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Gotan-e: Saint Shinran's Birthday



## May 2024

- 5 9:00am Family Dharma Service & Dharma School visit to Moiliili Temple and BSC
- 12 9:00am Joint Memorial & Family Dharma Service
- 12 10:15am BWA Monthly Meeting
- 19 9:00am Shinran's Birthday (Gotan-e) Family Dharma Service & Dharma School
- 26 9:00am Family Dharma Service & Last Day of Dharma School

## June 2024

- 2 9:00am Family Dharma Service
- 9 9:00am Joint Memorial & Family Dharma Service
- 9 10:15am BWA Monthly Meeting
- 16 9:00am Family Dharma Service
- 23 9:00am Family Dharma Service
- 30 9:00am Family Dharma Service

Temple activities should be posted as soon as possible on the "MASTER CALENDAR" located on the bulletin board for inclusion in the Dharma Connection calendar and for general temple planning.

# Minister's Message

## Gotan-e

The Jodo Shinshu Honpa Hongwanji Sect is observing a very special holiday in the month of May called Gotan-e. The Gotan-e is a major service in the Hongwanji calendar and commemorates the birth of the founder of Jodo Shinshu Buddhism, Shinran Shonin over 800 years ago. It was through Shinran Shonin spiritual awakening and entrusting in the Vow of Amida Buddha, when he encountered his Dharma teacher Honen Shonin, that set the motion of developing his own unique way of interpreting Amida Buddha's Primal Vow, setting himself apart as neither priest nor layman and therefore Shinran got married and had children, lived a life no different from the ordinary common people to whom he preached the Nembutsu path.

Shinran Shonin re-interpreted the Pure Land teaching as the supreme expression and representation of the truth of Buddhism, as a response to the religious monopoly of his time. During the time he was born and even before that, the practice of Buddhism in Japan was largely confined to the monks in the monasteries who had the time and resources to solely devote to the practices for the attainment of enlightenment. The ordinary working class, the peasants farmers, fishermen, in fact anybody who were unable to engage in the practices were practically left out of the benefits of the teachings. By sharing his religious experience among the ordinary people, and teaching the salvation offered by Amida Buddha that does not require the difficult self power practices of the other sects, Shinran opened Buddhism to all people, regardless of their status or position in society. He taught that good or evil, male or female, ruling class or working class, makes no difference whatsoever, that no one is excluded from the boundless compassion of Amida Buddha. Only the single hearted trust in the Buddha, without calculation or doubt, was necessary and that the difficult self power practices are not in accord with the Buddha's mind. This ties in neatly with Shakyamuni Buddha himself who taught that attachment to our ego is a source of suffering. By abandoning self power and relying on the Other Power of Amida, we are in a way, letting go of our egoistic thinking that we can attain enlightenment solely by our own power. Moreover, Shinran taught the concept of akunin shoki, meaning that it is the person who is overburdened by his heavy karma, the evil person, that is the real object of Amida's Primal Vow, confirming that to Shinran, Buddhism is for everyone, not just for a select, self righteous few. For who is the evil person? Who is incapable of self enlightenment? Who is the person who cannot do pure deeds, who cannot think pure thoughts or say pure words? All of these describe all people in all levels of society, even today. The more evil a person is, the stronger the workings of Amida's Vow is directed towards that evil person who is incapable of doing anything to save himself. Despite his profound understanding of the universality of the Buddha's salvific power, Shinran Shonin never claimed to be a master at all. He never forced his teaching on anyone. Like Shakyamuni Buddha, Shinran just shared his personal religious experience, and never deluded himself about his own goodness or wisdom. As for him, he simply followed his teacher Honen and entrusted himself to Amida Buddha. For most of Shinran's life, he lived not the life of a secluded monk but as an ordinary person, living among the common people of the places he lived in his 90 years of existence.

Because of Shinran Shonin's efforts we have been able to encounter the true reality of Amida's Great Compassionate Vow. This observance of Gotan-e, is indeed a day to honor, pay our respect and say thank you to the man who lived over 800 years ago and whose legacy continues to this present day. Let us reflect more deeply upon ourselves as individuals and as an institution, as we truly are, without delusion. To Shinran Shonin we say: Thank you and Happy Birthday to you, Shinran Sama. Namo Amida Butsu...!



**Rev. Sol Kalu**

# ***Rene's Review***

## **“Building Healthy Sanghas: Sharing Nembutsu Moments!”**

**Aloha Friends!**

**MAHALO!**

**April was abundant with aloha from our Sangha members and guests!**

**From being greeted at the door on Sunday mornings by our happy minister, Rev. Sol, to the new Sunday Morning Temple Opening Volunteers, and the Happy Refreshment Volunteers that everyone looks forward to as they gather to socialize after the enlightening dharma messages!**

**People are also noticing the amazing work of our new Hosha Cleaning Contractor Lance Miyahira! Yup, our Sunday morning services are sparkling and super clean thanks to the hard work of Lance. We are so lucky to have him. We often take for granted such valuable services, so hope you get to thank Lance sometime when you see him for making our Sundays bright and clean!**

**I will continue to share with you my exhilarating experiences happening because our Mililani Hongwanji Community, our Sangha continues to provide special opportunities. Like the song made popular by ukulele virtuoso, Jake Shimabukuro, “ICHIGO ICHIE” – or “Once in a Lifetime” everyday there is something or someone to appreciate, and to dwell in the present, as this experience is a one time opportunity.**

**We are happy to see old friends returning on Sundays, and meeting new visitors who were curious about us, or heard good things about us, or was planning to visit us for a long time and finally met us and felt welcomed, comfortable, and mostly, very appreciative of our Sunday Dharma Messages. Of course they enjoyed our Buddha Day Hanamido where they poured sweet tea on the baby Buddha statue to symbolize the sweet tea and blossoming of flowers on the day the Buddha was born.**

**Baccalaureate Day was most memorable as we celebrated our little girl, now grown-up daughter of former Jr. YBA father Daniel, and granddaughter of Aki and Betty Kakazu. This is a very significant event in the history of our temple! I’m sure that you are very impressed, as I was blown away with her touching essay! Congratulations to Dymin Kakazu! Your Mililani Hongwanji Ohana are truly very, very, proud of the awesome young lady you are today!**

**YOU ARE INVITED to join us on May 25th, 1:00-3:00 PM, at our temple for the “FALL RISK and PREVENTION” presentation by Ms. Joni Kamiya, home health occupational therapist, teaching kupuna how to prevent falling. We kupunas are always falling, and we need to pay more attention. No registration required, hope to see you there!**

**Until next time, we are your all volunteer crew serving you at our monthly Board of Directors meetings conducting temple business, and working diligently to prepare our vacated parsonage for our future resident minister.**

**I look forward to continue receiving your ideas and requests to me at: 808-291-6151 or [renemansho@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:renemansho@hawaii.rr.com) NAMO AMIDA BUTSU.**



**Rene Mansho, President**

# Summary of April 10, 2024

## Mililani Hongwanji Board Meeting

- The Mililani Hongwanji Board of Directors met via ZOOM with a quorum. President Rene Mansho presided.
- Treasurer's Report: (Cliff T) The March 31, 2024 Financial Report was presented. Income from facilities (mainly ADC and Kumon) use continue to generate major income for the temple. Salary savings for a resident minister should be realized in next month's report. We will be monitoring utility cost as a result of the parsonage vacancy. Certain costs to repair the parsonage will be chargeable to CIP and other minor costs will be charged to Building maintenance. The cost for interim mobile security services will be charged as transitional costs. The HHMH Kyodan 1st Qtr Assessment was paid in March. The assessment is allocated based on membership counts Statewide and then by Oahu District temples.
- Minister's Report: (Rev. Sol Kalu) Upcoming Services include Memorial Service (4/14/24), Eshinni/Kakushinni Service (4/21/24), Baccalaureate Service (4/28/24). Working with Religious Services Committee in arranging guest speakers.
- President's Report: (Rene M)
  - Sunday Service morning setup schedule is complete. Thank you volunteers, more are welcome.
  - Brainstorming Evening, Oahu and Honolulu district leaders met to share their fundraising efforts and also came up with new ideas to raise funds and/or reduce operating costs. Temples will take this back and hopefully implement these ideas. Cost sharing between temples and making better use of facilities were highly suggested.
  - Mililani Hongwanji Peace Scholarship Proposal. Tabled for further discussion.
- BWA Report: (Lani Y) BWA Bazaar very successful, Mahalo to Nora, Warren, Rene, Diane, and Arynn who chaired the various committees. Spring luncheon at Gyotaku on 4/14/24, Ehime Maru clean up at the end of the month, BWA Scholarship awarded to Dymin Kakazu.
- VP Operations: (Kevin A) Receiving rental income from a couple of food concessionaires who needs a commercial kitchen to operate. Good source of income and has little impact on temple activities. Proposal to increase facilities rental fee from \$200 to \$300 did not pass.
- VP Facilities: (Steve K) Moving forward with fire alarm upgrade and will need plans drawn up in order to obtain cost estimates. Dave T volunteered to help in the process. Working with a restoration company to assess condition of the parsonage and suggest repair needs. Thursday gang working very hard to repair as much as possible. Some kitchen appliances will be disposed and replacements will be needed. Major repair costs will be presented to the Board.
- VP Religious Services & Programs: (Ann I)
  - Religious Service Committee, positive feedback on Rev. Sol's engaging with the Sangha. Board approved to expend up to \$200 airfare to bring in neighbor island ministers as guest speakers. Reported other Religious Services expenditures (flowers, leis, orei, etc.).
  - Dharma School, reported calendar of events and activities.
  - Education Committee, reported on seminars by Rev. Kuniyuki and Rev. Akohoshi
- Jr. YBA: (Gay T) Oahu United hosting Federation meeting on 4/14/24. Next big event is state convention in June.
- Other Reports or Topics:
  - Bon Dance Committee: (Cliff T) First General meeting will be on May 15th, 7:00pm, in temple building. Past volunteers and new ones are encouraged to attend and support our important and popular community/fundraising event of the year. Cliff & Stan are Co-chairs.
  - 50th Anniversary (June A & Mel H) Will call a meeting in May.
  - Columbarium: (Janice Y) Will be coordinating the columbarium fee payments and records.
  - Important Dates:
    - April 27, 2024 (Saturday) Sangha Day at Waianae
    - April 28, 2024 Baccalaureate Service and Luncheon
    - August 16-17, 2024 Bon Dance
    - Sept 7-8, 2024 Triple Celebration
    - Next Board Meeting: Wednesday, May 8, 2024, 7:00pm via ZOOM.



# BWA News

What whirlwind months March and April have been for the BWA. Two major events were the Bazaar in March and the Annual Spring Membership Meeting in April. Also in April were the Eshinni-Kakushinni Service, BWA Scholarship Award, and Ehime Maru semi-annual cleaning.



The Bazaar was a major success and mahalo to all who donated and helped with the Rummage Sale, Country Store, and Plant Sale. Lines snaked around the walkway ahead of opening. Country Store items sold out shortly after opening and



plants were selling in the parking lot. The Rummage Sale was standing room only when the doors opened as many sought out bargains by the boxful! All unsold items were donated to the United Cerebral Palsy Association.

The Annual Spring Membership Meeting was held on April 14 at



Gyotaku Restaurant in Pearl City. Mahalo to members who created and donated party favors, door prizes, and floral centerpieces. Highlight of the luncheon was speaker Jessica Lani Rich, President and CEO of the Visi-



tor Aloha Society of Hawaii (VASH) and also host of Inspire You and Me, a weekly television program on KITV. VASH is a non-profit organization that offers services to Hawaii's visitors experiencing medical emergency, crime, or other adversity while visiting Hawaii. She conveyed the interconnectedness of all people, be it residents or visitors. Ms. Rich's compassion and readiness to assist and support in time of crisis are inspirational. VASH welcomes and trains volunteers. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, contact Ms. Rich.

A very special thank you to Rene Mansho, emcee of the program, for making the event fun and energizing with member participation and singing! Each member left with a door prize in hand!

The BWA \$1500. Scholarship was awarded to Dymin Kakazu, granddaughter of Betty and Aki Kakazu. Presentation was made on April 28.

Upcoming events:

May 25 – Fall Prevention. Speaker: Joni Kamiya, Home Health Occupational Therapist

May 26 – OUHHBWA 2nd Quarter meeting at Mililani



# 2024 BWA Bazaar

## Mahalo Everyone!

Our recent Mililani Hongwanji Bazaar was a great success! Co-chairs Diane Yoza and Arynn Ishikawa would like to thank everyone who helped in the Rummage Sale, Country Store, Plant Sale and the Dharma School Store! It required a lot of hard work and time and we appreciate all that helped! We made a good profit that will help with the BWA's activities!





# Dharma School

Unbelievably, our Dharma School year is almost up! Miss Ann has some fun things planned for summer. But first, boy did we have fun in April!

Our 1<sup>st</sup> activity on April 7 was our Hanamatsuri service with our special guest speaker, Reverend Charlene Kihara. She gave a very interesting accounting of Hanamatsuri services all over the island in the past and how it would be nice to get back to celebrating with all the communities. We do a great job celebrating it here at Mililani Hongwanji and shared the beautiful Hanamido some of you helped decorate with the Adult Day Care.



On April 14, Sgt. Rainbow continued his fun and rewarding program, Rainbows In Me lesson. We all learned more and got to enter our names in the rainbow bucket to win his very cool prizes at the end of the school year.

We celebrated Eshinni and Kakushinni Day on April 21 and we were treated to a message by Emi Hashi, who is the Children and Youth Activities Specialist for the Buddhist Study Center. Then in Dharma School Miss Ann led us in a discussion about the Eightfold Path and we decorated frames with the pledge from the Gomonsu and the Hawaiian version of that same pledge. We will work towards memorizing this important message and trying to live our life following this meaningful pledge.

Sangha Day was held on April 27 in Waianae and so much fun was had by all who attended. There was a great farm tour, innovative composting and mostly enjoying all coming together and Linking Our Sanghas!

The month was capped off celebrating our very special Dymín Kakazu with a special Baccalaureate service and luncheon. There was an amazing turnout and we're all so thrilled for Dymín!

May is full of fun as well!

- Sunday, May 5, 8:45am: field trip to visit Moiliili Hongwanji and Rev. David Fujimoto!  
11:00am: visit the Buddhist Study Center (BSC)
- Sunday, May 19, 10:00am: Rev Kalu will follow up about his Dharma talk and demonstrate calligraphy.
- Sunday, May 26, 10:00am is our last Dharma School celebration with a pizza party and a fun game! Sgt. Rainbow will be presenting the "Da Gratitude Bowl" incentive award prizes on this day! More information to come.



## Embracing Change: Essay by Dymin Kakazu

From childhood, I've been immersed in the rich traditions, values, and beliefs that Buddhism has had to offer me. I was introduced to the Hongwanji at a very young age. One thing I could comprehend in my adolescence was that not only was I receiving the living teachings of Jodo Shinshu Buddhism but I had received what I would best describe as unconditional love from the Sangha. I remember coming into service (possibly late), grabbing books for my grandparents and me, and being greeted by all the members as we shuffled our way to our unassigned-assigned seats in the row next to the center door. Now that I'm older, something that really resonated with me is that when we study Buddhism we are studying ourselves; "Learning about the nature of our minds. The emphasis is not on something supreme; it is on practical things like how to Live the daily life and how to integrate it with the mind so that the mind remains peaceful and healthy," (Mandala Publications). Sundays were one of my grandparent's favorite days of the week. Even though my grandfather's memory is cloudy, he never fails to ask about the Hongwanji, "Don't we have church today?" My grandfather loved indulging in fellowship with all the other members. From Adopt-A-Highway to snacks after service. My grandmother loved listening to the Minister's message. She would take at least one thing from that message and implement it into her daily life. The role of religion in my life I feel is my duty to my grandparents. Some time last year when I attended service I remember being asked why I decided to come to church (as this was the Minister's discussion for that day). At the time I simply answered, for my grandparents and to this day my answer remains the same. Due to their physical state, my grandparents aren't able to attend church anymore. I, on the other hand, am able to. Not only has the Hongwanji been a part of my life but it has been a large part of theirs as well. If I had the luxury of doing so I'd attend every and any Sunday service for them.

From their guidance, especially my grandmother's. I've become the person that I am today. My fondest and earliest memory with her is when she would softly sing to me, "I'm a Little Teapot," while I splashed around in the tub. I remember looking at her and how she'd look at me in return. I felt more love in that look than any words we've ever exchanged. I didn't grow up in a stereotypical household. Nothing about our family was "normal". My parents were divorced and I was being raised by my grandparents. Having my grandparents as my legal guardians was both a unique and sometimes challenging experience. Almost every one of my friends had a "complete" family. I would cry for hours asking for my mom and I'm sure that wasn't easy for my grandma to hear. In an attempt to soothe me my grandma would try to be everything and or everyone for me all at once. She would be my grandmother, mother, and on some days my father. Haruko Betty Kakazu. She is and will always be one of the strongest people I've ever had the privilege of knowing. Her love transcended that of maternal instinct as my Dad was not birthed by her and so I was not her grandchild by blood. She has shaped my perspective on family, responsibility, and self-reliance. She showed me that family is much more than blood relation. Family to me are the people that I've connected with over the span of my lifetime who have or continue to provide me with comfort, security, and a sense of belonging. Not once have I ever felt out of place at a family gathering or Sunday afternoon since adapting to this mindset. From a young age, girls are socialized to prioritize nurturing behaviors and to aspire towards roles associated with caregiving, such as motherhood and homemaking. While the maternal instinct is a significant aspect of womanhood for many, women are multifaceted individuals with diverse talents, interests, and ambitions that extend far beyond traditional gender roles. The social construct behind what it is to be a woman has changed but despite progress in recent years, women continue to face challenges due to these set expectations by society. There were so many other options that my grandmother could have chosen from, yet she chose to be my caregiver, not because she had to be; and for that I am forever grateful. Community service is a vital component of our lives. By taking the time out of our own lives and volunteering we're able to offer our skills and resources to help one another. We not only make a positive impact on the lives of those in need but we also contribute to the overall well-being of our communities. I take pride in getting to live within Mililani's community. This is mainly due to how safe I've felt growing up here.



However in the last year crime has increased significantly in our community. By taking an active role in our society, we can help create a more just, inclusive, and prosperous future for everyone. When it comes to citizenship responsibilities I feel as though they're overlooked. A person could sit back and watch another fulfill theirs and think, "Well they already did it, why should I?" or the later, "Well they did it, why shouldn't I?" It's something like a chain reaction. For myself I (try to) fulfill my citizenship responsibilities by setting an example for others around me. Whether it be simply picking up trash, using a crosswalk, or abiding by the law. I also try my best to stay informed on the things happening within my community. There has been an uprising in crime this past year, I pray that there's better days ahead for this Island.

On the topic of better days I'll be graduating from Mililani High School in May of this year (2024). After high school I plan on furthering my education at Leeward Community College as I've already started working towards my associates degree. This is due to me being enrolled in their early college program called, Journey to Leeward. I hope to learn more about education, health and wellness, or communications. I'm leaning towards majoring in Education as of right now.

# Ewa Hongwanji Mission

91-1133 Renton Road, Ewa Town  
mail: P. O. Box 60549, Ewa Beach HI 96706



## Bon Dance (LIVE!)

Saturday, June 15, 2024  
6:30pm - 9:30pm



<p><b>Bento</b> <b>Noodles</b> <b>Andagi (regular, cinnamon/sugar, or mix)</b> <b>Drinks (water, soda, juice)</b></p>	<p>Pre-order pickup begins at 5:00 Food Booth opens at 5:15</p>
<p><b>Also:</b></p> <p><b>Bon Dance Towel</b></p> 	<p><b>Windcatchers</b> Honor your ancestors with their names hanging from these lanterns which will be hung around the yagura (preorder only)</p> 

**Pre-order for easier pick up:**  
visit the Ewa Hongwanji Mission website at  
<https://bit.ly/3bKGt2f> or call: 808-681-5222  
or email: ewahm1901@gmail.com



# Mililani Hongwanji BON DANCE



August 16 & 17, 2024, Friday & Saturday

<p><b>August 16, Friday</b> 5:30 p.m. Food Trucks, Country Store, Craft Fair &amp; 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.</p>	  	<p><b>August 17, Saturday</b> 5:30 p.m. Food Trucks, Country Store, Craft Fair &amp; Silent Auction Opens 6:55 p.m. Opening Ceremony 7:00 p.m. to Bon Dance 10:00 p.m.</p>
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**Country Store**



August 11th, 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](http://www.mililanihongwanji.org)

Bon Dance Practice:  
Jul 30, Aug 6, 12, 13, 14  
(7:00 - 9:00 p.m.)  
Subject to Change

# May Memorials

Those who have passed during the month

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|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| <i>Mitsuo Fujimoto</i>    | <i>Gladys Naitoh</i>      |
| <i>Harold Hanaoka</i>     | <i>Emery Nakashima</i>    |
| <i>George Harada</i>      | <i>Tsurukichi Nakaue</i>  |
| <i>Thomas Hashimoto</i>   | <i>Margaret Nishimura</i> |
| <i>Tsunehio Hashimoto</i> | <i>Mitsuko Okinaka</i>    |
| <i>Toku Hayase</i>        | <i>Garrick Okumura</i>    |
| <i>Goro Hirano</i>        | <i>Chester Saito</i>      |
| <i>Amy Horibata</i>       | <i>Toni Suehiro</i>       |
| <i>Kenneth Imamura</i>    | <i>Zenyei Taira</i>       |
| <i>Ann Kajiwara</i>       | <i>Michiko Tashima</i>    |
| <i>Itsuyo Kaneshiro</i>   | <i>Bessie Tsuyama</i>     |
| <i>Masaru Kido</i>        | <i>Yoshino Tsuyama</i>    |
| <i>Lynette Kimoto</i>     | <i>Yeichi Ukita</i>       |
| <i>Hatsumi Kubota</i>     | <i>Helen Watanuki</i>     |
| <i>Marie Meyer</i>        | <i>Tamotsu Yamaguchi</i>  |
| <i>Bert Migita</i>        | <i>Shigetoshi Yoshino</i> |

Please call (808) 625-0925 and/or email [dharm.connection@gmail.com](mailto: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

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|---------------|----------------|----------------|
| 2023 1st Year | 2012 13th Year | 1992 33rd year |
| 2022 3rd Year | 2008 17th Year | 1975 50th year |
| 2018 7th Year | 2000 25th year |                |

## Adopt-A-Highway Clean-Up on May 18th! By: Tyler Oshiro, Adopt-A-Highway Coordinator

Mark your calendars and make your plans to join our Sangha members for this important community service project! Our second quarter clean-up is coming up on:

**Saturday, May 18, 2024**  
**8:00 a.m.**

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 spend a Saturday morning with members of our Sangha. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at tylerko-shiro@gmail.com.

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## Mililani Hongwanji Invites You To

### Fall Risk Identification and Prevention

**Saturday, May 25, 2024**  
**1:00—3:00 pm**

**Joni Kamiya is a home health occupational therapist who teaches kupuna self-assessment of fall risk through captivating public presentations at various churches and senior fairs.**

*She has worked in mental health, skilled nursing, wheel chair seating and positioning, and assisted living positions and has volunteered as a caregiver educator for the last 15 years. Come and learn how to avoid falls.*

**Be PROACTIVE and learn how to avoid falls.**

**For more information contact:**  
**Carrie at (808) 623-8208**

**Workshop Location:**  
**95-257 Kaloapau St., Mililani HI 96789**

**No registration required, however parking and seating is limited.**

# Mahalo for your DANA

(March 2, 2024 to April 16, 2024 )

## Dharma School

Margaret Tanabe

## Funeral

Mamoru Kawahara For Ethel Kawahara  
Gordon & Lyn Watanabe IMO Richard Uchima

## General Donation

Mililani Crafters  
Mililani Hongwanji Mahjong Players  
Mililani Support Group  
Mililani Support Group  
James & Karen Nakasone  
Doris Oshiro Gratitude: Stephen Chinen

Tomeo Yoshizawa

Tomeo Yoshizawa

## Hanamatsuri Service

Christine Sato & Richard Lightner

Janet Abe

Trudy Akamine

June Asato

Roger Babcock & Jill Kyhos

Claire Doi

Sharon Freitas

Myra Fujino

Luana Fukutomi

Warren & Nora Hahn

Melvin Hayase

Lenora Inoue

Karl & Carol Ann Kakehi

Sharon Kaneko

Dennis & Carrie Kawamoto

Georgiana Kobayashi

Rene Mansho

Masami & Joyce Nishimoto

Lawrence & Joyce Nishioka

Lester & Joyce Ogawa

Karen Oshiro

Dennis & Michele Oshita

Dean & Doreen Sakamoto

Charles & June Shimata

Margaret Tanabe

Clifford Togo

Gordon & Lyn Watanabe

Steven & Lani Yamami

Ethel Yamashige

Diane Yoza

## Higan Spring Service

Christine Sato & Richard Lightner

Janet Abe

Claire Doi

Myra Fujino

Warren & Nora Hahn

Melvin Hayase

Karl & Carol Ann Kakehi

Sharon Kaneko

Dennis & Carrie Kawamoto

Masami & Joyce Nishimoto

Lester & Joyce Ogawa

Dennis & Michele Oshita

Dean & Doreen Sakamoto

Aileen Sato

Margaret Tanabe

Nancy Tanaka

Gordon & Lyn Watanabe

Steven & Lani Yamami

Ethel Yamashige

Diane Yoza

## Memorial Service

Christine Sato &

Richard Lightner

Michie Ando

Michie Ando

Takashi Ando

June Asato

Debra Hiyakumoto

Debra Hiyakumoto

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Gojikai members  
who have re-  
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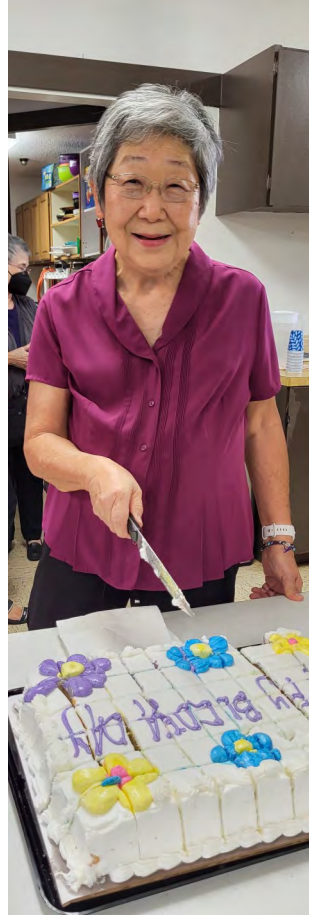
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# Photo Gallery

Happy Buddha Day!  
(Hanamatsuri)





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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 email [dharma.connection@gmail.com](mailto:dharma.connection@gmail.com) as soon as possible to ensure proper action.**

## Minister’s Private Visitation

Are you unable to come to the temple? Please call 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!





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## NEWSLETTER

May 2024

### Calendar

May 22 (Wed) 9:00 am Before service  
clean-up  
25 (Sat) 9:00 am Temple clean-up  
26 (Sun) 11:00 am Gotan-e Service

Wednesdays 9:00 am - 12:00 pm  
Weekly hosha and Rev. Fujimoto's  
office hours. (Phone # 808-348-9458)

### Bon Dance News ~ Saturday, June 15

Volunteers wanted! Let's all come out to help! Please email or leave a message to let us know when you'll like to help.

June 14 (Fri) 9:00 am Bon Dance preparations  
15 (Sat) 9:00 am Bon Dance preparations  
4:00 pm Food Booth preparations  
5:00 pm Food Booth presale and  
public sales opens  
6:30 pm-9:30 pm Bon Dance  
9:30 pm Clean-up

### Reverend David's Thoughts

With so much going on in the world today, we often neglect the self. How do you recenter yourself and receive self-care? Many will meditate, go on a hike, read, cook, or get a massage. Have you ever looked at the statue of the Buddha? You will notice that the Buddha's Eyes are slightly open, signifying that the Buddha is not only looking out for all sentient beings, but also looking on the inside. We as sentient beings are full of blind passions, however, we have the opportunity to look inside ourselves through self-care and recenter ourselves to acknowledge our blind passions and see where it comes from and recenter ourselves. Let us continue to recite Namo Amida Butsu and recenter ourselves.

### President's Message

Aloha. Our annual Bon Dance will go "live" on Saturday, June 15, 2024. Please ask to see what kind of volunteer chore you can help with. Thank you in advance. In the news, they will start a "bullet train project" between LA and LV for 12 billion dollars, running on 218 miles of track. And in operation in 2028. Can you see the picture when comparing it to our Skyline? I still believe in the rail, and hope it gets to be built around the island eventually? But not in my lifetime? The price to pay for wearing shorts and tee shirts all year round. Have a good everyday, everybody.

In Gassho,  
Craig T. Tsutsumi

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