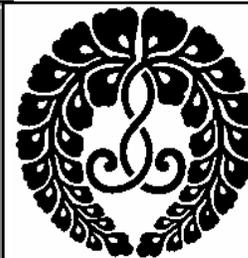


JIKO-"Wisdom-Light"

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Monthly Newsletter of the Aiea Hongwanji Mission Embrace Change - Transformation (Walk in Peace)

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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

Yesterday (February 2nd) was so chilly and wind was so strong. While waiting for people who attend their ancestor's memorial service by the Temple door, reminds me Kamuela weather. According to Japanese 24 Setsuki (East Asian lunisolar calendars), around that day was season of Risshun, which means beginning of spring. Although here in Hawaii we couldn't see new green lives are breaking through the barren dark dirt and even buds are beginning to appear in abundance, however we are able to feel slight season change right? Anyway, after memorial service I saw the most amazing sunset! Really beautiful it was. When wondering about awesome sight, the Gatha "Namu Amida Butsu" came to mind.

When life is fair and sunlight gilds the day,
When fortune smiles and flow'rs adorn our way,
Oft let us pause with grateful hearts to say, Namu Amida Butsu
E'en though our way leads 'neath a darken'd sky,
And to our loved ones pain and death draw nigh;
Our tears may flow yet trustingly we cry, Namu Amida Butsu

Although there are countless interpretations to the meaning of the lyrics, this song makes us aware of the natural changes that take place in life. We appreciate the warm clothes because there is cold. Likewise we appreciate the AC and cold beer because there is extreme heat. With each season we experience its characteristic beauty. In winter time, we enjoy the cool weather, winter fashion. In summer time, the weather can be extremely hot but we appreciate the beauty of the colors of the flowers, ono fruits, greenery and also the coolness of the breeze. Especially you can feel each season has its specific splendor, fragrance, and other aspects which complement each other when you go mainland or other countries. Spring, summer, autumn and winter. We too are all like the seasons. We all have our specific and individual characteristics. According to the teachings of the Buddha, we will all encounter old age, sickness, and eventually death. Just like the seasons, it is all the natural process of life. Though we may feel sad and depressed about a few more wrinkles, white hair, aches and pains, each year no one is alone. We are all changing in our own way. In each phase of our lives we encounter many new and wonderful things which we share with others. Just as the various seasons make us appreciate the other, we too should look at each other as many individuals sharing the journey of life together for we complement one another.

The gatha "Namo Amida Butsu" written by Shinkaku Hunt clearly makes us realize that there are changes and each is beautiful in its own way. Namu Amida Butsu helps us realize that it is true and the very best example is our own lives when we learn to realize and accept this universal truth. Calling Amida Buddha's Name also makes us realize that we are not alone and perhaps for the first time we also begin to appreciate the Buddha's warm embrace expressed by the wonders of the season.



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How grateful I am to be able to experience the beauty of seasons and the wonderful months to come. I would like to live to the fullest knowing that the Buddha is always with me. The Buddha's Great Wisdom and Compassion makes me aware of the splendor of living.

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.

SOBA MAKING AND TASTING DEMONSTRATION ON THURSDAY, MARCH 7

Thursday, March 7, 2019 from 10:30 am in the hall. Chef Yoichi Yamaguchi from Fukui Prefecture in Japan is coming to Aiea Hongwanji to share his love of soba by doing a soba making and tasting demonstration. The demonstration will begin at 11:00 am and end around 1:30. Consider taking a long lunch hour on that day to join us ! There is a sign-up sheet on the kitchen door or call the office at 487-2626 with your name and number. Attendance is limited to 50 people but there is still room for you.

EVENTS OF MARCH 2019

Mar 1	Fri	6-8:30pm	Eisa Practice in Hall on most Fridays until end of May
Mar 2	Sat		Hongwanji Day (130th Anniversary of HHMH)
Mar 3	Sun	9am-1:30pm	O'ahu Hongwanji Council Sangha Day at Plantation Village, Registration at 8:30am / no service at Aiea.
Mar 3	Sun	1:30pm	United Jr. YBA meeting at Waipahu Hongwanji
Mar 7	Thu	9:00am	Aiea BWA meeting
Mar 7	Thu	10:30am	Soba Making Demonstration in hall — Preregistration required.
Mar 7-8	Thu-Fri		Ryukoku University-BSC Spring Seminar (Prof. Eisho Nasu)
Mar 10	Sun	9:00am	Service and Dharma School
Mar 11	Mon	7:30pm	Senior YBA meeting in office
Mar 16	Sat	9am-12:30	Moiliili Hongwanji Spring Seminar: Rev. Mari Sengoku
Mar 16	Sat	10am-1pm	O'ahu Hongwanji Council Spring Seminar at Wahiawa
Mar 16	Sat		Friends of the Aiea Library Book Sale
Mar 17	Sun	8:00am	Quarterly Temple Beautification Day
Mar 17-23	Sun-Sat		Young Adult Culture and Dharma Tour
Mar 18	Mon	7:00pm	O'ahu Hongwanji Council meeting at Wahiawa
Mar 18-22	Mon-Fri		Preschool Spring Break
Mar 19	Tue	7:00pm	Aiea Hongwanji Mission Board of Directors' Meeting
Mar 24	Sun	9:00am	Buddhist Dedication Day (Spring Higan-Equinox) Service; Music Workshop with Rev. Satoshi Tomioka of Puna Hongwanji.
Mar 26	Tue		Prince Kuhio Day (State Holiday)
Mar 31	Sun	9:00am	Service and Dharma School

HIGHLIGHTS OF APRIL 2019

Apr 4	Thu	9:00am	Aiea BWA meeting
Apr 7	Sun		Hawaii Buddhist Council Buddha Day Service at Hawaii Betsuin/ no service at Aiea
Apr 7	Sun	4:00pm	13th Annual PBA Taiko Festival at Pearl City Cultural Center
Apr 14	Sun	9:00am	Aiea Hanamatsuri Service; decorate hanamido at 8am
Apr 16	Tue	7:00pm	Aiea Hongwanji Mission Board of Directors' Meeting
Apr 19	Fri		Good Friday (State Holiday)
Apr 21	Sun	9:00 am	Service and Dharma School
Apr 25	Thur		BWA Peace Day
Apr 28	Sun	9:00am	Eshinni Day Service (Shinran Shonin's wife)/BWA Church Bazaar

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hi everyone,

I hope that you are in good spirits. Rev. Shawn, Russell, Susan, Thelma, Helen, Frank, Claire and myself represented Aiea Hongwanji at the 107th Legislative Assembly of the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii on February 8-9, 2019. This is the annual meeting in February where lay and minister representatives from almost every Hongwanji temple in Hawaii gather to discuss important issues. I really enjoyed the weekend. Highlights of the Legislative Assembly (or Giseikai) are also in the Headquarters Update in this Jiko starting on page 4. Here are a few of my thoughts (just the highlights) about the Giseikai . . .



Rev. Toshiyuki Umitani delivered one of the best Memorial Sermons in many years (in my opinion) at the opening service. I have mentioned it before, but the opening service on Friday is a wonderful gathering of ministers and lay leaders. It is open to all and I recommend that you attend if you are able. The business session is always challenging. Not always fun, but it is a necessary part of the meeting and delegates are sincere in their efforts to keep our organization moving forward. Bishop Eric Matsumoto was selected to serve a third (four year) term as Bishop starting in March. I think this is good for our organization. Bishop Matsumoto is a hard worker and sincere. He has been highly visible in the local community. Part of Bishop Matsumoto's job for the next 4 years will be to nurture ministers who might serve as the next Bishop of the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii. This is Hawaii Kyodan President Pieper Toyama's last year as president. Pieper has also been an excellent leader and spokesperson for our organization. Thank you, Pieper and Bishop Matsumoto for your efforts!

After the business session was completed on Friday, we had two special presentations that were fun and inspiring. Rev. Satoshi Tomioka from Puna Hongwanji gave a talk on *Buddhism and Contemporary Music*. Rev. Tomioka chose to present songs that contained Buddhist thoughts or messages. This was fun and educational. Rev. Tomioka will be here at Aiea Hongwanji to do a similar presentation on Sunday, March 24th. Please plan to attend and sign up in the office or kitchen. Lunch is included. Then Ms. BJ Soriano and Ms. Karen Maedo from Hilo introduced the Assembly to several new gathas that have been written. We sang these new gathas in unison and we sounded pretty good! However, the next day when BJ and Karen were not leading us, we floundered a bit. We tried our best..

Saturday we completed our business quickly so that we could get to the Hilton Hawaiian Village Hotel for the Living Treasures of Hawaii Recognition Program. This is one of the best things that Hawaii Kyodan does for the community. Congratulations to the honored individuals: John M. Hara, FAIA; Earl Kawa'a; Gertrude Yukie Tsutsumi and James T. Yagi.

Well, it has been a busy February. Looking ahead to March, try to come to Rev. Satoshi Tomioka's presentation on Sunday, March 24th (in this newsletter).



Gassho, Warren Tamamoto

Mettabhavana Meditation

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

Namo Amida Butsu.

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.
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)	7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
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.
Fridays	Eisa Bon Dance Practice	6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

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BISHOP ERIC MATSUMOTO, 16th Bishop of the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii, was confirmed for a third term. The Bishop Selection Committee, after requesting for a waiver to the two term (8 year) limit, submitted its selection of Bishop Eric Matsumoto for the position of Bishop for his third term. Whereupon, the delegates of the 107th Legislative Assembly unanimously confirmed Bishop Eric Matsumoto as the Bishop of Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii for another 4 years.

Bishop Eric Matsumoto took office as the Bishop in March 2011 and served two terms (March 2011 – February 2015 and March 2015 – February 2019). His third term will be from March 2019 to February 2023.

THE 107TH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY (GISEIKAI) OF THE HONPA HONGWANJI MISSION OF HAWAII was held on February 8-9, 2019 at Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin.



The Legislative Assembly Opening Service was held as the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii 130th Anniversary Service.

Reverend Toshiyuki Umitani of Moiliili Hongwanji Mission delivered the memorial sermon at the Opening Service / the 130th Anniversary Service. For the text of his sermon, visit the Moiliili Hongwanji website at <https://www.moiliilihongwanji.org/2019/02/giseikai-memorial-sermon/>

Delegates from the Hongwanji temples throughout Hawaii discussed and passed the following resolutions:

1. HHMH 2019 Budget;
2. Social Welfare Fund – Criteria On Usage;
3. Bylaws Amendment – Article VII: Board Of Directors;
4. Bylaws Amendment – Article XIII, Section 4: Bishop Selection;
5. Resolution of Appreciation – Mr. Arthur Nakagawa;



6. Resolution of Congratulations and Appreciation – Ms. Lily (Miyasato) Horio;
7. Resolution of Condolence and Appreciation – Reverend Kenjyo Ohara;
8. Resolution of Condolence and Appreciation – Mr. Bertram Nishimura.



newly installed HHMH Board of Directors for 2019 (cropped)

Bishop and Pieper Toyama and our 4 Living Treasures of 2019



Reverend Bert Sumikawa was recognized for his retirement from active ministry.

(Photo Credit: Lencapes Photography)



GISEIKAI MESSAGE FROM THE JODO SHINSHU HONGWANJI-HA GOVERNOR GENERAL BISHOP CHIKO IWAGAMI.

On the occasion of the 107th *Giseikai* of the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii, I humbly extend my appreciation to you the ministers and sangha representatives from throughout the state of Hawaii for gathering here. I would also like to express my heartfelt gratitude to you all for your continuing efforts in propagating Jodo Shinshu and maintaining the temples within your respective districts.

With Hawaii Kyodan marking its 130th anniversary this year, I wish you even more prosperous years ahead

and would also like to extend my respect to our forebears for their efforts and endurance of handing down the Dharma to us until today.

At Hongwanji, on the first day of the annual Goshoki Hoonko this year, the “Message on the 850th Anniversary of Shinran Shonin’s Birth and the 800th Anniversary of the Establishment of the Jodo Shinshu Teaching” *goshosoku* proclamation was presented, announcing the series of joint commemorative services set to be observed in 2023. Since last year, the Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha General Promotion Plan has been proceeding into its second term, and as an item of business, we have been working to carry out the Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha International Office which will be the basis of international propagation. Thus, we are moving forward promoting various projects to contribute toward realizing a society in which everyone can live a life of spiritual fulfillment.

At the closing of the autumn service last year, Monshu Ohtani Kojun introduced Our Pledge in his dharma message. The pledge is a four-clause motto, which is a summary of his dharma message given on October 1, 2016, “A Way of Living as a Nembutsu Follower.” It would be nice if the pledge could be introduced at various temple gatherings.

In closing, it is my hope that the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii will continue to prosper and that many fruitful results will arise from this annual meeting.

February 8, 2019

Bishop Chiko Iwagami

Governor General

Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha

MINISTERIAL ASSIGNMENTS. Reverend Blayne Higa, Hawaii Kyodan Scholarship Student, completed his studies at the Institute of Buddhist Studies in Berkeley, completed the Kyoshi Session in Kyoto in November, 2018, returned to Hawaii and started orientation at the Headquarters and the Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin from February 1, 2019. Upon completion of his orientation, Rev. Higa will be assigned to the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii Headquarters as of March 1, 2019, and on May 1, 2019, he will be assigned to Kona Hongwanji Mission as its resident minister.

Reverend David Fujimoto, the resident minister of Mililani Hongwanji Mission, is relieved from his responsibilities with the Kapolei Buddhist Sangha as of January 15, 2019. He started with the Kapolei Buddhist Sangha on April 1, 2016.

Reverend Bert Sumikawa, a Retired Minister of Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii, was appointed to in-charge of the Kapolei Buddhist Sangha as of January 16, 2019.

CONGRATULATIONS. Reverend Joshin Kamuro and family, Associate Minister of Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin, has received approval from USCIS to become a lawful permanent resident of the United States.

CONDOLENCE. Mr. Bertram Kokichi Nishimura, a member of Waianae Hongwanji Mission, passed away on November 17, 2018. Mr. Nishimura served as the President of Waianae Hongwanji Mission from 2008 to 2016. The Ingo (Posthumous Title) of I-TOKU-IN which means “Majestic Virtue” in recognition of his life of nembutsu was conferred by Bishop Eric Matsumoto on December 23, 2018.

JIKOEN HONGWANJI MISSION NEW WEBSITE.

Jikoен Hongwanji Mission recently created a new website.

Please visit the site at <https://jikoенhongwanji.org/>

COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL CONCERNS.

The Interfaith Alliance Hawaii (TIAH). A donation of \$2,000 was made to TIAH on January 10, 2019. The HHMH is an active participant of TIAH. “The Interfaith Alliance Hawaii (TIAH) is a progressive voice promoting the healing role of religion in public life. We encourage dialogue, challenge extremism, and facilitate nonviolent community activism.” (TIAH Website).



Donation presentation by Bishop Eric Matsumoto to Cecilia Fordham, TIAH President, along with Reverend Irene Matsumoto representing TIAH. Representing the HHMH is Dean Sakamoto (CSC) and Reverend Kazunori Takahashi, (Executive Assistant to the Bishop).

The Hawaii Technical Institute (HTI). A donation of \$5,000 was made to HTI on January 18, 2019. HTI is a non-profit vocational training institution licensed by the State of Hawaii, Dept. of Education. The donation supports HTI programs for students from minority disadvantaged sectors of the community as well as from Corrections with training to become productive citizens in Hawaii.



Donation presentation by Bishop Eric Matsumoto to Naomi Digitaki, HTI President. Also in the photo is Rodney Moriyama, Chairman of HTI Board of Directors, who is also a member of the HHMH.

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Aiea Hongwanji Buddhist Temple Presents



Music Workshop

Buddhism in Contemporary Music

Sunday, March 24, 10:30am-12pm
Lunch to follow

Guest Lecturer
Rev. Satoshi
"Ka'imipono"
Tomioka
(Puna Hongwanji Buddhist Temple)



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Registration \$10
R.S.V.P. by Mar. 15, 2019



Pictures from Aiea's New Year's Day Service



PACIFIC BUDDHIST ACADEMY

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13th ANNUAL TAIKO FESTIVAL
TOGETHER

Taiko Festival! The nation's premier high school taiko program will take the stage with a showcase of student, faculty and guest talent on Sunday, April 7, at 4 p.m. at the Pearl City Cultural Center. The theme of Pacific Buddhist Academy's 13th annual Taiko Festival is **Together**. Guest performers include Chad O. from Hongwanji Mission School, PBA's neighbor across the Pali Highway.

Tickets for the festival are \$25 for general admission and \$20 for senior citizens and students. They may be purchased in person at PBA's Weinberg Building at 1754 Lusitana Street, online at www.pacificbuddhistacademy.org/pbas-13th-annual-taiko-festival, or by returning forms sent in recent mailings to PBA's Advancement Office. For information about sponsorship opportunities, please call Rüdiger (Rudy) Rückmann at 532-2649, ext. 412, or 321-0372.

The above information can be found in the PBA's emailed bi-weekly newsletter: *What's New at PBA*.

Note from JIKO; Chad is also a member of the Aiea Jr YBA and the Dharma School.

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THURSDAY



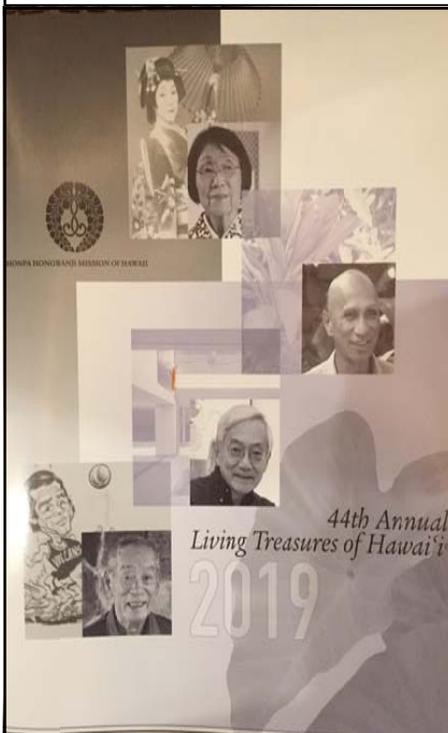
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TOBE! UTA SANSHIN IN NY
Preview Performance

Hawaii Okinawa Center
7:00 – 9:00 PM

Please join us for a special Preview as we bring the DC and NYC performances to you. Be a part of this momentous event, and enjoy an evening filled with live Okinawan koten/minyo music and dance! Thank you for your support!

Tickets are available for \$30.
For information or tickets contact Melissa at (808) 497-3037
or by email at uyeuntenm@gmail.com



Major Yearly Memorial Service Schedule

For The Year 2019

2018-1st year

2017-3rd year*

2013-7th year

2007-13th year

2003-17th year

1995-25th year

1987-33rd year

1970-50th 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.

March 2019

Colin Morikawa	1st
Shizuo Douglas Kaya	7th
Nancy Mei-Lih Snyder	7th
Kenji Kinji Tokuno	7th
Tomoo "Ted" Miyamoto	13th
Mildred Michie Ouchi	17th
Kumi Okamura	25th
Yasuo Sakima	33rd
Richard Masayuki Yoshimasu	33rd

April 2019

Gladys Seiko Minami	1st
Hanako Tateishi	3rd
Grace Hiromoto Uradomo	7th
Howard Kiyoumi Ushijima	7th
Kenneth Akinori Miyamoto	13th
Minoru Tateishi	13th
Matsuyo Yamanaka	33rd

*Aiea Hongwanji Mission extends its
Deepest Sympathy to the families of
the Late Kerry Iwao Okamura
and Mitsuyo Uyeunten.*

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 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 office at 487-2626 if you are interested in becoming a Project Dana volunteer of Aiea Hongwanji. Orientation and training will be provided to the volunteers.



Aiea BWA News

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Dana Day fund at the Feb. 10 Dana Day Service. In the spirit of Selfless Giving, the BWA is working on a Dana project for the Lotus Adult Day Care Center. We made Dana Day cards for all the seniors and put together festive gift bags.

We are looking forward to the visit of the Soba Chef on Thursday March 7. This is the activity that was scheduled last year but had to be cancelled due to unexpected bad weather in Japan. Thank you to Ito Kurasaki for his work to prepare for this event.

A major undertaking in the month of March is the quarterly Temple Beautification Day on

Sunday March 17, beginning at 8:00 am. Please come and bring your families to learn and to help. The work is not too hard and refreshments and lunch will be provided.

Mark your calendar on April 28, 2019 for the Eshinni and Kakushinni Day Service. This service is to honor the women in the life of Shinran Shonen who were instrumental in ensuring the continuation of his teachings. After the service, there will be a Church Bazaar where we will be selling "homemade" food items and desserts, a selection of craft items, and the ever-popular Trash and Treasures. Bring your family and friends.

With gassho, Janice Ito



Senior YBA News

On February 15th, our Senior YBA Installation Banquet was held at Pearl Country Club Grille Room. Our members brought delicious pupu. Lynn, Thelma, and Gwen each gave table favors. Dinner was so ono with main dishes like prime rib, mochiko chicken and steamed fish with ginger shoyu sauce.

Rev. Kawaji installed our 2019 Officers and Auditors:

President	George Zakahi	Vice President	Roy Matsumoto
Recording Secretary	Lynn Onaka	Corresponding Secretary	Thelma Kawaguchi
Treasurer	Larry Onaka	Assistant Treasurer	Elaine Kutaka
Auditors	Keith Fukuda and Gayle Matsumoto		

As usual our Senior YBA games were entertaining and there was a lot of laughter. Yes, we played our favorite games... Man, Wolf, and Gun as well as Jan Ken Po, dice games and card games. This year, the ladies were da winnahs! Everyone went home a winner with a bag full of goodies. Mahalo to the Onakas and Matsumotos for assisting with the prize shopping.

Roy and Gayle sponsored a lucky number game and there were 10 lucky recipients of their prizes. Of the 10, 3 received a bonus gift! Lynn sponsored a guessing game and awarded prizes to the winners, too. We all had fun and it was a memorable night.

Don't forget, our next meeting is March 11th (Monday). We will meet in the office. Our meeting starts at 7:30 p.m. See you there!

In Gassho, *George Zakahi*



Correction to information printed in the February issue of the Aiea JIKO. Mr. Shingo Higuchi passed away on December 24, not December 31, 2018. The memorial service will be at 1 pm on March 16 at Nuuanu Memorial Park & Mortuary – East Chapel with a reception to follow at 2 pm.

Aloha Members and Friends

BON DANCE PRACTICE—The Eisa Okinawan Dance group is holding bon dance practice open to the public on Friday nights (until the end of May) in the Aiea Hongwanji hall from 6 to 8:30pm. Some Fridays may be pre-empted by other hall activities (April 12 and May 17)

Check the website calendar (aieahongwanji.org/calendar.html) for events coming up.

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.

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Catholic Charities Hawaii. A donation designated for Hawaii Island Kilauea Disaster Relief of \$4,000 was made to Catholic Charities Hawaii on January 21, 2019.



Donation presentation by Dean Sakamoto to Mary Saunders, Catholic Charities Hawaii, Vice President-Philanthropy, Tina Andrade, VP Mission Integration (L), and Rebecca Yonamine, Neighbor Island Community Administrator (R).

BWA NEWS. Last year, BWA members across the state spearheaded fundraising efforts for the establishment of an endowment for an Eshin-ni – Kakushin-ni Endowed Chair at the Institute for Buddhist Studies in Berkeley. Due to their efforts and the generosity of temple members and organizations, we exceeded our fundraising goal of \$11,000 with an amazing total of \$14,631! Mahalo to everyone for their hard work and generosity in this worthwhile effort.

On behalf of the Hawaii Federation of BWA, I'd like to express our deep gratitude to Ruth Tokumi for her outstanding work as Federation historian over the past two years. In recent comments, Ruth shared some of her experiences as a historian for various Hongwanji organizations and the impact that it has had on her life.

“Being a historian for BWA has been a growing journey as I learned more about the organization (federation, districts, units), my temple, and myself. The friendship, fellowship, and fun I have enjoyed with my BWA ohana and temple sangha has enriched my life.

The journey started in 1998 when I was approached to be historian for Upasika Society before their 50th anniversary. In 2002 when Hawaii Betsuin Fujinkai merged with Upasika Society and renamed Hawaii Betsuin BWA, I became their first historian in 2003. It has continued to be a growing and gratifying experience for me. It became more exciting in 2010 when Paul Nitta of

Moiliili Hongwanji posted Hawaii Betsuin BWA's photos, collages, and videos on the HFBWA website which Tamayo Matsumoto started a few years earlier.”

Mahalo for your years of creativity and dedication, Ruth!

This year we are excited to welcome our first male members! At their January meeting, Hawaii Betsuin BWA introduced new members Rudiger Ruckmann and Dr. Benjamin Bruch, both staff members of PBA. In Maui, longtime BWA supporter Brian Hashiro joined the Kahului Unit.

PROPAGATION PROGRAM GRANT.

Dear family of the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii, Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii “Propagation Program Grant Committee” would like announce to all of you that “Propagation Program Grant” is available to all of you for “New and wonderful ideas for propagating Nembutsu teachings into our community.”

Application form is available at your temple office or at Hongwanji HQs. Project must be completed within a year once your endeavor is selected by the committee.

Would you like to share your wonderful and creative Dharma projects with all our community? If so, take action right away! We all are looking forward to seeing your innovative ideas!

Committee reviews all grants applications, which meet the following criteria:

- Emphasis on new, innovative, creative ideas or activities focusing on Buddhist Education and the propagation of the Dharma.
- Each project may be founded only once within a 5 year period.
- The maximum amount of the grant must be not exceed \$10,000.00
- The project has statewide implications/potential.

check with your resident minister or HQs for more information/application regarding this program.

In Gassho,
Rev. Shinkai Murakami
Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii Propagation Program Grant Committee

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.

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



THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATIONS

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 December 31, 2018. Donations recorded after this date will be published in another month's newsletter.

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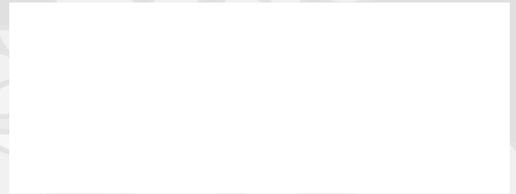
Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Eshinni and Kakushinni Endowed Chair fund drive through the Aiea Hongwanji BWA. Our group collected \$2,100.00, a truly generous amount xoxoxoxox —thanks to YOU!

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

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PRESENTS

“VOICES THAT TOUCH US”

SPRING SEMINAR

SATURDAY, MARCH 16
10:00 AM – 1:00 PM
Wahiawa Hongwanji
Cost: \$10 (lunch)

Please make checks payable to
Oahu Hongwanji Council

RSVP March 4:

PH: (808) 622-4320



Edna Saifuku &
Sandra Saifuku Chang

Reflections from: A Resilient
Spirit: The Voices of Hawaii's
Internees

They will share their father/
grandfather, Sam Nishimura's,
experiences during his time in
Honouliuli.

Leslie Ann Hayashi

Author of Aloha 'Oe

Reflection on the beautiful
song written by Queen
Liliuokalani that continues to
be sung around the world.



Aiea Hongwanji Mission
Buddhist Women's Association
Invitation to Join

The Aiea Hongwanji BWA (formerly known as Fujinkai) is seeking new members. There is no age requirement or age limit. All are welcome. We meet on Thursday mornings to work on crafts and projects and on Sundays in the kitchen.

Some of the things that we do:

- Prepare flower arrangements for the columbarium and altar every week
- Provide service to the temple, guests and community
- Prepare refreshments to serve after Sunday services
- Provide lunch for the Hosha gang* on Sundays
- Raise funds to support temple activities, especially for our youth
- Organize Craft Fair/Church Bazaar twice a year
- Visit homebound temple members with Rev. Yagi
- See new things on field trips
- Have fun at the Year End Luncheon

Come! Enjoy friendship and camaraderie. Learn skills such as:

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| Paper crafting | Sharing Old and New Favorite Recipes |
| Toothbrush rug making | Sharing Wisdom and Traditions |
| Sewing crafty items | Crafting and Cooking Techniques |
| | and more |

Annual membership fee for the Aiea BWA is only \$10.00

Attendance at meetings is encouraged but not required. You may participate at any level that is appropriate for you. We would be glad to welcome you as a member. If membership is possible for you, please complete the registration form on the back of this page and send in along with your dues of \$10 for 2019 (check payable to Aiea Hongwanji BWA).

Thank You!

*Hosha gang refers to the volunteers who work to maintain/improve the temple buildings and grounds.

AIEA HONGWANJI MISSION

BUDDHIST WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

99-186 Puakala Street

Aiea, HI 96701

Phone: (808) 487-2626

email: aieajiko@gmail.com

MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION

(Please Print)

Name:

Year of Birth *

Address:

City:

Zip Code:

E-Mail:

Phone Numbers:

Home:

Cell:

Okay to Text:

Yes

No

Emergency Contact:

Name:

Phone Number:

E-Mail:

* This will assist in correctly identifying members to be honored the year of their 80th birthday (Keirosha).