

# KONA HONGWANJI BUDDHIST TEMPLE



**E - JIHO**  
**February 2018**



**Theme & Slogan 2018: Embrace Change: Harmony (Accept Differences)**

## **CHERRY BLOSSOM FESTIVAL**

**Saturday, February 3, 2018**

**Parker Ranch Center**

Mochi Tsuki and Mochi Making Demonstration by KHBT

For more Information and to Volunteer

Contact Morris Nagata, Alan Matsumoto or Mary Katayama

## **ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING—KEIROKAI—LUNCHEON**

**Sunday, February 18, 2018 at 9:00 a.m.**

**Service, Keirokai, Membership Meeting in Temple**

**Program and Luncheon to follow in Social Hall**

***Need Count for Luncheon by Friday February 9, 2018***

***please call church office at 323-2993 for Reservation***

**Donation for Door Prizes Appreciated—Contact Morris Nagata**

## **GATHAFEST at Puna Hongwanji**

**Sunday, February 25, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.**

Contact Betty Takeoka for More Information

No Sunday Service at Kona Hongwanji

**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)**

## JANUARY

3 Wednesday ...	9:30 AM ...	Service @ Hualalai Regency
	11:00 AM ...	Service @ Life Care Center
5 Friday ...	6:00 PM ...	Judo Club Kagami Biraki
7 Sunday ...	9:00 AM ...	English Family Service
12 Friday ...	8:30 AM ...	Senior Activity Program
13 Saturday ...	8:00 AM ...	Food Prep #1; Omigaki #3
	7:00 PM ...	Hoonko Candlelight Service
14 Sunday ...	9:00 AM ...	Goshoki Hoonko English Service
	10:45 AM ...	Japanese Service
16 Tuesday ...	10:30 AM ...	HAIB Meeting
	4:00 PM ...	PBA Visitation with KHBT Members
	6:00 PM ...	PBA dinner w/KHBT Members
17 Wednesday ...	7:00 PM ...	Round Table Forum
21 Sunday ...	9:00 AM ...	English Family Service – Joint Birthday/Memorial
28 Sunday ...	9:00 AM ...	32 <sup>nd</sup> Memorial Observance for Ellison Onizuka and Challenger Disaster
30 Tuesday ...	9:00 AM ...	Preschool Temple Visitation

## FEBRUARY

03 Saturday ...	-----	Cherry Blossom Festival @ Waimea
04 Sunday ...	9:00 AM ...	Pet Appreciation & Remembrance Service Joint Birthday/Memorial
07 Wednesday ...	9:30 AM ...	Service @ Hualalai Regency
	11:00 AM ...	Service @ Life Care Center
09 Friday ...	8:30 AM ...	Senior Activity Program
09 Friday thru 10 Saturday		Legislative Assembly in Honolulu
11 Sunday ...	9:00 AM ...	Scout Sunday
14 Wednesday ...	7:00 PM ...	Board of Directors Meeting
18 Sunday ...	9:00 AM ...	Annual Membership Meeting – Keirokei – Luncheon
21 Wednesday ...	7:00 PM ...	Round Table Forum
25 Sunday ...	-----	NO SUNDAY SERVICE
	9:00 AM ...	Gatha Fest @ Puna Hongwanji

## 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 THURSDAY AT 7:00 PM KATA CLASS  
EVERY FRIDAY AT 6:30 PM ADULT ONLY

## IKEBANA

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

## **MEMORIAL SERVICES FOR JANUARY and FEBRUARY, 2018**

First Year (2017)	February	3	FRANK YAMAMOTO
		20	ROY H. ONAKA
		22	EMI EMIKO UEDA
		25	MATSUKO ASUKA
Third Year (2016)	February	18	BURTON Y. ITO
		21	GLADYS A. CLARK
		24	TOSHIO SHIRAI
Seventh Year (2012)	February	9	YAEKO KANEKO
		10	KENNETH KADOOKA
	March	23	KIYOSHI SHIRAI
		28	YASUE SUGI
Thirteenth Year (2006)	March	3	WALLY KUSANO
Seventeenth Year (2002)	February	16	YOSHINO MATSUYAMA
		23	KICHIRO NISHIHARA
		24	LARRY SHIGEO KUKITA
	March	13	YUKIO "YAMA" YAMAMOTO
		23	YUKICHI "STEVE" ITO
		29	DOROTHY NATSUKO YANAGI
Twenty-Fifth Year (1994)	February	8	TOMOICHI KUNITOMO
		13	BRIAN KEOLA CIRIAKO
	March	26	HENRY KAZUO KIKUDA
		30	JAMES SUSUMU YOSHIKI
Thirty-Third Year (1986)	March	8	HARVEY TAKAO YOSHIMURA
		20	HATSUMI YOSHIKAZI
Fiftieth Year (1969)	February	14	MASAYUKI NAGAI
	March	9	TAMAYO KAMIGAKI
		19	FUSAE KAMIGAKI
		29	GLENN SHIBATA

## **New Year's Greeting**

At the beginning of this New Year, I would like to extend my warmest greetings to you.

Last September, I had the opportunity to visit the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii as Monshu for the first time. It was wonderful to have met with so many people at each temple, and I would like to extend my appreciation for everyone's warm hospitality.

At Hongwanji in Kyoto, Japan, from October 1, 2016 until this past May 31, the Commemoration on the Accession of the Jodo Shinshu Tradition was conducted with attendance of about one hundred fifty thousand people from throughout Japan and our overseas sanghas. Since the days of our founder Shinran Shonin, for nearly 800 years, the Jodo Shinshu teaching has been cherished and carefully handed down to us today by our predecessors. Reflecting on this, I am truly grateful to have been able to recite the Nembutsu together with many of you who took part in the services whether it be in person or through the internet.

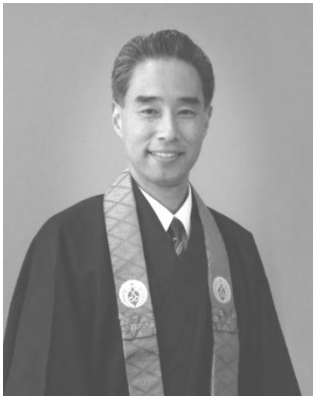
Being enabled to hear the working of Amida Buddha's voice calling to us, we become aware of our true self, in which we have the difficulty of accepting things just as they are, and being caught up in our own selfish mindset. That is why

it becomes all the more important that we continue to listen to the teaching of Amida. As we appreciate the Buddha's great wisdom and compassion, we are naturally guided to care for and aspire to live together with one another.

In this New Year, let us continue to listen to the teaching while following the Nembutsu path together with everyone.

January 1, 2018

OHTANI Kojun  
Monshu  
Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha



### Happy New Year! "The Value of Harmony"

Please let me express my warmest Aloha and Best Wishes to you for a joyous and harmonious New Year!

At the start of the New Year, let me share some Dharma sayings which have a special place in my heart. First, (slightly adapted) from "The Teaching of Buddha," *"Thousands of people may live in a community, but it is not a true community until everyone knows each other and has empathy for one another. A true community has faith and wisdom that illuminate it. It is place where people know and trust one another and there is harmony. In fact, harmony is the life and essence of a true community or organization."* "Thus, the true teaching is the fundamental requirement of a perfect organization." Secondly from Prince Shotoku, *"Let us cease from wrath and refrain from angry looks. Nor let us be resentful when others differ from us."* "We are not unquestionably sages, nor are they

unquestionably fools. Both of us are simply ordinary people. How can any person lay down a rule by which to distinguish right from wrong? For we are all, one with another, wise and foolish, like a ring which has no end." *"Sincerely revere the Three Treasures. The Three Treasures are: Buddha, Dharma, and Sangha."* "There is no age in which people cannot find the Dharma to be noble. Those who are extremely wicked are few, but when they are taught the Dharma, they can follow it. Unless they align themselves with the Three Treasures, on what basis can they correct their mistaken ways?" Thirdly, Shinran Shonin's words, *"May there be peace in the world and may the Buddha's Teaching spread!"*

Our Theme & Slogan for 2018 is *Embrace Change: Harmony (Accept Differences)* and encourages us to accept differences and live in harmony with each other, but due to our self-centered tendencies this is most challenging. However, we are being encouraged by the Buddha-Dharma. Harmony and accepting differences is not a sign of weakness or powerlessness. On the contrary, it requires deep insight and inner strength as exemplified by the Two-Headed Bird/Gumyocho (found in the border pattern of this year's calendar) that symbolizes the truth of interdependency which our 25<sup>th</sup> Spiritual Leader is emphasizing. His Eminence Gomonsu Kojun Ohtani shares *"Everything in this world exists based on interdependency. When we are not aware of this, we tend to think to ourselves that our own perspective is the only one that is right and justified. This is what causes conflicts to arise."* *"How then, do we attain peace that we seek in the world today?" "...it is necessary that we first treat others with the same care and respect that we would show ourselves."* *"The weakness of our relationships with each other is the result of us thinking about ourselves more than others."*

In 2018, nurtured by Buddha's Wisdom and Compassion, may we become more aware of the virtues of humility, self-reflection, mutual respect, non-violence, equality and harmony contributing towards a more peaceful, compassionate and harmonious world. Namo Amida Butsu/ Entrusting in All-Inclusive Wisdom and All-Embracing Compassion!

In Gassho/Anjali,  
Bishop Eric Matsumoto  
Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii

**President's Message**  
**Embrace Change: Harmony**  
**Accept Differences**

Our theme for 2018 calls us to walk the path of change in harmony by accepting differences. It is a particularly difficult time for us to walk this path while the world seems to be dissolving into divisive fragments. As we are swept by world events that seek to divide us one from the other, many feel that the development and flow of events are no longer in our control. We are simply bystanders watching human society fracture and its pieces fall away from each other. These sweeping events make us feel that our personal efforts to accept differences and live in harmony are inconsequential. How can a small personal act on my part change the course of world events? How can I make a difference?

It would be unfortunate if a world full of caring people are overtaken by doubt that one person can actually make a difference. Such doubt about the value of our personal actions surely dooms all of us to be blown about as leaves are scattered before gusts of wind.

The teachings tell us of the preciousness of life, each person's life, and the preciousness of a single act of kindness that emanates from that life. If **Namo Amida Butsu** is real and true then actions that naturally evolve from **Namo Amida Butsu** are real and true.

As we meet the tasks and events that we set for ourselves, let us take them on in the spirit of the Nembutsu. It is through the love and presence of Amida in our lives that we have these precious opportunities to bring joy into this world, into the lives of others and into our lives. So as each day unfolds in 2018, let us reflect on the opportunities that await us and review the tasks and events we have planned. With hands in gassho, let the sound of **Namo Amida Butsu** flow from our lips with gratitude that on this day, embraced by the love of Amida, we have the chance to meet those with different thoughts and feelings from us, to accept them as fellow travelers, to wish that no difficulties come to them, and that they live in peace and harmony. Let us remember the small actions we take to create harmony in the world in 2018. And let these small actions collectively speak of our sincere desire for peace.

Namo Amida Butsu  
Pieper J. Toyama, President

**For Your Information**

By Mary Katayama

**Preschool:** Preschool has a Part-Time Teacher's Aide position effective immediately. It is 4 hours a day, 1:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Please contact Preschool Director, Leanne Abe at 323-3737 if interested in the position.

**Mahalo from President:** 1) Morris Nagata is very appreciative to all volunteers who helped moving furniture and supplies from the preschool into the social hall and later bringing it back. Installation of new floor tiles was completed during winter break. Thank you to all.  
2) Mahalo to the Jr. YBA who sponsored the Annual Mochi sale on December 30, 2017. It was good to see many former Jr. YBA members who were on college break and holiday vacation to come early in the morning to make mochi and preparing Ahn the evening before.. To the many volunteers we appreciate all your help as we cooked 600 lbs. of mochi rice and made over a 1000 mochi's to sell. Everyone worked hard but also enjoyed the fellowship. Mahalo to Lynn Katayama and Lisa Ciriako for lunch, refreshments and leading the project.

**2018 Gathafest:** 2018 Gathafest will be held at Puna Hongwanji Mission on Sunday, February 25, 2018. Dharma School students, along with family and friends will be learning a new Gatha written by Daren Katayama. Betty Takeoka will help us learn the Gatha in the next few Sundays. Please come and join us, learn the Gatha and accompany our Dharma School students, families and friends to Puna. It's fun to learn and sing a new Gatha and attend the annual Gathafest.

We repeat certain habits at times unaware why we do them. We don't know where they're from or how they began. On one end, we can say if they don't hurt us, it's alright to continue; on the other, when outcomes are not what we'd hoped for, we might wonder is it somehow related to our repeated behaviors or actions?

As we begin the new year, we touch on some Japanese popular habits or beliefs. It would be nice to reflect on some old habits for review. At the same time gratitude to our spiritual source in January's Shinran Shonin's Annual Memorial or the Hoonko season renews our spiritual joy for the Buddha's kindness that does not abandon.

In the late 1970s and early '80s, my family lived in Pearl City on Oahu. I worked part-time as a bus-boy at the Pearl City Tavern evenings and weekends to make ends meet. The restaurant was known for its prime rib and fresh flown-in Maine lobsters. It was also famous for its "monkey bar" actually housing spider monkeys behind the front's thick glass pane behind the main bar.

Even before WWII began, the Pearl City Tavern was known for its prominent clientele dropped off by limousines and Town-cars enjoying the fresh main lobster kept in huge tanks. It was only by the mid-1980s with the union getting in and growing competition forcing the business to close its doors.

Another prominent feature was the human "decor." Formal kimono-clad servers - women scurrying about from guests' tables to and from the main kitchen made for quite a sight to see. Our "ladies-in-waiting" took special pride with their courteous Japanese etiquette and politeness, eager to satisfy their customers' gastronomical whims. I don't know when this formal kimono affair began but, many of the lady servers hailed from Japan and for the most part, spoke broken English.

It was also not uncommon to see a server toss salt over her shoulder just after a "poor" tipper exited the dining room. This gesture sought to "exorcise the bad luck" that came with the guest(s). Salt has its common origins, not only as a prominent spice, but also as an antiseptic agent to diminish germ growth in a wound or cut. Our Japanese kimono-clad servers' attempts to ward off bad tippers from returning were at most, self-assuring gestures in hopes for better tips.

Now the Japanese have always been known to "turn-a- phrase" or "play with words" for added effect or new meaning made for creative recitation or ritual-ceremony. For instance, the new year celebration entails eating the beaten steamed rice-cake or **MOCHI**. In Japanese, **mochi** means "to have or to be prosperous."

On a practical and social level however, the tradition of "**Mochi-Tsuki**" or mochi-pounding brings families and communities together in cooperation, mutual assistance and harmony. Today the stone or heavy cement mortar has been replaced by mechanized grinders putting out hot rice **mochi** for ritual pilings and mochi pastry folded in with bean paste. Today many cultures especially in Hawaii, have integrated this tradition into community events of celebration. Rice has been most of Asia's staple from early on. It was cultivated and domesticated by the Chinese through the course of over 5,000 years. It continues to be a figurative and literal item of sustenance to many today still, for a more harmonious community.

Other items that signal the new year celebration for renewal and prosperity are the beans or **mame** - symbolizing "good health." Dried eggs of the herring or **kazunoko** which means "to multiply" adhered to the dried sea kelp or **kobu-konbu** associates meaning to "rejoicing in gladness or happiness."

Decorating the home entrance with **kadomatsu** or bamboo-pine-plum blossom tied together by rice hemp prays to the expel any bad luck or evil - literally catching the bad spirit in this nature's mesh of greens and hemp. The plum blossoms signify the seasons' renewal into Spring bursting its blossoms out of the final snow. In the beginning of the new year, the **kadomatsu** should be turned in at a Shinto shrine for burning away any signs of prior bad luck.

Pine is an auspicious symbol of long life - synonymous with the term, **chitose** which means "a thousand years." Bamboo is also used because of its flexibility, tenacious strength and resilience, also termed - **yorozuyo** - "sustained for 10,000 years."

Whether the new year, a wedding reception or special birthday celebration, a handsome piece of sea kelp wrap - **kobu-konbu** translates as an offering of good luck as the term, **kobu** has the suffix, **yorokobu**, meaning, "happiness or gladness." For the wedding feast, a red fish - **Tai** - sea bream is served uncut blanketed by a turnip **daikon** net to cover or protect the whole fish implying it should be served whole and uncut meaning- **medetai** or, "Lasting Happiness." To cut the whole **Tai** from the start would signal a future separation or a broken marriage. Turnips expertly carved into turtle-**kame** and crane-**tsuru** symbolize "Happy - Long Life and Prosperity."

Another symbol or delicacy served at the wedding, birthday dinner or accompanying the new year **mochi** decoration **kazari-mochi** is a lobster or a cooked-steamed large shrimp crustacean. After boiling, its bent body is an auspicious symbol aspiring, "living to old age." The citrus

on top of the *mochi signifies the aspiration multiplicity or prosperity*." The offering of dried squid-**ika** or octopus **tako** signify an auspicious sea-offering by a sea creature able to move in multiple directions grasping multiple items at once. The many mentioned examples signify offerings from the sea, the plains, the forests, the valleys and the mountains bounties of the **Kami** - the myriads of gods or spiritual energies that have provided the earthy blessings in many shapes and forms.

This essay has touched upon some popular thinking of Japanese mind and habit, much of which has been forgotten in our modern times. Today, of course, though some of the habits are repeated, its symbolic meanings are less known or understood. Realistic as most of us see ourselves, we enjoy repeating these habits but, know they should not to be taken too seriously or literally. However, the popular mind, as if by impulse, clings to the so many musings and human desires for a happier, peaceful and harmonious life's journey.

Experiencing the living Buddha-Dharma, we rejoice in Shinran Shonin teachings. Truly alive, secure in the true-entrusting heart of great compassion. **Na Mo A Mi Da Butsu...or Na Man Da Bu** is our living gratitude spanning all sentience - past, present and future. May we ever begin and return to that very source of true gratitude, joy, peace and happiness...together. Na Man Da Bu...a most gracious and safe new year to you and yours as we observe our Founder's Memorial during the Hoonko season of January...

**Reference: "We Japanese - Pre- WWII (C. undated?): Japanese Superstitions; pp 27-8.**

## **CUB SCOUTS PACK 12**

### **HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!!**

The traditions of Celebrating the New Year by getting together with family and friends to welcome the New Year by having great food and playing fireworks to chase away bad spirits and forego the wrongs of the previous year. Here's to new beginnings, good health, great fortune, safe adventures and a great year of scouting!!!

### **Scout Sunday**

Please join us, February 11, 2018 at 9:00 am, for our **Scout Sunday Service** - Celebrating scouting in America!

Guest speaker: **Ms. Claire Yoshida, Principle Konawaena Elementary School**

***Refreshments will be served prior from 7:45 – 8:45am***

### **Christmas Party**

Fun, fun, fun bowling at KB Extreme....All our scouts, siblings, some parents and even Cub Master Glenn enjoyed several hours of bowling. Some scouts challenged themselves without using bumpers. They all got super excited and cheered each other on when some of them got a strike or spare. It was an awesome outing. After bowling we headed down to Old A for lunch. We had a variety of Pizzas, grilled hot dogs, corn, salad and watermelon. What a great relaxing day.

The following awards were presented:

**Mason Nonaka:** Bobcat, Team Tiger and Games Tigers Play  
**Tate Basque:** Bobcat, Team Tiger, Games Tigers Play and soccer belt loop  
**Elijah Green:** Bobcat, Team Tiger and Games Tigers Play  
**James Balanay-Kaleohano:** Bobcat  
**Rhian Dagdag:** Call of the wild, Council of Fire, Duty to God Footsteps, Howling at the moon, Paws on the Path, Running with the pack, Adventures in Coins and Wolf Badge  
**Kaius Becket:** Call of the wild, Council of Fire, Duty to God Footsteps, Howling at the moon, Paws on the Path, Running with the pack, Code of the Wolf, Wolf Badge.  
**Jayzen Hanato-Wells:** Call of the wild, Duty to God Footsteps, Paws on the Path, Running with the pack and Adventures in Coins  
**Keola Fukunaga:** Duty to God and Stronger Faster Higher  
**Devin Ota:** Duty to God, Stronger Faster Higher  
**Caiden Mireles:** Duty to God, Stronger Faster Higher  
**Ezra Green:** Bear Claws and Bear Necessities  
**Dylan Nonaka:** Aquanauts, Build-It and Stronger Higher Faster

**Prizes!!!** Congratulations Rhian Dagdag! He won a Nintendo Switch Game System for selling the most pancake breakfast tickets. Our Den Chief Bryson Dagdag was presented a Stanley Multi Tool set as a token of the Pack's appreciation. Boy Scout Dylan Keawe Aiko received a

flashlight combo set for helping out. The following won for being the highest scoring bowler in their Dens: Tate Basque (Tiger) won pliers, Rhian Dagdag (Wolf) won pliers, Ezra Green (Bear) won a flashlight combo and Jack Ningeok-Ross (Webelo) won \$ 10.00 WalMart gift card.

### **Christmas Caroling**

The residents at Hualalai Regency were serenaded by our Pack with Songs of Christmas on December 11th. Our Cub Scouts played Ukulele's while singing Jingle Bells. Our Annual Christmas Caroling brought joy and merriment for everyone there. The residents had fun singing along with them.

After the caroling was done, everyone was presented a cut out Rudolf the Red Nose Reindeer. His nose was a red lollipop.

As a special Treat for all the scouts' hard work, the pack was treated to dinner at McDonalds. Thank you Cub Master Glenn!

### **Boy Scouts of America**

**BSA announces Cubs Scouts to Serve Girls Beginning in 2018!** Soft launch effective January – May 2018. New girl scouts must have leaders to accompany group. Any questions, contact Cub Master Glenn Hirowatari @ 322-2278.

### **Upcoming Events:**

January 13<sup>th</sup> –Youth, Mental Health, 1<sup>st</sup> Responders Class - Kamuela

February 11 - Scout Sunday 9am Service

February – Winter Camp

### **CONDOLENCES**

Mrs. Asayo Shirai of Capt. Cook passed away on November 15, 2017 at her home at the age of 92.

Mr. Masaaki Sakata of Kailua-Kona passed away on December 21, 2017 at his family home at the age of 92.

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**

Kurt Meguro, Use of Facilities

Mr. & Mrs. Maurice Kameda

Nora Koyanagi, General Clean-up

Nora Koyanagi, Bodhi Day

Lane & Gail Shibata, Arick Shibata & Alison Nakata, In Memory of Tsuyoki Nakashima

Ronald Shiotsuka, In Memory of Shinichi and Yaeko Shiotsuka

Doris Sugihara, In Memory of Tsuyoki Nakashima

Mr. & Mrs. Wayne Tanaka, Preschool

Edward Aoki

Ken Love, In Memory of Hanae Nagata, Roy Onaka, Yaeko Ohata, Burt Ito and Hiroshi Matsuyama

Anonymous

Anonymous, Yearly Donation

Rev. Bruce Nakamura

Sachiko Oka, In Memory of Takeko Oka's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Mr. & Mrs. Shizuya Sakata, Taiko Group, Social Concerns and Goshoki Hoonko Candle Light Service

Hanae Yamashita, Preschool

Gary Kiriara, In Memory of Kyle Kiriara

Chiyono Kobayashi

Takeshi Kudo, In Memory of Masao Aoki and Takumi Kudo

Nathan & Cheryl Kurashige

Ed & Helen Nagata, Kenneth & Sumiko Yoshida, Harry & Linda Yoshida and Glen Yoshida, In Memory of Bernice Etsuko Yoshida's 1<sup>st</sup> Year Anniversary

Okamoto Family, In Memory of Frank & Wayne Okamoto's Birthdays December 19<sup>th</sup> and December 21<sup>st</sup>



**Acknowledgments continued:**

Suisan Company, New Year Blessing  
Shigeko Yonemori, In Memory of Nisuke Kawasaki & Family and Kimiko Yonemori  
Hanna Shirai  
Emiko Matsumura, In Memory of Matsumura & Fujino Families  
Mary Nakagawa, In Memory of my Mother, Beatrice Tomiko Segawa's 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary  
Rev. Bruce Nakamura  
Okamoto Family, New Year In Memory of Frank & Wayne Okamoto  
Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Sugiyama, Boy Scouts and Taiko Group  
Mike Kaneko, In Memory of Yaeko Kaneko's 7<sup>th</sup> Year Anniversary  
Carol Kawachi, In Memory of Grandmother, Hina Yanaga  
Okamoto Family, Jan. 3<sup>rd</sup>, In Memory of Wayne Okamoto's Anniversary  
Setsue Okuda, In Memory of Rikita & Ichi Mori  
Mitsue Oshima, In Memory of Marutani Family  
James Sato, In Memory of Masao Obata

Total - \$6,165.00

**MEMORIAL SERVICES**

Edna Kitagawachi, 25<sup>th</sup> Year Memorial Service for Takeo Kitagawachi  
Mr. & Mrs. Richard Matsumoto, Mr. & Mrs. Herbert Go, Mr. & Mrs. Akikazu Matsumoto and Mr. & Mrs. Kumio Matsumoto, In Memory of Harue Go  
Mr. & Mrs. Tatsuki Matsumoto, In memory of Harue Go's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
Dexter Nakayama, Funeral Service & Related Expenses for Wayne Nakayama  
Janis & Kenn Takauye, Inurnment Service for James and Emi Takauye  
Mrs. Satsuye Tanaka, In Memory of Harue Go's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
Mrs. Toyoko Urada, In Memory of Harue Go's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
Claudia Chang, 3<sup>rd</sup> Year Service In Memory of Kazue Aoki  
Ronald Shirai, Funeral Service & Related Expenses for Asayo Shirai  
Melvin Kadohiro, 1<sup>st</sup> Year Memorial Service for Kikuye Kadohiro

Total - \$2,094.84

**HAKASOJI and NOKOTSUDO**

Mr. & Mrs. Masamori Takaki  
Dr. & Mrs. Kevin Kunz  
Mr. & Mrs. Stanley Zakahi  
Neal Ohata

Mr. & Mrs. Clayton Nishina  
Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Sugiyama  
Pauline Ege

Hanae Yamashita  
Takeshi Kudo  
Emiko Matsumura

Total - \$650.36

**JIHO**

Matsue Taniguchi  
Mr. & Mrs. Stanley Zakahi

Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Sugiyama

Mitsue Oshima

Total - \$335.00

**DECEMBER, NEW YEAR EVE & JANUARY SUNDAY SERVICES**

Offerings

Total - \$1,552.00

**Acknowledgments continued:**

**SOCIAL CONCERNS**

Mr. & Mrs. Francis Abe  
Mr. & Mrs. Bert Maedo  
Mr. & Mrs. George Matsuoka  
Mr. & Mrs. George Nakamoto  
Rev. Bruce Nakamura  
Mr. & Mrs. Dale Shiraki

Mr. & Mrs. Sadayuki Inouye  
Mr. & Mrs. Glenn Matsumoto  
Mr. & Mrs. Michitoshi Murakami  
Rinko Matsuoka  
Mr. & Mrs. Ichiro Shikada  
Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Takiue  
Total - \$610.00

Mary Katayama  
Nora Koyanagi  
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Martha Nakamoto  
Chizu Nakashima  
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Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Sugiyama  
Patsy Nishina & Juergen Naggert

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**What is Jodo Shinshu?**

"In Zen, the practice is to "Zazen" ... to sit ... just sit.  
In Shinshu, the practice is "Mompo" to listen ...  
just listen. To open our hearts and minds truly hear  
the Buddha-Dharma."

*Rev. Bob Oshita*

## Kona Hongwanji Buddhist Temple, List of Memorial Service for 2018 - Revised

**Dear Members:** It is the Buddhist Custom that Family members observe memorial services to pay their respects to those who passed away. Through the services, the families are reminded of the importance of religious life. The role of the rites is helpful in strengthening and aiding the families to lead a meaningful life in the guiding light of Amida Buddha's Compassion. Please note the list below and make an appointment at least **Three Months** prior to the service date.

### FIRST YEAR (2017)

DATE	NAME	DATE	NAME
01/23	Egami, Sakae	02/03	Yamamoto, Frank S.
02/20	Onaka, Roy S.	02/22	Ueda, Emi Emiko
02/25	Asuka, Matsuko	04/07	Nishina, Suyeko
04/20	Matsuoka, Masae	05/22	Kurozawa, Duane Hajime
06/02	Matsuoka, Fumikichi	06/24	Takimoto, Hatsumi
07/15	Imai, Masatoshi	07/25	Fukumitsu, Kazuo
08/15	Obata, Masao	08/31	Yokomoto, Eleanor
10/17	Hasegawa, Mitsuo	11/15	Shirai, Asayo
11/21	Nakayama, Wayne Hiroji	12/21	Sakata, Masaaki

### THIRD YEAR (2016)

01/01	Ohata, Yaeko	02/18	Ito, Burton Y.
02/21	Clark, Gladys A.	02/24	Shirai, Toshio
04/03	Ito, Dorsey T.	04/10	Harada, Marion Y.
06/08	Shiotsuka, Yaeko	06/18	Venegas, Sadame
07/10	Hayashida, Melvyn T.	07/31	Saito, Chikaharu
08/28	Kobayakawa, Fumie	09/05	Nakamura, Kiyoshi
09/19	Fujimoto, Zane Z.	10/01	Tokunaga, Misae Clara
10/07	Kadohiro, Kikuye	10/17	Kawasaki, Chiyoko
11/05	Yoshida, Bernice Etsuko	12/03	Piltz, Elaine Sumie
12/11	Izuno, Toshie	12/29	Shirota, Toshie

### SEVENTH YEAR (2012)

02/09	Kaneko, Yaeko	02/10	Kadooka, Kenneth
03/23	Shirai, Kiyoshi	03/28	Sugi, Yasue
04/06	Chang, Lance Guy	04/22	Takahashi, Mildred Midori
05/14	Yamagata, Joyce Lynn	05/18	Aoki, Kiyoto
08/03	Sato, Emiko	09/28	Ozaki, Kazuye
10/27	Tadokoro, Noriko	11/05	Higashi, Kaneyo
11/11	Toyama, Guy	11/11	Iwasaki, Satoshi

### THIRTEENTH YEAR (2006)

01/06	Matsuyama, Hiroshi	03/03	Kusano, Wally
04/12	Sunada, Masao	05/23	Hayashida, Gertrude Tsuruyo
06/13	Nishina, Walter Takeshi	07/02	Sasaki, Janice Fukie
07/16	Imai, Mildred Umeyo	09/15	Kirihara, Kazuji
09/20	Ezuka, Emiko	09/23	Teshima, Masao
09/26	Fukumitsu, Yoshio	10/04	Uchimura, Taeko
10/25	Matsumoto, Eisho	10/28	Harano, Yoshio
11/06	Nagata, Stanley Noboru	11/16	Nakasone, Moto
11/19	Sakata, Sayoko Murai	12/12	Sakamoto, Richard Hideo
12/26	Nakamura, Toshiko		

**SEVENTEENTH YEAR (2002)**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>DATE</b>	<b>NAME</b>
01/02	Sakata, Shiro	01/14	Nagata, Hanae
01/16	Ishii, Tadashi	01/19	Yamamoto, Noboru
02/16	Matsuyama, Yoshino "Aunty Yama"	02/23	Nishihara, Kichiro
02/24	Kukita, Larry Shigeo	03/13	Yamamoto, Yukio "Yama"
03/23	Ito, "Steve" Yukichi	03/29	Yanagi, Dorothy Natsuko
04/17	Kikuda, Kameyo	05/07	Yamashita, Sueo
05/29	Kawahara, Miyuki	06/10	Yanagi Sr., Horace Tatsuzo
06/11	Bryant, Sadie Setsue	06/15	Aoki, Fuyuko "Jean"
06/25	Nishihara, Tatsuo	06/30	Deguchi, Helen Toyoko
07/05	Kobayakawa, Takaichi	07/07	Hirata, Tonose
07/12	Sugiyama, Clifford Masaji	08/25	Kumano, Kikue
09/17	Sato, Kazuma	09/28	Katayama, Charles Hifumi
10/11	Omori, Sumie	11/01	Harano, Sueko
11/01	Horibata, Sue Ann Shigeko	11/05	Dohi, Mildred Yoshiko
11/10	Moriguchi, Albert Masao	11/22	Nakamura, Yuichi
12/11	Yamano, Tsugiyo	12/21	Ege, Hana
12/22	Yamashita, Charles Ichio "Charley"	12/24	Iwane, Kaoru

**TWENTY-FIFTH YEAR (1994)**

01/22	Uemoto, Yoshimi	01/24	Iwanaga, Wataru
01/31	Kirihara, Alice Kazue	02/08	Kunitomo, Tomoichi
02/13	Ciriako, Brian Keola	03/26	Kikuda, Henry Kazuo
03/30	Yoshiki, James Susumu	04/20	Ishikawa, Tetsuo Ted
04/21	Kimoto, Shigeko	05/13	Izumi, (Shibukami) Shie
05/16	Ikeno, Florence Hisayo	05/24	Takeguchi, Yasu
06/06	Yamamoto, Paul Noboru	07/09	Nagata, Nelson Takashi
07/18	Kato, Kikue	07/31	Sugi, Harumi
08/07	Sasaki, Nobuyuki	08/14	Ito, Yoshio
08/21	Fukuda, Kame	09/02	Matsubara, Shigeru
09/06	Aoki, Yasuto	09/18	Hayama, Seiichi
10/06	Takimoto, Masao	10/16	Taniyama, Katsuto
10/23	Tanaka, James Masato	11/01	Inouye, Toshiko
11/20	Fukushima, Kazuo	12/03	Kawakami, Kazuo
12/12	Izumi, "Harry" "Inka" Yoshoharu	12/17	Tanaka, Amy Emiko
12/19	Takahara, Arthur Tsugio	12/24	Nakagawa, Patrick Kinzo
12/24	Matsumoto, Masao "Mummy" "Mame"		

**THIRTY-THIRD YEAR (1986)**

01/12	Tanouye, Minoru	01/28	Onizuka, Ellison Shoji
03/08	Yoshimura, Harvey Takao	03/20	Yoshizaki, Hatsumi
05/10	Yamada, Shizuko	06/03	Sakata, Matsue
06/06	Uchida, Daisaku	06/30	Oku, Shun
08/28	Iwasaki, Tsuyo	08/28	Shikada, Sadao
12/09	Shirota, Kiyoko	12/29	Okimoto, Taneyo
12/29	Shiotsuka, Mikino		

**FIFTIETH YEAR (1969)**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>DATE</b>	<b>NAME</b>
01/17	Shiraishi, Tatsuyo	01/26	Yanaga, Hina
01/30	Fukuda, Katsuko	02/14	Nagai, Masayuki
03/09	Kamigaki, Tamayo	03/19	Kamigaki, Fusae
03/29	Shibata, Glenn	05/17	Iwashita, Kuma
06/09	Asakura, Radley Keizo	06/18	Okada, Chitoshi
07/24	Matsuyama, Koichi	08/04	Tashima, Uichiro
08/07	Sato, Motokazu	10/05	Masutomi, Kaichi
10/11	Oshima, Minoru	11/01	Uchimura, Toju
11/03	Omori, Shigematsu	11/14	Kaneko, Jay Yoshio
11/21	Yamasaki, Harold		

**NOTE:** If you have any questions or corrections regarding the information listed above, please call the office at 323-2993. Thank you.

**YOU ARE INVITED TO THE  
SPECIAL BUDDHA DAY HANAMATSURI SERVICE**

If you've not been to the Kona Hongwanji Buddhist Women Association (BWA) Hanamatsuri Service, you're especially invited on April 1, Sunday beginning at 9am in the main temple. This celebration is not just for Buddhist ladies! The Baby Buddha Birthday celebration featured guest speaker is the Reverend Toyokazu Hagio, Head Minister of the Hongwanji Hawaii from Honolulu, Oahu. This year there's a new twist to this special event.

**PARENTS' LOVE - WELCOME BY INITIATION RITES**

The service begins with Welcome by Initiation Rites. This rite welcomes person(s) and families who may or may not have been to Sunday or special services before. While some may already be members per-say, all are welcomed and encouraged to uplift our shared Buddhist values as a special blessing. No matter the age, wherever one goes or does, parents' love and guidance hold a cherished place in our hearts and daily living. So much so that the epithet of the Buddha's great compassion is often referred to as "Oya-Sama - Mom-dad Hearts together as One."

**CELEBRATE GREAT COMPASSION IN SANGHA**

On this very special day of celebrating Baby Buddha's Birth, it is an auspicious and blessed occasion to welcome and bring children, grandchildren, family and friends for this special rite of welcome. Please register below and mail in or drop-off. Deadline is March 25, 2018. There is no registration fee or cost. See you there!

-----**CUT & MAIL IN**-----

Print Full Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Parent or Guardian Name \_\_\_\_\_

Parent or Guardian Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address or P.O.: \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_

Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_ Cell and E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby authorize my child or family member to receive the Initiation-Welcome Rite.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_