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Monthly Newsletter of the Aiea Hongwanji Mission Embrace Change - Action (Open Communications)

EVENTS OF MARCH 2017

Mar 2	Thu	9:00am	Aiea BWA meeting/Hongwanji Day
Mar 5	Sun	8:30-2pm	O'ahu Hongwanji Council Sangha Day at Aiea /no service
Mar 5	Sun	2:00pm	United of O'ahu Jr. YBA Meeting at Aiea
Mar 6	Mon	7:30pm	Aiea Senior Young Buddhists Association meeting in office
Mar 10	Fri	7:00pm	Affirmation Rites (Kie-Shiki) at Mililani Hongwanji
Mar 12	Sun	8:00am	Quarterly Temple Beautification Day/no service
Mar 12	Sun	noon	115th Anniversary Committee mtg
Mar 13	Mon	7:00pm	O'ahu Hongwanji Council meeting at Aiea
Mar 14	Tue		Preschool CPK Fundraiser
Mar 14-15	Tue-Wed		Ryokoku University-BSC Spring Seminar (Prof Naoki Nabeshima)
Mar 19	Sun	9:00am	Buddhist Dedication Day (Spring Higan-Equinox Service)
Mar 19	Sun	10:30am	Preschool Committee meeting
Mar 19	Sun	noon	Lay Convention Planning Committee meeting at Aiea
Mar 20-24	Mon-Fri		Preschool Spring Break
Mar 21	Tue	6:00pm	Aiea Hongwanji Mission Board of Directors' Dinner Meeting
Mar 26	Sun	9:00am	Service and Dharma School
Mar 26	Sun	11:00am	Lotus Committee meeting
Mar 31	Fri		Honzan Dento Hokoku Hoyo (Accession Ceremony in Kyoto)

HIGHLIGHTS OF APRIL 2017

Apr 2	Sun		Hawaii Buddhist Council Buddha Day Service/no service at Aiea
Apr 2	Sun	11:30am	United of O'ahu Jr. YBA Meeting at Mililani
Apr 6	Thu	9:00am	Aiea BWA meeting
Apr 8	Sat		Buddha Day HOLIDAY for Minister
Apr 9	Sun	9:00am	Aiea Hanamatsuri Service
Apr 9	Sun	11:00am	Preschool Committee Meeting
Apr 14-15	Fri-Sat		YESS Camp
Apr 16, 30	Sun	9:00am	Service and Dharma School
Apr 18	Tue	7:00pm	Aiea Hongwanji Mission Board of Directors' Meeting
Apr 23	Sun	9:00am	Eshinni Day Service (Shinran Shonin's wife)/ <i>BWA Craft Sale</i>
Apr 23	Sun	noon	Lay Convention Planning Committee meeting at Waipahu
Apr 30	Sun	9:00am	Service and Dharma School

Aloha Members and Friends Please Save the Date!

- Sangha Day is this Sunday, March 5, 2017 at Aiea Hongwanji. We anticipate a good time for all on this day of District Fellowship and Fun.
- Beautification Day is Sunday, March 12. Please come and help us keep Aiea Hongwanji clean. This quarter the Lotus Adult Day Care is our focus. Lunch will be served.
- The Hawaii State Federation of Lay Associations will be holding its annual convention this year on O'ahu. In fact, it will be here at Aiea! The dates are September 8-10, 2017.
- The 115th Anniversary Celebration for Aiea Hongwanji Mission will be on October 14-15, 2017.

**NEED THE
ASSISTANCE OF
THE MINISTER?**

**Please call Rev.
Kosho Yagi at
488-5685
(residence), or
487-2626 (office).
If he is not
available, leave a
message on the
answering
machine.**

**For religious
emergencies
(Makuragyo or
bedside
services), please
call Rev. Yagi on
his cell phone,
364-2825.**

**Temple
President,
Warren
Tamamoto, is
also available for
assistance. His
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Minister's Message



Lady Kujō Takeko* said that the world that comes to be revealed through one's religious belief is called the realm of *Ichinyo no Ai* (lit., "love of oneness"). It is where hearts and minds interact, assimilate and become one, and respect and love each other. [Furthermore,] unless you are born into (awaken to) this world of love of oneness where both oneself and others [mutually] benefit, then it is impossible to break free from the world of conflict and fighting. Here, if the word "love" is replaced with "compassion," then it is possible to even more deeply comprehend Lady Kujō's message.

In the realm of truth, the power that surpasses all others and whose working is inherent in everything and without limit is called Other Power, and Shinran Shonin is the person who referred to this as the power of the Primal Vow. Shinran Shonin also clarified that the power of the Primal Vow, which is comes from the great compassion of Amida Tathagata, ought to also be known as *ichinyo no ai*. Despite this, I am in the midst of my own self-centered desires and agony, and since I am so strongly fixated on my own "self," it is difficult for me to break free from my bonds. It is because of this that Lady Kujō expressed deep sadness that human beings are all destined for hell. This sadness, however, is not mere pessimism. This is the view by a person who has received the heart of true entrusting from the tathagata and is looking deeply at the true situation of human beings. She explained that this sadness is the agony of being a human, and while we carry this agony with us, the world of love of oneness, where everyone is equal, opens us to us. It is quite apparent that Lady Kujō's religious belief enabled her to live in the realm of *ichinyo no ai* while carrying the sadness and agony of being a human.

Lady Kujō's eye for seeing human beings and the world may be said to be quite intellectual, but her intellect led her to realize the realm of *ichinyo no ai*.

She was a genuine and beautiful person who had a very kind and warm heart. In regard to religious belief, when it is thought that there is a problem concerning oneself, the tendency for most people is to close their eyes and shut themselves off from society and the outside world, but for Lady Kujō, her eyes were always looking both inwardly at her own self and outwardly at the world.

[Note] Kujō Takeko (九条 武子, October 20, 1887 – February 7, 1928) was a humanitarian and founder of the Buddhist Women's Association in order to promote the status and solidarity of Buddhist women in Japan, and later overseas.

Biography

Kujō was born in Kyoto as the daughter of Ōtani Kōson (Myōnyo), the 21st hereditary head of the Jōdo Shinshū branch of Japanese Buddhism. Her elder brother, Ōtani Kōzui was the 22nd head of the sect, and a noted explorer of Central Asia, while another brother, was Ōtani Sonyu, was a politician who served in the House of Peers in the Diet of Japan. Her mother was a secondary wife, and the daughter of a samurai from Kii Domain. She was educated at the predecessor to the Kyoto Women's University.

In 1903, on the death of her father, she came into the care of her brother Kozui. Her public life began during the Russo-Japanese War of 1904-1905, when she co-founded the Buddhist Women's Association, which was active in sending care packages to soldiers at the front, and to helping families who had lost their sons in combat.

In 1909, she entered into an arranged marriage with Baron Kujō Yoshimasa, the brother of her sister-in-law. She went to England where her husband attended Cambridge University. She returned to Japan after one year, leaving her husband (who was later assigned to the branch of the Yokohama Specie Bank in London) behind. The couple lived apart for most of their lives.

After the 1923 Great Kantō earthquake which devastated Tokyo and the surrounding Kantō region, Kujō sponsored various humanitarian efforts, which led to the reconstruction of the Tsukiji Hongan-ji temple, and the foundation of Asoka Hospital, one of Japan's first modern medical centers.

She died after contracting septicemia during her work in one of Tokyo's poor districts. She is commemorated through memorial services conducted by Jōdo Shinshū temples in Japan and the United States.

(Monthly Quotes from Hongwanji Shuppansha, Lady Kujō's bio from Wikipedia)

In Gassho,
Rev. Shawn K. Yagii



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Hi folks,

I'd like to tell you a little bit about the Giseikai that we attended in February. Rev. Yagi, Russell Nonaka, Claire Tamamoto, Thelma Kawaguchi, Susan Morishige and myself attended as AHM delegates and observers. The 105th Legislative Assembly was held at the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii on Pali Highway. Hawaii Kyodan President Pieper Toyama presided over the business session. The opening service on Friday morning included a message from the Governor General of the Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha, Bishop Chiko Iwagami. Rodney Moriyama of Wahiawa delivered the welcome address and encouraged everyone attending to participate in the process of change. Rev. Bert Sumikawa delivered the Memorial Sermon and he shared a message that was funny but thoughtful. I highly recommend that anyone who thinks about attending the opening service on Friday morning-please go. It is inspiring. The chanting and singing, led by our ministers completely fill the temple. You'll be glad you did.

Business matters included passing the following resolutions:

- Resolution 2017-01 HHMH 2017 Budget: Net assessment \$1,316,831.00
- Resolution 2017-03 Resolution of Congratulation and Appreciation to Centenarian, the Retired Reverent Kenjyo Ohara. (See picture on page 6.)
- Resolution 2017-05 Bishop Tenure (option for a third term for a Bishop)
- Emergency Resolutions of Condolence and Appreciation for: Albert Hajime Kawabata, Ralph Soichiro Saito, Takashi Nonaka, Ross Akiyoshi Oue, Harue Furumoto, Sadaichi Kakugawa, Barry Toshio Mizuno and Reverend (former Bishop) Chikai Yosemori.
- Emergency Resolution 2017-07 Financial Support for Katsu Goto Documentary Film
- Emergency Resolution 2017-10 Statement by Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii Office of the Bishop and the Committee on Social Concerns on the Presidential Executive Order On Refugees and Immigration. (see article on page 5)

There were three presentations after the close of the business session on Friday. The first presentation by Bishop Eric Matsumoto and President Pieper Toyama was "What is a Buddhist Sangha? How do we become a Dharma-centered organization?" The second was on a *Temple effectiveness and review process*. The third was on *Considerations for Organizational Improvements in Hawaii Kyodan*. These were interesting presentations dealing with temple improvement.

The Living Treasures of Hawaii 2017 Luncheon on Saturday was well attended. Rev. and Mrs. Shindo Nishiyama were recognized for 25 years of service to the Hawaii Kyodan. (picture on page 6). Five people were recognized as Living Treasures of Hawaii: Roy Sakuma, Nobuko Kida, George Yokoyama, Bishop Ryokan Ara and Beatrice "Beadie" Kanahale Dawson. They are remarkable individuals who have contributed to the fabric of our Hawaiian society so that "all lives can become more harmonious and peaceful and rich and meaningful". Bishop Ara and Beadie Dawson were particularly memorable for me. They are both around 90 years old. Both are still sharp mentally. Both of them said that their work is not done yet. Bishop Ara is writing another book (he's written many).

Gassho, Warren Tamamoto


WELCOME TO NEW MEMBER



 We would like to extend a very warm welcome to new member Diane Okawa. We look forward to her participation in our temple activities.


 Please encourage your family and friends to join Aiea Hongwanji.



Mettabhavana Meditation

Amida Buddha surrounds all men and all forms of life with Infinite Love and Compassion. Particularly does he send forth loving thoughts to those in suffering and sorrow, those in doubt and ignorance, to those who are striving to attain Truth; and to those whose feet are standing close to the great change men call death, Amida Buddha sends forth oceans of Wisdom and Compassion.

Namo Amida Butsu.

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A WAY OF LIVING AS A NEMBUTSU FOLLOWER

Buddhism began when Sakyamuni attained enlightenment and became a Buddha about 2500 years ago. In Japan, Buddhism was originally referred to as the Buddha Dharma. The Dharma here refers to the true reality of how the world is and the nature of humanity itself. It is the universal truth that transcends both space and time. The one who awakens to this truth is called a Buddha, and the teaching of the Buddha is the wisdom that teaches us how we can live, while dealing with many anxieties and sufferings we may experience in life.

Buddhism describes the true reality of this world and humanity using such phrases as 'impermanence' and 'dependent origination.' 'Impermanence' refers to the fact that everything changes moment by moment. On the other hand, 'dependent origination' explains that all things and phenomena are interconnected with one another, which bring about various causes and conditions that then give another set of causes and conditions and so on and so forth. Therefore, in this world we cannot find an unchanging and fixed 'self.'

However, we are unaware of this reality and thus we try to find some unchanging and fixed entity we call the self. This mindset is the basis of our egocentric way of thinking in which we judge things whether they are beneficial to us or not, or whether we like something or not. As a result, we suffer when things do not turn out as we like and we become hostile to each other, thus confining ourselves to a bitter reality where we cannot truly be free. In Buddhism, this self-oriented tendency is expressed as 'ignorance and blind passions,' which are the very reason we are deprived of our liberty and bound to this world of suffering. Ignorance and blind passions are represented as greed, anger, and foolishness also known as the 'three poisons.'

Shinran Shonin pursued religious practices for 20 years on Mount Hiei with the hope to attain enlightenment by conquering his blind passions. However, being aware of the depth of human desires which are irremovable by religious austerities, he descended Mount Hiei and under the guidance of Honen Shonin, finally encountered the salvific working of Amida Tathagata. Amida is the Buddha who not only wishes for but is actually working in accordance with the wish to save and guide to supreme enlightenment, all living

beings who are in the midst of constant worries and distress. The Buddha's Wish, or the Primal Vow, declares that Amida's Great Compassion embraces us all as we are, as beings filled with selfish attachments and blind passions. However, even in encountering such all-inclusive salvific working, because of our own fathomlessly deep egocentric mindset and desires, we still cannot wholeheartedly entrust ourselves to the Buddha's Great Compassion. How sad this truly is.

By listening to the Primal Vow and how it was established by Amida Tathagata, we are enabled to become conscious of our own ignorance and self-oriented inclinations, and through such awareness, we naturally become gentle in word and deed in our efforts of minimizing our egoistic way of thinking. For example, with regard to how we live our lives, we "learn to be content without wanting too much" and with regard to how we may treat others we "associate with people using gentle expressions and kind words." Even though our efforts may pale in comparison to the Buddha's Compassion, we are at least guided in the proper direction by the Buddha Dharma. Shinran Shonin clarifies this in his letters addressed to his followers, one of which states, "There was a time for each of you when you knew nothing of Amida's Vow and did not say the Name of Amida Buddha, but now, guided by the compassionate means of Sakyamuni and Amida, you have begun to hear the Vow. Formerly you were intoxicated with thoughts of greed, anger, and foolishness, but since you have begun to hear the Buddha's Vow you have gradually awakened from the drunkenness of ignorance, rejected the three poisons, and have come to prefer the medicine of Amida Buddha at all times." This is a stern admonition we should humbly receive.

In today's world, there is an endless list of difficult global issues that are directly related to the existence of humanity such as terrorist attacks, armed conflicts, widening economic gap, global warming, mishandling of nuclear waste, and violation of human rights through discrimination. Such are the result of our ignorance and blind passions in which we fail to see the true nature of ourselves. It is indeed true that we are imperfect with our selfish desires and cannot act in complete purity like the Buddha can. However, by trying to live according to the Buddha Dharma, let us make an effort to consider other peoples' joy as our own, as well as other peoples' suffering as our own. In this way, we can live to the best of our ability, aspiring to live up to the Buddha's Wish.

I will endeavor to share Amida Tathagata's Wisdom and Compassion through simple and clear language with as many people as possible regardless of nationality and

ethnic background. Let us encourage everyone to act in accordance with the Buddha's Wish in an effort to create a society in which everyone can live a spiritually fulfilled life. In the hopes of creating a joyous world, let us continue moving forward by putting these words into action and together walk on our path to the truth.

October 1, 2016

Monshu OHTANI Kojun
Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha

OBITUARY NOTICE. Reverend Tetsuun Ama, a retired minister of the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii, passed away peacefully at his home in Mililani and returned to the Pure Land on February 8, 2017 at the age of 91. The Hawaii Kyodan Funeral Service, which is currently being coordinated by the Office of the Bishop, will be held at Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin on Sunday, April 16, 2017 under the officiation of Bishop Eric Matsumoto. Visitation will start at 3:00pm and the Funeral Service to follow at 4:00pm.

Rev. Tetsuun Ama became a Kaikyoshi Minister in December 1956 and served Puna Hongwanji (02/1957-11/1959), Waimea Hongwanji (12/1959-10/1965), Lahaina Hongwanji (10/1965-07/1974), Honpa Hongwanji Hilo Betsuin (08/1974-06/1977), and Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin (07/1977-05/1990). Rev. Ama retired from the active ministry on June 1, 1990. Rev. Ama also served Lahaina Hongwanji as Interim Minister from March to August in 1992.

MINISTERIAL ASSIGNMENTS. Reverend Jeffrey Soga, currently Rimban (Chief Minister) at Honpa Hongwanji Hilo Betsuin, will be transferred to Waipahu Hongwanji as its resident minister and Waianae Hongwanji Mission as its oversee minister as of May 1, 2017.

Reverend Shindo Nishiyama will be assigned to Honpa Hongwanji Hilo Betsuin as its Acting Rimban as of May 1, 2017. He will continue to serve at Jikoen Hongwanji Mission as its resident minister.

STATEMENT BY HONPA HONGWANJI MISSION OF HAWAII OFFICE OF THE BISHOP AND COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL CONCERNS ON THE PRESIDENTIAL EXECUTIVE ORDER ON REFGREES AND IMMIGRATION. On January 27, 2017, the Office of the President of the United States of America issued an executive order that severely restricts immigration from seven predominantly Muslim countries of Iran, Iraq, Libya, Somalia, Sudan, Syria, and Yemen. The order also suspends all refugee admission to the United States for 120 days and bars all Syrian refugees indefinitely.

The Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii expresses its concern that such action, temporary or otherwise, appears to ban a class of people based on religion and/or nationality and is not consistent with the values upon

which the United States of America is founded. Such action which applies in a blanket manner to those of the Muslim Tradition raises fear that history is repeating itself. Many people of our own Buddhist religious tradition, because of the ethnicity and nationality of a large portion of our members, experienced discrimination and incarceration following an executive order during WW II.

While we understand the importance of reducing terroristic threats through stricter screening procedures for entry into the United States, our government should not isolate and target entire groups based on religion, ethnicity, and/or nationality. It is the belief of the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii that our own security as a nation is inextricably linked with the security of peoples around the world. Our policies should help relieve the suffering of all people, including those of Muslim-majority countries.

Guided by Wisdom and Compassion, may we as individuals, communities, and a nation refrain from actions that cause divisiveness and instead act in ways that lead to peace, harmony, and safety for all peoples.



PACIFIC BUDDHIST ACADEMY

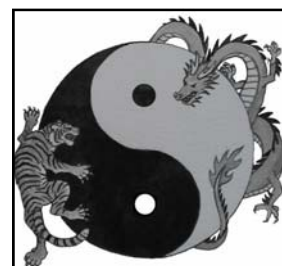
Progress on the construction of the new Pacific Buddhist Academy Building. Steel beam installation completed, the construction crews will continue with roof installation, rough-in of the second floor foundation and the initial concrete pours for the second floor in the coming weeks.

Word is that, once the roof goes on, the appearance of rapid progress slows down, as the interior work for the building gets under way.

Hoping for completion of the entire building by the end of August!!

Taiko Festival. Save the date! Pacific Buddhist Academy has one of the premier high school taiko programs in the nation. A showcase of student, faculty and guest talent will be celebrated on **Sunday, April 9, at 4 p.m.** at the Pearl City Cultural Center. The theme of PBA's 11th annual festival is *Taiji: The Yin Yang of Taiko*.

Tickets for the festival are \$25 for general admission, or \$20 for seniors, students, and PBA alumni. To purchase please call 808-532-2649, or visit PBA's Main Office at 1710 Pali Highway. For sponsorship opportunities, please call Rüdiger (Rudy) Rückmann at 532-2649, ext. 209



Photos courtesy of Alan Kubota, Hawaii Betsuin



Warren Tamamoto, Advisor from O'ahu, Third row, second from left.

105th Legislative Assembly
Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii
February 11, 2017



Rev. Shindo Nishiyama
25 years of service

GISEIKAI



2017 Living Treasures



Resolution of Congratulation and Appreciation to Centenarian, the Retired Reverend Kenjyo Ohara



Presentation of beautiful copper Sagarifuji (Wisteria Crest) to the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii by one of last year's Living Treasures, Sooriya Kumar.

Congratulations and Best Wishes to Reverend and Mrs. Shawn and Sayuri Yagi!!





New Year's Party



Guest speaker Rev. Ryoso Toshima and Mr. and Mrs. Asato on February 5, 2017.

AHM Board of Directors for 2017-2018



Magic Performance (Preschool and Lotus Adult Day Care)



Visit to the Preschool from a Lion!



AIEA HONGWANJI MISSION PRESCHOOL AGES: 2 1/2 to 5 YEARS 488-0404

Major Yearly Memorial Service Schedule

For The Year
2017

2016-1st year
2015-3rd year*
2011-7th year
2005-13th year
2001-17th year
1993-25th year
1985-33rd year
1968-50th year
* from the 2nd anniversary,
please follow the Japanese custom of holding the service the year ahead.

Family Memorial Service

In the Japanese Buddhist tradition, families hold memorial services (Nen-ki Hoyo) in memory of our loved ones, and to express our gratitude for Amida Buddha's Infinite Light.

The Buddha's Wisdom and Compassion embrace our loved ones in the land of peace and happiness. May we also remember Amida's embrace on our lives as we remember those who have departed.

If your family would like to arrange a memorial service for your loved one, please call the temple at 487-2626 (please leave a message if no one is available). You may schedule the service either before or after the memorial date. The ideal time is when as many family members as possible will attend. If you have any questions about memorial services, please call Rev. Yagi at 488-5685 (residence).

March 2017

Tamotsu Miyamoto	3rd
Jane Hisae Koga	17th
Kaoru Nakashima	17th
David Hisao Ouchi	17th
Ryuichi Tsuji	25th
Charles Sadao Nuibe	33rd
Takeo Nakaya	50th

April 2017

Alan Mitsuyuki Nozawa	17th
Ethel Sadako Tokuyama	17th
Kazuo Yamamoto	17th
Yoshio Iwane	25th
Toshio Charles Okazaki	25th

Nokotsudo (Columbarium)

If you would like to visit the Nokotsudo, please call the office at 487-2626 at least two days in advance so that arrangements can be made to open the Nokotsudo for you. The best days to visit the Nokotsudo are Thursday and Sunday mornings.

We apologize if we have inadvertently made an error in printing the name of your loved one, or the date of memorial. Please inform the office of any errors at 487-2626 so that we may correct our records.

*Aiea Hongwanji Mission extends its
Deepest Sympathy
to the families of the Late
June S. Nagamine
Roger R. Tokushige
Ethel K. Sekine and
Nancy C. Furukawa.*

Senior YBA

Wedding Present from Sr YBA to Rev. and Mrs. Shawn and Sayuri Yagi.



Senior YBA President's Awardees for 2017 with President Zakahi.

Aiea BWA News

Happy March !

Thank you all in advance for helping out with AHM hosting the Oahu Hongwanji Council Sangha Day on March 5. We appreciate everyone's kokua from set up, assisting at activities and clean up and hope you enjoy the fellowship and activities, too.

We look forward to your help on March 12 at our Quarterly Temple Beautification Day. Many hands make the work go faster and enjoyable !

Flower donations will be needed for our Hanamatsuri Service on April 9. Please drop off any flowers or greenery between Thurs, April 6-8 to decorate the Hanamido (shrine for the tea ceremony). We thank all the donors for the beautiful flowers that adorn the altar at our temple services.

Thank you all again, for being part of our BWA and participating in our temple activities. We are grateful for your kokua and presence that makes our time together more enjoyable.

With Gassho, Arlene Sunada



Aiea Hongwanji Mission BWA
Craft & Treasures Fair
Sunday, April 23 2017

10am-12noon

Aiea Hongwanji Mission Hall
Handmade crafts, Goodies, gifts,
white elephant items, & more!



You're Invited

Public Informational Meeting

"End of Life - Medical Aid in Dying"

DATE: Monday, March 6, 2017

TIME: 7:00 - 8:30 PM

**PLACE: Mililani Hongwanji
95-257 Kaloapau St.**

CONTACT: Mary Steiner - ph. (808) 225-4563

Email: msteiner@compassionandchoices.org

We will meet a courageous Hawaii resident with terminal cancer, former HSTA Executive Director, **Mr. John Radcliffe**, who will speak on behalf of the organization "Compassion and Choices Hawaii".

Our families facing serious situations for end-of-life care are discussing two bills at the Legislature: House Bill 201 and Senate Bill 1129 which would authorize medical aid in dying as an option in Hawaii.

Come and hear, learn, and ask questions about this critical issue being discussed in our community.

We appreciate this opportunity to gather information and understand the legal issues involved in expanding end-of-life options for residents in Hawaii.

Mahalo nui loa!

Pizza with a purpose.

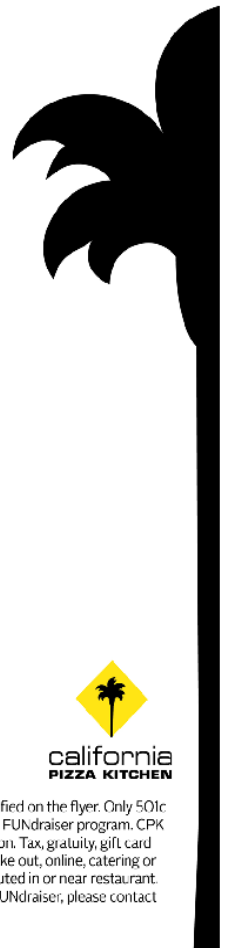
Bring in this flyer, present it to your server, and we'll donate 20% of your check to the organization listed below. Purchases include dine in, take out, catering and all beverages.

FUNdraiser in support of:
Aiea Hongwanji Mission Preschool
Tuesday, March 14, 2017
(All Day)

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98-1005 Moanalua Rd.
Aiea, HI 96701
808-487-7741

Join the **Pizza Dough™ Rewards program** on your next visit or at **cpk.com** and receive a **free Small Plate** for registering.

FUNdraiser offer valid only on the date(s) and at the CPK location identified on the flyer. Only 501c organizations and non-profits schools are eligible to participate in CPK's FUNdraiser program. CPK will donate twenty percent of food and beverage sales to the organization. Tax, gratuity, gift card and retail sales are excluded from the donation. Offer valid for dine in, take out, online, catering or curbside orders. Not valid for delivery orders. Offer void if flyer is distributed in or near restaurant. For more information about the 501c organization participating in the FUNdraiser, please contact the organization directly.





THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATION

The JIKO will publish names and amounts of donations made for services or projects. If you DO NOT want your name published, please mark your donation—"NO PUBLISH", and your name will be omitted and your donation marked "Generous Member or Anonymous".

Donations listed here were received prior to approximately February 21, 2017. Donations received after this date will be published in another month's newsletter.

HI-5 RECYCLABLE DONATIONS

- Please deposit Hi-5¢ donations   outside in the back (Makai) corner of hall building where our master recycler Kazuto Tomoyasu works on it on Hosha days. Thank you Kazu for your hard work!
- Please deposit non Hi-5 items and card board at our neighborhood school depositories or your blue home recycle bins.

- To all Hall Users—Please deposit your Hi-5 recycle items in the Recycle area, not in the trash can.
- Please note—plastic drink bottles cannot be redeemed without the Hi-5 label. If label is detached, please roll it up and stick it in the bottle. Also please remove plastic caps as they will reject containers w/caps.
- If you would like to be recognized for your donation, please include your name. Thank you for your continued support.

GOLDEN CHAIN OF LOVE

I am a link in Amida Buddha's Golden Chain of Love that stretches around the world. I must keep my link bright and strong. I will try to be kind and Gentle to every living thing and protect all who are weaker than myself. I will try to think pure and beautiful thoughts, to say pure and beautiful words and to do pure and beautiful deeds, knowing on what I do now depends not only on my happiness or unhappiness but also that of others. May every link In Amida Buddha's Golden Chain of Love become bright and strong and may we all attain Perfect Peace. Namo Amida Butsu.

YESS CAMP 34: YESSTOPIA

YESS Camp 34 will be held on April 14-16, 2017 at Camp Kokokahi on Oahu, Hawaii. This year's theme is YESS- topia and the guest speaker will be Rev. Satoshi Tomioka. This year's theme focuses around the Buddhist themes presented in the Disney movie *Zootopia*.

YESS camp is open to 13 year-23 years old, who are interested in learning more or growing deeper in Buddhism. The camp will have several talks by the guest speaker in which the campers will be asked to reflect on their daily lives. In the three days the campers will interact with other young Buddhists from around the state and hopefully for lifelong friendships.

Please call Susan in the Aiea Office at 487-2626 to get an application form for camp.

Aiea Hongwanji Preschool & Kindergarten

- Feb 9—Magic show in Hall with Lotus Adult Day Care.
- Feb 10—Family Movie Nite.
- March 3—Field trip to see Mufaro's Beautiful Daughter at Hawaii Theatre.
- March 14 — CPK Fundraiser. (see page 9) Mahalo for your support



NEWS from Lotus Adult Day Care Center (LADCC)

If you have an aging senior who is in need of care on a daily or part time basis; the Lotus Adult Day Care Center might be the answer. We provide safe, physically and mentally interactive care for your loved ones.

Though the Lotus Adult Day Care Center is nearing capacity, we are still accepting applications for part-time participants. Give us a call at 486-5050 if you are interested in learning more.

♥ Thank you to the Hosha Gang for trimming the guava tree and crown flower tree at the Preschool. Outside lighting on the patio side is being replaced by Mark F.

♥ Thank you to the Hosha Gang for continuing to take care of the grounds and the garden for the Lotus Adult Day Care Center. Ikuo N. is working on replacing the entrance black fence/gate. Russell N. and Mark F. are looking into replacing the refrigerator.

AIEA HONGWANJI HALL WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Sunday	Dharma Service	9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
Sunday & Thursday	Hosha Work Days	8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Monday to Wednesday, & Friday	Preschool Use	8:45 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.
Monday & Thursday	Kumon Class	2:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Monday & Wednesday	Zumba Class #1	6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Monday & Wednesday	Zumba Class #2	7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Tuesday & Thursday	Judo	5:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Tuesday & Thursday	Sanshin Class	7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
1st Thursday	BWA Meeting	9:00 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.
Thursdays	BWA Craft Class	8:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

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**Dharma School Teachers of Oahu (DSTO)
2017 Poster Contest**



- Theme:** **Embrace Change: Action - Open Communication**
(2017 Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii Slogan)
Each Dharma School student may show his or her own interpretation of the theme.
- Materials:** Poster/construction paper measuring 12" x 18".
- Media:** All forms including: ink, crayon, pencil, paint, pen, charcoal, collage, or computer-generated graphics. All entries must be relatively flat, not fragile, and easily transportable.
- Message:** Encourage each student to include a message, title, or caption on their poster.
- Entries:** No limit on the number of entries per Dharma School.
- Identification:** Each entry should have the following information on the back side, bottom middle of their poster:
Name _____ Grade _____
Temple _____ Division _____
- Categories:**
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| Division I | Preschool/Kindergarten |
| Division II | Grades 1 - 2 |
| Division III | Grades 3 - 5 |
| Division IV | Grades 6 - 8 |
| Division V | Grades 9 - 12 |
- Awards:**
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| 1 st Place: | \$25 |
| 2 nd Place: | \$20 |
| 3 rd Place: | \$10 |
- Honorable Mention: \$5 (optional award at judges' discretion)
(1st/2nd/3rd Place will be awarded in each division)
- Judges:** Judge(s) will be selected by DSTO to judge all divisions.
- Deadline:** All entries should be submitted by **Sunday, March 5, 2017** to DSTO President Gay Tanaka at the Sangha Day event at Aiea Hongwanji or delivered prior to deadline to Gay Tanaka.
- Questions:** Contact DSTO President Gay Tanaka at gaytanaka@gmail.com or 349-7364.

"BUDDHA BOWLING BASH"



Sponsored by: Oahu Lay Association

Please sign up for an afternoon of fellowship and fun!
First timers, beginners, and sandbaggers welcomed! We're bowling 3 games, and prizes will be given in various categories at the end of your 30 frames.

DATE: MAY 21, 2017

TIME: 2:00 - 5:00 PM

**PLACE: LEEWARD BOWL - 850 Kamehameha Hwy.
Pearl City**

COST: \$20.00 per person for 3 games & shoes
Cash or check payable to: Oahu Lay Association

RSVP: Rene Mansho ph: 291-6151
email: renemansho@hawaii.rr.com

DEADLINE: May 8, 2017

Hope to see you there!

Join your friends from these Hongwanji temples:

Aiea Ewa Mililani Pearl City Wahiawa
Waialua Waianae Waipahu