

# KONA HONGWANJI BUDDHIST TEMPLE



**E - JIHO**  
**April 2016**



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

## **CHILDREN'S DAY SERVICE**

**Sunday, May 1, 2016, Service at 9:00 a.m.**

**Speaker: Ms. Tracy Brennan**

Mochi Tsuki Following Service

Sponsored by the Judo Club

## **BACCALAUREATE SERVICE**

**Sunday, May 15, 2016 at 9:00 a.m.**

**Speaker: Reverend Bruce Nakamura**

Sponsored by the Jr YBA

## **GOTAN-E SERVICE**

**Sunday, May 29, 2016, English Service at 9:00 a.m.**

**Japanese Service at 10:45 a.m.**

**Speaker for both services**

**Speaker: Reverend Shinji Kawagoe**

**Oversee Minister for Honomu, Honohina, Papaikou**

Sponsored by Shinwakai

Shinran Shonin was born on May 21, 1173 in Hino, an area southeast of Kyoto. His given name was Matsuwakamaru. His loss of both parents at an early age moved him to enter the Buddhist priesthood at age 9. He studied for 20 years at Mt. Hiei, home of 3,000 monasteries enduring the most difficult of meditations and practices. At age 29 he abandoned the method of finding enlightenment by self-power (jiriki) and placed his faith in Amida Buddha (tariki) to realize Buddhahood. Shinran coined the term "Jodo Shinshu" meaning "True Teachings of the Pure Land".

## **MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE**

**Monday, May 30, 2016 at 9:00 a.m.**

Sponsored by Boy Scout 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**

**Rev. Bruce - brucejunshin@gmail.com**

### 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

### JUNE

1 Wednesday ...	9:30 AM ...	Service @ Hualalai Regency
	11:00 AM ...	Service @ Life Care Center
5 Sunday ...	9:00 AM ...	Adult English Service
8 Wednesday ...	7:00 PM ...	Board of Director's Meeting
10 Friday ...	8:30 AM ...	Senior Activity Program
12 Sunday ...	9:00 AM ...	Adult English Service
13 Monday ...	7:30 PM ...	Bon Dance Practice
June 14 <sup>th</sup> thru June 16 <sup>th</sup>		Honpa Hongwanji Minister's Seminar @ Kauai
16 Thursday ...	7:30 PM ...	Bon Dance Practice
18 Saturday ...	6:00 PM ...	O-Bon Festival @ Keauhou Shopping Center
19 Sunday ...	-----	NO SUNDAY SERVICE
26 Sunday ...	9:00 AM ...	Adult English Service
28 Tuesday ...	9:00 AM ...	Preschool Temple Visitation

### **CUB SCOUTS & BOY SCOUTS**

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

### **TAIKO PRACTICE**

EVERY THURSDAY TAIKO PRACTICE AT 5:30 PM  
TAIKO MEETING EVERY 2<sup>ND</sup> THURSDAY IN THE SOCIAL HALL AT 6:45 PM

### **JUDO PRACTICE**

JUDO CLUB MEETING EVERY 1<sup>ST</sup> WEDNESDAY IN SCOUT ROOM  
EVERY MONDAY AT 7:00 PM NIGHT CLASS  
EVERY WEDNESDAY AT 6:00 PM NOVICE; 7:00 PM NIGHT CLASS  
EVERY TUESDAY AT 6:30 PM ADULT ONLY  
EVERY THURSDAY AT 7:00 PM KATA CLASS

### **IKEBANA**

EVERY 2<sup>ND</sup> SATURDAY AT 9:00 AM IN THE SCOUT ROOM

## **MEMORIAL SERVICES FOR MAY and JUNE**

First Year (2015)	June	14	GLADYS HIDEKO KUNITOMO
		28	SANFORD TATSUYA HIGASHI
Third Year (2014)	May	3	FRANCES FUMIKO UCHIMA
	June	7	CLARENCE TOSHIO OUE
		11	PATRICK SHUNJI MASUTOMI
Seventh Year (2010)	May	7	SATOMI "SPIKE" TAKASHIBA
		24	FRANK TAKESHI OKAMOTO
	June	12	ANTHONY TAKESHI MIYOSE
Thirteenth Year (2004)	May	3	KIMIE FUKUSHIMA
		5	SHIZUE SAKANASHI
	June	9	DONNA KEIKO ASBACH
Seventeenth Year (2000)	May	24	TAKAO INOUYE
	June	13	FUSAKO OYAMA
		23	SHIZUO UCHIMURA
		27	SHIZUKO YAMADA
Twenty-Fifth Year (1992)	May	4	KELVIN HARUO FUJINO
		10	GARY HIDEO YOKOYAMA
	June	22	KANEME "LEFTY" UEMURA
		23	KIYO NAKATANI
Thirty-Third Year (1984)	May	2	ISAMI KIHARA
		25	SAKI UEMURA
	June	8	RIKITA MORI
		9	DAISY HARUNO SHIMIZU
Fiftieth Year (1967)	May	14	GENGO TANAKA
		16	KEIICHIRO SAKAMOTO
		20	SEIZO HIRATA
		26	MASA YAMASAWA
	June	12	TOYOKI UYEDA
		15	HAKUYO MURAKAWA
		29	JUUHEI SATO

### **Timeless Source of Gratitude**

By Bruce Y. Nakamura

It's easy to forget our connections with our parents, of where and how family, and our connections to various community and cultures have contributed to the joy of living today. When an elder tells stories of the difficulties growing up, they often fall on deaf ears. If we ourselves are given the opportunity to live through the life stages of parenting, grand-parenting, etc., we would also repeat things over and over to those around us.

The next month of May holds many important events to be honored and celebrated. The first Sunday will celebrate Children's Day with the Judo Club hosting the 9am service in the temple with speaker Tracy Brennen, a paramedic for the Waimea Fire-station and a Mochi-Pounding community event to follow. The third Sunday (5/15) is the Baccalaureate Service celebrating our graduates. While there is no regular service on 5/22nd, the last Sunday of May 29 will invite the Rev. Shinji Kawagoe of the Papaikou, Honohina, Honomu and Papaaloa Hongwanjis as guest speaker for our Gotan-E, Shinran's Shonin's Birthday Services (English 9:00am Jpnse.10:45am).

April's BWA Manju-Preparation & Sale brought many volunteers to make this fund-raising event a joyous occasion. The BWA Hanamatsuri-Buddha Day celebration was also joined by a KHBT BWA Rummage sale on April 10th from 7am-1pm. Our sincerest appreciation to all our membership and donor-friends who made this sale so enjoyable - a time of fellowship and renewing friendships in the community. To

our affiliates members and our temple volunteers who made the extra effort to extend themselves beyond the manju fund-raising project for a successful rummage sale - THANK YOU FROM THE HEART FOR YOUR KOKUA!

A recent conversation recalled by an elder nissei reminded us of the mundane hardships our parents and their parents went through growing up. No one had a car and it was common to walk everywhere they went. This example alone, from this elder reminds us that given the difficulties of situations of such times, there was nothing that **couldn't be done** to subsist and even thrive in a rural, country community. She often reminds her own children and grand-children -- **"...don't say - 'cannot do'..."** This is a timeless narrative of what seemed nearly impossible to do, yet showing us even today, things are possible if we apply ourselves. Such are not simply the repeated ramblings of "old age".

As we grow, develop and experience the unique challenges of modern life, let us ask ourselves if we repeat habits of fears and anxieties that return us to the same point in our life—Is this not a Buddhist expression of samsara—the cycle of birth-and-death bound-up by fear, ignorance and self-delusion? Let's not pass by opportunities to enlarge our worlds and deepen our appreciation to the wonders that make everyday human life joyful and amazingly unrepeatable.

I once had a very good friend whom I loved dearly like a brother. He recently passed away in his early forty's due to a congenital heart defect. He didn't know that he had a bad heart condition until it was too late. One day while jogging near his home, he simply collapsed and died.

While we worked together in the restaurant industry, he shared with me an account of his father, one of two twin brothers. Living on Oahu their mother had lost her husband and was left to care for the children.

Apparently however, she died in a drowning incident. Her children were deeply shaken by their mother's death so soon after their father's passing. They suspected that she indeed, took her own life, thinking to spare them a life of hardship and misery by her life insurance. While understanding their mother's "best of intentions", "mom" suicide" prevented the insurance benefit going to the survivors.

Parentless, the children were forced to live with relatives. As a result, from a younger age, they had to make their way in the world. Aware of the forces surrounding their mother's death, they worked even harder to make a better life for themselves and the rest of their family. There wasn't a day when the children didn't remind themselves to learn from this tragic life – lesson. This bitter-sad memory always defining a mother's tragic memory amazingly translated into this young man's life to one of loving-kindness.

Real life indeed, is stranger than fiction. The lives surrounding his own became a timeless source of gratitude. They grounded him, inspiring courage and joy in his professional, social and personal life. A beloved "friend and brother's young life" ended in his early forty's. And though he did not outwardly identify with Buddhism or the Nembutsu teaching, that most cherished life was firmly rooted in the joy of great compassion.

We can approach, understand and appreciate the various meanings behind myth and even real-life stories. When we open up to a larger picture to life's narrative with a "bird's-eye view to the many faces of the human story, we build upon the strength and confidence of self awareness as a foundation - a basis for critical thinking, curiosity, education, reflection and gratitude - in other words, education of the "ego".

We must live in a world that braves our unique, yet, diverse human stories. That awareness of diversity also opens up ways that makes us genuinely human and more sensitive to others' unique stories, and gifts. Our conversation has no conclusion. We stand together, not separately each on our pathways—bound as one to a timeless source of gratitude in an unfolding narrative of great compassion.

For me personally, the spiritual calendar is not limited to Hoonko -- Shinran Shonin's Memorial, but in all the annual Shin Buddhist calendar, Shinran Shonin's Birthday or Gotan-E Celebration (1173-1262) is my favorite. As our Shin pathway's inspiration and founder of the Essential Pure Land Teaching (Jodo Shinshu), Shinran rejoices as the primary recipient of Amida Buddha's great compassion. Out of this deep joy Shinran transmits what he received to all who came after him.

Shinran's remarkable, even radical approach completely redefined the meaning of "universal religion". Like Sakyamuni Buddha, Shinran's vantage points bring spirituality to its most basic form of self-awareness.

Genuine religious practice can neither be self-deceptive nor cultivated for the sake of self desire. For Shinran, in Christian parley, "we are all saved or none of us are saved at all". This is Shinran's remarkable understanding of the Nembutsu - "Buddha and I are One".

We become genuinely, grateful, human beings through the selfless gift of great compassion shown to us by countless seen and unseen forces throughout our lives. Such forces continue to impact us even upon death. They do not tell us to simply do good, but to realize the limits of the good we do( as too, the profound working of our ego viz. the three poisons of greed, anger and ignorance). To awaken to the

dynamic power of compassion is also realizing the depths of our ego working; they become neither tools to strengthen our own agenda nor used to exploit others.

Subsequently Shinran says, "...we should reject this world of evil by doing good..."Wherein the larger vehicle of Mahayana Teachings emphasized 84,000 pathways to the mountain-top or supreme enlightenment, Shinran departs onto a revolutionary pathway of human self-awareness,, reflection and gratitude in the light of great compassion. I live - experience great compassion. I entrust in-and am grateful to great compassion. I share great compassion with others. Great Compassion and I are one. Namo Amida Butsu...

## **FOR YOUR INFORMATION**

By Mary Katayama

**Assistant Secretary:** The Board of Directors appointed Janet Kunitake as Assistant Secretary at their board meeting on April 13, 2016. Janet is a long time member and actively volunteers for Project Dana, office relief and many other church activities/ events. Thank you to Rev. Bruce who volunteered for the position at the annual meeting. Welcome and thank you Janet!!

**Plan to Address Hawaii Kyodan Dues:** Due to questions from members regarding assessment dues, financial transparency and fundraising activities, the Plan to Address Hawaii Kyodan Dues will be mailed to all members. This Plan was approved by the board on June 10, 2015 and given to Hawaii Island Council, Hawaii Kyodan and shared with membership at 2016 Annual Membership Meeting. The Plan addresses *Background, Financial Prioritization and Repayment Plan*. Note the financials on the Plan reflects numbers as of May 31, 2015. Current financial information should be referred to Finance Committee members; Dean Uemura, Keith Hayama or Daren Katayama. Board Officers and Directors will be able to answer your questions.

**Board of Directors Meeting:** Members of Kona Hongwanji is always invited to attend board meetings. The Board meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of even months (February, April, June, August, October, and December) at 7:00 p.m. Officers and Directors are elected every two years; BWA and Shinwakai presidents or their designee are board members; resident minister is an ex-officio member of the board; Advisors are appointed by board. Kyodan members are always welcomed and invited to board meetings.

**Hanamatsuri Service:** A beautiful Hanamido was decorated by Rev. Bruce with many flowers donated by members. It was energizing to see many new faces; those attending their very first Sunday service; those understanding/learning and appreciating Rev. Seibhur's informative and simple Dharma message. Thank you BWA for sponsoring this annual event and Dharma School for coordinating Hanamatsuri service, including a birthday cake and singing Happy Birthday Buddha. Mahalo to MC Norman Takeoka. Arigato to the BWA ladies who prepared and served refreshments despite their busy weekend event with manju and bazaar.

**Baccalaureate Service:** Invitations are sent to graduates whose parents, grandparents or great grandparents are members of KHBT. Luncheon for graduates will follow service. Everyone is invited. Cost is \$16.00/person. Deadline for lunch reservation is May 6, 2016. Call the church office, 323-2993 for reservation.

## **HEADQUARTER'S UPDATE**

### **CONDOLENCES**

- **Rev. Chikai Yosemori**, the 14<sup>th</sup> Bishop of Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii, passed away on April 13, 2016 at the age of 84. Rev. Yosemori served Paia/Makawao Hongwanji Mission (10/1964-8/1981) and Jikoen Hongwanji Mission (9/1981-2/1996) as their resident minister, and the State Headquarters as the 14<sup>th</sup> Bishop of Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii (3/1996-2/2007). The Hawaii Kyodan-Sponsored Funeral Service, which is currently being coordinated by the Office of the Bishop, will be held at Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin on Saturday, April 30, 2016 under the officiation of Bishop Eric Matsumoto. The visitation will start at 9:30am followed by the Funeral Service at 10:30am.

### **SOCIAL CONCERN DONATION TO THE AMERICAN RED CROSS**

Bishop Eric Matsumoto and Dean Sakamoto, Committee on Social Concerns Chair, presented a monetary donation to the American Red Cross Hawaii State Chapter, on March 21, 2016. The donation was made towards their International Relief Fund to support relief efforts for damage incurred at Fiji caused by Tropical Cyclone Winston where over 6,000 residents were placed in emergency shelters after their homes were damaged or swamped.

The donation was presented to Ms. Coralie Chun Matayoshi, Esq., Chief Executive Officer, Ms. Jennifer L. Dotson, Chief Development Officer (not in photo), and Mr. Scott Kramling, Fund Development Coordinator. The Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii have made donations in the past to the Red Cross to support relief efforts for Hurricanes Iselle and Sandy, Typhoon Haiyan, and other disasters.

The American Red Cross Hawaii Chapter will be observing their 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2017.



## HAWAII FAITH-BASED SUMMIT ON HOMELESSNESS

The IHS, Institute for Human Services, with a mission to support those who need help and to respect all people's rights to live safely and with dignity, held a faith-based Summit on Homelessness at Central Union Church on March 14, 2016, co-sponsored by the Interfaith Alliance of Hawai'i. The intention was to involve faith communities to better a) meet the needs of homeless persons on their property, b) partner with non-profit and government service providers, and c) assist ministers, who are rooted in faith, to implement best practices.

Bishop Eric Matsumoto, Social Concerns Committee Chairperson Dean Sakamoto, and Rev. Satoshi Tomioka represented Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawai'i and attended the Summit. There were two plenary sessions and four workshops. The first plenary session by Connie Mitchell, IHS executive director was entitled "The changing face of homelessness: lessons learned during these past 37 years." The second session was by Doug Chin, Hawai'i State Attorney General, and his theme was "I will give you rest: Legal issues surrounding respite and housing." Each religious organization, Buddhist, Christian, Hindu, Muslim, and Jewish, submitted its perspectives about homelessness

Rev. Satoshi Tomioka remarked, "The purpose of this summit was to share our information and knowledge so that each of us can effectively contribute to solutions to end homelessness and cooperate with other religious organizations, volunteer groups, and government entities. As I work as a minister of Hongwanji and encounter people who are suffering from drugs, alcohol, low income, traumatic experiences, difficult family and human relationships, and loss of loved ones, I face the reality of suffering in Hawai'i. As I see people suffer, my attention to suffering has broadened to not only people I know in Hongwanji but also in the larger community. Homelessness is an ever-growing issue in Hawai'i. Some questions that came to my mind, as a minister, as a Buddhist, as a person who listens to the teachings of Amida Buddha, were 1) Do I want to end homelessness? 2) What can I do? My answer to question 1 was YES. Then, what can I do to contribute to solutions to end homelessness? This summit on homelessness was a great opportunity to learn the facts and information about how we can work together beyond the differences of faith. What we can do is learn about available shelters, services, and organizations for homeless in our community, and we can donate needed items. Amida Buddha's compassion is expressed as **"Your suffering is my suffering. Your happiness is my happiness."** Once we are touched by such compassion, we naturally let our own compassion, love, kindness and smile erupt to those who suffer and those who need kindness. Our happiness never decreases by being shared."

***(\*\*Buddhist Perspective on Homelessness submitted by HHMH Social Concerns Committee is posted on the Temple's Bulletin Board.)***

## CALENDAR COMMITTEE

The HHMH Calendar Committee would like to invite the Hongwanji members and friends to provide creative works of art for the 2017 Hongwanji Calendar. The official announcement from the Calendar Committee is forthcoming. Please encourage each other and your various temple organizations to start thinking about ideas to submit your works of art such as photos, drawings, and poems. The Hongwanji theme and Slogan for the year 2017 is **"Embrace Change: Action (Open Communications)"**.

## **YESS CAMP 33**

This last March, from the 19th to the 21st, many a teenager or younger went to YESS Camp 33. For those that don't know, "YESS" stands for "Young Enthusiastic Shinshu Seekers." This camp's theme was "Through the Mirror," encouraging everyone to reflect upon themselves and what they want to do in the future.

However, there did surface a problem right before the camp started. It was slated to be held at Camp Timberline, which was close to a brush fire located just under the camp. Timberline was forced to divert their water sources to help quell the fire. Therefore, camp could not be held at Camp Timberline this year and the YESS Camp crew needed to think on their feet to avoid disappointing the many "young enthusiastic shinshu seekers." And they did. In a marvelously done improvisation, the staff quickly switched the camp to take place at Buddhist Study Center. There, camp ran very smoothly; even with that last minute change. Good job on them!

As for activities, we were all divided into two groups that would serve to act as teams for the weekend. We participated in many events like skit making to field games, meeting new friendly faces in the process! Oh, and the food. The food was good too.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Trent Terada

## **BWA CORNER**

by Linda Nagai

A great huge MAHALO to everyone who helped with our annual manju making this year. There were so many hands that we finished quite early, it seemed as though we ate our lunch and worked for just a little while longer and all manju was done. Thank you to the hard work of our BWA members, friends and family the manju making went on like a well-oiled assembly line. A special thank you to Mary Katayama, Norma Matsumoto, Betty Takeoka, Molly Takashiba, Sanae Matsumura, Laureen Byars, Colin Byars, Morris Nagata, Norman Takeoka, and Alan Matsumoto who are always there to help out. Especially the men, we are so thankful for your muscles, handling the heavy baking pans Thank You, Thank You. Thank you also to Tiffany Kaneko who jumped in and assisted we are so thankful for young hands. Thank you to Rev, Bruce for decorating the Hanamido for us then joining us in the kitchen to help with manju making. And Thank you so much to Kona Transportation for the annual transporting of our An from Hilo. Our successful manju project couldn't have materialized without everyone's help.

A great huge MAHALO also to those who donated items for our White Elephant Rummage Sale items that you donated that were amazing, which made our first ever joint attempt to assist paying down our past assessments a huge success. Our joint efforts raised about \$1,100. Thank you to Claudia Chang who rallied all the affiliate Youth organizations (Jr. YBA, Dharma School, Judo Club, Taiko, Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts), to the Shinwakai, BWA and Rev. Bruce for organizing and setting up for the sale. Thank you to Jim Miller for helping with the collection, setting up and many more things you did when we weren't looking. Glenn Hirowatari and his Cub Scout group Tyrus & Jace Takimoto, Lynn and Joey Guzman, Colin and Laureen Byars thank you so much for the clean-up and set up of the Social Hall.

Mahalo Rev. Siebuhr for your wonderful, humorous, and inspiring Buddha Day message.

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](http://www.hawaiiBWA.org/Student_Exchange/student_exchange.htm). Deadline for application is October 31, 2016.

## **CUB SCOUTS PACK 12**

### **Makahiki Pinewood Derby**

Cub Scouts braved the wee hours of the morning to travel all the way to Hilo to participate in the Aloha Council Makahiki at the Edith Kanakaole Tennis Stadium. This year's Makahiki featured all the Districts on the Big Island which includes, Kona District, Hamakua/Kohala District and Pukahi District (Hilo). Each district had their individual derby run off. Our Cub scouts did great in the Kona runoff. Congratulations to our scouts who placed: Conlan Okagi – first place overall and first place Wolf division, Blake Wicklander – second place overall and Jack Ningeok-Ross came in fourth place overall. Dylan Keawe Aiko came in second in the Webelos division and Ezra Green came in first in the Tiger division

## **Picnic – Cast Iron Cooking**

Excellent food, loads of fun and great company. We had an awesome family day at the beach at Old A's.

Thank you to our Webelo Den Leader Dee Ono who along with parents Ben and Jennifer Ningeok-Ross, they planned several dishes to be cooked with a cast iron skillet, pot or cast iron Dutch oven. Potatoes were seasoned with Cheese, bacon and butter then wrapped with foil and placed in a cast iron skillet and cooked over charcoal. Scouts helped to cut up chicken thighs and measured the seasoning to make Shoyu Chicken (cooked in a cast iron pot). The best of all, the scouts prepared a dessert. Croissant dough sprinkled with cinnamon, sugar and butter, rolled and placed on top of fruits (cooked in a dutch oven surrounded by charcoal). Of course we also had the standard picnic fixings too. Thanks to Cub Master Glenn for making hot dogs and chili. While the food was cooking, all the kids headed to the ponds to have fun in the sand and water. All those play time built up their appetites.

After our delicious lunch we had a visit from the Easter Bunny. The Scouts and siblings had so much fun picking up plastic eggs filled with goodies. Everyone also had a chance to color eggs.

**REMINDER:** MAKAHIKI FUNDRAISER. Still ongoing till April 30<sup>th</sup>.

**Please Kokua by purchasing “Makahiki Discount Card(s) from the Cub Scouts of Kona Hongwanji Mission you may call Cub Master Glenn Hirowatari 322-2278 for immediate assistance. This year the “Makahiki Cards cost \$12.00 each which comes with a multitude of discount to different area business like McDonalds, Jack in the Box, KTA, HPM just to name a few.**

## **Hanamatsuri/Rummage Sale**

Pack 12 participated in this year's Hanamatsuri rummage event held in the Social Hall. Pack 12 parents donated and purchased rummage items. Cub Master Glenn Hirowatari, Lynn Gusman and Wayne Sakamoto helped in the hall.

## **Upcoming Events:**

May 21 – tentative - Advancement Night  
June 3 & 4– Kona/Hamakua/Kohala Cub Scout Day Camp – Konawaena High School  
June 11 – Tentative participation - Kamehameha Day Parade

## **CONDOLENCES**

Mr. Toshio Shirai of Capt. Cook passed away on February 24, 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**

Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Komo, Social Concerns  
Mr. & Mrs. Gilbert Kaneko, Dharma School  
Ellen Nishikawa, Dharma School and Boy Scouts  
Rev. Jiko Nakade, In Appreciation for Hosting HAIB Buddha Day  
Mr. & Mrs. George Nakamoto, Spring O-Higan Service  
Amy Okuno, In Memory of father, Isami Okuno's 17<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
Leatrice Saito, Special Services  
Tomie Honda, In Memory of Mr. & Mrs. Clarence Murata  
Nobuko Aoki, In Memory of 25<sup>th</sup> year Anniversary for Thelma Aoki and Aunty Matsue Hirano  
Mr. & Mrs. Bert Maedo, Spring O-Higan Service

Total - \$775.00



**Acknowledgements Continued:****MEMORIAL SERVICES**

Dick Egami, In Memory of Yasuki & Tatsuyo Nakagawa  
Jerry Egami, 1<sup>st</sup> & 33<sup>rd</sup> Year Memorial Services for the Nakagawas  
Mr. & Mrs. Zane Fujimoto, 1<sup>st</sup> Year Memorial Service for Aunt Tatsuyo Nakagawa and 33<sup>rd</sup> Year Memorial Service for Uncle Yasuki Nakagawa  
Kenji Fukumitsu & Family, In Memory of Tatsuyo & Yasuki Nakagawa  
Mr. & Mrs. Yasuo Fukumitsu, Memorial Service In Memory of 1<sup>st</sup> Year Tatsuyo Nakagawa and 33<sup>rd</sup> Year Yasuki Nakagawa  
Mr. & Mrs. Richard Hiraishi, In Memory of Mom, Tatsuyo Nakagawa  
Mr. & Mrs. Richard Hiraishi, In Memory of Dad, Yasuki Nakagawa  
Janet Lindner, In Memory of Uncle & Aunt Nakagawa  
Elaine Nakagawa, In Memory of Yasuki Nakagawa & Tatsuyo Nakagawa  
Jimmy, Mary Wade, Robert & Miki Nakagawa, In Memory of Yasuki & Tatsuyo Nakagawa  
Patsy Nakagawa-Jackson, In Memory of Tatsuyo Nakagawa & Yasuki Nakagawa  
Dennis & Molly Nakano, In Memory of Tatsuyo & Yasuki Nakagawa  
June Nakata, In Memory of Yasuki & Tatsuyo Nakagawa  
Mitsue Oshima, 1<sup>st</sup> Year Service for Tatsuyo Nakagawa & 33<sup>rd</sup> Year Service for Yasuki Nakagawa  
Norman Sakata, In Memory of Yasuki "Aki" Nakagawa and Tatsuyo Nakagawa  
Lillian Yamamoto, In Memory of Tatsuyo & Yasuki Nakagawa

Total - \$1,085.00

**HAKASOJI and NOKOTSUDO**

Mr. & Mrs. Wally Ichishita	Mr. & Mrs. Sadayuki Nouye	Ellen Nishikawa
Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Komo	Mr. & Mrs. Carl Matsubara	Molly Takashiba
Doris Nozaki	Martha Nakamoto	Wilfred Tabata
Mr. & Mrs. Francis Iwamoto	Mr. & Mrs. George Nakamoto	Fujie Ichishita
Nancy Katayama	Satsuko Matsuoka	Amy Okuno
Leatrice Saito	Yaeko Shiotsuka	Chikaharu Saito
James Sato	Nobuko Aoki	LeeAnne Sako
Tomie Honda, In Memory of Sakae Honda and Mr. & Mrs. Keijiro Matsumoto		
Tomie Honda, In Memory of Mr. & Mrs. Iwaki Honda, Mr. & Mrs. Sahei Matsumoto and Harry N. Honda		

Total - \$1,025.28

**JIHO**

Mr. & Mrs. Sadayuki Inouye	Mr. & Mrs. Gilbert Kaneko	Ellen Nishikawa
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