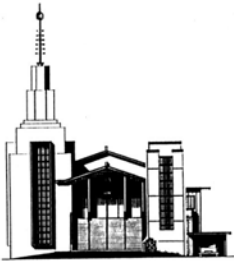


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HISTORIC MEETING OF JAPANESE BUDDHIST SECTS IN AMERICA

By Rev. Bert Sumikawa



In the "Wheel of Dharma," the official publication of the Buddhist Churches of America, it was reported that on February 22-23, 2016, Bukkyo Dendo Kyokai (BDK) America sponsored the first meeting of administrators from the traditional Japanese Buddhist sects with sanghas and temples in the United States. Held at the Jodo Shinshu Center in Berkeley, representatives from the Higashi Hongwanji, Soto, Nichiren, and Koyasan organizations, along with Bishop Umezu and Rev. Kuwahara representing the Buddhist Churches of America, came together for the first time in the nearly 120-year history of Japanese Buddhism in America.



The purpose of the meeting was to take a serious look at the future of Japanese Buddhism in America. In America, where the Buddhist Path is becoming more and more relevant to people each day, why is it that the Japanese Buddhist sects are seeing a great decline in membership?

Looking at statistics on the status of religion in the Japanese American community, they learned that 25% of the 1.3 million (325,000) Japanese Americans classify themselves as Buddhists. Among the AJA, 46% changed religions while 53% stayed in the same childhood religion.

American Buddhists had the lowest percentage for attending services, with only 12% attending services weekly. Over 50% said they attend services monthly or at least once a year, and nearly 40% said they NEVER attend temple services. Of the Japanese Americans who claim Buddhism as their religion, 60% stated they were Jodo Shinshu or Mahayana Buddhists, while 50% of Chinese Americans and other Asian Americans stated that they were "just a Buddhist." The meeting concluded that it is important to share the teachings of Japanese Buddhism with more Americans.

In a 1996 article of the Los Angeles Times in the Religion section, entitled, "Buddhist Group Beset by Membership Drop, Tension Between the Sexes," the subhead was, "Conflict: Younger pastors blame declining memberships on doctrinal rigidity."

Rev. Dr. Will Masuda thinks that the key to saving the BCA is to become more open to non-Japanese members. He states that while as many as 70% of Japanese-Americans are marrying outside the community today, few join the Sangha because "the message of the church doesn't draw them in."

Similar points were discussed in the Sacramento Bee, a local Sacramento Newspaper. It read that, "we need to go with the times. We need to appeal to interracial couples. Rev. Tanaka feels that the training of new ministers should be done entirely in America, and that ministerial candidates should not be required to study in Japan. In the article, Rev. Oshita, a retired minister of the Sacramento Betsuin, says that younger Japanese-Americans usually don't speak Japanese and are increasingly moving away from Japanese traditions.

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Both the articles in the Los Angeles Times and the Sacramento Bee seem to be saying the same thing --that membership has drastically shrunk and that the shrinking membership is due to several key factors:

1. The out-of-date doctrine and policies of aging leaders
2. A male-dominated hierarchy insensitive to the desire of women to be equal partners
3. Differing opinions about what and how to change that are divided along generational and gender lines
4. Jodo Shinshu has become stale, often little more than rituals of ancestor worship
5. That the churches are perceived as Japanese ethnic fortresses, but that those ethno-cultural elements are losing their value with younger Japanese-Americans who are moving away from such traditions.

What are the solutions mentioned in the articles? Food for thought.

1. "Go with the times." In other words, open the doors to non-Japanese and reach out to other ethnic groups.
2. Continue to develop modern gathas that are relevant to Americans of all ages.
3. What is needed are American ministers trained in America who can relate Buddhism to Americans, and more adequately train foreign ministers to adapt to American customs.
4. Include younger members, women, and members who are not of Japanese ancestry.

In order for the Hongwanji to grow and not remain stagnant, we must learn from other faiths and practices and incorporate some of these ideas into Shin Buddhist practice relative to the American mindset. We must not fail to adjust to changes in the social and cultural systems. Al Bloom said that Shin Buddhism developed in Japan according to the conditions present in Japanese society then, but we must find new ways to interpret, understand and apply them to our modern society. Or it will be one day, Alooha, Buddha.

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Mark Your Calendar!

STUDENT AND TEACHER RECOGNITION

We will recognize our Dharma School students, graduates and teachers on **Sunday, June 12**, at our **9:00 a.m.** Service. We look forward to seeing everyone!

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!

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Our Father's Day Service will be held on **Sunday, June 19**, at **9:00 a.m.** Following the service, the women will host a delicious Father's Day brunch. There will also be a checkers tournament for everyone to enjoy. Let's have a great Father's Day at the temple!



WITH DEEPEST SYMPATHY

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

Violet Aiko Murakami, 84, on Mar. 11
Hideo Shimabukuro, 92, on Apr. 4
Kenneth Susumu Tanizaki, 84, on Apr. 12
Charlotte M. Mashita*, 92, on Apr. 16
Wayne Nobuyuki Kato, 95, on Apr. 18
Emiko Honda Yamamoto, 89, on Apr. 23
Saiei Sato*, 84, on May 5
Linda Yoshie Kawahara*, 70, on May 7
George Hideo Miyamoto, 79, on May 13

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

NEW BON DANCE TOWEL DESIGN

Our "new" and beautifully elegant purple Bon Dance towel has been creatively designed by Loni Takeoka who is the niece of Pres. Nancy Shimamoto. Loni has incorporated the following patterns and images to the patchwork layout of the towel:

Japanese fans	Waves
Fish scale pattern (MSF Logo)	Taro leaves
Chrysanthemums	Hanging wisteria (<i>sagarifuji</i>)

"Moiliili Hongwanji Mission"

It can be folded in two different ways to show "Moiliili Hongwanji Mission" or the *sagarifuji* crest. We are truly grateful for Loni's unique style and creative graphic design.

Towels will be on sale for \$7 each at the MH Bon Dance 7/1 & 2.



MOILIILI HONGWANJI BON DANCE (MHM):

- **Friday, July 1, 2016, 5:00 to 10:00 p.m.**
- 5:00 p.m. – our Food Booth opens
- 6:00 p.m. – Service by Rev. Bert Sumikawa
- 6:15 p.m. – Moiliili Hongwanji Preschool children will perform two dances
- 6:30–10:00 p.m. - BON DANCE

On Friday, July 1, enjoy Moiliili Hongwanji's Bon Dance at Varsity Circle with our food concession selling yummy shoyu pork, BBQ and yakitori sticks, musubi, chili, teriburgers, Spam musubi, hot dogs, saimin, mochi, and more. There will also be retail booths and an information center. Please join us! (Please note that there is no parking at UH on Friday.)

MOILIILI SUMMER FEST (MSF):

- **Saturday, July 2, 2016, 5:00 to 10:30 p.m.**
- 5:00 p.m. – our Food Booth opens
- 5:00–6:15 p.m. – Entertainment planned by MSF
- 6:15 p.m. – Service by Rev. Sumikawa
- 6:30–10:30 p.m. – BON DANCE

On Saturday night, our Bon Dance will be part of the larger Moiliili Summer Fest (MSF), a collaborative community event involving Kamehameha Schools Bishop Estate, The Kalaimoku Group, MHM, JCCH, MCC, Old Town Moiliili Business Association (OTMBA), UH and staff members of Councilwoman A. Kobayashi, Senator B. Taniguchi, and Rep. S. Nishimoto. There will be entertainment, vendors, keiki activities, and, in addition to MHM's food concession, there will be food offerings by Street Grindz and others. On Saturday night only there will be free parking at the UH Music and Law School parking lots and the top floor of the UH parking structure. Shuttles will run from the Law School to the event site from **4:45 to 10:45 p.m.** For more information about the Summer Fest, please visit moiliilisummerfest.com.

Please Kokua: We need everyone's help to make this major annual event a success. A notice is being mailed out for volunteer signup including setup, kitchen, food preparation, cleanup and more. If you can help, please send in the help flyer or call the temple office at 949-1659.

Donations Appreciated: Your generous donations for the concession food preparation would be really appreciated. Please check with the temple office to

see what is needed and inform the office of your donation so we can shop accordingly. Monetary donations are always appreciated to purchase items not covered by donations and for the overall success of the event. Needed by 6/24: Sugar, Kikkoman shoyu, garlic, ginger, mochiko, katakuriko, peanut butter, nori, rice, Spam (regular), bottled water (16.9-oz), Coke, Diet Coke, Sprite, Hawaiian Sun Passion Orange, sternos, napkins, chopsticks, forks, paper towels, aluminum foil (heavy duty), foil sheets, plastic wrap, Ziploc gallon & snack bags, heavy duty trash bags. Mahalo for your generosity!

Bon Dance Practice: Practice sessions will be held at Moiliili Hongwanji on **Mondays, June 6 and June 13, at 6:30 p.m.** Everyone is invited to come and practice the dances.

OBON SERVICES

Our Joint Bon (Mairi) Services for families will be held on **Friday, July 8, at 7:00 p.m.** and **Saturday, July 9, at 10:00 a.m.** The Joint Hatsubon Service for families observing the first Bon since the passing of a loved one will be held on **Saturday, July 9, at 7:00 p.m.** Everyone is welcome to participate in these joint services. Registration will be at the door. We hope you will join us.

Our major Obon Service will be held on **Sunday, July 10, at 9:00 a.m.** Our guest speaker will be Rev. Bruce Nakamura of Kona Hongwanji Mission. A Columbarium Service will be conducted by Rev. Sumikawa at **11:00 a.m.**

At **4:00 p.m.** the annual Obon Service at Moiliili Cemetery (ohakamairi) will be held followed by some refreshment. Please RSVP to Ann Nakata at 295-8177 or Laura Ruby at 947-3641.



BON DANCE SCHEDULE



June 18	Ewa Hongwanji, 7:00 p.m.
June 24-25	Hawaii Betsuin, 6:00 p.m.
June 24-25	Wahiawa Hongwanji, 7:00 p.m.
July 1-2	Moiliili Hongwanji, 6:00 p.m..
July 9	Waipahu Hongwanji, 7:00 p.m.
July 15-16	Jikoen Hongwanji, 6:00 p.m.
July 16	Kailua Hongwanji, 6:00 p.m.
July 16	Waianae Hongwanji, 7:00 p.m.
Aug. 6	Waialua Hongwanji, 7:00 p.m.
Aug. 12-13	Pearl City Hongwanji, 7:00 p.m.
Aug. 19-20	Mililani Hongwanji, 7:00 p.m.
Aug 27	Aiea Hongwanji, 7:00 p.m.



PROJECT DANA NEWS

It's Just Aging

In the last issue of The White Way, Project Dana shared about a brightly illustrated book titled It's Just Aging – A Story About Growing Up! written by two I'olani School students, Eliah Takushi and Carly Tan with Colby Takeda, an administrator of The Plaza at Waikiki. It is a delightful book about aging or "getting old". This story will help children understand the aging process and will interest families, grandparents, neighbors, and anyone caring for an elder. It's Just Aging – A Story About Growing Up! is available for sale at Barnes & Noble Ala Moana, Costco, and Sam's Club and proceeds will benefit Project Dana.

Ho'omenemene Award to Project Dana

On May 1, Project Dana was the recipient of the Ho'omenemene (Compassion) Award at the Samaritan Counseling Center Hawaii's Awards Banquet and Benefit Dinner at the Japanese Cultural Center. The Center selected two awards to an individual and organization that best "embody the mission of the Center towards promoting healing, wholeness, and wellness in the community." The individual recognition was awarded to the late Jolene Kim Gerell, one of the founders of the Samaritan Counseling Center Hawaii who contributed much to make sure the Center would become a reality in 1989. Project Dana Advisory Council members, staff and volunteers of The Project attended

representing ALL the volunteers for the past 27 years. Advisory Council Chair Martha Samson and Administrator Rose Nakamura accepted the organizational award of a beautiful koa wood vase holder and glass vase.

Fall Prevention/Home Safety

In Hawaii, every hour a senior is being taken to an emergency room due to a fall. Every time you hear a siren of an ambulance, it is most likely a senior has fallen. There are more than 8,000 seniors using the emergency room annually.

51% of deaths among elders are caused by falls occurring in the home and 61% are women. The falls in the homes commonly occur in the bathroom, bedroom, and kitchen areas.

Nationally, one out of every three persons 65 years and older WILL fall each year, and 90% of all hip fractures that occur each year are due to falls.

Home Safety Assessments are offered by Project Dana with no fee to increase the awareness of home safety and create a safe home environment. These assessments enable elders to continue living independently at home and assist in insuring quality of life for our elders and their families.

Project Dana's Home Safety Program provides an initial home assessment visit with educational information on Home Safety, recommendations on possible home modifications, identifying potential injury risk factors, and a follow up home assessment.

If you would like a Home Safety Assessment or more information, please contact Mike Hirano at Project Dana – 945-3736.



Project Dana receives Samaritan Counseling Center Hawaii's Ho'omenemene Award



TASTE OF MOILIILI HONGWANJI

Takoyaki, oden, chicken katsu, mochi, tsukemono, chow mein, gau, haupia, flying saucers, kalua cabbage, pancit, pinakbet, banana lumpia, Korean pancakes, tabouli, baked goods, shave ice—what a vast array of tasty multi-ethnic food was offered at our first Taste of Moiliili Hongwanji fundraiser on Saturday, May 14. There were also crafts and cultural games. If you weren't able to make it, you really missed something special! Thank you to Arlyne Takiue, her hard working committee, and all the wonderful cooks and helpers! Mahalo to all for supporting this fundraising effort.

LOOKING AHEAD...SAVE THE DATES!

Please save the dates and watch for more information:

August 14: Annual temple picnic & mahalo party at Bellows Air Force Base. It's sure to be a great day of fellowship, fun, food, and fresh air!

August 28: Annual temple fundraiser. The date for our annual chicken fundraiser has been moved from October to August. Please watch for tickets which will be mailed in July. Mahalo for your support.



REMEMBRANCE (SHOTSUKI MEMORIAL) SERVICE

Our *Shotsuki* Memorial Service is a general memorial service usually held on the first Sunday service monthly to remember members and friends of our Moiliili Hongwanji and others who passed away during the month in which it is held. Please call the Moiliili Hongwanji at 949-1659 to take part in this service. You may also come on that Sunday to be included in the service. Names of those remembered will be called, and the families will have the opportunity to come forward to offer incense.

HEALTH & WELLNESS

For my Health & Wellness report this month, I am writing about one of the important activities carried out by our Temple. Hudson Fukuki, a martial arts specialist, is holding the Adult Fitness and Falling Safety class in our Social Hall every **Tuesday morning at 9:00 a.m.** This class is mainly for the seniors but



everyone is urged to attend.

As a person familiar with martial arts, Hudson knows human anatomy and kinesiology. His primary aim is to show us how to strengthen our body's core muscles and flexibility so that when we accidentally fall, we would know how to land on the ground in order to avoid major injuries, and to use every part of our body to get up, crawl or roll over to call for help.

Our temple's Project Dana has an effective program showing us how we can prevent falling in and around our home. Hudson's Falling Safety class will show us how to safely fall if we do fall. Hence, it is intended to supplement Project Dana's program.

As we get older, we may begin to have difficulty walking. Auxiliary device such as canes and walkers may be recommended by our doctor. Hudson's advise to us seniors is: *"Use your canes and walkers! No shame! If you have difficulty in standing, hold on to something sturdy such as edge of table and chair. And, in whatever you do, focus your attention and slow down your movement!"*

Hudson will be at our Social Hall every Tuesday morning at 9:00 a.m. Hope to see you there.

Contributed by Helen Hamasu



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:

- 6/4 Rev. Richard Tennes (M/M Roy Abe)
- 6/11 Rev. Mieko Majima (Thelma Ando)
- 6/18 Rev. Kazunori Takahashi (Hirai Family)
- 6/25 Rev. Thomas Okano (Miyasaki Family)
- 7/2 Rev. Satoshi Tomioka (Shigefuji & Matsumoto Families)
- 7/9 Mr. Joshua Hernandez Morse (M/M Gene Yokota)
- 7/16 Rev. Alan Urasaki (Jo DesMarets)
- 7/23 Mr. Dexter Mar (Edith Horii)
- 7/30 Mr. Kerry Kiyohara (Yoshiko Ebisu)

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 heard on our website www.moiliilihongwanji.org.



HEADQUARTERS NEWS

Kumamoto Earthquake Relief Fund

The earthquakes on April 14 and April 16 in Kumamoto Prefecture, Japan, killed scores of people and caused extensive damage to buildings and infrastructure. Nearly 400 Hongwanji temples suffered damage, up to and including structural collapse.

Hawaii Kyodan responded immediately with an initial \$5,000 donation to Honzan to help those impacted by the quakes. Further, a "Kumamoto Earthquake Relief Fund" has been created to allow temples, members and friends in Hawaii to contribute towards the relief effort. The funds will be sent to Honzan to support Hongwanji-related temples and those who are affected from this disaster and also to the Consulate General of Japan assisting with donations to aid victims of the earthquakes.

The special collection will run through **June 30**. Hawaii Kyodan is requested that each temple collect donations and submit one check to Headquarters. Donations can also be made on-line by using the Donate link at hongwanjihawaii.com. *[Moiliili members who wish to donate, please make checks payable to "Moiliili Hongwanji Mission" with notation "Kumamoto Earthquake Relief Fund" and send to the temple before June 30. Mahalo.]*

Accession Ceremony Tour

Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii is coordinating two special tours with a spiritual significance to participate in the Accession Ceremony at our mother temple (Honzan) in Kyoto. The registration for the October 2016 tour is closed. The registration for the March 2017 tour has been extended until **August 31**. If you are interested in joining the tour, please see your minister or go to the website <http://hqs963.wix.com/hhmhdhtour>.

BSC Summer Session 2016 "Mindfulness and Buddhism in America"

Lecturer Dr. Jeff Wilson is an associate professor of religious studies and East Asian studies at Renison University College and is the author of *Mindful America: The Mutual Transformation of Buddhist Meditation and American Culture* and numerous

other books and articles on the adaption of Buddhism and mindfulness in America. He will draw on his recent book to provide a thorough look at the Mindfulness movement in America today and address its implications for Hawaii.

Dates: **July 11-15**-Buddhist Study Center, **6:00 p.m.** registration, **6:30 p.m.** lecture; **July 16-17**-Kauai District; **July 18**-Maui District; **July 19**-Oahu District; **July 20**-Honolulu District; **July 21-22**-Hawaii District.

White House Acknowledges Buddhist Observance

According to a report by Tensung Repa, dated May 3, 2016, "This week, for the first time in America's history, the President of the United States has acknowledged and celebrated the main Buddhist holiday of Vesak." Bishop Eric Matsumoto was one of several Buddhist leaders from across the Nation who sent a letter of recommendation encouraging the President to recognize this important Buddhist observance.

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

59TH JR. YBA STATE CONVENTION

This year's statewide Jr. YBA Convention will be hosted by the United Jr. YBA of Maui from **June 24-26**. The theme is "Talk Dharma to Me."

CONGRATULATIONS TO REV. SUMIKAWA AND THE PEDIATRIC DENTAL GROUP

The Pediatric Dental Group, founded by Rev. Dr. Bert Sumikawa and now co-owned by his sons David and Mark, was one of five local businesses selected for the 2016 Small Business Editor's Choice Awards.

David is quoted in the article as saying "*Mark and I are real lucky that our dad worked really, really hard to set a good example for us. When we joined him, we tried our best to pay attention to how things were done, what things were good, what things might need to change at some point, and we're careful to always remember that we don't know everything.*" Congratulations to Rev. Sumikawa and his sons!

[To read the article, go to <http://www.hawaiibusiness.com/2016-small-business-editors-choice-awards/> Let's all follow Sensei's lead and make Moiliili Hongwanji one of the best, too!]

TENJO-E

110th Anniversary

Altar Addition



Through the benevolence of the donors in celebration of the 110th Anniversary of the founding of Moiliili Hongwanji Mission, the *tenjo-e*, or ceiling fresco, has been installed above the altar in the hondo. This is one of several 110th Anniversary projects which has added to Moiliili's enhancement.

The *tenjo-e* was created in Japan by well-known artists Ms. Chika Karasawa, Ms. Kanae Saito and Ms. Yoko Saito. It was manufactured on wood panel (cypress veneer to prevent warping).

Historically, the ceiling represents the Pure Land and consists of the *Tenno* or Holy Maidens, the *Houou* or Phoenix, and the *Zuiun* or Holy Clouds. These are major images of the Pure Land. The *tenno* are spiritual beings found in the Pure Land and were imported from Chinese Buddhism and influenced by Indian Buddhism. They are believed to accompany the Buddha and Bodhisattvas. The *houou* are legendary birds imported from China representing peace, harmony and happiness. It is also known as a spiritual bird that is reborn out of ash symbolizing a constant striving spirit. The *zuiun* are symbols represented in 5 colors, foreseeing celebratory events in the future.

In addition, a pictorial *tengai*, or parasol used in India, was installed in the center of the altar ceiling above the *raiban*, or ceremonial dais. The *tengai* is mentioned in sutras as one of the ornaments of the Pure Land and is said to be "suspended in the empty sky."

Please appreciate the exquisite beauty of the *tenjo-e* as part of the altar.

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 the beginning of the fundraising campaign in March through **May 15, 2016**. The total is \$55,904 of which \$44,164 has been received. Mahalo for your generous support!

PLEDGES:

Lotus (\$5,000-\$9,999): Roy & Nancy Shimamoto.

Chrysanthemum (\$2,000-\$4,999): Hudson Fukuki, Stanley Kato, Alisa Kondo.

Peony (\$1,000-\$1,999): Calvin Kuniyuki.

Cherry Blossom (\$500-\$999): Chiyono Ebisu, Reiko Tsukazaki.

Iris (\$1-\$499): June Hamada.

DONATIONS:

Chrysanthemum (\$2,000-\$4,999): Anonymous *in memory of Henry & Fujie Kajiya*, Alia & Ren Fukumoto *in memory of Masayoshi & Mildred Kanemitsu*, Wallace & Nancy Hironaka, Fusae Ishiyama, Tomoe Ishiyama, Neil & Vicki Kajioka *in memory of Takumi & Satsuko Kajioka*, Michiko Motooka, Myrtle Nakasato, Ethel Aiko Oda, Okano Family *in memory of Merry Kimiko Okano*, Edric Sakamoto *in memory of Eleanor & Toshiyuki Sakamoto*, Michael & Wendy Sorakubo.

Peony (\$1,000-\$1,999): Shunji & Jane Adachi, Donna Higashi, Lois Ohta, Marsha Okada, Masaru Saito.

Cherry Blossom (\$500-\$999): Akira & Patsy Koba, Lillian Shiraki, Edward Yamasaki.

Iris (\$1-\$499): Thelma Ando, Anonymous, Don & Joyce Arakaki, Linda Au, Mildred Au, Mary Bitterman *in memory of Shimeji Kanazawa*, Yoshiko Ebisu, Kenneth & June Fujimoto, Tadashi Fukumoto, Mari & Rodney Fukuya, Sumie Hamamoto, Shizuko Hanaumi, Doris Hasegawa, Ethel Hasegawa, Robert Imaino, Joy Ishihara, Robert Isono, Gwen Ito, Vernon Kajiwar, Brenda Kanae, Kinji Kanazawa Family, Sharon Katada, Edith Kato, Kayleen Kawamura, Shinobu Kawano, Robert & Hatsue Kinoshita, Ethel & Grace Kitagawa, Stanley Kitagawa, Thelma Kobayashi, Sumiko Kodama, Kathleen Komo, Ruriko Kono, Brian Kunimune, Florence Lau, Calvin Masuoka, Daniel & Isabelle Matsumoto, Izuko Mikuni, James & Jeanette Mimuro, Momoyo Miyazaki, Warren & Carol Mogi, Lucille Morihara, Stanley & Ethel Murakami, Doris Muraoka, Dennis Nagatani, Judy Nakamura, Beatrice Nakaoka, Machiko Nekotani, Lynda Nishihara, Thomas & Betsy Nishioka, Takako Oda, Louise Ohta *in memory of Helene Uyemura*, Doris Okamoto, Kimiko Okano, Robert Okimoto, Lawrence & Harriet Sadanaga, Leighton & Sharynne Sakamoto, Thomas & Leatrice Sakamoto, Linda Sesoko, Kiyoshi Shigefuji, Jean Ayako Shintaku, Karen Sumida, Robert Sumida, Manabu & Susan Tagomori, Itsuko Takamura, Jenny Takemoto, Kenneth Takeuchi, Raymond & Susan Takiue, Gregory & Lynn Tam, Tom & Jane Tamura, Sumie Tanaka, Aimee Tonaki, Sachie Tsukamoto, Noriko Umeda, Valerie Umeda, Edna Wada, Jack Watanabe, Warren & Sharon Watanabe, Karen Yamasaki, Michael Yoshida, Joan Yoshino.





Buddhist Women's Association



With a Taste here and a Taste there, the BWA has been kept busy with making *oishii* rice dishes or helping support others who are cooking at the temple. The BWA ladies worked hard and made mazedogohan, inarizushi and spam musubi to sell at the Hawaii Betsuin's Taste of Hongwanji on Sunday,



April 17. With the able help of "dreamboat" Osamu, 58 lbs. of rice were cooked! Through the generous donations of many women, and their hard working hands, we netted a little over \$1,000.

For Taste of Moiliili Hongwanji on Saturday, May 14, BWA women cooked and donated food dishes, and others offered support and worked hard to support the Kyodan fundraiser.

On Mother's Day, May 8, the BWA presented a check for \$2,000 to Nancy Shimamoto, Kyodan President, to support the 110th Anniversary fundraiser. It was a "wave" of purple in the temple service. Ladies, just as Rev. Dr. Mary David said in her Dharma message at the recent Eshinni and Kakushinni Day service, you truly do play and can play a very important role in supporting our Hongwanji.

Coming up: O-bon season with bon dance and bon mairi. Again, you will see many BWA ladies busy helping in different capacities. Your hard work is greatly appreciated! Also, please mark your calendars for the next BWA meeting on June 12.

With heartfelt gratitude to all of you!

Contributed by Lois Ohta



HAPPY STRUMMERS NEWS

Maunalani is a Nursing Rehabilitation Center where Rev. Sumikawa visits monthly to offer short and meaningful talks for the residents. Ethel

Shintaku and Michi Motooka, who are Happy Strummers, are the regular participants to entertain after the talk. Irene Ida, a former Strummer, plays the piano to accompany us. Let it be known that Rev. Sumikawa is a strong and colorful ukulele player.

For the month of June the Strummers, with the help of the children, will play "FATHER". Thank you, boys and girls.

"Edelweiss" is the melody which will be used for the song "Shokuzen no Kotoba." It begins: "Join our hearts as we dine, fill us with joy and thanksgiving." It sounds interesting and exciting. Rev. Sumikawa's version of the chords-key is what we are going to follow for thanksgiving.

Contributed by Michiko Motooka



Mahalo for your generous donations received during the period **April 11 to May 14, 2016.**

DONATIONS TO TEMPLE:

Doris Aoyama, Barbara Brennan, Ralph & Gladys Fukumitsu, Doris & Hideo Hamada *in memory of Yuriko Yoda*, Wallace & Nancy Hironaka *in memory of Sumiko Hironaka*, Sue Ida, Sylvia Koike *in memory of Kimiko Okano*, Janet Matsumoto, Roy & Leiko Murakami (two donations), Wallace Ohta, Kiyoko Sato, Joshua Uehara, Yumiko Yamamoto, Tommie Yamamoto *in memory of Takeuchi/Yamamoto Families*.

DONATIONS TO NOKOTSUDO:

Ronald & Lillian Kaneshiro *in memory of Akira & Jane Shimada*, Lynda Nishihara, Kenneth Takeuchi.

DONATIONS TO PROJECT DANA:

Organizations: Honolulu Police Community Foundation, Mililani Hongwanji Lotus Connection.






Others: Anonymous, C. Arakaki, A. Barboza, A. & D. Bloom *in honor of Connie Fukumoto, Betty Morimoto, Rev. Satoshi Tomioka & Alice Tando*, M. Cheang, J. & K. Lopez-Tumpap *in memory of Shimeji Kanazawa*, F. Muramaru *in memory of Tsuneo Muramaru*, R. Nakamura *in memory of Mrs. Shimeji Kanazawa*, L. Ono, L. Sakamoto *in memory of Mr. Kiso Sakamoto*, K. Smith, M. Tan, H. Uyeno, A. Wilson *in memory of Tokiko Suda*.

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June 2016

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


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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 10:00 AM - Japanese Grief Support Group 7:00 PM - Boxing/Fitness	2 9:30 AM - Ikebana 4:00 PM - Karate 5:30 PM - Zumba Class	3 10:00 AM - Plaza Service 1:00 PM - Conversational Japanese (closed)	4
5 9:00 AM - Sunday Service Speaker: Logan Narikawa (Monthly Remembrance Service)	6 5:15 PM - Zumba Class 6:30 PM - Bon Dance Practice	7 9:00 AM - Adult Fitness & Falling Safety Class 6:30 PM - Meditation Serv.	8 10:00 AM - Japanese Dharma Class 6:30 PM - Temple Board Meeting 7:00 PM - Boxing/Fitness	9 9:30 AM - Ikebana 10:00 AM - Franciscan Visitation 10:15 AM - Oahu Care 4:00 PM - Karate 5:30 PM - Zumba Class	10 <i>Kamehameha Day (Holiday)</i> <i>Preschool Closed</i> 11:00 AM - Craigside Svc. 1:00 PM - Conversational Japanese (closed)	11 
12 9:00 AM - Sunday Service D. S. Students & Teachers Recognition Speaker: Rev. Sumikawa 10:30 AM - BWA General Meeting	13 5:15 PM - Zumba Class 6:30 PM - Bon Dance Practice	14 9:00 AM - Adult Fitness & Falling Safety Class State Ministers Seminar June 14-16 (Kauai)	15	16 9:00 AM - Kyogakkai Mtg. 9:30 AM - Ikebana	17 1:00 PM - Conversational Japanese (closed) 2:00 PM - Arcadia Care Visitation	18 9:00 AM - HQ Compassionate Care at Betsuin
19 <i>Father's Day</i> 9:00 AM - Sunday Service Speaker: Rev. Sumikawa 	20 5:15 PM - Zumba Class 6:30 PM - Bon Dance Practice	21 9:00 AM - Adult Fitness & Falling Safety Class 11:00 AM - Arcadia Residence 6:30 PM - Meditation Serv.	22 9:00 AM - Oteire 10:00 AM - Japanese Dharma Class 7:00 PM - Boxing/Fitness	23 9:30 AM - Ikebana 10:00 AM - Maunalani Visitation 4:00 PM - Karate 5:30 PM - Zumba Class	24 1:00 PM - Conversational Japanese (closed)	25
26 9:00 AM - Sunday Service Speaker: Kerry Kiyohara 11:30 AM - HHDSTA Luncheon	27 5:15 PM - Zumba Class	28 9:00 AM - Adult Fitness & Falling Safety Class 10:30 AM - Hawaii Kai Visitation 6:30 PM - Meditation Serv.	29	30 <i>Preschool Closed</i> 9:30 AM - Ikebana 4:00 PM - Karate 5:30 PM - Zumba Class		

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July 2016

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 3 NO SERVICE TODAY	 4 Independence Day (Holiday) Temple Office & Preschool Closed 	 5 9:00 AM - Adult Fitness & Falling Safety Class 6:30 PM - Meditation Serv.	6 10:00 AM - Japanese Grief Support Group 7:00 PM - Boxing/Fitness	 7 9:30 AM - Ikebana 10:00 AM - Plaza Service 4:00 PM - Karate 5:30 PM - Zumba Class	1 <i>Preschool Closed</i> 1:00 PM - Conversational Japanese (canceled) 6:00 PM - 10:00 PM MHM Bon Dance	2 5:00 PM - 10:30 PM Moiliili Summer Fest
10 9:00 AM - Obon Service Speaker: Rev. B. Nakamura (Monthly Remembrance Service) 11:00 AM - Columbarium Service 4:00 PM - Moiliili Ceme- tery Obon Service	11 5:15 PM - Zumba Class	12 9:00 AM - Adult Fitness & Falling Safety Class BSC SUMMER SESSION 6:30 PM - Temple Board Meeting 7:00 PM - Boxing/Fitness	13 10:00 AM - Japanese Dharma Class	14 9:30 AM - Ikebana 10:00 AM - Franciscan Visitation July 11 - 15 4:00 PM - Karate 5:30 PM - Zumba Class	15 1:00 PM - Conversational Japanese (closed) 2:00 PM - Arcadia Care Visitation	16 
17 9:00 AM - Sunday Service Speaker: Rev. Sumikawa	18 5:15 PM - Zumba Class	19 9:00 AM - Adult Fitness & Falling Safety Class 11:00 AM - Arcadia Resi- dence service 6:30 PM - Meditation Serv.	20   7:00 PM - Boxing/Fitness	21 9:00 AM - Kyogakkai Mtg. 9:30 AM - Ikebana 4:00 PM - Karate 5:30 PM - Zumba Class	22 1:00 PM - Conversational Japanese (closed)	23
24 9 AM - Sunday Svc. Speaker: Rev. Sumikawa 4 PM - Craigsides Vesper Svc.	25 5:15 PM - Zumba Class	26 9:00 AM - Adult Fitness & Falling Safety Class Preschool Closed July 25 - July 29	27 10:00 AM - Japanese Dharma Class	28 9:30 AM - Ikebana 10:00 AM - Maunalani Visitation	29 1:00 PM - Conversational Japanese (closed)	30 
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Preschool News

May has been a busy month at the preschool. We celebrated "Boy's Day" on May 5. The children made *Kois* (carps) to symbolize "good luck" and the younger children made *Kabutos* (warrior helmets) to celebrate Boy's Day. The teachers and children were busy making cards and flowers and even decorated a bag for their mommies. For some of the children, it was their first Mother's Day gift made in preschool. It was so nice to hear the excitement in their voices as they rejoiced in having made something for their mothers.

On May 6 we went to Chuck E. Cheese. We had the whole place to ourselves. No waiting in long lines to play games and go on rides. The children ate cheese pizzas and fruit punch and received 10 tokens. The parents and the children had a "blast".

Can you imagine! It was graduation time again. The older children practiced hard for their commencement that was held on Friday, May 27, 2016. The ceremony started at 9:00 a.m. and graduates were dismissed at 12:30 p.m. Parents also were able to purchase bentos for lunch. CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CLASS OF 2016. The teachers and staff would like to wish every one of you "Good Luck" as you study hard at your new school. Please take with you everything you have learned at Moiliili Hongwanji Preschool including the special memories. Remember that Amida Buddha is always with you.

Contributed By: Joy Menor

FROM THE PRESCHOOL DIRECTOR

Over the last two months our teachers have been busy reading up on accreditation. We were honored to have Mrs. Claire Tamamoto, Director of Aiea Hongwanji Preschool, come and speak to us about the process of accreditation.

Our preschool graduation service was held on Friday, May, 27th, and we were so proud of the 31 graduates! It was a wonderful ceremony officiated by Rev. Burt Sumikawa, and the Class of 2016 were so poised and charming as they received their diplomas and sang their Gathas as their beaming parents and family looked on. Graduation is such a



special day and we wish all our graduates the very best as they set out into the world and we hope that all of their dreams do come true.

We are receiving numerous calls and applications for the new school year. Students are coming from as far as China and Japan.

Exciting things will be happening at Moiliili Hongwanji Preschool. Stay tuned for more information to come.

In Gassho,
Wendy C. Harman



Happy Graduates! Congratulations!

Moiliili Hongwanji Preschool

Accepting Enrollment

Children 2.5 to 5 years of age

Weekdays 7:00 a.m. to 5:15 p.m.

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Taste of Moiliili Hongwanji on May 14 (more Photos on p. 12)

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!



Rev. Dr. Mary David



Rev. Tatsuo Muneto



Rev. Shigenori Makino



Ann Miyasaki



Rev. Yuika Hasebe



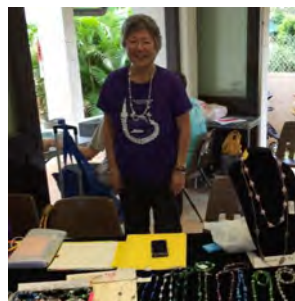
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BWA President Lois Ohta presents BWA donation for 110th Anniversary



Instructor Michiko Okano and Rev. Okano at Hawaii Betsuin's Gotan-e Service ikebana and calligraphy display



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