



Makawao Hongwanji Buddhist Temple

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Makawao Hongwanji

**Sunday, Dec. 7th
Bodhi Day Service
Toban: Jr. YBA**

**Sunday, Dec. 14th
Family Service
Toban: BWA**

**Sunday, Dec. 21
General Clean-Up**

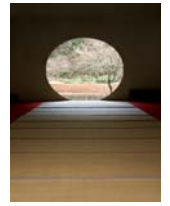
**Sunday, Dec. 28th
MOCHI TSUKI**

MAKAWAO HONGWANJI'S BODHI TREE



Bodhi Day, December 8th, is a significant day for all Buddhists. It was about 2500 years ago that Siddhartha Gautama became the Buddha. He meditated under the Bodhi Tree to find the truth of life.

Makawao Hongwanji's Bodhi Tree is a very historical one being cared for with love and compassion. According to former Bishop Thomas Okano, the tree was donated by Mr. Paul Weissich of Foster Garden in Honolulu and was planted and dedicated at our centennial celebration in the year 2007. Rev. Umitani, our resident minister at that time, had carried the sapling from Honolulu to Maui. Mr. Weissich was Chair of the Foster Garden Board of Directors and said that the Bodhi Tree sapling came from the huge tree growing in the middle of the Foster Garden ground. He also mentioned that the Foster Garden Bodhi tree came from Sri Lanka which can be traced back to the original tree at the Buddhagaya in India where Siddhartha Gautama became the Enlightened One. Mr. Weissich is one of the Hongwanji's Living Treasures honored in 2010.



Reflections

Aloha! We have finally come to the last month of the year 2014, the month of December. Another year is about to become history and a new year comes, hopefully one that's even better than the one it's succeeding. Now is the month for reflection of our accomplishments for the year that's about to finish, of the things we have yet to complete or even begin, and the plans for the coming year. With palms together in gassho, this reflection should also include the expression of gratitude for all the benefits we have received from others that enabled us to live the year in full and of course to Amida Buddha, the Buddha of Limitless Light and Life, though the recitation of the Buddha's name: *Namu Amida Butsu*.

More important than what we have received is the reflection on how well we did during the year in the practice of the cardinal virtue of giving. Have we frequently practiced the virtue of “dana” which is the act of giving selflessly, throughout the year? What form of service have we rendered to our fellow human beings who needed them? I am sure most of us have indeed practiced selfless giving in one form or another, be it in volunteering our services with the temple clean up, garage sales set up, offering of monetary donations during the Sunday services, baking bread, making jam and jellies, takuan, sambaizukes, pickled peach and so many other ways that the members of this temple have contributed their time and effort not only for the well being of others but for themselves as well. The Buddhist law of cause and effect states that: “we reap what we sow” good deeds are the seeds of good results, bad deeds are the seeds of bad results. Although we should strive for the cultivation of dana, which means giving without the thought of receiving anything in return, nevertheless sowing the right seeds of goodness in our daily actions brings in the benefits of the results of our wholesome action. Avoiding sowing seeds of unwholesome actions results in less suffering coming to our lives.

December is the month that is frequently associated with the act of giving but unfortunately, it is tied in to the observance of certain religious festivals and thus the act of giving gets commercialized in the form of buying and exchanging presents, of gifts mostly in material forms. The act of true giving transcends that. Sometimes just a simple gesture of kindness, like a reassuring hello to a frightened child, helping a disabled person do things, words of comfort and encouragement to a sick or dying person, these are acts of dana as well but without any monetary value that can be attached to them. Their real value is measured in how these acts were able to make a difference in the recipient person's life or well being. Let us close the year 2014 with reflections of gratitude for all that we have received during this year and welcome year 2015 with reflections on returning the favor to others by sharing, caring and doing our best to practice compassion and giving for the benefit of all beings in the spirit of the Buddha Dharma.

Happy Holidays to one and all! *Namu Amida Butsu!*

December Activities

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| Dec. 6, Sat. | Garage Sale and Country Store, 7:00 a.m. to 2 p.m. |
| Dec. 7, Sun | Bodhi Day Service 9:00 p.m. |
| Dec.13. Sat. | BWA Fall General Assembly, Kahului Hongwanji |
| Dec. 21, Sun | General Clean-up, 8:00 a.m. |
| Dec. 31, Wed. | New Year's Eve Service, 6:00 p.m. |

In Memoriam

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

Family of the **LATE MRS. Shirley Sugako Kawahara (92)** who passed away on October 8, 2014

Family of the **LATE MR. Takashi Kamasaki (79)** who passed away on October 31, 2014

December & January 2014 Memorial Anniversaries (Please call Temple Office to schedule your service - 572-7229)

1st Year Memorial Service 2013

December - None

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January 24 Reed Yoshio Nakamura
January 30 Misae Nagahiro

3rd Year Memorial Service 2012

December 04 Rachael Misao Jio

3rd Year Memorial Service 2012

January - None

7th Year Memorial Service 2008

December 16 Merle Yurie Masusako
December 30 Yoshie Fukushima

7th Year Memorial Service 2008

January - None

13th Year Memorial Service 2002

December 03 Edward Masao Nakamoto
December 04 Bernice Etsuko Yoshimura
December 09 Harold Toshio Murayama
December 10 Hayano Fukuda Sugawa

13th Year Memorial Service 2002

January 07 Robert Tsuguyoshi Migita

17th Year Memorial Service 1998

December 15 Yoshiko Akemoto

17th Year Memorial Service 1998

January 01 Tetsuji Yagawa
January 20 Shigeno Kawamura

25th Year Memorial Service 1990

December 28 Akeo Nakamura

25th Year Memorial Service 1990

January - None

33rd Year Memorial Service 1982

December - None

33rd Year Memorial Service 1982

January 04 Tamotsu Dick Iwaishi
January 20 Shigeno Kawamura

50th Year Memorial Service 1965

December 29 Shige Nishikawa

50th Year Memorial Service 1965

January 28 Tsugi Hotta
January 29 Tatsuo Miyake
January 30 Sato Murashige

125th HONPA HONGWANJI ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

This very special celebration was an affair of a formal service and quite a fine luncheon attended by all Maui Hongwanji temples as well as Bishop Matsumoto, Rev. Umitani, and Honpa Kyodan President Pieper Toyama. Also in attendance were two ministers who were in the International Ministerial Orientation Program (IMOP).



Betty, Paul, Sharon, Rev. Umitani, Hedy.



Pieper Toyama



Bishop Matsumoto

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 received September 15, 2014 to October 15, 2014

OFUSE:

Aileen Ikeda - Funeral service for Janice Shiratori - \$600

DONATIONS:

Harumi Ushijima & Susan Watanabe - Social Concerns Fund - \$50

Richard & Carole Taniguchi - In memory of Shigeru & Kiyoko Okuno - \$300

Roy & Charlotte Miyamoto - \$500

NOKOTSUDO:

Mr. & Mrs. B.K. Onikama - In memory of Roy Onikama - \$30

Jay Murashige - \$25

Alice & George Fukushima - In memory of Tadashi & Yoshie Fukushima - \$50

Yvonne Kishi - \$25

Masaya & Ayame Kametani - In memory of Fujiko Nishida - \$150

Anonymous - \$25

Makawao Hongwanji Preschool

Thank you everyone who bought Sees Candies to help with our recent fundraiser.

Remember to register your child for preschool the year they turn 2 and be placed on a wait list. Your child must be three years of age by August 1 to be enrolled. Call Preschool Office for more information: **572-7883**.

WINTER GARAGE SALE – SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2014

Thank you to all who have donated such wonderful items for our garage sale. Every bit helps, and we still have room for more. If you still have items to donate, (no computers, or very old TV's please), you can still drop it off on the hall porch. Or, if you have large furnishings that can be picked up before Dec. 3rd, the office will try to make arrangements for you. Please call 573-7229. Remember, someone's clutter could be another's "treasure" and is greatly appreciated.

THE COUNTRY STORE is also looking for volunteers and donations. Please look around in your yard and gardens, perhaps you have produce or flowers to donate; or, if you have crafts or baked goods items, such as ingredients and a yummy recipe to follow? Please call Marilyn at 572-7445.

Thank you for making this event a continuing success for Makawao Hongwanji.

2014 December Plant Sale

The December Plant Sale is a mini version of the 4th of July Plant Sale under the monkey pod tree. For December, plants are displayed below the Social Hall lanai so the area is much smaller and the plants more selective.

If you have any plants you want to donate, please leave them under the Poinciana tree (by the bathrooms) on Thursday Dec. 4 or Friday Dec. 5. Please be so kind as to leave your name at the office or call to say you dropped some plants. You may also call Calvin or Sharon Higuchi at 572-9343 for pick-ups. Every single plant is appreciated!

Thank you to those who have already donated all kinds of pots (cement and plastic) for the plant growers. If you have plants that are too small yet, please save them for the 4th of July plant sale.



Makawao Hongwanji Mission
Kyodan Board Meeting
November 11, 2014 – 7:00 p.m.

Affiliate Organizations Reports:

Boy Scouts: Will help with December Garage Sale, in the process of rechartering the troop.

Buddhist Women's Association – 3 from Makawao have signed up for the May 2015 World Convention in Canada. Dec. 13 is the BWA Fall General Assembly at Kahului Hongwanji.

Project Dana – Makawao hosted the bread baking for the Maui Dana groups and distributed the loaves to their clients. The Maui 25th Anniversary for Project Dana will be held on Dec. 14th, at the Café Ole Restaurant at the Maui Lani Golf course. EF fitness classes at MHM are full. New people will be referred to the Hannibal Tavares Community Center site, or put on a waiting list.

Pre-School – Held Parents' Night in September, Lion's Club did vision testing, had Halloween Fun Night, currently holding annual See's Candy fund raiser, will have their holiday program with the MHM seniors on 12/15.

Committee Reports:

Buddhist Education: 11/29 and 11/30 will be the Buddhist Education seminar at Kahului Hongwanji. There will be no service at MHM on 11/30. Temples are asked to bring refreshments for morning and afternoon break.

VP Activities – Election ballots are due November 15th. 12/6 is Garage Sale and Country Store, 7 to 2. Meeting was held on Sunday, committees were assigned. 12/21 is clean up. Dec. 28 is Mochi Tsuki. Dec. 31 is New Years Service at 6:00 p.m. Shinnen Kai is scheduled for 1/18. Marilyn Morikawa encourages MHM members to support the Makawao Historical Museum. MHM will be a sponsor at the Wrangler level.

Membership – Last dues reminder letter was sent out. First 2015 dues letter will be sent out in January.

Old Business:

Third Friday Parking– October was cancelled, due to hurricane watch. No parking at MHM from November to February. Will check on resuming in March.

Maintenance – Removal of Poinciana tree by bathroom was approved. Monkeypod and shower tree at the front of temple will be trimmed, and possibly removed. Waiting on more information. President Mike to bring quote next meeting to reseal the container roof.

Hana Hongwanji – A request was made from the Hana Cultural Center for funds to treat the Hana Hongwanji for termites. The board's response is that no funds are available at this time for this purpose. The bishop requested a consensus from the MHM board, regarding the Hana Hongwanji. The board agreed that MHM can no longer provide support to the Hana Hongwanji, as Hana's membership has drastically diminished and there is no formal organization representing the Hana Hongwanji to contact, and there have been no further requests for Buddhist services since 2013. Sharon Higuchi researched and created a detailed timeline regarding the relationship between Hana and Makawao Hongwanji for the board to use as reference. Sharon will send a letter from MHM Kyodan to Honpa of our consensus decision.

125th Anniversary – Live with Harmony, Peace, Gratitude – Share Aloha – The November luncheon at Wailuku Hongwanji had about 100 people attend. The Taste of Hongwanji was rescheduled to January 10th, due to the hurricane watch in October. The Peace On Your Wings musical is scheduled to come to Maui in 2015.

Kitchen Business – MHM responded to St. Joseph's request to use the kitchen for their fundraiser with the days the kitchen would be available. They responded that they are still not sure if they will need to use the kitchen, and will give us a formal response later.

Other Business

Cemetery Concerns – Historically, for many years, MHM has held a lease for three old, inactive cemeteries that are on A & B property. We have investigated these properties. One is next to the Paia Rinzaï Zen temple, and the other two are in the cane fields along the North Shore, and can only be accessed with permission and with a guide. Only a portion of the gravesites were Hongwanji members. The other gravesites are from various other religious denominations. Glen Kosaka contacted state representatives on behalf of MHM and discovered that these are considered state authorized graveyards, similar to Maui Memorial Park, and in order to terminate responsibility for these cemeteries, we would need to go to court and submit a plan for closing. This would include the removal of the remains. Marilyn Morikawa did some investigation and was able to find only two families who have family remains in one of these cemeteries. Glen also said that according to the lease, either side can terminate this lease. The board had agreed to contact A & B to inform them we want to terminate our lease with them, and to notify these two families of this decision. Sharon Higuchi will contact Jason Koga of A & B to find out the procedure to terminate.

The next Kyodan meeting is scheduled for December 10, 2014.

Respectfully submitted by Peggy Kono, Secretary of MHM Kyodan Board



TEMPLE GENERAL CLEAN-UP

Sunday, Dec. 21, 2014

Starting time: 8:00 a.m.

Please come out for our semi-annual General Clean-Up. It would be helpful if you bring some of your own tools.

Trucks are also needed to dump rubbish.

CLEANING ASSIGNMENTS:

- Men: Weed, cut grass, trim hedges and trees (Makawao side) of temple grounds to include peach-tree lot.
- Ladies: Clean inside temple. Polish altar.
Wash temple windows and clean Nokotsudo.
- Jr. Y.B.A.: Clean restrooms.
- Judo Club: Clean Judo Hall and porch. Weed in front of temple property and along Kihei side of property.
- Cub Scouts: Clean Social Hall.
- Boy Scouts: Weed around minister's residence, Project Dana House, and Boy Scouts House. Pick up and dump rubbish.
- Every Body: Help wherever needed.

Lunch will be provided.

CAREGIVERS MAUI (An affiliate of Hale Makua)

Following the service on Sunday, Oct. 26th, Mary Lester, Executive Director of Caregivers Maui, gave an informational presentation to church attendees. Here is a summary of what was presented.

"There may come a time when you or a loved one needs help. It may be after an unexpected visit to the hospital, or after 70 years of good health. When you decide that in-home care is necessary, we are here for you, 24 hours a day, every day of the year.

Caregivers Maui is a private duty nursing company with an affiliation with Hale Makua. Our goal is to keep older adults in their homes as independently and as safely for as long as possible. We offer a wide range of services from companion care, chore services, meal preparation, and minimal assistance with activities of daily living all the way to total care for our clients.

Whether you're a permanent resident, or just visiting Maui for a few days, we're here to deliver the care you need in the comfort and privacy of your own home.

We hope you will share this information with friends and acquaintances. It might be the best help you can give them. If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact our office at 877-6688 or visit our website at www.caregiversmaui.com."

THANKSGIVING - Remembering to say thank you

Thank you, Mahalo, Arigato! Sometimes not said enough, sometimes said too much. Sometimes the words come out without much meaning behind them. Sometimes no words can express the deep heartfelt meaning behind the words.

We are very fortunate to have our families, to know many people through work or activities, and just to live on Maui.

During this ending part of the year when there is so much going on and so much to do, let's take some time to say, "THANK YOU".

Perhaps there are some people in your life, you'd like to express your appreciation to. There might be people you haven't talked to for a long time or seen recently, but maybe you want to contact them. How about taking time to visit a place you find special and saying "THANK YOU" to that place. Please remember to THANK YOURSELF, too, for being able to live your life and do the things you do.

Here at Makawao Hongwanji, we give thanks to everyone who has helped our Sangha Ohana throughout this year. We really appreciate the countless hours you put in to help maintain our church buildings, the yard and grounds, to provide opportunities for fellowship and creating learning activities, and to be able to listen and be inspired by our religious teachings. THANK YOU!

MOCHITSUKI

Mochi gives us chikara (strength), so let's continue the tradition. MHM mochitsuki will be on Sunday, Dec. 28th, 8 a.m.

If you would like to participate, please bring your mochi rice, washed and soaked 5# rice for at least one day. Also bring potato starch (katakuriko), azuki an or other filling if you want, boxes/containers lined with waxed paper to put finished mochi, and ziplock bags.

Please contact church office if you will be coming.

PEACE ON YOUR WINGS

"Peace On Your Wings" is a fictional story inspired by the life of Sadako Sasaki. Set in post-war 1950's Japan, it explores the lives of students at a middle school in Hiroshima as they face the terminal illness of their friend amidst their own adolescent drama. The musical score combines modern pop and Japanese influences to create a unique, uplifting, and inspiring show. Though the students have to grapple with issues of terminal illness and death at such a young age, they also learn the power of their own strength, and their ability to connect deeply with others who remain positive, focusing on living every precious moment of their lives to the fullest.



Meet Sadako, a 12 year-old who loves to run, and whose talents earn her school a win in the annual field day race. As Sadako's life journey takes a turn when she is diagnosed with leukemia, she spends her time folding cranes in her desire to keep living, obedient to the superstition that if one folds a thousand paper cranes, they will be blessed with a long life. She also fosters meaningful friendships with her young hospital mates with the same diagnosis. The many characters in the show will keep you smiling, while inspiring a few fearful moments in their poignant ways.

This show allows the story to be told of a child who suffered the after effects of war, and to share how her classmates and friends are inspired by her to overcome their own personal turmoil in an effort to come together for the sake of spreading the message of peace. We hope this show will inspire diverse audiences to be proactive in their own lives in helping to foster a world with less strife for our future generations to live in.

"Peace On Your Wings" is based on a book by Jenny Taira and Laurie Rubin, music by Jenny Taira, lyrics by Laurie Rubin, directed by Cari Lee. This production will be on Maui in February, time and date to be announced.

Makawao Hongwanji's Winter Garage Sale is Coming Soon... And we need your donations!

Can you believe it? Just five months ago, thanks to all of you, we had a hugely successful summer garage sale & bazaar. Now, with only one month to go before our winter sale, we are asking for your help again. Our inventory has been nearly depleted. Do you have any recyclable items you want to clear out of your house and garage? What about asking friends and family if they would like to "clean up" for the New Year as well? Makawao Hongwanji depends on these major fund raising events to sustain our church, and your help is greatly appreciated.

So ho...ho...ho... the jolly elves would like you to clean out those closets and get ready for the holidays and the New Year! Your donations will be greatly appreciated. If you do have any items to donate, please drop them off in the garage next to the Nokostudo or call the office to request help with picking up larger items. We are looking forward to another great garage sale with all our loyal supporters and helpers. Arigato gozaimasu!!!

Saturday, December 6, 2014 7 AM – 2 PM

Sr. Program December Schedule:

Monday, Dec. 8: Medicare Counseling Program (SHIP) 9:30 AM.
Pamela from Oahu to answer questions.

Monday, Dec. 15: MHM Preschool to visit Senior Program at Social Hall 9:30 AM.

DECEMBER 2014 (Chanting—8:30 am M, W, Th, F)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 8:30 am Sr. Program *Rummage Prep 8-2, 2-8 6:00/7:15 pm Judo	2 8:30 am Fitness Prog *Rummage Prep 8-2, 2-8 2:45/3:30 pm Japanese Sch	3 *Rummage Prep 8-2, 2-8	4 8:30 am Fitness Prog *Rummage Prep 8-2, 2-8 2:45/3:30 pm Japanese Sch 6:00/7:15 pm Judo	5 *Rummage Prep 8-2, 2-8	6 7:00 am - 2:00 pm WINTER GARAGE SALE
7 9:00 am BODHI DAY SVC Jr. YBA	8 8:30 am Sr. Program 6:00/7:15 pm Judo	9 8:30 am Fitness Prog 2:45/3:30 pm Japanese Sch	10 7:00 pm Kyodan Mtg & Auditors Mtg	11 8:30 am Fitness Prog 2:45/3:30 pm Japanese Sch 6:00/7:15 pm Judo	12	13 8:00 am Clean-Up Makawao 8:30 am Fitness Prog
14 9:00 am Family Svc BWA	15 8:30 am Sr. Program *Preschoolers Visit MHM Seniors 6:00/7:15 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 6:00/7:15 pm Judo	19 *Newsletter Article deadline	20 8:00 am Nokotsudo - Cleaning 8:30 am Fitness Prog
21 8:00 am General Clean- Up	22 8:30 am Sr. Program 6:00/7:15pm Judo	23 8:30 am Fitness Prog	24	25 Christmas *Office Closed	26	27 8:00 am Clean-Up Makawao 8:30 am Fitness Prog
28 8:00 am MOCHI TSUKI	29 8:30 am Sr. Program	30 8:30 am Fitness Prog	31 6:00 pm JOYA-E New Year's Svc			

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11 9:00 am Family Svc BWA	12 8:30 am Sr. Program 6:00/7:15 pm Judo	13 8:30 am Fitness Prog	14 7:00 pm Kyodan Mtg	15 8:30 am Fitness Prog 2:45/3:30 pm Japanese Sch 6:00/7:15 pm Judo	16	17 7:00 am Nokotsudo - Cleaning 8:30 am Fitness Prog
18 9:00 am Family Svc Doma School *Installation of officers and New Year's Party ♪	19 8:30 am Sr. Program 6:00/7:15pm Judo	20 8:30 am Fitness Prog 2:45/3:30 pm Japanese Sch	21	22 8:30 am Fitness Prog 2:45/3:30 pm Japanese Sch 6:00/7:15 pm Judo	23 *Newsletter Article deadline	24 7:00 am Clean-Up Kula 8:30 am
25 9:00 am Family Svc Kyodan	26 8:30 am Sr. Program 6:00/7:15pm Judo	27 8:30 am Fitness Prog 2:45/3:30 pm Japanese Sch	28	29	30 2:00 PM Set-up Garage sale	31 7:00 am Nokotsudo - Cleaning 8:30 am Fitness Prog