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Makawao Hongwanji

Sunday, April 3rd, 9 a.m.
HANAMATSURI
Refreshments: Am. Beauty Rose

Sunday, April 10th, 9a.m.
Maui District Hanamatsuri
at Wailuku Community
Center

Sunday, April 17th, 9 a.m.
Family Service
Toban: BWA
Refreshments: Pink Dahlias

Sunday, April 24th, 9 a.m.
ESSHINI/KAKUSHINNI SERVICE
Guest Speaker: Joan Tamori
Refreshments: Peonies



HANAMATSURI

Hanamatsuri, or "Flower Festival", is held to commemorate the birth of Siddhartha Gautama in Lumbini Garden. He was the manifestation of Amida, the Buddha of Infinite Higher Wisdom and Compassion. During the service, a flower shrine known as *hanamido*, is set up in front of the main altar as symbol of Lumbini Garden. In this shrine is placed a statuette of the infant Buddha, pointing his right hand toward the heavens and his left hand towards the earth. The sangha offers flowers and pours sweet tea over the image. *Kambutsu* is the rite of "bathing the body of the Buddha". This simplified re-enactment of the Buddha's birth signifies glory and joy that filled the world at this event.

Hanamatsuri in Reflection...



Over 30 years ago, I read an English translation of an essay written by the late Jodo Shinshu Buddhist priest and teacher, Rev. Haya Akegarasu entitled “The Joy of Birth”. This essay is found in the book, *The Shout of Buddha*, which is translated by the late Rev. Gyoko Saito, a student of Rev. Akegarasu, and Joan Sweany.

For me, the meaning in this essay cleared my lack of understanding of Gautama Buddha’s birth proclamation: “Below the heavens and above the earth, alone, I am noble”. Since I was a child attending the Buddhist temple, I would treat the Buddha’s birth proclamation as another fairy tale. How could a baby speak at the moment of his birth and immediately take seven steps? I conveniently ignored these words at Hanamatsuri. Many years passed and even in the early years of my ministry the meaning eluded me.

However, as I was reading the translation, its meaning suddenly and intuitively struck me with great force. I realized this essay was speaking directly to me! The Buddha’s birth cry and proclamation is an absolute affirmation of all beings, including myself, as we truly are. I was joyful and greatly appreciative of Akegarasu Sensei’s insights in opening my eyes to the true and real life of Gautama Buddha and each and all beings. Our Nembutsu faith too emerges from Amida Buddha’s compassion and wisdom as Namu Amida Butsu so that it too is the manifestation of Gautama’s birth cry affirming in all beings, “Below the heavens and above the earth, alone, I am noble.”

In this Hanamatsuri season, I am again moved by the simplicity, joy, and deep spirituality of this essay.

The Joy of Birth Haya Akegarasu

...We think the baby is “just crying” in this loud voice of his, but this cry is not the same as an adult’s (cry). For in that cry the baby is trying to manifest his essential being. But since we cannot understand his language, we translate it as “yaaa” or “waaa” – the cry which expresses his whole life.

The biographers of Gautama Buddha studied his whole life before they decided to translate his birth cry like this: **“Under the heavens and on all earth, alone I am noble!” This is it! This is Gautama’s expression of the joy of birth.**

In early times, someone translated the baby’s cry as a cry of suffering, because he had difficulties leaving his mother’s body and entering a new life. I think that translation was a mistake.

The biographers of Gautama studied his whole life before they decided on “I am noble” as the translation of his birth cry. We, in the same way, have to translate our birth cry through our whole life. **For myself, I can say that Gautama’s words are the translation of my birth cry too. I deeply believe that I shouted this when I was born!**

There is no special religion of faith apart from this. Religion is this translation of the birth cry...

The first phrase, (Under the heavens...), refers to the world of gods. The second phrase, (on all the earth), refers to the world of human and other beings. And the whole cry that Shinran described (as a person of Nembutsu is when he said: “Even the gods of heaven and earth respect him, and the world of evil and demons cannot abuse him.”

In Gassho,
Rev. William Masuda

March, 2016



GOMONSHU'S MESSAGE ON THE COMMEMORATION ON THE ACCESSION OF THE JODO SHINSHU TRADITION

On June 6, 2014, I came to inherit the legacy of the Jodo Shinshu tradition through receiving the transmission from the Monshu Emeritus Ohtani Koshin, succeeding to the posts of the resident priest of Hongwanji and the Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha Monshu. Today, I would like to announce that the Commemoration on the Accession of the Jodo Shinshu Tradition (*Dento Hokoku Hoyo*) shall be scheduled for the years 2016 and 2017. My succession of the Jodo Shinshu tradition will be officially proclaimed to the Buddha and Masters, and through its observance, it is anticipated that the teaching of Amida Buddha's Primal Vow shall gain prosperity and Hongwanji in its entirety shall achieve further growth.

Amida Buddha's Primal Vow is directed without discrimination to every life and saves them just as they are. Despite our being filled with delusions and suffering, we are enabled to entrust ourselves wholeheartedly to Amida Tathagata's great compassion and be born in the Pure Land, the manifestation of the Buddha's true enlightenment. Although everything in this world, including ourselves, is unreliable, which Shinran Shonin expressed as "empty and false," we are always able to realize the assuredness in the working of the Primal Vow.

Modern scientific and technological sophistication urges us to pursue convenient and luxurious lifestyles, thereby making our desires swell boundlessly. However, I feel that people have begun to realize the futility of these efforts. In addition, such factors as the nuclear family unit and demographic shift from rural to urban areas have forced the conventional social structure to change greatly. As a result, the bonds between people have become weak, causing new anxieties and feelings of uneasiness to arise. On the global scale as well, we can see that there are a number of issues that threaten humanity's existence, such as armed conflict, economic imbalance, climate change, and the proliferation of nuclear materials, and it is anticipated that the situation will likely intensify.

Therefore, I believe it is important for us to listen to the Dharma. Listening to the Dharma clarifies for us the compassionate working of Amida Tathagata that always embraces us as just as we are and never abandons us. Hence, we should share our appreciation and gratitude for it with as many people as possible. As Nembutsu followers who are guided by the Buddha's wisdom, it is important for us to take the initiative and actively carry out programs to cope with the numerous problems and issues in contemporary society. I feel that such efforts will contribute to the actualization of a society in which everyone is able to live a life of spiritual fulfillment.

It is my hope that this upcoming Commemoration of Accession shall become a significant event as the first major step of our organization. May this occasion serve as the impetus for the Hongwanji to effectively cope with the changing times while upholding the traditional religious values based on Amida Tathagata's unconditional compassion. The Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha administration is currently formulating new long-term plans in anticipation of the 850th Anniversary of Shinran Shonin's Birth and the 800th Anniversary of the Establishment of the Jodo Shinshu Teaching. We kindly request your active cooperation and participation.

January 16, 2015

Shaku Sennyo
OHTANI Kojun
Monshu

"Gratitude is not just a word. It is a lifestyle."

March & April 2016 Memorial Anniversaries
(Please call Temple Office to schedule your service - 572-7229)

1st Year Memorial Service 2014

April 19 Masuyo Doi
 April 23 Kay Keiko Watanabe

1st Year Memorial Service 2015

May 12 Sachiye Gohara

3rd Year Memorial Service 2013

April 15 Hisae Edith Watanabe

3rd Year Memorial Service 2014

May - None

7th Year Memorial Service 2009

April 07 Elroy Fujio Yamashiro
 April 25 Mitsue Hamai

7th Year Memorial Service 2010

May - None

13th Year Memorial Service 2003

April 09 Kikue Sato
 April 27 Tsuru Kono

13th Year Memorial Service 2004

May 18 Lillian Fumiko Karimoto

17th Year Memorial Service 1999

April 06 Ruth Haruko Murayama
 April 16 Kikue Yamamura
 April 29 Martha Mitsuyo Mihara

17th Year Memorial Service 2000

May 21 Isuo Shiraki

25th Year Memorial Service 1991

April 08 Taroichi Sasaoka

25th Year Memorial Service 1992

May - None

33rd Year Memorial Service 1983

April 22 Shigeru Murayama

33rd Year Memorial Service 1984

May 08 Yoshio Hino
 May 24 Itsuo Hamada

50th Year Memorial Service 1966

April 17 Yutaka Nakamura

50th Year Memorial Service 1967

May 18 Tsuya Doi
 May 22 Tetsuzo Motofuji

Corrections: Gomennasai. We humbly apologize for the following March newsletter errors..

Listed in error: 13th Year Memorial Service 2004, April 09, Janet Wakayama. Correct listing is as follows: 13th Year Memorial Service 2004, April 09, Kikue Sato.

Listed in error: 33rd Year Memorial Service 1983, March 17, Yohiro Tanitomi. Correct listing is as follows: 33rd Year Memorial Service 1983, March 17, Yojiro Tanitomi.

MHM COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

March 27, 2016



1. **Scouts:** Scouts working on Scout House repairs.
2. **Project Dana:** Re-organization with President Floyd Nagoshi, Vice President Glenna Smith, Secretary/Treasurer Andy Hirose.
3. **BWA:** MUBWA (Maui United Buddhist Women's Association) Spring Assembly will be held at Dani's on April 23rd.
4. Due to Hanamatsuri, next Council meeting will be held April 17th.

Donations - Makawao Hongwanji Mission can operate only because of the generous donations from many, many people. All donations are humbly received with sincere gratitude and appreciation. IF YOU DO NOT WISH TO HAVE YOUR DONATION PRINTED IN THE NEWSLETTER OR IF YOU WISH TO HAVE YOUR DONATION LISTED AS ANONYMOUS, PLEASE INDICATE SO BY ATTACHING A NOTE TO YOUR CONTRIBUTION.

Thank You!

Contributions February 17, 2016 to March 17, 2016

OFUSE:

Funeral service for George Freitas - The family of George Freitas
Funeral service for Haruyuki Yamanaka - The family of Haruyuki Yamanaka
13th year memorial service for Mamoru Nakagawa - The family of Mamoru Nakagawa, Namiko Nakagawa, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Castiel, Nancy McDaniel
Memorial service for Eileen and Masaru Iwatake - The family of Eileen and Masaru Iwatake
49th day service for Kazuo Takemoto - The family of Kazuo Takemoto family, Harumi Ushijima and family
7th year memorial service for Isamu Shimizu - The family of Isamu Shimizu
33rd year memorial service for Hatsuichi Nishiyama - Janet Okuhama
7th year memorial service for Takeo Otsubo - The family of Takeo Otsubo
7th year memorial service for Tadashi Sugimura - The family of Tadashi Sugimura

DONATIONS:

Anonymous

Arleen Kiyomoto

Edwin Yamamura

Michael Inouye

Brian Tateishi

Michael Nakagawa

Janet Kamasaki - Shinnenkai

In memory of Robert Akemoto - Betty Mizoguchi

In memory of Kazuo Takemoto - Mr. and Mrs. Hideo Kawahara

In memory of Takayo Kawakami - Mr. and Mrs. Mitsugu Kawakami

In memory of Mamoru Nakagawa - Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Castiel,

In memory of Haruyuki Yamanaka - Mr. and Mrs. Don Ito, Janice Shiraki, anonymous, Karen and Rogers Ishizu. Paul and Hedy Sentani, Andy and Betty Hirose, Setsuko Asato, Lyman and Marilyn Morikawa, Calvin and Sharon Higuchi, Edwin Yamamura, Allan and Janie Karimoto, Janet Kamasaki, Pearl Yamamoto, Edwin and Mieko Kanemoto, Peggy and Daryn Kono, Mr. and Mrs. Mitsugu Kawakami, Ben and Carmen Haber, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Hamai, Edna and John Annand, Lynn Pilski, Clifford and Ruth Tokumaru, Betsy Matsumura, Robert and Iwa Yoshioka, Alice Sugimura, Clyde and Gail Hamai, Blanche Ito, Carol Yamamura, Marion Morikawa, Ray and Bobbi Nakagawa, Glenn and Diane Kosaka, David Judd, Gail Matsuura, Stella Kuwae, Mr. and Mrs. Kunio Kobayashi

49th day memorial for Nobuyoshi Jio - Beryl and Patrick Jim

In memory of Nobuyoshi Jio - Violet Nishijima

In memory of Martha Mihara - Mr. and Mrs. John Mihara

In memory of Yoshio Fukushima - Ronald Fukushima

In memory of Misayo Nakamura - Mr. and Mrs. Colin Nakamura

In memory of Hideo Nakamura - Mr. and Mrs. Colin Nakamura

In memory of Jackie Yoshizu - Mr. and Mrs. Hisao Yoshizu

NOKOTSUDO:

Hiromi and Jo-anneTanaka

Harold and Janet Inamasu - In memory of H. Makimoro

NEWSLETTER:

Hatsue Terada



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

If you haven't been coming to our Sunday Dharma Services lately, you are missing out. Sure, you can turn on your computer, go to YouTube and watch Buddhist teachings, but you're not going to hear our Rev. Will Masuda message "Live". During one of our Sunday services, a temple member mentioned that not too many people coming to services. I told her, that's okay.....main thing you are here. The Dharma message is directed to you to hear.



Peach season will be coming up shortly. If you want to see our peaches grow, help with the picking, washing, soaking, and packing of the peaches, please come and help us. Lots of fellowship and embracing gratitude as we raise money to sustain our temple. Please call the temple office (572-7229) for work the schedule.

How does your annual dues support Makawao Hongwanji and our Buddhist mission? The 104th Legislative Assembly (Giseikai) was held on February 12, 2016. The delegates approved this year's Honpa Hongwanji of Hawaii's budget of \$1,209,874.00. Of which, \$813,429.00 is funded by assessments of all temples.

Maui District's assessment, which includes Lahaina, Wailuku, Kahului, Lanai and Makawao, is \$135,029.00 or 16.6 % of Honpa Hongwanji of Hawaii's budget. Makawao Hongwanji will be assessed 20.79% or \$28,073 of Maui's assessed amount.

Makawao Hongwanji reported 168 members (sustaining family unit) in the 2015 Legislative Assembly Annual Report. Our members are asked to pay a suggested annual dues (Gojikai) of \$240.00 of which \$72.90 remains at our temple. Our 2016 operating budget is \$168,400. While these assessments of district temples may seem exorbitant to us lay folk, we should not forget that our temple, as all Hongwanji temples, can only survive under the auspices and spiritual guidance of our parent temple, Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii. So how do we manage to fund our budget, you might ask?

We sincerely appreciate your generous donations and all of you who volunteer your services for supporting our temple. Making sanbizuke, pickled peaches, garage sales, bazaars, obon and cleaning and maintaining the temple grounds ourselves, all contribute to meeting our budget. So thank you all, very much. I hope this gives you a better idea of how your council and sangha are working together.

In Gassho,
Floyd



2016 MONTHLY TEMPLE CLEAN UP ASSIGNMENT

JANUARY	—	Kula
FEBRUARY	—	Haiku, Paia, Haliimaile, Wailuku, Kahului
MARCH	—	Pukalani
APRIL	—	Makawao
MAY	—	Kula
JUNE	—	Haiku, Paia, Haliimaile, Wailuku, Kahului
JULY (One Saturday)	—	Pukalani
AUGUST	—	Makawao
SEPTEMBER	—	Kula
OCTOBER	—	Haiku, Paia, Haliimaile, Wailuku, Kahului
NOVEMBER	—	Pukalani
DECEMBER (One Saturday)	—	Makawao



WHAT'S HAPPENING AT MHM – MARCH 2016 SANGHA NEWS

By: Sharon Higuchi

You may not be aware that all Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii temples pay an annual assessment to our Oahu head temple. Diane Kosaka, Maui Hongwanji Council treasurer, just sent the Makawao Council members information about the 2016 assessment. This year MHM has to pay \$28,298. Another piece of information that she sent is quite troubling. Statewide, the HHMH membership was 10,100 in 1990. Twenty-five years later, in 2015, the statewide membership is 5,178. So as our membership dwindles, the temples still have to pay their assessments, pay for the operation and maintenance of their temples, and most importantly, pay for the services of their spiritual leaders, our ministers.

As we face reality, let us celebrate the volunteers who work hard every day to keep our temples functioning so that we all have a spiritual home to nurture us and to help us appreciate each day.

1. Sanbaizuke

Thanks to the various people who volunteer, the famous MHM sanbaizuke is still flourishing. The present batch of daikon came from our own garden and Ira Uradomo donated some daikon so another batch is soaking. We also gratefully received a batch of daikon from Henry Koja.

At the Nembutsu Seminar at Wailuku Hongwanji, participants bought 30 containers and Kahului Hongwanji's president indicated that they would sell some at their upcoming bazaar. All the temples are working together for the common good as we fundraise for our individual temples.

2. Fencing around the whole property - Fencing in the back of the peach trees is completed. David Judd got Council approval for up to \$500 but the final cost was about \$440 for 22 galvanized posts and 200 feet of welded wire. There is a simple gate by the kitchen corner for Mr. Aoyagi's family to access their yard. After this peach season, we can cut back the branches so it's not leaning into our neighbor's property. This is just one of the volunteer maintenance projects worked on to secure MHM's property.

3. New security system installed – a 3 month project

Thanks to David Judd and Paul Sentani, the Simplisafe system has been activated and online from 3-11-16. The old Security Tech system was terminated on Monday 3-14-16. David has trained several people to arm and disarm the new system using either a keypad fob or an iPhone app. Currently David and Paul are doing this from Pukalani and Kula! Ray Nakagawa and Michael Nakagawa will be the primary on-call reps at first, but 5 more can be added on a secondary 911 notification list (Paul Sentani, David Judd, and Rev. Will Masuda for now).

The Simplisafe system seems to be glitch free so far and very convenient. The good news is that the present Security Tech monitoring is costing MHM \$2,232/year and the new system will cost \$300/year. The cost of the Simplisafe system was \$606 (including the \$25 for the first month monitoring) for the base station and 16 sensors (6 door switches, 5 motion detectors and 5 smoke detectors). Yes, now we have smoke detectors in the kitchen, social hall, and one more will be added in the storage room next to the nokotsudo. Thank you David and Paul for tackling this project which makes things easier for people having to arm and disarm the security system and also for saving MHM a ton of money. Change can be good.

4. Buddhist temples communicating and assisting each other - On 3-11-16 some volunteers went to Paia Montokuji to pick up lots of boxes of items for our Garage Sale. This is the second year that Rev. Inamura has called MHM to donate items (he called 2 other temples which declined the donation) and he is so grateful that we have the manpower to pick up the boxes. Thank you to the volunteers who drove 5 vehicles (including Rev. Inamura's van) to Paia and back.

5. Other donations - Haru's brother, Leslie Yamanaka, donated anthurium plants and he will return from Oahu and donate household and clothing items. Volunteers will be needed to pack and pick up items such as a stone usu for pounding mochi. Again, MHM is fortunate to have willing volunteers who do various things without recognition. Families are grateful that MHM provides this service as they do the necessary task of cleaning up.



6. Tibetan Buddhist peace/prayer flags – Thank you David

Did you notice the colorful peace flags fluttering in the breeze by the monkey pod and jacaranda trees? As the flags blow in the wind, blessings are sent for world peace, harmony and compassion. People around the world of various cultures have adopted this Tibetan Buddhist custom. As the flags fade and fray, the concept of change and passing of all things is symbolized. Google Tibetan peace/ prayer flags to learn more.

7. Peach season begins – Thank you volunteers

The peach season began when volunteers spent 3 days making the syrup and putting them in gallon bottles. The trees are currently loaded with small, young peaches but the weather makes it difficult to predict Mother Nature. In 2015 we started picking on April 25, but who knows? All we can say is get ready for Peach Season!

8. Garage Sale preparation – Thank you Gail Hamai

There is never enough room, but MHM is lucky to have two metal containers for storage of Garage Sale items. The problem is, rain leaked upon the stored goods and various things have been tried from putting over a tarp, different types of sealers and buckets to contain the drips of water. Gail took it upon herself to investigate the advertised Gaco roofing product. After obtaining Council approval, the project went ahead and Gail reported that the roofer had to return about four times and added a third layer of Gaco paint and patches before the leaks stopped. “Hopefully we will be dry for the next few years,” she emailed the Council. “Meantime we will be budgeting for a roof to eventually be built before we get into an emergency situation again.” Life at the temple is like our lives, full of changes, challenges and opportunities to grow in our knowledge and chances to tackle projects to make ourselves and the world a better place. You cannot get greener than selling second-hand items! Thank you to everyone who donates and volunteers for our July and December Garage Sale/Bazaars. It is our number one fund raiser. Tell your friends that they may drop items all year around in the storage area next to the nokotsudo.

9. Dana Project and Enhance Fitness Program – Thank you Floyd and Sharon Nagoshi

The MHM Dana Project has been operating without a leader. A big thank you to Sharon Nagoshi who insists that she is not the leader, but has agreed to contact Oahu to obtain a speaker; someone knowledgeable about the Dana Project to assist MHM in making decisions about its future. The Enhance Fitness Program is also without a coordinator and Sharon Nagoshi again stepped up to the plate to meet with Floyd and the temple’s insurance agent to ensure that the temple’s insurance covers having this County program at our Social Hall. The insurance agent is a member of another church site for Enhance Fitness so he has a stake in investigating the issues. It’s unfortunate that we live in such a litigious society that churches cannot do good deeds for society without consulting legal and insurance experts.

MAHALO TO ALL VOLUNTEERS AND PARTICIPANTS IN OUR CHURCH ACTIVITIES!

UPCOMING EVENTS

- April 3 Hanamatsuri at MHM
- April 10 Maui District hanamatsuri Flower Festival
- April 16-17 State Dharma School Conference in Hilo
- April 24 Eshinni-Kakushinni Day Service
Joan Tamori, Speaker
- May 8 Parent’s Day Service
- May 15 Fujimatsuri Service (All temples at MHM)
- May 22 Shinran Shonin Birthday Service (Gotan-E)

MHM Senior Program

The first Official MHM Senior Program was held March 28th in the Dana House. We will be hosting monthly gatherings on the last Monday of every month. Makawao Hongwanji temple members ages 55+ are invited to join us in our monthly activities at 10 am follow with our yummy lunch. Come for fun and socialization.

Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii

HEADQUARTERS UPDATE

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REV. DR. ALFRED BLOOM HONORED BY THE INSTITUTE FOR BUDDHIST STUDIES

On March 10, 2016, the Institute of Buddhist Studies (IBS) honored our Rev. Dr. Alfred Bloom with the 2016 President's Award. The President's Award recognizes an individual's support for the Institute since its founding in 1949. Previous recipients have been Prof. Taitetsu Unno (2014) and Prof. Lewis Lancaster (2015). The IBS, which serves as a Jodo Shinshu seminary, is affiliated with the Buddhist Churches of America and the Graduate Theological Union in California. The IBS has been providing graduate-level Buddhist, ministerial, chaplaincy, and other educational programs in Berkeley, California for more than fifty years. The current IBS President, Rev. Kodo Umezu is also the Bishop of the Buddhist Churches of America. Rev. Dr. David Matsu-moto, IBS Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs, and Director of the Center for Contemporary Shin Buddhist Studies presented this honor to Dr. Bloom at the Kailua Hongwanji Buddhist Temple, where Dr. Bloom still teaches through a "KO" discussion group several times a month.



In 1986, Dr. Bloom, a noted Shin Buddhist scholar, teacher and author, was appointed Dean and Head Professor of IBS after serving twenty-six years on the faculties of the University of Hawaii and the University of Oregon. During his tenure at University of Hawaii, Dr. Bloom was instrumental in establishing the Hawaii Buddhist Study Center (BSC) on University Avenue. In early 1972, Al informed then Bishop Kanmo Imamura about the sale of the two original properties where today's BSC exists. Dr. Bloom retired in 1994. Rev. Bloom received Shin Buddhist Ordination in 1990 and Full Certification in 1994. Al has been a member of the Hawaii Betsuin since the 1970's.

2016 FALL JAPAN TOUR By Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii October 14-23, 2016 (10 days)

What you can do in this tour!

You will participate in the Historical Event of Accession Ceremony at Honzan, Kyoto by the 25th Monshu, Morning Service, Confirmation Ceremony (Optional), and Honzan (historical Building) Tour & Group Picture Taking.

You will visit Rennyō Shōnin related Betsuins and Temples guided by Rev. Umitani and Rev. Takahashi: Okazaki, Honshūji Temple; Fukui, Yoshizaki Betsuin; Osaka, Tsumura Betsuin.

You will enjoy famous sightseeing places by chartered coach with English speaking guide and beautiful fall landscape of Japan: Shin Hodaka Ropeway (superb view of mountains); Historic Village of Shirakawa-go (World Heritage); Henrūku-en (one of the 3 most beautiful gardens in Japan).

You will stay at nice hotels and enjoy delicious Japanese dishes; 8 breakfasts, 7 lunches, and 5 dinners included.

Application Deadline is March 31, 2016. Please contact Rev. Toshiyuki Umitani or Yoshiko Umitani at HQ. Phone: 522-9200 / hqs@honpahi.org.

BWA ANNUAL LUNCHEON

We ate delicious food. We played fun games. Most of all, we enjoyed the time together.



BWA – TIME FOR FUN AND SERVICE

By Marilyn

March was a time for FUN and SERVICE for the BWA ladies of Makawao Hongwanji.

The *FUN* was the New Year Party at NUKA in Haiku on March 6, Sunday after church. We're happy that over 40 ladies, ages 9 to 90 plus, were able to come. We welcomed Rev. Will and Kiyo with some Up-country fun and food. The choice of saimin or stir-fry noodles was delicious as were pickles, sushi, and dessert. Special guests Mike Nakagawa and Floyd Nagoshi also came to keep Rev. Will company. A big THANK YOU to Nuka staff for a special Sunday luncheon.

President Diane Kosaka conducted a short BWA meeting and asked for everyone's continued help throughout the year. We had singing by Alison before lunch and Karen afterwards. Thank you for wearing pink and spring colors, especially Janet, Lillian, Sachie, and Jaime. Thank you also for your help Jo-Ann, Diane and Mealani, Carol, Mieko, Jan, and Marilyn who planned the luncheon.

The following week, March 13, BWA provided *SERVICE* to Hale Makua patients in Kahului. The BWA ladies walked around visiting with the residents who were very happy to see new faces to talk to. There were also some former church members and old friends we could visit with. At one o'clock the patients moved into the dining room for our yearly BINGO GAME; the dining room was full of eager players and their families. We have expert bingo callers with Diane spinning the basket and Karen announcing numbers. Thank you for coming and bringing donations for prizes: Karen, Lillian, Rogers, Jennifer, Florence, Jean, Marilyn, Lea, Alice, Diane, Diane, Mealani, Alison, Floyd, Sharon, and Gail.

These are yearly events we have in March or April, so please come next year also. This April we are looking forward to Eshinni/Kakushinni Day on April 24 with guest speaker Joan Tamori of Wailuku Hongwanji. Hanamatsuri will also be in April, a time to celebrate and give thanks, on April 3 at our Sunday Service and April 10 at Wailuku Community Center. Please come!



TROOP 18 NEWS

By Trenton Uchima

March 4, 2016 - A rainy Friday afternoon, Troop 18 Boy Scouts head down to Camp Maluhia to prepare for the 2016 Spring Camporee Natural Disaster competition. The Boy Scouts set up camp and made chicken stir-fry for their dinner. The next day, the scouts prepare for their competition with the rest of the Maui Troops. The competition consisted of First Aid Skills, Navigation, Emergency Scenarios, Shelter Building, Archery and Tomahawk throwing. Troop 18 was split into two patrols -- Banana Patrol and Fighting Malasadas, and took 1st place in the overall competition for the third year in a row!



SHARING CORNER

Those who attended the MAUI DISTRICT NEMBUTSU SEMINAR with Rev. Shigenori Makino received Reverend's great insights into the life of Nembutsu. Here is just an example...

Theme: "Let Us Solve Our Questions Through the Life of the Nembutsu."

"What Buddha Dharma Deals With...Buddha Dharma does not deal with man's problem, but it deals with man himself as a problem." "What does Buddha Dharma Teach?...Buddha Dharma is essentially a way of life which teaches man to cultivate the right view of life, so that man can live peacefully in harmony with the natural order inherent in life. There is unhappiness, because of the wrong view—we are out of focus with reality. In order to attain happiness, fulfillment, and meaning in life we must cultivate the right view, the "right idea," of what life is all about."

So grateful I had the opportunity to listen. Thank you to Wailuku Hongwanji for sponsoring this very successful seminar and to Rev. Murakami, your chili was yummy!

In gassho,
GH.



ANNOUNCEMENT: MHM Sutra chanting on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, 8:30am - 9:00am. Discussion sessions to follow on Mondays after chanting. Come join us.

SANBAIZUKE and KIMCHEE: Yes, we have sanbaizuke for \$5/each and Kimchee for \$4/each. Get them while supplies last!

April - May 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 8:00 am Nokotsudo Cleaning Makawao 8:30 am Fitness Prog
3 9:00 am Hanamatsuri Service Jr.YBA	4 6:00 to 8:45 pm Judo	5 8:30 am Fitness Prog 2:45/3:30 pm Japanese Sch	6 10:30 am Kula Hosp. Hanamatsuri Svc.	7 8:30 am Fitness Prog 2:45/3:30 pm Japanese Sch 6:00 to 8:45 pm Judo	8	9 8:00 am Clean- Up Makawao 8:30 am Fitness Prog
10 No Service 9:00 am Hanamatsuri "Wailuku CC"	11 6:00 to 8:45 pm Judo	12 8:30 am Fitness Prog 2:45/3:30 pm Japanese Sch	13 Sewing Class 8:30 am	14 8:30 am Fitness Prog 2:45/3:30 pm Japanese Sch 6:00 to 8:45 pm Judo	15 5:00 pm 3rd Friday Parking	16 8:00 am Nokotsudo Cleaning Makawao 8:30 am Fitness Fitness Prog
17 9:00 am Family Service Dharma Sch 11:00 am Council Mtg.	18 6:00 to 8:45 pm Judo	19 8:30 am Fitness Prog 2:45/3:30 pm Japanese Sch	20	21 8:30 am Fitness Prog 2:45/3:30 pm Japanese Sch 6:00 to 8:45 pm Judo	22	23 8:00 am Clean - Up Makawao 8:30 am Fitness Prog
24 9:00 am Esshini/ Kakushinni Service BWA Spkr: Joan Tamori	25 6:00 to 8:45 pm Judo	26 8:30 am Fitness Prog 2:45/3:30 pm Japanese Sch	27 Sewing Class 8:30 am - 12 noon	28 8:30 am Fitness Prog 2:45/3:30 pm Japanese Sch 6:00 to 8:45 pm Judo	29	30 8:00 am Nokotsudo Cleaning Makawao 8:30 am Fitness Prog

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8 9:00 am Parent's Day Spkr: Kiyo Masuda BWA 11:00 am Council Mtg	9 6:00 to 8:45 pm Judo	10 8:30 am Fitness Prog 2:45/3:30 pm Japanese Sch	11 8:30 am - 12:00 noon Sewing Class	12 8:30 am Fitness Prog 2:45/3:30 pm Japanese Sch 6:00 to 8:45 pm Judo	13	14 8:00 am Clean- Up Kula 8:30 am Fitness Prog
15 9:00 am Fujimatsuri Service Dhama School	16 6:00 to 8:45 pm Judo	17 8:30 am Fitness Prog 2:45/3:30 pm Japanese Sch	18	19 8:30 am Fitness Prog 2:45/3:30 pm Japanese Sch 6:00 to 8:45 pm Judo	20 5:00 pm 3rd Friday Parking	21 8:00 am Nokotsudo Cleaning Kula 8:30 am Fitness Prog
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