

KONA HONGWANJI BUDDHIST TEMPLE



E - JIHO
December 2013



Theme & Slogan 2013: Path of Entrusting: Live the Teachings!

JR. YBA MOCHI SALE
Monday, December 30, 2013

7:30 a.m. Mochi Tsuki ----Volunteers needed
12 noon to 4:00 p.m.—Mochi Pick Up in Social Hall

Deadline to Order—Monday, December 16, 2013
Order form in Jiho

NO NEW YEAR'S EVE SERVICE
No resident minister

ABSENCE OF RESIDENT MINISTER

Until a resident minister is assigned to our temple, the following procedure for emergencies and memorial services will be implemented:

For emergencies: contact Kyodan President Norma Matsumoto
at 323-2552 or cell 989-3015.

For Memorial Services: Contact Judy at the church office at 323-2993.
Office hours are: Monday thru Friday
8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

HOONKO SERVICES

Rev. Shoji Matsumoto has made arrangements for the annual Hoonko Services in January 2014. Candle Light Service will be held on Saturday, January 18, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. The Goshoki Hoonko Service will be held on Sunday, January 19, 2014 at 9:00 a.m. **Guest speaker for both services will be Reverend Richard Tennes, resident minister of Kahului Hongwanji.** Details will be printed in January Jiho.

NEED THE ASSISTANCE OF THE MINISTER OR TO SCHEDULE SERVICES/ACTIVITIES

Please call the church office at 323-2993 Monday thru Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Office will be closed on weekends and holidays. If unable to contact the office clerk, leave a message on the answering machine. In case of emergencies and unable to contact office clerk, call Rev. Shoji Matsumoto at 323-2993 or cell 987-9900, or Norma Matsumoto at 323-2552 or cell 989-3015.

DECEMBER

1 Sunday	9:00 AM ...	Bodhi Day Service and Aloha Luncheon
2 Monday	TBA	Instruction Meeting w/Terminix Representative
8 Sunday	9:00 AM ...	English Family Service
11 Wednesday	7:00 PM ...	Board of Director's Meeting
13 Friday	8:30 AM ...	Senior Activity Program
14 Saturday		IKEBANA CANCELLED
	8:00 AM ...	Omigaki #1
15 Sunday		NO SUNDAY SERVICE
18 Wednesday ...	11:00 AM ..	Preschool X-Mas Program & Luncheon
20 Friday		"Pack-up" Facility for Fumigation
22 Sunday		NO SUNDAY SERVICE
23 Monday		Terminix Tenting of Social Hall/Preschool Bldg.
29 Sunday		NO SUNDAY SERVICE
30 Monday	7:30 AM ...	Jr. YBA Mochi Tsuki
	12:00 PM ..	Mochi Pick-up
31 Tuesday		NO NEW YEAR'S EVE SERVICE

JANUARY

3 Friday	6:00 PM ..	Judo Club Kagami Biraki
5 Sunday		NO SUNDAY SERVICE
9 Thursday	10:00 AM ..	HAIB Meeting
10 Friday	8:30 AM ...	Senior Activity Program
11 Saturday	8:00 AM ...	Hosha #1; Omigaki #2
	9:00 AM ...	BWA Board Meeting
12 Sunday	9:00 AM ...	English Family Service
18 Saturday	8:00 AM ...	HIUBWA Meeting (Group #2)
	TBA	Food Prep #3 for Hoonko
	7:00 PM ...	Goshoki Hoonko Candlelight Service
19 Sunday	9:00 AM ...	Goshoki Hoonko Service
26 Sunday	9:00 AM ...	English Family Service

CUB SCOUTS & BOY SCOUTS

EVERY MONDAY CUB SCOUT PACK 12 MEETING AT 5:00 PM
EVERY WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY CUB SCOUT PACK 12 MEETING AT 5:00 PM EXCEPT 1ST
WEDNESDAY
EVERY TUESDAY BOY SCOUT TROOP 59 MEETING AT 7:00 PM

TAIKO PRACTICE

EVERY THURSDAY TAIKO PRACTICE AT 5:30 PM
TAIKO MEETING EVERY 2ND THURSDAY IN THE SOCIAL HALL AT 6:30 PM

JUDO PRACTICE

JUDO CLUB MEETING EVERY 1ST WEDNESDAY IN SCOUT ROOM
EVERY MONDAY AT 7:00 PM NIGHT CLASS
EVERY WEDNESDAY AT 6:00 PM NOVICE; 7:00 PM NIGHT CLASS
EVERY TUESDAY AT 6:30 PM ADULT BEGINNERS
EVERY THURSDAY AT 7:00 PM CHOKE ARM BAR CLASS

IKEBANA

EVERY 2ND SATURDAY AT 9:00 AM IN THE SCOUT ROOM

MEMORIAL SERVICES FOR DECEMBER, 2013 and JANUARY, 2014

First Year (2013)	January	16	LINDA YASUKO EGAMI ROBERTS
		18	RICHARD MASAYUKI TANAKA
		23	HARUO AOKI
		28	FRANCIS "TORA"S. YAMAMOTO
Third Year (2011)	December	27	TERUO EZUKA
Seventh Year (2007)	December	5	NOBORU "KING" KITAOKA
		5	MILTON M. "TOGO" MIYAZONO
		9	FREDERICK HARUO IWAMOTO
		20	WALLY K. SATO
	(2008)	10	MITSUKO MURAI
		25	JUNJI YAMAGATA
Thirteenth Year (2001)	December	4	MARY M. FUJINO
		10	TATSUO NAKAYAMA
		30	YASUO FUJINO
	(2002)	2	SHIRO SAKATA
		14	HANAE NAGATA
		16	TADASHI ISHII
		19	NOBORU YAMAMOTO
Seventeenth Year (1998)	January	14	MARK B. PERLMUTTER
		16	HATSUE TABATA
		20	GLADYS FUMIKO KUKITA
		22	HATSUKO MATSUO
Thirty-third Year (1981)	December	5	HARUMI NAKAMURA
	(1982) January	16	TETSU SONODA
Fiftieth Year (1964)	December	26	TORA ISHIKAWA
	(1965) January	20	TOYOKI KOBAYASHI
One Hundredth Year (1914)	December	1	SHIMO SATO
		17	TOME YOSHIDA
		22	SEIICHI MATSUO
		26	EITSUCHI KANAYAMA
	(1915) January	5	KANGO MORITA
		5	ISAMU INOUE
		21	GENJIRO MINEISHI
		21	RIKICHI TSUDA
		22	TSURU UEYADA

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Norma Matsumoto

Thank you so very much for giving our temple its annual sprucing up. We will be preparing to close out the year without a minister, but we bid both Reverend Shoji and Dr. Sandra Matsumoto best wishes for wherever their next adventures take them. I would like to thank Dr. Sandra Matsumoto for her dedicated and selfless sharing of her knowledge in 'Tai Chi' and Kyudo with our Sangha and the community. I

would also like to thank Reverend Shoji for inviting me to join his Dharma talk evening sessions as they were as enlightening as they were relaxing and fun. Of course, if you would've told me three years ago that I'd even attend ONE Dharma talk, I'd be the first one to LMAO. LOL.

I had a milestone birthday this month, so I am 'arigatai' for what my life's path has led me to up to now and I am looking forward to experiencing what is around the bend as I continue on my path. The Kona Hongwanji experience is especially enriching as it is very different to have such an interwoven network of dedicated people working so hard to sustain what was so important to our parents and their parents. It is quite an education, as I did not know much about the inner workings of temple with its responsibilities to the members it serves.

Our debt to Honpa is still in the six digit neighborhood; this year our membership is in the two hundred seventy neighborhood; our annual pledge amount does not allow for a great balance between the temple's needs and annual assessment. Please give us your ideas and assistance to bring about fiscal balance at our annual General Membership Meeting this February. Remember, it is one of the more tangible benefits to you and your family for being a member!

Please join us on Dec. 1 at the temple to give the Reverend Shoji and Dr. Sandra Matsumoto a great 'send off' Bodhi Day Service at 9am with the Appreciation Luncheon to follow. See you there!

In Gassho

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

By Mary Katayama

Farewell Luncheon: Following the Bodhi Day Service on Sunday, December 1, 2013, there will be a farewell luncheon for Rev. Shoji and Dr. Sandra Matsumoto. Rev. Shoji's last day will be December 6, 2013 and will be leaving for Florida the next day. We thank Rev. Shoji for his 6 years of service to Kona Hongwanji.

Absence of Resident Minister: Kyodan president Norma Matsumoto has made arrangements with Bishop Matsumoto to provide ministerial services to our temple until a new resident minister is assigned. Information is listed on the front page of this Jiho. Volunteers are needed to assist with services.

Kyodan Education Fund: Mahalo to all volunteers who helped making manju to raise funds in support of our Dharma School and Jr. YBA students. Monies raised from this event is used to subsidize students who attend various Hongwanji related activities and events.

Annual Clean Up: We thank the Saturday clean up-crew (Morris and Henry Ann Nagata, Dean Uemura, Norman Takeoka, Stanley Kunitomo, Alan Matsumoto and Daren Katayama). They power washed all walls, window screens, waxed/polished floors in the kitchen and Pre-School. They prepared all rooms for Sunday clean up. Mahalo to Elsie, Leanne and LaRessa for preparing the Pre-School rooms on Friday, Thank you to our members and all Affiliate Organizations for your participation. We were able to complete the clean-up by 1:00 p.m. including cleaning the cemetery. Mahalo to Henri-Ann and her BWA ladies who prepared the delicious lunch and snacks. Great Job to all the volunteers!

Termite Fumigation: The social hall, kitchen and Pre-School buildings will be tented for termite treatment on Monday, December 23, 2013. Tents will be removed on Thursday, December 26, 2013. Please stay away from these areas until the tent is removed.

Jr. YBA Mochi Sale: Volunteers are needed on Monday, December 30, 2013 at 7:30 a.m. for making mochi. This is an annual fundraising event for our Jr. YBA. Please help!

Farewell Rev. Shoji

by William Tokuko Lundquist

Fare well. I mean that from the bottom of my heart Rev. Shoji. I have no doubt he will fare very well indeed as he moves on from Kona Hongwanji. If Rev. Shoji has aged a day since I first met him in the spring of 2008, I can't tell. Now in his 70s, he still approaches life like a kid in a candy store. He is always eager to read about interesting new ideas, ready to meet interesting new people, see new sights. A true disciple of Shakyamuni Buddha, Rev. Shoji embraces change far better than I do. I get the feeling he just can't wait to see what is going to happen next. If the word "retirement" means anything at all to him, I imagine it signals the start of the next new journey and adventure. I think he has always regarded journeys and adventures not as things you can plan and control, but as events that happen to you and take you where they will. Like Shakyamuni, Rev. Shoji seems content to observe what unfolds and learn from it.

Rev. Shoji is also a true disciple of Shinran Shonin. He has little patience for dogma and ceremony, and I often told him he had been exiled to Kona for it. Still, I'm sure Shinran himself would have greatly preferred exile in Kona to exile in Echigo. On the other hand, maybe Rev. Shoji came to Kona Hongwanji just because of a minister shortage. Whether his arrival in Kona was imposed by himself or others, or maybe both, we were glad to have him and certainly appreciated all the years he spent here when he could have retired long ago.

When I arrived at the Kona Hongwanji after spending a few months at the Idaho-Oregon Buddhist Temple, I assumed Rev. Shoji had been there for years, if not decades. I was surprised to discover he had arrived only about six months before I did, and that he really didn't know much more about the temple or its sangha than I did. When I told him I wanted to learn about Buddhism, he put both volumes of Shinran's big book in my hands and told me to read them. Again, I thought I was merely trying to catch up with the rest of you. I assumed you'd all been reading and studying these books since childhood, much as people in the Christian churches study the Bible pretty much constantly. Little did I know I was to become one of the few people in Hawaii who had ever read Shinran's complete works. It was hard slogging, but I plowed through the volumes in a few months. Only then did I realize volume two was mostly a guide to volume one and that Shinran is much easier to understand if you read the two together. I also discovered that most of Shinran's writings are a sort of legal treatise intended to Japanese imperial authorities that Jodo Shinshu is true Buddhism and that he and his master Honen should not have been punished and exiled. I learned that almost no one reads the big books because you don't really have to to understand Shinran's message.

Still, I think my perseverance, or maybe gullibility, impressed Rev. Shoji. That's not easy to do because he has studied just about everything there is to know about Jodo Shinshu, Buddhism and religion in general. He may be a Jodo Shinshu minister, but his beliefs are not confined to a single school of Buddhism. He took to heart Shakyamuni's last words, which could be translated as, "Diligently work out your own salvation." Rev. Shoji, of course, can also tell you other ways those last words can be translated, and why.

I was able to ask Rev. Shoji a few fairly intelligent questions and I learned so much from him, such as the fact that Shinran was not above adjusting the words and thoughts of the ancient masters to better fit the points he was trying to make. I can't blame Shinran. His neck was literally on the line. As I said, Rev. Shoji is not a fan of dogma, and I could always rely on him to give me honest and intelligent answers, not bureaucratic propaganda. I felt that Shinran and Shakyamuni probably taught the same way, giving intelligent, honest and often humorous advice, not inflexible commandments handed down by gods. In our dharma classes, otherwise known as the Tuesday night pupu party, I learned to be more patient, to not drive constantly toward the answers I wanted, but to pay attention to answers that I had not sought. Rev. Shoji always encouraged me to diligently work out my own salvation by exploring many facets of Buddhism and philosophy. I always ran what I had learned by him to see if I was on the right track, and he gave me Shakyamuni's advice to trust in something because, from your own experience, it works in your life.

I always enjoyed Rev. Shoji's dharma talks too. I told him his talks were like drifting down a meandering river, never knowing what was around the next bend, or where we were going to end up. In truth, I don't

think Rev. Shoji really knew or cared what he was going to say next. He never grew so attached to the point that he was trying to make that he couldn't change course if a better idea occurred to him while he was talking. Often we would end up with a very important point if we could just hang on long enough. I never liked the hour glass because it would stop the dharma talk before we could get to the important point. Fortunately, Rev. Shoji had a tendency to not notice when time had run out. I don't blame folks who said maybe he should have organized his talks better to fit into the 20 minute time slot, but Rev. Shoji is an incredibly flexible man, and you have to be flexible to get the most out of him. If he arrived at a brilliant idea at the 19 minute mark, I didn't want him to stop. That's why I appreciated the dharma classes, which sometimes ran an hour and sometimes five.

In the end, Rev. Shoji was one of my greatest teachers. I found him intelligent, honest and passionate about life, yet always ready to let go and embrace change. I feel these were the kind of people Shakyamuni, Shinran and all the great Buddhist masters were, not stuffed shirts who felt they knew more than other people. Oh sure, Rev. Shoji has his faults and his ego, and he is wise and humble enough to laugh about them, secure in the knowledge that Amida Buddha accepts him just as he is. I never think of him as Rev. Matsumoto, or Donen, his Buddhist name. I think of him as my friend Shoji, because I feel that is the title he values most from anyone. Fare well always my friend, as I'm sure you will.

HEADQUARTERS UPDATE

In Strong Support of Senate Bill 1 Relating to Equal Rights

(Testimony given at Senate Hearing and House Hearing by Rev. Eric Matsumoto, Bishop)

I would like to express my strong support of Senate Bill 1. The Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii is the largest Buddhist denomination in Hawaii with 33 temples throughout the State. For nearly 125 years, we have been sharing the message of an All-Inclusive Wisdom and All-Embracing Compassion which aspires for the peace and happiness of all existence. Guided by Great Wisdom and Compassion, we are encouraged to equally respect all people. The Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii's support of marriage equality is based on the equality of all people.

We believe that marriage equality is a basic civil right of any person. Further in any relationship, what are most important are the commitment, respect and trust that people bring to the relationship. The choice to marry the person you love is a freedom that should not be denied to anyone. Gay and lesbian couples wish to marry for similar reasons as anyone else – to make a lifetime commitment filled with love and fidelity to the person they love.

I believe that religious freedom is adequately protected by the bill. It is clear that no member of the clergy will be required to perform a wedding ceremony with which he or she does not agree. On the other hand, the passage of the bill will provide clergy the opportunity to marry all individuals who are deeply committed to each other. It is clear that some religious denominations will perform marriages for same-gender couples, and some will not, just as some houses of worship perform interfaith marriages and some will not. This bill does not change this fact.

This bill expands religious freedom and rights to more people in our Nation through our State. I believe it is in the spirit of our great Nation and our Aloha State to welcome, embrace and provide for all people. I know our ministers would welcome the opportunity to perform weddings for same-gender couples as it also affirms our spiritual values. True Compassion and Aloha includes all!

I humbly ask for your support for same-gender couples having the right to marry in Hawaii. Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Bishop Matsumoto was also one of several clergy who spoke at a rally held by supporters at Capitol Rotunda which was also attended by Rev. Shindo Nishiyama and Rev. Toshiyuki Umitani. Bishop Matsumoto was present at the State Capitol during various times throughout the special session to show the support of the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii. There were some tense moments between supporters and opponents who had gathered at the State Capitol, but in the end Hawaii lived up to its name of the Aloha State.

Rev. Blayne Higa, Chairperson of the Committee on Social Concerns, also sent letters of support to all Senators and Representatives on behalf of the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii. He delivered an Invocation at the opening of the House of Representatives to provide guidance to those in attendance. He served as the critical link between the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii and various other supporting organizations such as Hawaii United for Marriage, ACLU, other clergy in support of marriage equality and many other groups including Legislators. Bishop and he were invited to attend the By-Invitation only signing of the Bill by the Governor of Hawaii held at the Hawaii Convention Center on November 13, 2013 which made Hawaii the 15th State together with the District of Columbia in the Nation to recognize same-sex marriage. In attendance to witness this significant moment was Representative Richard Onishi of Hilo, Hawaii.

The support and presence of the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii, as the largest denomination of Buddhism in Hawaii, was appreciated by many supporters and seems to have impacted a significant number of individuals including Legislators. Bishop Matsumoto stated that he was very proud to represent the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii and expresses his appreciation to the Members and Supporters of the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii for sharing their perspective and value on the equality of all people with the rest of the Community. He is overjoyed that Jodo Shin Buddhists are being guided by Wisdom and inspired by Compassion and that is making a difference in our world.

Truly thanks to the support and dedication of so many people all across the State who supported Marriage Equality by submitting written and oral testimony, contacted Legislators, participated in rallies, signed petitions and informed the Honpa Hongwanji of their support and appreciation, we have marriage equality in our State. Thank you for your support! Let us continue our efforts to promote more awareness, mutual respect and understanding among all people. Thank you!

2014 Giseikai

The 2014 HHMH Legislative Assembly (Giseikai) will be held on February 7 & 8, 2014 at the Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin. The registration fee for Giseikai is \$100.00 (includes Living Treasures luncheon fee). Rap Session fee is \$8.00. The Registration form and other documents that need to be submitted for Giseikai were already sent to the temples and organization leaders. Please submit all the documents to HQ by the deadline described in the letter. The packet containing materials for Giseikai will be distributed at the Hawaii Kyodan Board of Directors' Meeting on December 7, 2013. Thank you very much for your cooperation.

Living Treasures of Hawaii recognition Luncheon

The Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii will honor the following individuals as the 2014 Living Treasures of Hawai'i™ in recognition of their personal and professional achievements and their contributions to the community. We welcome you to celebrate this honor with them.

Reverend Ida Chun

Dr. Samuel Gon III

Robert Hamada

Arthur & Rene Kimura

Reverend Chikai Yosemori

Date: Saturday, February 8, 2014 Place: Sheraton Waikiki Hotel

Time: 11:00 AM Registration, 12:00 PM Lunch and Program

Cost: Early registration - \$70.00 for payments received by January 24, 2014

Late registration - \$85.00 for payments between January 25-February 3, 2014
(Reservations will NOT be accepted after February 3, 2014)

Sponsor Tables are available: Gold - \$5,000; Silver - \$3,000; Bronze - \$1,500

***The reservation form is attached with this newsletter.**

From My Quote Notes (5)

by Rev. Shoji

In today's world, many Buddhist women explore the deep connection between their Buddhist religion and their womanhood. Let's listen to their voices.

"The light of the oil lamps that had been burning continuously on the altar for four hundred years represented in a profound way the never-failing all-embracing light that is Amida Buddha. For me to receive *tokudo*, the only ordination received by Shinran, enhanced and deepened my feeling of

connection to him, to Sakyamuni, and to all the Buddhas of past, future, and present. During our pre-*tokudo* seminar our lecturers had covered general Buddhism and the history of Pure Land Buddhist thought, linking Shinran's teachings with those of Sakyamuni in a way that emphasized what to me is the great difference of Buddhism, an intellectually and existentially attractive difference that speaks directly to we science-oriented people of the twenty-first century."

– Ruth Tabrah

"It has been enormously helpful to me to learn that the Buddha's wife and son eventually joined him in the wilderness and that she became both a follower and a teacher. There was love between them. How I wish we had a record of her thoughts. The male effort to separate Wisdom from the realm of the Feminine is not only brutal and unattractive but it will always fail, though this may take, as with Buddhism, thousands of years. This is simply because the Feminine is Wisdom; it is also the Soul. Since each and every person is born with an internal as well as an external Feminine, just as everyone is born with an internal and external Masculine, this is not a problem except for those who insist on forcing humans into gender roles, which makes it easier for them to be controlled."

– Alice Walker

"We don't like the idea of long years of grinding effort. Despite what the Buddha says in the *Diamond Sutra* – 'There is no formula for supreme enlightenment' – we long for some guidelines, some diagram, yes, a formula for quick success. We want what our teachers have, and we want them to give it to us without delay. And therein lies the problem in at least two of its guises: we think there is something to have; and we think it's good to get something for nothing — when, in fact, this practice of ours requires giving everything for nothing!"

– Roko Sherry Chayat

"I came to a different and awed understanding of what life is. It's not what you think it is. First, what you call your life is not yours at all — not yours to plan, manipulate, or control, at least not very often. That's a staggering realization. I was humiliated to see that the maturity and serenity I thought I had achieved was simply the result of having things my way all the time. If life wasn't mine, what was it? In fleeting moments of deep satisfaction and insight, I saw the absolute truth of life: the unbroken line of love that had led to my existence and would lead on through my daughter. My mother's love, her mother's love, her mother's love, and back and back forever ago."

– Karen Miller

"The truth is that Buddhist practice is hard work for most of us, and it doesn't bring about any instant transformations. I cannot change the reality of *samsara* or the way life seems to take on a specific kind of intensity when I return from these retreats, but I can devise a plan that enables me to preserve a bit of the wisdom I have achieved. A teacher once told me that you can't love anyone until you love yourself, and that lesson has been the true inspiration of my reentry ritual. I am allowing for the fragile state of my mind and my spirit. I am being gentle with myself, in the way a mother is gentle with her new baby. I am welcoming myself back to *samsara*, slowly, with compassion and wisdom and love."

– Jennifer Lauck

CUB SCOUTS PACK 12

Cub O Ree

Camp Honokaia was the chosen site for this year's Cub O Ree. The overnight camping was designed to welcome all new and returning Cub Scouts. Cub Scouts: Naea Andrade, Jack Ningeok-Ross, Bennet Koch, Dylan Keawe-Aiko, Justin Says, Lucas Sayrs, Guy Vanetti, Kenison Morinaka, Koutaro Yamamoto, Dylan Wroten, Hawila Kaulia-Alani, Colton Keliipio, Ashtin Paahana, Makai Alcoran and Dylan Crusat all attended the event. Our Pack was one of the largest packs to participate. All our scouts that attended had a great time as did the parents. The camp included a Patch, insurance and Cracker Barrel Friday night. Saturday everyone was treated to Breakfast and Lunch plus a full morning of activities. All the

scouts stated that the BB Gun and Archery part was the best. Thank you...Parents for taking the time so that your sons could experience the fun of Scouting.

Fire Station Visit

Thanks to arrangements between Scout parent Renee Morinaka and Sam Lee of the Capt Cook Fire Station. The goal was to complete the Flag obligation for the Wolf den (Dylan Keawe-Aiko, Guy Vanetti, Dylan Leinonen & Kenison Morinaka) which entailed raising and lowering the flag and folding the flag. The Tiger cubs (Naea Andrade, Preston Dickens, Jack Ningeok-Ross, Bennet Koch) tagged along to check out the Station too. Thank you to firemen & paramedics Shane Perry, Justin Yamamoto, Randy Matsutomi & Sam Lee. They led the Tiger Cubs and Wolves thru a tour of the facility. They went over the importance of Fire Safety and showed them the functions of the Fire Truck and Ambulance. All the scouts were awe struck by being there. They also had a chance to ask the fireman questions about how things are run or what certain things at the station or on the fire truck are used for. Thank you to the Firemen and Women who, every day, place their lives on the line to save others!

Meeting with an Engineer

Den Leader Moani Nishida arranged for Engineer Len, from the Hawaiian Electric Company, to give the Webelo Scouts information about what can be done to reduce the use of electricity and develop and understand how we currently generate and distribute electricity and how we will be changing our methods in the next 20 years. Learn to develop ways to create clean renewable energy by making homes and cars more energy efficient, for example installing Solar panels. Len even donated a device called "Kill A Watt EZ" it tells you how much energy your current appliance uses.

Happy Halloween – Trunk or Treat

This year our leaders decided to continue the tradition of Trunk or Treat as a Halloween project. Cars were spread out throughout the parking lot near the scout room. Each car passed out candies. In fact the leaders and parents converted their cars into games the scouts could play to earn their goodies. All the scouts were dressed in costumes. Some even came as soccer players (after their soccer practice). Even the den leaders had costumes. Den leader Dee Ono set up paint your own T-shirt activity. Most Scouts were having so much fun that they forgot to continue Trick or Treating.

Den Leader Dee Ono also set up an activity to make Caramel Apples. Yummy...Thank you to Cub Master Glenn for providing the giant apples.

Food Drive

Pack 12 has designated November 18th as Food Drive day. Each scout is asked to bring non-perishable foods to our November 18th meeting. As we get closer to the Holidays we intend to help out the less fortunate who cannot place food on their tables. We will be donating the foods to the Island Food Basket.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Nov 15-16 Webelo Overnight – Amy Greenwell Park
Nov 17th – Church Clean Up
Nov 23, 2013 – POW WOW Hilo LDS
Nov 23 PATH Bike Rodeo
Dec 9 – Christmas Caroling
Dec – Christmas Party

JR. YBA NEWS

Another Jr. YBA community service project is the food drive for the Food Basket which is winding down this month. Nonperishable food items may be dropped off at the temple or it may be brought to the Bodhi Day Service and Aloha Luncheon for Reverend Shoji Matsumoto and Dr. Sandra Matsumoto on December 1, 2013.

Collected items will be delivered to Food Basket by the Jr. YBA members sometime in December. It will bring holiday joy to the needy.

CONDOLENCES

Mrs. Fusae Kamigaki of Kealakekua passed away on October 28, 2013 at her residence at the age of 91.

Kona Hongwanji extends our deepest sympathy and condolences to the family and relatives of those members who recently passed away. May the wisdom and compassion of Amida Buddha surround you and your family with loving memories of your loved one in the years to come.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

SPECIAL DONATIONS

Masamori & Eva Takaki, In Memory of Tanizo & Tai Takaki
Kirihaara, In Memory of a Dear Friend
Phyllis Nakamura, Project Dana
Mr. & Mrs. Takeo Nakasone, Project Dana
Ray Oyama, In Memory of Uncle Minoru Kawakami
Ukie Saito, Autumn O'Higan Service
Sue Suzuki, Project Dana
Doris Yamamoto, Hapi Coat
Mildred Inouye, In Memory of Muneo Inouye's 3rd Year Anniversary
Mary Katayama
Emiko Matsumura
Wanneta Wilson, Hapi Coat
Satsuko Matsuoka, Kakocho Update
Florence Miyamoto Simms, Wedding Vow Renewal

Total - \$855.00

MEMORIAL SERVICES

Ellen Kondo & Elaine Rabacal, Funeral Service & Related Expenses for Kimiyo "Dorothy" Kondo
Asano Matsumoto, Family Service for Glen Matsumoto
Chikaharu Saito, 33rd Year Memorial Service for Tamio Saito
Leatrice Sato & Merle Saito-Millico, Memorial Service for Tamio Saito
Fujino, Yasuda & Uemura Families, 49th Day Memorial Service for George Fujino
Satsuko Matsuoka, Funeral Service & Related Expenses for Fumio Matsuoka
Calvin Uemura, 13th Year Memorial Service for Mitsuno Uemura
Jenny Uemura-Sano & Family, 13th Year Memorial Service for Mitsuno Uemura

Total - \$1,375.00

HAKASOJI and NOKOTSUDO

Mr. & Mrs. Aaron Ikeda
Mr. & Mrs. Russell Everett
Dr. Kevin Kunz & Kathy Mishina
Nora Nozaki
Mr. & Mrs. Jason Uechi
Mr. & Mrs. Richard Kunitomo
Yukiko Nakayama

Mr. & Mrs. Sunao Kadooka
Mr. & Mrs. Arnold Feldman
Mr. & Mrs. Takeo Nakasone
Matsuko Onaka
Evelyn Ellis
Constance Loff

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OCTOBER and NOVEMBER SUNDAY SERVICES

Offerings

Total - \$272.00

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Golden Puzzle of Love and Life

I am a piece in the Buddha's Golden Puzzle of Love and Life that
connects the world. I must keep my piece bright and strong.

I will try to be kind and honest with all beings, including myself.

I will try to think clear and helpful thoughts, to speak clear and helpful
words, and to do kind and helpful deeds; knowing that on what I do now.
depends, not only my happiness or unhappiness, but also those of others.

May every piece in the Buddha's Golden Puzzle of Love and Life,
become bright and strong, and may we all realize and become Perfect Peace.

Kona Hongwanji Buddhist Temple, List of Memorial Service for 2014

Dear Members: It is the Buddhist Custom that Family members observe memorial services to pay their respects to those who passed away. Through the services, the families are reminded of the importance of religious life. The role of the rites is helpful in strengthening and aiding the families to lead a meaningful life in the guiding light of Amida Buddha's Compassion. Please note the list below and make an appointment at least **Three Months** prior to the service date.

FIRST YEAR (2013)

DATE	NAME	DATE	NAME
01/16	Roberts, Linda Yasuko Egami	01/18	Tanaka, Richard Masayuki
01/23	Aoki, Haruo	01/28	Yamamoto, Francis "Tora" S.
02/14	Yukuno, Norman Tadashi	02/20	Takauye, James Kenichi
03/16	Ogata, Yoshie "Margie"	03/18	Kunitomo, Quinn Kekaimalu
04/19	Oura, Mitsuo	04/26	Nozaki, Colbert Terumi
06/15	Takamoto, Wally K.	07/06	Manago, Harold H.
07/07	Takahara, Fusae	08/02	Taniyama, Yoshimi
08/16	Aoyagi, Hazel Ayako	08/26	Murakami, Sasae Takemoto
08/26	Kondo, Kimiyo "Dorothy"	09/04	Fujino, George Akira
09/06	Matsumoto, Glen Fusao	09/25	Matsuoka, Fumio
10/28	Kamigaki, Fusae		

THIRD YEAR (2012)

02/09	Kaneko, Yaeko	02/10	Kadooka, Kenneth
03/23	Shirai, Kiyoshi	03/28	Sugi, Yasue
04/06	Chang, Lance Guy	04/22	Takahashi, Mildred Midori
05/14	Yamagata, Joyce Lynn	05/18	Aoki, Kiyoto
08/03	Sato, Emiko	09/28	Ozaki, Kazuye
10/27	Tadokoro, Noriko	11/05	Higashi, Kaneyo
11/11	Toyama, Guy	11/11	Iwasaki, Satoshi

SEVENTH YEAR (2008)

01/10	Murai, Mitsuko	01/25	Yamagata, Junji
02/20	Kameda, Shimiko	2/24	Fukushima, Hajime
02/26	Komo, Hideo	04/14	Mizoshiri, Susumu
04/20	Kirihara, Thelma Sachiko	05/10	Aoki, Helen Fumiko
05/28	Fujii, Theodore Toshiharu	06/09	Omoto, Kimiko
06/23	Ueno, Toshiko	08/05	Nakashima, Harry Chikara
10/18	Takayama, Albert Shigeyuki	10/23	Sakata, Tsugio
11/21	Taniyama, Yotsuru	12/24	Deguchi, Yasuo

THIRTEENTH YEAR (2002)

01/02	Sakata, Shiro	01/14	Nagata, Hanae
01/16	Ishii, Tadashi	01/19	Yamamoto, Noboru
02/16	Matsuyama, Yoshino "Auntie Yama"	02/23	Nishihara, Kichiro
02/24	Kukita, Larry Shigeo	03/13	Yamamoto, Yukio "Yama"
03/23	Ito, "Steve" Yukichi	03/29	Yanagi, Dorothy Natsuko
04/17	Kikuda, Kameyo	05/07	Yamashita, Sueo
05/29	Kawahara, Miyuki	06/10	Yanagi Sr., Horace Tatsuzo
06/11	Bryant, Sadie Setsue	06/15	Aoki, Fuyuko "Jean"
06/25	Nishihara, Tatsuo	06/30	Deguchi, Helen Toyoko
07/05	Kobayakawa, Takaichi	07/07	Hirata, Tonose

THIRTEENTH YEAR (2002) - continued

DATE	NAME	DATE	NAME
07/12	Sugiyama, Clifford Masaji	08/25	Kumano, Kikue
09/17	Sato, Kazuma	09/28	Katayama, Charles Hifumi
10/11	Omori, Sumie	11/01	Harano, Sueko
11/01	Horibata, Sue Ann Shigeko	11/05	Dohi, Mildred Yoshiko
11/10	Moriguchi, Albert Masao	11/22	Nakamura, Yuichi
12/11	Yamano, Tsugiyō	12/21	Ege, Hana
12/22	Yamashita, Charles Ichio "Charley"	12/24	Iwane, Kaoru

SEVENTEENTH YEAR (1998)

01/14	Perlmutter, Mark B.	01/16	Tabata, Hatsue
01/20	Kukita, Gladys Fumiko	01/22	Matsuo, Hatsuko
02/09	Oshita, Kinuyo	07/25	Ikeno, Shuzo
02/28	Yoshida, Tadashi	03/01	Inouye, Ronald Shunji
03/02	Ohta, Mitsuko	03/05	Matsuoka, Sueki "Toby"
03/18	Tanaka, Teru	05/05	Ichishita, Sherri Lynn Teruko
05/18	Ashihara, Kikue	05/23	Matsuda, Tokiko
5/30	Sakamoto, Tone	05/30	Hirata, Teruo
06/09	Nishikawa, Mise	06/11	Fujikawa, Tamotsu
06/12	Nishina, Seichi	06/16	Matsumoto, Larry Shinzo
06/19	Uemoto, Hanako "Helen"	06/26	Kato, Chiaki
07/02	Aoki, Yoshito "Jones"	07/25	Morimoto, Neal Hisao
08/12	Onaka, Mark Masaichi	08/15	Okumura, Shigeko "Doris"
10/19	Aoki, Masanori "Windy"	11/22	Shimamoto, Chiyome

TWENTY-FIVE YEAR (1990)

02/26	Kitaoka, Ume	03/08	Seta, Itsuo
03/14	Onizuka, Mitsue	03/22	Masunaga, Hilary Michiko
03/30	Koyanagi, Ernest Shinichi	04/02	Araki, David Megumu
04/21	Okumura, Akio "Aki"	05/10	Matsumoto, Suehiko
05/16	Koyanagi, Satsuki	06/08	Matsuda, Niwa
06/11	Akahoshi, Kiyoshi	07/07	Ikeno, Sanji
07/28	Masuhara, Charline Yukiko	08/08	Shiraki, Troy Takao
08/28	Yoshiki, Noboru	09/12	Matsumoto, Michael Toshio
10/05	Kondo, Yoshio	10/08	Ege, Sueme
10/11	Makida, Sue	10/18	Tashima, Sadaharu
10/23	Masunaga, Michiko	11/13	Yukuno, Genichi
12/08	Kondo, James Tsugio		

THIRTY-THREE YEAR (1982)

01/16	Sonoda, Tetsu	02/01	Muraki, Matsuno
03/11	Kumano, Takuji	03/18	Nagai, Kaji
05/29	Nishijima, Chiyo	06/09	Okuna, Kiyoko
07/24	Awa, Ikaku	08/13	Tounzen, Christine
08/22	Doi, Shigeichi	08/26	Kitaoka, Gentaro
09/03	Aoki, Hatsuyo	12/09	Dohi, Tsuruji
12/13	Motomura, Sato	12/24	Saito, Tahei
12/27	Iseri, Sachiko		

FIFTY YEAR (1965)

DATE	NAME	DATE	NAME
01/20	Koba, Toyoki	02/03	Kuramoto, Tamotsu
02/16	Nakagawa, Chimo	02/24	Sakumoto, Hatsuji
04/01	Egami, Torano	04/02	Matsumura, Hajime
04/15	Sakamoto, Sunao	04/15	Kawamoto, Naoji
04/17	Kawabata, Shina	05/10	Oura, Hokichi
05/25	Kunitake, Masa	08/24	Ashihara, Sokutaro
09/08	Yasuda, Kakuhei	09/23	Uchimura, Takeo
09/28	Kukita, Sanford	10/14	Honda, Sueka
10/31	Tsukamoto, Yoheiji	12/05	Sato, Lot Tetsuo
12/07	Kukita, Milton Ichio	12/08	Morimoto, Kimie
12/22	Iwasaki, Kichizo		

ONE HUNDRED YEAR (1915)

01/05	Morita, Kango	01/05	Inouye, Isamu
01/21	Mineishi, Genjiro	01/21	Tsuda, Rikichi
01/22	Ueyada, Tsuru	02/06	Takeguchi, Koshimune
02/15	Tashima, Saburo	02/16	Konoura, Shimiko
02/17	Uchida, Mitsue	02/24	Noguchi, Yasuji
03/16	Fujioka, Yoseko	03/26	Isebe, Mosaburo
04/02	Oshima, Kayu	04/04	Inomoto, Hisao
04/10	Komemori, Utako	04/10	Yonemori, Utako
04/13	Yoshida, Rise	04/21	Morimoto, Sueo
04/21	Tanaka, Shikeyo	05/02	Hirai, Matame
05/16	Aoki, Katsuzo	05/19	Murai, Kanemori
06/03	Watanabe, Masano	06/05	Ikado, Hatsuyo
06/26	Ishikawa, Senmatsu	07/07	Nogami, Yonekichi
08/29	Mizuta, Hirokichi	09/01	Ashikawa, Chiyokichi
09/28	Arao, Chiyoko	10/02	Unknown
10/10	Ogata, Tatsuo	11/05	Takagi, Suma
11/11	Uezuki, Naoshi	11/16	Shiozaki, Yoshimitsu
11/24	Adachi, Shigesaburo	11/27	Marubayashi, Hayako
12/05	Yoshiyuki, Chiyo	12/09	Oshima, Asako
12/08	Hamaji, Sueo	12/11	Nakamoto, Satoru
12/13	Nakagawa, Manpei	12/14	Fujitani, Tsuchiko
12/17	Haruno, Botaro	?????	Goto, Sei
12/26	Murayama, Eji		

NOTE: If you have any questions or corrections regarding the information listed above, please call the office at 323-2993. Thank you.

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