



Makawao Hongwanji Buddhist Temple

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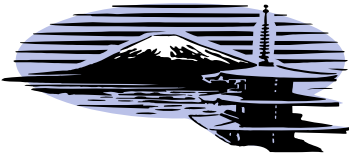
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Sunday - December 2
9:00 am
Bodhi Day Service
Toban: Jr. YBA



Sunday - December 9
9:00 am
Sunday Family Service

Sunday - December 16
7:00 am
General Clean—Up

(Come with gloves, weed eaters, hoe, sickle, elbow grease)
End of the Year Clean-Up to welcome the New Year
Lunch to be served after clean-up
(Clean windows (temple, social hall, kitchen) (Sweep/mop temple, nokotsudo, social hall)



Sunday - December 23
MOCHI TSUKI
8:00 AM

#5 soaked mochi rice, wax paper, katakuri,
“an” if desired,

Monday - December 31
6:00 pm
Joya-E Service
(New Year’s Eve Service)

HAPPY 2013



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

December Newsletter Article 2012

Aloha! It is already December of 2012. It's that time of year again when people get busy in preparation for the coming major holidays at the end of this month. The days too are getting shorter, the nights longer and cooler than usual. I am beginning to feel the lower temperature at night, although not consistently cold yet, and so it's time for me to bring out thicker clothing and extra blankets.

I hope you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday and, for those who braved the crowd, survived Black Friday, that annual big time sales event that happens the day after Thanksgiving Day. It is traditionally regarded as the official start of the holiday shopping season. I have often wondered why it is called 'black friday'. Perhaps because of the influx of shoppers makes for increased sales and profit and so, that puts previously struggling stores out of the 'red' and into the 'black'. It is also a time of traffic jams and noise, a field day for pickpockets and purse snatchers and unfortunately also, increased stress and tension among shoppers lining up to buy goods at bargain prices, leading to fights, injuries and sometimes death, a sad reminder of the blind passions, especially greed and anger, in each and every person that come out when the conditions are present. It is also ridiculous and amusing to see and hear people argue about who gets to buy something that may not really be worth buying after all.

Although Thanksgiving Day is on November, nevertheless, I think its observance couldn't be more perfectly timed. Thanksgiving Day, the coming major holidays and year end is a time of reflection on the events that happened in our lives and expressing gratitude to the many people that we have interacted with through the days and months, people that have contributed towards our happiness and well being, whose caring and friendship enrich our lives and enable us to continue living until the present moment. Reflecting and realizing that our continued existence and well being is dependent upon many causes and conditions, we can discard the false notion that we can do well in life without the help of other people, nature and invisible forces surrounding and nurturing us. I would like to borrow a quotation from an essay written by Emeritus Professor and Shin Buddhism scholar, Dr. Rev. Alfred Bloom. "Gratitude is a universal and human quality. It is not a sentimental attitude but a recognition of our dependence on various people and aspect of Nature and society that support our lives". Jodo Shinshu Buddhism, indeed Buddhism in general, is a religion of gratitude. It is a realization of the oneness of all life and interdependence, without which continued existence would not be possible. Shinran Shonin in his awakening to the Truth, attributed it to the boundless Compassion of Amida Buddha and to all the past masters and his teacher Honen Shonin, whose guidance and inspiration enabled him to realize true and real Shinjin. The gatha "Ondokusan" is Shinran Shonin's expression of deep gratitude for Amida Buddha and the seven patriarchs of Shin Buddhism, from whom he drew the inner strength and determination to come to the full realization of his entrusting mind. And Shinran's teaching that saying the nembutsu, Namu Amida Butsu, in gratitude to the Buddha's benevolence, is again, an affirmation of the importance of gratitude in Jodo Shinshu.

Being that this is the last newsletter for the year 2012, I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to all of you members of the Makawao Hongwanji Mission for your kindness and help in my adjusting to life here in Maui and to my job as the resident minister of this temple. I cannot thank everyone enough for the great comradeship and camaraderie that you have shared with me. Much mahalo to everyone! Thank you for accepting me, for treating me with kindness and consideration, for helping me learn more about life, and for being such a wonderful, supportive Sangha. May you all have a happy and safe holiday season imbued with the spirit of the Nembutsu now and in the coming new year.

来年も宜しく願い申し上げます！



In Gassho,
Rev. Sol Kalu

December 2012 & January 2013 Memorial Anniversaries
(Please call the temple office to schedule your service—572-7229)

1st Year Memorial Service 2011

December 31 Dorothy Harue Iwaishi

3rd Year Memorial Service 2010

December - None

7th Year Memorial Service 2006

December - None

13th Year Memorial Service 2000

December - None

17th Year Memorial Service 1996

December 16 Stanley Nishida

25th Year Memorial Service 1988

December - None

33rd Year Memorial Service 1980

December 12 Kome Tanizaki
 December 14 Shigeo Ichikawa

50th Year Memorial Service 1963

December - None

1st Year Memorial Service 2012

January - None

3rd Year Memorial Service 2011

January 10 Chiyono Ito
 January 16 Allan Iwaishi

7th Year Memorial Service 2007

January 06 Mitsuo Honda
 January 10 James Tatsuo Tanaka
 January 11 Robert "Heko" Taniguchi
 January 15 Sueko Sameshima
 January 17 Clara Masae Hamai
 January 25 Jean Chikuko Shimabara

13th Year Memorial Service 2001

January 15 Shigeo Maeda
 January 15 Shoso J. Takishita
 January 23 Suteko Kitada

17th Year Memorial Service 1997

January 09 Hatsuko Takishita

25th Year Memorial Service 1989

January 28 Harry Wataru Kawaharada
 January 31 Yukio Hayashi

33rd Year Memorial Service 1981

January - None

50th Year Memorial Service 1964

January 11 Kuni Kusumoto

Refreshment Schedule:

Dec. 2	Pukalani 2	Jan. 06	Morning Glories
Dec. 9	Pukalani 2	Jan. 13	Water Lilies
Dec. 16	Temple Clean Up	Jan 20 -	Installation of Officers/ Appreciation Luncheon
Dec. 23	Mochitsuki	Jan. 27	Birds of Paradise
Dec. 30	Haiku, etc.		



Please note that beginning January 2013, the Sunday refreshment groups have been re-named according to flowers. Thank you to all the folks that signed up. These flowers include Morning Glories, Water Lilies, Birds of Paradise, Sweet Peas, American Beauty Roses, Pink Dahlias, Peonies, and Gardenias. A schedule will be issued to all participants. If anyone else would like to be a part of our bouquet, please call the office. We would love to have you. Surely with all the talented cooks, our Sunday refreshments will be enjoyed by all.



OUR CONNECTIONS

NATSUE KAMETANI



My father enjoyed cooking and my mother helped him along. I watched them and I always loved to cook, too. I wanted to go to cooking school, but I couldn't even go to high school. Even now, I love my kitchen and my plants.

Both my parents came from Hiroshima, Japan in the early 1900s. My father worked in Hana doing labor jobs and in the Hana store. Later my parents moved to Kula and farmed. When I was born, they opened a store in Kula. I remember we ordered vegetable seeds, like cabbage, carrots, onions and tomatoes from the catalogues. He must have done okay, I guess.

My sister used to mention "the horse and buggy days" which I don't remember because I was too young. I remember when my father bought a Model T car and later other cars useful for his work, hauling merchandize for the store and small loads of lumber because he did carpentry work, too. I remember a neighbor lady was about to give birth, so my father drove her to Kula Hospital.

When my Mother was helping my father in the fields, she would tell me what to cook for dinner. In those days, there was a butcher shop so my mother would give me the money to buy stew meat (my Father's favorite). It was 10 cents per pound!! I enjoyed cooking. My father was a chef, too; people would call him to cook for weddings and funerals, bringing his own dishes, pots, and pans. Those days, everybody in the community helped out.

I went grocery shopping with my father and followed him in the kitchen and watched. When it was time to clean up, he'd say, "I wash, you dry and put away." I enjoyed that.

My father was also a carpenter so he would call my mother or me to "help me hold this or that." That made me "observe" what he was doing. He taught me how to use a true square rule to make a "square." If the rule isn't square you can't have a true square, even in sewing and crafts, too. .

When I was in grade school, I joined the 4-H Club, Brownies and Girl Scouts. My sisters, brother, and I attended Kealahou School, which was the closest school. In the morning when the school bell rang,(clang clang), we'd run over in time. You don't see those bells around now.

When Pearl Harbor was attacked in 1941, the FBI came to search our house, looking in the big trunk (toronko) and wicker basket, messing everything inside. My father said, "no need to be shame, we neva do anything to cause trouble, just answer what they ask." He was never taken away.

I married Isao Kametani, and we lived in Olinda and later moved to Kula. We had 6 children, 5 daughters and 1 son. We did part-time farming vegetables. I then started to raise parsley for over 30 years. While my children were growing up, I joined the Waiakoa University Extension Club, and I became one of the 4-H leaders. I like to cook and do crafts.

The Kametani family belonged to the Hongwanji by Kealahou School, which was part of Paia Hongwanji. I got involved because I drove my mother-in-law to church and got to meet the members. I used to go to Paia Hongwanji when Rev. Matsubayashi was there and later Makawao Hongwanji when Rev. Yosemori came.

After my husband passed away, my Hospice nurse asked me to do volunteer work and Dr. Cliff Tokumaru got me into Makawao Hongwanji Project Dana. I didn't know whether I could do it, but with their training I slowly started and stayed on. Approaching people was the hardest, depending on their illness. I did Hospice support group at my home once. I still cry quietly with my prayers for them.

I'd cook a pot of soup or something and deliver to them. When I'm homebound, I use my telephone to cheer them. Sometimes, we widows get together and I'd cook our "old fashioned" kau kau to bring back old memories. I enjoy what I am doing.

I began to help at Makawao Hongwanji after my children were grown and after my husband passed away . With Marion Morikawa and Kikue Yamamura, I helped bake cookies for the bazaars. I joined the Asoka Club (BWA) in the 70s and went to state conventions. I made guava chiffon pies with Marion and the other ladies. I just followed and we worked together. My daughters come to help sell the baked goods on bazaar day. My son is a farmer so he donates zucchini and cucumbers.

I go to Makawao Hongwanji because I enjoy listening to the nembutsu and the fellowship with everyone. The church fellowship is terrific.



MAKAWAO ("MHM") HONGWANJI KYODAN MEETING
November 14, 2012

Call to Order: 7:10 P.M.

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

Secretary's Minutes: Approved as circulated. (Motion made by Sharon Nagoshi and second Diane Kosaka)

Treasurer's Report: Oral report given by Clyde Hamai. Short discussion re finances. (Motion made by Sharon Nagoshi and second Marilyn Morikawa)

Sensei Report: Participated in the Dharma School Teachers conference. He will follow up on the naming of the gravesites at Pauwela. He is the new shuji for BWA. He will be on Oahu on Thursday and Friday for continuing legal education.

Affiliated Organization Reports:

Boy Scouts – No report

Cub Scouts – No report.

Dharma School – Dharma School Teachers Conference held.

Jr. YBA – No report.

Judo – No report.

Project Dana – No report.

Pre-School – Meeting held. Lois Nishikawa is the vice president and Bobbie Nakagawa assistant treasurer.

The surround wall around the preschool will be repainted with the aid of Kekaulike basketball team. Motion made to assess each child a fee that will be given to the church. (Sharon Higuchi, second Sharon Nagoshi)

BWA – Fall general assembly held.

Committee Reports:

Repairs & Maintenance – Requisition slips placed in several areas of the church. The lights on the MHM sign to be reinstalled. Sign has been repainted. Calvin Higuchi to work on properties owned by the church and create a binder with i.e., fact sheet and pertinent information.

Properties – Included in above

Buddhist Education – No report.

VP of Activities – No report.

Old Business:

Haleakala Solar – Installation of the PV system to commence shortly.

105th Anniversary – Sharon Higuchi gave a short report; binder made for the event.

Nomination Committee – Marilyn Morikawa provided the slate of officers. There is no replacement for Robert Yoshioka at this time.

New Business:

December Garage Sale – Manpower needed for November 23, 2012.

New Year Party - Scheduled for January 20, 2013.

Makawao Farmers Market – Presentation made by Michael Nakagawa. Discussion held.

Legislative Assembly – February 8 & 9, 2012.

New Committees – Sharon Higuchi suggested that the following committees be set up: 1)Membership, 2)By-laws, 3)Temple manual, 4)Repair and Maintenance, 5)Nokotsudo, 6)Kitchen and 7)Library.

Announcements:

Next meeting: Budget and Finance - December 12, 2012.

PA System donated by Clyde and Glenn Hamai.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

In Gassho,

/s/ Carol K. Yamamura



NATSUE KAMETANI'S POUND CAKE

1 box Duncan Hines butter recipe golden cake mix

1/3 c. sugar

1/3 c. Crisco oil

4 large eggs

8 oz sour cream

1 block margarine, melted and cooled

Preheat oven to 325F to 350F. Pour cake mix into mixer and mix to remove lumps. Add all other ingredients and mix on high speed for 5 minutes. Pour into 2 large ungreased loaf pans or 1 commercial size (16x4x4 1/2 inch) loaf pan. Tap pans on counter top to remove air bubbles. Bake for approximately 45 minutes. As soon as cake is done, cool cakes by placing them upside down on counter, using coffee mugs or anything similar to support the edges of the loaf pans.

President's Message:

The holiday season is upon us once again. I hope that you had a wonderful Thanksgiving and are looking forward to celebrating the New Year. This is the time of year that we should reflect upon all of the things that brought us inner peace. One way to achieve inner peace is to finish anything that you started. I know that this is true because after I finished that bottle of vodka, I attained inner peace.

I want to thank Ed Yamamura for volunteering to be our chairman for our new year's luncheon in January, 2013 Shinnen Kai. With members like Ed, we will definitely do okay when we need to plan something. I would like to thank everyone else for your continued support. There is a great amount of grass-root support here at MHM, thank you all for doing such a great job. And I approve this message!

Have you ever wondered why there are no good side-effects to taking medications? I mean, how come you don't hear side-effects saying things like "Caution! Taking this medication can cause you to become intelligent, good looking, and attractive to the opposite sex. Exceeding the recommended dose may cause you to become extremely irrisible!"

Did you know that a long time ago, we had an inventor right here at Makawao? He was called the Makawao Hillbilly. He actually invented the toothpaste and toothbrush. And do you know why he called it that? Well, for one thing, he had only one tooth. Otherwise. We would be calling it teeth-paste and teethbrush. He did have another invention that didn't do so good. It was called Makawao over-arm deodorant. I can't understand how he could have missed that. After all, the aroma of guava was really pleasant.

See you next month.

In Gassho,

Michael



HAPPY NEW YEAR TO
ALL OF YOU!!!



Senior Fair: Ladies making 21 recipes of manju, totaling to approximately 1200 manjus.

NEW LAWN MOWER

By: Allan

The new lawn mower is finally here. It is a Husquavana from Lawn Equipment, \$3,151 with 10% discount. It took while to get a new one because we were looking for a machine that would cut as low as 1/2 inch.

I would like to thank every single one of you who so generously gave monetary donations specifically so that we were able to purchase this fabulous riding mower. We so appreciate it.

If there is any one that would like to learn how to drive this mower, please see me. It even has cruise control.

Thanks again to the wonderful donors. This will keep our landmark beautiful lawn attractive for a long long time.





Above: MHM's most senior Keirokai, Mr. Kazuma Okumura, 104 years old, with caregiver/grandson, Colin Okumura.

SHARING, CARING, AND CELEBRATING... WITH APPRECIATION

Makawao Hongwanji 105th Anniversary Celebration was a special time to give appreciation for all the **SHARING IS CARING** among our Sangha. We can now look upon the new driveway, fence, handicap ramp, and office renovation with new flooring, new drapes, and new display cabinets. Did you know the wonderful title "Sharing is Caring" was a karmic event from 4 year-old Naho Umitani? "Coach" Andy Hirose and his enthusiastic committee led the rally to the winning touch-down and a perfect "football" season.

Rev. Kalu said, "The real temple are the many devotees, members, and even those indirectly involved with temple activities, in the past and present, who have contributed and are giving their time, resources, and effort to keep the precious teachings alive and relevant in the present."

Kyodan President Michael said, "We are thankful for all the dedication, sacrifices, and hard work that made it possible for us to be here today. Having received this wonderful gift, it is up to us to continue serving our members and community."

Thank you, Coach Andy, Rev. Kalu, and President Michael. Thank you to everyone who joined us in the celebration on Oct. 28th. Did you know that we have 124 Keirokai "respecting our elders" members over 80 years old? They truly represent our historic past, for which we are deeply appreciative, and they continue to contribute in the present and inspire us for the future. We shall be everlastingly grateful.

Thank you those who made it all possible and all those behind the scene: Coordination - Sharon Higuchi; Service - Rev. Kalu, Diane Nako, Floyd Nagoshi, Ruth Tokumaru; Program and Keirokai logo - Calvin Higuchi; Keirokai leis and gifts - Alison Nakagawa, Sharon Nagoshi, Diane Kasaka, Glynis Okamura, Lynn Fujimoto, Ray and Bobbi Nakagawa; Decorations - Senior Ladies; Lunch - Carol Yamamura and kitchen crew; Program MC - Sean Higuchi; Slide Show - Andy Hirose

"May every link in Amida's Golden Chain of Love be bring and strong and may we all attain Perfect Peace. Namu Amida Butsu."

SPECIAL THANKS to the parents of MHM Troop 18 Boy Scouts for their contribution to the "Sharing is Caring" Project. Troop 18 did a loco moco bento at our 2011 Winter Garage Sale and donated the proceeds to the Project. Thanks for caring! This recognition was inadvertently omitted from the list of donors in our booklet.



HONPA HONGWANJI MISSION OF HAWAII

JODO SHINSHU CORRESPONDENCE COURSE

You can now register on the Jodo Shinshu Correspondence Course which is a 2-year computer-based correspondence course. In the course, students will download textbook material, submit assignments, receive feedback from instructors and communicate with other participants through the web page which is set up on Moodle, a popular educational software used by many schools and colleges all over the world. The Spring 2013 Course will start on March 1, 2013. The course is limited to the first 15 students, and the registration deadline is February 15, 2013. For further information, please visit their webpage at JSCC.cbe-bca.org.



CAREGIVER ASSISTANCE NEWS - Controlling Infection



Controlling the spread of germs around the house doesn't have to be an overwhelming task. Following some simple rules can drastically cut the chance of illness:

Prevent Cross-Contamination. Use different implement (broom, mop, sponges) for Each cleaning task.

Disinfect Cutting Boards After Each Use. Use one side of cutting board for fruits/ Vegetables and other side for meats.

Replace Sponges Frequently. Sponges and scrubbers provide conditions and trapped Food particles on which bacteria thrive. Between uses, clean sponges with an antibacterial cleaning product and let air dry or microwave a *wet*, not dry, sponge for two minutes.

Empty the Vacuum. Dangerous organisms, such as Salmonella, could be multiplying In the vacuum cleaner bag, waiting to be released into the air during use. Bagless vacs should be emptied after every use. For vacs with collection bags, empty at Least monthly.

FACES OF MHM 105 ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION



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 9:00 am Preschool 2:45 pm Japanese Sch 7 pm - Judo	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 9:00 am Preschool 2:45 pm Japanese Sch 7 pm - Judo	14	15
16 END OF YEAR TEMPLE CLEAN UP	17 8:30 am Sr. Program End of Year Outing 7 pm - Judo	18	19	 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					

January 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3 9:00 am Preschool 2:45 pm Japanese Sch 7 pm - Judo	4	5
6 9:00 am Family Svc Toban: Jr. YBA	7 8:30 am Sr. Program 2:45 pm Japanese Sch 7 pm - Judo	8	9 7 pm KYODAN MTG	13 9:00 am Preschool 2:45 pm Japanese Sch 7 pm - Judo	11	12 CLEAN UP (Haiku, Paia, Kahului, Wailuku, Haliimaile)
13 9:00 am Family Svc Toban: BWA	14 8:30 am Sr. Program 2:45 pm Japanese Sch 7 pm - Judo	15	16	13 9:00 am Preschool 2:45 pm Japanese Sch 7 pm - Judo	18	19
20 INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS/ APPRECIATION LUNCHEON	21 8:30 am Sr. Program 2:45 pm Japanese Sch 7 pm - Judo	22	23	13 9:00 am Preschool 2:45 pm Japanese Sch 7 pm - Judo	25	26 CLEAN UP (Haiku, Paia, Kahului, Wailuku, Haliimaile)
27 9:00 am Family Svc Toban: Kyodan	28 8:30 am Sr. Program 2:45 pm Japanese Sch 7 pm - Judo	29	30	13 9:00 am Preschool 2:45 pm Japanese Sch 7 pm - Judo		

MEMBERS ONLY!

THE NOMINATION COMMITTEE NOMINATED THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS AS OFFICERS OF THE MAKAWAO HONGWANJI KYODAN FOR THE YEAR 2013. WRITE-IN CANDIDATES WILL BE ACCEPTED. A WRITE-IN CANDIDATE WILL BE CONSIDERED NOMINATED AND VOTED FOR. IF YOU ARE VOTING FOR THE ENTIRE SLATE AS PRESENTED, THEN SIMPLY CHECK HERE: _____ AND RETURN BALLOT AS IS:

PRESIDENT:
WRITE-IN:

MICHAEL NAKAGAWA

VICE PRESIDENT
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VICE PRESIDENT
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