

BWA CARE DAY 2006

Compassion and respect are thought provoking words. When we put them into action, we have CARE (Compassion and Respect for Elders) DAY. Last year Moiliili Hongwanji BWA presented the CARE DAY at the 9:00 AM service, but this year with Rev. Eric Matsumoto's suggestion, it was held on Wednesday, November 29, in conjunction with the weekly Preschool Keiki Service. A great idea it was!

The youngsters were excited to see grandparents, uncles and aunties and friends among the elders who joined them in the temple during their service. Their regular morning service was conducted by Rev. Matsumoto. As a special interaction, the children offered leis to each of the seniors. In return, the BWA ladies and gentleman strummed "Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star" as their interaction number. Before their dismissal, the children and elders had a chance to mingle to the delight of both parties.

After the children left, Rev. Matsumoto gave a short message about CARE DAY before the group was escorted to the Annex Hall where several activities were prepared. Stringing beads to make nenju was conducted by Wendy Nakanishi. Cyndi Osajima was with a group to create mini ikebana. Edgar Hamasu was happy to play card games with the men folks. Hideko Kumagai was a hit with selfhelp shiatsu and nostalgic children's songs.

The lunch was a hit also. Sue Sonoda and Helen Hamasu prepared delicious healthy dishes. Anne Kawabata's almond float was very refreshing. Each elder went home with a bag of goodies donated by BWA members. Thank you, ladies, for your contribution. Betsy Nishioka and Betty Koseki handled the display and distribution of the donations.

Much couldn't be accomplished without the help of Rev. Matsumoto, Donna Higashi, Rose Nakamura and Jeanne Watari for this day of intergenerational get together. We would like to thank the Preschool Director, Mrs. Alison Sakamoto and the Staff for allowing the BWA members to share in your morning service.

In gassho, and mahalo,
Contributed by Michiko Motooka

[Thank you to Michi Motooka for coordinating this CARE DAY activity. Everyone had a most enjoyable time!!]

[click here for photos of the day's event.](#) (photos are not ready yet. please check back later. thank you.)