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2015 Slogan:

Embrace Change:
Awareness:

(Seek Opportunities)

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Hawaii Betsuin to Observe Gotan-e Service

The Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin cordially invites its members and friends to attend Gotan-E services to commemorate the birth of our founder, Shinran Shonin. Two services are scheduled; one on Saturday, May 17, 2015 at 7:00 PM and a combined service on Sunday, May 18, 2015 at 9:30AM.

Shinran Shonin was born on May 21, 1173 in Kyoto. At that time, Buddhism was only accessible to those in the aristocratic circle and to monks. There were a series of wars, famines, and natural disasters, which resulted in people suffering and dying. With Buddhism excluding ordinary people, they were left with the suffering and believed they could not be saved.



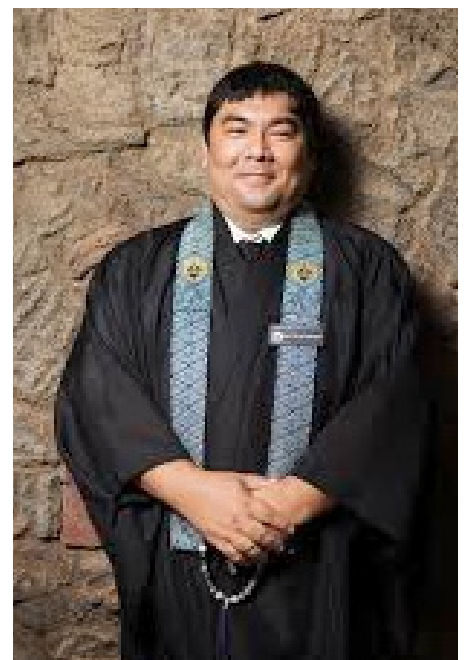
Shinran Shonin brought the light to those people. Amida Buddha's Compassion to save all beings without discrimination finally was made available to ordinary people by Shinran Shonin's effort. Today, over 800 years later, that background of Jodo Shin Buddhism, what Shinran Shonin did for the ordinary people, has to be remembered by each of us.

On the occasion of the 2015 Hawaii Betsuin Gotan-e Services, please take this precious opportunity to rejoice in the power of Amida's Compassion by attending the services with your family and friends.

The guest speaker will be Rev. David Fujimoto.

Meet Our Speaker, the Rev. David Fujimoto

Rev. David Fujimoto was born in Honolulu, Hawai'i. He graduated from Hongwanji Mission School and Farrington High School. He earned a Bachelor's Degree in Psychology from the University of Hawai'i and a Master's in Buddhist Studies from the Institute of Buddhist Studies. Rev. Fujimoto received his Tokudo Ordination in September 2007, Kyoshi in December 2010, and Kaikyoshi in August 2011. He was the Assistant to the Director of the Buddhist Study Center, Assistant Chaplain of Pacific Buddhist Academy, and Associate Minister at Honpa Hongwanji Hilo Betsuin. Currently, he is the resident minister at Puna Hongwanji Mission as well as overseeing minister of Pahala



Hongwanji and Na'alehu Hongwanji. Please don't miss this wonderful opportunity to listen his message!

Rimban's Column:



Hawaii Betsuin will be trying a new format for this year's Bon Mairi (Bon Service) Week in July. With the increase of fami-

lies joining our combined Hatsubon and Bon Mairi Services, the Ministers and Temple Administration decided to increase the number of combined services, spreading them throughout the weekends in July. Private Hatsubon and Bon Mairi services will continue to be available, but unlike past years, families will need to make advanced

"Important Notice:

Change in Format for 2015 Bon Mari Week"

Rev. Tatsuo Muneto

reservations with the temple office. We also recommend reservations for the combined services in order to expedite the check-in process prior to each service. However, we will accept walk-ins.

We hope that this new format with the increase in combined services will give our members and their families more options in making arrangements

for their important Bon Service.

Again, reservations for the combined services are recommended, though we will take walk-ins for each service. Reservations for private Bon family services in July and August will be taken by appointment as usual. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact the temple's business office.

The dates for the new Bon Mairi formatCombined Bon Mairi Services:

July 11 (Saturday): 10 am & 6 pm

July 18 (Saturday): 10 am & 6 pm

July 25 (Saturday): 10 am & 6 pm

July 26 (Sunday): 5 pm

Combined Hatsubon (First Bon) Services:

July 12 (Sunday): 5 pm

July 19 (Sunday): 5 pm

**GOJI**

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DHARMA DISCUSSION REMINDER!**Topic: "Source of Wisdom for Modern Living"**
"Finding the Essential: How to live a life true for yourself"

The sessions will be held on Fridays, May 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29, 2015, 7:00-8:30 pm at Annex Temple.

For more information,

contact Rev. Tatsuo Muneto, Rimban (536-7044) or Alan Goto, Buddhist Education Chair (531-6429).

Rev. Shigenori Makino will explore such major topics of Shoshinge as Single Mindedness, Pure Aspiration and True Entrusting. There will be discussion sessions on

* Finding the Essential: How to live a life true for yourself.

* This sentence signifies a teaching of "Essentialism" expounded by Greg McKeown, which is to discern the trivial many from the vital few.

Dharma Message : Make A Wish Come True

Since I got a driver's license and a car, I have often been eating out. Recently, I checked my weight and the scale says "195" pounds. I gained 30 pounds in a year! So, I decided to try not to go to eat out often and try to cook by myself at home.

While I was cooking, I realized I use a large amount of salt and black pepper in dishes because I have gotten accustomed to the taste of salt in Hawaii. I realized that my mother used only a small amount of salt/shoyu in her cooking. If young people get used to eating salty, oily food, they will keep on wanting that as a habit even after they grow up. Our eating habits at a young age surely have an influence on our future health. My mother has been cooking for me with a wish for me, a wish for good health at each meal. When I was a teenager, I liked to eat instant cup noodles on weekends but mother didn't allow me to do so. Instead, she made tomato spaghetti for me. In those days I complained to her but now I know that her wish for me was

my health, well being and good eating habits. Now that I realize her wish, that wish is blooming in my life.

This fact brings an awakening to me... that we, ourselves, have a wish each time we do something for others. Recently, many of my friends and acquaintances have become parents. As parents, they feed, change diapers, and so forth with a wish for their children. A life embraced by the wish is shining, and a child receiving the wish is living a precious and beautiful life.

Then, I thought to myself, "Did I realize my mother's and other people's wishes for me and have I been doing things with a wish for others?" It's a wonder that I have never done things with this idea in my 27 years of life. This fact surprised me and at the same time it made me appreciate the fact that I am the recipient of other people's good wishes and I show my Mahalo for those people.

I would like to share the joy of being embraced by wishes. We know there are

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many parents, children and families who don't feel these kinds of wishes and feel lonely that their lives may even seem meaningless. I want to share my wish for such people.



Even when we have a wish for others, sometimes we add too much of our own desires into it and that may put unnecessary pressure on children. That is, parents' wishes are limited wishes. However, when we are awakened to the Buddha's great compassion, the Buddha's wish will nurture and guide our lives. It embraces everyone and everything with a great love. Let us listen to The Wish with our whole hearts and strive to respond to The Wish. Then, we will find the way of living our lives most meaningfully guided by The Wish. My life is full of other's wishes; your lives are full of other's wishes.

Jodo Shinshu Correspondence Course

Almost 800 years have passed since Shinran revealed the teaching of Jodo Shinshu (Shin Buddhism) in Japan, following the path of Sakyamuni and other masters in India, China and Japan. The teaching, with deep reflection on human existence and the realization of dynamic Dharma, has fascinated many people around the world.

Thus, the practice of Jodo Shinshu does not remain solely in Japan, but has expanded to Hawaii, North America, South America, Asia, Europe, Australia and Africa. More people are learning about Jodo Shinshu through ministers' activities, publications and the internet. As one response to their growing interest, we have established a correspondence course providing them, especially those who do not have access to temples nearby, with basic knowledge of Jodo Shinshu.

In addition, this correspondence course also aims to provide those who have already joined Jodo Shinshu temples as members, with opportunities to deepen their understanding. This is achieved through Internet Communication with instructors regarding specific topics related to Jodo Shinshu and Buddhism in general. The

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Mark your calendar!
May 3rd

Betsuin BWA News

Fujiko Motobu

THANK YOU,
MUCHAS GRACIAS,
ARIGATOGOZAIMASU

Thank you to the BWA members, friends, and relatives who did a tremendous job, preparing for the bazaar's thrift shop and some of the food items. The unselfish help given by so many people, in spite of their busy schedule, exemplify our special organization. Even with the heavy rain, the bazaar was a great affair. We hope enough income was derived from this event.

Thank you to all. Namo Amida Butsu.

CRANES, CRANES,
CRANES.....THANK YOU,
THANK YOU, THANK YOU.

Thank you to all of the kind, agile, talented, and sometimes anonymous people who have been folding paper cranes so diligently for Honokaa Hongwanji to send to Hiroshima and Nagasaki on their 70th atomic bomb anniversary in August. To date, we have sent to Honokaa approximately 50,000 cranes.

199,000 people were killed in those two devastating atomic blasts some 70 years ago. There are still survivors of that bomb today, but survival has not been all that easy for them. Many of them had numerous operations performed. The survivors are all old, with illnesses, and yet try to live a life of the Nembutsu and are always cheerful and appreciate life. For those of us who were spared those experiences we should be very grateful. Life is indeed very precious.

BWA CALENDAR OF EVENTS: MAY

Sat. May 2	Hosha.....Hondo
Sun. May 3	BWA Mini Market
Sat. May 9	BWA Executive board meeting 10 am
Fri.-Sun. May 29-31	BWA World Convention in Calgary, Canada

GOTAN E: SHINRAN SHONIN'S BIRTHDAY, MAY 21

Shakyamuni Buddha's birthday, Hanamatsuri, is April 8th. Jesus's birthday, Christmas, is December 25th. I wondered why we don't have a big celebration for Shinran Shonin's birthday. I attend the Gotan-e service every year, but I kept on thinking that it was his memorial service. The Japanese words, Hoonko and Gotan-e never took root in my brain. What have I been listening to all these years? Or have I ever listened?

Perhaps aging is a good thing, for when I realize that life is short for me, I begin to think of things more seriously. I want to find answers to the many questions that I have. I have also realized that many people who attend the services are very well versed and knowledgeable about our Jodo Shinshu teachings, for they have listened well. Perhaps I ought to get rid of my "iji" and learn to live a humble and appreciative life by relying on the Nembutsu. Happy Birthday, Shinran Shonin!

GRADUATION TIME

The month of May is graduation time for many students. The Hawaii

Betsuin BWA honors all the students who study hard and accomplish their school tasks. We honor the graduates from PBA, the eighth graders from Mission School, graduates from Fort Gakuen(Japanese Language) School as well as the graduates from Dharma School.

Our token of congratulations takes the form of plaques and gift certificates for their hard work and accomplishments. Congratulations to all the students - from the ladies of the BWA.

HUMOR FOR YOUR BRAIN

A doctor examines a cowboy with back problems and asks if he's had any recent accidents. "Nope," replies the cowboy. "That's odd." Says the doctor. "I thought a cowboy's job was pretty dangerous." "It sure is," replies the cowboy. "Last week I was kicked by a mule, thrown by a mustang, and bit by a snake." "You don't call those accidents?" asks the doctor. "No sir," replies the cowboy. "Those varmints done it on purpose."

News From the Dharma School

Dharma “Talk” by the Preschool Class on Sunday, March 19

Debbie Kubota

The Dharma School sangha was thoroughly entertained on Sunday, March 19, when the Preschool class, led by Mrs. Laura Nakasone, Mrs. Faith Takenaka and Ms. Doris Fujiwara, sang four fun songs for their Dharma “talk.”

The preschoolers started with “Buddha Loves You,” which included the motions and gestures to imitate a bird, dog, cat and fish. The children were very animated when singing “If You’re Happy and You Know It,” which included clapping hands, stomping feet and turning around. They shared valuable lessons about kindness and compassion toward others as they sang



a song called “Golden Rule.” It was fun to see them wave red, orange, yellow, purple, blue and green shapes when singing “Rainbows Rock.”

The students did a fantastic job singing, moving, dancing and teaching us as part of their Dharma “talk.” Mahalo nui loa to all of the students, their parents, grandparents and teachers for this wonderful performance!



Calendar Committee Invites Sangha Members To Submit Art Work

The HHMH Calendar Committee would like to invite the Hongwanji members and friends to provide creative works of art for the 2016 Hongwanji Calendar. The official announcement from the Calendar Committee is forthcoming. Please encourage each other and your various temple organizations to start thinking about ideas to submit your works of art such as photos, drawings, and poems. The Hongwanji theme and Slogan for the year 2016 is “Embrace Change: New Vision (Create Engagement)”.

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correspondence course takes on a new challenge and plays an important role in transmitting the teaching to all people who are interested in Jodo Shinshu.

Registration period for the Fall 2015 Enrollment will be from May 1 to August 15, 2015. For more information, please go to <http://jscc.cbe-bca.org/>.



BOY SCOUT TROOP 49

2015 Hongwanji Spring Bazaar

Many hard working affiliates of Honpa Hongwanji Betsuin made this year's Spring Bazaar, held on Sunday March 29, 2015, a successful event. Although there were passing showers early in the morning, it cleared up and sales were brisk. The BWA rummage sale is always a popular attraction. Community service organizations-City and County of Honolulu Elderly Affairs Division, Family Promise, Kuakini Adult Care Service and Pearl City Hongwanji Adult Care Service - showcased displays and distributed informational brochures. The slate of

performances in the Annex Hall included Dharma School Taiko, Hongwanji Mission School Japanese Kindergarten class, Lion Dance by Kong's Siu Lum Pai Association, Ministers of Hawaii Betsuin and a song from the Ohana Arts Production, Peace on Your Wings. A variety of wonderful items and tasty products were sold by Kailua, Moili'ili and Pearl City Hongwanji. KC Drive Inn waffle hot dogs, peanut butter shakes, shaved ice and drinks were

Douglas Yanagihara, Troop 49 Boy Scout



available at the Hongwanji Mission School booth. The Betsuin Board of Directors were in charge of the produce, BWA tsukemono and li hing pineapple. The Pacific Buddhist Academy Buddhist Club prepared a delicious shoyu pork bowl. The Girl Scout Daisies featured baked goods and Maunakea Specialty Breads. The Dharma school handled the preparation and sales of Hoku's BBQ chicken and BWA chirashi and maki sushi. The Boy Scouts cooked Okahara fried noodles, grilled teri burgers and served Herb Yasukochi's beef stew and Rodney Tamamoto's sparerib daikon soup. Many children and even adults tried their hand at a popular cup stacking game, where a Hongwanji Mission School student won the grand prize trophy. This year's Spring Bazaar was surely an action packed day.



Kuli'ou'ou and Ho'omaluhia

On a peaceful Saturday morning on March 21, 2015, the Boy Scouts of Troop 49 met at the Board of Water Supply gate at the end of Kala'au Place for a hike on the Kuli'ou'ou Ridge Trail. There was some excitement when several police officers arrived at the site to scold the parents for parking in the "No Parking" area of the cul-de-sac as a neighbor had called in a complaint. When we started the hike it was not raining at all; however, after we had hiked for around an hour, it started to pour heavily. Fortunately, the rain ceased altogether after a short while, and it did not rain for the remainder of the camp. Although the trail was not very long, approximately 5 miles round trip, it was very steep in certain areas where the erosion is held back by recycled plastic lumber steps staked into the side of the hill. The trail traverses through an assortment of exotic vegetation typical of arid areas; Christmas berry, haole koa, Formosa koa, ironwood, Norfolk pine and guava. Along the way, there was a scenic view of Hahaione Valley and Hawaii Kai. At the summit, we expected an almost 360 degree view of the island; however, we could barely see anything, except glimpses of Waimanalo through the fog. CONTINUED ON PAGE 7



Colin Kubota Awarded Scholarship from the National Football Foundation

Twelve seniors statewide have been named scholarship recipients of the National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame, Inc., the Hawaii chapter announced.

The recipients are: Farrington's Bryce Tatupu-Leopoldo and Breiden Fehoko; Iolani's Tyler Teruya and Kamuela Borden; Punahou's Kanawai Noa and Maa-veave Malaesaili Petaia; **Kailua's Colin Kubota**; St. Anthony's Grayson Nolette; Lahainaluna's Connor Mowat; University High's Tsubasa Brennan; Kamehameha's Noah Crabbe; and McKinley's Alexander Wong.

The scholar athletes and their families will be honored at a banquet 11:30 a.m. April 26 at the Royal Hawaiian Hotel's Monarch Room. Keynote speaker will be former University of Hawaii football coach June Jones. Congratulations, Colin!



Congratulations to Troop 49 Eagle Scout, Douglas Yanagihara

Douglas was recently awarded the Fred Trotter Eagle Scholarship. He is a member of Hongwanji Dharma School and earned the Boy Scout Sangha Religious award under the guidance of Mr Alan Kubota. Douglas also writes for the Goji. Way to Go, Douglas!



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After walking back down the trail, we found a relatively flat area where we set up our tents for the night. We had trail food for our meals, with dinner consisting of beef jerky, trail mix and granola bars and breakfast consisting of Clementine tangerines, Rice Crispy bars and Pop Tarts. The Scoutmaster recommended those of us participating in the 50-mile Big Island hike in June to attend this hike/camp in preparation.

Cub Scout Pack 49 had a camp at Ho'omaluhia Botanical Garden from March 20 to 22, 2015. In the morning, the Scouts earned the Wildlife Conservation and Fishing belt loops. While participating in the catch and release fishing at the reservoir, the Scouts got drenched in a huge downpour but still managed to catch a few tilapia and Midas cichlids. During the afternoon, the Scouts earned the Geology belt loop so that they can teach other Scouts at the upcoming Makahiki scouting event. The main event was the campfire which started off with skits where the Scouts really got into their characters, jokes/riddles told by the Scouts, and of course, roasting marshmallows to make s'mores.



**Hongwanji
Radio Programs
MAY 2015
KZOO 1210 AM
Japanese Language
Saturday at 7:30 AM**

- 2 Rev. Yuika Hasebe
- 9 Rimban Tatsuo Muneto
- 16 Rev. Toyokazu Hagio
- 23 Rev. Satoshi Tomioka
- 30 Rev. Hiromi Kawaji

Betsuin Services

Asaji Service 8 am

- 03 Rev. Satoshi Tomioka
- 10 Rev. Toyokazu Hagio
- 17 Rev. Tatsuo Muneto
- 24 Rev. Toyokazu Hagio
- 31 Rev. Yuika Hasebe

**Adult English Services
10:00 AM**

Adult English Services 10am

- 03 Rev. Tatsuo Muneto
- 10 Rev. Satoshi Tomioka
- 17 **Gotan-e** Combined Service
9:30 am Rev. David Fujimoto
- 24 Rev. Arthur Kaufmann
- 31 Rev. Toyokazu Hagio

**Dharma School
Service 9 AM**

- 03 Rev. Arthur Kaufmann
- 10 Rev. Yuika Hasebe
- 17 **Gotan-e** Combined service
9:30 am/Rev. David Fujimoto
- 24 Rev. Tatsuo Muneto
- 31 Dharma School Teacher

In Memoriam



MARCH 2015

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

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| 3 KIMURA, May Satsuki (88) | 19 NISHIMURA, Vivian Chiseko (91) |
| 5 MITSUNAGA, Loretta Motome (91) | 20 UDA, Brian Yoshimitsu (57) |
| 7 NISHIYAMA, Yukie (93) | 21 SAITO, Nancy Natsue (91) |
| 8 TSUMOTO, Laura Masae (94) | 22 ANAMIZU, Haruye (94) |
| 11 HIGASHI, Blackie Akio (89) | 26 TAKAYAMA, Kimiko (92) |
| 12 FUJISE, Alan Hajime (70) | 26 TATSUTA, Betty Hideko (94) |
| 14 FUJIOKA, Masao (90) | 29 UENO, Harold Ariyoshi (82) |
| 18 OMORI, Walter Kunitoshi (98) | 29 INOUE, Betty Tsuyako (92) |
| 18 TADA, Tetsuo (98) | |

2015 Memorial Service Schedule

2015 is the memorial year for those who passed away in:

2014 – 1 year	2003 – 13 year	1983 – 33 year
2013 – 3 year	1999 – 17 year	1966 – 50 year
2009 – 7 year	1991 – 25 year	1916 – 100 year

Nursing Home Services

- 07 Hale Nani – Rev. Hagio
- Hale Ho Aloha – Rev. Muneto
- 08 Hale Pulama Mau – Rev. Hasebe
- 14 Maluhia – Rev. Hasebe
- Liliha – Rev. Kaufmann
- 22 Leahi – Rev. Tomioka
- 28 Nuuanu Hale – Rev. Kaufmann



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