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LIVE WITH GRATITUDE By Rev. Bert Sumikawa

In looking at events that frequently appear in the news, how can we find peace in such a chaotic situation? There is so much turmoil, uneasiness, tragedy and unhappiness throughout the United States, the world and even here in Hawaii.

Throughout the history of the human race, at times of chaos and suffering, great religious thinkers have arisen in response to the suffering of mankind. Even through those times of suffering during the life of our founder Shinran Shonin, he wrote in his writings, "Spread the Buddha-dharma and make the world at peace."

No matter how bad things got, no matter what situations arose, Shinran found the greatest peace, the greatest comfort in the Nembutsu. The world could be

crumbling around you, but with the Nembutsu deep within your hearts and minds, there is indestructible solace, a peace and tranquility that cannot be shattered.

What do you think would make the Buddha happy? What do you really think the Buddha would want you to do? Think of what a parent would want for you. A parent would want you to be happy throughout your life. In the same way of thinking, the Buddha would want you to attain full enlightenment, to be truly happy.

In arriving at the answer to the hard question, the Buddha asked this: Why do people suffer? But if you look around you at this moment, you're actually not suffering, right? You have a pretty good place to call a home, enough food to eat, good clothes to dress yourselves in, friends and so forth, so right now, you are not suffering, right?

However, I don't think the Buddha meant it that way. What he meant was, that somehow, life won't go exactly as you would like it to. There are ups and downs.

Why do we constantly keep wanting things? It's because we keep thinking that we need things.

In Buddhism, we are perfect as we are. But, because we keep wanting things, we live in a constant state of *dukkha*, a state of dissatisfaction resulting in unhappiness, misery and suffering. We are never satisfied. We should live our lives in gratefulness. Even the negative things can turn into positive experiences. That is what the Buddha wants, and that is what he taught.

Let us then reflect on our own lives. We can look at our own lives thus enabling us to live our lives in deep gratitude and appreciation for what has been given us through the Wisdom and Compassion of Amida Buddha. Namu Amida Butsu.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE Bouquets of Appreciation

The "proof of the pudding" is measured by what folks in the community rave about for days <u>after</u> the event as they reminisce, compare and share with others. Even those who did not experience the event first-hand talked about



what they had read or heard from others. YES! Our Moiliili Hongwanji Bon Dance over the 4th of July weekend was BIG and one of the BEST ever! Hundreds of people came from all over to enjoy the exciting, colorful festivities. Even pets, some of them dressed in kimono or happi coats, joined in the fun.

My first **BOUQUET OF APPRECIATION** goes to all our hardworking members of the Bon Dance Committee who worked tirelessly before, during and after the event. It was a HUGE undertaking that required many hours of planning, trying out, setting up, preparing, carrying out, as well as cleaning up. It took a whole team of helping hands and you made it happen! THANK YOU ALL! Coordinating the various sections were Tri-Chairs Kerry Kiyohara, Ryne Masuda and Raymond Takiue. BIG MAHALO! You're THE BEST!

Moving on to another topic, I am pleased to inform you that the Moiliili Hongwanji Kyodan has agreed to pledge \$50,000 to the Pacific Buddhist Academy's (PBA) Capital Campaign to complete construction of a new building by December 2016. The Kyodan (Officers and Board of Directors) represents all of you so this pledge is from MHM's membership. In addition, our MHM's Buddhist Women's Association (BWA) has agreed to donate \$2,000 toward PBA's effort. Therefore, my second **BOUQUET OF APPRECIATION** goes to all our Temple members for your support and acts of kindness.

Comments received when informed about our contribution to the Capital Campaign:

• Josh Hernandez Morse, PBA Head of School – "I am astonished! On behalf of the whole school

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The opinions expressed by individual contributors are their own and do not necessarily reflect those of Moiliili Hongwanji Mission. community, I want to express my profound gratitude for Moiliili Hongwanji's support."

• <u>Pieper Toyama</u>, President of Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii – "I am completely awed by your temple's generosity! It gives PBA great motivation to serve the members and Jodo Shinshu well."

In Deepest Gratitude, Nancy Shimamoto, President



WITH DEEPEST SYMPATHY

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

Dennis Yukio Taniguchi, 69, on May 19 Ethel Satoko Kawakami, 98, on June 7 Masako Uchida *, 100, on June 12 Jane Setsuko Sunada, 73, on June 22 Hinae Hashimoto, 89, on July 2 Thomas Mamoru Kondo*, 73, July 18

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

MONTHLY REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

During the first Sunday service of each month, we remember loved ones whose memorial date falls within the month. Please call the temple to register or come a little early and register before the service. During the service, family members will be called to offer incense in memory of their loved ones.

TEMPLE MAINTENANCE DAY

Please mark your calendars for our next temple maintenance day on **Saturday**, **Aug. 15**, beginning at **8:30 a.m.** Your help in keeping our temple grounds clean is really appreciated. If you can help, please let Kerry Kiyohara know. Mahalo!

MISSION STATEMENT:

Moʻiliʻili 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.



OHANA FUN FEST 2015—TEMPLE PICNIC

Our annual temple picnic will be held at Bellows AFS, Pavilion A, on Sunday, Aug. 9, from 9 a.m. to **2 p.m.** There will be grilled burgers, hotdogs, vegan choices, and watermelon provided by the temple and loads of additional potluck treats. (Mahalo to those who signed up for the potluck.) The cost is \$5 per person. There will be games, a lucky number drawing, and a *tsukemono*/pickle contest. If you have a favorite recipe, please bring a sample in a small ziplock bag so everyone can taste. You may swim, and water sports equipment will be available for rental (must be accompanied by someone with a military ID). Everyone 16 and older must be signed up with full name and birth date before July 27 for clearance to Bellows AFS, and everyone must bring a picture ID for entry. Those who signed up to ride the bus should be at the temple at 8:45 a.m. for a 9 **a.m**. departure. Those driving (without military ID) must be ready to show current driver's license, car registration, safety check and proof of insurance upon entering Bellows AFS.

AUTUMN OHIGAN SERVICE ON SEPT. 20

Please join us on **Sunday, Sept. 20**, at **9 a.m**. for our Autumn Equinox ((Ohigan) Service. Our guest speaker will be Rev. Jay Okamoto of Waipahu Hongwanji Mission.

Ohigan Services are held twice a year during the Spring and Autumn equinox when the day and night are of equal length and everything is in balance. It is a time of rededication to listening to the dharma.



OPEN HOUSE & BAZAAR ON SEPT. 26

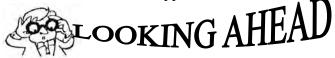
Moiliili Hongwanji's 4th annual Open House & Bazaar is coming up on **Saturday, Sept. 26**, from **9 a.m. to 1 p.m.** Featured are an Open House of the temple, Preschool and Project Dana. Also, a rummage sale, plant sale, crafters, mini farmers' market, Kupuna and Keiki ID, lots of food, and games for the kids are in store for everyone.

Please start saving gently-used items such as clothes, toys, books, and household items such as kitchen goods and appliances for the rummage sale. Potted plants and food produce are also welcome. Please bring items to the temple the week of the Open House & Bazaar.

Kokua is needed as follows:

Sept. 21-25	10 a.m	Sorting and pricing of
	to 2 p.m.	rummage items
Sept. 25	5 p.m.	Mochi making
	5:30 p.m .	Set-up
Sept. 26	6:30 a.m.	Food prep & set-up
	1 p.m.	Clean-up

An added feature this year is a mini farmers' market. There will be something for everyone so please spread the word! Your kokua is appreciated.



ANNUAL FUNDRAISER

Our annual chicken, chili, and sushi sale will be held on **Sunday, Oct. 11**. Tickets will be mailed out toward the end of August, so please watch for them. Mahalo for your support!

DHARMA LIGHT PROGRAM 2015 SCHEDULE

A new schedule for July to December 2015 is being offered by the Dharma Light Program, a Buddhist Education program offered through the Buddhist Study Center. Brochures are available at the temple office or on our website moiliilihongwanji.org.

One of the course offerings, "Understanding Shin Buddhism: First Steps," will be presented by Rev. Sumikawa and Rev. Higa at Moiliili Hongwanji for six **Saturdays—Aug. 8, 15, 22, 29, Sept. 5, and 19** from **10-11 a.m.** Tuition for this course is \$20.

Pre-registration is recommended for all nine courses as the maximum class size is 10 students. Call the temple office at 949-1659 or the BSC at 973-6555 for more information.



Honolulu District Dharma Schools' Registration & Pool Party! Sunday, August 30th, 9:00 a.m. Meet at Hongwanji Mission School's lawn for Short Service, Games, Pool Fun & Lunch! Registration and Pool Party is open to *new* Dharma School students as well as returning students. Please invite your friends! RSVP with your Dharma School or temple office (949-1659) by August 23rd!



Mahalo Cynthia, Aloha Martha

Project Dana extends much gratitude and appreciation to Cynthia Ogasawara who ably served as the Advisory Council Chair for the past five years. One of the highlights while she was Chair was the successful Project Dana 25th Anniversary Celebration held last September. Cynthia represented the Council and observed the 25th Anniversary on Maui. She has been a volunteer offering in-home assistance since she joined The Project in 1998, helping homebound elders with shopping and light housekeeping. Thank you, Cynthia, for all your DANA over the years.

The Project welcomes Martha Samson, the new Advisory Council Chair as of July 2015. Martha served as the second Council Chair (then called the Board) from 1991-1996, so she is very familiar with The Project on many different levels. Of special note, for over 20 years Martha was the very dedicated volunteer to an elder who passed away about two years ago. Martha and her family welcomed this elder, who had several severe medical conditions, into their lives. She also had no relatives in the U.S. Martha became her advocate and most importantly a "family member" to her. We look forward to Martha's leadership. Welcome, Martha!

Assistance for Elders and Family Caregivers!

Project Dana announces, with the support of three generous grants from Foundations, the following in-home assistance available to family caregivers or elders allowing them to live independently in their homes:

From the Kaneta Foundation of the Hawaii Community Foundation: lightweight transporter wheelchairs (with four small wheels) are available for seniors. Assistive devices such as grab bars are available. A Home Safety Assessment will take place.

From the Honolulu Police Community Foundation: One year (no charge) of the Personal Emergency Response System and a Project Dana Home Safety Assessment to those elders to safely live alone.

From the Gwenfread Elaine Allen Fund of the Hawaii Community Foundation: Persons in Need (PIN) Grant. Support in three specific areas: (1) transportation assistance to frail elders for medical appointments, shopping requests or therapy sessions, (2) respite assistance to family caregivers whose elders attend adult day care/day health or respite from a home health agency, and (3) decluttering, a free home safety assessment and assistance with decluttering through volunteer efforts and professional services specializing in personal organization.

All three grants have an age requirement of 65 years and older and an income criteria. Please call Project Dana at 945-3736 for further information.

What is DANA?

In Japanese, <u>DANA</u> is appropriately translated as <u>FU-SE</u>. "FU" means to share our hearts with others and "SE" means to give to others. Therefore DANA means to give to all beings from a compassionate heart. Three kinds of DANA exist: giving of materials/money; giving of the Dharma/the teachings and the highest, giving of peace of mind.

- 1. The DANA of EYES: Looking upon others with compassionate eyes, treating all things with loving kindness is priceless.
- 2. The DANA of PLEASANT FACE: Greeting our fellow man with a benevolent smile, gentle appearance, and friendly dispositions brightens the hearts of those we meet.
- 3. The DANA of AFFECTONATE WORDS: Speaking to each other with true affections, saying "thank you" and "I'm sorry" from the heart brings peace to our world.
- 4. The DANA of BODY: Treating people with good manners shows respect for them. Greeting all people with Gassho. What a noble attitude!
- 5. The DANA of HEART: Serving others with compassion is both one's joy and compassion. Selfishness and greed injure the life of the community.
- 6. The DANA of the HOME: Keeping one's home clean and extending hospitality to visitors and making them "feel at home" provides them with a peaceful feeling.
- 7. The DANA of SEATING PLACE: Sharing of one's seat or standing place and controlling one's desire benefits others.

Let's try to practice these seven gifts in everyday living and experience the Joys of DANA! Thank you to Rev. Shigenori Makino and Rev. Ryoso Toshima for introducing the Seven Gifts of Dana as part of Project Dana volunteer training.



HEADQUARTERS NEWS

Donation from Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii recently received a funding assistance of fifty million Japanese Yen from Honzan for the undertaking of the Pacific Buddhist Academy's new building. Honzan recently launched the Comprehensive Advancement Project to be executed for ten years (June 1, 2015 to Mar. 31, 2025) to enrich and promote our organization on the occasions of the Commemoration Services of Transmission of Jodo Shinshu tradition in 2016-2017, the 850th Anniversary of the birth of Shinran Shonin, and the 800th Anniversary of the establishment of Jodo Shinshu in 2023. One major focus is "contributing to the general welfare of society based on the spirit of Buddhism," and, as part of this effort in the Overseas Districts or internationally, this funding was disbursed. Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii and PBA are truly grateful for this strong support.

Encore—"Peace On Your Wings" Ohana Arts invites you to its Encore Performances of "Peace On Your Wings" to be held at Hawaii Theatre from Aug. 6 to 9. The encore show will have newly-designed sets, choreography, and lighting, and commemorates the 70th Anniversary of the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. Sadako Sasaki's brother Masahiro, and his son, Yuji Sasaki, a well-known singer in Japan, will be in Hawaii and plans are for them to attend the Saturday 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. and Sunday 2 p.m. shows. Tickets are available at Hawaii Theatre 528-0506 at \$35, \$25, \$15 (student) plus a \$3 per ticket Theater Restoration Fee.

2015 PBA Lighting Our Way Banquet Pacific Buddhist Academy's annual Lighting Our Way Banquet will be held on Friday, Oct. 2, at the Waialae Country Club at 5 p.m. Honorees are Satoru Abe, Frederick Nonaka, Dr. Robert Peters, and L. Candy Suiso. For more information, please contact PBA at 532-2649 or rudiger.ruckmann@pbahi.org.

6th Annual Peace Walk Everyone is invited to participate in the Hongwanji 6th Annual Peace Walk on Sunday, Aug. 9, beginning at 5 p.m. with welcoming remarks at Hawaii Betsuin, 5:30 p.m. peace walk to the Nagasaki Peace Bell Memorial at Honolulu Hale (1 mile), and 6:30 p.m. aspiration and ringing of the Peace Bell. The walk commemorates

the 70th anniversary of the atomic bombing of Nagasaki and the 10th anniversary of the 1600-mile pilgrimage of three Buddhist monks to return the atomic flame to Trinity, New Mexico. The movie "Gate" will be shown at 3 p.m. at the Betsuin.

"Headquarters Update" may be found in its entirety on the Headquarters website www.hongwanjihawaii.com

REMINDER: 2016 CALENDAR SUBMISSION

The deadline for submissions for the 2016 Hongwanji calendar is **Sept. 9.** Please submit to Alan Kubota at <u>alan.kubota@pbahi.org</u>.

52ND ANNUAL LAY CONVENTION

The 2015 Hawaii State Federation of Honpa Hongwanji Lay Associations Convention will be held at the Hawaii Betsuin **Sept. 12-13**. The registration fee is \$70 and the deadline is **July 31**.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBER

A warm and hearty welcome is extended to Patsy Ching who recently joined our Sustaining (Gojikai) Membership. We look forward to her participation in our temple activities and express our appreciation for her membership pledge.



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 a.m.** Here is the upcoming schedule with speaker's name followed by sponsor's name:

- 8/1 Mr. Kerry Kiyohara (Yoshiko Ebisu)
- **8/8** Rev. Tatsuo Muneto (Bessie Yoshimura)
- **8/15** Rev. Jan Youth (Michie Hamao)
- 8/22 Mr. Alan Goto (Jo DesMarets)
- 8/29 Mr. Bert Sumikawa (Morikubo Family)
- 9/5 Rev. Brian Siebuhr (Alan Yokota)
- 9/12 Rev. Kosho Yagi (Hirai Family)
- 9/19 Mrs. Mimy Kiyohara (Reese Morikubo)
- 9/26 Rev. Sandra Hiramatsu (Kanazawa Family)
- **10/3** Ms. Jamie Itokazu (Miyasaki Family)

Mahalo to our speakers, our sponsors and our volunteer staff for making this broadcast possible. Volunteers to help as announcers and technicians are most welcome. Past broadcasts can be found on our website <u>www.moiliilihongwanji.org</u>.



MOILIILI SUMMER FEST & BON DANCE

The 2015 Moiliili Summer Fest on July 3 was a huge event! Thousands enjoyed the bon dance, the many food and retail vendors, entertainment, and children's activities at the Varsity Building parking area. It was a night filled with excitement.

Our 4th of July Bon Dance the following night was very well attended with everyone enjoying the music and dances of the Hawaii Shin Kobukai, Hawaii Eisa Shinyuu Kai, Iwakuni, and Fukushima bon dance groups. What a great way to spend the 4th of July weekend! Mahalo to the Bon Dance Committee for working so hard to make this big community event such a success and to everyone who pitched in to help. (See also President's message on page 2.) A big mahalo is extended for your generous donations at our donation booth!

JOIN THE FUN!

Hanafuda "Hana Hou" On Friday, June 19, nearly 30 people enjoyed a



fun evening of *oishii* food, *hanafuda* and trophies. Donna Higashi gave the invocation and included a Happy Father's Day wish to all dads. The "Asian Potluck" included dishes from Japan (sukiyaki, somen salad, okowa and sushi) and Okinawa (champuru), China (chicken wings made to look like frog legs), Philippines (marungay soup) and homemade banana ice cream We also had fish patties, fish, and long rice.

It was now time for the hanafuda tournament. Scores were tallied for two games. Sue Sonoda had so many "yakus" (50 point bonus for sets) that she ended up with 315 points! After four games, trophies were awarded to Sue Sonoda, Gail Shimokawa, Satsu Tanaka, Lynn Nakata, Betsy Nishioka, Mrs. Kie and Hudson Fukuki.

We will probably schedule another Hanafuda "with partners" evening in the fall. We appreciate Helen Nakano's group of hanafuda *sensei* who came and taught the game.

Father's Day Photo Backdrop Football was the theme for the photo background for Father's Day photos. The UH poster of the 2007 undefeated team, Marcus Mariota's poster and Green Bay Packer's quarterback's photo and a cheesehead were available as props. Green Bay is Rev. Bert's favorite NFL team because he went to dental school in Wisconsin.

On Father's Day, he put on Brett Favre's #4 jersey and a cheesehead and posed for photos with the congregation. Everyone had lots of fun since sensei looked like a defensive tackle.

Contributed by Ann Nakata

HEALTH & WELLNESS

The June 2015 issue of the <u>Mayo</u> <u>Clinic Health Letter</u> covered four old diseases and their treatment options. Our senior citizens (over 70) may recognize



some of these diseases. Tuberculosis was once known as Consumption. Interesting!

1. Old name: <u>Dropsy.</u> Modern name: Edema, a condition due to water retention (swelling). <u>Modern treatment</u>: Sodium restricted diet, elevation of the limb, diuretic drugs that increase the kidney's output of water, and compression stockings to prevent fluid from collecting in the tissue.

2. Old name: <u>Lumbago.</u> Modern name: Muscle and ligament strains or tears in the lower back, which cause muscles to tighten (spasm). <u>Modern treatment</u>: Rest, physical therapy, ice, heat, posture education, pain medications and acupuncture.

3. Old name: <u>Consumption.</u> Modern name: Tuberculosis, a type of bacterial infection often involving the lungs. <u>Modern treatment</u>: Course of multiple antibiotic drugs given simultaneously to cure the infection.

4. Old name: <u>Rheumatism.</u> Modern name: Osteoarthritis. <u>Modern treatment</u>: Various pain relieving medications, physical therapy, application of cold and heat, lifestyle measures and surgery including joint replacement when conservative measures are not sufficient.

Contributed by Helen Y. Hamasu

2015 JR. YBA CONVENTION

Mahalo to the United of Oahu for hosting a successful 58th Jr. YBA Convention on June 19-21 at Aiea Hongwanji and Pagoda Hotel.



Congratulation to Moiliili's Alia F. for placing first in the oratorical contest and being recognized as one of the 2015 Outstanding Jr.YBA members.

GO GREEN!

If you would like to receive <u>The White Way</u> by email, please notify the temple office at mhm@moiliilihongwanji.org. Mahalo for going green!



Buddhist Women's Association



Oh, Canada! You refreshed our spirits with your beautiful scenery, warm hospitality and an inspiring two-day 15th World BWA Convention in Calgary themed "Embraced By the Oneness of Life". It is so difficult to describe in a few words what a participant experiences and feels in a room where 2,000 Buddhist women gather from five World Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Temples of Districts: Canada, Buddhist Churches of America, Brazil, Japan and Hawaii. We hope to share some of the pictures taken at the October Honolulu United Joint Education/Membership gathering. Please look forward to that! Most of our group also went on a Caravan Tour of the Canadian Rockies and Glaciers for seven days. What a wonderful bus trip that was. We traveled with Hawaii Betsuin, Kailua and Maui folks. Thirty-four of us from Hawaii were joined by ten others from the continental US and Canada.

On June 14 we held our third BWA general membership meeting for this year and took a group photo to commemorate our 90th Anniversary. A big mahalo to Sandra Wong and Bryson Ho for being our patient photographers.

On June 20 Moiliili hosted the third Honolulu United Board meeting in the annex. Representatives from the four Honolulu units came together to discuss items related to the Federation as well as to make decisions for United level business. Planning for the **Oct. 17** joint Education/Membership meeting continued. Thank you, Nancy Hironaka, for making the refreshments for the group!

"Hana ga deta, deta" = the "flowers" have come out! Thank you to all of you who came out to help in the kitchen and elsewhere for our bon dance. You cut vegetables for sukiyaki, opened and cut many cans of spam, helped make and serve lunch for the temple volunteers, cooked rice, smiled, washed dishes, smiled...You worked untiringly together. Every hand was appreciated! *Otsukaresamadeshita*!



Just a short week following bon dance, we hosted bon mairi services. A heartfelt thank you to Susan Morishige who coordinated the ladies and oversaw this very special part of Moiliili's Obon. There were familiar faces in attendance, but some unfamiliar ones, and it was nice to welcome them to our temple.

On July 12, we ended our bon services week by helping Rev. Bert and Laura Ruby host the Moiliili Cemetery service. About 60 people from the community with some tie to the cemetery joined in a simple service and later a dinner in our temple annex. "Energizer Bunny" Ann Nakata made delicious sukiyaki for all, and the evening culminated with a mini bon dance. The unpredictable weekend weather moved the gathering to our temple annex and everyone had a nice time and stayed dry.

Coming soon!!! Our 90th Anniversary BWA Celebration at Waialae Country Club on **Saturday**, **Aug. 15**, from **10 a.m. to 1 p.m.** If you haven't turned in your RSVP, please do so as soon as possible. The planning continues for what will be a very special day!

And, please mark your calendars for our next BWA meeting on **Sunday**, **Sept. 20**, following the morning service.

Contributed by Lois Ohta



HAPPY STRUMMERS NEWS

The mountain and sea have been compared as parents' love for their children. May and June were times to express our love for each other. At Moiliili Hongwanji, children, parents, grandparents expressed their love in different ways. The songs MOTHER and FATHER were sung with the Happy Strummers strumming away. Ann Nakata's unusual ways to enjoy the day were colorful and special.

In the book <u>The Ukulele, A History</u> that Ethel Oda-san gave to Michi Motooka, Ethel Shintaku found interesting information. As the guitar and ukulele were adopted by Hawaiian musicians, the ukulele was tied to the Victorian stereotype of the guitar as sensual and even dangerous. Vaudeville, created by the working class, helped to bring the ukulele and the new Hawaiian music to a national audience. As you can see, our ukulele has an interesting background. Aloha.

Contributed by Michiko Motooka

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9:00 AM - English Service Speaker: Raymond Takiue		9:10 AM - Preschool Keiki Service		*	*-	***
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THE WHITE WAY



Hooray for Water play Wednesdays! Every Wednesday during summer, the children eagerly changed into their swimsuits and enjoyed splashing at the water tables and running through the sprinklers. It was a great way to "cool off" in this hot weather!

Visiting the Waikiki Aquarium is always fun and exciting! On Friday, July 17, the children had fun playing relay games first, then enjoyed their visit to the aquarium. As we learned about sea life in class, it was great to see the variety of sea animals up close and in their own habitat.

As we neared the end of our 2014/2015 school year, we had a Mini Fair on Friday, July 24. We enjoyed games, shave ice, lunch and a petting zoo. Paniolo Parties brought their animals to our school and set up a petting zoo for the children. Parents and children had FUN on this special last day of school!

Aloha and Mahalo to all those who are leaving for Kindergarten...we will miss you!! We are so grateful for your kindness and support throughout the school year---THANK YOU!! We wish you all the best as you embark on a new journey.....

Those returning to MHP will have a week of summer break then return on August 3, 2015 for our new school year. Have a wonderful summer and we'll see you all on Monday, August 3.

Exciting activities are being planned for the new school year as we welcome new classes of children, a new class of Jr. K children and many new children and their parents.

Contributed by Jan Kuniyuki

FROM THE DIRECTOR

Over the past months the teachers have been working on completing their curriculum requirements for the children. To strengthen our program

next year, we plan to incorporate science/social studies theme-based units into our daily academic schedule. We also will be arranging soccer instruction for interested students to help develop motor skills and teamwork. Registration for the soccer activity will be held in August. We are looking forward to an exciting new school year. Our goal at Moiliili Hongwanji Preschool is to guide and prepare all of the children for successful transition to Kindergarten where new challenges and adventures await them.

The school continues to conduct private tours for interested families and answer questions about the general program and specific classes. If you know of families who are interested in learning more about Moiliili Hongwanji Preschool, please have them contact the office at (808) 946-4416 or (808) 630-4963. We are always happy to speak with families and arrange for tours.

Please enjoy the rest of the Summer. Take care of yourselves and your families.

In Gassho, Wendy C. Harman



PRESCHOOL SURVEY RESULTS

The Moiliili Hongwanji Mission Preschool Committee surveyed the Preschool parents regarding the curriculum, facilities, communication, and quality of care provided by the school. The Preschool Committee members reviewed the results and were pleased and encouraged by the responses.

We received many comments like these--

My child is learning social interaction and is given exemplary care.

(My) child is happy to be in preschool.

My child had an amazing school year.

She enjoys school and I know she loves her teacher.

We always feel welcomed.

(The progress reports) helped me to see where she was in her development of fine motor skills.

MHPS has always prepared our kids well for grade K. (*There is*) greater focus on early reading

skills. Writing is definitely emphasized.

Overall, my daughter has flourished in this environment.

We feel confident that our child is given adequate mental and physical stimulation appropriate for our child's age.

The best part of the school are the teachers. We love this school.

The Committee is truly grateful to the parents for taking the time to complete the survey. The Committee also appreciates the support given to the preschool by parents and Temple members.

Submitted by Moiliili Hongwanji Preschool Committee Co-chairs Susan Okano and Kathryn Yoshida



Teacher and Student Recognition Service

BWA World Convention at Calgary, Canada







Raymond Takiue leads off the final panel of BSC Summer Session 2015 Dharmathon



Happy 100th Birthday, Itsuko



Happy Father's Day





Moiliili Summer Fest & MHM Bon Dance on July 3-4



THE WHITE WAY





Moiliili Cemetery Service on July 12



Lay Speaker: Mimy Kiyohara



Obon Speaker: Rev. David Nakamoto