



# Makawao Hongwanji Mission

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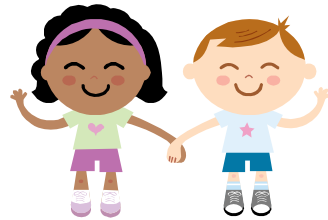
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*November 4th - 9:00 am*  
*Sunday Family Service*  
*Toban: Jr. YBA*



*November 11 - 9:00 am*  
*Sunday Family Service*  
*Toban: BWA*



*November 18 - 9:00 am*  
*Thanks Giving Service*  
*Social Concern Collection*  
*Toban: Dharma School*

*November 25 - 9:00 am*  
*EITAIKYO SERVICE*  
*Speaker: Reverend Shinkai Murakami*  
*Toban: Kyodan*



**MORNING SERVICE:** 8:30 a.m., M/W/TH/F Chanting with  
\_\_\_\_\_ Rev. Kalu. Anyone and everyone invited to join!

## Newsletter article November issue *Buddhism and Politics*



Aloha! It's that time of the year again when the major holidays are fast approaching. With the Halloween festivities over, we now look forward to Thanksgiving Day and the major holidays in December to close out the year 2012. I am still mindful of that doomsday prediction of the world ending on December 21, 2012 according to the Mayan calendar but, I do not believe it will ever happen. There are many articles on the internet debunking that prediction, based on the rereading and reinterpretation of the ancient Mayan writings, that I just look upon it as another one of the many doomsday predictions of the end of the world that have been circulated over the years, by overzealous religious fanatics, all with 100% failure and 0% success rate. I wake up every morning, look around me and nobody seems to be making any kind of preparations for the end of the world 2 months from now. So, it is not something that I'd lose sleep over with.

This month, the whole nation goes to the polls to elect new or reelect old government officials who will be leading the country for the next 4 years or more. I hope the people of this country will choose those leaders wisely, based solely on their abilities or past performance records of serving the needs of their respective communities and the country as a whole, and not biased by race, religion or political affiliation. I am not fond of politics, but I recognize the importance of having good leaders who represent the will and aspirations of all of those who elected them to power, not just a few self serving interest groups. Elected officials are supposed to serve the people, not the other way around. Democracy, not monarchy, fascism or dictatorship.

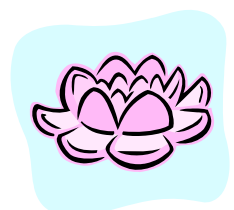
Shakyamuni Buddha, in his time, was no stranger to politics. After all, he was from the warrior caste, a prince who was groomed to succeed his father to the throne of the Shakya kingdom. But he renounced his kingdom to seek for the higher goal of attaining enlightenment, and when Shakyamuni finally became a Buddha, he never resorted to the influence of political power to introduce his teachings nor allowed his teachings to be used for gaining political power. He had become the Buddha and had gone beyond all worldly concerns.

We all know the inherent problem of mixing religion with politics. That is the reason for the existence of the separation of church and state clause in the constitution. The basis of politics is power whereas religion is based on morality, purity and faith. Unfortunately in the past and to some extent even in the present, religion had been used for consolidating political power, to justify wars, conquests, subjugation of culturally less advanced peoples, destruction of works of art, and other religious or cultural icons.

The Buddha Dharma's purpose or aim is not towards creating new political institutions or establishments to solve the problems of society. Rather, the Dharma approaches those problems through reforming the individual members of society and suggesting general principles through which society can be guided towards better harmony, improved welfare of the members of that society and justice for all. No matter which political party may appear ideal, as long as the people in any government system is dominated by greed, hatred and delusion, then peace, happiness and prosperity for the society and nation as a whole, would not be possible. The Buddhist approach to political power is the moralization and the responsible use of public power. The Buddha once said "When the ruler of a country is just and good, the ministers become just and good, when the ministers are just and good, the higher officials become just and good, the rank and file become just and good, when the rank and file are just and good, the people become just and good."

These are words said by the Buddha over 2,000 years ago that are still relevant to modern age politics. We are fortunate to live under a system where we can choose those we think can best serve the needs and address the problems of society, through the election process. Using the Dharma as a guide, we should exercise our right of suffrage and wisely vote to office those who we think can best serve the interest and welfare of all. Namu Amida Butsu.

In Gassho,  
Rev. Sol Kalu



***In Memoriam***

***Makawao Hongwanji Mission extends its deepest sympathy to families that have recently lost a loved one:***

Family of the late **MR. RONALD KEIKI YAMAMOTO** (68) resident of Makawao who passed away on September 25, 2012 at his residence.

***October & November 2012 Memorial Anniversaries***  
***(Please call the temple office to schedule your service—572-7229)***

**1st Year Memorial Service 2011**

November 11 Lily Toshiko Okamoto

**1st Year Memorial Service 2011**

December 31 Dorothy Harue Iwaishi

**3rd Year Memorial Service 2010**

November 29 Haruko Takemoto  
 November 28 Richard T. Yamashiro

**3rd Year Memorial Service 2010**

December - None

**7th Year Memorial Service 2006**

November - None

**7th Year Memorial Service 2006**

December - None

**13th Year Memorial Service 2000**

November 19 Sadao Hamai

**13th Year Memorial Service 2000**

December - None

**17th Year Memorial Service 1996**

November 01 Yao Hedani  
 November 05 Fumiko Kijima

**17th Year Memorial Service 1996Oc**

December 16 Stanley Nishida

**25th Year Memorial Service 1988**

November 10 Ayako Nishimoto

**25th Year Memorial Service 1988**

December - None

**33rd Year Memorial Service 1980**

November - None

**33rd Year Memorial Service 1980**

December 12 Kome Tanizaki  
 December 14 Shigeo Ichikawa

**50th Year Memorial Service 1963**

November - None

**50th Year Memorial Service 1963**

December - None

**EITAIKYO, Perpetual Memorial Service**, is a Japanese Buddhist observance. It is a memorial service to pay tribute to predecessors. This service is dedicated to all those who lived and died as Buddhists in due respect of their contributions to the growth of the local sangha. It is an opportunity to express gratitude to the Buddha, the Dharma, and the Sangha.



**Our Bodhi Tree** The beautiful Bodhi tree that welcomes all of us as we enter Makawao Hongwanji was brought to us from Rev. Okano 5 years ago. It was planted on our front lawn to commemorate our 100th anniversary. Story is that this Bodhi tree came from the Foster Garden on Oahu and is a direct descendant from the actual tree that Shakyamuni Buddha in India sat under at the time of his enlightenment.

Rev. Umitani and his family cared for this tree during their residency at our temple. Presently, Robert is overseeing the health and growth of this wonderful tree.







### FLORENCE YOSHIZU

I was the oldest Sunday School student when I was 18 years old and out of high school. The other students like Lei Shimote Matsumura were in high school. Mrs. Matsui started Sunday School in 1946 after the war, so the teenagers would have a Buddhist place to go to, instead of the Christian churches which were trying to recruit them. We met in the Makawao Japanese School building which is the present church social hall. Japanese school didn't resume till 1948..

My parents belonged to Paia Hongwanji and went to church maybe one time a year. When I was 1st grade, I went to the Chigo ceremony. When I was 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> grade I went to church, but other years I didn't go. Mostly the reverend would come to the house for memorial services or funeral services.

I remember going to Makawao School and Maui High School. I was there in 1936 when the "new" Makawao School was built at the present location. The old one was across the church by the present post office. Of course I went to Japanese School, located where Makawao Hongwanji is now. We would walk to Japanese School after 2:00 pm and often play baseball and softball. In the prewar days, the teacher would line us up in military style to do exercises and then march us into class.

Then when the war came, 1941-1945, Makawao School became a hospital, the Japanese school was closed and became Army headquarters, and Casanova (Club Rodeo) was a USO center. Of course there were no Buddhist religious activities or Japanese activities. My father died in 1943 and the priest came to the house for the funeral. I don't remember how we were able to get a priest to come. My brother, who ran the service station, took care of the Japanese School property during the war.

When I was 10 years old, 5<sup>th</sup> grade, I began to live with my brother. I wanted to learn nursing, but couldn't afford to go to school after high school. I worked at Komoda Store. I wanted to learn more, so I began to go to Sunday School with Mrs. Matsui in 1946. I still have the picture from the 1946 Hanamatsuri. Rev. Matsubayashi from Paia Hongwanji came to the Sunday School and told stories (religious or not), did shibai (acting plays) and sang children's songs. The only one I remember singing is, "When We See the Golden Sun."

Mrs. Matsui went around to get kids to come to Sunday School. Her own children were young and came also. The Reverend would come at 8:00 am to Haliimaile and 9:00 am to Makawao, then go back to Paia Hongwanji. I have a Kamakura-style Buddha that I think Mrs. Matsui gave me from my Sunday School Days.

I got married to Hisao Yoshizu at Paia Hongwanji with Rev. Miura. His family owned the Yoshizu store in Makawao and I worked there and a dental office in between having 4 children. When Rev. Yosemite came to Paia Hongwanji in 1964, my children went to Sunday School. My daughter Jackie won a dictionary for a prize at one activity, and I still use the dictionary.

Around 1969, I remember practicing Bon dances on the concrete foundation of Makawao Hongwanji. We went to the church dedication on Sept. 1, 1971 and there's a picture of my son Duane in his Scout uniform carrying the flag. My children were too old to go to Chigo.

In the early 1970s, the Bishop's Institute was held at Seabury Hall over the summer. Rachael Jio, the Asoka Club president helped, and my daughters and I went to help, too

Around 1964-66, Lei and I took over the Sunday School in Makawao from Mrs. Matsui. Our children were all young, of Sunday School age. But sometimes no other children would come, so we were ready to quit. But we said we couldn't because what if somebody comes. We would assign one child to bring flowers and others to offer incense. I don't think Honpa Hongwanji recognized us as a Sunday School; we didn't get help from them until the 1970s. We didn't know too much religion, but learned more as the years went by. We taught common sense things, daily life things, and worked together to earn money and go on trips.

We went around gathering macadamia nuts and made brittle for fundraiser. I suggested making the brittle because I had a friend who could teach us how to make it. I sent Lei to my friend to learn how to make the brittle. Lei and T (her husband) spent a lot of time making macadamia nut brittle for Sunday School. All the kids and their families had to help out, too.

For many years Lei and I thought of ideas to share with Sunday School, which is now called Dharma School. We did sewing or crafts favors for Valentine's, Hanamatsuri, Girls' and Boys' Day, Fujimatsuri, and Mothers' and Fathers' Day. The nengu purse, Kleenex holder, and scissors holder were some sewing projects we did. Lei would use colorful Japanese calendars for wrapping paper.

I retired from working about 20 years ago and started to go to church to help in the kitchen. Marion Morikawa said she would pick me up, so I went to keep her company. It's good fellowship and becomes a habit to go to church to help. Just staying at home by yourself doesn't do any good.

You have to go somewhere, not just stare at a blank wall. I like to listen to the Reverend and reflect on what I think.

MAKAWAO ("MHM") HONGWANJI KYODAN MEETING  
October 10, 2012

**Call to Order:** 7:00 P.M.

**Present:** Michael Nakagawa, Reverend Kalu, Diane Kosaka, Clyde Hamai, Calvin Higuchi, Sharon Higuchi, Sharon Nagoshi, Andy Hirose, Marilyn Morikawa, Robert Yoshioka and Carol Yamamura.

**Secretary's Minutes:** Approved as circulated. (Motion made by Sharon Nagoshi and second Robert Yoshioka)

**Treasurer's Report:** No report. Short discussion re finances.

**Sensei Report:** He did visitation at Maui Memorial Hospital. Will participate in the Dharma School Teachers conference. He will assist with the naming of the gravesites at Pauwela. Japanese School will resume tomorrow.

**Affiliated Organization Reports:**

**Boy Scouts** – Camporee was well attended and they receive most all of the awards. Working on an outing for the scouts

**Cub Scouts** – No report.

**Dharma School** – Dharma School Teachers Conference this weekend at Wailuku Hongwanji.

**Jr. YBA** – No report.

**Judo** – No report.

**Project Dana** – No report.

**Pre-School** – Lei Naylor is back.

**BWA** – Fall general assembly scheduled on 11/10/12 at Lahaina Hongwanji. George Tanabe guest speaker.

**Committee Reports:**

**Repairs & Maintenance** – Requisition slips will be printed and place in several areas of the church. The lights on the MHM sign to be reinstalled. It was also suggested that the sign be repainted.

**Properties** – . Discussion re rekeying the locks at the temple and preschool.

**Buddhist Education** – No report.

**VP of Activities** – No report.

**Old Business:**

**Sharing is Caring** – Officially closed at the end of this month. Extra monies going back to general fund.

**Haleakala Solar** – My shut off power on Friday for a couple of hours.

**New Business:**

**105<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** – Keirokai gifts are being organized and letter sent out. Details of the program were discussed. Service to begin at 10:00 a.m.

**Nomination Committee** – Marilyn Morikawa in charge.

**Etaikyo Service** – Changed from November 18<sup>th</sup> to the 25<sup>th</sup>.

**Announcements:**

Pieper Toyama will be retiring.

Next meeting: November 14, 2012.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

In Gassho,  
/s/ Carol K. Yamamura



**Refreshment Schedule:**

Nov. 4	Kula	Dec. 2	Pukalani 2
Nov. 11	Makawao	Dec. 9	Pukalani 2
Nov. 18	Paia, Kahului	Dec. 16	Temple Clean Up
Nov. 25	Pukalani 1	Dec. 23	Mochitsuki
		Dec. 30	Haiku, etc.

**Florence's Recipe:**

**Macadamia Nut Pie Crust**

2 cups finely chopped mac nuts  
4 Tbsp melted butter  
4 Tbsp sugar

Melt butter, add sugar & nuts, stirring to combine. Refrigerate for 30 minutes. Bake at 350, 12-15 minutes or until light brown.

Fill shell with softened vanilla ice cream (other ice cream flavors, cheesecake filling, cream filling, chiffon filling). Cover with foil or plastic wrap. Freeze or refrigerate until hardened. Then enjoy!!!

## *President's Message:*

On October 28, 2012, we celebrated our 105th Anniversary here at Makawao Hongwanji Buddhist Temple. I would like to thank everyone present for your sacrifices and hard work. Especially our keirokai members (members 80 years old and older). They were honored for all the years of maintaining our temple and supporting all the activities that kept us going. They have provided us with the strong foundation that we enjoy today.

Let us not forget our members, non-members, ministers, friends, and family, both past and present for their support of our temple. We would not be here if it weren't for them. So to all of you, thank you very much!

Our Garage Sale will be on Saturday, December 1, 2012. We do have a lot of furniture but we could use more household items. So if you have items that you had planned to bring, please do so, Thank You!

The 3rd Friday event for October for Makawao Town was pretty good. We do make money when the weather is nice. It was a little windy and cold for October. But it could have been a lot worse. We charge \$5.00 for parking and we are hoping that word gets around. Besides having a lighted parking area and security, we also guarantee that no one is going to get bitten by an alligator. What was that? There are no alligators in Makawao? Well, it's because we patrol the area for alligators! It's that simple, no need to thank us. Now if for some reason a person gets bitten by an alligator, we refund the \$5.00. They can't lose.

Someone asked me: "What is a Shin Buddhist?" I referred that person to our minister. Religious things that involve deep philosophical thinking is best left to people who know these things. I on the other hand, know that a Shin Buddhist is someone that's between a knee Buddhist and an ankle Buddhist. Kind of makes you wonder what the rest of the congregation is thinking with having a president like me. Doesn't it?

See you next month - -



In Gassho,

*Michael*



**The nembutsu reaches and embraces man, because man lives in karma-bondage and cannot free himself from self-centeredness. Karma is that which makes man what he is and not someone else. This realization of the unique human condition is all important, because the consciousness of karma-bondage most assuredly paves the way to transcending it, the very fact of our intense spiritual suffering is the promise that we can eventually rise above it.**

*D. T. Suzuki*

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**GREAT COMPASSION**

***(The Essence of Shin Buddhism)***



## **Winter Garage Sale Coming Soon— DECEMBER 1, 2012**

Time again to clean out our closets and get ready for the holiday season. The garage next to the Nokotsudo has been cleaned out and ready to receive your wonderful goods for recycling. We are looking forward to another great garage sale with all our loyal supporters and helpers. Also, if you are able to come out and help with the set up on Friday, November, 23, from 2p.m., we do need a lot of manpower.



So see you there! Thank you!



## MAKAWAO HONGWANJI JUDO

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Makawao Hongwanji Judo Team participated in the 53 annual Honpa Hongwanji Judo Federation State Championship Tournament on the weekend of October 6 and 7. The tournament was hosted by the Hawaii Betsuin Judo Academy, and took place at the Imamura Gymnasium on Oahu. We had 18 team members, ranging in age from 7 years old to 35 years old vying for medals.

This tournament is one of, if not the oldest, continuous judo tournament in the United States. The federation consists of nine Hongwanji sponsored clubs from Maui, Oahu, and Hawaii. We are proud to be a member of this fine organization of dedicated people, and we are proud to represent Makawao Hongwanji. This tournament is different from most other judo tournament, in that there is much more tradition and pageantry. The tournament began with a thrilling taiko drum performance. This was followed by speeches from local and church dignitaries and a color guard presented by the Boy Scouts. Each club marched in bearing individual team banners and lined up by team. Then two representative from each club offered Oshoko.

The first day of competition started with two person kata teams, demonstrating traditional kata forms. This was followed by dantai (three person team) competition. Competition is by age and weight and by gender. Brackets start at 7-8 years old, and go all the way up to senior and open categories. After the dantai came the kojiri (individual) brackets, using the same age weight criteria, for the senior and open division. The second day featured novice categories, for contestants 10 and under, with less than six months experience. The remainder of the kojiri brackets then vied for medals.

This was a good opportunity for our kids to be exposed to strong competition. Many of the kids in this tournament are competing nationally and several are current or former state high school champions. Even many of the younger kids have amazing talent and dedication.

The following members of our club placed:

Dantai: Third place, 7-8 year olds: Second place, 7-8 : Brycen Hanada and Brenden Hanada, First place, womens open: Michelle Hanada and Miyuki Patricio.

Kojiri: Second place, female 7-8, Leinaala Patricio, Third place, male 7-8, Brenden Hanada, Second place, male 7-8, Brycen Hanada, Third place, male 9-10, Kekoa Griego, Third place, male 10-12; Chris Sobaje,

First place womens open: Michelle Hanada, First place, womens open: Miyuki Patricio, and: Sean Lin, Secondplace male open.

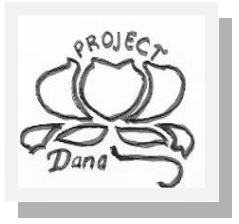
The event ended with an awards banquet, held at the temple social hall. This was a memorable experience for our club members, and clearly a lot was learned by our competitors.

We would like to thank the Makawao Hongwanji for sponsoring our judo club. Next year, Wailuku Hongwanji will be the sponsor club. Hopefully many of you come out to show support for our club. Our turn to host will be in 2015.

Claude Moreau







**“If my body were a car . . . . “**

***If my body were a car, this is the time I would be thinking of trading it in for a newer model. One with a GPS guidance system. I’ve got bumps and dents and scratches in my finish and my paint job is getting a little dull.***

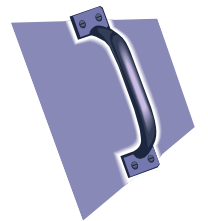
***My headlights are out of focus and it’s especially hard to see things up close. My traction is not as graceful as it once was. I slip and slide and skid and bump into things even in the best of weather.***

***It takes me awhile to reach my maximum speed. My fuel burns inefficiently , and if you mix up the brands, I get dizzy and sputter and choke.***

***But here’s the worst of it...Almost every time I sneeze, cough or sputter, either my radiator leaks or my exhaust backfires!***

### **Steps to Fall Prevention:**

1. Get proper nutrition
2. Have a thorough periodic physical evaluation. Vision & hearing, too.
3. Start a regular exercise program.
4. Review prescribed medication with physician or pharmacist.
5. Improve lighting in your home.
6. Remove clutter, cords, furniture. Clear pathway.
7. Remove loose area rugs, cloths and mats.
8. Install grab bars, toilet safety rails in toilet and bathroom.
9. Organize and keep it simple. Every day devices within reach: phone, dishes, etc.
10. DON'T RUSH! Take you time— Get your balance before rushing off.



## **Identifying Gravestones at Pauwela Cemetery**



Haru, Betsy, Sensei, and Sets were readers; Andy the photographer; Harold the recorder; Allan/Janie, Betty, Mildred, Edwin assisted in cleaning. Some 53 graves are still intact at the Pauwela Cemetery. Harold Makimoto journeys to Haiku from Ulupalakua every three weeks to help us maintain the gravesite. Mr. Kazuo Tamura and, Mr. Masaru Kijima, both deceased, did the maintenance before Harold. Harold recorded the names on a map drawn by Calvin Higuchi. We all enjoyed a bento lunch from Haiku Grocery under one of the trees at the cemetery. Good job, Harold! Andy, thank you for the pictures. We are so appreciative and thankful that the Pauwela Cemetery is cared for.

## November 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 2:45 pm Japanese Sch  7 pm - Judo	2	3
4 9:00 am Family Svc Toban: Jr YBA	5 8:30 am Sr. Program  7 pm - Judo	6	7	8 2:45 pm Japanese Sch  7 pm - Judo	9	10 CLEAN UP MAKAWAO
11 9:00 am Family Svc Toban: BWA	12 2:45 pm Japanese Sch  7 pm - Judo	13	14  7:00 pm KYODAN MTG.	15 2:45 pm Japanese Sch  7 pm - Judo	16	17
18 9:00 am Thanks Giving Svc Social Concern Toban: Dharma School	19 8:30 am Sr. Program 2:45 pm Japanese Sch  7 pm - Judo	20	21	22 Happy Thanksgiving	23	24 CLEAN UP MAKAWAO
25 9:00 am Eitaikyo Svc Rev Murakami Toban: Kyodan	26 8:30 am Sr. Program	27	28	29	30	

## December 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 9:00 am Bodhi Day Svc Toban: Jr YBA	3 8:30 am Sr. Program 2:45 pm Japanese Sch 7 pm - Judo	4	5	6 2:45 pm Japanese Sch	7	8 CLEAN UP TEAM #1
9 9:00 am Family Svc Toban: BWA	10 8:30 am Sr. Program (Preschool Visits) 2:45 pm Japanese Sch 7 pm - Judo	11	12  7:00 PM Budget/ Finance Comm Mtg	13 2:45 pm Japanese Sch  7 pm - Judo	14	15
16 END OF YEAR TEMPLE CLEAN UP	17 8:30 am Sr. Program Outing End of Year  7 pm - Judo	18	19	20  7 pm - Judo	21	22
23 MOCHI TSUKI	24	25	26	27  7 pm - Judo	28	29
30	31 (JOYA-E) NEW YEAR'S EVE SVC					