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of the  
Honpa Hongwanji  
Hawaii Betsuin

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Five Year Theme:  
"Path of Entrusting"

2014 Slogan:  
"Share Peace"

BETSUIN  
MINISTERS

Chief Minister  
Rev. Tatsuo Muneto  
Asst. Chief Minister  
Rev. Toyokazu Hagio

Ministerial Staff  
Rev. Arthur Kaufmann  
Rev. Satoshi Tomioka  
Rev. Yuika Hasebe

## Bodhi Day to be observed by the Betsuin on December 14; Hawaii Buddhist Council on December 7, 2014

Siddhartha Gautama attained Enlightenment at the age of 35 as he meditated under the bodhi tree, thus becoming Sakyamuni Buddha. Siddhartha left his home in search of the Truth. After diligently engaging in all manners of ascetic practices, including starving himself to the point of near death in order to gain control over his body, he rejected the ascetic path and took food again. He realized that one could not think clearly and have a healthy mind without meditation. In the early morning hours of December 8<sup>th</sup>, Siddhartha became the Buddha, the Awakened One. And his teachings spread throughout the world, including to all of us.

The Hawaii Buddhist Council will sponsor the Bodhi Day service on Sunday, December 7, 2014 at 9:00 AM at Nichiren Mission of Hawaii, located at 33 Pulelehua Way, Honolulu, HI 96817. Please join this once-a-year, wonderful gathering of Buddhists from the various Buddhist sects in our community.

On Sunday, December 14, the Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin will observe its Bodhi Day service at 9:30 AM. The speaker for this special service will be Reverend Yuika Hasebe. (The service is a combined service. There will be no 9:00 AM Dharma School Service.)

### HBC Dharma Study Session

Please attend the Hawaii Buddhist Council Dharma Study session! The theme is "What is a Buddha Statue? – Discussion from the Perspective of Restoration and Conservation."

The speaker is Naomi Sasaoka Ph.D. She is a researcher for the Institute for Conservation and Restoration of Buddhist Cultural Properties and also a lecturer in Buddhist studies at Rissho University. She is the author of "Research on Restoration and Conservation of Buddhist Statues in the Medieval Age."



DATE: December 4, 2014  
TIME: 7:00 PM DONATION: \$10 (Students \$5)  
PLACE: Nichiren Mission of Hawaii (Phone: 595-3517)

## Rimban's Column: "Mahalo to Our Hardworking Temple Staff" Rev. Tatsuo Muneto



As 2014 comes to its close, I would like to express my gratitude and aloha to the hardworking ministerial staff and the reliable office staff. Ever

since I was assigned to Hawaii Betsuin as Rimban (Head Minister) in January, 2012, I have enjoyed working with our ministers. After a Fuku-Rimban (Assistant Head Minister) was assigned in February, 2014, I moved to the Business Office side. Now I work closely with the staff there. May I introduce our ministers and office staff with a brief profile on each of them?

**Rev. Toyokazu Hagio** – joined Hawaii Betsuin in February, 2014. He has two grown children, living on the Mainland. As Fuku-Rimban, Rev. Hagio is in charge of making the ministers' monthly religious assignments, daily assignments, work shifts, and funeral duties. His responsibilities also include Hongwanji Mission School religious education and the Compassionate Care Committee.

**Rev. Yuika Hasebe** – was in Toyama, Japan for one year to take care of her grandmother. She returned to Hawaii Betsuin in July, 2014. Rev. Yuika, who is warm and has a sensitive touch in relating to the temple members, is single. Her responsibilities include producing the weekly radio broadcast, "Hongwanji Hour" and coordinating the ministers' contributions to the English section of GOJI. Recently, she was assigned to be the advisor for the Betsuin Choir and Betsuin Dharma School.

**Rev. Arthur Kaufman** – is practically single, for his family resides on the Mainland. He is in charge of Buddhist Education, the Scout program, and weddings. His responsibilities include the Inter-faith program and taking care of temple visitors. This year, he taught Jodo Shinshu Customs, traditions, and Services for the Dharma Light Program. He was transferred from Aiea Hongwanji to Hawaii Betsuin in June, 2013.

**Rev. Satoshi Tomioka** – joined the ministerial group in August, 2013. He is in charge of Jr. YBA and is the editor of the Japanese Section of GOJI. As the youngest minister in the Honolulu district, Rev. Tomioka is good at relating to the youth who come to the temple for various programs. He is excited to learn new things in ministry as well as American culture, and is not afraid of challenges at work.

**Ms. Stacy Bradshaw** – was selected to serve as the Interim Executive Director early this year. She is the face of the Betsuin Office. She is in charge of

temple administration, taking care of the temple membership and making decisions about the maintenance and operation of our huge temple. Stacy has an extensive knowledge of Hawaii Betsuin and many of its members since she attended Dharma School from pre-school age and thereafter, actively participated in Culture classes and other temple organizations.

**Ron Suzuki** – officially retired from the position of Executive Director early this year. However, he continues to work in the Business office on Wednesdays, Saturdays, and Sundays to provide assistance to the Office staff.

**Ms. Joyce Tomita** – comes from Maui. She is officially the temple bookkeeper, but she does much more. Because her office is downstairs, Joyce is usually not seen in the Business Office. She is a good story teller and enjoys meeting with visitors.

**Ms. Colleen Kunishige** – is Acting Business Manager. Originally from Hilo, Colleen worked for Pacific Buddhist Academy as Office Secretary.

Thanks to the hard work and friendliness of the temple ministers and office staff, we had a good year. We will try to enhance the spirit of the Sangha, which is to practice the Teachings and to promote harmony among the membership. On behalf of the staff, we ask for continued good coordination with the Board and committees as well as all of our members.

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Please note correction to November Rimban's article: Add to top of the last paragraph of the Rimban's Column on Page 3: "When we join our palms in Gassho....."



## GOJI

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## Dharma Message from Rev. Satoshi Tomioka

### “How Many Times Have You Hugged This Year?”



Aloha! The end of this year is around the corner. I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincere mahalo to each of you for your support throughout

this past year. Thank you so much.

Every morning on school days, I support the PBA Café which is a fundraiser for PBA's new building. I stand there waving a hand with a big SHAKA sign and sell coffee and snacks. PBA students, parents, and people who stop by HI Betsuin help us.

I have seen the circle of helping hands spread more and more. One morning, it was raining and chilly. We were under a big umbrella. Since it was cold, some of the students put their arms around each other for warmth. When I saw their behavior, an idea occurred to me, but it was not clear.

Afterward, on the way home, I saw two birds sitting on the edge of a balcony railing. They were sitting together closely as if they were also holding each other. Aha! At this time, the idea became clear to me.

When we feel cold, we naturally hold hands or stand together to get warm. This shows that we may have an instinct that naturally leads us to certain behaviors. Beyond instinct or nature, we can help and support each other, especially people who really need help. We acknowledge these people and extend our helping hands to them. To hold each other, to stand together, and to give things to people in need are manifestations and expressions of our kindness, love, and thoughtfulness to others. Here, we can feel the Buddha's true compassion.

Buddha's true compassion embraces

everyone and everything without discrimination. “Your sadness is my sadness. Your happiness is my happiness.” There is no differentiation between Buddha and us. However, for each of us, even if we try to empathize with others, there is still a difference between us. Our empathy and support of others is limited, but when we become aware of Buddha's true compassion, despite our limitations, we can live and do our best for others.

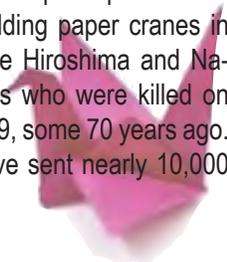
Buddha's true compassion is always with us. When we feel happy, sad, depressed, whatever happens in our lives, Buddha is always with us. Buddha's presence is like being hugged by our mothers. Warmth, fragrance, love, peace, tenderness, in other words, True Compassion, embraces each of us no matter what happens in our lives. A hug is an expression of our love, kindness, and empathy, and we use it to share our feelings with others. Buddha's true compassion is always hugging us even when we aren't aware of it. But when we realize it, we are able to feel the Buddha's love embracing us. It enables us to live our lives to the fullest with an attitude of gratitude.

How many times have you hugged this year? Remember, Buddha is always, always hugging us.

Namo Amida Butsu

### BWA Needs More Cranes: Please keep making

Thanks to all the hardworking, enthusiastic, kind participants who have been folding paper cranes in memory of the Hiroshima and Nagasaki citizens who were killed on August 6 and 9, some 70 years ago. So far we have sent nearly 10,000 cranes.



## Announcing Betsuin Dharma Discussion:

### Happiness in Mindfulness Essence of Shoshinge

Join us for six discussion sessions on Shoshinge in January and February, 2015

Happiness is a secular value in Buddhism; it is not a goal of Buddhist life, but it is a necessary ingredient in the Shin Buddhist life. Happiness derives from one's “joy” of being sustained by the Infinite Light (Wisdom) and the Immeasurable Life (Compassion).

Shinran Shonin explains how joy arises in our mind and heart in his text, Shoshinge. We will discuss how, as part of Jodo Shin ethics, we can help ourselves and others to attain happiness out of gratitude.

Join us for the six-week session on Happiness in Mindfulness – Essence of Shoshinge. We will find out what the Dalai Lama, Thich Nhat Hanh, Gyomei Kubose and Takamaro Shigaraki taught about happiness.

The sessions will be held on Tuesdays, January 6, 13, 27, February 3, 10, and 17 in the Annex Temple of Hawaii Betsuin. Text and reading materials will be provided before the sessions start.

## Dharma School News

### Pumpkins, Dharma and Fun

Debbie Kubota



Lots of fun was had by all who attended the Honolulu District Pumpkins, Dharma & Fun event on Sunday, October 26. The day began with a service in the Betsuin Annex Temple conducted by Reverend David Nakamoto, emceed by Reverend Shindo Nishiyama.

Then the excitement began. A busload of excited Dharma School students and families representing the Honolulu Dharma Schools and BSC trekked out to Aloun Farms in Kapolei to pick out their Halloween pumpkins. Everyone took their own path at the farm to find the best pumpkin for their Jack-O-Lantern carving. It was a busy day at the farm, with many others on the same mission. After about an hour at the farm, our Dharma group returned to the bus hot and tired, with various sizes and shapes of pumpkins in hand. Mission accomplished! It was a welcome sight to return to the Betsuin Social Hall to see the tables prepped and ready for pumpkin carving, with refreshments and all the fun activities set up, including mask making, crane folding, and photo taking with autumn backdrop. The most talked about food items were the creepy-looking Jello molds – “brains” with gummy worms and ghosts. The Kailua Sangha did a fantastic job making these desserts. What fun!

After lunch, the Honpa Hongwanji Dharma School Taiko group played three pieces—Jan Ken Po (interactive with audience, giving out treat bags to winners), Takane (with Halloween masks) and Ryodan. After the performance, the taiko group invited everyone to come up and take their turns hitting the drums, starting with the event chair, Alan Goto. The event culminated with the Pumpkin Carving contest—giving prizes for the Most Funny, Most Scary, Most Compassionate, Most Humble and Most Grateful, plus an overall contest winner. Many thanks to Alan Goto and his planning committee for putting on such a fun, meaningful, and successful event!

## Dharma School Ukulele Club

The Dharma school is forming an ukulele club of students and adults who are interested in learning to play the ukulele. The lesson sessions will be held at 10:30 a.m. in the main social hall on Sundays after Dharma classes have ended.

At this time, we are looking for ukulele donations - if anyone has an ukulele that is no longer being used, we could put it to good use for you! If you would like to donate an ukulele, please bring it to Rev. Hasebe at the Betsuin ministers' office.

Questions? - Please call Rev. Hasebe at 536-7044. Any and all donations would be greatly appreciated



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## BOY SCOUT TROOP 49

By Douglas Yanagihara, Troop 49 Boy Scout

### Children and Youth Day

Troop and Pack 49 teamed up to participate in Children and Youth Day on Sunday, October 5, 2014. Over 300 exhibitors and organizations offered various activities and entertainment for families. The event spanned the whole capitol area, from the Iolani Palace grounds to the Frank Fasi Civic Center. The Boy Scouts of America Aloha Council featured a 30x60 tent for a Scout Zone to raise awareness about scouting. Troop/Pack 49's activity consisted of blowing into the sail of handmade boats to race in a rain gutter filled with water. Other Scout Troops and Packs showcased a Kendama hat game, shooting a target with a foam rocket, lanyard making and other scouting related activities. Troop 49 also helped with parking duty at the Board of Water Supply.



Having a fun time at the Children' and Youth Day!

## Cub Scouts Halloween Party

By Douglas Yanagihara, Troop 49 Boy Scout

The Pack 49 Cub Scouts held their annual Halloween Party at the Social Hall on Friday, October 24. This year, the scout parents erected the Haunted House complete with scary pop-up props, spooky music and special decorations. A few Boy Scouts (Justin Kunimune, Jacen Kimura, Colin Kubota) and I dressed in costume to help supervise the Cub Scouts, activate various props from our respective stations and occasionally jump out to scare a Scout. After our stint at the Haunted House, we were asked to judge the costume contest. The categories judged included scariest, original, superhero, siblings and family, where three winners were awarded per category. I think all the Scouts and families went home winners and are lucky that the Pack provides these fun events for them.



A Cub Scout Halloween contest contestant demonstrating his moves to the Boy Scout judges.



Troop 49 Boy Scouts (Jacen Kimura, Justin Kunimune, Douglas Yanagihara, and Colin Kubota) in their Halloween costumes.



## From the Executive Director, Stacy Bradshaw

Happy Holidays, Everyone! Can you believe that in only a few weeks 2015 will be here? I cannot even begin to tell you how quickly my first year as Executive Director has been. While constantly learning more and more about my position, I have also learned how to balance my family life with my work "ohana" and responsibilities. My new role had many challenges and stressful times but also so many rewards. I truly enjoyed collaborating closely with our President, the Executive Board, the Board of Directors, the Ministers, and the various leaders from our home front – Hongwanji Mission School, Pacific Buddhist Academy, Headquarters - to leaders from the BSC and our sister temples, both on Oahu and the neighbor islands. I appreciated everyone's patience and support throughout 2014. My hope is to continue to learn and grow in this position, while looking out for the best interests of the Hawaii Betsuin and its members.

I would also like to thank everyone who has already contributed to our

2014 Year-End Fund Drive. To date, we have received \$73,354 from 430 of our members and friends. The Board truly appreciates your generosity and continued support. If you have not sent in your Year-End Donation, it is not too late to do so and to qualify for a 2014 tax deduction.

If you would like to use your Mastercard or Visa credit card, please go to the temple office or our temple website, [www.hawaiibetsuin.org](http://www.hawaiibetsuin.org). For online donations, click on the "Giving" tab at the top of the homepage.

All of the year-end donations will go towards rebuilding our General Development Fund, which is used to pay for all of the temple's Capital Improvement Projects. One of the major projects, which could be started as early as at the end of this month, is the repaving of our front parking lot. Our parking lot needs attention, not only for aesthetics but more importantly, for the safety of all who use it. This project is projected to cost the temple around \$120,000. Another

major project, the repainting of the entire temple over the next three years, is estimated to cost \$300,000. The Facilities and Finance Committees of the Board are working hand-in-hand to coordinate plans to make sure we prioritize the jobs that need to be done and that we have funds to accomplish them.

Since our renowned Hawaii Betsuin is a large pillar for Jodo Shinshu Buddhism in the state but with the reality that the building is over 100 years old, the Board needs everyone's help to maintain the temple and its grounds for the future generations. We humbly ask those who have not yet contributed to the 2014 Year-End Fund Drive to please give to support these important capital improvement projects.

In closing, I wish all of you a safe and healthy holiday season!



## Blood Drive Results Are In!

### Jonette Correia, Blood Bank Field Representative



Drum roll please.....Results are in! I can't help but to smile as I send this to you all!

Pint goal: 108

Pints collected: 95 OUTSTANDING!!!!

Deferred: 22

Total participants: 117 EXCEPTIONAL!

We collected 95 pints of blood! FANTASTIC!!!! We had 31 FIRST TIME DONORS!!!! Let me say that again....31 FIRST TIME DONORS!!!! This is unheard of!!!!!! Deferred 22 donors, a total of 117 participants!!! Zippee dee do dah, Zippee dee day!!! 285 lives will be impacted by your kind generosity!!! You give others a chance to live, to see brighter days and most of all you give them hope!!! We were in critical need of A+ and O+ blood types. With the big hearts of the Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin we were able to collect 36 A+, 30 O+ units AND 4 RARE Blood Types! Words cannot express our gratitude! From the patients and families of Hawaii, we LOVE YOU!!!!

Thank you soooooo much!  
Jonette Correia, Field Representative  
Blood Bank of Hawaii

## News from the Betsuin's B W A

Fujiko Motobu, President

### Calendar of Events for December 2014 and January 2015

6 Saturday	Honolulu United BWA representative meeting 9-11 at Moiliili
7 Sunday	HBC Bodhi Day Service at Nichiren
13 Saturday	BWA Year End Party/Installation of Officers/Initiation of New Members (11:00 am to 2:00 pm at KCC Dining Room)
14 Sunday	Hawaii Betsuin Bodhi Day Service
31 Wednesday	Hawaii Betsuin New Year's eve service (before midnight)
JANUARY, 2015	
1 Thursday	New Year's day service
3 Saturday	Hosha 8:30-10:30 am

### BWA ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR YEARS 2015-2016

Newly elected officers for the BWA organization are as follows: President, Florence Wasai, 1st vice president, Liane Wong, 2nd vice president, Wendie Yumori, Secretary, Fujiko Motobu, Corresponding secretary, Sharyn Sekine, Treasurer, Lillian Kadomoto, Assistant Treasurer, Lillian Inatsuka, Auditors, Peggy Shintaku and Edith Tanaka, Directors, Barbara Brennan, Mary Fujitani, Fusae Kiyokawa, Tamayo Matsumoto, and Carol Yamamoto. The committee chairs will be appointed by the president, and hopefully the present chairs will continue to serve.

The membership is dwindling at our temple, and at the last count, we are now operating with 143 active members. At one time in the past we were operating with approximately one thousand members in the BWA.

While the young people, especially school aged ones have many sports activities on Sundays, we, the older ones enjoy gathering at the temple for fellowship. Many members are formerly from the neighbor island, whether it may be Hawaii, Maui, Kauai or even Molokai, and it is very enjoyable to visit with old

friends once a week or to make new friends at the temple.

The newly elected officers as well as new members to our BWA will be installed and initiated at our year end party at KCC on December 13th. All BWA members are encouraged to attend this year end party for fun and fellowship.

been helping us. Thank you very much. We will continue to ask for your support. Please keep on folding those cranes.

### BWA DONATES TO HIROSHIMA FLOOD VICTIMS

At the 4th general membership meeting, the members approved sending \$1,000 dollars to the Hiroshima victims of the recent flood and mud sliding that destroyed many homes and killed many people. Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii (Kyodan) will handle this.

BWA executive board members also approved sending \$1,000 dollars to the Puna Hongwanji to help the Puna and Pahoia victims of the lava flow. We were informed that the Japanese cemetery in Puna was destroyed. There are many members of Hawaii Betsuin who originally came from the Puna and Pahoia areas.

### LAUGHTER IS THE BEST MEDICINE:

Interview with 101 year old Hattie Mae of Kentucky: Reporter: Can you give us some health tips for reaching the age of 101? Hattie: For better digestion I drink beer. In the case of appetite loss I drink white wine. For low blood pressure I drink Red Wine. In the case of high blood pressure I drink scotch. And when I have a cold I drink Schnapps. Reporter: When do you drink water? Hattie: I've never been that sick!!

### MINI MARKET: shall we continue or shall we quit?

We shouldn't think of quitting, for the MINI Market was started by Florence Wasai. Her brilliant mind triggered ideas for the benefit of the members, in defraying convention costs, etc. and in supporting the youth educational activities as well as to the Betsuin, Many members as well as friends of BWA have donated wonderful things for the rest of the generous and wonderful people who buy them from us.

We appreciate all the generous donors as well as all the customers. We hope we can continue our Mini Market at least 3 or 4 times a year. If you have any comments, please forward them to us.

## In Memoriam



OCTOBER 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

**Hongwanji  
Radio Programs  
DECEMBER 2014  
KZOO 1210 AM  
Japanese Language  
Saturday at 7:30 AM**

- 6 Rimban Tatsuo Muneto
- 13 Fuku Rimban Toyokazu Hagio
- 20 Rev. Satoshi Tomioka
- 27 Rev. Yuika Hasebe

**Betsuin Services  
Adult English Services  
10:00 AM**

- 07 Hawaii Buddhist Council  
Bodhi Day Service  
(no services at Betsuin)
- 14 Betsuin Bodhi Day  
combined service 9:30 am  
Rev. Yuika Hasebe
- 21 Rev. Satoshi Tomioka
- 28 Rev. Toyokazu Hagio

**Dharma School  
Service 9 AM**

- 07 Hawaii Buddhist Council  
Bodhi Day  
(no services at Betsuin)
- 14 Betsuin Bodhi Day  
combined service 9:30 am  
Rev. Yuika Hasebe
- 21 Rev. Arthur Kaufmann
- 28 Rev. Tatsuo Muneto

**Nursing Home Services**

- 04 Hale Nani – Rev. Hasebe  
Hale Ho Aloha  
Rev. Tomioka
- 11 Maluhia – Rev. Tomioka  
Liliha – Rev. Muneto
- 12 Hale Pulama Mau  
Rev. Muneto
- 25 Nuuanu Hale – cancelled
- 26 Leahi – cancelled

- 2 MORIKAWA, Stanley Fumio (90)
- 2 SATO, Elsie Yoshiko (94)
- 3 MURATA, Susumu (91)
- 6 KANO, Irene Harue (91)
- 7 MIWA, Kay Kimiko (84)
- 8 TAMIYAMA, Fumi (96)
- 8 YOSHIDA, Yoshiko (91)
- 12 HIRAOKA, Kimiko (102)
- 14 ISHIKAWA, Robert Katsumi (93)
- 15 FUJITA, George Shuichi (89)
- 18 SHIROMA, Hatsuyo (89)
- 18 KAMEOKA, Haruo (92)
- 19 GODA, Linda Sue (60)
- 19 SASAOKA, Frank Tamotsu (80)
- 20 MATSUOKA, Masayoshi (93)
- 24 NISHIMURA, Paul Kazumi (88)
- 30 HASEGAWA, Hatsue (95)

**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



**Annual Kadomatsu  
Fundraiser for Betsuin**

Boy Scout Troop 49 will once again be selling fresh kadomatsu on December 21 and 27 and 28, 2014. (3 Sundays).

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



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

# Betsuin Cultural Classes

For more information, call the Betsuin office at 536-7044



Classes & Programs	Day and Time	Location	Instructor/Contact
Taiko	Sundays 11 am - 1 pm	HMS Gym Downstairs Rm #3	Jovie Yoshioka
Rhythm & Life	Mondays & Tuesdays 9 am - 1:30 pm	Social Hall	Michie Takemoto
Shodo (Japanese Calligraphy)	2nd & 4th Tuesdays 9:30 am - 11 am	Dining Room	Michiko Okano
Japanese Language	Wednesdays 9 am - 10:30 am	Annex Temple	Rev. Ryoso Toshima
Bon Dancercise	Wednesdays 7 pm - 9 pm	Social Hall	Ralston Nagata
Bunka Shishu (Japanese Embroidery)	Thursdays 9 am - 11 am	Dining Room	No Instructor
Ikebana - Ohara Ryu (Flower Arrangement)	Thursdays 9 am - 11 am	Social Hall	Edith Tanaka
Ikebana - Saga Ryu (Flower Arrangement)	Thursdays 9 am - 11 am	Temari Bldg.	Michiko Okano
Sahm Bo Dahn (Korean Exercise)	Thursdays 11 am - 1:30 pm	Social Hall	Sue & Wally Yashima
Ballroom Dancing	Thursdays 7 pm - 9 pm	Social Hall	Arthur Kohara
Project Dana Dance	Fridays 9 am - 11 am	Social Hall	Sumi Sueishi
Sumie (Chinese Brush Painting)	2 Fridays a Month 9 am - 11 am	Dining Room	Sachie Saigusa
Hula	Saturdays 10 am - 11 am	Annex Hall	Marjorie Determan
Taichi	Saturdays 1 pm - 3 pm	HMS Gym Downstairs Rm #3	Norman Hirohata-Goto



# Betsuin Activities Calendar for DECEMBER 2014 / JANUARY 2015

<b>DECEMBER</b>			(Tickets will be pre-sold at the temple office.)
1 (Mon)			Lecture by Dr. Nobuo Haneda @ the Betsuin
5 (Fri)			PBA Benefit Concert in the Main Hondo. Featuring Kinnara Gagaku & Alpana Dance Company of LA
7 (Sun)	9:00 AM		HBC Bodhi Day Service at Nichiren Mission
13 (Sat)	11 am - 2 PM		BWA End of Year Party @ Kapiolani Community College (sign up required)
14 (Sun)	9:30 AM		Hawaii Betsuin Bodhi Day Service
19 (Fri)	8:30 - 11:30 AM		HMS Winter Program (Social Hall)
25 (Thu)			Christmas Day - State Holiday
31 (Wed)	11:00 PM		New Year's Eve Service
<b>JANUARY</b>			
1 (Thu)	10:00 AM		New Year's Day Service
10 (Sat)	7:00 PM		Ho'onko Evening Service
11 (Sun)	9:00 AM		Ho'onko Major Service
18 (Sun)			Honolulu District Car Wash (tentative)
19 (Mon)			Martin Luther King Jr. Day - Holiday
25 (Sun)			General Membership Meeting & New Year's Party



BWA intergenerational day of caring! BWA mother Miki Saito's children made Peace cranes for Hiroshima & Nagasaki



Care package: Band-Aid, alcohol swab, and instant tea



Pahoa Japanese Cemetery



**Our hearts are with you!  
Hawaii Betsuin BWA**

The BWA and children from the Betsuin joined in making care packages for the families in Pahoa on the Big Island who have been displaced by the recent lava flow. The also folded cranes that will be sent to the Japanese communities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki as a symbol of Peace