



Makawao Hongwanji Buddhist Temple

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NO SUNDAY FAMILY SERVICE DURING THE MONTH OF AUGUST

The temple will be on "SUMMER BREAK" for the month of August. Due to the many activities and fund raisers in June/July, the temple council voted to not hold Sunday Services for the month of August, but the temple office will remain open . Office hours are Monday—Friday, 8:30 a.m.—1:30 p.m. Sunday Family Services will resume in September.

Join Us For Our First Sunday Service in September

September 3 is First Sunday Family Dharma Service, the beginning of the Dharma School year, as well as the honoring of birthdays and memorial cycles. Peonies Refreshment Group invites everyone to dress in Hawaiian Aloha Attire like muu-muus, aloha shirts, any colorful "tropical" type clothes to begin the year of OHANA TOGETHER, ALOHA TOGETHER. Come join in the ALOHA SPIRIT.



Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii

HEADQUARTERS UPDATE

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MESSAGE FROM THE BISHOP

It is with immense joy and a sense of humble responsibility that I began my duty as the 17th Bishop of Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii. While I am fully aware that I have much to learn and that the responsibilities of this role are significant, I am also filled with an unwavering enthusiasm to serve alongside each and every one of you.



As we continue this shared Nembutsu journey, I want to, first of all, express my gratitude for the dedication and commitment you have put into your temple, district, and the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii. Thank you very much. I am humbled to be surrounded by such inspiring ministers and Dharma friends. I eagerly anticipate the opportunity to meet you and collaborate with you to share the joy of the Nembutsu teaching with people in our community.

Please know that my door is always open, and I am here to support you in any way that I can. Whether it is guidance, encouragement, or simply a listening ear, I am committed to fostering a warm and nurturing relationship within the embrace of Amida Buddha. Together with the entire Headquarters staff, I look forward to working together with you. If you are in the vicinity, please drop by to say “Hi” and visit **YOUR** HQ’s Office and Bookstore.

May our life’s journey be inspired and guided by the Wisdom and Compassion of Amida Buddha.

Namo Amida Butsu,

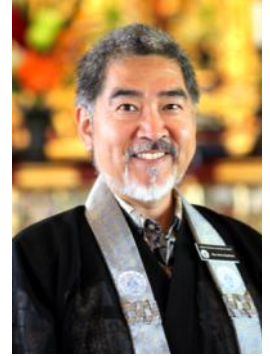
Toshiyuki Umitani

Bishop

NAMO AMIDA BUTSU

Truth of Impermanence: Old Dogs Learn New Tricks

The Buddha taught the Truth of Impermanence: all things arising from causes and conditions are impermanent, constantly changing, and inevitably come to an end—including ourselves, born as human beings. In the American cultural context, this absolutely realistic view of human existence is often perceived (or criticized) as pessimistic, morbid, and depressing, certainly not the “kind of Buddhism that makes me feel good.”



And yet, when one is brought to truly understand and accept the Truth of Impermanence, the experience is liberating and exhilarating: you realize you are free to explore, to discover, to learn, and to grow until the last moment of this unrepeatable life!

Through the working of Amida’s Vow to Save All, we are brought to receive the Faith of Shinjin, the Mind of No Doubt of one’s going forth to Birth into the Pure Land, becoming Buddha, and returning in Oneness with Amida to this human world of confusion and delusion.

On the surface, the doctrine of Jodo Shinshu Buddhism may seem like soteriological mumbo-jumbo. Our Ego-Self (ME=my ego) insists, “It cannot be real unless I understand it” But what we really means is “My Ego needs to be able to explain it if someone asks!” and often “I don’t want to make any effort to study, learn, or reflect upon spiritual growth, just make me feel happy!”

My Ego (ME) does this all the time—and I’m an ordained priest and certified teacher who should know better, hahaha! As Shinran would say, “how lamentable!”

And yet, it is my ego-centric desire to master the body of knowledge, to gain spiritual insight, to “look good” when performing ritual and ceremony, that motivated me to study, practice, and learn what is required for ordination and certification. *NamoAmidaButsu!* And it is my ego (ME) that loves to stand in front of an audience and “preach,” “lecture,” or worse, “pontificate,” about doctrinal stuff because I like to show off and be the center of attention. *NamoAmidaButsu!*

In reflection, how rare and wondrous were the causes and conditions that enabled me (1) to pursue a wild dream in my mid-50s of serving the Hongwanji in Hawaii (thank you, Mimy, for switching from “expatriate executive spouse” to “minister’s wife”); (2) to have the Japanese language and cultural skills to graduate in 12 months from the Hongwanji Seminary in Kyoto; (3) to live and work in Makawao in my 60s!

So, no matter what age you may find yourself, the Truth of Impermanence means you have the rare and wondrous opportunity to explore, to study, learn, and master something new at any stage of life. But it’s up to you to take the first step, from where you are right now, just as you are. *What are you waiting for?*

Oh, that’s right, you need the time, place, and opportunity to explore, discover, and learn! So, you’ll find Makawao Hongwanji’s educational offerings for Fall 2023 on the following pages.

Mahalo!

Rev. Kerry



During the month of July, Makawao Hongwanji Buddhist Temple was a busy place. Along with affiliates, families and friends, we looked forward to our 2023 Obon held on July 21 and July 22. It takes many days and gazillion hours of preparation and we thank everyone of you who helped. Most importantly, we are grateful to our affiliates who planned their specialties to give everyone a variety of foods, snacks, and games; to the drummers and dancers who kept the beat and our attention, ALOHA!

The yagura sparkled in the sunset, lanterns swayed in the breeze representing families of the past, children positioned themselves on the yagura as Rev. Kerry blessed this event. As the music started and the drums sounded, dancers poured into place to start the dance. It was an awesome sight.

All in all, the hustle and bustle, the scheduling of jobs, the early morning food preparation, the decorating of the yagura was well worth the effort when smiles were visible and positive comments made. However, we do realize many were disappointed when they heard “sold out.” Whether it is producing more containers of chow fun or having enough sweet treats, everything takes manpower. We will continue to do our best to keep everyone happy.

Thank you all who supported in every aspect of our 2023 Obon!

A flash from the past:

I remember as a youngster getting dressed for Obon in the Paia Hongwanji social hall. I felt excitement and joy putting on a kimono and trying to act like the stars I saw in the samurai films. I realized it was an art to walk with Japanese slippers and to wear the kimono wrapped tightly around my body. I practiced tilting my head as I walked to give a distinct but shy look like the ladies I saw on the big screen. I might have been deluged about the whole thing but I felt pretty awesome being a Japanese girl wearing a kimono, ready to enjoy the blaring loud music, the taiko drummers’ beat and the joy of having many people present. Oh, what a night!

Years passed and I no longer felt the joy to dance around the yagura. My focus now was to see friends of yesteryears. That was my “welcome home” during the summers seeing “ole friends” whom I may not have seen if it weren’t for Obon. Yes, Obon was the gathering place for those who studied, lived or worked on the mainland.

And now, in the present, the responsibility of Obon has changed once again. The innocence of just having fun at the Obon is not priority. I still feel that excitement; however, with a sense of responsibility that we come together to honor those who transitioned to the pure land.

I hope those who attended our Obon were entertained, had time to dance, enjoyed the foods, played fun games, observed the reactions of people, got together with familiar faces and felt happy and safe.

To those who joined us this year, we say *arigato*. And, to those who couldn’t make it to our Obon, please know you have an open invitation to join us next year at our 2024 Obon Festival. MAHALO!

May your day be filled with smiles, laughter and kindness,

Karen

BWA: Known as Buddhist Women’s Association (*bukkyofujinkai*), the BWA has traditionally been the backbone of the temple as an organization actively raising funds by planning and organizing the preparation and servicing of mountains of delicious foods for temple special services and events, serving the grater community as volunteers, and promoting the passing on of Buddhist values and temple traditions. Contact: Carol Yamamura

IN MEMORIAM

Makawao Hongwanji Mission extends its deepest sympathy to families that have recently lost a loved one:

Family of the Mrs. Aiko Makimoto (92) who passed away on May 14, 2023.

August & September 2023 Memorial Anniversaries

(Please call Temple Office to schedule your service—572-7229)

1st Year Memorial Service 2022

August - None

1st Year Memorial service 2022

September 22 Masako “grace” Hamai

3rd Year Memorial Service 2021

August 07 Yukie Nihei

August 12 Kinuye Nihei

3rd Year Memorial Service 2021

September 06 Yoshito Nishikawa

September 06 Hisao Yoshizu

September 25 Ayame Kametani

7th Year Memorial Service 2017

August 11 Sylvia Asae Yamashiro

August 12 Jay Satoru Murashige

7th Year Memorial Service 2017

September - None

13th Year Memorial Service 2011

August - None

13th Year Memorial Service 2011

September 09 Aiko Imamura

17th Year Memorial Service 2007

August 15 Roy Hitoshi Okumura

August 30 Hatsuyo Munekata Hayashida

17th Year Memorial Service 2007

September - None

25th Year Memorial Service 1999

August 23 Hitoshi Urada

25th Year Memorial Service 1999

September 04 Tomie Okinaka

33rd Year Memorial Service 1991

August 13 Tsugio Gary Fukushima

33rd Year Memorial Service 1991

September - None

50th Year Memorial Service 1974

August - None

50th Year Memorial Service 1974

September 21 Matsuyo Murakami

September 24 Ichi Tokuoka

Donations - Makawao Hongwanji Mission can operate only because of the generous donations from many, many people. All donations are humbly received with sincere gratitude and appreciation. IF YOU DO NOT WISH TO HAVE YOUR DONATION PRINTED IN THE NEWSLETTER, OR IF YOU WISH TO HAVE YOUR DONATION LISTED AS ANONYMOUS, PLEASE INDICATE SO BY ATTACHING A NOTE TO YOUR CONTRIBUTION. *Thank You!*

Contributions June 27, 2023 to July 26, 2023

DONATION:

Lyman and Marilyn Morikawa

Florence Sakae

Burton Onikama

Clark and Jacqueline Hashimoto

Kitchen washing machine donation – Hamai Appliance

Obon donation – Arthur Onikama, Joyce and Timothy Guillermo, Alfred Itamura, Joye

Fukuda, Allen and Janet Fukuda, Mieko and Edwin Kanemoto, Mona and Neil

Nakamura, Amy and Colin Nakamura, Celestine Uradomo, Andrew and Betty Hirose,

Calvin and Betty Shibuya, Ikeuchi family, Ronald and Rena Matsunaga

In memory of Shigeichi Karimoto – Toshio and Yvonne Kishi

In memory of Suma Masusako (13th year memorial) – Sadao and Noreene Aoyagi

In memory of Shizuko Yamamura – Ruth Yamamura

In memory of Hatsuichi and Shizuko Nishiyama – Janet Okuhama

In memory of Roy E. Onikama and Violet H. Onikama – Mr. and Mrs. Burton Onikama

In memory of Shinobu Kametani – Alvin Kametani

In memory of Toshito and Mitzi Itamura – Alfred Itamura

In memory of Toshio and Tomie Okuda (Obon) – Alan and Jane Tamiya

In memory of Harumi Ushijima – Alton and Susan Watanabe

In memory of Jay Satoru Murashige – Mitzi Yamamoto

In memory of Helen Kagehiro (Obon) – Ray and Bobbi Nakagawa

NOKOTSUDO:

Haruye and Neil Shirokane

Ronald and Rena Matsunaga

Kenneth and Debra Okuno

Marion Morikawa

Arnold and Colleen Wunder

Colbert Abe

In memory of Takashi and Chiyoko Tokuoka – Roy Tokuoka

In memory of Makiso Kawaharada – James and Jean Ogata

In memory of Patrick Hamai and Grace Hamai (Hatsubon) – Howard and Sheryl Hamai

In memory of Yoshimitsu, Yaeko, and Dennis Tanaka – Karen and Lesley Tanaka



OFUSE:

Funeral service for Aiko Makimoto – Family of Aiko Makimoto

17th year memorial service for Itsuo Magarifuji; 7th year memorial service for Ruth Magarifuji –
Family of Itsuo and Ruth Magarifuji

Hatsubon service for Masae Higashino – Family of Masae Higashino

In memory of Aiko Makimoto – Harold Makimoto

NEWSLETTER:

Toshio and Yvonne Kishi

FALL 2023 EDUCATIONAL OFFERINGS: BUDDHISM, CULTURE, AND AFFILIATED ACTIVITIES

Dharma School for Kids, Young People, and the Rest of Us: 1st and 3rd Sundays

- 9:00 a.m. Family Service (everyone together)
- 9:30 a.m. Dharma School for Kids: Aunty Sharon and Aunty Karen
Dharma School for Young People (everyone is welcome)
Metta Award curriculum for Cub Scouts: Rev. Kerry
Sangha Award curriculum for Scouts: Rev. Kerry
- 10:00 a.m. Refreshments & Talk Story
- 11:00 a.m. Dharma School “For the Rest of Us” (adults)

We’ll be covering a wide range of subjects, including:

- Introduction to Buddhism: Insights, Ideas, Practice
- Introduction to Buddhism: Chanting, Ritual, Meditation
- Introduction to Jodo Shinshu Buddhism: The Faith of *Shinjin*
- “Opening” the *Shōshin Nembutsu-ge* (*Shōshinge*)
- Understanding and Appreciating Shinran’s Hymn of True Shinjin and Nembutsu
- Life of the Buddha
- The Seven Masters of the Pure Land Tradition
- Life of Shinran
- Life of Rennyō

Each module will also be offered on THURSDAY (TBC) evenings, both in-person and online.

Contact: Rev. Kerry

Saturday Japanese Language School

Sensei Yuko is back for a new semester of Saturday Japanese School for beginners, intermediate, and advanced students!

September 2, 9, 16, no class on 23rd (Peace Day Service), 30

October 7, 14, 21, 28

November 4, 11, 18, 25

Registration is \$25 per semester, and Class Fee is \$5 per class (Semester Class Fee: \$75)

Please sign up via the Temple Website: makawaohongwanji.org or call Rie in the Temple Office (808) 572-7229 Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. (HST)

Makawao Hongwanji Judo Club: Monday and Thursday Evenings

Sensei Claude Moreau and Sensei Duane Yoshizu lead the *judoka* of Makawao Hongwanji Judo Club every week on Monday and Thursday evenings from 6:30 p.m. Sensei Claude encourages prospective students and families to simply come to a session and check it out to see if it fits your needs. Contact: Sensei Claude Moreau

Troop 18 Boy Scouts, Troop 180 Girls Troop, and Pack 18 Cub Scouts:

See page 9 for more detailed information.

BUDDHIST WOMEN’S ASSOCIATION— See page 3.

SENIOR PROGRAM: See page 12.

June 24-25, 2023 Plant Sale

By: Sharon Higuchi

After decades of having a 4th of July weekend Garage Sale & Bazaar, MHBT held its first fundraiser in June. Change is essential in today's fast-paced world, and fortunately, the change of date did not spoil the success of the largest fund-raiser for the temple.

Plant donors rose to the occasion, overcame adversity and grew so many plants for June that the amount made was similar to the July 2 & 3, 2022 Plant Sale. Mahalo to the following people who donated plants and pots: Aloha Aina Orchids (Karen Paresa Niezman), Amy Blue, Julie Bridle, Lynn Fujimoto, Jane & Allen Fukuda, Sharon & Calvin Higuchi, Sean Higuchi, Carllys & Kalena Higuchi Lee, Moana Hirata, Nobu Hironaka, Linden Holt, Blanche Ito, Shigeru Karakawa, Mimy Kiyohara, Harold Makimoto, Carol Matsumoto, Gail Miyahira, Marilyn Morikawa, Gail & Peter Nakamae, Ray Nakagawa, Tommy Nishida, Mike Nishimoto, Warren Orikasa, Mitzi Tanaka, Amy Teves, Jean & Bill Uemura, Roy Yamaguchi, and Iwa & Robert Yoshioka. The Plant Sale is only as successful as the plant lovers who grow the plants all year round. Please call the office if your name was inadvertently left out.

MHBT is also grateful to the volunteers who price each plant, load and unload the plants, put up and dismantle the tent, organize the area with parking lines and signs, serve as cashiers, and service the public with kindness and aloha: Amy Teves, Jan, Duane & Cy Yoshizu, Shige Karakawa, Tommy Nishida, Sean, Tori and Benji Higuchi, Carllys Higuchi & Karsten & Kalena Lee and others.

In today's divisive world, growing plants is a way of finding peace in nature. Please continue to nurture your plants for the next Plant Sale! Keep Maui green and beautiful. Your plants grow the connection with many people in our community.



GIVE ALOHA!

Foodland's Annual Community Matching Gifts Program!

Foodland and Western Union will match a portion of all donations made by customers with a Maika'i account. The organization ID code is the number the cashier must enter with each customer's donation. The program runs from September 1—30, so please watch for the signs at your local Foodland and Give MHMBT lots of Aloha. MAHALO!!

Makawao Hongwanji's Organization ID Code is 79132

JULY GENERAL CLEANUP AT MHBT - A big mahalo to all the volunteers who came out to clean our temple and campus on July 16. Over 60 people (from ages 5 to 90) showed up to wash, scrub, weed whack, prune and mop. Representatives from Scouts, Judo, sangha, and friends of Makawao Hongwanji spent hours cleaning, then we had lunch! After all this was done, the Yagura was rolled out and placed in the center of the lawn for Obon. Thank you so very much, everyone!



TROOP 18 NEWS

By: Christina Wehner

Troop 18 divided and conquered this month! Thirteen of our Scouts traveled to West Virginia to attend the National Jamboree. They were: Hinano Cua, Vincent Guzman, Pono Hodges, Parker Kahooohanohano, Makoa Kapuniai, Brayden Kitagawa, Wesley Kosaka, Breven Nishimitsu, Jordan Purdy, Tyce Ringstad, Kaizen Taogoshi, Nevin Wehner, and Blake Yatsushiro.



For those who stayed home, we worked hard to make our fundraiser at Obon a success! A special thanks to visiting California Troop 719 who helped make it a success!

Photo on the right:
1st row L-R - Gavin Lane, Ian Lane, Chase Saturnio.
2nd row L - R- Jacob Kamanu, Dryson Norwood, Elias de Jesus, Anthony Amaral.



Going to National Jamboree in West Virginia!

Cub Scout Pack 18 Cub Scout Pack 18 is open to girls and boys K-5 and is where youth develop the foundations for leadership, citizenship, and personal fitness through fun activities involving parents and legal guardians. Contact: Cubmaster Sean Higuchi

Scouts BSA Troop 18 (boys) and Scout BSA Troop 180 (girls) Scouts BSA Troop 18 and our new BSA Troop 180 are open to youth 11-17. Scouts BSA is the traditional Scouting experience where boys and girls can have their share of adventure in the great outdoors. Develop a love of service by volunteering in your community, boost your *Minister Message, August 2023 Page of 2 3* leadership skills through fun and exciting challenges, and create memories of a lifetime with no prior Scouting experience required! Contacts: Scoutmaster Lorin Kosaka (Troop 18) or Megan Kosaka and Shari DeJesus (Troop 180)

Welcome BSA Scout Troop 180 of Makawao!

We warmly welcome our newest temple affiliate, the all-girl Scout Troop 180 of the BSA. Founded on June 1, 2023, the troop is open to girls between the ages of 11 and 17. The leaders of the troop are Chairperson Debra Esclita, Scoutmaster Shari de Jesus, and Assistant Scoutmaster Megan Kosaka. The troop currently has 5 members who recently advanced from Makawao's co-ed Cub Pack 18.

On behalf of Troop 180, Scoutmaster Shari de Jesus reports that they are filled with gratitude for the immense support of Makawao Hongwanji and its members. From the generous start-up funds, to their new home in the George Ito – Dana House, to the pickled peach and chochin fundraising, they say **“Mahalo, Mahalo, Mahalo!!”**

For more information about Troop 180 and how to join, please contact Scoutmaster Shari de Jesus at 808-446-4759 or at sharidejesus24@gmail.com



L to R: Natasha, Emilie, Sierra



L to R: Asst. Scoutmaster Megan, Emilie, Sierra, Natasha, Scoutmaster Shari

BWA means BEST WORK ALWAYS

By: Marilyn Morikawa

BWA ladies have been busy in June and July helping with Garage Sale, Bazaar, and Obon. Thank you to all those who were able to come and help. Thank you to those who've helped in the past and then passed on their knowledge and skills.

August 20, Sunday at 1:30, will be Bingo at Kahului Hale Makua, for the first time since 2019. We welcome donations of bingo prizes which are useful, cuddly, decorative, or just fun to share. Monetary donations are also appreciated. Please drop off at the office.

Sept. 21, Thursday, is International Peace Day and cranes will be on display again. There will be a "Ring Your Bell for Peace" Zoom gathering on Thursday and a Peace Day Service on Saturday, Sept. 23, at Makawao Hongwanji. A limited number of T-shirts are available for purchase from Dharma School.

Senior Fair is scheduled for Saturday November 11 at Kaahumanu Shopping Center. More details will be forthcoming but you can start preparing things you think could be sold. Makawao food is always popular as well as produce and crafts.

BWA also means BE WELL ALWAYS!

SMILING FACES FROM OUR OBON



Rogers, Sandy and Tracy selling sushi, musubi and baked goodies.



Marilyn and Glenn cashiers.



Jean displays new Obon towel bags.



L to R: Chow fun men resting after working hard: Russel, Miles, Don, Ray, Ross, David.



Mayor Bissen buys Troop 18 hamburger.



Jr. YBA booth helpers Marin, Kenneth, Donna.



Chow fun ladies busy packing chow fun containers.

MORE SMILING FACES FROM OUR OBON



Breezeway goodies sell out both Obon nights.



Callie from Makawao Hongwanji Preschool all dressed up.



Boy Scouts make great burgers!



Cub Scouts working hard at game booths.



Sidney, Robert and Iwa manning the choba table.



Eileen from Lahaina enjoying dancing.



Former Troop 18 Eagle Scout, Rielyn Domingo donates shave ice to MHMBT Obon. L to R Lanie, Rielyn and Trenton (foreground).



SENIOR PROGRAM

Attention Seniors: Senior Program is happening in August. We had our break for bazaar and obon and we are ready to go again. See you on the second Thursday in August. Please bring a sewing needle and some buttons if you have any (I have some to share). See you soon!

Meeting monthly in the Project Dana House, the Senior Program offers fellowship, talk story, activities, including projects to support the temple, and sharing of food for our kupuna seniors and elders. Contact: Alison Nakagawa



MAKAWAO HONGWANJI BUDDHIST TEMPLE
COUNCIL MINUTES HIGHLIGHTS
Sunday, July 9, 2023

1. **TREASURER’S REPORT:** Fred Wong led a discussion about where to deposit a recent large donation to the temple by the Kijima family.
2. **MINISTER’S REPORT:** Report submitted. For Sunday August 13, 2023, Rev. Kerry is organizing a workshop on diversity and inclusion at Makawao with Rev. Amy Umezu of Southern California from 10:00 to Noon. The Workshop will be in-person and via Zoom. In the afternoon he is planning an interfaith clergy workshop with Rev. Amy Umezu.
3. **Summer Garage Sale:** Report submitted. We applauded Gail and Karen’s hard work as Co-Chairs along with the hard work of department managers and food services crews.
Summer Plant Sale: Report submitted. Sharon Higuchi is looking for her replacement as Chair of Plants.
4. **Bon Dance July 21-22, 2023:** Chairperson Sharon Nagoshi and Understudy Jean Heselden reported there will not be a rope around dance ring. Bobbi led discussion about limiting pre-sales to workers and temple members. Decision was made for 2023 Obon there will be no pre-sales and at-window sales will be limited to 4 containers per customer. **Dance Ring:** This year there will not be a rope around the dance ring to make it easier for taiko groups to move into position around the yagura. **Taiko Drum:** Floyd Nagoshi reported that he will help Kula Shofukuji Shingon Temple on August 26.
5. **Enhance Fitness Use of Social Hall:** Sharon Nagoshi reported that we will not re-start classes.
6. **Hale Mahaolu Eha:** Requested parking of resident vehicles on temple grounds from July 17-19, 2023, while their parking lot is being resurfaced. .
7. **Animals at Temple Events:** Karen Ishizu led our discussion. We agreed that for Garage Sales we would allow only licensed service dogs on a leash into the Social Hall. The restriction would be included in advertising for the Garage Sale. The folks taking attendance with a “clicker” will be primarily responsible for enforcing this rule with Karen’s help. We want to avoid having non-service dogs misbehaving with our shoppers and other dogs.
8. **Hondo Lanai Floor Covering Replacement:** Bobbi Nakagawa led a discussion about replacing the torn and taped green carpet covering the lanai outside the Hondo with a new indoor/outdoor carpeting from Abbey. We looked at samples and preferred a low pile carpet. No cost estimate yet on carpet itself, but Bobbi should have the number by the next Council Meeting.
9. **Pukalani Superette Inquired About Commercial Use of Our Kitchen in August:** Council discussed.
10. **Lay Convention September 15-16, 2023 –** Karen Ishizu reported that the convention will be hybrid with in-person attendance at Kona on the Big Island and via Zoom. Diane Kosaka will handle convention registration for our temple. Payment for convention reg fee should be submitted to Diane by July 15th. All expenses for participation are responsibility of attendees.
11. **Lay Association Restructuring:** Sharon Higuchi reported on progress. A restructured Lay Association would need Maui delegates.
12. **Membership:** Report submitted.
13. **Funeral/Columbarium:** Report submitted.
14. **Properties:** Report submitted.
15. **Jr. YBA:** Report submitted.
16. **BWA:** Bingo with residents at Hale Makua on Sunday August 20, 2023 at 1:30 p.m. Donations for prizes are being accepted. Please contact Carol Yamamura or Karen Ishizu.
17. **Scouts and Cub Scouts:** The new girls’ troop of Boy Scouts of America was given permission to use the Dana House for meetings, etc. Both the Dana House and Scout House are decaying and need repairs.



(Full text of Council Meeting and reports can be obtained from the Temple Office.)

Bon Dance July 21-22, 2023

By Jean Heselden

We welcomed many new faces as we celebrated with familiar traditions for our first Obon Festival of 2 nights since the outbreak of COVID in 2020. Among the newest generation of dancers born since last year's Bon Dance was Kiyomi, carried by her mother Billie who is the daughter of Bobbi and Ray Nakagawa. Performances by Maui Taiko on both nights and Zenshin Daiko on Saturday night are traditional favorites at our Bon Dances.

For the first time, Makawao had its own Bon Dance Towel which was designed by our sangha member Shari DeJesus. Towels are available for purchase on the temple's website on the "Store" page.



Visiting from Torrance, California, was Boy Scout Troop 719. They pitched in to help Makawao's Scout Troop 18 with their hamburger stand and Cub Pack 18 with their carnival games, along with general clean up and other tasks as requested.

Our new all girls Troop 180 of the Boy Scouts of America debuted in their own booth. They sold out their supply of the always popular pickled peaches which they are learning to prepare. Troop 180 also sold out their supply of mini-chochin memorial lanterns.

Cy Yoshizu continued in his pivotal role as dance MC/DJ from the comfort of the office in the Social Hall. There he set up his microphone and laptop with the song playlist.

We are deeply grateful for all of the hard work of our sangha members, affiliates, and friends whose countless contributions created another superb Makawao-style Bon Dance – **MAHALO NUI LOA!!**

MAHALO NUI LOA to everyone who came to enjoy onolicious foods, refreshing shave ice, dancing, and to contribute to the festive atmosphere of our Obon Dance 2023. Your support inspires us for 2024!!

Additional pictures are available in a blog entry on the temple's website at

<https://www.makawaohongwanji.org/blog>



Billie and Kiyomi



BSA Troop 719 of Torrance CA.



Keikis and Rev. Kerry at Base of Yagura



All Girls BSA Troop 180 of Makawao sell Memorial Chochins



Cy Yoshizu MC and DJ



Zenshin Daiko



Dancing, dancing, dancing at Obon Saturday Night



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| Plan 1 Perpetual Niche Reservation | Plan 2 Perpetual Memorial Services | Plan 3 Legacy Endowment |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Family Niche in MHBT Columbarium Reserved for as long as MHBT exists. • Lifetime Sustaining Membership status for donor(s) • Religious Services Dedicated in Memory for perpetuity. • Annual Family Memorial Service: <i>Hōji</i>. • Monthly Memorial Service Dedication: <i>Shōtsuki</i>. • Day of Death Service Dedication: <i>Meinichi</i>. • One-time donation of plan fee of a minimum of \$20,000 (as of October 2021). | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No desire to reserve a Niche in MHBT Columbarium. • Lifetime Sustaining Membership status for donor(s) • Religious Services Dedicated in Memory for perpetuity. • Annual Family Memorial Service: <i>Hōji</i>. Monthly Memorial Service Dedication: <i>Shōtsuki</i>. Day of Death Service Dedication: <i>Meinichi</i>. • One-time donation of plan fee of a minimum of \$20,000 (as of October 2021). | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Family Niche in MHBT Columbarium Reserved for as long as MHBT exists. • Lifetime Sustaining Membership status for donor(s). • Religious Services Dedicated in Memory for perpetuity: <i>Hōji, Shōtsuki, and Meinichi</i>. • Tax-advantaged Planned Giving and Estate Planning. • Endowments for specific programs, activities, and initiatives such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scholarship Funds New Ministry Outreach New Facilities • Donation amount and purpose to be determined in discussion with Rev. Kerry Kiyohara. |
| <p>For further details, please contact Rev. Kerry Kiyohara to schedule an appointment. kkiyohara@honpahi.org</p> | | |

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| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | | 1 | 2 10:00 am Monthly Service Kula Hospital | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 6 No Sunday Service | 7 6:00 pm ~ 8:45 pm Judo | 8 | 9 | 10 6:00 pm ~ 8:45 pm Judo | 11 | 12 |
| 13 No Sunday Service | 14 6:00 pm ~ 8:45 pm Judo | 15 | 16 | 17 6:00 pm ~ 8:45 pm Judo | 18 | 19 |
| 20 No Sunday Service | 21 6:00 pm ~ 8:45 pm Judo | 22 | 23 | 24 6:00 ~ 8:45 pm Judo | 25 | 26 |
| 27 No Sunday Service | 28 6:00 pm ~ 8:45 pm Judo | 29 | 30 | 31 6:00 pm ~ 8:45 pm Judo | | |
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