

KONA HONGWANJI BUDDHIST TEMPLE



E - JIHO
February 2014



Theme & Slogan 2014: Path of Entrusting: Share Peace!

CHERRY BLOSSOM FESTIVAL

Saturday, February 1, 2014
Parker Ranch Center

Mochi Tsuki and Mochi Making Demonstration
Sponsored by the Jr. YBA---Volunteers Needed
Contact Morris Nagata, Lisa Ciriako or Lynn Katayama

ANNUAL KYODAN MEETING, KEIROKAI and LUNCHEON

Sunday, February 16, 2014 at 9:00 a.m.
Service and Installation of Officers

Program and Luncheon to follow service
Members will be contacted for lunch count
Donations for Door Prize appreciated—Contact Susan Shiota

ANNUAL GATHAFEST

Sunday, February 23, 2014
Honokaa Hongwanji Mission
Contact Betty Takeoka for more Information

REMINDER: NEW COLUMBARIUM HOURS

(Until Resident Minister Assigned)

8:00 a. m. to 4:00 p.m.

Closed on Holidays

Contact Church Office for Special Appointments

Until a Resident Minister is assigned: For emergencies contact Kyodan President, Norma Matsumoto at 987-9900 or 323-2552 or 989-3015. To schedule services and/or activities call the church office at 323-2993. Office hours are Monday thru Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Office closed on weekends and holidays. If unable to contact office Clerk, leave message on the answering machine.

FEBRUARY

1 Saturday	-----	Cherry Blossom Festival in Waimea
2 Sunday	-----	NO SUNDAY SERVICE
7 Friday	thru 8 Saturday	Giseikai in Honolulu
9 Sunday	9:00 AM ...	English Family Service
12 Wednesday ..	7:00 PM ...	Board of Director's Meeting
14 Friday	8:30 AM ...	Senior Activity Program
16 Sunday ...	9:00 AM ...	Annual Membership Meeting & Luncheon
23 Sunday	NO SUNDAY SERVICE
		Gathafest @ Honokaa
25 Tuesday ..	10:00 AM ..	HAIB Meeting

MARCH

2 Sunday	9:00 AM ...	Eshinni Day
9 Sunday	9:00 AM ...	English Family Service
14 Friday	8:30 AM ...	Senior Activity Program
16 Sunday ...	9:00 AM ...	English Family Service
23 Sunday ...	9:00 AM ...	Spring O-Higan
30 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 FEBRUARY and March, 2014

First Year (2013)	February	14	NORMAN TADASHI YUKUNO
		20	JAMES KENICHI TAKAUYE
	March	16	YOSHIE "MARGIE" OGATA
		14	QUINN KEKAIMALU KUNITOMO

Third Year (2012)	February	9	YAEKO KANEKO
		10	KENNETH KADOOKA
	March	23	KIYOSHI SHIRAI
		28	YASUE SUGI
Seventh Year (2008)	February	20	SHIMIKO KAMEDA
		24	HAJIME FUKUSHIMA
		26	HIDEO KOMO
Thirteenth Year (2002)	February	16	YOSHINO "AUNTY YAMA" MATSUYAMA
		23	KICHIRO NISHIHARA
		24	LARRY SHIGEO KUKITA
	March	13	YUKIO "YAMA" YAMAMOTO
		23	"STEVE" YUKICHI ITO
		29	DOROTHY NATSUKO YANAGI
Seventeenth Year (1998)	February	9	KINUYO OSHITA
		25	SHUZO IKENO
		28	TADASHI YOSHIDA
	March	1	RONALD SHUNJI NOUYE
		2	MITSUKO OHTA
		5	SUEKI "TOBY" MATSUOKA
Twenty-Fifth Year (1990)	February	18	TERU TANAKA
	March	26	UME KITAOKA
		8	ITSUO SETA
		14	MITSUE ONIZUKA
Thirty-third Year (1982)	February	22	HILARY MICHIKO MASUNAGA
		30	ERNEST SHINICHI KOYANAGI
Fiftieth Year (1965)	February	1	MATSUNO MURAKI
		11	TAKUJI KUMANO
		18	KAJIU NAGAI
One Hundredth Year (1915)	February	3	TAMOTSU KURAMOTO
		16	CHIMO NAKAGAWA
		24	HATSUJI SAKUMOTO
One Hundredth Year (1915)	February	6	KOSHIMUNE TAKEGUCHI
		15	SABURO TASHIMA
		16	SHIMIKO KONOURA
		17	MITSUE UCHIDA
	March	24	YASUJI NOGUCHI
		16	YOSEKO FUJIOKA
		26	MOSABURO ISEBE

New Year's Greeting

Immeasurable Light and Life.

At the beginning of the year, I would like to send you my greetings from Hongwanji in Kyoto.

Upon succeeding the position as Monshu, thirty-six years and nine months have passed. I have come to empathize with Chinese master, Shan-tao, as he writes in Hymns of Birth in the Pure Land,

“Caught up in everyday life, the days and nights go left unnoticed, unable to become emancipated and escape the sea of suffering.” I shall vow to work diligently until my term comes to an end this June.

For many of us, although the passing of time seems to speed up with age, in recent years, changes within society have sped up, making things all the more unsettling. Because these rapid transitions are largely the result of developments in scientific technology and economic growth, they sometimes produce discrepancies in individual lifestyles and societal framework. The gap among socio-economic concerns including business corporations and people's lifestyles are widening that both domestic and international efforts have not been successful in dealing with such issues. As a result, there is a sense that neither reflecting on the past nor thinking ahead into the future matters, so long as we are content with the present. However, this mentality will result in repeating past mistakes or passing burdens on to future generations.

Is it not that the role of Buddhism is to provide us who live in this constantly changing world, with an unfaltering spiritual foundation to live the life which we have received to the fullest? In Jodo Shinshu Buddhism, that foundation is the Primal Vow of Amida Tathagata, namely Namo Amida Butsu. Being unconditionally embraced by Amida Tathagata, we are enabled to accept our own inconvenient past and at this very moment, be joyous of this life we have received.

May we all continue to live every day of this year in appreciation of the Nembutsu.

January 1, 2014

OHTANI Koshin
Monshu
Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha

2014 Bishop's New Year's Message

Namo Amida Butsu and Happy New Year!

As we begin the New Year, let me express my most sincere gratitude to all Ministers and their Families, Members and Supporters of the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii for your commitment and effort in the past year. Without your dedication and willingness, Hawaii Kyodan would not have been able to accomplish all that it did in 2013. Now, as a New Year begins, please accept my best wishes and hope that the New Year will be most meaningful and especially peaceful for you. Needless to say as the Jodo Shin Buddhist Sangha, we entrust in Amida Buddha and go to the Dharma/Teachings for guidance. The Great Aspiration of the Buddha of Immeasurable Life and Infinite Light/Amida Buddha is the peace and happiness of all existence. If a person experiences this Great Wisdom and Unconditional Compassion of Amida Buddha that person also embraces the Buddha's Aspiration. Hence, Shinran Shonin was able to say, “Those who feel that their own birth (in the Pure Land of Enlightenment) is completely settled should, mindful of the Buddha's benevolence, hold the nembutsu in their hearts and say it to respond in gratitude to that benevolence, with the wish, “May there be peace in the world, and may the Buddha's Teaching spread!”

In this way, the life of a Shin Buddhist is one of responding in gratitude to Amida Buddha's Compassion by reciting the Nembutsu in awareness, joy and gratitude and incorporating into one's life the wish that the Teaching spreads far and wide and the aspiration for world peace. The reality of interdependence affirms that what we each do (or do not do) will make a difference. However, limited and imperfect my responding efforts are it is important that we try to be that difference. According to the Dharma, a further emphasis would be the importance of how we strive towards our goal. It is clear that the Buddhist emphasis would be on collaboration, without force or violence and without fear. This is the Wisdom of the Buddhas.

Truly, let us take to heart our 2014 Theme and Slogan, "Path of Entrusting: Share Peace." As the Compassion of Amida Buddha shows peace must be for all people, all life, all existence. I call out to our members and supporters to please help us, the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii, keep alive the aspiration for world peace by continuing to speak of it and also be engaged in local and world events which nurture peace in individuals and society. In our 125th Anniversary year in Hawaii, may we encourage each other to listen, to study and learn, and experience Amida Buddha and the Dharma so we can be guided and inspired by it. I humbly ask for your support of Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii and its Mission Statement "To share the living Teachings of Jodo Shinshu Buddhism so that all beings may enjoy lives of harmony, peace and gratitude. I can say with certainty that, in our own way, are making a difference and today more than ever, as we network with other organizations in the community it does make a big difference. Please let us come together and let us work together! Let us entrust and share peace.

Once again, a Happy New Year and Namo Amida Butsu/Entrusting in the Buddha of Immeasurable Life and Infinite Light.

In gassho,
Eric Matsumoto, Bishop

HAWAII KYODAN PRESIDENT'S NEW YEAR'S MESSAGE

Aloha and best wishes for a happy and peaceful New Year! 2013 was a year where we made great progress in reaching out into the community through programs and addressing community issues. Two significant examples are the Sadako Sasaki crane exhibit at the World War II Valor in the Pacific National Museum and marriage equality law.

The Japanese Cultural Center, the Hiroshima Sister City Committee, and HHMH partnered with the National Parks Service and Pacific Historic Parks in raising over \$70,000 for the construction of the display. The Sasaki family joined us in dedicating the exhibit on Peace Day, Sept. 21, 2013. A significant portion of the contributions were made by HHMH and its affiliates, such as individual temples, BWA, Dharma Schools, and individual members. Thank you very much for your support for this project. We plan to continue our leadership role in peace education.

2013 was a year of divisive issues for our communities. Neighbor islands were polarized with the issue of GMOs (genetically modified organisms) and pesticides while our entire state struggled with the issue of marriage equality. We understand and respect that some may have different perspectives, however, our support of the issue is based on our Buddhist values. As we get involved with the community and social issues, there will be other instances where our individual preferences may differ from that of the Honpa Hongwanji. In order to appropriately navigate through those issues, it is critical for us to have strong leaders at all levels of our organization.

I'm hearing more instances where temples, especially smaller ones, are unable to find willing and able members to step up to the plate to hold leadership roles. Several years ago, we believed the problem of getting the younger members to hold leadership positions was that the seniors were unwilling to let go. Today, after years of dedicated service and sacrifice, many have step aside, only to find out that the younger members are unwilling to step up to the plate.

We all understand that our organization cannot function without volunteers. We should also understand that an organization of volunteers without dedicated leaders are not sustainable. You have all heard of the story "Whose Job Is It?". It is a story about four people named Everybody, Somebody, Anybody, and Nobody. I am asking all individuals, boomer age and younger, to take a more active role in your temple leadership. Do not depend on the same people all the time. Everybody can reasonable claim "I am too

busy". So in the end, Nobody will do what Anybody could have done. What do you think will happen to your temple?

In the past I have said that sometimes, in order for an organization to grow, it must first contract. The symptoms we are experiencing, decreasing membership, financial difficulties, shortage of ministers and shortage of lay leaders should make us consider the possibilities of contracting (consolidating temples) now, until we achieve a stable and sustainable state.

Each temple has a choice. Find dedicated and effective leaders or consider consolidation. Either way, we need everyone's support. Without your help, we will be unable to grow for our future generations

We are truly grateful for the many hands that help us at all levels of our organization. Let us show our gratitude and lessen their burden by offering our help. I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude for your patience, understanding, cooperation and support. Your participation is crucial in our leadership role for the international propagation of Jodo Shinshu.

In Gassho,
Alton H Miyamoto, President
Hawaii Kyodan

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Norma Matsumoto

I hope everyone had a safe and happy holiday season and I hope 2014 has great things in store for you and your family! At the temple we are already experiencing pressures at the loss of a resident minister. We have the greatest cooperation from the Big Island ministers with temple responsibilities in their own communities. The neighboring minister from the 4-temples (Honokaa, Waimea, Kohala, Paauilo) is Rev. Kosho Yagi and Puna's minister, Rev. David Fujimoto. We have already needed their services coming into the new year and for that we are humble and appreciative. If you have a memorial services to plan, please call the church office to check for dates that work for all: your family, the availability of the temple, and arrangements with these ministers who will try to dedicate some days each month to serve the Kona Sangha's needs.

At a time when we will not have as many Sunday services, we would like you all to 'minister' to your temple with your skills and talents. I'll put out a monthly wish list and make 10 calls for help. If you are 'unlucky' enough to be home to receive my call, I'll be sure to repay any assistances with hot/cold pupu fingerfood, talk story and something to take home to be a side dish with your dinner! The first call for help is for the Cherry Blossom Festival, where Kona Hongwanji does a mochi pounding demo in the back of the Parker Ranch Shopping Center. If you can fashion a mochi dango, please call me to volunteer your services & we can arrange to get you there!

We will continue to query about how long a wait it will be before we are assigned a minister. But, mumblings and rumblings indicate that a wait may be as long as to the O-Bon season, if not longer. We'll hang tough and we'll hang together...

In Gassho

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

By Mary Katayama

PRE-SCHOOL: Due to the resignation of teacher Ms. Sharon effective December 31, 2013, accepting 2 year olds will be delayed until a new teacher is hired. The good news is that a new teacher was interviewed and hired. He is scheduled to start as soon as DHS requirements are completed. We welcomed 6 more students in January. Enrollment is now at 24. A very special appreciation goes to

Director/teacher Nancy, teacher Leanne and aide LaRessa for their unselfish giving of time, effort and energy in working together in reassuring children and their families during this transition period. Thank you to Nancy, Leanne and LaRessa.

Resident Minister: Our temple will continue to provide services to our members with or without a minister in residence. Omigaki, Hosha, memorial services, Sunday services, funerals; etc. need volunteers. The handful of the “regulars” (volunteers) is asking members of the kyodan to step forward and help. The BWA ladies will not do omigaki as they need someone to take down and put back the altar ornaments. Spiritual Affairs Director and Dharma School needs your help with speakers for Sunday Services. Project Dana needs a cook once a month for their Senior Activity Program. Jr. YBA needs volunteers for their annual mochi and manju sales. The board needs volunteers to plan, prepare and serve refreshments/ meals at kyodan events. It cost money to cater for each event. We need to work together to support our temple. The handful of volunteers needs your help and they are willing to train anyone.

Sunday/Special Services: Members are encouraged to attend church services (Sunday, Special/ Major). .For major services (Hoonko, Spring/Autumn Higan, Hanamatsuri, Gotane, Hastu Bon, Bodhi Day), a guest speaker is invited from other districts. Special Services include: Esshini Day, Annual Meeting, Children’s Day, Scout Sunday, Baccalaureate, Memorial Day, Cemetery Bon, Grandparents Day, Peace Day, and New Year’s Eve). **We have 17 “special” services a year. Please attend at least once a month. Listen to the Dharma messages with gratitude and compassion that our temple is still here to serve the Sangha. Your presence will support the dedication of the ministers/speakers and volunteers.**

Mahalo: Thank you Jr.YBA members, their families and Advisors for the annual Mochi Fund Raising project. Volunteers included many former Jr. YBA members returning home for family visits during holiday’s season. The Sangha volunteers were happy to see many young adults helping with the project that they once were involved in. It was a long day for many (5 .a.m. to 8 p.m. or longer). Good comments from Sangha and friends about the quality of mochi

HEADQUARTERS UPDATE

MINISTERIAL ASSIGNMENT (JINJI)

- **Rev. Mary David**, the Resident Minister of Mililani Hongwanji Mission, will be relieved of her responsibilities as Resident Minister of Mililani Hongwanji Mission and Oversee Minister of Waialua Hongwanji Mission as of December 31, 2013, and will be assigned to Headquarters as HQ Staff in the Office of Buddhist Education as of January 1, 2014. She will retire from HHMH as of March 1, 2014. Rev. Janet Youth, a Retired Minister, will provide religious services for Mililani Hongwanji Mission until the new assignment will be made to Mililani Hongwanji Mission. Rev. Kojun Hashimoto, the Resident Minister of Wahiawa Hongwanji Mission, will oversee Waialua Hongwanji Mission.
- **Rev. Toyokazu Hagio**, a minister who is on leave of absence, will be assigned to Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin as its Assistant Chief Minister (Fukurimban) as of February 1, 2014.
- **Rev. Earl Ikeda**, Resident Minister of Moiliili Hongwanji Mission, will retire from active ministry with Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii as of February 28, 2014.
- **Rev. Bert Sumikawa**, Associate Minister of Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin, will be assigned to Moiliili Hongwanji Mission as its Associate Minister from February 16, 2014 to February 28, 2014 and as its Resident Minister as of March 1, 2014. Rev. Sumikawa will be relieved from the position of Chaplain at the Pacific Buddhist Academy as of February 15, 2014. Rev. Sumikawa will continue providing ministerial services to Kapolei Buddhist Sangha.

- **Rev. Blayne Higa** will be relieved from his position of Assistant Chaplain at the Pacific Buddhist Academy as of January 10, 2014.

JR. YBA NEWS

Thank you everyone for your help in our annual Mochi Making Fundraiser. We appreciate all the hands that came together to prepare and make the mochi on December 30th and the days before, washing the 600 pounds of rice and making of boxes. Thank you also to all that purchased our mochi too. The money raised will be used for upcoming events that our members will attend and any community service projects.

Hanamatsuri is months away, but we are requesting for flowers now. Please water your flowering plants so that they will be in full bloom by April. Please drop off your flowers and foliage on April 5th at the conference room by 7:00 p.m. Thank you in advance, we appreciate anything that you bring for us.

Shinran's Big Book

by William Tokuko Lundquist

Haoles like me traditionally learn through reading and study. If haoles taught Bon dancing, it would be through a 10-week course with a textbook, lectures and audio-visual presentations. We'd study the history of the Bon festival, music and dancing, as well as the history of taiko drumming. Only after completing the course would we attempt our first Bon dancing steps, and then only with other beginners under the close supervision of one or more expert instructors. I know. It sounds idiotic, but our methods work for learning physics and history and such things. It's even how I learned to scuba dive, where simply letting people learn from their own mistakes can be fatal.

Rev. Shoji lived on the mainland long enough to understand the Western method of learning. Maybe that's why, at our first meeting, he handed me a copy of "The Collected Works of Shinran" and told me to read it if I wanted to learn about Jodo Shinshu Buddhism. Only later did I learn that almost nobody ever reads these books. By reading Shinran's big book I found he was not even writing for followers of Jodo Shinshu. In fact, there was no such thing in Shinran's time. He regarded himself as simply a follower of Honen, the master who taught complete faith in Amida Buddha and the sole practice of saying the Nembutsu. It was only after Honen's death that some of his followers felt Shinran's interpretation of Honen's teachings were closest to Honen's intentions, and other followers went with the interpretations of Honen's other disciples. Hence the split between Jodo Shu and Jodo Shinshu. It really boiled down to one difference: some of Honen's disciples believed their master had emphasized quantity, how many times you say the Nembutsu; Shinran said Honen had really emphasized quality. He believed saying the Nembutsu even once, with absolute faith in Amida Buddha, was enough to ensure rebirth in the Pure Land. Today, we Jodo Shinshu followers trust what Shinran said, but we also say the Nembutsu many times as an expression of gratitude for the compassion of Amida Buddha.

So what is inside of Shinran's big book, as thick as an unabridged dictionary and full of just as many complicated words? Shinran's works are split into two volumes: the first of about 700 pages, and the second about 360 pages. Like a haole would, I read volume one first, followed by volume two. It was then that I learned volume two is a commentary on volume one and really explains what is going on. The two books need to be read at the same time. It's like following a map while you are driving. As for volume one, the first half of it is Shinran's "The True Teaching, Practice and Realization of the Pure Land Way." That title makes it sound like it would be a guide for followers of Pure Land Buddhism, but Shinran never admitted he had any followers.

Shinran actually wrote the first half of volume one as a legal defense of the teachings of Honen. He intended it to be understood by the Japanese imperial authorities and those of the Tendai and Shingon Buddhist schools, the two sects officially sanctioned by the imperial government. Having been a Tendai

monk himself since he was a boy, Shinran was highly educated and knew the formal writing style the authorities would take seriously. Why was such a legal defense necessary? The Tendai and Shingon authorities had felt threatened by Honen's movement, in which the lowest and highest members of society chanted the Nembutsu side by side and expected to live in the Pure Land together as equals. This was serious business, not simply religious bigotry. Within a century of Buddhism's arrival in Japan, civil war began to break out between Shinto and Buddhist factions. The emperor restored the peace by assigning the rituals of life, such as birth and marriage, to Shinto, and the rituals of death, the funerals, to Buddhism. That's why even today most Japanese live Shinto and die Buddhist. By its very nature, Honen's movement intruded on Shinto territory. As we know, you have to live the Nembutsu, as well as rely on it in death.

The Japanese have always placed a high value on order, and Pure Land Buddhism threatened the established order of its time. After the death of Honen's primary benefactor in the government, the Tendai and Shingon authorities acted to stamp out the Pure Land movement. Honen and Shinran were high up in the movement and perhaps benefitted from their former protector's reputation. While many under them were executed, their lives were spared, but they were separated and dragged into harsh exile. Shinran suffered the Japanese equivalent of being exiled to Siberia. He was taken to the worst place in Japan the authorities could think of and ordered to never leave. What he wrote in volume one sounds like it was written by a lawyer in a law library, but Shinran began brushing it out one kanji at a time in bitter cold by the light of a flickering candle. His sentence of exile was lifted after a time, but he continued writing his defense for the rest of his life. Quoting the most respected sages of India, China and Japan, he tried to prove that faith in Amida Buddha and the Nembutsu had roots in the very beginnings of Buddhism and had continued down to his day. As Rev. Shoji taught me, Shinran did not always quote those sages literally. He wrote what he believed they would have said if they had known then what he knew in his day. We all do this. We interpret history a certain way because we have the advantage of seeing it all up to our time. Shinran also had to prove that Honen's movement was a legitimate Buddhist sect because if he didn't, some imperial authority could always exile him again, or have him executed. Over the centuries, Jodo Shinshu eventually became the form of Buddhism with the most official imperial support, and Shinran's long treatise defined its beliefs.

The second half of volume one is what I would recommend reading, with the help of the commentaries of volume two, of course. There, Shinran wrote hymns and poems in a more common language, for people much like us. He explained why he thought Honen believed saying the Nembutsu once with complete faith was enough to get us into the Pure Land. There are also letters to his friends and supporters, and poignant ones to his son, who had rebelled against him. In those letters, we see Shinran, for all his learning, as an ordinary person, much like us, suffering all the things we suffer today. We understand that even Shinran was not entirely sure he had said the Nembutsu even once with enough complete faith, but that he would keep trying and trust in the compassion of Amida Buddha to carry him through.

As in Bon dancing, you don't have to understand everything about Jodo Shinshu to do it, and do it well. Reading some of Shinran's letters or poems helps us see him as a real person, not just a saint, but the real point of all his writings is this: live your faith.

CUB SCOUTS PACK 12

Tigers Cubs GO SEE IT

Tiger Den Leader Kristy Sasada arranged with Hawaii Community Federal Credit Representative Kuuipo for a visit to the world of Banking. The Tiger Cubs were treated to a view of behind the scenes. They viewed the vault where the Safety deposits boxes are housed and they got to see how the ATM machine is filled with monies to be dispensed by the machine by members with bank cards. They viewed the mailroom and "the best" part was the coin machine. They were amazed at how the machine could count all the coins into a dollar value.

Christmas Caroling

The residents at Life Care Center of Kona were serenaded by our Pack with Songs of Christmas on December 9th. Our Annual Christmas Caroling brought joy and merriment for the long term care residents. The Pack also presented the Manager with two fruit baskets and each resident was given a miniature Christmas wreath ornament handmade by the scouts and parents. After Caroling Dee Ono treated the scouts and families to dinner at Kealahou McDonalds plus they all had a dessert Sundae complements of Lynn Gusman.

Leaders Training

All Den Leaders & our Committee Chairman gathered to update "Youth Protection Training" that is required every other year by Aloha Council. The course is only given online and thanks to Dee Ono for allowing us to use her place of business, West Hawaii Home Health, which had several computers and WI-FI.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

January 2014 – Winter Camp

February 22, 2014 – Cub Scout Leader Training& BALOO training Hilo LDS Stake ctr 8:00 am

April 2014 – Pack Pinewood derby run off

April 25 – 26 HK/Kona District Makahiki - @Parker Lower School\Waimea LDS Chapel

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Okamoto Family, New Year In Memory of Frank & Wayne Okamoto

Okamoto Family, January 3rd In Memory of Wayne Okamoto

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Lillian Yamamoto, In Memory of Linda Egami Roberts
Total - \$7,450.00

MEMORIAL SERVICES

Anonymous, Memorial Service for Noboru Kitaoka
Anonymous, Memorial Service for Noboru King Kitaoka
Mike & Jeannette Fiderspiel, Uncle's 7th Year Service
Ron & Joyce Hancock, 7th Year Service
Gary and Irene Higashi & Family, 1st Year Service for Kaneyo Higashi
Francis & Grace Iwamoto, Haruyoshi & Lilly Iguchi and James & Hanna Okimoto, 7th Year Service In Memory of Frederick Iwamoto
Masayuki & Fumiko Kai, 7th Year Service In Memory of Noboru Kitaoka
Kamigaki Family, Funeral Service & Related Expenses for Fusae Kamigaki
Daisy Kitaoka, Noboru Kitaoka's 7th Memorial Service
Loretta Kitaoka, In Memory of Noboru Kitaoka
Masashi Kitaoka, Memorial Service for Noboru Kitaoka
D & G Kurozawa, In Memory of Noboru Kitaoka
George Kurozawa, In Memory of Noboru Kitaoka
Adele Marquez, 7th Year Memorial Service for Noboru Kitaoka
Mr. & Mrs. Lance Okamura, 1st Year and Inurnment Service for Kaneyo Higashi
Shizuya and June Sakata & Family, 13th Year Memorial Service for John S. Murasaki
Takeguchi Family, Funeral Service & Related Expenses for Tane Takeguchi
Kenneth & Elaine Sugiyama, In memory of Grandma Kaneyo Higashi
Manago Family, 1st Year & Inurnment Service for Harold Manago
Total - \$2,415.00

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Rose Onaka, In Memory of Mark Onaka		
Total - \$1,005.00		

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Total - \$345.00

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Offerings

Total - \$115.00

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