Sun 12/1

- **Jikoen’s Bodhi Day Service**
  Speaker: Rev. Shindo Nishiyama, M.C.: Kaycie Moribe
  Let us join together to celebrate this day when Shakyamuni Buddha attained Enlightenment while meditating under the Bodhi tree 2,500 years ago in India.

- **JBWA Meeting**
  Time: after service and refreshments

- **Young Okinawans of Hawaii Senior Luncheon**
  Location: Jikoen Hongwanji Hall
  Senior luncheon sponsored by the YOH will follow in the social hall. Tickets have been distributed

Sun 12/8

- **NO SERVICE AT JIKOEN – Instead, please attend...**
  HAWAII BUDDHIST COUNCIL’S JOINT BODHI DAY CELEBRATION
  Please make an effort to attend the Hawaii Buddhist Council’s joint Bodhi Day service. (see page 8 for details)

Mon 12/9

- **Minister Peace Walk with Pacific Buddhist Academy**

Fri 12/13

- **Lumbini Preschool Winter Program**

Sun 12/15

- **Lay Speaker Sunday**
  Speaker: Jo DesMarets, parole officer and Betsuin member, M.C.: Sara Tashima
  BREAKFAST will be served in the hall BEFORE the service, beginning at 7 a.m. A SILENT AUCTION will be set up in the hall. (see page 8 for details)

- **Board of Directors Monthly Meeting**
  Time: 10:30 a.m. after service, Location: Temple Hondo

Wed 12/18

- **Living Dharma Session** and Year-End Gathering
  Time: 7:00 p.m., Location: Temple Hondo

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First of all, I would like to extend my deepest gratitude to our very special guests, Bishop Eric Matsumoto and Mrs. Tamayo Matsumoto for their kindness and participation at this Jikoen 75th Anniversary Commemorative event. I humbly bow my head to express my Arigato to your guidance and support.

And I really want to say, “Okagesamade” to all our past dedicated members and friends and resident ministers for their devotion and all of you present members and friends. Because of everyone’s life, everyone’s dedication and everyone’s Aloha to our Jikoen Ohana, Jikoen is standing here in Kalihi to share the Dharma and our services to the community.

As your minister, I am very proud to be here to share with all of you this wonderful 75th Anniversary Celebration in the presence of Amida Buddha’s Wisdom and Compassion.

Now, I am recalling the words of the late Dr. Albert Miyasato who uttered these words a few months before his death, “Wasureruna, Uketsuge, and Tsutaeyo”. We should not forget our great history, we should continue our legacy, and pass it on to the next generation with appreciation.

I strongly hope that this 75th Anniversary will be a stepping stone to the 80th Anniversary, 90th Anniversary and further and further into the future of Jikoen.

Again, I congratulate all of you on this occasion of the Jikoen 75th Anniversary!
Family Promise Holiday Greetings!
by June Sutterfield

Thank you again to our volunteers for helping to host four families during the week of November 17, 2013 to November 24, 2013 at Moiliili Hongwanji Temple. There were a total of 8 adults and 10 children (5 school aged and 3 toddlers and 2 babies!)

A BIG MAHALO to Haruko and Ed Okita, Sandy Toma, Myrna Nishihara, Joann and Sydney Yosemori Ito, Kats and Jean Yamashiro and Pieper Toyama! (Hope I didn't miss anyone!) We were fortunate this time with a group from one of the synagogues serving dinner on Wednesday evening.

Staying overnight on Thursday was a good experience for myself as it made me become more aware of the discomfort of not being able to have a morning shower or sleeping on a bed. Washing up in the bathroom takes a lot of imagination! I also felt compelled to tell co-workers to please excuse any body odor emanating from me. Such is the human condition! However, I thoroughly enjoyed the time for reading and quiet reflection in the hondo at Moiliili.

On a positive note, one of the families will be leaving the program once their daughter is healthy again. This family with 4 children has found an apartment on the West side of Oahu! So wishing each of you a special holiday season filled with gratitude and appreciation for your loved ones and the gift of Amida Buddha's Infinite Light and Compassion.

Thank you to all our volunteers in 2013 and looking forward to your continued support of this successful community program in 2014!

“If you recall the happiest moments in your life, they are all from when you were doing something for somebody else.” Desmond Tutu.

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Pumpkins, Dharma and Fun

About 50 members of Jikoen joined in this fun-filled intergenerational activity with 100 others from our sister temples in Honolulu District on an October Sunday at the Betsuin. To begin the day, some of us attended the Betsuin's 10 a.m. service. The speaker was the Rev. Tatsuo Muneto who at one point used a mask to illustrate a teaching.

There was something for everyone, young and old. For the youngsters, it was a trip to Aloun Farms in Kunia to pick their own pumpkins, which they brought back to participate in a carving contest. Some of the designs were so intricate, others whimsical and traditional. To be sure, each one deserved a prize. The little ones of the Ogata and Horio families were especially excited to be part of the event. The adults who accompanied them were pooped when they returned to the Betsuin.

Those that remained at the Betsuin flitted among activities involving hanafuda cards, origami (led by Ann, Marcie and Kaycie Moribe), and masks (supervised by June Sutterfield). Haru and Ed Okita helped with the delicious lunch. Myrna Nishihara was everywhere

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The Jikoen ohana sends its condolences to the families of the following Dharma friends:

- Mrs. Kameko Tokumine (age 93) passed away on November 1, 2013
- Mr. Edward Sadanobu China (age 94) passed away on November 6, 2013
- Mrs. Bernice Haruko Higa (age 95) passed away on November 15, 2013

May happy memories and the O-Nembutsu sustain you in your sadness.
overseeing things. It gave us a good chance to mingle with members of the other temples.

Everyone who attended this special event had a great time.

Celebrating Our 75th Anniversary

This auspicious and happy event began with a solemn service graced by the presence and participation of Bishop Eric Matsumoto, who, together with the Rev. Shindo Nishiyama chanted the traditional Sanbujyo.

Dharma School students Mirei Ogata, Kayla Yosemori, Jaci Horio and Sydnie Ito presented candles and flowers. Offering of incense by the various affiliates followed: Kyodan president Dorene Niibu, JBWA president June Nakamasu, Lumbini Pre-School director Suzue Nishiyama, Dharma School staff Ann Moribe and JoAnn Yosemori/Ito, and JrYBA Joyce Colotario.

The choir directed by Lily Horio and accompanied by organist Chihoko Yosemori sang the beautiful “Sanki.”

Bishop Matsumoto in his Dharma message stressed tolerance, compassion, and kindness as part of the essence of Buddhism. He also related his personal experiences which led to his decision to become a Shin Buddhist.

Joining us in the congregation was his family, wife Tamayo and children Chika (14) and Caden (8).

Later, everyone gathered in the newly-installed central courtyard for picture-taking. Among the many, it was so good to see some old-timers such as Humi Isa, Kameko Zukemura, Lorraine Toma and Gladys Higa.

The hall was beautifully decorated by the JBWA ladies led by Karen Tamanaha. A delicious buffet lunch set up by Ed and Haru Okita and their crew was followed by the recognition of our keirosha, members who have reached the age of 80.

The entertainment featured members and friends of Jikoen. Keith Oshiro opened the festivities with the traditional and beautiful Kajiyadefu, the Moribe ladies -Ann, Marcie and Kaycie danced Hatuma Bushi, Emi Oshiro and Janet Sasaki sang Soran Wataridori, Utanshin was performed by Sensei Norman Kaneshiro and Sensei Eric Wada. Another dance was given by the Moribe sisters, and of course, there was kachaashi for everyone to end the day.

The event could not have been the success it was without the volunteer help of Emi Oshiro and Grace Ueunten (reception), Lawson Kita and friends (hall set-up), Norman Kaneshiro (PA system), Roy Nakamasu and crew (parking). Sensei and Dorene Niibu were the co-chairpersons.

HAPPY 75TH BIRTHDAY, JIKOEN!

Introducing New Head of PBA, Robert Cody

Last February Pacific Buddhist Academy, the first and only Shin Buddhist high school in the US, appointed Rob Cody as its new Head of School, succeeding Pieper Toyama who served for the first 10 years.

Cody has more than 20 years of experience as an educator, administrator and community collaborator in New York, New Hampshire, Vermont and Colorado. In Colorado,
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he raised the academic achievement of his students by de-emphasizing standardized tests, and developed programs that had them involved in local soup kitchens, community centers and hospice facilities to introduce them to leadership opportunities.

He and his family spent the past three years in Cambodia where among other projects, he created programs to assist students in need of emotional and academic support and collaborated with staff to organize an after-school activity program. He also coordinated a student exchange with eight schools from Southeast Asia. Leading by example he worked alongside students to built homes in the community for Habitat for Humanity.

“In Rob we have found a dynamic, resourceful, compassionate Head of School…. (who) loves students and treats them with kindness, humor and respect,” said Leigh-Ann Miyasato who chaired PBA’s search committee.

The Cody family also includes his wife Kelli, an art teacher, and children Barrett and Haven who are in the seventh and sixth grades, respectively, at Hongwanji Mission School.

Annual JBWA New Year Party – Sign up NOW

Date: Saturday, February 15, 2014
Place: 3660 on the Rise restaurant in Kaimuki (same as last year)

Ladies, here’s your chance to once again put on your Sunday best, enjoy the great cuisine, have fun and games and take home oodles of prizes!

Highlights of November 3 Meeting

• Treasurer Emi Oshiro: we have a current balance of $18,000-plus.

• BWA World Convention in Calgary, Canada in 2015: Sensei will discuss any before and after sightseeing trips with interested members after this meeting.

• We need a speaker for our Dana Day service in February. Chihoko Yosemori was asked and she will think about it before saying yes/no.

• Many members are working on the 75th anniversary celebration service and entertainment on November 17.

• Our telephone directory needs to be updated for the new year.
Marriage Equality in Hawaii

HHMH was in the forefront in supporting the State legislature’s bill on same sex marriage with a resolution passed by the 98th Giseikai in 2010 and the testimony given by Bishop Eric Matsumoto during the special session called by Gov. Neil Abercrombie. The Bishop’s testimony is printed in full for those who are interested.

Later, he was one of several clergy who spoke at a rally at the Capitol rotunda. Rev. Blayne Higa also contributed to this support by writing to all the Senators and Representatives. Both he and the Bishop were invited to the ceremonial signing of the bill into law by the Governor at the Hawaii Convention Center.

Donation from JTB

Bishop Eric Matsumoto was presented a grant of $1,000 from the JTB Cultural Exchange Corporation which recognizes individuals and organizations that have shown commitment to enhancing international awareness and relations between Japan and the US.

2014 Giseikai (Annual Legislative Assembly)

Dates: February 7 and 8, 2014
Place: Hawaii Betsuin
Registration fee: $100 (includes luncheon)
Rap session fee: $8.00

Living Treasures to be honored: Rev. Ida Chun, Dr. Samuel Gon III, Robert Hamada, Arthur & Rene Kimura and Rev. Chikai Yosemori

Luncheon only: $70 (before January 24); $85 (if later)

IMOP Ministers’ Internship in Hawaii

Two new ministers who were with the three-month International Ministerial Orientation Program at the Jodo Shinshu Center in Berkeley, CA, spent nine days in October as interns at Hawaii Betsuin. They are the Rev. Yuko Kubo and Rev. Daido Baba. They will be assigned as ministers soon in one of three overseas missions in Canada, BCA or Honpa Hongwanji of Hawaii.

Words of Thanksgiving

Before Meals...
We are truly grateful for this wonderful food, a gift of life. May we share its benefits with all beings. As we partake of this food, let us remember Amida Buddha’s compassion, which surrounds all people and all forms of life.

Namo Amida Butsu. Itadakimasu.

After Meals...
We are truly grateful for the precious food we have received. May the wisdom and compassion of Amida Buddha so shine within our hearts that we are able to realize true harmony in our daily lives.

Namo Amida Butsu. Gochisosama deshita.
DONATIONS FROM OCTOBER 5, 2013 THRU NOVEMBER 18, 2013

75th Anniversary
Arakaki, Eleanor & Harry ..................$25.00
Arakaki, Kenkichi & Tomiko .............$40.00
Asato, Helen ................................$1,000.00
Bacani, Evangeline .........................$25.00
Chinen, Joyce ................................$25.00
Chinen, Karleen .............................$25.00
Chouljian, Jay ...............................$15.00
Colotario, Joyce .............................$50.00
Davison, Pat. ................................$20.00
Doktor, Pete ..................................$40.00
Donnan, Muriel ..............................$25.00
Fujise, D.W. & L.R. .........................$30.00
Fukuhara, Cordelia ..........................$25.00
Ginoza, J.Y. & W.Y. .........................$25.00
Gushi, William & Sylvia ....................$30.00
Higa, Betty & Kevin .........................$50.00
Higa, Gladys ..................................$100.00
Higa, Takejiro .................................$50.00
Higashide, Susan ............................$50.00
Higuchi, Lily .................................$200.00
Hirashiki, Elaine .............................$20.00
Horio, Etsuko ...............................$50.00
Horio, Lily ....................................$200.00
Iha, Humi .....................................$50.00
Isa, Grace ....................................$20.00
Isashi, Henry & Evelyn .................$50.00
Ishiki, Kimiko ...............................$25.00
Ito, Grant Joann .............................$75.00
Kameshido, Eikichi & Setsuko ...........$100.00
Kino, Masuo & Alice .......................$100.00
Kiyuna, Shinyu & Tsurue ..................$25.00
Kuniyuki, Kyoko .............................$100.00
Masaki, Tomiko ..............................$20.00
Matsumoto, Eric & Tamayo ..............$100.00
Minehira, Helene ...........................$20.00
Miyasato, Shizue ............................$100.00
Miyasato, Tatsumu .........................$25.00
Miyasato-Crawford, David & Mernal ...$50.00
Moribe, Morris & Ann ......................$100.00
Muramoto, Judy & Steven ..................$50.00
Nagamine, Sandra ...........................$20.00
Nakachi, Maurice & Liann ...............$100.00
Nakamasu, Roy & June ....................$100.00
Nakamoto, Rev. David Irene .............$100.00
Nakasone, Yoshiko .........................$50.00
Nibu, Dorene ................................$100.00
Nishihara, Kenneth & Myrna ..........$100.00
Nishimiya, Marlene ........................$50.00
Okuma, Haruko ..............................$50.00
Oshiro, Emi .................................$25.00
Oshiro, Keith ...............................$20.00
Oshiro, Lillian ..............................$50.00
Oshiro, Natsume ............................$100.00
Oshiro, Sadako .............................$20.00
Saito, Amy & Ichiro .......................$50.00
Sakoda, Maizie ..............................$100.00
Sasaki, Janet ...............................$20.00
Shimabukuro, Annie .......................$75.00
Shimabukuro, Kay ..........................$20.00
Shimabukuro, Sadako ......................$10.00
Shinsato, Chiyo .............................$20.00
Sutterfield, June ...........................$50.00
Takara, Doris ...............................$20.00
Tamanaha, Karen .........................$100.00
Tamayose, Mitsuko .........................$50.00
Teruya, Takeo & Sachiko ...............$200.00
Tom, Charlyne ..............................$30.00
Toma, Lorraine .............................$100.00
Toma, Wayne & Sandra ....................$75.00
Uezu, Darryl & Family ....................$200.00
Wakakawa, Janet .........................$200.00
Wakakawa, Setsuko .......................$20.00
Wauke, Doris ...............................$10.00
Yamada, Barbara .........................$100.00
Yamaguchi, Shigeru & Doris ..........$20.00
Yamashiro, Doris .........................$20.00
Yasui, Bertram ................................$75.00
Yosemori, Chikai & Chihoko .........$75.00
Yosemori, Eric & Dawn ...................$40.00
Yozu, Chiyoko & Gerald .................$300.00
Yozu, Ronald & Linda ....................$100.00
Zukemura, Alan ...........................$120.00

Miyasato, Shizue .........................$25.00
Nakahama, Roy & June ...................$25.00
Nishihara, Kenneth & Myrna .........$25.00

Miscellaneous
Chouljian, Jay K. ..........................$25.00
IMO Maiko Vallesteros ....................$25.00
Fukunaga, Royce & Jane .................$25.00
Living Dharma Session ....................$500.00
Kegley, Betty ...............................$25.00
Miyahira, Violet ...........................$25.00
Newsletter .................................$25.00

Nakamasu, Roy & June ....................$25.00
Nakamatu, Roy & June ....................$25.00
Nishihara, Kenneth & Myrna .........$25.00

Thank you for your generous support!

It’s not too late to commit your support for Jikoen!

Yearly Contribution:
• $60 per adult
• $120 per family with dependent children
*Seniors may pay any amount they wish

Jikoen Newsletter - December, 2013
A VERY SPECIAL DAY AND FUN WAY TO DONATE TO JIKOEN

DECEMBER 15

Help Support Us!

7:00 A.M.:
BREAKFAST of waffles, scrambled eggs, sausage and a “surprise soup”
Price: $5.00 donation

8:00 A.M. TO 10:15 A.M.:
SILENT AUCTION on many types of gently-used or new items that will be displayed in the social hall. You will have plenty of time after breakfast to look over the items and make your bids. Happy competition!

9:00 A.M.:
SPECIAL LAY SPEAKER:
MS. JO DESMARETS, parole officer and long-time member of the Betsuin.

HAWAII BUDDHIST COUNCIL
JOINT BODHI DAY CELEBRATION

Place: Jodo Mission of Hawaii
1429 Makiki Street
(off HI Freeway, near Shriner’s Hospital)

Time: 10 a.m.
Parking: on the grounds

Members of the various Buddhist sects on Oahu will be participating in the service, including the respective Bishops and lay people (including children).

Sorry, no other details (speaker, theme, activities after the service) were furnished by print-time.