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The Dharma is for Children of All Ages

I just love the song, "Buddha Loves You"...it's supposed to be a children's song but it makes Buddhism so easy to understand for anyone.

Fly, fly, little bird, Buddha loves you little bird, Tweet, Tweet, Tweet-tweet-

Kerry Kiyohara Sensei

tweet-tweet tweet!

Run, run, little pup, Buddha loves you little pup, Bow-wow, wow-wow-wow wow!

Don't cry pussy cat, Buddha loves you pussy cat, Mew, mew, mew-mew-mew-mew, mew!

Swim, Swim, little fish, Buddha loves you, little fish, (just open mouth like a fish)

This song teaches us that it is all right to be who we are.

Birds fly, so fly! Dogs run, so run! Cats are hard to understand, so be hard to understand! Fish can't talk, so don't talk! Why? Because Buddha loves you just the way you are. Buddha is like your mommy and daddy put together. Mommy and Daddy love you most of all, just as you are. They will do anything for your happiness. Mommy and Daddy will scold you when you deserve it. But not because they want to be mean to you. Mommy and Daddy get mad because they love you, they want you to learn important lessons in life. Mommy and Daddy will always love you, always worry about you, always want you to be happy, always work hard to give you the good things in life.

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And don't forget to make *sensei* happy by coming to Temple every Sunday, putting your palms together in gassho, bowing your head, and saying Namo Amida Butsu, no matter what!



Kerry Sensei's Grandaughter, Melody

The White Way

MHM President's Message



"Embrace Change: Action (Open Communication)" is the 2017 Hongwanji slogan. At Moiliili Hongwanji we saw a change occur in the January issue of our White Way newsletter. I want to take this opportunity to THANK Kerry Kiyohara, editor/producer of the January White Way, for his creativity and skills in putting together an outstanding publication with a new look. Unfortunately for us, Kerry will

be leaving Hawaii in late February to pursue his kyoshi studies at Chuo Bukkyo Gakuin in Kyoto, Japan. He plans to return to Hawaii after successfully completing his training and studies with the intent to serve the Hongwanji as a temple-based minister. Congratulations and Best Wishes to Kerry!

Fortunately for us, Martha Samson has stepped up to take over as editor/producer of the White Way newsletter, effective immediately. I want to express my gratitude to Martha for her willingness to undertake this task and responsibility. She will work closely with the reporters, organizations, office staff, event chairmen, and others to assist with content creation, layout, design, proofreading, assembling, or mailing. Martha will appreciate your help and support. We are very proud of our White Way newsletter which updates, highlights and shares the pulse of our temple and members.

Raymond Takiue, Jr., Roy Masuda, Rose Nakamura, Kerry Kiyohara, Rev. Bert Sumikawa, and I will be attending the 105th Legislative Assembly (Giseikai), February 10-11 at the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii. Hongwanji leaders from around our State convene to discuss resolutions, the annual budget, issues/concerns, as well as to participate in the Living Treasures of Hawaii Recognition Luncheon.

Coming up soon is our Moiliili Hongwanji Mission Membership Meeting and New Year's Luncheon (Shinnen Enkai) – Sunday, February 19, at Willows Restaurant. Regular Sunday Service will be held at 9:00 a.m., followed by a short membership meeting. We will reconvene at the Willows for lunch and program that will feature "Legends 3." Please sign up and come to enjoy fellowship, good food, and great entertainment "Moiliili Hongwanji style!"

> Nancy Shimamoto, Temple President



Moiliili Hongwanji Preschool is Accepting New Students!

Children 2.5-5 years of age Weekdays 7:00a.m. to 5:15p.m. Wendy Harmon, Preschool Director Telephone: 946-4416 • Mobile: 630-4963 Email: <u>mhps902@gmail.com</u> www.moiliilihongwanjipreschool.com



How Can Project Dana Help You?

Project Dana continues to offer assistance available to elders and family caregivers so they might be able to age in place at home.

- <u>Home Safety Assessments for Fall Prevention</u>
 <u>-</u> conducted by Project Dana at no cost. Make
 sure you have a safe home environment. Falls are
 preventable.
- <u>**PIN Grant**</u> assistance to family caregivers for respite, volunteer transportation to medical appointments, or assistance with de-cluttering.
- <u>Honolulu Police Community Foundation</u> <u>Response Alarm Program</u> – possible eligibility to receive at no charge for one year a personal emergency alarm system to those who live alone.
- <u>Other Grants</u> possible assistance with assistive devices such as grab bars, shower chairs, or portable bed rails and may include installation.

• <u>Family Caregivers Support Group</u> – those caring for a loved one at home, Project Dana's Caring for the Caregiver Support Group has been helping caregivers for 16 years.



These grants are available to all those who live at home. There are guidelines and qualifications for each grant. Please contact Project Dana if you or someone you know might be interested.

Don't hesitate to call Project Dana if volunteer assistance is needed for transportation, friendly visits or home safety assessments. There are donated devices here at Project Dana, such as commodes and walkers if you or someone is in need. Call the staff for information before purchasing such items. A supply at Project Dana, of the University of Hawaii Elder Law Program's excellent handbook entitled "Deciding What' s Next and Who in the World Cares? A Legal Handbook for Hawaii's Older Persons, Families, and Caregivers" can be yours just for the asking.



Fall Prevention Award to Mike Hirano

Project Dana is proud to announce that Mike Hirano, Home Safety Coordinator, was one of four recipients recognized by the Hawaii State Department of Health's Emergency Medical Services and Injury Prevention System Branch and the Fall Prevention

Consortium on Dec. 14, 2016. Mike received the Annual Fall Prevention Award for Outstanding Community Service Certificate of Excellence. He utilized his knowledge of home safety to provide unique fall prevention resources for seniors. "You can hear the compassion for the seniors he works with in the tone of voice, and read it in his eyes, that he loves the work he does and truly cherishes the seniors he works with" said Administrator, Rose Nakamura, "Mike is a true gift to our community." Hats off to Mike Hirano who "never fails to provide world class home safety assessments."



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BORN INTO THE PURE LAND

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

- Marcel Yoichi Ohta, 80, on Dec. 13
- Toshiko Jean Komatsu, 97, on Dec. 24
- Robert Masao Fujii, 75, on Dec. 27
- Yoshiko Maedo*, 80, on Jan. 4
- Linda Takashi Corpuz, 59, on Jan. 6
- Haruto Hozaki, 84, on Jan. 8

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



YESS CAMP 34

YESS Cam 34 will be held on April 14-16, 2017, at Camp Kokokahi on Oahu and is open to anyone aged 13 to 23 years old who is interested in learning more or growing deeper in Buddhism.

THE WHITE WAY NEEDS YOU (Seriously!)

Martha really needs help to make this newsletter more interesting and informative for all! We need volunteers to write articles, take photos, design, layout, collate, mail, and distribute this newsletter. Did you know that The White Way reaches more than 400 people around the world?

Consider sharpening these important skills:

- Creativity
- Writing (great practice for that all important essay section of a college application or a Creative Writing, Journalism or English class!)
- Photography
- Graphic art, design and layout
- If you're interested or have any questions, please email Martha at <u>whiteway@moiliilihongwanji.org</u>.

MOILIILI HONGWANJI CALENDAR OF EVENTS

February 2017

- 5 9AM Sunday Service/Monthly Remembrance 10:45AM Talk Story with Rev. Bert
- 10-11 HHMH Giseikai Legislative Assembly
- 9AM Sunday Service/Nirvana Day Guest Speaker: Rev. Art Kaufmann
 10:30AM BWA Meeting/Hondo
 10:45AM Talk Story with Rev. Bert
 11:30AM Jr. YBA Meeting/Annex
- 19 9AM Sunday Service
 11:15AM Shinnen Enkai New Year Party
 The Willows Restaurant
- 20 Office & Preschool Closed
- 26 9AM Sunday Service 10:45AM Talk Story with Rev. Bert

March 2017

- 4 8:30AM Spring Seminar *Rev. David Fujimoto*
- 5 9AM Sunday Service/Monthly Remembrance 10:45AM Talk Story with Rev. Bert
- 9AM Sunday Service/Spring Ohigan
 Guest Speaker: Rev. Brian Siebuhr/Hilo Betsuin
 10:45AM Talk Story with Rev. Bert
- 14-15 BSC Spring Seminar Prof. Naoki Nabe
- 19 9AM Sunday Service
 Guest Speaker: Rev. Thomas Okano
 10:45AM Talk Story with Rev. Bert
- 20-27 Preschool Spring Break/Preschool Closed
 - 8:30AM Taste of Hongwanji/Betsuin
 9AM Sunday Service is CANCELLED

REGULARLY SCHEDULED CLASSES & CLUBS

Mondays 10AM	Quilting
Mondays 5:15PM	Zumba
Tues/Thu 8AM	Shoshinge Chanting
Tuesdays 9AM	Adult Fitness & Falling Safety
Tuesdays 6:30PM	Meditation Service
1 st Wed. 10AM	Japanese Grief Support

Group

2 nd /4 th Wed. 10AM	Japanese Dharma Class
Thursdays 9:30AM	Ikebana
Tursdays 5:30PM	Zumba
Fridays 1PM	Conversational Japanese

For More Information: Temple Office (808) 949-1659

Subject to Change: Please call the Temple Office to confirm times & dates of any event.

WHITE WAY RADIO: SATURDAY MORNINGS AT 7:45AM ON KZOO AM1210

Join us on Saturdays for White Way Radio on KZOO1210 at 7:45a.m. for inspiring messages from a variety of speakers. We are truly grateful for our White Way Radio Sponsors who make it possible to share the Dharma on the air every week.

WHITE WAY BROADCAST SCHEDULE 2017			
Date	1	<u>Speaker</u>	<u>Sponsored By</u>
February	4	Mrs. Nancy Shimamoto	Miyasaki Family
	11	Rev. Toshiyuki Umitani	Morikubo Family
	18	Rev. Thomas Okano	R.Kaneshiro & P. Uyeda
	25	Rev. Toyokazu Hagio	Mr. & Mrs. Michael Sorakubo
March	4	Rev. Tatsuo Muneto	Kanazawa Family
	11	Rev. Ryoso Toshima	Mrs. Alice Shiroma
	18	Rev. Shigenori Makino	Ms. Donna Higashi
	25	Rev. Yoshiaki Fujitani	John & Laura Moriyama

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Volunteer Melanie Van der Tuin shares her experiences as a new Project Dana Volunteer



Betty Culross, Project Dana Kupuna, shares her experiences as a recipient of Project Dana services

Mrs. Kie and Rev. Bert celebrate the beginning of the New Year!



Jr. YBA members attend the Moiliili Hongwanji Hoonko Service to hear Rev. Tomioka