

# KONA HONGWANJI BUDDHIST TEMPLE



**E - JIHO  
October 2016**



**Theme & Slogan 2016: Embrace Change: New Vision (Create Engagement)**

## **October Events**

- Sunday, October 9, 2016 ----- Burning of Religious Artifacts  
At cemetery, following 9:00 a.m. Service
- Saturday, October 22, 2016 ----- Manju Making at 7:30 a.m.  
Volunteers needed...Kyodan Fundraiser
- Sunday, October 23, 2016 ----- No Sunday Service  
Manju Sale/Pick Up—8:00 a.m. to 12 noon

## **Sunday, October 16, 2016---8:00 a.m. Cemetery Weeds Removal**

We **need 50 Volunteers**: Affiliate Organizations, Kyodan members and friends are asked to help in pulling the overgrowth of weeds in the cemetery. Visit the cemetery and see the overgrowth. Many volunteers are needed for this project. This type of weeds need to be pulled, not cut, prior to the use of special herbicides to control new growth.

### **Instructions on Removal of Weeds**

- Weeds need to be pulled. Do not cut or use sickles, clippers or weed “whackers”  
Herbicide will be used to control new growth
- Wear covered shoes, bring your own gloves, hats, bug spray, etc.
- Large plastic bags will be provided for pulled weeds.
- No children under 12 years of age.  
Old areas of cemetery terrain uneven...not paved between grave sites
- Water and lunch will be provided
- For more information, contact Alan Matsumoto or Morris Nagata

**NEED THE ASSISTANCE OF THE MINISTER**, contact Rev. Bruce Nakamura at 323-2993 or Emergency only 987-9900 or Morris Nagata at 987-0119.

**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](mailto:brucejunshin@gmail.com)

### OCTOBER

1 Saturday ....	-----	Cub Scouts Pancake Breakfast
2 Sunday ....	9:00 AM ...	English Family Service
5 Wednesday ...	9:30 AM ...	Service @ Hualalai Regency
	11:00 AM ...	Service @ Life Care Center
9 Sunday ....	9:00 AM ...	English Family Service & Birthday/Memorial Service Religious Artifacts Burning
12 Wednesday ...	7:00 PM ...	Board of Director's Meeting
14 Friday ....	8:30 AM ...	Senior Activity Program
16 Sunday ....	9:00 AM ...	English Family Service
19 Wednesday ...	7:00 PM ...	Round Table Forum
21 Friday ....	-----	Prep for Fundraiser
22 Saturday ...	-----	Fundraiser – Manju Baking
23 Sunday ....		NO SUNDAY SERVICE
	8:00 AM ...	Fundraiser – Manju Pick-Up
25 Tuesday ....	9:00 AM ...	Preschool Temple Visitation
30 Sunday ...	9:00 AM ...	English Family Service

### NOVEMBER

2 Wednesday ...	9:30 AM ...	Service @ Hualalai Regency
	11:00 AM ...	Service @ Life Care Center
6 Sunday ...	9:00 AM ...	English Family Service
	-----	Judo Club Fishing Tournament
11 Friday ...	8:30 AM ...	Senior Activity Program
12 Saturday ...	-----	IKEBANA CANCELLED
13 Sunday ...	9:00 AM ...	Eitaikyo Service
	10:45 AM ...	Japanese Service
16 Wednesday ...	7:00 PM ...	Round Table Forum
17 Thursday thru 18 Friday	-----	Minister's Seminar
19 Saturday	-----	Annual Wall Washing for Clean-up
20 Sunday	7:30 AM ...	Annual Clean-up
27 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 1<sup>ST</sup> WEDNESDAY  
EVERY TUESDAY BOY SCOUT TROOP 59 MEETING AT 7:00 PM

### **TAIKO PRACTICE**

EVERY TUESDAY ADVANCED TAIKO PRACTICE AT 6:00 PM  
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 OCTOBER and NOVEMBER

First Year (2015)	November	6	YUKIO MAENO
		7	KAZUE AOKI
		16	YAEKO OKABAYASHI
		20	KAZUYOSHI AOKI
		23	GARY ICHISHITA
		27	MINOLU CHENG
Third Year (2014)	October	12	HERBERT KENSO OUE
	November	4	ELLEN TAMAKI HARANO
		9	DORIS ARAKI
		26	FUSAE KITAOKA
Seventh Year (2010)	October	25	TOKIO TAKAMOTO
	November	22	RICHARD K. TANAKA
		26	EARL T. TESHIMA
		29	GEORGE MATSUMOTO
Thirteenth Year (2004)	October	2	HATSUYO KAKU
		15	ALICE RUTH AOKI
		18	MASAO "MASA" NISHIKAWA
	November	9	MIKE MITSUAKI MATSUDA
		29	KUNIYOSHI "PAUL" MOTOMURA
Seventeenth Year (2000)	October	6	BUNJI MATSUOKA
	November	14	ALVA KENJI INOUE
		30	HARUE TOKUMURA
Twenty-Fifth Year (1992)	October	26	YASUKO TATEISHI
		28	MIYOSHI MORIMOTO
Thirty-Third Year (1984)	October	7	DANIEL T. SONODA
Fiftieth Year (1967)	October	28	TSUTA YANAGI

## **A HUMBLE REQUEST FOR A MOMENT OF REFLECTION**

Dallas, Orlando, Istanbul, Medina, Paris, Charleston, Oak Creek, San Bernardino and the list goes on and on. Each day, I start by watching the news for a few minutes to see what has happened in the world since I went to bed the previous night. Needless to say, we have many problems and issues which plague us. While mass killings, whether motivated by anger, greed, hatred, racism, self-centeredness, discrimination or any other reason (cause), is only one form of violence(effect) which troubles our world the recent increase in such incidents is a source of concern. It seems no place is safe or immune not even places deemed sacred and holy by many around world.

As we watch the news on TV, listen to the radio, read the paper or glance at posts on social media, we see so much suffering and needless, in my opinion, killing happening around the globe. But, what can we, what can I do? In my humble view, a first step is to consistently remind ourselves (the whole world) of the value of equality, harmony, non-violence, humility, mutual respect and preciousness of life. To be sure, we are not perfect human beings. We have negative thoughts which at times do surface in hurtful ways, but at the same time may we be guided and inspired by an All-Inclusive Wisdom and All-Embracing Compassion which encourages us to self-reflect and to try to respond to situations and circumstances in non-violent ways instead of reacting. In Buddhism, we would say let us be guided by the Dharma or Teachings.

As Buddhists, we are familiar with the sayings "Hatred is not overcome by hatred. Hatred is overcome by love," "Revenge can be overcome by only abandoning revenge." "The Wise seek neither victory nor defeat." "May all beings

be happy and safe.” Further in the Larger Sukhavativyuha Sutra, it says “All people of the world...should respect and love each other and should not hate and envy each other. They should share their possessions with each other, without being greedy, always speak gently, and live harmoniously without hurting each other.” The Great Pure Land Master T’an-luan said, “Because they are the same in practicing the nembutsu...all within the four seas, no matter how distant, are brothers and sisters.” Rennyo Shonin is known to have said, “Since we equally receive the benevolence of the Buddha (Amida), and equally have shinjin, all in the four oceans are brothers and sisters.” In Buddhism, everyone and everything possess or has access to Buddha-nature, the potential to become enlightened, and thus one and all should be equally respected for that potential.

My request, on the next available occasion, be it the next Sunday Service, weekly or monthly service or any temple gathering, may I ask that we, as Jodo Shin Buddhists, please take a moment to reflect on the world including ourselves and the Dharma. As to an exact action, whether it be a Dharma Message by a minister, doing a selected reflective reading appropriate for the purpose, or simply the lightening of a candle in tribute to remember and honor those who died, are directly suffering from an incident and those who acted so courageously to help others, I leave that up to each temple and/or sangha. My last thought is I may not be able to change someone else, but with Amida Buddha’s Light of Wisdom illuminating me (awakening me to my ignorance) and Amida Buddha’s Light of Joy nurturing me (transforming my anger into joy), may I come to some realizations about myself and contribute to harmony and peace in the world in grateful response to Wisdom and Compassion. Namo Amida Butsu.

Sincerely in Gassho

Eric Matsumoto, Bishop  
July 9, 2016

#### **FOR YOUR INFORMATION**

By Mary Katayama

##### **President’s Message (from Morris Nagata):**

**---Cemetery Overgrowth:** We need help to pull the overgrowth of weeds in the cemetery. It takes more than the usual number of volunteers to do this work. As president, I’m asking members of Affiliate Organizations, church members and friends to help in this project. Read front page for instructions.

**---2016 Lay Convention:** Morris Nagata, Joe Gusman and Norma Matsumoto represented KHBT at the Annual Lay Convention held in Maui, September 9, to 11, 2016. Convention Theme “**Jodo Shinshu for the Generations ABC’s for the XYZ’s**”. Translation: “Connecting All Different Generations”. Resolution: Memorial to Ross Oue approved. Discussion re standardizing fees on sharing of ministers between temples. For more information, contact Morris, Joey or Norma.

**---Burning of Religious Artifacts:** Annual burning of religious artifacts will be held at the cemetery following Sunday service on October 9, 2016. Bring artifacts a few days before date of burning and leave with Rev. Bruce.

**---Special Memorial Service for Queen Lili’uokalani:** In the Buddhist tradition, a 100<sup>th</sup> Memorial Service will be held on Sunday, October 30, 2016 at Honpa Hongwanji Hilo Betsuin at 9:00 a.m. Bishop Eric Matsumoto will give a short history at the service. Reflections from the Queen will be part of the service as well as the gathas that were part of the service she attended in May 1901.

**Preschool:** Ms Leanne Abe is new Director of Kona Hongwanji Preschool (KHP). Her educational background includes: Bachelor of Education degree in Early Elementary Education and Bachelor Science degree in Fashion Merchandizing. She has been a teacher at KHP the past 4 years and Director’s Assistant and Interim Director. FYI tuition discount is available for children, grandchildren and great grandchildren of current KHBT members. Also for enrollment of 2 children from the same family. Contact Ms Leanne at 323-3737 for more information.

**2016 Golf Tournament:** Member Welfare Director, Aaron Nagata once again chaired the Golf Tournament at Keauhou Country Club on Sunday, August 28, 2016. Aaron has been chairing golf tournaments for many, many years and we appreciate his expertise. Thank you to all the participating golfers who loves the game and enjoyed a cup of hot coffee or tea, energy bars, pastries and fruits at registration. Lunch included pupus, variety of salads and main dishes with numerous desserts. Thank you to all the donors (businesses/individuals/organizations) for your support. To Claudia Chang, Morris Nagata, Janet Kunitake and their volunteers, thank you for helping Aaron in this fundraising event.

**Kyodan Manju Sale:** Annual fundraising manju sale will be held on Sunday, October 23, 2016, 8:00 a.m. to 12 noon. Turn in orders forms with payment to church office by Friday, October 7, 2016. Order forms were in September’s Jiho. Additional forms available in church office. Manju

making on Saturday, October 22, 2016 at 7:30 a.m. Volunteers, both male and female needed. Lunch will be provided. Contact Morris Nagata for more information.

## 2016-2017 SOCIAL CONCERNS FUND DRIVE

We celebrate gratitude in the month of November. The Thanksgiving holiday and the Eitaikyo observance are reminders of the countless blessings in our lives and how we live deeply connected to the world around us. It is in this spirit of gratitude that we begin our Annual Social Concerns Fund Drive.

Through the generous contributions of Sangha members, the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii is able to support worthy organizations and programs with funding to continue their work in our community. Your support also allows us to provide compassionate action during times of disaster and the ability to respond to social issues affecting our community.

Because of your commitment to promoting the Buddhist values of compassion and loving kindness, we are able to lend our support to such organizations as Project Dana, The Interfaith Alliance Hawaii, Samaritan Counseling Center Hawaii, Family Promise of Hawaii and the various food banks on each island. We also held a separate fund drive to raise over \$44,000 to help support relief efforts in the aftermath of the devastating earthquake in Kumamoto, Japan.

The Golden Chain Grant program was established to promote compassionate action through innovative community service projects. Your generosity directly helps those in need and promotes a more humane world.

Envelopes have been provided to temples wishing to use them. If your temple did not request envelopes but would like to use them, please feel free to ask as there are extra envelopes available in limited supply. Please make all checks payable to **YOUR TEMPLE**. Your temple treasurer will then make one combined check to the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii. The suggested donation is the cost of just one meal per person.

Your kokua is greatly appreciated. Please encourage your members to continue supporting the Annual Social Concerns Fund Drive. Mahalo!

Eric T. Matsumoto  
Bishop

Dean Sakamoto  
Chair, Committee on Social Concerns

## QUIET DESPERATION

by Bruce Nakamura

**...Whether I go before others, or others go before me; whether it be today, or it be tomorrow, who is to know? Those who leave before us are as countless as the drops of dew...The fragile nature of human existence underlies both the young and the old, and therefore we must, one and all, turn to the teachings of the Buddha and awaken to the ultimate source of life..By virtue of true compassion, let us realize the irreplaceable virtue of human life and let us together live with the nembutsu in our hearts.**

**Anakashi-kou, Anakashi-kou***Excerpt Translated Reading] Hakkotsu no Sho]*  
***The letter on the White Ashes: the 8th Monshu, Rennyo Shonin***

Good morning everyone. There are not so many occasions when I have an opportunity to learn and grow as a Faith representative of our Kona Hongwanji Buddhist community. This requires me going to Honolulu as in the recent Samaritan Counseling Workshop held at the Higashi Hongwanji Betsuin near Liliha Bakery two Saturdays ago.

With co-sponsors, the Yoshiaki Fujitani Lecture Series, BDK and Samaritan Counseling of Hawaii, Higashi Hongwanji hosted the education workshop; "Soul Shop" for diverse Faith Leaders: 'Ministering to Those Impacted by Suicidal Desperation.'

Our presenter opened with a quote by Henry David Thoreau: "**The great mass of man live quiet lives of desperation.**" Michelle Snyder, incidentally a Congregationalist Christian then quoted the Gospel of Mark, psalm 5:33. It tells the story of a woman who had been ill for 12 years and was healed when she made her way to Jesus, bending to kneel, she touched the hem of his clothes. She was not only sick; she was terrified to talk about her illness. Only when Jesus asked who had touched him did the woman, fearful and trembling, yet now completely aware of what had happened to her - fell before the Nazarene and reveal to him her true state.

Two persons each day commit suicide; one individual every 4 seconds globally. According to our presenter, also a certified chaplain, therapist and lecturer: 1) There are a person or persons in this hall right now who has or is thinking about suicide.";2) There are people here who are worried for someone who is thinking of suicide; 3) We learn to assist suicide survivors who have lost someone to suicide; 4) There are Past Suicide Desperation Survivors termed, "2nd Day persons"; 5) Finally today there are those with no background regarding suicide at all. All in all, as adults, we find it extremely difficult to admit, let alone, be reminded that we need to learn to grow acknowledging such things we should have done even after the fact.

One of the most important triggers that evoke this type of education is to shift the cultural norm or paradigm: from what is totally unacceptable to what is real and honest. The suicidal desperate are 'mostly behind us', so-to-speak. They experience a deep sense of personal-social guilt, remorse or emotional stigma experiencing isolation from others.. They too often conclude that they have broken the harshest taboo that "no person in his/her right mind should ponder or do."

They are afraid to tell us, but we need to 'turn around' and say, to them directly looking into their eyes and soul: "yes - I see and acknowledge you!" Subsequently the number one obstacle for the suicidal desperate person is actually finding someone to talk to who will listen. It is safer if a person can talk about her/his desperate situation.

On the other side there are those of us who cannot handle this reality at a deeper level: "Oh no - he/she giving this to me. This can mirror an elemental fear that each of us find difficult to face - the inevitable apprehension of death by self-destruction to an essential life-principle - this self.

There are two general reasons for suicide. Of course these reasons may be schewed by cultural norms or world views, but for this discussion, the two are: **The loss of hope and the loss of connection.**

It's possible that for most of us, we tend to 'work on our feelings - talking around it', but the truth of the matter is, it's nearly impossible to talk about 'suicide,' unless we use the word, 'suicide'. According to Michelle, if we do, we can save or strengthen a life and ease someone's profound sorrow and sense of hopelessness withered by the pain of shame and desperation.

Remember - it's the desperate who decide if it's safe to talk about their suicidal desperation. We need to let one another know that we indeed care and we're not afraid to talk about it.

The 3rd leading cause of death for teens in their 20's - suicide. Suicide is the leading cause of death of white men over 80 in America. Women in their 50's are the most vulnerable, some of us may react by saying it must be post-menopause, but statistics show it's the 'empty-nest' syndrome. In fact, there are more deaths by suicide than all wars in the history of man put together; in America 6% of the adult population and 17% of teenagers committed suicide in the past year alone or 3 out of 20 will commit suicide. Twenty percent of all persons will worry about persons who are thinking of suicide. And in any given Faith community, one in every two persons will contemplate suicide. Forty percent of those who committed suicide were not diagnosed as clinically depressed verses 60% who were not. Men having gone through divorce are ten times more liable to commit suicide.

While most remain apprehensive toward a commitment to the suicidal desperate, are YOU that person who can assist those in desperate need that will be clear and compassionate? Also ask the question: "Am I thinking about suicide? Does the pain get so bad that I think of ending my life?" Listening is so important by itself and serves as the first and necessary catharsis to deeper listening for those in quiet desperation - the invisibly silent crave returning to the world of light to hope and reconnection.

Listen more and be slow to speak. Invite them to tell their story: "Tell me how suicide became your solution. Tell me how suicide became part of your thinking. Do you feel you are a threat to yourself or someone else? Tell me..." To extend this narrative with inquiries or more details, please contact our office or minister's cell at 987-9900. Namo Amida Butsu.

## **HEADQUARTERS UPDATE**

### **TOKUDO**

Charlene Kihara (Hawaii Betsuin), Kerry Kiyohara (Moiliili Hongwanji), and Barbara Brennan (Hawaii Betsuin) recently returned from Japan as Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha priests.

Charlene, Kerry, Barbara, and six candidates from Buddhist Churches of America made up a group traveling to Kyoto in July to pursue the final steps for Tokudo Ordination. The candidates trained intensively for ten days with a schedule on most days going from 5:30 a.m. to 11 p.m., including services, classes and testing, cleaning, meals, changing robes, chanting, and practicing rituals.

Two other groups of candidates from Japan received training at the same time, making a total of 33 candidates.

On the ninth day, candidates were presented with their ordination certificates by Gomonsu Kojun Ohtani, the spiritual head of the Jodo Shinshu denomination. Candidates also received a Ki-Gesa (paneled priestly vestment) and a Homyo (Buddhist name). Several more services the following day and presentation of certificates in English completed the program.

Congratulations to our newly ordained Jodo Shinshu priests!  
(Article written by Mr. David Atcheson)

#### Short reflection on Tokudo

"I am profoundly aware that Tokudo was a once-in-a-lifetime experience, that the things I've learned will stay with me forever, that the robes and vestments carry tremendous responsibility. Tokudo was a chance to be re-born, to start over, to set a new course in this life. I am not deserving of this great opportunity and yet it comes to me. Namo Amida Butsu!" (Kerry Kiyohara)

"The Tokudo experience was one of the pinnacle moments in my life. It was so spiritual and transforming. It was a difficult time for me. This was my first time in Japan, I needed to quickly learn the customs, the dressing and undressing (putting on robes), saho (manners), liturgy and chanting. Although it was so short I learned so much about myself. I learned that even a bonbu like myself could learn and hopefully become a better person." (Charlene Kihara)

"My Tokudo experience at Nishiyama Betsuin was deeply moving, beyond expectation. It was a unique learning environment where all the Senseis and Dharma teachers shared not only their knowledge of Jodo Shinshu teachings and rituals with us but also their personal heartfelt stories. I am grateful for their dedication and commitment to the Teachings which will be cause for reflection throughout the rest of my life as a Jodo Shinshu minister." (Barbara Brennan)

#### **CONGRATULATIONS**

Reverend Satoshi Tomioka, an Associate Minister of Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin, has received an approval from the USCIS of his application to become a lawful permanent resident of the United States.

#### **KUMAMOTO EARTHQUAKE RELIEF FUND DRIVE**

On behalf of the Committee on Social Concerns, I would like to thank our temple members and friends for your generous donations for the Kumamoto Earthquake Relief Fund drive. We collected a total amount of \$46,403.50 (final amount reported at the September Board of Directors Meeting), of which \$25,000 was provided directly to Honzan (via International Center) for relief efforts of damaged Hongwanji temples and members impacted by the earthquake. The remaining balance was delivered to the Consulate General of Japan in Honolulu who will send the funds to the Government of Japan to be used for Kumamoto earthquake relief efforts.

With gratitude,  
Dean Sakamoto, Chair, Committee on Special Concerns

#### **KONA COFFEE ANNUAL FOUNDER'S DAY REMARKS**

Kona Coffee Living History Farm

by Bruce Y. Nakamura

Amidst the flow of great compassion, we are drawn together this morning for the annual Founder's Day Celebration at this Kona Coffee Living History Farm. This site is an authentic living and teaching site that houses, preserves and educates the artifacts and lifestyle of our Kona coffee pioneers between 1925 and 1945.

The account of Daisaku Uchida, who left Kumamoto, southern Japan at the age of 19 speaks to the thousands of immigrants brought in to Hawaii by sugar owners to meet labor needs. In 1913 after a three-year contract with sugar, Daisuke leased land in Kona and ran a small farm with coffee as the main cash crop.

Uchida sent for his wife, Shima Maruo and together built a family based upon their strong work ethic, discipline and self-sacrifice, typical of the first-generation immigrants from Japan to the Hawaiian kingdom. An educated man, Daisaku sat each evening after the family's hard work day, beneath a world map he regularly pondered, listening to the radio and reading the Japanese newspaper.

In addition being a highly educated man, Mr. Uchida would assist fellow workers with translating documents, letter and writing home to Japan to communicate family situations.

Daisaku reflects the spirit of the immigrant pioneer who stressed the importance of education fueled, not only by a better life for economic gain, but also aspired for a happy and secure niche carved out from his new world of Kona Coffee's success for generations to come.

A better life today means a constant curiosity and inquiry to higher goals through education. The challenges of a suffering world in need amid the often, confusing changes and uncertainties that is fueled by self-serving enterprise. For humane enterprise and sustainability to thrive, industry is not merely limited to renewing physical resources. A common humanity based upon a shared awareness of uplifting the best of our human intentions through the opportunities of higher education no matter the diversity of history, creed, color, economics or politics arouses the best we can receive and share with humankind.

We express our shared aspiration to live gratefully with celebration of today's joyous events. May we share these virtues with all others to educate and renew our common purpose and meaning for a richer life carried by a common source of interdependence, humility and gratitude.

## **CUB SCOUTS PACK 12**

### **All You Can Eat Pancakes & Silent Auction**

**Saturday Oct 1st at the Hongwanji Social Hall (7:00-11:00am)**

Mark your calendars!!! Plan to have a delicious Pancakes & things breakfast with us. Don't forget to bid on our silent auction items. We will also have a small rummage sale.

We are seeking donations for our Annual Pancake Breakfast and Silent Auction, which will be on Saturday October 1, 2016 at Kona Hongwanji Social Hall from 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. The Pancake Breakfast raises "Seed" monies for our Cub Scout Pack to pay for Scouts dues, leadership dues (which we pay over \$1100 dollars alone!), books, training, supplies and activities (i.e. Community Service Projects, Camping trips, various day excursions, etc.) for our Cub Scouts because we are one of the few organizations that offer a 12 month, "All Year" around program.

Here are some of the items up for auction: Gift certificate from The Club, Gift Certificates from Café Florian, Kimura Lauhala Shop Lifeguard hats, Hawaii Coffee Connection gift basket, 2-1lb 100 % Kona ground coffee, Okumura 100% Kona coffee 8oz bag (med or dark), Mrs. Barry's cookies and Big Island Candies just to name a few.

This year's tickets are \$8.00. Please contact our Cub Master Glenn Hirowatari @ 322-2278 (leave message) to purchase Breakfast tickets or to make a donation.

### **Induction Night:**

Friday October 10th 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. 90% of the scouts had perfect scores. Glenn came up with tie breaker questions: Who is the governor of the State of Hawaii? Who is the Mayor of our island? Who is the President of the United States? and most important who is your Cub Master? Only one scout prevailed....

***Congratulations go out to Ezra Green son of Angela Green. Ezra has joined Pack 12 as a Tiger Cub. Good Job Mom!!!***

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.

#### **Welcome New Scout:**

**Mason Nonaka**, son of Dylan & Monica Nonaka  
**Ryan Okagi**, Son of Kenneth & Erin Okagi  
**Elijah Green**, son of Angela Green

#### **Leaders Training**

September 10th... Aloha council sponsored a Leaders training which was held at the Kona LDS Stake center. Our den leaders gave up their day to better themselves for the sake of our scouts. They were thought to follow the monthly themes and the Den specific guide books, which are age specific. The most important rule was KISMIF: Keep it simple make it fun. The following leaders who attended were: Dee Ono, Shawn Rodrigues, Angela Green, Luana & Paul Dagdag. Thank you and congratulations upon completion of your training!

Congratulations to Boy Scout Bryson Dagdag of Troop 59. He recently completed the Den Chief Training. Bryson has been attending our Cub Scout Pack meetings and helps out our Den Leaders.

#### **Summer Camp –Puuwaawaa Lake House**

Open space, green grass, a pavilion with an open covered patio, Nene geese roaming about freely. Picturesque ranch like surroundings, best describes our summer overnight camp venue. Who knew such a serene place existed.

During the camp each scout is asked to bring and assemble a tent to improve their tent building skills. Some of the older boys learned to help the younger boys build their tents. The tent sizes varied from a 1 person tent to a mini "condo" for multiple people. Once the tents were set up, we began our service project of pulling invasive weeds on the property. Everyone worked hard to pull as much as possible.

Our chief chef, Cub Master Glenn prepared for us Spaghetti and garlic bread for dinner. There was also the famous Doritos salad too. The topper for the night was the "Favorite" Smore's. No camp goes on without those goowie or burnt marshmallows, melted chocolate and graham crackers. For breakfast we had rice, scrambled eggs (including some shells) and little smokies. YUM. Sunday lunch was Hot dogs, chips and watermelon.

#### **Upcoming Events:**

Sept 16 – Honaunau Elementary School recruitment  
Sept 30th – Friday Prep for Pancake Breakfast  
Oct 1st "All You Can Eat Pancakes & Silent Auction"  
Oct 1st – Rocket Day @ Old A's afternoon  
Oct 14th-15th – Cub-o-ree Overnighter Honokaia

#### **CONDOLENCES**

Mr. Chikaharu Saito of Capt. Cook passed away on July 31, 2016 at the Kona Community Hospital at the age of 88.

Mrs. Fumie Kobayakawa of Holualoa passed away on August 28, 2016 at the Life Care Center of Kona at the age of 97.

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**

Reed & Gloria Ichishita, In Memory of Thelma Aoki's 25<sup>th</sup> Year Anniversary, Hatsubon In Memory of Kazue Aoki, Gary Kazuyoshi Ichishita,  
Kazuyoshi Aoki and Yukio Maeno  
Kay & Judy Matsumoto, Hatsubon In Memory of Thomas Matsumoto  
Misao Matsumoto, Hatsubon In Memory of Jean Nakamoto  
Ukie Saito, O-Bon  
Sandy's Drive In, Anniversary Celebration  
Mildred & Henry Shimakura, Stanley & Georgeanna Oyama and Jane & Calvin Chang, In Memory of our Dad, Mr. Yoshio Oyama's  
25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
Suga Suzuki, O-Bon  
Mr. & Mrs. Russell Everett, In Memory of Mom, Kimie Haraguchi  
Mr. & Mrs. Kiyoshi Nakamura, O-Bon  
Noreen Shiraki & Family, In Memory of Wilbert Masashi Shiraki Jr.'s 7<sup>th</sup> Year Anniversary  
Alexander & Baldwin, Lanihau Bon Dance, Taiko Group  
KTA Super Stores – Keauhou, Grand Re-Opening Blessing  
Melvin Kunitake, Use of Facilities  
Miyazono-Kudamatsu, Burning of Old Butsudan  
Sachiko Oka, In Memory of Kenshiro Oka's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
Mr. & Mrs. Richard Sasaki, Taiko Group and Judo Club  
Nathan & Corinne Chong, In Memory of Chikaharu Saito  
Mr. & Mrs. Sadayuki Inouye, In Memory of Chikaharu Saito  
Sandy Iwashita, In Memory of Chikaharu Saito  
Mr. & Mrs. Sadamu Koba, In Memory of Mr. Chikaharu Saito  
Mr. & Mrs. Kelvin Mikami, In Memory of Chikaharu Saito  
T. Nakasone  
Satsuye Tanaka, In Memory of Fuji Matsumoto  
Alvin & Lorraine Haraguchi, In Memory of Chikaharu Saito  
Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Uyeda  
Sally Deguchi  
Gloria Ichishita, In Memory of Alice Aoki's 13<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
Hatsuko Shiraishi, In Memory of Takimoto Family, Nonaka Family and Yasue Sugi  
Toyoko Urada, In Memory of my Mother, Fuji Matsumoto's 38<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
Total - \$2,565.00

## **MEMORIAL SERVICES**

Mitsunaga Family, 1<sup>st</sup> Year Memorial Service In Memory of the Late Miyoko Mitsunaga  
Mr. & Mrs. George Shimamoto, 1<sup>st</sup> Year Memorial Service for the Late Mrs. Miyoko Mitsunaga  
Ronald Shiotsuka, Funeral Service & Related Expenses for Yaeko Shiotsuka  
Nathan & Corinne Chong, 7<sup>th</sup> Year Memorial Service for Masami Iwashita  
Aaron & Carol Ikeda, In Memory of Masami Iwashita's 7<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Ikeno, 1<sup>st</sup> Year Service for Tatsumi Oue  
Mr. & Mrs. Sadayuki Inouye, In Memory of Masami Iwashita's 7<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
Sandy Iwashita, 7<sup>th</sup> Year Memorial Service for Masami Iwashita  
Mr. & Mrs. Sadamu Koba, In Memory of Masami Iwashita's 7<sup>th</sup> Year Anniversary  
David, Leanne & Michael Oue, 1<sup>st</sup> Year Memorial Service for Tatsumi Oue  
Francis & Claire Oue, 1<sup>st</sup> Year Memorial Service for Tatsumi Oue  
Z. Fujimoto Ohana, 13<sup>th</sup> Memorial Service for Dot Takeyo Yamamoto  
Lynette Guillermo, Funeral Service & Related Expenses for Chikaharu Saito  
Ella Hirata, Memorial Service for Darren Hirata  
Norman & Marilyn Sakata, In Memory of Dorothy Yamamoto  
Raymond & Susan Takiue & Family, In Loving Memory of our Mom & Grandma, Dorothy Takeyo Yamamoto  
Wes Yamamoto, In Memory of Dot Yamamoto  
Wesley Yamamoto & Susan Takiue, In Loving Memory of our Mom, Takeyo Yamamoto  
Hanako Sheldon, 25<sup>th</sup> Memorial Services for Bob Sheldon  
Elaine Chapman, In Memory of Ross Oue

**Acknowledgements Continued:**

Mr. & Mrs. Richard Kunitomo, 1<sup>st</sup> Year Service for Ross Oue  
The Oues, Memorial Service for Ross Oue  
David, Leanne & Michael Oue, 1<sup>st</sup> Year Memorial Service for Ross Oue  
Francis & Claire Oue, 1<sup>st</sup> Year Memorial Service for Ross Oue

Total - \$2,825.00

**HAKASOJI and NOKOTSUDO**

Mr. & Mrs. Sukeji Yamagata  
Mr. & Mrs. Stanley Zakahi  
Mr. & Mrs. Yoshiyuki Kaneko  
Mr. & Mrs. Claude Onizuka

Mr. & Mrs. Kiyoshi Nakamura  
Mr. & Mrs. Richard Sasaki  
Mr. & Mrs. Glenn Matsumoto  
Ethel Saito

Hal Kamigaki  
Sharon Langsi  
Sally Deguchi

Total - \$475.32

**JIHO**

Mr. & Mrs. Sukeji Yamagata  
Mr. & Mrs. Yoshiyuki Kaneko

Mr. & Mrs. Richard Sasaki

Lorraine Haraguchi

Total - \$75.00

**AUGUST & SEPTEMBER SUNDAY SERVICE**

Offerings

Total - \$1,113.00

**CAPITAL FUND**

Mr. & Mrs. Sukeji Yamagata  
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