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WE ARE FULLY OPEN

Welcome back! We are continuing our traditional Sunday Services. With the end of the mask mandate for indoor activities, our Sunday Services will include singing, chanting, and socializing in temple facilities. This has been a long time coming and many have not been to temple in awhile. **Due to the recent rise in COVID cases, we are highly recommending the use of masks.** Other temple activities are starting up again however, you should contact your program coordinators for specific details. **Namo Amida Butsu**



March 2023

April 2023

- 5 9:00am **Sangha Day** (Wahiawa/Waialua Host)
No Service @ Mililani Temple
- 12 9:00am Joint Memorial and Family Dharma Service
- 12 10:15am BWA Meeting
- 19 9:00am **Ohigan Service** and Dharma School
- 26 9:00am Family Dharma Service & Dharma School

- 2 9:00am Joint Memorial and DANA Day Family Dharma Service (**April & May Memorials**)
- 8 9:00am Hanamido Set-Up & Decoration
- 9 9:00am **Hanamatsuri (Buddha's Birthday)** and Dharma School
- 16 9:00am Family Dharma Service & Dharma School
- 16 11:00am BWA Meeting & Spring Luncheon (Mango Street Grill)
- 23 9:00am **BWA Eshinni & Kakushinni Day** Family Dharma Service and Dharma School
- 30 9:00am **Baccalaureate** Family Dharma Service and Luncheon



Ohigan - The Other Shore





Minister's Message



Success: Okage Sama De

Back in January, my nephew wanted to go to a local fast food joint for lunch. As we were on our way home, we went through the drive thru. After we ordered, we proceeded to the window to pay and receive our food.

At that time, the managers corralled everyone into a huddle, to which they expressed their appreciation and gratitude for their hard work during the past year and asked for their continued support in the new year. As we waited, one of the managers kept on apologizing to me, but I told her not to worry.

As I listened into the rousing speeches that the managers were giving, one of them mentioned something that at that time, was very profound to me. He had mentioned that he could not be successful unless everyone else was successful.

Okage Sama De expresses that very profound thought. "I am who I am because of you" and "You are who you are because of me." "I can only be successful, only because of you." When I think of that, it reminds me of the very existence of the Buddha. Buddha exists because of sentient being's pain and suffering. No pain and suffering, no need for the Buddha.



As we all know, as sentient beings, it is hard for us to get rid of our pain and suffering, so there will always be the need for the Buddha and the Dharma. Buddha, Dharma, and Sangha will always co-exist with each other and cannot exist in harmony without the other.



When the manager finally came to the window, she once again apologized for the wait. I mentioned that she didn't need to apologize, rather I extended my appreciation for them, as managers, to acknowledge their staff member and the hard work that they put in every day, especially as they are still working through the pandemic and the economy.

That appreciation that I expressed could have easily been avoided. I didn't need to express my appreciation.

However, it is like our recitation of Namo Amida Butsu. In our lives it is easy for us to not recite it in appreciation and gratitude, but in order to feel that sense of appreciation and gratitude in our own lives, we acknowledge it and we to recognize it in fellow sentient beings.

In our everyday lives, it may seem that we live a mundane life, however, in everyday life, there are those Nembutsu Moments that need to be recognized and acknowledged. It is in those moments that we truly feel the embrace of Infinite Wisdom and Inconceivable Compassion, that we call the embrace of Amida Buddha, that always surrounds us and never forsakens us.



Rev. David Fujimoto

So now, how will you measure YOUR success in life?

President's Corner

Greetings all...

Our short month of February was filled with great experiences and news.

The highlight of activities centered around the 111th Annual Legislative Assembly (aka Giseikai) and the six participants from Mililani engaged in policy making as well as networking in person (and online) with experienced and newbies from all over the state as well as overseas. (see Legislative Assembly Reflections in separate article)

Here at Mililani the new Mahjong group is growing and the martial arts, ikebana, mindful meditation, MSG, bon dancers and the Thursday Gang have returned to in-person sessions. Check with the group leaders or contact dharma.connection@gmail.com (or see me) for details and new protocols to keep everyone safe. What else would you like to have at Mililani Hongwanji? Propose your ideas/request to me or one of the Vice Presidents—Steve Koito, Brandon Hee and Kevin Asato in person or online

Did you know that Mililani High School will be celebrating their 50th Anniversary this year? They are one of great community partners in our 45 year history. We have nearly 50 of our members joining dharma friends at Sangha Day (also known as Hongwanji Day which observes the arrival of Hongwanji in Hawaii in 1889). Let's celebrate and enjoy fellowship and fun with our sister temples in the district. No service at Mililani on Sunday, March 5.

We have a new young energetic volunteer improving our webpage—check it out. He is also cataloging the obutsudans and ornaments that will eventually be put on the website for people to “adopt”. BTW, when you see Ty Wakahiro, tell him “Thanks”.

Here are some trivia questions to help us all get ready for our 50th Anniversary in 2027. How old will you be? Be the first to send your answer to jasato@hawaii.rr.com for a prize.

Q1: When and where was the first open meeting of the Mililani group?

Q2: When and where was the first public Buddhist Service in Mililani?



June Asato

Gassho, June Asato



2023 Baccalaureate: Calling All High School Seniors!

Our 2023 annual Mililani Hongwanji Baccalaureate recognition events are planned for Sunday, April 30, 2023. 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 families 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. Please contact Brandon Hee at heebear1@gmail.com or Aryn Ishikawa at arynn.m.ishikawa@gmail.com with any interested graduates by March 12, 2023.

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



Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii
111th Legislative Assembly
February 11, 2023



Legislative Assembly (Giseikai) Report and Reflections

by June Asato

Together with Rev. David Fujimoto, I was privileged to lead the Mililani Hongwanji Contingent to the 111th HHMH Legislative Assembly from February 9-11, 2023. Other delegates at the Giseikai were Clifford Togo and Rene Mansho. Observers were Kevin Asato and Dean Sakamoto. During that time the Reverend and I had the opportunity to plan out the year.

Rap Session: Takeaways from the Thursday, February 9 rap session with Rev. Bob and Patti Oshita of the Sacramento Buddhist Temple and Pieper Toyama of Jikoen Hongwanji:

- Jodo Shinshu must connect with the mainstream of the world.
Example: The recognition of the Dalai Lama and the works of the popular late Thich Nhat Hahn. Jodo Shinshu is not a “kind of” Buddhism; It is Buddhism. What is Buddhism?
- Defined in these descriptors: Kindness, Gratitude, Impermanence, Interdependence, Compassion
- Use “regular” words when sharing the Dharma (teachings/practice) and define foreign terms that you use.

Plenary Sessions on Friday and Saturday

- The resounding voices of more than 100 voices in the beautiful hondo of the Hawaii Betsuin chanting and singing never ceases to awaken and inspire.
- Linda Nagai (formerly of Mililani Hongwanji and now of Kona Hongwanji and the State President of the BWA) gave an inspirational Welcome Address. Rev. Furusawa delivered the memorial sermon.
- Meeting chaired by President Warren Tamamoto proceeded and spirited discussion was handled efficiently. Reading up on issues and pending legislation showed that our delegation was well prepared. Reports are available for those who wish to read them.
- The position of Communications Coordinator to assist overburdened Headquarters Staff was adopted.
- Rev. Toshiyuki Umitani of Moiliili Hongwanji was confirmed to be the Bishop of the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii. He gave an excellent acceptance message.
- The budget prepared by the Finance Committee was explained and adopted after spirited discussion. Over the past few years, the Hongwanjis have received several thousands of dollars of covid relief funds and the current budget is less than pre-covid budgets. The per capita spending is less than many of the years since 1996.
- Reports from PBA, the Jr. YBA, BWA, Buddhist Study Center, Ministerial Training Committee, Office of Buddhist Education/Commission on Buddhist Education and others were shared.
- The HHMH 2022 Annual Report has a lot of “Vital Statistics” statewide that you might find interesting.
- Retiring Ministers Rev. Richard Tennes and Rev. Arthur Kaufman and Hongwanji volunteer Alan Kubota were recognized for their service.

The Living Treasures Luncheon: Held at the Hilton Hawaiian Village was another elegant and magnificent event.

- The Living Treasures of Hawaii for 2023 are “Pohaku—The foundational element of Hawai’i’s Culture”—Peter T. Young, Frederick S. Nonaka, Hiromi Peterson, Fred K. Cachola Jr. More info on these outstanding individuals can be found at the HHMH website. <https://hongwanjihawaii.com>
- Rev. David Fujimoto delivered the words of Thanksgiving and his words received accolades among our tablemates who are not Hongwanji members.
- It was nice to mingle with other temple and community members.

Summary of February 8, 2023

Kyodan Board Meeting

- The Mililani Hongwanji Board of Directors met via ZOOM with a quorum. President June Asato presided.
- Treasurer's Report: Cliff Togo distributed first financial report for 2023. Pledge income amounts were large as many members paid their entire dues at the beginning of the year. The Budget & Finance Committee is currently preparing a Proposed Budget and will present it at the next Board meeting in March. Once approved, the Budget Allocation amounts will be inserted in the report. It is anticipated that the amounts for Minister's Salary/Fringe Benefits and HHMH Kyodan Assessments will be increased. Dennis Oshita, Cliff Togo and Stan Sasaki are diligently working on the budget as the HHMH Legislative Assembly (Giseikai) recently approved a new salary schedule for all ministers and formulated temple assessments based on membership. Acknowledged Dennis Oshita, Christine Sato, Aileen Sato, Diane Yoza for stepping up to help in fulfilling some of the office functions Gordon did for decades. Mahalo Gordon!
- Minister's Report: Rev. David Fujimoto attended State Minister's Meeting and Legislative Assembly, a log is now in place for ADC cleaning to meet DOH requirements, martial arts group experiencing increased infections, April & May's memorial service will be on April 2nd due to schedule conflicts. Hanamatsuri Service will be on April 9th.
- President's Report: June Asato continues outreach efforts to KOA Ridge residents, attended Giseikai, coordinated facility users via ZOOM to discuss concerns and issues. Acknowledged work by Baccalaureate and Sangha Day committees.
- VP Facilities: Steven Koito reported that the Business Office split ACs were repaired. May need to have all split systems put on a maintenance contract.
- VP Religious Prog: Brandon Hee looking into replacing the temple's PA system and rolling bulletin boards. Planning in process for baccalaureate service/program.
- VP Operations: Kevin Asato looking into temple insurance & columbarium matters
- BWA: Diane Yoza reported 50 members for this year, DANA Day and canned goods drive for Hawaii Foodbank, Spring Luncheon at Mango Grill on April 16, a new lawn mower for Thursday Gang being considered.
- Announcements: Cliff - Bon Dance planning will get started soon. Please KOKUA as done in the past.
- Acknowledgements: Mahalo to Brandon Hee, Rene Mansho, Rev. David Fujimoto in fulfilling some of the functions done by Dennis Kawamoto on the newsletter mailout. Thank you Dennis!



BWA News

On behalf of the Program Committee, we'd like to extend a great, big **"MAHALO"** to all who donated canned goods and monetary gifts to the Hawaii Foodbank. In the spirit of dana, a total of 227 pounds of food and \$540 was presented to the organization last week. A suggestion was made to have a youth volunteer, possibly from the Jr. YBA, be at the curbside to help collect the heavy donations, so we will work on that for next year.



Eshinni



Kakushinni

The Program and Membership Committees are currently working on the annual Spring Luncheon, which will be held at the Mango Street Grill on April 16. We will be taking sign-ups for the luncheon at our next BWA meeting on March 12, so please try to attend. If unable to, please let one of the committee members know if you wish to attend. The BWA will subsidize part of the cost.

Looking ahead to the Eshinni-Kakushinni service on April 23, the BWA will be serving a light lunch to all attendees, so there will also be a sign-up at the March 12 meeting. Please be thinking of what

you may want to volunteer to bring.

Also coming up in April, is the Ehime Maru clean-up day, Saturday, April 22. Co-chairs Debbie Hiyakumoto and Janice Yasunaga invite you to join them at this worthy event, which ends with everyone enjoying a well-deserved lunch at a nice restaurant. Sign-up will be circulating at the March meeting.

Some of the highlights of the Oahu United Meeting held recently at Mililani Hongwanji are as follows:

- * Oahu is in charge of the 2026 State Convention
- * 2027 World Convention in Hawaii will be held at the Convention Center, chaired by the Hawaii Federation of Buddhist Women's Associations
- * Japan is not sending any exchange students to Hawaii this year. The BCA is expected to send 2 students to Japan this year.

We hope to see you at the March 12 meeting.

Mililani Hongwanji BWA Scholarship

The Mililani Hongwanji BWA is offering a \$1,500 scholarship to post high schooling and training. Members of the BWA, their children and grandchildren may apply.

The scholarship is one of the major programs of the BWA, which has awarded scholarships to over 16 applicants.

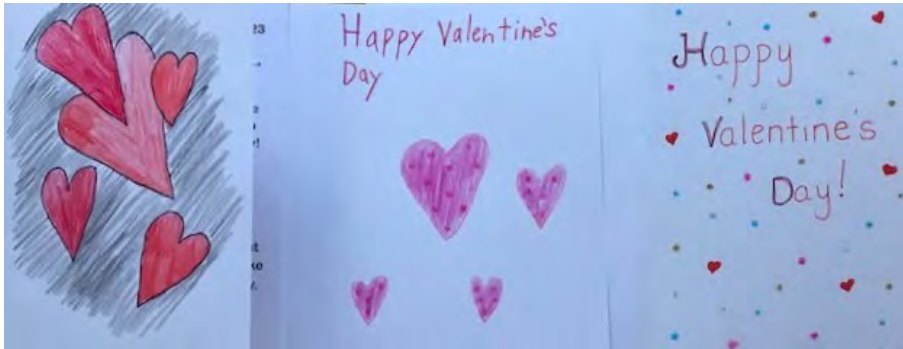
Application forms are available online at the Mililani Hongwanji website. Go to MililaniHongwanji.org, click on Activities and Organizations. Then click on Buddhist Women's Association and go to BWA Scholarship. Deadline to submit application is March 6. If you have any questions, email Diane Yoza (chairperson) at diane.yoza@gmail.com.





Dharma School



For the month of February, our students worked on their posters for the 2023 Oahu District poster contest. Our talented students worked on their creations with the theme, "Building Healthy Sanghas: Sharing Joy Together", which is also the Hongwanji's slogan and theme for this year. The posters are due at Sangha Day and we'll find out later how well our students did after their artwork is judged.



February also marked a milestone of sorts. Back in 2020, under pandemic conditions, we started our greeting card project with the goal of creating cards for various occasions throughout the year and mailing it to each temple member. Except for sending cards to our own Dharma School families, we've

finally reached that goal! We hope you enjoyed receiving your special handmade card sometime in the last few years. The students (and Dharma School 'ohana) had a great time creating and sharing with all of you. Sharing the recent Valentine Day cards some of our students made here.



Sangha Day		
Wahiawa Hongwanji Mission March 5, 2023 8:00 am to 1:00 pm		
Sustainability: Ancient Practices in a Modern World		
Bento Choices (\$12.00) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bento 1: Teri Beef, Fried Chicken, Fish Tempura, White Rice, Shoyu long rice, Corn niblets Bento 2: Vegetarian Maki & Oshi Sushi, Sweet Potato Tempura, Vegetable Nishime, Yaki Tofu Steak, Namasu, and Hijiki (black seaweed mix) 	Speakers: Steven Bolosan Ku'uipo Garrido	 <i>from one 'āina to yours</i>
Sign up for your choices with your temple. Each temple will be sending in the total order by February 5, 2023 to carolyn2048@gmail.com. Payment will be collected on March 5, 2023.		

We will be meeting twice in March--on Sunday, March 19th and Sunday, March 26th. We will share our lesson plans to all our Dharma School families via email.

Please note that we will not be meeting on Sunday, March 5th as we hope everyone will be attending Sangha Day at Wahiawa Hongwanji. Also, Sunday, March 12th is our monthly (2nd Sunday) day off.

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 sessions, please contact Claire Doi at clairedoi@hawaiiantel.net to be added to our email list to get our meeting agendas and links. Or please feel to contact us if you have any questions or need more info about our Dharma School sessions.

Spring

Buddhist Study Center
2023 Spring Virtual Session
Saturday, March 25, 2023
10am-12pm

"FELLOW TRAVELERS IN SHIN BUDDHISM"

Presented by Rev. Jon Turner, Orange County Buddhist Church



Let's hear about the journey of a fellow Shin Buddhist traveler, Rev. Jon Turner. Rev. Turner was introduced to Shin Buddhism when his family began attending the Orange County Buddhist Church (OCBC) in 1999. Later he joined the Minister's Assistant Program. In 2010, Rev. Turner graduated from the Institute of Buddhist Studies at Berkeley with a master's degree in Buddhist Studies and received his Tokudo ordination. In 2017 became a fully ordained Kaikyoshi minister at OCBC.

Our founder, Shinran Shonin referred to his followers as equal companions and "fellow travelers" (Ondobo Ondogyo) in the Dharma. Shinran taught us that, without exception, we are all "brothers and sisters" embraced by Amida Buddha's Wisdom and Compassion.

The program will explore this unique Shin Buddhist understanding that developed from Shinran's life experience as a monk and then a lay teacher. We urge all Jodo Shinshu followers (ministers and members) to become fellow travelers and listeners of the Buddha-Dharma.

Everyone is Welcome! Register online at: <https://forms.gle/CvXICZhsKe4Gguy17>
Or, fill in form below & mail to the BSC. Please register by **Saturday, March 18, 2023.**

Donations Welcome: All gifts received will be donated to the BSC & go toward furthering Buddhist education. Give online at <http://bit.ly/hhmhdonate> Or, checks can be made payable & mailed to the Buddhist Study Center. Questions? Call the BSC office at (808) 973-6555.

~ Registration Form for 2023 BSC Spring Session ~

Name: _____ Temple (if applicable): _____

Email/Phone: _____

Mail to: Buddhist Study Center • 1436 University Ave. Honolulu, HI 96822

Rescheduled Adopt-A-Highway Clean-Up on March 4th!

Tyler Oshiro, Adopt-A-Highway Coordinator

Due to the forecast of rain and flooding, the originally scheduled first quarter clean-up on February 18th was cancelled and has been rescheduled for:

**Saturday, March 4, 2023
8:00 a.m.**

Apologies to those who signed up about the cancellation, but the safety and comfort of all participants is of the utmost importance. We hope you will be able to attend the rescheduled date.

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.

2023

Bon Dance

August 18 & 19, 2023

Mark your calendars for Mililani
Hongwanji's Bon Dance.

We are now seeking volunteers for this event.
Your support is needed and greatly appreciated.
Look for more information in the coming months.

Co-Chairs:

Cliff Togo, Stanley Sasaki





**2023 HONPA HONGWANJI MISSION OF HAWAII
THEME AND SLOGAN**

We are in the fourth year of our five-year theme: “Building Healthy Sanghas” with our slogan for 2023 being “Sharing Joy Together.”

2020: Building Healthy Sanghas: Embracing Generosity and Openness

2021: Building Healthy Sanghas: Nurturing Empathy and Respect

2022: Building Healthy Sanghas: Connecting with Others

2023: Building Healthy Sanghas: Sharing Joy Together

2024: Building Healthy Sanghas: Sharing Nembutsu Moments

According to the Dhammapada, “To live a single day and hear a good teaching is better than to live a hundred years without knowing such a teaching.” strikes a deep chord when I read His Eminence Kojun Ohtani’s Gratitude for the Jodo Shinshu Teaching,

“Namo Amida Butsu.

‘Entrust yourself to me. I will liberate you just as you are.’

This is the calling voice of Amida.

My blind passions are embraced in the Buddha’s awakening,

So the Buddha calls to me ‘I will liberate you just as you are.’

Gratefully responding to the Buddha’s call, I find that I am al

ready on the path that leads to the Pure Land.

And the Nembutsu flows freely from my thankful heart.

Living with the Dharma as my guide

Softens my rigid heart and mind.

Gratitude for the gift of life I have received

Frees me from becoming lost in greed and anger,

And allows me to share a warm smile and speak gentle words.

Sharing in the joy and sadness of others, I shall strive to live each

day to its fullest”.

The deep joy that I experience of being accepted as I am and forever embraced by Amida Buddha’s all-inclusive Wisdom and all-embracing Compassion sustains me through thick and thin and, naturally, there arises the wish that others too, can come to know and experience this joy and happiness. I nod in acknowledgement of the saying “Thousands of candles can be lighted from a single candle, and the life of the candle will not be shortened. Happiness never decreases by being shared.”

More than ever, let us continue to live the Nembutsu by responding in gratitude to Amida Buddha by “Sharing (the) Joy (of Namo Amida Butsu) Together” by talking about Amida Buddha to others and reciting Namo Amida Butsu making manifest the saying “As the light of a small candle will spread from one to another in succession, so the light of Buddha’s compassion will pass on from one mind to another endlessly.”

Bishop Eric Matsumoto, Buddhist Study Center Interim Director, Office of Buddhist Education, and the HHM Commission on Buddhist Education

March Memorials

Those who have passed during the month of March.

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 Kajiwarra

Beatrice Kawamura

Kazuo Kiyota

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 the minister at (808) 625-0925 and/or email dharma.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



Mililani Hongwanji Kyodan Scholarship
Call for Applications

\$1,000 Kyodan Scholarship Opportunity



Mililani Hongwanji Kyodan is currently accepting applications for a \$1,000 post high school education scholarship. The scholarship is open to all high school graduating seniors whose family are members in good standing of the Mililani Hongwanji Kyodan. Application forms and instructions are available at

www.mililanihongwanji.org/scholarships

or QR Code below

The deadline for submitting applications is on March 1, 2023. Applications should be sent to Mililani Hongwanji, P.O. Box 893308, Mililani, HI 96789 (Attention Kyodan Scholarship Committee). Please call 625-0925 for more information.



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 Masami Nishimoto
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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 White for more information at (808) 561-2147. We are OPEN 5 Days a week Monday thru Fridays from 8am-5pm; most Saturdays upon availability with shortened hours. 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!



Mahalo for your DANA

(January 10, 2023 – February 13, 2023)

Funeral

David & Dulcey Fukumoto
Lloyd & Caroline Kajiwara

For Edwin Kajiwara

General Donation

Anonymous
Mililani Hongwanji Bon Dancercise Class
Mililani Hongwanji Mahjong Players
John K. & Ann Y.M. Ishikawa
Dennis & Carrie Kawamoto
Dennis & Carrie Kawamoto
Dennis & Carrie Kawamoto
James & Karen Nakasone
Tomeo Yoshizawa
Tomeo Yoshizawa

Raylie Okazaki -4th Birthday
Major Services
Offertory



Hoonko Service

Christine Sato & Richard Lightner
Janet Abe
June Asato
Kevin Asato
Roger & Jill Kyhos Babcock
Claire Doi
Richard & Joyce Fujimoto
Myra Fujino
Warren & Nora Hahn
Melvin Hayase
Theodine Hirai
Sharon Kaneko
Mamoru & Ethel Kawahara

Masami & Joyce Nishimoto
Lawrence & Joyce Nishioka
Lester & Joyce Ogawa
Patrick & Susan Oshiro
Dennis & Michele Oshita
Aileen Sato
Charles & June Shimata
Nancy Tanaka
Hiroyoshi & Satoko Terao
Gordon & Lyn Watanabe



Donation

Earl & Amy Nishimoto
Kenneth Enoki

Various Special Services & Oshoko
Dedication of new home

General Donation (Obon)

Christine Sato & Richard Lighter
Amy Nakamura
Trudy Akamine



Mahalo for your DANA

(January 10, 2023 – February 13, 2023)

Joint Memorial Service

Michie Ando

June Asato

Claire Doi

Claire Doi

Warren & Nora Hahn

Nicholle & Lynne Hasegawa

Harley & Martha Ishii

Arynn Ishikawa

Earline Kihara

Tom & Dale Koenig

Corri Lee & Seann Kojima

Carl & Aileen Matsuda

Carol Saito

Margaret Tanabe

Margaret Tanabe

Nancy Tanaka

Hiroyoshi & Satoko Terao

Gordon & Lyn Watanabe

Ralph & Janice Yasunaga

Reid & Cheryl Yasunaga

Diane Yoza

IMO Hayako Ando

IMO Umataro Muramaru

IMO Norman Doi

IMO Norman Doi (Fr: John & Ann Ishikawa)

IMO Ralph Y Yasunaga

IMO Paul Tanaka

IMO Sammy Sumida

IMO Paul Tanaka, Norman Doi, Ralph Yasunaga

IMO Eyvinn Kihara

IMO Ralph Y Yasunaga

IMO Paul Tanaka

IMO Patrick Matsuda

IMO Lillian Kawaguchi

IMO Tokuichi Tanabe

IMO Kakujiro Ginoza

IMO Paul Tanaka (17th Yr)

IMO Ayame Terao

IMO Yoshinobu Watanabe

IMO Ralph Y Yasunaga

IMO Ralph Y Yasunaga

IMO Uta Yoza

Social Concerns(HQ)

Stephen Chinen

Claire Doi

Melvin Hayase

George & Sarah Kadoyama

Sharon Kaneko

Wayne & Roberta Kishinami

Earl & Amy Nishimoto

Saxon & Linda Nishioka

Steven & Lani Yamami

Carl & Sandra Yanagi

Thank you to all GOJIKAI members who have renewed your membership for 2023.

In Deep Gratitude.

**Namo Amida Butsu
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NEWSLETTER

March 2023

Calendar

Mar	23 (Thu)	9:00 am	Before service clean-up
	26 (Sun)	11:00 am	Higan-e Service

President's Message

Aloha. On February 10th and 11th, Myra, Caran, and I, along with Reverend David attended the 111th Legislative Assembly of the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii and the 48th Annual Living Treasures of Hawaii Recognition Program Luncheon. It is always "an eye opener" for me to see our church statewide "in action". The Luncheon in itself is a worthwhile program to participate in. I urge our member to participate in it. This year, we elected our new Bishop, Rev. Toshiyuki Umitani. Ewa is still unsure if we can make our live Bon Dance in June? Stay tuned. Have a good everyday, everybody.

In Gassho,
Craig T. Tsutsumi

Mahalo for your Donations

Ho'onko Service

Mrs. Jean Abe
Ms. Caran Iwata
Ms. Myra Nohara
Ms. Beryl Takabayashi
Ms. Rae Wakimura
Mrs. Ruth Wakimura
Ms. Amy Yamamoto
Mr. Arnold Yoshioka

General

Mrs. Peggy Fujimoto
Ms. Deanna Sato (Onitsuka) ~ In memory of
Mr. Bertram Yasui
Mr. Michael Sawamoto
Mrs. Ruth & Ms. Rae Wakimura ~ In memory of
Mr. Ernest Wakimura
Mr. Shoso Yasui

Ofuse

Mrs. Ruth & Ms. Rae Wakimura ~ 3rd year
memorial service for Mr. Ernest Wakimura

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>