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of Hawaii

Five Year Theme:  
"Path of Entrusting"

2014 Slogan:  
"Share Peace"

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## Spring O-higan March 16th 2014

On March 16th ,Hawaii Betsuin will celebrate the Spring O-Higan Festival. O-Higan is a time during which we can reflect upon the profound harmony and oneness of the universe, a harmony that is apparent when we are able to see beyond our limited, self-centered views.

The word higan means the "other shore" of enlightenment. Traditionally, Spring O-Higan is a week-long observance, during which the observance of the Six Paramitas or "perfections" (giving, discipline, patience, effort, meditation, and wisdom) are studied and contemplated. During O-Higan, we can bring to mind these perfections and consider how they relate to our own lives. These Six Paramitas are part of the path of the Bodhisattva, one who vows to leave behind self-centeredness and practices perfection in order to become a Buddha for the sake of all beings. Since Buddhism teaches us first and foremost to transcend our limited self, the Bodhisattva path—seeking perfection and enlightenment for everyone—is the true Buddhist path we must all follow.

As Jodo Shinshu followers, our living the Nembutsu life is itself the Bodhisattva practice of perfection. As Shinran Shonin taught, Nembutsu is the mind of Amida, perfect Wisdom and Compassion. Normally, our lives are defined by a lack of perfection, by disharmony, and struggle. Shinran himself struggled throughout his life and realized that perfection, which is limitless, could never be achieved through his own limited efforts. He learned that it is only through total reliance on Amida Tathagata, the true reality of Wisdom and Compassion, that we can understand the meaning of perfection in our lives. During this O-Higan period, let us reflect deeply on the Six Perfections. Though we are limited beings, the Six Paramitas are truly realized through the heart and mind of entrusting faith; in this way we are brought to perfection through the working of Amida's Compassionate Vow.

### Guest Speaker for Spring Higan is the Rev. Dr. Mary David

Rev. David is a California girl having been born there and raised in both Southern and Northern parts of the State.

Her Education includes a Bachelor of Arts in Cultural Anthropology from U.C.L.A, a Masters' degree in Psychology from La Sierra University, a Masters' degree in Buddhists Studies from the Institute of Buddhist Studies (IBS) and a Doctor of Psychology (Psy. D) from the California Southern University.



She has worked extensively as a clinical psychologist in California in both private practice as well as with state and county agencies such as the Tri-City Mental

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## Rimban's Column:

"Receive the Benefit of Being Grasped  
Never to be Abandoned"

Rev. Tatsuo Muneto



What is the benefit of being a Jodo Shin Buddhist? What kind of benefits does one receive when he/she becomes a member of the

Hongwanji temple? Lately, I have often been asked these questions by the Hongwanji leaders. This month, I will try to answer these questions.

One of the most well-known sentences that describes the nature of the reli-

gious benefit of Jodo Shinshu is the "benefit of being grasped and never to be abandoned" (Tannisho). At each moment in our lives we are embraced by the wisdom-light of Amida and never forsaken. There are three results of receiving Amida's wisdom-light:

1) The first is "Nurturing." Just as fruits on the branch become sweet in the heat of the sun, Amida's light nurtures our minds and hearts to become open to all things both animate and inanimate.

Nowadays, I see young children coming to the Dharma School class every Sunday. They are becoming close to Amida's love through making simple crafts, playing games, and singing Buddhist songs. Their hearts and minds are nurtured by the light of compassion and the supportive adults, parents, and Dharma School teachers.

2) The second result is "Shattering of Darkness." No one likes darkness; this darkness stands for ego-self that everyone has within. And Amida's light that illumines one's heart and mind finally shatters the hard shell. This state is called True Entrusting or shinjin.

As we try to live life to the fullest with sincerity, we may hit an impasse, some kind of dead end in life. If we listen to the teachings of Shinran Shonin, we will realize that Amida Buddha's light of wisdom has already been directed to us. At that moment of realizing Amida's wisdom and compassion, the darkness is shattered. In order to reach this awakening, learning of the teachings through attending religious services, attending discussion sessions, and reading good books is important.

3) The third result is "Protection." A person of faith in Amida, shinjin, is protected from falling into a "hellish existence." Living in the illusory course of human life, a person of Shin faith is bestowed with the benefit of being grasped never to be abandoned.

Although we are grasped by Amida Buddha, we are, in fact, also protected by people who were close to us from our childhood. In many cases, they were grandparents, uncles, and aunts who were members of Jodo Shinshu. After they passed, we often became grateful to them for their patience in taking care of us who were difficult to deal with. And we find that we are protected by them, who are now Buddhas. We recognize them as an important part of the Sangha.

Takeko Kujo was such a person. At the age of 22 or 23, Takeko Kujo left her husband in London. Her married life was not necessarily a fortunate one. On her way home, she went to Kathmandu in Nepal for a rest. One morning, she was on her way to the mountains. Because the elevation was so high, the stars looked very close to the earth. It was in that kind of circumstances that Takeko remembered those who were gone as countless stars shining in the sky.

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## GOJI

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### Ministerial Assignments:

Rev. Toshiyuki Umitani, the Executive Assistant to the Bishop, has been appointed as the Chaplain at the Pacific Buddhist Academy as of February 16, 2014.

## From the Executive Director, Stacy Bradshaw

Happy March, Everyone!

Hope all of you are experiencing good health and prosperity so far in 2014. As I continue on this journey transitioning from office manager to executive director, I am learning so many things. In February, I had the opportunity to attend the Giseikai State Legislative Assembly. It was so exhilarating to see leaders from all the Hongwanji temples in Hawaii as well as the two representatives from the mainland (BCA) come together and passionately share their concerns and opinions as we worked to pass over a dozen resolutions.

Resolutions ranged from business affairs such as the acceptance of the Hawaii Kyodan budget for 2014 and the phase out of the Ministers' pension plan to appreciation and condolence resolutions to outstanding lay members from different temples. From the Hawaii Betsuin, two members were honored with a resolution. The first was a resolution of condolence and appreciation for our beloved Setsu Takashige, as a devoted practitioner of Jodo Shinshu and a dedicated member of the Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin.

The second was a resolution of appreciation for our precious Saito Sensei aka "Mitsi" for sharing her love of music and the Nembutsu at various temples statewide for over 54 years. There was an overwhelming response of admiration and appreciation to Saito Sensei after the video presentation of "Mitsi, This is your Life," as it truly captured the numerous contributions Saito Sensei has unselfishly made over the years. The resolution was presented to her the following day after the temple service.

One of the greatest impacts on me was to hear from the smaller neighbor island temples. On Thursday night, there was a RAP session at which lay representatives were given a topic to discuss and share their views amongst themselves. This year's topic was how can the Mission of Hawaii help the smaller temples. Growing up only attending Hawaii Betsuin, I was truly humbled to hear about the issues smaller temples face. Some of these issues included items such as a declining membership (one temple has dwindled to below 20 families) or because a minister comes to their temple only once a month, the lay members must make up for the shortage. The Betsuin is facing similar issues just on a smaller scale, so we must not take for granted things we do have. For example, we have five ministers who rotate the speaking duties monthly, and we have an excellent board of directors, many of whom are professionals and experts in their fields and who voluntarily bring those talents to help run the Hawaii Betsuin. I can honestly say that up until this point, I had

never given these types of items a second thought. I could go on and on about my experiences at

the Giseikai and Living Treasures Banquet (another very humbling experience), but the point I want to make is that the Hawaii Betsuin, although huge in itself, is part of an even larger organization which is working hard to ensure that Jodo Shinshu Buddhism and the Hongwanji temples remain active in Hawaii. If you are interested in learning more about Giseikai or if you are interested in going to Giseikai next year, please come and see me.

In recent weeks, one of our members asked me to address all of the various repair and construction work that is being done in and around the temple. I'm sure all of you noticed the caution tape, extra workers on the grounds, and the pretty flags flying on our rooftops. I will give you a brief overview of all the work being done at the temple. First of all, we are still working to complete the major replacement of the aging temple air conditioning system. This replacement and the addition of the split system units in the main hondo, columbarium and downstairs social hall cost the temple close to \$750,000. What great timing to complete this project as the hot summer weather is just around the corner. We will be able to enjoy listening to the Dharma and having our activities in nice cool facilities.



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## News from the Betsuin's Buddhist Women's Association

### Mark Your Calendars! Up Coming Activities

#### CALENDAR MARCH, 2014

- 1 Saturday Hosha
- 2 Sunday Betsuin Hongwanji Day and Keirokai
- 8 Saturday BWA Executibve board meeting 9:00 dining room  
PBA 8th annual Taiko Festival at LCC Theaater 4:00 pm
- 15 Saturday BWA Federation meeting at HB
- 16 Sunday Spring O Higan service
- 16-29 Sun.-Sat. Prep for Taste of Hongwanji bazaar BWA help needed
- 23-30 Sun.-Sun. Family Promise (breakfast and dinner prep  
volunteers needed)
- 30 Sunday Taste of Hongwanji Bazaar 8:30-2:00

#### APRIL, 2014

- 5 Saturday Hosha  
Tray favors: Hanamatsuri
- 6 Sunday Hongwanji Buddhist Council Hanamatsuri
- 12 Saturday BWA Exec. Bd. Meeting 9:00 dining room
- 13 Sunday Betsuin Hanamatsuri
- 20 Sunday Eshinni-Kakushinni Day Service
- 27 Sunday Honolulu Council: 125th Anniversary at Betsuin.

### Fujiko Motobu, President

Oahu BWA groups from various temples. It was a fun activity, but dehydrating due to the hot sun; but bottled water was plentiful for the participants. The youngest in the group was a little boy not even a year old, who was strolled along by his mother.

There were about twenty-two participants from Hawaii Betsuin, from two year old grandchild to 84 year old BWA members. Those who participated were Tamayo Matsumoto and her family, Carol Ogino, Ruth Tokumi, Fusae Kiyokawa, Fujiko Motobu, Liane Wong and her family of seven which included Albert, Jo desMarets, Irene Nakamoto, Norman Hirohata-Goto and Ralston Nagata, as well as Rev. Muneto's son-in-law and grandson. Our Rev. Tomioka was a very inspiring, high spirited young participant who was dressed in his robe and carried a beautiful sign signifying PEACE which Jo desMarets artistically created. The folded paper cranes which Norman Hirohata Goto inspired many members to fold were distributed to the onlookers on the street. Other units had also folded cranes and were individually strung on tiny bamboo sticks.

When we reached Kapiolani Park, the Asatos from Mililani Hongwanji had set up a tent and refreshment of chips, sandwiches, drinks, and fruits were available to all the participants, who certainly appreciated the timely nourishment. The seniors who rode the bus continued to enjoy the bus ride, which delivered some participants back to Magic Island to their automobiles, and the rest of the BWA women rode the bus back to the temple ground.

It was a very invigorating outing which we all enjoyed and hope to continue next year, and we hope many of you will join the group.

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### BWA Members and Friends March in the Martin Luther King, Jr. Parade



On January 21, 2014, approximately eighty BWA women, friends and family, including the Bishop Eric Matsumoto, Reverends Nishiyama, Nakamoto, Muneto, and Tomioka participated in the two mile walk from Magic Island to Kapiolani park in Waikiki. Many students and faculty members from PBA also partici-

pated. The PBA bus and driver were provided by them. A few elderly BWA members chose to ride the PBA bus which followed the walkers. The walk was organized by the BWA Federation leaders; therefore, the participants were from the Honolulu United BWA groups as well as the

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## Help Needed For Bazaar Preparation In The Thrift Shop:

**Ladies, Help, Come And Help Us!!!**

Please see Liane Wong and sign up when you can give us a hand in getting things sorted out for the thrift shop. We have only two weeks to prepare, and last year only three diligent ladies helped and if that is the trend, we may need to discontinue our BWA organization. Our attitude should be "WHEN AND WHERE CAN I HELP" "LET ME SIGN UP". Because sushi making was so time consuming and difficult, we gave up that task. Those of you who helped with the sushi making can now put your energies and effort in the thrift shop. Please sign up and come and help us for two weeks.

For your efforts that you put into preparation, the day of the bazaar will be your FREE day to browse and buy things as you can socialize and enjoy the day. We are concentrating on work done prior to the bazaar day, so you can have time to enjoy the day of the bazaar.

PLEASE SIGN UP, THEN SHOW UP AND HELP!!! WE NEED ALL OF YOU!! THIS IS A BIG JOB BUT IT CAN ALSO BE LOTS OF FUN!

## RECIPE : Starfruit Preserve from a friend on Kauai

13-15 med. Size fruits

5 T rock salt

Slice fruits into 1/2" slices.

Sprinkle with salt and let stand

Drain.

Syrup ingredients:

2-1# boxes golden brown sugar

1/4 cup water

2 tsp. Chinese 5 spice

3 tsp. red food coloring

Combine syrup ingredients and bring to boil, stirring constantly. Add drained fruit and cook over medium heat for about 20 minutes, stirring occasionally. Cool. Drain excess syrup. Place fruit in dehydrator or on flat cookie sheet lined with 2 layers of paper towel. Bake at 170-200 degrees until dry. ENJOY!



## Choralfest 2014 Scheduled for Sept. 27-28

If you've enjoyed the music of our biennial Choralfest, participating as a singer in that "Massed Choir" will be an unforgettablely uplifting experience!

The Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii would like all interested members of our Temple to participate in the Choralfest 2014 which will be held on September 27-28, 2014 with guest conductor Nola Nahulu at our Temple. Ms Nahulu is a recent Living Treasure Award recipient for her many musical contributions to the community.

Please call the  
Office of Buddhist Education  
at 808-522-9210  
for more information.

The deadline to register is  
April 1, 2014.

Registration fee is \$30.00. Participants should plan to practice the songs to be presented.

Please call the Betsuin Office at 536-7044 to leave your name and phone number. A member of the choir will call you. Music and a CD for practice will be available for registrants

**Experience the  
Joy of Music!**

## Dharma School News

### Dharma School Performance---A Little Bit of Buddha by My Side.....



At the annual Betsuin New Year's Luncheon on January 26, our Dharma School students, parents and teachers rocked out to the tune of Mambo #5. The modified Buddhist-themed lyrics were originally composed at a Federation of Dharma School Teachers Conference on the Mainland and performed by Vista Buddhist Temple in San Diego for a year end party. Wendie Yumori, a former Vista Buddhist temple member, remembered only the first line of the song, and was able to compose her own version of the song, using Buddhist-themed lyrics. Wendie shared it with the Dharma School and suggested that we use it for our New Year's Luncheon Performance.

Dharma School Teachers Wayne and Jovie Yoshioka orchestrated the performance by enlisting the assistance of Joy and John Nishida to record the music and lyrics, and students Chika Matsu-



moto and Naho Umitani to choreograph the movements. Mrs. Tamayo Matsumoto also provided support by helping with the musical accompaniment on her iPod.

For those of you that saw the performance, or missed it and want to enjoy the lyrics, here they are:

A little bit of SENSEI in my life  
 A little bit of BUDDHA by my side  
 A little bit of DHARMA's all I need  
 A little bit of SANGHA's what I see  
 A little bit of DANA can be fun  
 A little bit of GASSHO ev'ryone  
 A little bit of 'MIDA, hand in hand  
 Together we can sing and shake this dance!



We sure had a lot of fun! We hope to have more family and intergenerational activities through the year, including Keiki Day, planned for Sunday, May 4, which will involve an offsite service, activity and lunch, as well as an End of the Dharma School Year gathering (details TBA).

**Come join the fun...  
 See you in Dharma  
 School!**

# Martin Luther King, Jr. Parade .... A walk for Justice and Equality in Our Community!

Collage by Ruth Tokumi



Federation of BWAs , families and friends marched behind the banner and carried signs of Peace!



"I will write peace on your wings and you will fly all over the world." Sadako Sasaki



Jikoen Hongwanji Ohana



Hawaii Betsuin Ohana



Wahiawa, Mililani and Kailua Hongwanji Ohana



Kailua and Moiliili Hongwanji Ohana

## More News from Troop 49

By Douglas Yanagihara, Troop 49 Boy Scout



### Dutch Ovens

Dutch ovens are thick, cast iron cooking pots with lids that Scouts sometimes use when camping. These pots can be placed directly over an open flame, or cooking may be performed using coals placed on the lid and around the pot. A Dutch oven may even be used on a stove top or in an oven. Although the Dutch oven is very heavy, there are many benefits to using this type of cooking pot. There are ecological benefits since less energy is spent cooking and the prep time is quicker. In addition, less water is wasted since cooking and cleaning involves only one pot versus many pots and bowls.



Dutch ovens have been around as long as the United States has been in existence. These ovens were used across our country by explorers, pioneers, and mountain men. Cooking in Dutch ovens during camps helps keep the spirit of those early adventurers alive along with their can-do way of living. The thick, cast metal of the Dutch oven helps to absorb heat, retain it, and distribute it evenly over the inside surface. This means even cooking and less chance of burned food, if done properly. A Dutch oven is a good emergency preparedness tool for cooking meals during a power outage. This versatile cooking instrument can be used to cook a variety of meals, including breakfasts, tender and delicious meats, stews, roasts, stir fries, deep-fried dishes, soups, and breads, just to name a few. Last year, the Troop 49 Shark Patrol even made Dutch oven pizza at Camp Ehrhorn. Many Japanese dishes which are one pot meals, such as shabu shabu, sukiyaki and various nabemono, can be made using a Dutch oven.

At the Troop 49 Scout meeting on Friday, January 31, 2014, the boys made desserts using Dutch ovens. There were a few, yummy successes, such as the strawberry cake and the red velvet delight. However, there were some patrols that did not follow the time constraints and ended up burning out their coals and having soup instead of cake for dessert. It was a great learning experience for all the Scouts.

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health Department, the Los Angeles County Dept. of Family Services which included such issues as, domestic violence, child sexual abuse, substance abuse.

In 1997 Rev. David turned to the Buddhist teachings and became a Sangha member of the L.A. Betsuin. She involved herself in the Sunday adult Dharma class, the Wednesday Tai Chi class and the Wednesday evening adult study class. The study classes, at that time, were led by Rev. Greg Gibbs who was then an associate minister at the Betsuin. Rev. David having previous knowledge of the Soto-shu, exchanged information with Rev Gibbs and Rev. Gibbs shared the Nembustu teaching with her. Rev. David began taking interest in the Shin teachings and later, considered the ministry.

She received her Ordination (Tokudo) in 2002 and her Teaching Certification (Kyoshi) in June of 2003. Her assignments have included the Honpa Hongwanji Hilo Betsuin, Kapa'a HM and most recently, the Mililani HM. She has been Kaikyoshi minister for ten year and is presently attached to Headquarter, Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii.

Come and hear Rev. David's perspective on the Nembutsu Teaching as we enter into Spring Ohigan season.



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Later, Takeko Kujo wrote lyrics for the Gatha entitled, Seiya, or Splendor of an Evening Sky. The second verse reads:

**More than all the countless sands Ganges River holds  
Are the infinite Buddhas who fill this universe,  
Ever watchful over us, through day and night.  
Hearing this, my lonely heart fills with lasting peace.**

Seeing the beauty of the universe before the dawn, Takeko's heart was filled with the joy of living. She was protected by Amida's light and felt the benefit of "being grasped never to be abandoned."

The religious benefit in Buddhism is becoming a Buddha, but that will be after death in Jodo Shinshu. One of the benefits that we receive in the present life is to be grasped, never to be abandoned. We wish to recognize this benefit with deep gratitude.

When this wondrous benefit is received, we join the Buddha's work to benefit others. Again, that will take place after death. In this life, knowing that we are receiving the spiritual assurance, we are happily moved to support our temple organization, Honpa Hongwanji, as a Sustaining Member. As a member we can support the Buddha's Sangha.

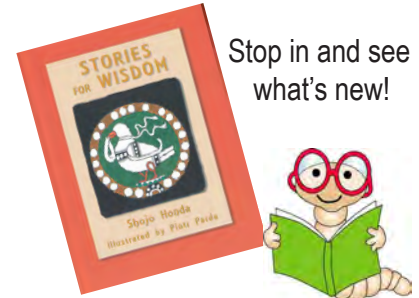
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Secondly, as an effort to become more "green" we are also well underway on the installation of the photovoltaic (PV) system on our roofs. The PV panels will be installed on the annex temple, PBA building, lounge, and columbarium rooftops. The total installation should take about two months to complete, weather permitting. Although we are not currently investing any money into this PV project, we will be continuing to raise funds for our general development fund in hopes to purchase the PV panels in six years. In conjunction with the addition of the PV panels we will be retrofitting our lighting fixtures in and around the temple to more energy-efficient ones. This change in lighting will save the temple an estimated \$10,000

a year and is projected to cut our lighting energy use by close to half.

I am also sure that you can't help but notice the large wooden platform in the temple center courtyard and the large opening in the ceiling. The opening was created to investigate a water leak that became apparent with the rainy weather we were having. Through opening up the ceiling, we also discovered a large ground termite nest and that one of the larger beams was badly damaged by the termites. Treatment to get rid of the termites is already underway, and we will soon be replacing the beam and closing up the opening.

**HHM Bookstore is open  
the 1st Sunday  
of the month  
8:30 AM to 12:30 PM**



Stop in and see  
what's new!

**New Book!**

Last, but not least is that we are working on replacing our business office air conditioning unit, which went down at the end of last year and was not included in the major temple AC project. We have estimates from a few companies, and we hope to get started on this project soon. We are anticipating an estimated cost of \$20,000.

Any home owner can probably empathize with me; in the area of maintenance, just when things are going well, something else pops up. Overseeing the maintenance and facilities of the Betsuin has not been an easy task. Rest assured, however, that we have an excellent group of individuals on our facilities committee who are working hard to ensure that every repair or project is done correctly and is cost efficient without compromising quality.

I hope to continue writing articles to keep all of our temple members informed on what is happening at the Hawaii Betsuin. If you have any concerns or suggestions, please feel free to contact me and let me know.



## BOY SCOUT TROOP 49

# Scout Dancing

Dancing is not usually associated with Scouting, but it was the highlight of the season on Friday January 17, 2014. The evening started out with Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts receiving a refresher course on dining etiquette. This was followed by ballroom dancing, taught by Claire Groom and



Johnny Santos, Peggy and Arthur Kohara, and Shigeaki and Mary Fujitani. The evening was topped off with free dance with DJs Hyphy Wola Boyz. What a night to remember for all of the Scouts.

## Scout Sunday

Although most people's minds were on the Seattle Seahawk vs. Denver Bronco Super Bowl Game, on February 2, 2014 the Girl Scouts, Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts gathered together for the annual Scout Sunday Service. Reverend Kaufman gave a speech about W.D. Boyce and how Scouting got started in America. During the service, charters were presented to the Scouting organizations. Reverend Kaufman tied his message to a description of the Eightfold Path. A gift was presented to the Temple from the Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, and Cub Scouts. The Scouts were acknowledged for their achievements, such as the Cub Scout Arrow of Light Award, the Girl Scout Bronze, Silver

and Gold Awards, and the Boy Scout Eagle Scout Award. Rimban Muneto conferred the Boy Scout Sangha Religious Award to three Boy Scouts. The Girl Scouts also had displays, games and craft stations in the Social Hall. The Boy Scouts demonstrated their cooking skills by making loco moco. The wooden plaques showing the names of Troop 49 Eagle Scouts and a slide show of recent Eagle Scout Service Projects were available for viewing in the Social Hall. The Cub Scouts raced



Presentation of Scout gift (Taylor Omuro and Colin Kubota)

their Pinewood Derby cars in the Annex. The Scouting organizations are grateful for the continued sponsorship and support from the Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin.

## Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin Events Calendar

The Goji provides this monthly Events Calendar to keep everyone informed about cultural activities at our temple.

Please help us by submitting information by email to

[hibetsuin@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:hibetsuin@hawaii.rr.com),

or by calling the Betsuin office at 536-7044.

### Hawaii Betsuin March 2014 Cultural Activities

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 9:00 – 11:00 am Judo  1 pm Taichi
2 Hongwanji Day 8:00 Rev. Tomioka 9:00 Rev. Hojo 10:00 Rev. Muneto 1:00 Hagio	3 9:00 am – 1:30 pm Rhythm & Life	4 9:00 am – 1:30 pm Rhythm & Life  6:00 – 8:00 pm Judo	5 9 am Japanese Class 9 am Wednesday Grp 1 pm Flower Arrangement 7 pm Meditation	6 10 am Flower Arrangement 1:30 pm Sahn Bo Dahn 5:30 pm Choir Practice 6-8 pm Judo	7 9 am Project Dana Dance 9 am Sumie	8 9:00 – 11:00 am Judo  1 pm Taichi
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30 Taste Of Hongwanji Spring Bazaar  No Services	31 9:00 am – 1:30 pm Rhythm & Life					

## Hongwanji Radio Programs MARCH 2014

KZOO 1210 AM  
Japanese Language  
Saturday at 7:30 AM

- 1 Rev. Tatsuo Muneto
- 8 Rev. Toyokazu Hagio
- 15 Rev. Tomo Hojo
- 22 Retired Rev. Ryoso Toshima
- 29 Rev. Satoshi Tomioka

## Betsuin Services Adult English Services 10am Services

- 2 Rev. Tatsuo Muneto
- 9 Rev. Arthur Kaufmann
- 16 Combined Spring  
O-Higan Serv.  
Rev. Mary David
- 23 Rev. Tomo Hojo
- 30 Taste of Hongwanji  
Spring Bazaar

## Dharma School Service 9am

- 2 Rev. Tomo Hojo
- 9 Rev. Toyokazu Hagio
- 16 Combined Spring  
O-Higan Service  
Rev. Mary David
- 23 Rev. Arthur Kaufmann
- 30 Taste of Hongwanji  
Spring Bazaar

## Nursing Home Services

- 6 Hale Nani...Rev. Hagio
- Hale Ho Aloha...Rev. Hojo
- 13 Maluhia...Rev. Kaufmann
- Liliha...Rev. Tomioka
- 14 Hale Pulama Mau  
Rev. Kaufmann
- 20 Nuuanu Hale...Rev. Muneto

## In Memoriam



## December 2013

The Hawai'i Betsuin extends its deepest sympathy to the families of the following members who recently passed away. May the family members find solace and comfort in the Nembutsu.  
Namo Amida Butsu

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| 11/18 TABATA, Seichi (87)        | 16 ROPPIYAKUDA, Terry Teruko (94) |
| 1 PENNINGTON, Hiroko Judy (85)   | 16 SAWADA, Ernest Yasuyuki (84)   |
| 2 OKINO, Goerge Mitsugi (88)     | 18 MATSUMOTO, Sueko (104)         |
| 3 KAMISATO, Yukio (85)           | 21 HIEDA, Carole Yoshino (87)     |
| 8 HAYASHI, Mary Kazuko (86)      | 21 YAMASHIRO, Jack W. S. (91)     |
| 9 IIDA, Chiyo (93)               | 22 KITAMURA, Violet Nobuko (88)   |
| 11 KOMATSU, Lillian Haruko (97)  | 23 MIZUHA, Janet Mitsu (65)       |
| 11 URAKAWA, Richard Seiichi (87) | 23 MORISHIGE, Amy Emiko (89)      |
| 14 UYEDA, Ethel Miyoko (89)      | 27 YOSHIDA, Stella Sumie (75)     |
|                                  | 28 ARAKI, James Shinichi (96)     |

### 2014 Memorial Service Schedule

2014 is the memorial year for those who passed away in:

2013 – 1 year	2002 – 13 year	1982 – 33 year
2012 – 3 year	1998 – 17 year	1965 – 50 year
2008 – 7 year	1990 – 25 year	1915 – 100 year

## Peace ....

The Art of Peace begins with you. Work on yourself and your appointed task in the Art of Peace. Everyone has a spirit that can be refined, a body that can be trained in some manner, a suitable path to follow. You are here for no other purpose than to realize your inner divinity and manifest your innate enlightenment. Foster peace in your own life and then apply the Art to all that you encounter.

Morihei Geshiba

Japanese martial arts expert and founder of Aikido



The great practice is to say the Name of the Tathagata of un-hindered light. This practice, comprehensively encompassing all practices, is perfect and most rapid in bringing them to fullness. For this reason, it is called "great practice." Saying the Name then breaks through all the ignorance of sentient beings and readily brings all their aspirations to fulfillment. Saying the Name is in itself mindfulness; mindfulness is nembutsu; nembutsu is Namo-amida-butsu.

-Shinran Shonin