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2 9:00am Family Dharma Service

9 9:00am Joint Memorial & Family Dharma Service

9 10:15am BWA Meeting

16 9:00am Family Dharma Service

23 9:00am Family Dharma Service

29 8:00am Yagura Workday

30 9:00am Family Dharma Service
(Guest Speaker: Amy Nakamura)

6 9:00am Family Dharma Service

13 9:00am Joint Memorial & Obon Family Dharma Service

13 10:15am BWA Meeting

18 8:00am Bon Dance Set Up & Decorate

18-19 5:30 pm BON DANCE

20 8:00am Clean Up Day (No Service)

27 9:00am Family Dharma Service & Dharma School Rally Day

Minister's Message

Sumimasen Pinay Kaba?

It was noted by Rev. Hoshu Matsubayashi that it was felt that Jōdo Shinshū was considered to be, “pessimistic and difficult to propagate” being that Jōdo Shinshū had a unique “Japanese Characteristic.”

As I look back to my recent trip to Japan, for the double celebration service and world convention, it was easy to see, that while it may seem true, that there is that unique “Japanese Characteristic”, Jōdo Shinshū has become a religion on a global perspective. When you consider it, what IS a “Japanese Characteristic” now days? Japan has evolved with the modern times, if not exceeding it, with all the of technology, but has also adapted and accepted the Western World.

On one of the stops, we made on our tour, was to an onsen in Ibusuki. We all gathered in the lobby to hear one of the front desk agents explain to us the features of the hotel and where everything was. As I listened, I was thinking in my head, “That doesn’t sound like English with a Japanese Accent.” The more I listened, the more I was curious.



As everyone dispersed to their rooms, I went up to her and asked “Sumimasen Pinay Kaba?” meaning “Excuse me, are you Filipino?” She started to tear. I thought I was in trouble. “It’s been such a long time since someone has spoken to me in Filipino!” she mentioned, and she tried to regain her composure. To lighten up the conversation, I mentioned “So wait, you can speak Filipino, English, AND Japanese?” She started to laugh, and nodded, “You speak better English than me!”, I said. “Oh no sir, you speak better than me!” she replied.

To me, this experience is that of the Jōdo Shinshū Teachings and its acceptance in the world. The Teaching of always being embraced in Infinite Wisdom and Incomprehensible Compassion despite our foolish nature, has transcended a history of 800 years, not only in Japan, but all over this world, as evident to the many countries that were represented at the service and at the world convention. It is due to the fact, that though the Teachings are over 800 years old, it remains true and has remained relevant throughout the generations that it has touched, no matter where in the world we are.

Japan has changed so much, and that “Japanese Characteristic” has changed so much with it. It is an easy misunderstanding (perhaps the foolish nature ingrained in us) to think that we are at a Japanese onsen, so there will be Japanese workers there, could be said, but now the international community is represented in this “Japanese Characteristic”, adding their own “aji” or taste, to that characteristic, while trying to maintain the onsen experience, that so many Japanese and other nationalities venture to, to experience.

We too, need to add in our own “aji” to the Jōdo Shinshū Experience, so that we can make sure it remains relevant, and available to our future generations.



Rev. David Fujimoto

President's Corner

Greetings Mililani Sangha,

Good to be back at temple enjoying the summer activities. We are in the midst of the Bon Dance season. Please support our sister temples and enjoy the festivities. Don't forget our own Bon Dance on August 18 and 19. Details on how you can help elsewhere in this issue of the Dharma Connection. Thanks to Cliff and Stan who are heading the planning committee this year.

Also coming up is the installation of our new Bishop Elect Toshiyuki Umitani in August and the State Lay Convention in September. These events are open to all sangha members so keep your eyes and ears open for registration information.

Let's support our community partners in special events marking the 50th Anniversary of Mililani High School in 2023 and the Senior Fair in September. They support our programs and Mililani Hongwanji will be at the MTA Senior Fair at Rec Center V. Look for details soon.

Welcome to Ann Ishikawa who was approved by the Board of Directors as a director of Mililani Hongwanji for the remainder of 2023 and also as an auditor. Let the Board members know how they are doing. What else can we do to improve things at Mililani Hongwanji?



June Asato

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DIVERSITY & ACCEPTANCE IN BUDDHA'S VOW

NEMBUTSU SEMINAR

SATURDAY, AUGUST 12 - 9:00 - 11:30 AM (HST)

BUDDHIST STUDY CENTER IN-PERSON
OR VIA ZOOM



REV. KO'E A. UMEZU
WEST LOS ANGELES
BUDDHIST TEMPLE



SEMINAR DESCRIPTION

Join us to reflect on what diversity and acceptance means within The Fundamental Vow of Amida Buddha (Hon-gan). The seminar will feature a screening of "A Profound Silence" which was produced by Gardena Buddhist Church Ichi-Mi, followed by a group discussion.

AGENDA:

- 9:00am Welcome/Opening by emcee (5 min)
- 9:05-9:50am Rev. Umezu's presentation/Ichi-Mi project and video (45 min)
- 9:50-10:20am Video: "A Profound Silence" (30 min)
- 10:20-10:30am Break (10 min)
- 10:30-11:00am Breakout Group Discussion (30 min)
- 11:00-11:25am Q&A and "Breakout Group lead share group's discussion highlight (25 min)
- 11:25am Closing/Mahalo (5 min)
- 11:30am Seminar concludes

REV. KO'E A. UMEZU

Rev. Ko'e A. Umezu is an assistant minister and Community Outreach Coordinator at the West Los Angeles Buddhist Temple. She currently resides in Torrance, CA, with her spouse, Marie Miyashiro. Rev. Umezu and Marie are co-presidents of Ichi-Mi, an organization of Jōdo Shinshū Buddhists dedicated to providing a safe space for LGBTQ+ identifying people within the Sangha, their family members, and allies, in order to create conditions for everyone to safely hear the Nembutsu teaching.

DONATIONS ARE WELCOME!

Donations will be given to the **Ichi-Mi Project**. Check payable to **Gardena Buddhist Church** (include Ichi-Mi project in memo line) and mail to: Gardena Buddhist Church
1517 W. 166th St, Gardena, CA 90247



QUESTIONS? CALL MILILANI HONGWANJI OFFICE (808) 625-0925

REGISTRATION IS FREE! / REGISTRATION DEADLINE: SATURDAY, AUGUST 5

Online Registration Link | <https://forms.gle/N9nCqL14xpviooUf8>

OR Fill out the form below

NAME: _____ TEMPLE/AFFILIATION: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____ PHONE (MOBILE): _____

I WILL ATTEND ☐ IN - PERSON ☐ ONLINE VIA ZOOM

HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT THIS SEMINAR? MY TEMPLE (EMAIL OR NEWSLETTER) /
TEMPLE OR OTHER WEBSITE / SOCIAL MEDIA / OTHER

CIRCLE ONE ABOVE OR IF OTHER, PLEASE INDICATE HERE: _____

MAIL TO: MILILANI HONGWANJI,

ATTN: NEMBUTSU SEMINAR, P.O. BOX 893308, MILILANI, HI 96789

Keirokai 2023



The Keirokai committee is making an early call for members of Mililani Hongwanji who will be 80

years of age during this 2023 calendar year. We would like to recognize these individuals for their hard work and contributions to our community.

The Keirokai Recognition Program will be held on Sunday, November 5, 2023, where we celebrate, honor, and show our gratitude to our Keirosha honorees.

If you know of a member who has reached or will be 80 years old this year, please contact Reverend David Fujimoto, by phone at (808)625-0925 or email: dfujimoto@honpahi.org

Summary of June 14, 2023 Kyodan Board Meeting

- The Mililani Hongwanji Board of Directors met via ZOOM with a quorum. President June Asato presided.
- Treasurer's Report: Dennis Oshita went over the income and expense reports, explained various amounts that seem unusual, and identified non-operating cost items. Will need to check on martial arts dues payment. Cost for the roof repairs to the Ed Building still pending reimbursement from our insurance carrier.
- Minister's Report: Attended summer seminar with Bishop Marvin Harada and Rev. Shoukei Matsumoto. Topic included how to be relevant in today's society. Also attended BSC seminar and the Oahu/Honolulu Nembutsu Seminar. Topics included looking at social issues through the lens of the Teachings rather than personal feelings. Also diversity and acceptance in Buddha's Vow. Mililani was selected as a pilot temple for LGBTQ+ support.
- President's Report: June reported that ADC will provide transportation for clients. Bishop Matsumoto Aloha Luncheon will be on July 8th, let June know if you are interested. New Bishop Umitani installation will be on August 5th. State Lay Convention will be in Kona on September 8-10, 2023, attendance is encouraged. We will participate in the Senior Fair on September 9, Rec 5. Eric Nonaka has been appointed head of Aikido for the State of Hawaii.
- Facilities: Temple AEDs maintenance reviewed and supplies replenished. Accordion door was installed in the columbarium. Fire alarm system being reviewed and recommendation forthcoming. Security system being expanded. (Dean Sakamoto)
- Operations: Kevin Asato will chair Nominations Committee, members are Arynn Ishikawa, Kathy Nakamoto, Dennis Oshita, and Cliff Togo. Kevin is updating Columbarium operating procedures.
- Religious Activities & Programs: Keirokai planning being initiated (Claire Doi). Dharma School Rally Day on August 27th (Ann Ishikawa).
- BWA: Members shared their Japan experience, asking for support and participation in this year's obon. Ann Ishikawa will be helping Dharma School's Rally Day on August 27, volunteers are welcome with various food stations.
- Jr. YBA: Jr. YBA Oahu District will be hosting the Statewide Convention on June 23-25. Attendance is expected to be 35-40.
- Bon Dance: (Cliff) Various committees are progressing well and will be having a general meeting on August 2, 7:00 to tie up any loose ends. Donations to Silent Auction and Country Store are welcome. No facilities use during the week of Bon.
- Approved Actions: To allow Charijean Watanabe to solicit donations for the 2023 Bon Dance Silent Auction. Brandon Hee to purchase and replace PA system for Bon Dance. Appointed Ann Ishikawa as a 2023 Board of Director and serve as an Auditor. Amend rental capacity for Education Building from 200 to 125.
- Next Board ZOOM meeting on July 12, 7:00 pm.



BWA News

Greetings to all! Now that summer is in full swing, please ask yourself how you can contribute your time and energy toward helping with O-Bon. For it to be successful requires everyone to help, so please volunteer by helping either with the setup of the yagura on July 29, making goodies for the Country Store, and doing some serious shopping at the craft site, silent auction, and, of course, the Country Store. Food trucks will be present on Friday and Saturday nights, so you can experience a variety of culinary delights. On Friday night, there may be mini bentos or makizushi for sale. In addition, the Judo Club will sell food items on Saturday night. Please support them all.

Our nominating chair, Theo Hirai, asked everyone to consider taking on a position as officer, and say "yes" when asked. We need to continue the long-standing success of the BWA. Our President, Diane Yoza, said it's time to look for a new President, as she has been at the helm for 7 years.

BWA members who went on the Kyoto trip in May shared some of their memorable moments: Joyce Fujimoto mentioned going to the Okinawa Peace Monument that honored those who died during the conflict there in WWII. Rev. Fujimoto chanted the Sanbujo, which echoed throughout the park, causing some to cry, as they were touched by hearing the chanting. June Asato shared many memories, but was quite taken when, an hour upon arriving at the venue, Mrs. Murakami, whose husband is a good friend of Rev. Kojun Suehira from Senkouji, was asked to find June from Mililani so that she could present her with items made by members of their BWA. In the midst of 2,000+ attendees, she found June. Senkouji BWA is Mililani's sister BWA.



Lani Yamami found it unbelievable that a large tourist bus could drive on the sandy beach at Chirihama without once getting stuck in the sand. This is due to the tiny grains of sand that compacts the surface tightly. Janice Yasunaga wrote that the best part of the service was the singing of Ondokusan in unison by everyone from all parts of the world. Joyce Ogawa cited details of the BWA Convention and described the workshops, flower arrangement performance, panel discussions, and meeting the many BWA members from Japan, the Mainland, Canada and Brazil. They all agreed that the service at the Honzan was very special. Being with hundreds of other people in the historical building, hearing the chanting by 20 or so ministers, the welcome message by Lady Ohtani, the gagaku players, and the impressive altar, all contributed to an experience that will not be forgotten.

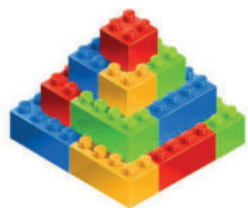




Dharma School

We hope you all are enjoying your summer break—traveling, going to the beach, or just taking it easy!

We had a blast at our Dharma School Year-End Celebration at the Mililani Fun Factory on May 28th! First, we started with our student recognition at the end of service and also gave out the awards to our students who placed in the Oahu District Poster Contest. Don't forget to look for the winning posters to be displayed at all the Oahu District Bon Dances this summer. Please see the photos of our last day fun and activities. Our



first ever Lego Challenge happened on June 25th. Please check out the photos in next month's newsletter. And make your plans to attend our 2nd Annual Youth Bon Dance Practice/Class on July 30th. Also, mark your calendars for our Dharma School Rally Day "Food Festival" on Sunday, August 27th! You won't want to miss it. Be on the lookout for more details soon.

If you know a student (preschool to high school), in Mililani, Hawaii, or even on the mainland, who would like to join in on our next school year beginning at the end of August, please contact Claire Doi at clairedoi@hawaiiantel.net to be added to our email list to get our meeting agendas. Or please feel to contact us if you have any questions or need more info about our Dharma School sessions.



MILILANI HONGWANJI DHARMA SCHOOL 2023 Summer Adventure Program

Sunday, July 30th: Youth BON DANCE Practice/Class

10:30 – 11:30 am

Led by our Obon dance instructors Myra Fujino and Sharon Kaneko

Put on your hapi coats or yukata (optional)

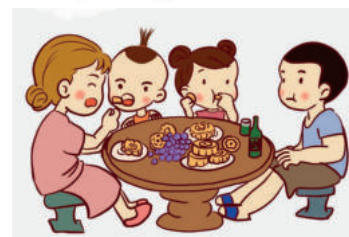
Bring your cousins and friends to learn dances for Obon

Save the Date...

Sunday, August 27th, 10am

Dharma School Rally Day Food Festival!!!

Stay tuned for more details to come





Jr. YBA Happenings



Congratulations to Chad Okawa and Ty Wakahiro on their graduations! Chad graduated from PBA and spoke as the class Valedictorian. Ty graduated from Mililani HS and was one of 98 Valedictorians. Both new graduates had very nice baccalaureate services and graduation ceremonies.



We have been busy planning for the 66th Jr. YBA State Convention which was on June 23-25. The theme was "Sangha: Our Interdepend-

ent Environment" inspired by Avatar: The Last Airbender. Our focus with planning activities has been on sustainability and connection with the environment and how we can be better stewards to protect the 'aina. Our workshops included visiting Ka Papa Lo'i Kānewai at UH Manoa and learning to play taiko.



Each convention attendee also received a themed t-shirt and a reusable utensil set that includes a metal fork, spoon, knife and chopsticks. We hope this will encourage people to carry their own utensils rather than get throw-away single use kind when they are out and about. We will be selling these sets at Mililani's bon dance so come visit the Jr. YBA at our beverage booth!



Thank you to everyone who made an ad donation for our convention booklet or donated money toward our convention. We truly appreciate the support and your generous contributions and you will receive a copy of the convention book to share with your temple!

In addition to convention planning, we have been staying quite busy. In March, the United went to visit the Jewish Temple Emanu-El for an interfaith activity. The juniors had a really nice time attending their service and having food and fellowship afterwards. In April we did a joint social activity with the Honolulu United. We went ice skating at Ice Palace where we spend the afternoon skating, eating, and spending time together. Several of us attended the LGBTQIA+ Seminar that was held on April 22.



Chad was one of the panel speakers and he also was interviewed for an article in the Honolulu Herald. <https://www.thehawaiiherald.com/2023/05/05/rainbow-connections-interview-with-chihiro-okawa/>

We also had our Spring Federation meeting, held virtually, and encouraged participation in convention. In May, we had another interfaith activity and visited Muslim Mosque in Manoa and got the opportunity to sit with the Imam and learn about their faith and services. We didn't get to experience a service but the juniors asked a lot of questions and it was nice to learn about another faith.

We have also increased our membership this year from 2 to 10 juniors with a couple younger students starting to get involved to join for the next year. We are really excited for our United to grow and continue to do activities that they can be excited about.

Lastly, we will be attending as many district bon dances as we can both to experience the bon dance and volunteer to help as needed.



ADOPT A HIGHWAY

A big MAHALO to the volunteers who helped with the second quarter 2023 Adopt-A-Highway clean-up held on Saturday, May 27th. The trash was no match for our fabulous crew of regulars—Arynn I, Brandon H, Lester O, Mel H, Miles U, Stan S, Stephen C and Stephen K. And thanks and welcome to first-timers, Brian and Doris F and John I. And lastly, thank you Ann I for the yummy butter mochi dessert.

Mark your calendars—the 3rd quarter clean-up is scheduled for **Saturday, August 26, 2023, 8am.**

Anyone 12 years of age and older are welcome to participate! Please arrive at the temple by 8:00 a.m. Please wear covered shoes. Trash bags, gloves, and safety vests will be provided. There will be brief safety review and areas to clean will be assigned. Our temple is assigned to clean the portion of Kamehameha Highway that runs through Mililani.

The clean-up usually runs for about an hour. Upon return to the temple, water, coffee, and breakfast sandwiches will be provided.

This program is a great opportunity to help beautify our community and spent a Saturday morning with members of our Sangha. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at tylerkoshiro@gmail.com.

In Gassho, Tyler Oshiro, Coordinator



Mililani Hongwanji - taking care of the community we live in.

July Memorials

Those who have passed during the month.

Ricky Chinen
April Doi
Kodo Fujitani
Tsuruhiko Fukuda
Clarence Funasaki
Nancy Higa
Chiyono Hirano
Gisaku Hironaka
Katsunosuke
Hiyakumoto
Beverly Ikemori
Gwen Inouye
Kay Iwai
Hinayo Kawahara
Shigeto Matsuda
Yukiyo Matsumoto
Teruo Matsumura
Henry J. Meyer
Toshio Miyamoto

Hisao Miyasaki
Shintaro Murata
Robert Nakata
Chiyoko Nomura
Katsuji Nomura
Kuraichi Nomura
Owen Okada
Jitsuichi Ota
Corwin Otsuka
Richard Oya
Ukichi Sakutori
Kazumi Sanehira
June Sato
Katsumi Shigehara
Toyoko Shigehara
Jiro Sugita
Stanley Tamoyoshi
Masao Tashima
Junichi Ukita

Please call the minister at (808) 625-0925 and/or email dharm.connection@gmail.com if there are corrections or additions to the published list. Families may call the minister to schedule special family memorial services for their loved ones. For 2023, special memorial years are observed for loved ones who passed away in:

2022 1st Year	2011 13th Year	1991 33rd year
2021 3rd Year	2007 17th Year	1974 50th year
2017 7th Year	1999 25th year	



MAH JONG: the Chinese Game of the Winds

You're INVITED to join the "Klackers" and "Washers" of Mililani Hongwanji if you are interested in playing or learning to play the game of Mah Jong. There are many styles of Mah Jong. Usually, each group has its own rules, although the basic game is the same. The style we play is based mainly on the Hong Kong traditional Chinese style. There are a few variations that make the rules unique to our Mililani Hongwanji group. We have 17 active players who meet on the 1st and 3rd Sundays after family service from 10:30 am - 12:30 pm AND/OR every Thursday night from 6:30 - 9:00 pm. When we first started in September 2022, many of us had never played before. Some had played a long time ago in college or as kids with their families. Some had just watched others play. As with all new learning, it was challenging at first. It was sometimes confusing, as some re-learned the game, since some rules were different. But through it all, we have had lots of fun. All the new learning has increased our brain cells and helped with concentration (not proven scientifically here). The time is so enjoyable as we cheer for each other and note the progress each person makes. We have also gotten to know each other better, amidst the hearty laughter. Of course, it's a good feeling of accomplishment when we win! We'll continue to learn and laugh. Come join us! For more information or to register, please contact Ann Ishikawa at j_aishikawa@yahoo.com or (571) 312-0401.





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Adult Day Center at Mililani Hongwanji

Aloha! We would like to let everyone know that we are accepting applications for Adult Day Center enrollment. Do you know anyone caring for a loved one that needs respite or help caring for their loved one throughout the day? We are welcoming new clients in our **air conditioned** facility.

For any interested new applicants, we are offering tuition assistance. Please contact our ADC Director Trece Scott for more information at (808) 561-2147. We are OPEN 5 Days a week Monday thru Fridays from 8am-5pm, and early drop off can be arranged beginning at 7am.

Memorial Services

Mililani Hongwanji conducts memorial services in honor of those who have passed away. The Shotsuki Memorial Service is a general memorial service which are held monthly to remember members and friends who passed away during the month in which the memorial service is held. These services are held primarily for those individuals that do not fall in the yearly service interval cycle.

Nenki Hoyo Memorial Services are memorial services which are held separate from the monthly memorial services in yearly intervals. These separate private services can be held before, on or after the memorial dates. It is a personal opportunity to gather as a family to encounter and listen to the Buddha Dharma and remember your family members and friends who have passed on and through these services, we are able to reflect on all that we have received from them in our daily lives. It also gives families the opportunity to reconnect with members they otherwise would not see during the course of the year.

Monthly Joint Memorial Service

Mililani Hongwanji's monthly joint memorial service is on the **SECOND Sunday** of each month. Mililani Hongwanji will continue to publish the names of the members and friends that will be honored in the monthly memorial services.

For families attending the joint memorial service, please sign in on the memorial service tablet on the counter, which will be made available every Sunday leading up the service.

For those who wish to add or remove family members or friends from the published list, please let Rev. Fujimoto know as soon as possible to ensure proper action.

Minister's Private Visitation

Are you unable to come to the temple? Please call Rev. David Fujimoto at 808.625.0925 to request a private visit. The minister would love to reach out to you and be the bridge between you, the temple and the sangha!





Mililani Hongwanji

BON DANCE



August 18 & 19, 2023, Friday & Saturday

August 18, Friday

5:30 p.m. Food Trucks, Country Store, Craft Fair & Silent Auction Opens

6:30 p.m. Lantern Parade

6:55 p.m. Opening Ceremony

7:00 p.m.

to Bon Dance

10:00 p.m.

Country Store



August 19, Saturday

5:30 p.m. Food Trucks, Country Store, Craft Fair & Silent Auction Opens

6:55 p.m. Opening Ceremony

7:00 p.m.

to

10:00 p.m.

Bon Dance

Silent Auction

August 13th, Sunday:
9:00 a.m. Obon Service
Hatsubon Service Arranged

Mililani Hongwanji, 95-257 Kaloapau St.
Next to Mililani Rec. Ctr. III, No Pets Allowed.
For more info call 625-0925 or
www.mililanihongwanji.org

Bon Dance Practice:
Aug 1, 8, 14, 15, 16
(7:00 - 9:00 p.m.)
Subject to Change

SILENT AUCTION

The Silent Auction Committee is blessed to have soooo many unique and unusual items to share - from a Godzilla 500 piece puzzle to gift certificates at various hotels and restaurants to many pieces of Japanese artifacts.

Also, given from the heart are the healthy happy plants donated by Jan and Scott Yamauchi that all of you look forward to every year. Please consider a donation of goods or services to the Mililani Hongwanji.

You can plan to bring the item(s) in on Thursday, August 17th from 5 to 8 p.m. or call or text Charijean Watanabe at 808.223.6077 or email chari-jean@aol.com. We're looking forward to your generous gesture!

In Gassho,
Charijean Watanabe 808-223-6077 chari-jean@aol.com.

BON Country Store

Bon Dance is just a few months away! The Country Store is looking forward to your scrumptious donations of baked goods including cookies, brownies, energy bars, mochi, pizzelles, banana bread, your favorite recipes for sekihan, boiled peanuts, tsukemono, takuan, trail mixes, jams, and jellies and many other assortments of goodies! We are also accepting homegrown plants and vegetables!

Craft items such as scrubbies and handmade items are welcome and always enjoyed by all! If you have any happi coats, yukatas, or kimonos that are not in use, we would be happy to help sell them!

Please price items in dollar amounts before bringing your items. We will be located in the temple building alongside the Silent Auction, the same location as last year!

The Drop off Times are:

Thursday, August 17, 5:00 – 7:00 PM

Friday, August 18, 4:00 – 5:00 PM

Saturday, August 19, 4:00 – 5:00 PM

Please sign up on the church bulletin board. If you have any questions you can call Diane Yoza at (808)342-1629 or email Diane at diane.yoza@gmail.com or Claire Doi at (808) 372-2198. See you all at Bon!

Mahalo for your DANA

(May 19, 2023 – June 14, 2023)

50th Anniversary Celebration

Steven & Sadako Shintaku

General Donation

Christine Sato & Richard Lightner

Mililani Hongwanji Bon Dancercise Class

Mililani Support Group

James & Karen Nakasone

Tomeo Yoshizawa

Rev Suehira book

MSG-Parkinson's



Gotan-E Service

Christine Sato & Richard Lightner

Janet Abe

June Asato

Claire Doi

Richard & Joyce Fujimoto

Myra Fujino

Melvin Hayase

Sharon Kaneko

Misae Matsuzaki

Masami & Joyce Nishimoto

Lawrence & Joyce Nishioka

Gotan-E Service (continued)

Lester & Joyce Ogawa

Patrick & Susan Oshiro

Dennis & Michele Oshita

Aileen Sato

Charles & June Shimata

Margaret Tanabe

Nancy Tanaka

Hiroyoshi & Satoko Terao

Gordon & Lyn Watanabe

Ethel Yamashige

Diane Yoza

In Deep Gratitude.

Namo Amida Butsu

Namo Amida Butsu

Namo Amida Butsu

Joint Memorial Service

June Asato

Arynn Ishikawa

John K. & Ann Y.M. Ishikawa

John K. & Ann Y.M. Ishikawa

Elsie Morikawa

Lawrence & Joyce Nishioka

Margaret Tanabe

Nancy Tanaka

Clifford Togo

George & Irene Toguchi

Gordon & Lyn Watanabe

Ethel Yamashige

Diane Yoza

IMO Bob Asato

IMO Kenji Blanchard, Bob Asato, Fae Togo, and Noboru Yoza

IMO Kenji Blanchard

IMO Bob Asato

IMO Akira Hayashida

IMO Isaburo Iida

IMO James & Beatrice Young

IMO Asayo Yamashita

IMO Fae Togo

IMO Akira Hayashida

IMO Miyuki Watanabe & Kimi Watanabe

IMO Ryoichi & Shizue Nakamura

IMO Noboru Yoza

Memorial Service

Anonymous

Trudy Akamine

Melvin Hayase

George Horibata

1 yr/Hatsubon for Haruko Gakiya

IMO Tsune Ueki

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IMO Amy Etsuko Horibata

Other Donations

Fukuyama, Alvin & Melody

Pest Treatment of Facilities (State Termite, owner)



Photo Gallery

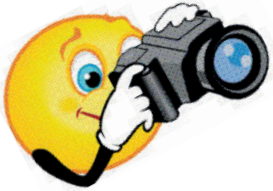


**Mililani Hongwanji
Sangha members
attending:**

**850/800th Joint
Celebration in
Kyoto, Japan**

and

**Ohana Arts
Golf Tournament
Ewa, Hawaii**





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NEWSLETTER

July 2023

Calendar

July	15 (Sat)	9:00 am - 11:00 am	Going Green
	27 (Thu)	9:00 am	Before service clean-up
	30 (Sun)	11:00 am	Monthly Service (Note: 5th Sunday)

President's Message

Aloha. Another weekend has come and gone where your active church members and volunteers have successfully completed our annual Obon Fundraiser. Thank you to all of you. The trillion dollar question is "Will we will have a "live Bon Dance" next year?"

My understanding is that our church has its lease until 2046-2047. Will we be around, yet? Things to think about as we grow older and our culture becomes.....?

Have a good everyday, everybody.

In Gassho,

Craig T. Tsutsumi

Obon Fundraiser

Mahalo to all who supported our Obon Fundraiser! And a special Mahalo to all the volunteers ~ we truly appreciate your kokua! Recap will be published in next month's newsletter.

Going Green

Ewa Hongwanji will again be hosting a "Going Green" event on Saturday July 15, 9 am - 11 am. Bring your recyclables, and if you would like to help us accept items, please leave a message at 808-681-5222 by July 6th.

Mahalo for your Donations

Gotan-e Service

Abe, Jean

Iwata, Caran

Nagamine, Glenn

Nohara, Myra

Wakimura, Rae

Wakimura, Ruth

Yoshioka, Arnold

General

Sawamoto, Michael

Rev. David Fujimoto's office hours at Ewa Hongwanji ~ Thursdays 9:00 am-11:00 am.

You may also contact him at 808-625-0925 (Mililani Hongwanji Office) or leave a message on Ewa Hongwanji's voicemail at 808-681-5222.

Keep informed of what's happening at Ewa Hongwanji - <https://bit.ly/3bKGt2f>