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Five Year Theme:  
"Path of Entrusting"

2014 Slogan:  
"Share Peace"

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## Betsuin To Observe Gotan-E May 17 And 18; Rev. Jay Shingo Okamoto To Be Guest Speaker

In April Buddhists joined in the celebration of Hanamatsuri or the Buddha's birthday. The birthday of Shinran Shonin is commemorated on May 21st by followers of Jodo Shinshu throughout the world. This occasion is called Fujimatsuri or Wisteria Festival Day at some of the temples or Gotan E or Shinran Shonin Day by other temples. For followers of the Jodo Shin Shu teaching, this day is most important as it was Shinran, who systematically developed the Nembutsu teaching by compiling the commentaries of the seven teachers that he chose to call the Seven Patriarchs. The essence of the Jodo Shin Shu teaching is contained in his Kyo Gyo Shin Sho compiled and written during his last years in the Kanto area before his return to Kyoto.

Even though Shinran Shonin was born some 800 years ago, we are able to attain salvation or Birth into the Pure Land through his teaching of the Nembutsu. The teaching that he founded is still applicable to us today.

This year's Gotan-E Services will be held on May 17th and May 18th with a Candle Light Service on May 17th at 7:00 PM in the evening and a Japanese Language Service held on Sunday, May 18th, at 8:00 AM. The English Combined Service will be held on Sunday May 18th at 9:30 AM and the Gomanza Service on Sunday May 18th at 1:00 PM. Our guest speaker at all services will be the Rev. Jay Shingo Okamoto, the Resident Minister at Waipahu Hongwanji Mission who also serves both the Ewa and Waianae Hongwanji Missions.

Rev. Okamoto was born in Pahala, Hawaii and moved to Japan at 7 years of age. He graduated from Gakushuin University and studied Jodoshinshu at Gyoshin Kyoko which is part of the Ryukoku University system. In Oct 2007 Rev. Okamoto returned to the United States and began his service to the Hawaii Kyodan.

Rev. Okamoto and his wife, Tomoko, have three children: Yoshino, Issie and Kanako. His father, Rev. Nobuyuki Okamoto, served the Hawaii Kyodan at the Hawaii Betsuin, Pahala and Naalehu Hongwanji as well as the Kapa'a Hongwanji. Rev. Nobuyuki presently resides in Japan.



The title of Rev. Okamoto's message is "Think BIG". Please join us as we observe the birth of our founder, Shinran Shonin.

### O-bon,...A Moment to Reflect and Rejoice

O-bon Season is a time to recall the precious relationships between those who are gone and those who remain. Initially, the moment of remembering the departed loved one may bring sorrow. However, this is a precious moment because it is transformed into a moment of affirmation by the compassionate light of the Buddha's wisdom. Amida Buddha transforms this moment of sorrow into the sweet moment of affirmation. Such a human experience is illustrated by a famous Buddhist haiku:

Ah! How very sweet!  
is the astringency of  
the bitter persimmon!

Please mark your calendar for the 2014 Hawaii Betsuin's Bon Mairi Weekend July 11, 12 and 13. Please make every effort to observe your family's Bon service during this weekend. More information will be available in the near future.

## Rimban's Column: "Support Our Sunday Japanese Service"

Rev. Tatsuo Muneto



The attendance at the Japanese service is alarming to concerned members and the ministers, and we would like input about this situation.

Ever since the Hawaii Betsuin opened its door to the followers of Jodo Shinshu more than 120 years ago, the Sunday Japanese service attracted many men and women. To come to the temple, breathing the fresh air in the morning was a pleasant experience.

Except for the war time from 1942 to 1945, the temple Hondo was packed with members who enjoyed listening to the Japanese messages spoken enthusiastically in Hiroshima, Yamaguchi and Kumamoto dialects.

Told by the ministers that listening to the sermon alone was not enough to live in the teaching, many members read Buddhist magazines from Japan and exchanged their views and understanding of Amida's compassionate vows working in life. What formed were discussion groups, and they lasted till about 20 years ago.

In addition, they activated the spirit of community service. The simple gesture of joining our hands in gassho and saying the Nembutsu in deep appreciation to the Buddha is called Hosha. This means to "repay to the Buddha's virtue in thanksgiving." This personal practice of thanking the Buddha in front of the altar was extended outwardly to doing service work for the temple and community.

With the help of the Goji readers, we would now like to examine the rebuilding of the Japanese service. The ministerial staff and the concerned leaders just started to work towards improvement of the service in the following areas:

1. To create a friendly and caring atmosphere among the members,
2. To provide occasional short question and answer periods after the service,
3. To have ministers use easy words, spoken loudly and clearly into the microphone to convey the living Dharma,

4. To have greeters and ushers welcoming the members and have the members wear name tags,

5. To look for new members in the community who might be interested in attending the Japanese Service.

6. To invite a new and younger generation from Japan to meet their spiritual and social needs.

If you have any suggestions for improving the Japanese service, please inform the Betsuin ministers? If you know anyone who understands the Japanese language, please encourage them to attend the Japanese service?



## GOJI

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## Share Peace....

We who work for peace must not falter. We must continue to pray for peace and to act for peace in whatever way we can, we must continue to speak for peace and to live the way of peace; to inspire others, we must continue to think of peace and to know that peace is possible.

Peace Pilgrim  
(aka Mildred Norman)



# BWA Mini Market



Attention all bakers, gardeners, craftspersons! The next BWA Mini Market will be held on July 27, 2014.

Gardeners: Please harvest your flowers, plants, veggies and fruits...Bakers: Please have your ono-licious treats ready to donate. It is your kind donations that that make the Mini Market a success! We appreciate your past generosity and ask for your continued support!



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## Betsuin Choir Continues to Praise the Buddha Through Song!



The Betsuin Choir, under the leadership of new co-directors, Megan Pascual and Mari Murakami, sang at the recent Buddha Day Service at the Betsuin and at the Hawaii Buddhist Council's Annual Buddha Day Service. Mahalo to each of the members, their accompanist, Francis Okano and the co-directors for the wonderful songs of praise!

## Buddha Day Tray Favors!



The women of the BWA carry on the traditon started in the 1950s of making tray favors for several of the nurshing homes in our community. This group gathered to prepare the tray favors for Buddha Day.

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

### BWA MAY 2014 Activities

- 3 Sat Hosha 8:30 am
- 3-4 Sat-Sun. 12th BWA State Membership conference in Kona
- 9 Fri PBA Graduation at JCCH ballroom 5:00 pm
- 10 Sat BWA Exec. Bd. Mt. 9 am Dining room
- 11 Sun Mothers' Day
- 17-18 Sat, Sun. Gotan E Services (Shinran Shonin's birthday)  
Shodo (calligraphy) and flower arrangement exhibit
- 18 Sun BWA General Membership meeting #2 Hondo 11:00am
- 19 Mon Fort Gakuen graduation 5:00 pm
- 20 Tues Mission School Graduation
- 25 Sun Memorial Day Service
- 30 Fri Registration deadline for 15th BWA World Convention

### BWA Supports the Taste of Hongwanji Bazaar

is over and thanks to all of you, who helped to make it another successful event. The unselfish gift of time, energy and talent that you gave to prepare for the Bazaar's "thrift shop" and "tsukemono" "craft work" as well as all of the other "products" is greatly appreciated by everyone. The BWA ladies and auxiliary helpers, especially the men, really did a wonderful job.

The leaders of the thrift shop, second vice president of BWA, Liane Wong and the first vice president, Florence Wasai and their crew really did an outstanding job. The tsukemono production team, under the leadership of June Iwahashi, also did a wonderful job, and last but not least, the Wednesday sewing ladies, under the guidance of Mitsue Kurozumi, were superb.

We were very fortunate to have great help from the boy scouts, for without them, the ladies would never have had enough strength and energy to see everything through. The senior ladies realize that although we fully intend

to live until we are a hundred years old, some of us need to slow down a little at a time. Some of the ever so busy ministers also gave us great help in manual labor as well as in words of encouragement. Thank you to all from the BWA ladies.

The BWA ladies will evaluate the project carefully and will recommend ideas and suggestions for the coming years.

### Mothers' Day Falls On May 11th: What Can You Do For Your Mother?

Mothers bring forth wonderful memories. Mothers are wonderful people to have near you. Think of all the things that your mother has done for you. She has taught you countless number of things to do in life. She guided you throughout life while she sacrificed greatly on her part.

### Fujiko Motobu, President

I am a mother of two sons and two daughters, who are all fully grown adults and nearly ready for retirement in age. My concept of duty and obligation is that since I brought up all of them until they went off to college, which is at least seventeen years for each one, I believe that each child now owes me at least seventeen years of their life in looking after me. Don't you think so? If that were the case, I can live and be dependent on them until I am 153 years of age. Luckily, and hopefully I won't live to that ripe old age and can depart any time now. There are nursing homes and retirement homes, but the children should never forget their obligations to their parents.

### Life Of Shinran Shonin: "Happy Birthday, To You... 841 Years Old"

I have been attending Hawaii Betsuin since the early 1970's, and for the first time in over forty years, I discovered a life-sized statue of Shinran Shonin, carved of cedar wood in the dark and dingy corner of the Nokotsudo on the ground floor. How many of you have seen it?

I saw a picture of Shinran Shonin in the ministers' office, and it is a picture of an old man with very long and thick silver colored eyebrows, and he certainly looks about ninety years old. In the main Hondo in the altar is a picture of Shinran Shonin, to the right side as you face the Buddha, and to the left is Rennyo Shonin. Needless to say, it is very difficult to see exactly how Shinran Shonin looks because his picture is placed in the background. Perhaps

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I need to have a pair of binoculars to see him closely.

The picture in the ministers' office did not impress me, and the picture in the Hondo is very difficult to see, so I went out to look at the statue which stands in the front of the temple, only to discover that it certainly needs a good wash, since it looks so dusty and dirty. However, I noticed that the statue is very impressive. To me, I felt as though no matter where I stood in front of the statue, Shinran Shonin kept looking at me. I noted that Shinran's name is nicely placed in the front of the statue, but there is no explanation of any kind.

Then, somehow, I heard that there was a statue of Shinran Shonin in the lower level of the Nokotsudo, so one Sunday, my friend and I ventured into the dark room. There was a stale stench as though there was no fresh air. We walked by several rows of niches and spotted the Obutsudan, and to its right was a life-sized statue of Shinran Shonin in a sitting position. When I approached the statue and examined his gentle face, I couldn't help but smile. He looked so kind and peaceful as he greeted me with a smile on his face.

Then, a thought came to my mind, "Why is Shinran Shonin, the founder of our Jodo Shinshu religion, sitting down in the "hole" ? Shouldn't all of the members who come to the temple see his life size statue? He certainly should be placed in another location. There is a very interesting history in how we acquired this statue, which has been sitting in Hawaii Betsuin for 52 years, since 1962. At the end of WW II when trade reopened between Japan and the USA, Mr. George S. Fujii was selected to be the first buyer

from America. He invited his 92 year old grandmother to go with him since she had never been back to Japan since she first arrived some fifty years ago, but her doctor advised against the trip because of her age and health. George asked her where she would have liked to visit and she replied that she wanted to visit the Founder's Hall at Nishi Hongwanji to worship before the image of Shinran Shonin.

Mr. Fujii contacted Professor Ryugyo Fujimoto of Ryukoku University regarding a statue of Shinran Shonin. He was then introduced to Mr. Kokushu Sano, a noted sculptor of Buddhist art, who undertook the project and spent many days visiting Nishi Hongwanji to meditate on Shinran's image and took photos of Shinran's face through telescopic lens and spent many days in Ryukoku University library doing research, before undertaking the project of sculpturing a life size statue of Shinran Shonin

On August 31, 1950, the statue arrived and Mr. Fujii had it delivered and placed in the Fujii home next to the family's Obutsudan. His grandmother was being discharged from the hospital on that day. Upon her arrival home Mrs. Fujii immediately began reciting the Nembutsu at the sight of the statue. Her family was overjoyed and relieved because during her hospitalization she had not spoken a single word. Mrs. Fujii died the following year, in 1951.

In 1961, George's father, Mr. Kichiji Fujii attended Shinran's 750th memorial anniversary, but suddenly took ill and rushed back to Hono-

lulu, where he soon died.

After Mr. Kichiji Fujii's death, the family contacted the Rev. Kakusho Izumi to decide what to do with the statue. The Rev. Izumi arranged a meeting with Bishop Zenyu Aoki, and they decided to donate this life size statue of Shinran Shonin, to Hawaii Betsuin in May, 1962.

Thus, the life like statue of Shinran Shonin has been at the Hawaii Betsuin for fifty-two years. Shinran Shonin was born on May 21, 1173 in Kyoto, Japan and died on January 16, 1263, at age 89 in Kyoto, Japan. He is the founder of Jodo Shinshu.

I do hope all of you will get to see his life like statue and truly appreciate our founder. May 21 is his birthday, so it is a fine time to celebrate.

### Have You Ever Wondered?

I learned to say, Namu Amida Butsu, but I often see it written Namo Amida Butsu. Is one correct or are they both correct? Ask any of your ministers for an answer.

### Mole's Joke:

A father mole came digging from underground and sniffed the air and said, "MMMM, I smell turkey". Soon after, mother mole came digging through the dirt and sniffed, and said, "mmmmm I smell delicious pie." Between the two of them the baby mole came digging out and sniffed and said, "I only smell molasses."

(Telling it orally, many didn't catch it, so I thought writing might help you.)



From the Executive Director, Stacy Bradshaw

## Rev. Toyokazu Hagio: The Minister with 3 Lives

In my effort to familiarize the membership with the ministers, I decided that this month, I would go and bug our newest minister, the Fuku-Rimban, Rev. Toyokazu Hagio.



Born in Kumamoto prefecture on the southern island of Kyuushu, Japan, Rev. Hagio had a precarious entrance into the world. Being breech, he came into the world feet first and in his words, "partially dead." With the umbilical cord wrapped around his neck, his mother's mid-wife quickly held him upside down, unwrapped the cord from his neck, and gave him a hard whack to get him to cry. He called this his "second birth." From then on his mother deemed him "not normal," and he grew up a bit spoiled, getting much more attention from his mother as compared to his older sister.

I was surprised to learn that Rev. Hagio is not from a temple family. His father was a farmer, growing such things as rice, fruits, and vegetables. His mother worked in a life insurance office and later owned and managed an apartment building. As a student at Nihon Daigaku (University) in Tokyo, Rev. Hagio planned to become a mechanical engineer, but at the age of 22 after his father's passing, his life changed.

At his father's 7th day service, he was perplexed and a bit upset by the minister's words, "Congratulations, your father is now a Buddha." Rev. Hagio went back to the minister to find out what he meant. The minister, Rev. Shodai, recalled that when the family had gotten together at his father's

bedside and his father expressed his appreciation to all of them for helping to take care of him, he ended with the words Namo Amida Butsu. Rev. Shodai explained to Rev. Hagio that his father was now in the Pure Land and had become one with Amida Buddha, thus, "Omedetou."

It is due to his father's devotion to the Jodo Shinshu teachings that Rev. Hagio became interested in Buddhism and quit his studies in his fourth year at Nihon Daigaku, and wanting to start anew, Rev. Hagio moved to Ryukoku University in Kyoto. He considers this a major turning point in his life, perhaps his "third birth?" He studied Buddhism and graduated with a degree in Philosophy. He said that although philosophy had appealed to him even at a young age, he spent many nights, contemplating life as many college students do, with a bottle of beer. He also continued to be mentored by Rev. Shodai during this time.

After graduating from Ryukoku University, Rev. Hagio was introduced to his wife, Junko, by Rev. Shodai in Kumamoto. In 1980, Rev. Hagio decided to become a Hawaii Kyodan minister. I asked him why he chose Hawaii and not the mainland US? Rev. Hagio said that he wanted to become a mediator to facilitate the spread of Buddhism. Over the past 2,000 years, Buddhism spread from India to China, China to Korea and then Korea to Japan. He felt it was only natural to come to Hawaii to spread the Dharma. He also ex-

plained that he likes Hawaii and described it as being like mixed juice. Although there are many different ethnicities in Hawaii, we all seem to meld together into our "local" culture (juice). The mainland, on the other hand, is more like a mixed salad where each vegetable retains its own identity and is separate from the other.



After spending a year in Hawaii, he returned to Japan in 1981 to get married to Junko and then came back to his duties in Hawaii after the wedding. Mrs. Hagio joined him in Hawaii in 1982 after receiving her green card. Since arriving in Hawaii, Rev. Hagio served at temples in Waialua, Honouliuli, Wailuku, Waipahu, Hilo, and now Hawaii Betsuin. He has two children. His daughter, Stephanie Satoe, is 29 years old and is currently working for an online network security company in California. His son, Austen Satoshi, is 24 years old and is working for Intel Corporation in Arizona.

When not working hard in the office, Rev. Hagio enjoys reading, watching sports on television and spending time with his friends. While he was growing up, Rev. Hagio was an avid baseball player and later did Judo in high school. Although he enjoys golfing, his schedule has yet to allow him to start playing again. He likes sushi, sashimi, and recently Japanese noodles although his favorite comfort foods are still the curry, croquettes, and chawanmushi his wife makes. Rev. Hagio also loves literature. During college,

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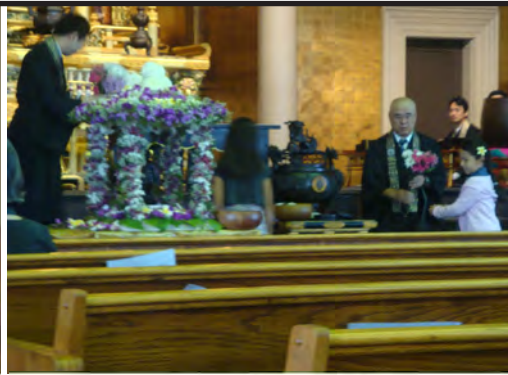
# Buddha Day Service

## April 13, 2014

Photo collage by Ruth Tokumi



M.C. Fusae Kiyokawa



Offering of Flowers by Dharma School Students



**Dharma Message**  
**"Today You are Born  
 as a Buddhist"**  
 by Rimban Tatsuo Muneto

**"Floral Festival" with congregation****Closing Nembutsu**

**Hawaii Betsuin Choir**  
**Co-Directors**  
**Mari Murakami & Megan Pascual**  
*"Say Namō Amida Butsu"*





## End of Life Committee to Start Discussion Groups

The End of Life Committee plans to expand the scope and focus of its program in response to requests by sangha members. Beginning in May, small group meetings are being planned to provide a unique opportunity for sharing experiences and concerns. Joel Merchant will be the facilitator for these meetings.

- Groups will be limited to 10 people, providing the opportunity to share stories and learn from each other.
- Each group will meet five times over an 8-10 week period, making it possible for members to discuss issues in depth, rather than limiting conversation to a single meeting.
- Groups will meet in a safe, comfortable, quiet, convivial setting to encourage serious, reflective conversations about important issues.
- Groups respect the idea of listening without judgment, as members make important decisions.

The goal of small group conversations: connect people and resources; review advance care planning; discuss family experience with elder care, hospice care, wills and trusts, advanced directives; create opportunities for participation; share responses to articles, books and videos; make choices and decisions about end-of-life issues and aging with dignity. A flyer with more details including contact information and registration will be sent to the local Hongwanji Temples at the end of April.

If you are interested, please inquire at your local Hongwanji Temple for more information.

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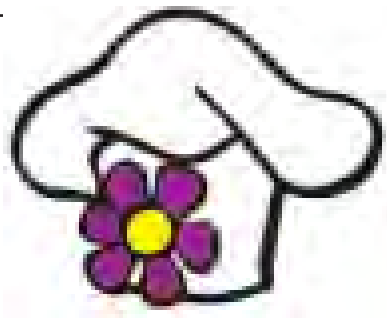
Rev. Hagio enjoyed reading foreign novels by Fyodor Dostoyevsky and Friedrich Nietzsche. In recent years he still enjoys reading foreign novels and books that talk about the daily lives of the Samurai.

Rev. Hagio also continues to be a good son. For the last three years, Rev. Hagio lived in Japan to help his older sister to care for their aging mother, who is now 92 years old. Being a nurse, Rev. Hagio's older sister is very strict on what their mother can eat as she is a diabetic. It was due to his older sister's frustration that Rev. Hagio decided to go back to Japan to take care of their mother. A cute saying Rev. Hagio created to help ease his mind as he secretly gave his mother a Japanese sweet (manju) is "Sen kono yasashi kotoba yori, ikko no manju." A simple translation of this saying is "one manju means more happiness than a thousand words of kindness." Knowing the joy one manju would bring to his mother, Rev. Hagio felt justified to overrule his sister's wishes.

Rev. Hagio's #1 philosophy in life is "living simple is best." We should not have too many attachments and should have just the right amount of things. At the Hawaii Betsuin, he hopes to help simplify some of the procedures that for years have been overly complicated but continue "because it has always been done that way." He also believes that communication and discussion can resolve conflict and misunderstanding. Rev. Hagio is a bright addition to the Betsuin's ministerial staff. Please don't hesitate to talk with him when you see him.

## Calling All Bakers!

Once again, the temple humbly asks for donations of baked goods for our 2014 bon dance to be held on Friday and Saturday, June 27 and 28, 2014.



Donations of cookies, brownies, party mix, finger snacks, etc are greatly appreciated. If pre-bagging your items, please label contents and bag according to at least a \$2 price point. (ie. bag 4 large cookies or 6-8 small ones). We will need baked goods for both Friday and Saturday nights.

Please bring your donations to the temple office during the week of the bon dance. All proceeds from the baked goods will go directly to the Hawaii Betsuin. Baked goods are always #1 in popularity and always the first thing to sell out, so please get out your favorite recipes and bake away. We truly appreciate the support!



## Project Dana Mourns Passing of Mrs. Shimeji Kanazawa

On April 7, 2014, the beloved founder of Project Dana, Mrs. Shimeji Kanazawa passed away at age 98. The following reflections about Mrs. Kanazawa are from Mrs. Rose Nakamura, co-founder of Project Dana:

Mrs. Shimeji Kanazawa personifies the importance of living life fully with meaning based on Buddhist and Japanese values. She has served as an active Board Member and Counselor in her later years for the Moiliili Hongwanji Mission and Advisor for the Moiliili Hongwanji's Buddhist Women's Association.

Known as Shim to everyone, she is Hawaii's original pioneer of aging issues. She has been advocating for programs and services that help our senior population for more than 45 years. She has led the Hawaii delegation to the White House Conference on Aging 3 times held once every ten years. She served as a member of the National Council on Aging, a body that advises the President and U.S. Senate on aging issues.

She has served in official leadership capacities with such organizations as Kuakini Medical Center as its first woman chair, Aloha United Way, American Red Cross, Hawaii Public Broadcasting Authority's Community Advisory Board, Director of Moiliili Community Center and the University of Hawaii's Center on Aging.

As a member of the Commission of Children and Youth under Gov. Quinn, she chaired a committee on "Family Life and Law" and together with Judge Betty Vitousek, worked with the legislature on the establishment of the Family Court System in Hawaii.

In 1990, Mrs. Kanazawa was bestowed a prestigious honorary Doctorate in Humane Letters from the University of

Hawaii. In 1999, she was selected as Living Treasure of the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii. She is the recipient of numerous other awards and accolades from local and national organizations.

Shim has served all of Hawaii's governors since Statehood in the development of aging policies and programs and is presently an honorary member of the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs- a post bestowed upon her for life by then Governor of Hawaii, Ben Cayetano as well as the present Governor Neil Abercrombie.

Shim founded Project Dana while serving as a Trustee and Treasurer of the National Federation of Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers, Inc. She chaired the Project Dana Advisory Council for 13 years and has a title



of Chair Emerita of Project Dana.

For the work that Shim did during World War II as a liaison between the Japanese civilian population as the U.S. Military, Shim has been called the "Florence Nightingale of Hawaii."

At age 98, "A Heart of Gold" best describes this woman, who devoted her life to better Hawaii's communities.

Services for Mrs. Kanazawa will be held at the Hawaii Betsuin on Monday, May 5, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.; visitation will be at 5:00 p.m..

## Attention all... and we mean "ALL" Dharma School Alumnae!

You're Invited to the HHJB Dharma School Reunion  
Lunch!



June 1, 2014  
from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.  
in the Social Hall!

(Mark your calendars  
details will be available)



## BOY SCOUT TROOP 49

## Taste of Hongwanji Spring Bazaar

Douglas Yanagihara, Troop 49 Boy Scout

The Taste of Hongwanji Spring Bazaar on Sunday, March 30th, turned out to be another successful event on a sunny day, despite a weather forecast of strong to severe thunderstorms, frequent lightning, flash flooding and strong gusty winds through the weekend. The only mishap occurred on Saturday afternoon when two tents flipped over after an intense downpour of rain and gusts of wind. We were surprised that this hap-

pened even though the tents were secured to the mock orange hedge and also to concrete blocks.

The crowds at the food booth were not as heavy as in previous years perhaps because people were cautious about the forecasted bad weather conditions. There was still a huge crowd of people at the rummage sale in the Social Hall. In the Annex Hall, a slate of performances included the Dharma School Taiko, songs by the Ministers of Hawaii Betsuin, hula by students of Kumu Hula Candy Pollack, acoustic performances by PBA students Brandon Nitta and Vivek Gurung, musical performances by Hongwanji Mission School students, and



Boy Scout Food Booth

finally topped off with a grand finale by the famous local band Manoa DNA. A kendama contest also took place where Troop 49 Boy Scout, Jarret Furuta, was the grand prize winner.



Kendama Contest Winners

## Hike from Pali Lookout to Hoomaluhia Camp



On Saturday March 22, 2014, Boy Scouts of Troop 49 met at the Pali Lookout to embark on a wet hike to our campsite at Kahua Lehua at Hoomaluhia. Most of the trail was paved and it was downhill, so the four mile hike was completed in just about three hours. Since the Scouts had only their brown bag lunches to eat on the trail, they were starving way before dinner time. The hungry boys cooked teriyaki chicken for dinner and made peach cobbles in Dutch ovens for dessert. This time the Dutch oven cooking was

more successful than the previous attempt cooking with them.

Coincidentally, the Pack 49 Cub Scouts were also camping at Hoomaluhia at the Kahua Nui campsite, which is located some distance away from the Kahua Lehua campsite. Their activities included earning the wildlife conservation and fishing belt loops, catch and release fishing, and slip and slide in the afternoon, followed by doing skits and making s'mores by the campfire.





## 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.

### Betsuin Cultural Activities May 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 10 am Flower Arrng. 1:30 pm Sahm Bo Dahn 5:30 pm Choir Practice 6-8 pm Judo 7 pm Ballroom	2 9 am Project Dana Dance 9 am Sumie	3 9:00 – 11:00 am Judo  1 pm Taichi
4 8:00 Rev. Tomioka 9:00 Rev. Hojo 10:00 Rev. Hagio 1:00 Rev. Hojo	5 9:00 am – 1:30 pm Rhythm & Life	6 9:00 am – 1:30 pm Rhythm & Life 9:30 am Shodo Class  6:00 – 8:00 pm Judo	7 9 am Japanese Class 9 am Wednesday Grp 1 pm Flower Arrangement 7 pm Meditation	8 10 am Flower Arrangement 1:30 pm Sahm Bo Dahn 5:30 pm Choir Practice 6-8 pm Judo	9 9 am Project Dana Dance 9 am Sumie	10 9:00 – 11:00 am Judo  1 pm Taichi
11 8:00 Rev. Muneto 9:00 Rev. Tomioka 10:00 Rev. Kaufmann 1:00 Rev. Muneto	12 9:00 am – 1:30 pm Rhythm & Life	13 9:00 am – 1:30 pm Rhythm & Life  6:00 – 8:00 pm Judo	14 9 am Japanese Class 9 am Wednesday Grp 1 pm Flower Arrangement 7 pm Meditation	15 10 am Flower Arrangement 1:30 pm Sahm Bo Dahn 5:30 pm Choir Practice 6-8 pm Judo 7 pm Ballroom	16 9 am Project Dana Dance 9 am Sumie	17 9:00 – 11:00 am Judo 1 pm Taichi 7 pm Gotan-E Candle- light Service Rev. Jay Okamoto
18 <b>Gotan-E</b> 8:00 Rev. Okamoto 9:30 Rev. Okamoto 1:00 Rev. Muneto	19 9:00 am – 1:30 pm Rhythm & Life	20 9:00 am – 1:30 pm Rhythm & Life 9:30 am Shodo Class 6:00 – 8:00 pm Judo	21 9 am Japanese Class 9 am Wednesday Grp 1 pm Flower Arrangement 7 pm Meditation	22 10 am Flower Arrangement 1:30 pm Sahm Bo Dahn 5:30 pm Choir Practice 6-8 pm Judo 7 pm Ballroom	23 9 am Project Dana Dance 9 am Sumie	24 9:00 – 11:00 am Judo  1 pm Taichi
25 8:00 Rev. Hagio 9:00 Dharma School Teachers 10:00 Rev. Muneto 1:00 Rev. Tomioka	26 <b>Memorial Day</b>	27 9:00 am – 1:30 pm Rhythm & Life  6:00 – 8:00 pm Judo	28 9 am Japanese Class 9 am Wednesday Grp 1 pm Flower Arrangement 7 pm Meditation 7pm Bon Dancercize	29 10 am Flower Arrangement 1:30 pm Sahm Bo Dahn 5:30 pm Choir Practice 6-8 pm Judo 7 pm Ballroom	30 9 am Project Dana Dance 9 am Sumie	31 9:00 – 11:00 am Judo  1 pm Taichi

May Day is Lei Day  
in Hawaii Nei!

## Hongwanji Radio Programs MAY 2014

KZOO 1210 AM  
Japanese Language  
Saturday at 7:30 AM

- 3 Rev. Tomo Hojo
- 10 Rev. Satoshi Tomioka
- 17 Ret. Rev. Thomas Okano
- 24 Rev. Jay Okamoto
- 31 Rev. Hiromi Kawaji (R)

## Betsuin Services Adult English Services 9:30 am Service

- 18 Gotan-e Combined Services  
Rev. Jay Okamoto

### 10am Services

- 4 Rev. Toyokazu Hagio
- 11 Rev. Arthur Kaufmann
- 25 Rev. Tatsuo Muneto

## Dharma School Service 9am

- 4 Rev. Tomo Hojo
- 11 Rev. Satoshi Tomioka
- 18 9:30 Gotan-e Comb. Services  
Rev. Jay Okamoto
- 25 Dharma School Teachers

## Nursing Home Services

- 1 Hale Nani  
Rev. Muneto  
Hale Ho Aloha  
Rev. Kaufmann
- 8 Maluhia  
Rev. Tomioka  
Liliha Rev. Hojo
- 9 Hale Pulama Mau  
Rev. Kaufmann
- 22 Nuuanu Hale Rev. Hagio
- 23 Leahi Rev. Hagio

# In Memoriam FEBRUARY & MARCH 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

## FEBRUARY 2014

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|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 2 ARUGA, Haruo (83)             | 16 OKADA, Toichi "Putt Putt" (91) |
| 7 ASAO, Pamela Itsuye (66)      | 18 SATO, Moses Yutaka (94)        |
| 7 NAKAMURA, Willaim Tsuneo (81) | 20 POWELL, Mitsuko (81)           |
| 8 MASUDA, Tsuneo (98)           | 21 UMEBAYASHI, Merle Tatsuno (90) |
| 9 FUJIO, Nelson Muneo (64)      | 22 KOJIMA, Sumiyo (87)            |
| 12 ANSAI, Violet Kazuko (84)    | 22 TAKATO, Tsuyako (94)           |
| 14 ITO, Tsunako N. (78)         | 24 HOSAKA, Dr. Vincent H. (62)    |
| 15 OYE, Aiko (89)               | 24 KAWANA, Gladys                 |
| 15 FUKUSHIMA SATSUDA, Masako    | 26 HEDANI, Hazel Kazue (95)       |
| 16 NAKATA, Dorothy Sumiko (95)  | 26 NISHIDA, Toshiaki (94)         |

## MARCH 2014

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|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 2 KAYA, Hazel Kikuno (85)             | 20 NAKAI, Sadako (89)          |
| 2 YAMADA, Stanley Kenso (77)          | 21 MASHINO, Nancy Chiyo (94)   |
| 4 ICHINOSE, Florence Yoshino (101)    | 23 UWONO, Richard Tsugimi (90) |
| 5 HONDA, Takeo (85)                   | 24 TERUYA, Alice Akiko (96)    |
| 12 OKASE, Kaneo (92)                  | 25 TOKUMARU, Charles Yuji (82) |
| 13 RENTI CRUZ, Colten Yukio (10-days) | 30 YOSHIDA, George Takao (90)  |
| 14 KUROSAWA, Sidney Katsuto (77)      | 31 NAKAMOTO, Larry Bunji (89)  |
| 18 KATAYAMA, Mildred Tatsuko (92)     | 31 NITTA, Dorothy Yukiko (96)  |
| 19 NOMURA, Herbert Shigeru (85)       |                                |

## 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



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