

# KONA HONGWANJI BUDDHIST TEMPLE



**E - JIHO**  
**February 2015**



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

## **CHERRY BLOSSOM FESTIVAL**

**Saturday, February 7, 2015**

**Parker Ranch Center in Waimea**

Mochi Tsuki and Mochi Making Demonstration

Sponsored by the Jr. YBA---Volunteers Needed

Contact Morris Nagata, Alan Matsumoto or Mary Katayama

## **JOINT MEMORIAL/BIRTHDAY SERVICE**

**Sunday, February 8, 2015 at 8:30 a.m.**

**PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE IN SERVICE TIME**

**Speaker: Reverend Bruce Nakamura**

## **ANNUAL KYODAN MEETING---KEIROKAI---LUNCHEON**

**Sunday, February 15, 2015 at 9:00 a.m.**

Service, Keirokai and Membership Meeting

Program and luncheon to follow

Members will be contacted for lunch count

Donation for Door Prizes appreciated----Contact Susan Shiota

## **PEACE ON YOUR WINGS**

**An Original Musical Inspired by the Life of Sadako Sasaki**

**Sunday, February 22, 2015 at 2:00 p.m.**

**Kahilu Theater in Waimea**

**Presented by Ohana Arts and Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii**

**Tickets available in church office, Contact Judy at 323-2993**

Ticket's--\$15 General Admission--\$10 Students

Door--\$20 General--\$15 Students

BWA Will Hire Bus if needed

## **GATHAFEST FOR 2015 CANCELLED**

**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.

## FEBRUARY

1 Sunday .....	9:00 AM ....	Scout Sunday
4 Wednesday ..	10:00 AM ...	Service @ Hualalai Regency
	11:00 AM ...	Service @ Life Care Center
5 Thursday ....	10:00 AM ...	Minister's Meeting @ Honokaa
7 Saturday	-----	Cherry Blossom Festival @ Waimea
		Mochi Pounding
8 Sunday .....	8:30 AM ....	Joint Birthday/Memorial Service
	11:00 AM ...	Monthly Dharma Family Enrichment
11 Wednesday ..	7:00 PM ....	Board of Directors Meeting
13 Friday .....	8:30 AM ....	Senior Activity Program
13 Friday .....	thru 14 Saturday	Giseikai in Honolulu
15 Sunday .....	9:00 AM ....	Annual Membership Meeting - Keirokai - Luncheon
18 Wednesday ..	7:00 PM ....	Monthly Round-Table Forum
22 Sunday .....	-----	NO SUNDAY SERVICE
	-----	Judo Club Fishing Tourney
	2:00 PM ...	Peace on Your Wings @ Kahilu Theatre in Waimea
24 Tuesday .....	9:00 AM ...	Preschool Temple Visitation
28 Saturday .....	9:00 AM ....	BWA General Assembly

## MARCH

1 Sunday .....	9:00 AM ...	Eshinni-Kakushini Day
4 Wednesday ...	10:00 AM ..	Service @ Hualalai Regency
	11:00 AM..	Service @ Life Care Center
8 Sunday .....	9:00 AM ...	English Family Service
	11:00 AM ...	Monthly Dharma Family Enrichment
10 Tuesday .....	10:30 AM ...	HAIB Meeting
13 Friday .....	8:30 AM ....	Senior Activity Program
14 Saturday ....	8:00 AM ...	Omigaki #3; Hoshu #1; Food Prep #2
15 Sunday ....	9:00 AM ...	Spring O-Higan and Joint Birthday/Memorial Service
18 Wednesday..	7:00 PM ...	Monthly Round-Table Forum
22 Sunday .....	9:00 AM ...	English Family Service
29 Sunday .....	9:30 AM ...	HAIB Buddha Day Celebration
31 Tuesday ..	9:00 AM ...	Preschool Temple Visitation

## 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 1<sup>ST</sup> 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 2<sup>ND</sup> THURSDAY IN THE SOCIAL HALL AT 6:45 PM

## JUDO PRACTICE

JUDO CLUB MEETING EVERY 1<sup>ST</sup> 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 2<sup>ND</sup> SATURDAY AT 9:00 AM IN THE SCOUT ROOM

## MEMORIAL SERVICES FOR FEBRUARY and MARCH 2015

Third Year (2013)	February	14	NORMAN TADASHI YUKUNO
		20	JAMES KENICHI TAKAUYE
	March	16	YOSHIE OGATA
		18	QUINN KEKAIMALU M. KUNITOMO
Seventh Year (2009)	February	8	RITSUE HAYAMA
		15	SUSUMU SAKAMOTO
		28	JANET NORIKO TOBARA
	March	15	SHINICHI SHIOTSUKA
Thirteenth Year (2003)	March	1	KIMIO KAWAHARA
		14	KIYOSHI SHIROTA
Seventeenth Year (1999)	February	5	SATOO UENO
		28	TSUTAYO NAGAI
	March	9	TORAO SAKAMOTO
		28	ELEANOR FUSAKO MURATA
Twenty-Fifth Year (1991)	February	24	KUNIO MORIMOTO
	March	6	KIKU KUNITOMO
		17	TSUGI NAGATA
		18	SHIZUKO STELLA ONAKA
		26	KAMEJU TANOUYE
Thirty-Third Year (1983)	February	23	TOYO OGA
	March	15	MASAO KOYANAGI
		19	IRVING A. FUJINO
Fiftieth Year (1966)	February	13	TADAO ELBERT KURASHIGE
		16	AKIKO HARANO
		27	MUME IZUNO
	March	19	KUNIMATSU YAMABE
One Hundredth Year (1916)	February	3	MISANO SEKIYA
		5	YOSHIO HIRAZUMI
		5	RYUSUKE UJIMORI
		15	HISANO TOMITA
	March	28	NOBU SEKIYA
		4	ASAHEI YAMASHITA
		15	KIMI YAMAGATA
		16	YOSHIZO MIYAMA
		25	YOSHIHARU HIGASHI

## New Year's Greeting

As we mark the beginning of a new year, I extend to you my greetings.

Last year, since having succeeded the Jodo Shinshu tradition in June, I have taken on the posts as the resident *jushoku* minister of Hongwanji and the Monshu of Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha. Living among today's society in which the conditions are quickly changing, I shall help share the Jodo Shinshu teaching with as many people as possible, so that it will become a principle religious foundation for daily living. To do so, I humbly ask for your support.

The Jodo Shinshu teaching was expounded by Shinran Shonin. Since then, the teaching has been transmitted for well over 790 years, reaching us here today in this present day and age. This is because regardless of time and location, the Nembutsu teaching has always been able to serve any persons as a spiritual guidance to their life. Buddhism detaches from self-absorption and encourages living a life based on the Dharma. However, due to our own limitations being unable to put this into practice, we are faced with sadness and suffering.

Shinran Shonin has taught us that it has been predetermined that we will be led to the Pure Land and attain Buddhahood through the working of Amida Buddha. With the working of Amida Buddha's infinite wisdom and compassion, we are enabled to realize one's true self through the Truth.

In closing, let us live a life reciting the Nembutsu as we receive the Dharma.

January 1, 2015

OHTANI Kojun  
Monshu  
Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha

## Namo Amida Butsu & Happy New Year!

As we begin the New Year, let me express my warmest Aloha and Best Wishes to you for a peaceful and insightful New Year. Perhaps there is no other time of the year that we are more conscious of change than the New Year Holiday as we say goodbye to the Old Year and greet a New Year.



As our Buddhist Teachings share change is present at every moment of our life and world. Our 25<sup>th</sup> Spiritual Leader His Eminence Kojun Ohtani in his message stated "In reflecting on the present circumstances of our organization, it is significantly important to consider how we can approach and reach out to persons who have never had any contact with a Buddhist temple, as well as those who are already involved with one. The nembutsu teachings that is based on Amida Buddha's Primal Vow remains unchanged, regardless of the changing times and society. However, the methods for transmitting and sharing it needs to evolve and adapt according to social changes. Now is the time for our Hongwanji institution to utilize our collective wisdom and knowledge for considering approaches to convey the Buddha Dharma to our contemporaries today." As I have previously mentioned there comes a time when organizations such as ours brings forth crucial changes in itself which will then set the stage for the next several decades or even more. We, Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii including all our temples and affiliate organizations, is at just such a juncture or crossroads after 125<sup>th</sup> years in Hawaii Nei.

For this reason, Hawaii Kyodan has adopted a new 5 Year Theme and Slogans for the years 2015-2019 to express this reality and an aspiration. Let us look both inward (self-reflection) and outward (reflection) as we seek to improve ourselves and change to be become better suited to function and meet the needs of the Membership and Larger Community and also grow. Also, may we be united with a common purpose. This is the guidance provided to us by

the Dharma and the spirit of a Buddhist Sangha. As Jodo Shin Buddhists, let us gratefully respond in gratitude to Amida Buddha's Unconditional Compassion by both reciting "Namo Amida Butsu" and also endeavor to foster a more peaceful and harmonious world beginning with my own self.

Please be a part of this journey, a journey which will be of significance not only for Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii, but also our beloved Aloha State. I humbly ask for your support and cooperation.

In gassho,  
Rev. Eric Matsumoto, Bishop  
Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii

## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

### **Change, Awareness, and Opportunities in 2015**

We are guided by the 2015 theme: *EMBRACE CHANGE: AWARENESS. This year we seek AWARENESS of our current situation and seek opportunities based on our understanding of ourselves, our community, and our needs.*

To this end we first must be willing to look reflectively at ourselves and seek answers to the questions: What am I doing to live a fulfilled life? What do I do to encourage others to live fulfilled lives? How do I nurture harmony in my relationships with others? What are the forces and tendencies in my life that I allow to close doors and what are the forces that I allow to open doors to opportunities? Only with a hard look at who we really are and how we live with others can we begin to develop a sincere awareness of our current situation. And only with an honest assessment of our situation can we see real opportunities. If we rush to embrace opportunities and change with an understanding of ourselves skewed by our ego, prejudices, and ignorance, then we will embrace empty opportunities that have no effect on the future. But if we are honest and see ourselves just as we are, then the opportunities we see will be capable of altering our future. As the year unfolds, let us be open to exploring who we really are and begin from there.

Namo Amida Butsu  
In Gassho



Pieper J. Toyama

## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

by Norma Matsumoto

Happy New Year to all!! Here we go with New Years resolutions kept and unkept...At least I'm ahead of last year since I made such wishy-washy resolutions, they happened whether I made an effort or not! No pressure, yeah? This year I want to improve my health a bit since I kind of 'flunked' my annual physical. Worse yet, it's now a bi-annual physical. My sister, who had a severe stroke nearly 13 years ago, flew through her physical with flying colors! All in all, I am arigatai for my health and the fact that I can even 'monku' about it when there are so many who have health problems and pain in their lives.

With our 200+ members on our rolls, but with 15 in attendance at our board meetings (4 of those attend Sunday services regularly, and 2 more of those are at most of our fundraisers) we have a big job in getting the rest involved. Come to our Annual General Membership meeting to meet the 'Big Gun' we have coming on board in our Member Welfare Director position. We will be finding things for everyone to do to help us shore up our temple. Remember the temple is just a building. It becomes a church when all of its members have a share and

say in its survival (hate to tell you, but it is almost in ICU condition now. It has a 'heart' condition. We are its heart and it is just barely beating). Please help in some way when asked!

I'd like to thank Reverend Bruce in being a quick study and very happy to support the temple and its Sangha in whatever way he can. (Don't tell him he's spoiling us...he might think he can slack off!) I'd like to see a bigger attendance at our General Membership Meeting this coming February, 15<sup>th</sup>. Remember, it's one of the only direct benefits we can give our members for their dues money and a great way to reconnect with folks we haven't seen in a long time. Great things are planned so I hope to see you there!

In Gassho

## **MONTHLY DHARMA FAMILY ENRICHMENT - 2ND SUNDAYS AT 11 AM**

by Rev. Bruce Nakamura

Kona Hongwanji begins a monthly Dharma family enrichment talk-story enrichment series every 2nd Sunday beginning February after the 9 am Dharma Family Service and fellowship in the conference room.

This enrichment series from 11 am to 12 noon invites members and the larger public of all ages to better understand what it means to be a Buddhist with particular focus on the Shin path of Jodo Shinshu in everyday living.

To register, please call our office by 3 pm Friday, February 6th at 323-2993. For inquiry, please ask for Rev. Bruce.

## **MONTHLY KONA HONGWANJI ROUND-TABLE - 3RD WEDNESDAYS AT 7 PM**

by Rev. Bruce Nakamura

The Kona Hongwanji will begin a monthly 7 – 8:30 pm Round-Table forum every third Wednesday starting February 18th in the Conference Room adjoining the temple sanctuary. This on-going forum invites those interested in developing Dharma (spiritual-centered teachings) to this monthly "round-table" venue for engaging shared practice.

Hosted by Rev. Bruce Nakamura, contributors can bring spiritual practice into grateful living for a Big Island's diverse community. To register, please call our office at 323-2993 by 3 pm Friday, February 13th. For inquiry, please ask for Rev. Bruce.

## **SHARING GREAT COMPASSION WITH OTHERS**

by Bruce Nakamura

*If you are touched by kindness, share it with others.  
If you think you fortunate, gift it to another with a smile.  
If you encounter suffering, patiently endure and go forward.  
If you are lonely, open your heart and let others in.  
If you require change, let your old self die to new opportunities.  
Value this rare encounter to be a true dharma friend.  
Like a lei connecting each flower of Aloha,  
Naturally, one in the great compassionate heart,  
We become Amida Buddha touching all with kindness.  
Namo Amida Butsu.*

Pope Francis in His Christmas and New Year's Message to the rest of the world spoke of the hundreds of innocent children murderously slain at a Pakistani school; the world at large still fighting to counter the incurable Ebola virus in west Africa; the unrelenting terror on our modern world in the middle-east, irreversibly scarred by the onslaught of a barbaric Islamic state drawing upon those with the same hateful ideology to murder on behalf of ISAL or the Taliban.

A God's love that Pope Francis is speaking of, I believe is not a love based upon absolute power and omnipotent authority over humanity. It is not merely owned by the prophets of Abraham or the all-merciful Allah by his Prophet Mohammad who today some have bent

to their distorted and hateful rhetoric, but of a growing love and compassion one with the hearts of those who suffer, crying out for the rest of the world to share their pain.

As a Buddhist, I see Pope Francis as one who is well versed with that term intimately connected with suffering and pain -- **COMPASSION** -- literally meaning, "TO SUFFER WITH." Pope Francis must know the human frailties likened to the Buddhist account of a young woman, Kisa Gotami, who found one morning her boy child dead in bed. Frantically running to her neighbors' homes carrying her infant, began pounding on doors shrieking, "please save my baby, my baby boy whom I dearly love beyond my own life, please bring him back to life?" A Buddhist lay disciple instructed her to seek the Buddha out, that he would have the medicine that would help to cure her illness.

Kisa Gotami finally found the Buddha and begged him to give her the medicine to restore her dead child. The Buddha instructed her to obtain a handful of mustard seeds, each seed from a family where no one's died. "Bring this to me, and your son's life will be restored," said Buddha. She desperately went from house to house, only to find that each home, each family had suffered the death of a family member.

Rather, Kisa Gotami heard stories repeated over and over again, of others too, who had lost loved ones. With each encounter, Kisa Gotami slowly began to see for her own self, understanding that death is indeed part of life. Moreover, as she shared her story of her own son's death with others, and they, their stories of heartache and loss with her, her grief began to calm with self-awareness.

Grief shared became grief transformed into seeing, awareness, self-reflection and even, renewal. The sorrow of Kisa Gotami was being transformed into a compassion felt and experienced with and for others. She was finally able to give her son a proper funeral and became a thankful disciple of the Buddha. She certainly missed her child, but became truly appreciative for the precious time, as short as it was, that he was a part of her life. As a disciple she became for others a source of genuine inspiration sharing her awareness and joy in the Dharma. This was so because Kisa Gotami experienced and understood this awareness first-hand. As such we know this in human terms as the "Buddha's compassion."

For some of us, namely, those who literally believe in miracles wonder why the Buddha did not bring the dead child back to life? In non-Buddhist religions, this would have been expected, as in the gospels that tell of the miracles of Jesus of Nazareth. In the immediate sense, however, if the Buddha had brought her child back to life, the mother undoubtedly would have been amazed and elated by this miracle. But what if the child was chronically ill and actually died again? What would his mother do next? How many times would the Buddha have to restore the dead to life in order for us human beings to experience the true joy in the miracle of human life?

For those critical of the Buddha or of Buddhism, because it is a "humanistic" or human-centered religion, they are certainly correct about that. But, denying death and condemning death as ungodliness does not transform suffering nor bring about the experience of joy and authentic gratitude having gone through suffering. It can only deepen grief and maddens the pain of death when it occurs again to someone else.

If however, learning to accept death as life's journey means understanding that our human experiences are interconnected to that which has come before, to be fully present to that which will follow and courageously, that which cannot be repeated again, inspires us to live life fully and with unrepeatable meaning and appreciation. The Buddha's teachings helps us to see ourselves and the world, to see our connections to the often unexpected compassion that really are the unrepeatable gifts of human life--the miracles of the great compassion as everyday living. Namo Amida Butsu.

## **FOR YOUR INFORMATION**

By Mary Katayama

**Mahalo! Arigato!** The Annual Jr. YBA Mochi Tsuki Fundraiser on December 30, 2014 was a huge success. Many former Jr. YBA members returned to support the annual event. The Sangha volunteers were happy to see familiar faces as they recognized these young men/women who once were Dharma School students/Jr. YBA members. Advisors and parents of Jr. YBA members worked very hard to prepare 640 lbs. of mochi rice. They also provided refreshments and lunch to volunteers. Volunteers worked hard all day long, but enjoyed the fellowship. **Mahalo to Rev. Bruce for helping in all areas from mochi making to clean up, and the many BWA ladies who participated in the morning and all other volunteers who helped in all areas. Arigato!**

**Joint Birthday/Memorial Service:** Rev. Bruce started a monthly "Joint Birthday/Memorial Service" to recognize people having birthdays and who are deceased within the month. Birthdays and deceased include members, relatives and/or friends. A sign-in sheet honoring deceased will be located at the offertory table. During the service, Rev. Bruce will read names listed. Those having birthdays will be asked to

offer incense. **Joint Birthday/Memorial Services does not replace the observance of Memorial Services of 1st, 3rd, and 7th. 13<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, etc. years.** Continue to call the church office (323-2993) to schedule these services.

**Project Dana:** Project Dana Volunteers from Daifukuji Soto Mission and Kona Hongwanji were honored at luncheon held on Friday, January 16, 2015 at Teshima Restaurant. Rose Nakamura, Project Dana Administrator provided funds for the luncheon in recognition of volunteers as part of the 25<sup>th</sup> Year Celebration of Project Dana. 26 volunteers attended. Rev. Jiko and Rev. Bruce and Kyodan Presidents Stephen Tanaka and Norma Matsumoto thanked the volunteers for their service to the frail and elderly. **Thank you Project Dana volunteers.**

**Peace on Your Wings:** The **Annual Gatha Fest is cancelled.** In its place, Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii is bringing the stage play **"Peace on Your Wings" to Kahilu Theater in Waimea on Sunday, February 22, 2015 at 2:00 p.m.** This stage play is an Original Musical inspired by the life of Sadako Sasaki. Tickets are available in the church office. General Admission is \$15 for adults and \$10 for children. At the door, General Admission is \$20 and children \$15. **BWA will hire bus if needed. Please join us and attend the stage musical.**

**Annual Meeting/Keirokai/Luncheon:** Mark your calendar for Sunday, February 15, 2015. Short service will begin at 9:00 a.m. followed by Keirokai and business meeting. Please attend the meeting as the President and Treasurer will present their annual report. It is your opportunity to ask questions and get information about your temple. Luncheon and program will follow in the social hall. Member Relations Director, Susan Shiota and her committee will be contacting members for lunch count. **Call the church office if you are not contacted but want to attend.**

## **2/22 PEACE ON YOUR WINGS AT KAHILU THEATRE - HEADCOUNT DEADLINE FOR BWA BUS TRANSPORT**

by: Rev. Bruce Nakamura

At the January 17 board meeting, it was decided that if the BWA is going to provide transportation for the Kona Hongwanji community interested in taking a bus to the February 22nd "Peace On Your Wings" performance at Kahilu Theatre in Kamuela, a deadline for a count was necessary for the bus size.

Please call in your ticket orders to the office (323-2993) no later than Friday, February 6<sup>th</sup>. Adults \$15 and student \$10. Ticket prices at the door will be higher. A poignant expression of the ravages of war, Sadako Sasaki has become an enduring symbol for universal dignity and peace. A play by the Hongwanji Mission School and the Pacific Buddhist Academy, it has received rave reviews across the state and is a must see...

## **NEW MEMBER**

REVEREND BRUCE NAKAMURA, new resident minister, is now officially a member of our temple with his spouse LESLIE NAKAMURA. You can find Reverend Bruce in his office or in and around the temple keeping the altar in order with fresh flowers and music within. He lends a hand with omigaki and putting Jiho together. Wife Leslie and daughter, Kiaria Zo'i Nakamura remains in Hilo where Leslie is employed by the Corporation Counsel.

## **HEADQUARTERS UPDATE**

### **SOCIAL CONCERNS FUND DRIVE AND DISBURSEMENTS**

The generous contributions of Sangha members provides the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii the ability to support worthy organizations and programs with funding to support their work in our community and to provide compassionate action during times of disaster. **The 2013-2014 Social Concerns Fund Drive raised a total of \$25,200.**

With a commitment to promoting the Buddhist values of compassion and loving-kindness, we were able to lend our support to the listed organizations. We were also able to assist those affected by natural disaster and other emergency situations.

**Disbursements for calendar year 2014:**



#### Community Support (\$25,200)

\$5,000	Counseling and Spiritual Care Center of Hawaii
\$1,000	The Interfaith Alliance Hawaii
\$1,000	Family Promise of Hawaii
\$1,500	Japanese American Citizens League-Hawaii Chapter
\$1,000	Hawaii People's Fund
\$10,000	Project Dana in recognition of its 25 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary
\$500	All Believers' Network International Interfaith Conference in August 2014
\$200	Sunrise Ministry Foundation Journeys to Wellness Seminar
\$2,000	Hawaii Food Bank
\$1,000	Hawaii Food Bank –Kauai Branch
\$1,000	Food Basket (Hawaii Island Food Bank)
\$1,000	Maui Food Bank

#### Emergency Relief (\$29,000)

\$10,000	International Red Cross to support disaster relief efforts across the Pacific region
\$5,000	Hawaii Island United Way for Hurricane Iselle relief efforts
\$2,000	Hiroshima Hongwanji District Office for landslide relief efforts
\$500	Pahala Hongwanji for damage sustained from Hurricane Iselle
\$500	Omimai for Puna Hongwanji Family for damage from Hurricane Iselle
\$500	Omimai for Hilo Hongwanji family affected by Hurricane Iselle
\$500	Omimai for Honokaa Hongwanji family affected by Hurricane Iselle
\$10,000	Allocated for Puna lava flow relief efforts

The Committee on Social Concerns thanks the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii Ohana for your continued support of our efforts to share the Dharma through advocacy and compassionate action.

#### **FOR YOUR READING ENRICHMENT**

(Contact Office @ 323-2993)

by Rev. Bruce Nakamura

Discovering Buddhism in Everyday Life

Issei, Nisei, Sansei: 3 Generations of Camp Life-Pu'unene, Maui, Hawaii

Our Nostalgic Heritage: Growing up in a place called Ola'a, Contact: Amazon.com

The Buddha's Gift to the World

The Hands and Feet of the Heart

#### **CUB SCOUTS PACK 12**

##### **Christmas Party**

Our afternoon started out with several hours of bowling at Kona Xtreme Bowl. The scouts, siblings, and parents had a great time bowling. Thank heavens for those bumpers. After bowling we headed to Pizza Hut for food, awards and fun. The Following awards were Presented:

Kaipo Takaki-Jacobs	Soccer, Art, Computers, Map & Compass
Dylan Nonaka	Soccer, Art, Computers, Map & Compass
Landen Ewaliko-Souza	Soccer, Art, Computers, Map & Compass
Caiden Mireles	Soccer, Art, Computers, Map & Compass

Ethan Ogata	Bobcat
Jack Ningeok-Ross	Good manners, Pet care, Horseback riding, Art, Astronomy, Science, Fishing, Reading & Writing, Table Tennis,
Dylan Keawe-Aiko	Bear Badge
Guy Vanetti	Outdoors ethics awareness & Action award (in place of Leave no trace badge)
Abraham Ogata	Bobcat
Keoni Gali	Webelo Badge & Physical fitness pin
Edward Wessel	Webelo Badge, Citizenship pin, physical fitness pin
Colton Keliipio	Webelo Badge, Citizenship pin, physical fitness pin

Congratulations goes to Tiger Cub Caiden Mireles, Caiden won a Ipad mini for selling the most pancake breakfast tickets. Landen Ewaliko-Souza won a one night stay at the King Kamehameha Courtyard hotel for coming in second.

Door prizes were also given out for those in attendance. Monica Nonaka won a Christmas wreath and Heather Takaki won brunch for one at the King Kamehameha Courtyard Honu restaurant.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

February 1 - Scout Sunday  
 February 21 - Kona District Recognition Dinner @ Kona Stake LDS Center 5:30 pm  
 February 21- Makahiki Ticket Distribution  
 February 2015 - Winter Camp  
 February 27-28- Cub O Ree (Camp Honokaia)  
 March 7 - Cub Scout Basic Leader Training & BALOO Training, Hilo LDS Stake Center, 8am.  
 April 2015 - Pack Pinewood derby run off  
 April 17 - Kona/HK/Pukahi Makahiki Setup @ Edith Kanakaole Stadium Hilo  
 April 18 - Kona/HK/Pukahi Makahiki @ Edith Kanakaole Stadium Hilo

### **CONDOLENCES**

Mr. Thomas Seiji Kaneo, of Kealakekua passed away on December 24, 2014 at his residence at the age of 63.

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**

Okamoto Family, Thanksgiving In Memory of Frank and Wayne Okamoto  
 K. Oue Family, In Memory of Herbert Kenso Oue  
 Akino Sonoda, Project Dana  
 Suga Suzuki, Project Dana  
 Yasunori Deguchi, Annual Clean-Up  
 Sandy Iwashita  
 Mr. & Mrs. Maurice Kameda  
 Mary Katayama  
 The Late Tsuneo Koike Family, In Memory of Herbert Oue  
 Mr. & Mrs. Richard Kunitomo  
 Mr. & Mrs. Sueto Matsumura

**Acknowledgements Continued:**

Peggy Ciriako, Project Dana  
Lorraine Haraguchi, Home Visit & Appreciation Service for Thomas Kaneo  
Martha Nakamoto, In Memory of Satoru Nakamoto's 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
Leatrice Saito, In Memory of Tahei Saito  
Mr. & Mrs. James Sato, In Memory of Lot Tetsuo Sato's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
Glenn M. Uchimura, New Home Blessing  
Mr. & Mrs. Fred Uechi, Butsudan  
Itsuko Yamano, In Memory of Tsugio Yamano  
Edna Yamashita, In Memory of Ittoku & Tone Sakamoto  
Edna Yamashita, In Memory of Charles Yamashita's 13<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
Kazue Aoki, Taiko & Dharma School  
Chiyono Kobayashi  
Kurt Kurasaki  
Tami Murakami, In Memory of my Dad, Ichio Murakami  
Ellen Nishikawa, Bodhi Day  
Okamoto Family, In Memory of Frank & Wayne Okamoto - December Birthdays  
Anonymous  
Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Sugiyama, Dharma School  
Mr. & Mrs. Juergen Naggert  
Doris Nozaki  
N. N. Okuna, In Memory of Suekatsu Okuna  
Suisan Ltd., New Year Blessing for Kona Base  
Mr. & Mrs. Stanley Zakahi

Total - \$5,215.00

**MEMORIAL SERVICES**

Gayle Hironaka, Funeral Service & Related Expenses for Doris Araki  
K. Oue Family, Funeral Service & Related Expenses for Herbert Kenso Oue  
Takeguchi Family, 1<sup>st</sup> Year Memorial Service for Tane Takeguchi  
Anonymous, 50<sup>th</sup> Year Memorial Service for Grandpa Kichizo Iwasaki  
Anonymous, 3<sup>rd</sup> Year Memorial Service In Memory of Satoshi Iwasaki  
Walter & Elaine Harada & Family, 50<sup>th</sup> Year Memorial Service for Kichizo Iwasaki  
Linda & Cindy Iwasaki, 3<sup>rd</sup> Year Memorial Service for Satoshi Iwasaki  
Linda & Cindy Iwasaki, 50<sup>th</sup> Year Memorial Service for Kichizo Iwasaki  
Satoe Kawano & Family, 50<sup>th</sup> Year Memorial Service for Kichizo Iwasaki  
Satoe Iwasaki & Family, 3<sup>rd</sup> Year Memorial Service for Satoshi Iwasaki  
Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Komo, Re-Inurnment Service for Kakuro & Yoshi Komo  
Earl & Emi Kono, In Memory of Guy Toyama  
Yooko Moriguchi & Family, 13<sup>th</sup> Year Memorial Service for Albert Moriguchi  
George & Nobuko Shimamoto, 17<sup>th</sup> Year Memorial Service for Chiyome Shimamoto  
Nobue Teshima & Family, 50<sup>th</sup> Year Memorial Service for Kichizo Iwasaki  
Nobue Teshima & Family, 3<sup>rd</sup> Year Memorial Service for Satoshi Iwasaki  
Douglas Toyama & Family, Memorial Service for Guy Toyama  
Mr. & Mrs. Isaac Toyama, In Memory of Guy Toyama  
Mr. & Mrs. Gary Higashi, In Memory of Kaneyo Higashi  
Nelson Iwasaki & Naomi Hayashida, 50<sup>th</sup> Year Memorial Service for Kichizo Iwasaki  
Nelson Iwasaki & Naomi Hayashida, 3<sup>rd</sup> Year Memorial Service for Satoshi Iwasaki  
Mr. & Mrs. Lance Okamura, 3<sup>rd</sup> Year Memorial Service for Kaneyo Higashi  
Kenneth & Elaine Sugiyama, In Memory of Kaneyo Higashi  
Masashi Kitaoka, Funeral Service & Related Expenses for Fusae Kitaoka  
Valerie Char, 33<sup>rd</sup> Year Memorial Service for Tahei Saito

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Elbert & JoAnn Iwane, Ron & Irene Nakao and Karen & Clyde Takafuji, In Memory of Kaoru Iwane  
Chikaharu Saito, In memory of Tahei Saito's 33<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary  
Ukie Saito, Memorial Service for Tahei Saito  
Mr. & Mrs. Frank Yamamoto, In Memory of Tahei Saito

Total - \$3,700.00

**HAKASOJI and NOKOTSUDO**

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Mr. & Mrs. Fred Uechi  
Mr. & Mrs. Sanford Higashi  
Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Sugiyama  
Mark Thrift

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Araki Family  
Mr. & Mrs. Yoshiyuki Kaneko  
Mr. & Mrs. Gary Higashi  
Kazue Aoki

Yukiko Nakayama  
Hideyuki Nagai  
Asako Pratt  
Bessie Kakizoe  
Suyeko Nishina

Total - \$940.20

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Mr. & Mrs. Gary Higashi  
Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Sugiyama

Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Uyeda  
Mr. & Mrs. Roy Onaka  
Lisa Fry

Lorraine Haraguchi  
Kazue Aoki

Total - \$475.00

**DECEMBER and January SUNDAY SERVICES**

Offerings

Total - \$1,752.00

**NEW YEAR'S EVE SERVICE**

Anonymous  
Mr. & Mrs. Hiroki Ishimaru  
Lillian Koshi & Family  
Mr. & Mrs. Morris Nagata  
Jurgen, Patsy, Kristoph & Anna Naggert  
Jimmy & Mary Nakagawa  
Clayton & Nona Nishina  
Susan Shirota & Owen Nishioka

Mr. & Mrs. Colin Byars  
Sally Kusano (Omori)  
Mr. & Mrs. Glenn Matsumoto  
Karen Morimoto  
Guy Michael Nakagawa  
Robert & Koa Nakagawa  
Kazumi Oshita  
Larry & Jill Tanaka

Yasunori Deguchi  
Mel Harano  
Satsuko Matsuoka  
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Chizu Nakashima  
Helen Oishi  
Aileen Tilton  
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Chizu Nakashima

Total - \$250.00

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Mr. & Mrs. Roy Onaka  
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