

# JIKO-"Wisdom-Light"

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## **NEED THE ASSISTANCE OF THE MINISTER?**

**Please call Rev. Shawn 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 pager number is 576-4136.**

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## **Minister's Message.**

This story occurred about 7 years ago when I was serving Honokaa Hongwanji.

Once I received a call from a mortuary in Hilo, about an hour's drive from Honokaa, where I resided, asked me to conduct a Buddhist funeral service. I checked my calendar and was able to accept.

I requested, and they e-mailed me, some details about the deceased.

Mrs. M was born in Nepal, she met and married Caucasian guy who brought her to the United States. They lived for some time in California, and then moved to Big Island. She loved sports and became a member of a golf club and some other community groups too.

She became ill and, after an examination, was informed that she had cancer. She joined a cancer support group where the patients comforted each other.

She passed away on the day I received the phone call, at the young age of 42. Surviving were her husband, a son and a daughter on Mainland.

On the day of the funeral, shortly after I arrived at the Chapel, the casket containing the deceased was wheeled into the room and placed in front of the Buddhist Altar. That was open casket funeral service. To the right side of the casket were placed photographs of the deceased.

I waited at the entrance until 11:00 a.m. when a mortuary staff escorted me in. I entered with striking the small hand held bell. Everyone was busy talking until then. With the first stroke of the bell, however, the room became silent. I bowed in front of the altar then offered incense. Because it was private funeral without MC, so, I went to the podium and explained the service procedure, and the importance of offering of incense in honor of the deceased.

I chanted opening sutra "San Bu Jo" the three respectful calling and then presented Mrs. M with her Dharma name. Following that, I began chanting the sutra "Shoshin-ge". While chanting, the immediate family came up to offering incense. After chanting, I gave a short Dharma talk, and concluded with a reading of a "White Ashes" from the Gobunsho (Epistles) by Rennyō Shōnin.

Then Mrs. M's husband, thanked everyone for attending. He continues to say following word (summary): "Those of you attending this service may be surprised at how different it is, but my children and I arranged to have a Buddhist service out of respect for my wife. We don't know anything about the Buddhist religion. We just wanted to show our respect to that religious tradition because it was so important to my late wife. We have placed picture of my wife next to the casket, so please look at them and remember her kindly as you leave. Thank you."

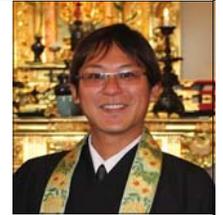
After service husband came to thank me and said "I think my wife is very happy for your beautiful Buddhist service. She had good life, too short but so nice and sweet life. She knew she's gone. She told me everything she wants."

Although he is a Caucasian with no knowledge or experience of Buddha-dharma, I admired Mrs. M's husband for the great respect that he showed his wife's religion.

In the Lager Sutra it says

Humans, who live in the midst of worldly passions, are born alone and die alone, leave alone and come alone. According to their actions, they go to painful or pleasant realms. People must receive their karmic consequences by themselves. No one else can take their place.

Yes, each of us live a "life" that "no one can live for us". However if we have someone to cuddle close together and talk to each other, listen to each other, we are able to have better



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life, better way of leaving this world like this beautiful couple.

On April 21, we had Kokua Mau presentation about "Hawai'i Advance Health Care Directive" and "Five Wishes". It was severe topic but 10 people were participated the presentation and they had a good time. These are important gift to your loved ones so that they won't have to guess what you want if you no longer can speak for yourself. It's not easy to talk about how you want the end of your life to be. But it's one of the most important conversations that you can have with your loved ones. If you are interesting to know about "Hawai'i Advance Health Care Directive" and "Five Wishes", please call office or go to [www.kokuamau.org](http://www.kokuamau.org).

Namo Amida Butsu  
Rev. Shawn K. 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.

### EVENTS OF MAY 2019

2	Thu	9:00am	Aiea Buddhist Women's Association meeting
4-5	Sat-Sun	10am-5pm	Hawaii Book & Music Festival, participate w/HBC on a program
5	Sun	9:00am	Service and Dharma School
5	Sun	11:30am	O'ahu United Jr. YBA meeting at Mililani
6	Mon	7:30pm	Aiea Senior Young Buddhist Association meeting in office
8-17	Wed - Fri		Aiea BWA Hokkaido Japan Tour
9	Thu	6:00pm	PBA Baccalaureate Ceremony at Hawaii Betsuin
10	Fri		Sanmu and Sanmu-Kanji Meetings
10	Fri	5:00pm	PBA Commencement Exercise at Japanese Cultural Center of HI
11	Sat	9:00am	Hawaii Kyodan Board of Directors' Meeting
12	Sun	9:00am	Mother's Day Service
17	Fri	6:00pm	No Eisa Bon Dance Practice
19	Sun	9:00am	Service and Dharma School
19	Sun	12:30pm	O'ahu United BWA meeting at Mililani, lunch at 12:15pm
21	Tue	7:00pm	Aiea Hongwanji Mission Board of Directors' Meeting
24	Fri		Aiea Hongwanji Mission Preschool Graduation
24	Fri	6:00pm	Last Eisa Bon Dance Practice for 2019
26	Sun	9:00am	Gotan-e Service (Shinran Shonin's Birthday)
27	Mon		Memorial Day HOLIDAY (Preschool/Lotus closed)

### HIGHLIGHTS OF JUNE 2019

1	Sat		O'ahu Sangha O-Bon Dance at Hawai'i Plantation Village
2	Sun	9:00am	Family Service and Dharma School
3	Mon		First Day of Preschool Summer Session
4-6	Tue-Thu		61st State Ministers Association Seminar (Maui)
6	Thu	9:00am	Aiea BWA meeting
9	Sun	8:00am	Quarterly Temple Beautification Day/no service
9	Sun	1pm-3pm	Buddha Bowling Bash at Aiea Bowl (refreshments at Aiea until 4pm)
11	Tue		Kamehameha Day (State Holiday)
15	Sat	7:00pm	Ewa Bon Dance
18	Tue	7:00pm	Aiea Hongwanji Mission Board of Directors' Meeting
21-22	Fri-Sat	7:00pm	Wahiawa Bon Dance
23	Sun	9:00am	Service and Dharma School
28-30	Fri-Sun		62nd Jr. YBA State Convention on Oahu
29-30	Fri-Sat	6:30pm	Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin Bon Dance and "Bontique"
30	Sun	9:00am	Family Service and Dharma School
30	Sun	12:15pm	United Lay Association of O'ahu meeting at Waianae
30	Sun	1:00pm	O'ahu Hongwanji Council meeting at Waianae

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Hello,

I hope you are well. We lost a valuable member recently. "Hisa" was a long-time Sangha member and Hosha gang helper. He was a "regular" on Thursdays and Sundays, often busy helping with repairs around the temple, temple beautification projects, set up for activities and clean up afterwards. Hisa was a member of the AHM Board of Directors and served as our Treasurer for many years. He spent many hours in the temple office carefully recording entries into our ledger books by hand. He was meticulous in his work. He was a die-hard Yankees fan. When the Yankees were in the World Series, he made an extra effort to get the game on TV in the Hosha area so everyone could watch. We spend many a Sunday afternoon outside the kitchen talking story and having a few drinks. Hisa was very dedicated to our temple and always put the temple needs above his own needs. Thank you, Hisa for all of your hard work for the benefit of our temple and for the many wonderful memories!

This past Sunday we had a very nice session on Advanced Care Planning, arranged by Rev. Yagi. Rev. Yagi is familiar with this topic through his work with Pali Momi Medical Center and the HHMH committee on End of Life Care. Our speaker was a representative for Kokua Mau ("Continuous Care"), a local non-profit organization dedicated to helping people talk about their wishes for end-of-life care. As our speaker pointed out, too often we don't discuss this with our loved ones when we are able to. This session gave us a chance to think about what we want for ourselves and make our wishes known.

The speaker encouraged us to think about such topics as: what matters to me at the end of life, how involved do I want my loved ones to be in my care and where do I want to receive my care. She introduced us to such terms as Advanced Care Planning (ACP), Advanced Directive (AD), Health Care Proxy (HCP), Provider Orders for Life-Sustaining Treatment (POLST) and Living Will. Thank you, Sensei Yagi for arranging this workshop.

I would like to inform you that this year our **O-Bon dance** will be held on **Saturday, July 27<sup>th</sup>**. We made this change because of a conflict with the University of Hawaii vs. Arizona football game at Aloha Stadium. Hope to see you all at our Bon Dance.

Be your own light,  
Warren Tamamoto

*"Happiness will never come to those who fail to appreciate what they already have."*

*Buddha*

**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.**

### 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.
Fridays	Eisa Bon Dance Practice	6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

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**BISHOP'S CORNER.** My thoughts as we honor Lady Eshinni and Lady Kakushinni in April

Recently, I attended a presentation offered by Kōkua Mau (Continuous Care in Hawaiian), an entity which provides information on advance care planning, hospice and palliative care in Hawaii. It was a presentation on what is traditionally known as "Ethical Wills" and sometimes "Spiritual Wills" and more recently "Legacy Letters." According to Wikipedia, "The content may not differ from writers of spiritual autobiographies or memoirs, but the intent makes an ethical will unique. "The generic purpose of the ethical will is to pass on wisdom and love to future generations." Writing can include family history and cultural and spiritual values; blessings and expressions of love for, pride in, hopes and dreams for children and grandchildren; life-lessons and wisdom of life experience; requests for forgiveness for regretted actions; the rationale for philanthropic and personal financial decisions; stories about the meaningful "stuff" for heirs to receive; clarification about and personalization of advance health directives; and requests for ways to be remembered after death." Please note that an Ethical Will is not a legal document. I was asked if we had something similar in the Jodo Shinshu Tradition. I could not think of anything widespread as a tradition and/or custom, but immediately what did come to mind was Lady Eshinni's Letters which she wrote to Lady Kakushinni, her daughter.

In one of her letters, Lady Eshinni laments to her daughter that they are physically separated with her in Niigata and Lady Kakushinni in Kyoto. She says "...I often think of your children and would like to hear the most recent news about them. Oh, will there ever be a chance for me to visit you, or for you to come to see me once more while I am alive?



Most likely not!" Lady Eshinni's Letter 10 continues with her saying "I am ready to go to the Pure Land at any moment. In the Pure Land we will be able to know everything clearly. So I hope that you shall live the life of nembutsu and come join me there. I know that if we can meet in the Pure Land, everything will become clear."

Here, Lady Eshinni is clearly expressing her deepest wish that her daughter will also entrust in Amida Buddha, recite the Nembutsu and also be born in the Pure Land where they will be able to meet again. To me, this is a very touching conversation between mother and child in which the mother is expressing and sharing her spirituality with her child.

Due to factors like World War II, Buddhism being a minority religion in America, the shift from 3 Generations living under a roof to nuclear families, and the misguided notion that if I encourage my family (to attend temple) I am forcing them to be Buddhists, many of us tend not to share too much about our Buddhist religion with family and friends. However, I would implore and humbly ask you to, please reconsider and, begin sharing what is important to you. Of course, conversing in person and now would be best, but if it is challenging, how about "Legacy Letter"? Please share with especially your family what is important to you!

As Lady Eshinni shared many other things about her husband Shinran Shonin with Lady Kakushinni, she was able to learn a lot about her father. For example, how kind and thoughtful person he was, how he was always concerned about others and trying to find a way to help others which ultimately was to share the Nembutsu Teaching with them. Thus, Lady Kakushinni was able to revere him and aspired to perpetuate Shinran Shonin's legacy through preserving his memory by becoming the Rusushiki or Caretaker of Shinran Shonin's Mausoleum which would eventually evolve into the Hongwanji.

In this respect, the correspondence, communications, the conversation, the letters between Lady Eshinni and Lady Kakushinni played

such an important role in the nurturing of Lady Kakushinni and the huge role she would play in the history of Jodo Shinshu. I hope that for us, in Hawaii Kyodan, we can regain this kind of conversation and sharing as it is one of the keys to our future to sustain and grow the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii both financially and spiritually.

Shinran Shonin wrote a hymn or wasan, "I praise Amida's wisdom and virtue so that beings with mature conditions throughout the ten quarters may hear. Let those who have realized shinjin constantly respond in gratitude to the Buddha's benevolence." You might say "I can't give a Dharma Message about Amida Buddha," but I would say "You can talk story" as we say in Hawaii. No doubt, the greatest praise to Amida Buddha is our reciting the Nembutsu, Namo Amida Butsu in our everyday life and living our life guided by the Dharma. Let us share our Dharma enriched life with others just as Lady Eshinni and Lady Kakushinni did with each other and others.

I conclude by quoting the late Bishop Yemyo Imamura "...the entire karma of events throughout this first decade in Hawaii is due to nothing but the manifestation of the compassion of the (Amida) Buddha." "To think of all those forgetting themselves for the Hongwanji to make today possible, I feel gratitude and am moved deeply even now." Thank you and Namo Amida Butsu/Entrusting in All-Inclusive Wisdom and All-Embracing Compassion.

Bishop Eric Matsumoto

### **HAWAII KYODAN SCHOLARSHIP STUDENTS**

**Reverend Joshin Kamuro**, an associate minister of Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin, will be on a leave of absence until early September 2019 to study at Dendo-in (the Buddhist Institute for the Propagation of Buddhism) in Kyoto, Japan as a Hawaii Kyodan Scholarship Student.

**Mr. Blayne Nakasone Sakata**, a member of Waipahu Hongwanji Mission and Puna Hongwanji Mission and a graduate of Pacific Buddhist Academy, has begun his studies and training at the Chuo Bukkyo Gakuin (Central Buddhist Seminary) in Kyoto, Japan as a Hawaii Kyodan Scholarship Student.

### **CONDOLENCES**

**Mr. Tatsuo Yoshida**, a member of Papaaloo Hongwanji Mission, passed away on February 24, 2019. Mr. Yoshida served as a Temple Officer for many years. The Ingo (Posthumous Title) of JO-KO-IN 常光院 which means "One who constantly illuminated others" in recognition of his life of nembutsu in which he continually showed others the way was conferred by Bishop Eric Matsumoto on April 6, 2019.

**Mrs. Florence Sumiko Yoshizu**, a member of

Makawao Hongwanji Mission, passed away on March 16, 2019. Ms. Yoshizu served as a Sunday School teacher for more than 25 years, as president of the Asoka Club from 1984 to 1990 and as board director for the Makawao Hongwanji Preschool in the 1980s and 1990s. The Ingo (Posthumous Title) of SHI-YUU-IN 志勇院 which means "One whose resolution is unwavering and indefatigable" in recognition of her life of nembutsu was conferred by Bishop Eric Matsumoto on April 9, 2019.

**Mrs. Teruko Tsumura**, the wife of the late Reverend Junjo Tsumura who served as a minister for the Buddhist Churches of America and as the 12th Bishop of the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii, passed away on February 28, 2019 in San Jose, CA. The Private Funeral service was held at San Jose Buddhist Church Betsuin on April 11, 2019. HHMH Office of the Bishop sent a koden (condolence gift) with a Letter of Condolence from Bishop Eric Matsumoto and flowers for the Funeral Service. The Ingo (Posthumous Title) of MI-MYO-IN 微妙院 which means "One whose life resonated with delicate and wondrous sounds" in recognition of her life of nembutsu which was always filled with music was conferred by Bishop Eric Matsumoto.

### **PBA GRADUATION**

The Pacific Buddhist Academy will be holding its 13th Baccalaureate Ceremony on May 9, 2019 at 6:00 pm at Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin. The Ceremony will be officiated by Bishop Eric Matsumoto assisted by the ministers who will represent each district. Ten students will be graduating from PBA this year. The Commencement Exercise will be held on May 10, 2019 at 5:00 pm at the Japanese Cultural Center of Hawaii.

**KAHUKU HONGWANJI SCHOLARSHIP.** The Kahuku Hongwanji Mission closed its doors in February 2013 after serving its membership for 111 years. To maintain the legacy of the Kahuku Hongwanji Mission and to develop the future generations of the Hongwanji, Kahuku Hongwanji Mission established a scholarship to support students at the college level.

### **Eligibility:**

- The applicant must be a member of the BSC Fellowship Club or an active member of a Hawaii Kyodan organization.
- The applicant must be a full-time student of an accredited college,
- university, or a post-high school program in the State of Hawaii, and earn a
- minimum of 12 college credits per semester.

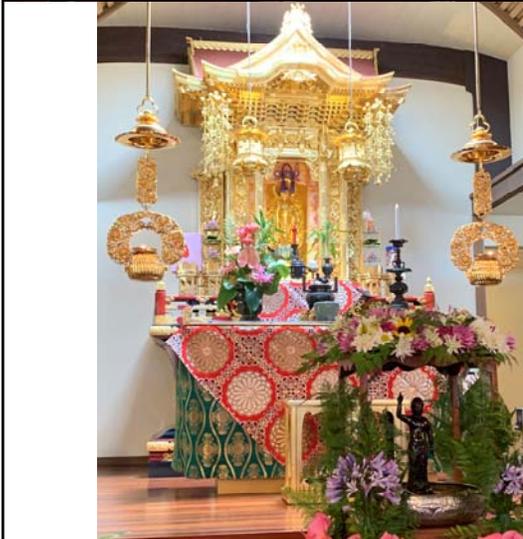


Aiea Junior  
YBA and  
Dharma School



Aiea's Hanamatsuri Service on April 14.

Welcome visitors Norma and Trisha.



Presentation by Kokua Mau on April 21st.



Hosha Garden

**Headquarters Update (Continued from page 11)**

**COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL CONCERNS**

**Donation to Malama Kauai.** A donation of \$5,360 from the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii was made to Malama Kauai on March 15, 2019. The donation will be used to help fund the "Mea'ai on Wheels" program guided by Malama Kauai to provide a daily meal to those still affected by the flooding which occurred in Spring 2018, specifically in the areas around Haena, Wainiha and Hanalei. The coordinator of the "Mea'ai on Wheels", Hana Neerings, said the program feeds 90 people per day on a budget of approximately \$300 per day. The program is designed for those who are still displaced, have no kitchen, are elderly or have a disabled child or adult in the home. Because of the condition of the road and the continued need to "caravan" in and out of the north shore area past Hanalei, a trip for groceries might involve a 5-hour trip instead of 1 hour trip, creating a hardship for many, especially the Kupuna. The meal served is a "hot, delicious and mostly organic" meal. As Neerings explained, "We have the best fed Kupuna on the island."



Pictured Left to Right: Roberta Yanagawa, President of Kauai Hongwanji Council; Carol Valentine, Social Concerns; Hana Neerings, Malama Kauai/Mea'ai on Wheels; Rev. Miekko Majima, President of the Kauai Ministers' Association.

**The Hawaii Federation of Buddhist Women's Associations gives thanks to all those from Aiea who donated a total of \$2,100 to the Endowed Chair Fund:**

Masao & Mary Aihara  
 Shigeo & Sumiko Asato  
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 Aiea Senior YBA



The World Federation of Jodo-Shinshu Hongwanji-ha Buddhist Women's Associations wishes to promote the vision and passion of Eshin-ni and Kakushin-ni and to honor them by establishing an Endowed Chair in Jodo Shinshu studies at the Institute of Buddhist Studies in Berkeley.

The \$2,100 collected was sent to the Hawaii Federation of BWA's for presentation to the World Federation in time for the convention in San Francisco at the end of September. Thank you again for your generosity!



**Request for Volunteers**

The Hawaii Buddhist Council will have a tent at the 16th Annual Book and Music Festival next weekend, May 4-5, 2019. The event is held on the grassy area between the Frank Fasi Municipal Building and City Hall, and will run from 10am to 4:30pm each day. It will start with an oli on Saturday at 9:30am.

Bishop Matsumoto has asked the O'ahu District for volunteers to :

- 1) help man the booth/tent on Saturday or Sunday in 2 hour blocks starting 10am each day to help sell books or other items about Buddhism,
- 2) help break down and put away (especially the PA system) on Saturday from 4-5pm, and/or
- 3) entertain with singing or ukulele playing with singing, or some other musical or literary activity (hula?).

There will be volunteers and entertainers from the other denominations and from the Junior YBA.

If you can help, or have any questions, please email Carolyn Uchiyama at [carolyn2048@gmail.com](mailto:carolyn2048@gmail.com). (Carolyn is the O'ahu Hongwanji Council's President.)

Your assistance is appreciated. Hope to see you there. **BOOK SWAP**—If you bring a used book with you, you can usually trade it at the Bank of Hawaii's tent for another used book that you may want to read.

*Oahu District Hongwanji BSC (Buddhist Study Center)*  
**Summer Session**

"Jodo Shinshu Everyday Life"

*We would like to invite everyone to join us at the following events:*

August 12 -16: 6:30 p.m. daily.....Summer Session at the Buddhist Study Center  
 August 22: 7:00 p.m.....Presentation at the Waipahu Hongwanji Mission

*Featured Guest Speaker*



**Reverend Kiyonobu Kuwahara**  
 Tokudo Ordination - August 1998  
 Kyoishi Certification - August 1999

# 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.

### May 2019

Kikue "K" Higuchi	1st
Kenneth Shigeto Takata	1st
Alvin Kenichi Tokuno	1st
Clinton Munemitsu Tokuda	7th
Richard Kenji Fujimoto	17th
Tatsue Sato Hayashi	17th
Hiromitsu Kido	17th
Mitsuo Nakatani	17th
Mildred Hatsue Kobayashi	25th
Okayo Koyada	33rd
Yokai Hanzawa	50th

### June 2019

Suzanne Shizuko Mishima	1st
Gail Emiko Morimoto	1st
Rodney Iseo Oka	1st
Dorothy Sayako Mori	3rd
Masako Takara	3rd
Judy Kimiko Funasaki	13th
Yoshinobu Isa	17th
Paul Kiyoshi Nakamura Jr	17th
Shizuko Isono	33rd
Masako Maeda	33rd

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.

*Aiea Hongwanji Mission extends its  
Deepest Sympathy to the family of  
the Late Haruji Yanaga (died Aug 7, 2018)*

## **PROJECT DANA**

Volunteers are needed to assist with transportation for doctor and dentist visits, shopping, and respite visits. for the frail, elderly and disabled living at home in the area from Waimalu to Salt Lake. 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 BWA News

Happy May 12 Mother's Day to all!

By the time you read this, the Eshinni and Kakushinni Day service of April 28 might already have happened. But, if you are lucky enough to receive your Jiko before then, please come to the temple on that day. We will have our Church Bazaar after the service. Thank you to all the Preschool families who donated items to sell. Thank you to all the members, friends, and community people who come to the bazaar  
Special thank you to the hard-working

BWA members, Hosha gang, families, and friends who worked for many days to get ready for the bazaar, to set up before and to clean up after.

A big upcoming event is a special trip to Japan for temple members and friends. This will be from May 8-17. Bon Voyage to all those who are traveling!

May 26 will be the Gotan-e Service when we celebrate Shinran Shonin's birthday. Hope to see you there.

With gassho,  
Janice Ito



## Senior YBA News

My how time really flies! Yes, it's May already and Summer starts next month. That means Obon season will begin. Our Senior YBA Service Project is helping Ewa Hongwanji by working in their food booth on Saturday, June 15<sup>th</sup>. Yes, we have helped Ewa Hongwanji at their bon dance for more than 20 years now. Thanks to co-chairs Larry and Lynn for all their hard work getting volunteers. Please kokua.

Our Senior YBA meeting date is May 6<sup>th</sup> (Monday). We will meet in the office. Meeting starts at 7:30 p.m.

In Gassho,  
George Zakahi



## Our Silent, Fun, and Productive Silent Auction

Silent, fun, and productive, those words can describe the silent auction at our 2019 New Year's party. Silent because all bids were written. Fun because there were many winners and the challenge itself was a "just right" activity for many. And productive because a donated variety of no longer needed extra items found happy new homes while our Temple also received new funds to assist with the expenses of the party. So, let's try again. We are planning another silent auction for this summer's Obon on July 27, 2019. Yes, that is a new date for this year's Obon due to a major conflict in the area in August. Please bring what you already have that is reasonably repurposeable and drop off with the BWA ladies on Sundays or Thursdays. Just mention the silent auction. THANK YOU VERY MUCH!



## Aloha Members and Friends

In 2004 the Legislative Assembly passed a resolution to unify the definition of membership for purposes of reporting our annual statistics and to help with the assessment proration:

Membership is based on family units as defined 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.

Gojikai or Sustaining Membership Dues for Aiea Hongwanji Mission is \$125 per family unit.

To encourage the younger generation to become sustaining members, there is "discounted" dues of \$50 for those 40 years old or younger.

Membership in the Fujinkai or Buddhist Women's group is separate from Gojikai dues. Last issue, we had an insert to encourage Aiea Hongwanji Buddhist Women's Association membership and to update information for current members. Membership dues are \$10 per year per person. There are no family rates. The Aiea Hongwanji BWA is currently apart from the Statewide BWA network to better concentrate on temple support. If interested in becoming a part of the O'ahu United BWA and the Hawaii Federation of BWA's (yearly dues are an additional \$7.50), please contact Susan at 487-2626 or [aieajiko@gmail.com](mailto:aieajiko@gmail.com), or OUBWA President Claire Tamamoto.

## 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.

## THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATIONS

The JIKO will publish names and amounts of donations made for services or projects. **NOTE:** If you do NOT want your name published, please write "NO PUBLISH" on your check in the left bottom corner, and your name will be omitted and your donation marked "Generous Member or Anonymous". If you wish to have your name published without the dollar amount showing, please write "DONATION \$ BLANK".

*Donations listed here were recorded prior to approximately April 23, 2019. Donations recorded after this date will be published in another month's newsletter.*

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The United Lay Association of O'ahu annually sponsors fun activities for the District. This year, Aiea Hongwanji will again be hosting the Buddha Bowling Bash. Please see the back page for information, and sign up. It's a fun event, and we'll be heading back after bowling to the Aiea Hongwanji hall for refreshments. Cost is only \$20 per person for 2 games, shoes and refreshments.

**Headquarters Update** (Continued from page 5)

- The applicant must have a required minimum college GPA of 2.5.
- The applicant must be of college age up to 35 years old.
- The applicant must submit the application form with an essay on “Dharma and My Life”.

**Application Deadline:** July 31 of the year of application

**Scholarship Amount:** \$1,500.00. (For more information of this scholarship, please contact the HHMH Headquarters at (808) 522-9200 or email at [hqs@honpahi.org](mailto:hqs@honpahi.org)

**YBICSE – YOUNG BUDDHIST INTERNATIONAL CULTURAL STUDY EXCHANGE - JULY 15-27, 2019**

**Hongwanji-sponsored educational trip to Japan**

- Visit Jodo Shinshu historical sites including the Hongwanji ha (mother temple) in Kyoto
- Fellowship with new friends from US Mainland, Canada, South America, and Japan

- Homestay Program
- Learn & experience Japanese Culture
- Share joy of living in the Nembutsu Teachings
- Many other life-changing experiences

**Candidate Qualification**

- A person who appreciates the Jodo Shin Buddhism
- A Person currently in 9<sup>th</sup> grade through age 25
- In good health

\*Fifteen (15) delegates will be selected.

**Registration Fee: \$1,600.00**

\*Rest of the travel expense will be covered by Hongwanji.

\*Inter-island airfare within Hawaii is not included.

\*Some meals and other personal expenses are not included.

**\*\*Go to <https://hongwanjihawaii.com/blog/2019/04/01/ybicse-2019-applications-invited/> for more information and application. Application deadline is April 30, 2019.**

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**Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii**  
2019 Obon Schedule

HONOLULU	PHYSICAL ADDRESS	PHONE	BON SERVICE DATE	TIME	BON DANCE DATE	TIME
Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin	1727 Pali Hwy, Honolulu	(808) 536-7044	July 7, 8AM (Japanese), 9:30 AM (English)		June 28-29, 2019	6:30 PM
Jikoeh Hongwanji Mission	1731 N. School St., Honolulu	(808) 845-3422	July 7, 2019	9:00 AM	July 19-20, 2019	6:00 PM
Windward Buddhist Temple	268A Kuulei Road, Kailua	(808) 262-4560	July 7, 2019	9:00 AM	July 13, 2019	7:00 PM
Molili Hongwanji Mission	902 University Avenue, Honolulu	(808) 949-1659	July 14, 2019	9:00 AM	July 5-6, 2019	5:00 PM
OAHU	PHYSICAL ADDRESS	PHONE	BON SERVICE DATE	TIME	BON DANCE DATE	TIME
Aiea Hongwanji Mission	99-186 Puakala St., Aiea	(808) 487-2626	July 27, 2019	6:00 PM	July 27, 2019	7:00 PM
Ewa Hongwanji Mission	91-1133 Renton Rd., Ewa	(808) 681-5222	June 15, 2019	6:00 PM	June 15, 2019	7:00 PM
Millilani Hongwanji Mission	95-257 Kaloapau St., Millilani	(808) 625-0925	August 11, 2019	9:00 AM	August 16-17, 2019	7:00 PM
Pearl City Hongwanji Mission	858 2nd St., Pearl City	(808) 455-1680	July 28, 2019	8:30 AM	August 9-10, 2019	7:00 PM
Wahiawa Hongwanji Mission	1067 California Ave., Wahiawa	(808) 622-4320	June 15, 2019	6:00 PM	June 21-22, 2019	7:00 PM
Waialua Hongwanji Mission	67-313 Kealahanu St., Waialua	(808) 637-4395	August 3, 2019	6:00 PM	August 3, 2019	7:00 PM
Waianae Hongwanji Mission	85-762 Old Government Rd., Waianae	(808) 677-4221	July 14, 2019	10:30 AM	July 20, 2019	6:30 PM
Waipahu Hongwanji Mission	94-821 Kuhaulua St., Waipahu	(808) 677-4221	July 13, 2019	6:00 PM	July 13, 2019	7:00 PM
KAUAI	PHYSICAL ADDRESS	PHONE	BON SERVICE DATE	TIME	BON DANCE DATE	TIME
Kapaa Hongwanji Mission	4-1170 Kuhio Hwy, Kapaa	(808) 822-4667	July 21, 2019	9:00 AM	July 26-27, 2019	7:30 PM
Lihue Hongwanji Mission	3-3530 Kuhio Hwy, Lihue	(808) 245-6262	June 16, 2019	9:00 AM	June 21-22, 2019	7:30 PM
West Kauai Hongwanji (Hanapepe)	1-3860 Kamaulii Hwy, Hanapepe	(808) 335-3195	June 14, 2019	6:00 PM	June 14-15, 2019	7:30 PM
West Kauai Hongwanji (Waimea)	4675 Menehune Rd, Waimea	(808) 335-3195	August 10, 2019	6:00 PM	No Bon Dance	N/A
MAUI	PHYSICAL ADDRESS	PHONE	BON SERVICE DATE	TIME	BON DANCE DATE	TIME
Kahului Hongwanji Mission	291 S. Puunene Ave., Kahului	(808) 871-4732	July 12, 2019	6:00 PM	July 13, 2019	6:00 PM
Lahaina Hongwanji Mission	551 Wainee St., Lahaina	(808) 661-0640	August 9, 2019	6:00 PM	August 10, 2019	6:00 PM
Lanai Hongwanji Mission	1364 Fraser Ave., Lanai	(808) 565-6817	July 12, 2019	7:00 PM	July 13, 2019	6:30 PM
Makawao Hongwanji Mission	1074 Makawao Ave., Makawao	(808) 572-7229	July 26, 2019	6:00 PM	July 27, 2019	6:00 PM
Wailuku Hongwanji Mission	1828 Vineyard St., Wailuku	(808) 244-0406	August 2, 2019	6:45 PM	August 3, 2019	6:45 PM
HAWAII	PHYSICAL ADDRESS	PHONE	BON SERVICE DATE	TIME	BON DANCE DATE	TIME
Honpa Hongwanji Hilo Betsuin	398 Kilaua Ave., Hilo	(808) 961-6677	July 19 & 20, 2019	6:00 PM	July 19 & 20, 2019	7:00 PM
Honohina Hongwanji Mission	32-896 Mamalahoa Hwy., Ninole	(808) 345-6869	August 31, 2019	6:00 PM	August 31, 2019	7:00 PM
Honokaa Hongwanji Mission	45-516 Lehua St., Honokaa	(808) 775-7232	August 3, 2019	5:30 PM	August 3, 2019	7:00 PM
Honomu Hongwanji Mission	28-1658 Government Main Rd., Honomu	(808) 963-6032	June 29, 2019	6:00 PM	June 29, 2019	7:00 PM
Kamuela Hongwanji Mission	65-1110 Mamalahoa Hwy., Kamuela	(808) 885-4481	August 17, 2019	6:00 PM	August 17, 2019	7:00 PM
Kohala Hongwanji Mission	53-4300 Akoni Pule Hwy., Kapaau	(808) 775-7232	July 6, 2019	6:00 PM	July 6, 2019	7:00 PM
Kona Hongwanji Mission	81-6630 Mamalahoa Hwy., Kealahou	(808) 323-2993	July 28, 2019	9:00 AM	July 27, 2019	7:00 PM
Naalehu Hongwanji Mission	95-5695 Mamalahoa Hwy., Naalehu	(808) 966-9981	August 12, 2019	6:00 PM	No Bon Dance	N/A
Paauiho Hongwanji Mission	43-1477 Hauola Rd., Paauiho	(808) 776-1369	July 13, 2019	6:00 PM	July 13, 2019	7:00 PM
Pahala Hongwanji Mission	96-1123 Pau-au-au Pl., Pahala	(808) 928-8254	August 17, 2019	4:00 PM	August 17, 2019	5:00 PM
Papaaloa Hongwanji Mission	35-2026 Old Mamalahoa Hwy., Papaaloa	(808) 962-6340	July 27, 2019	5:00 PM	July 27, 2019	6:00 PM
Papaikou Hongwanji Mission	27-378 Old Mamalahoa Hwy., Papaikou	(808) 964-1640	June 22, 2019	6:00 PM	June 22, 2019	7:00 PM
Puna Hongwanji Mission	16-492 Old Volcano Rd., Keau	(808) 966-9981	July 5 & 6, 2019	5:30 PM	July 5 & 6, 2019	7:30 PM

\*\*As of April 11, 2019

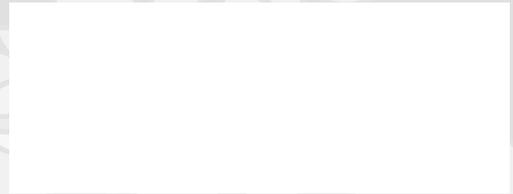
\*\*This schedule was voluntarily compiled by Honpa Hongwanji HQ. Please contact the temple office to confirm the schedule.

Aiea Hongwanji Mission  
99-186 Puakala Street  
Aiea, Hawaii 96701

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## "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. Bowling starts PROMPTLY at 1:00 pm.

**DATE:** June 9, 2019 Sunday

**TIME:** 1:00 - 3:00 PM, refreshments to follow at Aiea Hongwanji till 4:00PM. Be there at 12:30 for shoes and lane assignments.

**PLACE:** AIEA BOWL - 99-115 Aiea Heights Drive

**PARKING:** Will also 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 30, 2019

Join your friends from these Hongwanji temples:

Aiea      Ewa      Mililani      Pearl City      Wahiawa  
Waialua      Waianae      Waipahu

Dear Aiea Hongwanji 'Ohana & Friends,

SAMPLE  
(Approximate size 9" x 3")

As the Obon season approaches, let us stop to reflect and remember our dearly departed. We are giving our families an opportunity to purchase a memorial windcatcher. These are tags with the names of loved ones hanging from lanterns.

Cost is \$20 each, payable to Aiea Hongwanji Mission.

Deadline for ordering is Friday, June 28, 2019.

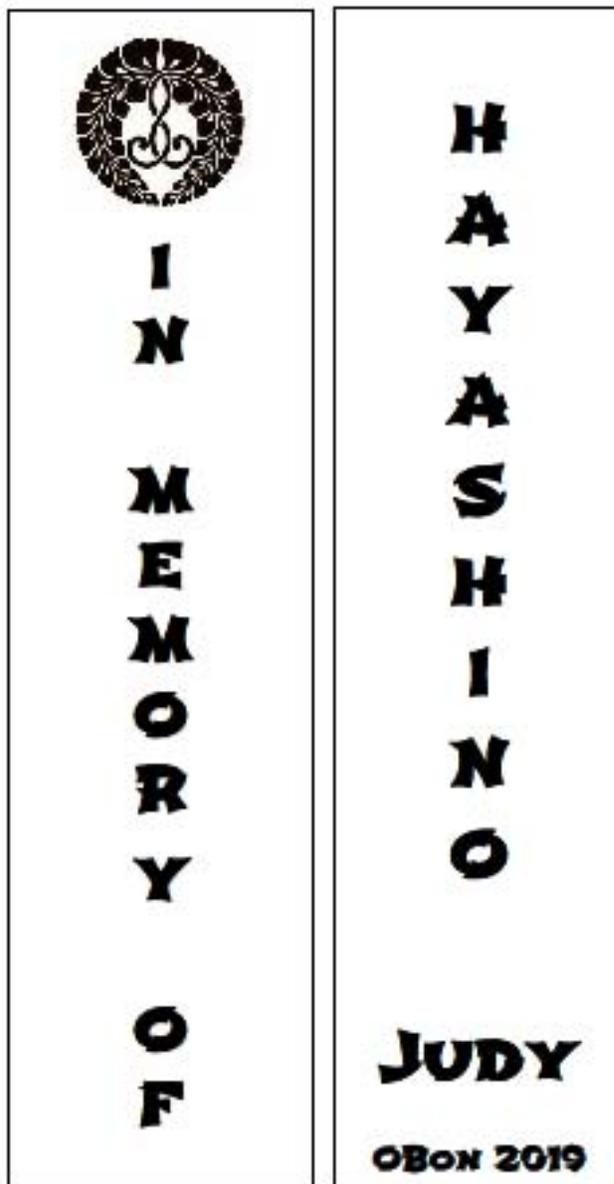
Windcatchers are available on a limited, first-come, first-served basis, so please turn in your requests and payments in a timely manner.

Submit your name(s) to Diane Okawa via email, [okawad96701@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:okawad96701@hawaii.rr.com) or mail your completed form to Aiea Hongwanji. Send your payment to:

Aiea Hongwanji Mission  
99-186 Puakala Street  
Aiea, HI 96701  
Note: Obon Windcatcher

With Gassho,

Reverend Shawn Yagi  
Resident Minister



WINDCATCHER ORDER FORM (\$20.00 per windcatcher)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s) on Windcatcher: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Bon Dance Notice

- Aiea Hongwanji Mission's Bon Dance will be held on Saturday, July 27, 2019. The change in date from August 24 is due to a conflict with the University of Hawaii's football schedule. The first game of the year will be held on August 24 at the Stadium. This will severely affect parking for the bon dance. So hope to see you all on Saturday, July 27th. Same times: 6:00pm O Bon Service; 7:00pm Bon Dance
- There will be bon dance practice of the recorded music portion of Aiea Hongwanji's Bon Dance:
  - DATE: on Sunday, April 28, and May 5, 2019
  - TIME: 1:00 PM
  - PLACE: Wahiawa Hongwanji  
1067 California Ave
- Bon Dance practice for the Okinawan Dance portion is being held on Fridays, from 6:30pm to 8:00 pm, in the Aiea Hongwanji Hall. No practice will be held on May 17, 2019, and the practices will end at the end of the May.
- Aiea Hongwanji is planning to have a silent auction at our Bon Dance this year. See article on page 9 of this month's JIKO.
- Please see the reverse side of this insert for information on our very popular Memorial Windcatchers.