



Makawao Hongwanji Buddhist Temple

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Return Service Requested

Makawao Hongwanji

Sunday, February 7th, 9 a.m.
SCOUT SUNDAY SERVICE
Toban: Jr. YBA

Sunday, February 14th, 9 a.m.
NEW YEAR'S and
WELCOME MASUDAS PARTY
Toban: Fujinkai

Sunday, February 21st, 9 a.m.
FAMILY SERVICE
Toban: Dharma School
Refreshments: Am. Beauty

Sunday, February 28th, 9 a.m.
FAMILY SERVICE
Toban: Kyodan
Refreshments: Pink Dahlias

The lights are shining brightly in our Nokotsudo. Thank you David and Michael for changing 12 fluorescent bulbs in the ceiling. They are recessed over the niches, very hard to get to. Volunteers are needed to help Haiku / Kahului district in cleaning the Temple and Nokotsudo. Even if you can only come once-in-a-while, Contact Floyd at 280-0519 for details.



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PRESIDENT'S STATE OF THE TEMPLE ADDRESS – 2015

By Michael Nakagawa

Another year has passed for Makawao Hongwanji Buddhist Temple (Makawao Hongwanji Mission). The following is a **list of the accomplishments and events** which heralded our 108th year in existence:

We approved our **new by-laws** by vote of the general membership at our annual meeting in February.

Congratulations to the **2015 newsletter** staff (Bobbi, Gail, David, Rie, Calvin, Sharon N., and Ruth) for continuing our newsletter tradition with monthly issues again this year.

We maintained the **makawaohongwanji.org website** (thank you David Judd).

Funeral and nokotsudo procedures and policies were reviewed and upgraded by committee of Hedy Sentani, Sharon Higuchi, Floyd Nagoshi, and Rie Taketa. Committee assisted families throughout the year for funeral arrangements and memorial services. For the second half of the year, Reverend Richard Tennes of Kahului Hongwanji conducted funeral and memorial services for us in the absence of a resident minister at our temple.

Review and updating of our membership list and maintaining our sustaining membership numbers by our **Membership Committee** (Diane Kosaka, Sharon and Calvin Higuchi)

Temple members participated in the following **activities** coordinated by Marilyn Morikawa's Activities committee: Shinnen kai, Ohigan service, Hanamatsuri, Eshinni/Kakushinni day service, Gotan e service, Parent's day service and baccalaureate recognition service.

Paul Sentani, Paul Nishida, Ray Nakagawa, Floyd Nagoshi, Michael Nakagawa, and Richard and Amy Blue coordinated **repairs and maintenance** of our temple campus buildings including major tree trimming, gutter replacements, kitchen floor cleaning, repairs and painting of the minister's residence, electrical upgrades to the social hall, tent fumigation of the temple building, and other ongoing maintenance with the help of many other temple members. Our "commercial" kitchen received its State Health Dept "green" card thanks to kitchen users and maintenance crews.

We continued the **parking concession fundraiser** for the Makawao Town 3rd Friday Parties each month for another year. Michael & Alison Nakagawa, Floyd & Sharon Nagoshi, Sharon & Calvin Higuchi, Kenneth Yamamura, David Judd, and Diane Kosaka parked cars and collected donations throughout the year.

We continued the **Enhanced Fitness exercise program** (3 days a week) for seniors from the temple and the community coordinated by Peggy Kono. This project attracted so many people from the community and the County (Kaunoa Senior Center) program was expanded to another site in Pukalani.

Our **Project Dana** program provided lunch programs, chanting, speakers, sewing classes, and other activities in the George Ito Hall. With much sadness, our long time coordinator Janie Karimoto moved to the Big Island and several programs have been suspended. Janie and Allan Karimoto have been major members of our temple for many years and with much appreciation and sadness, we had to say a fond farewell to them.

We instituted **upgraded security** measures on the temple campus including security cameras, dusk-to-dawn lighting, and gate closures during night hours.

We had a very successful **pickled peach season** (from April through June) for one of our major fundraising.

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With the many members and friends who came out to harvest, wash, pickle, package, and process the peaches (856 estimated worker hours), we sold over 870 gallons of pickled peach products. Much appreciation goes to coordinators, Andy Hirose, Ray Nakagawa, and Calvin Higuchi. This year included dehydrated pickled peaches again coordinated by Sharon Higuchi.

Sanbaizuke and other pickled vegetables also sold to fund raise thanks to many helpers and coordination by Allan Karimoto, Andy Hirose, Haru Yamanaka, Sets Asato, and all the hard working ladies who help with the preparation. Also thanks to huge daikon donations from Alan Shishido, Harold Makimoto, Ira Uradomo and other farmers.

Our largest fundraiser was again our **July 4th Garage Sale/ Bazaar and Winter Garage Sales** headed by Ruth Tokumaru, and Gail Hamai. Furniture sales, country store, rummage, and plant sales portions of the garage sales were coordinated by Andy Hirose, Marilyn Morikawa/Jeanne Nishida, Alison Nakagawa, and Sharon Higuchi. Thanks to the many donations and these coordinators, we met the budget for our fundraising revenues.

Buddhist Education committee headed by Sharon Nagoshi assisted with dharma classes taught by Reverend Tennes of Kahului Hongwanji and our Reverend Kalu at KHM and MHM earlier this year.

Our **Dharma School** has 5 members and is taught by Sharon Nagoshi. Jr. YBA activities are coordinated by Alison Nakagawa.

Sharon Nagoshi coordinated our **Obon** festival again this year which was very successful as there were huge crowds both nights and great weather.

Sharon and Calvin Higuchi represented Makawao Hongwanji at the **103rd Honpa Hongwanji Legislative Assembly** (a.k.a. Gisekai) in February and reported to the MHM members of major resolutions (including the official closing of Hana Hongwanji) and other activities. Diane Kosaka, Alison Nakagawa, and Sharon and Floyd Nagoshi participated in the Lay Convention held on Oahu in September.

Our **BWA** headed by Diane Kosaka is probably one of the largest groups of our temple affiliated organizations and has been a tremendous help relative to Woman-power and financially. Members marched in January in the Martin Luther King Day Peace March in Wailuku. They have been assisting all year round with providing cooking for food for our major events, providing meals for the cast of Peace On Our Wings when they performed on Maui, visited seniors at Kula Hospital and Hale Makua, making cranes for the Honokaa Hongwanji 199,000 Crane Project, fundraising at the annual Maui Senior Fair; and have provided funds for our minister's residence reroofing and daikon garden tiller. BWA members Diane Kosaka, Diane Nako, and Marilyn Morikawa attended the World Convention in Calgary, Canada in May.

Makawao Hongwanji **Preschool** in Pukalani with Director Lei Naylor entered it's 31th year with 42 preschoolers this fall. Yoshio Kijima who was one of the original founders retired from the managing board of directors this year. David Judd, Hedy Sentani, and Lorin Kosaka were appointed by the MHM Kyodan board as new board members this year. Bobbie Nakagawa became the President of the Board, and Fred Wong, the Treasurer. Major accomplishments this year included repainting of the classroom building and play structure and refreshing the sand in the play structure with 14 tons of sand.

Makawao Hongwanji **Judo Club** headed by Claude Moreau and Duane Yoshizu has increased in numbers from its 65 members at the beginning of the year and have had to continue their two-session practices on Mondays and Thursday evening at our social hall and have had several tournament winning champions this year. The 2015 Honpa Hongwanji Judo Federation State Championship Tournament was hosted by the club at King Kekaulike High School gym in fall. It was one of the most successful state tournaments in recent years. The club had many individual medals, have had several high school members active with their high school judo teams. The club has helped our temple tremendously with parking at major events, assistance with our Garage Sales, and clean up of the temple grounds .

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Boy Scout Troop 18 and **Cub Scout** Pack 18 increased its scout member counts and have been active with many troop and pack, and Council activities camporees, Camp Maluhia summer camp, County Fair Pronto Pup booth, advancements, etc.; and have been an enormous help to the temple during clean ups and activities.

Property leases under a 1940 A&B lease of 3 cemetery lots leased to Paia Hongwanji were investigated and reviewed by Sharon Higuchi. As the cemeteries (Pulehu and Kailua Camp) were abandoned and inaccessible (in the cane fields except for the cemetery in back of the Rinzai Zen temple at Baldwin Beach park) and had no known Makawao Hongwanji member relatives, and were not being maintained for years by our temple, the old lease was terminated.

Our **Pauwela Cemetery** in Haiku has been for years maintained by Harold Makimoto with the help of Ray Nakagawa, Hiromi Tanaka, and some other members. This year, Robert and Iwa Yoshioka logged the names on the headstones (including the Buddhist names) and they were plotted on a map for temple records.

Hana Hongwanji temple seemed to have been assigned to our temple's jurisdiction many years ago. As it was acknowledged by Honpa that there were no records of members of the temple there and the property and building did not belong to the Hongwanji, it was decided to officially close the temple for liability reasons. A resolution addressing this closure was passed at this year's Legislative Assembly. Thank you to Sharon Higuchi for working with Bishop Matsumoto and the Honpa staff on this issue.

In June, we said **good bye to our resident minister Reverend Sol Kalu** who moved to Texas for health and family reasons. Temple members held a farewell and thank you lunch to show our appreciation for his two years of service. Since his departure, Floyd and Sharon Nagoshi have been providing for our Sunday service programs and speakers, and Reverend Richard Tennes provided for funeral and memorial services for our members. Many thanks to these people for stepping up to the plate for these important aspects of our temple.

Thank you to the **2015 MHM Kyodan Board members** for their support and hard work. They include: Vice President Floyd Nagoshi, Secretary Peggy Kono, Treasurer Fred Wong, Finance VP Clyde Hamai, Activities VP Marilyn Morikawa, Membership VP's Diane Kosaka/Sharon Higuchi, Buddhist Education VP Sharon Nagoshi, VP Repairs & Maintenance Floyd Nagoshi, BWA representative Diane Kosaka, advisors Setsuko Asato, Andy Hirose, David Judd, Richard Blue, Yoshio Kijima, Haruyuki Yamanaka, Florence Sakae, Glen Kosaka, Alice Sugimura, Robert Yoshioka, and Reverend Sol Kalu, and our temple secretary Rie Taketa.

As I complete my 2,000th ...oops...I mean 8th term as president of our Makawao Hongwanji Council (formerly known as the kyodan board), I offer my congratulations to our **incoming 2016 officers**: President Floyd Nagoshi (& Repair /Maintenance Director) , Secretary Diane Nako, Treasurer Fred Wong , Finance Director Clyde Hamai, Membership Co-directors Diane Kosaka/ Sharon Higuchi, Buddhist Education Director Sharon Nagoshi, Activities Director Marilyn Morikawa, Properties Director Calvin Higuchi, and our advisors Setsuko Asato, Andy Hirose, David Judd, Yoshio Kijima, Haruyuki Yamanaka, Florence Sakae, Glen Kosaka, Robert Yoshioka, Glen Hamai, Cliff Tokumaru, and our temple secretary Rie Taketa.

And thank you to all the members of Makawao Hongwanji Buddhist Temple! If you need me, I'll be on Mars.

In Gassho,

Michael

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By: Floyd Nagoshi



Greetings! This is my first message to you as your newly elected president. First of all, a big MAHALO to Michael Nakagawa for being our president for the past 8 years.

In my President's Message given at our General Membership Meeting held on Sunday, January 24th, I asked the question "How do you spell co-operation using 2 letters?" The answer, **W** and **E**. **WE**, the Sangha, will continue our temple.

WE, the Sangha, will work hard together for the betterment of our members and community. **WE**, the Sangha, will continue the cause that our forefathers worked so hard to perpetuate. **WE**, will also work hard for the sake of the next generation!

Our New Year's (Shinnenkai) and Welcome Party for Rev. Will and Kiyo Masuda will be held in the Social Hall on Sunday, February 14th, at 10 a.m., immediately after our regular Dharma Sunday Service which begins at 9 a.m. Hope to see you all there.

Namu Amida Butsu.

2016 NEW YEARS PARTY AND WELCOME TO MASUDAS

Date: February 14, Sunday at Makawao Hongwanji

Time: 9:00 am Sunday Family Service

10:00 Welcome to Rev. William and Mrs. Kiyo Masuda

New Years festivities, lunch, entertainment, prizes, fellowship and FUN

Who: YOU, YOUR FAMILY & FRIENDS, FRIENDS OF MAKAWAO HONGWANJI

WE WANT ALL OF YOU TO COME. Come and meet old friends, meet new friends, share in the "famous" Makawao Hongwanji buffet luncheon, enjoy some entertainment (yes, speeches, too) and you could get surprise gifts. What a wonderful way to ring in the New Year and celebrate Valentine's Day, too.

For any donation of prizes, please drop off at church office by Friday, Feb. 12, or contact Gail Hamai or Karen Ishizu for pick-up.

PLEASE COME! Please call 572-7229 or email makawaohongwanji@gmail.com to RSVP.



DHARMA MESSAGE By: Floyd

ATTACHMENT ----- HAPPINESS ?

What makes you HAPPY ? Is it money, love, material things? Will you continue to be happy with all your wants after you obtained them? What else do you want or need? Will that bring you HAPPINESS ?

What is the Buddhist meaning of attachment? I found this article on the internet by Soka Gakkai International.

“It is impossible to live in the world without attachments, or indeed to eradicate them. Our affections for others, attachments and potential sources of disappointment or suffering, but they are the substance of our humanity and the elements of engaged and fulfilled lives.”

Buddhism is a teaching of liberation, aimed at freeing people from the inevitable suffering of life. The Buddha realized that nothing in this world stays the same; everything is in a constant state of change. Pleasurable conditions favorable circumstances, our relationships with those we hold dear, our health and well-being..... any sense of comfort and security we derive from these things as continually threatened by life’s flux and uncertainty, and ultimately death, the most profound change of all. The Buddha saw that people’s ignorance of the nature of change was the cause of suffering. We desire to hold on to what we value, and we suffer when life’s inevitable process of change separates us from those things.

The challenge is not to rid oneself of attachments but to become enlightened concerning them. In the April 2015 issue of the Wheel of Dharma, Rev. Marvin Harada mentioned in his Dharma Message about a nifty sport car...A Lamborghini. How many of you know what a Lamborghini is? A Lamborghini is an Italian-made sports car, and the model he was referring to was the “Aventador LP 700-4”. This is an amazing car. It has a V-12 engine, meaning 12 cylinders. It has 691 horsepower. It goes from zero to 60 mph in 28 seconds. It has a top speed of 217 mph! The Lamborghini costs an unbelievable \$381,700. Wow! The gas mileage is another thing. The Lamborghini gets 10 mpg in the city, and 14 on the highway.

A young Sunday school boy said he would be very happy if he were to have a Lamborghini. This is how Rev. Harada answered the young boy about what would make “one” happy. “You know, many people dream of owning a nice car like a Lamborghini. They think, if only I had a Lamborghini, I would really be happy. But you know what? I can almost guarantee that if you get your dream car, for a while you would be pretty happy, pretty thrilled, but after a little while that happiness would fade away and you would realize that even having a Lamborghini is not the ultimate meaning of happiness. Buddhism is trying to awaken us to finding the truest meaning of happiness in our lives. Something external to us, like a car, money, or a house, can never bring a true and lasting sense of happiness. Only something that comes from within us can bring us the truest sense of happiness...it comes from the Dharma.”

When Siddhartha Gautama as a young boy was allowed to go out of his palace, he saw a monk, a wandering ascetic. This monk’s life was a striking contrast to his. Prince Siddhartha had every material possession available---the best clothes, the best jewels, the best horses, the best food, many servants and attendants. He lived in two palaces, one in winter and one in summer. In modern-day term, it was like living in Beverly Hills, having a mansion with maids and butlers, and having a Lamborghini in your driveway. But although the prince had all of those luxuries, he was not happy. In fact, he was quite sad and melancholy. Then he saw this homeless, wandering monk who seemed so radiant, so happy. Siddhartha thought, “What does this monk know that I don’t know? How can he be so happy, despite the fact that he has absolutely nothing”? This was one of the questions that led to Siddhartha’s eventual renunciation and subsequent enlightenment as the Buddha years later.

In many ways, the entire Buddhist tradition is a history of countless people who have discovered that deepest meaning of happiness. All of the great monks, masters, and lay Buddhists over the centuries have discovered and lived this one point, to not be dependent on anything external for happiness, but to live with an inner sense of happiness that comes from the Dharma.

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

1st Year Memorial Service 2014

February 06 Ayato Kiyomoto

1st Year Memorial Service 2015

March 09 Sadamu Okuni

March 21 Yoshiko Okamura

3rd Year Memorial Service 2013

February - None

3rd Year Memorial Service 2014

March - None

7th Year Memorial Service 2009

February 09 Tsurue Sera

February 12 Dorothy Toshiko Matsui

February 21 Isamu Shimizu

7th Year Memorial Service 2010

March 25 Takeo Otsubo

13th Year Memorial Service 2003

February 11 Mamoru Nakagawa

February 14 Grace Kikumi Kayatani

13th Year Memorial Service 2004

March 13 Douglas Katsumi Nishida

March 29 Shizue Okumura

17th Year Memorial Service 1999

February - None

17th Year Memorial Service 2000

March 01 Satoki Ikeda

March 21 Helen Kikue Inaba

25th Year Memorial Service 1991

February 01 Toshiko Tanimoto

February 05 Sadako Enoki

25th Year Memorial Service 1992

March 29 Miyo Nishimura

33rd Year Memorial Service 1983

February - None

33rd Year Memorial Service 1984

March 17 Yohiro Tanitomi

50th Year Memorial Service 1966

February - None

50th Year Memorial Service 1967

March - None

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While I was in the U.S Army, I purchased a 1967 Chevelle Malibu. Through the years I've replaced the engine, fixed many broke parts, installed front disc brakes, you name it, I had to repair them. My wife keep on telling me to get rid of the car. "You spending plenty money on the car." Others would say to just buy a new car instead of repairs after repairs. Yes, I know.... me and my car have gone through lots of battles and hardship. But I like this car. It reminds me of our Buddhist teachings. **Wants equals pain and sufferings that comes with attachments.**

I am restoring my car. A "Classic Car"... A "Muscle Car." The question is: Will I find happiness with this restored car? Body work on the car. New shinny paint job. Complete interior work done. New tires and wheels to be purchased. Oh, not to forget to install a new radio system. I purchase a new dual set of Flow-Master exhaust system with a slightly larger exhaust tail-pipe for better ---beefier sound. Boy, will I be happy to be driving this car of mines. Or will I? The pain has already started. I am now paying for the restoration. Nothing is permanent. Other parts will need to be replaced. The gas mileage for this car is about 14 miles per gallon. I use non-ethanol gas which is more expensive then supreme gas. Yes, I will be happy as I drive my sweet-nice car down Makawao Avenue, with the other classic cars during the Makawao Town Association Fourth of July parade. Oh, the joy... waiting during a year of restoration... until the engine gives problems or for others who park next to me to ding my nice shinny car. Nothing last forever....I will have to endure the pain and suffering that comes with the love for my car.....my attachment. Namu Amida Butsu



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Contributions December 16, 2015 to January 16, 2016

OFUSE:

Setsuko Asato - 3rd year memorial service for Suzanne Hirota

DONATIONS:

Alex and Ling-tien Chung

Glenn and Kathy Hamai

K. S. Otani

Daniel and Jennie Sniegowski

Hedy and Paul Sentani

Donald Karimoto

Yvonne Kishi

Clyde and Gail Hamai

Wendy Hamai

Colin and Sally Nakamura - In memory of Raymond Nakamura

Karen and Rogers Ishizu - In memory of Tokihiko and Mitsue Hamai

Mieko Kanemoto - In memory of Mildred Makimoto

Kenneth Tamura -In memory of Kazuo and Misao Tamura, Pauwela Cemetary donation

Marion Morikawa - Bazaar donation

Kenneth Okamura - In memory of Yoshiko Okamura

Michael Nakagawa - Facilities donation

Anonymous - 1st year memorial service for Taka Kamasaki

Donald Matsumoto - Araimo

Tommy and Jane Sato - In memory of Haruko Goshi, New Year's Eve donation

San Fujimoto - In memory of Jonathan Kim Nguyen

Clinton Shiraishi and Jane Festerling - In memory of Tomo Takaki Shiraishi and Ikuji Shiraishi

Janice Shiraki - In memory of Mizuo Kono (33rd year)

NOKOTSUDO:

Yukio and Mitsuko Matsui

Wendy Hamai

John Jackson - In memory of Miyo Sugimura

Edwin Shinogi - In memory of Masaru Kodosaki

NEWSLETTER:

Mr. and Mrs. Masami Hironaka

Doris Matsuura

Mieko and Edwin Kanemoto

Hatsue Terada

Installation of Council and BWA officers ceremony on Sunday, January 23, 2016.
THANK YOU TO OUR LEADERS!!!



MAKAWAO HONGWANJI MISSION PARTICIPATES AT MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. PEACE MARCH

BUDDHIST WOMEN START THE YEAR – ON THE RIGHT FOOT

Right foot, left foot, 1-2-3, march around the block. BWA members from all 4 Maui Buddhist churches began the year by participating in the Martin Luther King Jr. Day Peace March around the Maui County Building in Wailuku. Thank you for getting up early to join the celebration: Sharon Nagoshi, Alison Nakagawa, and Diane Kosaka family with 9 members. You represented Makawao Hongwanji well!



Thank you to President Diane Kosaka who continues to lead our BWA. Other officers are Jan Watanabe, Peggy Kono, Carol Yamamura, Bobbi Nakagawa, Alison Nakagawa, and Marilyn Morikawa. Advisors are Sets Asato, Florence Sakae, and Florence Yoshizu.

It's time to plan on attending the BWA New Year's Party.

When: March 6, Sunday

Where: NUKA in Haiku

Time: 11:00 am.

Menu: Vegetables, choice of saimin or stir fry noodles, dessert, and tea.

Cost: No cost to members over 80 years old, \$5.00 for members, \$10 for spouses/friends

Please sign up by calling MHM office or going to the office to sign up. Contact Marilyn Morikawa if you have any questions or want to help out. Appreciate your ideas and help.

MAKAWAO HONGWANJI PRESCHOOL:

By: Lei

We all enjoyed the winter break ringing in the New Year with family and friends. The preschoolers returned back to school and couldn't wait to share new books and new toys during show-and-tell. We would like to thank Paul Sentani and Ray Nakagawa for completing outdoor repairs at the preschool over the winter break. We wish all of you a happy new year!

Maui District Nembutsu Seminar

March 12 - 13, 2016 at Wailuku Hongwanji Mission

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

LECTURER: Reverend Shigenori Makino, Former Head Minister of Hawaii Betsuin
Rev. Makino was born in Fukuoka, Japan, graduated from Ryukoku University and received a Master's Degree from the University of Minnesota.

March 12, 2016

9:15 a.m.	Opening Service at Temple
9:45 a.m.	First Lecture (Q/A)
10:45 a.m.	Second lecture (Q/A)
11:45 a.m.	Lunch
12:45 p.m.	Third Lecture (Q/A)
1:45 p.m.	Fourth Lecture (Q/A)

March 13, 2016

9:00 a.m.	Sunday Morning Service at Wailuku
10:30 a.m.	Fifth Lecture (Q/A) - Lunch to Follow

We all feel that we know a lot about Buddhism. We may feel that we know about the Buddhist customs and so on. However, are you sure you are not following the local customs and any other superstitions of the Buddhist teachings? This is a precious time for all of us to open our hearts and ask our lecturer about doubts and unclear areas of the Buddha Dharma. Rev. Makino will clear away your doubts through this wonderful Nembutsu Seminar.

Fees: (Sat. and Sun.) \$15.00. Sunday Only Including Lunch: \$5.00

Payable to: Maui Hongwanji Council

Sharing Corner... *When was the last wedding performed at Makawao Hongwanji?*

*Dear Friends at Hongwanji Mission,
We are so happy to make our visit today and recount the blessings we had here for our wedding on 5/14/1996. Thanks for taking pictures for us and showering us the hospitality and well wishes. We pray that the Hongwanji Mission continue to grow and all the members are well. Have a wonderful 2016!
Best wishes,
Alex Mathew, Ling-Tien Chung, and Levyn (Dec. 22, 2015)*



On May 14, 1996, Alex Mathew & Ling Tien were married by Reverend Morii with Janie Karimoto as the witness. We were elated when they visited Makawao Hongwanji in December with their son Levyn to recall and share their happy moments with him. They reside in Chicago, Ill. What a beautiful couple!!!

MHM COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

January 10, 2016

1. **BWA** will participate in the Martin Luther King March on Saturday, 1/16/2016. BWA has 3 new members: Nariisa Hanley, Rene Yamafuji, Joanne Tanaka. BWA New Year Party will be in March.
2. **Preschool** resumed 1/3/2016. Repairs were done during the winter break. Pre-school will resume MHM Temple visits monthly.
3. **Scheduled Activites:**
 - 1) Scout Sunday will be 2/7/2016 at 9am. Rev. Will to officiate, Floyd Nagoshi to be guest speaker.
 - 2) 2/12-2/13/2016 is Legislative Assembly (Giseikai) in Honolulu.
 - 3) 2/14/2016 New Year's and Welcome Rev. & Mrs. Masuda Party.
 - 4) 3/20/2016 Spring Ohigan Service.
 - 5) 4/3/2016 Hanamatsuri Servcie at Makawao Hongwanji.
 - 6) 4/10/2016 District hanamatsuri at Wailuku Communitcy Center.
 - 7) 4/16/2016 State Dharma School Teachers Conference in Hilo.
 - 8) 4/24/2016 Esshini-Kakushinni Day Service.
4. **Social Hall** lighting circuit Re-wire done.

On Bodhi Day in December, 2015, Denise Fleetham was our guest speaker for Sunday Service. Denise gave a wonderful message about our stages of growth...when we are young, our focus is on ourselves because we need to find out about what we want and set goals for our future...but that as we get older, we tend to be more humble and compassionate because we know better from all our pains and sufferings. Much appreciation to the Fleethams.



BUDDHIST THOUGHTS

From the book "*Buddha at Bedtime*"

Sometimes we can feel helpless when faced with a great challenge. A wise person knows that love and compassion can give them the courage to achieve things that they thought were impossible.

All too often, we open our mouths in anger without thinking about what might happen next. A wise person thinks before they speak, and if they can't say something kind, they keep silent.

Sometimes it feels like there's no option but to fight our way out of a difficult situation. A wise person knows that it's their intelligence, not their physical strength, that will help them to win in the end. It's all too easy to lose our patience with people and act unkindly. A wise person knows that showing kindness and compassion is the most effective way to bring out the best in others.

We all need friends with whom to share precious times and memories, and to help us in times of need. A wise person knows that they can find a friend among even the most unlikely of characters. It can be tempting to go our own way rather than to work together with others. A wise person knows that they can achieve much more as part of a team than on their own.

February - March 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 6:00 to 8:45 pm Judo	2 8:30 am Fitness Prog 2:45/3:30 pm Japanese Sch	3 8:30 am Sewing Class	4 8:30 am Fitness Prog 2:45/3:30 pm Japanese Sch 6:00 to 8:45 pm Judo	5	6 7:00 am Nokotsudo Cleaning Haiku,Paia,Wailuku Kahului,Haliimaile 8:30 am Fitness Prog.
7 9:00 am Scout Sunday Service	8 6:00 to 8:45 pm Judo	9 8:30 am Fitness Prog 2:45/3:30 pm Japanese Sch	10	11 8:30 am Fitness Prog 2:45/3:30 pm Japanese Sch 6:00 to 8:45 pm Judo	12 <2/12~2/13> Giseikai	13 7:00 am Clean—Up Haiku,Paia,Wailuku Kahului, Haliimaile 8:30 am Fitness Prog
14 9:00 am Family Service BWA 10:00 am New Year's Party & Welcome Party	15 *President's Day Office closed 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	20 7:00 am Nokotsudo Cleaning Haiku,Paia,Wailuku Kahului,Haliimaile 8:30 am Fitness Prog
21 9:00 am Family Service Dharma School 11:00 am Council Mtg	22 6:00 to 8:45 pm Judo	23 8:30 am Fitness Prog 2:45/3:30 pm Japanese Sch	24	25 8:30 am Fitness Prog 2:45/3:30 pm Japanese Sch 6:00 to 8:45 pm Judo	26	27 7:00 am Clean - Up Haiku,Paia,Wailuku Kahului,Haliimaile 8:30 am Fitness Prog
28 9:00 am Family Service Kyodan	29 6:00 to 8:45 pm Judo					

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 8:30 am Fitness Prog 2:45/3:30 pm Japanese Sch	2	3 8:30 am Fitness Prog 2:45/3:30 pm Japanese Sch 6:00 to 8:45 pm Judo	4	5 7:00 am Nokotsudo Cleaning Pukalani 8:30 am Fitness Prog
6 9:00 am Family Service Jr. YBA	7 6:00 to 8:45 pm Judo	8 8:30 am Fitness Prog 2:45/3:30 pm Japanese Sch	9	10 8:30 am Fitness Prog 2:45/3:30 pm Japanese Sch 6:00 to 8:45 pm Judo	11	12 7:00 am Clean—Up Pukalani 8:30 am Fitness Prog 9:15 am Wailuku Hongwanji Nembutsu Seminar
13 No Service 9:00 am "Wailuku Hongwanji" Nembutsu Seminar	14 6:00 to 8:45 pm Judo	15 8:30 am Fitness Prog 2:45/3:30 pm Japanese Sch	16	17 8:30 am Fitness Prog 2:45/3:30 pm Japanese Sch 6:00 to 8:45 pm Judo	18	19 7:00 am Nokotsudo Cleaning Pukalani 8:30 am Fitness Prog
20 9:00 am Family Service BWA 11:00 am Council Mtg	21 6:00 to 8:45 pm Judo	22 8:30 am Fitness Prog 2:45/3:30 pm Japanese Sch	23	24 8:30 am Fitness Prog 2:45/3:30 pm Japanese Sch 6:00 to 8:45 pm Judo	25	26 7:00 am Clean - Up Pukalani 8:30 am Fitness Prog
27 9:00 am Family Service Dharma School	28 6:00 to 8:45 pm Judo	29 8:30 am Fitness Prog 2:45/3:30 pm Japanese Sch	30	31 8:30 am Fitness Prog 2:45/3:30 pm Japanese Sch 6:00 to 8:45 pm Judo		