



The White Way

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“ONDOBO ONDOGYO” – A SPIRIT OF SANGHA AND INCLUSIVENESS



One of the characteristics of Jodo Shinshu is the spirit of Ondōbō Ondōgyō.

This is a Japanese term for the people who share the aspiration for enlightenment and who together walk the path of the Dharma. It suggests a strong sense of community that is bound by Amida Buddha's compassion, which excludes no one. Shin Buddhism recognizes no distinctions in clergy and lay, sexes, social standing, learning, intelligence, or moral goodness in matters regarding emancipation or enlightenment.

Shinran Shonin said, “For myself, I do not have even a single disciple.” Instead, he called everyone his fellow-practicers or fellow-travelers. Shinran Shonin understood that those who recite the Nembutsu, Namo Amida Butsu, are all children of Amida Buddha. Amida Buddha is the Buddha who promised to embrace all the living beings equally with infinite Wisdom and Compassion. Nembutsu is given to us equally out of Amida Buddha's Infinite Wisdom and Compassion to every living being. If the Nembutsu were something Shinran Shonin created, then he would be able to call his people as his disciples. But it is not. Shinran Shonin understood that both he and people around him are all equally the primal target of Amida Buddha's embrace. Therefore for Shinran

Shonin, they are not his disciples, but his spiritual brothers and sisters.

Shinran Shonin taught us that those who walk the path of Nembutsu will gradually be nurtured to revere and respect one another as fellow-practicers. Whether clergy or lay, young or old, intelligent or not, we are equally embraced by Amida Buddha and sharing the joy of Namo Amida Butsu. And this spirit of Sangha or inclusiveness must be practiced in our daily lives. We have our individuality and diversity, but this inclusivity is very important.

Gomonshu Kojun Ohtani mentioned, “We tend to think that our own perspective is the only one that is right and justified. This is what causes conflicts to arise. When we arm ourselves and attack others, the peace that might be gained from it will never last long.”

We can easily become exclusive and that becomes the cause of our suffering, but the spirit of Sangha enables us to see the whole world as OUR community, and cultivate a sense of empathy and Aloha for one another. The spirit of Sangha or fellow-travelers within Amida's Infinite Wisdom and Compassion enables us to live in a larger and larger circle of inclusiveness.

The late Rev. Dr. Alfred Bloom wrote, “In this age of individualism and institutionalized selfishness under the term competition, the Vow tells us that we all depend on each other. ... It is the responsibility of Jodo Shinshu to make real

the ideal of interdependence in our modern world. The future development of Jodo Shinshu in American society depends on our realization deeply that we are an organism, not merely an organization. A lively sense of Tariki and interdependence would overcome our regional divisions, personal conflicts, and lack of clear vision as to the meaning of Jodo Shinshu.” (Alfred Bloom “Jodo Shinshu in American Society” page 9 in a book “Contemporary Issues for American Buddhists”)

Amida’s Vow says, “Until you attain perfect peace and happiness, I will not attain perfect peace and happiness.” Shinran Shonin taught us that we are always receiving this calling voice through Namo Amida Butsu. Let us continue to listen to the voice of Amida Buddha. Let us encourage ourselves to live our lives in accordance with the Buddha’s Vow with a sense of gratitude, and let us share the joy of living in this nonjudgmental and all-embracing Compassion.

Namo Amida Butsu.

Rev. Toshiyuki Umitani

TIE-DYE DHARMA



It’s been a few months since I took the helm as temple President and it’s been busy!

Our Bon Dance retail committee has been hard at work coming up with products to sell at this year’s Bon Dance. If you have been coming to service for the last few months, the committee has been the one

putting together the tie-dye activities as one of the things that they will be selling this year. Fortunately, the committee had some printouts and instructions on tie-dye techniques. I didn’t know there were so many different ways to make these designs!

There’s a sunburst technique where you start twisting bunches of the material and putting rubber bands around it. There is also a scrunch technique where the material is bunched up in a fan style pattern and dyed in a pan.

The bunching and folding is one part of making tie-dye. How you put the dye on affects how your pattern comes out. You don’t dye the entire material the same. You can use squeeze bottles to put more color on certain areas, or use a different color on the tie part.

For my first design, I read the books and looked online for techniques to make my shirt. There was a crinkle technique that suggested wrapping the material around a PVC pipe. With the limited items that we had, I went upstairs to the recycle bin and got a tall beer bottle and

used that as my “pipe”. After wrapping it around the bottle and wrapping rubber bands around it, I put on my dye on it. I thought it was pretty colorful, and overall, not bad for a first time try. (See picture on the left)

Once you have completed your creation, you put it in a plastic bag and allow the colors to set for 24 hours. There is a fixer chemical that sets the colors on the fabric. After that, the retail committee opens it up and washes the material and discovers the creations that were made.

As you are making the tie-dye, you never know what the



design will really look like in the end, especially if you are inexperienced like me. If you take apart the ties before it dries, you can ruin the design.

This tie-dye making experience got me to reflect on the Buddhism in this

activity. When we approach new things, we do so with apprehension and uncertainty, but a willingness to learn. When I took Kayla and Arlyne to the tie dye, I didn’t jump right in, but wanted to see what it was all about. I think the scary thing for me was that 1) it was permanent ink; 2) it was on a shirt so I wanted it to look good; and 3) my ego.

I guess you can call it the ego-self was getting in the way of me trying at the beginning to even start making a tie-dye design. It’s sometimes how we approach Buddhism. We are hesitant at first to come to temple or to find out

more about Buddhism. When we finally get the nerve to start, we may do so with some research first, trying to learn the basics. Sometimes it takes someone like Kayla or Arlyne to encourage us to try it.

As we start to participate, we find that it is fun and interesting, and we are learning something about ourselves as we continue with it. We have teachers along the way and are accompanied by fellow participants who share their creations, thoughts, and ideas. All this time we are learning and getting better at it and expanding our understanding of what we are trying to do.



In temple, we welcome new visitors, some of whom are doing their research. We have people who encourage us to come out, like friends or college professors who get us to finally take the plunge and come to the temple.

As Jodo Shinshu followers, we are all fellow travelers along the same path, including the ministers. We learn from each other about Buddhism, but also human interaction and how we view it through Buddhist eyes. The more we listen to the Dharma talks and the more we participate, the more experience we have, and we are more comfortable with Buddhism.

At the end of the day, we feel that we have accomplished something, and although we may not yet see what the final result is, we are hopeful of a beautiful result.

We are all embraced by the Buddha's vow to save all sentient beings, including our furry friends. Buddhism is a religion of awareness. So we should use our everyday activities to reflect on the Buddhist perspective on it.

In doing this tie-dye activity, I discovered the Buddhism in it:

- 1) There's no right way or wrong way to do it.
- 2) What you make is yours. What colors you use, what technique you try, it's up to you.
- 3) Although you may have a general sense of how it will come out, it's always a surprise when you first see it.

- 4) At the end of the day, everyone is happy with what they made.

Whatever our situation, it is just right because we are embraced by the compassion of the Buddha.

With this confidence, we should go throughout our lives with a confidence and security of just being who we are.

Namo Amida Butsu.

Understanding the Intent of the 48 Vows by Dr. Jeff Wilson



In March, I gave a talk at Mo'ili'ili Hongwanji Temple entitled "Engaged Shin Buddhism." During the talk I discussed how the Pure Land represents the ancient Buddhist vision of the ideal society, beyond suffering and the imperfections (impurities) of our human societies. From this,

we can discern how Buddhists imagined the perfect society would look and operate, and consider for ourselves how we can contribute to bringing our country in line with the Buddha's world.

The Pure Land is described by the 48 vows of Dharmakara Bodhisattva, recorded in the Larger Pure Land Sutra. These vows announce what the ideal society will be like, and invite everyone to join and be welcomed there. They were boldly radical proclamations for their time in ancient India, but unfortunately because of the differences in time and culture between us and the ancient Buddhists, and differences in languages and how words and concepts were used, the 48 vows can be hard for Americans to understand when translated directly into English. Therefore, in my presentation I focused on explaining the *intent* behind each of the vows. Afterwards, several people asked me to share this, so I'm providing a quick list here.

Here are some intentions and meanings of the 48 vows, beyond their literal words:

- Vows 1-2: No one will encounter suffering
- Vows 3-4, 21, 27: No one will experience discrimination due to appearance
- Vows 5-9, 28-30, 40-41, 46: No one will experience physical or mental impairment

- Vows 10, 26, 33: No one will have to worry about their body
- Vows 11-15, 19-20, 22, 25, 34, 36-37, 44-45, 47-48: Amida's wisdom and compassion will be infinite, and all will share in it
- Vows 16-17: People will speak of good, not evil
- Vow 18: Without hardship, all will be freed from suffering
- Vows 23, 42: Everyone will have freedom of movement
- Vow 24: There will be no poverty
- Vows 31-32: The environment will be pure and wondrous
- Vow 35: There will be no gender discrimination
- Vow 38: Everyone will have sufficient clothing
- Vow 39: Everyone will be happy
- Vow 43: No one will be disadvantaged



PRESCHOOL NEWS

Spring is in the air and it's a time for flowers sprouting, bubble blowing, puddle jumping, bees humming and getting outdoors and appreciating nature.

As part of our spring nature studies the children have been learning about plants and plant parts as well as what plants need to survive. Some classes planted sweet peppers, lettuce and snap peas and other classes planted marigolds and zinnias. The children water their seedlings and are so excited to see them sprouting and growing. Through experiences like this, the preschoolers learn an appreciation for nature and



responsibility. We also visited Foster Botanical Garden in April where there were enormous trees, a butterfly garden and exotic orchids.

Spring is a time for new beginnings and our seedlings are not the only things blossoming. Our preschoolers performed for their families on April 27th at our Spring Program. They beamed as they took to the stage and sang about wonderful things like menehune, pearly shells, sunshine, body parts (in Hawaiian) and magical smiles.



Another highlight of the school year is our graduation service that will be held on May 25, 2018. Thirteen preschoolers will be graduating from Mrs. Nagata's class and nine junior kindergarteners will graduate from Mrs. Kuniyuki's class. We are proud of all our graduates and wish them well as they begin their new journey in kindergarten. We know that they are ready and raring to meet new challenges.

Mahalo to all our preschool parents for your continued support our school and our keiki!

Submitted by: Cori Uwaine



PROJECT DANA NEWS

New Medicare Card

Be on the lookout for your new Medicare Card without your Social Security Number on it. The new Medicare Cards to be mailed out beginning April 1, 2018 and expected to be completed by April 2019.

For safety and security reasons, Medicare is removing Social Security numbers from Medicare cards, and randomly assigned numbers (11 characters in length and made up only of numbers and uppercase letters) will be printed on the cards.

Instructions from Medicare are:

- The individual may begin to use the new Medicare cards as soon as the new card

is received in the mail. Be sure to destroy your old Medicare card once the new card is received.

- Be aware of scams and be careful who you give your new numbers to.
- There is NO CHARGE to receive the new card.

If there should be any questions, the individual may contact the Social Security Office at 1-800-772-1213.

Project Dana Volunteers

Volunteers from Moiliili Hongwanji are a tremendous help to our church members who are in need of services for doctor appointments, grocery shopping, friendly visits, Sunday services, etc. Many of our volunteers are youthful retirees since help is often needed during daytime hours. Several of you assist once a week, while others help more often. We cannot thank you enough. Mahalo!

Submitted by Donna Higashi

Dehydration – Important Facts to Know

Do you know of someone who was dehydrated? Anyone may become dehydrated; however the condition is especially dangerous for seniors.

Dehydration takes place when the body uses or loses more fluid than it takes in. Then your body doesn't have enough water and fluid to carry out its normal functions. If the lost fluids are not replaced, dehydration occurs. There are varying levels of dehydration – mild, moderate, and severe, depending how much fluid is missing from the body.

Many seniors don't feel thirsty until they're already dehydrated. It's normal to lose water from your body every day by sweating, breathing, urinating, bowel movement and through tears and saliva (spit). Other ways to lose fluids are fever, diarrhea, vomiting, excessive sweating or urination, and some medications will make you urinate more often. Activities such as traveling, exercises, or just being sick or busy cause people to forget to drink water.

Usually drinking water or eating foods that contain water replaces the lost fluid. In older adults, some signs and symptoms are extreme thirst, less frequent urination, dark colored urine, fatigue, dizziness or confusion. Dehydration may lead to serious complications such as diarrhea, vomiting, urinary problems, etc. Severe dehydration needs immediate medical care.

What can be done to prevent dehydration? According to the Mayo Clinic **drink lots of fluids and eat foods high in water such as fruit and vegetables.** Increase water intake during hot weather or when you are ill. Yes, you may have to go to the bathroom more often as you increase your fluid intake. It is better than being hospitalized due to dehydration. As with all medical issues, always consult your primary care physician or health care provider for any questions you might have to avoid dehydration.

Contributed by Cyndi Osajima



Project Dana Values in Practice

About a year ago, in April 2017, Project Dana site leaders and Advisory Council members developed a set of values, and practices that demonstrate those

values, to guide our interactions with each other and the seniors we serve. Within the next issues of the White Way, we would like to share those values with you, starting first with the value of Compassion and Selfless Giving.

According to Dr. Bill Thomas, founder of The Eden Alternative, “the three plagues of loneliness, helplessness, and boredom account for the bulk of suffering among our Elders.” One way we can combat loneliness, helplessness and boredom is by practicing the values of Compassion and Selfless Giving. Even more important, Selfless Giving is the very meaning of the word Dana and is at the very heart of our project.

Compassion and Selfless Giving

We demonstrate this value when we:

- Connect with others and engage our kūpuna as a friend, expressing kindness and hope through smiles, gentle touch and hugs.
- Have understanding of and patience with each other's unique characteristics, individual concerns, needs and preferences.
- Share our time freely and without reservation with our kūpuna, listening to their life stories and providing a caring presence to support their well-being.
- Recognize our own personal limitations and set boundaries for our own well-being.

Contributed by Martha Samson

BUDDHIST WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION NEWS—MAY/JUNE 2018

Thank you very much to members who pitched in to help with the temple fundraiser at the Hawaii Betsuin's Taste of Hongwanji Spring Bazaar on March 25. The sanbaizuke, tsukemono, mochi, shrimp chips and chicken katsu bento all sold out for a successful undertaking!

On April 29, 21 MHBWA members and minister advisor Rev. Toshiyuki Umitani joined other Honolulu United BWA members from Hawaii Betsuin and Jikoen for a joint Eshinni/Kakushinni Day Service at Hawaii Betsuin. This very special service was planned and coordinated by Hawaii Betsuin Dharma School teachers, students, and parents. Following the service, we enjoyed refreshments and heard three new gathas written by Hongwanji members sung by the Betsuin Dharma School and the Betsuin Choir. What a treat! We then had the opportunity to "talk story" with guest speaker Dr. Toshikazu Arai (*picture below*), followed by a light



sushi bento and the Annual General Membership Meeting chaired by Honolulu United BWA President Donna Higashi. A moment of remembrance was observed for members who

have passed away since the last annual meeting in September including our members Delma Kiyomoto and Sumiko Kodama. New members were announced including our new member Chiyono Kinoshita.

Thank you for your generous donations to our Eshinni Fund. The Eshinni Fund supports youth activities including subsidies for the YESS Camp and Jr. YBA Convention. Your generous support is greatly appreciated.

The BWA has purchased a twin bed, lingerie dresser, and dining set with six chairs for the Minister's Residence. Rev. Toshiyuki and Mrs. Yoshiko Umitani and their daughters Naho and Riho will be moving in at the end of this month.

The BWA State Conference will be held as part of the Honpa Hongwanji Joint Conference on September 1 to 3 at the Ala Moana Hotel. The keynote speaker will be Lieutenant Governor Doug Chin. Presently 17 MHBWA members are signed up to attend the Joint Conference. The (late) registration fee is \$280 and the final deadline is July 20. The BWA State Conference is held every four years in the year before the World Convention. The World Convention will be held in San Francisco next year from August 30 to September 1, 2019, and the initial application will be due on July 31. More information on the World Convention will be forthcoming.

Please mark your calendars for our next BWA meeting on Sunday, June 10, at 10:45 a.m. Also, lots of help is needed with the Bon Dance and Moiliili Summer Fest on July 6 and 7, so please volunteer if you can. Mahalo for all of your support!

Contributed by Jeanne Watari

OPEN HOUSE COMING SOON!

Moiliili Hongwanji's Open House is coming soon! Please reserve Saturday, October 6th from 9:00-1:00 p.m. This year, because of storage constraints, there will be no rummage sale.

We will though, have Treasures. We are accepting items from after Bon Dance (July 6th & 7th) until two weeks prior the Open House. We are collecting the following:

- Collectibles
- Cultural items—dolls, fans, kimonos, getas, yukatas, accessories, kokeshi dolls, daruma, chinaware, kites, games, knick knacks, etc.
- Vases, decorative/art pieces

All items must be new (preferably with tag) or slightly used, clean, in working condition (no cracks or chips). If possible, please attach a suggested price for the items. Volunteers are needed to sort, prepare, and assist during & after the sale.

Plant donations are also welcome. Begin your seedlings soon. Suggested prices are welcome.

Any questions, please contact the temple office at 949-1659. Mahalo for your kokua.

Contributed by Lily Masuda

The Bon Dance Retail / Outreach Committee

Wanted: Yukata & Obi

“Onegaishimasu,” the Retail/Outreach committee is planning for O-Bon 2018 and is interested in gently used yukata(s) and obi(s), both children and adult sizes. Last year they sold very well and we are hoping to receive your donations again this year.

We are also interested in our handcrafting members’ “donation(s)” for the committee to sell. A few examples are needlecrafts (sewn, knitted, crocheted, latch hooked, embroidered, cross stitched, etc.), calligraphy, paintings/sketches, paper art – cards, pottery, wood work, etc. small items that share with the community our Japanese heritage and culture.

Donation of hangers, children & adult sizes, are also appreciated.

Please contact anyone in the retail booth committee: Iris, Mari, Ruth or Shirley at our next temple activity and/or the temple office for more information.

Contributed by Ruth Takemoto

IT’S COMING!!!

Moilili Hongwanji Buddhist Temple Bon Dance and Summer Fest

**Friday and Saturday evenings, July 6th and 7th
5:00 – 10:00pm**

Your HELP for this annual Bon Dance and Summer Fest is greatly appreciated!

- Wednesday & Thursday, July 4th & 5th 2:00-5:00pm, 6:00-9:00pm for BBQ meat stringing.
- Set up on Thursday, July 5th from 3-6pm at Varsity lot site. 6-8 volunteers for placement of corner poles, load and transport electrical supplies and ladders, prep lanterns & light bulbs.
- More volunteers are needed on Friday, July 6th from 7:00am as 8-10 volunteers needed to set up and transport equipment till lunch. Help needed after lunch through the evening of the Bon Dance/Summer Fest.
- Other areas needing volunteers (Friday & Saturday) from the morning through the evening – load/transport/setup equipment, lighting and general supplies (7:30am-11:00am), mochi making (12-4pm), supplies for concession and

drink tent, loading and transporting (1-2pm), concession setup (2-4pm), parking at 3 sites (2-6:30pm, 6-10:15pm), kitchen help and clean up crew (3-8pm), Spam musubi making (3:30-5:30pm), concession help at various positions (4-8pm, 7:30-11:30pm), trash and recycling Friday only 4pm setup, varied times), kitchen cleanup crew (8-11:30pm).

- Saturday, July 7th from 8:00am requires an equal number of volunteers or more similar to Friday, as noted above. Join us whenever you’re available from the morning.
- Lunch will be served on 3 days.
- Friday and Saturday evening after Bon Dance event requires breakdown and clean up from the Varsity lot site back to the temple, 9:30pm-12:00am.
- Sunday, July 8th from 9am will be general Bon Dance clean up at the temple. No temple service. “Ono Grindz” and drinks will be served.
- Keep an “eye” out for more details on our temple website www.moililihongwanji.org or Facebook page.
- Contact the temple office at 949-1659 or email mhm@moililihongwanji.org for details and volunteer sign up.

Mahalo for helping in this major annual event.

Bon Dance & Summer Fest Committee



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

- Howard Masumi Ebisu, 73, on January 27
- Tsutomu Oshima, 93, on January 30
- Sumiko Kodama, 99, on February 9 *
- Masao Mashino, 101, on February 23
- Roy Hisao Idemoto, 74, on April 1

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

(* Indicates Temple Sustaining Gojikai Member)

*Thank
You!*

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KERRY'S KORNER

April 1, 2018



Dear Hongwanji Friends,

I hope you are all well and enjoying life.

I have graduated from Chuo Bukkyo Gakuin Seminary and completed the ten-day Kyōshi Kyōshū retreat, thus fulfilling the requirements to be assigned as a 'kaikyōshi' overseas missionary and work as a resident minister of a temple.

I also qualified for the 'junsan' credential that allows me

to perform liturgy in the inner sanctum of the main Hongwanji Temple in the presence of the Go-Monshu.

The Kyōshi Kyōshū was an adventure as I was named Hanchō or group leader of 14 candidates and also survived an influenza outbreak that forced 26 of the original 102 candidates to withdraw from the program!

Mimy and I will return to Honolulu on April 20th where I will undergo orientation for a month and then be assigned somewhere in the islands to begin ministry at one of the 33 temples in the state of Hawaii.

We are enjoying the Sakura cherry blossoms, unusually warm Spring weather, and frantically eating all the foods we cannot easily get in Hawaii!

Thank you for your support and encouragement in this journey and I look forward to seeing you in Hawaii!

With aloha and in gasshō,

Kerry Kiyohara

[Note: Kerry and Mimy have returned to Honolulu and Kerry is currently participating in the orientation for new ministers at Headquarters. Rev. Kiyohara will be assigned to Makawao Hongwanji Mission as their Resident Minister as of June 1st.]



Kerry Kiyohara and Classmates



Happy Strummers at our Hanamatsuri Service on April 15th

MOILIILI HONGWANJI CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 2018

- 20 **9:00AM** Sunday Remembrance Service with Rev. Toshiyuki Umitani
- 27 **9:00AM** Sunday Service with Barbara Brennan
- 28 *Office & Preschool Closed for Memorial Day*

June 2018

- 3 **9:00AM** Sunday Remembrance Service
- 10 **9:00AM** Sunday Service – Dharma School Teachers and Students Recognition
- 11 *Office & Preschool Closed for Kamehameha Day*
- 17 **9:00AM** Sunday Service with Rev. Toshiyuki Umitani
- 24 **9:00AM** Sunday Service with Koshin Soga

July 2018

- 1 **9:00AM** Sunday Service
- 4 *Office & Preschool Closed for Independence Day*
- 5-6 *Preschool Closed for Bon Dance Preparations*
- 6 **Moiliili Hongwanji Mission Bon Dance**
- 7 **Moiliili Summer Fest**
- 8 **9:00AM** Sunday Service *Cancelled*
- 13 **7:00PM** Joint Bon Mairi Service
- 14 **10:00AM** Joint Bon Mairi Service
7:00PM Hatsubon Service with Rev. Kerry Kiyohara
- 15 **9:00AM** Obon Service with Rev. Kerry Kiyohara
11:00AM Columbarium Service
4:00PM Moiliili Cemetery Service
- 22 **9:00AM** Sunday Service
- 23-31 *Preschool Closed for Summer Break*
- 29 **9:00AM** Sunday Service

REGULARLY SCHEDULED CLASSES & CLUBS

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| Mondays 10AM | Quilting |
| Mondays 5:15PM | Zumba |
| Mondays 6:30PM | Kids' Karate |
| Tuesdays 6:30PM | Meditation Service |
| 2 nd /4 th Wed. 10AM | Japanese Dharma Class |
| Thursdays 9:30AM | Ikebana |
| Thursdays 5:30PM | Zumba |
| Thursdays 6:45PM | Kids' Karate |
| Fridays 1PM | Conversational Japanese |
- For More Information:** Temple Office (808) 949-1659

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

SURPRISE 90TH BIRTHDAY PARTY FOR MHM MEMBERS!



Nineteen twenty-eight must have been a good year! The Moiliili Hongwanji Ohana has 6 super seniors who has or will be celebrating their 90th birthday this

year: Toshiyuki Hiranaga, Michi Motooka, Rose Nakamura, Ethel Shintaku, George Sonoda and Satsu Tanaka. On Sunday, May 6th in the annex, Ethel, son

Gordon and wife Debbie, Satsu & close friend Frances Shiota and George (represented by wife Sue & niece Marjorie & husband Howard)



enjoyed an Italian feast! Natto pasta, spaghetti squash, lasagna, pasta salad, somen salad, eggplant parmesan, pizza and many tossed salads were enjoyed by all.



Haupia and Chantilly birthday cakes were served with a mini-banana split! Nancy Hironaka generously donated bingo prizes. Anne Kawabata was the blackout game winner!

Thank you to all who came and brought yummy foods/ donations for everyone

to enjoy. The 3 thanked everyone for sharing a special evening together.

Contributed by Ann Nakata

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.

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- 19 Mrs. Irene Nakamoto / Mr. & Mrs. Michael Sorakubo
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- 2 Rev. Richard Tennes / Mr. & Mrs. Roy Abe
- 9 Rev. Mieko Majima / Mrs. Thelma Ando
- 16 Rev. Kazunori Takahashi / The Hirai Family
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- 7 Rev. Satoshi Tomioka / The Shigefuji & Matsumoto Families
- 14 Rev. Jeffrey Soga / Mr. & Mrs. Gene Yokota
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Please contact the Temple Office at 949-1659 if you'd like to sponsor a broadcast, be a speaker, or volunteer to help produce the weekly broadcast!

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“White Way” Radio Broadcast 43 YEARS AND COUNTING!

In 1975 during Rev. Ryoshin and Rev. Thomas Okano’s



Richard and Karen preparing for a White Way Broadcast.

tenure at Moiliili Hongwanji, a Saturday morning, 15 minutes English radio program, called “The White Way” was started on the Japanese radio station KOHO to propagate the teachings of Shinran Shonin throughout the radio listening community. Michio Morikubo served as kyodan president. Dr. David Chappell and Dr. Alfred Bloom of the University of Hawaii were our advisors and the first broadcast was made on April 5, 1975. For 8 years we used the Hawaii Betsuin’s recording facilities until 1983 when our own 3rd floor was remodeled and a new Sound Room was made and used till today.

Ofentimes it was a two-person operation (announcer and technician) spending close to an hour plus for this short program. After work, one of us would still need to drop the tape off at the radio station. Back then we used reel-to-reel tapes until 1984 when cassette tapes were requested instead. In early 1987 the program moved to KZOO radio station and shortened to 13 minutes. Since then our recording media has changed from cassettes to Compact Discs and today it is completely digitized. Instead of having to hand-carry our tapes to the radio

station, now located at the JCCH building on S. Beretania St., we are able to send it digitally via the internet email.

Another means of sharing the Dharma, began in April 21, 2012, when each week’s WW Radio dharma speaker was being posted on our website www.moiliilihongwanji.org Dharma talks are provided On-demand. You can listen to talks that you wish to hear again or may have missed, thanks to our speakers, webmaster and office staff.

We especially wish to thank the past and present resident ministers, office staff, sponsors and most importantly the



Library of White Way Broadcast Tapes

volunteers. For the past few years, we have had the help from these announcers and technicians: Susan Morishige, Sharen Uyeunten, Noriyo Morikubo, Cyndi Osajima, Ethel Shintaku and Patrick Komo. MHM Office Assistant Richard Oka has evolved from technician to announcer positions and recently Karen Murakami joined as an announcer. Please thank them when you see them. If you wish to assist the broadcast crew or join as a sponsor (\$75) for this 43 year old Public Service Broadcast of Moiliili Hongwanji, please contact the temple office.

Contributed by Donna Higashi

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On Sunday, April 15th, Dr. Jay Sakashita was the guest speaker for our Buddha Day or Hanamatsuri service. He's an instructor of religion at Leeward Community College. Rev. Tatsuo Muneto was the presiding minister while Rev. Toshiyuki Umitani was on vacation. Dr. Sakashita was presented with a "Peace Lei" (origami tsuru) made by Helen Hamasu, Mari Fukuya, Karen Kikukawa & Ann Nakata.



Taste of Hongwanji!



The efficient, hard working Annex crew led by bento making aficionado, Arlyne. (The "deep fry crew", Creighton, Pearline, Wally & Ann were hard at work downstairs.) They put together 159 chicken katsu bentos that were sold at Taste of Hongwanji and at our own MHM.



Ethel Aiko Oda was the lay speaker on March 25th. She spoke on her perspectives on the Hongwanji Theme for 2018, Embrace Change: Harmony (Accept Differences).



Dharma School Dharma Egg Coloring & Egg Hunt



Jayden & Christopher Lead the Dharma School Service