



# Makawao Hongwanji Buddhist Temple

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Return Service Requested

Makawao Hongwanji

**Sunday, August 7th, 9 a.m.**  
**FAMILY SERVICE**  
**Guest Speaker: Rev. Ron Kobata**  
Toban: Jr. YBA  
Refreshments: Am. Beauty Rose

**Sunday, August 14th**  
**No Service**  
**Dharma School Picnic**  
**Lahaina Jodo Mission**

**Sunday, August 21st, 9 a.m.**  
**Family Service**  
**Toban: Dharma School**  
**Refreshments: Peonies**

**Sunday, August 28th, 9 a.m.**  
**Family Service**  
**Toban: Kyodan**  
**Refreshments: Gardenias**

## ANNUAL ISLAND-WIDE DHARMA SCHOOL PICNIC



When: August 14th, Sunday, 9 a.m.  
Where: Lahaina Jodo Mission Grounds  
What: Dharma School Kickoff Picnic  
Who: All Dharma School Students, Families, Friends

### 2016 OBON SCHEDULE:

Friday & Saturday, 8/5 & 8/6, Lahaina Hongwanji, 6:30 p.m. Service, 8:00 p.m. Dance  
Friday & Saturday, 8/19 & 8/20, Kahului Jodo, 6:30 p.m. Service, 7:30 p.m. Dance  
Saturday, 8/27, Kula Shofukuji, 6:30 p.m. Service, 7:30 p.m. Dance





## Reflections on the Journey in Crossing Over to the Other Shore (Higan)

When we say “Namu-Amida-Butsu”,  
Which surpasses all virtues,  
Our heavy obstructions of evil – in past, present,  
and future  
All are unfailingly transformed, becoming light.  
Shinran Shonin

- In each and every moment of our life, our inner voice calls to us to respond to the fundamental question, “Who am I?” The answer does not come to us from the outside. We are challenged by our karmic forces to enter the inner chamber of our heart and mind, listening carefully and clearly to the emerging response. Our obligation and task in life is to become who we truly are. Anything short of this, we lose the meaning at the heart of the Nembutsu.
- Every karmic act of ours, whether spoken, thought, and acted upon bears consequences in the present or sometime in the future. Whether good, bad, neutral – we are creators and bearers of our present and future life. There is no one to blame nor falsely praise for who and what we have become. As important as the environment and conditions from which we evolved are, we alone must fully bear and hold our karmic consequences. Such is the unrelenting law of cause-condition-effect – the Law of Karma.
- My admiration for Shinran Shonin and those who have realized the depth of the Nembutsu Dharma relates specifically to their clear awareness and humble acceptance of their genuine, everyday self. Their awareness is not one of self-pity, self-defeat, self-aggrandizement, and self-doubt.
- No! Their clear awareness resonates with an inner illumination which manifests boundless light and life. Their deep connectedness to Amida Buddha’s infinite light of wisdom illuminates what we cannot truly see in ourselves, just as it takes the sun, casting its bright light on the tree, to clearly define its shade and shadow. At the same time, Amida Buddha’s infinite light of compassion embraces and affirms us as we are with our deep karmic evils and blind passions, and transforms our karmic afflictions into dharmic goodness and virtue. Such a life of faith is an inexpressible mystery, beyond our calculations, but clearly real and true as we live each day with appreciation, delight, and heart-felt connectedness with all life.
- Compassion in action is a natural outflow of our Nembutsu faith. The Otherness of Amida Buddha’s wisdom and compassion awakens us to our true and real life, and broadens our response (-ability) to our world by emulating the Bodhisattvas’ selfless giving (dana) to all beings. In such a way we are encouraged to join our effort and energy in mutually supporting each other in manifesting the bright rays of Amida Buddha’s deepest vow and wish for the happiness, joy, and fulfillment of all living beings.

Namo Amitabha, Namu Amitayus,  
(Namu Amida Butsu),

Rev. William Masuda  
August/September, 2016

# IN MEMORIAM

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

Family of the **Late Mr. Tadashi Gohara** (94) who passed away on June 10, 2016.

## August & September 2016 Memorial Anniversaries (Please call Temple Office to schedule your service - 572-7229)

### 1st Year Memorial Service 2014

August - None

### 1st Year Memorial Service 2015

September 01 Fusako Yamada  
September 16 Sueji Kanemoto  
September 24 Violet Tsuyako Nakamura

### 3rd Year Memorial Service 2013

August 13 Fujiko Nishida

### 3rd Year Memorial Service 2014

September - None

### 7th Year Memorial Service 2009

August 30 Leilani Michie Matsumura

### 7th Year Memorial Service 2010

September - None

### 13th Year Memorial Service 2003

August 07 Misayo Matsunaga

### 13th Year Memorial Service 2004

September - None

### 17th Year Memorial Service 1999

August 06 Kiyoshi Kijima

### 17th Year Memorial Service 2000

September 12 Miyo Sugimura  
September 13 Toshito Itamura  
September 14 Toshimasa Hasegawa  
September 20 Gordon Tamotsu Tempo

### 25th Year Memorial Service 1991

August - None

### 25th Year Memorial Service 1992

September 16 Tatsuo Terao

### 33rd Year Memorial Service 1983

August 12 Kazuichi Sugimura  
August 23 Noboru James Kawabe  
August 30 Henry Takito Hamamoto

### 33rd Year Memorial Service 1984

September - None

### 50th Year Memorial Service 1966

August - None

### 50th Year Memorial Service 1967

September 06 Tomitaro Osakoda  
September 11 Yoneyo Akaboshi  
September 12 Kanroku Takemori

## ACTIVITIES

- August 3: Kula Hospital Visitation & Obon Service with Rev. Will. Please join us.  
August 14: Dharma School Picnic, 9:00 a.m., Lahaina Jodo Mission  
September 9-11: Lay Convention, Wailuku Hongwanji  
September 18: Grandparents' Day and Peace Day Service, Dharma School (Sept. monthly meeting)  
Bring the whole family and come for a morning of activities. Light refreshments.  
September 25: Fall Ohigan Service

**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.

**Contributions June 17, 2016 to July 17, 2016**

**OFUSE:**

1st year memorial service for Yoshie and Sadamu Okuni - Family of Yoshie and Sadamu Okuni

Funeral for Tadashi Gohara - Family of Tadashi Gohara

In memory of Tadashi Gohara - Mr. and Mrs. George Gohara

1st year memorial service for Frederick Fujimoto - Family of Frederick Fujimoto

**DONATIONS:**

Shigeru and Ethel Hotema

Mr. and Mrs. Ken Tamura

Kenneth and Debra Okuno

Sharon Higa

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Kinoshita

Anonymous

In memory of Asayo Yamashita - Sumiyo Nancy Tanaka

In memory of Shirley Hamai - Ronald and Gail Hamai, Ken and Alma Nakano

In honor of Father's Day - Gail and Clyde Hamai

Bazaar donation - Tad Tadashi Sakamoto, Jane Seki, Mieko Kanemoto, Marion Morikawa, Harumi Ushijima

In memory of Rev. Chikai Yosemite - Mrs. Chihoko Yosemite and family

In memory of Haruyuki Yokoyama - Sharon Yokoyama

In memory of Misao and Kazuo Tamura - Ms. Lorna Beghtel

In memory of Bich Pham - Mr. and Mrs. San Fujimoto

In memory of Doris and Edward Nakamoto - Harriet Kitazawa

In memory of Sue Saito - Mr. and Mrs. Dick Fukushima

In memory of Stella Kawaharada - Janice Shiraki

In memory of Tatsuo Nishimoto, Ayako Nishimoto, Edward Masao Nakamoto, Doris Nakamoto - Mr. and Mrs. Howard Nishimoto

In memory of Sawayo Mizoguchi - Mr. and Mrs. Lon Mizoguchi, Ruth Anisman

**NOKOTSUDO:**

Marion Morikawa

Stanley Shimote

Mr. and Mrs. Osamu Kawakami

In memory of Shigeichi Karimoto - Yvonne Kishi

In memory of Patrick Hamai - Mr. and Mrs. Howard Hamai

In memory of Shirley Hamai - Mr. and Mrs. Howard Hamai



**Thank You Abbey Carpet of Maui!**

A thank you to Warren Orikasa, owner of Abbey Carpets in Kahului, for furnishing Reverend Will and Kiyō's residence with blinds and window covering in the living room at no charge to the church. Reverend Will can now exercise on his stationary bicycle without putting on a public exhibition for his neighbors. Thank You Warren!

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Greetings everyone.....hope you all are rested from our busy fundraising events. Arigato to all the chairpersons that took on the leadership role to make our *Garage Sale* and *Bazaar* a successful event. To the Boys Scouts, Judo Club, and parking guys (who got rained on early Sunday morning), MAHALO! And, to all who donated their “Stuffs” and to those that came to buy those treasures..... Thank you!!!

Have you seen our banner sign on our front gate? We **WELCOME ALL** to our temple. Some Makawao residents (20 plus years) never knew we were a Buddhist temple. At our recent garage sale, a person mentioned to her family that we even have a temple inside the building as she browsed through the book sale on the temple lanai. Please join us with your family (bring a friend) for Sunday family services. If you don't know what time our service starts, I'll tell you... Services start at 9 a.m.

Mahalo to all those who came out for our summer *General Cleanup*. We cleaned the back side of our property, took down the old TV antenna from the minister's residence, pruned peach trees, pulled weeds, cut down banana plants, and cleaned windows; inside of our temple and social hall were also cleaned, scouts set up the Yagura for our Obon Dance, and much more. Lunch was ono! I had two bowls of beef stew.....Rev. Masuda too!!!! Thanks to Carol and crew for providing lunch for us.

To all who donated to the Kumamoto Earthquake Relief Fund, thank you very much. Your contributions totaling \$1,170 was sent to Honpa Hongwanji 's Social Concerns Committee. They will collect and forward all donated funds to Honzan in Japan to support Hongwanji-related temples and those who are affected by this disaster.

Due to the rain, our Friday night *Obon* dance was held in our Social Hall. Saturday night's Hatsu-bon service and dance were canceled due to the approaching tropical storm (Darby). Service for the Hatsu-bon families was held on Sunday morning.

Much Mahalo and Aloha to the boys and parents of the Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Judo Club, and temple members in helping to dismantle the electrical wires on the Yagura on Saturday. To the parking people on Friday night, thank you so very much for providing safe parking for our guests as well as workers. We appreciate your volunteering in the rain and mud.

Namu Amida Butsu.

With deep appreciation,  
May all people be happy and well,

*We danced and danced...*

*Some of us danced in the Social Hall and some of us danced under the misty night sky of Tropical Storm Darby.*



### *Sharing Corner*

By: Andy

*“The wind rolls into a wave, the teachings fold into my way.  
Namu Amida Butsu”*

## **PICKLED PEACH 2016**

**By: Calvin**

This season's processing time lasted from March 7, 2016 through June 20, 2016 (about 14 weeks including preparing syrup before actual harvests). There were 11 harvest weekends and 10 batches to pickle and pack. A total of 438 gallons of peaches were processed. This total included peach harvested and brought to the kitchen from the Fukuda and Nishida farms. There was a total of 37 processing days and 489 estimated worker hours. Due to the weather conditions this year, the harvest period was a longer with less yields than last year. Last year we worked for 8 weeks and processed 876 gallons.

Although the harvesting and processing period is completed, the sales and distribution part is ongoing and will probably take us another 2 or 3 more months, if not more. Rie Taketa has been taking orders from our temple office, and Amy and Richard Blue have been doing the order packaging and distribution work. Also, thanks to Sharon Higuchi and Betty Hirose for handling the dried pickled peach processing of pitting, dehydrating, and packaging.

The committee sends out a big mahalo to the following volunteers for all their hard work this season: Floyd and Sharon Nagoshi, Robert Yoshioka, Paul Nishida, Andy and Betty Hirose, Ray Nakagawa, David Judd, Mike and Alison Nakagawa, Edwin Yamamura, Sharon and Calvin Higuchi, Agnes and Val Guiala, Marilyn Morikawa, Ruth Tokumaru, Diane Kosaka, Glenn Hamai, Allen Fukuda, Glenna Smith, Pam Farnsworth, Richard and Amy Blue, Gail and Clyde Hamai. Special thanks to Amy and Richard Blue for handling the order packaging and distributions; and Rie Taketa for taking orders. (Apologies if we may have missed anyone who came but was inadvertently not listed.)

Please call or email Rie at the temple office to purchase or order while supplies last: Pickled peaches (1 gallon for \$35; 1 half-gallon for \$20; 1 quart for \$12) and dried pickled peaches (4 oz. bag for \$4, or you can order larger bags at \$1 per oz.)

Ah Fook's, Pukalani Superette, Takamiya Market, and Tamura's also sell our pickled peaches in their stores.

We also sold at the Bazaar and the Obon this past month.



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## **THANK YOU TO CHOW FUN CREW**

**By: Bobbi**

To the wonderful, hard working, dedicated crew of chow fun... THANK YOU! We washed and chopped hundreds of pounds of vegetables and oiled hundreds of pounds of noodles before chow fun was cooked to perfection by our men of chow fun. All this work and with a smile, what a bunch of folks you are!

To all those ladies that spent 5 hours cleaning and chopping vegetables, you amaze me! There are no words to express how great you are.

After all these years, you guys still make the best chow fun! A hundred thank you's and a thousand bows of appreciation from MHM to all that helped.



## **OBON 2016**

By: Sharon Nagoshi

On behalf of Makawao Hongwanji Buddhist Temple, we would like to thank the many individuals who made this year's Obon Festival a memorable one. We appreciate those who volunteered countless hours of their time in preparing for this joyous celebration. We are grateful for your generous monetary and food donations.

Tropical Storm Darby brought a new challenge to the festival. Our Sangha members and friends adapted and embraced changes. Dining and dancing were held in the social hall. A few dancers ventured outside. Despite the wet weather, the people enjoyed themselves. Unfortunately, the storm continued which resulted in the cancellation of Saturday's event. On Sunday, Hatsubon service were held for those families who were scheduled for Saturday.

Obon is called the Gathering of Joy by Jodo Shinshu Buddhists. This was evident by listening and reflecting upon the message by our resident minister, Reverend William Masuda.

Special thanks go to the committee chairs and organizations who have stepped forward and brought new and creative ideas to the festival. Through your cooperation, contributions and willingness to give of your time to fill a need whenever it arises, we were able to carry on our traditions and embrace the true spirit of **dana**.

Thank you one and all.

## **THE MAGIC OF MUNCHIES AND MEALS**

By: Marilyn

Makawao Hongwanji is well known for good food, especially all the delicious bazaar and obon food. But all the food doesn't just "magically" appear. Some of the recipes are from years ago, learned from 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> generation ladies.

Some of these are Mrs. Hamai's Chow fun, Mrs. Otani's sanbaizuke; Mrs. Tanaka, Mrs. Hedani, and Mrs. Karimoto's sushi; Mrs. Morikawa and Mrs. Yamamura's cookies; Mrs. Kametani and Mrs. Matsui's breads, Mrs. Doi's manju, and Mr. and Mrs. Okinaka's pickled peach. Thankfully, they passed on the recipes and trained the next generation to prepare the food, but now everything is written down, ingredients precisely measured, and amounts made recorded every year.

Makawao Hongwanji also has the best "munchies and meals" for the workers. That also takes precise preparation; food just doesn't magically appear. But it is magic to sit together and have a snack together since bazaar starts at 7:00 am before breakfast and some workers came from 3:30 am. Usually some ladies just bring whatever they feel like making, but often people are asked to sign-up to bring munchies.

Lunch, often at 10:00 or 10:30, is "more" than a regular meal at home. Such a variety of main dishes, vegetables, and side dishes. Who makes it "magically" appear??

For Garage Sale and Bazaar, THANK YOU to all those who brought munchies and meals for the workers. Every day of Garage Sale prep there was food for the workers who came to price items. Gail, Ruth, Betty, and Glenna made sure of that.

Friday lunch was organized by Marilyn, Saturday lunch by Jean, and Sunday bento lunch by Jackie and Clark. Many workers helped them. Peggy, Rene, Bobbi, and Irma brought food on Friday. Munchies were donated by Hedy, Karen, Mieko, Stephanie H, Pearl, Jean and others on Saturday.

THANK YOU for continuing to made munchies and meals for our stomachs, so we can continue all the work for Garage Sale, Bazaar, and other church activities. Also, THANK YOU to the coffee makers and water jug fillers.

### *NOTE ALSO:*

**CLEAN-UP DAY:** Thank you to Carol and kitchen crew for lunch and all who donated snacks.

**O-BON:** Thank you to everyone who made goodies to sell in the breezeway. There are too many to mention for Friday night and we don't want to leave out the Saturday night people who couldn't bring their goodies. Thank you also for donations of squash, chayote, cucumber, honey, papaya-pineapple jam, pickles, pineapple, and bags and other craft items.

## MHM COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

July 10, 2016



1. Dharma School: Dharma School in recess for the summer. August 14th picnic at Lahaina Jodo Mission, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Makawao Hongwanji in charge of food: Bento and ice cream float. Everyone invited.
2. BWA: Tee shirt orders ready by Obon. Will have a few to sell at Obon.
3. Boy Scouts: Scouts helped out with Garage Sale by providing manpower for set up, packing away and cleanup. New paint done on the Yagura. Three boys attended High Adventure Camp in Cimarron, New Mexico, for 10 days. Camp Maluhia will be in July. Issac Freeman's Eagle Court of Honor Ceremony to be held on July 29th at the temple.
4. Jr. YBA: Alison Nakagawa will no longer be advisor. Looking for new advisor or consider having current members join the other temple's Jr. YBA or just have one Maui unit.
5. Project Dana: Sharon Nagoshi is Site Coordinator. Sharon and Glenna will be attending training on Oahu. On Sept. 30th and Oct. 1st there will be a statewide project of making donburi bowls to be distributed to shut-in's in the community. Sharon is looking for volunteers to help out with making the donburi bowls, location will be Wailuku Hongwanji.
6. Buddhist Education: VIDSTA discussed having workshop for Dharma school and preschool directors/teachers (all temples). Working on having temple services broadcasted over speakers in the kitchen.
7. Membership: New brochure ready to be printed. Will be ready for choba during Obon.
8. Nokotsudo: Paul Sentani updated the Nokotsudo Directory as well as the list of all urns and their locations by niche number. Camera re-activated 24/7 for security purposes.
9. Properties: Chair racks delivered. All facility rentals must complete rental form and be approved.
10. MHM 110th Anniversary: 110th Anniversary Capital Campaign forms distributed and printed in newsletter. All council members are encouraged to show support with contribution.
11. Wooden sleeves behind each pew is being considered so that service books, brochures, and information can be easily accessible.
12. August 3rd will be visitation to Kula Hospital with Rev. Will and members.

### 53rd ANNUAL LAY CONVENTION ON MAUI SEPTEMBER 10-11, 2016

The 53rd Annual Convention of the Hawaii State Federation of Honpa Lay Association will be held on Maui September 10-11, 2016. The host temple is Kahului Hongwanji but the site for activities will be at Wailuku Hongwanji Buddhist Temple and Social Hall. Golf tournament will be held on Friday, September 9th.

The theme will address multi-generational issues. Keynote speaker: Nicole Fisher. Workshops planned are: Marketing, Social Media, Developing Programs for Different Subgroups.

MHM representatives will be Lorin Kosaka and Glen Coryell. The Lay Convention is open to all members as well as non-members alike. Besides representatives, interested participants are welcomed to sign up. We encourage more participation for this Lay convention as cost will be limited to only registration. The sign-up sheet is in the office.



*Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii*  
**HEADQUARTERS UPDATE**

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**A Humble Request for a Moment of Reflection**

Dallas, Orlando, Istanbul, Medina, Paris, Charleston, Oak Creek, San Bernardino and the list goes on and on. Each day, I start by watching the news for a few minutes to see what has happened in the world since I went to bed the previous night. Needless to say, we have many problems and issues which plague us. While mass killings, whether motivated by anger, greed, hatred, racism, self-centeredness, discrimination or any other reason (cause), is only one form of violence(effect) which troubles our world the recent increase in such incidents is a source of concern. It seems no place is safe or immune not even places deemed sacred and holy by many around world.

As we watch the news on TV, listen to the radio, read the paper or glance at posts on social media, we see so much suffering and needless, in my opinion, killing happening around the globe. But, what can we, what can I do? In my humble view, a first step is to consistently remind ourselves (the whole world) of the value of equality, harmony, non-violence, humility, mutual respect and preciousness of life. To be sure, we are not perfect human beings. We have negative thoughts which at times do surface in hurtful ways, but at the same time may we be guided and inspired by an All-Inclusive Wisdom and All-Embracing Compassion which encourages us to self-reflect and to try to respond to situations and circumstances in non-violent ways instead of reacting. In Buddhism, we would say let us be guided by the Dharma or Teachings.

As Buddhists, we are familiar with the sayings “Hatred is not overcome by hatred. Hatred is overcome by love,” “Revenge can be overcome by only abandoning revenge.” “The Wise seek neither victory nor defeat.” “May all beings be happy and safe.” Further in the Larger Sukhavativyuha Sutra, it says “All people of the world...should respect and love each other and should not hate and envy each other. They should share their possessions with each other, without being greedy, always speak gently, and live harmoniously without hurting each other.” The Great Pure Land Master T’an-luan said, “Because they are the same in practicing the nembutsu...all within the four seas, no matter how distant, are brothers and sisters.” Rennyō Shōnin is known to have said, “Since we equally receive the benevolence of the Buddha (Amida), and equally have shinjin, all in the four oceans are brothers and sisters.” In Buddhism, everyone and everything possess or has access to Buddha-nature, the potential to become enlightened, and thus one and all should be equally respected for that potential.

My request, on the next available occasion, be it the next Sunday Service, weekly or monthly service or any temple gathering, may I ask that we, as Jodo Shin Buddhists, please take a moment to reflect on the world including ourselves and the Dharma. As to an exact action, whether it be a Dharma Message by a minister, doing a selected reflective reading appropriate for the purpose, or simply the lightening of a candle in tribute to remember and honor those who died, are directly suffering from an incident and those who acted so courageously to help others, I leave that up to each temple and/or sangha. My last thought is I may not be able to change someone else, but with Amida Buddha’s Light of Wisdom illuminating me (awakening me to my ignorance) and Amida Buddha’s Light of Joy nurturing me (transforming my anger into joy), may I come to some realizations about myself and contribute to harmony and peace in the world in grateful response to Wisdom and Compassion. Namo Amida Butsu.



Sincerely in gassho, Eric Matsumoto, Bishop, July 9, 2016

**NEW WEBSITE:** [www.hongwanjihawaii.com](http://www.hongwanjihawaii.com)

**FACE BOOK:** <https://www.facebook.com/Honpa-Hongwanji-Hawaii-528681867268518/>

# 2016 MHM BAZAAR / GARAGE SALE



## Observation Notes: Summer Activities

By: Kiyō Masuda

I was told that the temple would be most busy in July with the garage sale, temple cleanup, and Obon. I didn't give it much thought, assuming that the leaders used a well organized work schedule specifying the volunteers' assigned tasks and work times. I waited for the schedule to come out, but it never did. The only notifications were a few short announcements at Sunday services to come help with the preparations. Hmm, how effective is that?

Well, I need not have been so pessimistic; I saw the meaning of Sangha and Dana practiced effortlessly and selflessly.

- This is definitely the people's temple. There is no lack of cooperation; when someone needs help, it's asked for and promptly given. Help where help is needed with no questions asked. No formally assigned work schedule; everyone knows what to do.
- People take care of each other. "You must be thirsty. Here's some water." "Take a break." "Eat!" No lack of food.
- A constant: Workers saying thank you to each other as well as to their customers; all repeating "Thank you," as a transaction is completed, be it with an adult or child, a ten cent purchase or twenty dollars.
- Amazing. Family, friends, friends of friends from the islands as well as friends/family from the mainland come for the sole purpose of helping with the garage sale. What's the draw, I wonder. Obligation? See family and friends? It's fun? Be part of a community?

Comments I heard several times: These helpers come out once a year; we don't see them at any other time; not members of the temple; children of members are not necessarily Buddhist. Why, I wonder.

- Women: Bustle, bustle, scurry, scurry, chop, chop, wipe, wipe. Done. Clean up - fast, efficient, done.

Men: steady, plod, plod, plod, lift, lift, pound, pound, heave ho, heave ho. Done. Clean up – lift, lift, pound, pound, heave ho, heave ho, done.

- Example: General Cleanup Day: To begin at 8:00 a.m. I step out the door at 9:00 a.m., The grounds are filled with dozens of men mowing, spraying, weed whacking, climbing ladders, moving and hauling stuff. They work purposefully, concentrating, knowing what to do.

In the kitchen, again I see the purposeful activity of the crew making lunch for the workers. No need for my help here. Go to the temple side. The ladies are busy, industriously cleaning the windows (inside and out!), jealousies, office equipment, altar.

9:30 a.m. "Lunch time!" "Come and eat!" Stew, somen salad, tofu salad, and more (!)

Amazing. This huge project was completed by 12:00 p.m. I go home. Look out the back door at 1:00: not a car around. Grounds quiet, clean as though nothing happened.

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- Amazing, in three weeks' time Makawao members successfully pulled off three major, huge, man powered events. All this completed with good will, commitment, and cooperation, AND, with no detailed schedule of work teams, duties, and time slots. People were there. It was tiring, but before each event they took a deep breath, then rolled up their sleeves to tackle it, no moaning, no groaning. Hurricane Darby disrupted the Obon, but that too, was handled with calm common sense. Buddha Dharma: Right View, Right Effort, Thank you.
- Great Sangha. It's secure and strong. As one of the Three Treasures it can be likened to one leg of a standing tripod. When each leg is equidistant to each other and the legs are of equal length, the tripod is balanced and secure; there is no fear of it tipping over. I'd like to say to our Dharma friends, in the same manner, on the strength of our Sangha practice, let's help each other equalize our Buddha and Dharma legs also. In this way we can stand on a solid base of understanding the meaning of the Three Treasures to live and promote a life of true gratitude.
- How fortunate I am. Rev. Will expresses his gratitude also. Thank you. Namo Amida Butsu.



### **MHM PRESCHOOL**

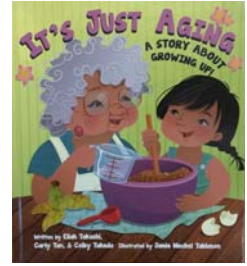
We Celebrated Fourth of July this summer with our preschoolers creating sponge painted tee designs with red and blue stars and striped headbands to wear as we paraded around the classroom with musical instruments. We could hear the sounds of fireworks with each musical note played by the students... "boom, "bang"! We shared a fun filled summer together greeting new classmates and saying "a hui hou" to our friends entering kindergarten. Thank you, everyone, for a great summer!!!

## PROJECT DANA DAY

By: Glenna

How fortunate for MHM that we were able to have Rose Nakamura as our guest speaker for our Project Dana Day Service. Her story of the start of Project Dana 20+ years ago and what they are currently providing on Oahu is simply amazing. Rose is a true gift! After service we enjoyed a beautiful lunch prepared by Carol and her gang. The sandwiches and salad were delicious. Our temple members outdid themselves with all the delicious desserts. After lunch we had a meeting with Rose. Makawao, Lahaina, and Wailuku Project Dana coordinators were represented. We all got an opportunity to ask questions. Kiyo Masuda facilitated and kept us on track. In the future, site coordinators will be receiving training on Oahu and will bring back knowledge to better serve our sangha as well as our communities. Thank you to all who helped us enjoy our Dana Day Service and luncheon.





**BOOK & CARDS TO BENEFIT PROJECT DANA**

“It’s Just Aging – A Story about Growing Up!” a children’s book written by Eliah Takushi, Carly Tan, and Colby Takeda and illustrated by Jamie Meckel Tablason will be available soon at Barnes and Noble in Lahaina. Proceeds of the book will be donated to Project Dana.

The books description notes:

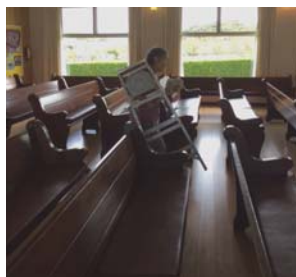
*“Lily is a playful young girl who loves her Tutu and Papa. On this beautiful day in Hawai’i, Lily learns how to make her Tutu’s famous banana bread and, in the process, discovers some of the benefits and challenges of growing up.”*

*“This story was written by students in the ‘Iolani School One Mile Project class and Colby Takeda, an administrator with The Plaza Assisted Living . It is their hope that stories like this can help children begin to understand the aging process and continue to form important intergenerational relationships.”*

This series of cards was created by students at ‘Iolani School in Honolulu. Each card features a personal, handwritten life lesson from an incredible centenarian. All proceeds go to Project Dana which provides a variety of services of services to the frail elderly and disabled to ensure their well-being, independence, and dignity in an environment of their choice.

Uncle Eddie, Aunty Machan, Judge Kitaoka, and Ms. Lai have one amazing thing in common . . . they all celebrated a 100<sup>th</sup> birthday! At the age of 101, 108, 102, and 101 respectively, these remarkable centenarians are incredible healthy and active. The design on these cards represents each one of their handwritten ‘thank you’s”.

**MAKAWAO  
HONGWANJI  
GENERAL  
CLEAN UP  
July 2016**



## July 2016 Plant Sale

By: Sharon H.



**Thank You!**

The July 2-3 Plant Sale was another success thanks to the volunteers who donated their time, energy, passion, and money to grow plants for Makawao Hongwanji's largest fundraiser, the July Garage Sale/Bazaar.

Even with the intermittent rains, Saturday was the big draw with the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade and the first day of the second-hand items sale that the public looks forward to. The plants sold briskly and luckily we started the two day sale from 2015 because it rained the whole time on Sunday. Brave workers withstood the wind and rain under the tent which afforded little protection. Given those conditions, we still had some plant lovers who shopped in the rain. Overall, the plant sale did very well.

Thank you to the following plant growers who made this popular event possible through donating plants and plant accessories such as pots: **Richard and Amy Blue, Pam Farnsworth, Lynn and Dr. Ross Fujimoto, Allan and Janet Fukuda, Clyde Hamai, Calvin and Sharon Higuchi, Howard's Nursery, Shigeru Karakawa, Noella Martin-Murdoch, Marilyn Morikawa, Mike Nakagawa, Ray Nakagawa, Paul Nishida, Mike Nishimoto, Narue Nitahara, Glenn Okimoto, Warren Orikasa, Lynn Pilarski, Leatrice Taketa, Stanley Tempo, Amy Teves, Laura Ujiie, Joanne Wong, and Robert and Iwa Yoshioka.**

Mahalo to the following volunteers who put up and dismantled the tent, loaded the trailer and trucks, priced the plants, served as cashiers, delivered boxes, and many other chores: Richard Blue, Andy Hirose, Sean Higuchi, Amy Teves, Duane and Jan Yoshizu and sons, Mike Nishimoto, Leatrice Taketa, Mike Nakagawa and Ray Nakagawa. Apologies if your name was inadvertently left out.

**THANK YOU AND SEE YOU IN DECEMBER!**

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## THANK YOU FOR ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL FOURTH OF JULY GARAGE SALE!

By: Gail H.

Thankfully, the early threats of rain in Makawao did not deter our loyal garage sale customers from coming out to shop at our two day event. Even with heavier rains on Sunday, the two day event of both garage sale and bazaar drew over 1200 people to our Temple grounds. All we can say is Namu Amida Butsu.

We can't say enough thank you's to all of our many volunteers---from Boy Scouts/Cub Scouts and Parents, Judo Club and Parents, Sangha members, Wailuku Hongwanji Temple ladies, Members of other Faiths and organizations, Friends of Friends, etc...--- too many folks to list them all. Please know how important you are to us and how much you are appreciated. THANK YOU!!!

This year we were endowed with so many sets of beautiful dishes, glassware, linens, clothing and other house hold appliances, you could barely see over the tables. But at 7 a.m., sales were brisk and the tables cleared rapidly. Furniture, Children's toys and books were great sellers as well. THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR WONDERFUL DONATIONS!!!

Thank you also to the great cooks who provided those wonderful lunches for the workers on Saturday and Sunday. The Garage Sale Committee of Ruth, Betty, Andy, Sharon, Alison, Glenna & Gail extend our warmest MAHALO TO ALL!!!  
Namu Amida Butsu.



**THE CAMPAIGN HAS STARTED AND WE NEED YOUR HELP!**

*Makawao Hongwanji's 110<sup>th</sup> Anniversary theme is ... "Keeping the Heart of Buddhism... 1907 – 2017"*

*Please help Makawao Hongwanji Buddhist Temple keep alive the heart of the Buddha Dharma by working together to keep Buddhism visible in our community. By acting through Kindness, Peace, Compassion, and generous giving, our efforts to continue our temple and service to those who wish to follow the Shinshu path can continue for world peace.*

In 2017, Makawao Hongwanji will celebrate 110 years of serving its members and community. This milestone will be reached because of all the hard work and sacrifices of our forbearers, members, ministers and friends for 110 years. Your donations are needed to fund this anniversary celebration which will include two days of special services with Bishop Matsumoto and Reverend Umitani, honoring the Keirokai and holding a Kieshiki, or Affirmation Rites, for those who wish to be confirmed as Shinshu followers.

In observance of our 110th celebrations, there are several major, pressing, maintenance and other projects that need to be addressed. We have already started by funding the purchase of new chair racks for the hall and temple. The concrete driveway is in grave need of re-paving, the Social Hall and Dharma House are in need of painting and repairs, along with social concerns request... to name a few projects to be funded. As things get old, there are constant requests for repairs and maintenance, or additional, or replacement equipment for the kitchen, temple, nokotsudo or grounds maintenance. All of these cost money! **Our goal is to raise \$110,000 for our 110<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration. Please help us by donating early so our repair projects can be started! Thank you very much!**

We are accepting donations now through August 2017. Donations may be made in one or two-time contributions or in pledges which must be completed by August 2017. Please fill out this form to start your giving and to help us with planning for this anniversary. **Send Checks to Makawao Hongwanji - Anniversary Committee P.O. Box 188, Makawao, Hi, 96768.**

(Please Cut Off Here and return with your donation)

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

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PLEASE CHECK ALL BOXES THAT APPLY

- I am making a 1 time contribution of \$\_\_\_\_\_ in 2016, and may contribute in 2017.
- I would like to pledge \$\_\_\_\_\_ to be paid in 2016 and \$\_\_\_\_\_ in 2017.
- I would like to donate securities to be used as my contribution. Please contact me.
- I am interested in participating in the planning of this event. Please contact me.

**To quote Bishop Eric Matsumoto at this past Giseikai Conference, "The Dharma will always survive because of its universal truth. But an organization can only survive as long as we have the commitment of the people." Thank you very much for your assistance.**

In Gassho,  
110<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee

**August - September 2016**

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14 No Service 9:00 am Dharma School Picnic "Lahaina Jodo Mission "	15 6:00 to 8:45 pm Judo	16 8:30 am Fitness Prog 2:45/3:30 pm Japanese Sch	17	18 8:30 am Fitness Prog 2:45/3:30 pm Japanese Sch 6:00 to 8:45 pm Judo	19 5:00 pm 3rd Friday Parking	20 8:00 am Nokotsudo Cleaning Makawao 8:30 am Fitness Prog
21 9:00 am Family Service Dharma School	22 6:00 to 8:45 pm Judo	23 8:30 am Fitness Prog 2:45/3:30 pm Japanese Sch	24 8:30 am ~12:00 noon Sewing Class	25 8:30 am Fitness Prog 2:45/3:30 pm Japanese Sch 6:00 to 8:45 pm Judo	26	27 8:00 am Clean - up Makawao 8:30 am Fitness Prog
28 9:00 am Family Service Kyodan Council Mtg	29 10: 15 am Sr. Program 6:00 to 8:45 pm Judo	30 8:30 am Fitness Prog 2:45/3:30 pm Japanese Sch	31			

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