

KONA HONGWANJI BUDDHIST TEMPLE



E - JIHO
November 2015



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

VETERAN' S APPRECIATION SERVICE

Sunday, November 8, 2015 at 9:00 a.m.

Speaker: Reverend Bruce Nakamura

November 11 is Veterans Day, an official federal holiday that honors people who have served in the U.S. Armed Forces. With deep gratitude, we will be honoring veterans from all branches of the U.S. Armed Forces. **Please invite veterans to say thank you for their service to our country.**

COFFEE FESTIVAL HOOLAULEA at KEAUHOU SHOPPING CENTER

Saturday, November 14, 2015

Kona Hongwanji Participating in Two (2) Events

Mochi Pounding Demonstration --10:00 a.m. to 2:00 P.M.

Bon Dance---6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Volunteers Needed---Contact Morris Nagata at 987-0119

ANNUAL CLEAN UP

Sunday, November 22, 2015 at 7:30 a.m.

Members of Affiliate Organizations are asked to help Kyodan members

Refreshments and Lunch will be served

Contact Norma Matsumoto or Morris Nagata for more information

No Sunday Service on November 29, 2015

Bodhi Day Service

Sunday, December 6, 2015 at 8:00 a.m.

Japanese Service at 9:45 a.m.

Note time of service

Guest Speaker: Reverend Yuika Hasebe

NEED THE ASSISTANCE OF THE MINISTER , contact Rev. Bruce Nakamura at 323-2993 or Emergency only 987-9900 or Norma Matsumoto at 323-2552 or 989-3015.

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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Rev. Bruce - brucejunshin@gmail.com

NOVEMBER

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| 1 Sunday | 9:00 AM ... | English Eitaikyo Service |
| 4 Wednesday .. | 9:30 AM | Service @ Hualalai Regency |
| | 11:00 AM .. | Service @ Life Care Center |
| 7 Saturday | ----- | Judo Club Promotion Banquet |
| 8 Sunday | 9:00 AM | English Family Service & Veteran's Appreciation Day |
| 9 Monday | 7:30 PM | Bon Dance Practice |
| 11 Wednesday .. | 6:00 PM | Peace Concert |
| 12 Thursday | 7:30 PM | Bon Dance Practice |
| 13 Friday | 8:30 AM | Senior Activity Program |
| 14 Saturday | | Coffee Festival Hoolaulea @ Keauhou Shopping Ctr. |
| | 10:00 AM ... | Mochi Pounding Demonstration |
| | 7:00 PM | Bon Dance |
| 15 Sunday | 9:00 AM | English Family Service & Joint Birthday/Memorial Svc. |
| 18 Wednesday .. | 7:00 PM | Round-Table Forum |
| 21 Saturday | ----- | Annual Wall Washing for Clean-up |
| 22 Sunday | 7:30 AM ... | Annual Clean-Up |
| 24 Tuesday | 9:00 AM ... | Preschool Temple Visitation |
| 29 Sunday | ----- | NO SUNDAY SERVICE |

DECEMBER

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| 2 Wednesday ... | 9:30 AM | Service @ Hualalai Regency |
| | 11:00 AM .. | Service @ Life Care Center |
| 6 Sunday | 8:00 AM | Bodhi Day Service |
| | 9:45 AM | Japanese Service |
| 9 Wednesday ... | 7:00 PM ... | Board of Director's Meeting |
| 11 Friday | 8:30 AM ... | Senior Activity Program |
| 13 Sunday | 9:00 AM ... | English Family Service & Joint Birthday/Memorial Svc. |
| 16 Wednesday .. | 7:00 PM ... | Round-Table Forum |
| 20 Sunday | 9:00 AM ... | English Family Service |
| | ----- | Judo Hall Annual Clean-up |
| 30 Wednesday .. | 12:00 PM .. | Mochi Pick-up |

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 OCTOBER and NOVEMBER 2015

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| First Year (2014) | November | 4 | ELLEN TAMAKI HARANO |
| | | 9 | DORIS K. ARAKI |
| | | 26 | FUSAE KITAOKA |
| | December | 24 | THOMAS SEIJI KANEO |
| Third Year (2013) | November | 10 | TANE TANIGUCHI |
| Seventh Year (2009) | November | 17 | SATSUE WAGLE |
| Thirteenth Year (2003) | November | 12 | TAKASHI HIRANO |
| | December | 17 | FLORA FUSAKO KANEO DONALDSON |
| Seventeenth Year (1999) | November | 12 | YOSHIO "CALVIN" HAYAMA |
| | December | 8 | YASUKO MANA |
| | | 28 | KIKUE FUKUMITSU |
| Twenty-Fifth Year (1991) | November | 5 | JANE A. YOSHIMURA |
| | | 11 | JACK I. TOKUNAGA |
| | | 27 | YASU AOKI |
| | December | 19 | MIKO HONDA |
| | | 28 | EIZO MORIGUCHI |
| Thirty-Third Year (1983) | November | 28 | OLIVER INOUE |
| | December | 14 | REI ONAKA |
| Fiftieth Year (1966) | December | 18 | TATSUO KAWAMOTO |
| | | 22 | KAZU HORIBATA |
| One Hundredth Year (1916) | November | 1 | MATSU OKA |
| | | 19 | MATSU MIYAMOTO |
| | | 22 | JITSUO YOSHIKI |
| | | 24 | YOSHIKO OKA |
| | | 26 | MATSUE AZUMA |
| | December | 3 | YASUKO OKA |
| | | 30 | SOICHI AKIMOTO |

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Norma Matsumoto

Thank you for all the interest shown for my last message. I realized that my perception that the ordinary Shin Buddhist sitting in the pews or those that faithfully send in their dues around the state may not necessarily know how decisions are made by a board of directors outside their community. As a new president thrust into this way of doing business, I sometimes thought that our state Honpa organization was not designed to be democratic, but was rather 'feudal' in its functioning. By this, I mean that our assessments to Honpa are based on splitting up an amount deemed necessary for functioning, and then an arbitrary chunk of that amount is given to the Big Island and (other state regions) for the local boards to decide how the island will split up the bill, so to speak. 'Arbitrary' may be a strong word, so I'll say that it's sort of based on member population, but I'm only guessing. Normal budgeting is based on a KNOWN OR CLOSELY ESTIMATED INCOME and then broken down into priority expenditures, just like you do in your households. It doesn't work that way in the Honpa world. When I say 'feudal' system, it's like the smaller fiefs have to provide rice to the Shogun and if it's not enough, you'll lose your lands. Since I'm an outgoing president, I talk brave, yeah? Ha ha!!

Anyway, it's been quite an education. I've seen Buddhists 'behaving badly' as well as the best ones dedicated to their temples' survival, struggling in the same way we do. We all have similar problems with declining membership, aging 'workforce' to perform the functions of temple upkeep and inability to keep young Buddhists in 3rd, 4th and 5th generations coming back to the temple, even though they were so active as teens.

If you would like a closer look or a copy of the resolution, passed at Lay Convention that will go to the Giseikai in February regarding temples in arrears, let me know and I'll arrange to have copies available. It specifies a timeline and temple responses to Honpa before 'sanctions' take place; the most serious being not having a minister. Believe it or not, at Giseikai, they will have to rescind an age-old bylaw that says that 'all temples will have representation' at Giseikai to enact barring temples in arrears from attending in the future. If you think that's moving forward or moving backwards, let me know. I kind of had a good laugh at that. I may not have a PHD, but I just shake my head at some of this stuff. If you are interested in helping the temple in any capacity, let me know that, too! Thank you to Norman Takeoka, Jim Miller and John Tsue for taking care of cemetery trash; Stanley Kunitomo, John Tsue and Morris Nagata, Alan Matsumoto, and in the future, the Kona Hongwanji Judo club for grass control in the cemetery and on the temple grounds. What would we do without your 'dana'!

In Gassho

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

By Mary Katayama

Columbarium/Temple Visitations: Until further notice the Columbarium will be locked with visitation by appointment. The temple will be closed and opened for scheduled services. Temple and Columbarium visitations may be done by calling the church office or Rev. Bruce at 323-2993. The closing is due to incidents at Daifukuji, Kona Koyasan and SNI temples. The community police officer provided photograph of suspected individual which was shared with Rev. Bruce, Judy and preschool staff. Contact Mary Katayama for more information (323-3083).

KHBT Bylaws: The Bylaws Committee will be reviewing the current bylaws. Amendments and Revisions to the bylaws shall be approved by the Board of Directors and membership notified of the proposed amendments/revisions through temple publications not less than 30 days of the annual meeting to be voted on. Members of the bylaws committee are: Norma Matsumoto, Morris Nagata, Dean Uemura and Daren Katayama. Copy of current bylaws may be obtained from the church office. Suggested changes must be submitted to committee no later than December 1, 2015. For more information, contact Mary Katayama.

Cemetery Volunteers: Mahalo to Gene Nakashima and the Judo Club who will be assisting Stanley Kunitomo with cemetery weed problem. Youth Director Joey Gusman and Boy Scout Troop 59 continue to monitor/control insect problems the past few years. We appreciate assistance from the Judo Club and Boy Scout Troop 59.

Annual Clean Up: Affiliate Organizations and Kyodan members are asked to help in the annual clean up on Sunday, November 22, 2015 beginning at 7:30 a.m. The annual event needs everyone's participation. Affiliate organizations includes: BWA, Shinwakai, Jr. YBA, Dharma School, Taiko Group, Judo Club, Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, Preschool, and Ikebana. The cleanup includes the entire facility (temple, columbarium, social hall, and kitchen, grounds, cemetery and recreation hall).

Project Dana: The Senior Activity Program continues on the 2nd Friday of each month, beginning at 8:30 a.m. Crafts, Hanafuda, MaJhong and other games are enjoyed by all. Special thank you to Janet Kunitake who frequently provides delicious home cooked meal to assist Elaine Nakagawa and her kitchen volunteers. ARIGATO!! COME JOIN US!!

HEADQUARTER'S UPDATE

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: 33RD WORLD JODO SHINSHU COORDINATING COUNCIL MEETING

When: September 24-25, 2015

Where: Honzan, Kyoto, Japan

Participants: Governor Takao Honda, International Affairs
Vice Governor Kosho Takeno, International Affairs
Rev. Tokiko Hikida, Director of the International Center

Bishop Kodo Umezu, Buddhist Churches of America (BCA)
President Kent Matsuda, BCA
Rev. Kiyonobu Kuwahara, BCA Jodo Shinshu Center
Bishop Tatsuya Aoki, Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Temples of Canada
Bishop Gikyo Kajiwara, Sul-Americana Da Seita Jodo Shinshu Honpa Hongwanji (Brazil)
Rev. Tetsuei Somayama, Brazil Kyodan Vice-President
Bishop Eric Matsumoto, Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii
President Pieper Toyama, HHMH
Rev. Toshiyuki Umitani, HHMH Executive Assistant to the Bishop

Agenda: Reports Honzan Reports

- Commemoration Services on the Accession of the Jodo Shinshu Tradition
- Ten Year Plan
- Nepal Earthquake Relief
- 2015 Kiyoshi and 2016 Tokudo Ordination
- International Ministerial Orientation Program (IMOP)
- Jodo Shinshu Correspondence Course
- European Sanghas

Agenda: Business

Old Business

- Strategic Planning – Hawaii
- Development of the Hongwanji International Office – BCA

New Business

- Review Hongwanji Administrative Staff Overseas Training Program – Canada
- Review Kaikyoshi Program In Japan – Canada
- Restart Overseas Ministers and Lay Leaders Honzan Seminar – Hawaii
- Request for an Overseas District Joint Event at the Commemoration – Hawaii

Observations and Comments:

The two most significant developments at this year's Coordination Council meeting were:

1. The unveiling of the Honzan's World Wide Ten Year Plan
2. The development of an International Office to be located overseas.

Ten Year Plan

The main objectives are:

1. Contribute to social concerns based on Buddhist principles.
 - a. Enrich ties within the Buddhist community and strengthen connections with organizations both within and outside of the temple organization.
2. Live a life of compassion with others.
 - a. Fulfill ministerial duties as ordained ministers.
 - b. Lay members live with wisdom and compassion transmitting the Nembutsu to the next generation.
 - c. Develop welcoming temples for members and newcomers.
3. Solidify the Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha foundation.
 - a. Review the role of each organization within temples.
 - b. Maintain financial stability.
 - c. Consider making facilities available to answer the needs both within and outside of the organization.

The most interesting aspect of Honzan's Ten Year Plan is that it echoes much of what Hawaii is doing. A review of Honzan's Ten Year Plan and Hawaii's initiatives clearly indicate that the issues we face here in Hawaii are shared throughout the world Jodo Shinshu community, and that whatever we learn here is important to share with the world as temples work on common problems.

International Office

The Ten Year Plan includes an allocation to establish an International Office outside of Japan. Overseas district Bishops and presidents discussed the possible activities such an office could undertake, and Rev. Kuwahara of BCA has been charged to draft an outline of the

International Office's mission, organization and personnel, finances, and schedule of development and implementation. It was noted that the office would bring together, coordinate, and share in a much more effective manner the many activities overseas districts are already engaged in. In addition, it will be a driving force in shaping Jodo Shinshu's response to the issues facing the international community.

Conclusion

The one thing that became clear to me as I participated in the discussions is that the globalization of Jodo Shinshu has begun. The small steps to make Jodo Shinshu, a once Japanese-based religion, into a responsive world religion are being taken. And it appears that Hawaii is a part of that journey.

Submitted by:
Pieper J. Toyama, President

MUSIC UPLIFTS...!

by Bruce Nakamura

("Music Uplifts" has been revised due to corrections to sources identified and mis-information cited by the writer. Please pardon my error.)

Music can play a vital role to express "the point of it all". The joy of every age, traditions, and culture highlights its truths by way of music. Music can however, can also be an on-going distraction to what is essential and basic to the human spirit (kokoro), especially in our modern age of communication. Given the overall backdrop of the radio constantly playing, the television always on and the perpetual texting to friends and acquaintances on the smallest, even insignificant matters, can we be easily side-tracked to what is basic and essential to human living?

Have you ever noticed the doll displays at the front of the temple just adjacent to Colonel Ellison Onizuka's picture and displays honoring the late astronaut's amazing career and life contributions? On the top shelves are two traditional Japanese displays encased in glass. To the right is a *maiko*, a beautiful young girl in gorgeous kimono training to be a *geisha*. The doll to the left is a clay version of Mori Tahei, better known as one of the 24 famous Kuroda Calvary-men poised with a large sake chalice and sword-spear, one of most popular versions celebrating the spirit of the Kuroda, Bushi.¹

Kuroda, Yoshitaka was a high-ranking general and the most famous of strategists who served three warlords, Oda, Nobunaga, Toyotomi, Hideyoshi and Tokugawa, Ieyasu. Held captive in prison after failed peace negotiations for Nobunaga, Kanbei became crippled in one leg and was no longer able to rejoin his men on the battlefield. Kuroda, Kanbei was extraordinary in that he was bound by his code of loyalty to serve his lord. His life-long aspiration was that, someday, Japan would be unified by peace under one governance. The clay depiction of Mori Tahei, fronting the temple side-entrance highlights what is considered to be the best of a samurai's virtues, manifesting even in music-dance.²

Kuroda's Personal motto: "I neither fall for flattery nor long for riches!" *Genius General: "Strongest right-hand man & Head of the 24 Kuroda Calvarymen."* *Loyal Follower: He would never betray his master.* *Popular Leader: He treated all fairly regardless of status or religion; Kanbei was well-endearred.* *Thrifty Person: Kanbei not seeking a life of luxury, sold his un-needed possessions cheaply to his followers and was thrifty with money.* *Man of Culture: Kanbei kept good company with major cultural figures such as Sen no Rikyu, with whom he enjoyed tea, waka and renga (forms of poetry writing).* *Devoted Husband: Unusual for his time, Kanbei had no concubines; He loved and was devoted to his wife, Teruhime, throughout his entire life.* *Christian Daimyo: At 37, Kanbei was christened Don Simeon. Though a devoted Christian, when Christianity was forbidden in Hideyoshi's time, Kanbei gave up his Faith in order to affirm his loyalty.*³

A country torn by competing factions and civil war, in *defacto*, the samurai-daimyo dominated the imperial court and Japanese society up through the Meiji era from 1868. The warrior class via the *daimyo* system codified the warrior's role and Kuroda, Kanbei popularly embodied the best of its spirit. Every other class in Japanese society would derive their own version based upon the warrior's code of *bushido*. It was certainly no accident that virtues like Kuroda, Yoshitaka-Kanbei's became largely, the living Spirit (*bushi*) carried to a new Hawaiian frontier by pioneers coming from Japan as immigrant contract laborers to work on the plantations of cane and pineapple as well the coffee farms of Kona.⁴

Among the treasures of the Kuroda Clan, the "Omi Spear" - 'Nihongo' was a spear blade supposedly won by Mori, Tahei, one of the 24 famous Kuroda Cavalrymen. After being challenged to down a large chalice of sake at a Fushimi banquet, he did and this account was immortalized in the Kuroda Bushi-(Spirit):

**Sake wa nome nome, nomu naraba,
Hi-no-moto iichino, kono yari wo,
Nomitoru hodo ni, nomu naraba,
Korezo makoto no, Kuroda Bushi.
Drink, drink the sake!
Drink for this spear, the best in Japan.
If you're going to drink, then drink enough to win it!
This is the true Kuroda Bushi! 5**

While seemingly unrelated, the essential spirit is highlighted in those who traversed an ocean and way of life for a new vision, hope and life for those who would come after. This is found in the Shin Buddhist pathway of Shinran, its inspirational founder (5/21/1173-1/16/1262). As Kuroda Bushi sums up the spirit of the virtuous samurai. Later, as pioneer forebears braved the Hawaiian kingdom in the Pacific basin, Japanese immigrants were accompanied by their spiritual tradition -- namely, the Shin Pure Land pathway of Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji, settling throughout the Hawaiian islands.

Expressive of the Shin Pure Land's core spirit, Shinran composed a precursor to the hymn *Ondokusan* at the age of 86, thus following in the footsteps of his spiritual Chinese Pure Land master, Shan-tao or Zendo Daishi (613-681 A.D). who declares his profound appreciation to the Buddha and all of our Dharma teachers.

As one of Shinran's *wasan-poems*, *Ondokusan* is chanted in the ancient style of Hongwanji liturgy. As a hymn-gatha song, it is generally sung to two melodies. The 'prior-older melody' (I) was composed in 1918 by Yasuo Sawa, a member of the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii. The 'latter-newest melody' (II) was composed in 1952 by Osamu Shimizu as a piano piece written in major key.

DEDICATION

**Such is the benevolence of Amida's great compassion,
That we must strive to return it, even to the breaking of our bodies;
Such is the benevolence of the masters and the true teachers,
That we must endeavor to repay it, even to our bones' becoming dust.**
(59) Shozomatsu wasan; Shin Buddhism Translation Series; p. 45

ONDOKUSAN

**Nyorai Daihi no Ondoku wa--
Miouko ni shi te--mo, Ho-zu-beshi--
Shi- shu-- chishikino Ondokumo--
Ho-ne wo kudakite mo, sha-su-beshi-**

**Ondokusan (I) "Praises of the Buddha";4th
Edition, Revised 1990; p.122.**

Written in the first-person, these words convey the spirit of personal conviction and spiritual confidence grounded in Amida's great compassion and the spiritual masters who have come before. For so many of those who came before and those of the present, *Ondokusan* remains a powerful and poignant human expression. Not only of Shinran's profound sense of gratitude to the great compassion that is relentless and immovable, his wish is we endeavor to repay our 'debt of gratitude' throughout our lives. Are these words to be taken literally or symbolically?

What seems crucial for us to have in mind, though it's impossible for us to literally repay our spiritual debt to the benevolence we receive from both, the Buddha and our spiritual teachers, we must certainly try. Likened to the undying spirit of those who fearlessly lived before us whose benevolence and sacrifice we cannot fully repay, to the Buddha's and spiritual masters', too we must certainly try,... 'though our bodies be crushed or our bones turn to dust'6...

Namo Amida Butsu, NaManDaBu, NaManDaBu, NaManDaBu...

REFERENCES: 1. Kona Hongwanji Buddhist Temple Built in 1976."Centennial Booklet."

2. "Rainbow," Edited-printed bi-monthly by the Fukuoka International Assoc. Rainbow Plaza; 11-12/2013.
3. Ibid., Page 3.
4. Kona Hongwanji Buddhist Temple 1897-2010: A Century of Gratitude
5. Rainbow,...page 8.
6. "The Padma," Berkeley Buddhist Temple Newsletter; Rev. David Matsumoto, February 2015.

BWA CORNER

by Linda Nagai

A great big Mahalo to June Fujikawa, Marsha Boyle, Henriann Nagata, Sally Murakami along with the ladies of Group 1,2 and 3 for putting on a great Convention. The Beautiful floral arrangements for the convention was done by Group 1 assisted by Kim Lindner, Mahalo Kim. Our Mrs. Chiyoko Kawasaki was honored as one of 3 Centenarians, congratulations Mrs. Kawasaki and thank you for your contributions to our BWA. Mahalo to Derek Kurisu who entertained us with his joyful cooking technique making somen salad which was great treat and added delight to our lunch. (Our event was even filmed for his show). Mahalo to Bryan Fujikawa of Sundried Specialties dba Fishbowl for the delicious lunch, and without our Scouts from Troop 59, and to Daren Katayama and Alan Matsumoto thank you for your assist. I know the Scouts appreciated the extra hand, I know the ladies really appreciated the help, because we Seniors would have had a difficult time in the clean-up. The Scouts are true to their reputation when it comes to helping those in need. Joe Guzman, thank you for coordinating the youth assistance for our convention. Colin Byars thank you so much for manning our First Aid Station, and to Morris Mahalo for always being there to help us with the sound system and everything else that needs to be done. Mahalo to guest Organist Satomi Ebisawa, who stepped up to provide live music to our convention. Thank you to Janet Kunitake for her generous donation of Avocado's the ladies for Kamuela to Naalehu really appreciated your generosity. A note from a member said that was the icing to the convention. Thank you to Fletcher Johnson who hit the Kansho to begin the morning service, Great job Fletcher. And lastly to all who joined the BWA at Sunday Service, it was so nice to see the Kona Hongwanji Sangha there celebrating our 61st Convention with us. The BWA will be planning other activities at the Temple in the near future. Please look for the announcement and we hope to see you there participating in our activities and celebrate fellowship with us at that time.

Please mark your calendar, Wednesday, November 11, The "Big Island and Hiroshima Peace Concert 2015" Presented by the Hiroshima Kenjinkai, Kona Hongwanji BWA, and the Kona Coffee Cultural Festival will be held in our Social Hall. The singer Performing is Satomi Nikaido a Hongwanji Buddhist minister, from Hiroshima, and in her entourage will be a few BWA members from Hiroshima. Let's all come out and show them the true meaning of ALOHA, the Kona way. We will begin with a short welcome service at 4:00 p.m., the Hiroshima Kenjinkai will be selling Okonomiyaki for your dinner enjoyment, beginning at 4:30 p.m. followed by the Peace Concert at 6:00 p.m.

TAIKO GROUP NEWS

We have a new member, HARRISON KANEKO. Harrison is in the first grade at Konawaena Elementary School.

Due to the pouring rain on our open enrollment date, September 25, 2015, we will be having another day. That day will be October 29, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. in the social hall. Cross your fingers, we don't have any storms that day!! ☺

Our next performance/bon dance will be part of the Kona Cultural Coffee Festival. The bon dance will be on November 14, 2015, at the Keauhou Shopping Center fronting Longs Drug Store.

In preparation, our bon dance practices will be on:

Monday, November 9, 2015 and Thursday, November 12, 2015

at 7:30 p.m. in the social hall.

NEW MEMBER

We are adding a few members this month. ROBERT and ELEANOR YOKOMOTO of Kailua-Kona are both retired. They reside at the Hualalai Regency therefore are close "neighbors" with Fred & Clara Uechi and Kazumi Oshita. Robert Yokomoto is a regular participant at the monthly Wednesday service at the Hualalai Regency.

ALYSSA OUE of Kailua-Kona is our other new member. It is nice to have younger members join our temple.

CUB SCOUTS PACK 12

All you can eat Pancake Breakfast & Silent Auction Fundraiser Mahalo

What a great day it was to have delicious pancakes, scrambled eggs, rice, Denver omelets, Portuguese sausage, smokies, pineapples, papayas and cantaloupes all for \$7.00.

Of course the event is only successful with the help hard workers and donations. The parents of our scouts worked hard to help set up the hall, cut the fruits and guided the scouts in cracking the eggs Friday evening. On Saturday all parents helped out by either: cooking, serving the breakfast, selling & collecting tickets or being runners. And we are so grateful for all those that stayed and helped to clean up.

Our special cooking crew: (who braved the wee hour @ 4:00 a.m.) **Dane Ushiroda, Tyrus Takimoto, Wayne Sakamoto, Kalani Keawe-Aiko, Damon Ogata, Dylan Nonaka, Carlo Mireles, Alvin Iranon** and our Pancake batter expert **Michael Nakamoto**.

All leftover food was donated to HOPE Charity, and Kailua Kona Clean & Sober House, which they were very thankful to feed their less fortunate clients!

This year our pancake and grill ace Cub Master **Glenn Hirowatari** was assisted by **several of the Cub Scouts**.

Special Thanks to the following for their generosity:

Cal Kona – Brent & Donald Sasaki, Donated Round onions, Green onions, Red/Yellow and Green peppers, Watermelons, Cantaloupes, Pineapple and Ice

Honaunau Market –Carol Kiriara, Donated Red & Green Peppers, Mushrooms, Round onions, and Pineapples.

Mrs. Irene Ray donated a Pet Cage and Bicycle towards our Silent Auction.

JTS Towing – Transporting the pancake grill to and from storage.

Dee Ono – Donation of Grapes, Starbucks gift cards, Macaroni Grill gift cards, Backpacks, Shirts, towels and her time and help to insure the success of the breakfast.

Our Own **Reverend Bruce Nakamura** for coming and supporting Pack 12.

To the **Kyodan** who had given us their blessing for the fundraiser.

BIG Thank you to all the business' that donated either monies, gift certificates or merchandise towards our Silent auction.

Again a special Thank You to all the parents and Ohana of the Cub Scouts for all your hard work to make this fundraiser a great success!!!

If anyone still wishes to continue to Support our Cub Scouts please Contact Cub Master Glenn Hirowatari @ 322-2278. In Gassho...Domo Arigato

Induction Night:

Friday October 9th our Pack's official welcome to all Cub Scouts and Parents into Pack 12.

First a Uniform inspection was held for all the scouts. The parents were more nervous that the scouts themselves. All worried if the patches were placed correctly on the shirts, if the neckerchief was twilered correctly. This was a great learning experience for all. Everyone learned to take pride in being a Cub Scout. Our very own Cub Master Glenn performed the uniform inspections. After the boys completed their inspection, off they went to partake in the vast choices of ono foods from a variety of salads, main dishes and desserts.

While the scouts were having their dinner, they didn't realize that the Cub Master was busily tallying the scores. Scores are based on General appearance, Cap, Neckerchief & slide, Shirt, Belt, Pants/shorts, Socks, Shoes, Registration and Insignia placement plus a few questions to make sure that they know what is happening around our country.

After dinner all the scouts were lined up side by side and they were instructed to cup their hands behind their backs. One by one Cub Master Glenn placed a wooden nickel (indicates that they have completed uniform inspection) in their hands, BUT only ONE scout will get the "Golden Nickel". The "Golden Nickel" represents the scout that earned the highest score. It came down to several scouts that had perfect scores. Glenn came up with tie breaker question of repeating the Scout Oath (which is new to Cub Scouting) and a winner was chosen.

Congratulations go out to Dylan Jay Nonaka son of Dylan and Monica Nonaka. Dylan has joined Pack 12 as a Tiger Cub. Good Job Mom and Dad!!! This is Dylan's second year in a row winning this honor.

The evening wasn't over yet... The actual induction ceremony was awesome. All the leaders & Cub Scouts were called up. Parents, Grandparents were given candles that were lit. The adults in turn lit the cub scouts' candles and the scouts & adults versed the Cub Scout Promise "to do their best to do their duty to help the scouts".

Thank you to all parents for making such delicious array of foods for the dinner. We learned a lot more about each other during and after dinner.

Kailua-Kona Police Station Visit

Cub Master Glenn arranged with Officer DelaCruz of the Community policing department of the Kailua Kona Police station for a "GO SEE IT" event. The purpose of this activity is to have the boys learn that people work in the community to protect them and keep them safe. The Policemen were happy to show the scouts their facility. They scouts were shown the 'top cop's offices were, the interrogation room with the one way mirror, video of the jail cell, cadaver dog, squad SUV for transporting those arrested. And the best part, one of the SWAT police officers showed them all the equipment the SWAT team carries when they are called out. The scouts and parents were excited to tour the Police Station. Thank you Officer DelaCruz for making this visit very exciting.

Welcome New Scouts:

Samuel & Wyatt Olivarez – Parents Russ and Karen Olivarez

Eagle Scout

Congratulations to Kona Hongwanji Buddhist Temple Troop 59's most recent Eagle Scout, Michael Gusman. Michael is the son of Troop 59 Scout Master Joseph and Cub Scout unit commissioner Lynn Gusman. Michael's eagle project was painting the Jungle gym and constructing 3 preschool size picnic tables for Honaunau Elementary School. He was assisted by his fellow scouts, parents and other boy scouts & parents from Troop 15 of SNI.

Upcoming Events:

Oct 16th – 17th – Cub-o-ree Overnighter Honokaia
Oct 24 – Cub Scout Leaders Pow Wow- (Hilo Stake Center)
Oct 26 – Halloween Trunk or Treat with Hongwanji Preschool
November 22 – Church Clean up
November 13-14 HK and Kona District Camp o ree. Amy Greenwell
December - Recharter

CONDOLENCES

Mr. Ross Akiyoshi Oue of Kailua-Kona passed away on September 18, 2015 at his family's home in Kealakekua at the age of 55.

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

Melvin Kunitake, Use of Facilities
Janet Lindner, In Memory of Kumiko Omori
William Matsumoto, Family Record Book
Patrick Imai, In Memory of Wilmer Koshi
Raynette Itamoto
Gary & Laura Kiriara, September 16th, In Memory of Nika Kiriara
Dwight & Cheryl Manago, In Remembrance of Harold Manago
Lane, Gail & Arick Shibata, In Memory of Tsuyoki Nakashima
Doris Sugihara, In Memory of Tsuyoki Nakashima
Mr. & Mrs. Burt Kamigaki, In Memory of Fusae Kamigaki
Daisy Kitaoka, In Memory of George Fujino's 3rd Anniversary, Yukiko Kurozawa's 7th Anniversary, and Fusae Kitaoka's 1st Anniversary
Hanae Okumura, In Memory of Ross Oue
Winnie Narusawa, Scrub Brushes for Cemetery Spigots

Total - \$1,595.00

MEMORIAL SERVICES

Kay Matsumoto, Funeral Service & Related Expenses for Thomas Matsumoto
Mr. & Mrs. Michitoshi Murakami, 25th Year Memorial Service In Memory of Mishiwo Murakami
Mr. & Mrs. Michitoshi Murakami, 3rd Year Memorial Service In Memory of Sasae Murakami
Lynn Tom, 3rd Year Service for Sasae Murakami
Setsuyo Fujino, In Memory of George Fujino
Sharon Langsi, 3rd Year Memorial Service for Hazel Aoyagi
Brenda Matsuyama, 3rd Year Memorial Service for Hazel Aoyagi
Aaron & Dara Uemura, Memorial Service for George Fujino
Brian & Gina Yasuda, In Memory of George Fujino
Linda Nagai, Memorial Service for Toshio Nagai
Masayuki & Fumiko, Kai, 7th Year Service In Memory of Yukiko Kurozawa
Kiriara Family, 50th Year Memorial Service for Nika Kiriara
Adele Kitaoka, Memorial Service for Yukiko Kurozawa
Guy & Carol Kitaoka, Memorial Service for Yuki Kurozawa
Loretta Kitaoka, Memorial Service for Yukiko Kurozawa
M. Kitaoka, Memorial Service for Yuki Kurozawa
W. Kitaoka & Family, Memorial Service for Yukiko Kurozawa
D. & G. Kurozawa, In Memory of Yukiko Kurozawa
George Kurozawa, In Memory of Yukiko Kurozawa
Tokiko Sakata and Roy Sakata, 50th Memorial Service for Nika Kiriara
Terry & Cynthia Taniyama, Memorial Service for Yuki Kurozawa

Total - \$2,245.00

HAKASOJI and NOKOTSUDO

Masamori & Eva Takaki
Yooko Moriguchi

Mr. & Mrs. Fred Uechi
Hideyuki Nagai

Hanako Sheldon

Total - \$380.24

JIHO

Mr. & Mrs. Jay Manago
Mr. & Mrs. Bert Maedo

Yooko Moriguchi
Ethel Saito

Jenny Nakashima

Total - \$170.00

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SEPTEMBER and OCTOBER SUNDAY SERVICE

Offerings

Total - \$595.00

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