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"Share Peace"

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Betsuin OBon to be Observed July 6: Speaker: Rev. David S. Nakamoto

Obon Service is one of the Six Major Services of our Jodoshinshu School of Buddhism. It is during this time that we remember and express our gratitude to our family members who have gone to Amida Buddha's Pureland by virtue of the Nembutsu.

Obon itself is getting more and more popular in recent years in the greater community. Ewa HM last year decided to try and count the number of visitors that come to their dance and they had to stop counting at 900 people. Moiliili HM has moved their Obon dance to the area behind the Varsity theater and have been filling the area annually.

So it seems people for all walks of life are joining us in our Obon celebrations as a way of expressing their love and gratitude to their loved ones. I hope you will all join us at our Obon Service on July 6th and that you had the opportunity of joining us at our Obon dance nights.

This year we welcome the Rev. David S. Nakamoto as our guest speaker for our Obon Service. Rev. Nakamoto is a graduate of Lincoln Elementary School and Iolani High School. He went on to achieve a B.A. as well as a MSW (Masters in Social Work) from the University of Hawaii.



Rev. Nakamoto worked at the Lili'uakalani Children's Center as a social worker for 35 years before retiring.

He received his Tokudo Ordination in Kyoto Japan on October of 2003. He has served as a Minister at the Kapolei Buddhist Sangha, 2004-2008 the Wahiawa Hongwanji Mission, 2009-2010 and is currently serving at the Kailua Hongwanji since 2010. He is a Board Member of the Kokua Kalihi Valley Community Based Health Center.

Nakamoto Sensei's topic will be "Connecting to our Loved Ones". Please join us.

Obon Services and Speakers For July 6

8:00 am Japanese Ser: Rev. Ryoso Toshima

10:00 am English Ser: Rev. David Nakamoto

1:00 pm Japanese Ser: Rev. Toyokazu Hagio

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Rimban's Column:

“Going to the Pure Land Before Becoming a Thousand Winds”

Rev. Tatsuo Muneto



Ever since Man Arai's Japanese song “Sen no Kaze ni Natte” (I am a Thousand Winds) be-

came popular among people in Hawaii in 2007, members of Buddhist temple groups have selected this song as a prelude to Buddhist temple services and funeral/memorial services. The melody of this song is very beautiful, and the lyrics, while profound, are

easy to comprehend. Just as another popular Japanese song entitled “Here is Happiness” (Koko ni Sachi Ari), the “Sen no Kaze ni Natte” piece will surely be sung here for decades. It is due to the popularity of this song with some religious groups that I would like to discuss “Sen no Kaze ni Natte” specifically within the context of Jodo Shin Buddhism.

First, let's look at the background of this song. Man Arai, a songwriter, wrote the lyric of “Sen no Kaze ni Natte” for his friend's widow who was grieving over the death of her husband. After much thought about what to write to this widow, he looked through his file and found a beautiful English poem. Arai did not know then who the author of this poem was but now we know it was Mary Elizabeth Frye. Feeling a deep sense of awe about what he read in the poem, Arai quickly wrote the lyrics in Japanese and composed the music to “Sen no Kaze ni Natte.” This song became one of the most popular songs in Japan from 2007. It is the Japanese version that is so often sung here in Hawaii.

Knowledgeable about religion and anthropology, Arai commented that the English words in this poem seemed to convey expressions of animism. In this form of religion, Arai said, spirits of living beings dwell in nature such as in the sky, water, trees, winds and so forth. Arai thought that his lyrics would comfort his friend's widow. Arai's message, therefore, is that the deceased person's re-

mains may be in the grave, but his/her spirit is not there. The beginning of the song is:

“Do not weep in front of my grave; I am not there, I do not sleep. I have become a thousand winds that blow, A thousands wind that blow in the open sky.”

The “Sen no Kaze ni Natte” that was written with this background may be somewhat at odds with Jodo Shin teachings on life after death. In Jodo Shinshu, one encounters Amida's Primal Vow while grieving. He/she who acknowledges this compassionate vow sees the loved one as one who has attained birth in the Buddha's land of peace (the Pure Land) at the moment of death. After death, this person is in the transcendental realm of perfect bliss (Nirvana), and also is in this mundane world (Samsara) in order to assist others. The link between the two realms is “Namo Amida Butsu.” The deceased is a Buddha whose presence is in the Name-that-calls, “Namo Amida Butsu,” and is deeply and gratefully felt in saying “Namo Amida Butsu.”

While “Sen no Kaze ni Natte” is most often taken as a lovely poem set to music, comforting because the loved one is “seen” or “felt” in autumn sunlight, a diamond glint on snow, birds, or stars, as is sung in the second verse of the song, we should joyfully note and remember that the loved one has reached Amida's Pure Land by virtue of Amida's Primal Vow and freely returns to this world to guide those who remain.



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**BWA
Mini
Market**

July 27th

**Reminder:
No August Goji**



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Message from Rev. Tomo Hojo as he leaves for the West Kauai Hongwanji

Time flies by when you're having fun. Almost five years have passed since I came to Hawaii. When I first came here, I was young and skinny, but Hawaii is comfortable, our temple members take good care of me, and the food is soo ono... my waist has become bigger and bigger every year. I didn't think much about this because it is a natural thing to happen as we age. But four months ago, I found out it really was becoming a problem.

Five Hongwanji ministers ran the "Honolulu Rainbow Ekiden" on March 8. In Japan, Ekiden is a traditional long distance relay race. A runner receives a sash from a teammate, wears it while running, and after completing a leg of the race, the runner passes the sash to the next teammate. As you know weight is strongly related to running, and long distance runners are usually skinny.

Fortunately, despite my present weight, I was able to complete the run and pass the sash to the next runner. In the end, we placed 29th out of 120 teams, which I thought was very good for us.

Through this experience I realized Ekiden is a great sport because, unlike an individual sport where finishing the goal is on one's own, Ekiden is a team effort. If I couldn't pass the sash to the next person, we wouldn't have finished the race, and I would have let my teammates down. I was the 2nd runner, and the sash felt heavy when I received it. In actuality, the sash was tiny and light.

When I think about the sash, it is similar to our life. Many of us received the Nembutsu teachings from our parents and grandparents and live with these teachings as our guide. During our lifetime, we pass these teachings on to the next generation.



Shinran Shonin said in the Kyo-gyoshinsho, "In order that the process be made continuous, without end and without interruption, by which those who have been born first guide those who come later, and those who are born later join those who were born before." (CWS The True Teaching, Practice and Realization; Pg.291)

The Ekiden also illustrated our interdependence. We are not living alone. The Japanese have a wonderful phrase: "Okagesamade" which means I am what I am because of you and others. We should always remember this. The O-Bon season is a great opportunity to think about our relationship with people who passed the Nembutsu teaching on to us. I would like to share with you my favorite story. It's titled "My Father's Telegram" written by Professor Hirao. He wrote, "My father took me to hakamairi occasionally. We chanted the sutra

News from the Betsuin's Buddhist Women's Association

BWA JULY & AUGUST 2014 Activities

JULY 6	Sun	Bon Service
11-13	Fri-Sun.	Bon Mairi weekend. Sumie artwork will be displayed.
19	Sat	BWA Executive board meeting 9 am
20	Sun	BWA General Membership Meeting #3
27	Sun	BWA Mini Market
AUG. 2	Sat	Temple visitation to Kailua
7	Thur	HHHB Golf Tournament
10	Sun	HB Board meeting 11 am
17-24	Week	Family Promise at Jikoen
TBA	Sat	BWA executive board meeting (date 9 or 13)

HAWAII BETSUIN BWA HOSTING HONOLULU UNITED BWA GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 13

Sponsored by the Hawaii Betsuin BWA, the Honolulu United BWA general membership meeting will be held at the Hawaii Betsuin. Therefore, we hope many of you will be able to attend the meeting. First VP Florence Wasai and her committee will be planning the activities. BWA members from Jikoen, Kailua, and Moiliili will be participating.

BWA WORLD CONVENTION TO BE HELD IN CALGARY, CANADA ON MAY 30-31, 2015

The deadline to sign up is November 29, 2014, so you still have time to sign up. Please consider attending this convention. There are several tour options, too. Stay healthy, and if you are a senior, get your doctor's ok for you to travel. A good idea is to take someone in your family, perhaps a daughter or granddaughter with you. Men and husbands may also accompany you on this fantastic convention trip. If you select a tour that takes you to Hudson Bay, you might see

beluga whales, that is white whales.

HONOLULU WIND ENSEMBLE SUMMER PERFORMANCES

One of our BWA members, Cheryl Sora, is a flute player, who performs with the Honolulu Wind Ensemble. This summer, concerts are being held at various locations: Tuesday, July 1 at Ala Moana Centerstage - 7:00 pm; Sunday, July 6 at Kahala Mall - 2:00 pm; Saturday, July 12 at Pearlridge Center - 2:00 pm. The concerts, performed by many very talented musicians from all walks of life, are very soothing and interesting. Please attend and enjoy.

HEALTH NEWS: DIET DRINK CAUTION

An 8-year observational study of nearly 60,000 women, average age 62, showed that drinking two or more diet sodas or diet drinks a day caused a 30% greater risk for heart attack or stroke than those who rarely or never drank these drinks. Other studies

Fujiko Motobu, President

MANGO SEASON IS COMING! RECIPE OF THE MONTH: MANGO BREAD (MY DAUGHTER, ROBYN'S RECIPE)

2 cups flour
2 teaspoons baking soda
2 teaspoons cinnamon
1 1/4 cups sugar
1/2 cup chopped nuts (optional)
2 cups mangoes : chop. Good to use soft, ripe mangoes
3/4 cup oil
3 eggs
2 tsp vanilla

Preheat oven 350 F. Sift flour, baking soda, cinnamon. Then stir in sugar and nuts. Add the rest of the ingredients. Bake 1 hour 15 minutes in oiled bread pans. Small pans take less baking time.

THE BANANA TEST

There is a very, very tall coconut tree. King Kong, an ape, an orangutan, and a monkey pass by. They decide to compete to see who is the fastest to get a banana off the tree. Who do you guess will win?

Your answer will reflect your personality. So think carefully. Try and answer within 10 seconds.

If your answer is –

Orangutan: you are dull and normal.

Ape: You are a moron.

Monkey: Worse, you are an idiot.

King Kong: You are hopelessly stupid.

Why???????

A coconut tree doesn't have bananas.

Obviously, you're stressed and overworked. Take some time off and relax. Try again next year.

Dharma School News: Dharma Talk by 4th/5th Grade Class

Debbie Kubota

On Sunday, May 25, our Dharma School congregation was treated to a wonderful play by the 4th-5th Grade class, taught by Jovie Yoshioka and Nanette Ganotisi. The play was based on the book, *Keoni's Special Gift*, written by Dorinda Lum, illustrated by Michael Furuya.

Students Chelley Endo, Kaiya Inouye, Byron Saito, Courtney Wong and Naho Umitani, delighted the congregation using stuffed animals to create the story of Keoni. In their version of the story, Keoni was a turtle that wanted to fly. His friend, Pueo, gave him a special gift that allowed him to fly. In the end, he was happy to return to the ocean to see his friends



again. This experience made Keoni realize that he appreciated all that he had and who he was. Thank you to the 4th and 5th graders and their teachers, Mrs. Yoshioka and Mrs. Ganotisi for sharing this story, with a fantastic Dharma message.



Celebrating 125 Years of Dharma School

Former Dharma School students and families were welcomed back to the Betsuin on Sunday, June 1 for an event celebrating 125 Years of Dharma School.

The day began with Dharma School Service in the Temple Annex, with the chairs set up in a new format—a semi-circle. The service program including words to the Vandana Ti Sarana, Golden Chain, sutra chanting and gatha were projected onto a screen, thanks to Reverend Hojo. It was easy for everyone to follow along. Reverend Kaufmann gave the Dharma message, then the congregation sang the Buddhist version of "I'd Like to Teach

the World to Sing," accompanied by Byron Saito, Colin Kubota, Mrs. Tamayo Matsumoto and Reverends Hojo and Tomioka on their ukuleles.

After the service, Ralston Nagata taught the group how to dance the coal miner's dance, "Tankobushi," so they would all be prepared for our upcoming Bon Dance. After everyone practiced the Tankobushi moves a few times, the participants were divided into small groups by birthdates (1st through 6th, 7th through 12th...and so on). The groups were given instructions to come up with their own Tankobushi dance, portraying another occupation. It was fun to see all of the creative minds at work. The groups each had new dance moves portraying occupations such as banker, teacher, basketball player, fisherman and even pizza maker!

After the morning festivities, a luncheon was held in the Social Hall. The



Dharma School PTO, led by Christina Shioi, decorated the hall and prepared and set up the pupus, lunch and desserts. While everyone was finding their seats and eating lunch, it was a treat to walk down memory lane with a slideshow of photos of Dharma School students, teachers and activities through the years. Many thanks to Celeste Endo for all of her hard work to create this slideshow. After a delicious lunch and dessert, Jovie Yoshioka led everyone in Dharma-O—bingo with a Buddhist twist. Dharma-O provided fun and education, not to mention prizes galore.

What a terrific celebration of 125 Years of Dharma School --Good fun was had by all! Many, many thanks to all who helped to make this event a success!

From the Executive Director, Stacy Bradshaw



In the next few newsletters, I would like to share with our membership how the Hawaii Betsuin utilizes the money we receive. This

month, I am focusing on our assessment by the State Headquarters Office. Did you know that all of the temples under the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii (State Headquarters Organization) pay an annual assessment? This annual assessment supports the Bishop and helps to keep our State Headquarters Office and its programs running efficiently.

Logically, the Hawaii Betsuin, being the largest temple in the state, has the largest assessment. This year, our assessment is roughly \$195,000. This amount is about 16% of Hawaii Betsuin's total annual expenses. Ideally, the assessment is offset by the contributions we collect while our other forms of income, such as the Gojikai Membership dues, Memorial Service/Funeral offerings, rentals, and fundraisers cover Hawaii Betsuin's operational expenses.

In 2013, our assessment was about \$171,000, but the temple collected only \$115,000 in contributions. We ended the year with a deficit of approximately \$36,000. Dividing the deficit by the 866 families in our membership equals about \$40 more in contributions per family. In other words, to ensure the stability of the temple doesn't necessarily take a lot more per family. So, if you can, please add a little more the next time you make a donation because every little bit counts!

One way to maximize your financial support of Hawaii Betsuin is the annual Foodland "Give Aloha" program, which comes up in September. How can you participate? Between September 1-30 when you go to Foodland, tell the cashier the Hawaii Betsuin designated number (to be announced) and how much you would like to donate. The maximum is \$249 per participating organization. Once the program has ended, Foodland will calculate how much was donated to each organization and then match a portion of the amount, based on overall percent-

ages. The more donations collected through the Give Aloha program, the more Foodland will allocate to Hawaii Betsuin. Please note that you must be a Maika'i Member to donate. Maika'i Membership is a free program and you can sign up to be a member at any Foodland location. In an effort to make the most of the program, we humbly ask all of you to participate. Over the next two months, we will be handing out flyers and making announcements about this fundraiser. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact the temple business office.



give aloha

Foodland's Annual Community Matching Gifts Program

Betsuin Blood Drive!

Saturday,

Nov. 22, 2014

07:00 - 16:00

HHHB Social Hall



Anyone interested in donating blood, or if you can't donate blood but would like to provide snacks, please contact:

Cheryl Sora / 382-9561
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or

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125th Anniversary Event: Candlelight Peace Walk to End Nuclear Threat

WHEN:

Friday
August 9, 2014,
3pm Movie,
5pm Peace Walk,
7pm Peace Bell

WHERE:

Hongwanji
Buddhist Temple
1727 Pali Highway
Honolulu, HI 96813

CONTACT:

Temple Office
536-7044

On Saturday, August 9, 2014, Hongwanji Buddhist Temple will hold a candlelight peace walk commemorating the 69th anniversary of the atomic bombing of Nagasaki. The Peace Walk will also honor the courage and determination of 3 Buddhist monks. Nine years ago, they made a 1600-mile pilgrimage to

Trinity, New Mexico returning the atomic flame, which has burned continuously at a memorial site between Hiroshima and Nagasaki. Trinity is the birthplace of the atomic bombs that destroyed Hiroshima and Nagasaki in 1945. The hope in returning the atomic flame to its birthplace was an effort to close the cycle of nuclear destruction and usher in a new cycle on nuclear disarmament

Please join us in expression our gratitude for the past year of peace and our wish for another nuclear tragedy-free year.

About the walk: The walk will start at 5pm with a lantern lighting service in the Hongwanji Temple at 1727 Pali Highway and end at 7pm at



the Nagasaki Peace Bell Memorial at the Honolulu Civic Center (on South Beretania Street, across from the Board of Water Supply). Those who are unable to walk that far may meet the group at the Nagasaki Peace Bell at 7pm for a short aspiration and bell ringing. Suggested apparel is "something Peaceful" and comfortable shoes.

The movie, "GATE: The Atomic Flame", will precede the walk at 3pm in the Hongwanji Temple social hall.





BOY SCOUT TROOP 49 2014 Boy Scout Makahiki

By Douglas Yanagihara, Troop 49 Boy Scout

The Makahiki, an annual event sponsored by the Boy Scouts of America Aloha Council, is the oldest Scouting show in the United States of America. The first Makahiki was held in 1911 at Camp Bluegum in Aiea Heights, one year after Scouting arrived in the Hawaiian Islands. This year, Troop 49 met at Ala Moana Beach Park on Saturday, May 10th for the 103rd annual Makahiki, where we taught Scouts who visited our booth to make rope using a twirling method. After completion, the sections of rope were attached to book marks with knot-tying diagrams. Cub Scout Pack 49 taught Cub Scouts to earn their Geology belt loop in their booth.



This year's theme was "Scout Strong, Fit for Life." The main focus of this year's Makahiki was to promote a healthy lifestyle for not just the Scouts, but the community as well. Aloha Council partnered with United Health Alliance (UHA) to help put on the Inaugural "Scout Strong 5K Run and Keiki Run." Business groups such as HECO, POP Fishing and Marine, Hawaii Bicycling League, DLNR, Fire Department, Department of Emergency Management and the National Disaster Preparedness Training Center all had displays and activities. Various branches of the military were also out showcasing some of their equipment, vehicles and K-9 units. Participating in the Makahiki was a rewarding experience.

Troop 49 Honors Fallen Veterans on Memorial Day

The Boy Scouts walked up to the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific on a The Boy Scouts walked up to the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific on a wet Sunday, May 24 for the Annual Good Turn of the Boy Scouts of America, Aloha Council. Our drenched Scout uniforms were evidence of the new daily record for rainfall set on this day. After the Interfaith Worship Memorial Service, the Scouts decorated the Veterans' graves with lei and American flags. The day before, we managed to sew over 1000 lei in the Social Hall, despite the limited quantity of flowers as well as Scouts to pick and sew them. Decorating Veterans' graves at Punchbowl with lei and an American flag is a tradition that dates back more than 60 years. As Boy Scouts, we are proud to participate in this event to honor the Veterans.



More from Scout Troop 49 Hike to Peacock

A few Boy Scouts from Troop 49 participated in an overnighter at Peacock Flats from Saturday, May 17 to Sunday, May 18 in preparation for their Kauai Adventure, which includes a hike in and out of Kalalau Valley. This experience was intended to simulate the conditions along the Kalalau Valley Trail, where the hiking consists of steep trails into a wilderness area with primitive facilities. Although there are composting toilets at the Kalalau Valley campsite, no drinking water, showers, picnic tables, or trash cans are provided. Open fires are not allowed. Everything the Scouts ate and camped with had to be carried in. Everything the Scouts packed in had to be packed out.

We embarked on our journey on the Kealia Trail from a parking area behind the Dillingham Airfield in Mokuleia. The Kealia Trail has 19 switchbacks that take hikers about 1,000 feet up the cliff-side, accompanied by commanding views from Kaena Point along Mokuleia Haleiwa coastline to the North Shore. As

we climbed in elevation along this trail, we saw many skydivers floating down to Dillingham Airfield with colorful parachutes as well as gliders taking off and landing at the far end of the airstrip. At the top of the ridge, we reached a lookout over Makua Valley, but we still had more distance to hike in order to reach our campsite at Peacock Flat in the Kuaokala Forest Reserve.

We were instructed to carry at least a gallon of water weighing about 8 lbs. to keep hydrated. Although we gulped down a lot of our water supply during the hot, strenuous hike up the cliff side, we were careful to retain some water supply for the 7 mile hike down to Yokohama Bay the next day. Not having any water available at the



campsite or being allowed to start any fires, our meals consisted of beef strips for dinner and granola bars for breakfast. The next morning, we hiked down toward the Kaena Point Satellite Tracking Station and got a ride down the access road to Yokohama Bay, where we were treated to a hot chili lunch by some thoughtful parents.

When: Saturday
September 6, 2014

Where: Magic Island.

Time: Begins at 7:00 am
(We'll gather at 6:30 am
at Magic Island)

Get Your Walking Shoes On and Join the Walk to End Alzheimer's

How can you combine exercise, fellowship, and community service? The answer is the "Walk to End Alzheimer's." Be part of the 2014 HHHB Dana Ohana Team and support the Alzheimer's Association as you get some exercise and have fun with friends.

There is no registration fee, just an optional donation. You may register or support the team online at http://act.alz.org/site/TR?fr_id=5048&pg=entry or <http://www.alz.org/hawaii/> and click on Walk to End Alzheimer's on the menu. Click on the "register" button and then on the "join team" button. Sign up for team "HHHB Dana Ohana."

There are also paper registration forms available in the temple office. If you have questions, please email Dianne at danaohana1727@yahoo.com.



Betsuin Obon Mairi Memorial Services Scheduled for July 11-13

The Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin has scheduled the 2014 Obon Mairi Memorial Services Weekend for July 11-13, 2014. You and your family are cordially invited to join us in reflecting upon the oneness of life through the practice of honoring departed family members.

Friday July 11, 2014

4:00 to 7:00 PM - Private Family Services

6:00 PM Combined Family Services in English

Saturday July 12, 2014

8:00 AM to 7:00 PM - Private Family Services

10:00 AM - Combined Family Services in English

6:00 PM - Combined Hatsu-Bon

(First Anniversary Bon) Service in English

Sunday July 13, 2014

8:00 AM to 7:00 PM - Private Family Services

10:00 AM - Combined Family Services in English

6:00 PM - Combined Hatsu-Bon (First Anniversary Bon)
Service in English and Japanese

Appointments are not required. Just come within the dates / times listed that are convenient for your family. The registration desk will be located in the Temple Social Hall. Directional signs will be posted to assist you. Light refreshments will be provided in the Social Hall.

Obon is a time to reflect upon the preciousness of each moment of our life; a life that arises out of the lives of all other beings. In honoring departed family members, we express our appreciation for the life we are able to live now.

If you are unable to come during our special Obon Mairi Weekend, please call the temple office at (808) 536-7044 for assistance.

Rev. Hojo continued from page 3

morning and went to the temple for services. My father wanted me to have the opportunity to listen to Amida Buddha's teachings.

When I was a high school student, I tried to think about everything logically and objectively. One morning my father was in front of the Butsudan and did Gassho. I asked my father, 'Does the Pure Land exist?' He said, 'Yes, when I die I will send

a telegram to you.' I thought that was impossible.

But now I realize that I'm receiving his uncountable telegrams 30 years after he passed away. This telegram says 'Namo Amida Butsu'. Previously, I couldn't recite the Nembutsu without my calculating mind, but now, the telegrams from my father reaches me, and my mouth automatically replies,

*Mahalo nui loa!
Gracias! Arigato!
Thanks!*



To the Wednesday Night
Bon Dance Group
for the new drinking
fountain in the
Social Hall!

'Namo Amida Butsu.'

After the son realized that, his life was changed, and he really appreciated his father's guidance. He felt the Nembutsu was the calling voice from the Pure Land. Even when he didn't think about Amida Buddha, Amida Buddha is concerned about him like a precious child and is saying "I'm always with you; even though all people may abandon you, I will never abandon you. Please call my name. I'm here." Let's keep listening to Amida Buddha's calling voice.

In conclusion I'd like to inform you that I will be moving to West Kauai Hongwanji as of August 16, 2014. I will pass my sash on to Rev. Hasebe. Thank you for your kind support over the last five years. Please help Rev. Hasebe as she transitions into her new position. I hope you continue to listen to the Dharma. If you visit Kauai please stop by West Kauai Hongwanji to say hello. Namo Amida Butsu.

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,
 or by calling the Betsuin office at 536-7044.

July 2014 Cultural Activities

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 9:00 am-1:30 pm Rhythm & Life 6:00 - 8:00 pm Judo	2 9 am Japanese Class 9 am Wednesday Grp 1 pm Flower	3 10 am Flower Arrangement 1:30 pm Sahn Bo Dahn 5:30 pm Choir	4 9 am Project Dana Dance	5 9:00 - 11:00 am Judo 1 pm Taichi
6 Obon 8:00 Rev. Toshima 10:00 Rev. Naka-	7 9:00 am-1:30 pm Rhythm & Life	8 9:00 am-1:30 pm Rhythm & Life 9:30 am Shodo Class	9 9 am Japanese Class 9 am Wednesday Grp	10 10 am Flower Arrgmt 1:30 pm Sahn Bo Dahn	11 9 am Project Dana Dance	12 9:00 - 11:00 am Judo 1 pm Taichi
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In Memoriam



MAY 2014

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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| 05 | TAKAKI, Trent Kazuyuki (45) |
| 09 | DATE, Harold Makoto (92) |
| 12 | MINAKAMI, Herbert Hiroshi (80) |
| 18 | HAMASAKI, Wallace Hideaki (70) |
| 18 | KIMURA, Violet S. (90) |
| 19 | TANOUE, Richard Shigeo (92) |
| 20 | KIDO, Nobuo Herbert (82) |
| 27 | GOTO, Norma Takako (72) |
| 30 | HIROKANE, Jerry Yohei (91) |
| 30 | MATSUI, James Tadao (86) |

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

Share Peace....

There is a certain kind of peace that is not merely the absence of war. It is larger than that. The peace I am thinking of is not at the mercy of history's rule, nor is it a passive surrender to the status quo. The peace I am thinking of is the dance of an open mind when it engages another equally open one — an activity that occurs most naturally, most often in the reading/writing world we live in. Accessible as it is, this particular kind of peace warrants vigilance.

TONI MORRISON

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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

Hongwanji

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12 ®Rev. Hiromi Kawaji

19 ®Rev. Tomo Hojo

26 Rev. Toyokazu Hagio

August 2014

02 ®Rev. Hiromi Kawaji

09 Rev. Umitani

16 Rev. Satoshi Tomioka

23 Rev. Hasebe

30 Rev. Tatsuo Muneto

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06 Rev. David Nakamoto

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