KONA HONGWANJI BUDDHIST TEMPLE



E - JIHO January 2015



Theme & Slogan 2015: Embrace Change: Awareness (Seek Opportunities)

JR. YBA Mochi Sale Tuesday, December 30, 2014 Mochi "making" at 7:00 a.m. Pick Up 12 noon to 4:00 p.m.

JOINT BIRTHDAY/MEMORIAL SERVICE

Sunday, January 11, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. Speaker: Reverend Bruce Nakamura

HOONKO SERVICES

Saturday, January 24, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.---Candle Light Service Sunday, January 25, 2015 at 9:00 a.m.---Goshoki Hoonko Service

Speaker: Reverend Bruce Nakamura

Hoonko is a memorial service honoring Shinran Shonin (May 21, 1173 - -January 16, 1263). Shinran Shonin, the founder of Jodo Shinshu never intended to start a new tradition. He considered himself as simply a person who accepted Amida Buddha's Primal Vow as the vehicle by which the Pure Land could be reached. Shinran coined the term "Jodo Shinshu," meaning "True Teaching of the Pure Land," and employed it to indicate that the teachings he had received from Honen was the true teaching. Exhibiting modesty and humility throughout his life, Shinran inspired and won the respect of many people.

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING - KEIROKAI - LUNCHEON Sunday, February 15, 2015 at 9:00 a.m.

Save the date, more information in next month's Jiho

NEED THE ASSISTANCE OF THE MINISTER, contact Rev. Bruce Nakamura at 323-2993 or Emergency only 987-9900.

To schedule services or activities, call the church office at 323-2993 Monday thru Friday - 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Closed on weekends and holidays. If unable to contact the office clerk, leave a message on the answering machine.

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2 Friday		6:00 PM	Judo Club Kagamibiraki
4 Sunday		9:00 AM	English Family Service
5 Monday		7:00 AM	Preschool Back from Winter Break
7 Wednesday		10:00 AM	Visitation @ Hualalai Regency
•		11:00 AM	Visitation @ Life Care Center
9 Friday		8:30 AM	Senior Activity Program
11 Sunday		9:00 AM	Joint Birthday/Memorial Servivce
13 Tuesday		10:30 AM	HAIB Meeting
18 Sunday		9:00 AM	English Family Service
•		2:00 PM	Temple Visitation w/group from Osaka
24 Saturday		8:00 AM	Omigaki; Hosha; Food Prep
•		9:00 AM	BWA Board Meeting
		7:00 PM	Hoonko Candle Light Service
25 Sunday		9:00 AM	Goshoki Hoonko Service
27 Tuesday		9:00 AM	Preschool Temple Visitation
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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 6:45 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 ONLY
EVERY THURSDAY AT 7:00 PM KATA CLASS

IKEBANA

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

MEMORIAL SERVICES FOR JANUARY and FEBRUARY 2015

First Year (2014)	January	13 18	JERRY YOSHIMASA UEMURA HIDETAKA SATO
Third Year (2013)	January February	16 18 23 28 14	LINDA YASUKO EGAMI ROBERTS RICHARD MASAYUKI TANAKA HARUO AOKI FRANCIS "TORAO" S. YAMAMOTO NORMAN TADASHI YUKUNO
	rebluary	20	JAMES KENICHI TAKAUYE
Seventh Year (2009)	January	10 17 19	BEATRICE SAKAE MATSUYAMA TOSHI OSHIMA CLIFFORD HIROSHI HIRAI
	February	8 15 28	RITSUE HAYAMA SUSUMU SAKAMOTO JANET NORIKO TOBARA
Thirteenth Year (2003)	January	4 29 31	HIDEAKI "BULLY" YAMASHITA ROSS TAKUMI SASAOKA ROBERT MASASHI MATSUDA
Seventeenth Year (1999)	January February	10 5 28	HARUE HAYAMA SATOO UENO TSUTAYO NAGAI
Twenty-Fifth Year (1991)	January February	26 24	CHARLES TORAO YOSHIDA KUNIO MORIMOTO
Thirty-Third Year (1983)	February	23	TOYO OGA
Fiftieth Year (1966)	January	8 11 20	TOICHI MORIMOTO MOTO KATAOKA GIHACHI URADA
	February	13 16 27	TADAO ELBERT KURASHIGE AKIKO HARANO MUME IZUNO
One Hundredth Year (1916)	January	8 9 12	TATSUE KURAMITSU TOKUZO TSUDA MASAO ICHISHITA
	February	3 5 5 15 28	MISANO SEKIYA YOSHIO HIRAZUMI RYUSUKE UJIMORI HISANO TOMITA NOBU SEKIYA

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Norma Matsumoto

Please have a safe and festive holiday season with the ones you love or doing things you love with the ones you love. As life is impermanent, we must not hold on to grudges long past as it only makes us wither inside. The best revenge is to live well, be happy and healthy!! That'll sure irritate folks that have a grudge against you! Ha ha.

Let me congratulate a couple of our members. We now have a sage judge in our Sangha. Congratulations, Judge Margaret Masunaga!! Another member has published a book! Congratulations Akinori Imai!! His book, 'Our Nostalgic Heritage', is selling like hotacakes on Amazon! In his book, I found that his Nishiyama relatives were very much a part of my growing up, visiting my Aunt and Uncle Morikawa in Hakalau. My mom and Mrs. Nishiyama were roommates in the hospital and their daughter and I were born on the same day. Please give Akinori a call if you're interested in his book, 323-3787. Great history and, knowing what a great photographer Aki is, he has collected tons of old and new pictures of faces and places.

Please remember your loved ones that have passed away by visiting the gravesite and cleaning up a bit to ring in the new year. That headstone needs some scrubbing as well as the flower vases and stands. I'm sure that there are some weeds growing around the area that need to be pulled (and maybe even weed around a couple of neighboring sites as well). If you want to get a gang together to spend a Saturday or any day weeding, cleaning up or getting fresh flowers in the cemetery, I'll gladly provide bento/refreshments/drinks for the gang. Just let me know.

Remember, I've still only had that **one** call in to give me suggestions or raise concerns in my last three years here!! I'd love to hear from you!

In Gassho

Monthly Joint Memorial & Birthday Sunday

Your Kona Hongwanji will observe Monthly Joint Memorial and Birthday Sundays beginning December 2014. As a Loved One pass, memorial anniversaries are posted in our monthly newsletter. We urge our community to continue to schedule posted memorial events in grateful remembrance.

For those who cannot participate at such special family events, you are invited to participate at these Sunday monthly joint memorials. The sponsor is asked to write the loved one's name (s) into the monthly sign-in registry log. If one cannot participate at the scheduled temple monthly joint memorial, a telephone call-in or letter request will be honored for reading at these monthly events hence-forth.

For those Birthday Sunday attendees having birthday(s) for the month, the sangha would like to join in celebrating on the designated monthly Sunday. A wedding anniversary, a passed loved one's birthday, etc., will also be honored.

For inquiry, please call our Hongwanji office at 323-2993.

WHEN IN DOUBT...

by Bruce Y. Nakamura

According to the Buddhists of its day, the degenerate age or Mappo, the spiritual decline far removed from Sakyamuni Buddha's lifetime and teaching began in the year 1052. During the Kamakura period, the Tendai monk and precept master Honen had read the entire Buddhist canon over three times. He concluded that Faith (entrusting) in reciting the name of Amitabha was the only path to enlightenment. All other paths were futile and destined for failure.

While Honen, a precept master himself, emphasized ethical behavior, he declared that if the wicked person could be reborn in the pure land, how much greater were the chances of a good person. He urged his disciples to repeat the name of Amitabha as much as possible. He himself repeated it at least 70 thousand times daily.

Though Shinran would seek to clarify his master's teaching as Jodo Shinshu--the Pure Land's true Pathway, he would later proclaim a more radical point of view. As with Honen, he believed any attempt to rely on one's own spiritual powers to gain liberation from

the cycle of birth-and-death (samsara) was futile. But for Shinran, the awesome power of Amitabha's vows were all pervasive and consuming. Even one's single utterance of "Namu Amida Butsu"--"Homage to the Buddha of Limitless Life and Light!" emitted from one's mouth was solely due to Amitabha's compassionate power. There can be no self-power, merit, nor virtue invoked by one's own utterance of the Nembutsu. Nembutsu recitation is none other than that which confirms the unobstructed fulfillment of Amitabha's vow. For Shinran thus, Nembutsu recitation was to be regarded as true thanksgiving.

Today in our nembutsu sanghas, most of us interpret the aforementioned history and attitudes of our Dharma masters as crude, even unsophisticated, not in step with modern worldviews with its technology and sciences. However, when we focus our attention to Shin's centerpiece-- the Nembutsu of thanksgiving--is the essence and heart of the Hongwanji's teaching and tradition; When we say the Nembutsu -- Namu Amida Butsu ---

"I entrust my imperfect self to Amida's great compassion," what comes to mind? What are we thinking of at that moment, or even, before or just after? Is it gratitude to Amida's Buddha's great compassion for embracing us as we are?

When we take a broader view of Shinran's spiritual mentor, Honen, what was clearly the most important point of his spiritual teaching and experience left to Shinran and fellow disciples? It is our "doubt in Amitabha's 18th Primal Vow." This is the crux and turning point upon which Honen's Teaching stands, his "Exclusive Practice on Saying the Nembutsu of the Selected Primal Vow (Senjaku Hongwan Nembutsu Shu). It is the devotee's exclusive practice of saying Nembutsu selected by Amitabha-Amitayus which unconditionally assures our birth in His Pure Land.

Applying this early model and backdrop to the 2015-19 Five Year Theme and 2015 State Hongwanji Slogan: "EMBRACE CHANGE: AWARENESS (SEEK OPPORTUNITIES), let's reconnect with our religion, in particular, the unique tradition of Shin that we have been given. Religion or spiritual living is not about how you appear to others. Actually there are to aspects to the word, "Buddha."The first is related to the verb, "to see," and the second to the noun, "the awakened one." This seeing is not so much to see in the visual or physical sense, but to "see" in the spiritual sense to mean to better understand because we experience this connection In yet another way too, even the word "religion" implies "to reconnect," as in the old world language of Latin, "religio," means the "connection between man and God."

Whether we on one hand, have long considered throughout our life-long experiences, reflecting gratefully, "I entrust my imperfect self to the Buddha's great compassion," or at the other extreme "...I'm thinking of something else altogether than "entrusting myself to Amida Buddha's compassion," what is significant is with awareness or not, even doubt can be a connective thread for us to that which is genuinely real in our spiritual experiences. And while we may understand it now, today or even tomorrow, what is truly gracious is that we experience a gratitude shown to us that we might not able to see and know ourselves.

In the Shin Creed, Rennyo's Ryogemon, it is written, "We rely upon Amida Buddha with our whole heart...abstaining from all other practice and teachings, and "giving up our trust in our imperfect self." "Giving up trust in our imperfect self" is another expression of "Namu." "I give up trust in my imperfect self to Amida's great compassion" is also Namu Amida Butsu. "I give up my trust... and entrusting my imperfect self to great compassion," are synonymous and one in the same. In other words, ultimately, we can only experience our connection with our imperfect selves. Such is that connection that affirms our link to great compassion. It is not doubt in Amida Buddha's great compassion that prevents us from seeing. It is really doubt in ourselves that will assuredly open us to a compassion we've taken for granted. We are always linked and connected to this great compassion, especially when we meet confusion and doubt in the worst and best of human moments. As Honen's dictum tell us, " that even so a good person be born in the pure land," Shinran insisted "how much more so, the wicked person" who awakens his true incapacity for enlightenment. Namu Amida Butsu.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

by Mary Katayama

Minister Update: 1) Rev. Bruce needs 1 ½ dozen flowers every week as he changes altar flowers regularly. Contact Judy at church office (323-2993) if you are able to donate flowers. She will develop a weekly schedule. 2) Rev. Bruce is planning various Buddhist Education sessions, Services and Dharma Fellowships with members and community at large. Check Jiho for updates. 3) For private sessions with Rev. Bruce, contact church office for appointment.

Nembutsu Seminar: There were more than 30 people in attendance at the Seminar with Dr. George Tanabe entitled ""Where's the Beat in Buddhism—New Dharma Music." Mahalo to Miles Okumura, Big Island Commissioner on Council of Buddhist Education, to include Kona Hongwanji in Dr. Tanabe's busy schedule. Thank you to Rev. Furusawa who transported the speaker to Kona. The 2 hour session was very interesting and enlightening to all. In addition to our members, friends from the community, Kamuela and Paauilo attended. Thank you to the Taiko Group, Alan, Morris and other temple leaders who assisted with set up, refreshments and clean up.

Programs/Activities/Events: We need to hear from you, our members. Tell us what kinds of programs, activities, events, etc. that you would like initiated and you will participate in.

We need to attract and promote programs/activities/events for you, our members, younger generation and the community at large. Think "out of the box." Let's brainstorm new ideas. President Norma Matsumoto is planning a follow-up session of the Strategic Plan in the very near future. Check the Jiho or call the church office for date. **Please participate and give input to the Strategic Plan.**

Committee Members Needed: Spiritual Affairs Director (Betty Takeoka) need members for Dharma School and Buddhist Education Committees. Member Relations Director ("Susan Shirota) need members for Communication Committee. Facility Chair, Morris needs volunteers to assist with cemetery maintenance in the old section for weed control and safe walking paths, Contact the church office (323-2993) to volunteer. We need help!

"Yesterday is gone. Today can be better. Tomorrow is filled with promise. The best is yet to come." Quote from John P. Bellenson. MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!

HQ UPDATES:

ARRIVAL OF THE NEW MINISTER

Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii welcomed the newest minister, Rev. Daido Baba, on September 27, 2014. Rev. Baba is from Chiba prefecture in Japan. After graduating from Ryukoku University Graduate Course with a major of Jodo Shinshu Buddhism in 2010, he had worked at the Honzan (our mother temple in Kyoto, Japan) for three years. Last year he had successfully completed the Honzan's IMOP (International Ministerial Orientation Program) which is required for him to become an Overseas Minister, and effective on October 1, 2014, he officially became a Kaikyoshi Minister of Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii. He will receive an orientation during a month of October and will be assigned to Honpa Hongwanji Hilo Betsuin as its Associate Minister as of November 1, 2014. Rev. Baba said, "I came to Hawaii seven years ago for the first time. At that time, I was a student at Ryukoku University. After that I had various experiences such as marriage and child rearing. I could finally become a minister of Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii. I'll meet a lot of happy things and surprising things from now on. I want to enjoy Nembutsu life in Hawaii with my wife and two boys."

2015 Giseikai

The 2015 HHMH Legislative Assembly (Giseikai) will be held on February 13 & 14, 2015 at the Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin. 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 necessary documents to HQ by the deadline described in the letter. The packet containing materials for Giseikai will be distributed to each temple at a later date. Thank you very much for your cooperation.

2015 Living Treasures of Hawaii recognition Luncheon

The Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii will honor the following individuals as the 2015 Living Treasures of Hawaii™ in recognition of their personal and professional achievements and their contributions to the community. We welcome you to celebrate this honor with them.

Blossom Puanani Alama Tom Dr. Bernice Kisako Hirai Laura Ruby S. Haunani Apoliona, MSW Paulette Nohealani Kahalepuna (Posthumously) Barry K. Taniguchi

Date: Saturday, February 14, 2015 Place: Hilton Hawaiian Village, Coral Ballroom

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

Cost: Early registration - \$70.00 for payments received by January 31, 2015

Late registration - \$85.00 for payments between February 1 - February 7, 2015

(Reservations will NOT be accepted after February 8, 2015)

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

CUB SCOUTS PACK 12

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!!!

Cub Scouts Pack 12 wishes everyone a safe, healthy and wealthy New Year....

Christmas Caroling

December 8th, our Pack had the honor of Christmas Caroling at the Regency at Hualalai. The facility was decorated with several Christmas trees which was great to get us in the mood for singing. Arrangements were made for us to sing in the dining room while the residents partook their dinners. Both the Scouts and the residents enjoyed the caroling.

The scouts practiced singing at several meetings. During one of the practices Cub Master Glenn led them to the preschool and Reverend Nakamura's cottage to get them comfortable singing in front of people. Prior to our event the scouts had made Candy Cane ornaments to pass out to the residents. As a reward, Cub Master Glenn treated everyone to dinner at McDonalds. It was such a relaxing time.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Dec 13th – Christmas Party
Feb 21st – Makahiki Ticket Distribution
Feb 21st Kona District Recognition Dinner
Feb 27-28 Cub O Ree overnighter at Camp Honokaia
March 7 - Cub Scout Basic Leader Training & BALOO Training, Hilo LDS Stake

CONDOLENCES

Mr. Herbert Kenso Oue of Kealakekua passed away on October 12, 2014 at his residence at the age of 89.

Mrs. Ellen Tamaki Harano of Kealakekua passed away on November 4, 2014 at Kona Community Hospital at the age of 87.

Mrs. Doris Kameko Araki of Kailua-Kona, passed away on November 9, 2014 at Life Care Center of Kona at the age of 100.

Mrs. Fusae Kitaoka of Kealakekua passed away on November 26, 2014 at Kona Community Hospital at the age of 81.

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

Morris Nagata Nora Koyanagi Mr. & Mrs. Fumikichi Matsuoka Okamoto Family, In Memory of Frank and Wayne Okamoto Wendy Oye, In Gratitude Lilly Ushiroda, Jiho Nobue Yanagawa

Total - \$240.00

Acknowledgements Continued:

MEMORIAL SERVICES

Ella Hirata, Funeral Service & Related Expenses for Darren Michio Hirata Takeguchi Family, 1st Year Memorial Service for Tane Takeguchi

Total - \$975.44

HAKASOJI and NOKOTSUDO

Richard & Marilyn Hirata

Mr. & Mrs. Burt Kamigaki Total - \$120.00

NOVEMBER and DECEMBER SUNDAY SERVICES

Offerings Total - \$287.00

BODHI DAY SERVICE

Mr. & Mrs. Kazuyoshi Aoki Mr. & Mrs. Nathan Chong Claudia Chang Mr. & Mrs. Gary Ichishita Mr. & Mrs. Sadayuki Inouye Lisa Ciriako Mr. & Mrs. Hiroki Ishimaru Mr. & Mrs. Sunao Kadooka Yasunori Deguchi Gilbert & Mildred Kaneko Mr. & Mrs. Steven Kaneko Sachi Katoku Mr. & Mrs. Yoshiyuki Kaneko Mr. & Mrs. Richard Kunitomo Lillian Koshi Nora Koyanagi Mr. & Mrs. Richard Maeda Mr. & Mrs. Glenn Matsumoto Alan Matsumoto Mr. & Mrs. Gail Masunaga Mr. & Mrs. Michitoshi Murakami Mr. & Mrs. Mitsuo Nagai Mr. & Mrs. Morris Nagata Norma Matsumoto Rev. Jiko Nakade Pauline Nishina-Goodwin Chizu Nakashima Clayton Nishina Helen Oishi Carol Okuna Mr. & Mrs. Michael Oshiro Ethel Saito Florence Ozaki Mr. & Mrs. Norman Takeoka Mr. & Mrs. George Shimamoto Suga Suzuki Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Takiue Mr. & Mrs. Terence Terada Janet Yanagi Mr. & Mrs. Arnold Tokuyama Sandy Iwashita Mr. & Mrs. Fred Uechi Mr. & Mrs. Kaoru Uyeda Albert & Elsie Watanabe Daisy Kitaoka Mr. & Mrs. Kenji Fukumitsu Mr. & Mrs. Sanford Higashi Satsuko Matsuoka Mr. & Mrs. George Matsuoka Mr. & Mrs. George Nakamoto Janet Miyose Keith Nishihara Amy Okuno Yoshie Tanaka Mr. & Mrs. Frank Yamamoto

Total - \$1,499.00

Taiko Drumbeat Creative Director – Sensei Kristy Oshiro



In 2008, Sensei Kristy Oshiro joined the Placer Ume Taiko (PUT) as its Creative Director and, through her efforts, has helped transform PUT into an amazing group of performers. Born and raised in Kona, Hawaii, Kristy grew up as a member of the Kona Hongwanji Buddhist Temple which, like PBC, follows the teachings of Jodo Shinshu. At age 9, Kristy started playing Taiko when she joined Kona Daifukuji Taiko.

Kristy attended Portland State University, where she earned her bachelor's degree in Music Performance, with an emphasis in Percussion. While attending college, she was an instructor and touring ensemble member of Portland Taiko.

In 2007, after earning her degree, Kristy moved to Sacramento to work with the Sacramento Taiko Dan. From 2007 – 2014, she served as an instructor and the Youth Programs Director.

Taiko and music are Kristy's passion and her full-time vocation. In addition to her work with PUT, she is also an instructor for the San Mateo Buddhist Temple Taiko and is a touring member of Taikoza, Sacramento Taiko Dan, and Jodaiko. She has performed, and given Taiko workshops, across the U.S. and in Canada, Japan, Switzerland, Italy, Russia, Australia, and New Zealand. She is also a vendor for Visions In Education in Sacramento and specializes in education and teaching youth.

Sensei Kristy shares a special bond with PUT members. When her travels take her to other venues, she often brings omiage back to share.

When the group visited Japan in 2013, Sensei Kristy did some research on Nara, and took the youth on a sightseeing tour, shepherding them through the city. For the trip, her insights and advice regarding cultural practices were invaluable to the PUT performers, as they interacted with the Taiko group from Japan. She served as PUT's main point of contact with performance coordinators in Japan, leading our group through practices and the fundraising concert.

When asked about her involvement with PUT, Kristy says she loves how integrated PUT is with PBC, and she relishes the support that it provides. She is impressed by PBC's spirit of family and community and hopes to continue sharing her talent and knowledge with its members. Teaching and seeing her students learn and grow is the most gratifying part of being PUT's Creative Director. We are, indeed, fortunate to have such a knowledgeable, energetic, and respected individual at PUT's creative helm. Thank you, Kristy, for making Taiko such a wonderful part of PBC!

For more information about Kristy, you can visit her website at www.kristyoshiro.com

Note: Parents of Kristy Oshiro are Michael and Pauline Oshiro, members of Kona Hongwanji

Kona Hongwanji Buddhist Temple, List of Memorial Service for 2015

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.

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01/10	Hayama, Harue	02/05	Ueno, Satoo
02/26	Nagai, Tsutayo	03/09	Sakamoto, Torao
03/28	Murata, Eleanor Fusako	04/01	Sakanashi, Shizuichi
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04/07	Yamaguchi, Aiko	04/24	Horibata, Stanely Saburo
05/13	Ikeuchi, Sueko "Sue"	05/13	Yanagi, Michael Yukio
05/15	Tanaka, Yoshie "Bessie"	06/01	Tamekuni, Reverend Shonen
06/06	Miyazano, Ronald Asaji	07/16	Kawakami, Harue
08/11	Inouye, Minoru	08/13	Fujikawa, Kikumo
08/23	Hori, Masao "Masa'Ninja"	10/09	Murasaki, Ruby Shimeko
11/12			Mana, Yasuko
	Hayama, Yoshio "Calvin"	12/08	Mana, rasuko
12/28	Fukumitsu, Kikue		
	TWENTY-FI	FTH YEAR (19	91)
01/26	Yoshida, Charles T.	02/24	Morimoto, Kunio
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03/06	Kunitomo, Kiku	03/17	Nagata, Tsugi
03/18	Onaka, Shizuko Stella	03/26	Tanouye, Kameju
04/15	Nakayama, Yasue	04/17	Shibata, Richard T.
06/06	Noguchi, Yoshio	06/12	Uemura, Mitsuyo
07/08	Matsuda, Shigeto	07/18	Kunitomo, Kamalei
07/27	Okumura, Neil Y.	09/11	Murakami, Mishiwo
09/13	Iwamoto, Misao	10/01	Shirota, Diane Y.
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10/14	Nagata, Pearl M.	11/05	Yoshimura, Jane A.
11/11	Tokunaga, Jack I.	11/27	Aoki, Yasu
12/19	Honda, Miko	12/28	Moriguchi, Eizo
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02/23	Oga, Toyo	03/15	Koyanagi, Masao
03/19	Fujino, Irving A.	04/15	Kondo, Kiyoko Sugiyama
05/11	Aoki, Ernest	05/26	Higashi, Ichiro
05/28	Ohata, Jitsuyo	07/03	Kawasaki, Masayuki
07/11	Fukuda, Tsuruhiko	07/19	Kudo, Fude
08/09		10/07	
	Matsuo, Albert		Tanaka, Teki
10/09	Nakamoto, Florence	11/28	Inouye, Oliver
12/14	Onaka, Rei		
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01/08	Morimoto, Toichi	01/11	Kataoka, Moto
01/20	Urada, Gihachi	02/13	Kurashige, Tadao Elbert
02/16	Harano, Akiko	02/27	Izuno, Mume
03/19	Yamabe, Kunimatsu	04/02	Higashi, Zenpei
04/26	Motoyama, Matsu	06/06	Hirazumi, Matahashi
06/24	Morinoue, Sakuichi	07/05	Ashihara, Tsuru
07/28	Fujita, Sumie	09/16	Kurihara, Nika
10/07	Kaneo, Motokichi	10/31	Aoki, Yoshiko
12/18	Kawamoto, Tatsuo	12/22	Horibata, Kazu
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01/08	Kuramitsu, Tatsue	01/09	Tsuda, Tokuzo
01/12	Ichishita, Masao	02/03	Sekiya, Misano
02/05	Hirazumi, Yoshio	02/05	Ujimori, Ryusuke
02/15	Tomita, Hisano	02/28	Sekiya, Nobu
03/04	Yamashita, Asahei	03/15	Yamagata, Kimi
03/16	Miyama, Yoshizo	03/25	Higashi, Yoshiharu
04/03	Toyofuku, Katsuma	04/11	Imoto, Mantaro
04/22	Idatsu, Tamekichi	04/30	Hayano, Miju
05/14	Onizuka, Kohachiro	05/16	Aoki, Hana
06/12	Yamabe, Kuma	06/16	Kamesue, Yasuzo
06/22	Miyazaki, Wakamatsu	06/24	Nishiyama, Sato
06/24	Yamashita, Waichi	07/17	Matsumoto, Kinzaburo
07/26	Murakami, Miyanoshin	08/07	Nakayama, Kimi
08/23	Watanabe, Koto	08/29	Tanaka, Ikutaro
09/22	Ohara, Masao	09/28	Hironaga, Yoshisuke
10/10	Takatoki, Hana	10/11	Sueki, Kamenoshin
10/18	Yamada, Tsuchiyo	10/29	Maruyama, Sano
11/01	Oka, Matsu	11/19	Miyamoto, Matsu
11/22	Yoshiki, Jitsuo	11/24	Oka, Yoshiko
11/26	Azuma, Matsue	12/03	Oka, Yasuko
12/30	Akimoto, Soichi		

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