



The White Way

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INDRA'S NET OF JEWELS

I would like to begin my message by sharing a very famous metaphor in Buddhism called "Indra's Net of Jewels". Imagine that there is a net extending throughout the whole universe. And at each eye of the net, there is a jewel. Each jewel is unique in its shape, color, and luster. All the jewels are radiating their beautiful shining lights. The jewels cannot radiate by themselves. Only when they receive the light, jewels can illuminate. The illumination from one jewel affects other jewels, and make it possible for them to shine.

This metaphor teaches us that individuality can truly shine within the interdependent network of existence. As we examine our own lives through this metaphor, we are like those jewels of Indra's Net. Each of us is unique and whoever you are, what makes you as unique and what makes your jewel shine are the influences from others. It could be your parents, grandparents, teachers, relatives or friends. Some are tangible, and some are intangible. We are a product of many influences that create who we are, how we feel, and how we live. We need others for our well-being.

In Buddhism, we emphasize the Sangha. In the Sangha, we are made to become aware of the interrelations and interconnections that we share. Seeing ourselves as part of Indra's Net, each of us are an integral part of everything. Within this view, we are valuable and critical and have a place and responsibility to live to the best of our capacity. Coming to the temple and listening to the Dharma together as a Sangha reminds us that each of us are an integral part of Amida's Boundless Wisdom and Compassion that embraces us all equally.

I feel that this teaching of Interdependence is easy to say but very difficult to practice. Our ego or self-centeredness is so deeply grounded, and we fail to appreciate this truth of Interdependence. One of the well-known Japanese Buddhist terms is *Bonbu*. The original meaning of *Bonbu* is "a person who creates distance from others." Who creates distance between oneself and others? It is none other than myself. We assert this "I, me, my", "I worked hard", "This is a result of my work" kind of attitude we tend to create. I always place myself in the center, and forget about other people. I like people who are friendly and nice to me, and who are convenient to me. We tend to put those people around us. On the other hand, we place those who we dislike or are inconvenient to us far away from us. We show our compassion or kindness to our family and friends, but it is difficult to show the same amount of compassion to strangers. The more I assert this self-centeredness, the distance between myself and others gets bigger and bigger. Not to awaken to the warmth of Interdependence and see things selfishly is what we call *Bonbu*.

Buddhism teaches us to get out from this self-centered viewpoint and to have a bigger picture of the universe. It is said that an iceberg floats on the ocean with only one-seventh of it showing above the surface. The major portion -- six-sevenths of it -- is immersed in the ocean. That is, in order for a small portion of the

iceberg to be above water level, a major portion has to support it under water. Our life too, is like an iceberg. The direct causes for our existence are like the tip of the iceberg, and the unseen or indirect causes for our existence are like the hidden part of the iceberg. Because we cannot see the part immersed in the ocean, we are not aware of it and take it for granted. It is meaningful to realize that the major portion of our existence is dependent upon the indirect and unseen blessings which we are receiving.

I am not a perfect individual, I am not a perfect husband, and I am not a perfect father. However, such a person like myself is the primal target of Amida Buddha's Wisdom and Compassion. I owe tremendous debt of gratitude to the countless causes and conditions that enabled me to become "me".

The concept of Interdependence enables us to awaken to the warmth of life. Let us cherish this very day as a father, a mother, a husband, a wife, a child, and as an individual embraced by love, kindness, and compassion from others. In deepest appreciation and gratitude, let us dedicate ourselves so that all lives around us can also shine their precious lives.

Namo Amida Butsu.

Toshiyuki Umitani

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MHM PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



I remember a Dharma message that I heard as a child. I can't remember the minister, but I remember what he said. He reflected on going to the optician the previous week and had them change out his nose pads and adjust his glasses to fit his face. After the repair and adjustment, the reverend put the glasses back on and went home. Over the

next few days, the frames didn't feel quite right on his face. He tried bending the arms and even pulled out a pair of pliers to try adjusting how the nose pads rested on his face. He was suddenly struck with a moment of awakening while doing this.

The optician had adjusted the frame and examined how the lenses were centered on his eyes. He checked the arms of the glasses and made sure they were aligned and the curve by the earpieces held the glasses securely. In short, it was adjusted to give the optimal fit for the reverend.

The reverend's realization was that it wasn't the frames that needed to get adjusted for him, but he needed to adjust to the frames. Over time, that's exactly what he did. While it wasn't exactly the same as was before the adjustment, it was made so that he

could better use the glasses and see things more clearly. Over time, he found that it was better for him and he got used to it.

When we get used to the way things have been, we feel uncomfortable in adapting to a different way to do things. Over time, we find that we get more accustomed to the change and it becomes a natural part of who we are.

It's been about seven years since we moved our bon dance to the Varsity Theater parking lot and worked with our Moiliili community groups to put on the Summer Festival. Even on the non-festival night, we had a crowd of over 300 this year, even with the inclement weather. To imagine moving our bon dance back to the Moiliili Community Center parking lot is almost inconceivable.

We need to look at what we can do as a temple to be involved in the community and grow our Sangha and thus our temple through our activities. By working with others, we learn how the Dharma applies to our everyday lives. At Dr. Ken Tanaka's Summer Session, one of the things we learned was that "life is a bumpy road." This means that we may not always get our way and may have to compromise, or even yield to another person. Like a bumpy road though, it keeps going and eventually things swing the other way. Another fundamental point that he made was that life is essentially good. Let's keep our chins up, realize that everything is always changing, but we are all interdependent on each other to make it happen.

Thank you for all the things our temple members do for not only our temple, but for our community as well. If you would like to join our Sangha as a supporting member, please stop by the office and sign up.

In Gassho,
Raymond Takiue, Jr.

THE REAL MEANING OF OBOON

Many of the customs and traditions we associate with Obon, a Japanese Buddhist observance, are actually Chinese and Confucian in origin, which merged with Buddhist and native beliefs in Japan, then were imported into Hawaii with the great wave of Japanese immigration beginning 150 years ago.

The idea that the 'spirits' of our ancestors 'come back' to this world during the

Obon season is derived from the Chinese "Hungry Ghost Festival," which is very similar to *Dia de los Muertos* in Mexican culture or the original pagan conception of All Hallows' Eve or what we know today as Halloween.

The existence of so many rituals, ceremonies, and festivals across cultures underlines the human desire to remain connected to our departed loved ones. This deep need for connection with our departed loved ones is universal, compelling, and powerful — and unites us all as human beings.

Here in Hawaii, we have a 'mixed plate lunch' of traditions for Obon including putting up 'chōchin' lanterns to welcome the 'spirits' of our ancestors to this world; wearing *happi* coats or *yukata*; preparing mountains of food "just in case" to make offerings for hungry ghosts, and to sell as a fundraiser for the temple (it is also a good excuse not to dance); fun and festive activities like *Bon Odori* or *Bon Dancin'* in both traditional Japanese style and with modern dance moves unlike anything seen in Japan; the always exciting taiko drumming performances; and finally, the 'sending away' lights, like

the famous floating lantern festival in Honolulu, to guide the spirits back to their world.

All of these traditional practices are Chinese and Japanese in origin but have evolved into something new and unique in Hawaii.

For some, Obon is a religious observance. For others, Obon is a lot of hard work; for still others, it is simply great fun with friends Bon Dancin' the night away, talking story, and eating ono grinds.

Buddhists do not believe in an eternal soul, an unchanging essence that is "me," or an intrinsic 'self'. In fact, our ego attachment to the idea of a 'self' is the cause of unnecessary suffering in this life.

Thus Buddhists do not believe that spirits or ghosts of our ancestors literally come back to this world during Obon or any other time.

And yet in Japan, the traditional *Bon Mairi* service is observed by virtually all families in the summer.

In Japan, Obon is a time to return to one's hometown, invite a priest to come to the home and perform the *Bon Mairi* service in front of the family *Butsudan* and photographs, 'ihai' ancestor worship plaques or 'kakocho' death register books in honor of one's ancestors. There are often offerings of favorite foods, fruits, sweets, and even sake, whiskey, beer, and cigarettes, things that were loved by the departed during their time in this world.

As Jodo Shinshu Buddhists, we know without doubt that Amida's Great Compassion and Wisdom embraced our loved ones during their lives, assured them of birth into the Pure Land and Enlightenment, and



Obon Service speaker, Rev. Kerry Kiyohara, newly assigned minister at Makawao Hongwanji, and his wife Mimy.

their return to this world in Oneness with Amida Buddha as Great Compassion and Wisdom to help guide others on the path of Nembutsu, Namo Amida Butsu.

Jodo Shinshu rituals and ceremonies are performed for the people left behind, to create a formal occasion for people to come together, to remember, to reflect, to express gratitude, to truly hear the Dharma, so we may live the Teachings in our daily lives going forward.

— Contributed by Kerry Kiyohara

MAHALO FOR ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL MHM BON DANCE

Thank you to all of our committees and volunteers for putting on such a wonderful bon dance and Summer Festival this weekend! This was a year we overcame adversity, from the kitchen renovation problem



that we came up with a plan "b" and actually a plan "c" for, we pulled together as a temple and community member to overcome.

We had to make some executive decisions throughout this project, but in the end it all seemed to come together. There were some things we couldn't control, like the kitchen issue or the Friday night rain, but we did our best in making this event a success. For that, I thank you for your perseverance and resilience.

We partnered with other temple affiliated groups with members of the Oahu Jewish Ohana, AA, and Karate who participated in various events throughout the bon dance. These groups rent our temple for their activities. We also joined with other community service groups such as the Boy Scouts, and Jaycees who, with their dedication to "Do a good turn daily", proved that "Service to humanity is the best work of life." We also worked with our fellow temples who allowed us use of their kitchens when ours was not available. Thank you to Hawaii

Betsuin and the Shinshu Kyokai temples.

With hands together in gratitude.

- Raymond Takiue



On these hot summer days, water play Mondays are a wonderful way to cool down. The children enjoy the water tables and water toys and the sprinkler shower. They squeal with excitement and have half-an-hour of fun, watering the plants and each other, watering teacher's toes and stirring up some imaginary soup!

Tuesdays and Thursdays are swimming classes for the Leahi Swim School participants. A bus picks the children up at school and they have a great time in the pool learning how to swim.

They return to school, cool and refreshed!

Soccer Shots is on Wednesdays and the participating soccer players have fun learning basic soccer skills. They also learn to be a team player. The coaches are great and the children enjoy their time together.

Moiliili Hongwanji's Bon Dance and the Moiliili Summer Fest were a big hit the weekend of July 6 and 7, 2018. Many preschoolers turned out on opening night and danced the "Tankobushi". A wonderful time was had by everyone there!

The preschoolers were treated to a wonderful presentation by Carolyn Zane and friend Aaron on Wednesday, July 11. They brought their "pets" to school for a "Critters Encounter" presentation of forest animals. The children and staff were amazed to see a variety of reptiles and insects – a salamander, Jackson chameleons, box turtles, a tortoise, a bullfrog, poison dart frogs, centipedes, koa bugs, walking sticks, snails and a scorpion. It was nice of them to share their very interesting collection with us!



Preschool students enjoy their Critter Encounter.

The last day of the 2017-2018 school year is around the corner and we will be celebrating with a "Summer Fun Day Finale" on Wednesday, July 18. We are having a morning of fun and games and a pizza lunch for the children, a treat from Ms. Wendy. There will be a donut-eating contest, a balloon toss, fish pond and relay races for all to enjoy!

We wish all the graduates leaving for Kindergarten the very best.... we will miss you! Mahalo to the children and their parents for a wonderful school year! The preschool will be on a summer break July 23-27. Staff will return to school on July 30-31 and the children will begin school on August 1, 2018. We look forward to a new and exciting school year!

— Contributed by Jan Kuniyuki



Rev. Fujitani and Mrs. Bloome compete in the Nationality Costume Contest



PROJECT DANA NEWS

SENIORS LIKE TO HAVE FUN!



A winning balloon sculpture!

Project Dana elders, site leaders, and volunteers joined other senior groups as they were invited to the 5th annual Senior Prom sponsored by the Lokahi Project Students of McKinley High School, in the beautiful spacious hall at Kalihi Union Church on Saturday June 2.

Some seniors arrived in wheelchairs, walkers, and canes. The goal of this project for the students was to help eliminate loneliness and isolation some elders experience.

PD Advisory Council Chair, Martha Samson, other council members, and PD Executive Director Cyndi Osajima were not the only (younger) ones enjoying themselves as witnessed by the photos and comments by our seniors. Ethel S. said *"I had a grand time—good food, lots of activities to keep us seniors busy. Our table's balloon game almost won but we were eliminated during the final jan ken po part."* while Karen K. shared *"It was nice to have all the high schoolers attending to us. The food was delicious and conversation with the*



Ethel can Boogie Down!!

young ones interesting. There was quite a diversity in nationalities. We even had table decorations that read “love” in Korean written by the students.” Yoshiaki F. reminisced of the days long ago when he would be dancing the night away with his lively partner. Jackie T. said “I got to dance the fun dances”.

One or two students were assigned to each table and served delicious lunches to all who were seated. It was such a luxury to be served and this made the seniors feel so special. The seniors had the opportunity to talk with the students, learned and shared experiences while they were in high school. Project Dana had several McKinley High School alumni who were so proud that the Lokahi Project Students planned this program. We thank the Lokahi Project Students of McKinley High School for the many prizes and companionship. They truly do keep us young, smiling, and laughing. All would agree that the students achieved the goal of helping to lessen any loneliness and isolation elders might feel in a day.



Project Dana Values in Action

“While Dana is a Buddhist term, it is also universal, expressing a wish common to all religions and faiths that

each of us, in however modest a way, may be able—without discrimination or distinction—to help ease the pain of others and bring some measure of inner peace and happiness into their lives.”

— Shimegi Kanazawa, Project Dana Founder

Project Dana and our volunteers are inclusive.

We demonstrate this value when we:

- Welcome everyone, regardless of faith, culture, or circumstance, striving to serve them in ways that are comfortable and appropriate to them.
- Meet people where they are at and embrace them as they are.
- Respect people's boundaries and their right to self-determination.
- Connect people to other resources when we can't meet their needs.

- Collaborate with others, respecting everyone's contributions and limitations.
- Advocate for those who can't advocate for themselves, working to create a level playing field so people of all abilities feel included.

BUDDHIST WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION NEWS—JULY/AUGUST

Thank you to BWA members and friends for your help with the temple Bon Dance and Moiliili Summer Fest on July 6 and 7, and Bon Mairi, Hatsubon and Moiliili Cemetery services on July 13, 14, and 15. Your helping hands are deeply appreciated! A special thank

you is extended to the Hawaii Betsuin for its very gracious kokua in allowing us to use its kitchen while our kitchen is undergoing renovation.



The Kobe Women's University young ladies helped with the spam musubi crew at the Betsuin.

Two exchange students from Japan, Fuuka Sasaki from Shimane and Miwa Kakoi from Kagoshima came for a 1 week visit that included the islands of Kauai, Oahu and the Big Island. Hosted by the BWAs of the 3 islands, they were able to visit tem-



Honolulu United BWA members and exchange students at Moiliili Hongwanji party.

ples as well as take in the sights on each of the islands. On August 15th, Honolulu United BWA hosted the girls at Moiliili Hongwanji. It was a fun gathering that included making plumeria wristlets and learning a simple hula and the sign language rendition of our shokuzen (before meal) thanksgiving song to the tune of Edelweiss.

Hawaii alternately hosts two representatives in this annual exchange program which is open to Jodo Shin young women ages 19-23. Applications for next year's exchange program to Japan are due on Octo-



Exchange students Fuuka Sasaki and Miwa Kakoi
(in leis) with our future BWA members!

ber 31, and eligible young women are encouraged to apply.

The BWA State Conference was held Saturday, September 1, to Monday, September 3, at the Ala Moana Hotel as part of the Honpa Hongwanji Joint Conference. Mahalo to the Moiliili Kyodan for using some of the proceeds from the Taste of Hongwanji Fundraisers to subsidize the registration fees for temple members attending the Joint Conference.

The BWA World Convention will be held in San Francisco next year from August 30 to September 1, 2019. If you have any questions about this conference, please contact Donna Higashi.

Please see the separate article in this newsletter on the fundraising effort for the establishment of an Eshinni-Kakushinni Endowed Chair at the Institute of Buddhist Studies in Berkeley. Thank you to members of the BWA and the Moiliili Hongwanji Sangha

for your generosity in exceeding our goal.

Please mark your calendars for our next BWA meeting on Sunday, September 23, at 10:45 a.m. The Nominating Committee's report for 2019 will be presented.

- Contributed by Jeanne Watari

MAHALO BWA LADIES!

In Elizabeth Barrett Browning's words, "How do I love thee? Let me count the ways"...and I don't have enough fingers!

Ladies, thank you for always being so generous and supportive and heeding to the "cry for donations" for Obon. You all brought in a little over 100 cans of spam and generously gave cash donations that helped pay for nori, rice and treats for bon mairi. I am always so touched by your immediate responses for help and support. My heartfelt appreciation to all of you for not only the donations, but your always energizing spirit and helping hands. BBQ stringing this year was done in record time-3 ½ hours! We made 800 spam musubi for 2 bon dance nights and sold out like last year.

With hands in gassho, Lois



BWA Ladies and helpers making spam
musubi at the Betsuin

FATHER'S DAY MEXICAN BRUNCH & SIESTA



Dharma School students were a fun part of the Father's Day festivities too!

Thank you to Arlyne Takiue for planning Moiliili Hongwanji's brunch on Fathers' Day. This year, we went south of the border with a taco, burrito and nachos bar and all the condiments. Frittata (omelet with spinach), bacon and tequila-lime chicken wings, Spanish rice, lime rice, lots of fruits and desserts! Tapioca, bread pudding, cheesecake, chocolate cake and custard flan. Muchas gracias to all the senioritas for bringing the food for this fabulous fiesta!



Happy Strummers entertained everyone for Father's Day

The colorful tissue paper flowers were made by the Dharma School students added to this festive day! During the earlier morning service, the Happy Strummers played the song, "F-A-T-H-E-R" and "He's a Jolly Good Fellow". Accompanying them on ukulele were the Dharma School students dressed with serape (shawl), sombreros and mustaches! They looked hilarious and had lots fun.

The photos of members' dads were hung on our backdrop wall. Many took photos alongside their father's picture. We hope all the fathers had a wonderful day!!



Cynthia Ogasawara shows off her Dad's photo.

OBON SERVICE AT MOILIILI JAPANESE CEMETERY

On Sunday, August 15th, Rev. Toshiyuki Umitani presided at an Obon Service at the Moiliili Japanese Cemetery at 4 pm.

Laura Ruby, who heads the cemetery's beautification project, lead a tour of the cemetery earlier. One hundred ten years old, Moiliili Cemetery has been beautifully restored because of the efforts of Laura and many community volunteers and donors who have supported her efforts. Moiliili Hongwanji members



Rev. Umitani officiated at this special service recognizing the Gannenmono.

(June Matsumoto, Jean Sato & Karen Murakami) cleaned the Memorial Commemorating the Arrival of Japanese Immigrants.



Katsumi Takemoto

For the service, Katsumi Takemoto played a beautiful shakuhachi piece and Les Goto from the Japanese Cultural Center of Hawaii spoke on Gannen-mono, the 150th

year commemoration of the arrival of the first Japanese immigrants to Hawaii.

Following this special service, everyone was invited to Moiliili Hongwanji for a Japanese dinner.

Everyone sang "Wakareno Isochidori" in honor of the late composer Francis Zanamì, whose haka is at the cemetery. The evening ended with a mini bon dance, "Tanko Bushi".

— Contributed by Ann Nakata and Lois Ohta

MHM BYLAWS REVISION

Did you know that the Moiliili Hongwanji Mission By-laws were last revised in February, 2003?

The By-laws Committee invites Moiliili Hongwanji Mission members to get involved in making revisions to the By-laws to fit the changing times. Please see or contact Ms. Emma Kie, in the Temple office, for a hard or electronic copy of the By-laws. After reviewing the existing By-laws, please send your observations, questions, and/or recommendations in writing, to Nancy Shimamoto, Committee Chair.

The By-laws Committee plans on making the revisions and presenting the Draft of 2019 Revised By-laws to the MHM Board at their November 2018 meeting; following input from the Board, the Revised By-laws will be voted on for final approval at the Annual Membership Meeting in February 2019.

— Contributed by Ethel Oda

HAPPI COAT SALES

In 2014 we sold 9 of the 15 children and 20 of the 24 adult happi that temple members & friends sewed. Although we did not do as well as last year, this year we doubled the profit from that first year. It has been fun and exciting to see this project grow to the 69 children and 20 adult happi we had for sale this year. This is the result of many people's loving thoughts and actions, from Anne's & Noriyo's enthusiasm that first year to the many hours of sewing. Thank you to Dorothy Colby, Mari Fukuya, Nancie Haranaka, Pat Holmes, Anne Kawabata, Emma Kie, Karen Kikukawa, Mimy Kiyohara, Susan Morishige, Lorraine Mow, Joey Nakamura, Mrs. Oh Young, Shirley Renard, Judy Suzurikawa, Iris Uehisa, Edna Wada, Adele Yamada, Cheryl Yasunaga, Shayna Yasunaga, and Marge Yuen who, over the years, have sewed happi, some of them sewing almost 10 happi in a season. If I missed anyone, please know that your contributions are appreciated.

Although it has been fun, the stash of happi fabric has been exhausted and I will not be continuing next year. The paper patterns and sewing instructions are available to whoever would like to continue. A very special thank you to Noriyo Morikubo who, besides helping with the sewing, serged every single cut piece making for easier sewing and for a clean finished look.

I thoroughly enjoyed this project. Thank you!

— Contributed by Ruth Takemoto

NEW WHITE WAY PUBLICATION SCHEDULE

Publish Date	Deadline for Articles
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March 15, 2019	February 28, 2019
May 15, 2019	April 30, 2019
July 15, 2019	June 30, 2019

With Heartfelt Sympathy

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

Mildred Matsue Shindo, 90, on May 3 *
Sumie Hamamoto, 93, on June 2 *
Masuko Murata, 100, on May 30 *

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

(* Indicates Temple Sustaining Gojikai Member)



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Elaine Miyamoto

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FACING YOUR FUTURE HEALTHCARE

Moiliili Hongwanji Project Dana committee is working closely with presenters from Kokua Mau to offer a free two hour session on facing and understanding your own future healthcare. Kokua Mau is a community organization dedicated to helping people deal with End of Life issues.

The workshop will be held on October 14, 2018 after the Regular Sunday service from 11:00am - 1:00pm at the temple hall. It is open to MHM members and friends of all ages (primarily elders or possibly those with a chronic illness), Project Dana volunteers and Project Dana Site Coordinators.

This session will focus primarily on the Advanced Health Care Directive and Providers Orders for Life Sustaining Treatment (POLST). This is an important topic, so please don't miss it. For more information and registration, please contact the temple office at 949-1659 by Oct. 12. (Donna Higashi, MHM Project Dana site coordinator)

honor Eshinni and her daughter Kakushinni. An Eshinni-Kakushinni Endowed Chair will be established at the Institute of Buddhist Studies in Berkeley. There will be a worldwide campaign to raise a \$3 million endowment. The interest from this endowment will be used to hire a professor at IBS. This position will honor the impact which Eshinni and Kakushin-ni had on the establishment of the Hongwanji and will train future ministers who will promote the vision and passion of these two women.

A donation of \$300 (30 people giving \$10 each) from every temple around the world will make this dream a reality. BWA Presidents and temple presidents will be asking for donations at your temples. We hope that everyone will join in this opportunity to honor Eshinni-sama during this year of her 750th Memorial and to spread the Dharma for future generations."

Moiliili Hongwanji's final donation count was \$1,445 or more than 400% of our GOAL. Fantastic! This will be transmitted to the Hawaii Federation of BWAs to pass to BCA. Our deepest thanks goes to the many Moiliili Kyodan members, including our Sunday Service goers, who understood the importance of spreading the Buddha Dharma by establishing this educational position. The final deadline is December 31, 2018 so if any further donations are collected (check payable to Moiliili Hongwanji BWA), it too will be transmitted properly.

-Contributed by Donna Higashi



WE REACHED OUR GOAL!

Eshin-ni and Kakushin-ni Endowment Chair

During the month of June, the Moiliili Hongwanji BWA spearheaded a fundraiser to raise at least \$300 for the following purpose as shared by Bishop Eric Matsumoto as he and HFBWA President Lois Toyama met in Kyoto Japan with other World BWA leaders. He stated:

"At the World Federation BWA meeting which was held in conjunction with the Eshinni 750th Memorial services, representatives voted on a resolution to

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MOILIILI HONGWANJI CALENDAR OF EVENTS

September 2018

- 23** 9:00AM Sunday Ohigan Service—
Rev. Kojun Hashimoto
- 30** 9:00AM *Sunday Service Cancelled*
10:00AM Choralfest at Honpa Hongwanji
Hawaii Betsuin

October 2018

- 7** 9:00AM Sunday Remembrance Service—
Rev. Umitani
- 8** *Preschool Closed for Discoverer's Day*
- 14** 9:00AM Sunday Service—Minister's Lay As-
sistant Trainees
11:00AM-1:00PM—Kokua Mau Endo of Life
Presentation in MHM Hondo
- 20** 8:30AM-12:30PM Fall Seminar—Dr. Michael
Cheang—"Moving from Clarifying our Val-
ues to Action: Examples of a Purposeful Life"
Cost—\$15 includes light lunch
- 21** 9:00AM Sunday Service
- 28** 9:00AM Sunday Service—Ernie Morikubo

November 2018

- 4** 9:00AM—10:00AM BWA Hoonko Service—
Rev. Yuoka Hasebe
- 11** 9:00AM Sunday Remembrance Service
- 12** *Office & Preschool Closed for Veterans Day*
- 18** 9:00AM Eitaikyo Service—Rev. Jeffrey Soga
- 22-** Office and Preschool Closed for Thanksgiving
23 Holiday
- 25** 9:00AM *Sunday Service Cancelled*
9:00AM Temple Clean Up



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 |
| 2nd/4th 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:

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



WELCOME BACK MICH

The Happy Strummers welcomed their leader, Michi Motooka, to her first ukulele practice since her accidental fall. After a couple of months of rehab, she came to the temple and taught the song, "My Yellow Ginger Lei". They were all so happy to see her and wished her lots of cheer with a card!



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.

August 2018

- 4 Dr. George Tanabe / The Yoshimura Family
- 11 Rev. Jan Youth / Mrs. Michie Hamao
- 18 Mr. Alan Goto / Mrs. Jo DesMarets
- 25 Ms. Charlene Kihara / The Morikubo Family

September 2018

- 1 Rev. Bryan Siebuhr / Mr. Alan Yokota
- 8 Rev. Shawn Yagi / The Kanazawa Family
- 22 Rev. Mrs. Juliet Lee / The Hirai Family
- 29 Rev. Kerry Kiyohara / The Miyasaki Family

October 2018

- 6 Rev. Shingo Furusawa/ Mrs. Thelma Ando
- 13 Dr. Jay Sakashita / Mrs. Edith Noriko Horii
- 20 Rev. Tomo Hojo / Mr. Chris Kanazawa
- 27 Rev. Daido Baba / Mrs. Martha Samson

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!



CELEBRATING SPECIAL BIRTHDAYS AT MHM

Rev. Toshiyuki Umitani

The Moiliili Hongwanji ohana helped Rev. Toshiyuki Umitani celebrate his birthday during service refreshments. A special "Rainbow Cake" was ordered, a blue "Peace lei" with origami tsuru was presented & the Dharma school students had fun popping a balloon lion that sounded like firecrackers! Everyone enjoyed a piece of a layered cake (guava, haupia & lilikoi flavors) & ice cream.

Happy Birthday, sensei!

Pictured: Rev. & Mrs. Umitani, daughter Miho. (daughter Naho was on the Big Island attending a Jr YBA conference)



Rose Nakamura

At the August MHM Board Meeting, board members surprised Rose with a 90th Birthday celebration. Rose was presented with a birthday lei and everyone enjoyed the Birthday Cake.



Itsuko Takamura

103 Years Young!

The Quilter's Group celebrated Itsuko Takamura's 103rd birthday! Daughter Ruby Saito treated everyone to a vegetarian bento or sukiyaki donburi. Ebelyn Noguchi made a jello cheese-cake.

We wish her many more birthdays!



2018 BON DANCE

When our Sangha is faced with challenges, we pull together and rise to the occasion. Our 2018 Bon Dance on July 6 & 7 had a huge issue—our kitchen was out of commission due to renovations. However, after brainstorming calls were made to various churches and agencies to see what could be worked out, the use of Hawaii Bestuin and Shinshu Kyokai kitchens were able to meet our needs. We are so grateful that they were able to accommodate all of our storing of food, prepping and cooking needs. We all worked together and each chairperson was able to get their volunteers to help make everything fall into place. This year's BBQ meat stringing of about 225 lbs. of meat was completed with 46 volunteers in record time just under 4 hours!!! Despite the rain on both nights, the community came out and ate Spam Musubis, Shoyu Pork bowls, Takoyaki, Chicken Karaage bowls, Teriyaki Burgers, BBQ sticks, saimin, mochi and a variety of beverages. We just about sold out on most of the food items. Thank again to all of the members of the sangha, all of the volunteers from various community organizations, Hawaii Betsuin and Shinshu Kyokai and the community for helping to make Moiliili Hongwanji Mission's Bon Dance a huge success. We hope to see everyone again next year!!!

