

# KONA HONGWANJI BUDDHIST TEMPLE



**E - JIHO**  
**April 2018**



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

## **HANAMATSURI SERVICE**

**Sunday, April 1, 2018 --- English Service at 9:00 a.m.**

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

**Speaker at both services: Reverend Toyokazu Hagio**

**Rimban at Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin**

**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.

## **Flowers Needed for Hanamido**

Hanamido will be decorated by Reverend Bruce Nakamura  
Drop off flowers in Conference Room on Friday, March 30<sup>th</sup> by 5:00 p.m

## **Services Scheduled for May**

**Children's Day Service ----- Sunday, May 6, 2018 at 9:00 a.m.**

Sponsored by Judo Club

**.Baccalaureate Service ----- Sunday, May 20, 2018 at 9:00 a.m.**

Sponsored by Junior YBA

**Gotan-E Service ----- Sunday, May 27, 2018 --- English Service at 9:00 a.m.**

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

**Speaker: Reverend Tatsuo Muneto**

Sponsored by Shinwakai

**Memorial Day Service ----- Monday, May 28, 2018 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 Joseph Gusman at 324-0708 or 896-4988.**

**To schedule services or activities**, call the church office at 323-2993 Monday thru Friday – 7:30 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

1 Sunday ...	9:00 AM ...	Hanamatsuri & Dharma Blessing
	10:45 AM ...	Japanese Service
2 Monday ...	9:00 AM ...	Preschool Temple Visitation for Hanamido
4 Wednesday ...	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 ...	English Family Service – Joint Birthday/Memorial
	10:00 AM ...	Board of Director's Meeting in the Social Hall
		Members welcome to meet the Board
18 Wednesday ...	7:00 PM ...	Round Table Forum
22 Sunday ...	9:00 AM ...	English Family Service
24 Tuesday ...	9:00 AM ...	Preschool Temple Visitation
29 Sunday ...	9:00 AM ...	English Family Service

### MAY

2 Wednesday ...	9:30 AM ...	Service @ Hualalai Regency
	11:00 AM ...	Service @ Life Care Center
6 Sunday ...	9:00 AM ...	Children's Day Service
	10:00 AM ...	Mochi Pounding
11 Friday ...	8:30 AM ...	Senior Activity Program
13 Sunday ...	9:00 AM ...	Mother's Day
16 Wednesday ...	7:00 PM ...	Round Table Forum
18 Friday ...	6:00 PM ...	Preschool Graduation Program
20 Sunday ...	9:00 AM ...	Baccalaureate Service
27 Sunday ...	9:00 AM ...	Gotan-E Service – Joint Birthday/Memorial Service
	10:45 AM ...	Japanese Service
28 Monday ...	9:00 AM ...	Memorial Day Service
29 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 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 APRIL and MAY, 2018

First Year (2017)	April	7	SUYEKO NISHINA
		20	MASAE MATSUOKA
	May	22	DUANE HAJIME KUROZAWA
Third Year (2016)	April	3	DORSEY Y. ITO
		10	MARION Y. HARADA
Seventh Year (2012)	April	6	LANCE GUY CHANG
		22	MILDRED MIDORI TAKAHASHI
	May	14	JOYCE LYNN YAMAGATA
		18	KIYOTO AOKI
Thirteenth Year (2006)	April	12	MASAO SUNADA
	May	23	GERTRUCE TSURUYO HAYASHIDA
Seventeenth Year (2002)	April	17	KAMEYO KIKUDA
	May	7	SUEO YAMASHITA
		29	MIYUKI KAWAHARA
Twenty-Fifth Year (1994)	April	20	TETSUO TED ISHIKAWA
		21	SHIGEKO KIMOTO
	May	13	SHIE (SHIBUKAMI) IZUMI
		16	FLORENCE HISAYO IKENO
		24	YASU TAKEGUCHI
Thirty-Third Year (1986)	May	10	SHIZUKO YAMADA
Fiftieth Year (1969)	May	17	KUMA IWASHITA

### For Your Information

By Mary Katayama

**Message from the President:** President Gusman thanks KHBT and Daifukuji members for assisting in set up, clean up and serving refreshments at the HAIB Buddha Day Service.

Reminder to Board of Directors, the **next board meeting** will be held on **Sunday, April 15, 2018 following Sunday Service**. Agenda for board meeting will be available in the office on Monday, April 9, 2018. Members are always invited to board meetings and questions are welcomed. Come and meet our new Kyodan president and members of the board.

**Gun Violence:** The **Office of the Bishop** and **Committee on Social Concerns** released statement on Gun Violence printed in the Honpa Hongwanji News and Announcement Section under: Categories Social Concerns. For your information the article is posted on 3 Bulletin Boards on our temple building.

**HAIB Buddha Day Service:** The Annual Buddha Day celebration on Sunday, March 11, 2018 was well attended by Buddhist and friends from throughout the Big Island. The purpose of HAIB is foster friendship and understanding among all Buddhist Groups and to organize programs for the achievement of peace and harmony for all humankind. Guest speaker Dr. Jay Sakashita, PhD, Professor of Religion, UH Leeward Community College gave a captivating, humorous and inspiring Dharma message.

**“Butsudan” or Family Shrine:** A medium size Butsudan (family shrine) was recently donated to KHBT and currently stored in the church office. If anyone is interested in the Butsudan, please contact the church office. It is well maintained and complete with items needed for a family shrine.

*The following excerpts were from Dr. Jay Sakashita Buddha Day (Hanamatsuri) presentation-talk and confirmed with textual sources. Dr. Sakashita shared a most insightful and humorous narrative on March 11, Sunday, from 9:30am in the Kona Hongwanji Social Hall.*

..Ahimsaka as a youth was sent to study under a famous Brahmin teacher. Under this famous teacher, he studied very hard and became the Brahmin's favorite student. Ahimsaka even enjoyed many special privileges at his teacher's home that other students did not, only to become the subject of their hated, jealousy. They schemed and was determined that his master turn against his most favored student. The students began spread rumors of Ahimsaka seducing his wife and boasting that he was superior to his teacher.

The day came when his teacher announced that Ahimsaka had completed his studies. Coming before his teacher, his favorite student asked the master how shall he repay his debt to him? The master replied, "bring me 1,000 fingers - each finger taken from a different victim, "- thinking, 'Ahimsaka will be killed in the course of pursuing his grisly prizes'.

Another account tells us that, Ahimsaka was cast out of his master's house, branding him an outcast among all Brahmins. As an brahmin outcast, he turned to highway robbery, even murdering pilgrims passing through the wilderness. Murdering his victims, he collected a finger from each of their right hands - hence his name Anguilimala or "Finger Necklace".

Referring to the prior rendering, it was not unheard of Ahimsaka doing whatever his teacher asked of him. According to the early Pali canon, because he was essentially a good and kind person, Anguilimala would in the end, reap the highest enlightenment.

Ahimsaka or more true to his name, 'Anguilimala' became a highway-man, killing travelers passing through the forest **While it was truly difficult at first, the more he repeated his heinous act, the easier it became.. When evil is committed over and over, it is easier to repeat without thought or reflection.** When many heard of his doings, they avoided forest travel. Subsequently he invaded homes in the night, murdering his victims, taking only fingers. Keeping count of the number of victims, he strung the fingers on strands of thin hemp and hid them in the forest trees. However, since the birds began to eat the flesh off the fingers, he began to wear them around his neck like a garland, hence, his name - Anguilimala.

Finally the villagers petitioned the King of Kosala to rid the land of this serial murderer. Fearing for his son's life Anguilimala's mother set out to find his son. The Buddha sensing all this with his divine eye - clairvoyance - understood this man had murdered 999 victims.

If he was to encounter the Buddha on this day, Anguilimala would become a monk and subsequently attain nirvana. If however, he encountered his own mother instead, he would murder her as his thousandth victim and though fulfilling his vow to repay his Brahmin master, fall into hell for millennia for matricide

The Buddha decidedly set forth to intercept Anguilimala, despite being warned by the towns-people of the imminent danger of losing his life. At the same time, the Kosala King led his army to capture Anguilimala. Anguilimala with some hesitation decided to reach his 1,000 fingers goal by slaying his own mother. In the chaos of the moment the Buddha jumped in front of Anguilimala's mother preventing his mother's murder.

*... Drawing his sword, Anguilimala charged the Buddha. Although running as fast as he could, he could not catch up with the Blessed One who was simply walking calmly ahead of him. Bewildered Anguilimala shouted out to the Buddha, "Stop!" The Buddha, retorted, "I have already stopped running! But, it is you - Anguilimala- who should stop running! (away from the Dharma pathway)"...*

When the king's army finally arrived, he saw that Anguilimala had given up his former life. Visiting the Buddha, it was revealed that Anguilimala, had become a monk of the Buddha-sangha. In fact he was sitting just a few feet away, his hair and beard shaven. The king astounded donated robe materials to Anguilimala and the sangha and returned to his palace...

### ***MINISTER ANNOUNCEMENTS - UPCOMING EVENTS***

Please join us for the 2018 Spring Higan Services on March 18th Sunday with guest speaker: The Reverend Kojun Hashimoto & Family from Wahiawa Hongwanji - 9 - 10:45am services.

April 1, 2018 Sunday, 9am. You are all are invited to the Kona Hongwanji's own Buddhist Women Association (BWA) hosted, Spring Buddha Day Celebration with a special Dharma Blessing - overseen by Reverend Bruce Nakamura with Guest Speaker: Rimban Head Minister Reverend Toykazu Hagio; 9-10:45am English & Japanese Language Services Theme: Celebrating The Baby Buddha & All Beings Birthdays Together this Most Blessed Event.

For Inquires call Bruce Nakamura at 987-9900 or office at 323-2993.

### **CUB SCOUTS PACK 12**

#### **Makahiki Card Sales**

Makahiki Card sales continues!!! **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.

#### **Cub Scout Leaders Training**

Den Leaders Caroline Damo and Shawn Rodrigues attended the Cub Scout Leaders Training provided by Aloha Council. The training basically gives ideas on how to run the Pack and den meetings. The basic motto is "Keep it Simple, Make it fun". The course also provided information on where to retrieve resource materials to keep track of the scout awards and what needs to be done to complete the rank of the scout. Thank you leaders, for all your efforts to learn more to make sure that your scouts get the most out of the scouting program. Cub Scouts do fun things with other kids! They get to wear a cool uniform, go places, and see things. They play all kinds of sports and build things, like race cars and bird houses.

#### **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 Reverend Bruce Nakamura, Richard and Cub Master Glenn. 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: **Tate Basque**

Second Place: **Caiden Mireles**

Third Place: **Rhian Dagdag**  
Fourth Place: **Calvin Ningeok-Ross**

Our Scouts will still be racing against all of Kona District at Kona Stake Center LDS in Kailua-Kona March 17<sup>th</sup> and at Makahiki on April 14<sup>th</sup> at Hilo Tennis Stadium. 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 6 from each den level will participate at the Makahiki in Hilo.

Before the race we all enjoyed a potluck dinner along with Doritos salad, Fresh Fruits, Cookies and Cake. Thank you to all the parents for setting up the tables and cleaning up after the race was done.

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

### **Thank you Corner**

Special Thanks to help of volunteer Fred Uchima & Den Leader Ben Ningeok-Ross. Fred brought his sanding machine and Ben had his cutting saw, so that the scouts can begin working on their cars. Because of their generous time and expertise they helped to start the initial shape of the car. Now it's up to the scouts and parents to do the final touches which could include adding weights and painting.

### **Upcoming Events:**

March 17 – Kona District Pinewood Derby, Kona LDS

April 2 – Egg Drop competition

April 14 – Kona/HK/Pukahi Makahiki- Hilo's Edith Kanakao'le Tennis Stadium

May 4 & 5 – Cub Scout Family Camp - Puuwaawaa

### **CONDOLENCES**

Mrs. Tokiko Sakata of Kealahou passed away on January 19, 2018 at Kona Community Hospital at the age of 89.

Mr. Isamu "Joseph" Iha of Captain Cook passed away on February 12, 2018 at the Life Care Center of Kona at the age of 83.

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**

Setsuko Deguchi

Mr. & Mrs. Roy Hayama

Maurice Kaku

Stanley Kaku

Kamehameha Schools, Use of Facility

Ken Love, In Memory of Marion Harada and Lance Chang

Lori Marcello

Burke & Karen Matsuyama, In Memory of Hiroshi Matsuyama's 13<sup>th</sup> Year Anniversary

Mr. & Mrs. Hitoshi Morimoto

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Mr. & Mrs. Lionel Tatsutani, In Loving Memory of Hiroshi Matsuyama  
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Rev. Bruce Nakamura  
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Total - \$2,415.00

**MEMORIAL SERVICES**

Dale Aoki & Family, In Memory of Brian "Buster" Ciriako  
Sidney Aoki & Family, In Memory of Brian "Buster" Ciriako  
Claudia Chang & Ohana, In Memory of Brian "Buster" Ciriako  
Lisa Ciriako, In Memory of Buster Ciriako  
Steven & Tiffany Kaneko, In Memory of Aunty Emi Ueda  
Yuki & Emi Kaneko, 1<sup>st</sup> Year Memorial Service for Emi Ueda  
Mr. & Mrs. James Lally, Bedside Service for Sally Tokiko Nakayama  
Burke & Karen Matsuyama, In Memory of Yoshino Matsuyama's 17<sup>th</sup> Year Memorial Service  
Chizu Nakashima, 25<sup>th</sup> Memorial for Brian Ciriako  
Jenny Nakashima, 25<sup>th</sup> Year Service In Memory of Brian "Buster" Ciriako  
Wally Nakashima, In Remembrance of Buster Ciriako  
Pelekane Ohana, In Memory of Buster Ciriako's 25<sup>th</sup> Memorial  
Mr. & Mrs. Lionel Tatsutani, In Loving Memory of Yoshino Matsuyama's 17<sup>th</sup> Year Memorial Service  
Arnold & Lynn Tokuyama & Family, In Memory of Brian "Buster" Ciriako  
Edwin Ueda, 1<sup>st</sup> Year Service for Emi Ueda  
Mr. & Mrs. Glenn Yano, 25<sup>th</sup> Year Memorial Service in Loving Memory of Brian "Buster" Ciriako  
Clark Family, In Memory of Gladys Asako Clark  
Jane Iha, Funeral Service & Related Expenses for Isamu "Joseph" Iha  
Mr. & Mrs. Melvin Kunitake, 3<sup>rd</sup> Year Service for Gladys Clark  
Nishihara Family, Memorial Service for Kichiro & Tatsuo Nishihara  
Elaine Okura, Funeral Service & Related Expenses for Tokiko Sakata

Total - \$4,760.00

**HAKASOJI and NOKOTSUDO**

Mr. & Mrs. James Fujimoto  
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Total - \$205.00

**ANNUAL MEETING, KEIROKAI, SERVICE & LUNCHEON**

Mr. &amp; Mrs. Ernest Fujikawa

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Total - \$1,791.00

**ESHINNI - KAKUSHINNI DAY and HAIB BUDDHA DAY SERVICE**

Total - \$1,229.00

**CAPITAL FUND**

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