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MILILANI HONGWANJI BAZAAR
Saturday: March 23, 2024
9:00am-1:00pm
95-257 Kaloapau St. (Next to Rec Ctr 3)

- Rummage Sale
 - Treasured Finds
 - Amazing Value
 - Unique Items
- Country Store
 - Ono Homemade Foods
 - Baked Goods
 - Sekihan Rice
 - Takuan
 - So Much More

RUMMAGE
COUNTRY STORE

Mililani Hongwanji
95-257 Kaloapau St.
Mililani, HI 96789
Phone: 625-0925
<http://www.mililanihongwanji.org>

Participating Organizations:
Buddhist Women's Association
Dharma School
Ki Aikido Club

NO PETS

We hope to see you there!



March 2024

April 2024

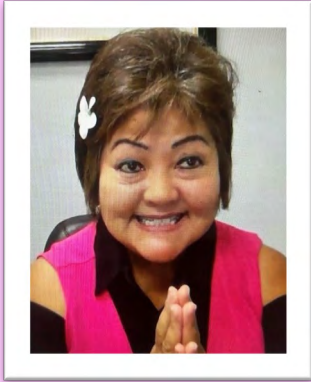
- 3 9:00am Hongwanji Day Family Dharma Svc, Guest Speaker Rev. Blayne Nakasone Sakata, Rev. Sol Kalu welcome reception to follow after service
- 10 9:00am Joint Memorial & Family
- 10 10:15am BWA Monthly Meeting
- 17 9:00am Family Dharma Service & Dharma School
- 24 9:00am Ohigan Service & Dharma School
- 31 9:00am Family Dharma Service & Dharma School

- 6 8:30am-10:00am Hanamido Flower Decorating
- 7 9:00am BUDDHA DAY (Hanamatsuri) & Dharma School
- 14 9:00am Joint Memorial & Family Dharma Service
- 14 10:15am BWA Monthly Meeting
- 21 9:00am BWA Eshinni & Kakushinni Day Family Dharma Svc & Dharma School
- 28 9:00am Baccalaureate Family Dharma Service & Luncheon

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.

Rene's Review

“Building Healthy Sanghas: Sharing Nembutsu Moments!”



Aloha Friends!

WELCOME REVEREND SOL KALU!

We are very fortunate to receive a new minister, effective March 1st. Please join us and welcome him at his first Sunday Service, March 3rd! Please stay for his Aloha Welcome and “Talk Story” Pot Luck Luncheon right after the service. Hope to see you there! Many people have mentioned that they really like his Dharma Messages! Rev. Kalu is also on the Headquarters staff in the Office of Buddhist Education. He will be officiating every Sunday, and also help us welcome guest speakers. By coincidence, we also have a guest speaker for Hongwanji Day, Reverend Blayne Nakasone Sakata, Associate Minister at Betsuin, and 2014 graduate of our very own Pacific Buddhist Academy! So awesome!

INFANT INITIATORY RIGHTS

So exciting that we held this ceremony that symbolizes the presentation of a newborn infant before the shrine of Amida Buddha to share the joy with others and pledge before the Buddha to raise the child as a responsible Buddhist. You can bring your infant, too! Congratulations to Okazaki Family!

TRIPLE CELEBRATION

I hope that Mililani Hongwanji will have a good representation at the upcoming Triple Celebration on September 7 & 8, 2024, at the Ala Moana Hotel. The theme is “Sharing the Joy of Nembutsu Together: Our Living Heart of Gratitude,” and the keynote speaker will be Rev. Dr. Takashi Miyaji. A number of workshops will be offered. The year 2023 marked the 850th Anniversary of the birth of Shinran Shonin, the founder of the Jodo Shinshu Buddhist tradition, and 2024 will be the 800th Anniversary of the establishment of the Jodo Shinshu teaching and the 135th Anniversary of the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii. Early Registration deadline is March 31! Mililani Hongwanji is offering a special discount for attendees. Please register and apply for discount thereafter. For more info, please see <https://hongwanjihawaii.com/triple-celebration/>.

MEMORIAL LISTING PLANNED

Nenki Hoyo Memorial Services are for you to remember your family members and we would like to invite you to schedule your family gatherings at Mililani Hongwanji for your anniversary year services. 1st Memorial Service or First Anniversary • 3rd Memorial Service or 2nd Anniversary • 7th Memorial Service or 6th Anniversary • 13th Memorial Service or 12th Anniversary • 17th Memorial Service or 16th Anniversary • 25th Memorial Service or 24th Anniversary • 33rd Memorial Service or 32nd Anniversary • 50th Memorial Service or 49th Anniversary Year. Please call: 808-625-0925.

CLOSING THOUGHTS

“To be a Buddhist means that we always seek to understand ourselves and our lives ever more deeply. We all need to wake up to Life, and Buddhism is the Path of Awakening. On this Path, we are always growing, always questioning everything we think we know, and opening ourselves to deeper understanding. What is most important is that we gather together to learn and appreciate the Buddha’s wonderful teaching.”

What do you think about having a NIRVANA DAY & PET MEMORIAL SERVICE at Mililani Hongwanji?

Please continue to share your ideas and requests to me at 808-291-6151 or renemansho@hawaii.rr.com.

NAMO AMIDA BUTSU,
Rene Mansho, Kyodan President



Mahalo & Aloha
Rev. David Fujimoto for your
many years of service to our
Mililani Hongwanji Sangha!

Mahalo to Claire Doi for the photos

Updated: 2-21-24

MILILANI HONGWANJI
2024 Schedule of Activities

DAILY	TIME	ACTIVITY	CONTACT	LOCATION	REMARKS
M-F & most Holidays	8:00 am – 5:00 pm	Mililani Hale Adult Day Center	Rene Mansho	Education Bldg	(Director: Trece Scott)
WEEKLY	TIME	ACTIVITY	CONTACT	LOCATION	REMARKS
Mon & Wed	2:00 – 6:30 pm	Kumon	Dean Sakamoto	Temple	(Instructor: Lance Miyahira)
Thurs	2:00 – 5:00 pm				
Sat	8:00-10:30 am				
Mon	9:00-11:00 am	Crafters	Charlene Hayama	Temple	
Tues	7:00 – 9:00 pm	Bon Dance	Myra Fujimo	Temple	
Thurs	7:30 am – 12:00 N	Thursday Gang	Lester Ogawa	Temple	
Thurs	6:30 – 9:00 pm	Mahjong	Ann Ishikawa	Temple	1 st & 3 rd Sun after service
Tues & Fri	6:00 - 8:00 pm	Judo	Chad Yasumura	Education Bldg	
Mon & Thurs	7:00 - 8:30 pm	Aikido	Eric Nonaka	Education Bldg	
Sun	After morning service	Dharma School	Claire Doi	Education Bldg	
MONTHLY	TIME	ACTIVITY	CONTACT	LOCATION	REMARKS
1 st & 3 rd Sun	After morning service	Mahjong	Ann Ishikawa	Temple	
2 nd Sun	After morning service	BWA meeting	Lani Yamami	Education Bldg	
2 nd Tues	8:30 am – 11:30 am	Mililani Support Group	Rev. Jan Youth	Temple	
1 st & 3 rd Tues	8:30 am - 12:30 pm	Ikebana Class	Carrie Kawamoto	Temple	
1 st Fri	7:30 - 8:30 pm	Mindfulness Meditation	Mel Hayase	Temple	
4 th Fri	7:00 pm	Craft Night	Gay Tanaka	Temple	
2 nd Wed	7:00 pm	Temple Board Meeting	Rene Mansho	Online (Zoom)	

Notes: Other committees and affiliate organizations (not all listed) also schedule meetings as needed. Please schedule meetings on the temple calendar. Activities listed above may be cancelled or rescheduled for a Mililani Hongwanji event. Example: shut down of activities during the week of bon dance.

Summary of February 14, 2024

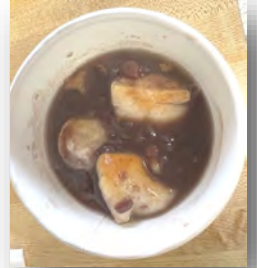
Kyodan Board Meeting

- The Mililani Hongwanji Board of Directors met via ZOOM with a quorum. President Rene Mansho presided. Minutes of previous month's meeting were approved.
- Treasurer's Report: (Cliff T) The January 31, 2024 Financial Report was presented. Budget amounts were left blank as the Board will take action on the budget proposal later. Donations from the HHMH Social Concerns are temporarily being held and will be transmitted later in the year. Mililani Hongwanji is normally one of the temples statewide that donates the most funds for this drive. Dues income was normally high in January as many members pay their annual membership dues at the beginning of the year.
- Budget & Finance Committee: (Chair Dennis O, Cliff T, Stan S) Chair presented the 2024 Budget Proposal. Several minor modifications were made to categories for consistency and efficiency. Explained the major cost items and provided the rationale for the amounts. The companion budget "Guide Sheet" was also modified accordingly. Answered questions from the Board. 2024 Budget Proposal was unanimously approved.
- Minister's Report: (Rev. Fujimoto, excused) Written report submitted. Plan to move out late February. Guest speakers as requested by the Religious Services Committee has been arranged. Expressed thanks for the past 7 years.
- President's Report: (Rene M)
 - Minister Transition Team consisting of Dean S, Dennis O, Stan S, Cliff T, June A, Ann I, and Rene M are diligently trying to make the ministerial transition as smooth as possible. Team met with Bishop Umitani and Rev. Sol Kalu, HHMH will draft a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). Upon execution of the MOU, tentative start date will be March 1, 2024, Rev. Kalu to attend all Sunday services, Rev. Kalu to arrange for guest speakers as requested by our Religious Services Committee, Rev. Kalu will continue to live at the Betsuin and also work at HHMH HQ with the Buddhist Education Committee. Aloha pot luck Luncheon for Rev Kalu on March 3, after service.
 - HHMH Legislative Assembly (Giseikai): Approved 2024 Operating Budget, Cliff T and Rene M elected as state directors, provide 3 year assessment relief for Lahaina Hongwanji, attended Living Treasures Luncheon, Honorees were Julian Ako, Douglas Chong, Davianna McGregor, Ricardo Trimillos, and Sarah Keahi.
 - Accepted Nora Hahn's resignation as Board member.
- BWA Report: (Lani Y) Hawaii FoodBank drive was very successful with 281 pounds of food and \$545 monetary donations, Project DANA guest speaker Martha Samson was very informative and shared the history & builders of the program that supports the elderly in Hawaii, recognized the many Mililani DANA providers with a small token of appreciation. The Bazaar has added a plant sale along with the Country Store and Rummage Sale on March 23, donations in all three sections will be greatly appreciated, proceeds will support BWA programs and activities.
- VP Operations: (Kevin A) No report. (June A) Insurance agency would like to meet with temples before renewing multi-temple policy.
- VP Facilities: (Steve K) Thursday Gang continues to keep facilities and grounds in great shape. Problem with one of the toilets not flushing fully, replaced with a high energy flushing mechanism.
- VP Religious Services: (Chair Ann I, Dean S, Sharon F, Gail T, Claire D, Brandon H, Susan O, Rene M, Gay T) met on Jan 6. Discussion topics include Social Media protocol, Oshoko (incense offering) representation, State DS Gathering (date: TBD), Baccalaureate, Ohana Day, Altar Flowers, updated MC calendar.
- Jr. YBA: (Gay T) Manju Fundraiser pick up on Feb. 18. Many will attend George Takei's talk.
- Other Reports or Topics:
 - Discussion (Dean S) regarding establishing a Safety & Security Committee, more discussion to follow.
 - Social Media Guidelines: (Gay T) Assistance in determining appropriate postings on Social Media. (Dean S) will provide some guidelines in place.
- Announcements: Upcoming Important Dates:
 - March 3, 2024 Welcome Rev. Sol Kalu pot luck reception after service
 - March 23, 2024 Bazaar
 - April 28, 2024 Baccalaureate
 - August 16-17, 2024 Bon Dance
 - Sept 7-8, 2024 Triple Celebration
 - Next Board Meeting: Wednesday, March 13, 2024, 7:00pm via ZOOM



BWA News

Mahalo to the BWA members for hosting the zenzai at the January Ho'onko service. Everyone said it was delicious and hit the spot on that rainy and chilly Sunday morning. It took a lot of hands to prepare, cook, broil, and serve the sweet azuki bean and mochi soup. Zenzai is BWA's annual event. The recipe and hands-on experience are passed on year to year as members learn the tradition, process and procedures. A special thank you to co-chairs Joyce Ogawa and Joyce Nishioka for their expertise!



Dana Day was February 11. Ms. Martha Samson, Project Dana Advisory Council Chair, delivered a heartwarming message. She spoke of caregivers and caregiving on a national level and the honor of working with former first lady of the United States Rosalynn Carter. Ms. Samson also shared her personal story of caregiving and continuing contributions to the Dana Project. Mililani Hongwanji Dana Project caregivers were individually recognized and applauded for their years of selfless caregiving.

The BWA sponsored a food drive on Dana Day. Non-perishable canned/ packaged foods and monetary donations were generously donated. There were cases of vienna sausage, spam, bags of rice, cans of tuna, cooking oil, cereal, saimin, and much more! All were delivered to the Hawaii Foodbank. The Hawaii Foodbank is a non-profit that provides assistance and distribution of food to those in need throughout the state of Hawaii.



The BWA received New Year greetings from Senko-ji Temple in Japan. Senko-ji is BWA's sister temple and they acknowledged receipt of BWA's end of year gift to them. Senko-ji, in return, sent a box of senbei, snacks, and a calendar which was enjoyed by all at the recent BWA meeting.

If you have not yet received the 2024 BWA Membership roster, contact Joyce Ogawa. It was distributed by email.

Upcoming events:

- March 23 – Rummage sale, Country Store, and Plant Sale! Contact Nora/Warren Hahn for rummage sale and Diane Yoza/Claire Doi for Country Store if you are able to help out prior to and on that day. The temple will receive your donations the week leading up to March 23.
- April 14 – Spring Luncheon at Gyotaku in Pearl City. Details forthcoming.
- April 21 – Eshinni-Kakushinni Service. Guest speaker: Emi Hashi, Youth Specialist at Honpa Hongwanji.

***** Bazaar Update *****

We have added a Plant Sale to the Bazaar on March 23. It will be in the garage area. Please donate whatever plants you can. Please price all plants. Drop off will be from 7:00-8:30am on March 23. Rene Mansho is in charge.

The Aikido Club will be selling bentos but we do not know what's in the bento yet. The Dharma School will be selling toys, games, baseball cards and dishes.

The Rummage Sale will be in the temple. The Country Store and Dharma School will be in the Ed building. The Aikido Club will be on the Ed building lanai.

See page 8 for drop off dates/times!



Dharma School

February was bittersweet as we bid farewell to Rev. David Fujimoto, first by attending his Aloha party hosted by the Kyodan on February 4th, then with our special Dharma School Star Wars-themed Mahalo party on February 18th.



As many of you know, Rev. David is an avid Star Wars fan, so our



appreciation gathering consisted of Star Wars balloons, goodie bags, and cake! Families gave cards and lei, and the Dharma School gifted Rev. David with a Star Wars desk light. Besides cake, we also had yummiie ice cream with choice of toppings. The highlight of the celebration was the Yoda vs. Vader Family Feud-style game with questions testing how well we know Rev. David, created by Stephen Chinen. We thank Rev. David for his dedi-

cation to the Dharma School and his many talks/lessons. We will miss him and wish him well at Moi'ili'ili Hongwanji!

Our February 25th session consisted of finishing up the poster entries for this year's Oahu District Youth Poster Contest. Posters are due before March 31st. We also spent time prepping items donated by Rev. David. Please stop by our Dharma School table at BWA Bazaar on Saturday, March 23rd and the great items we have for sale.

Here's what we have planned for March:

- Sunday, March 17th, 9am: Field Trip to Windward Buddhist Temple, Rev. Fujimoto guest speaker
- Sunday, March 24th, 10am: Rainbows In Me lesson
- Sunday, March 31st, 10am: Onenju making



Please note that we will not have class on Sunday, March 3rd due to Rev. Kalu's welcome reception.

If you know a student (preschool to high school) who would like to join our classes, please contact Claire Doi at clairedoi@hawaiiintel.net.



**Onenju Making/
Repair: Sunday,
March 31st**



Do you want to make a new onenju or do you have one that needs to be repaired? The Dharma School will be making onenjus at its March 31st class, starting at 10am in the Ed bldg. Everyone is welcome to attend! We will have a supply of beads/cords available or feel free to bring in your own!

Jr. YBA Happenings

Welcome Spring everyone! Thank you so much for all your Manju orders! We truly appreciate your generosity and support of Jr. YBA! We hope you enjoyed your manju and we always have fun making it! We had almost 150 orders to fulfill this go around and our juniors worked very efficiently.



Upcoming Meeting:

Sunday, March 3 at 11:30am at Aiea Hongwanji

Save the Date!

- Saturday, April 6: Oahu hosting Federation Meeting
- Friday-Sunday, May 25-27: Young Enthusiastic Shinshu Seekers (Y.E.S.S.) Camp
- Friday-Sunday, June 21-23: State Convention in Maui



We are still promoting being good stewards of the environment by bringing our dishes for after temple refreshments and using our reuseable flatware! As an on-going fundraiser, we are selling sterling steel utensil sets which includes a fork, spoon, knife and chopsticks in a case that comes in red, blue, or black. Each set is \$7. This is the same set that was given to the summer convention attendees with the hope that it will be used instead of plasticware. Please contact a Jr. YBA member if you would like to purchase one of these sets! Available while supplies last!

Anyone youth who are entering 6th grade through 2 years after high school graduation are welcome to join Jr. YBA! You do not need to be a member of a temple so bring your friends! Please contact a Jr. YBA member or Aunty Aryn Ishikawa (advisor) at arynn.m.ishikawa@gmail.com if you'd like more information.



Follow us on Instagram! @jrybaofaohu and @hawaii-fedjryba



DONATIONS ARE WELCOME!!!

Mililani Hongwanji BWA Bazaar - Country Store/Rummage Sale Saturday, March 23, 9 am - 1 pm

We are gratefully accepting "gently used items" -- clean footwear, handbags, used or new - books, toys, or games, kitchenware, household goods, electronic devices, sports equipment, or Japanese wear/accessories.

(NO CLOTHING, please)

Drop off dates/times for Bazaar(B)/Country Store(CS):

(B) March 17 & March 19	11 am - 2 pm
(B) March 18 & 20	5 pm - 8 pm
(B) March 21	9 am - 12 noon
(CS) March 22	6:30 - 7:30 pm
(CS) March 23	7:30 - 8:30 am



Contact Nora or Warren Hahn with any questions at 808-625-4925.

2024 Baccalaureate Callout: Due March 3rd!

Our 2024 annual Mililani Hongwanji Baccalaureate recognition events are planned for **Sunday, April 28, 2024**. The Baccalaureate service and luncheon are traditionally held to honor our high school graduates and provide them spiritual guidance as they enter into adulthood.

The Baccalaureate Committee is asking our Mililani Sangha family and friends to provide names of any graduating high school seniors who would like to participate in our annual service and luncheon. Names of college graduates are also welcome and will be recognized in the event program.

Please contact Jill Kyhos at jkyhos3@gmail.com with any interested graduates by March 3, 2024!

Upon confirmation of participants, the Baccalaureate Committee will distribute more info about the luncheon sign-ups. Stay tuned for updates!



Please Join Us at the March 3rd Hongwanji Day Service to Hear Our Special Guest Speaker, Rev. Blayne Nakasone Sakata!

Rev. Nakasone Sataka was born and raised in Honolulu and graduated from the Pacific Buddhist Academy (PBA) in 2014. He studied at UH Hilo and graduated in 2018 with BA degree in Philosophy and Japanese Studies. He then attended Chuo Bukyo Gakuin, in Ukyo-ku, Japan in the spring of 2019 for two years, completing school in 2021. In that same year, he entered Ryukoku University in the School of Literature, Masters program with a majoring in Shin Buddhist Studies. Currently, Rev. Nakasone Sakata is assigned at Hawaii Betsuin and is the chaplain for PBA.



The Mililani Hongwanji BWA is offering a \$1,500 scholarship for post high school schooling or training. Members of the BWA, their children and grandchildren may apply. This scholarship is one of the major programs of the BWA, which has awarded scholarships to over 17 applicants.

For application forms, go to [Mililani Hongwanji.org/events](http://MililaniHongwanji.org/events), click on News and Events, click on Activities and Organizations, click on Buddhist Women's Association and scroll down to [BWA Scholarship](#). If you have questions call Diane Yoza, chairperson at (808) 342-1629. Submit applications by March 24, 2024.

Flower Arranger Needed!

We are looking for a volunteer(s) to help with doing the flower arrangement for service! This task will only be on the 3rd Saturday of each month from between 8:00-10:30am. If you are interested, know someone, or have questions, please contact Ann Ishikawa j_aishikawa@yahoo.com



HONPA HONGWANJI MISSION OF HAWAII
TRIPLE CELEBRATION 2024

850th Anniversary of Shinran Shonin's Birth
800th Anniversary of the Establishment of the Jodo Shinshu Teaching
135th Anniversary of the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii

ONLINE BUDDHIST EDUCATION SERIES
JANUARY-MARCH

SPEAKERS



Rev. Dr. David
Matsumoto

INSITUTE OF
BUDDHIST STUDIES

January 13 & 20
10 am

WHAT IS
MAHAYANA
BUDDHISM AND
PURE LAND
BUDDHISM?



Prof. Mitsuya
Dake

RYUKOKU
UNIVERSITY

February 3 & 17
2 pm

DEVELOPEMENT
OF JODO SHINSHU
IN JAPAN AND
HAWAII



Prof. Eisho
Nasu

RYUKOKU
UNIVERSITY

March 16
2 pm

SIGNIFICANCE OF
ESTABLISHMENT
OF JODO SHINSHU
TRADITION

For more info, go to the Honpa Hongwanji website:
<https://hongwanjihawaii.com/triple-celebration/>



Scan to register

Email:
triple.celebration@honpahi.org

PACIFIC BUDDHIST ACADEMY

March 17, 2024



YARAMAIKA! GO FOR IT!

18th ANNUAL TAIKO FESTIVAL



RESERVE YOUR
SEAT TODAY!

PBA's 18th Annual Taiko Festival

Pacific Buddhist Academy (PBA) will host its 18th Annual Taiko Festival "Yaramaika" at 4 p.m. on **Sunday, March 17** at the Moanalua Performing Arts Center.

PBA's taiko sensei Jay Toyofuku said, "The theme Yaramaika, or 'go for it!' reflects that our world needs a new sense of urgency to tackle its biggest challenges – global conflicts, climate change, even our relationships with one another. We need to put new energy into the world and that is what the school's drummers are working hard to achieve."

Taiko drumming is incorporated into the school's curriculum as all ninth graders take Beginning Taiko as freshmen. Ticket sales help to support PBA and its taiko program.

PBA is the country's first Shin Buddhist high school, one of only two Buddhist high schools in the country. Through such activities as the practice of taiko, students nurture Japanese culture as well as spirit through perseverance and a more harmonious interdependence through listening and drumming together.

Tickets are \$40 for general admission and \$30 for students grades K-12 and seniors over 62. For more information and to purchase tickets, call Pacific Buddhist Academy at 808-532-2649 or email megan.lee@pbahi.org.

Commission on Buddhist Education &
the Buddhist Study Center Committee



Sharing Your
NEMBUTSU
MOMENTS

2024 HONGWANJI SLOGAN

"Sharing Nembutsu Moments"

WHAT IS A "NEMBUTSU
MOMENT?"

When you see or hear or experience something so beautiful, touching and profound that it leaves you speechless and all you can say is "Wow!" After that, as one continues to be in awe of that life changing encounter, you continue to say "Wow." This moment is explained in The Collected Works of Shinran, Volume Two as "...the moment of awakening of shinjin (True Entrusting) and saying the nembutsu is a moment both in and out of time."
---Reverend Eric Matsumoto

WE WILL SHARE YOUR EXPERIENCES
IN THE KA LEO KAHEA, TEMPLE
NEWSLETTERS OR IN A COLLECTION
FOR A BOOK.

SUBMIT YOUR EXPERIENCE HERE!

<https://forms.gle/6cVKBwqsqzYg5XrHA>



DEADLINE TO SUBMIT:
AUGUST 31, 2024

??? QUESTIONS ???

Please contact Debbie Kubota
dekub88@gmail.com

March Memorials

Those who have passed during the month

Hatsue Akamine
Takeshi Aoki
Shoichi Awaya
Emi Egami
Ethel Funasaki
Takeshi Hayashi
Hatsuyo Hironaka
Tsuna Hiyakumoto
Takeo Hupalar
Yoshitaro Ige
Kikue Iida
Ann Jones
Earl Kajiwara
Beatrice Kawamura
Kazuo Kiyota
Matsuko Masuda
Tetsusaburo Matsumoto
Jane Mikami
Shigeyo Miyasaki
Toyoko Miyasato
Harold Morikawa
Yone Nakagawa
Howard Nakamura
Harriet Nogami
Byron Rodby
Chieko Sako
Alvin Tabata
Alice Tamura
Clyde Tanaka
Masao Taniguchi
Shigeo Tengan
Sarah Uchima
Doris Yoshida

Please call (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 2024, special memorial years are observed for loved ones who passed away in:

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

Love to do crafting but can never find the time? Come to...

Friday Night Craft Night!
Friday, March 22, 7pm

Bring your craft supplies/projects, whatever they may be & gather in the temple building every 4th Friday evening with your fellow crafters! No rules, just fun & fellowship—come & go as you please.

Contact Gay Tanaka (808-349-7364) for more info.

2024 Adopt-A-Highway Schedule

- ✓ February 17th
- May 18th
- August 24th
- November 16th



Mahalo to the Adopt-A-Highway Clean-Up Crew!

By: Tyler Oshiro, Adopt-A-Highway Coordinator

A big MAHALO to the volunteers who helped with the first quarter 2024 Adopt-A-Highway clean-up held on February 17th! The trash was no match for our fabulous crew of regulars—Brandon H, Cliff T, Mel H, Stan S, Warren H, and Stephen K. And we welcomed first time volunteers Charlene H and her granddaughter Zoey F!

Mark your calendars—the 2nd quarter clean up is scheduled for **Saturday, May 18, 2024, 8am.**

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at tylerkoshiro@gmail.com.



Mahalo for your DANA

(January 14, 2024 to February 9, 2024)

Dharma School

Richard & Joyce Fujimoto

Funeral

Anonymous - IMO Scot M Onaga

General Donation

Lotus Connection Group

Lotus Connection Group

Moilili Hongwanji - Nancy Shimamoto

James & Karen Nakasone

Ho'onko Service

Christine Sato & Richard Lightner

Janet Abe

June Asato

Roger & Jill Kyhos Babcock

Claire Doi

Sharon Freitas

Richard & Joyce Fujimoto

Myra Fujino

Luana Fukutomi

Warren & Nora Hahn

Melvin Hayase

Brandon Hee

Theodine Hirai

Karl & Carol Ann Kakehi

Sharon Kaneko

Gayle & Carl Nakamura

Masami & Joyce Nishimoto

Lawrence & Joyce Nishioka

Lester & Joyce Ogawa

Patrick & Susan Oshiro

Dennis & Michele Oshita

Frances Saito

Dean & Doreen Sakamoto

Aileen Sato

Charles & June Shimata

Nancy Tanaka

Hiroyoshi & Satoko Terao

Ivan & Fay Toyama

Brad & Mari Wakahiro

Gordon & Lyn Watanabe

Steven & Lani Yamami

Ethel Yamashige

Diane Yoza



Inurnment Service

Steven & Sadako Shintaku

Memorial Service

Janet Abe -

IMO Sadae Tagami, Kazuko Ama

Janice Fukunaga -

IMO Katsumi Shigehara, Toyoko

Shigehara, Richard Fukunaga

Harley & Martha Ishii -

IMO Kenji Ishii, Alice Sumida, Setsumi Fuke

Dennis & Michele Oshita -

IMO Jane Oshita

Carol Saito - IMO Edwin Saito

Charles & June Shimata -

IMO Mitome Shimata

Richard & Gail Taira -

IMO Kameko Taira & Taira Family

Hiroyoshi & Satoko Terao -

IMO Matsue Sugita

Wayne & Nora Toma - IMO Masue Toma

Harry & Shirley Yamakawa -

IMO Ritsuyo Hashiro

Diane Yoza - IMO Satoru Nakamura

Diane Yoza - IMO Sadae Tagami

New Year's Day Service

Annie Tanaka

Ethel Yamashige

Social Concerns (HQ)

Christine Sato & Richard Lightner

Janet Abe

Sharon Freitas

Judith and Keith Hamada

Melvin Hayase

Theodine Hirai

George & Sarah Kadoyama

Sharon Kaneko

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Amy Nakamura

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Photo Gallery



Project Dana Volunteers and their years of service to Mililani seniors: 1st Row: Diane Yoza, 9 yrs; Lani Yamami, Mililani Project Dana Coordinator, 5 yrs; Carrie Kawamoto, 10 yrs; Shirley Yamakawa, 15 yrs; 2nd Row: Rene Mansho, Kyodan President; Mel Hayase, 15 yrs; Jill Kyhos, 7 yrs; Martha Samson, Project Dana Advisory Council Chair; Joyce Ogawa, 6 yrs; Rev. David Fujimoto. (Missing: Earl Nishimoto, 15 yrs)



Zenzai courtesy of the BWA
January 28th



Hatsu Mairi Service for Okazaki family, Feb. 11th





FYI.....



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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 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

March 2024

Calendar

Mar 20 (Wed) 9:00 am Before service clean-up

24 (Sun) 11:00 am Monthly Service

Wednesdays 9:00 am - 12:00 pm Weekly hosha and Rev. Fujimoto's office hours

**** Note:** we are having hosha and office hours on Wednesdays beginning March 6

Reverend David's Thoughts

Spring is here, and so what does that mean? There will be much abuzz about the return of baseball, especially with Ohtani playing for the Dodgers, the future of the A's, the Mariners and the reigning National League Champions, the Arizona Diamondbacks.

Spring also marks Ohigan, a time in which we are encouraged to rededicate ourselves to the Teachings of the Buddha. Through personal introspection, like the equinox suggests, we are able to find balance in our lives through the practice of the Six Paramitas (selfless giving, discipline, patience, endeavor, mediation, and wisdom).

President's Message

Aloha. Another saying we hopefully all heard is "Freedom is not free". As we approach this voting year, it will be our responsibility to elect our future leaders. To me The United States of America is not united anymore. There is too much dissension. And not enough Patriotism. Do you know that dissension is part of our freedom? Our country has forgotten what our common goal is. And that is to be Happy, Hopeful, and Free. We are not perfect. But if you are a politician, you are asked to be. It all depends on the severity of the mistake. If it is forgivable, or not? This is what I like about our country. Another thing I like to comment on is the word "appeal". When a Judge, or Jury gives a verdict of guilty in a trial, many defenses go into an "appeal". And drag on the trial. What happens to a final verdict, and closure? Have a good everyday, everybody.

In Gassho,

Craig T. Tsutsumi

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