

# JIKO-"Wisdom-Light"

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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.

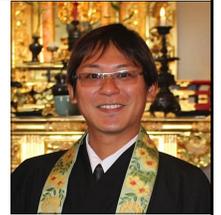
For religious emergencies (Makuragyo or bedside services), please call Rev. Yagi on his cell phone, 364-2825.

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## Minister's Message.

"Although I, too, am within Amida's grasp, passions obstruct my eyes and I cannot see the light. Nevertheless, great compassion is untiring and illumines me always. (Hymn of True Shinjin and the Nembutsu, Shinran Shonin, CWS, P.73)"



The other day, I had two appointments in town. Since there was not enough time to travel to Aiea and back, I decided to stop at a bookstore between appointments. As I walked around bookstore, I stopped at the Manga (Japanese comic) section. I actually love to read Manga or comic books. While browsing the shelves, I came upon a weird title; "Library War". Library War (図書館戦争 Toshokan Sensō) is a Japanese light novel series by Hiro Arikawa. The story was inspired from the Statement on Intellectual Freedom in Libraries of the Japan Library Association. A manga adaptation, titled "Library Wars: Love & War" is drawn by Kiiro Yumi and was serialized in magazine between 2007 and 2014. The first volume was released in North America in June 2010. I would like to share an interesting scene in this Manga. (Sorry, no pictures due to copyright)

"Nooooooooo! Don't listen to that!!"

*Iku* nearly tackled *Komaki* in her panic, while *Doujou*, who was stiff and purple-faced with rage, snatched up the recorder and pressed the stop button.

"What the hell kind of idiot are you!? Why didn't you turn the recorder off!?"

He roared, like an enraged bull. He was just as flustered as she was, in his own way.

"I-I forgot...!"

"Are you a chicken or something!? Does your memory only last for three steps!?"

"I noticed you didn't say anything about it either, sir!"

"How was I supposed to know that my subordinate was a chicken instead of a person!?"

Do you really want people to suspect you have chicken brains!?"

Their battle was halted by a few mortifying words from *Genda*: "You know, you don't have to pretend to fight just because we're here."

--In italic are names.

\*[Translator's note] Apparently, there is a Japanese proverb, "A chicken forgets after taking three steps." Chickens appear to be the "forgetful animal" in Japanese culture--like goldfish in American culture, perhaps? What are other forgetful animals?

Have you ever heard a phrase "A chicken forgets after taking three steps"? I sometimes use when I forgot something; "Oops, I'm just like chicken..." From the name of the old movie stars to the reason why I opened a cabinet in the kitchen, I forget many things. Further, we, the human beings often forget the lessons which we learned from the Dharma message or the words of the Buddha and Shinran Shonin; therefore, we need to keep listening to the Dharma. Shinran Shonin stated in *Kyo Gyo Shin Sho*, "The word hear in the passage from the Larger Sutra means that sentient beings, having heard how the Buddha's Vow arose – its origin and fulfillment – are

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altogether free of doubt.” (CWS p.112) In this statement, Shinran Shonin suggested that humility is needed when listening to the Dharma. Humility helps us to be less egocentric. Shinran Shonin thought that the reason Amida Buddha established the Vow and became the Buddha was for the people who were not able to attain enlightenment by their own efforts. However, although Shinran Shonin taught such teaching, we may not be able to admit our inability to relate Amida Buddha’s story to our lives. Since our knowledge and experiences are limited, we tend to refuse what we cannot understand. Worse, we think we know everything, although we know very little. We do not even know why we become forgetful, why dogs bark, why birds are able to fly. There are many things we do not know. People who think they are wise are called foolish in Jodo Shinshu Buddhism. Honen Shonin, the Master of Shinran Shonin said, “Persons of the Pure Land tradition attain birth in the Pure Land by becoming their foolish selves.” We are educated to be smart. Being smart is better than being foolish. But for listening to the teaching, foolishness is better than smartness. If we think we know less, we will want to learn more. Humble listening is an important attitude to deeply understand Jodo Shinshu teaching. But as we keep listening to the teaching, without noticing it, we can appreciate the teaching that calls us “foolish” or “ego-centric,” and also be grateful to Amida Buddha. We are forgetful, so even though we hear we are foolish many times, we tend to forget it. Therefore, we need to keep listening.

Namo Amida Butsu Rev. Shawn K Yagi

EVENTS OF DECEMBER 2019

1	Sun	9:00am	Aiea Bodhi Day Service (Buddha's Enlightenment)
		11:30am	O'ahu United Jr. YBA Meeting at Aiea
2	Mon	7:30pm	Sr. YBA Meeting in AHM Office
5	Thur		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	9:30am	Hawaii Buddhist Council Bodhi Day Service/No Service at Aiea
15	Sun	8:00am	Quarterly Temple Beautification Day/No service
16	Mon	6:15pm	Lay Association Meeting at Aiea
		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	Family Service and Dharma School
25	Wed		Christmas Day HOLIDAY (Preschool/Lotus closed)
28	Sat	8am-11am	Mochitsuki (Annual Rice Cake Pounding)
29	Sun	9:00am	Family Service & Dharma School
31	Tue	5:00pm	New Year's Eve Service

HIGHLIGHTS OF JANUARY 2020

1	Wed	10:00am	Shusho-e (New Year's Day Service) Preschool resumes
5	Sun	9:00am	Family Service & Dharma School
		11:30am	O'ahu United Jr. YBA Meeting at Mililani
9	Thurs	9:00am	1st BWA Meeting of the Year
12	Sun	9:00am	Family Service & Dharma School
19	Sun	9:00am	Shinran Shonin Memorial Service (Hoonko)
20	Mon		Martin Luther King Day HOLIDAY (Preschool/Lotus closed)
21	Tue	7:00pm	Aiea Hongwanji Mission Board of Directors' Meeting
25	Sat	5:00pm	Aiea Hongwanji New Year's Party (Shinnen Enkai)
26	Sun	9:00am	Family Service & Dharma School

**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.**

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hi everyone,

I hope you are well. It is the end of the year issue (already!) and we might just look back briefly at what has happened in the past year. By this I mean in addition to our usual temple services, memorial services and funerals, Thursday and Sunday activities, monthly board meetings, Honolulu Council meetings, Dharma School and Jr. YBA activities, **Sangha Day** and **Mochitsuki** day.



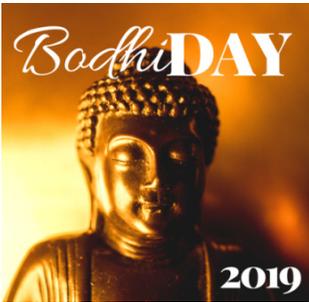
Also, **Hanamatsuri** Service, other special services and the **Legislative Assembly/Living Treasures** luncheon. We also prepared and served all the food at our **Annual Hawaiian Dinner**.

This year we hosted special lectures by **Rev. Satoshi Tomioka** of Puna Hongwanji and **Rev. Kenji Akahoshi** of the Buddhist Temple of San Diego. Both of them had different and interesting perspectives of how Buddhist thinking is part of our everyday lives. We also hosted a session on **Advanced Care Planning** that Rev. Yagi arranged. We also co-hosted a Joint Honolulu and Oahu **Ohana Day and Pool Party** at the Hongwanji Mission School.

The Aiea BWA and friends enjoyed a wonderful **Spring Hokkaido Tour** in May. **Bon Dance** was a success and very well attended even with a change of date to July because of a conflict with University of Hawaii Warrior football at Aloha stadium (Go Bows, 2019 Western Conference WAC champions!).

That's a lot and that's not a complete list. We did it because many people helped and because we are committed to helping our temple thrive. More importantly, we are committed to sharing Buddhist teachings and values with our community. Thank you for your help-in the past and in the future.

*Be your own light – Warren Tamamoto*



Hawaii Buddhist Council  
**BODHI DAY SERVICE**

Date: Dec. 8 (Sun)

Time: 9:30am

Place: Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin

Speaker: Dr. Manulani Aluli Meye

(University of Hawaii-West Oahu)



## **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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Kindergarten:**  
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Care Center:**  
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# Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii

## HEADQUARTERS UPDATE

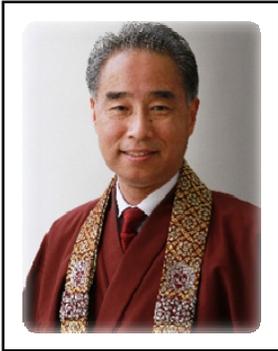
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### BISHOP'S CORNER

Bishop Eric Matsumoto

As we enter the last months of the year, you might be thinking "Where did the year go?" Soon, a new year will be upon us. For the past 5 years, our theme has been "Embrace Change," but though we will be starting a new series beginning in 2020, it does not mean that we should stop being guided by our current theme of embrace change. However, the time has come for the start of a new set of Theme and Slogans. Thus, from 2020-2024, our new theme will be "Building Healthy Sanghas" with a series of slogans for each year. Our Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii, next 5 Year Theme and Slogans are:

- 2020: Building Healthy Sanghas: Embracing Generosity and Openness,
- 2021: Building Healthy Sanghas: Nurturing Empathy and Respect,
- 2022: Building Healthy Sanghas: Connecting with Others,
- 2023: Building Healthy Sanghas: Sharing Joy Together and
- 2024: Building Healthy Sanghas: Sharing Nembutsu Moments.

We will be focusing on the Sangha. A Sangha that is nurtured by the Buddha-Dharma. As a Sangha, the thoughts, words and actions of every individual, ministers and lay, are very important and makes a difference.

In the book, "The Teaching of Buddha" by BDK, it shares about ministers that *"Those who wish to teach the Buddha's teachings...must be concerned about four things: first, they must be concerned about their own behavior; second, they must be*

*concerned about their choice of words when they approach and teach people; third, they must be concerned about their motive for teaching and what they wish to accomplish; and fourth, they must be concerned about great compassion."*

For lay people, it shares *"Lay followers should not only believe in the Three Treasures...by themselves, but also...help others...to awaken...an unshakable faith in the Buddha, the Dharma and the Sangha, so that they, too, may share in Buddha's compassion."*

However, how do we share the Nembutsu Teaching? I recall Rev. Masao Haneda having said, we are "looking at becoming another example of the workings of true compassion." Let us, the Sangha, clergy and lay, jointly together share our awareness, understanding, joy and gratitude of the Buddha-Dharma by becoming that evidence that Amida Buddha's Wisdom and Compassion is indeed true and real and working in this world.

Recently, my eyes rested on a message by Gomonshu in which he said, *"Shinran Shonin is the person who shows us how we can live our lives despite our egocentric tendencies. Although we might not be able to completely eradicate our blind passions, within the embracing light of Amida Buddha (underline is mine) we can live each moment of our lives with true meaning.*

*Rather than simply live day in and day out as if we are just "going through the motions," in the teaching's illuminating light (underline is mine) we can find clarity and meaning in our lives. Not separating ourselves from society; it is important that we live within the priceless interconnections that we have with one another and support each other."* Gomonshu has been emphasizing or focusing on how we live as Nembutsu Followers. Yes, I am imperfect and negative impulses and self-centered thoughts do not disappear until birth

in the Pure Land, but there is also something happening as we live our life, day to day.

I have been emphasizing that the life of a Shin Buddhist is one of responding in gratitude to the Wisdom and Compassion of Namu Amida Butsu by reciting the Nembutsu and trying to live our life guided by the Dharma as it is one of the Ten Benefits we receive in the present life. However, our responding in gratitude is also the workings of Amida Buddha. To be sure, it is I who is responding in gratitude, but further I am also being nurtured by the Light of Amida Buddha. In fact, the source of anything positive or good comes about because of Amida Buddha's Light(s) which is illuminating us. In the Larger Sutra, it says that "*Sentient beings who encounter this light have the three defilements swept away, and they become soft and gentle in body and mind. They dance with joy, and the good mind arises* (underline is mine) *in them. When those suffering pain and travail in the three evil courses see this light, they all find respite and are freed of afflictions. After their lives have ended, they all gain emancipation.*" The key words here are "find respite" and "freed from the afflictions" and the Chinese character for "see" which also has the meaning of to "meet" or "encounter." We are being nurtured and encouraged by Amida Buddha's 12 Lights.

Let us, as individuals, but also, collectively, as the Hongwanji Sangha respond in gratitude! The Sangha must come to life! What is most important is reciting the Nembutsu in awareness, joy and gratitude and trying to live guided by the Dharma. In order to do this, we must know what the Dharma or Teaching is saying. Thus, I humbly ask that you together with other family members and friends come to listen to the Buddha-Dharma which can enrich all of lives. Imperfect as we may be, it is our humble, respectful, warm and harmonious relationships and interactions with people that is one of the crucial elements in the sharing of Jodo Shinshu with others.

Namu Amida Butsu/Entrusting in All-Inclusive Wisdom and All-Embracing Compassion

## CONDOLENCES

**Mrs. Roseline Tsuyuko Yano**, a member of Wahiawa Hongwanji Mission, passed away on September 15, 2019. She served as President of the Wahiawa Hongwanji Sunday School known today as Dharma School. She was involved with Sr. YBA, Jr. YBA and 4-H Club and was a Bon Dance instructor. In 1992, she was elected Wahiawa Hongwanji Kyodan President. She was the first woman to be elected to this office and served for ten years. She was also President of the Wahiawa BWA

and Oahu District BWA.

The Wahiawa Hongwanji Kyodan Funeral Service was held at Mililani Memorial Park & Mortuary on Saturday, November 9, 2019 under the officiation of Bishop Eric Matsumoto. The Ingo (Posthumous Title) of FU-SHOU-IN 普照院 which means "One whose presence illuminated all" in recognition of her life of nembutsu was conferred.

## 2020 LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

The 2020 Legislative Assembly (Giseikai) will be held on February 7 & 8, 2020 at the Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin. The Legislative Assembly Aloha Luncheon & Living Treasures of Hawaii Recognition will be held on February 8, 2020 at the Hilton Hawaiian Village Waikiki Beach Resort. The registration fee is \$105.00 for both delegates and observers, \$85.00 for the luncheon only and \$15.00 for the Rap Session. The Registration form and other documents that need to be submitted to HQ were already mailed to the temples and organization leaders. Please submit all the documents to HQ by the deadline described in the letter. Thank you very much for your cooperation.

## BWA NEWS

### 16th WBWC Panel Speaker – Carol Valentine

Carol Valentine of Lihue Hongwanji was Hawaii's representative on the World Buddhist Women's Convention panel. She spoke on the theme of the Convention, "Live the Nembutsu." Carol gave practical ways that we can live the Nembutsu in our everyday lives. She quoted Dr. Mark Unno when she said, "The real teaching is the living Dharma; small gestures with sincerity, humility, and generosity."



Carol then spoke about four qualities that she considers central to Buddhist practice: Gratitude, Kindness, Compassion, and Interdependence. For each, she gave examples of ways we can manifest them in our lives.

Gratitude – say "thank you" to people, even those who are doing their job. Feel grateful for: your first cup of coffee in the morning, laughter, your family, having a place to live.

Kindness – do the right thing without promise of a

# HALLOWEEN

HAHA...  
HAPPY  
HALLOWEEN



Special Presentation & Potluck Dinner @AAM with Rev. Dr. Kenji Akahoshi.





**Headquarters Update** (Continued from page 5)

reward. Don't gossip. Hold a door open for the person behind you. Use kind and gentle words. Smile.

Compassion – If we can help others, then we should. Listen more than you talk. Let go of control. Make people feel comfortable if they ask for help.

Interdependence – Everything we touch was touched by many other hands before we had the chance to receive it. Silently thank the hundreds of people who make your life possible. Recycle every chance you get; admit when you are wrong; share an umbrella with someone when it is raining.

Thank you, Carol, for representing Hawaii Federation BWA in such a meaningful way.

**Save the Dates!**

**Martin Luther King, Jr. Parade – January 20, 2020**

HHMH Federation of Buddhist Women's Associations will continue their participation in the Martin Luther King, Jr. Parade. Let's have a strong showing this year, demonstrating our Buddhist belief in the equality of all beings. All temple members, Dharma School students, Jr. YBA members, and friends are invited to join us. We hand out origami cranes to those watching the parade, so if you love to fold cranes, please help us out. Give them to your temple BWA president or to Lois Toyama. To protect the planet, please bring your own water bottle. It's lots of fun! Please join us.

**4<sup>th</sup> Annual BWA Tea – February 6, 2020, 4:00 pm – 5:30 pm**

This annual BWA tea is an opportunity for BWA members from around the state to gather in an informal setting, renew old friendships, and cultivate new ones. It's held right before the Giseikai Rap Session in the Ministers' Dining Room so that BWA members attending Giseikai have a chance to mingle and chat with others from around the state. All BWA members are welcome to attend... even if you're not planning to attend Giseikai. There's always good food and good fun!

Thank you to Mr. George Hoshino for his generous floral donations! His beautiful white kiku and ginger flowers were used to adorn to our Nokotsudo. Domo arigatoo!



**MOCHITSUKI  
ANNUAL RICE CAKE  
POUNDING  
DECEMBER 28TH  
SATURDAY  
8AM TO 11AM**



**HI-5 RECYCLABLE DONATIONS**

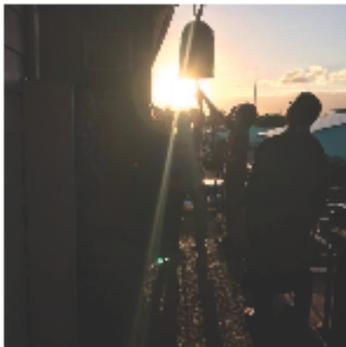
- If you would like to be recognized for your donation, please include your name.
- We are not able to recycle detergent bottles, milk bottles, ensure bottles. We can only recycle Hi-5 items. Please dispose of other items in your own blue bin.
- Please note—plastic drink bottles cannot be redeemed without 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.



Dec 31, 2019 5 p.m.

New Year's Eve

除夜会  
JOYA-E



Joya-e is a Buddhist New Year's Eve Service. The last day of the year is an opportunity to reflect upon the past year in preparation for the coming year.

It is a time to think about the interdependency of all life and to ponder all the causes and conditions that have enabled us to live. At Aiea Hongwanji Buddhist Temple, the Temple Bell will be struck 108 times to remind us of the 108 Bon'nou (blind passions or earthly desires) that permeate our daily lives. Traditional Toshikoshi Soba will served after New Year's Eve service to wish for a long lasting life.

Aiea Hongwanji Misson

# 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.

### 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



### January 2020

Kerry Iwao Okumura	1st
Harriet Shizuyo Watanabe	3rd
Doris Tamie Sumida	3rd
Roy Ishioka	7th
Masao Saiki	13th
Mitsue Marumoto	17th
Grace Hisayo Ishii	17th
Ruth Hifumi Okazaki	17th
Hideo Santoki	25th
Harue Kimoto	25th
Noboru Nakamura	33rd
Tetsuko Hirata	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.

### **An Announcement From Jr. YBA**

From now until the end of February, the United Jr. YBA of Oahu will be hosting their annual Canned Goods Drive. There will be two boxes; one in the temple and one in the office. Please donate any canned goods you may be leftover after the holidays to help benefit those that are less fortunate.

In Gassho,  
 Aiea Jr. YBA

### **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.

### Senior YBA News

Hope everyone had a Happy Thanksgiving!! I know I ate too much turkey!! We all need to stay healthy!

December 2 (Monday) is our last Senior YBA meeting for 2019. Our meeting will start at 7:30 p.m. in the Office. Please attend this important meeting. We will be electing our Senior YBA officers for 2020.

My how time flies! 2019 is ending and before you know it, 2020 will be here. Together let's wish that the New Year will be filled with much joy and happiness!

Our Senior YBA Year End Dinner will be hosted by the Tamamotos on Sunday, December 22. Save the date! Please bring your favorite pot luck kaukau. Dinner starts at 5 p.m.

Beautification Day is on December 15<sup>th</sup> (Sunday). Our Senior YBA service project is cleaning our Temple and columbarium. Please be there by 8:30 a.m.

Our Senior YBA would like to congratulate Warren and Claire Tamamoto. They were both honored at the Lighting Our Way ceremony held at Waialae Country Club. Two outstanding members of Aiea Hongwanji and also members of the Aiea Senior YBA. Thank you, Warren and Claire for all your Dana and for the many good things you do for our Buddhist temple!

Enjoy the holidays everyone! Wishing you all a very happy and healthy 2020!

In Gassho,  
George Zakahi

### BWA News

On Nov 15, BWA and Kyodan members enjoyed dinner at the PBA "Lighting Our Way" banquet honoring Claire and Warren Tamamoto as Inspirational Leaders. Chad Okawa performed a taiko number he had written. BWA chartered a bus to this event at Waialae Country Club.

Congratulations to our new 2020 BWA officers: Pres - Diane Okawa, VP - Mavis Nino, Sec - Claire Tamamoto, Tres - Doreen Takata, Asst Tres. - Elaine Kutaka. They will be installed at our End of Year luncheon on Dec 5 at Natsunoya Tea House in addition to games and prizes. We also treat our Hosha Gang for all the things they do throughout the year fixing and maintaining temple upkeep.

A special thanks to all the BWA ladies and Sunday Hosha groups for providing delicious meals every Sunday, preparing the Jiko for monthly mailouts, preparing flowers for the temple services and maintenance of the kitchen. A special thanks to all the BWA ladies and Sunday Hosha

Please join us at our annual Mochitsuki on Dec 28. We will need lots of help not only pounding and shaping, but doing the prep work. Please call the office 487--2626 to sign up to help.

My heartfelt mahalo to all who have supported our BWA activities throughout the past 6 years of my term as president and VP.

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.

### 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  
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every link In  
Amida Buddha's  
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Love become  
bright and  
strong and may  
we all attain  
Perfect Peace.  
Namo Amida  
Butsu.

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12/19



Aiea Hongwanji's New Year's Party

Shinnen Enkai

Saturday, January 25, 2020

Doors open at 5pm...Dinner at 5:30pm

We have been very grateful for all your donations made in 2019, and look forward to opening the New Year by partaking in many of your delectable desserts and pupu dishes. (Early donations of bottled water and canned drinks may be dropped off on Thursdays and Sundays between 9 and 11am.) **Your continued generosity will be greatly appreciated!**

**Tickets are \$10 for Adults and \$5 for children, ages 7—12 years old. Free for those under the age of 7. Please sign up on the kitchen door or call in your orders at 487-2626 and leave a message.**

**Deadline: Sunday, January 12, 2020**

**Everyone is welcomed!**