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Monthly Newsletter of the Aiea Hongwanji Mission, a Buddhist Temple Embrace Change - Harmony (Accept Differences)

EVENTS OF APRIL 2018

Apr 1	Sun	9:30am	Hawaii Buddhist Council Buddha Day Celebration and Gannenmono Memorial Service at Soto Mission (Nuuanu)/ no service at Aiea
Apr 5	Thu	9:00am	Aiea Buddhist Women's Association meeting
Apr 6	Fri	5:30pm	Preschool Movie Night
Apr 7	Sat	10-11am	First class of Dharma Light Education Program at Aiea (see page 12)
Apr 8	Sun	9:00am	Aiea Hanamatsuri Service; Hanamido decoration in temple 8am
Apr 8	Sun	11:30am	O'ahu United Junior Young Buddhist Association event at Mililani
Apr 9	Mon	7:30am	Senior Young Buddhist Association meeting in office
Apr 10	Tue	7-8:30pm	Parliamentary Procedure Presentation at Aiea Library
Apr 15	Sun	9:00am	Service and Dharma School
Apr 15	Sun	11:30am	O'ahu United Junior Young Buddhist Association meeting at Aiea
Apr 17	Tue	7:00pm	Aiea Hongwanji Mission Board of Directors' Meeting
Apr 19	Thu	9:00am	Preschool and Lotus Adult Day Care—Uncle Wayne Concert in Hall
Apr 22	Sun	9:00am	Eshinni and Kakushinni Day Service (for Shinran Shonin's wife and daughter) --- speaker Rev. Mrs. Irene Nakamoto
Apr 22	Sun	10am-noon	BWA Church Bazaar in Hall
Apr 29	Sun	9:00am	Service and Dharma School
Apr 29	Sun	11:00am	Preschool Committee meeting
Apr 29	Sun	2:00pm	Buddhism in the Age of the Refugee with Jeff Wilson, Chaminade Univ.

HIGHLIGHTS OF MAY 2018

May 3	Thu	9:00am	Aiea BWA meeting
May 3	Thu		PBA Baccalaureate Ceremony
May 4	Fri		Sanmu and Sanmu-Kanji Meetings
May 4	Fri		PBA Commencement Exercise
May 5	Sat		Honpa Hongwanji Hawai'i Board of Directors' Meeting
May 6	Sun	9:00am	Service and Dharma School
May 6	Sun	noon	O'ahu Lay Association meeting at Mililani
May 13	Sun	9:00am	Mother's Day Service
May 15	Tue	7:00pm	Aiea Hongwanji Mission Board of Directors' Meeting
May 20	Sun	9:00am	O'ahu Hongwanji Joint Gotan-e Service (Shinran Shonin's Birthday) and Song Fest @Waipahu Hongwanji/ no service at Aiea
May 20	Sun	2-5pm	Buddha Bowling Bash at Aiea Bowl
May 21	Mon	7:00pm	Oahu District Buddhist Education Meeting at Waipahu
May 25	Fri		Aiea Hongwanji Mission Preschool Graduation; new session June 4
May 27	Sun	9:00am	Gotan-e Service (Shinran Shonin's Birthday)
May 27	Sun	11:00am	Temple Improvement Meeting
May 28	Mon		Memorial Day HOLIDAY (Lotus closed)

NEWS from Lotus Adult Day Care Center

The Lotus Adult Day Care Center offers a safe environment where our kupuna can interact with other Seniors and enjoy activities. There are a few more openings on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. If you are interested in respite care for your loved ones, please contact us at 486-5050.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Hello everyone,

I hope you are well. Thank you to all who were able to join us for **Temple Beautification** on March 11th. We had a very enthusiastic group of people show up to do many small projects such as cleaning the temple and cleaning the small nooks and crannies that need our attention a few times a year. Of course I have to thank the Hosha Gang and the Buddhist Women's Association for being there every Sunday and Thursday with the day to day cooking, yard work and maintenance. The refreshments and lunch on Beautification Day "hit the spot", as usual. We still miss Mr. Nakata's organized approach to temple beautification. Hopefully he will be able to join us again in the near future.

Some of us were able to attend **Sangha Day** at Wahiawa Hongwanji on Sunday, March 4th. This is an annual event held at one of the Oahu temples. This year we spent part of the morning at the Wahiawa Botanical Garden, which is a short walk up the road from Wahiawa Hongwanji. We were able to choose from several activities such as rock painting, lei making (from ti-leaves) and nenju making. The leis that were made were kept frozen and will be used to decorate gravestones at Punchbowl for Memorial Day. So this was a very good use of time for those who made ti-leaf leis. I did not know that the **Wahiawa Botanical Garden** even existed until Sangha Day. There is no entry fee and you can just go on a self-guided tour. I'll remember this as a good place to take visitors to Hawaii on a morning activity (take mosquito repellent).

A month or two ago, I wrote about playing pickleball. Some of you know that I also play **golf** about 3 or 4 times a month. I usually play with a couple of my friends who I know from our college years at the University of Hawaii. Yes, a long time ago. It is a different kind of exercise - walking and occasionally swinging the club. Sometimes wandering in the bushes looking for my ball. Lots of mental exercise too - think about distance, direction, slope and the wind. Choose the right club and think about the stance and the swing. Rev. Hironaka years ago told me "no mind". You might remember this phrase from the movie *The Last Samurai*. I remember Rev. Hironaka's words, but I still have difficulty, sometimes just thinking too much and often letting the results dictate how I feel.

I enjoy playing golf (sometimes). I'm frustrated by it (many times). I want to play better so I'm taking lessons. I know that Buddha says that the cause of suffering is our selfish desire (wanting things). Still I persist. Still I want to play better and I want to have a lower score. I remind myself to just enjoy the moment. But it doesn't last. I know that I am the cause of my feelings of unhappiness. Hey, in this way golf is like life, isn't it? We might remember what Buddha tells us about the cause of suffering and the path to happiness. But we can't always apply it to our daily lives. Let's think about this.

Be well. Gassho, Warren Tamamoto

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

We would like to extend a very warm welcome to new members Donna and Jeff Tamanaha, and Gwen Hiroe. We look forward to their participation in our temple activities. Please encourage your family and friends to join Aiea Hongwanji. Prospective members should call the office at 487-2626 for the paperwork.

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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Care Center:
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Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii

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STATEMENT BY HONPA HONGWANJI MISSION OF HAWAII'S OFFICE OF THE BISHOP AND COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL CONCERNS ON GUN VIOLENCE AND MASS SHOOTINGS. (3/14/2018)

We extend our deepest sympathies and condolences to the victims of the mass shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School, their families, and the entire school community. As senseless gun violence continues to claim thousands of lives annually in the United States and cause untold grief and suffering, we are moved to contribute perspectives on this critical issue as Buddhists and as followers of the Jodo Shinshu faith tradition.

We begin by acknowledging our necessarily limited and imperfect understanding. Like any institution or individual in a position to address gun violence even indirectly, we need guidance. In Buddhism, we seek guidance from the Buddha, the Dharma (teachings), and the Sangha (our extended community of fellow travelers). We hereby share some of the guidance we find for addressing the issue of gun violence and offer some recommended actions.

Causes and conditions. The Buddha taught that everything that exists and occurs arises from prior causes and conditions. Acts of gun violence arise out of complex sets of causes and conditions rather than from some inexplicable evil. This concept gives hope that with right understanding and action, we can affect causes and conditions in ways that will reduce gun violence.

We are encouraged by the commitment and initiative of young students across the country who are insisting that our government institutions address the crisis of gun violence. Their actions are already creating conditions more favorable to enacting sensible and responsible restrictions. May they find the guidance and strength they need to maintain poise, eloquence, and determination in pursuit of change.

Right understanding. The Noble Eightfold Path is the Buddha's prescription for liberation from suffering, and right understanding is one of the eight components. We must seek to understand why the epidemic of gun violence in the United States is occurring. To this end, we support lifting restrictions that prevent the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention from studying gun violence. We urge Congress to provide funding for the CDC to do this work.

The Middle Path. A related Buddhist teaching that is

likewise helpful to consideration of gun violence and how our society might respond is the Middle Path. This is a path that avoids extremes, allowing a dispassionate vantage point from which to better observe opposing sides and grow our understanding. Between extremes of absolute control and absolute freedom lies a middle path of practical reality.

A convincing case may be made that the United States has strayed from the middle path when it comes to guns, veering to an extreme of permissiveness. We support pursuing corrective measures by our elected representatives and other officials to restore balance. Among such measures may be reenacting a ban on assault rifles, raising the age minimums for gun purchases, strengthening background checks, and removing loopholes that allow gun sellers and buyers to bypass checks. Gun laws in the state of Hawaii provide good examples in some areas.

While sensible gun regulations are a key element of addressing gun violence in this country and should be pursued immediately, addressing root causes is fundamental to achieving lasting peace in our communities.

Amida Buddha's Wisdom and Compassion & thoughts and actions. The roots of our actions are in our thoughts. If our minds are consumed with thoughts and feelings of alienation, rejection, anger, and misguided notions of gender and power, our actions may be antisocial and possibly violent. Conversely, if our minds are awakened to the oneness of existence and the all-embracing Wisdom and Compassion of Amida Buddha, our mental orientation is one of gratitude, appreciation, acceptance, and helping. In this case, there is less chance of violent thoughts taking root and being expressed in actions.

Interconnectedness. Buddhism teaches that we are all connected to each other through a vast web of connections. This means that each one of us can help to bring about peace through our thoughts, words, and actions wherever we may be — for example, our schools, workplaces, and neighborhoods. It is up to us to observe where the societal net is fraying and where individuals may perceive that their connection has been lost. In these cases, we can reach out to those who are suffering. Through our smile, kind words, deep listening, and/or counsel, we can help manifest the compassion that embraces them.

Deep self-reflection and deeper insight. Let us all try to connect with people who are feeling rejected, ignored, or bullied. Let us all reflect upon our attachment to the "rightness" of our views and seek to understand other points of view. Let us all help each other adjust to change in a constantly changing world. Let us all strive to strengthen our society by better balancing freedom with responsibility. Guided by deep self-reflection, let us all work to bring well-being and peace to our communities.

Gomonshu Kojun Ohtani is the spiritual head of our

Jodo Shinshu tradition. On the final day of a series of services in 2017 marking his accession to the role, the new Gomonshu said, "The sense of security of being embraced in the Buddha's compassion becomes the support in our daily life and empowers us to become actively engaged in society." It is in this spirit that we offer this statement on gun violence. Namo Amida Butsu

Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii is the umbrella organization for Jodo Shinshu Buddhism in the islands. Our mission is to share the living Teachings of Jodo Shinshu Buddhism so that all beings may enjoy lives of harmony, peace, and gratitude.

<http://hongwanjihawaii.com/blog/2018/03/14/statement-gun-violence/>.

JINJI or MINISTERIAL ASSIGNMENTS. Rev. Shingo Furusawa, current Resident Minister at Honokaa Hongwanji Mission, as well as Oversee Minister as Kamuela Hongwanji Mission, Kohala Hongwanji Mission, and Paauilo Hongwanji Mission, will be assigned to HQ as the Office of Buddhist Education Assistant on April 1, 2018. Further, as of July 15, 2018, Rev. Furusawa will be OBE Assistant at Headquarters half-time, and half-time assigned to Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin as an Associate Minister.

Rev. Kazunori Takahashi, current Resident Minister at Lihue Hongwanji Mission, will be assigned to HQ as the Executive Assistant to the Bishop on July 1, 2018.

Rev. Arthur Kaufmann, currently Associate Minister at Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin, will be assigned to Lihue Hongwanji Mission as Resident Minister on July 15, 2018.

ALL BUDDHIST GATHERING 2018 On March 10, fifty participants representing 24 Buddhist denominations



and groups from across the state gathered at the Pacific Buddhist Academy to share and discuss their challenges. Included were special participants from New Mexico and Uganda, Africa. This historic event was the inspiration of Bishop Eric Matsumoto. Two years ago, he shared with me his dream of assembling representatives of all of the Buddhist denominations in Hawaii, and by partnering with BDK Hawaii, he realized his dream on March 10.

This historic event seemed to be a natural step in the Hongwanji's long history of working to bring together the various Buddhist denominations in Hawaii. In 1929, inspired by His Eminence Tai Hsu, a Chinese Abbot of the Mahayana School, Bishop Imamura inaugurated the

Hawaiian Branch of the International Buddhist Institute. One of the aims of the Hawaiian branch was to "cooperate with all other Buddhist societies irrespective of sect or school in any undertaking that will directly or indirectly reform the thought and therefore the attitude of mankind toward the problems of life."

In 1948, the 15th Annual Territorial Conference of the YBA passed a resolution that sought the U.S. Army's recognition of the Buddhist religion. The resolution led to the U. S. Army's acceptance of Buddhism. In 1950, at the World Buddhist Conference in Burma, Sunao Miyabara of the Hawaii YBA led the successful effort to have the Dharmachakra, the Dharma Wheel, become the official international, world-wide symbol of Buddhism. It was subsequently adopted by the Army and from then on marked the graves of all Buddhist veterans.

Through these efforts led by the Hongwanji, Buddhism came to be "recognized as an accepted part of America's religious mosaic."

March 10 was another step to insure the vitality of Buddhism in our island state to address "the problems of life." Dr. George Tanabe spoke of the challenges facing Buddhism in Hawaii and suggested pathways to energize our efforts. The highlight of the day was the breakout groups in which individuals representing different Buddhist traditions discussed how each was addressing the future. For me it was remarkable to see the theme of the gathering, "Unity in Diversity," come so alive in the discussions. We were all so different and yet so very much alike. It was refreshing and nurturing to have witnessed the spirit of the group.

To seal the theme in the minds and hearts of the participants, we ended the day with the various denominations singing and reciting the Ti Sarana, the Three Treasures, according to their tradition and practices. It was truly a day to embrace Unity in Diversity. (Submitted by Pieper Toyama)

PAT MASTERS PRESENTS HER BOOK "SEARCHING FOR MARY FOSTER" AT PBA. Patricia Masters, a longtime friend of Pacific Buddhist Academy and Buddhists around the world, was honored at an event hosted by PBA last weekend for her book, *Searching for Mary Foster*.

Mary Foster was a 19th-century Native Hawaiian Buddhist, philanthropist, and social activist whose history intertwines with that of Honpa Hongwanji Mission in Hawai'i (HHMH).

About 80 attendees including HHMH (*cont'd page 9*)





BWA sponsored dance



Aiea Junior Young Buddhist Association members spending time on



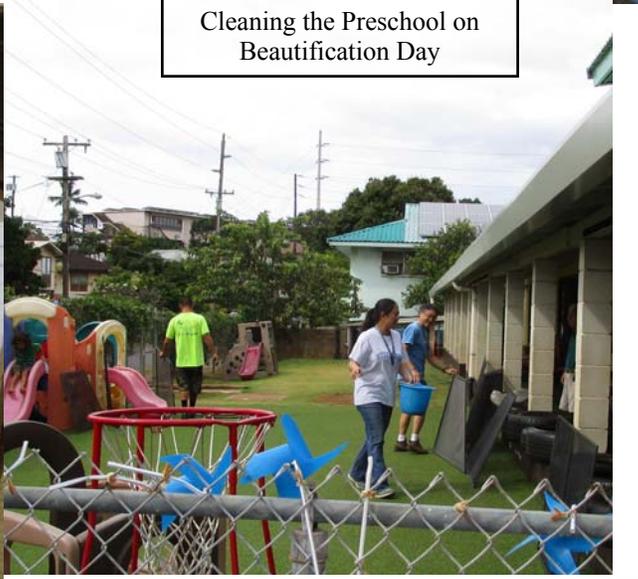
Prince Kuhio Day with Lotus Adult Day Care (LADC) participants.



Cleaning the Preschool on Beautification Day



Some of the new folding tables for the hall.





Cleaning, cleaning, cleaning! And we cleaned in the temple and under the stage and on the grounds too, but sorry no pictures .



Cleaning Shinran Shonin's statue



Beautification Day
March 11, 2018

Thank you everybody for your hard work!!




taking a break from cooking LUNCH!!

**Major Yearly
Memorial
Service
Schedule**

**For The Year
2018**

2017-1st year

2016-3rd year*

2012-7th year

2006-13th year

2002-17th year

1994-25th year

1986-33rd year

1969-50th year

* from the 2nd

anniversary,

please follow the

Japanese custom

of holding the

service the year

ahead.

Nokotsudo (Columbarium)

If you would like to visit the Nokotsudo, please call the residence at 488-5685 or 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.

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 Rev. Yagi at 488-5685. (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.

April 2018

Hanako Tateishi	1st
Chiyoko Pauline Higuchi	7th
Stanley Hayao Kage	7th
Sueko Betsy Funatsu	13th
Tanio Shigaki	33rd
Tokuhei Harada	50th
Masayoshi Hayashida	50th

May 2018

Suekichi Higa	3rd
Matsue Shimabukuro	3rd
Annie Shinae Morimoto	3rd
Teruo Kimura	3rd
Harry Takeyoshi Sumida	3rd
Nobue Tokuno	7th
Harriet Sachiko Nakamiyo	7th
Jane Haruko Nagata	7th
Yasuji Nakahara	13th
Masako Sugimura	13th
Takeo Yamamoto	25th
Shotaro Honda	25th
Kame Toyama	33rd
Tai Kawabatake	50th

*Aiea Hongwanji Mission extends its
Deepest Sympathy to the families of
the Late*

*Colin Mineo Morikawa
and Harumi Okano.*

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.

We appreciate your assistance in updating our memorial records and contact information when you call in for a Memorial Service. Thank you.



PACIFIC BUDDHIST ACADEMY

PBA Shows Solidarity with Florida Families. On March 14, students around the United States walked out of school, or showed solidarity in a different form, to mark the one-month anniversary of the mass shooting at a high school in Parkland, Florida.

Students planned the walkouts to occur at 10 am and last for 17 minutes, representing the 17 killed in the massacre at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School.

The #Enough walkout, organized by Women's March Youth Empower, aimed to raise awareness about gun violence and school safety in communities and call on Congress to take action.



At Pacific Buddhist Academy, with support from Social Issues instructor Joe Udell, senior leaders encouraged voluntary participation and organized a tribute that began with an observance in the Commons and an 'oli and moved to the Fujii Garden on the mauka side of the PBA Weinberg Building for a planting of 17 sunflowers to memorialize those who died in Florida and bring peace to their families. Students also had the opportunity to discuss their thoughts regarding the school's observance of the walkout at the March 16 Friday weekly temple service.

Information found in the PBA's emailed bi-weekly newsletter: What's New at PBA.

AIEA HONGWANJI HALL WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Sunday	Dharma Service (temple)	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.
Mondays only	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 (classroom or Lotus)	7:00pm - 9:00pm
1st Thursdays	BWA Meeting (kitchen)	9:00 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.
Thursdays	BWA Craft Class	8:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Fridays (last practice 5/28)	Eisa Bon Dance Practice	6:00 p.m.—8:30 p.m.

Headquarters Update *(Continued from page 5)*

Bishop Eric Matsumoto, former Bishop Rev. Yoshiaki Fujitani, and Maya Kasandra Soetoro-Ng, President Barack Obama's sister, joined Pat for a book signing that also featured a discussion about Pat's interest in Mary Foster and a Q&A for the audience.

Pat Masters earned her Master's degree in Asian Religions from the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA), and a PhD in Political Theory and Philosophy at the University of Hawai'i.

Pat taught Buddhist Studies in India and Japan for 20 years. She was ordained as a Buddhist nun in India in Bodh Gaya in the Burmese tradition and her sangha is based in Kathmandu, Nepal, Sagaing Hills and Rangoon, Burma. She

also created a Buddhist Studies program in Kyoto, Japan.

Pat's many achievements include serving as President of the Hawaii Association of International Buddhists; teacher of meditation for Vipassana Hawaii and Bodhi Tree Meditation Center; and Associate Director of Student Equity, Excellence, and Diversity at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa. She has over 40 years of meditation experience in Vipassana, Zen, and Tantric forms of Buddhism.

Searching for Mary Foster was published by the American Buddhist Study Center in New York in partnership with the Buddhist Study Center in Honolulu. It is available for purchase by writing Pua888@yahoo.com. (Rüdiger Rückmann, PBA Director of Advancement)

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.

Rev. Hironaka's Talk: *(Continued from page 2)*

happy? There are many things you can do, but I would like to share three things today:

- First, don't forget to prepare a second envelope. (this is a joke)
- Second, ministers are happy when they hear the Nembutsu from your lips, especially when you say it in your daily life and not only in the temple. In addition to the Nembutsu, ministers are happy when you share your joy in the teachings or when you ask the minister questions to better understand the teachings.
- Third, they are happy when you ask, "Sensei, what do you think?" And you then include their opinions in planning and implementation of projects. This is a Dharma-Centered organization.

It is easy to see other's negativity, but it is difficult to realize one's own negativity. We as Shin Buddhist, we as Mahayana Buddhist do not evaluate others. We only evaluate ourselves. We do not criticize others. We criticize our own self-centeredness.

Again, I humbly ask your support and to protect your ministers. They are precious treasures of Hawaii Kyodan.

**BDK Hawaii-Rev. Fujitani Interfaith Program
Buddhism in the Age of the Refugee**

Sunday, April 29, 2018 2:00 PM

at Mystical Rose Oratory, Chaminade University
with Dr. Jeff Wilson, Professor of Religious Studies and
East Asian Studies at Renison University College, Canada.
Dr. Wilson is an ordained minister in the Hongwanji tradition
of Jodo Shinshu Buddhism and a member of Toronto
Buddhist Church.

Free parking available in parking structure and in unreserved
stalls on campus. For information: Regina Pfeiffer at
rpfeiffe@chaminade.edu (PH: 739-8536)

Aiea BWA NEWS

Dance Night on Feb. 23 was a success! Many people attended and had a good time. More such social events will be scheduled.

The BWA is in the process of creating a membership form and cover letter that will be sent out to all members. Its main purpose is to gather current contact information and to update the membership roster. When you receive the letter, please be sure to reply if you are continuing your membership.

On Sunday April 22 there will be a special Eshinni and Kakushinni Day service in honor of Shinran Shonin's wife and daughter who were instrumental in carrying on his legacy. This special day is sponsored by the BWA, lunch will be served. Please come and bring your families and friends. Donations on this day will be used to facilitate the BWA's mission to support the youth of the temple.

Also on that day, the BWA will be having a "Church Bazaar" from 10:00am -12:00 noon, right after the Eshinni and Kakushinni Day service. This year, we will have food, plants, crafts, fabrics, white elephant, and household items for sale, just in time for Mother's Day. Foods will include kimchee, takuan, sanbaizuke, seasoned salt, furikake animal crackers, and pizzelles (wafer cookies). New this year, we will be making sagarifuji (wisteria symbol) vinyl decals that will be available in various colors and sizes for a suggested donation of \$2.00 each. The Church Bazaar will be advertised via the Honpa calendar, our Jiko, KIKU TV, and flyers sent to other churches. Please help us to get the word out to the general public also. Hoping to see you there!

Janice Ito
President



The Aiea Hongwanji BWA will be making sagarifuji (wisteria) decals (stickers) in various sizes and colors. These are durable vinyl decals that are suitable for water bottles, laptop computers, tablets, books, cups, mugs and cellphones. Colors are black, gold and purple. Sizes are 1 1/2, 2, and 2 1/2 inches in diameter. Suggested donation of \$2.00 each. Other colors and sizes can be made upon request. Please call in your request to the AHM office at (808) 487-2626 - leave your name, email address or phone number, quantity, colors and sizes of decals. Or send email to aieajiko@gmail.com. Orders can be picked up at our church bazaar on Sunday April 22 from 10am-12 noon. Thank you for your consideration.



Sagarifuji (Wisteria)

"BUDDHA BOWLING BASH"



Sponsored by: Oahu Lay Association

Hosted by: Aiea Hongwanji

Please sign up for an afternoon of fellowship and fun! Beginners, young and young at heart, friends and relatives are all welcome! We're bowling 2 games, and prizes will be given in various categories at the end of your 20 frames.

DATE: MAY 20, 2018

TIME: 2:00 - 4:00 PM, refreshments to follow
at Aiea Hongwanji till 5:00PM

PLACE: AIEA BOWL - 99-115 Aiea Heights Drive
Aiea, Hawaii 96701

PARKING: Will also will be available at Aiea Hongwanji

COST: \$20.00 per person for 2 games & shoes
Cash or check payable to: Oahu Lay Association

RSVP: Aiea Hongwanji at phone: 487-2626 or
email: aieajiko@gmail.com

DEADLINE: May 13, 2018

Join your friends from these Hongwanji temples:

Aiea Ewa Mililani Pearl City Wahiawa
Waiialua Waianae Waipahu



OAHU HONGWANJI COUNCIL

presents

Dr. Jeff Wilson

author of *Mindful America: The Mutual Transformation of Buddhist Meditation and American Culture*

THEME: "Understanding Japanese Buddhist Diversity"

WHEN: June 3, 2018, Sunday, 2:00-4:00 pm

WHERE: Pearl City Hongwanji Mission, 858 2nd Street
Pearl City, HI 96782, Phone 455-1680

Dr. Jeff Wilson is the Professor of Religious Studies and East Asian Studies at Renison College, University of Waterloo. Professor Wilson received his tokudo ordination from Nishi Hongwanji and assists the Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Temples of Canada with ministerial activities.

Zen, Nichiren, Shingon Buddhism—what are all these things? How do they relate to Jodo Shinshu, the tradition of the Hongwanji temples? In this seminar, we'll learn about the many types of Buddhism. We will explore what is similar and unique about them, and also consider what is special and valuable about Jodo Shinshu. Be sure to bring your questions about Buddhism!

"Be a Leader & Make Your Meeting Count"

An Informational Program on Parliamentary Procedure



Tuesday, April 10, 2018
Aiea Public Library Meeting Room
7:00-8:30 p.m.



MAKE MEETINGS PRODUCTIVE, EFFECTIVE, and LEGAL

This evening educational program will introduce you to parliamentary procedure, explain what professional parliamentarians do, and provide you with resources to learn more about Robert's Rules of Order in Hawaii.

- What do parliamentarians do?
- Basic Principles of Parliamentary Law.
- Your rights as a member of an organization.
- How to be an effective member of an organization.
- Now that you've been elected to a board what do you do next?
- How to become a credentialed Parliamentarian
- "Ask a Parliamentarian"—Q&A

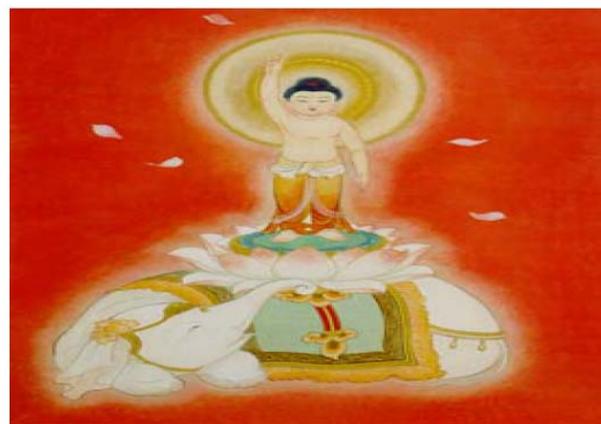


In observance of Parliamentary Law Month, April, 2018

This Program is presented by:
The Hawai'i State Association of Parliamentarians <http://hsap.org>
And the Aloha-'Ohana Parliamentary unit <http://hsap.org/aloha/>
(Affiliates of the National Association of Parliamentarians (NAP)
<http://parliamentarians.org>)

Call Asato at 623.0082 for more information or info@hsap.org

Public Welcome!



BUDDHA DAY

Celebration of birth of the Founder of Buddhism
Shakyamuni Buddha
combined with the Gannenmono Memorial Service

Sunday, April 1, 2018 at 9:30 a.m.

Soto Mission of Hawaii

1708 Nuuanu Ave, Honolulu

Guest Speaker- Mrs. Christine Kubota

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