

KONA HONGWANJI BUDDHIST TEMPLE



E - JIHO
April 2016



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

HANAMATSURI SERVICE

Sunday, April 10, 2016

English Service at 9:00 a.m.

Speaker: Reverend Bryan Siehbur

Associate Minister at Honpa Hongwanji Hilo Betsuin

sponsored by the BWA

Hanamatsuri or "Flower Festival", is held to commemorate the birth of Siddhartha Gautama in Lumbini Garden. He was the manifestation of Amida, the Buddha of Infinite Higher Wisdom and Compassion. During the service, a flower shrine known as *hanamido*, is set up in front of the main altar as a symbol of Lumbini Garden. In the shrine is placed a statuette of the infant Buddha, pointing his right hand toward the heavens and his left hand toward the earth. The sangha offers flowers and pour sweet tea over the image. *Kambutsu* is the rite of "bathing the body of; the Buddha." This simplified reenactment of the Buddha's birth signifies the glory and joy that filled the world of this event.

Jodo Shinshu A Guide

FLOWERS NEEDED FOR HANAMIDO

Hanamido to be decorated by Reverend Bruce Nakamura

Drop off flowers in the Conference Room on Friday, April 8th by 5pm

Services Scheduled for May

Children's Day Service -- Sunday, May 1, 2016 at 9:00 a.m.

Mochi Tsuki -- Sponsored by Judo Club

Baccalaureate Service -- Sunday, May 15, 2016 at 9:00 a.m.

Sponsored by Jr. YBA

Gotan-e Service -- Sunday, May 29, 2016, English Service at 9:00 a.m.

Japanese Service at 10:45 a.m.

Speaker: Reverend Shinji Kawagoe for both services

Sponsored by Shinwakai

Memorial Day Service -- Monday, May 30, 2016 at 9:00 a.m.

Sponsored by Boy Scouts Troop 59

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.

E-MAIL ADDRESS: Church - konahongwanji@twc.com

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APRIL

3 Sunday	9:00 AM	English Family Service
6 Wednesday ..	9:30 AM	Service @ Hualalai Regency
	11:00 AM ..	Service @ Life Care Center
8 Friday	8:30 AM	Senior Activity Program
9 Saturday ...	7:30 AM	BWA - Manju Making
10 Sunday ...	9:00 AM	BWA Hanamatsuri & White Elephant Sale
13 Wednesday ..	7:00 PM	Board of Director's Meeting
17 Sunday	-----	NO SUNDAY SERVICE
		State Dharma School Conference @ Hilo
20 Wednesday ...	7:00 PM	Round-Table Forum
24 Sunday	9:00 AM	English Family Service & Joint Birthday/Memorial
26 Tuesday ...	9:00 AM	Preschool Temple Visitation

MAY

1 Sunday ...	9:00 AM ...	Children's Day Service
	10:00 AM ..	Mochi Pounding
4 Wednesday ...	9:30 AM ...	Service @ Hualalai Regency
	11:00 AM ...	Service @ Life Care Center
8 Sunday	9:00 AM ...	English Family Service
13 Friday ...	8:30 AM ...	Senior Activity Program
15 Sunday ...	9:00 AM ...	Baccalaureate Service
	11:00 AM ..	Baccalaureate Luncheon
18 Wednesday ..	7:00 PM ...	Round-Table Forum
22 Sunday ...	-----	NO SUNDAY SERVICE
27 Friday ...	8:00 AM ...	Social Hall - Preschool Set-up
	6:00 PM ...	Preschool Graduation Program
29 Sunday ...	9:00 AM ...	Gotan-e Service
	10:45 AM ...	Japanese Service
30 Monday ...	9:00 AM ...	Memorial Day Service
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 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 APRIL and MAY

Third Year (2014)	April	15	SAKAE NISHIMOTO
	May	3	FRANCES FUMIKO UCHIMA
Seventh Year (2010)	May	7	SATOMI "SPIKE" TAKASHIBA
		24	FRANK TAKESHI OKAMOTO
Thirteenth Year (2004)	April	15	RUTH MICHICO NISHIHARA
		29	KIYOKO MARUTANI
	May	3	KIMIE FUKUSHIMA
		5	SHIZUE SAKANASHI
Seventeenth Year (2000)	April	13	TOSHIO KAMEDA
		19	MATSUYO FUKUSHIMA
	May	24	TAKAO INOUE
Twenty-Fifth Year (1992)	April	9	TOI KAMEI
		15	THELMA TOMEKO AOKI
		17	SHIZUYO YAMAGATA
		19	ICHI MORI
	May	4	KELVIN HARUO FUJINO
		10	GARY HIDEO YOKOYAMA
Thirty-Third Year (1984)	April	17	YASUKI NAKAGAWA
	May	2	ISAMI KIHARA
		25	SAKI UEMURA
Fiftieth Year (1967)	April	7	JUGORO YOSHIMOTO
		8	SAHEI MATSUMOTO
		17	SADAO G. ONAKA
		17	YOHEI NAKAMURA
	May	14	GENGO TANAKA
		16	KEIICHIRO SAKAMOTO
		20	SEIZO HIRATA
		26	MASA YAMASAWA

"AUWE, NO CAN HELP..."

by Bruce Y. Nakamura

Do you date, possibly looking for a stable, long-term relationship to later settle down? If so, have you consciously or subconsciously, factored in their racial, ethnic or cultural background in the larger picture? What are the first things you look for in a relationship? How does that figure into personal character, like-minded values, education, temperament and humor? For many of us married after-the-fact, do you really know why you married this person?

Kona Hongwanji - The Temple of the Buddha's Great Compassion traces its historical and cultural heritage around the turn of the century to Asian ancestors who came mostly from Japan. Settling on the western slopes of the Big Island, they began to build families, mostly around cultivating their later famous "Kona Coffee". In the early period, the Buddhist ways provided a gathering place to offer a calm amidst the storm in a foreign land of foreign ways, dominated by foreigners.

Today, as part of the American mainstream - Hawaii's offspring are more often, *chop-suey* or *hapa*, due to being products of inter-marrying among various races, cultures and ethnic mixes. Most offspring today are beyond the 3rd or 4th generation removed from ancestral country of origin. Today young ones don't even ask their parents if it's alright to date "so-and-so". "What kind of person should I be looking for in a stable relationship and even marriage?". Our ancestors from the old country's typical response range from "most desired to least" going somewhat like this: 1) with your own kind; 2) With a related-culture; 3) Auwe, no Can Help; 4) aah, disown already. From my own grandparents' views (my mother's side) *mo betta* be Okinawan background with a good job. From my father's mother, she showed her greatest disapproval when her daughter married a "*Pilipin*" island man.

I've listened to many grandmothers throughout the years (2nd generation especially) who've said to me how adoring their grandchildren are: "I have three grandchildren, **but** *you know what*, my *haole* son-in-law is really nice. He treat me real good". In other words, grandmas often apologize indirectly for having "*hakujin*" son-in-laws, but qualify his status in the family by insisting how nice he is to his whole family- especially his mother-in-law.

Today our Hongwanji Buddhist sanghas are more open and welcoming to non-Japanese visitors and new faces at temple services. This was not true 20 years ago or so. Back then, regular congregants would stare and "*give da stink eye*" making the stranger feel unwelcome: "what are you doing in our church - you don't belong here!" Of course he'd not ever "darken" these doors again!

It's this bigotry by the like-minded - even racism by the majority of those sitting in the pews that today in a new American century, would be so disturbing, so unlike what it means to be a truly open and accepting as human beings, let alone, as actual practicing Buddhists. Genuine spirituality, Buddhist or otherwise, should not demonize other races, cultures or even religious faiths. As American citizens, our republic gave birth to the American Constitution and Bill of Rights. As such we cherish freedoms to speak in the public square, even at the risk of sounding and acting like fools. We cherish the right to assemble freely without being ejected from a political assembly, just because we disagree with the speaker and the views of the majority of those present. We cherish the right to privacy - to be left alone in our homes without "big brother" dictating our personal views, association with others. We cherish racial and sexual equality, despite some of our personal or moral misgivings of same gender sexual practices. And we must welcome immigrants as did our forbears welcomed them, turning away none, who desired freedom in America. Yet,... this is not what this article is about. And while human beings in this modern period should know better because of the development of our thinking, our principles, our laws, our experiences and their applications, this compel us to make better choices, not only for the common good, but, as well as for the unspoken rights of the fewer everywhere.

Despite all the good we must do for others, we too often deceive ourselves, as we appear wise to others with our virtuous pretenses, yet, guising outcomes in ways that might best benefit our own personal or collective interests. Shinran Shonin refers to this in his "Gutoku's Hymns of Lament and Reflection(Hymns On the Dharma Age, Tranlations, C.1993, pp 68-71 [1-6]):

**Each of us, in outward bearing,
Makes a show of being wise, good and dedicated;
But so great are our greed, perversity and deceit;
That we are filled with all forms of malice and cunning 1
Extremely difficult it to put an end to our evil nature;
The mind is like a venomous snake or scorpion.
Our performance of good acts is also poisoned;
Hence it is called false and empty practice. 2**

On an inter-personal level, just in terms of simple, yet ongoing human relationships, take simple conversations: Relating to our spouse, children or family members, even with friends we're close to or with "friends" we keep at a safe distance, there is an initial hope to be genuine, yet at a deeper subconscious or unconscious level, there stirs a natural impulse, an unspoken drive to re-negotiate as to benefit oneself over the other party. This impulse, arising now dominates is divisive and calculating so that it will benefit one-self or situation. Thus, Shinran laments deeply upon his own spiritual plight, despite being immersed in the Buddha's wondrous compassion (vow):

**It is hard to have a true and sincere mind.
This self is false and insincere; I completely lack a pure mind.3**

**Although I am without shame and self-reproach
And lack a mind of truth and sincerity,
Because the Name is directed by Amida,
Its virtues fill the ten quarters.4**

**With minds full of malice and cunning, like snakes or scorpions,
We cannot accomplish good acts through self-power;
Although I take refuge in the true Pure Land way,
And unless we entrust ourselves to Amida's directing of virtue,
We will end without knowing shame and self-reproach. 5
Lacking even small love and compassion,
I cannot hope to benefit sentient beings.
Were it not for the ship of Amida's Vow,
How could I cross the ocean of painful existence?6**

How amazing, laid spiritually bare and naked in the light of Shinran's laments and reflections. They are profoundly appropriate even for our modern times. To glance over our social issues and challenges faced as community and nation merely skim the surface of deeper latent psyche and character. A deeper, awakening lays bare our deepest human impulses to dehumanize, ill-treat and isolate "us from them" because we are fearful of the worst in all of us, that can be done, not just onto others, but most of all, to ourselves.

Let us acknowledge and embrace our common-humanity, aspiring mutual-respect and universal dignity. But we do this by also, affirming self-centered, arrogance, and propensity for hate and bigotry, often disguised as virtue. That virtue can be mere show - selfishly gathering up greater virtue, deceptive at every turn. Thus, spiritual rebirth in this life, is rude awakening to the light of great compassion and deep imperfections altogether. How grateful, so joyous, this foolish self, together with all beings in the ten quarters attaining spiritual birth in the light of great compassion.

"I live in great compassion; I awaken to great compassion; I entrust in great compassion, How grateful for great compassion; I share great compassion. Thus, this offering of Joy shared with all beings - Namo Amida Butsu, NaManDaBu, NaManDaBu," Auwe, no can help, NaManDaBu...

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

By Mary Katayama

HAIB Buddha Day Celebration: Mahalo to the HAIB Committee for another successful celebration with members and friends from the Big Island Buddhist Community. Committee is led by Rev. Jiko with Rev. Bruce, Fred and Chalintorn Burian, Morris, Betty and Mary. Groups participating this year included: 4 Big Island Hongwanji temples, Daifukuji Soto Mission, Kona Koyasan Daishiji Mission, "Alaneo Zendo, Cambodian Buddhist Community, Hawaii Island Meditation Sangha, Hawaii Mindfulness Center, Rishso Kosei-Kai, Kona Dharma Center and Taishoji Soto Mission. Miles Okumura and the New Dharma Band from Honokaa Hongwanji performed during the service and provided entertainment during refreshment. The New Dharma Band is always enjoyed by all. Mahalo to MC Dean Uemura who does a great job without a script. Thank you BWA ladies from KHBT and Daifukuji Soto Mission and members from both temples who assisted in set up and clean up.

KTA's 100th Anniversary: KHBT Taiko Group, led by Alan Matsumoto and dancers Betty Takeoka, Lynn Gusman and Lynn Katayama participated as one of many community groups performing at the Keauhou Store to celebrate their 100th Anniversary. KHBT will also be demonstrating "mochi tsuki and mochi making" on Saturday, May 28, 2016 at their Kailua store. Good community service and promoting KHBT.

2016 Fall Japan Tour: Sponsored by Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii, October 14 to 23, 2016 (10 days). You will participate in the Accession Ceremony at Honzan, Kyoto by the 25th Monsho. Flyers posted on church bulletin boards. **Application deadline, March 31, 2016.**

Contact Rev. Toshiyuki Umitani or Toshiko Umitani at HQ. Phone (808) 522-9200 or hqs@honpahi.org

Dharma-Con 2016—"Touched by Kindness": As noted in Jiho last month by Betty Takeoka, the conference is held annually at various state districts for Dharma School leaders from all islands. This year it will be held at Sangha Hall in Hilo. Sponsored by the Hawaii Island Hongwanji Council and the Hawaii Island United BWA, is a statewide gathering of anyone, ages 12 and older who is interested in learning and sharing the Dharma. **KHBT will be represented by 15 to 20 students, parents and members.** Good job Betty!

HEADQUARTER'S UPDATE

Message

On June 6, 2014, I came to inherit the legacy of the Jodo Shinshu tradition through receiving the transmission from the Monshu Emeritus Ohtani Koshin, succeeding to the posts of the resident priest of Hongwanji and the Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha Monshu. Today, I would like to announce that the Commemoration on the Accession of the Jodo Shinshu Tradition (*Dento Hokoku Hoyo*) shall be scheduled for the years 2016 and 2017. My succession of the Jodo Shinshu tradition will be officially proclaimed to the Buddha and Masters, and through its observance, it is anticipated that the teaching of Amida Buddha's Primal Vow shall gain prosperity and Hongwanji in its entirety shall achieve further growth.

Amida Buddha's Primal Vow is directed without discrimination to every life and saves them just as they are. Despite our being filled with delusions and suffering, we are enabled to entrust ourselves wholeheartedly to Amida Tathagata's great compassion and be born in the Pure Land, the manifestation of the Buddha's true enlightenment. Although everything in this world, including ourselves, is unreliable, which Shinran Shonin expressed as "empty and false," we are always able to realize the assuredness in the working of the Primal Vow.

Modern scientific and technological sophistication urges us to pursue convenient and luxurious lifestyles, thereby making our desires swell boundlessly. However, I feel that people have begun to realize the futility of these efforts. In addition, such factors as the nuclear family unit and demographic shift from rural to urban areas have forced the conventional social structure to change greatly. As a result, the bonds between people have become weak, causing new anxieties and feelings of uneasiness to arise. On the global scale as well, we can see that there are a number of issues that threaten humanity's existence, such as armed conflict, economic imbalance, climate change, and the proliferation of nuclear materials, and it is anticipated that the situation will likely intensify.

Therefore, I believe it is important for us to listen to the Dharma. Listening to the Dharma clarifies for us the compassionate working of Amida Tathagata that always embraces us as just as we are and never abandons us. Hence, we should share our appreciation and gratitude for it with as many people as possible. As Nembutsu followers who are guided by the Buddha's wisdom, it is important for us to take the initiative and actively carry out programs to cope with the numerous problems and issues in contemporary society. I feel that such efforts will contribute to the actualization of a society in which everyone is able to live a life of spiritual fulfillment.

It is my hope that this upcoming Commemoration of Accession shall become a significant event as the first major step of our organization. May this occasion serve as the impetus for the Hongwanji to effectively cope with the changing times while upholding the traditional religious values based on Amida Tathagata's unconditional compassion. The Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha administration is currently formulating new long-term plans in anticipation of the 850th Anniversary of Shinran Shonin's Birth and the 800th Anniversary of the Establishment of the Jodo Shinshu Teaching. We kindly request your active cooperation and participation.

January 16, 2015

Shaku Sennyō
OHTANI Kojun
Monshu
Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha

Please see the website for the information of the Accession Ceremony and HHMH Spiritual Enrichment and Fellowship Tour.

<http://hqs963.wix.com/hhmhdhhtour>

SOCIAL CONCERN DONATION TO HAWAII PROMISE

Bishop Eric Matsumoto and Dean Sakamoto, Committee on Social Concerns Chair, presented a monetary donation to Ms. Mary Saunders, Executive Director of Family Promise of Hawaii, on March 11, 2016. Family Promise of Hawaii's mission is to mobilize existing community resources to aid families with children experiencing homelessness and help them transition to sustainable independence. The Honolulu Hongwanji Council have hosted families associated with the Family Promise of Hawaii's program. Family Promise of Hawaii is also very appreciative of the support received from various other Hongwanji related Affiliated Organizations like the Girl Scouts and Buddhist Women's Associations too.



What you can do in this tour!

2016 FALL JAPAN TOUR

By Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii
October 14-23, 2016 (10 days)



You will participate in the Historical Event.

Accession Ceremony at Honzan, Kyoto by the 25th Monshu
Morning Service, Confirmation Ceremony (Optional)
Honzan (Historical Building) Tour & Group Picture Taking



You will visit Rennyō Shōnin related Betsuin and Temples
guided by Rev. Umitani & Rev. Takahashi.

Okazaki, Honshūji Temple
Fukui, Yoshizaki Betsuin
Osaka, Tsumura Betsuin



You will enjoy famous sightseeing places by chartered coach
with English speaking guide and beautiful fall landscape of
Japan.

Shin Hodaka Ropeway (Superb View of Mountains)
The Historic Village of Shirakawa-go (World Heritage)
Kenroku-en (One of the most 3 beautiful gardens in Japan)



You will stay at nice hotels and enjoy delicious Japanese
dishes.

8 breakfast, 6 lunch and 5 dinner included

Application Deadline is **March 31, 2016**, don't miss it!!

Please Contact Rev. Toshiyuki Umitani or Yoshiko Umitani at HQ
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BWA CORNER

by: Linda Nagai

On Wednesday March 16, the BWA ladies, children and friends (33 in all) ventured on a little excursion very close to home. We visited the Ellison Onizuka Space Museum, at the Kona International Airport and picnicked at the Old Kona Airport. The visit to the Space Museum was bittersweet, though Nancy Tashima and our own Shirley Matsuoka's presentation was so informational and many of us felt like little children in a toy store, playing with all the science related items, it brought tears to our eyes and a tear in our hearts knowing that this Museum's existence

will end in a couple of weeks. We wish the Ellison Onizuka's Foundation luck in obtaining a new sight for another museum, and our hopes for our own Kona Airport to be named after Ellison will come through. Let's give the Onizuka family our support in keeping Ellison's dream alive.

Our Kona Hongwanji Hananamatsuri will be held on Sunday April 10. The exact we are again having our Manju Fundraiser. I hope you ordered your manju, However if you forgot or find you need more, please come to our Hanamatsuri, will have manju available for sale too. Our manju is the fundraiser what the BWA banks on to fund activities for the BWA as well as the Sangha.

Hanamatsuri this year is also a little more special, we are embarking on trying to help with our Sangha's past assessment. Our White Elephant and Garage Sale is open to the public and so we are reaching out to our Sangha to look deep in the corners of your home to see if there are any items that you could donate for this event. (We ask that you place a suggested price for the White Elephant items), Please bring it to the Temple from Sunday, April 3 to Friday April 8, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., if you need to drop off your items after these hours, please contact Rev. Bruce.

Just a reminder that both the Hawaii Island BWA and the Kona Hongwanji BWA is again offering scholarship to High School Seniors. Applications are available in the Jiho room bulletin board. Deadline for both applications is April 17, 2016.

Calling all girls between the ages of 17 – 23. Be one of 2 girls traveling to Japan late July to Early August (14 days). Be exposed to Buddhist and Asian Culture. Be a Missionary of goodwill. Applications are available in the Jiho Room Bulletin Board or go to www.hawaiiBWA.org/Student_Exchange/student_exchange.htm. Deadline for application is October 31, 2016.

CUB SCOUTS PACK 12

Makahiki Card Sales

Makahiki Card sales continues!!! *BUY, BUY, BUY, THEN, SAVE, SAVE, SAVE.* **Please support Kona Hongwanji's PACK 12.** The Makahiki discount cards cost is \$12.00 but well worth the savings on the card. Our Cub Scouts will be selling them at Choice Mart, KTA Keauhou, Sack n Save and Safeway. 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 "Be A Hero". The discount card has merchants on the Big Island. For example: **McDonald's** if you buy a Big Mac Meal, you can get a Big Mac sandwich free. **KTA** (\$5.00 off your next purchase of \$50.00 or more). **Sports Authority** (\$10.00 off your purchase of \$50.00 or more), **Jack in the Box** (buy one burger get one free), **Jamba Juice** 10% off purchase. **HPM** (\$10.00 off \$100.00 purchase) **and more.**

Thank you to **KTA Keauhou &** Store manager Keith Hayama and Kamehameha Investments, **Choice Mart**, Store Manager Ron Kerr & Meg Greenwell. Also Sack n Save and Safeway. 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.

Kona District Pinewood Derby Race

Just like our own derby race all scouts needed to check in and register their cars before the race. The event started off with a flag ceremony and a presentation of a wooden pendant to each scout that participated. It was stressed to each scout that they have all earned a trophy already. That would be the Derby car they built. The races were divided by age groups and each scout had a chance to race 4 times. One of the best parts about the race, if any scout that was racing in the RED lane, he got to push the button to start the race.

Here are the results from our Pack:

Dylan Keawe- Aiko: 1st place medal in the Webelo division and 3rd place Trophy overall.

Jack Ningeok-Ross: 2nd place medal in the Bear division

Blake Wicklander: 1st place medal in the Wolf division and 1st place Trophy overall

Ezra Green: 2nd place medal in the Tiger division and 4th place Trophy overall

Caiden Mireles: Trophy for "Fastest Looking Car"

Pack 12 Pinewood Derby Runoff

All scouts front and center – CHECK IN TIME—Cars must be checked to see if it meets the rules of the Pinewood Derby race. This includes size & weight requirements. Some cars needed more weights and some less.

Once done, scouts line up and listen as your name is called. The race was fast and efficient. Race director was Cub Master Glenn Hirowatari with the help of Lynn Gusman (Car placement and race tracker). Line judges were Mr. Patrick Kim & Kyodan President Morris Nagata. Four cars raced at a time. Race after race, which determines who will have the TOP DOG bragging rights. Finally down to the final four. All the pinewood derby cars were so close in speed, that there had to be several "filmed" races to determine who the true winner was.

AND THE WINNERS ARE:

First Place: **Conlan Okagi**

Second Place: **Caiden Mireles**

Third Place: **Blake Wicklander**

Fourth Place: **Dylan Keawe-Aiko**

Our Scouts will still be racing against all of Kona District at Kona Stake Center LDS in Kailua-Kona March 12th and at Makahiki on April 9th in Hilo. Excellent job to our cub scouts and the dads too who were more excited than the scouts! This year Aloha Council has decided to continue a joint effort with Pukahi (Hilo), Hamakua Districts and Kona District. Although there will be more scouts, each district will have their own pinewood derby run off.

Before the race we all enjoyed a multitude of ono foods prepared by the scout parents. We have some of the best potlucks around. Thank you to all the parents who busily helped from preparing the dishes for the potluck, setting up the tables to cleaning up after the race was done.

Now the Cub Scouts are still tweaking their newly made pinewood derby cars and concentrating on selling those GREAT Makahiki Cards

Thank you Corner

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

Upcoming Events:

March 20 – Day Camp at Old A's – Cast Iron Cooking, Picnic

April 9 – Makahiki at Hilo Tennis Stadium

June 3 & 4– Kona Cub Scout Day Camp – To be determined.

CONDOLENCES

Mr. Burton Ito of Kealahou passed away on February 18, 2016 at Kona Community Hospital at the age of 76.

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

Patrick Imai, In Memory of Herbert Imai

Kamehameha Schools, Use of Facility

Itsuko Yamano

Mr. & Mrs. Colin Byars

Albert Shiotsuka

Masamori & Eva Takaki

Mr. & Mrs. Yukito Takamoto, Dharma School & Social Concerns

Ken Love, In Memory of Henry Morimoto

Ken Love, In Memory of Mrs. Yaeko Ohata

Mr. & Mrs. Roy Hayama

Mary Katayama, Dharma School

Mr. & Mrs. George Shimamoto, Judo Club, Dharma School & BWA

Acknowledgements Continued:

George Sugi & Family, In Memory of "Taka" Fukushima's Anniversary
Mr. & Mrs. Frank Yamamoto, Social Concerns & BWA
Doris Masutomi, Jr. YBA
Satsuye Tanaka, In Memory of Doris Yasuko Murata
Makiko Yamaguchi, Dharma School
Edna Yamashita, Social Concerns

Total - \$1,195.00

MEMORIAL SERVICES

Patrick Imai, 1st Year & Inurnment Service for Herbert Imai
Neal Ohata, Funeral Service & Related Expenses for Yaeko Ohata
Dale Aoki & Family, In Memory of Ernest M. Nakashima
Sidney & Victoria Aoki & Family, In Memory of Ernest M. Nakashima
Claudia Chang, In Memory of Manabu Nakashima
Lisa Ciriako, In Memory of Uncle Manabu
Raymond & Amy Ikeda, 13th Year Memorial Service for Ernest Manabu Nakashima
Yoshiko Kadooka, 1st Year Service for Sunao Kadooka
Nora Koyanagi & Families, 25th Year Anniversary of father, Toyoichi Tabata
Frank Mizoshiri, Memorial Service for Tooru Mizoshiri & Chiyoko Mizoshiri
Glenn Mizoshiri, 3rd Year Memorial Service for Chiyoko Mizoshiri
Glenn Mizoshiri, Service for Chiyoko Mizoshiri
Kimie Mizoshiri, 17th Year Memorial Service for Tooru Mizoshiri
Mr. & Mrs. George Nakamoto & Ohana, 25th Year Memorial Service for Toyoichi Tabata
Chizu Nakashima, In Memory of Ernest Nakashima
Jenny Nakashima, In Memory of Ernest Nakashima
Jesse Nakashima, In Memory of Ernest Nakashima
Richard & Mae Nakashima, Memorial Service for Ernest Nakashima
Bertram Narita & Family, In Memory of Toyoichi Tabata's 25th Year Anniversary
Ginny & Gabriel Pelekane, In Memory of Ernest "Uncle Manabu" Nakashima
J. & E. Tabata, Tabata Memorial Service
Wilfred Tabata, In Memory of Toyoichi Tabata's 25th Anniversary
Arnold & Lynn Tokuyama & Family, In Memory of Ernest M. Nakashima
Glenn & Pauline Yano & Family, 13th Year Memorial Service for Ernest Manabu Nakashima
Clinton & Darlene Cho, In Memory of Herbert Imai
Mr. & Mrs. Keith Fujikawa, In Memory of Herbert Imai
Shizue Hirano, 25th Year Service for Matsue Hirano
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M. Kitaoka, 1st Year Memorial Service for Tom Taniyama
Danny Nozaki, Memorial Service for Dexter Nozaki
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