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## SPRING OHIGAN: A TIME FOR REFLECTION

By Rev. Bert Sumikawa



On Sunday, March 15, the Moiliili Hongwanji Mission will be celebrating the annual Spring Ohigan Festival. It is a special time of the year, a time during which we can sit back and reflect upon the profound harmony and oneness of the universe, a time when in astronomy, the days and nights are equal length, and the sun rises directly from the East and sets directly in the West. The world feels in balance and in comfortable harmony.

The word higan, of course as you know, means the “other shore” of enlightenment. Traditionally in Japan, Spring Ohigan is a week-long observance, during which the Six Paramitas or “perfections” (dana, self-discipline, patience, effort, meditation and wisdom) are studied and contemplated. We should always and especially during Ohigan, be mindful of these observances and consider how they can relate to our lives and the lives of others. These six perfections are part of the path of the Bodhisattva, one who vows to leave behind self-centeredness and practices perfection in order to become a Buddha for the sake of all beings. Buddhism teaches us to transcend our limited self and seek perfection and enlightenment for everyone. This is the true Bodhisattva path, a path that we must follow as a Buddhist.

As followers of Shin Buddhism, our living the Nembutsu life is itself the Bodhisattva practice of the paramitas. Shinran Shonin has taught us that Nembutsu is the mind of Amida, or perfect Wisdom and Compassion. As our lives are riddled with imperfections and disharmony, we are unable to realize limitless perfection through our own effort. Shinran himself struggled with this throughout his life and learned that it is only through the total reliance on Amida Buddha, the true reality of Wisdom and Compassion, that we can understand the meaning of perfection in our lives. During this Ohigan season, let us reflect deeply on the Six Paramitas and that it is realized through the heart and mind of entrusting faith, bringing us to perfection through the working of Amida Buddha’s Compassionate Vow.

This Ohigan we are very fortunate to have as our speaker, Rev. David Fujimoto, a local-born minister. Rev. Fujimoto is a proud graduate of the Hongwanji Mission School and Farrington High School. He received a degree in Psychology from the University of Hawaii at Manoa and a Master’s degree in Buddhist Studies at IBS.

He received *Tokudo* ordination in 2007, *Kyoshi* certification in 2010 and *Kaikyoshi* status in 2011. He has worked as the Assistant to the Director at the Buddhist Study Center, Assistant Chaplain at the Pacific Buddhist Academy and served as Associate Minister at the Honpa Hongwanji Hilo Betsuin. Currently, he is the Resident Minister at Puna Hongwanji and the Overseeing Minister at Pahala and Na’alehu Hongwanji.

Please join us at the Moiliili Hongwanji to observe Spring Ohigan and learn about the Dharma. Service begins at 9:00 a.m. We welcome all members and guests alike.



## 103<sup>rd</sup> LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY (GISEIKAI)

### RAP SESSION by Kerry Kiyohara

State delegates, ministers, and observers gathered at Hawaii Betsuin for the “Rap Session” Thursday evening, Feb. 12<sup>th</sup> kick-off event for the 103<sup>rd</sup> Giseikai Legislative Assembly of the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii. In a free-wheeling atmosphere, participants discussed the challenges of declining membership, failing revenues and rising costs, the aging of congregations, and the role of the State organization in addressing the challenges. While there are no easy solutions, it is obvious to this observer that Hongwanji Hawaii has passionate, dedicated, and committed people working together to find the way.

### FRIDAY OPENING AND PLENARY SESSION by Nancy Shimamoto

One hundred forty-five attendees participated in the Giseikai on Friday, Feb. 13. Representing Moiliili Hongwanji were Rev. Bert Sumikawa, Rev. Blayne Higa, Rose Nakamura, Raymond Takiue, Karen Kikukawa, Kerry Kiyohara and yours truly. The Plenary Session followed the Opening Ceremony. Messages by Bishop Eric Matsumoto and State Kyodan President Pieper Toyama resonated with the 2015 Hongwanji slogan “Embrace Change: Awareness (Seek Opportunities).” Delegates were asked to follow the slogan at their Temples; we need to embrace change and make successful changes. Likewise, the State Kyodan will be undergoing organizational changes and adding organizational effectiveness via technology, marketing and public relations.

Numerous resolutions were read, discussed as needed, and approved. Moiliili Hongwanji presented a Resolution of Appreciation and Condolence for Mrs. Shimeji Kanazawa, co-founder of Project Dana. A Resolution of Appreciation for 50 Years of Active Ministry was presented to Rev. Tatsuo Muneto, former minister of MHM. We were equally pleased to witness the selection of Bishop Eric Matsumoto in his second term of 4 more years.

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The full day of business ended with a musical presentation by Ohana Arts. The student performers sang two selections from their production “Peace on Your Wings,” bringing tears to many. They have performed on Kauai and Maui to full-house audiences, and seats are already sold out for their Hawaii Island show. The cast and crew are doing an exemplary job of sharing the Dharma in our communities. Return shows on Oahu are planned in August.

### SATURDAY, CONCLUSION OF GISEIKAI by Karen Kikukawa

This morning began with a service followed by the installation of State Kyodan Officers, Directors and Advisors. Installed from MHM were Rose Nakamura, Advisor, and Nancy Shimamoto, Director. Picture-taking was followed by further business.

Throughout the weekend delegates and ministers shared many GOOD IDEAS. In President Toyama’s goal for ideas to be implemented and put into action this year, he asked Glenn Hamamura to do an abbreviated presentation on why, how and what drives an organization (our Temple). In discussion groups we shared why our Temple exists. Some of our group’s comments were: safe environment, support for individuals and families, fellowship, shared values, nourish and nurture both physical and spiritual needs. This we felt is “living the Dharma.”

In conclusion Pieper would like all Temples to follow through on the following points this year:

- Support educational efforts
- Support well-being of ministers
- Support Temple Effectiveness process
- Make organization more effective
- Find alternative resources, revenues.

Finally we reconvened at the Hilton Hawaiian Village Coral Ballroom to enjoy the Giseikai Aloha Luncheon and the Living Treasures of Hawaii Recognition Program.



# Mark Your Calendar!

## MARCH MADNESS!

Moiliili Hongwanji Mission welcomes you to March Madness on **Sunday, Mar. 1, 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.** Fun, food, crafts for sale, games for kids of all ages, and more! Fun for the whole family! Bring your friends, invite your neighbors. Additional parking is available at Kuhio School. Please note that there will be no Sunday service.

## SPRING EQUINOX (OHIGAN) SERVICE

Moiliili Hongwanji's Spring Equinox (Ohigan) Service will be held on **Sunday, Mar. 15, at 9:00 a.m.** Our guest speaker will be Rev. David Fujimoto of Puna Hongwanji Mission. Please join us!

## BUDDHA DAY OBSERVANCES

The Hawaii Buddhist Council Buddha Day observance will be held on **Sunday, Apr. 5, at 9:00 a.m.** at Soto Mission of Hawaii located at 1708 Nuuanu Avenue. The speaker will be Dr. Jay Sakashita. There will be no service at Moiliili Hongwanji, and everyone is encouraged to join together with fellow Buddhists for the celebration of Shakyamuni Buddha's birth in Lumbini Garden more than 2,500 years ago.

Moiliili Hongwanji's Buddha Day Service will be held on **Sunday, Apr. 12, at 9:00 a.m.**



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

Ethel Misako Tsuda, 87, on Dec. 7  
Chieko Yoshimura,\* 101, on Dec. 19  
Ayako Imai, 99, on Jan. 11  
David Tsuneo Nekotani,\* 84, on Jan. 14  
Misaye Takehara, 94, on Jan. 27  
Bob Nobuyoshi Teraoka, 90, on Jan. 31  
Edwin Takayuki Ogasawara,\* 87, on Feb. 10  
Janet Masako Sato,\* 80, on Feb. 11  
Dennis Yukito Tosaki, 92, on Feb. 12

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

## BWA ESHINNI & KAKUSHINNI DAY SERVICE

On **Sunday, Apr. 19, at 9:00 a.m.** the Moiliili Hongwanji Buddhist Women's Association is sponsoring the annual Eshinni and Kakushinni Day Service honoring Lady Eshinni, wife of Shinran Shonin, and Lady Kakushinni, their daughter. Our guest speaker will be Rev. Irene Nakamoto. You are cordially invited to attend.

## VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION SERVICE

At our **9:00 a.m.** Sunday Service on **Apr. 26**, the temple would like to thank all of our hard-working volunteers. We invite you to join us for the service. President Nancy Shimamoto will be the speaker.



## 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:

3/7 Mrs. Juliet Lee (Alice Shiroma)  
3/14 Rev. Shigenori Makino (Donna Higashi)  
3/21 Rev. Toshiyuki Umitani (John & Laura Moriyama)  
3/28 Rev. Shigeaki Fujitani (Takako Oda)  
4/4 Rev. Yuika Hasebe (Wendy Nakanishi)  
4/11 Mr. Joel Determan (Rose Nakamura)  
4/18 Rev. David Fujimoto (Michiko Motooka)  
4/25 Rev. Kojun Hashimoto (Thelma Ando)  
5/2 Mr. Jacob Chang (The Hirai Family)

Mahalo to our speakers, our sponsors and our volunteer staff for making this broadcast possible. Past broadcasts can be found on our website [www.moiliilihongwanji.org](http://www.moiliilihongwanji.org).

## MHM Spring Seminar

Date: **Saturday, Mar. 7**

Time: **8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

Place: **Moiliili Hongwanji Mission**



**"Being Buddhist in a Violent World:  
How Can We Live Peacefully?"**

By Rev. Richard Tennes of Kahului Hongwanji  
Snack and light lunch will be served! Please RSVP to [mhm@moiliilihongwanji.org](mailto:mhm@moiliilihongwanji.org) or call the temple office at 949-1659 by Mar. 4. Registration is \$10.00. Everyone is invited. **Rev. Tennes will also be our 9 a.m. Sunday Service speaker on Mar. 8.**



# PROJECT DANA NEWS

On Jan. 25, Project Dana at Moiliili Hongwanji observed the 26<sup>th</sup> year of volunteer caregiving. This annual volunteer appreciation service welcomed volunteers, site leaders, temple members, Advisory Council members, staff, friends, families, and supporters of The Project. Recognition of volunteers and fellowship were enjoyed by all. We would like to share some excerpts from the inspiring talks of the three speakers at the service—Rev. Bert Sumikawa, young volunteer Taylor O., and Satsue Tanaka.

**Rev. Sumikawa:** *“This morning we pay tribute to and acknowledge the selfless acts of courage and gifts of heart and spirit to those members of our society in need. These gifts of Dana, day in and day out, help to lessen the suffering of those in need and make life just a bit easier to sustain.*

*Please let’s put our hands together in Gassho as I read the words of Rev. Chikai Yosemite: Service to others is Faith in action. The act of Dana is part of our life in Jodo Shinshu, it is to place oneself in the position of another and give service with joy and gratitude. This is the person of Shinjin. Your suffering is my suffering and your happiness is my happiness, for it is the nature of Buddhahood to be compassionate. Namu Amida Butsu.*

*Dana, one of the Six Paramitas, or pathways to enlightenment, is one of the most important practices in Buddhism. But, what is Dana, after all? The short answer is that it means to share and give whatever we think we possess. Dana can be done by material, time, space, knowledge, energy, information, a skill, a smile, kind words, and much much more. All what we think we possess can be the object of Dana. Dana gives us positive energy. Whatever we give, the action of giving always produces positive energy.”*

**Taylor O.:** *“Although I am only 14 years old, you could say that I am an old timer. I have been involved with Project Dana since I was 8 years old. When I was about 7 years old, my mom thought it would be fun to combine volunteer work with seniors. My uncle Scott Saiki who is a House Representative suggested Project Dana and introduced us to Auntie Cyndi.*

*In the beginning, it was just something that my mom and I did together. But as I’ve gotten older, and my mom takes me to all of the voluntary community projects that the company she works for does at*

*Hawaiian Electric Company, I’ve grown to appreciate giving back to the community and to others.*

*Mrs. K. lived in Moiliili and was looking for some help around the house. In the beginning my mom would help vacuum, tidy up the house, empty the rubbish, and mop the floor while I would keep her company and I would draw a lot for her which she would hang up on the walls. I think the part that Mrs. K. liked the most was not so much that we tidied up her house, but the time we spent together. I would share with her stories about baseball, tennis and what I was doing in school. She has moved but I try to visit her when we can. She still remembers me and says that I am so big now.*

*The one thing that sticks in my mind, is that the seniors who I’ve helped are always so appreciative and happy that we spent time with them, which is worth more than anything in the world, you can’t buy that.”*

**Satsu Tanaka:** *“In remembrance of Shimeji Kanazawa, and in thankfulness of Project Dana volunteers, under the direction of Rose Nakamura, I agreed to say a few words.*

*I have been a Project Dana volunteer for a few years. I looked forward to becoming a helpful volunteer but instead I wound up being helped by Project Dana volunteers myself.*

*Four years ago, I underwent a right knee replacement surgery. Wally and Nancy drove me to the hospital, stayed with me until I was reeled in for surgery. She came the very next day to check up on me. Upon release volunteers visited me with food and medical supplies. Rose Nakamura sent the home safety advisor to check around my home. Roy, Wally, and Nancy provided transportation to medical appointments. Patricia walked over daily some 8 to 10 blocks to my apartment for over three months to accompany me during my walking exercises.*

*Everything was going well until August 2013 and I was then involved in a car accident. Ever since then Project Dana volunteers have been helping me. Roy, Lois, Ann and others continually offer to drive me wherever I need to go; to attend church services, shopping and errands. I am indeed grateful and feel very blessed and honored for the help I received from Project Dana volunteers. Okagesamade, today I am in good health.”*

*A big mahalo to all who helped to make this annual appreciation service successful.*



## STRATEGIC PLANS FOR MHM (2015 – 2017)

By Nancy Shimamoto



The Long Range Strategic Planning (LRSP) Team with Chairman Martha Samson proudly unveils our new and energizing Mission and Vision Statements. Beginning with a Discovery Session with all temple members participating after Sunday service on Aug. 31, the LRSP Team met over many months last year. We were fortunate to work under the guidance of Glenn Hamamura, Strategic Planning Consultant and President of Wahiawa Hongwanji Mission. We had many lively discussions about where we are, where we want to go, how we want to get there, and what competencies we would need. The sessions involved scrupulously analyzing our Temple facilities, Dharma services, make-up of membership, finances, our website, marketing and public relations, communication, leadership, events, activities, organizations (Project Dana, Preschool, Dharma School, BWA), partnerships and the community.

After much articulation the LRSP Team shared a draft of the Mission and Vision with the membership and the Board of Directors. With input and a little bit of tweaking the MHM Board has approved on Feb. 11, 2015, the following:

### **NEW MISSION STATEMENT:**

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

- We welcome all people who seek spiritual growth, wisdom, and community.
- We embrace all with Aloha and support each other as 'Ohana.
- We share the living teachings of Shin Buddhism so that all beings may enjoy lives of harmony, peace, and gratitude.
- We are a place where one can find both spiritual and physical nourishment.
- We enjoy fellowship that nurtures our body, mind, and spirit.

### **NEW 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.**

In the next issue of the White Way the LRSP Team will share Moiliili Hongwanji's Action Plans.

## SHINNENENKAI 2015

Moiliili Hongwanji held its annual membership meeting and New Year's Party on Feb. 8. At the Sunday service, Itsuko Takamura was recognized as our most senior active member. She is 99 years of age and regularly attends temple services and activities. MC Bert Matsuoka noted that Mrs. Takamura looks "like someone half her age."

The Annual Membership Meeting followed the service, and President Nancy Shimamoto gave her annual report and shared the new Vision and Mission Statements. Members who passed away during the past year were remembered. Financial reports were presented. Then everyone moved to The Willows Restaurant where the banquet room was filled with laughter and camaraderie as approximately 105 members and guests enjoyed a delicious buffet luncheon and a wonderful show—"Legends II": Edgar "Hiroshi Itsuki" Hamasu sang Furusato No Hito accompanied by the Happy Strummers, Amanda danced the hula E Ku'u Tutu, "Dancing with the Stars" Richard Oka and Melanie Van der Tuin did an authentic tango, Rev. Shigenori "Yuzo Kayama" Makino sang Kimi to Itsumademo, "Los Amigos"—Wes Henry, Hudson Fukuki, and Christopher—and "Banditos" Jayden and Kayla performed to La Bamba, Kerry "Michael Jackson" Kiyohara strutted and moonwalked to Billie Jean, and Rev. Bert "Don Ho" Sumikawa lip-synched Tiny Bubbles as Dharma School students blew thousands of bubbles around him. The grand finale had everyone up and doing the kachashi—"move your hands like you are opening a shoji door," said leader Melanie.

Thank you to Lois Ohta and her committee for planning such a wonderful event for us! A big mahalo goes to Joy Fujita and Raymond Takiue for emceeing; Ann Nakata for coordinating the Legends show; Anne Kawabata for making the program brochure; Satsu Tanaka, Karen Kikukawa, Nancie Tsubota, and Ann Nakata for sewing the purple gift bags made from napkins provided by Cheryl Yasunaga; and Sue Sonoda, Michi Motooka, and Joy Fujita for providing the flowers and greenery for the table decorations. Mahalo also goes to Ann Miyasaki and Julia Matsui Higa Estrella for their donations of door prizes, and to others for generous contributions of time, money, and supplies to make the day so special.



## HEADQUARTERS NEWS

**Giseikai 2015** The 103rd Giseikai Legislative Assembly of Honpa Hongwanji was held on Feb. 13-14 at Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin. *[A Message from Bishop Chiko Iwagami, the Governor General of Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha; Welcome Message by Bishop Eric Matsumoto; President's Giseikai Reports from Pieper Toyama; list of resolutions; and list of Hawaii Kyodan Officers, Advisors, and Directors for 2015, and more maybe found in the Headquarters Update found at [www.hongwanjihawaii.com](http://www.hongwanjihawaii.com)]*

**Hongwanji Ministers Participate in Rainbow Ekiden** Five ministers—Rev. Satoshi Tomioka (Hawaii Betsuin), Rev. Tomo Hojo (West Kauai), Rev. Shinji Kawagoe (Papaikou), Rev. Kojun Hashimoto (Wahiawa), and Rev. Ai Hironaka (Lahaina)—will participate in the Rainbow Ekiden on **Sunday, Mar. 8**, to raise awareness of Honpa Hongwanji in the community and to support PBA's Capital Campaign for its new school building. Ekiden is a long distance relay race commonly seen in Japan. Each runner will run 5km from Kapiolani Park to Diamond Head lookout and back.



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### Hawaii Kyodan & PBA Corroboration T Shirt

The State Ministers' Association is selling this beautifully designed T-shirt. Proceeds will go to PBA for its Capital Campaign. *[Order forms are available from your temple minister or in Headquarters Update.]*

**The Interfaith Alliance Hawaii NON-VIOLENCE:** Philosophy and Practice in World Religions, a facilitated dialogue with Mainland and Local Scholars sponsored by The Interfaith Alliance Hawaii through a generous gift to Eden Seminary from Armin and Shirley Limper, will be held on **Thursday, Mar. 12, at 6:30 p.m.** at Honpa

Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin. The panelists are expected to include: **1) Dr. Ismail Elshikh**, Imam of the Hawaii Muslim Association (still to be confirmed); **2) Bishop Eric Matsumoto**, Honpa Hongwanji of Hawaii; **3) Rabbi Peter Schaktman**, Oahu Jewish Ohana; **4) Dale Bishop**, former Executive Minister of UCC Wider Church Ministries, a Middle East Scholar who has written extensively on Iran, Lebanon and the Israeli-Palestinian issue, and most recently served as Pastor of First Congregational UCC in Rhinelander, Wisconsin; **5) Damayanthi Niles**, Professor of Constructive theology at Eden Theological Seminary, who teaches in the areas of interfaith studies, comparative theology, contextual theology with particular interest in Asia, and language of theology in a landscape of conflict and violence; **6) David Greenhaw**, President of Eden Theological Seminary and Professor of Preaching and Worship, a frequent speaker and preacher at gatherings around the world who most recently lectured and preached in Ghana, taught at the Near East School of Theology in Beirut, Lebanon, and participated in a World Council of Churches conference on Christians in the Middle East. Moderators will be Pieper Toyama and Sister Joan Chatfield.

**Waipahu Hongwanji Mission Adult Care Center** Effective Mar. 1, WHMADCC is expanding its membership discount program to allow more people to qualify for the 10% discount on their applicable enrollment fee. If you or someone in your immediate family is currently a dues-paying member of any Hongwanji temple within the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii system, you may qualify for this membership discount. For more information, contact WHMADCC Director, Alexa Olaivar at 678-1770.



### TEMPLE MAINTENANCE DAY

Mahalo to the U.S. Navy and U.S. Marine volunteers and temple members who helped clean the temple grounds on Feb. 21, including cutting the big tree in the back parking lot.

Please mark your calendars for the next cleanup which will be on **Saturday, May 16, from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m.** Thank you to Kerry Kiyohara for organizing the much-appreciated maintenance of the grounds and to all who are coming to help!



## Buddhist Women's Association



We're off to a great start of a new year! In January, the BWA hosted the otoki refreshment hour for the Hoonko (Shinran Shonin's memorial) service. Otoki consisted of delicious mazegohan, yokan, kanten, and other vegetarian dishes. The BWA also prepared 22 otoki for homebound elders. It was such a wonderful experience to visit with the elders who can't come to temple. They all expressed gratitude for the "treat" and for being remembered.

Have you turned in your Dana Day donation? Each year in February, we collect donations that are sent to our Honolulu United BWA, and monetary awards are given to support various social agencies. A perpetual recipient of monies is Project Dana, but many other worthy social agencies have been recognized and supported through this fund. Thank you so much for your generous donations!

The BWA will be doing 'all things chili' at the temple's spring fundraiser on **Sunday, Mar. 1**. Please come out and support our temple and enjoy chili hot dog, nachos, or chili and rice!

Our Eshinni and Kakushinni Day Service will be held on **Apr. 19 at 9:00 a.m.** with guest speaker Rev. Irene Nakamoto. Following the service, we will have our membership meeting, bento lunch, and fellowship.

Remember this date too: **Sunday, Mar. 29**, our BWA will be at Taste of Hongwanji at Hawaii Betsuin. The items to be sold TBA as soon as we decide. We are hoping to make money to support our **90th Anniversary celebration this year**. We will be gathering for this wonderful event on **Saturday, Aug. 15**, at Waialae Country Club. More details are forthcoming.

So much to look forward to! Mark your calendars for all these coming BWA events.

In gassho,  
Lois Ohta



### HAPPY STRUMMERS NEWS

Members and friends of Moiliili Hongwanji look forward to the annual general meeting, luncheon and entertainment. This year the Happy Strummers were asked to play a number. This piece, Furusato no Hito, has a special Buddhist setting and is a favorite song for the Strummers. The audience at the luncheon participated following Edgar Hamasu as the lead singer. As we practice a song diligently, the song becomes a favorite piece.

This short notice was placed in the newsletter 23 years ago. Notice that there are some changes — Mr. Matsuoka is no longer our instructor, and, for the time-being, we practice at 8-9 a.m. Sessions

are on-going and the \$5 for joining remains the same. Please join us. We will be very happy to have you!

Contributed by Michiko Motooka

#### UKULELE LESSONS OFFERED

Have you ever had a secret desire to play some kind of musical instrument? The Moiliili Hongwanji is organizing a group to learn to strum the ukulele. It will be a session open to anyone who wishes to play some Hawaiian, Japanese and American tunes. Music sheets will be provided, but you must have your own ukulele.

Mr. Yoshiaki Matsuoka, our instructor, is willing to spend half an hour on Sundays from 10:30 to 11:00 AM at the annex hall.

A definite time schedule will be presented later but the first session will be on (April 19) Sunday, from 10:30 AM at the Annex Hall so bring your ukulele and join in the learning, fun and fellowship.

This initial session will be approximately 12 lessons. A minimal fee of \$5.00 will be accepted for the entire session and for the following year.

Contributed by Michiko Motooka

### HEALTH & WELLNESS

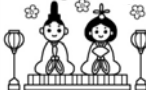
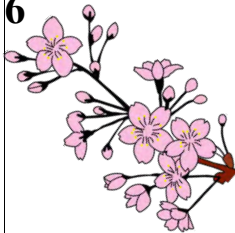





Measles vaccination for your child: In recent months, the news media has given extensive coverage on whether or not parents should have their children vaccinated for measles. Most medical doctors feel that children should be given measles vaccination for their own protection as well as those of others. However, if you have any questions on this critical issue, please consult with your family physician.

Shingles vaccination: To have it or not. We hear a lot about our adult friends and relatives who have or had episode/s/ of shingles. The February issue of Mayo Clinic Health Letter contained a short addendum report entitled Preventing Shingles. Two vaccines are available to help reduce the risks of shingles. 1) If you never had chicken pox or don't recall having it as a child, and if you are younger than 60, the report states that you can get Varivax vaccine. Varivax vaccine does not guarantee that you will not get chicken pox or shingles, but it can reduce the likelihood of complications and the severity of the disease. 2) The second vaccine is Zostavax vaccine, approved for those who are 50 years or older, whether or not they had chicken pox. Zostavax vaccine also does not guarantee that you will not get shingles, but will likely reduce the severity of the disease and shorten the recovery time.

The report states that the vaccine is intended as a preventive strategy and not as a treatment, and it recommends that you fully consult your doctor to determine if you qualify as a candidate for either of the vaccines.

Submitted by Helen Hamasu







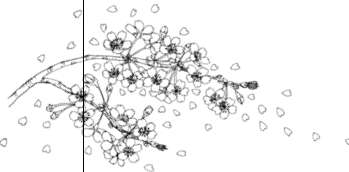



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> No Sunday Service 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM <b>March Madness</b>	<b>2</b>  5:15 PM - Zumba	<b>3</b> <i>Girl's Day</i> 9:10 AM - Preschool Keiki Service  4:00 PM - Karate 6:30 PM - Meditation Serv.	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 9:30 AM - Ikebana  4:00 PM - Karate	<b>6</b> 	<b>7</b> 8:30 AM - MHM Spring Seminar with Rev. Richard Tennes
<b>8</b> 9:00 AM - English Service Speaker: Rev. Richard Tennes (Monthly Remembrance Service) 10:30 AM - Movie: <i>"Under the Blood Red Sun"</i>	<b>9</b>  5:15 PM - Zumba	<b>10</b> 9:10 AM - Preschool Keiki Service  4:00 PM - Karate 6:30 PM - Meditation Serv.	<b>11</b> 9:00 AM - Oteire 10:15 AM - Japanese Dharma Class 6:30 PM - Temple Board Meeting	<b>12</b> 9:30 AM - Ikebana 10:00 AM - Franciscan Visitation  4:00 PM - Karate	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> 9:00 AM - Spring Equinox (Ohigan) Service Speaker: Rev. David Fujimoto	<b>16</b>  5:15 PM - Zumba	<b>17</b>  11:00 AM - Arcadia Residence  4:00 PM - Karate 6:30 PM - Meditation Serv.	<b>18</b> 	<b>19</b> 9:00 AM - Honolulu Kyogakkai Meeting 9:30 AM - Ikebana  4:00 PM - Karate	<b>20</b>  2:00 PM - Arcadia Visitation	<b>21</b>
← PRESCHOOL SPRING BREAK (3/16- 3/20) →						
<b>22</b> 9:00 AM - English Service Speaker: Ann Nakata  4:00 PM - Vesper Service	<b>23</b>  5:15 PM - Zumba	<b>24</b> 9:10 AM - Preschool Keiki Service 10:30 AM - Hawaii Kai Visitation  4:00 PM - Karate 6:30 PM - Meditation Serv.	<b>25</b> 8:00 AM - BSC Spring Seminar  10:15 AM - Japanese Dharma Class	<b>26</b> <i>Prince Kuhio Day (Holiday)</i> <i>Preschool closed</i> 9:30 AM - Ikebana 10:00 AM - Maunalani Visitation  4:00 PM - Karate	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 
<b>29</b> 9:00 AM - English Service Speaker: Rev. Blayne Higa  Taste of Hongwanji @ Betsuin	<b>3</b>  5:15 PM - Zumba	<b>31</b> 9:10 AM - Preschool Keiki Service  4:00 PM - Karate 6:30 PM - Meditation Serv.	<div style="border: 2px solid green; padding: 10px;"> <p align="center">Movie: <u>UNDER THE BLOOD RED SUN</u></p> <p>The movie <u>Under the Blood Red Sun</u> will be shown in the hondo at 10:30 a.m. on March 8 following the Sunday service. This is a story of a 13-year old Japanese American boy and his family in Hawaii following the bombing of Pearl Harbor. Everyone is invited to see the movie!</p> </div>			



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# April 2015

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<b>5</b> <b>No Service at MHM</b> 9:00 AM - HBC Buddha Day @ Soto Mission Speaker: Dr. Jay Sakashita	<b>6</b> 5:15 PM - Zumba Class	<b>7</b> 9:10 AM - Preschool Keiki Service	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> 9:30 AM - Ikebana 10:00 AM - Franciscan 10:15 AM - Oahu Care Visitation	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
FAMILY PROMISE AT MHM 4/5 - 4/11 						
<b>12</b> 9:00 AM - MHM Buddha Day Service Speaker: Rev. Sumikawa (Monthly Remembrance Service) 	<b>13</b> 5:15 PM - Zumba Class	<b>14</b> 9:10 AM - Preschool Keiki Service 4:00 PM - Karate 6:30 PM - Meditation Svc.	<b>15</b> 	<b>16</b> 9:00 PM - Kyogakkai 9:30 AM - Ikebana 4:00 PM - Karate	<b>17</b> 2:00 PM - Arcadia Visitation	<b>18</b> 
<b>19</b>  9:00 AM - BWA Eshinni & Kakushinni Day Speaker: Rev. Irene Nakamoto BWA General Meeting	<b>20</b> 5:15 PM - Zumba Class	<b>21</b> 9:10 AM - Preschool Keiki Service 11:00 AM - Arcadia Residence 4:00 PM - Karate 6:30 PM - Meditation Serv.	<b>22</b> 10:15 AM - Japanese Dharma Class	<b>23</b> 9:30 AM - Ikebana 10:00 AM - Maunalani Visitation 4:00 PM - Karate	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
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Spring is here! Girl's Day is on Mar. 3 and the children will be busy crafting Japanese paper dolls, fans, and cherry blossoms. The 2 1/2 and 3 year olds will also be making and enjoying saimin. The 4 and 5 year old girls will be a "Princess for a day" with

crowns and activities especially for them.

The Preschool will be going to the Pearl City Urban Gardens on Mar. 13. They will see many different themed gardens, such as the Children's Garden which has a play house, a tea party table, and a tunnel to crawl through. Other areas to explore are the Butterfly, Alphabet, Pizza, and Maze Gardens to name just a few. Every second Saturday of the month it is open to the public and they offer tours and a plant sale.

By Mar. 17, St. Patrick's Day the classrooms will be decorated with green leprechauns and shamrocks made by the children.

Our Spring Break is the week of Mar. 16.

There is much to look forward to in April. Easter is just around the corner on Apr. 5. Crafted bunnies and chicks will adorn the rooms. Each child will also get to dye eggs and put them in baskets that they made.

Also on the agenda will be graduation rehearsals throughout the month of April and May.

Contributed by Linda Nagata

## **FROM THE PRESCHOOL DIRECTOR**

We presently have a total enrollment of 43 children, and with a maximum capacity of 52, we are accepting applications and conducting tours and observations. We are also working to increase awareness of our excellent preschool within the community. If you are looking for a preschool for your child, we welcome you to call and arrange for a visit.



The Staff and I will be renewing our First Aid Training in the month of March. Students and teachers enjoyed many activities in February, the month of love and the Chinese New Year!

Cherish and love every moment and every person in your life.

In Gassho,  
Wendy Harman



### **Moiliili Hongwanji Preschool**

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Mochitsuki on Sunday, January 4



Rev. Mariko Nishiyama



BWA ladies in the kitchen preparing Otoki for Hoonko



Happy Strummers leading Do You Really Care, Project Dana theme song



Project Dana speakers: Taylor O. and Satsu Tanaka



Itsuko Takamura was recognized at the service on Feb. 8

# *Shinnenenkai Service and Luncheon at Willows Restaurant*



## ★ *Legends II* ★



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