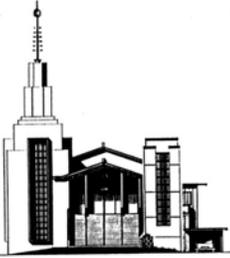


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OBON

By Rev. Bert Sumikawa



Obon is truly a special time as families come together to express gratitude to all of our loved ones who have passed on from their earthly existence. Together, families and friends gather to have fun, reminisce, and enjoy each other's company. The importance of this is the realization that as we come together, we acknowledge our interconnectedness with one another. This interconnectedness allows us to realize that we are not alone in the world, but together, we can make this a better and more meaningful place in our lives. The feeling of loneliness is the direct opposite of togetherness, and this for many of us, is something we can well understand.



Obon, in the Jodo Shinshu tradition, is oftentimes referred to as *kangi-e*, or a Gathering of Joy. We gather in joy as we recall the benefits bestowed on us by our forbearers. In the Jodo Shinshu Service book, there is a passage in the *Homages* or *Kikyomon* that reads "*Hard it is to be born into human life; now we are living in it. Difficult it is to hear the Teachings of the Blessed One; now we hear them...*"

If any of you have been to the Monterey Peninsula in Northern California, you must have seen this large cypress tree growing all alone for so many years. Its limbs are twisted and the leaves are just barely hanging on to the branches, but it survives. People wonder how in the world this single, solitary tree can survive against the cold, windy climate. If you walk up to the tree, you will learn that the reason it can survive is because of its deep and wide-spread root system. Because of the strong foundation that has been laid out that took years and years to develop, this solitary cypress tree is able to sustain itself and live.

It is just like you and your family. Because of the deep foundation laid down by all the family members that have come and gone, and because of their deepest aspiration for their succeeding family members, all of you are here today, enjoying this life that cannot be repeated.

Each of us has our own parents. They in turn had their parents, and so on. If we go back just 10 generations, we have 1,024 direct ancestors. If we go back 20 generations, we have over 10 and a quarter million direct ancestors. If we go back 40 generations, we can count 1,099,511,627,776 direct ancestors.

So my life, your life, is made up of the many, many lives of our ancestors. If only one of the 1 trillion plus ancestor is missing, I and you would not be here today, and that is a guarantee.

Let us be reminded of our indebtedness to our parents and ancestors during Obon, and realize the interdependent nature of life and to be able to express it daily in our lives. Namo Amida Butsu.

A SUCCESSFUL BON DANCE TAKES A WHOLE SANGHA

By Nancy Shimamoto, President

Have you ever worked on a puzzle with 1,000 pieces by yourself? It can be mindboggling and overwhelming when you first open the box and lay out all the pieces. Where do you begin?



Coordinating and organizing the **Moiliili Hongwanji Bon Dance** (our own traditional Bon Dance on Friday, July 1), plus the **5th Annual Moiliili Summer Fest** (a community street festival on Saturday, July 2) seemed like a huge undertaking with so many moving pieces that needed to be put together.

Coming to the rescue were many hardworking, dedicated, experienced and resourceful temple members who stepped up to put the various parts of this event together. It truly takes a whole sangha to carry out an undertaking of this magnitude. Everything from food ordering and preparation, kitchen help, concession, food delivery, retail, volunteers, rentals, set-up, sound system, transportation, publicity, signage, banners, temple displays/information, luminaries, parking, security, and finance all the way to take down and clean-up needed to be planned, timed and followed through by committees. Teamwork made the tasks easier and enjoyable.

Children and “seniors”, locals and tourists, neighbor islanders, Bon Dance regulars and first timers, Buddhists and non-Buddhists . . . all came to participate in bon dancing around the yagura, to sit and watch the dancers, to buy a bon dance towel, happi coat, trinkets or other retail items, and to eat or take out teriyaki meatsticks, yakitori, shoyu pork over rice and chopped cabbage, chili and rice, burgers, hot dogs, Spam musubi, mochi and andagi. There was something for everyone!

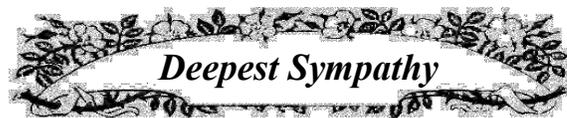
We were joined by twenty-four Street Grindz food trucks, handcrafters and other sellers at Saturday night’s Summer Fest, a huge street festival

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in the old Varsity Theater parking lot. Our Bon Dance served as the centerpiece of this community happening and is billed as Honolulu’s largest Bon Dance. Representatives from Kamehameha Schools, Moiliili Hongwanji, the Japanese Cultural Center of Hawaii, Moiliili Community Center, Old Town Moiliili Business Association, University of Hawaii and the City and County of Honolulu joined forces in planning and participating in this event. Coyne Street (1 block) was closed to traffic for the first time this year for safety, as well as for additional vendors and as a rest/eating area.

There is a great sense of relief and accomplishment when it’s finally over, knowing that all the pieces of the puzzle amazingly came together with the many helping hands of our Sangha and the larger community. The picture is now complete but it was the process that brought us together as an ‘ohana. BIG MAHALO and MANY THANKS to all who helped! I am filled with deep gratitude.



WITH DEEPEST SYMPATHY

Moiliili Hongwanji Mission extends its deepest sympathy and condolences to the families of the following who have recently passed away:

- Tomeo Nishikawa*, 98, on May 9
- Kiyoko Shimokawa, 94, on May 18
- Caroline Chiyoko Fujinaka*, 97, on June 2
- Henry Hai Takayesu, 57, on June 3
- Ellen Yaeko Watanabe Kasai*, 98, on June 21
- Betty Fusaye Tokunaga, 95, on June 24
- Nami Hirata, 94, on July 7
- June Sachiko Matsushima, 76, on July 7

May the Onembutsu provide solace to family members during this time of sorrow (*indicates Temple Sustaining Gojikai Member).

MISSION STATEMENT:

Mo‘ili‘ili Hongwanji Mission is a center of Shin Buddhist spiritual growth, learning, and compassionate service to our community.

VISION STATEMENT:

Mo‘ili‘ili Hongwanji Mission is a growing inclusive Buddhist community seeking spiritual growth, learning, and compassionate service, living our values and preserving them for future generations.

Mark Your Calendar!

OHANA FUN FEST 2016

Sunday, August 14

9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.



Bellows AFS, Waimanalo, Pavilion A

Come and join the fun at the beach at Bellows AFS, site of Moiliili Hongwanji's 5th Annual Ohana Fun Fest. We'll have grilled teriyaki, potluck offerings, and watermelon. Exciting games and some surprises are planned.

Make your favorite musubi recipe and enter the Musubi Contest. (Contact the office for more details.) Relax, walk on the beach, or swim. Carpooling is suggested and a chartered bus will be available. Please be at the temple at **8:45 a.m.** for **9:00 a.m.** departure.

Picnic requirements are:

- Picnic payment is \$8.00 per person; children under 3 are free. Sign up for potluck and bus also. Those age 16+ years without a military ID must provide full name and birth date. **Deadline is August 1.**
- Upon entering Bellows AFS, you must be prepared to provide a photo ID (driver's license, school picture ID, state ID, or passport).
- Drivers without military ID must be ready to show current driver's license, car registration, safety check and proof of insurance upon entering Bellows AFS.

Honolulu District Dharma Schools

Invite You To A
Registration and Fun Day
On Sunday, August 21
At Jikoen Temple



9:00 Short service in temple
9:20 Welcome/Intergenerational Activities
10:00 Water Play in courtyard
Indoor games & activities in social hall
Ongoing Dharma School Registration
11:30 Lunch
12:30 Clean-up
Lunch will be provided. Food contributions are welcome. Please RSVP to your temple Dharma School Supervisor by August 14.

MINISTER VISITATION

Rev. Bert Sumikawa is happy to do home or hospital visitations or conduct services in your home. Please call the temple office at 949-1659 if you would like to arrange a visit by Rev. Sumikawa.

ANNUAL TEMPLE FUNDRAISER ON AUG. 28

Our annual temple fundraiser will be held on **Sunday, August 28**, from **9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** Please note that this is a change from our usual October date. Four Hoku's



chicken tickets at \$12, two Zippy's fundraiser tickets at \$9, and one Sushi Chef makizushi ticket at \$6 were mailed to members and friends for a total of \$72. We ask that payments and any unsold tickets be returned to the temple office by **August 14**. (We ask that you please return unsold tickets since the temple must pay for all Zippy's tickets that are not returned.) There will also be a limited supply of takuan and coconut butter mochi for \$5, available on the sale day on a first come, first served basis. Mahalo for your support!

AUTUMN EQUINOX (OHIGAN) SERVICE

Please join us for our Autumn Equinox (Ohigan) Service on **Sunday, September 18**, at **9:00 a.m.** Our speaker will be Rev. Kevin Kuniyuki, Director of the Buddhist Study Center and Office of Buddhist Education. Ohigan Services are held twice a year when day and night are of equal length. It is a time of rededication to listening to the Dharma.

OPEN HOUSE ON OCT. 8—SAVE THE DATE!

Moiliili Hongwanji's Open House and Bazaar will be held on **Saturday, October 8**, from **9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** The objective is to open our temple, preschool and Project Dana to the public, thereby generating more interest in our temples, and at the same time, have a temple fundraiser.

Informational displays and the chance to "talk story", a rummage sale, plant sale, Quilters' crafts, Treasures, mini-craft fair, games, food items, and flower arrangement display will be featured. There will be Keiki & Kupuna ID and a fire truck on display. There is something for all ages!

Donations of rummage items (gently used clothes, toys, books, household items), plants, etc. are gratefully accepted and should be brought to the temple one week prior to the event.

Help is greatly appreciated as follows:

Oct. 3-7	11 a.m.-3 p.m.	Rummage Sale Setup
Oct. 7	5:00 p.m.	Set-up
Oct. 8	6:00 a.m.	Food Prep
	1:00 p.m.	Clean-up

Please contact the temple office if you are able to help or for further information.



PROJECT DANA NEWS

My Volunteer Experience

Maria has been a volunteer with Project Dana since 2014. In this article she shares her experiences and feelings helping two elders living at home. Both families were grateful for Maria's time and compassionate visits to their elders. She has a Bachelor's Degree in Social Work and is the Project Dana Support Group Specialist.

"I began at Project Dana as a practicum student for my Social Work Bachelor's degree. I was matched with the agency due to my interest in gerontology. As part of my practicum, I provided transportation, friendly visits, and respite services to two elders and their families. I continued volunteering beyond my internship, and my experience with these two elders greatly influences my passion on aging issues. Volunteering was more than just providing services. It was about developing a trusting partnership and providing companionship with the elders. They were able to get out of their homes at least once a week to run their own errands, eat at their favorite restaurants, or walk around the mall. They were able to do activities they previously did before their own health conditions prevented them from driving or taking public transportation. They both had fears, concerns, and grievances they couldn't share with families for fear of being a burden that they felt comfortable sharing with me. They had many stories to share, and I was an enthusiastic listener. I learned of WWII from two different perspectives – from a Japanese boy in Japan and a Japanese girl in Hawaii. I was with these two elders for two years, and I witnessed how delicate an elder's health can be. The gentleman that I was with shared with me a glimpse on how it is to have dementia. He used to describe events that happened moments ago which he couldn't figure whether they truly happened or not as though "he was in a dream." When his daughter

would come to visit, he's saddened because he doesn't remember spending time with her. Only knowing she was there because he sees her shoes in the hallway. But he then became alive when he spoke about his past, modeling, big bands and jazz, and his model airplanes. At the end, his dementia progressed and our conversations lasted at most 5 minutes. He would forget his stories in the middle of them. Both of them passed just within a week of each other, and I was grateful for having the opportunity to sit by their bedside to enjoy their presence and say my good-bye."

Welcome Dani Goya

Project Dana is happy to welcome to our staff Danilyn Goya. Known as Dani, she received her Master's Degree in Public Health from the University of Hawaii at Manoa this past May and began her position as Volunteer Project Coordinator the Monday following her graduation. Dani completed her bachelor's degree internship in 2012 with Project Dana, continued on volunteering while in the Master's Program. Her responsibilities include receiving referrals, interviewing the elders to see what services are needed, matching the appropriate volunteers, and following through to assure the needs are met. Also to see if the relationship is satisfying to both elder and volunteer. Dani is coordinating the Long's Caregiver of the Month project. When you see Dani, please extend a warm Moiliili Hongwanji welcome to her.

Aloha Kahiau—Kahuku Medical Center

The newest site to join the Project Dana coalition is located at the Kahuku Medical Center. Kahiau which means selfless generosity in Hawaiian was chosen as the name of the site. Currently training is taking place with the site leader, Kori Napa'a who will be in charge of the volunteers and facilitate a caregiver's support group for those interested. Project Dana welcomes the Kahiau site and we look forward to servicing the elders and family caregivers in the Kahuku and surrounding communities.

NEW LAY ASSISTANTS FOR TEMPLE

Congratulations to Kerry Kiyohara who has been ordained in the Jodo Shinshu tradition in Kyoto and is assigned to Moiliili Hongwanji as a **Lay Assistant with Tokudo**. His duties will be to assist the Resident Minister in various duties, some of which are to conduct Sunday services, Memorial services, Bedside services when called upon. He will be able to conduct Buddhist classes as well. He will be referred to as Kerry Kiyohara Sensei.

Congratulations also to Raymond Takiue who has been awarded as a **Certified Lay Assistant** assigned to Moiliili Hongwanji. His duties will be to assist the Resident Minister in an expanded role, conduct classes, meditation services and may conduct Sunday services when the Resident Minister is unavailable.

BASIC CONVERSATIONAL JAPANESE

Minasama Konnichi wa (Greetings to All!):

The next 10-class session of Beginner's Basic Conversational Japanese will start on **September 9**. There are no classes on October 7, November 11 & 25, and the last class is on **December 2**. We meet on Fridays from **1:00-2:00 p.m.** at MHM's upstairs annex. We have three openings for any interested participant. If interested, please call the MHM office at 949-1659 and leave your name and phone number. We will get back to you. Thank you to the MHM *Otera* and Sangha for letting us use the classroom and helpful textbooks.

Sensei mo seito mo ganbatte imasu (Teacher and students are studying hard). *Arigatou gozaimasu!*

Contributed by Midori Kiso

HEALTH & WELLNESS

For this Health & Wellness report, I will focus on an article in the *Mayo Clinic Health Letter* dated July 2016. The article covers the effect of falling for both the young and the old. Since the risks of accidental falling are greater on the old, I'll focus on the effect of falling mainly on the elderly citizens. However, we need to be aware of the ill effects of concussions (hard blow to the head) on youngsters especially in contact sports such as football. A physician must be consulted promptly whenever a concussion occurs.

For the elderly citizens, the article lists the factors which may contribute to the risk of falling. Screening tests may examine your steadiness, dizziness,



weakness, range of motion, fatigue, decreased perception of senses or decreased mental sharpness. Also, such conditions as sleep problems, heart disease, obesity, arthritis, joint problems, diabetes, cognitive decline, history of stroke, Parkinson's disease and medications can cause loss of balance. If you are aware of these problems, it is recommended that you see your doctor for an examination. As a result of these tests, your doctor may recommend appropriate medications and/or treatments for low blood pressure, hydration or cataract surgery to improve visual perception.

Finally, your doctor or physical therapist may recommend basic daily fitness exercises to strengthen your overall muscles. Daily exercise is key to maintaining both your physical and mental well being.

Contributed by Helen Hamasu

110TH ANNIVERSARY DONATIONS



Thank you very much for your generous kokua as we celebrate Moiliili Hongwanji's 110th Anniversary. The following pledges and donations have been received from **May 16 to July 15, 2016**. The total is \$100,314 of which \$87,314 has been received. Mahalo for your generous support!

PLEDGES:

Chrysanthemum (\$2,000-\$4,999): Doris & Hideo Hamada, Katsumi & Mayumi Yamamoto *in memory of M. Kimiko Okano*.

Cherry Blossom (\$500-\$999): Satsuye Tanaka.

DONATIONS:

Lotus (5,000-9,999): Anonymous, Robin Meade & Ann Miyasaki, Rose & Gwen Nakamura.

Chrysanthemum (\$2,000-\$4,999): Roy & Amy Abe *in memory of Shichiro & Kikue Abe*, Roy & Amy Abe, Joy & Kiyoto Fujita, Edgar & Helen Hamasu, Hiroji Miyazaki *in memory of Marion Miyazaki*, Rev. Thomas & Michiko Okano, Ethel Shintaku.

Peony (\$1,000-\$1,999): Jay & Charlotte Hamai, Gladys Kurosu, Melvin & Karen Murakami *in memory of Kameji & Kume Oyamada*, George & Sue Sonoda & Family, Alice Tando.

Cherry Blossom (\$500-\$999): Dorothy Colby, Edith Horii, Gladys Okano, Thomas & Leatrice Sakamoto, Iris Wasa-Uehisa, Gene & Joann Yokota.

Iris (\$1-\$499): George & Joann Furukawa, Sumie Hamamoto, Toshiyuki Hiranaga, Kathleen Komo, Mitsuru Kunihiro, Elaine Miyamoto, Saeko Miyazaki, Evan Murakami, Fusaye Muramaru.



HEADQUARTERS NEWS

New HHMH Committees formed by 2016 Legislative Assembly Action

Green Hongwanji Committee: Excerpt from Resolution: *"...our Sangha needs leadership and education on how to live in harmony and sustainability with our precious planet. ...a program, the 'Green Hongwanji Initiative', to educate, set goals and develop an action plan to help temples and members live in ecological harmony within our communities, State and planet."* Committee Members: Dexter Mar, Convener (H), Dave Atcheson (H), Karen Kikukawa (H), Rev. Shindo Nishiyama (H), Rev. Janet Youth (O), Margie Kaiser (HI) and Van Velasco, PBA Instructor & 2 students (PBA).

Technology for Remote Communication Committee: Excerpt from Resolution: *"... the technology now exists for Dharma talks and even complete services to be conducted remotely through video conferencing and other technologies... ...a committee be established to explore the feasibility method, and cost of training and implementing the technology to support remote communication..."* Committee members: Travis Nakaji, Chair, Chris Richardson (M), Raymond Takiue, Jr. (H), Rev. Shinji Kawagoe (HI), Rev. Kazunori Takahashi (K), and Rev. Kevin Kuniyuki (HQ).

2017 BWA Student Exchange Program to Japan The HHMH Hawaii Federation of Buddhist Women's Associations extends an invitation to women, ages 17-23 years old, to be one of two exchange students from Hawaii to Japan in late July to early August 2017. More information can be obtained at hawaiiibwa.org/Student_Exchange/student_exchange.htm. The deadline to apply is **October 31, 2016**.

HQ Bookstore Update. The new English edition of Pictorial Hongwanji (\$10), published by Hongwanji Publishing Company, Kyoto Japan in 2016, is available at HQ Bookstore. It contains the message of the new Monshu and many pictures of Hongwanji (Honzan) buildings, rooms, garden, gate, etc., many of which are national treasures and important cultural assets. It also introduces services and ceremonies of Honzan and explains the life of Shinran Shonin and the history of the Hongwanji. HQ distributed one copy of the booklet to all temples. If you wish to have a copy, please contact the bookstore at 522-9202.

"The Taste of the Nembutsu" The HHMH State Ministers Association presents the newly published book "The Taste of the Nembutsu", a collection of the Dharma Messages of all the active ministers sharing their appreciation and understanding of the Nembutsu teaching. The books will be distributed to temples soon.

Honpa Hongwanji Calendar Committee Call for Submission for 2017 Calendar The Calendar Committee invites individuals and group to provide creative works of art for the Hongwanji calendar; photo, drawings, poems, and even pictures of things like sculptures and pottery. The picture will need to be able to be clearly enlarged. With each submission, please submit a paragraph describing how the picture relates to the 2017 slogan "Action (Open Communication)". For the 2017 calendar, the committee would like to focus on the theme of Obon. Please take pictures of all the traditional, modern, and unique Obon activities and services at your temples and in the community—anything showing our "Hawaii Style" Obon season! For questions, leave a message for Yumi Suzuki c/o Rev. Umitani 522-9205 or email hqs@honpahi.org. Entry submission should go to Alan Kubota at alan.kubota@pbahi.org. Deadline is **September 7, 2016**.

"Headquarters Update" may be found in its entirety on the Headquarters website www.hongwanjihawaii.com. Be sure to visit the beautiful updated website.

ANNUAL LAY CONVENTION

The 2016 Hawaii State Federation of Honpa Hongwanji Lay Associations Convention will be held on Maui on **September 10-11**.

CHORALFEST 2016

A special Musical Service will be held on **Sunday, September 25, at 10:00 a.m.** at the Hawaii Betsuin. Under the direction of Nola Nahulu, a mass choir of singers from temples across the state will present some beautiful gathas. Please plan to attend.



WHITE WAY RADIO BROADCAST

Please tune in to Radio KZOO (1210AM dial) for Moiliili Hongwanji's White Way Radio Broadcast each **Saturday from 7:45-8:00 a.m.** Here is the upcoming schedule with speaker's name followed by sponsor's name:

- 8/6 Dr. George Tanabe (Yoshimura Family)
- 8/13 Rev. Jan Youth (Michie Hamao)
- 8/20 Mr. Alan Goto (Jo DesMarets)
- 8/27 Ms. Charlene Kihara (Morikubo Family)
- 9/3 Rev. Bryan Siebuhr (Alan Yokota)
- 9/10 Rev. Kosho Yagi (Hirai Family)
- 9/17 Rev. Sherman Thompson (Reese Morikubo)
- 9/24 Mrs. Juliet Lee (Kanazawa Family)
- 10/1 Ms. Jamie Itokazu (Miyasaki Family)

Mahalo to our speakers, our sponsors and our volunteer staff for making this broadcast possible. Past broadcasts can be heard on our website www.moiliilihongwanji.org.



Buddhist Women's Association



Preparing and working hard for our bon dance gives all of us the opportunity to “live the Dharma”. The event also brings forth to us many wonderful Dharma gifts, if we take notice. We see and feel the interdependence of all people and things as we work bon dance. We can feel gratitude in our hearts to those who lend active helping hands. We are all afforded the special opportunity to practice selfless giving even though we're tired.

Thank you ALL for your active participation and leadership in this year's bon dance! Cynthia Ogasawara smilingly tackled co-chairing much of the challenging tasks of the bon dance concession with Noriyo Morikubo. Lily Masuda efficiently set some 20+ women to work in making hundreds of packs of microwave mochi. Karen Kikukawa and Donna Higashi bravely took on the large volume rice cooking with me and our “dreamboats”: Richard, Eugene, Dennis, and Cheryl's father-in-law Warren. Jeanne Watari calmly spearheaded the spam musubi making supported by the Junior YBAers and BSC Fellowship Club young adults.

Then there was Susan Okano and Nancy Hironaka who put together tasty, filling lunches for the volunteers on Friday and Saturday giving us the nourishment to work the long hours. Quietly doing all the extra needed work on the kitchen side were Satsuye Tanaka, June Hamada, Ethel Shintaku, Helen Hamasu, and Michi Motooka. They are a humbling example of ladies who still give of their time even though they are well into their 80's. Last, but not least, there was tireless Ann Nakata, head of over-all clean-up and Ms. Girl Friday. Of course, there were many others working in different areas of the bon dance, and I extend my deep appreciation to all of you!

Please mark your calendars: The Exchange Student potluck will be on **Friday, August 12, 6:00 p.m.**, at Moiliili. Sign up with Ethel Shintaku. Our next BWA meeting will be on **Sunday, September 18, 10:45 a.m.**

With heartfelt gratitude for all you do for the temple, and with hands in gassho,

Contributed by Lois Ohta



HAPPY STRUMMERS NEWS

Ukulele was up in the air again on July 17-20 at Kapiolani Park. The “Ukulele Festival” has carried on for 46 years, and hundreds of ukulele players from different countries gather together to enjoy music.

Speaking of enjoying music, the Strummers will be going again to 15 Craigsides to entertain the clients there.

Rose Nakamura and Michi Motooka visited Yoshiaki Matsuoka at Lunalilo Home. Bucky seems to be enjoying the beautiful surroundings and will enjoy even more seeing the Strummers there. The Happy Strummers will be playing not only for Bucky but also for the friends there.

July is the Bon Dance month that Strummers and friends dance around the beautiful mini-yagura created by Ann Nakata.

These are the places where the Happy Strummers strive to do our part as Moiliili Hongwanji Ukulele Club. Come and join us and interact with the elders as you strum along.

Contributed by Michiko Motooka

JR YBA NEWS

This Summer has been pretty busy for the Jr. YBA of Honolulu. We flew down to Maui for the 59th Jr. YBA State Convention on June 24-26. It was at Kahului and Wailuku Hongwanji. The theme was “Talk Dharma to Me.” It was three days of fun-filled events like workshops, a mini bon dance, meetings, and PLENTY ono food! Right after convention, we stayed an extra night on Maui to celebrate our three high school graduates, Randi, Anika, and Jessica of Hawaii Betsuin. We first went to Maui Ocean Center, and then treated ourselves to Tasaka Guri-Guri and Krispy Kreme doughnuts. Then next day, we all woke up at two in the morning to drive up Haleakala to watch the beautiful sunrise. What an amazing experience! After Haleakala, we went walking around Iao Needle.



On July 1-2, we helped with Moiliili Hongwanji's bon dance and Summer Fest. We helped make spam musubi and helped in the concession stand. We also sold Joy's Cookies for our summer fundraiser. We sold KC Drive-Inn Waffle Dog at the Jikoen bon dance on July 15-16. That same weekend, some of us went to Kailua Hongwanji to sell shave ice at their bon dance.

We also had our officer election this past summer. Our 2016-2017 officers are President Alia Fukumoto (Moiliili), Vice President Chika Matsumoto (Betsuin), Secretary/Treasurer Kayla Yosemite (Jikoen), Historian Alex Harman (Betsuin), and Councillors Megan Sakata (PBA) and Korey Miyakawa (PBA).

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4 9:00 AM - Sunday Service (Monthly Remembrance Service)	5 <i>Labor Day (Holiday)</i> <i>Temple Office & Preschool Closed</i>	6 9:00 AM - Adult Fitness & Falling Safety Class 9:10 AM - Preschool Keiki Service 6:30 PM - Meditation Serv.	7 10:00 AM - Japanese Grief Support Group 7:00 PM - Boxing/Fitness Class	8 9:30 AM - Ikebana 10:00 AM - Franciscan Visitation 5:30 PM - Zumba	9 1:00 PM - Conversational Japanese	10 53rd State Lay Convention (Maui)
11 9:00 AM - Sunday Service 53rd State Lay Convention (Maui)	12 5:15 PM - Zumba Class	13 9:00 AM - Adult Fitness & Falling Safety Class 9:10 AM - Preschool Keiki Service 6:30 PM - Meditation Serv.	14 10:00 AM - Japanese Dharma Class 6:30 PM - Temple Board Meeting 7:00 PM - Boxing/Fitness Class	15 9:00 AM - Honolulu Kyogakkaï Meeting 9:30 AM - Ikebana 5:30 PM - Zumba	16 1:00 PM - Conversational Japanese 2:00 PM - Arcadia Care Visitation	17 
18 <i>Autumn Higan Services</i> 9:00 AM - Sunday Service Speaker: Rev. Kevin Kuniyuki 10:30 AM - Moiliili BWA Meeting	19 5:15 PM - Zumba Class 6:30 PM - Honolulu Hongwanji Council	20 9:00 AM - Adult Fitness & Falling Safety Class 9:10 AM - Preschool Keiki Service 11:00 AM - Arcadia Residence 6:30 PM - Meditation Serv.	21 7:00 PM - Boxing/Fitness Class	22 9:30 AM - Ikebana 10:00 AM - Maunalani Visitation 5:30 PM - Zumba	23 1:00 PM - Conversational Japanese	24
25 9:00 AM - Sunday Service 10:00 AM - ChoralFest at Betsuin 	26 5:15 PM - Zumba Class	27 9:00 AM - Adult Fitness & Falling Safety Class 9:10 AM - Preschool Keiki Service 6:30 PM - Meditation Serv.	28 10:00 AM - Japanese Dharma Class 7:00 PM - Boxing/Fitness Class	29 9:30 AM - Ikebana 5:30 PM - Zumba	30 1:00 PM - Conversational Japanese	



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(JR. YBA NEWS continued from page 7)

The United of Honolulu will be hosting the 60th Jr. YBA State Convention in 2017. Our Co-Chairs are Alia Fukumoto and Sheera Tamura (PBA). The theme will be "How Connected Are You to Buddhism?" We hope to ask for your support for our up-coming convention. Thank you!

Alisa Kondo, United Jr. YBA
of Honolulu Co-Advisor



It's summer...yay! The children enjoyed their water play days every Monday in June and July as they cooled off in the summer heat. They splashed around and squirted water at the water table and joyfully ran through the sprinkler!

Children enrolled in the Leahi Swim Program also enjoyed the pool every Tuesday and Thursday. They returned to school cool and refreshed and ready for lunch! The children also participated in Soccer Shots on Wednesdays, learning valuable soccer skills and teamwork.

June 22 was a delightful day at the Hawaii Children's Discovery Center. We visited 3 galleries: Rainforest Adventure, My Town and Fantastic You! It was fun going in the stomach and sliding out, pushing a wheelchair around, sitting in a gigantic mouth and experiencing how your heart worked in the "Fantastic You!" gallery. In "My Town", children enjoyed pretending to be important community workers such as a firefighter, auto mechanic, policeman, doctor, TV reporter and store clerk. In the "Rainforest Adventure" gallery, everyone loved playing at the HUGE water table and sitting in the "treehouse".

The children were busy learning about sea life and dinosaurs this summer. Their creative artwork and adorable crafts were displayed on the classroom walls and bulletin boards for all to admire.

The month of July opened with the Moiliili Hongwanji's Bon Dance and the Moiliili Summer Festival on July 1 and 2. Children eagerly participated in the opening service and the first dance. There was a lot of delicious food—and dancing—to enjoy!

As we neared the end of the 2015-2016 school year, a Mini Fun Fair and Petting Zoo were held on the last day of school, July 22. Much to the children's delight, there were many games, shave ice, hot dogs, drinks and other yummy treats for all to enjoy! The

visiting "Petting Zoo" brought a variety of animals—rabbits, ducks, guinea pigs, goats—for the children to pet. Mahalo to all the parents for their help and generous donations! It was a FUN and WONDERFUL way to celebrate the last day of school!

As we say ALOHA to the 4 and 5-year olds, who are excited and ready for Kindergarten, and their parents, we would like to "Thank You" and wish you all the very best in the years to come!

For those children returning for the 2016-2017 school year, we will be eagerly awaiting your return on August 1, after our short summer break! Let's have another exciting and fun school year.

Contributed by: Jan Kuniyuki

FROM THE PRESCHOOL DIRECTOR

Aloha Families and Friends,

Moiliili Hongwanji Preschool is a special place for children between 2 1/2 and 5 years of age. Through a very caring staff who bring laughter and smiles, the children engage in a variety of learning experiences tailored to their age group. We embark on exciting field trips to such places as the Discovery Center, Honolulu Zoo, Urban Gardens and other wonderful places that stimulate the children's curiosity. Opportunities are available for the children to extend their learning through extracurricular activities like swimming at Leahi, soccer with Soccer Shots, and Bon Dance performances.

Our parents offer many positive comments such as, "I feel safe leaving my child in your care," "Our children talk to us about what they did each day," "My child enjoys going to Ms. Wendy's office when they are not feeling well to wait for me to pick them up and while they are waiting always receiving a gift from her heart to get better," "All of the positive energy we receive from the Director and Staff," and "The Preschool just has an overall good feeling with kindness, happiness and just a place that we want our children to be and to grow."

Our new school year begins on August 1. If you know of anyone who is looking for a great preschool to send their children to, please have them call me at (808) 946-4416 or (808) 630-4963 or email me at mhps902@gmail.com. With Warmest Mahalo.

In Gassho,
Wendy C. Harman





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HHDSTA officers for 2016-17 led by President Debbie Kubota & Advisor Rev. Yuika Hasebe



Jr. YBA Convention



Obon Service at Moiliili Cemetery



MHM Bon Dance & Moiliili Summer Fest



THE WHITE WAY



Congratulations to Raymond Takiue, Certified Lay Assistant, & Kerry Kiyohara, Lay Assistant with Tokudo