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

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.

Remembering the dead is a major religious activity. For the past 2562 years, Buddhist have been remembering the historical Buddha's Birth, Enlightenment and Death. For our founder, Shinran Shonin, we observe these services in January for his death, and in May to honor his birth.

"Eitaikyo, Sangha Memorial Service" is observed every November for all of our Members who have passed before us. Eitaikyo is a contraction of a longer word that means "perpetual (eitai) chanting (doku) of sutras (kyo)." The act of chanting connects us to all those who came before and all those who will follow as we chant these same sutras. We flow together in time and in the ritual of chanting, we become one with them. In this way, we endure and are perpetuated, freed from our individual lives.

On a personal level, we also remember all our loved ones; relatives and ancestors in a ritual form called 法事 *Hoji* (dharma affair) in Japanese. This is a private memorial service held in memory of a deceased family member. At Aiea Hongwanji, it consists of a 30 minute service and Dharma talk usually followed by the family going out for a meal together.

In Hawaii, the Jodo Shinshu tradition "hoji" is observed on the 7th day after death, the 49th day after death, 100 days after death, 1st Year, 3rd Year, 7th Year, 13th Year, 17th Year, 25th Year, 33rd Year, 50th Year, and 100th Year.

Japanese Buddhist tradition counts from "1" instead of "0". That is to say, the day of death called 命日 *meinichi* is "one"; the next year is the 1st Year memorial, but by count is two, so that the following year is the third cycle memorial. In other words, the 3rd Year memorial is in the second year by regular count, the 7th Year is in the 6th year by regular count and so on.

A memorial service is an occasion for the extended family and sometimes invited close friends of the deceased to gather together followed by sharing a meal in honor of a loved one's memory. This ritual is done over a period of 99 years — in other words observing a person's lifetime.

Throughout a practicing Buddhist's life, one observes death days as one observes birthdays. The death of one thing gives rise to a new thing, and the birth of one thing begins its journey to death. In a family, it is an endless and interconnected chain of birth-death, moment by moment, second by second. We are the sum total of our past connections in every succeeding moment, from beginningless past to endless future. Why wouldn't you have a 100th Year memorial service if you could?

In some Buddhist traditions, memorial services are performed to accrue merit for deceased loved ones and bring about a favorable rebirth, but Shinran Shonin had a different view. He taught that the question of liberation is truly settled for Shin Buddhist followers, and that they realize great, complete nirvana at the end of this life. There is nothing that family and friends need to do to bring about this result. There-



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fore, Memorial Service and Eitaikyo is an opportunity for the living to express reverence for the life and actions of those who have died and to make donations for the continuing cultivation of the Dharma.

Namo Amida Butsu Rev. Shawn K Yagi

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hi everyone,

I hope you are in good spirits! Last month I wrote about the World Buddhist Women's Convention in San Francisco. This month, I would like to share our experience at the State Lay Association Convention in Hilo. The conference took place on September 13-15, 2019 and was hosted by the Hawaii Island Honpa Hongwanji Lay Associations. The theme of the conference was "Embrace Change-Strive to Survive and Thrive". Members representing Aiea included Claire, Russell, Susan and myself. Needless to say, we all really enjoyed the weekend.



We arrived on Friday and checked into the Hilo Hawaiian Hotel. Friday evening was a social event with an opening service at the Hilo Hongwanji Temple and dinner at the Hilo Hongwanji Social Hall. Puna Hongwanji members cooked a Filipino food menu for us and it was delicious. Our guest speaker after dinner was Akiiko Matsuda, who runs a Buddhist Bed and Breakfast in Honomu. Aiko shared her thoughts about life. She often chants sutras at 5 or 6 in the morning with a few others. The meaning of the sutras is still unfamiliar to her, but she sits and chants as a "way of life".

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EVENTS OF NOVEMBER 2019

3	Sun	9:00am	Service and Dharma School
4	Mon	7:30pm	Aiea Sr. YBA Meeting in AHM Office
7	Thur	9:00am	Aiea BWA meeting
10	Sun	9am-2pm	Nembutsu Gathering
11	Mon		Veterans Day HOLIDAY (Preschool/Lotus closed)
14-15	Thur-Fri		State Ministers' Continuing Education Seminar
17	Sun	9:00am	Service and Dharma School
		6:00pm	Pot Luck Dinner@AHM-Guest Speaker, Dr. Kenji Akahoshi
19	Tue	7:00pm	Aiea Hongwanji Mission Board of Directors' Meeting
21	Thurs	12:30pm	FBI Presentation on Safety
24	Sun	9:00am	Sangha Memorial Service (Eitaikyo)
28	Thur		Thanksgiving HOLIDAY (Preschool/Lotus closed)
29	Fri		Hawaii Kyodan Family day (Preschool closed)

HIGHLIGHTS OF DECEMBER 2019

1	Sun		Hawaii Buddhist Council Bodhi Day Service/No Service at Aiea
5	Thur	9:00am	Aiea BWA Year End Luncheon
6	Fri		Sanmu and Sanmu-Kanji Meetings
		6:00pm	Movie Night at AHM
7	Sat		Honpa Hongwanji Hawai'i Board of Directors' Meeting
8	Sun	9:00am	Aiea Bodhi Day (Buddha's Enlightenment) Service
15	Sun	8:00am	Quarterly Temple Beautification Day/ No service
16	Mon	7:00pm	O'ahu Hongwanji Council meeting at Aiea
17	Tue	7:00pm	Aiea Hongwanji Mission Board of Directors' Meeting
20	Fri		Last Day of Preschool
22	Sun	9:00am	Service and Dharma School
25	Wed		Christmas Day HOLIDAY (Preschool/Lotus closed)
28	Sat	8am-11am	Mochitsuki (Annual Rice Cake Pounding)
31	Tue	5:00pm	New Year's Eve Service

If you are homebound, in a care home or in the hospital, and would like me to visit, please call me, Reverend Yagi at 488-5685 to make arrangements.

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Saturday was an interesting day. Our Big Island hosts thought it would be a good idea for us to visit several temples along the Hamakua Coast to see how they were surviving and thriving. There were many Buddhist temple along the Hamakua Coast when the sugar industry was thriving. Now, with sugar plantations closed and no unifying industry, many smaller temples have dwindling membership. We stopped at the Papaikou, Paauilo and Kamuela temples. At each stop, we met members from the local temples. We listened to various presentations as ideas were shared with the groups. Windward Buddhist temple from Oahu gave an excellent presentation on ways that they were changing. They are “rebranding” their temple (from Kailua Hongwanji to Windward Buddhist Temple) , having an active social media presence with an up to date website, Facebook and Instagram presence. Small temples such as Paauilo and Kamuela are also “striving to survive and thrive” as their membership changes.

We passed by Honohina Hongwanji, probably the smallest Jodo Shinshu temple in Hawaii. Our bus driver was nice enough to take a short detour into Papaaloa (my home town) so we could drive by Papaaloa Hongwanji. We ended our tour with lunch at Kamuela Hongwanji. We had “nagashi-somen”-catching and eating cold somen from cool running water. Fun!

After lunch we were bused back to Hilo Hongwanji for an afternoon business session and a discussion on temple insurance. We had a delicious dinner in the Sangha Hall at Hilo Hongwanji. Our after-dinner entertainment was a “Poetry Slam” led by a local entertainer, Bubb Pratt. Have you ever been to a poetry slam? It is a friendly competition where people get up on stage and recite poetry they have written (some read poetry familiar or especially meaningful to them). I thought that no one would want to participate. I was wrong. Not only did people participate, but it was a lot of fun! On Sunday, we had morning service and breakfast at Puna Hongwanji. What a beautiful facility!

Helen Shirota-Benevides, State Lay Association President encouraged us to work together. Helen shared this thought: Did you know that a flock of geese can fly over seventy percent farther than one goose alone? They fly in a “V” formation so that as each bird flaps its wings, it creates an uplift for the bird following. When the lead bird gets tired of flying without the benefit of updraft, it rotates back into the formation to allow another to take its place. . . they work as a team. Just think how our temples would be like if we all worked together. Thank you, Big Island temples for being great hosts and planning a great convention!

Be your own light! Warren Tamamoto

Mettabhavana Meditation

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

Namo Amida Butsu.

AIEA HONGWANJI HALL WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Sunday	Dharma Service (temple)	9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
Sunday & Thursday	Hosha Work Days	8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
Monday - 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.
Wednesday 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.

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BISHOP'S CORNER

Bishop Eric Matsumoto

A humble reflection in our 130th anniversary year in Hawaii

In the last quarter of our 130th Anniversary year in Hawaii, I cannot help by express my gratitude and appreciation to all our

predecessors who started and supported (what would eventually become) the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii from its birth in 1889 and its growth and expansion in the ensuing years. The impact of Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii especially through its temples in so many local communities across Hawaii including the contributions by its affiliated organizations like the Buddhist Women's Associations (just to name one) and Hongwanji's schools should not be underestimated. As members of Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii, let us be proud and also gratefully acknowledge the contributions and dedication of so many countless people, within and without of our organization, who have helped us throughout our history. Truly, we, of the present, are indebted to them and there is no way that we can name and thank each person individually, but they should not be forgotten.

For myself, in preparation for our 130th year in Hawaii, more specifically for the Calendar Committee's creating the Hawaii Kyodan Calendar for 2019, I became more conscious and aware of the tremendous role played by, for example, Saiji Kimura, a successful businessman in Hawaii. If you read our history, you will come to know that he was a staunch dedicated lay supporter who helped Rev. Soryu Kagahi both in Hilo and Honolulu. He stands out among many of our dedicated leaders and supporters. I recently found out that there is a huge monument built in his honor at the Moiliili Community Cemetery in Honolulu. Saiji Kimura, eventually, returned to Japan (d. 1913), but he left

an enduring legacy here in Hawaii which continues to make a difference even today.

Another person who has impacted not only, we who live in Hawaii, but also people almost half way around the world, is Mary Elizabeth Mikahala Robinson Foster (1844-1930). In far off, India and Sri Lanka she is fondly remembered to this day with stone monuments praising her and even a hospital and a street named in her honor. Did you know that the lady who loved India mentioned in the song "Beautiful Kahana" is none other than Mary Foster? Some have referred to her as the second Visakha. Visakha was a wealthy lay woman who sincerely took refuge in the Three Treasures and most generously supported the Sangha during Sakyamuni Buddha's time. Back here in Hawaii, Mary Foster of Foster Botanical Garden fame ardently supported Bishop Yemyo Imamura and generously, financially and morally, contributed to the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii especially to what would eventually become the 1727 Pali Highway campus. Thus, in appreciation of her support, on December 15, 2019 there will be a special service of remembrance and appreciation in her honor at Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin at 10AM. The Remembrance, which is open to the Public and other temples, is being planned by Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii Office of the Bishop, Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin Buddhist Temple, and the recently formed Maha Bodhi Society of Hawaii.

Truly, it is because of the support of the countless members whose names we cannot all mention and those individuals whose efforts have been recorded that we owe our existence. I am sure each temple has people like Saiji Kimura and Mary Foster and so many others to whom we are indebted. Let us respond in gratitude to Amida Buddha and all those who have helped us! In the remaining months of 2019, especially with Eitaikyo upon us, let us take this time to remember everyone with our deepest gratitude and inspired by our predecessors make efforts to leave both a spiritual gift of sharing our joy and appreciation for the Nembutsu Teachings and

temple with others in the form of a “Legacy Letter” and a financial legacy by creating an endowment or making a Planned Giving gift, so our temples of Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii can continue to share the Dharma with others. In the words of Shinran Shonin, “I praise Amida’s wisdom and virtue so that beings with mature conditions throughout the ten quarters may hear. Let those who have realized shinjin constantly respond in gratitude to the Buddha’s benevolence.” Thank you and Namu Amida Butsu.

OUR PLEDGE

Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii announced and shared the Hawaii Version of His Eminence Gomonshu Kojun Ohtani’s “Watashitachi no Chikai” or “Our Pledge.”

On the first day of the Commemoration on the Accession of the Jodo Shinshu Tradition, he delivered a message entitled “A Way of Living as a Nembutsu Follower,” expressing how we should live in the real world as one who encounters the great wisdom and compassion of Amida Tathagata. With the hope of presenting it in a more familiar and understandable way, he has summarized the essence of the message into the following four verses of “Our Pledge.” Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii prepared the Hawaii Version as each overseas district is requested to translate “Our Pledge.”

Our Pledge

Reaching out to others,

I will share a smile and gentle words.

Just like the Buddha, who always calls out with Aloha.

Breaking away from my greed, anger and ignorance,

I will try to live in peace and harmony.

Just like the Buddha, who shares tranquility and kindness with all.

Moving forward from self-centeredness,

I will share a life of joy and sorrow with others.

Just like the Buddha, whose caring heart always embraces us.

Realizing that I live because of others,

I will strive to live life to the fullest with an attitude of gratitude.

Just like the Buddha, who promises to embrace us all.

CONDOLENCES

Mr. Gordon C. Cockett, a member of Lahaina Honpa Hongwanji Mission, passed away on September 20, 2019. Mr. Cockett served as Temple President and

as board director for many years. The Ingo (Posthumous Title) of JO-GO-IN 浄護院 which means “One who unselfishly dedicated his time and effort to protect the temple” in recognition of his life of nembutsu was conferred by Bishop Eric Matsumoto on October 5, 2019.

Mr. Barry K. Taniguchi, a member of Honpa Hongwanji Hilo Betsuin, passed away on September 20, 2019. He was the former President of Honpa Hongwanji Hilo Betsuin and an Advisor of Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii. He was known throughout the Hawaii Community as a business and community leader and chairman of the board and CEO of KTA Super Stores. He served on numerous business, community and health- and human-services boards and organizations. He was honored as a Living Treasure of Hawaii in 2015. The Hawaii Kyodan Funeral Service was held at Honpa Hongwanji Hilo Betsuin on Friday, October 18, 2019 under the officiation of Bishop Eric Matsumoto. The Ingo (Posthumous Title) of DAI-RI-IN 大利院 which means “One who made manifest great benefit” in recognition of his life of nembutsu was conferred.

MINISTERIAL ASSIGNMENTS

Reverend Joshin Kamuro, an associate minister of Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin, will be assigned to Honpa Hongwanji Hilo Betsuin as its Associate Minister as of November 16, 2019.

Rev. Shingo Furusawa, currently serving as the Headquarters as the Office of Buddhist Education Assistant half-time and the Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin as its Associate Minister half-time, will be relieved from the current duties and assigned to Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin as its full-time Associate Minister as of November 16, 2019.

TOKUDO ORDINATION

Blayne Nakasone Sakata, who is attending the Chuo Bukkyo Gakuin (Central Buddhist Seminary) as a Hawaii Kyodan Scholarship Student, completed the Tokudo Session on September 6-16, 2019 at Nishiyama Betsuin in Kyoto, Japan. At the end of the session, he attended the Tokudo Ordination Ceremony in Hongwanji in Kyoto and became a Jodo Shinshu minister. The following is his comment:

“Before going to Tokudo, I was very nervous because of all the stories I heard from other



Fall Ohigan and Peace day Service (Sep. 29)



Project Dana 30th Anniversary



18th Annual Hawaiian Dinner at Aiea Hongwanji (Oct. 26)
Mahalo for your participation, Kokua and donations.





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ministers commenting how strict and rigorous the training will be for the next ten days without technology. Also I couldn't get the fact that I had to shave my head and detach myself from my phone for a whole ten days. But in the beginning of the program, I was extremely nervous, there were so many things happening and we had to adjust to the strict schedule they had planned. I also couldn't believe that I was finally here thanks to the gracious support of the Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii. But I was the only foreigner in a pool of Japanese and no one spoke any English and I had no dictionary, I was on the deep end of the pool.

As the first few days slowly went by, I realized that I wasn't as nervous as I had anticipated because the time schedule and overall life style was the same as living in the dorms at my school, Chuo Bukkyo Gakuin. For the services and rituals training, I realized, as did my friends that it was things we already knew and things we have



been practicing for months. My friends and I were surprised at how much free/ spare time we had where we sat around in our room practicing for the verbal tests we had but majority of it was us talking and joking around. Since we had so much time, I started to draw to pass time. When it came to the verbal tests, my heart was pounding and my hands were clamming up and you could hear the nervousness in my voice, but I knocked all the tests out within the first two days and after I could really relax. The rest of the days it was a breeze but as the ten days were coming to a slow end, it was hard to believe that all these past years was a culmination to that very movement of me, a local boy from Hawaii with all these Japanese people becoming a Jodo Shinshu minister. For that, I really have to thank my school, Chuo Bukkyo Gakuin as well as Pacific Buddhist Academy and especially to the ministers in Hawaii, the Hongwanji Kyodan, and lay members for creating multitudes of opportunities for me to learn and grow as a Buddhist in preparation for Tokudo."

PEACE DAY EVENTS 2019

Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii Peace Day Committee and Temples throughout Hawaii held various events and celebrated Peace Day 2019.

In 2007, the Hongwanji Jr. YBA first promoted the Peace Day in Hawaii. At the 49th Jr. YBA State Convention held in June of 2006, a resolution to establish Peace Day in the state of Hawaii was passed. The resolution was presented to the State Legislature in the Spring of 2007. In April of 2007, Governor Linda Lingle signed a proclamation designating September 21 as Peace Day in Hawaii. Since then, various events have been held to celebrate Peace Day on each island.

The following events were held this year on Oahu. On September 21st, VegFest was hosted by Honpa Hongwanji Mission, Pacific Buddhist Academy & the Honolulu Hongwanji Council.





Aiea Hongwanji's Volunteers

Frank and Helen Takenouchi are the Project Dana Coordinators and volunteers for Aiea Hongwanji. Project Dana is a program that provides a variety of services to the frail elderly and disabled to ensure their wellbeing, independence and dignity in an environment of their choice. Trained volunteers provide support, guided by the principle of "Dana", which combines selfless giving and compassion without desire for recognition or reward. Project Dana just celebrated its 30th anniversary.

Helen is from Lanai. Frank was born and raised in Aiea. Frank and Helen met at a picnic in Aiea when Frank was home on leave from the Air Force. He was stationed at Johnson Air Base northeast of Tokyo. Frank retired in 1992 from his job at the Pacific Tsunami Warning Center. Helen retired the same year from her job with the Army and Air Force Exchange service in the accounting department. Helen worked for the Pacific Law Group as a receptionist until she retired again at age 69.

Frank and Helen started out with Project Dana at the Aiea site 12 years ago. They decided to volunteer with

Project Dana because they wanted to help people in some way. Project Dana worked out well because most requests for Project Dana assistance were during weekdays when they were free. Project Dana Aiea started with 15 volunteers. However, most of the volunteers were working, so they gradually dropped off. Currently just Frank and Helen coordinate and volunteer with Project Dana. Referrals go to the Project Dana office. The Project Dana office contacts Frank and Helen, who then contact the clients to coordinate the dates and times.

Some of the ways that Frank and Helen have helped people are:

Do grocery shopping for their clients. Clients call with their needs and Frank/Helen go to the market and drop off the goods at the client's residence.

Take the client to doctor's office, supermarket, dentist or hair appointment.

Stay with clients for up to 4-5 hours so the family can go out shopping or have relaxation time (respite time).

Provide transportation to temple services on Sunday.

Help put up grab bars for safety, especially bathroom and showers for clients.

Help clients get wheelchairs, walkers etc. from the Project Dana office.

Frank and Helen are happy to be helping people. Families often want help, but don't know how to ask for help. Also, a lot of clients live by themselves-Frank and Helen are helping to combat helplessness, loneliness and boredom. Frank says, "makes me feel good when I can help people" and Helen agrees. Frank is the longest living person in his family. He helps with Project Dana partly out of gratitude. Helping with Project Dana keeps him (and her) busy and keeps them going. If you are interested in helping with Project Dana Aiea, please call our temple office at 487-2626.



HI-5 RECYCLABLE DONATIONS

- If you would like to be recognized for your donation, please include your name.
- 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.
- 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 participation and continued support.* 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. Thank you for your efforts to keep Hawaii and Aiea Hongwanji GREEN.

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.

November 2019

Harriet Harue Zakahi	1st
Mildred Mutsuko Nomura	3rd
Mitsuo Hara	13th
Todd Etsuo Maeda	13th
Craig Tatsuo Kawano	17th
Yoshihiko Nakagawa	17th
Toshio Nakahara	17th
Hide Nishinaga	25th



December 2019

Mitsuko "Miriam" Nishimoto	3rd
Joe Haruto Taniguchi	3rd
Keiji "Bob" Tokushige	3rd
Wilson Rikuo Nasu	17th
Billie Mitsuno Nozawa	17th
Mitsue Miura	25th
Toshiichi Hayashi	33rd



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.

Just a Friendly Reminder

This month we are reminded of our countless blessing during the Thanksgiving Holiday and Eitaikyo Observance...thus it is in the spirit of gratitude that we begin to send in our **Social Concerns Donations**. Envelopes were inserted into your October JIKO. The fund drive will continue through August 2020. **Please submit your donation checks payable to Aiea Hongwanji.** Your support allows our organization to provide compassionate action during times of disaster and respond to social issues affecting our community.

PROJECT DANA

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

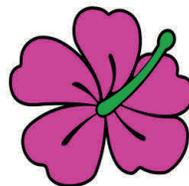
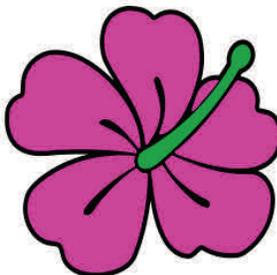
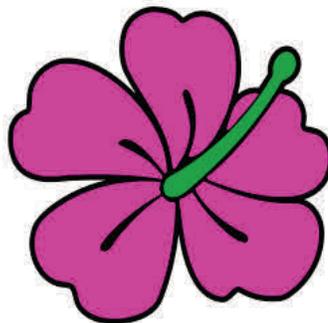
Thank You to All Who Donated to our Annual Luau...

For the Sweet Treats on our Dessert Table:

Ann Tomisato-Rice Krispies and Brownies
Jane Kondo-Lemon Mochi
Pam Tasaki-Guava Cupcakes
Sue Galariada-Cookies, Lavosh, and Banana Muffins
Elaine Kutaka-Rice Krispies Treats
Roy Matsumoto-Box of Star Fruit

For the Onolicious Pupus:

Jan Koyanagi-Sake, and a Variety of Poke Dishes
Claire & Warren Tamamoto-Ahi Sashimi, Poke, Sake & Ume Liqueur
Cindy Nonaka-Salsa & Corn Dips, 2 bags of Chips
Elaine Kutaka-Homemade Dip & Spicy Ahi
Sally Ohira-Bag of Chips
Jane Kondo-Boiled Peanuts
Audrey Marumoto-Wine
Doreen Takata-1 case Bottled Water
Susan Morishige-Umepon Plum Liqueur & Sanma (2)
Earl & Cindy Asato-1 case Coke
Helen Takenouchi-Crab/Cheese Gyoza
Ann Tomisato-Guacomole, Sushi Rice, & Chips
Lauere Sakaida-2 Bags of Chips & Dip
George Kawaguchi-Namako, Tako Poke, Variety of Seafood Poke
Aki Okamoto-Bottle of Crown Royal
Amy Nakagawa-Bitter Melon & Sambaizuke
\$25 Cash Donation-Norma Tamashiro
\$20 Cash Donations-Shigeo Asato, Ben Kaito, and D. Okawa



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.

BWA News

Mahalo to Chef Ito, BWA ladies, family and friends for helping prepare, serve and clean up at our Luau held on October 26. We also want to thank those of you who donated the delicious desserts and pupus! It turned out to be a happy gathering of old friends and new talking story. We appreciate all the generous donations to our "Take Home Treasures".

On November 15 the BWA will charter a bus for our Kyodan members to attend the Pacific Buddhist Academy's "Lighting Our Way" banquet at Wai'aleae Country Club to honor two of our members, Claire and Warren Tamamoto, as Inspirational leaders in our community. We are so proud and happy that they will be recognized for the numerous, unselfish contributions they have made at our temple and the community.

BWA members and the Hoshu Gang will go to Natsunoya Tea House on December 5 from 11am - 2pm for our annual End of Year luncheon. Please sign up by Nov. 15 if you can join us or call 487-2626.

Have a Happy Thanksgiving.

With gassho,
Arlene Sunada

AHM Office Volunteers

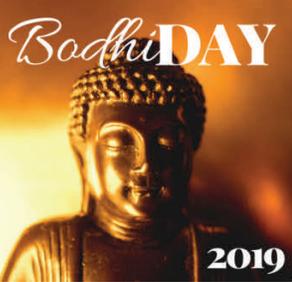
In an effort to keep our office open to the public, we are continuously seeking volunteers. If you are able to assist us in performing light office duties such as answering the phone, taking messages, and filing, please call us at 487-2626.

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Hawaii Buddhist Council
BODHI DAY SERVICE
Date: Dec. 8 (Sun)
Time: 9:30am
Place:
Honpa Hongwanji
Hawaii Betsuin

Speaker: Dr. Manulani Aluli Meyer
(University of Hawaii-West Oahu)

Dr. Manu Aluli Meyer is the fifth daughter of Emma Aluli and Harry Meyer. The ohana lived beside many cousins on the shores of Mokapu and Kailua. The Aluli-Meyer family is dedicated to justice, education, health, law, transformative economics, arts education, aloha aina, food security, philosophy, and Hawaiian music. She will be speaking on the Dharma of sustainability, Hawaiian culture and the radical potential of the kapu aloha, called forth from within the aloha aina movement on Maunakea.



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