

KONA HONGWANJI BUDDHIST TEMPLE



E - JIHO
April 2015



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

HANAMATSURI

Sunday, April 12, 2015 at 9:00 a.m.

Speaker: Reverend Bruce Nakamura

Sponsored by BWA

This service is held to commemorate the birth of Siddhartha Gautama, in Lumbini Garden, India. Amida, the Buddha of Infinite Wisdom and Compassion manifested himself among men in the person of Siddhartha Gautama.

Sakyamuni Buddha: Once long ago, a clan called the Sakya established a small country on the high plains of India, with Kapila Castle as the center of its activities. Their leader was King Suddhodana, his wife Queen Maya.

On about eighth day of the fourth month in the middle of the fifth or sixth century BCE about 2,500 years ago, Queen Maya was on her way to her parent's home to arrive the birth of their child, as was the custom in those days. Passing by Lumbini Garden on their journey, Queen Maya's retinue decided to rest there for a while. While rising to take a closer look at a branch of a lovely Asoka tree the queen suddenly gave birth to a beautiful prince. The name chosen for him was Siddhartha.

According to sutras that describe the event, Prince Siddhartha took seven steps as soon as he was born. Pointing to the heavens and to the earth, he proclaimed in a loud voice, "In the heavens above and on the earth below, I alone am the World Honored One. All that exists in the Three Worlds is suffering, but I will bring comfort." In addition it is said that the Heavens were so moved by these words they rained down sweet tea in response.

The day of his birth, April 8, is celebrated today as Hanamatsuri (lit. Flower Festival) or Buddha Day.

Jodo Shinshu a Guide (reprint edition October 2006)

QUIZ BOWL

Sunday, April 26, 2015 at 1:00 p.m.

Hilo Hongwanji Sangha Hall

Contact Betty Takeoka for details

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.

NEW E-MAIL ADDRESS: Church - konahongwanji@twc.com Rev. Bruce - brucejunshin@gmail.com

APRIL

1 Wednesday ..	9:30 AM...	Service @ Hualalai Regency
	11:00 AM ..	Service @ Life Care Center
3 Friday thru 5 Sunday -----		YESS Camp @ Camp Kokokahi in Kaneohe, Oahu
5 Sunday	9:00 AM ...	English Family Service
8 Wednesday ..	7:00 PM	Board of Director's Meeting
10 Friday	8:00 AM ...	Hosha #2
	8:30 AM ...	Senior Activity Program
	1:00 PM ...	BWA Kitchen Prep for Manju Baking
11 Saturday ..	7:00 AM...	BWA Manju Baking
12 Sunday ...	9:00 AM ...	Hanamatsuri
	11:00 AM ..	Monthly Dharma Family Enrichment
15 Wednesday ..	7:00 PM ...	Monthly Round-Table Forum
19 Sunday	9:00 AM ...	English Family and Joint Birthday/Memorial Service
26 Sunday	8:30 AM ...	English Family Service
	1:00 PM ...	Quiz Bowl @ Sangha Hall
28 Tuesday ...	9:00 AM ...	Preschool Temple Visitation

MAY

3 Sunday	9:00 AM ...	Children's Day Service
	10:00 AM ..	Mochi Pounding
6 Wednesday ...	9:30 AM ...	Service @ Hualalai Regency
	11:00 AM ..	Service @ Life Care Center
8 Friday	8:30 AM ...	Senior Activity Program
10 Sunday	9:00 AM ...	Mother's Day and Joint Birthday/Memorial Service
	11:00 AM ..	Monthly Dharma Family Enrichment
16 Saturday ...	8:00 AM ...	Kata Clinic in Judo Hall
17 Sunday ...	9:00 AM ...	Baccalaureate Service & Luncheon
20 Wednesday ..	7:00 PM ...	Monthly Round-Table Forum
24 Sunday ...	9:00 AM ...	Gotan-E Service
25 Monday ...	9:00 AM ...	Memorial Day Service
26 Tuesday ...	9:00 AM ...	Preschool Temple Visitation
29 Friday	6:00 PM ...	Preschool Graduation
31 Sunday	-----	NO SUNDAY SERVICE

CUB SCOUTS & BOY SCOUTS

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

TAIKO PRACTICE

EVERY THURSDAY TAIKO PRACTICE AT 5:30 PM
TAIKO MEETING EVERY 2ND THURSDAY IN THE SOCIAL HALL AT 6:45 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 MARCH and APRIL 2015

First Year (2014)	April	15	SAKAE NISHIMOTO
	May	3	FRANCES FUMIKO UCHIMA
Third Year (2013)	April	19	MITSUO OURA
		25	COLBERT TERUMI NOZAKI
Seventh Year (2009)	April	14	MINNIE MITSUE KANAI
		19	KATSUE NAKAMURA
	May	4	MOTOJI KANEO
		14	MASAKO "MITZI" ISERI
Thirteenth Year (2003)	April	6	TADAO MIYAGAWA
		6	MITSUKO YUKUNO
	May	23	JESSE BRENT YOUNG
		29	SHIGEO "ROBERT" UEMOTO
Seventeenth Year (1999)	April	1	SHIZUICHI SAKANISHI
		4	AIKO YAMAGUCHI
		24	STANLEY SABURO HORIBATA
	May	13	SUEKO "SUE" IKEUCHI
		13	MICHAEL YUKIO YANAGI
		15	YOSHIE "BESSIE" TANAKA
Twenty-Fifth Year (1991)	April	15	YASUE NAKAYAMA
		17	RICHARD T. SHIBATA
Thirty-Third Year (1983)	April	15	KIYOKO SUGIYAMA KONDO
	May	11	ERNEST AOKI
		26	ICHIRO HIGASHI
		28	JITSUYO OHATA
Fiftieth Year (1966)	April	2	ZENPEI HIGASHI
		26	MATSU MOTOYAMA
One Hundredth Year (1916)	April	3	KATSUMA TOYOFUKU
		11	MANTARO IMOTO
		22	TAMEKICHI IDATSU
		30	MIJU HAYANO
	May	14	KOHACHIRO ONIZUKA
		16	HANA OKI

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Norma Matsumoto

Spring is in the air! On a drive this morning to Waikoloa, the fog was so thick I couldn't see Mauna Kea or Mauna Loa, and only the outline of the Kohala Mountains. But, on the way home, the two mountains were clear and the mountaintops were snow laden, so beautiful! Another 'arigataí' moment.

Please take time to participate in one or both of the 'Hanamatsuri' celebrations; HAIB (Hawaii Association of International Buddhists) Buddha Day on March 29th in the temple's social hall, and the BWA sponsored event on April 12th. If you have dendrobium or other orchids, please donate them to decorate the Hanamido. They can be dropped off at the entrance of the meeting room the Saturday before the 29th. Domo arigato for thinking of the temple.

Please take time to accept Reverend Bruce's invitation each month to remember the birthday or the memorial of a loved one. Our loved ones labored and sacrificed for our benefit and what a joyous way to remember them with family and friends once a year. Use the service to let go of old grudges as well. Forgiveness frees YOU because the departed have entered a realm of joy and wisdom and renewal. Hard to do though, since we're only 'human', yeah?

In Gassho

HEADQUARTER'S UPDATE

A President's Giseikai Reports – Pieper Toyama

1. Introduction

- a. I have spent this past year learning more than doing. And if there is one thing I learned, it is that serving as president of this organization is like herding cats. Some temple cats have a mind of their own and they know where they want to go; others mill around wandering where they should go; and still others just move along with the crowd more or less together. The challenge facing the shepherd of cats is to help the cats to agree in what direction to go and help them move along in an orderly fashion as much as is possible with cats.
- b. One of the compass points that indicates our direction is our yearly theme. This year the theme is EMBRACE CHANGE: AWARENESS. We seek awareness of our current situation and see opportunities as a result of our understanding of ourselves, our community, and our needs.
- c. Guided by this theme, I have spent the past year becoming aware of our current situation and trying to understand our organization. And these are four things that I have learned:
 - i. There are wonderful events and activities taking place in temples and among temples. These events are inspirational and energizing and emotional.
 - ii. There is a need to develop Dharma messages and ways of communicating the Dharma that resonate among different groups that are in different stages of life, facing different challenges, using different ways of communicating.
 - iii. Maintaining financial and manpower resources to sustain temples is becoming an increasing challenge.
 - iv. And of course governing the collection of temples that make up Kyodan is like herding cats.

2. Based on my awareness of our current situation and who we are, these are my five priorities:

- a. Support propagation and education efforts to spread the Dharma
 - i. Simplify the message; Make it come alive in one's personal daily life.
 - ii. Market our message, our activities, our identity.
 - iii. Create inviting, warm, and supportive places for prospective members.
 - iv. Focus and energize our educational efforts
- b. Provide for the Well-being of Ministers
 - i. Clarify ministerial roles and responsibilities.
 - ii. Provide for ministers' benefits that serve them now and into the future including housing support that will enable ministers to own their own homes upon retirement.
 - iii. Establish a Ministers' Well-Being Committee to understand and provide for their needs so they can fulfill their responsibilities freely.
- c. Maintain the Health of Temples
 - i. Support effective planning for the future, using the Temple Effectiveness model that Glenn Hamamura, Alan Goto, and Rod Moriyama have trained the Kauai, Oahu, and Honolulu Districts to apply.

- d. Restructure the Kyodan to Improve its Capacity to Support Temples through Prudent Planning, Program Implementation, and Governance
 - i. Structure Committees so they work in clusters of teams towards Strategic Goals and Objectives
- e. Explore alternative sources of revenue to fund operations.
 - i. Begin discussions about how to leverage available resources to fund Kyodan operations.
 - ii. Open dialogue with small temples that are challenged with declines in manpower and financial resources to determine how the Kyodan and other temples can assist.

Finally I caution you that next year may not bring large visible change in my areas of priority, but I assure you that discussion will begin. I will report these discussions with you so you can continue to share input as action is shaped that will lead to changes you want to see.

Resolutions of the 103rd Legislative Assembly

- #01 HHMH 2015 Budget (adopted)
- #02 Authorizing ex-officio committee status for designated positions (adopted)
- #03 Centralization of minister's health insurance costs (adopted)
- #04 Increase widows aid (adopted)
- #05 Resolution of condolence and appreciation for Mr. Harold Makoto Date (adopted)
- #06 Resolution of appreciation for 50 years of active ministry to the Reverend Tatsuo Ken Muneto (adopted)
- #07 Resolution of appreciation and condolence - Mr. Richard Hiroshi Zukemura (adopted)
- #08 Resolution to explore coordinated statewide Hongwanji gatherings (adopted)

Emergency Resolutions of the 103rd Legislative Assembly

- #01 Resolution of appreciation and condolence – Mr. Sadamu Saiki (adopted)
- #02 Resolution of condolence and appreciation – Mary Mitsue Tanouye (adopted)
- #03 Resolution of appreciation and condolences for Mrs. Esther Chiyoko Fujioka (adopted)
- #04 Closing of the Hana Hongwanji (adopted)
- #05 Resolution of appreciation and condolence – Mrs. Shimeji Kanazawa (adopted)
- #06 Resolution encouraging support for the current Pacific Buddhist Academy Capital Campaign for a new school building (adopted)
- #07 Resolution of appreciation to Keiji Kukino (adopted)

Welcome Message by Bishop Eric Matsumoto

Good Morning and Aloha!

I would like to welcome everyone to this year's Legislative Assembly with a special welcome of Aloha to our guests from BCA, Dr. Kent Matsuda and Mrs. Dianne Kujubu Belli. Thank you for joining us! Although the day ahead is long and the schedule full, I hope that you will be able to experience some of Hawaii's Aloha. Also, welcome to Rev. Daido Baba and Rev. Bryan Siebuhr, Associate Ministers at Hilo Betsuin and Mr. Josh Morse, our new PBA Head of School, to your first Giseikai/Legislative Assembly.

I want to take this opportunity to thank those who served as Officers, Directors, Advisors, Honorary Advisors, Committee Chairs and Committee members of the various Standing and Special Committees and Boards of Hawaii Kyodan and other volunteers who helped us in 2014. Thank you very much.

In this New Year, for those returning and for those coming on board, thank you for your dedication and commitment to the Dharma, your temples and Hawaii Kyodan for without your support all of this would not be possible. Of course, I need to thank the HQs Staff for all their hard work especially for this Legislative Assembly. Truly, without all of your support everything would not be possible. Ultimately, it is possible because of Amida Buddha's Wisdom and Compassion and our membership responding to that Wisdom and Compassion that Honpa Hongwanji is able to make a difference.

However, it is not only within our Organization and among the Membership that we are making a difference. I hope you have noticed that we are also impacting society and making a difference in Hawaii's future and even beyond Hawaii.

I would like you to know that we are still receiving so many requests from the larger community seeking our cooperation, participation and guidance of Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii. We, Hawaii Kyodan, are receiving many inquiries about the death penalty, immigration reform, divesting, human trafficking, being mindful, anti-bullying and help in establishing Gandhi Day in Hawaii to name a few. I can say with confidence that more people in the community are becoming more aware of Buddhist perspectives and also understanding and appreciating them and thus seek our cooperation and/or participation in their programs, projects and events.

I would like to commend those ministers, lay leaders and temples that are reaching out to the larger community with not only charitable works, but also Buddhist Education and other workshops and forums that bring awareness and resolution to issues and concerns of our society. May our temples, not limited to members, become a gathering place for the people of the community. Thank you to the temples that are trying to become more open, welcoming, cordial and a compassionate caring presence. The Sangha is very important. Your efforts are appreciated and as I see it is critically linked to our future.

As we begin a new year, let's follow our Theme and Slogan. Our theme and slogan for this year reads "We seek awareness of our current situation and as a result of our understanding of ourselves, our community, and our needs, we seek opportunities from which we create a new vision which will plan for the future."

Since our new President took office, a year ago, much of this past year has been focused on making observations, gathering information, and receiving input. Starting from this year, we will have more in depth discussion, firm the vision and begin some implementation. What we were doing is following our theme and slogan. The information gathered confirms that we cannot remain the same. Up until now, whenever we spoke of change, I think, many people's thinking was that we were trying to change for the sake of change. But from this point on, this is not the case. We have to change! I don't want to sound too pessimistic, but if we do not we will go the way of the dinosaurs or if you use Japanese history we might say we are heading towards the final days of the Tokugawa Shogunate. Looking at our vital statistics, our membership is around 5, 200. Again, 5000 is not a magic number, but as I mentioned previously, we should use the number 5000 as gauge of urgency which means we need to start making successful changes in the next few years. I anticipate that it will be a busy year for committees like Central Research and Planning, Personnel, Temple Effectiveness, Social Concerns, and Ministerial Training to name a few (of our close to 30 committees) and I would like to, together with our President,, announce today, that we are forming an Ad-Hoc Committee for Organizational Effectiveness to address this vital concern chaired by the ever competent Mr. Michael Munekiyo. I promise that your President and I will, most assuredly, continue to work closely together with all of the committees and affiliates to move forward, but we will need all of your help!

Yes, we have struggles and concerns, but we also have wonderful things happening like Dharma Light Buddhist Education is growing, we are a partner of a world-wide movement Charter for Compassion International, last year Project Dana celebrated its 25th Anniversary, Living Treasures of Hawaii Program is 40 years old and as we, Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii, continue to celebrate our 125th Anniversary in Hawaii into 2015, a highlight of our Anniversary projects is the youth musical "Peace On Your Wings" which was born through a collaborative effort of Ohana Arts and Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii. I may be biased, but I think it is the best musical of year! I want to thank the Districts for your support of the Musical as it travels to each Island and I hope that you are proud as a Hongwanji member to be able to share this Musical with its message of peace, compassion and interdependence with the entire State of Hawaii and possibly beyond as performances are being planned in Los Angeles, possibly New York and maybe even Japan.

"Peace on your Wings" too, is another way that we are sharing the Dharma with others. It is an opportune time to share Buddhism with others. People are receptive to the Teachings and thus here is the great opportunity to share ourselves-Hawaii Kyodan and the Dharma with more people. As was mentioned last night at the Rap Session, as Dr. Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. said, "I have a dream..." well, the Buddha has one too. And thus we should have one too. As Shinran Shonin exclaimed "May there be peace in the world and may the Buddha's Teaching spread!" Another quote from last night's Rap Session "Are you inspired enough to inspire others?" I ask for your help and support so that our temples and Hawaii Kyodan can become an even more viable organization and the Nembutsu Dharma can begin to guide an even wider spectrum of society. Let us move forward as a Sangha! Thank you and may we have a meaningful Legislative Assembly!

Entrusting in the Buddha of Immeasurable Life and Infinite Light/Namo Amida Butsu

For Your Information

By Mary Katayama

Joint Birthday/Memorial Service: Members have been questioning who and what these services are about. This is a new service initiated by Rev. Bruce in December 2014. Anyone observing **their birthday in the scheduled month** is invited to offer incense during service.

Memorial service is for **anyone deceased during the scheduled month**. It could be current year, or any previous years, members or non-members. If you are present and have someone to remember, **please register name of deceased person(s) on form located at the Offertory table**. Please offer incense during the service if you have listed name(s) of deceased. Rev. Bruce will read names of deceased during service. Check Jiho for dates of monthly Joint Birthday/Memorial Service. **For your information these memorial services do not**

replace the Yearly Memorial Services of 1st, 3rd, 7th, 13th, 17th, 25th, 33rd and 50 years. We urge observance of these yearly memorial services. Contact church office to schedule service.

AMAZON Smile: To clarify information regarding registration on Amazon Smile, Kona Hongwanji is listed as **Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii, Kailua-Kona.** As you shop at Amazon, please consider donation to our temple.

Project Dana: Volunteers are busy preparing various craft items to be sold at the Annual Bon Festival. We are in need of a volunteer to assist/supervise with lunch preparation. Project Dana meets on the 2nd Friday of each month, 8:30 a.m. to 12 noon. Please contact Mary Katayama or Chizu Nakashima for more information.

Facility Volunteers Needed: One man cannot do it alone! Morris needs on-going help! Most urgent is weed control in the cemetery. Additional volunteers are needed to pull weeds around parsonage and other areas of our facility. Contact Morris or leave your name with office clerk

Mahalo to Alan as he regularly mows the front lawn and Pre-School yard.

Mahalo: Jiho staff appreciates help putting together last month's newsletter. New volunteers included June Fujikawa, John Tsue, Laureen Byars and Janet Lindner. Thank you

Bon Festival: Save the date: **Saturday, June 13, 2015** at Keauhou Shopping Center. This annual Kyodan sponsored event is led by the Taiko Group with participation in bon dancing from the community at large. It also is a fundraising event. This is the 13th year of the event which attracts drummers, dancers and displays from organizations throughout the Big Island and Honolulu. Volunteers are needed. Contact Morris or Mary for more information.

TO: THE KONA HONGWANJI BOARD OF DIRECTORS

FROM: BRUCE NAKAMURA, SERVING MINISTER

SUBJECT: APRIL 12TH BUDDHA-DAY HANAMATSURI 9AM SERVICE (SPONSORED BY KH BWA-FUJINKAI)

ATTN: NEW BUSINESS?

Dear Pres. Norma Matsumoto & Board members:

At the recent Feb. 1st Sunday BWA exec. board meeting held, the leadership has unanimously requested to ask the sangha and its affiliate organizations to support the upcoming April 12th Buddha-Day Hanamatsuri celebration.

Minister's input and request to KH board members:

A request to the Taiko group to contribute their creative juices drumming to the said service to the beat of "Gassho To Amida" and an additional piece in tribute to Siddhartha Gotama's Birthday -- the Future Buddha-- in the temple.

A request to all sangha & affiliated organizations including, BWA, Shinwa-kai, Dharma School, Jr. YBA, Taiko, Project Dana, Martial Arts -- Karate & Judo, Scouting programs and Pre-school to participate on said Sunday by re-introducing their organizations to congregants, guests and general public at social hall or site-dojos via demonstrations, exhibitions, craft presentations and/or brochures.

If this event can take on a spirit of reintroducing said organizations and their programs to the larger public as a annual event, such undertakings will benefit all concerned on the long run.

While this seems a last minute request, considering April 12th, the BWA has strongly suggested, we begin to "think outside of the box" in order to revitalize our affiliates as well as the umbrella organization that is Kona Hongwanji.

I humbly ask and beg you

r support and enthusiasm on this very auspicious occasion as a means of highlighting the best of our Kona Hongwanji community.

If we could publicize this both in our newsletter as well as an article/Religious Directory inviting the public in a timely fashion, it would be of great benefit and blessing.

Gratefully in Gassho,

THE LIFE OF SIDDHARTHA GOTAMA SAKYAMUNI--BUDDHA (part 1 of 4)

by Bruce Y. Nakamura

THE BABY BUDDHA'S BIRTH

Over 2,600 years ago (5th-6th BCE) King Suddhodana and Queen Maya ruled over a small kingdom. Its center the Kapila Castle that lay on the slopes of the Himalayan Mountains, then Nepal. After many years, the king was elated to find the queen with child. As it was the custom, accompanied by her retinue, Queen Maya made her way back her parents' home to give birth.

Spring had come later this year. The hills and fields were blooming with flowers creating a beautiful sight. Taken by nature's panorama, the procession rested at the Lumbini Garden. Reaching up to pick the Asoka blossom, the queen suddenly gave birth to a beautiful baby boy. His given name, "Siddhartha," its meaning -- "Every aspiration fulfilled".

According to the legendary account, the infant took seven steps immediately upon birth. Pointing to heaven and earth, the baby prince proclaimed: "Between heaven and earth, I alone, am the World-Honored One. All existence in the three worlds is suffering, however, I shall bring relief". The heavens so moved by these words, sweet nectar and blossoms rained upon the earth with joy. Siddhartha's seven steps signify his future destiny to conquer the six inferior paths awakening the world to supreme enlightenment. This legendary account grew out of his life and teachings. In accord with the western calendar it was April the eighth.

SIDDHARTHA'S YOUTH

Ever since Queen Maya gave birth to her precious prince, she had been very ill. Just seven days after his birth the Queen died. The deeply saddened king gave his motherless infant into the care of the queen's sister Maha-Pajapati. Maha-Pajapati took care of Siddhartha and loved him as her very own. As such the little prince did not know his real mother growing up.

Some scholar-historians believe the pre-mature death of Siddhartha's mother and their separation contributed to prince Siddhartha's sensitive outlook. The legend continues on to say a renown seer, Asita foretold that the young prince would someday become a world sovereign ruler or a world sovereign Buddha. In his pronouncement Asita wept, lamenting he would not live long enough see either. Had the early loss of his mother and an overprotective father lend to the prince's early query to the purpose and meaning of life's existence?

It became very apparent early-on that the prince was not an ordinary person. At eight years old prominent teachers were summoned to instruct Siddhartha in all manners of learning, befitting a future king. All were astonished by his uncanny ability to master all worldly skills, yet, the prince went even further. Siddhartha never failed to respect and genuinely love all his teachers. His bearing was always gentle, appreciative to all who served and surrounded his young life. Surpassing all conventional studies and classics, Siddhartha's mastery of Indian martial arts was uncanny. Was King Suddhodana's dream of his son as a future King among kings just an hopeful illusion? Despite the successes of the prince, his gentle and compassionate spirit shown through all his endeavors.

During the chariot race competitions, the prince's deep affection for his chariot steeds could neither abuse nor force the whip on them in order to win. He would rather lose the race than drive his horses beyond their capabilities. Not only to his horses, but to all creatures, human and animal, Siddhartha revealed a tender and compassionate attitude. He was the king's son who did not have to bear the weight of human hardships for others and yet, even as he emerged into young adulthood, his impassioned heart burned to bring ease and comfort to those in suffering.

NEW MEMBER

Welcome to the Kona Hongwanji Buddhist Temple Kyodan ELAINE NAKAGAWA of Holualoa. Already a very active member of the Kona Hongwanji Buddhist Women's Association she is no stranger to the church activities. She is retired. She was familiar face and always helpful at Borders before they closed.

CUB SCOUTS PACK 12

Makahiki Ticket Sales:

Makahiki Ticket sales have begun!!! The monies raised for Makahiki are used to purchase awards, pay for Day camp fees and helps to support scouting thru Aloha Council

This year's Makahiki theme is "Get Grit". The discount card covers merchants on all Islands. "Hawaii Perks" has been chosen to be the vendor in charge of continually updating the list of all the current Merchants and their various discounts. For example: "McDonald's" if you buy a Big Mac Meal, you can get a Big Mac sandwich free. Each card should be registered online. While online be sure to look up the details on each merchant. Once you register, some merchants require you to request for paper coupons to use at their facility. Once you receive the coupon then you must present them upon ordering. The card itself may not be accepted. Merchants can be found on their website at www.hawaiiperms.com.

Please support Kona Hongwanji's PACK 12. The discount cards cost is \$12.00 but well worth the savings on the card. Our Cub Scouts will also be selling them at Choice Mart & KTA Keauhou.

Thank you to **KTA Keauhou &** Store manager Keith Hayama.

Choice Mart, Store Manager Ron Kerr & Meg Greenwell. We appreciate your continued support. Please patronize these wonderful stores for supporting our scouts. It makes it easier for our scouts to achieve their sales goal.

For more information please feel free to contact Glenn Hirowatari at 322-2278.

Winter Camp at Nobriga Ranch

President's day weekend we were honored to be personally escorted to the "Mahealani" Nobriga Ranch camp site by Mr & Mrs Edwin Nobriga. The site selected for us was just above their beautiful mountain home. When we arrived at our destination Barbara Nobriga gave us a short history of the ranch. One of the stories that were passed on by Barbara was the first importation of the cattle to Hawaii: In 1793 when the cattle were first brought in by Captain Vancouver, they were brought here and the original wall built by Kamehameha the Great still encompasses about 460 acres of land where the cattle were kept. The wall in some places could be five to nine feet tall and....wide enough to drive a jeep down the top. The Vaqueros and later the Paniolo's learned how to manage the cattle for the Kingdom of Hawaii.

All scouts helped their parents set up their own tents. After they were finished we had lunch and rested a little while before the boys started to prepare for our stew dinner. The scouts peeled and cut potatoes, carrots and sliced round onions. The scouts also helped to cook the stew. Once they were done, they went on a short hike led by the Tiger Cub parents.

After the hike, the boys played on the field and were presently surprised by 2 horses that appeared for feeding time. Luckily for the horses we had some extra carrots, so the scouts had fun feeding them. During the feeding Barbara and Edwin came out and asked the scouts if they wanted to ride the horses? They all smiled from ear to ear. Each scout and siblings got to ride bare back, holding on the horse's hairs. Each horse was led by Barbara and Dee Ono. That was the best part of the camp...

It was truly a winter camp. The temperature dropped to the low 40's degrees early in the morning.

Thank you Corner...

1. To Edwin & Barbara Nobriga for the use of the ranch as our venue for our Winter Camp
2. To Dee Ono for making the arrangements with Barbara Nobriga.

Cub O Ree

Aloha council presented a Cub O Ree at Camp Honokaia. Scouters and parents could choose to do an overnight camp on Friday or just participate for the day on Saturday. Some of the activities were: Hydro rocket, Building Catapults out of paint sticks, making ice cream, Volleyball, BB Gun shooting and Archery. It sounded like the Scout dads were having just as much fun as our scouts.

Pinewood Derby Cars:

Thanks to help of volunteer Fred Uchima. He brought his sanding machine so that the scouts can begin working on their cars. He helped to start the initial shape of the car. Now it's up to the scouts to do the final touches which could include adding weights and painting.

Passing of a fellow Scouter

Walter Kahiwa Junior passed away on March 9th. It was a very sad day for our Pack. Walter was a long time committee member and past Committee Chairman for Pack 12 and Guardian for Steven Kahiwa (Eagle Scout) & a retired Konawaena Intermediate school teacher. He was very supportive in so many ways. He opened up his Milolii home multiple times over a decade for our camps. One of the traditions at the camp was our Hanafuda card tournaments. He had so much Aloha in his heart. He will be missed dearly by us and all that knew him.

Upcoming Events:

March 28 – Pack 12 Pinewood derby runoff pot luck dinner

April 17-18 – Makahiki – Hilo Civic Auditorium.

June 5 & 6– Kona Cub Scout Day Camp – To be determine

CONDOLENCES

Mrs. Itsuko Sakamoto of Holualoa, passed away on December 28, 2014 at her home at the age of 81.

Mrs. Nora Nozaki of Kealahou passed away on January 9, 2015 at Kona Community Hospital at the age of 91.

Mr. Herbert Imai of Kealahou passed away on February 16, 2015 at the Kona Community Hospital at the age of 83.

Mr. Tomikichi Taniyama of Holualoa passed away on February 23, 2015 at the Kona Community Hospital at the age of 98.

Mr. Sunao Kadooka of Kealahou passed away on March 6, 2015 at the Life Care Center at the age of 96.

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.

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Mitzi Kadohiro, Ground Breaking Ceremony
Okamoto Family, In Memory of Frank & Wayne Okamoto

Total - \$3,790.00

MEMORIAL SERVICES

Mae Harano, 50th Year Memorial Service for Akiko Harano
Makoto Harano, 50th Year Memorial Service for Akiko Harano
Melvin Harano & Akemi Kanematsu, 50th Year Service for Akiko Harano
Steven Harano, 50th Year Service for Akiko Harano
Mr. & Mrs. Gary Higashi, In Memory of Harue Hayama
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Jean Kadooka, 3rd Year Service for Kenneth Kadooka
Elbert Tadao Kurashige Trust, 50th Memorial Service for Tadao Elbert Kurashige
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Asako Shindo, In Memory of Toichi Morimoto and Kunio Morimoto
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Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Sugiyama, In Memory of Mr. Kurashige
Stanley Sakamoto, 17th Year Service for Torao Sakamoto
Mr. & Mrs. Wayne Sakamoto, 17th Year Service for Torao Sakamoto
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Offerings

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TUNA-ZUSHI

by Bruce Nakamura

This past Sunday's New Year Membership & Keirosha gathering was wonderful. It was so nice to see so many people there. Congratulations Keirosha celebrants and families. To the donors who contributed lucky numbers door prizes arigatou gozaimasu.

I was asked to provide a simple recipe for the pressed Tuna-zushi with furi-kake sprinkle.

6 Cans Tuna (with oil) into medium size teflon pot- bring to medium boil. Once boiling, bring down to low and stir; break up tuna - do not cover. Add 1/2 cup brown sugar, 1/4 cup soy and 1/4 cup wine or mirin . Mix to taste and stir occasionally for about 1 hour until oil is mostly dissolved and cool.

Wash and cook 3 cups rice X 2 for the bottom and topping of the zushi. You may use the prepared store sushi vinegar or mix 3/4 sugar to 1 cup Japanese vinegar and 2 tablespoons mirin or wine. Add 1tablespoon salt and blend until dissolved to taste. Balance sweet and sour. Add to cooked-steamed rice when ready and cool.

Layer cooled sushi-rice and place 2 full nori sheets - 1 below and 1 over the cooked (cooled) tuna between the halved-rice. Sprinkle furikake evenly of your choice before serving.