



# Makawao Hongwanji Buddhist Temple

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DECEMBER 2013

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**DECEMBER 7TH  
WINTER GARAGE SALE  
TIME: 7 am to 2:00**



**DECEMBER 8TH  
SUNDAY SERVICE - 9 AM  
BODHI DAY SERVICE**

**TOBAN: Jr. YBA**

**DECEMBER 15TH  
SUNDAY SERVICE - 9:00 AM  
TOBAN: BWA  
BWA MEETING TO FOLLOW**

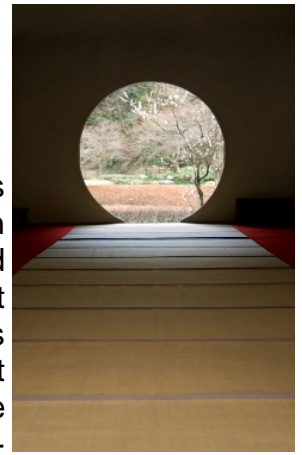


**DECEMBER 22  
GENERAL CLEAN UP  
BRING TOOLS, EQUIPMENT, RAGS, ETC  
DON'T FORGET TO TAKE HOME YOUR TOOLS  
LUNCH TO BE SERVED**

**DECEMBER 29 - MOCHI TSUKI - 8:00 AM**  
SOAK RICE OVERNIGHT (2 NIGHTS WOULD BE BETTER)  
BRING SOAKED RICE, WAX PAPER, KATAKURI (POTATO STARCH),  
BOX OR CONTAINER TO TAKE HOME YOUR MOCHI

# Minister's Message:

## December 2013 Newsletter Article



The recent, very devastating typhoon that ravaged the central Philippines couldn't have come at a worse time. It happened on November 8, in a month when people are in joyous preparation for the coming major holidays of Christmas and New Year. The typhoon, one of the strongest ever recorded in history, swept through several islands in the central Philippines and, at the time this article was written, has claimed over 3,000 lives. The initial estimate of 10,000 deaths was just for the worst hit city of Tacloban in the island of Leyte, and still a lot more people are unaccounted for, so the death toll could top the 10,000 mark by the time an accurate count of the missing or dead people is completed.

Who could have predicted such a damaging typhoon would come and destroy many lives and property in the Philippines? Although the Philippines is subject to several storms and typhoons yearly because of its tropical location, a typhoon of the magnitude that just happened, was one that surpassed all previous ones in strength, intensity and destruction of lives and property. In one stroke, towns and villages were destroyed and human lives lost. All structures both natural and man made and those who made them were swept into oblivion by nature's fury.

Like all occurrences of natural disaster, this typhoon serves as a reminder of just how puny humankind is compared to the forces of nature that is constantly operating in this world we are living in. Human beings may have achieved the status of builders and inventors of modern structures and technology but one thing that man could never conquer is nature itself. This and other past experience of natural disasters should be a humbling experience and something to reflect upon our proper place in the natural world. Human pride and arrogance is no match to the power of nature when it strikes, indeed sometimes it is because of such human pride and arrogance, like abuse of the ecosystem through pollution and the excessive harvesting of resources that precipitate disasters which could otherwise be held in check if the ecological balance is not upset. Against the forces of nature, man's pride and ego, which he constantly uses against his fellow humans and other sentient beings, is soundly defeated.

The Buddha taught that man is always a part of the world he lives in, never separated from it. Man's focus on only himself, separated from the rest by his ego, is what causes suffering to himself and others. To recognize that one is a part of the whole universe and dependent on everything in it for his existence fosters a deeper respect and treatment of nature itself to lessen the chance of it turning against man or to minimize the destructive effects should it occur. True, the super typhoon that hit the Philippines wasn't created by any human misdeed, but some major natural calamities, like earthquakes and storms, claim a disproportionate number of lives due to human overpopulation of the affected area, the building of taller, more numerous infrastructures that collapse and crush everything below them, or precipitate flooding and landslide from erosion due to excessive deforestation, brought about by greed for more land and resources.

On the positive side, this disaster has again awakened the inherent compassionate nature in many people throughout the world and relief operations are underway to help the victims of this super typhoon. Teams of medical people, military personnel, supplies and others have poured in from many parts of the world to help in alleviating the suffering of those affected. In this disaster, as was also in previous ones elsewhere in the world, man's selfish pride and arrogance gave way to the compassionate spirit that resides in each and every person, the potential for enlightenment and Buddhahood, expressed in the form of giving aid and relieving the suffering of others. It is this spirit of compassion that we, not just Buddhists but all people, should constantly cultivate and practice as the way to promote goodwill and a much harmonious and peaceful world. *Namu Amida Butsu!*

P.S. I am still in the process of joining a medical mission team to volunteer my services as a registered nurse to the disaster relief effort in the Philippines. If I am able to go, the other temple ministers of the Hongwanji in Maui will cover me during my absence so that Makawao Hongwanji temple activities requiring a minister will be minimally disrupted. Thank you for your patience and understanding. This is the last article for the year 2013. I wish everyone a joyous holiday season. Happy New Year 2014!

Namu Amida Butsu,  
*Reverend Kalu*

**December 2013 & January 2014 Memorial Anniversaries**  
**(Please call the temple office to schedule your service—572-7229)**

**1st Year Memorial Service 2012**

December 04 Rachael Jio

**3rd Year Memorial Service 2011**

December 30 Haruki Nakamura  
 December 31 Dorothy Iwaishi

**7th Year Memorial Service 2007**

December - None

**13th Year Memorial Service 2001**

December - None

**17th Year Memorial Service 1997**

December 01 Matao Kusakabe  
 December 04 Kazuo Oishi  
 December 11 Masaharu Migita

**25th Year Memorial Service 1989**

December 22 Hideo Fujikawa

**33rd Year Memorial Service 1981**

December - None

**50th Year Memorial Service 1964**

December - None

**1st Year Memorial Service 2013**

January - None

**3rd Year Memorial Service 2012**

January - None

**7th Year Memorial Service 2008**

January 08 Calvin Hashi

**13th Year Memorial Service 2002**

January 20 Lorna Cook Moffitt

**17th Year Memorial Service 1998**

January 01 Kiyomi Matsuura  
 January 03 Clyde Matsui  
 January 17 Norito Yamasaki  
 January 18 Mildred Kadosaki

**25th Year Memorial Service 1990**

January 08 Kato Yamamoto

**33rd Year Memorial Service 1982**

January - None

**50th Year Memorial Service 1965**

January 08 Tooju Minobe  
 January 11 Suetaro Ishida  
 January 16 Kita Goshi

**2013 PHILLIPPINES DISASTER RELIEF**

We have seen the massive destruction in the Philippines when Typhoon Haiyan struck earlier this month. As the country begins the process of rebuilding and healing after this disaster, our Sangha would like to do its part in supporting relief efforts there. The Committee on Social Concerns has approved a total of \$15,000 to aid in relief efforts. The following organizations will receive the funds: American Red Cross Hawaii Chapter \$5,000, The Filipino Community Center/Consuelo Foundation \$5,000, and the Buddhist Compassion Relief Tzu-Chi Foundation \$5,000. It is only through your generous contributions to our annual fund drive that makes this kind of immediate response possible.

We know many members would like to personally contribute to aid in relief efforts. The Committee on Social Concerns recommends the following organizations to donate to:

**American Red Cross Hawaii Chapter**

4155 Diamond Head Road Honolulu, HI 96816

<http://www.redcross.org/hi/honolulu>

734-2101

Checks made payable to: "American Red Cross—Aloha for Philippines"

**Filipino Community Center/Consuelo Foundation**

94-428 Mokuola Street, Suite 302 Waipahu, HI 96797

<http://filcom.org/donate-to-relief-efforts/>

680-0451

Checks made payable to: "Filipino Community Center—Aloha for Philippines"

You can also donate to these organizations at any of the following banks:

American Savings Bank, Bank of Hawaii, Bank of the Orient, Central Pacific Bank, Finance Factors, First Hawaiian Bank, Hawaii National Bank, HomeStreet Bank, Ohana Pacific Bank, Pacific Rim Bank and Territorial Savings Bank.

**Tzu Chi Foundation, USA, Hawaii Chapter**

1238 Wilhelmina Rise Honolulu, HI 96816

<http://hawaii.us.tzuchi.org/>

737-8885

Checks made payable to "Tzu Chi"

Thank you for your continued generosity and support during this time of tragedy. Mahalo!



**MAKAWAO ("MHM") HONGWANJI KYODAN MEETING**

November 13, 2013

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

**Present:** Reverend Sol Kalu, Michael Nakagawa, Clyde Hamai, Sharon Higuchi, Calvin Higuchi, Diane Kosaka, , Peggy Kono, Claude Moreau, Carol Yamamura.

**Aspiration:** Led by Reverend Sol Kalu.

**Secretary's Minutes:** Minutes approved as correct. Motion by Sharon Nagoshi, second Diane Kosaka.

**Treasurer's Report:** No report.

**Sensei Report:** Last Buddhism class to be held on 11/16/13 at Kahului. New session to begin in about two weeks. Next topic may be Tannisho. Reverend is attending minister's conference tomorrow. He may volunteer to go to the Phillipines for about one week. Worked on temple improvements re membership and will provide a copy to Diane Kosaka. Fujimatsuri to be held at Lahiana on 5/18/13. 2014 scheduled provided.

**Affiliated Organization Reports:**

**Boy Scouts** – Roof is done, working on walls. Scout Sunday, 2/2/14.

**Cub Scouts** – Same as Boy Scouts.

**Dharma School** – 9/14/13 was successful.

**Jr. YBA** – No report.

**Judo** – Garage sale flyer provided and will arrange the schedule accordingly. Mats to be placed outside by he yagura. Will help with parking at garage sale. Dual meet with Wailuku may be held on a Saturday after 10:30 am. Maintaining the hall.

**Project Dana** – Eden Training follow up on 12/7/13 at Kaunoa from 9 am to 11 am. Bread made and distributed October 12, 2013.

**Pre-School** – Meeting held 11/11/13. Schedule to paint classroom and tower. New tree to be planted. Motion for 2014 officers made by Calvin Higuchi, second Diane Kosaka. Motion carried. HR firm to give a presentation. Annual party to be held at Kula Bistro.

**BWA** – Fall general assembly on 11/9/13 went very well.

**Committee Reports:**

**Repairs & Maintenance** – Report distributed. Blues removed tree stump by the Dana House.

**Properties** – Have not heard back from Guy Hironaka.

**Buddhist Education** – Vacancy for commissioner. 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary Rev. Ai and Janet Shimada chairing.

**VP of Activities** – Activity ideas to be given Marilyn. Peach blossom picnic to be scheduled.

**Old Business:**

**Nomination Committee** – Slate of officers to appear in the newsletter.

**Photo Voltaic** – Net metering to occur soon.

**Enhanced Fitness** – Few more openings. Sumitomo denied coverage, found new insurance – participants to cover cost.

**Third Friday Parking** – No parking November, December and January.

**By Laws** – Discussion by-laws. Special meeting to held on 12/12/13.

**New Business:**

**Office Secretary** – Secretary retiring 1/29/14. President to appoint a committee for new hire.

**Shinen Enkai/Installation of Officers** – 1/19/13.

**Winter Garage Sale** – 12/7/13.

**Makawao Community Association** – Exhibit to be placed in Randy Braun studio to the end of the year. Marilyn will provide a report.

**Legislative Assembly** – 2/7-8/14.

**Announcements:**

**Next Meeting:** Budget and finance meeting 12/11/13. BOD meeting 1/8/14.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

In Gassho,

/s/ Carol K. Yamamura



**Reminder:**

2013 is rapidly coming to an end, so for those who have forgotten to pay their dues, please try to send your payment by December 20. If you have already paid, Makawao Hongwanji thanks you and everyone else who have made donations to the church thanks you. Without your dues and donations, Makawao Hongwanji would not be able to operate.

Mahalo,  
MHM Finance Committee

# Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii

## HEADQUARTERS UPDATE

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**2014 GISEIKAI** - The 2014 HHMH Legislative Assembly (Giseikai) will be held on February 7 & 8, 2014 at the Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin. The Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii will honor the following individuals as the 2014 Living Treasures of Hawaii in recognition of their personal and professional achievements and their contributions to the community. We welcome you to celebrate this honor with them.

**Reverend Ida Chun**

**Dr. Samuel Gon III**

**Robert Hamada**

**Arthur & Rene Kimura**

**Reverend Chikai Yosemori**

Date: Saturday, February 8, 2014  
Place: Sheraton Waikiki Hotel  
Time: 11:00 a.m. Registration, 12:00 p.m. Lunch and Program  
Cost: Early registration - \$70.00 by January 24, 2014  
Late registration - \$85.00 between 1/25 to 2/3/2014  
(Reservations will not be accepted after February 3, 2014)



November 2, 2013 - "Eden @ Home Training" @ Kaunoa Sr. Center

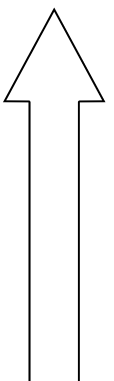


Project Dana 25th Anniversary Celebration  
Saturday - September 20, 2014  
Guest Speaker: Dr. Leisa Easom  
Executive Director  
Rosalynn Carter Caregiving Institute at



Eden At Home Follow Up Training  
December 7th  
Kaunoa Sr. Center  
9 AM to 11:00 am  
With Dr. Michael Cheang  
All "Eden at Home" Participants  
Welcome to Attend

How we help each other  
Work Together  
Support One Another  
At the Eden Training



**MHM BUDDHIST WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION**

By: Diane Kosaka

*On Saturday, December 7th, The Holiday Country Store will be open during the annual Garage Sale. There will be some holiday treats, crafts, and gifts. Donation of holiday desserts or food items will be welcomed, as well as craft items and little gifts wrapped in holiday cheer. Any vegetables, fruits, and flowers can be sold also. Any donations can be brought to church anytime Friday or on Saturday morning. Please let Marilyn (572-7445) know about your donations or if you have any questions. Everyone's help and support is greatly appreciated!! Arigato!!*

**Sunday Refreshment Schedule**

- December 01 Peonies
- December 08 Gardenias
- December 15 Morning Glories
- December 22 GENERAL CLEAN UP
- December 29 MOCHI TSUKI
  
- January 05 Water Lilies
- January 12 Birds of Paradise
- January 19 Sweet Peas
- January 26 American Beauty Rose

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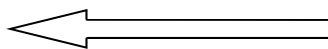
**MUBWA (MAUI UNITED BUDDHIST WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION)  
FALL ASSEMBLY 2013**

This year's Fall Assembly was hosted by Makawao Hongwanji. Members from Lahaina, Wailuku, Kahului, as well as Makawao attended this annual event which included service, annual meeting, guest speaker, lunch, and much "talk story" and visiting. It was sure fun.

Guest Speaker John Nakashima with the DOH educated us with healthy ways to handle food. We all enjoyed John's colorful ways of presenting his points of view.



Those who can save others are called Bodhisattvas. If what you give in one day has come to good use, then for that one day you are a Bodhisattva\*.  
\*Bodhisattva: A Bodhisattva is an "Enlightened Being". One who has resolved to attain enlightenment for himself and for all living beings.



**DAIKON HARVEST**

MHM Resident Farmers Andy and Allan, along with Head Farmer Harold, in the midst of cleaning a harvest of HUGE daikons (see picture). With Harold's expertise and hard work from the team, we are able to grow our own to make sambaizuke. Pretty cool!!!

## December 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9:00 am Family Svc Toban: Jr. YBA	2 8:30 am Sr. Program 2:45 pm Japanese Sch 7 pm - Judo	3	4	5 9:30 am Preschool 2:45 pm Japanese Sch 7 pm - Judo	6	7 <b>WINTER GARAGE SALE</b>
8 9:00 am <b>BODHI DAY</b> Toban: BWA	9 8:30 am Sr. Program 2:45 pm Japanese Sch 7 pm - Judo	10	11 7:00 pm Budget/ Finance Comm. Mtg.	12 9:30 am Preschool 2:45 pm Japanese Sch 7 pm - Judo	13	14 <b>CLEAN UP TEAM #1</b>
15 9:00 am Family Svc Toban: Dharma School	16 8:30 am Sr. Program Preschool visits MHM srs. 2:45 pm Japanese Sch 7 pm - Judo	17	18	19 9:30 am Preschool 2:45 pm Japanese Sch  7 pm - Judo	20	21
22 <b>General Clean Up</b>	23 No Sr. Program  7 pm - Judo	24	25 <b>HAPPY HOLIDAY</b>	26  7 pm - Judo	27	28
29 <b>Mochi Tsuki</b>	30 No Sr. Program  7 pm - Judo	31 <b>Joya –E SVC</b> (New Year's Eve Svc)				

## January 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 <b>HAPPY NEW YEAR</b>	2 9:30 am Preschool 2:45 pm Japanese Sch  7 pm - Judo	3	4
5 9 am Family Svc Toban: Jr. YBA	6 8:30 am Sr. Program 2:45 pm Japanese Sch  7 pm - Judo	7	8  7 PM Kyodan Mtg	9 9:30 am Preschool 2:45 pm Japanese Sch  7 pm - Judo	10	11 <b>CLEAN UP</b> Haiku, Paia, Haliimaile, Wailuku, Kahului
12	13 8:30 am Sr. Program 2:45 pm Japanese Sch Preschool Bd Mtg 7 pm - Judo	14	15	16 9:30 am Preschool 2:45 pm Japanese Sch  7 pm - Judo	17	18
19 10 am Installation of Officers/ New Year Get Together	20 8:30 am Sr. Program 2:45 pm Japanese Sch  7 pm - Judo	21	22	23 9:30 am Preschool 2:45 pm Japanese Sch  7 pm - Judo	24	25
26 9 am Family Svc Toban: Kyodan	27 8:30 am Sr. Program 2:45 pm Japanese Sch  7 pm - Judo	28	29	30 9:30 am Preschool 2:45 pm Japanese Sch  7 pm - Judo	31	