



# Makawao Hongwanji Buddhist Temple

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JULY 2013

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## GARAGE SALE - JULY 6

SATURDAY - 7 AM - 2 PM

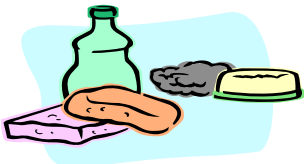
## BAZAAR/GARAGE SALE - JULY 7

SUNDAY - 7 AM - NOON

SUNDAY - JULY 14 - 9 AM

FAMILY SERVICE

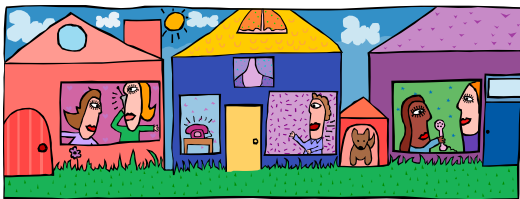
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SUNDAY - JULY 21

8:00 AM GENERAL CLEAN-UP

Lunch to be served after clean up



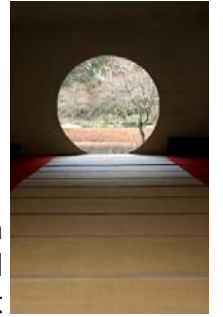
## Makawao Hongwanji Obon

Friday: July 26 6:30 pm Service 7:30 pm Dance

Saturday: July 27 6:30 pm Service 7:30 pm Dance

## Minister's Message:

### Newsletter article July 2013



Aloha! O-bon season is finally here. It's that time of the year again when Buddhists and non Buddhists alike gather for 2 nights of dancing, eating and meeting new and old friends. Arguably, it is the happiest of all the festivals that Buddhists celebrate and it is deeply ingrained in the culture of the Japanese-American community here in Hawaii and elsewhere in the U.S. mainland or wherever a large community of people of Japanese and Japanese descent are living.

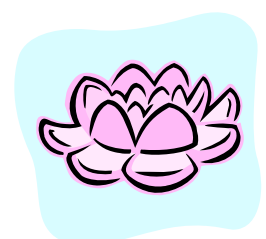
O-bon is an abbreviation of *urabon*, the Japanese transliteration of the Sanskrit word *ullambana* which literally means to "hang upside down" To be hung upside down causes unbearable pain and suffering and the original reference to this unbearable suffering was from the Urabon Sutra, as taught by Shakyamuni Buddha. In the story, the Buddha's disciple most gifted for supernatural powers named Mokuren Sonja, used his supernatural powers to visualize his mother who had died and discovered to his sorrow that his mother, due to past karmic debts, had been reborn in the realm of hungry ghosts, suffering intensely from insatiable hunger and thirst. Driven by the sense of filial duty for his suffering mother, Mokuren Sonja asked Shakyamuni Buddha for instructions on how he can save his mother from the realm of hungry ghosts and the Buddha then told Mokuren Sonja to make offering to the monks who had just finished their summer retreat. Mokuren made offerings of food to the monks and collectively, the monks dedicated all the merits they have accumulated from their religious work to Mokuren's mother and through this action, Mokuren Sonja's mother was saved from the realm of the hungry ghosts. It is said that in his immense joy at the salvation of his mother, Mokuren Sonja started dancing and this was the origin of the Bon dance.

The meanings of Obon, in this story refers to filial piety and repaying gratitude for one's parents, the notion of the suffering realms such as the world of hungry spirits as part of the 6 realms of samsaric existence, and the merits gained through making of offerings, in other words, the practice of dana and generosity as a means to counteract the karmic consequences of the poison of greed. To our parents we owe our life, we were born as human beings because of our parents and we are alive and well in the present because of the care and nurturing that we have received from them. Our obligation to them is of such importance in Buddhism that Shakyamuni Buddha spoke repeatedly to his disciple Ananda "The weight of obligation we owe to our parents is as boundless as the heavens". Obon is also a story about the suffering realms, specifically the realm of hungry ghosts. Although one may not easily believe in such other worldly realms after death, such realms exists within the real world. Thousands of people, mostly children, are starving in any given time in many parts of the world, although not necessarily because of their unwholesome past karmic actions. The suffering of hunger does exist, either through a real lack of food and other needs or the insatiable hunger created by excessive greed. Lastly, as a means of rooting out greed in our hearts, the Obon story reminds us of the practice of making offerings, of giving generously and wisely to those who are truly needy in the spirit of compassion. Although in Jodo Shinshu Buddhism, we do not practice dana for the purpose of accumulating merits, giving wisely and generously is still an important Buddhist practice to reduce one's ego and self centeredness.

With ever mindfulness of the meanings of the story of Obon, we can even more appreciate and enjoy the occasion. The Bon season is a time of reflection and expression of gratitude to our departed parents, ancestors and other loved ones and we dance in joy, secure in the thought that, because of the Primal Vow of Amida Buddha, those that have preceded us are all in the realm of peace and tranquility, in the Pure Land. I wish the members and non members alike, indeed anyone who joins us in this joyous occasion, a very happy Obon Festival. Namu Amida Butsu!



Namu Amida Butsu,  
Rev. Kalu



***In Memoriam***

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

FAMILY OF THE LATE **MR. JOHN MITSURU EBISU** (68) WHO PASSED AWAY ON MAY 12, 2013 AT MAUI MEMORIAL MEDICAL CENTER.

FAMILY OF THE LATE **MR. BRYAN TOKUICHI HIROMOTO** (57) WHO PASSED AWAY ON MAY 26, 2013 AT MAUI MEMORIAL MEDICAL CENTER.



***July & August 2013 Memorial Anniversaries***  
***(Please call the temple office to schedule your service—572-7229)***

**1st Year Memorial Service 2012**

July 05 Hanako Kawano  
 July 06 Masaru Uradomo  
 July 07 Miyoko Ruth Ishizu

**1st Year Memorial Service 2012**

August 20 Marvene Moore

**3rd Year Memorial Service 2011**

July 05 Tadatsugu Wayne Endo  
 July 16 Suma Masusako

**3rd Year Memorial Service 2011**

August - None

**7th Year Memorial Service 2007**

July 08 Joyce Fumie Yamada

**7th Year Memorial Service 2007**

August 15 Roy Hitoshi Okumura  
 August 30 Hatsuyo Hayashida

**13th Year Memorial Service 2001**

July 20 Tadao Richard Sentani

**13th Year Memorial Service 2001**

August 12 Masaru Francis Takishita  
 August 28 Torao Tomita  
 August 31 Kazue Itamura

**17th Year Memorial Service 1997**

July 30 Fude Tsukuda

**17th Year Memorial Service 1997**

August 13 Riku Tanaka

**25th Year Memorial Service 1989**

July - None

**25th Year Memorial Service 1989**

August - None

**33rd Year Memorial Service 1981**

July 08 Yeisuke Kijinami

**33rd Year Memorial Service 1981**

August 04 Hisa Sakai  
 August 28 Yoshimatsu Yamamura

**50th Year Memorial Service 1964**

July 07 Toshio Ibara  
 July 15 Haru Ibara

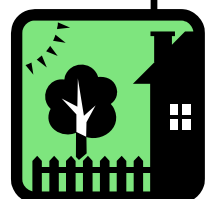
**50th Year Memorial Service 1964**

August 13 Toshio Minobe  
 August 19 Kimiyo Miyake  
 August 22 Kimiyo Hashimoto

**2013 Obon Omairi - Home Visitation Schedule**

If you want Reverend Kalu to do an Obon Omairi Service at your residence, please contact the office at 572-7229 to schedule. Obon is the service to listen to the Buddha-Dharma as the guidance of our lives with the expression of appreciation to our loved one who have passed away.

Pukalani	Monday, June 17
Kula	Wednesday, June 26
Kahului/	Wednesday, July 3
Hale Mahaolu:	
Makawao	Monday, July 8
Haiku	Wednesday, July 10
Hana	Friday, July 12
Wailuku/Haliimaile	Monday, July 15
Others	Wednesday, July 17



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**Thank You!**

### **Contributions received as of June 25, 2013**

#### **OFUSE:**

Mrs. Kinuye Nihei - Funeral Service for Mr. John Ebisu - \$500.00  
Mr. & Mrs. Carl Segawa - In memory of Mr. John Ebisu - \$200.00  
Mr. & Mrs. Akio Nihei - In memory of Mr. John Ebisu - \$200.00  
Mr. & Mrs. Michael Morisaki - In memory of Mr. John Ebisu - \$200.00  
Mr. & Mrs. Paul Nishida - 50th Year Memorial Service for Mrs. Mitsu Nishida - \$100.00  
Mr. & Mrs. Francis Taomoto - 50th Year Memorial Service for Mrs. Mitsu Nishida - \$100.00  
Mrs. Fujiko Nishida - 50th Year Memorial Service for Mrs. Mitsu Nishida - \$100.00  
Mr. & Mrs. Allen Fukuda - 50th Year Memorial Service for Mrs. Mitsu Nishida - \$100.00  
Mr. Thomas Nishida - 50th Year Memorial Service for Mrs. Mitsu Nishida - \$50.00  
Mrs. Marjorie Tanouye - 33rd Year Memorial Service for Saju Takishita - \$500.00  
Mrs. Yoshiko Okumura & Family - 7th Year Memorial Service for Mr. Masaichi Okamura - \$500.00  
Mrs. Karen Hiromoto - Funeral Service for Mr. Bryan Hiromoto - \$800.00  
Uradomo Family - Shunzo Uradomo 33rd Year Memorial and Masaru Uradomo 1st year Memorial - \$600.00

#### **DONATIONS:**

Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Kitazawa - In memory of Edward & Doris Nakamoto - \$30.00  
Mr. & Mrs. Gerald Fujimoto - In memory of Bich Pham - \$50.00  
Mary Kishimoto - \$10.00  
Mrs. Gladys Ushijima - Father's Day - \$50.00  
Mrs. Kinuye Nihei & Ebisu Family - Use of Hall—\$100.00  
Mrs. Elaine Tanaka - In memory of Misao & Kazuo Tamura - \$100.00  
Mr. & Mrs. Clyde Hamai - Father's Day - \$100.00  
Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Gee— In memory of Judy Tadakuma - \$100.00  
Mr. Isamu Kajita - In memory of Yoshino Kajita - \$100.00  
Mr. & Mrs. George Fukushima - Father's Day—\$25.00  
Mrs. Celestine Uradomo - Use of Hall - \$150.00  
Mrs. Shigeyo Komoda - \$20.00  
Janet Honda - \$50.00



#### **NOKOTSUDO:**

Mrs. Jean Wakashige - \$25.00  
Mr. Stanley Shimote - \$200.00  
Mr. & Mrs. Larry Honda - \$25.00  
Mrs. Yvonne Kishi - \$25.00  
Mr. & Mrs. Howard Hamai - In memory of Mr. Patrick Hamai - \$100.00  
Mr. & Mrs. Harold Makimoto - In memory of Tatsu Makimoto - \$25.00  
Mrs. Yvonne Kishi - \$30.00  
Mrs. Marion Morikawa - \$100.00  
Mrs. Celestine Uradomo - \$200.00

#### **OTHER DONATIONS:**

Osaisen (Offertory) for the month of June 2013 - \$400.80  
Third Friday Parking (June 2013) - \$95.00  
Mr. & Mrs. Yoshio Kijima - Kitchen Fund - \$100.00

#### **BAZAAR**

Mr. & Mrs. Kunio Kobayashi - \$20.00  
Mr. & Mrs. Hiromi Tanaka - \$300.00  
Evelyn Hamai & Gail Tanji - Hana Ebi, Rice, Kampyo, Shiitake, Vinegar  
Mr. & Mrs. Howard Hamai & Mrs. Grace Hamai - Bags of rice  
Mr. & Mrs. Roy Seki - \$50.00  
Mrs. Harumi Ushijima - \$50.00



If there are those too filled with knowledge  
They will eventually empty themselves  
And discover the joy  
of letting go.

Author Uncknown - Page 122 - "Great Compassion"  
(The Essence of Shin Buddhism)





## President's Message

Our peach season is over and I would like to thank all of you who helped with this year's crop. I don't have the final figures but it looks as if we did pretty good. Our pickled peaches should be available for sale at our bazaar on the July 4th weekend. We also have dried peaches for sale. It's only \$5,000 for a 4 ounce package. I figure that this way, we have to sell only one bag. Of course, we will give you a discount if you buy more than one. You will also have my personal 10 second guarantee that it's fresh and that no farm animals were harmed in making the peaches. If you do decide to buy a package of peaches from us, I would like to talk to you about buying some property that I have on the moon. So just give us a call. Our operators are standing by at this very moment.

There was a small plane that crash landed in Waiehu on Maui recently. Everyone survived because according to the newspapers, the pilot did an excellent job in landing the plane. This may be true but I, of course, have a different interpretation. I think that the reason that everyone survived was because their drink cups were collected and their tray tables were properly locked up. Of course, they also must have had their seat-belts fastened and their cell phones turned off. I probably don't have to mention the fact that their seats were in the full upright position. So, you see folks, if you follow all of the FAA regulations, you too will be okay.

We will be celebrating our Obon on July 26 and 27 , I would like to ask everyone to help us if you can. If you have the time but are not helping us, that is okay. We will just drag you from your house and make you work. Of course, this is strictly voluntary. NO pressure. We here at Makawao Hongwanji respect ever individual's choice. As long as they say yes! Well, I gotta run. You are now obligated to read my next message, But then again, it's only voluntary.

*Michael*



## Buddhist Tales - Wahiawa Hongwanji Newsletter - July 2013

### Scorpion and the old man



One morning, after he had finished his meditation, the old man opened his eyes and saw a scorpion floating helplessly in the water. As the scorpion was washed closer to the tree, the old man quickly stretched himself out on one of the long roots that branched out into the river and reached out to rescue the drowning creature. As soon as he touched it, the scorpion stung him. Instinctively the man withdrew his hand. A minute later, after he had regained his balance, he stretched himself out again on the roots to save the scorpion. This time the scorpion stung him so badly with its poisonous tail that his hand became swollen and bloody and his face contorted with pain.

At that moment, a passerby saw the old man stretched out on the roots struggling with the scorpion and shouted: "Hey, stupid old man, what's wrong with you? Only a fool would risk his life for the sake of an ugly, evil creature. Don't you know you could kill yourself trying to save that ungrateful scorpion?"

The old man turned his head. Looking into the stranger's eyes he said calmly, "My friend, just because it is the scorpion's nature to sting, that does not change my nature to save."

Namo Amida Butsu



No Board meeting was held for the month of June.

## Obon Preparation Schedule 2013

O Bon season is here. This special time of the year brings families and friends together in remembering and honor those who have passed on. Manpower will be needed during the week of July 21 through July 28 to make our O Bon a successful one.

July 21 (Sunday)

- General Cleanup
- Hang cho chings in temple and Nokotsudo
- Move and set up yagura
- Set up dance ring

July 25 (Thursday) at about 3:00 p.m.

- Set up benches around dance ring
- String wires for lights and attach cho chings
- Line parking spaces
- Set up dressing room
- Hang cho chings on temple and social hall porches

July 26 (Friday)

- Tidy temple and Nokotsudo
- Set up choba tables and chairs in garage area
- Decorate ring and yagura
- Clean restrooms
- Set up chairs on temple porch

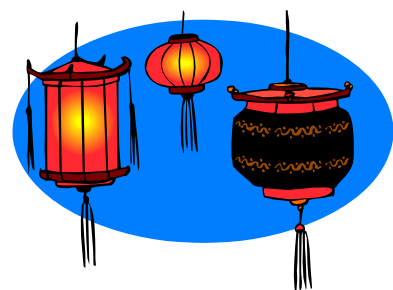
July 27 (Saturday)

- Tidy the temple, Nokotsudo, Social Hall, and in general, the grounds including the parking areas
- Clean restrooms

July 28 (Sunday)

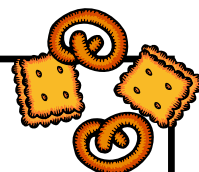
- Cleanup

Help will be needed especially for the concessions and parking during the O Bon nights. If you have any questions, please contact Sharon Nagoshi (572-0316) or leave a message at church (572-7229)



### REFRESHMENT SCHEDULE

July 7/8	BAZAAR/GARAGE SALE	August 4	Peonies
July 14	Pink Dahlias	August 11	Gardenias
July 21	GENERAL CLEAN-UP	August 18	Dharma School Kick Off
July 28	NO SVC AFTER OBON	August 25	Morning Glories



### BWA NEWS

By Marilyn

**Happy July! It is the busiest time of the year for Makawao Honghwanji.**

**Thank you to everyone who is planning their summer tours and cruises before or after Bazaar and Obon. We appreciate you being here. But if you have to be away at these times, we understand, too. Have a good time and see you at church when you get back.**

**BWA ladies will be busy helping Bazaar and Obon. Look at the schedule and come when you can, or call any of the chairpersons to see what kind of help they need. But remember, only you know your physical limitations. If you want to come just to sit down, talk story, and watch the crowd, that is okay too. We appreciate your presence and support.**

**Obon season is well underway now with weekly celebrations. BWA sponsors the following dance: August 16th (6 p.m.) and August 30 (6:30 p.m.), both at Hale Makua Kahului.**

## **OLDER BODIES NEED MORE WATER**

As people age, they feel less thirsty and must make a special effort to drink fluids. Fluid balance can be affected by medication, emotional stress, exercise, nourishment, general health and the weather.

Remember, air-conditioning is one of the best protections against heat-related illness and death. Visit senior centers, movie theaters, libraries or malls to cool off— even for just a few hours.

Source: Environmental Protection Agency [www.epa.gov/aging](http://www.epa.gov/aging)  
Caregiver Assistance News "Caring for you . . . Caring for others"  
Maui County Office on Aging - July 2013

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### **"EDEN @ HOME"**

**Caring For Elders Who Live At Home**

**August 10, 2013 (Saturday) - 2nd Session to be held a Month Later**

**Kaunoa Senior Center - 401 Alakapa Place**

**8:30 am to 5:00 pm**

**A nominal \$10.00 registration fee for workshop manuals**

**Please call 572-7229 to sign up.**



### **MAKAWAO HONGWANJI PRESCHOOL**

*By: Lei*

Summer is here at Makawao Hongwanji Preschool and the students surrounded and dedicated our new tree, called "Rachael's Tree" in honor of Rachael Jio. Rachael was one of the founding directors of our preschool and instrumental in its development. George Yamamoto and Calvin Higu-chi planted the tree on the school grounds so our preschoolers will enjoy its shade for many years to come.

*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*

*Namo Amida Butsu*

## July 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 8:30 am Sr. Program  7 pm - Judo	2	3	4 9:30 am Preschool  7 pm - Judo	5	6 7 am—2 pm <b>GARAGE SALE</b>
7 7 am - Noon <b>GARAGE SALE/ BAZAAR</b>	8 8:30 am Sr. Program Preschool Bd Mtg. 7 pm - Judo	9	10 7 pm <b>KYODAN MTG</b>	11 9:30 am Preschool  7 pm - Judo	12	13 <b>CLEAN UP Team 2</b>
14 9 am Family Svc Toban: BWA	15 8:30 am Sr. Program  7 pm - Judo	16	17	18 9:30 am Preschool  7 pm - Judo	19  3rd Fri Parking	20
21 8:00 am <b>GENERAL CLEAN UP</b>	22 8:30 am Sr. Program  7 pm - Judo	23	24	25 7 pm - Judo	26 <b>MHM OBON</b> 6:30 pm Svc 7:30 pm Dance	27 <b>MHM OBON</b> 6:30 pm Svc 7:30 pm Dance
28 <b>NO SVC</b>	29 8:30 am Sr. Program  7 pm - Judo	30	31			

## August 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 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 9:30 am Preschool  7 pm - Judo	9	10 Clean Up Haiku, Paia, Ha- liimaile, Wailuku, Kahului  "EDEN AT HOME" TRAINING
11 9:00 am Family Svc Toban: BWA	12 8:30 am Sr. Program  7 pm - Judo	13	14 7 pm <b>KYODAN MTG</b>	15 9:30 am Preschool  7 pm - Judo	16  3rd Fri Parking	17
18 9:00 am Family Svc Toban: Dharma School	19 8:30 am Sr. Program  7 pm - Judo	20	21	22 9:30 am Preschool  7 pm - Judo	23	24 Clean Up Haiku, Paia, Ha- liimaile, Wailuku, Kahului
25 9:00 am Family Svc Toban: Kyodan	26 8:30 am Sr. Program  7 pm - Judo	27	28	29 9:30 am Preschool  7 pm - Judo	30	31