



# Makawao Hongwanji Buddhist Temple

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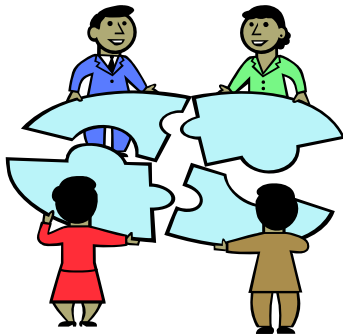
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**Sunday - November 3rd - 9:00 am**

**Family Service**

**Toban: Jr. YBA**



**Sunday - November 10 - 9:00 am**

**Family Service**

**Toban: BWA**

**SUNDAY - NOVEMBER 17 - 9:00 AM**

**EITAIKYO SERVICE**

**SPEAKER: REV. TENNES**

**KAHULUI HONGWANJI**

**RESIDENT MINISTER**

**TOBAN: DHARMA SCHOOL**



**SUNDAY - NOVEMBER 24 - 9:00 AM**

**FAMILY SERVICE**

**SOCIAL CONCERN SUNDAY**

**TOBAN: KYODAN**

## November 2013 Newsletter Article

Aloha! November is here and it is one of my favorite months of the year, not only because it is the month when I was born but also because it always evokes a lot of pleasant memories for me. I grew up in a culture where the month of November is given almost equal status as December, for at the beginning of this month, people back home observe All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day, the Philippine people's version of O-bon, when departed ancestors, parents and other loved ones are remembered and honored with grave visitations and prayers. With the year end holidays of Christmas and New Year's Eve just around the corner, November is also a busy month of joyous anticipation and preparation for the coming major holidays. Nothing is ever too soon in preparation for the Christmas and New Years celebration, some people start decorating their homes and play Christmas songs even though that holiday is still a good 7 weeks away. It's a way for people back home to make and enjoy the holidays longer by starting early with the preparation and anticipation. So it seems that in the final two months of any given year, that spirit of celebration comes alive within our people, as if it is already programmed into our DNAs.

I still remember vividly that first November month that I spent in the US, thirty one years ago. It was a cold November month in the year 1982. I finally passed my driver's license practical test after failing it the first time, several weeks back. It was a time when I was making \$8.50 an hour as a newly licensed registered nurse, \$5.00 was enough to fill the gas tank of a small sized car, the train fare from New Jersey to New York across the Hudson River was 10 cents and the twin towers were still there, standing proudly against the New York City skyline. There were no cell phones, personal computers, internet and cable TV. Looking back, it seems that I wouldn't be able to live comfortably minus all the gadgets and services that I now regularly use, but in reality, I lived a very happy life back then. For everything was still new and exciting, the thrill of living in a society way much affluent to the one I grew up in, with more opportunities and comforts was still very much overwhelming for me at that time. Used to a life of not having much, it was a different feeling when I transitioned to a life of being able to have much of what I could possibly want in life within the limits of my capabilities. America indeed is the land of freedom - freedom from want, as long as one is willing to work hard, most of life's comforts are within reach, freedom from fear - because of its system of fair laws, and freedom of expression - be it religious, political or personal beliefs. That was the America that I first knew back in 1982. Things are different now, but it's still the best country to live in. Perhaps the best day that I had in that November of 31 years ago was when my family all gathered together on November 25, and celebrated Thanksgiving Day, my first one in the US. I still remember the traditional meal of turkey and stuffing, mashed potatoes, cranberry sauce and pumpkin pie that we all shared on that first Thanksgiving Day for me, and I did not really think of the meaning of Thanksgiving Day, other than that it is a holiday that family members get together and eat a lot. I mean, I was feeling grateful for everything that I have been enjoying since coming over to America but who to direct that gratitude to, I was not so sure. By that time, I have been slowly distancing myself from the religion that I was born and raised and as a young, healthy, confident but ignorant and foolish man, the gratitude that I felt that time was more towards just myself and immediate family, not to some god or other people. I studied hard to get here, my parents and siblings supported me all the way until I was able to get a very good job in the hospital, and so on, other people and beings had nothing to do with the comfortable life I am living now, so I reasoned. It was still 12 years away before I encountered Buddhism for the first time and learned of the very important teaching of interdependence.

Fast forward to many years later after I became Buddhist and the concept of gratitude has deeper meaning now than before. With the study of the Buddha Dharma comes the realization of the oneness of all life, the interdependence of each and every living being for the survival of the other, the delicate balance of the system that supports our existence and the foolish way we human beings are upsetting that balance all because of greed and egocentrism. So, to us Buddhists, Thanksgiving Day is not just a holiday that is celebrated in remembrance of a group of pilgrims who bravely underwent a dangerous sea journey, many centuries ago to come to this country and survived their first harsh winter season through the help of the indigenous people. Thanksgiving Day is not a holiday of a foreign culture, religion or people. It is very much Buddhist also, because the teachings of the Buddha speaks of recognizing the interconnectedness and interdependence of all beings as a means to reduce the self centered cravings of the ego which causes suffering. Causes and conditions enables us to continue to exist, and these causes and conditions are not just from our immediate family and friends but from the universe itself, all the things in this world that enable life to continue.

To all of you members of Makawao Hongwanji, I wish you a very happy November month, a happy Thanksgiving Day! Among the non Buddhist holidays that we observe every year, I consider Thanksgiving Day as the closest to our Buddhist way of life. To us followers of the Buddha's teachings, Thanksgiving day is not just every fourth Thursday of November of every year, rather, Thanksgiving day is each and every day of our lives, from the moment we wake up in the morning, realizing that we are still around to live another day, sustained by forces both physical and invisible that are supportive of life. Before we dig in to our sumptuous Thanksgiving dinner this month, let us reflect deeply on the meaning of this important holiday, humbly say "itadakimasu" in gratitude not only for the people involved in the preparation of the life sustaining food we partake but the food itself, the plants and animals that gave up their lives to sustain ours. And, as Jodo Shinshu Buddhists, we say the Nembutsu also, for the Buddha's teaching that leads us to this awareness of all encompassing feeling of gratitude. *Namu Amida Butsu.*

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

**1st Year Memorial Service 2012**

November - None

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December 04 Rachael Jio

**3rd Year Memorial Service 2011**

November 11 Lily Toshiko Okamoto

**3rd Year Memorial Service 2011**

December 30 Haruki Nakamura

December 31 Dorothy Iwaishi

**7th Year Memorial Service 2007**

November 02 Yoshitaka Ushijima

November 11 Hiroko T. Yamashita

November 17 Daniel Kiyoshi Kiyomoto

**7th Year Memorial Service 2007**

December - None

**13th Year Memorial Service 2001**

November 08 Takashi Robert Tokuoka

November 10 Jane Shizuye Kunimitsu

**13th Year Memorial Service 2001**

December - None

**17th Year Memorial Service 1997**

November 07 Yoshiko Sakaida

**17th Year Memorial Service 1997**

December 01 Matao Kusakabe

December 04 Kazuo Oishi

December 11 Masaharu Migita

**25th Year Memorial Service 1989**

November - None

**25th Year Memorial Service 1989**

December 22 Hideo Fujikawa

**33rd Year Memorial Service 1981**

November 04 Thomas Wakashige

**33rd Year Memorial Service 1981**

December - None

**50th Year Memorial Service 1964**

November 01 Masa Tabata

November 25 Fusataro Sasaoka

**50th Year Memorial Service 1964**

December - None

**Enhanced Fitness Program has begun - - - - -** “At your own pace” says Marie. “Never mind what your neighbor can do, concentrate on what you can do. Stand or sit— which ever is comfortable for you. Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays at Makawao Hongwanji Social Hall - - Whatever your schedule allows. However, the more you attend, your chances of progress will be greater. Classes starts at 8:30 am and for one hour. Today, October 28, the first day— we will concentrate on posture and form. An introduction to the different exercises for legs, hips, arms, balance, concentration, etc. We have more space, so if you’re interested, please pick up a packet from the office (Janie). Let’s keep ourselves fit and moving.

**WELCOME NEW MEMBER:** Glenna Smith, daughter of Sachiko, also a new member.

**Eden At Home**

Caring for Elders who live at Home

Saturday, November 2nd, 2013

Kaunoa Sr. Center - Paia

\$10.00 Registration Fee







MAKAWAO ("MHM") HONGWANJI KYODAN MEETING  
October 9, 2013

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

**Present:** Reverend Kalu, Michael Nakagawa, Fred Wong, Sharon Higuchi, Calvin Higuchi, Diane Kosaka, Gail Hamai, Peggy Kono, Carol Yamamura.

**Aspiration:** Led by Reverend Kalu.

**Secretary's Minutes:** Preschool board accepted the admission's policy correction. Minutes approved as correct. Motion by Diane Kosaka, second Sharon Higuchi.

**Treasurer's Report:** Report circulated and discussed by Fred Wong.

**Sensei Report:** Buddhism classes to be held 10/12/13 to 11/12/13 at Kahului 10:30 am. Books for sale Collective Works of Shinran half price \$20. Bread making for seniors on Saturday. Minister's meeting tomorrow at Makawao. Japan trip in the planning stages.

**Affiliated Organization Reports:**

**Boy Scouts** – Cory Uchima reported that on 10/19 and 10/26 they will start reroofing of the scout house. Participated in parade. Popcorn sales on 10/12/13 at Foodland Pukalani for scout council.

**Cub Scouts** – Same as boy scouts.

**Dharma School** – No report.

**Jr. YBA** – No report.

**Judo** – No report.

**Project Dana** – Eden Training on 11/2/13 at Kaunoa from 8:30am to 4:30pm.

**Pre-School** – Fall break. Positions for the no shows were filled. MAPA visitation; Angelo Lee nee custodian. Completed all inspections and certifications for the year.

**BWA** – Senior fair. On 9/1/13 held card making workshop with Jackie Hashimoto. Hosting fall assembly on 11/9/13.

**Committee Reports:**

**Repairs & Maintenance** – Front fence to be fixed by Paul Nishida and BWA to provide the monies for materials.

**Properties** – Discussion re A&B interested in purchasing cemetery lot. Calvin Higuchi to speak with Guy Hironaka. Discussion re upgrading 5/8 to ¾ water meter.

**Buddhist Education** – No report.

**VP of Activities** – No report.

**Old Business:**

**Nomination Committee** – Slate of Officers - President, vacant. Vice President – Finance, Clyde Hamai, Vice President – Education Sharon Nagoshi, Vice President – Activities Marilyn Morikawa, Vice President – Facilities vacant. Secretary – Peggy Kono, Assistant Secretary – Gail Hamai, Treasurer – Fred Wong, Assistant Treasurer -Bobby Nakagawa, Auditors: Donald Taketa, Blanche Ito, Lyman Morikawa, Clark Hashimoto, Lorin Kosaka, Katherine Hamai, Andy Hirose, Karen Ishizu, Floyd Nagoshi. Advisors: Setsuko Asato, Haruyuki Yamanaka, Yoshio Kijima, Florence Sakae, Alice Sugimura, Robert Yoshioka.

**Hurricane Insurance** – Revised premium notices not received, payment sent in and we will get a refund.

**Nembutsu Seminar** – Very good and well attended.

**New Business:**

**Obon Towels** – Sharon Nagoshi to be on committee.

**Enhanced Fitness** – To begin October 29<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 a.m.

**Announcements:**

**Next Meeting:** November 13, 2013.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

In Gassho,

/s/ Carol K. Yamamura



**MAUI SENIOR FAIR**

The annual Senior Fair was held at War Memorial. Crowds and crowds of people came through MHM's tables to buy sambazuke, manju, bento, jellies and jams, fresh fruits, baked goods, aprons, Kleenex holders, dish towels, and more. Thanks so much to all of you that helped make all our products, which were 99% sold by noon.

# Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii

## HEADQUARTERS UPDATE

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## 2013-2014 SOCIAL CONCERNS FUND DRIVE

In November we celebrate the important holidays of Thanksgiving and Eitaikyo. Both remind us to be mindful of the countless blessings in our lives and how we live connected to the world around us. It is in this spirit of gratitude that we begin our Annual Social Concerns Fund Drive.

The generous contributions from Sangha members provides the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii the ability to support worthy organizations and programs with funding to continue their work in our community.

Because of your kokua over the years, we have also been able to help with recovery efforts after natural disasters and assist members of our Sangha affected by misfortune and other emergency situations. Your generosity directly helps those in need and promotes a more humane world. Your continued support is greatly appreciated.

## Hawaii FEDERATION OF BUDDHIST WOMEN'S ASSOCIATIONS



The BWA will be looking forward to two major events in the next two years:

- O 12th BWA State Membership Conference, may 3-4, 2014, Kona, Hawaii.  
Theme: "Peace and Oneness of Life"
  
- O 15th World Buddhist Women's Convention, May 30-31, 2015, Calgary, Alberta, Canada.  
Theme: "Embraced by the Oneness of Life"



## MAKAWAO HONGWANJI PRESCHOOL

By: Lei

2014-2015 Preschool Registration - If you are interested in registering your preschooler for 2014-2015 school year, please contact the preschool 572-7883 for information on registration. Your child must be age three by August 1st to enter preschool. You may also register your child the year he or she turns two to be placed on a wait list for upcoming school class list.

Sees Candies fundraiser will be held at preschool beginning November 1st to November 15, 2013. We invite all of you to purchase Sees candies to assist the preschool in raising funds to buy new learning materials, books and CDs and help subsidize special performances and programs for the preschoolers. All candies are Holiday wrapped and distributed to you upon arrival. A perfect holiday gift for you, your family and friends. Please see Janie for order forms.

## GARAGE SALE

MHM Winter Garage Sale will be held on December 7, 2013. It is time to do go through our kitchens and closets and garages and shops! We will gladly recycle.



**BUSY, BUSY, BUSY !!!**



BWA: Jean Nishida's cooking demonstration of vegetable tempura and zucchini pancake.



**Sunday Refreshment Schedule:**

November 03	Birds of Paradise
November 10	Sweet Peas
November 17	American Beauty Roses
November 24	Pink Dahlias
December 01	Peonies
December 08	Gardenias
December 15	Morning Glories
December 22	GENERAL CLEAN UP
December 29	MOCHI TSUKI

**MHM SCOUTS -**

Troop 18 and Pack 18 boys along with their parents participated in the County Fair Parade.



MAUI PROJECT DANA - Dana volunteers from Lahaina, Wailuku, and Makawao Project Danas made and delivered bread to seniors. Many thanks to the bakers as well as the members that helped to deliver. The kindness was greatly appreciated. We delivered 100 loaves on Saturday, Oct. 12.



## November 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 8:30 am Eden Training@ Kaunoa
3 9:00 am Family Svc Toban: Jr. YBA	4 8:30 am Sr. Program 2:45 pm Japanese Sch  7 pm - Judo	5	6  6:30 pm Pack 18	10 9:30 am Preschool 2:45 pm Japanese Sch  7 pm - Judo7	8	9 Clean Up Makawao  BWA GENERAL ASSEMBLY @MAKAWAO
10 9:00 am Family Svc Toban: BWA	11 8:30 am Sr. Program 2:45 pm Japanese Sch  7 pm - Judo	12	13  6:30 pm Troop 18 7 pm KYODAN MTG	14 9:30 am Preschool 2:45 pm Japanese Sch  7 pm - Judo	15  3rd Fri Parking	16
17 9:00 am EITAIKYO SVC Sp: Rev. Tennes Toban: Dharma School	18 8:30 am Sr. Program 2:45 pm Japanese Sch  7 pm - Judo	19	20  6:30 pm Pack 18	21 9:30 am Preschool 2:45 pm Japanese Sch  7 pm - Judo	22	23 Clean Up Makawao
24 9:00 am Social Concern Thanksgiving Svc Toban: Kyodan	25 8:30 am Sr. Program 2:45 pm Japanese Sch  7 pm - Judo	26	27	28  HAPPY THANKSGIVING	29	30

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8 9:00 am BODHI DAY Toban: BWA	9 8:30 am Sr. Program  7 pm - Judo	10	11 7:00 pm Budget/ Finance Comm. Mtg.	12 9:30 am Preschool  7 pm - Judo	13	14 CLEAN UP TEAM #1
15 9:00 am Family Svc Toban: Dharma School	16 8:30 am Sr. Program Preschool visits MHM srs.  7 pm - Judo	17	18	19 9:30 am Preschoo  7 pm - Judo	20  3rd Friday Parking	21
22 General Clean Up	23 No Sr. Program  7 pm - Judo	24	25 HAPPY HOLIDAY	26  7 pm - Judo	27	28
29 Mochi Tsuki	30 No Sr. Program  7 pm - Judo	31 Joya -E SVC (New Year's Eve Svc)				