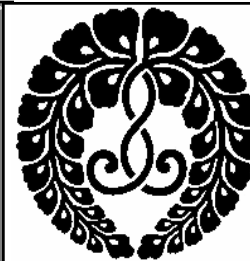


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## NEED THE ASSISTANCE OF THE MINISTER?

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## Minister's Message

### AKEMASHITE OMEDETOU GOZAIMASU!

Happy New Year! May the Infinite Light of Life of Amida Buddha awaken in each of us a fresh sense of joy for being able to welcome into our lives a brand new year.

Mahalo for the friendship, understanding and support so many of you have extended to me during past year. Please continue to support and guide us.

Recently I read very interesting article and pictures. It was about *Ozoni*. *Ozoni* is a soup with Mochi and vegetables and is an essential dish for celebrating the New Year. In the Kansai area, where I'm originally from, it is made with Shiro Miso and round mocha, while in the Kanto area, ozone is generally prepared as a clear soup with square mochi. But the seasoning and other ingredients are different according to each region and household. It is the special feature of ozone to bring out the richness of local color with additional ingredients, like fish, chicken and/or special regional items. It is tradition for people in Japan to enjoy Ozoni and Osechi Ryori (Special New Year dishes) together with family.

At the Aiea Hongwanji, after our New Year's Eve service in the Temple our member's line up to ring the bell. Traditionally, the bell is struck 108 times. Thus symbolizing the 108 characteristics of our human nature also known as 煩惱 (*Bon'nou*). Contrary to holiday articles in newspapers, the striking of the bell does not rid ourselves of these 108 blind passions, rather it is a reminder of who we truly are.

Shinran Shonin taught us that as long as we are so preoccupied with our 108 passions, we will never understand the intention of the Primal Vow of Amida Buddha. Only when we come to our own realization on how truly limited we are as humans and come face to face to our true nature of ignorance, do we come to rely on Amida completely.

To truly see our ignorance, anger, and self-centeredness, to see our 108 passions, is actually liberating. This process is liberating because one can finally awaken to our true self. In Jodo Shinshu, we are truly freed because we are foolish, not in spite of it. The realization of our foolish and human nature is a very important part of our awakening.

As the beginning of year 2019, I would like to wish you and your family a very meaningful and fulfilling year. I would also like to express my sincerest appreciation and gratitude to all of you for making this past year a most valuable and rewarding experience. To be able to share the Nembutsu Teaching with you has been a truly wonderful experience for me.

Let us continue to work together in 2019 to make Aiea Hongwanji Mission a conducive environment to hear the Nembutsu Teachings.

May gratitude and appreciation enter your life as you awaken to the Nembutsu Teachings.

Namo Amida Butsu  
Rev. Shawn Kosho Yagi

If you are homebound or in a care home or hospital, and would like Rev. Yagi to visit with you, please call him at 488-5685 to arrange a visit.



**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.

**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Akemashite omedetou gozaimasu! Hauoli makahiki hou!  
Happy New Year!



Hello everyone,

I hope you are doing well and looking forward to the New Year-2019! We had a very successful Temple Beautification day on Sunday the 16<sup>th</sup>. All of our volunteers cleaned the Nokotsudo and Temple. The Hosha gang cleaned the yard in front of the temple. Also, the Lotus Adult Day Care Center was cleaned and parent-volunteers cleaned the Preschool. Thank you everyone for getting our temple ready for 2019!

We attended the Pacific Buddhist Academy annual *Lighting Our Way* Banquet in November. Carol Hayashino, President of the Japanese Cultural Center of Hawaii was one of those recognized for service to the community. As part of her message, Carol quoted astronaut Ellison Onizuka, Hawaii's first astronaut in his message to the Konawaena High School graduating class of 1980. I'm sure you have read it in the past. I thought you might appreciate reading part of his message again:

*If I can impress upon you only one idea . . . Let it be that the people who make this world run, whose lives can be termed successful, whose names will go down in the history books, are not the cynics, the critics, or the armchair quarterbacks.*

*They are the adventurers, the explorers, and doers of this world. When they see a wrong or problem, they do something about it. When they see a vacant place in our knowledge, they work to fill that void.*

*Rather than leaning back and criticizing how things are, they work to make things the way they should be. They are the aggressive, the self-starters, the innovative, and the imaginative of this world.*

*Every generation has the obligation to free men's minds for a look at new worlds . . . to look out from a higher plateau than the last generation.*

*Your vision is not limited by what your eye can see, but by what your mind can imagine. Many things that you take for granted were considered unrealistic dreams by previous generations. If you accept these past accomplishments as commonplace then think of the new horizons that you can explore.*

*From your vantage point, your education and imagination will carry you to places, which we won't believe possible.*

*Make your life count – and the world will be a better place because you tried.*

Thank you COL Ellison Onizuka for being an inspiration to the young people of Hawaii.

I hope that you will have a chance to participate in our annual Mochi-tsuki on Saturday the 29<sup>th</sup>. We start at 8 am and usually done by 11 am. Also, please try to come to the temple for New Year's Eve Service on Monday at 5 pm and/or New Year's Day Service on Tuesday. It is a good way to start the year.

*Be your own light, Warren Tamamoto*

**WELCOME TO NEW MEMBER**

We would like to extend a very warm welcome to new member Claude "Masa" Tazawa We look forward to his participation in our temple activities. Please encourage your family and friends to join Aiea Hongwanji. Prospective members should please call the office at 487-2626 for the paperwork..

## Aiea BWA News

Akemashite Omedeto Gozaimasu!

As we begin 2019 I'd like to thank all of our BWA members and families for all the generous help and participation in our temple's activities in 2018. I hope that everyone will continue to support our BWA and temple. Big or small, everyone's help is greatly appreciated.

Good food and great camaraderie was enjoyed by all at the BWA's annual End of the Year Luncheon. Mahalo to Charlene, Sally, and Susan who coordinated games and prizes, to Elaine K. for making arrangements with the restaurant, to Helen for teaching us how to make the aloha shirt party favors, to Diane for making the table centerpieces and for picking up the birthday cake, to Cindy for generous donations of table decorations and prizes, to Jean and Elaine S. for their contributions, and to members and guests who donated goodies/prizes. The Royal Palace Restaurant even made a complimentary fish jello dessert in honor of Ito Kurasaki's birthday!

Thank you to all who bring flowers for our temple services. These gifts really brighten our temple and are appreciated by all. Thank you to Helen, Elaine K., Sally and Thelma for

arranging the flowers every week.

Special thanks to all our members who prepare the Sunday lunches for the hard-working Hoshu gang. Everyone's unselfish dana and dedication are greatly appreciated. A very special thank you to Ito Kurasaki, our Master Chef who prepares lunch for Hoshu and BWA meetings every Thursday and so generously donates his time and energy to cook for numerous temple activities throughout the year.

Many thanks to members, friends and family who make our annual Mochitsuki so successful! It is always so nice to meet old and new friends, sharing the traditional experience and the taste of mochi making.

Mark your calendars for Thursday, March 7, 2019. This is when chef Yoichi Yamaguchi from Fukui Prefecture in Japan is coming to Aiea Hongwanji to share his love of soba by doing a soba making and tasting demonstration. The demonstration will begin at 11:00 am and end around 1:30. Consider taking a long lunch hour on that day to join us! There is a sign-up sheet on the kitchen door. Attendance is limited to 50 people.

Have a wonderful and Happy New Year!

In Gassho,  
Janice Ito, BWA President



## Senior YBA News

Happy New Year! Wishing all of you a very healthy and prosperous 2019!

Our Senior YBA Holiday Dinner on December 14<sup>th</sup> at the Tamamotos allowed us to close out 2018 with lots of fun and our usual good fun laughter. We started with a table of assorted pupu. So onolicious! After our Words of Thanksgiving, we enjoyed ono kine kau kau. We enjoyed our desserts too. Yes everyone also made "take home food" plates.

Keith shared with us a paper game of phrases that sounded Chinese and we had to translate them into plain English. The winning team picked up their grab bag first. We ended our evening with

talking story and much laughter. Oh yeah, Warren played some oldies Christmas songs. We had to guess who was singing. Gayle could name all - she was da winna!!

Our Senior YBA will have a busy 2019! February 15 (Friday) is our dinner and installation of our 2019 officers. This event will be at the Pearl Country Club Grille Room. Please save February 15 and see you all there.

Our first Senior YBA meeting is on January 7 (Monday). We will meet in our office at 7:30 p.m.

Please take good care of your health!

In Gassho,  
George Zakahi



## 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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**BENEDICTION FOR THE 2018 INAUGURATION OF THE GOVERNOR AND LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII** – Bishop Eric Matsumoto. All-Inclusive Wisdom and All-Embracing Compassion/Buddha of Infinite Light and Immeasurable Life, at the conclusion of this Inauguration of our Governor, the Honorable David Yutaka Ige, and Lieutenant Governor Josh Green, illumine our hearts and minds with your Light of Wisdom and Compassion.

So, we may realize the interdependent nature of all life, all existence as shared by the metaphor of Indra's



Net. The awareness of our interconnectedness and interrelatedness may be the single most important realization needed to bring about peaceful, harmonious and collaborative progress and change. When we are not aware of our shared interdependence, “we tend to think... that our own perspective is the only one that is right and justified. This is what causes conflicts to arise.”<sup>1</sup> It is said, from the awareness of interdependence arises a heightened [respect](#) and deep appreciation of others with a sense of [responsibility](#) for our actions because of the effect it has on others including the 'aina, our natural environment. “The weakness of our relationships with each other is...(our) thinking about ourselves more than others.”<sup>2</sup> More than ever, let us treasure the relationships we have with each other.

Wise words always encourage us to “not be egoistic or self-willed, but...cherish feelings of good-will toward all alike; ...respect those worthy of respect; ...serve those who are worthy of service and treat everyone with uniform kindness.”<sup>3</sup>

Let us keep in mind that “Thousands of people may live in a community, but it is not a true community until all people know each other, trust each other and there is harmony.”<sup>4</sup> In such organizations and such a community, we will find unity and various virtues will abound.

Perhaps more than anywhere, though we may have our variances, the people of Hawai'i, with the Spirit of Aloha, sense of *Ohana*, and attitude of *Okagesama de* and gratitude (*arigatai*), exhibit the qualities of a fine community. Under the leadership of the 8th Governor of the State of Hawai'i, the Honorable David Ige and his administration, with all of us respectfully working together, may our Hawai'i Nei become a shining example of a more harmonious and peaceful world by “Moving Forward Together.”

Entrusting in All-Inclusive Wisdom and All-Embracing Compassion/Namo Amida Butsu.

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Footnotes

- 1 From *Moving Forward Just As You Are* by Monshu Kojun Ohtani, Resident Head Priest of Nishi Hongwanji, 2017, p 48
- 2 *Ibid*, p 42
- 3 Adapted from *The Teaching of Buddha* by Bukkyo Dendo Kyokai (Society for the Promotion of Buddhism), 2008, p 402
- 4 *Ibid*, p 448

**44<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL LIVING TREASURES OF HAWAII RECOGNITION.** The Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii will honor the following individuals as the 2019 Living Treasures of Hawai'i™ in recognition of their personal and professional achievements and their contributions to the community. We welcome you to celebrate this honor with them. Registration form is attached.

- John M. Hara, FAIA
- Earl Kawa'a
- Gertrude Yukie Tsutsumi
- James T. Yagi

Date: Saturday, February 9, 2019

Place: Hilton Hawaiian Village, Coral Ballroom

Time: 11AM Registration, 12 noon Lunch/Program

Attire: Aloha

Cost: Early registration - \$75.00 (Jan 27, 2019)

Late registration - \$90.00 (Jan 28 – Feb 2, 2019)

(Reservations will NOT be accepted after Feb 3, 2019)

*Sponsor Tables are available: Gold - \$5,000; Silver - \$3,000; Bronze - \$1,500; deadline – Jan 23, 2019*

**HMHH INSTAGRAM.** Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii Social Media Team recently created the Instagram Account. Please follow it!

Instagram: [@honpahongwanjihawaii\\_official](https://www.instagram.com/honpahongwanjihawaii_official)

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**HONOLULU OAHU DISTRICTS JOINT 2018 NEMBUTSU GATHERING.** The Honolulu and Oahu Districts presented

a joint 2018 Nembutsu Gathering, *Walking the Path of Change...Together* on Saturday, November 10 at Jikoen Hongwanji . A total of 71 participants attended this event. A delicious Blue Zones lunch was provided by the Jikoen BWA.

Bishop Eric Matsumoto shared his thoughts about the seminar theme, Dharma-Centered organization and relevancy. Pieper Toyama talked about organization/reorganization, "Montoship", social media, social concerns, and community involvement. Alan Goto provided information on the budget and alternative income with current examples. The Keynote Speaker was Dr. Maya Soetoro-Ng, consultant to the Obama



Foundation and co-founder of Ceeds of Peace, which creates peace building action plan workshops for educators, families and community leaders. She provided inspiration to work together on these initiatives by focusing on such topics as Embracing Change, Moving Outside Your Comfort Zone, Working with Those Who Resist Change and Living a Life of Harmony.

Small group discussions were held throughout the day with topics including being a Dharma-Centered organization, social concerns, alternative income, community involvement and social media.

Plans are being made for another joint Honolulu/Oahu District Nembutsu seminar in the Fall of 2019.

**LIVES REMEMBERED: A TRIBUTE TO THE FALLEN OF PEARL HARBOR.** Bishop Eric Matsumoto and Reverend Kazunori Takahashi attended a Memorial Ceremony "Lives Remembered: A Tribute to the Fallen of Pearl Harbor" which was held on Thursday, December 6, 2018 at the Banyan Tree on Ford Island. This ceremony was co-hosted by the Consulate General of Japan in Honolulu and Navy Region Hawaii to recognize both the American and Japanese lives lost during the Pearl Harbor attack of 1941, and as a symbol of reconciliation and friendship between Japan and the United States. The Ceremony began with the National Anthems of both countries, remarks by Mr.

Koichi Ito (The Consul General of Japan in Honolulu) and Rear Admiral Matthew Carter (Deputy Commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet), and a keynote speaker Ms. Jacqueline Ashwell (Superintendent, World War II Valor in the Pacific National Monument).



**HAWAII FEDERATION OF BUDDHIST WOMEN'S ASSOCIATIONS.** You see the Buddhist Women's Association members in action in your temples and in your community. What you might not see is the impact and involvement of the BWA on a national and international level.

This year, the BWA Federation has supported two significant initiatives to share the Dharma. BWA members took the lead in fundraising for Hawaii's contribution to the establishment of an Eshin-ni – Kakushin-ni Endowed Chair at the Institute for Buddhist Studies in Berkeley. Interest from the endowment will support a faculty position which will be used to train new ministers and to offer continuing education. We're happy to announce that Hawaii will meet their fundraising goal of \$11,000 towards the endowment by our deadline of December 31st! Mahalo to all of the temples, individuals and organizations for your generous support of this exciting effort. If you haven't had a chance to contribute but would like to, please send a check made out to HHMHFBWA to Karen Kikukawa, FBWA Treasurer at HQ.

Our second initiative was to contribute, at the Asoka level, to the publication of the book, Leaves of My Heart. The book is a translation of Lady Takeko Kujo's works which is being published by the American Buddhist Study Center in New York City. Lady Kujo was a devout Buddhist who helped found the Buddhist Women's Association and was an activist to help the poor, providing soup kitchens and free medical aid.

Leaves of My Heart is a collection of Lady Kujo's essays which were published in a Tokyo newspaper as well as a selection of her poems.

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Aiea BWA and Hosha End of Year Party on December 6.



Beautification Day  
Cleaning Temple and Columbarium





Beautification Day  
cleaning Lotus Adult Day Care Center, Preschool,  
Kindergarten and Temple Grounds



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A quote from one of her poems:

“Why the sad tears? Look up! There’s a wonderful world of love awaiting you in the twinkling of a star!”

To learn more about the book or Lady Kujo, see the American Buddhist Study Center’s webpage:

<https://www.ambuddhist.org/leaves-of-my-heart>. We are looking forward to seeing the book which is in the final stages of publication and should be available at the first of next year.



# PACIFIC BUDDHIST ACADEMY

— Enlightened Learning —

**PACIFIC BUDDHIST ACADEMY OPEN HOUSE.** Pacific Buddhist Academy will be holding the Open House **on Wednesday, January 30, 2019.** It is an opportunity to learn more about PBA, its academic rigorous program, its inclusive and safe learning environment and get a personal tour of the new building. For more information, please visit the website at [www.pacificbuddhistacademy.org](http://www.pacificbuddhistacademy.org) or call (808) 532-2649.

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### GETTING TO KNOW DR. BEN.

How many schools in Hawaii - or for that matter anywhere - can claim to have a Celtic bard on their faculty who helped save a language? Well, Pacific Buddhist Academy's Humanities teacher Dr. Benjamin Bruch holds that honor and even has the bardic robes to prove it! A bard, by the way, is a professional storyteller, music composer, and verse-maker. Dr. Ben, who has worked at PBA since 2014, became a bard through his work for the Cornish language, which a few decades ago was near extinction. Dr. Ben served as part of team that created a "Standard Written Form" of the language that has contributed greatly to its revival.



A native of Wisconsin who holds a doctorate in Celtic Languages and Literatures from Harvard University, Dr. Ben speaks and writes nine languages fluently. Last year, he was confirmed as a Shin Buddhist in a ceremony officiated by Gomonshu Kojun Ohtani at the Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin. *What's New* caught up with the Celtic Buddhist to learn more about him.

**What brought you to Hawaii and PBA?** My family and I moved to Honolulu in 2014 when my husband Rüdiger became PBA's

Director of Advancement. Before that, we had been living on the campus of a Quaker boarding school in rural West Branch, Iowa. While I had never even visited Hawai'i before, it was easy to fall in love with our new home, and the transition from one peace-centered high school to another was an easy one. The summer after I arrived, PBA opened up three new teaching positions, and I was hired to teach social studies, language arts, and Celtic music.

**What do you like most about working at PBA?** PBA is a close-knit community where staff and students really support one another and where the curriculum is built around the strengths both teachers and learners bring to the school. Having worked as a college instructor at Harvard and as a lecturer and professor at universities in Europe, I find PBA offers a degree of freedom and educational depth you only find nowadays at a few liberal arts colleges. Instead of teaching the same old subjects out of a textbook, faculty here design their own courses based on their personal areas of expertise and the needs and interests of our students. We may be a small school but we offer a range of classes that you won't find anywhere else in Hawai'i - especially not at the high school level.

**How does your experience as a linguist inform your work at PBA?** There is an old Irish saying that translates as, "A land without a language is a land without a soul." Working with Cornish and other Celtic languages gave me a deep and lasting appreciation of how a people's language can form a core of their cultural and national identity. Language transmits history, culture, values, and so much more. When I learn about the history of Hawai'i, I see how important language has been and continues to be as a way to pass on lessons and traditions from one generation to the next. At PBA, I feel fortunate that I am able to offer courses where our students can learn some 'Ōlelo Hawai'i in their history and literature classes, or find out how Hawai'i Creole (Pidgin) was born on the plantations as they study linguistics.

**You have become very involved in the Shin Buddhist community and are even now a board member of the Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin. What led you to Buddhism?** A lot of people I meet outside of PBA don't know that while our school is inspired by Buddhist values like peace, equality, interdependence, and respect for all living things, our staff and students come from all different faith traditions. When I moved to Hawai'i, I was not a Buddhist, and didn't know much about Shin Buddhism or its teachings. Through working at the school, however, I got to know a number of the ministers and members of the sangha at the Betsuin, and began attending services. One of the things that really 'clicked' for me about Shin Buddhism as a social studies and civics teacher is when I read scriptures written centuries ago that talked about "nondiscrimination" - a value I would like to see us embrace more in the modern world.



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**How do you spend your time outside of PBA and the Betsuin community?** Since moving to Honolulu I have spent a lot of time learning about the languages, history, and traditions of Hawai'i and the people who live here. My daughter is an enthusiastic student of hula and Hawaiian music, and I enjoy practicing the 'ukulele with her. I've always been interested in games, and in addition to the occasional game night with my PBA colleague Dr. James, I've also learned how to play Hawai'i-style hanafuda. This past summer, I got a new perspective on the political process - one which I look forward to sharing with students in my constitutional law class next semester - when I attended a state party convention and worked on an election campaign.

**YESS** (Young Enthusiastic Shinshu Seekers) **Camp** is a camp held every Spring for any youth ages 13-23 who are interested in Buddhism and growing deeper in the Dharma.

This year camp will be held on February 16-18, 2019 at Camp Kokokahi on the island of Oahu. The early registration deadline is December 31, 2018.

Website: <https://yesscamp.wixsite.com/yesscamp>

Please feel free to explore around and if you have any questions please contact us!

Thank you!

Co-Chairs Preston Matsuo & Dwight Matsuo

The above information can be found in the PBA's emailed bi-weekly newsletter: *What's New at PBA*.

### PROJECT DANA

Volunteers are needed in the area from Waimalu to Salt Lake, to assist with transportation for doctor and dentist visits, shopping, and respite visits. for the frail, elderly and disabled living at home. A Big Thank You to Frank and Helen Takenouchi for their ongoing work with Project Dana. Please call the office at 487-2626 if you are interested in becoming a Project Dana volunteer of Aiea Hongwanji. Orientation and training will be provided to the volunteers.

### 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)	7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
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.

### NEW YEARS PARTY 2019

Note from Richard Ito, who is in charge of prizes this year:

Our 2019 Shinnen Enkai is on the calendar for January 26th, yes, so soon again. As most have seen, included in our memorable activities are Bingo and lucky number giveaways. If you wish to donate a prize, company or private, physical item or certificate, even possibly recent re-purposed holiday gifts of reasonable appeal, please call Richard at 455-8545 or email at [r\\_t\\_ito@hotmail.com](mailto:r_t_ito@hotmail.com). Depending on what is donated, consideration is being given to adding a silent auction as well.

**HAPPY NEW YEAR 2019!**

Thank you Richard!! More information on the Party is on page 12 of the this issue of the JIKO.

### Aiea Hongwanji Preschool & Kindergarten

- Enrollment is full at 105 students.
- Dec 4—Field trip to Honolulu Hale and to Honolulu Theatre for Youth (HTY) to see Elephant & Piggie
- This Holiday Season, the Preschool sponsored a food drive. Usually donations are down after the holidays and the Food Bank needs to be replenished. In this season of giving, the children experienced the joy of giving and sharing with those who are less fortunate.
- Lots of parents for Beautification Day. 4's curtains were hung, window жалюзиs wiped down, screens washed, fans cleaned, garden weed, sandbox area cleaned, toys sanitized in 3's, 4's and Kindergarten classrooms, AC filters cleaned and light bulbs replaced in Kindergarten room.

**Major Yearly  
Memorial  
Service  
Schedule**

For The Year  
2019

- 2018-1st year
- 2017-3rd year\*
- 2013-7th year
- 2007-13th year
- 2003-17th year
- 1995-25th year
- 1987-33rd year
- 1970-50th 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.

January 2019

Doris Tamie Sumida	1st
Harriet Shizuyo Watanabe	1st
Ethel Kameyo Sekine	3rd
Roger Rikio Tokushige	3rd
Otaka Kato	13th
June Wakako Matsuoka	17th
George Yoshiharu Morishima	17th
Kiyoko Muraki	17th
Robert Yoji Nakagawa	25th
Shunsaku Marumoto	50th

February 2019

Yasuto Kubota	1st
Akira Mori	1st
Nancy Chiyoko Furukawa	3rd
Masae Kakimoto	3rd
Grace H Kaneshiro	3rd
June Yasuko Kimura	3rd
Masae Sakurai	3rd
Mitsuko Kirihara	7th
William Tsuruo Kuromoto	7th
Mary Chieko Masuda	7th
Masako Miyashiro	13th
Takeo Okihiro	13th
Masao Nadai	25th
Kenichi Nakahara	25th
Shigeyuki Nakashima	25th
Gertrude Hideko Oka	33rd
Yoshikazu Miyamasa	50th
Ichiji Sakamoto	50th



We apologize for an error in reporting the name of a donor in the last issue of the JIKO. We are grateful to Mrs. Arline Uyeunten for her generous donation of \$150 in memory of her husband, Carl Uyeunten (13th Year Service).




### EVENTS OF JANUARY 2019

1	Tue	10:00am	Shusho-e (New Year's Day Service)
2	Wed		Preschool resumes
3	Thu	9:00am	Aiea Buddhist Women's Association meeting
6	Sun	9:00am	Service and Dharma School
6	Sun	11:30am	O 'ahu Jr YBA meeting
7	Mon	7:30pm	Senior Young Buddhist Association meeting in office
13	Sun	9:00am	Service and Dharma School
15	Tue	7:00pm	Aiea Hongwanji Mission Board of Directors' Meeting
20	Sun	9:00am	Shinran Shonin Memorial Service (Hoonko), speaker: Rev. Jan Youth
21	Mon		Martin Luther King Day Holiday/Parade (Preschool/Lotus closed)
26	Sat	5:00pm	New Year's Party (Shinnenenkai) dinner; pupus at 4:15pm; Aiea Kyodan officers installation at 4:30 pm
27	Sun	9:00am	Service and Dharma School
28	Mon	7:00pm	O'ahu Hongwanji Council Pre-Giseikai meeting at Pearl City

### HIGHLIGHTS OF FEBRUARY 2019

3	Sun	9:00am	Service and Dharma School
7	Thu	9:00am	Aiea BWA meeting
7	Thur		Hawaii Kyodan Board of Directors Meeting & State Ministers Association Meeting; BWA "tea"; rap session
8-9	Fri-Sat		107th Legislative Assembly (Giseikai)
9	Sat	11:00am	Living Treasures of Hawaii Recognition Luncheon
10	Sun	9:00am	BWA Dana Day Service / Dharma School
15	Fri		Nirvana Day
15	Fri		Sr YBA Installation Dinner at Pearl Country Club
16-18	Sat-Mon		YESS 36(Young Enthusiastic Shinshu Seekers) Camp (Kokokahi)
17	Sun	9:00am	Service and Dharma School
18	Mon		Presidents' Day HOLIDAY (Preschool/Lotus closed)
19	Tue	7:00pm	Aiea Hongwanji Mission Annual Membership Meeting; followed by Board of Directors' Meeting
24	Sun	9:00am	Service and Dharma School
24	Sun	12:30pm	O'ahu United Honpa Hongwanji BWA meeting at Aiea

### ***Aloha Members and Friends***

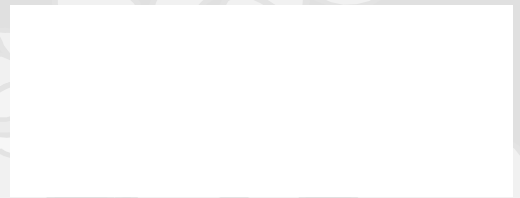
- Just a reminder to please send in your dues — Aiea's Gojikai dues are \$125 for the year (*just a little over \$10 a month*), and Associate dues for members age 40 and below are only \$50. To avoid confusion for our Treasurer, please put "Gojikai dues" and the year for which you are paying in the corner of your check, especially if you are paying for previous year(s). And if you are paying for another person, please send a note with the pertinent information. If you wish to clarify your situation, please call Susan in the temple office at 487-2626, or email [aieajiko@gmail.com](mailto:aieajiko@gmail.com). As she is only part-time, please leave your name and phone number on the answering machine if there is no answer.
- FYI: In 2014, the Legislative Assembly (Giseikai) passed a resolution defining Membership as: based on family units as shown below:
  - Two persons joined in marriage or civil union and their legal dependent(s).
  - A single parent with his/her legal dependent(s),
  - A single adult, whether or not he/she is living with another family unit.
- Also for your information, the temple paid \$23,764 in 2018 as its share in assessments for statewide administration, programs and activities. This is \$158 per member unit. We appreciate your dues and donations to help support our temple and the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii ! 

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## ***NEW YEAR'S PARTY (SHINNENENKAI)***

*JANUARY 26, 2019 (SATURDAY)*

*Aiea Hongwanji Mission's New Year's Party*

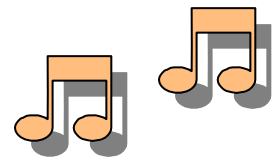
4:00 pm Doors open. Fellowship.

4:30 pm Service and Installation -

5:00 pm Dinner

6:15 pm Keirokai, Entertainment, Bingo, Door Prizes \*see note on page 11.

Tickets are **\$10** for adults, **\$5** for children 7-12 years old, and **free** for those under 7. Sign up in the office with Susan, or call 487-2626 and leave a message.



Deadline: Sunday, January 20. Everyone is welcome! See you there.

## **OAHU DISTRICT HONGWANJI SANGHA DAY 2019**

At Waipahu Cultural Park/Plantation Village

Sunday, March 3, 2019 from 9 AM to 2 PM

- We are celebrating the 130<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii.
- We will learn about the history of our Mission and also think about the future.
- The Pacific Buddhist Academy will also have a taiko/drum performance.
- Hosted by the Waipahu Hongwanji Mission.
- More details to follow next month.