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### 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.

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## Minister's Message

At the end of June, the Jr. YBA hosted a State Convention on O'ahu. All the Jrs. and their respective Unit Advisors worked so hard, and the Convention was successful. Throughout the three days, activities were held at Aiea Hongwanji, Pagoda Hotel and the Waipahu Plantation Village.

The theme of the convention was "Okagesamade, Oh, the Places We'll Go!". According to Chloe, President of the O'ahu United, "Okagesamade means, I am who I am because of you and the phrase, "Oh, the places we'll go" comes from a Dr. Seuss book. In essence, the theme is about reflecting on our past and looking towards the future. Since Buddhism is about gratitude, interdependence and reflection, it relates well with our theme."

"Okagesamade" is a common phrase used in Japan. Okage means "shadow", -sama, means "in the state/condition of being", and de means "by". Literally the phrase means "in the state of being within your/one's shadow". It connotes being within another's debt and is often used as a response when someone has been honored with a favor by another. It is also a phrase used to express gratitude. Buddhism was introduced into Japan about 1,500 years ago. Phrases such as "okagesamade" indicate the influence of the Buddhist teachings in the lives of the Japanese and reflects the influence that Buddhism has played on the political, economic, social, artistic and aspects of Japanese history and culture.

People often use the term "Okagesamade" in the following way. For example, a young man is congratulated for having graduated from a university with a great degree and is accepted by a leading company. The usual response when congratulated is to say he was able to accomplish what he did "Okagesamade" (because of the grace of your shadow) thus expressing thanks for all the conditions that helped to bring about a happy event.

On the other hand, some young ones often reply to congratulatory words with "Thanks. I studied much harder than other students in order to be accepted by that company".

I think many of us will reply in the same way. We thank others for their congratulatory words, but not to the indirect causes which helped us to attain the goal.

Although we often say that "I can exist on my very own", we could not exist without basics such as food, water, sunlight, air, companionship, etc. This concept or truth is not limited to just one condition but is universal in all aspects of our lives. Anything and everything has a connection with life and this is the "shadow" that we often forget.

We need to awaken to the truth and accept responsibility for understanding that so many things and other people unconditionally sustain and make our lives meaningful. As one who has received human form, we must understand our overwhelming



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responsibility to all things and others that sustain and give us purpose. As humans, we need help!

The phrase “Okagesamade”, “because of your shadow” recognizes the “gifts to sustain life” that are unconditionally given to us from so many different sources, material and non-material. However, too often we overlook or take these “gifts” for granted. When we take the time to reflect on life’s many miracles, this phrase helps us to reconnect to these karmic sources and universal truths. This phrase humbles us to realize that we cannot exist on our own. Contemplating upon this phrase, it helps us to become aware of a path that has always been there. It is the path to realizing the Buddha’s unconditional vow to embrace us and help us more clearly to understand the nature of our existence. Awakening to this simple, but profound truth provides comfort and joy in appreciating the quality of daily life, a life of Namo Amida Butsu.

I would like to share the poem by Ryokan (a Soto Zen Monk, poet and calligrapher 1758-1831). This poem is kind of word play but teaches us how to live our daily life.

おらが おらが の が を すてて おかげ おかげ の げ で いきよ

Oraga oraga no Ga wo sutete, Okage okage no Ge de ikiyo

(free translation) Being free of all self-attachment and just live with state of being within one’s shadow.

Namo Amida Butsu

Rev. Shawn K. Yagi

EVENTS OF AUGUST 2019

1	Thu	9:00am	Aiea BWA meeting
4	Sun	9:00am	Sutra Chanting Service
5	Mon		Preschool begins
11	Sun	9:00am	Sutra Chanting Service
12-16	Mon-Fri	6:30pm	Buddhist Study Center Summer Session (Rev. Kiyonobu Kuwahara)
18	Sun	9:00am	Sutra Chanting Service
		5:00pm	Hatsubon Service (First Obon Service)
20	Tue	7:00pm	Aiea Hongwanji Mission Board of Directors' Meeting
21	Thu	7:00pm	Oahu District BSC Summer Session at Waipahu Hongwanji
25	Sun	9am-1pm	Oahu District Ohana day @ Hongwanji Mission School
			No Service
		12:15pm	Oahu United BWA meeting at PC
30-Sep1	Fri-Sun		16th World Buddhist Women’s Convention (San Francisco, CA)

HIGHLIGHTS OF SEPTEMBER 2019

1	Sun		No service at Aiea
2	Mon		Labor Day HOLIDAY (Preschool/Lotus closed)
5	Thu	9:00am	Aiea BWA meeting
6	Fri	1:00pm	Sanmu Meeting & Sanmu-Kanji Meeting (Hawaii Betsuin)
7	Sat	9:00am	Hawaii Kyodan Board of Directors' Meeting (Hawaii Betsuin)
8	Sun	9:00am	Family Service and First Day of Dharma School
13-15	Fri-Sun		56th Honpa Hongwanji Lay Association Convention (Hawaii)
15	Sun	9:00am	Family Service and Dharma School
17	Tue	7:00pm	Aiea Hongwanji Board of Directors' Meeting
21	Sat		Peace Day Hawai`i/United Nations International Day of Peace
22	Sun	8:00am	Quarterly Temple Beautification Day/No Service
28	Sat	10:00am	Project Dana 30th Anniversary Celebration (Dole Cannery Pomaikai Ballroom)
29	Sun	9:00am	O Higan/Peace Day (Guest Speaker—Josh Morse, PBA)

**If you are homebound, in a care home or in the hospital, and would like me to visit, please call me, Reverend Yagi at 488-5685 to make arrangements.**

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hi everyone,

I hope you are well. Welcome to our post-Bon newsletter where I hope that you will enjoy some photos of our Bon celebration and comments by other writers. Thank you to everyone who helped with all of the work that Bon entails. I won't be able to personally thank everyone. For those who helped in large or small ways, on behalf of the Aiea Hongwanji Mission, thank you. Arigato gozaimasu!



Rather than thank individuals, here's what I recall over the past few weeks: We did a thorough cleaning of the temple inside and out on beautification day and that included lawn care to the front of temple. We set up the *chochin* inside of the temple (temple looks beautiful with the *chochin* hanging). We planned for a new 40 X 40 ft. food booth months before Bon. We cleaned up the back of the social hall to have room to cook our kalua pig and cabbage, rice, chili and noodles for Bon. Also, we cleaned the area mauka of the Social Hall so we could share "liquid refreshments" with our adult guests.

We had a lot of helpers here on a Sunday morning a couple of weeks ago so that we could get the Yagura up safely. We tested the new concession stand lean-to tent on the same morning and it looked great! We purchased new chairs to replace some of our older chairs and painted our AIEA HONGWANJI MISSION label on the back (and just in time). We purchased supplies for Bon-soda, water, juice, shave ice supplies, food, condiments, paper goods and utensils.

We started to prepare food the week prior to Bon. We strung the lights for the Yagura the week prior to Bon. We stored ice in our coolers several days in advance. We set up the hall and kitchen the day prior to Bon.

The day of O-Bon we set up the new 40 X 40 ft. food booth. We hung up the lanterns for the Yagura and draped the Yagura "skirt". We set up the shave ice booth. We set up the chairs around the Yagura. We picked up last minutes supplies (one of my mentors used to say-if not for the last minute, nothing would get done). We prepared a nice lunch for the work crew-fruit, chips and sandwiches. We peeled, sliced and chopped ingredients for Bon. We got up early (some of us) and cooked/baked food to bring with us to the temple. We cooked the chili, spam musubi and noodles in the kitchen. We also prepared-nachos, teri-pork plate, andagi, anda-dog and shave ice. We prepared the food to share with everyone after Bon-soba with vegetables, tofu salad and kalua pig and cabbage.

During the Bon dance some of us danced, some of us talked with friends and some of us just continued to work really hard. The kitchen crew and food booth crew were always moving. My impression was that our guests had a great time. Weather was really good also (no hurricane warning). Thanks again everyone! Especially those who were able to help out with clean up this morning (Sunday after Bon).

With both palms together,  
Warren

## 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. - 11:30 a.m.
Mon. - Wed., & Fri.	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	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.

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### BISHOP'S CORNER

Bishop Eric Matsumoto

#### A Whole New World Opens Up Before Your Eyes

What is the Obon Season? The 5 R's might help us to understand. Obon is a time of reverence, remembrance, reflection, realization and

responding in gratitude. At Hongwanji, we gather to humbly pay reverence to All-Inclusive Wisdom and All-Embracing Compassion known as Amida Buddha or Namo Amida Butsu, The-Buddha's-Name- That-Calls-Us (to entrust), as we remember and honor those who came before us especially our departed loved ones of family and friends.

As we gather in remembrance, it is a time to reflect and come to some realizations which can change our life. One of the great messages of Obon is interdependence. Hatsuzo Ohsuga wrote, "For man to live is not simply a matter of having blood ties with our parents and siblings, we are also linked to the rest of the world. All living things born into this world, not just people, but animals and plants, coexist as part of a greater life that they share."

His Eminence Gomonshu Emeritus Koshin Ohtani of Nishi Hongwanji encourages "Think more expansively of your connectedness to life." "All things on earth, all things in the Universe, are in the fold of a great life-force linking us all together. In this world, there is no life that was ever lived in vain. There is no life that is meaningless. All life is linked together. All of us share in the light that Amida Buddha shines upon us-this is what Buddhism teaches."

All life, all existence, regardless of whether they lived in the past, are living in the present or will be born in the future are illuminated and nurtured by the Buddha's Light of Wisdom and Compassion. Just as when the light is turned on in a darkened room and we are able to see, likewise, with the

Buddha's Light shining upon us we begin to see and understand ourselves and the world in a different light. It is through this understanding that our life changes. This is what happened to Mogallana and his Mother. They found themselves living in a new awareness that life and living is made possible by innumerable others not limited to our fellow human beings. May we, too, come to realize the equality and preciousness of all life including plant and animal life, actually all existence and move away from self-centeredness and selfishness to a world filled with respect and appreciation for and of one another.

Further, at Obon time, we express our joy as we come to realize that Amida Buddha embraces us just as we are, including our deceased loved ones, promising us the great Enlightenment equal to the Buddha's own Enlightenment. Thus, we refer to Obon as "A Gathering of Joy" at Hongwanji as we rejoice in the fact that we are all (living and deceased) embraced by Great Compassion. The life of a Shin Buddhist is one of "Responding in Gratitude" in which I gratefully recite The-Buddha's-Name-That-I-Call (in gratitude), Namo Amida Butsu and try to live a life in accord with the Buddha's Teachings which aspires for more peace, harmony, and happiness in the world.

I end by expressing my ardent wish and hope that you will attend Sunday services to learn and experience more fully the Great Wisdom and Compassion of Amida Buddha. Namo Amida Butsu.

#### SADAKO'S PAPER CRANE (ANOTHER) FINDS A NEW HOME ON BOARD THE USS MISSOURI, PEARL HARBOR, HAWAII

How fortunate we are in Hawaii! A second paper crane folded by Sadako Sasaki has found its home here in the Islands, manifesting her aspiration for peace, "I shall write Peace on your wings and you shall fly all over the world." Sadako died of leukemia in the aftermath of the atomic bomb dropped on Hiroshima.

The presentation ceremony took place in the



Captain's Cabin on board the USS Missouri on June 29, 2019, as the 87th Annual US Mayors Conference was being hosted by Mayor Kirk Caldwell and the City and County of Honolulu. Sadako's nephew, Yuji Sasaki of the Sadako Legacy, presented the tiny paper crane to Meghan Rathbun, Curator of the USS Missouri Memorial Association Inc. The crowd of local dignitaries included the Consul General Koichi Ito of the Japanese Consulate in Honolulu and even a few international guests from Japan.

Edwin Hawkins organized the ceremony and emceed the event, introducing each of the evening speakers: the Honorable Mayor Kirk Caldwell, Yuji Sasaki, Meghan Rathbun, and Bishop Eric Matsumoto of Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii. Bishop Matsumoto's reflection is available on the following: <https://hongwanjihawaii.com/message/reflection-offered-at-sadako-paper-crane-presentation-062919/>

Earlier in the day, Bishop Matsumoto addressed the 62nd Jr. YBA State Convention where he credited and applauded the Hawaii Federation of Jr. Young Buddhists Associations for their successful endeavors in establishing "Peace Day" in Hawaii (September 21), propelling Hawaii Kyodan's involvement for world peace.



*Yuji Sasaki holds a box with Sadako's crane with Bishop Eric Matsumoto, Robyn Omuro-Osaki of the USS Missouri Memorial Association (left), and Megumi Sasaki (right)*

### **SPIRITUAL CARE IS HEALTH CARE: LEARNING HOW TO CARE FOR THE WHOLE PERSON AT THE 2019 ISPEC TRAINING IN HAWAII**

From July 9-11, 2019, HHMH participated in an international gathering of hospital chaplains and medical professionals to learn how to integrate spiritual care with medical treatment. Our goal was to develop a resource network of ministers to support hospital chaplains serving Buddhist patients throughout the State of Hawaii.

Dr. Trace Haythorn, PhD, Executive Director/CEO of The Association for Clinical Pastoral Education (ACPE) based in Atlanta, GA wrote: "I had the

pleasure of serving as a member of the leadership team for an ISPEC program with Pacific Health Ministry, our ACPE Center in Honolulu. ISPEC is a program of the George Washington Institute for Spirituality and Health, founded by Dr. Christina Puchalski. The program brings together pairs or small groups from institutions, usually anchored by a spiritual care professional, to explore how we can more fully integrate spiritual care into our health care settings. Through work with case studies and standardized patients, teams not only develop new skills for assessing spiritual distress, they also deepen their knowledge and appreciation of one another."



During this 3-day Workshop, Honolulu was host to about 70 participants of the 2019 ISPEC Training Session with attendees from the US Mainland, several countries from Asia and Africa and our own Hawaii. The ISPEC stands for "Interprofessional Spiritual Care Education Curriculum" and is endeavoring to make spiritual care of individuals become an integral part of health care. Rev. Blayne Higa was a member of the Course Faculty for the 2019 Training Session. Some Committee members of the HHMH Compassionate Care Committee like Rev. Yuika Hasebe, Rev. Shawn Yagi, Rev. Bert Sumikawa and Bishop Matsumoto attended together with others who have previous associations with Pacific Health Ministries like Dr. Dexter Mar, Rev. Sol Kalu and Ms. Mernie Miyasato-Crawford. Plans are to share learned knowledge, skills and experiences.

On the eve of the conference July 8, Office of the Bishop and the Honolulu District Hongwanji Temples encouraged by Council President Dr. Dexter Mar hosted the Participants and also the local community to an Opening Reception at Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin at which time Buddhism including Jodo Shinshu and the significance of chanting and memorial services were shared so Buddhist



Aiea Hongwanji Jr. YBA members (Kayla, Ransen, and Chad) shared their experiences from 2019 State Convention (7/7/19)



Oahu United Jr. YBA's New Officers Installation Ceremony. (From R to L: Shoshi-Pres., Chad-V.P & Coun. Kayla-Coun., Kana-Sec., Kaiya-Treas., and Jay-Coun.)



BWA Ladies...hard at work...displaying their crafts.

Memorial Windcatchers to Honor our Ancestors Adorned our Hall



Reverend Kazunori Takahashi







Many selfless and compassionate individuals...members, families, and friends all gathered together to create a warm and very memorable 2019 O'Bon at Aiea Hongwanji on Saturday, July 27th.



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

perspectives could add to the richness. The highlight was the simultaneous Japanese chanting of “Hakkotsu no Sho” and recitation of the English Translation of Rennyō Shōnin’s “On White Ashes.” Following this introduction, refreshments and temple displays hosted by Honolulu Hongwanji Council followed and the evening culminated with a public lecture by Dr. Christina Puchalski and panel members.



Needless to say, the Opening Reception and Training Session were an enriching experience for all participants! We express our gratitude to Rev. Anke Flohr, Executive Director of Pacific Health Ministries (PHM) in Honolulu for coordinating not only the Training Session with ISPEC, but also for making the arrangement so Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii could be an integral part of the 2019 ISPEC Training Session. We will continue to work with PHM to develop the HHMH minister-PHM chaplain network to provide spiritual care for Buddhists receiving hospital and hospice care.

## COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL CONCERNS

### Donation to Saint Elizabeth Episcopal Church

The Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii presented a donation of \$2,500 to Saint Elizabeth Episcopal Church to support their Wallyhouse Peace Garden Project. The Peace Garden will serve the surrounding community (Kalihi-Palama) with the following objectives: “We aim to grow fresh food for the community. We aim to provide a nurturing activity for local youth in gangs, to help focus their energy in creative and uplifting ways, decreasing the levels of theft and vandalism in the neighborhood. We aim to provide an enriching and creative outlet for the houseless and for the immigrants, fostering peace and nonviolence in the neighborhood. We aim to provide a space for community gatherings where a

cross section of peoples can share and enjoy together on a regular basis. We aim to practice urban permaculture, regeneration of the land and ample food to share.”

Dean Sakamoto presented the donation to David Catron (a Wallyhouse Catholic Worker) at their Wednesday liturgy on May 29, 2019.

### Donation to Samaritan Counselling Center Hawaii

The Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii presented a donation of \$5,000 to the Samaritan Counseling Center Hawaii to support their mission of providing affordable, professional counseling sensitive to the spiritual orientation of individuals, families, and



communities in Hawaii. Dean Sakamoto and Alan Goto presented the donation to Rev. Dr. George Clifford (President) and Rachele Change (Executive Director) on June 6, 2019.

## PACIFIC BUDDHIST ACADEMY

Enlightened Learning

### PBA STUDENTS PARTICIPATE RSG SEMINAR

Ryukoku Sogo Gakuen (RSG) will be holding the 67th Religious Education Seminar at Honzan Hongwanji on August 3-5, 2019 and four students from Pacific Buddhist Academy (Chaperone: Ms. Liane Vilorio) will travel to Japan to participate in the seminar.

The object of this seminar is to provide religious education to the students of RSG schools, and to develop the sense of awareness as the students of Sogo Gakuen by participating in the various programs with fellow students from other schools. The theme of this year’s seminar is “Transforming Our World to Ensure No One is Left behind – what we can do now.” RSG is a federation of 24 Hongwanji School Institutions which comprise a total



of 68 schools. PBA has sister school arrangements with a number of the RSG Schools.

### RSG EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM FOR INTERNATIONAL UNDERSTANDING IN PBA

Ryukoku Sogo Gakuen (RSG) will be holding the Educational Program for International Understanding at Pacific Buddhist Academy on August 1 - September 12. The object of this program is to nurture individuals with an international orientation founded on Buddhist values and perspectives through deepening their mutual understanding of differing cultures and societies. 21 students from 13 RSG high schools in Japan will have a homestay in Hawaii and attend PBA with the PBA students.

### PBA LIGHTING OUR WAY BANQUET

Pacific Buddhist Academy's 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Lighting Our Way Awards Banquet will be held on **Friday, November 15, 2019, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Waialae Country Club.**

We are pleased to announce that our honorees for 2019 include **Leslie Wilcox**, President and CEO at PBS Hawai'i and longtime board member and advisor for many philanthropic organizations; **Louise K.Y. Ing**, co-founder of the law firm Alston Hunt Floyd & Ing and recipient of many awards for her civic engagement; **Warren and Claire Tamamoto**, volunteer leaders with the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii and numerous other community organizations; and the **Hawaiian Airlines Team Kokua Program**, home to the company's philanthropic and community service activities. You can become a **sponsor**, purchase **individual** tickets, or make a **donation** to support the Banquet by going to PBA's Banquet website, <https://www.pacificbuddhistacademy.org/giving/events/lighting-our-way-banquet/14th-annual-lighting-our-way-banquet-sponsorships-and-tickets>.

or by calling or writing **Rüdiger Rückmann**, Director of Advancement, (808) 532-2649, email [rudiger.ruckmann@pbahi.org](mailto:rudiger.ruckmann@pbahi.org)

Sponsorship, individual ticket, and donation information is also included in the attached Banquet forms with this notice. Many thanks for supporting our wonderful honorees. We hope you can join us!

### HI-5 RECYCLABLE DONATIONS

- If you would like to be recognized for your donation, please include your name.
- We are not able to recycle detergent bottles, milk bottles, ensure bottles. We can only recycle Hi-5 items. Please dispose of other items in your own blue bin.
- Please note—plastic drink bottles cannot be redeemed without the Hi-5 label. If label is detached, please roll it up and stick it in the bottle.
- *Thank you for your participation and continued support.* To improve the efficiency of our recycling program, could you please dispose of all caps from the bottles and do not include garbage and other non-Hi-5 items. Thank you for your efforts to keep Hawaii and Aiea Hongwanji GREEN.



### O-BON WINDCATCHERS

*Obon is a time for us to honor and appreciate our deceased ancestors. This year's memorial windcatchers were hung to help us to reflect, remember and express our deepest gratitude to our dearly departed loved ones as their names danced in the gentle breeze that flowed throughout our social hall on the evening of July 27th. To all who made donations...DOOMO ARIGATOO!*

Joyce Asato	Marcia Shimabukuro
Hazel Ginoza	George Zakahi
Lori Ideta	Nobuko Nagai
Donna Tamahaha	Itsuto Kurasaki
Gerald Tokuno	Mavis Niino
Diane Okawa	
Eleanor & Richard Matsunaga, Jr.	
Warren & Claire Tamamoto	
Frank & Helen Takenouchi	
Thelma M. Nakagawa	
Richard & C. Shimabukuro	

*Your 2019 Windcatcher name tags will be available for pick up in the Office after August 4, 2019.*



### GENEROUS EISHINNI DAY DONORS

Nancy Matsumoto	Neal Okimoto
Lois Toyama	Grace Marumoto
Benjamin Bruch In Honor of Ellen Ruckman Burch	Gladys Tomishima
Thelma Kawaguchi	Glenn & Mitsuko Nishimoto
Paul & Agnes Mitsui	Masaru & Kiyoko Oshiro
Harry & Shigeo Sumida	Miyoko Onaga
Alice Tasaki	Carol K. Yamamoto
Hazel Ginoza	Ernest & Elaine Yamanoha
Kenneth & Amy Kaneshiro	Diane Okawa
Masao & Mary Aihara	Doreen Takata
Charlotte Tomoyasu	Alyah & Jane Kondo
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Kenneth & Jane Kamada	Ryan & Jean Okamoto
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Sally Ohira	Lawrence & Lynnette Onaka
Elaine Kutaka	Warren & Lei Shimizu
Thelma Nakagawa	Richard & Eleanor Matsunaga
Mavis Niino	Reynold Marcello
Grace Morikawa	Audrey & Boyd Marumoto
	Harold & Charlene Asato

# 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.

### August 2019

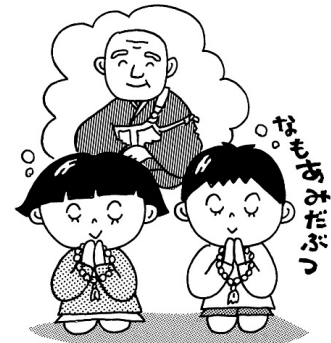
Harry Harumi Nagai	1st
Thomas Takeyama Onaga	1st
Hideaki Uradomo	1st
Masue Miyamoto	3rd
Robert Tadashi	7th
Leighton Katsushi Ichishita	13th
Sally Sakiko Suzuki	13th
Takao Arai	17th

### September 2019

Thomas Yoshinori Katayama	1st
Nancy Harumi Nakagawa	1st
Albert Goro Takushi	13th
Saburo Nadai	33rd
Tokio Sudo	13th
Nobue Morita	50th

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.



## THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATIONS

The JIKO will publish names and amounts made for services or projects. If you do not wish to have your name published, please indicate, "No Publish," on the note line of your check. Your donation will be marked "Generous Member or Anonymous". If you wish to have your name published without the dollar amount, please indicate with the following note: "No \$."

*NOTE: All Donations listed in this month's JIKO for Eishinni Day do not include \$ amounts as requested by the ladies of the BWA.*

## 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.



## Hatsubon honorees

The following is a list of the deceased loved ones who will be remembered by family and friends on August 18, 2019 at the Hatsubon Service at Aiea Hongwanji Mission:

Suzanne Shizuko Mishima  
Betty Hatsuko Nakahara  
Haruji Yanaga  
Thomas Takeyama Onaga  
Yoshito Yamamoto  
Hideaki Uradomo  
Harry Harumi Nagai  
Lillian Setsuyo Sakata  
Nancy Harumi Nakagawa  
Thomas Yoshinori Katayama

Harriet Harue Zakahi  
Gerald Shiro Hayashi  
Kerry Iwao Okumura  
Mitsuyo Uyeunten  
Hisao Shimabukuro  
Elaine Yukiko Takata  
Sharon Reiko Kubota  
Masayuki Haramura  
Leighton Kiyoshi Nuibe  
Eiko Sakaguchi Togashi

### *Aiea BWA News*

The BWA celebrated the Dharma School Recognition Service on July 21 by giving small gifts to all the students and to the teacher. Chad Okawa and Kacie Tomoyasu were present and were recognized at that day's service. Thank you for your continued observance of all that you learn in Dharma School.

At an earlier service, Jared Nonaka and Kacie Tomoyasu were presented with scholarships from the BWA for graduation from high school. Congratulations!

Thank you to all who supported the BWA fundraising effort by stopping by the BWA Craft tables in the Social Hall on Obon night July 27. Your purchase of the craft items, pickled vegetables, and other treats enable us to continue to support the youth and the temple.

Thank you to all who donated items for us to sell or to provide refreshments for the volunteers. We really appreciate all the ono goodies that you donate for this event. Mahalo for your kokua!

A big thank you to BWA members, temple members, the Judo Club, friends, and family that worked so hard to ensure a successful Bon Dance evening. Your help to put up the yagura, hang up lanterns, set up chairs, work at concessions, work in the kitchen, clean up after the event, and give general support is very much appreciated.

In Gassho,

Janice Ito, BWA Past President

### *Senior YBA News*

July 19 was our pot luck dinner at the Zakahi's. We started with ono kine pupu. Dinner was enjoyed by all with delicious kaukau and a colorful dessert. We all enjoyed "talk story" time with lots of laughter. Thanks to all who participated.

Our second Service Project is coming up... Hatsubon Service on August 18 (Sunday) at 5 p.m. Refreshments to follow. We need our members to assist with the Service and help prepare the refreshments. Please wear your YBA shirt.

Next month on September 29 is the Senior YBA's 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Hoshu Day. We need to prepare morning snacks as well as lunch. Please wear your YBA shirt.

Don't forget our Senior YBA meeting is August 5<sup>th</sup> (Monday). Meeting starts at 7:30 p.m. in the AHM Office.

In Gassho,

George Zakahi

### **AHM Office Volunteers**

In an effort to keep our office open to the public, we are continuously seeking volunteers. If you are able to assist us in performing light office duties such as answering the phone, taking messages, and filing, please call us at 487-2626.

With humble gratitude, we wish to thank the following BWA ladies, **Helen Takenouchi** and **Jean Okamoto**, who have graciously volunteered to man our Aiea Hongwanji office two hours once a week. **THANK YOU!**

As we work towards cleaning and organizing all the office file cabinets, a shout out goes to **Richard Ito**. He spent one Sunday afternoon cleaning out old files. **WAY TO GO, RICHARD!**

## **GOLDEN CHAIN OF LOVE**

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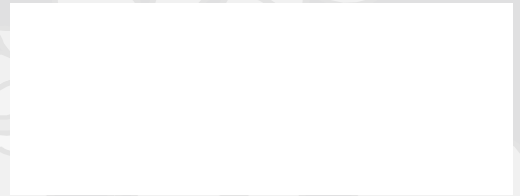
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### *Aloha Members and Friends*

***On behalf of Aiea Hongwanji Mission, we wish to extend our deepest ALOHA and MAHALO for all the help and generous donations made to our 2019 Obon Festival! As a result of everyone's KOKUA, our summer event was extremely successful and has left us with many fond and happy memories!***

***To all Kyodan members, BWA Ladies, the HOSHA Gang, the Jr. YBA, Aiea Judo Club, the Uyenten Family, Representative Aaron Johanson and Family, the Aiea High Japanese Club, and numerous family and friends...we are so very grateful and look forward to your continued support!***

***Warmest Gratitude,  
OBon Committee***

## **HONPA HONGWANJI OAHU DISTRICT OHANA DAY CONJUNCTION WITH HONOLULU REGISTRATION DAY POOL PARTY**

Sunday August 25, 2019 at Hongwanji Mission School  
1728 Pali Hwy. Honolulu  
9 am to 1 pm

Parking on the school grounds may be limited. Park in the lot on the makai side of the gym or park at the Betsuin and walk through the underground tunnel to the school.

The pool and the gym will be open for swimming, volleyball, basketball.

Please bring your own chairs and drinks. Ice water will be provided.

RSVP to your Temple Leader by August 10.

**ALL AGES  
WELCOME!**

