

# KONA HONGWANJI BUDDHIST TEMPLE



**E - JIHO**  
**April 2017**



**Theme & Slogan 2017: Embrace Change: Action (Open Communication)**

## **HANAMATSURI SERVICE**

**Sunday, April 9, 2017 at 9:00 a.m.**

Special Guest: M. E. Meg Greenwell

Sponsored by 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 will be decorated by Rev, Bruce Nakamura

Drop off flowers in Conference Room on Friday, April 7<sup>th</sup> by 5:00 p.m.

## **QUIZ BOWL**

**Sunday, April 23, 2017 at 1:00 p.m.**

**Kona Hongwanji Social Hall**

Contact Betty Takeoka for more information

## **CHILDREN'S DAY SERVICE**

**Sunday, April 30, 2017 at 9:00 a.m.**

Mochi Tsuki following service—Sponsored by Judo Club

## **Services Scheduled for May**

**Baccalaureate Service**---Sunday, May 7, 2017 at 9:00 a.m.

Sponsored by the Jr. YBA

**Gotan-E Service**---Sunday, May 21, 2017 at 9:00 a.m.

Speaker: Reverend David Fujimoto

Sponsored by Shinwakai

**Memorial Day Service**---Monday, May 29, 2017 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](mailto:konahongwanji@twc.com)**

**Rev. Bruce - [brucejunshin@gmail.com](mailto:brucejunshin@gmail.com)**

## APRIL

2 Sunday ...	9:00 AM ...	English Family Service
	-----	Judo Club Fishing Tournament
5 Wednesday ...	9:30 AM ...	Service @ Hualalai Regency
	11:00 AM ...	Service @ Life Care Center
8 Saturday ...	-----	BWA Manju Baking
9 Sunday ...	9:00 AM ...	Hanamatsuri
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 – Joint Birthday/Memorial
19 Wednesday ...	7:00 PM ...	Round Table Forum
23 Sunday...	9:00 AM ...	English Family Service
	1:00 PM ...	Quiz Bowl
25 Tuesday ...	9:00 AM ...	Preschool Temple Visitation
30 Sunday ...	9:00 AM ...	Children's Day Service
	10:00 AM ...	Mochi Pounding

## MAY

3 Wednesday ...	9:30 AM ...	Service @ Hualalai Regency
	11:00 AM ...	Service @ Life Care Center
7 Sunday ...	9:00 AM ...	Baccalaureate Service
	11:00 AM ...	Baccalaureate Luncheon
12 Friday ...	8:30 AM ...	Senior Activity Program
13 Saturday ...	2:00 PM ...	Rengo Meeting @ Puna
14 Sunday ...	9:00 AM ...	English Family Service – Joint Birthday/Memorial
17 Wednesday ...	7:00 PM ...	Round Table Forum
21 Sunday ...	9:00 AM ...	Gotan-E Service
26 Friday ...	-----	Preschool Prep for Graduation Program
	6:00 PM ...	Preschool Graduation Program
28 Sunday ...	9:00 AM ...	English Family Service
29 Monday ...	9:00 AM ...	Memorial Day Service
30 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 TUESDAY ADULT'S 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 MARCH and APRIL

First Year (2016)	April	3 10	DORSEY T. ITO MARION Y. HARADA
Seventh Year (2011)	April	11 21	RONALD ALLEN LINDNER NELLIE K. KAMIGAKI
	May	25	HAROLD TOSHIO HAYASHIDA
Thirteenth Year (2005)	May	17 23	KIKUE YAMATO DANIEL MANABU HARANO
Seventeenth Year (2001)	April	24	RICHARD T. AOKI
Thirty-Third Year (1985)	April	14	TSUYU TSUKAHARA
	May	20	HARU NAGAMINE
Fiftieth Year (1968)	April	14	THOMAS S. OKUNA
	May	31	SEN TAKENAGA

## FOR YOUR INFORMATION

By Mary Katayama

### **President Morris Nagata's Message**

**HAIB :** The 5<sup>th</sup> Buddha Day Service held on Sunday March 17, 2017 was a huge success due to many volunteers from Daifukuji Soto Mission and Kona Hongwanji who worked hard in planning, coordinating and implementing the service. Thank you to guest speaker, Bishop Eric Matsumoto, Rev. Jiko; Rev. Bruce; Miles Okumura and his Dharma Band. Special thanks to MC Dean Uemura who always does a great job with humor in unforeseen conditions.

**Spring Seminar:** On March 17 and 18, 2017, Hilo Betsuin sponsored Seminar, *"Rhythms of Great Compassion: Seasons of Life and Death"*. Speaker was Dr. Mark Unno, Associate Professor at University of Oregon. Rev. Bruce attended both Friday evening and Saturday lectures. Betty Takeoka, Mildred Kaneko and Mary Katayama attended on Saturday.

**Scholarships:** High School Seniors please note 3 scholarships posted on bulletin board in the Printing Room. They are: 1) Kona Hongwanji BWA; 2) Hawaii Island United Hongwanji BWA and 3) Hilo Buddhist Friendship Society. Detail information provided in each scholarship. Children of KHBT members should review and encouraged to apply.

### Other Information

**Message from Bishop Eric Matsumoto:** 2017 Legislative Assembly Special Presentation on **'Becoming A More Dharma Centered Organization'**. This article was printed in the March 2017 Headquarters Update. Full text is posted on bulletin board in Conference Room. Copies may be obtained from church office.

**Membership Survey:** Please return the survey to the office as soon as possible. The committee needs your input in spreading Dharma messages to you, our members. **Your suggestion is very important!**

**Project Dana:** 35 people were in attendance at the **"Fall Prevention Workshop"** held on Friday, March 10, 2017 in the social hall. Mike Hirano, Home Safety Coordinator with Project Dana very helpful, useful information in preventing falls, not only for the elderly but for people of all ages. His presentation along with a video kept everyone interested and asked questions. Woody Kita, Big Island Project Dana Coordinator, members from KHBT and Daifukuji Soto Mission were in attendance. Elaine Nakagawa, Janet Lindner and Janet Kunitake coordinated refreshments and lunch. Mahalo to these three ladies who are Project Dana volunteers who coordinate refreshments each month.

**2017 Hongwanji Calendar:** Thanks to members who ordered and received their 2017 Calendars which are free to our members. For your information additional 2017 Calendars are available in office, contact Judy if you are interested in receiving one. Every month are beautiful pictures from statewide Hongwanji temple activities. **You are encouraged to place your order for the 2018 Calendar with Judy.**

## **HEADQUARTERS UPDATE**

### **A WAY OF LIVING AS A NEMBUTSU FOLLOWER**

Buddhism began when Sakyamuni attained enlightenment and became a Buddha about 2500 years ago. In Japan, Buddhism was originally referred to as the Buddha Dharma. The Dharma here refers to the true reality of how the world is and the nature of humanity itself. It is the universal truth that transcends both space and time. The one who awakens to this truth is called a Buddha, and the teaching of the Buddha is the wisdom that teaches us how we can live, while dealing with many anxieties and sufferings we may experience in life.

Buddhism describes the true reality of this world and humanity using such phrases as 'impermanence' and 'dependent origination.' 'Impermanence' refers to the fact that everything changes moment by moment. On the other hand, 'dependent origination' explains that all things and phenomena are interconnected with one another, which bring about various causes and conditions that then give another set of causes and conditions and so on and so forth. Therefore, in this world we cannot find an unchanging and fixed 'self.'

However, we are unaware of this reality and thus we try to find some unchanging and fixed entity we call the self. This mindset is the basis of our egocentric way of thinking in which we judge things whether they are beneficial to us or not, or whether we like something or not. As a result, we suffer when things do not turn out as we like and we become hostile to each other, thus confining ourselves to a bitter reality where we cannot truly be free. In Buddhism, this self-oriented tendency is expressed as 'ignorance and blind passions,' which are the very reason we are deprived of our liberty and bound to this world of suffering. Ignorance and blind passions are represented as greed, anger, and foolishness also known as the 'three poisons.'

Shinran Shonin pursued religious practices for 20 years on Mount Hiei with the hope to attain enlightenment by conquering his blind passions. However, being aware of the depth of human desires which are irremovable by religious austerities, he descended Mount Hiei and under the guidance of Honen Shonin, finally encountered the salvific working of Amida Tathagata. Amida is the Buddha who not only wishes for but is actually working in accordance with the wish to save and guide to supreme enlightenment, all living beings who are in the midst of constant worries and distress. The Buddha's Wish, or the Primal Vow, declares that Amida's Great Compassion embraces us all as we are, as beings filled with selfish attachments and blind passions. However, even in encountering such all-inclusive salvific working, because of our own fathomlessly deep egocentric mindset and desires, we still cannot wholeheartedly entrust ourselves to the Buddha's Great Compassion. How sad this truly is.

By listening to the Primal Vow and how it was established by Amida Tathagata, we are enabled to become conscious of our own ignorance and self-oriented inclinations, and through such awareness, we naturally become gentle in word and deed in our efforts of minimizing our egoistic way of thinking. For example, with regard to how we live our lives, we "learn to be content without wanting too much" and with regard to how we may treat others we "associate with people using gentle expressions and kind words." Even though our efforts may pale in comparison to the Buddha's Compassion, we are at least guided in the proper direction by the Buddha Dharma. Shinran Shonin clarifies this in his letters addressed to his followers, one of which states, "There was a time for each of you when you knew nothing of Amida's Vow and did not say the Name of Amida Buddha, but now, guided by the compassionate means of Sakyamuni and Amida, you have begun to hear the Vow. Formerly you were intoxicated with thoughts of greed, anger, and foolishness, but since you have begun to hear the Buddha's Vow you have gradually awakened from the drunkenness of ignorance, rejected the three poisons, and have come to prefer the medicine of Amida Buddha at all times." This is a stern admonition we should humbly receive.

In today's world, there is an endless list of difficult global issues that are directly related to the existence of humanity such as terrorist attacks, armed conflicts, widening economic gap, global warming, mishandling of nuclear waste, and violation of human rights through discrimination. Such are the result of our ignorance and blind passions in which we fail to see the true nature of ourselves. It is indeed true that we are imperfect with our selfish desires and cannot act in complete purity like the Buddha can. However, by trying to live according to the Buddha Dharma, let us make an effort to consider other peoples' joy as our own, as well as other peoples' suffering as our own. In this way, we can live to the best of our ability, aspiring to live up to the Buddha's Wish.

I will endeavor to share Amida Tathagata's Wisdom and Compassion through simple and clear language with as many people as possible regardless of nationality and ethnic background. Let us encourage everyone to act in accordance with the Buddha's Wish in an effort to create a society in which everyone can live a spiritually fulfilled life. In the hopes of creating a joyous world, let us continue moving forward by putting these words into action and together walk on our path to the truth.

October 1, 2016

Monshu OHTANI Kojun  
Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha

## **JINJI – MINISTERIAL ASSIGNMENTS**

**Reverend Jeffrey Soga**, currently serving at Honpa Hongwanji Hilo Betsuin as Rimban (Chief Minister), will be transferred to Waipahu Hongwanji Mission as its resident minister and Waianae Hongwanji Mission as its oversee minister as of May 1, 2017.

**Reverend Shindo Nishiyama** will be assigned to Honpa Hongwanji Hilo Betsuin as its Acting Rimban as of May 1, 2017. He will continue to serve at Jikoen Hongwanji Mission as its resident minister.

## **STATEMENT BY HONPA HONGWANJI MISSION OF HAWAII OFFICE OF THE BISHOP AND COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL CONCERNS ON THE PRESIDENTIAL EXECUTIVE ORDER ON REFGREES AND IMMIGRATION**

On January 27, 2017, the Office of the President of the United States of America issued an executive order that severely restricts immigration from seven predominantly Muslim countries of Iran, Iraq, Libya, Somalia, Sudan, Syria, and Yemen. The order also suspends all refugee admission to the United States for 120 days and bars all Syrian refugees indefinitely.

The Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii expresses its concern that such action, temporary or otherwise, appears to ban a class of people based on religion and/or nationality and is not consistent with the values upon which the United States of America is founded. Such action which applies in a blanket manner to those of the Muslim Tradition raises fear that history is repeating itself. Many people of our own Buddhist religious tradition, because of the ethnicity and nationality of a large portion of our members, experienced discrimination and incarceration following an executive order during WW II.

While we understand the importance of reducing terroristic threats through stricter screening procedures for entry into the United States, our government should not isolate and target entire groups based on religion, ethnicity, and/or nationality. It is the belief of the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii that our own security as a nation is inextricably linked with the security of peoples around the world. Our policies should help relieve the suffering of all people, including those of Muslim-majority countries.

Guided by Wisdom and Compassion, may we as individuals, communities, and a nation refrain from actions that cause divisiveness and instead act in ways that lead to peace, harmony, and safety for all peoples.

## **A SPIRITUAL RESOURCE FOR FAMILY & THEN SOME**

by Bruce Y. Nakamura

The third Wednesday, of each month from 7-8:30pm: "How to be a Spiritual Resource for Your Family" continues. Readers and friends shall be informed in the monthly Jiho newsletter for any changes.

April is coming about quickly. With the season of Spring with the Higan-Equinox season, we thank Rev. Alan Urasaki and family who joined Kona Hongwanji Temple and sangha for the 2017 Spring Higan.

The 42nd Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii Living Treasures Program was held on February 11th, 2017 at the Coral Ballroom, at the Hilton Hawaiian Village. Roy Sakuma; Nobuko Kida; George Yokoyama; Bishop Ryokan Ara; and Beatrice "Beadie" Kanahale Dawson were honored for their **sustained contributions** toward **enriching** our society. They reflect a long line of awardees who **preserve** and **perpetuate** the **cultural** and **artistic** heritage of our islands' State.

George Yokoyama: "At age 88 I am so joyful working for others - celebrating people helping people!..."

Roy Sakuma: "...our youth requires that (the ukulele) to grow and share it with others...No matter how much love is in our hearts, it never stops growing..."

Bishop Ryokan Ara: "Do not neglect the lives spent so well before us...Hundreds of lone men came to work in the Territory of Hawaii; No apparent legacy was left behind for those who came after they were gone. I have cherished the desire to honor and pray for their life-sacrifices and memories remembered through the Toro-Nagashi on Alawai Canal. My work is not done. I continue to spread the life-stories of the 1st-2nd-3rd generation Japanese Americans who came from all over the world to America and Hawaii.

Beatrice "Beadie" Kanahale Dawson: "How precious this present moment...When you receive gifts, don't waste it - share it and run with it..."

Nobuko Kida, flower Arrangement Master-Teacher of over 50 year for Ikenobu-Ikebana where her flower art-forms continue "revealing perfection in imperfection". Sensei Nobuko Kida continues to ***uplift*** the mastery of Ikebana from masters in the field. At the same time she ***shares the highest excellence of blending traditional and modern techniques... "revealing perfection in imperfection"...***

Just as in every-day living we come to experience the imperfect human beings that we really are, it is revealed to us in the light of great compassion embracing each of us as are. Such is the Nembutsu - Namo Amida Butsu" - this imperfect human heart turning about to entrust in great compassion.

In the month of April, as we celebrate the infant Buddha - Gotama, Siddhartha's Birth into our human realm over 2,600 years ago. The Buddha tells us not to worship his person, but practice and live the Dharma which he has already revealed to. Subsequently, we also turn to Amida Butsu -the timeless Teachings of the Buddha-Dharma that awaken us to the seasons of life-and-death. Yet, to live in the wondrous flow of great compassion, the dynamic Dharma delights in our joy and gratitude shared with all beings. Namo Amida Butsu...

## **FINAL APPEAL FOR HELP PLEASE?**

Dear Hawaii Island Hongwanji Members & Friends:

3-4/2017

Time is getting closer as the Hawaii Island District Minister's Association prepares for the 2017 State Ministers' June Seminar. As indicated by our first written request to the Hawaii District temples and Hongwanji Council, as need be, we would need to request a final time for financial aid from member affiliates, individual members and friends of the Island Hongwanji sanghas.

As the June 13-15 seminar draws closer, the association appeals to you for your kind financial assistance, whether it be \$5-10-15 or \$20 to subsidize the cost of said-seminar. A running donation total as of March 15 is just under \$2,000. The amount of \$4,500 has been targeted given all line items presented to the Hongwanji Council, c/o Pres. Dr. Keith Yamakawa. Please make your check out to :

HAWAII DISTRICT MINISTERS ASSOCIATION (HDMA)  
C/O SEMINAR TREASURER, REV. S. KAWAGOE  
PAPAIKOU HONGWANJI MISSION  
P.O. BOX 20  
PAPAIKOU, HI 96781

**Remarks: Donor's Name -Mailing Address Please mail your donation in by mid-May or at your earliest convenience.**

A connecting part of the event requires volunteer truck-van drivers (to be reimbursed for gas and [orei] honorarium) to transport seminar delegates & guests: **6/13, 9am from Kona Airport to Kamuela Hongwanji; 6/13pm post-dinner.:Kamuela to Mauna Lani = 6/15, 1pm depart Mauna Lani to Kona Airport.** Please let your minister know if you can assist for this important phase of the seminar. For questions or inquiry, please contact transportation sub-chairs: Revs. Shingo Furusawa or Bruce Nakamura.

Gratefully in Gassho,

Bruce Nakamura, June seminar chair

## **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 KTA Keauhou Mauka entrance. 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 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). **Jamba Juice** 10% off purchase. **HPM** (\$10.00 off \$100.00 purchase) **ACE Hardware** \$5.00 off \$25.00 or more. **Office Max** \$10.00 off \$50.00 purchase. Plus a few more

Thank you to **KTA Keauhou &** Store manager Keith Hayama and Kamehameha Investments, **Choice Mart**, Store Manager Ron Kerr & Meg Greenwell. We appreciate your continued support. Please patronize these wonderful stores for supporting our scouts. It makes it easier for our scouts to achieve their sales goal. For more information please feel free to contact Glenn Hirowatari at 322-2278.

### **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 Den Chief Bryson Dagdag (Car placement and race tracker). Line judges were Mr. Jason Ontiveros (Kona District Executive), scout parents Paul & Luana Dagdag. 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: **DJ Nonaka**  
Second Place: **Tate Basque**  
Third Place: **Jack Ningeok-Ross**  
Fourth Place: **Devin Ota**

Our Scouts will still be racing against all of Kona District at Kona Stake Center LDS in Kailua-Kona March 18<sup>th</sup> and at Makahiki on April 8<sup>th</sup> at Makaeo Pavilion. 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. Only the top 4 from each district run off at Makahiki.

Before the race we all enjoyed Pizza's (delivered by Jason Onitiveros , Kona District Executive/Aloha Council . Our Pack won a pizza party for selling the Most Makahiki Tickets last year), Doritos salad, Fresh Fruits, Cookies and Cake. Thank you to all the parents for 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. This year we will be donating a portion of our Makahiki earnings to Friends of Scouting on behalf of the Pack, that way the scout parents doesn't have to donate out of their own pockets. Friends of Scouting runs the Scouting Program at the council level.

### **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.

### **Winter Camp**

This year's Winter Day Camp took place on the Beautiful slopes of Mauna Kea. The Scouts traveled to Mana Road. The Journey began thru Mauna Kea access road and ended in Waimea. Although the trip took several hours on bumpy roads, everyone enjoyed the surroundings and the sheer open space. They saw sheeps, goats, cows and native birds along with miles and miles of various flowers. They stopped at the rangers cabin and had lunch Those that participated said it was probably a once in a life time trip and they were glad they did it.

### **Upcoming Events:**

March 18 – Kona District Pinewood Derby, Kona LDS  
April 8 – Makahiki at Makaeo Pavilion  
June 2 & 3– Kona Cub Scout Day Camp – To be determined.

## **DELIGHTED TO DROP BY!**

Dear members, neighbors and friends:

Serving Kona Hongwanji Buddhist community, I hope to enlarge our Buddhist presence and connection with membership and larger community. If you wish me to visit a loved one, relative or friend at the Hualani Regency, the Kona Life Care Center or the Kona Community Hospital, please call me at the Kona Hongwanji office at 323-2993.

If you wish a visitation to a family or relative shut-in, private care home or a phone-call to see how you're doing, please call 323-2993 or cell 987-9900. I would be delighted to drop by just to talk story and know how you're doing.

Gratefully in Gassho,  
Bruce Nakamura

## **CONDOLENCES**

Mrs. Emi Emiko Ueda of Kealahkekua passed away on February 22, 2017 at Kona Community Hospital at the age of 80.

Mrs. Matsuko Asuka of Kealahkekua passed away on February 25, 2017 at her family home 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. Brian Takahara  
Deguchi, Sally  
Christie Izuno & Justin Kawamura, Wedding Ceremony & Related Expenses  
Patrick Imai, In Memory of Herbert Imai  
Larry & Leinette Schaeztl, In Memory of Hitoshi Aoki's 72<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary, Ayako Aoki's 41<sup>st</sup> Anniversary and Marcia Ishii's 7<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
Janet Sunada, In Memory of Katsuno Sunada's 17<sup>th</sup> Year Anniversary  
Eva Takaki, In Memory of Tanizo and Tai Takaki  
Hiroki Kawabata, In Memory of Takashiba Family  
Hiroki Kawabata, In Memory of Kawabata Family  
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Yokomoto

Total - \$1,215.00

### **MEMORIAL SERVICES**

Margaret Fujikawa, 3<sup>rd</sup> Year Memorial Service for Herbert Imai  
Patrick Imai, 3<sup>rd</sup> Year Service for Herbert Imai  
Naoto & Sachi Katoku, In Memory of Masamitsu Onizuka's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
Edwin & Mary Kawane, In Memory of Herbert Imai  
Family of the Late Kimie Kuroyama, In Memory of Kimie Kuroyama  
Janet Lindner, 1<sup>st</sup> Year Memorial Service In Memory of Burton and Dorsey Ito  
George & Shirley Matsuoka, In Memory of Masamitsu Onizuka  
Claude Onizuka, 50<sup>th</sup> Year Service In Memory of Masamitsu Onizuka  
Ethel Saito, 3<sup>rd</sup> Year Service In Memory of Herbert Imai  
Minoru & Karen Tashima, In Memory of Kimie Kuroyama  
Anonymous, Memorial Service for Tomokichi Taniyama  
William B. Clark, In Memory of Gladys Asako Clark  
Carol Ikeda, Funeral Service & Related Expenses for Matsuko Asuka



### **Acknowledgements Continued:**

Janice Ikeda, Graveside Inurnment Service for Doris Nozaki  
Byron Ito, 1<sup>st</sup> Year Service for Burton and Dorsey Ito  
Yoshiko Kadooka & Family, 3<sup>rd</sup> Year Service for Sunao Kadooka  
M. Kitaoka, Memorial Service for Tom Taniyama  
Tami & Sharon Murakami, In Memory of Kazuyoshi Aoki  
Family of the Late Shirley Hisako Ogata, In Memory of Shirley Hisako Ogata  
Asayo Shirai, 1<sup>st</sup> Year Memorial Service for Toshio Shirai  
Norman & Betty Takeoka, 1<sup>st</sup> Year Memorial Service for Kazuyoshi Aoki  
Hisako Taniyama, Memorial Service for Tom Taniyama  
Taniyama, Boyle and Martines Families, 3<sup>rd</sup> Year Service In Memory of Tom Taniyama  
Total - \$ 2990.00

### **HAKASOJI and NOKOTSUDO**

Mr. & Mrs. Sadamu Koba	Sally Deguchi	Hitoshi Morimoto
Mr. & Mrs. Sueto Matsumura	Mr. & Mrs. Wally Ichishita	Byron Ito
Dr. & Mrs. James Mitchell	Mr. & Mrs. Mitsuo Nagai	James Sato
Mr. & Mrs. Ichiro Shikada	Mr. & Mrs. Yukito Takamoto	Carl Matsubara
Fumie Yoshida		
Mr. & Mrs. Lionel Tatsutani, In Memory of Yoshino Matsuyama, Hiroshi Matsuyama and Minohe & Michi Matsuyama		
Total - \$2,455.00		

### **JIHO**

Mr. & Mrs. Sadamu Koba	Larry & Leinette Schaeztl	George Sugi
Mr. & Mrs. Sueto Matsumura	Mr. & Mrs. Yukito Takamoto	Mr. & Mrs. Mitsuo Nagai
Total - \$145.00		

### **ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING, KEIROSHA & LUNCHEON**

Anonymous	Mr. & Mrs. Colin Byars	Claudia Chang
Mr. & Mrs. Gilbert Fujino	Setsuko Deguchi	Yasunori Deguchi
Aiko Ichishita	Fujie Ichishita	Hisako Hirai
Miyuki Inouye	Mr. & Mrs. Hiroki Ishimaru	Akinori Imai
Mr. & Mrs. Gilbert Kaneko	Mr. & Mrs. Daren Katayama	Emiko Kaneko
Mary Katayama	Nancy Katayama	Edna Kitagawachi
Melvin & Janet Kunitake	Nora Koyanagi	Lillian Koshi
Mr. & Mrs. Kel Kunitomo	Stanley Kunitomo	Walter Kunitake
Mr. & Mrs. Gail Masunaga	Doris Masutomi	Janet Maeda
Alan Matsumoto	Sueto Matsumura	George Matsuoka
Satsuko Matsuoka	Elaine Mitchell	Jim Miller
Mr. & Mrs. Mitsuo Nagai	Yooko Moriguchi	Linda Nagai
Mr. & Mrs. Morris Nagata	Rev. Bruce Nakamura	Elaine Nakagawa
Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Nakano	Chizu Nakamura	Chizu Nakashima
Ethel Saito	Saeko Sato	Susan Shirota
Kenneth & Mutsumi Komo	Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Sugiyama	Suga Suzuki
Norman & Betty Takeoka	Raymond & Susan Takiue	Molly Takashiba
Mr. & Mrs. Terence Terada	John & Shelley Tsue	Clara Uechi
Dean Uemura	Katy Uemura	Lilly Ushiroda
Mr. & Mrs. Kaoru Uyeda	Betty Yamagata	Janet Yanagi
Carol Zakahi		
Total - \$1,991.00		

**Acknowledgements Continued:**

**ESHINNI DAY and HAIB BUDDHA DAY SERVICES**

Offerings

Total - \$1,487.00

**CAPITAL FUND**

Mr. & Mrs. Bert Maedo  
Dr. & Mrs. James Mitchell  
Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Takiue

Mr. & Mrs. Sueto Matsumura  
Mr. & Mrs. Yukito Takamoto  
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Yokomoto

Carl Matsubara  
George Sugi

**HAWAII KYODAN DUES**

Mr. & Mrs. Bert Maedo  
Dr. & Mrs. James Mitchell

Mr. & Mrs. Wally Ichishita  
Mr. & Mrs. Ichiro Shikada

Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Takiue  
Mr. & Mrs. Lionel Tatsutani