



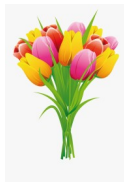
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# Dharma Connection

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## WE ARE FULLY OPEN

Welcome back! We are reverting to 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. Of course you can continue wearing masks and social distance if you choose. Other temple activities are starting up again however, you should contact your program coordinators for specific details.

**Namo Amida Butsu**

# May 2022      June 2022

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|----|---------|--|
| 1  | 9:00am  | Family Dharma Service (Guest Speaker: Mel Hayase)                                      |
| 1  | 9:30am  | State Dharma School Gathering via Zoom   |
| 1  | 10:30am | BWA Meeting & Spring Luncheon (See BWA News for more info)                             |
| 4  | 7:00pm  | Bon Dance Planning Meeting (In-person, temple building)                                |
| 8  | 9:00am  | Joint Memorial and Family Dharma Service   |
| 15 | 9:00am  | Family Dharma Service  |
| 15 | 10:00am | Dharma School Activity   |
| 22 | 9:00am  | <b>Gotan-e</b> (Shinran's Birthday, Family Dharma Service & Last Day of Dharma School) |
| 29 | 9:00am  | Family Dharma Service  |

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|----|---------|--|
| 5  | 9:00am  | Family Dharma Service                  |
| 12 | 9:00am  | Joint Memorial & Family Dharma Service |
| 12 | 10:00am | BWA Monthly Meeting                    |
| 19 | 9:00am  | Family Dharma Service                  |
| 26 | 9:00am  | Family Dharma Service                  |



All Family Services can be accessed through Mililani Hongwanji and 'Ewa Hongwanji's Facebook Pages and also through the Mililani & 'Ewa Hongwanji Facebook Channel (Simply type: [shorturl.at/evwCU](https://shorturl.at/evwCU) in the web address space on your browser for YouTube) (SUBJECT TO CHANGE)



# Minister's Message



## The Time I Didn't Sleep for Five Days

Several weeks ago, I was suffering from some major insomnia. Since high school, I've had several moments in which I couldn't sleep for a night, but never five consecutive days. As I reached out to my friends, there were so many things they wanted me to try. Warm milk, Melatonin, cut out my caffeine intake, etc. But none seem to help me.

In the days of Shinran's training on Mt. Hiei, there was a practice of continuous chanting of the Nembutsu, while circumambulating around the statue of Amida Buddha. To help them, there was a giant rope that went around the perimeter of the statue, in which the monks could hold on to. The only time they were able to stop, was to eat, use the restroom, and get limited amount of rest.

There are stories in which, after several days, some monks started to hallucinate. One account mentions that Amida came alive, jumped off the altar and helped the monk concentrate. According to modern studies, after 72 hours of no sleep, there is some significant deficits that the body goes through, one of them is hallucinations.

When I was in graduate school, I attempted to pull an overnighter, in order to finish my thesis. After several hours, there was something going on by my bed, in the corner of my eyes. I looked over and saw purple Smurfs jumping up and down on my bed. I told myself, "That's it! I am going to bed!"

For the monks on Mt. Hiei, hallucinations like this were a mark of great faith, and the Buddha manifesting to them. For me, the hallucinations and the insomnia are yes, signs of fatigue, but also the unconscious, repress thoughts and feelings that we often don't communicate.

I turned to medical advice, and the quick method was to be prescribed medication to sleep, but with all that's going on, in and around the temple, and all the added responsibilities, I didn't want to take medication and forget to do something because I fell asleep, or fall asleep in the middle of service, that would just be unprofessional.

For Shinran, this continuous recitation of Nembutsu was unnecessary to be born into the Pure Land. For me, these sleepless nights are unnecessary also, for my health and my sanity. Buddha educates us to look inside of ourselves and bring attention to the subconscious and bring it to the conscious to address our suffering. Through that, the recitation of the Nembutsu is a call and response of gratitude and appreciation for the inner working of the Buddha.

Our recitation is not ours solely, it is also the voice of the Buddha calling out to us, to remind us of Buddha's constant embrace, and in that, the recitation is also the voice of our appreciation and gratitude. Time to go sleep now.....



**Rev. David Fujimoto**



## Summary of April 13, 2022 Kyodan Board Meeting



- The Mililani Hongwanji Board of Directors met via ZOOM with a quorum. Immediate Past President Dean Sakamoto conducted the meeting.
- Treasurer's Report presented for the month ending March 31, 2022. Report reflected the 2022 Revised Approved Budget amounts.
- Auditor Dennis Oshita conducted an internal audit for the fiscal year ending December 2021 and for the month of February 2022. The audit also included a review of the Finance Committee's 2021 Year End Financial Statement. Various tests samples were taken and traced for authorization and documentation. The audit found no exceptions or irregularities and that the income and expense monthly report is fairly represented.
- Approved to support the Jr. YBA State Convention with a 1/2 page ad in their program booklet.
- Approved to purchase an additional 170 Gratitude Coins from Wailuku Hongwanji as a temple fundraiser to support an unspecified KUPUNA organization.
- Approved Koden in memory of Rev. Midori Kondo.
- Parsonage Washer and Dryer currently being replaced and funded with CIP funds.
- Planning for the 2022 Bon Dance is coming along well. Most areas are covered. Still reviewing Yagura options. Leaning towards Food Trucks for both nights. Will skip after dance refreshments. Planning an in-person Bon Dance meeting on Wednesday, May 4, 7:00 pm, temple building. All welcome to attend.
- Kumon lease agreement continued for another year through June 2023. All other terms and conditions remains the same.
- New martial art floor mats to be delivered shortly.
- Several Mililani Hongwanji organizations will participate in MTA's Sr. Health & Hobby Fair on May 18, 9:00-1:00, Rec Center 3.
- Several volunteers cleaned out the garage and replaced light bulbs.
- May 1, Rev. Fujimoto will be away, Mel Hayase will be guest speaker.
- BWA: Awarded scholarship to Twila's grandson Lewis Castellucci; Spring Luncheon at Mango Street Grill (former DOTs) on May 1; Ehime Maru cleanup on April 23 with lunch to follow; State Conference on April 23 & 24.



## Back in the day, not very long ago.....

### Yagura Construction & General Cleanup – Saturday, July 25, 2015

Thanks to members of the Mililani Hongwanji Mission led by Lester Ogawa and "Friends" of Waialua Hongwanji Mission, we were able to construct the Yagura for our Bon Dance on August 1, 2015. Also, thanks to Doris Okazaki, Toshie Okazaki and Eunice Watanabe for helping in cleaning and preparation for the Obon.



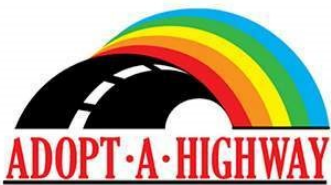
Bottom: Dennis Oshita, Jon Yanagida, Gordon Watanabe, Larry Lunasco, Cyrus Yoshizu, Brandon Ho, Warren Hahn, Mike Takashima, Kenneth Oyama.

Top: Miles Matsumoto, Lester Ogawa, Terry Matsumoto, Don Matsumoto, Douglas Kikuchi, Aaron Yokomura, Stanley Sasaki, Floyd Matsumoto. (missing from photo Aki Kakazu)

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 21, 2022, 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. Please see sign-up sheet on the temple bulletin board.

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](mailto:tylerkoshiro@gmail.com).

## May Memorials

Those who have passed during the month of May.

Mitsuo Fujimoto  
Harold Hanaoka  
George Harada  
Thomas Hashimoto  
Tsunehio Hashimoto  
Toku Hayase  
Goro Hirano  
Amy Horibata  
Kenneth Imamura  
Ann Kajiwar  
Itsuyo Kaneshiro  
Masaru Kido  
Lynette Kimoto  
Hatsumi Kubota  
Marie Meyer  
Bert Migita

Gladys Naitoh  
Emery Nakashima  
Tsurukichi Nakaue  
Margaret Nishimura  
Mitsuko Okinaka  
Garrick Okumura  
Chester Saito  
Toni Suehiro  
Zenyai Taira  
Michiko Tashima  
Bessie Tsuyama  
Yoshino Tsuyama  
Yeiichi Ukita  
Helen Watanuki  
Tamotsu Yamaguchi  
Shigetoshi Yoshino

Please call the minister at (808) 625-0925 and/or email [dharmaconection@gmail.com](mailto:dharmaconection@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 2022, special memorial years are observed for loved ones who passed away in:

2021 1st Year	2006 17th Year	1990 33rd year
2020 3rd Year	1991 23rd Year	1973 50th year
2016 7th Year	1998 25th year	1923 100th year
2010 13th Year		

## Celebrating 45 years!



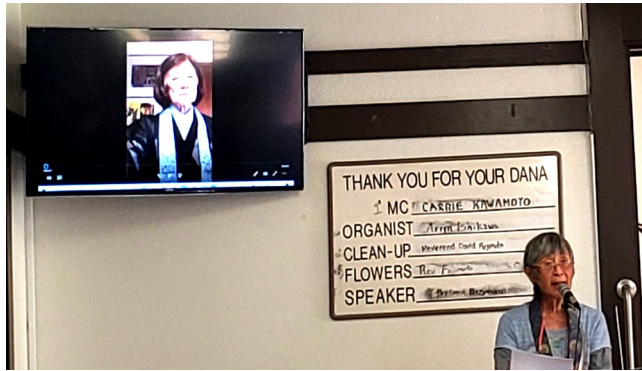
**Established in 1977**





# BWA News

The BWA is happy to welcome back the long-held tradition of the annual Spring Luncheon, which will be held on May 1st, at the Mango Street Grill. Members will have a short meeting before enjoying a scrumptious meal, followed by activities and entertainment.



On April 17, we celebrated Eshinni-Kakushinni Day with a light lunch for all who attended, and listened to the Dharma message given by Barbara Brennan, who presented her message virtually.

We are pleased to announce that our scholarship recipient is Lewis Castellucci, of San Rafael, California, and grandson of our own BWA member, Twila Castellucci. Lewis, an avid musician, is a student at Marin School of the Arts, and plans to study economics and sociology. He has been involved in setting up events and concerts in his community, and during his visits with Twila, he attended services and helped with O-Bon. We extend to Lewis our heartfelt congratulations, and much luck as he pursues his studies and life goals.

We'd like to acknowledge those who have worked really hard on recent events. First of all, to Claire Doi and the Religious Services Committee for coordinating and decorating the hanamido for the Hanamatsuri Service on April



3. It turned out breathtakingly beautiful! Next, thanks to Arynn Ishikawa for chairing the Zippy's fundraiser very successfully, and with the help of the BWA, a total of 600 tickets was sold. Finally, to Debbie Hiyakumoto and Janice Yasunaga for taking charge of coordinating the Ehime Maru cleanup on April 23.



It is with sad hearts that we say "aloha oe" to Robyn Izumi, a long-standing BWA member, as she and her husband, Duane, relocate to Las Vegas. We wish them well.



# Dharma School

Wow, our 2021-2022 Dharma School year is coming to a close at the end of this month! It was a very eventful year as we started on year two of our virtual classes and then transitioned to in-person classes in February.

We held our first hybrid class on April 3rd. The Noia family zoomed in from Makakilo and Connecticut! During the class, we shared creations from our recent Valentine's Day and Spring card project. Maybe you were one of the temple members who received a beautiful handmade card from our Dharma School 'ohana? If not, we're slowly but surely getting through the entire list of temple members.



Also during the April 3rd class, the students presented their research on famous Buddhist people. We learned more about Queen Maya, Eshinni, Dr. Alfred Bloom, Padma Sambhava, and more.



We had a special guest presenter for our April 17th class. Our own Danny Noia shared a presentation on the Golden Chain of Love. After Danny's great talk, Rev. Fujimoto and June Asato lead a class on how to grow microgreens. And everyone left with a little Easter treat.

For the last class of April, the students made Mother's and Father's Day gifts for their parents to celebrate their upcoming special days.

Here is our schedule for May:

- Sunday, May 1st: No classes due to State Dharma School Virtual Gathering event
- Sunday, May 15th: Visit to Honbushin International Center, Mililani (tentative, more details to come)
- Sunday, May 22nd, 10am: Last day of Dharma School celebration (games/prizes, ice cream, goodie bags)

Like regular school, Dharma School classes take a summer break. We'll resume classes with our annual Rally Day in late August. Have a great and safe summer!

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](mailto: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.



*Andagi*

## **2022 Bon Dance**

*Shave Ice*

**August 19 & 20, 2022**

*Country  
Store*

**A Traditional Bon Dance is being planned.  
We are now seeking volunteers for this event.  
Your support is needed and appreciated.**

*Craft  
Fair*

*Silent  
Auction*

**General Bon Dance Planning Meeting**

**Wednesday, May 4, 2022, 7:00 pm**

**Temple Building**

*Family Fun*

*Lantern  
Parade*

**In-Person only, No Zoom**

**All Welcome to Attend.**

*Variety of Food Trucks*



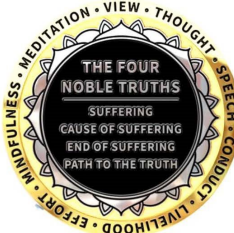
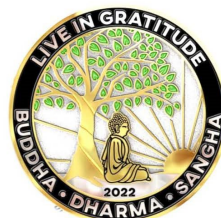
*Live Music  
Dancing*



## **Bon Dance**

### **SILENT AUCTION**

The Silent Auction Committee is excited to once again be part of the 2022 Mililani Hongwanji Bon Dance. Your generous donations of gift cards, unusual or unique items, plants, quality appliances and small furniture, ethnic pottery or art, are indeed welcome as another way YOU can help raise funds for the Kyo-dan. We've already secured a \$200 Longs gift certificate and two seats to see the Jersey Boys at Broadway in Hawaii in September 17, Saturday's 2 p.m. Matinee performance! Please feel free to email: chariJean@aol.com or call 223-6077 if you are considering a donation. We thank you in advance for your generosity.



## **MILILANIHONGWANJI BUDDHIST TEMPLE GRATITUDE COIN**

**REMINDS US TO BE GRATEFUL**

*We are offering Wailuku Hongwanji Mission's Gratitude Coin to help share the Dharma and for a donation of \$10.00. Proceeds will be shared with Kupuna organizations in need.*

*These challenging times taught us a lot about the value of caring, helping, respect, and appreciation for others.*

- Buy a coin to carry around or keep in a special place, as a reminder to be grateful for what we all have*
- Give a coin to relatives, friends, and folks you meet to share our Buddhist Way, and being mindful*
- It is a simple reminder of gratitude and not an Omamori or good luck charm*

*Please purchase Gratitude Coins by clicking on this link:*

<https://bit.ly/3GPrUHe>

**Mahalo for your support!**

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# FYI...



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### **Monthly Joint Memorial Service Change**



Mililani Hongwanji's monthly joint memorial service is on the **SECOND** Sunday of each month. There will be a small change in the format of the monthly joint memorial service. 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.

### **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.

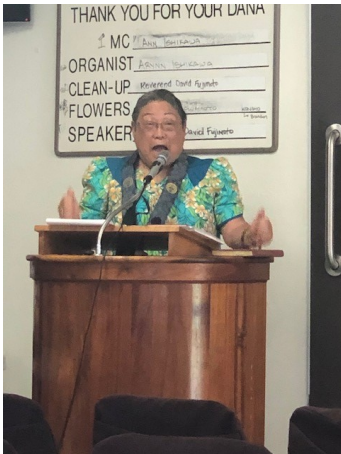
### **Minister's Private Visitation**

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!





# Photo Gallery





# Mahalo for your DANA

(March 22, 2022 to April 18, 2022)

## **Buddha Day Service (Hanamatsuri)**

Christine Sato & Richard Lightner

Janet Abe

Trudy Akamine

June Asato

Myra Fujino

Warren & Nora Hahn

Melvin Hayase

Harley & Martha Ishii

Karl & Carol Ann Kakehi

Sharon Kaneko

Mamoru & Ethel Kawahara

Kenneth Y. & Joan Y. Kitagawa

Misae Matsuzaki

Masami & Joyce Nishimoto

Lawrence & Joyce Nishioka

Lester & Joyce Ogawa

Patrick & Susan Oshiro

Russell & Dale Saiki

Frances Saito

Margaret Tanabe

Nancy Tanaka

Clifford Togo

Gordon & Lyn Watanabe

Steven & Lani Yamami

Diane Yoza



**In Gratitude.**

**Namo Amida Butsu**

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## **BWA Eshinni & Kakushinni Day Service**

Anonymous

Christine Sato & Richard Lightner

Janet Abe

June Asato

Claire Doi

Richard & Joyce Fujimoto

Luana Fukutomi

Warren & Nora Hahn

Karl & Carol Ann Kakehi

Sharon Kaneko

Mamoru & Ethel Kawahara

Dennis & Carrie Kawamoto

Lawrence & Joyce Nishioka

Frances Saito

Margaret Tanabe

Gordon & Lyn Watanabe

Steven & Lani Yamami

Ethel Yamashige

Diane Yoza





# Mahalo for your DANA

(March 22, 2022 to April 18, 2022) Continued

## General Donation

Mililani Crafters (3)  
Nick & Clarynne Blanchard  
James & Karen Nakasone  
Tomeo Yoshizawa

## Gotan-E Service

June Asato

## Higan Spring Service

Christine Sato & Richard Lightner  
June Asato  
Claire Doi  
Sharon Freitas  
Richard & Joyce Fujimoto  
Myra Fujino  
Warren & Nora Hahn  
Melvin Hayase  
Debra Hiyakumoto  
Sharon Kaneko  
Mamoru & Ethel Kawahara  
Misae Matsuzaki  
Amy Nakamura  
Lawrence & Joyce Nishioka  
Lester & Joyce Ogawa  
Dennis & Michele Oshita  
Steven & Lani Yamami  
Ethel Yamashige

## Hoonko Service

Richard & Joyce Fujimoto

## Joint Memorial Service

Christine Sato & Richard Lightner  
Michie Ando  
Takashi Ando  
June Asato  
June Asato  
Debra Hiyakumoto  
Debra Hiyakumoto  
Mamoru & Ethel Kawahara  
Amy Nakamura  
Lawrence & Joyce Nishioka  
Lawrence & Joyce Nishioka  
Margaret Tanabe  
Diane Yoza

## Social Concerns(HQ)

John K. & Ann Y.M. Ishikawa



**In Gratitude.**

**Namo Amida Butsu  
Namo Amida Butsu  
Namo Amida Butsu**



IMO Ronald M. Sato & Beatrice Sato  
IMO George Ando & Susumu Ando  
IMO George Ando & Susumu Ando  
IMO Shigeyo Miyasaki  
IMO Tsuruko Asato  
IMO Inao Yoshino  
IMO Larry M. Hiyakumoto  
IMO Masanobu Kawahara  
IMO Howard Nakamura  
IMO Makoto Nishioka  
IMO Jean Sanehira  
IMO Nancy Hirata  
IMO Anna Nakamura



# EWA HONGWANJI MISSION

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## NEWSLETTER

May 2022

### Calendar

May 19 (Thu)	9:00 am	Before service clean-up
22 (Sun)	11:00 am	Gotan-e Service
Thursdays	9:00am-12:00pm	Yard/temple maintenance, exercise

### President's Message

As the Obon season approaches, I got reminded how unfair life can be ~ the unexpected passing of my friend of over fifty years in early March, and the expected passing of a member's mother a few weeks ago. Both will be missed. I think we have all heard the saying, that from the moment we are born, we have a time set for us to leave this earth. It is the time in between that counts. Let us celebrate this Obon season. Don't forget our fundraiser on Saturday, June 18th ~ our call for volunteers will be sent out soon.

Have a good everyday, everybody.

In Gassho,  
Craig T. Tsutsumi

### Welcome to Ewa Hongwanji Mission!

Ewa Hongwanji Mission would like to welcome Mr. & Mrs. Brian & Karen Date to our ohana. We truly appreciate all that you do for us and are grateful for your membership. We hope to see you at our services and activities!

### In Memoriam

Ewa Hongwanji Mission expresses sincere sympathy to the family of the late Mrs. Beatrice Tashiro who passed away on April 13, 2022. Mrs. Tashiro was a member of the Ewa Hongwanji Kyodan.

### Mahalo for your Donations

#### Higan-e Service

Mrs. Jean K. Abe  
Mr./Mrs. Toshio Kishi  
Mr. Glenn Nagamine  
Ms. Claudia Tokumoto  
Ms. Rae Wakimura  
Mrs. Ruth Wakimura  
Mr. Arnold Yoshioka

#### General

Mr. Michael Sawamoto