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SEEK GUIDANCE!

In this time of uncertainty brought about by nuclear threats, racism, hate, and violence, let us go to the Buddha, Dharma and Sangha for guidance.



The Buddha of All-Inclusive Wisdom and All-Embracing Compassion-Amida Buddha, in the spirit of True Equality, respects and loves all life equally and thus aspires for the enlightenment of all existence. May we take refuge and seek inspiration in this Great Wisdom and Unconditional Compassion.

The Dharma emphasizes that "Hatred is not overcome by hatred. Hatred is overcome by love. This is an ancient "Truth" and "Anger creates anger...Revenge can only be overcome by abandoning revenge...The wise seek neither victory nor defeat." May we seek the Wisdom of the Dharma/Teachings which is expansive as the great oceans.

The Sangha of our Jodo Shinshu Spiritual Leaders of the past three generations have shared important insights to harmonious living in hopes that there will be more peace in the world. They have emphasized that a person's nobility is based not on birth, caste or race, but upon a person's actions. Further, the preciousness of life. Last, but not least, the interdependent nature of existence in which we are all truly interconnected and interrelated.

In these troubled and turbulent times, as I ponder on what I can do, the first matter at hand is to self-reflect and realize how easily I am swayed by negative thoughts, emotions and impulses too. Another is to be aware of the fact that our true enemy is often not an external enemy, but the internal enemies of self-centeredness, arrogance, doubt, greed, anger and ignorance. Lastly, realize that if we want a change in the world, it is we who must change and that no lasting change will come about from anger and violence. Thus, as we aspire for a more peaceful world, instead of protests in which we clash, we should highlight the life and actions of people who have overcome discrimination, violence and selfishness in all parts of the world including areas that are currently plagued by extreme violence, terror and unhappiness. As we are illuminated by the Light of Wisdom and Compassion, may we realize that peace begins with each one of us and is dependent upon all of us.

Namo Amida Butsu/Entrusting in All-Inclusive Wisdom and All-Embracing Compassion.

TEMPLE PRESIDENT NANCY SHIMAMOTO ON VACATION BASKING IN THE SUN



WHILE NANCY IS BASKING IN THE SUN, ANN NAKATA THANKS ALL CHICKEN FUNDRAISER VOLUNTEERS

On behalf of our Fundraiser Committee, I would like to thank all of you for purchasing the Huli-huli chicken, sushi, and Zippy's chili tickets. If you were lucky enough to purchase the oishii sanbaizuke and freshly-made andagi, we'll plan to have more available next year!

From early in the morning, Mel Takemoto and his canopy-crew set up the tents that are essential for the sale. Wes Henry, Patrick Komo and the guys helped to carry the canopy materials out from storage and later back into storage.

We really missed Nancy Shimamoto, who was basking in the sun on the Big Island, Jeanne Watari, and Anne Kawabata's (who were babysitting their grandchildren) help. They were on trips but everyone picked up the slack.

From the Hondo where the sushi was bagged, to the kitchen where Arlyne Takiue, Donna Higashi, Joanne Kealoha, Helen Hamasu helped prepare the ono lunch. Thank you. Sharen Uyeunten and Satsu Tanaka helped to wash the dishes and cleaned up

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the kitchen. Meanwhile, Nancy Shimamoto was basking in the sun.

The traffic control guys were super: Bert Matsuoka and Raymond Takiue. All the energetic "runners" and order takers, Wendy Harman and Ann Miyasaki supervising, thank you so much.

In the front of the tent were the cashiers Jay and Charlotte Hamai, Andy Carson, and Cynthia Ogasawara. All the while, Nancy continued her sun basking.

Even sensei was an order filler! One chicken, two chickens or 4 chickens. Cyndi Osajima rotated all the boxes of piping hot chicken to be bagged. So many of you: Mari, Iris, Christine, Sharen, Lynn, Lois, Noriyo endured the task of bagging the hot chicken. If your chicken was in pieces, we call it "pre-cut". The chicken continues to cook in the boxes so we have no control that it is well cooked.

Emma and Richard took care of the chicken and sushi ordering, the printing of the tickets and late pick-ups. A few people who forgot to pick up their chicken on Sunday, were called! Where do you find that kind of follow-up service? People who stopped by the office to pick up the following day were very appreciative. We are appreciative to Roy Masuda for running around and gathering all the supplies. Did I mention Nancy was still basking in the sun?

By the time Eugene Makino and I went to the Kailua dump to dispose of the cardboard boxes and the chicken oil, everything was cleaned up by 1:30pm. Thank you all for helping us out. Next year, can you please sign up so we won't get worried? We were kind of stressed because hardly anyone signed up to help. No worries: we'll sign you all up as "Automatic"!

Thank you all for your “Automatic” help.
Gassho,
Moiliili Hongwanji Kyodan Fundraising Committee



PRESCHOOL NEWS

There is a lot of commotion in our classrooms as we begin our school year. Old friends are happy to be with one another, while new friends are adjusting to a schedule. Welcome back returnees! We also embrace our new 2 and 2 ½ year olds as they enter preschool for the first time.

In August we will be focusing on All About Me / Self Identification and our Five Senses. The children will become more aware of their body and its functions. They will understand the importance of family and friends.

The five senses of sight, smell, hearing, taste, and touch will be introduced. Teachers will engage the children in activities using their senses.

Other areas of interest to be covered will be identifying color and shapes and applying its use to everything around them.

We’re off to a great start. We are looking forward to an exciting year.

“Welcome Children, I’m glad you’re here,
We’re all going to have a wonderful year!
We’ll draw and we’ll write,
We’ll sing and we’ll play,
We’ll paint and we’ll build,
And learn new things each day!”

PROJECT DANA NEWS

With Appreciation to Mike Hirano and Cyndi Osajima

At the July 15, 2017 Project Dana Advisory Council meeting, staff members Mike Hirano and Cyndi Osajima were recognized for their years of dedicated service with Project Dana. Mike Hirano, Home Safety Volunteer Coordinator, was honored for his 10 years of service. He has enriched the lives of many seniors in our community. Mike started 16 years ago as a volunteer doing grocery shopping and transportation before being asked by Rose to head the Home Safety Program. Cyndi Osajima was honored for her 25 years of service as a staff member with Project Dana. Her titles included Volunteer Project Coordinator, presently Site Leader for Moiliili Project Dana, and now Operations Manager. Cyndi said that this is “her dream job”. Thank you to Mike and Cyndi for the many years of dedication and compassionate care to the seniors in the community. See photo taken by Kay Tokunaga.



Rose Nakamura, Rev. Sumikawa, Mike Hirano, Cyndi Osajima and Nancy Shimamoto

Elder’s Wisdom

The first site leader of Project Dana at Pearl City Hongwanji, Clifford Yoshikatsu Takishita was featured in June 2017 on KIKU Television Program’s “The Wisdom of Hawaii’s Elders”. Clifford shared highlights of his life including being president of Pearl City Hongwanji and in 1991 started Project Dana at Pearl City Hongwanji.

In 2002, Clifford was selected as the Outstanding Senior Male Volunteer for his Project Dana leadership on Oahu. If you are able, go to KIKU’s

website, click on KIKU's Original Segments, then The Wisdom of Hawaii's Elders, and shown in the June. Clifford's inspiring video conveys his devotion and compassion he shares with others though the years.

Mahalo and Aloha Steve

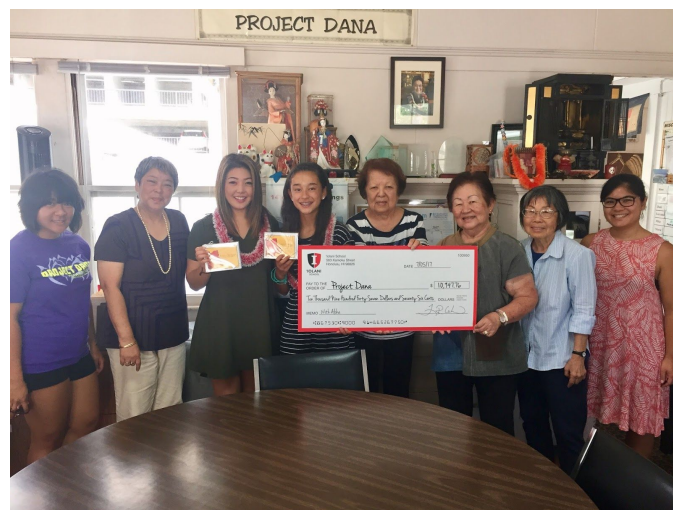
Project Dana extends a warm mahalo and aloha to Steve Yamami. We are most grateful to Steve as the site leader of Project Dana at Hilo Betsuin for 10 years. He helped to coordinate events and training for volunteers at Hilo Betsuin. Besides his responsibilities of a site leader, he was an active volunteer and helped a 99 year old gentleman, who lived alone, with shopping. He was active at Hilo Betsuin and helped organizations such as Meals on Wheels. Aloha to Steve and his wife Lani, as they have moved to Oahu to be closer with family. Steve said that he will continue to be involved with Project Dana on Oahu and join the Mililani Hongwanji ohana. At the Sept. 2 Project Dana Advisory Council meeting, a Certificate of Appreciation was presented to Steve by President Nancy Shimamoto and Rev. Bert Sumikawa for his 10 years of being a dedicated site leader



at Hilo Betsuin.

Messaging with Love from Iolani School

Kacie Frith, 8th grader at Iolani School continued the **Messaging with Love** Notecard Project which began with Iolani School alumni, Taylor Hamai two years ago. Kacie interviewed four centenarians, two women and two men, from ages 101 to 103 years old. These wise elders are "incredibly healthy and active". They each contributed personal handwritten life lessons which were colorfully created and designed on the notecards. This project is part of Iolani School's One Mile Class where students learn about aging in place and valuable lessons on life through various activities. Project Dana has provided interviews of elders with students of the class. On August 10, a presentation was made to Project Dana along with President Nancy Shimamoto, by Kacie Firth, Taylor Hamai, and Advisor Mr. Kirk Uejio with the profits coming from sales of the notecards. Project Dana extends a heartfelt thank you for the continued support of this valued partnership with Iolani School. (See photo) These colorful and meaningful notecards (limited supply) are available with a donation of \$10 to Project Dana.



IMPORTANT NEWS FROM THE PROJECT DANA ADVISORY COUNCIL

The Advisory Council formed a subcommittee to begin to create a succession plan for Project Dana leadership in preparation for Rose Nakamura's retirement earlier this year. As many of you know, Rose is the founding administrator for Project Dana and has been working tirelessly for almost 30 years

on a completely voluntary basis to ensure the mission of Project Dana is achieved every day. Her leadership and devotion to the Kupuna in Hawaii is legend, and allows many elderly and disabled persons to live in security and comfort in an environment of their choice.

Many of you participated in the succession planning workshop led by Lily Bloom Domingo, focused on the values and behaviors that guide us as an interfaith caregiving organization. We are so fortunate to have had her guidance and counsel throughout this process. This entire process has been a testament to the commitment and dedication of all of you, Rose, the leadership, staff and Advisory Council members of Project Dana.

I am very happy to report to you that Cyndi Osajima will be our new Executive Director, effective October 1, 2017. Cyndi has served Project Dana for 25 years, as Volunteer Coordinator, and more recently as Operations Manager. She is well loved and respected by the entire volunteer caregiving community in Hawaii, as well as the administrative staff, site coordinators and volunteers. Cyndi Osajima knows Project Dana in its many dimensions -- its history, its service mission, its volunteers, the recipients of its services, and its partners. No one could be better suited or



better prepared to follow in the footsteps of Rose Nakamura.

I know you will all join me in congratulating Cyndi on her new position, and offering her our unwavering support in the years ahead.

BUDDHIST WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION NEWS—SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2017

The Honolulu United BWA's Annual Membership Meeting and Education Workshop will be held on **Saturday, September 30, from 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.** at the Hawaii Betsuin. The theme is "Embrace the Earth with Aloha" with the focus on the role that we play in living in harmony with our environment. Moiliili is in charge of the Membership Meeting portion which includes the morning service with David Atcheson as our speaker. For the Education Workshop we will have outstanding speakers and workshops to increase our awareness of what we can do to make a difference in the environment. The registration fee is \$15 and the deadline to register is September 10. It will be a most worthwhile gathering and we hope to see you there!

Our Temple Open House and Bazaar will be held on **Saturday, October 7, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** Gently-used items for the rummage sale and plants for the plant sale are greatly appreciated. We'll need help with the food items that the BWA will be selling—spam musubi, mazegohan and baked noodles. Mahalo for your kokua!

Please don't forget our next BWA meeting on **Sunday, September 17, at 10:45 a.m.** at which time the Nominating Committee will present the slate of officers for 2018. The last meeting of 2017 will be held on **November 5** following the BWA-sponsored Hoonko Service. Lois Toyama, 1st Vice President of the Hawaii Federation of BWA's, will be our guest speaker. Please mark your calendars and be sure to join us.

Ethel Aiko Oda and her husband Dan Anderson shared very touching reflections as the lay speakers at the July 30 Sunday service. We are so fortunate to be able to hear Dharma messages by ministers and listen to experiences shared by fellow Sangha



members. Please join us at the temple as we grow in friendship together in the Dharma!

Contributed by Jeanne Watari



ALEX HARMAN WINS MS. TEEN ALOHA ISLANDS 2018 PAGEANT

When Mrs. Nancy Shimamoto asked me to write an article about Alex's experience with this Pageant, tears of happiness came to my eyes.

As a mom you would like to give your children all of the opportunities this world has to offer.

When Alex came to ask me if she could run for Cherry Blossom, my response was, "yes but you are a little too young." My recommendation to Alex was, if she was interested in entering a Pageant, try

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something on a smaller scale. And that she did. Knowing nothing about Pageant life, her journey began.....

Being athletic and tomboyish, Alex just wanted to do her best. Her training was very intense and hectic.

Attending rehearsals and Pageantry classes, choosing her own wardrobe and hairstyles meant having to sacrifice time from her other activities. But Alex was determined to give it her all.

It was also very interesting to meet all of the other contestants and their moms. Alex being the only one that was not in any other Pageants, besides the Meadow Gold Healthy Baby Contest, just tried her very best to learn every move for the runway and the judges.

The day the Pageant arrived excitement was in the air. We arrived at Mamiya Theater for final rehearsal which was from 1:30-3:30p.m. Hair styled and makeup put on, it was show time. Before I left Alex said to me, "Amida Buddha was and will always be with me through this and many more great adventures. Amida Buddha will always be in my heart and soul. Thank you mom and dad for allowing me to be in the Pageant."

When Alex's name was announced as Ms. Teen Aloha Islands 2018, her face was completely blank. She had no idea at first what had happened. Her Dad did not know at that point what was going to happen to Alex. Then she finally realized that she had earned the title, Ms. Teen Aloha Island 2018.

Big smiles and tears of joy rolled down her cheeks. Her Dad knew then that she would be ok.

I knew at that point that her beliefs in Jodo Shinshu and her strength that is connected to Amida Buddha made her what she is today.

Words cannot express how deeply thankful we are to Moiliili Hongwanji Mission for their tremendous support towards Alex.

With Deepest Gratitude,

Wendy Harman (Alex's Mom)

TEMPLE AND PRESCHOOL ANNUAL PICNIC ON AUGUST 13TH WAS A FUN EVENT FOR ALL

The Moiliili Hongwanji Mission Temple and Preschool picnic on August 13, 2017 was truly a memorable event. We were delighted some of our preschool families could join us. Rev. Bert Sumikawa opened the festivities with a service followed by a welcome from our Kyodan president Nancy Shimamoto. The variety of games with a galore of prizes brought much excitement, laughter, and lots of good fun. We feasted on an array of scrumptious grilled and potluck dishes. It was a beautiful and relaxing day at the beach.

We have many individuals to thank for making this picnic possible. The set-up gang included Roy Masuda, Emma Kie, Lily Masuda, Patrick Komo and Alex Harman. Raymond Takiue provided music through the sound system. Ann Nakata organized the potluck and was assisted by the cooks, Arlyne Takiue and Patrick Komo, who grilled the barbecue sticks. Lily Masuda coordinated the creative salad contest and Emma Kie attended to the many details such as accounting for the monies collected. We were fortunate to have had Stanley Tomasa provide the bus service. We even had folks like Karen Kikukawa, Roy Masuda, and Rev. Sumikawa transport people to the bathroom. Finally, a big mahalo to all who came, brought potluck dishes, and joined us in this joyous fellowship.



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The Salad Contest attracted interesting healthy salads. It was difficult for judges Rev. Bert Sumikawa, Nancy Shimamoto, and Wendy Harman to finalize the winners because all of the entries tasted delicious! The quinoa and kale salads looked especially healthy. Thank you to everyone who participated in the salad contest. The salad winners were:

Helen Hamasu, fruit salad with greens

Mika Nakazawa, potato salad

Lynn Nakata, pasta salad

In Gassho,

Co-chairs Wendy Harman and Susan Okano

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:

- Ayako Ichiyama, 106, on June 27
- Harry Takashi Kadokawa, 85, on June 19
- Randal Koichi Mimaki, 56, on July 3
- Philip Takashi Okubo, 87, on July 27
- George Yeiyu Miyashiro, 95, on August 10

May the Onembutsu provide solace to family members during this time of sorrow.



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MOILIILI HONGWANJI CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 2017

- 17 **9:00AM** Sunday Service
10:30AM BWA Meeting
10:45AM Talk Story with Rev. Bert
- 24 **9:00AM** Fall Ohigan Service with Rev. Joshin Kamuro
10:45AM Talk Story with Rev. Bert

OCTOBER 2017

- 1 **9:00AM** Sunday Remembrance Service
10:45AM Talk Story with Rev. Bert
- 8 **9:00AM** Sunday Service
10:45AM Talk Story with Rev. Bert
- 15 **9:00AM** Sunday Service
10:45AM Talk Story with Rev. Bert
- 22 **9:00AM** Sunday Service
10:45AM Talk Story with Rev. Bert
- 29 **9:00AM** *Sunday Service Cancelled*
9:30AM Please attend the Liliuokalani Service at Betsuin

NOVEMBER 2017

- 5 **9:00AM** BWA Hoonko & Sunday Remembrance Service
10:30AM BWA Meeting
10:45AM Talk Story with Rev. Bert
- 10 *Office & Preschool Closed for Veterans Day*
- 11 **8:30AM-Noon** Fall Seminar with Dr. Michael Cheang
- 12 **9:00AM** Sunday Service with Rev. Thomas Okano
- 19 **9:00AM** Eitaikyo Service with Rev. Tomo Hojo
11:00AM BWA Luncheon at JCCH
- 26 **8:00AM-Noon** Temple Cleanup
Sunday Service Cancelled

REGULARLY SCHEDULED CLASSES & CLUBS

- Mondays 10AM **Quilting**
- Mondays 5:15PM **Zumba**
- Tues/Thu 8AM **Shoshinge Chanting**
- Tuesdays 6:30PM **Meditation Service**
- 2nd/4th Wed. 10AM **Japanese Dharma Class**
- Thursdays 9:30AM **Ikebana**
- Thursdays 5:30PM **Zumba**
- Fridays 1PM **Conversational Japanese**

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KERRY'S KORNER

Notes from Kyoto by Kerry Kiyohara



"Wa Gen Ai Go" can be translated as "kind face, gentle words", a reminder that a peaceful world and harmonious society begins with each of us.

If everyone took this wisdom to heart, what a different world we would all share together, free of the ugliness,

alienation, and desperation of living a self-centered, selfish existence.

In Hawaii, this conscious choice of how we face the world, even with its inevitable ups and downs, is expressed as "Aloha", an inclusive, welcoming, unconditional love for all people, acceptance of diversity, and taking responsibility for all living beings and forms of life as one big "Ohana" family.

When we awaken to the reality of Aloha and 'Ohana in our lives, "Mahalo"—a profound sense of gratitude and appreciation—naturally comes to our lips, and lights up our faces with smiles, and we create kindness and gentleness in our shared world.

You don't have to be Buddhist to share a "kind face and gentle words" with the world. You may be surprised how much of a difference it makes in your life and the lives of people around you!

In the Hongwanji tradition, we place our hands together, bow our heads, and say Namu Amida Butsu, taking refuge in all-encompassing Compassion and all-inclusive Wisdom, expressing appreciation for the great gifts we have received in our life, and



signaling our intent to help others find their path to the Nembutsu in this unrepeatable life.

Dharma School News

We are very proud of our Dharma School teachers, parents and students. We are learning lessons of Dana, interconnectivity of all beings and charity, and putting those concepts to action!

On August 18th, the Dharma School baked cookies, sold them to the public, and donated \$400.00 to the American Red Cross earmarked for the Marco Polo fire victims. Way to Go Dharma School!



Open House and Bazaar

October 7, 2017

Come one and all to the Moiliili Hongwanji Mission Open House and Bazaar on Saturday, October 7th, at our temple located at 902 University Avenue. There will be a Food and Bake Sale, Craft Sale, Rummage Sale and a Plant Sale. So, there will be something for everyone! Parking will be available at Kuhio School at 2759 South King Street.

Back by popular demand is the Moiliili Hongwanji Kyodan Steak Plate! If you would like to place an order, presale tickets are available for \$12. Ticket sale and money are due by Friday, September 29th. The Steak Plate includes steak, rice, corn, dessert and a drink. Presale tickets are to be picked up between 10am and 12pm. Those without tickets will be sold on a first come, first served basis. See you all there on October 7th!