



1727 Pali Highway  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

# GOJI

Vol. 68, No. 11  
December 2013



**NEWSLETTER**  
of the  
**Honpa Hongwanji**  
**Hawaii Betsuin**  
**hibetsuin@hawaii.**  
**rr.com**

**Hongwanji Mission**  
of Hawaii  
**Five Year Theme:**  
**“Path of Entrusting”**

**2013 Slogan:**  
**“Live the Teachings”**

## **BETSUIN MINISTERS**

**Chief Minister:**  
**Rev. Tatsuo Muneto**  
**Ministerial Staff**  
**Rev. Tomo Hojo**  
**Rev. Bert Sumikawa**  
**Rev. Arthur Kaufmann**  
**Rev. Satoshi Tomioka**

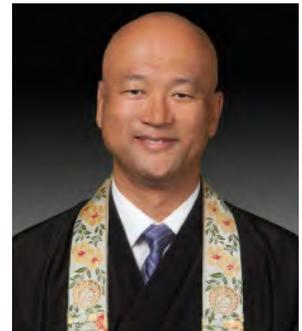
## Hawaii Buddhist Council Bodhi Day Service Scheduled for December 8th at Jodo Mission

The Guest speaker for the HBC Bodhi Day Service will be Dr. Soho Machida. Dr. Machida left home at the age of 14 to become a Zen monk and entered a conservative monastery in Kyoto, Japan. He practiced there for 20 years after which he came to the United States. He received a Masters' Degree from Harvard University's School of Divinity and a PhD from the University of Pennsylvania. He has taught at Princeton University, the National University of Singapore and the Tokyo University of Foreign Studies. He is presently teaching as a Professor at the Graduate School of Integrated Arts and Sciences and is Director of the Center for Ecological Peace Studies at Hiroshima University. Professor Machida has appeared on a monthly Japanese national television (NHK) program that focused on Buddhism in Japan. He has authored numerous books including "Renegade Monk, Can Mankind Overcome Religion" and "Why Religion Prevents Peace".

The topic of his talk will be: "Buddha Dharma—The Way of Life."

## 2014 Hoonko Service to be Held on January 12th

The Betsuin will observe the Hoonko Service on January 12, 2014. Our guest speaker will be the Reverend Jeffery Soga of the Honpa Hongwanji Hilo Betsuin.



Rev. Soga's ministry in Hawaii started in February 1985 at the Honpa Hongwanji Hilo Betsuin. In August 1990 Sensei took residency at the Puna Hongwanji, while supporting Paho, Naalehu and Pahala Hongwanji.

In September of 2001, Sensei left the Big Island to serve at the Kahului Hongwanji while supporting the Lahaina Hongwanji.

In 2006 Rev. Soga became a citizen of the United States and changed his name to Jeffrey. In June of 2012 Sensei returned to the Big Island to serve as Rimban of the Hilo Betsuin where he is presently assigned.

Rev. Soga has also been active in the communities where he was assigned serving as Maui County Police Chaplain (2007-2012) and on the Board of Directors for Hospice, Maui (2009-2012). Rev. Soga has also served as president of the Japanese Cultural Society of Maui and presently serves as Hawaii Island Police Chaplain.

Rev. Soga and his wife Kumika have a son, Koshin Steven and three daughters, Maitri Hiroko, Michelle Momoe and Kirana Soga.

## Rimban's Column: Let us See Same Sex Marriage Issue with New Attitude?



Now that the State Legislature passed the bill to approve same sex marriage in Hawaii, the Honpa Hongwanji ministers will accept same sex couples' requests to marry at the Hongwanji temples. In 2010 the Honpa Hongwanji Legislature adopted the resolution in which the Kyodan would provide same sex couples with equal rights to be united in marriage. In 2011, the Honpa Hongwanji ministers had a workshop and learned how they would conduct same sex marriage ceremonies with a new at-

Rev. Tatsuo Muneto

titude and wordings in the exhortation. One wedding request already arrived at the Hawaii Betsujin temple office in the middle of DECEMBER.

The doctrinal basis for supporting same sex marriage is found in the Jodo Shin teaching in which all people are equal in receiving the wisdom and compassion of Amida Buddha. Amida Buddha never discriminates between people, according to age, race, gender or cultural background.

For instance, in the Tannisho, it is said:

*"Amida's Primal Vow (great compassionate vow) does not discriminate between the young and old, good and evil—True entrusting (faith) is essential."*

In Amida's wisdom, all people are equal. People are generally differentiated by differences in education, occupation, status and so forth. If these artificial garments are removed, people are all equal. We are

ordinary and foolish beings with blind desires, and Amida's compassion is directed to all of us, and with an entrusting heart we will all attain birth in the Buddha land of peace.

During the time of Shinran Shonin (1173-1262) the Nembutsu community, founded by Honen, was regarded as different from traditional Buddhist groups and inferior, for they did not follow the "path of purification." That practice was not needed, Shinran maintained, because Amida's compassion reached all. In acknowledging that power of Amida through "hearing," all are saved. Shinran Shonin was able to see all people are essentially equal, equal to attain birth in the Pure Land.

Jodo Shinshu came to Hawaii with pioneer Issei more than 120 years ago. Along the way, our forefathers experienced discrimination in one way or another. Now Jodo Shinshu will provide the equal opportunity to all people in Hawaii to receive Amida's love and compassion and to live a fulfilling life.



# GOJI

The **GOJI** is a monthly publication of the Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin, Tel. (808) 536-7044.. There is no newsletter published for the month of August.

### DEADLINE:

Articles must be submitted no later than the 10th of the month prior to publication. Mail (1727 Pali Hwy, Honolulu, HI, 96813), fax (536-0919), or e-mail ([hibetsuin@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:hibetsuin@hawaii.rr.com)) all items to the **GOJI**. Please include your name and contact information. Original images should be labeled on the reverse side with caption and return information.

### GOJI STAFF:

Editorial: *Jo desMarets; Dianne Ida, Randy Kawamoto, Ralston Nagata, Mary Tanouye; Rev. Tomo Hojo, Japanese section editor;* Production: *Ron Suzuki, Stacy Bradshaw, Alice Omura, Alice Tando, Kimiyo Miyose;* Circulation: *Stacy Bradshaw;* Contributing reporters from *Hongwanji Mission School, Buddhist Women's Association, Dharma School & Parents, Project Dana, Wednesday Gang and Gals, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Pacific Buddhist Academy, and the Kyodan*

The opinions expressed by individual contributors are their own and do not necessarily reflect those of the Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin.

## Kokua for the Philippines: Social Concerns Approves \$15,000 Donation

We have seen the massive destruction in the Philippines when Typhoon Haiyan struck earlier this month. As the country begins the process of rebuilding and healing after this disaster, our Sangha would like to do its part in supporting relief efforts there. The Committee on Social Concerns has approved a total of \$15,000 to aid in relief efforts. The following organizations will receive the funds: American Red Cross Hawaii Chapter \$5,000, The Filipino Community Center/Consuelo Foundation \$5,000, and the Buddhist Compassion Relief Tzu-Chi Foundation \$5,000. It is only through your generous contributions to our annual fund drive that makes this kind of immediate response possible.

We know many members would like to personally contribute to aid in relief efforts. The Committee on Social Concerns recommends the following organizations to donate to:

American Red Cross Hawaii Chapter  
4155 Diamond Head Road Honolulu, HI 96816 Phone number: (808) 734-2101  
<http://www.redcross.org/hi/honolulu>  
Checks made payable to: "American Red Cross—Aloha for Philippines"

continued on page 3

## Stacy Bradshaw Appointed Interim Executive Director

I would like to officially announce the selection of Mrs. Stacy Bradshaw as Interim Executive Director of the Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin effective January 1, 2014.

Our current Executive Director, Mr. Ron Suzuki, has developed the position into an efficient, well-run operation. Ron will be retiring at the end of this year. Finding his replacement seemed to be an almost impossible task.

The selection process has been very difficult, but the Executive Director Search committee needed to ensure that we had the best candidate for the job. Our search process began in March of this year. The top priority throughout was to make sure that only candidates with the “right-fit” for the Betsuin were considered.

With the support of Bishop Matsu- moto, we searched the statewide

Hongwanji community for the position as well as opening the position to the general public. We received a few applicants, but none of these candidates were a better fit for the position than the temple’s own office manager, Stacy Bradshaw.

Stacy was approached to consider an Interim Executive Director position since she possessed the “right fit” for the organization and is capable of developing into the position.

Our board of directors unanimously confirmed her selection as the Interim Executive Director.

Stacy will be responsible for:

- Fiscal Management
- Facilities management:
- Temple Programs:
- Temple Operations:
- Temple Management.
- Educational system (secular)



The priority for the Executive Director is to focus much of her attention on financial sustainability.

We have set up a transition plan to ease Stacy into the position. Ron Suzuki will provide the support and guidance for Stacy during the initial phase of Stacy’s development. We will monitor her progress over the course of one year after which time the Board will consider her for the permanent position.

I feel that Stacy Bradshaw will carry the temple in the next era. The temple is always searching for ways to develop the “younger age group”. Stacy has the background support that can provide the age group that the temple is searching for.

The future looks good for our temple. Please stand with me to provide support for our new Interim Executive Director. Congratulations Stacy!

Jerry Tamamoto  
President

---

## Kokua to the Philippines continued from page 2

### **Filipino Community Center/Consuelo Foundation**

94-428 Mokuola Street, Suite 302 Waipahu, HI 96797 / Phone number: 680-0451

<http://filcom.org/donate-to-relief-efforts/>

Checks made payable to: “Filipino Community Center—Aloha for Philippines”

You can also donate to these organizations at any of the following banks: American Savings Bank, Bank of Hawaii, Bank of the Orient, Central Pacific Bank, Finance Factors, First Hawaiian Bank, Hawaii National Bank, HomeStreet Bank, Ohana Pacific Bank, Pacific Rim Bank and Territorial Savings Bank.

### **Tzu Chi Foundation, USA, Hawaii Chapter**

1238 Wilhelmina Rise Honolulu, HI 96816

<http://hawaii.us.tzuchi.org/>

737-8885

Checks made payable to “Tzu Chi”

Thank you for your continued generosity and support during this time of tragedy. Mahalo!

*A Photo Is Worth A Thousand Words...  
Temple Clean-UP November 24th, 2013!*



## “En” Do You Believe In This Japanese Word, En?

June Iwahashi

Huoa Study Tour To Okinawa---October 3 To October 14, 2013

Fujiko Motobu and I were fortunate to sign up for this year's special trip to Okinawa, due to Mitsuko Kaneshiro handling the arrangements with NK Travel Service, Inc. Hawaii, owned by Mr. and Mrs. Shimabukuro. Mrs. Nadine Shimabukuro and daughter, Tomomi were excellent tour guides, very efficient and kind. Also the group of forty travelers consisted mainly of people with Okinawa ancestry and all were very nice, warm and friendly people.

I feel very blessed and couldn't have been happier being roommate with Fujiko. We had so much fun together especially in eating ice cream every day.

On October 12, Saturday, Fujiko and I walked from our hotel to watch the Naha City Parade. Fifty eight groups including one from Brazil participated in the parade this year. We found a vintage place, one story above street level which was built as a walkway to accommodate the monorail train riders. This parade is held yearly to remember the day, October 10, 1944, when the first bomb was dropped on Naha City, Okinawa by the Americans during World War II.

At first there was a man wearing an Aloha print shirt standing next to me with his two children. I asked if he was from Hawaii and he said “no” and that Hawaiian print shirts are sold in many of the stores. After this man and his children

left, another family came by and took their place—a man, his wife and two daughters.

The father carried his four year old daughter, who was asleep, and his wife and eleven year old daughter stood against the rail in the front. The young man was tall and slim and very handsome with blue eyes so I kept wondering if he might be an actor. After some time passed by, my curiosity got the better of me, so I finally spoke in Japanese and asked him if he were an actor. He laughed and answered “no” and was surprised that I asked him that question. He saw our name tags indicating we were from Hawaii, so he asked which island we were from and I replied, Oahu, and he told me that he had lived in Moiliili and graduated from the University of Hawaii. He may have been born or lived in Hawaii when he was very young, because his first name is an English name, Chris, but had gone back to Okinawa, and in his final leg of education, he returned to complete his work at the University of Hawaii. After graduating from UH he returned to Okinawa, some eighteen years ago, so he claimed to have forgotten a lot of the English language.

His occupation today is designing racing cars by using the computer. His wife's family are all doctors and she works in a hospital as a pharmacist. He told us that

his family owns a bakery shop.

When his younger daughter woke up, his wife and children went down to the street level. He explained that his daughter's friend was in the parade so they went down to get a closer look. After a while, he suggested that we too should go down and so we continued to stay together for an hour or so when his family rejoined us. Soon after, we said our goodbyes, hugging each other, and we departed.

As a Buddhist, I truly believe in “En” (relation, bond, kinship, fate) for it was truly amazing that Chris Yuki Fuchaku was originally from Hawaii and Fujiko and I met him among the thousands of people who came to watch the Naha City Parade. His wife's name is Yoko, the older daughter is Ciero and the little one is Irisu.

What a wonderful encounter with such a nice family. Namu Amida Butu.

### Anyone With A Great Recipe

**To Share?** If you have any recipe that you think is wonderful, please share with us. Many of our readers have said that they enjoy the recipes in the Goji.



Owen Lee Oshima  
Pre-Need Counselor

1347 Nuuanu Avenue  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96817  
Phone: 808 529-0373  
Fax: 808 536 9588  
Cellular: 808 741 6936

### BUDDHIST ALTARS & ACCESSORIES (Butsudan & Butsugu)

By Appointment Only

1202 Kona St, Honolulu, HI 96814

Phone: 973-0320; 592-0115



Fax: 592-0119  
www.iidastore.com

Best Prices!

## White Way Radio Broadcast: Rev. Blayne Higa Discusses Same Sex Marriage

Good morning and Aloha! Thank you for the opportunity to share the Dharma with you today. Over the past several months, our nation and our state have been affected by several conflicts. From the shutdown of the Federal Government to the issue of Marriage Equality for gay and lesbian couples here in Hawaii. These issues often seem too difficult to resolve because all we see on the news are people on opposing sides arguing and fighting with very little true discussion taking place. When did we fall away from the ideals of American Democracy--that of reasoned debate and discourse and the art of compromise? How did we let our ego-selves run amok in such a destructive way? And what lessons can the Dharma provide us in these difficult times?

Just yesterday, on October 28th, the Hawaii State Legislature began a special session to deal with the issue of Marriage Equality. This proposed law will grant same-sex couples all the rights, benefits, protections and responsibilities that married opposite-sex couples have. This is significant since Hawaii's current Civil Unions law does not grant Federal benefits to same-sex couples. Earlier this year, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled unconstitutional part of the Defense of Marriage Act as unlawfully discriminated against married same-sex couples by prohibiting the federal government from recognizing those marriages and by denying federal rights, benefits, protections, and responsibilities to those couples. The Marriage Equality law in Hawaii would open up Federal benefits to married same-sex couples and treat all cou-

ples equally under our laws.

The issue of Marriage Equality is a difficult and emotional one that has strong feelings on all sides. What has been disturbing to see is the often hateful rhetoric used in this debate. Are we able to calmly and rationally discuss difficult issues without resorting to verbal violence?

In 2010, the governing body of the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii adopted a resolution supporting equal rights for same-sex couples because

“...we believe that the freedom to marry the person you love is a basic freedom that should not be denied to anyone.”



we believe that the freedom to marry the person you love is a basic freedom

that should not be denied to anyone. Gay and lesbian couples get married for similar reasons as everyone else--to make a lifetime promise of love, commitment and fidelity to the person they love. According to our teachings, gender is not what is important, but rather the commitment and respect that all people, regardless of their gender, brings to their relationship that is most essential.

After a lengthy and mindful discussion about this issue among our Sangha members, we came to the conclusion that there was nothing in our teachings that would allow us to discriminate based on sexual orientation. That if we truly believe in the Universal Compassion of Amida Buddha, then all beings are equally embraced without exception. And it was important for us as a faith community to share our perspective with the wider community in a respectful and mindful way. This has been a wonderful opportunity for us to share the Dharma with others and help to relieve suffering in the world. I am proud that our Shin Buddhist community has taken a stand in support of promoting equality and justice in Hawaii.

I was truly honored to offer the opening Invocation for the

Hawaii State House of Representatives as they convened in Special

## Freedom to Marry contnued from Page 6

Session to discuss the issue of Marriage Equality. I shared with them the following advice from the Dharma on how we should not be blinded by our own limited views on issues and to truly listen with open hearts and minds.

In a time of great conflict between many teachers of different traditions and philosophies, the Buddha shared the following story:

Once upon a time in the city of Shravasti there lived a king. One day, the king instructed a servant to round up in one place a gathering of men who had been blind since birth. "The blind men have been assembled, your majesty," said the man. The king further instructed him to introduce an elephant to this group of men, such that each could examine it for himself. "This, sir, is an elephant," the servant said to each of the blind men in turn. But to the first he presented the head of the elephant, to the second, the ear, and so in turn to the rest of the blind men he presented the tusk, trunk, body, foot, backside, tail, and tuft of the tail. At this point the king approached the blind men and asked of each, "Tell me, sir, what is an elephant like?" Each answered according to his own experience, saying in turn that the elephant was like a water pot, a winnowing basket, a plowshare, a plow pole, a granary, a pillar, a mortar, a pestle, and a broom.

These nine blind then began to quarrel about the nature of the elephant, each

one saying, "The elephant is like this, not like that," and "The elephant is not like that, it is like this." Eventually they came to blows and began striking one another with their fists. The king who called them all together sat back and watched the scene in great amusement.

What the king seemed to understand is that extent to which views, beliefs, and opinions in people link directly to our very primitive instinct for defending what belongs to us and attacking what is regarded as belonging to others.

**“...let us always  
extend compassion  
and respect to  
everyone  
we meet.”**

It is natural that most issues in life are complex, and that people will have different perspectives on them.

It is also inevitable that most perspectives will derive from a limited range of experience and are unlikely to embrace the whole picture. It is also understandable that people will express their differences of opinion, engaging in mutual dialogue and debate. However, what is utterly unnecessary is that such differences need to escalate to stabbing each other with verbal daggers, striking each other with fists or worse. Now, does this story sound familiar to what is happening in our world today?

My challenge to everyone who participates in our democracy is to live with Aloha. To understand that at the end of the day we are all one Ohana, one Family, one Hawaii. And that our

thoughts, our words and our actions should reflect that profound awareness of that connection we have to each other. So let us engage in vigorous and civil debate--understanding that each of us has only one part of the whole truth. Let us listen with open hearts and minds. And let us always extend compassion and respect to everyone we meet.

Please bow your heads and join me for a moment of reflection, and may these words guide your work in the days ahead:

“May all beings enjoy happiness and the root of happiness.

May they be free from suffering and the root of suffering.

May they not be separated from the great happiness devoid of suffering.

May they dwell in the great equanimity free of passion, aggression, and ignorance.

May all beings be happy and well.

May they live in peace and harmony.

Namo Amida Butsu.”

Entrusting in the Buddha of Infinite Light and Life. Namu Amida Butsu, Namu Amida Butsu.

If we truly lived by our teachings, can you imagine how different our world could be? Let us always remember to go to the Dharma for guidance. Mahalo for listening! May the light of great Wisdom and Compassion embrace and inspire you always.

Rev. Blayne Higa

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

## Calendar of Events for December 2013 and January 2014

### DECEMBER, 2013

Dec. 8 Sun Bodhi Day Service

Dec. 15 Sun. BWA year-end party from 11:30 am in social hall  
Cost for lunch: \$15.00 per person  
Initiation of new BWA members.

Dec. 31 Tuesday New Year's eve service

### JANUARY, 2014

January 1 Wed. New Year's Day service 10:00 am

January 1 Fri. BWA sponsored: Family night.  
Dinner and entertainment for family  
Cost for dinner \$1.00 per person

January 11 Sat. BWA Executive Board meeting. 9 :00 dining rm  
Dues for the year payable by Jan. 31st.  
Plan: Taste of Hongwanji on Mar. 30.

January 16 Thur. BWA State Conference deadline for  
May 3-4, 2014 in Kona

January 19 Sun. BWA General Membership Meeting #1 , 2014  
World Convention in Calgary, Canada  
May 30-31, 2015....planning to attend

## Vinegar Solves Many Health And Household Problems!!

Some of these your grandma knew, and some she never would have imagined.

**Vinegar Can Shrink Belly Fat:** A Japanese study shows that mixing 1 or 2 tablespoons of apple cider vinegar into a daily drink for 12 weeks significantly lowers abdominal fat.

**Kills Weeds---And Their Seeds--- Naturally:** Heat white vinegar, pour it in a spray bottle, and aim. Young weeds will die quickly, but the well-established ones may need another round or two. Use pickling vinegar for highest strength.

## Keep Your Blood Sugar On An

**Even Keel.** 2 tablespoons of vinegar with a meal can stop after-meal sugar spikes and improve insulin sensitivity.

## BWA Elects Officers For Year 2014: some vacancies to be filled Fujiko Motobu

The officers will serve their second year term in the year 2014, since they were elected to serve for two years. There are a few vacancies that must be filled. Dr. Ken Siu, graciously volunteered to serve as our BWA secretary for year 2013 when we had no one to serve in that position. If some BWA member will be willing to serve as secretary for year 2014, we can thank Dr. Siu for his wonderful help that he rendered to us as auxiliary BWA member and helped us fulfill the roll so well; otherwise, we will need to ask for his assistance again for year 2014, if he is willing. One vacancy in the position of Director will also need to be filled.

President: Fujiko Motobu  
Imdt. Past President: Sharyn Sekine  
1st VP: Florence Wasai  
2nd VP: Liane Wong  
Recording Secretary: Dr. Ken Siu

Correspond. Secretary: Cheryl Sora  
Treasurer: Lillian Kadomoto  
Asst. Treasurer: Lillian Inatsuka  
Auditors (2) Peggy Shintaku,  
Wendy Yumori  
Directors (6) Mary Fujitani, Fusae  
Kiyokawa, Tamayo, Matsumoto, Michi  
Shibata, Edith Tanaka.

June Iwahashi has volunteered to serve

### Standing Committee Chairs :

Archives, Ruth Tokumi; Community Services, Carol Yamamoto; Education, Fujiko Motobu; Membership, Sue Kaizawa; Program, Irene Nakamoto; Publicity, Dianne Ida; Refreshment, Charlotte Miyamoto and Mary Fujitani; Phone tree, Sumie Sueishi  
**Committee Chairs:** Hosha, Sue Kaizawa; Tray favors, Maj Determan; Ushers/MC, Lil Inatsuka; Mini Market,

Florence Wasai; Eshinni Day, Florence Wasai; Bazaar, Liane Wong; Thrift Shop, Liane Wong; Crafts, Mitsue Kurozumi; Sushi, Michi Shibata; Pickles, June Iwahashi.

Minister Advisor: Rev. Tatsuo Muneto  
Honorary Advisor: Edna Muneto

At the first General Membership Meeting to be held on Sunday, January 19, volunteers for the various committees will be sought, so please be generous and volunteer yourselves by signing up. We need many of you to come and help us throughout the year for the various activities. Please do not hesitate.

## Dharma School News and Activities

Our 2013-2014 Dharma School Year kicked off to a fun start on Sunday, August 25 with our annual Registration and Fun Day, together with the Jikoen and Moilili Dharma Schools. After a brief service conducted by Reverend Arthur Kaufmann, in which he talked about nurturing our garden (students) by providing the soil/nutrients (teachers), and fertilizer (Dharma teachings) students and families creatively decorated paper doll cutouts to place on luminary bags as symbols of peace. Everyone headed over to the Hongwanji Mission School to register for the new Dharma School Year, swim in the pool, play in the gym, and enjoy an onolicious lunch from the Betsuin PTO. Who can forget the refreshing shave ice, courtesy of Mel and Gail Kawahara and family.



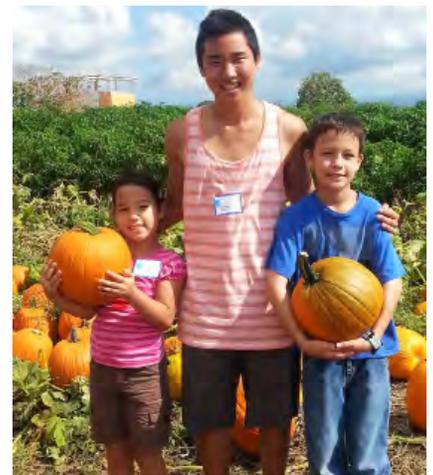
Honolulu Hongwanji Dharma School students representing the Betsuin, Jikoen and Moilili placed their Peace Luminaries along the altar and the aisles to open the "Peace of Aloha" interfaith service on Friday, September 20 and helped with the candle lighting ceremony during the service.



In September, Nannette Ganotisi led a fun family activity session that helped us to get to know each other a little more through a matching game of fruit and vegetable cards, which further reinforced Reverend Kaufmann's theme of our Dharma garden.



Dharma School students and families enjoyed the Pumpkins, Dharma and Fun event on Sunday, October 27. Before boarding the buses to Aloun Farms, Wayne Yoshioka conducted a short service and shared a Dharma message with our families. Upon returning to the Betsuin, everyone carved their pumpkins while enjoying a luncheon feast, fun activities including mask making and hanafuda and even trying out taiko drumming after a performance by our very own Honpa Hongwanji Dharma School Taiko Group.



The Betsuin Dharma School students are currently practicing songs to sing at the Eitaikyo Service on November 17.

More activities are planned for the remainder of the Dharma School Year. Come join the fun!



## BOY SCOUT TROOP 49 Children and Youth Day

Douglas Yanagihara, Troop 49 Boy Scout

Children and Youth Day was held this year on Sunday, October 6, 2013 on the State Capitol grounds. This annual event is a special day where young people can play, learn and explore their talents and interests and enjoy new life experiences with their family and friends. Children and Youth Day offers families a wealth of positive opportunities to increase their awareness about the many available community resources. Over 300 community organizations contributed their time, resources and expertise to design fun, educational, interactive and life-changing activities for Hawaii's youth. Families had the opportunity to talk with various representatives from community organizations, take home useful and interesting information, and participate in fun-filled and memorable activities that were geared toward children and youth.

Boy Scout Troop 49 and Cub Scout

Pack 49 participated in Children and Youth Day this year. Troop 49 Scouts showed youths how to make rope via a fun twirling method. The rope was then attached to a book mark with illustrations of various knots. Pack 49 Scouts displayed invasive species, forest and wetland birds of Hawaii, ocean resources, native plant species and passed out educational brochures. Furthermore, the Pack had youths color pictures of endemic birds of Hawaii. Other Boy Scout troops showcased many types of activities such as lanyard making, a ping pong air hockey table, a pinewood derby display and conducted service projects on the Capitol grounds. After completing their shift, Troop 49 Scouts enjoyed walking around and



experiencing the various displays, activities, games, inflatables, the Green Zone sustainability education, the Royal Hawaiian Band entertainment, as well as music from other groups, tours of the Hawaii State Capitol, Iolani Palace, and King Kamehameha V Judiciary Building. The Scouts also satisfied their taste buds by taking advantage of the different food booths.



Scouts with their Invasive Species display

## Annual Kadomatsu Fundraiser for Betsuin

Boy Scout Troop 49 will once again be selling fresh kadomatsu on December 22 and 29, 2014. (2 Sundays).

They will be collecting donations only and proceeds will go to the 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.

## December 2013 Betsuin Cultural Calendar

## Happy Holidays

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 8:00 – Rev. Muneto 9:00 – Rev. Kaufmann 10:00 – Rev. Sumikawa 1:00 – Rev. Tomioka	2 9 am – 1:30 pm Rhythm & Life	3 9 am – 1:30 pm Rhythm & Life  6-8 pm Judo	4 9 am Japanese Class 9 am Wednesday Grp 7 pm Meditation 7 pm Bon Dancercise	5 10 am Flower Arrangement 1:30 pm Sahn Bo Dahn 5:30 pm Choir Practice 6-8 pm Judo 7 pm Ballroom Dancing	6 9 am Project Dana Dance	7 9-11 am Judo 1 pm Taichi
8 HBC Bodhi Day Service (Jodo Mission) No Services at Betsuin	9 9 am – 1:30 pm Rhythm & Life	10 9 am – 1:30 pm Rhythm & Life  6-8 pm Judo	11 9 am Japanese Class 9 am Wednesday Grp 7 pm Meditation 7 pm Bon Dancercise	12 10 am Flower Arrangement 1:30 pm Sahn Bo Dahn 5:30 pm Choir Practice 6-8 pm Judo 7 pm Ballroom Dancing	13 9 am Project Dana Dance <b>(Cancelled)</b>	14 9-11 am Judo 1 pm Taichi
15 8:00 – Rev. Hojo 9:00 – Mr. Alan Goto 10:00 – Rev. Kaufmann 1:00 – Rev. Muneto	16 9 am – 1:30 pm Rhythm & Life <b>(Cancelled)</b>	17 9 am – 1:30 pm Rhythm & Life <b>(Cancelled)</b>  6-8 pm Judo	18 9 am Japanese Class 9 am Wednesday Grp 7 pm Meditation 7 pm Bon Dancercise	19 10 am Flower Arrangement 1:30 pm Sahn Bo Dahn 5:30 pm Choir Practice 6-8 pm Judo 7 pm Ballroom Dancing	20 9 am Project Dana Dance <b>(Cancelled)</b>	21 9-11 am Judo 1 pm Taichi <b>(CXL)</b>
22 8:00 – Rev. Toshima 9:00 – Rev. Muneto 10:00 – Rev. Umitani 1:00 – Rev. Hojo	23 9 am – 1:30 pm Rhythm & Life <b>(Cancelled)</b>	24 9 am – 1:30 pm Rhythm & Life <b>(Cancelled)</b>  6-8 pm Judo <b>(CXL)</b>	25 <b>**All activities cancelled due to the holiday**</b> 9 am Japanese Class 9 am Wednesday Grp 7 pm Meditation	26 1:30 pm Sahn Bo Dahn <b>(CXL)</b> 5:30 pm Choir Practice <b>(CXL)</b> 6-8 pm Judo <b>(CXL)</b> 7 pm Ballroom Dancing <b>(CXL)</b>	27 9 am Project Dana Dance <b>(Cancelled)</b>	28 9-11 am Judo <b>(CXL)</b> 1 pm Taichi <b>(CXL)</b>
29 8:00 – Rev. Hojo 9:00 – D/S Teacher 10:00 – Rev. Tomioka 1:00 – Rev. Muneto	30 9 am – 1:30 pm Rhythm & Life <b>(Cancelled)</b>	31 9 am – 1:30 pm Rhythm & Life <b>(Cancelled)</b>  6-8 pm Judo <b>(CXL)</b>	1 <b>**All activities cancelled due to the holiday**</b> 9 am Japanese Class 9 am Wednesday Grp 7 pm Meditation			

## Hongwanji Radio Programs DECEMBER 2013

KZOO 1210 AM  
Japanese Language  
Saturday at 7:30 AM

## Betsuin Services Adult English Services 10am Services

- 01 Rev. Bert Sumikawa  
08 HBC Bodhi Day Service  
at Jodo Mission.  
No Services at Betsuin  
15 Rev. Arthur Kaufmann  
22 Rev. Toshiyuki Umitani  
29 Rev. Satoshi Tomioka

## Dharma School Service 9am

- 01 Rev. Arthur Kaufmann  
08 HBC Bodhi Day Service  
at Jodo Mission.  
No Services at Betsuin  
15 Mr. Alan Goto  
22 Rev. Tatsuo Muneto  
29 Dharma School Teacher  
to be announced

## Nursing Home Services

- 05 Hale Nani – Rev. Hojo  
Hale Ho Aloha  
Rev. Kaufmann  
12 Maluhia – Rev. Tomioka  
Liliha - Rev. Sumikawa  
13 Hale Pulama Mau  
Rev. Kaufmann  
26 Nuuanu Hale  
Rev. Tomioka  
27 Leahi – Rev. Muneto

## In Memoriam



## September 2013

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

Aug. 30 HASHIMOTO, Florence Teruko (85)

- |  |                                   |
|--|-----------------------------------|
| 07 TANIGUCHI, Masue (91)                     | 22 YOSHIMURA, Helen Shizue (91)   |
| 13 KANEMURA, Mildred Michiko (99)            | 24 YAMAMOTO, Edward Hiroshi (80)  |
| 17 ANAKA, Goro (95)                          |                                   |
| 19 INOUYE, Tsuneo "Raymond"<br>"Chinen" (89) | 29 MORI, James Noboru (81)        |
|  | 29 SEGAWA, Hiroko (87)            |
| 21 FUJIYAMA, Harry Kaname (83)               | 31 HASHIMOTO, Lawrence Kazuo (95) |
| 21 YOSHIMURA, Haruyo (88)                    | 31 MITO, Joyce Yoshiko (90)       |

### 2013 Memorial Service Schedule

2013 is the memorial year for those who passed away in:

2012 – 1 year	2001 – 13 year	1981 – 33 year
2011 – 3 year	1997 – 17 year	1964 – 50 year
2007 – 7 year	1989 – 25 year	1914 – 100 year

## Something from the BWA to make you

### What is Old?

OLD IS WHEN....Your friends compliment you on your new alligator shoes and you're barefoot.

OLD IS WHEN....Going braless pulls all the wrinkles out of your face.

OLD IS WHEN....You are cautioned to slow down by the doctor instead of by the police.

OLD IS WHEN...Getting lucky means you find your car in the parking lot.

OLD IS WHEN....An "all nighter" means not getting up to use the bathroom.

OLD AGE, IS REALLY A GIFT, SO ENJOY IT.

南  
无  
阿  
弥  
陀  
佛

The great practice is to say the Name of the Tathagata of unhindered 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