



Makawao Hongwanji Buddhist Temple

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Makawao Hongwanji

**Sunday, Oct. 5th
Family Service
Toban: Jr. YBA**

**Sunday, Oct. 12th
Family Service
Toban: BWA**



**Sunday, Oct. 19th
Family Service
Toban: Dharma School**

**Sunday, Oct. 26
Family Service
Toban: Kyodan**



Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii CELEBRATES!

125th Anniversary of Jodo Shinshu Buddhism in Hawaii

“Live with Harmony, Peace, and Gratitude: Share Aloha”

2014 Slogan: “SHARE PEACE”

SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITES:

OCTOBER 18 – Saturday : 4pm – 8pm at Kahului Hongwanji

“A Taste of Hongwanji” – All Maui Hongwanji sharing their activities and or organizations with the community. *Food* Games* Peace Cranes* *Make-It-Take-It* Door Prizes* Story Boards* Flu Shots & Blood Pressure Screenings by Walgreens* In-House Entertainment* Mini Odori*

NOVEMBER 1 – Saturday: 9 am – 1 pm at Wailuku Hongwanj

Special Service With Bishop Eric Matsumoto

Guest Speaker: Sherman Thompson

Clambake Lunch (Shrimp Scampi, Crab, Steak, Chicken, Baked Potatoes, Caesar Salad, Rice, Garlic Bread ---\$25). Reservations/payment required by Oct. 24th, contact Kahului Hongwanji at 871-4732.

JANUARY 2015 – (Venue & Performance Time Pending)

Musical/ Drama: “PEACE ON YOUR WINGS”

The story of Sadako Sasaki and the origami Cranes of Peace

Production of: Hongwanji Mission School; Pacific Buddhist Academy; Ohana Arts...

Admission to be determined.



My 24 hour second job



It's October again, which means three more months before the year 2014 becomes part of history. Time flew so fast, it seemed like only a few days ago that I was eagerly anticipating my first vacation in 2 years, since I started working here at Makawao Hongwanji. The trip to Japan was most enjoyable but went by like a streak of lightning. Before I knew it, it was finished and I was back to reality once again.

One of the interesting things that happened during my vacation albeit, just a minor one was during the inflight to Japan from Honolulu. About two hours before the scheduled landing at Sendai airport, there was an announcement from the pilot, over the PA system, requesting any doctor, nurse or EMT to come to the first class section of the plane to assist in a medical situation. I promptly got up, identified myself to the airline crew as a registered nurse. I looked around for more people but only one Japanese nurse and myself plus the airline crew responded to the call. The patient was an elderly lady, having fainting spells and minor shortness of breath and having difficulty walking back to her seat after using the lavatory. As she is Japanese, I let the Japanese nurse do all the questioning to the sick lady and I was on standby, ready to help intervene in the event the patient's condition worsens. Fortunately, it was probably just a case of fatigue, motion sickness or perhaps a reaction from the medications she had been taking, as we found out during the course of questioning by the Japanese nurse. She was assisted towards the back of the aircraft and made to lie down and no more incidents after that. The plane landed safely in Japan two hours later.

As I went back to my seat after the patient was stabilized, I couldn't help but think that despite being on a much needed vacation, I could still be called upon to assist in medical emergencies that happen in out of ordinary places like a jet plane or anywhere where immediate medical facilities are not available. Of course, I am obligated to assist and willing, not only because of the oath I took during my training as a nurse to always render medical assistance to those in need, but more important it is the Buddhist way. It isn't often that one is presented with an opportunity to practice compassion in a setting where human life or another persons physical well being is at stake.

The removal of fear and provision of comfort to an ill person, be it by direct intervention to save a life or just words of comfort and encouragement to assist in the healing process, is a form of dana, the act of selfless giving, the first of the 6 paramitas that all aspiring for enlightenment and buddhahood need to practice.

Was the act of volunteering my skills and services on that one incident 35,000 ft up in the sky, really a selfless act? Well, no..The instinct to assist, developed by years of training and experience, just kicked in. It was foremost for the well being of the suffering lady, but also, in the back of my mind at that time, I worried that there will be a need for an emergency landing and the flight might have to be diverted elsewhere to the nearest city with adequate medical facilities. I will miss my connecting flight and forfeit my hotel reservation for one night. Good thing the plane was almost in Japan, I thought. If it were only a few hours away from the departure point of origin, the plane might have to turn all the way back to Honolulu to handle the emergency. I'd lose a full day of my precious vacation. Selfish thoughts, they were, really.

I am glad there was no need for heroics and the patient did well enough to complete her trip back home. I'd rather have an uneventful flight that all the passengers are safe, healthy and enjoying the plane ride. But the lesson that I was reminded of at that time was: whether on vacation or not, once a nurse, always a nurse. As long as my license to practice is valid, I am duty-bound to render assistance. No different from my job as a minister 24/7/365. It's unthinkable for me to make the excuse that I'm on vacation and therefore should not get involved in any situation that requires the skills and training that I possess. Unthinkable too and scary, that someday the same thing might happen to me, and someone who can assist me in a medical crisis would just walk away and say: "Sorry, I can't help you sir. I'm on vacation!"

Namu Amida Butsu!

MHM JAPANESE SCHOOL— Class is Open!



Tuesday & Thursday: Basic: 2:45pm to 3:30pm
Advance: 3:30pm to 4:15pm

Registration: \$50.00

Tuition: \$25.00 per month

Sensei: Mr. Sadao Aoyagi

Further information: Call Makawao Hongwanji 572-7229

Makawao Hongwanji Mission
Kyodan Board Meeting
September 10, 2014 – 7:00 p.m.

Minister's Report : Continuing to research any family with connections to the Kusumoto headstone that was brought to the temple. Sensei will begin spiritual volunteer training with the Maui Memorial Medical Center from 9/16 – 10/21.

Boy Scouts: Camporee this weekend at Camp Maluhia. Scouts will be in the County Fair Parade and work a shift in the Pronto Pup booth. Fall popcorn sales are forthcoming.

Dharma School: Successful Dharma School kick off picnic at Lahaina Jodo, about 60 in attendance.

Pre-School : Budget was approved. The board appointed two new board members, Floyd Nagoshi and Hedy Sentani. Thank you to Allan Karimoto and Yoshio Kijima for their many years of faithful service on the pre-school board.

Committee Reports**Buddhist Education**: Planning continuing on The White Path Nembutsu seminar in Nov.. Buddhist Study Center's focus for 2015 will be to strengthen Dharma schools, and Jr. YBA.

VP Activities –Senior program will take the leadership for the 10/18 Taste of Hongwanji event. They will be asking for volunteers to support. Mochi tsuki will take place on Dec. 28th. Thank you to Ray Nakagawa for his help in making this event possible. Nomination of officers for 2015 is underway. The proposed 2015 by-laws will be used the nomination guide. The board has approved the purchase of some advertising space, i.e. placement on the Makawao map, on the Upcountry Events brochure, which is placed all around Makawao town during the year. The board is considering the purchase of a larger advertising space. MHM will apply to become a recipient of the Foodland Give Aloha program.

Membership – Committee working on the new membership packets. They will include the revised Honpa Hongwanji brochure, as well as a Jodo Shinshu guide, provided by Honpa. Diane is still working with the Honpa membership committee in creating a playbook of strategies and activities used by the various temples around the state.

125th Anniversary – Live with Harmony, Peace, Gratitude – Share Aloha: Honpa Hongwanji has several Maui events planned to celebrate this occasion. Originally conceived as the Taste of Sangha, this event has evolved into the Taste of Hongwanji. Will still be held at Kahului Hongwanji on October 18th, from 4 to 8 pm. Temples will be providing samples from their temple cookbooks for sale. \$1 scrip will be sold at the event. Temples will keep their own profits. Revs. Tennes and Kalu and Floyd Nagoshi will be providing musical entertainment. Buddhist education will be available, as well as activities for children. The anniversary luncheon will be held on November 1st at Wailuku Hongwanji. Sherman Thompson will be the guest speaker, and Bishop Matsumoto will attend. \$25 tickets will be sold for the clambake lunch. Finally, the committee is looking for a Maui venue for the musical, Sadako, written by Jennifer Taira. This will be presented in February 2015.

Cemetery Business: There are three old cemeteries that MHM may have responsibility for. Sharon Higuchi has researched the land lease portion. Members attending the Lay Convention this weekend will ask other temples how they handled the closing of old cemeteries. Diane Kosaka will check with Honpa at the next membership meeting, as well as getting legal guidance. Rev. Kalu will confer with the other Maui ministers at his November meeting. Marilyn Morikawa will contact the appropriate people regarding the closing of the old cemetery behind Paia Elementary School. Barring any emergency coming up in the meantime, all this research will be shared at the December Kyodan meeting.

The next Kyodan meeting is scheduled for October 8, 2014.

Respectfully submitted by Peggy Kono, Secretary of MHM Kyodan Board



*President's
Message*

In a galaxy a long time ago, I thought that maybe I should be an accountant. It sounded like a pretty good idea at the time. I soon found out that there are three types of people in this world. There are those who can count and those who cannot. Guess which group I'm in. I always wondered why accountants are called bean counters. Have you seen any type of beans in their offices? I'll let you in on a secret. The only people that know beans are farmers. Now isn't that a gas? Now you know.

I crawled out from under my rock a little too soon. The general election has not taken place yet. The political ads on TV are starting to get to me. And I don't even watch TV anymore. I have a theory that they do this on purpose every four years to test our patience. If we survive this nonsense, we will become saints. Okay, we don't have saints in Buddhism. Angels? Nope. Cardinals? Nope. Well, I guess that the most we can hope for is to become calm like cows in the pasture. You know. . . become pasteurize.



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

1st Year Memorial Service 2013
October 05 Kazuma Okumura

1st Year Memorial Service 2013
November - None

3rd Year Memorial Service 2012
October - None

3rd Year Memorial Service 2012
November - None

7th Year Memorial Service 2008
October - None

7th Year Memorial Service 2008
November 17 Frances Yoshino Morikawa

13th Year Memorial Service 2002
October 17 Fumiko Watanabe

13th Year Memorial Service 2002
November 03 Patricia Kiyoko Griffin

17th Year Memorial Service 1998
October 02 Haruko Taketa
October 18 Yasunari Hamai

17th Year Memorial Service 1998
November - None

25th Year Memorial Service 1990
October 08 Wataru Okamoto
October 24 Takushi Minobe

25th Year Memorial Service 1990
November - None

33rd Year Memorial Service 1982
October - None

33rd Year Memorial Service 1982
November - None

50th Year Memorial Service 1965
October 29 Nagami Omura

50th Year Memorial Service 1965
November 13 Setsu Otsubo
November 18 Sumie Kusakabe

GRANDPARENTS' DAY

“Where would grandparents be without grandchildren, and where would grandchildren be without parents, grandparents, and all ancestors before us.” So, began Florence Yoshizu’s Dharma Talk on Sunday, Sept. 14. Asian people are no smarter than any others, but children are expected to try harder, Gambatte to the best of your ability; it’s like the 442nd motto of “Go for Broke”. Family members are also told not to do anything that brings shame to the family.

Florence compared the Buddhist teachings SIX PARAMITAS with the Ten Commandments.

1. DANA – Buddha was thinking about the well-being & happiness of others first and foremost when he laid this path.
2. SILA – Precepts of Do Not Kill, Lie, Steal, Cheat, Eat or Drink Harmful Food, Drink or Drugs.
3. KSANTI – Forebearance with no judgment or condemnation.
4. VIRYA – Perseverance, try harder, gambaru, gama, encouraging words of wisdom and compassion coming from the Buddha.
5. DYANA – Meditation and Mind Concentration.
6. PRAJNA – Wisdom is acquired.

Thank you, Florence for your words of wisdom. When you share your understanding of Buddhism, we always learn new things and gain new insights.

Dharma School teachers and BWA ladies shared refreshments, “A Taste of Makawao Hongwanji” highlighting some grandparents’ signature dishes. There was baklava, beef noodle casserole and sushi which Auntie Chiyoko Karimoto used to make, Lei Matsumura’s bread pudding, and sponge cake like Kikue Yamamura and Sam Morikawa used to make.

Can you guess who is the grandparent associated with the following: spam musubi, lilikoi jello, ranger cookies, oranges, fukujinzuke rice?

The beautiful favors were made by Laurie Tsai, with help from Kelly Yokouchi. So many decorated spam cans filled with flowers. Who ate all the spam? Thank you for sharing and brightening the days of grandparents and all our Makawao Hongwanji Sangha.

CORRECTION.

Gomenasai! The correct E-mail address for University of Hawaii Master Gardener is:
mauimg@ctahr.hawaii.edu



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Contributions received August 14, 2014 to September 14, 2014

OFUSE:

Mr. & Mrs. Yoshio Kijima - 49th day service for Yoko Kijima - \$500
Mrs. Leatrice Taketa - 25th year memorial service for Hayato & Kanichi Taketa - \$200
Mrs. Janet Fukuda - Funeral service for Fujiko Nishida - \$1000
Mr. & Mrs. Paul Nishida - In memory of Fujiko Nishida - \$200
Mr. & Mrs. Kalani Tokunaga - In memory of Rinju Gongyo - \$50

DONATIONS:

Jane Agawa & Family - In memory of Hinayo Okamura - \$100
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Family and Friends of the late Fujiko Nishida - \$1050

NOKOTSUDO:

Gladys Ushijima - \$25
Nora Nishiyama - In honor of Grandparents' Day - \$50
Yvonne Kishi - \$30
Eileen Sato - \$50
Janet & Harold Inamasu - In memory of Mr. & Mrs. H. Makimoto - \$25
Diane Nako - \$500
Paul & Sueko Wong - In memory of Judy Tadakuma - \$100
Harold & Mildred Makimoto - In memory of Hatsugoro Makimoto - \$25

Sam's Message Donations: \$20

RECYCLING: \$264

3rd FRIDAY PARKING: September \$ 410

SAM'S MESSAGE: Thank you to everyone who has been reading Sam's Message. If you would like a copy, please get one from Rie at church or from Marilyn, 572-7445. As Sam says, "Life is like a roll of toilet paper, slow while the roll is big but as it gets smaller, the faster it goes. So, the older we get the faster the days go by, so put your dana to work and make people happy." We also very much appreciate the donations we have received for Sam's Message. Arigato!

Up-Coming Events

October

October 18 - Taste of Hongwanji (Kahului Hongwanji)
October 25 - Senior Fair (BWA at War Memorial Gym)

November

November 1 - 125th Anniversary Celebration Luncheon (Wailuku Hongwanji)
November 16 - EITAIKYO (Minister)
November 23 - Social Concerns (Minister)

December

December 6 - Garage Sale (Ruth, Glenna, Gail)
December 7 - BHODI DAY (Minister, Sharon Nagoshi)
December 13 - BWA Fall General Assembly (Kahului Hongwanji)
December 21 - Temple Clean Up (Floyd)
December 28 - Mochi Tsuki (Ray Nakagawa; Diane Kosaka)
December 31 - NEW YEAR'S EVE SERVICE (Minister; *Volunteers Needed)



Dharma School Picnic

The VIDSTA Dharma school picnic was held on a Saturday, September 7, 2014 at the Lahaina Jodo Mission. Under a cloudless sky 65 children and families enjoyed the fun day at this year's Dharma school picnic. After a service, overlooking the ocean, the children participated in fun games, ate lunch and swam in the warm waters of Lahaina.

NOMINATIONS SOUGHT FOR 2015 MHM DIRECTORS

A new year is coming upon us fast and the board is looking for officers for the 2015 year. Since we will have a new set of by-laws starting in January, the elected board (proposed to be called the "Council") positions will include: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, 7 Directors (in charge of Finance, Membership, Buddhist Education, Activities, Repairs & Maintenance, Funeral/Nokotsudo standing committees). There are also non-voting Advisor positions which are elected by the membership. Anyone interested in being on the Council, please contact the temple office or Bobbi Nakagawa (nominating committee).

SECRETARY ON VACATION IN OCTOBER – Rie Taketa, our temple secretary, will be on vacation from October 2 to 10, and October 29 to November 10. The temple office will still be open from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. during her absence and will be manned by Reverend Kalu and volunteers. Any members who want to help with answering the phone, taking messages, and manning the office, please call the office. Your help will be appreciated.

The Buddha's Gift to the World: Tranquility for a Turbulent Planet" **by Former Monshu Koshin Ohtani**

Paperback, \$10.00 is now available at HQ Bookstore.

The 24th Spiritual Leader of Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha His Eminence Koshin Ohtani had retired from the Monshu's position on June 5 of this year. This is his third book in English translation. This Book begins with an outline by the Gomonshu on Buddhism and society and a talk he presented to college students at Ritsumeikan University in Kyoto, Japan. The Buddha's Gift to the World reaffirms that the Buddha-Dharma teachings are as relevant today as ever for addressing the very real and complex problems of our modern society and global community. This book's foreword was written by Bishop Eric Matsumoto. HQ Bookstore offer 10% discount to the orders from the Hongwanji Temples. Please call 522-9202 or e-mail to hqbooks@honpahi.org

KITCHEN WORKERS - HEALTH & HYGIENE RULES

Makawao Hongwanji's kitchen is a "certified" kitchen and has a Hawaii State Dept of Health permit which is updated annually. Inspectors from the DOH visit the kitchen to verify that we are in compliance with their standards. Recently an inspection was done and some items were brought to our attention. One of the items was a form titled "EMPLOYEE HEALTH & HYGIENE TRAINING" which is required to be read by each kitchen worker and signed saying they agree to those rules. The rules include detailed instructions for hand washing, no bare hand contact when preparing food, hygiene rules, and employee health (no sick worker allowed). Rules will be posted in the kitchen as reminder as well. All coordinators of any food prep event in our kitchen will need to review these rules before all workers and have them sign the form. The forms will be kept on file with the temple office for review by the health inspector. So that we can have a "green" card kitchen, we ask all kitchen workers for their kokua in complying with the rules and keeping our kitchen clean.

NISEI VETERANS MEMORIAL CENTER *Education Exhibit*

The Hawaii's Internees' Story will be on display at: The Nisei Veterans Memorial Center Education Center, 1 Go For Broke Place, Wailuku, HI 96793,

This exhibit will be free admission, opening November 6 through December 13, 2014, Monday through Saturday, 12 noon to 4 p.m.

2014 MAUI NEMBUTSU SEMINAR
Sponsored by the Maui Hongwanji Council

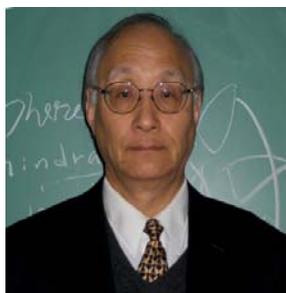
Speaker: Rev. Dr. Nobuo Haneda
Director – Maida Center, Berkeley, California

Lecture Title: “The Parable of the White Path – The Crisis in the Path of Self-Realization”

Dates and Time: Saturday, November 29, 8:30 am to 3:00 pm
Sunday, November 30, 9:00 am to 11:30 am

Location: Kahului Hongwanji Buddhist Temple
291 South Puunene Avenue
Kahului, HI 96732

Rev. Dr. Nobuo Haneda was born in Nagano, Japan. He graduated from the Tokyo University of Foreign Studies, majoring in Russian. Having come to the U.S.A. in 1971, he received his Ph.D. in Buddhist Studies at the University of Wisconsin in 1979. Dr. Haneda was a lecturer at the Otani University in Kyoto, Japan, 1979-81, was dean and head professor at the Institute of Buddhist Studies in Berkeley, 1984-85, and was a researcher at the Numata Center in Berkeley, 1987-97.



In 1997 Dr. Haneda helped found the [Maida Center of Buddhism](#) in Berkeley, CA, which is a center dedicated to the study of Shin Buddhism in the United States. He is the author of [Dharma Breeze: Essays on Shin Buddhism](#), has translated several Japanese written works on Shin Buddhism, and authors the newsletter “[The Dharma Breeze](#)”. He conducts regular study sessions at the Maida Center and annual retreats on topics in Shin Buddhism, and is frequently asked to speak at temples across the country.

“A Taste of Hongwanji” will be held on Saturday, October 18, from 4:00p.m. – 8:00 p.m. There will be delicious foods such as main dishes, a variety of mixed rice dishes, pickled vegetables, specialty dishes, scrumptious desserts, new and different recipe items from our temple cookbooks, all for sale with scripts. There will also be games, craft demonstrations, lei making, mini-flower arranging, make and take crafts, and story boards that teach about the different temples. Walgreens will be offering Flu shots and Blood Pressure Readings. (Bring your health plan information and ID; Forms available). Learn about “A Cup of Cold Water”, a service that helps those in need.

As we become more involved in our usual, busy holiday season activities, we are reminded that the holidays are a perfect time for families and communities to come together to celebrate, support, and appreciate each other’s cultures. Keeping the community connections as the goal of the 125th in mind, this event, “A Taste of Hongwanji” hits the mark for involvement with the community and building inter-Hongwanji connections. The participating temples are Kahului, Lahaina, Lanai, Makawao and Wailuku. For any questions and comments, please continue to send to the committee--Rev. Hironaka, Janet Shimada, Sharon Higa & Diane Kosaka. Please join us!

MAKAWAO HONGWANJI PRESCHOOL

This month the preschoolers have settled into the daily routine of preschool. Friendships are being formed and the classroom is filled with smiling faces and chatter. Our learning centers keep hands and minds busy with opportunities to explore and learn each day. One of the popular centers is housekeeping, children dressing up and pretending to be moms and dads are not only fun to watch, it is also fun to listen!



SHARING THE DHARMA

Did you know. . . “Hongwanji” means “Temple of the Primal Vow” which is Amida Buddha’s promise to save all beings.



PROJECT DANA - 25TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Makawao Hongwanji members joined with other members of Project Dana for the 25th anniversary celebration, in the Pomaika`i Ballroom at the Dole Cannery on Oahu. Kirk Caldwell, the mayor of the city and county of Honolulu, proclaimed September 20th, 2014 to be Project Dana Day. This celebration was dedicated to Project Dana's co-founder, Shimeji Kanazawa, who recently passed away in 2014. Dana, which the Lord Buddha taught as the most important of the six par-amitas in the Sanskrit language, means the spontaneous form of selfless giving.



Project Dana is an interfaith cooperative effort of providing different support services to Hawaii's frail elderly, disabled persons and family caregivers. Dr. Michael Cheang, a popular presenter on Maui of the Eden-at Home workshops, noted the growth of volunteers over the past 25 years, and pointed out that many of the caregivers, and those who receive care, are in their eighties. In the video taped message from former First Lady Rosalynn Carter, she said "There are only four kinds of people in this world: Those who have been caregivers, those who currently are caregivers, those who will be caregivers, and those who will need caregivers". There were inspirational speakers and presentations, a wonderful lunch and door prizes, and an enjoyable program with the Project Dana Dancers, and comedian Frank Delima. Mahalo to Janie Karimoto, the Makawao Hongwanji Project Dana coordinator for making all of the arrangements for our temple.

TROOP 18 NEWS...By Daven Amaral



On Friday September 12, Troop 18 participated in the Boy Scouts of America camporee. First we set up our tents and made an entry way and set up a perimeter around our tents. When we were done we made hamburger curry for dinner. After we were all done we went up to the Longhouse for campfire. We didn't have a fire because it rained on us. All the troops did songs or skits. After everyone was done we went down to our campsite to sleep.



On the second day of camp we did Color Guard and activities for the theme zombie apocalypse. The activities like first aid, barricade, map and compass, obstacle course, water transportation, archery, rifle shooting, tomahawk, sling shot, and ninja stars. After the activities were done everyone went to the flag pole and announced awards. We got 1st and 2nd place in the overall activities. After the awards we broke down our tents and packed up. When everyone was ready we all went home.

Maui Stamps Reminder

Maui Stamps will be closing its offices in November. If you or your friends still have Maui Gift Stamps lying around, they will do you no good after November ends, so please, look around for them and bring them to the office. Thus far we have received checks for over \$2,000 with the stamps our generous members and friends have dropped off for us. Every stamp is worth something. Arigato~



Autumn Higan and Peace Day was celebrated at Sunday Family Service on Sept. 21. Joining Rev. Kalu are Amy Blue, Jamie Yokoyama, Jean Nishida, Brennan Almeida, and Pam Madan. Thank you Alice Sugimura for the beautiful lotus flower.

Winter Garage Sale Coming Soon!

Time again to clean our houses and get ready for the holidays! How quickly 2014 is going by! The planning for another festive, fun event for our annual Winter Garage Sale on Saturday, December 6, 2014, has begun, and the "garage sale crew" is ready to receive your wonderful new and used goods for recycling. We would also like to encourage all you crafters and bakers to start thinking of what you might want to donate to our festive country store. The more the merrier, and there'll be something for everyone. Please kokua if you are able to; we look forward to another great winter garage sale working with all our loyal supporters and helpers.

Lay Convention Summary

Sharon and Floyd Nagoshi, and Peggy Kono attended the September 12 and 13, 2014 Lay Convntion held at Puna Hongwanji on Hawaii Island, as Makawao Hongwanji delegates. Carol Yamamura and David Judd attended as observers. Puna Hongwanji, as well as the other Hawaii Island Hongwanjis were very welcoming and friendly, and provided a fun, as well as informational convention, with wonderful food.



The theme was “Our Future is Now”. The guest speaker was Pieper Toyama who is the President of the Hawaii State Federation of Honpa Hongwanji . He spoke of his birth in Paauilo, his early training in Buddhism, his family’s conversion to the Episcopalian church, and his later turning away from the church. Eventually he returned to Jodo Shinshu. However, it wasn’t until he was later the headmaster of the Pacific Buddhist Academy, did he really focus on the teachings. In summary, he said that modern society is now more open to the Buddhist teachings. There are many people who are searching for spiritual answers. He offered challenges to us. One was to the Bishop to continue to work on making the teachings more approachable, understandable, and useful. Another was for Buddhist believers to take their beliefs to the public. He encouraged the ministers to raise the morale and energy of their churches. We should work on improving communication between members, temples, and districts. Finally he stressed we should all work on improving the health of our temples, by focusing on the sense of place. Our temples should be places of warmth, caring, be inviting and supportive, and Fun!

Three resolutions were approved to take to the Geseikai. Two were resolutions of condolence and appreciation, for Mr. Patrick Masutomi, and Mr. Harold Makoto Date. The third resolution for all of the various statewide Hongwanji organizations is to consider the scheduling of joint events, to make the most of our declining numbers and stretched finances. One other topic was brought up for discussion. This was to once again consider the usefulness of the Lay Convention. The primary purposes of this convention were to bring up resolutions to be presented to the Geseikai, and to provide the opportunity of fellowship between the temples of different islands, as well as providing leadership training for members. Attendance has been declining, not many resolutions are being discussed, and the financial portion is a challenge for the temples, as well as hosting this event. Our district had the opportunity to meet and create action items to improve communication. Maui county temples will be reviewing their websites and make sure we are linked to each other. Thanks to David Judd, Makawao Hongwanji has a complete and informative webpage. We also joined in bon dance, Big Island style. Look for some new dances during next obon season.

Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii **HEADQUARTERS UPDATE**

2014-2015 SOCIAL CONCERNS FUND DRIVE

In November we celebrate Thanksgiving and Eitaikyo. Both observances remind us to be mindful of the countless blessings in our lives and how we live connected to the world around us. It is in this spirit of gratitude that we begin our Annual Social Concerns Fund Drive.

The generous contributions from Sangha members provides the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii the ability to support worthy organizations and programs with funding to continue their work in our community and to provide compassionate action during times of disaster. Your contributions also allow the Committee on Social Concerns to plan for future programs related to social issues affecting our community.

Because of your commitment to promoting the Buddhist values of compassion and loving-kindness we were able to continue lending our support to such organizations as Project Dana, The Interfaith Alliance Hawaii, Family Promise of Hawaii and the various food banks across the state. Your generosity allowed Hawaii Kyodan to lead the fundraising effort to build the Sadako Sasaki Peace Crane exhibit at Pearl Harbor that was dedicated in 2013.

Because of your kokua over the years, we have also been able to help with recovery efforts after natural disasters and assist members of our Sangha affected by misfortune and other emergency situations. This year we were able to support relief efforts on the Big Island after Hurricane Iselle. We have also been able to establish the Golden Chain Grant program that promotes compassionate action through service to others in our community. Your generosity directly helps those in need and promotes a more humane world.

Your continued support is greatly appreciated. Please make all checks payable to your local temple. The suggested donation is the cost of just one meal per person. Any donation you are able to give will make a difference in the lives of others. Your help is needed to continue our mission of sharing the Dharma through compassionate action. Mahalo!

In Gassho,
Rev. Blayne Higa
Committee on Social Concerns, Chair

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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 8:30 am Fitness Prog 9:30 am Preschool 2:45/3:30 pm Japanese Sch 6:00/7:15 pm Judo	3	4 8:30 am Fitness Prog
5 9:00 am Family Svc Jr. YBA	6 8:30 am Sr. Program 6:00/7:15 pm Judo	7 8:30 am Fitness Prog 2:45/3:30 pm Japanese Sch	8 7:00 pm Kyodan Mtg	9 8:30 am Fitness Prog 9:30 am Preschool 2:45/3:30 pm Japanese Sch 6:00/7:15 pm Judo	10	11 8:00 am Clean-up Haiku,Paia, Haliimaile,Wailuku Kahului 8:30 am Fitness Prog
12 9:00 am Family Svc BWA	13 8:30 am Sr. Program 6:00/7:15 pm Judo	14 8:30 am Fitness Prog 2:45/3:30 pm Japanese Sch	15	16 8:30 am Fitness Prog 9:30 am Preschool 2:45/3:30 pm Japanese Sch 6:00/7:15 pm Judo	17	18 8:30 am Fitness Prog 4:00~8:00 pm Taste of Hongwanji (Kahului Hongwanji)
19 9:00 am Family Svc Darma School *Newsletter Article deadline	20 8:30am Sr. Program 6:00/7:15pm Judo	21 8:30 am Fitness Prog 2:45/3:30 pm Japanese Sch	22	23 8:30 am Fitness Prog 9:30 am Preschool 2:45/3:30 pm Japanese Sch 6:00/7:15 pm Judo	24	25 8:00 am Clean-up Haiku, Paia, Haliimaile, Wailuku, Kahului 8:30 am Fitness Prog Senior Fair
26 9:00 am Family Svc Kyodan	27 8:30 am Sr. Program 6:00/7:15pm Judo	28 8:30 am Fitness Prog 2:45/3:30 pm Japanese Sch	29	30 8:30 am Fitness Prog 9:30 am Preschool 2:45/3:30 pm Japanese Sch 6:00/7:15 pm Judo	31	

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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 8:30 am Fitness Prog
2 9:00 am Family Svc Jr. YBA	3 8:30 am Sr. Program 6:00/7:15 pm Judo	4 8:30 am Fitness Prog 2:45/3:30 pm Japanese Sch	5 7:00 pm Kyodan Mtg	6 8:30 am Fitness Prog 9:30 am Preschool 2:45/3:30 pm Japanese Sch 6:00/7:15 pm Judo	7	8 8:00 am Clean-Up Pukalani 8:30 am Fitness Prog
9 9:00 am Family Svc BWA	10 8:30 am Sr. Program 6:00/7:15 pm Judo	11 8:30 am Fitness Prog 2:45/3:30 pm Japanese Sch	12	13 8:30 am Fitness Prog 9:30 am Preschool 2:45/3:30 pm Japanese Sch 6:00/7:15 pm Judo	14	15 8:30 am Fitness Prog
16 9:00 am Eitaikyo Svc Darma School	17 8:30am Sr. Program 6:00/7:15pm Judo	18 8:30 am Fitness Prog 2:45/3:30 pm Japanese Sch	19 *Newsletter Article deadline	20 8:30 am Fitness Prog 9:30 am Preschool 2:45/3:30 pm Japanese Sch 6:00/7:15 pm Judo	21	22 8:00 am Clean-Up Pukalani 8:30 am Fitness Prog
23 9:00 am Concerns Svc Kyodan ----- 30 Family Svc	24 8:30 am Sr. Program 6:00/7:15pm Judo	25 8:30 am Fitness Prog 2:45/3:30 pm Japanese Sch	26	27 Thanksgiving 8:30 am Fitness Prog 9:30 am Preschool 2:45/3:30 pm Japanese Sch 6:00/7:15 pm Judo	28 2:00 PM Set-up Garage sale	29