayla K., Chad O., and Kaiya T., from Aiea had a memorable and energizing 61st Conference "Magic of Buddha" in Hilo, Hawai'i. Hilo Betsuin hosted us in their Sangha Hall, with meals prepared by their Senior YBA, general assembly meetings, workshops featuring a Blue Zone presentation, Singing Techniques by Graysen Mento and Dance routines with Lawrence Mano. There was an auction of each island's goodies, with the proceeds going to the Big Island relief fund. The Juniors have selected two charities for their HBY Month efforts: Meals on Wheels and The Salvation Army.

The Federation passed three resolutions: their budget, Resolution of Appreciation for Rev. Hiromi and Mrs. Chizuko Kawaji (O'ahu) and Resolution of Appreciation for Rev. Joshin Kamuro (Honolulu).

The United of O'ahu can take pride in bringing home the Model United Jr. YBA trophy for 2018. They were selected by their peers for their variety of activities: religious, social and service projects. Congratulations United of O'ahu, two years in a row!

Other contest highlights are

Koji S. won 2nd place in the essay contest and Kana S. won 1st place.

Koji S. (O'ahu) was selected as Mr. Jr. YBA and Sheera T. (Honolulu) was selected as Ms. Jr. YBA.

Saturday evening was capped off with a Talent Show! We have such talented Juniors, amazing.

Thank you to all who supported the Junior Young Buddhists of O'ahu.

The upcoming Federation officers are as follows:

- President Koji S., O'ahu
- Vice President Alyssa O., Hawai'i Island
- Secretary Kenji S., O'ahu, and Alexandrianna H., Honolulu
- Treasurer Shoshi H., O'ahu

The next United Jr. YBA meeting will be at Wahiawa Hongwanji on August 5, 2018, tentatively at 11:30 a. m.

We will be having installation of our new officers.

- President: Chloe O., Mililani
- Vice President: Shoshi H., Wahiawa
- Secretary: Kayla K., Aiea and Jay A., Wahiawa
- Treasurer: Kaiya T., Aiea
- Councilors: Jay A., and Kana S.
- Backup: Kaiya T.

NEWS from Lotus Adult Day Care Center

The Lotus Adult Day Care Center offers a safe environment where our kupuna can interact with other Seniors and enjoy activities. There may be a few more openings. If you are interested in respite care for your loved ones, please contact us at 486-5050.



Everyday Buddhism



Dr. Kenneth Tanaka

Dr. Tanaka grew up and attended Dharma School in California. While being an active member of the Young Buddhist Association (YBA), he aspired to study Buddhism, which he did at Stanford Univ. (B.A.), a temple in Thailand, Institute of Buddhist Studies (IBS)(M.A.), Tokyo University (M.A.), and Univ. of California at Berkeley (Ph.D.).

After serving as Associate Professor and Assistant Dean at IBS for 10 years and a resident priest for 3 years in a Jodo Shinshu temple in California, Dr. Tanaka taught as Professor of Buddhist Studies at Musashino University for 20 years.

July 31, 2018 Tuesday evening at 7:00 PM

Wahiawa Hongwanji Mission, 1067 California Avenue, Wahiawa

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www.wahiawashinbuddhists.org

What are the tools for everyday living in Buddhism?
How do we maintain a balanced life style?

“Everyday Buddhism for a Happy, Meaningful Life”

A Talk Story session with Dr. Kenneth Tanaka

Thurs., August 2, 2018
6:30pm—9:30pm
Hawaii Betsuin Social Hall
1727 Pali Highway

Dr. Kenneth Tanaka, this year’s speaker at the Buddhist Study Center’s Summer Session, is also speaking at Hawaii Betsuin. He has a lifetime of teaching experience to address “Everyday Buddhism” and how it helps to lead a happy and meaningful life.

Everyone is welcome. The event is free of charge.

Contact: Hawaii Betsuin Office at (808) 536-7044 to pre-register.

Aiea Hongwanji Preschool & Kindergarten

- July 3—Field trip to “Mari’s Gardens”
- July 26—Water Bounce House
- July 27—Last day of Summer Program.



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



ESHIN-NI KAKUSHIN-NI ENDOWED CHAIR

A primary purpose of the BWA is to support the propagation of Jodo Shinshu Buddhism throughout the world. Jodo Shinshu Buddhism was founded by Shinran Shonin with the support of his wife Eshin-ni. The foundation of the Hongwanji School was laid by their daughter, Kakushin-ni. The World Federation of Jodo-Shinshu Hongwanji-ha Buddhist Women's Associations wishes to promote the vision and passion of Eshin-ni and Kakushin-ni and to honor them by establishing an Endowed Chair in Jodo Shinshu studies at the Institute of Buddhist Studies in Berkeley.

The total fundraising goal is \$3 million. Our Hawaii goal is \$11,000. We are asking for your support to help us honor these two important women and their contributions to Jodo Shinshu Buddhism.

Please send this form with your donation by Dec 31, 2018. Checks should be made payable to: **Aiea Hongwanji BWA (please indicate EK chair in corner.)** Donations from Aiea Hongwanji will be sent to the Hawaii Federation of Buddhist Women's Associations with a list of temple members who donated. The Federation will send in the total donation for Hawaii.

For more information, contact Claire at 429-1282 or Susan at 291-5093.

TEMPLE MEMBER: _____
 AMOUNT: _____

Aiea BWA News

Be sure to stop by the BWA Craft tables in the Social Hall on Obon night August 25. We will have many craft items, pickled vegetables, and other treats available.

As we do every year, we are asking for dessert donations for our after Obon meal to be dropped off at the kitchen before/during Obon beginning at 4:00 pm. We really appreciate all the ono goodies that you donate for this event. Mahalo in advance for your kokua!

As described elsewhere in this Jiko, many helping hands are needed to ensure a successful Bon Dance evening. Please consider coming to help to put up the yagura, decorate the yagura, hang up lanterns, set up chairs, work at concessions, and clean up after the Bon Dance.

BWA members will be leading the teams that are preparing refreshments for volunteers on Saturday and after the Bon Dance on Sunday morning. Please come to help if you can.

In Gassho, Janice Ito, BWA President

Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii
 Hawaii Federation of Buddhist Women's Associations
 1727 Pali Highway Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

**SEEKING DELEGATES FOR THE
 STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAM TO JAPAN
 JULY-AUGUST 2019**

What: Student Exchange Program to Japan
When: Late July to early August 2019 (14 days)
Who: Two Hawaii women, ages 17-23 years old
Why: Be exposed to Buddhist and Asian culture;
 Be a missionary of good will

1. Obtain applications from temple offices or at www.hawaiibwa.org, search for "Student Exchange"
2. Submit completed application to:
 Student Exchange Committee Chairperson
 Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii
 Federation of Buddhist Women's Associations
 1727 Pali Highway Honolulu, HI 96813
3. Applications must be received no later than
October 31, 2018.

If you have any questions, call 808-522-9200 or contact a BWA member.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Hi everyone,

I hope you are in good spirits. We had a nice evening at Waianae Hongwanji's Bon Dance on Saturday evening, July 21st. Arlene, Mark, Mark, Jan, Kayla, Chad, Claire and I helped with sales in the food booth. It was a beautiful, warm and dry summer evening. Waianae Hongwanji is a popular place the evening of their annual Bon Dance. Over the years, it seems that more and more family members return to help the Waianae Hongwanji members celebrate O-Bon. The community embraces the celebration and comes out to enjoy the music, dancing and drums. Really nice evening and the Waianae people are so friendly. Also, the food after the dance is the best!

Last evening Claire and I attended a performance of *Mary Poppins Jr.* at the Earle Ernst Lab Theatre, a small theatre on the side of Kennedy Center at the University of Hawaii. The play was part of the summer program organized by Ohana Arts for children and young adults. Not so coincidentally, our two grandsons were in the play. The children have practiced all summer for these performances. I was so impressed by their talent, energy and discipline. They sang, danced and acted. They handled the props. The choreography was complicated but they danced and sang in time and in tune! These were children ranging in age from about 8-14. Great evening.

Aiea Hongwanji's Bon Celebration is on August 25th. We have discussed the work we need to do for Bon at our board meetings for the past few months. We will really be busy the entire month of August. If you are in good health and can walk, we could really use you. Please see the article in this Jiko letting you know how you can help. Even if you can't physically help, please try to make it to the temple to enjoy the evening! You can't go wrong. Hope to see you.

Be your own light, Warren

*Aiea Hongwanji Mission extends its
Deepest Sympathy to the families of
the Late Doris Tamie Sumida,
Dorothy and Akira Mori,
Gail Emiko Morimoto,
Suzanne Shizuko Mishima, and
Rodney Iseo Oka*

Mettabhavana Meditation

Amida Buddha surrounds all men and all forms of life with Infinite Love and Compassion. Particularly does he send forth loving thoughts to those in suffering and sorrow, those in doubt and ignorance, to those who are striving to attain Truth; and to those whose feet are standing close to the great change men call death, Amida Buddha sends forth oceans of Wisdom and Compassion.

Namo Amida Butsu.

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

Senior YBA News

It's August already!! Our Senior YBA is ready for a very busy August. Get out and vote (Primary Election) on August 11th!

August 19th is our Service Project – Hatsubon. We need your kokua for preparing refreshments. Kitchen helpers, please report at 3 p.m. The Hatsubon Service will start at 5 p.m. We also need our YBA members' kokua to receive flowers and kakocho at the Temple, so those helping with this please be at the Temple by 4 p.m. Don't forget... let's wear our YBA shirts!

August 25th is the AHM Bon Dance. Gayle and Roy, along with their helpers will be preparing and selling yakisoba. Please come out and give your helping hand. Yes, wear your YBA shirt.

Our Senior YBA 5th Sunday Crew (Gayle, Roy, Lynn, Sally, Elaine K. and Harriet) will prepare ono kine kau kau on July 29. Thanks for working so hard. Yes, we miss our hard working Wade and Miss Sunshine Carol, but we take heart in knowing they are doing very well in Utah.

At our July meeting, the Senior YBA decided to donate \$100 to the World Federation of Jodo-Shinshu Hongwanji-Ha BWA "Eshin-ni and Kakushin-ni Endowed Chair" scholarship fund.

Next Senior YBA meeting is August 6th. We will meet in the AHM office. Meeting starts at 7:30 p.m. See you there!

In Gassho,
George Zakahi



PROJECT DANA

Condolences are extended to the family of Mrs. Kikue Higuchi, a former Project Dana volunteer who passed away recently.

Volunteers are needed in the area from Waimalu to Salt Lake, to assist with transportation for doctor and dentist visits, shopping, and respite visits. for the frail, elderly and disabled living at home. A Big Thank You to Frank and Helen Takenouchi for their ongoing work with Project Dana.

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

2019 Spring Hokkaido Tour

The Aiea Hongwanji BWA is planning a trip to Hokkaido in May 2019 (May 8-17): The tour is with Aloha World, a division of Kobayashi Travel Service. Aiea Hongwanji members and friends are welcome to join the tour on a first come, first served basis. A copy of the itinerary with estimated cost and map is available in the office (call 487-2626), or can be emailed to you. There is a \$100 discount for deposits made by 8/31/18. More specific information can be obtained from travel agent carol.enomoto@kobay.com.

AIEA HONGWANJI HALL WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

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| Sunday | Dharma Service (temple) | 9:00am—10:00am |
| Sunday & Thursday | Hosha Work Days | 8:30am—12:30pm |
| Monday to Wednesday, & Friday | Preschool Use | 8:45am—11:45am |
| Monday & Thursday | Kumon Class | 2:00pm—5:30pm |
| Monday & Wednesday | Zumba Class #1 | 6:00pm—7:00pm |
| Mondays only | Zumba Class #2 | 7:30pm—8:30pm |
| Tuesday & Thursday | Judo | 5:30pm—8:30pm |
| Tuesday & Thursday | Sanshin Class (classroom or Lotus) | 7:00pm—9:00pm |
| 1st Thursdays | BWA Meeting (kitchen) | 9:00am—10:00am |
| Thursdays | BWA Craft Class | 8:30am—1:00pm |

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. He asks us to *thank you for your continuing participation*, and to improve the efficiency of our recycling program could you please dispose of all caps from the bottles and do not include garbage and other non-Hi-5 items.
- We are not able to recycle detergent bottles, milk bottles, ensure bottles. We can only recycle Hi-5 items.
Please dispose of other items in your own blue bin.
- 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.
- 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.
- Thank you for your continued support. Thank you for your efforts to keep Hawaii GREEN.



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 JUDO NEWS

Congratulations to Sensei Dustin Iwabuchi who won 2018 Western Girls Coach of the Year for High School Judo.

Dustin has reported that Rey B., Bobby B., and Sensei Malia Soberano competed at the Jr Olympics in Spokane, Washington, and that Rey took Gold and silver, Bobby took gold and gold, and Sensei Malia took Bronze. Rey B. is currently #1 in the United States for his age and weight bracket.

Sensei Dustin and Sensei Malia were in Japan this July to assistant coach Team Hawaii's elite girls team as they competed in the Kinshuki tournament held in Fukuoka Japan.

Right after Rey B., Bobby B., Sensei Malia and Sensei Peter will be competing at the US Open in Florida. WISH THEM LUCK!

This is great news! Thank you for the report from Dustin Iwabuchi
Aiea Hongwanji Judo Club - Head Instructor
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Come Celebrate Obon at Aiea Hongwanji

We will need lots of help preparing and performing all the details for our annual Obon festivities. We appreciate whatever time, donations and assistance you can help us with. Thank you for bringing your family and friends to help on the following days:

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| Sun, Aug 12, 2018 (8am) | Yagura and Food Booth construction |
| Sat, Aug 25, 2018 (8am) | Set up chairs & benches, tables, hang lanterns, etc |
| (4:30 - 9pm) | Counter help in food booth (shifts) |
| (10pm) | Clean up |
| Sun, Aug 26, 2018 (8:30am) | Break down Yagura and Food Booth |

Donations can be dropped off in the kitchen on Thurs/Sun mornings:

- Spam (25% less sodium)
- Bottled water
- Canned juice
- Sodas (Coke, Diet Coke, 7-up).



***Dessert donations for Sat, Aug 25** can be dropped off in the kitchen from 4pm on.

Mahalo for your kokua ! Call 487-2626 for questions/signups.