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THIS MONTH'S EVENTS

Sangha family services are offered weekly on Sundays from 9:00a.m. (exceptions appear in the schedule).

Sun 4/1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hawaii Buddhist Council Hanamatsuri Service (NO SERVICE AT JIKOEN) Location: Soto Mission (Nuuanu Avenue) • Board of Directors Monthly Meeting Time: 9:00 a.m., Location: Temple Hondo
Sun 4/8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jikoehongwanji Hanamatsuri & Shotsuki Memorial Service Guest Speaker: Rev. Arthur Kaufmann
Sun, 4/8 thru Fri, 4/13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual Bazaar Preparation (no hall use during this time)
Sat 4/14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual Jikoehongwanji Bazaar (see details on page 5) Time: 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., Location: Social Hall
Sun 4/15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sangha Family Service Speaker: Rev. Shindo Nishiyama • JBWA Monthly Meeting Time: after service, Location: Temple Hondo
Sun 4/22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Intergenerational Service by Jikoehongwanji Dharma School (Lay Assistants) • Lotus Cup Egg Hunt
Sun 4/29	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NO SERVICE AT JIKOEN • HUBWA Eshinni/Kakushinni Day • General Membership & Education Workshop at HHHB
Sun 5/6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NO SERVICE AT JIKOEN – HHDSTA HNL District Intergenerational Picnic at Magic Island
Sun 5/13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mother's Day & Shotsuki Service • Board of Directors Monthly Meeting Time: 10:30 a.m. (after service), Location: Temple Hondo

MINISTER'S MESSAGE

Rev. Shindo Nishiyama

Happy Buddha Day on April 8!

“Do You Remember?”

Do you remember when you were born into this life and had a hard time maneuvering the world? Do you remember who helped you at the hospital? Do you remember that you cried when you were born? Do you remember when you started to walk? Do you remember when you began to eat? Do you remember when your parents changed your diapers day and night?

We do not know how much love and care we have received from our parents or guardians or other people. We are now independent and can do most things by ourselves. However, we do not realize that there were so many people who contributed their blessings to us to sustain our life and growth. We can truly realize now that without these people we would not have been able to survive.

Last week in Hilo when I went to KTA for grocery shopping, I saw a young teenager criticizing her mother loudly in the parking lot. She continued to repeat bad words to her mother. I could pick up on what she was criticizing her mother about – her mother did not have the money to send her to Disneyland with her friends during the spring break. I guessed that her friends were planning to go to the mainland but she couldn't go because her mother didn't have the money to pay for it. This teenager had her eyes on her phone and kept yelling at her mother.

Today, we live in a very competitive and busy world. In this materialistic life we are losing something valuable and precious. Almost every day we hear or see actions that are violent or are against human dignity like loud protests, shootings, killings, racism, and actions especially to those who are weaker than us. Yes, life is suffering and painful. However, life is also precious and beautiful because it is unrepeatable in this world of impermanence. We know that once our life is destroyed, it can never be repeated or replaced. We have heard this truth of the Universal Law many times and yet, so many of us do not seem to understand it.

When we were born, our parents, siblings, relatives, and neighbors welcomed us and cared for us as their precious beings. It didn't matter what kind of person we were, we were simply welcomed as newborn babies.

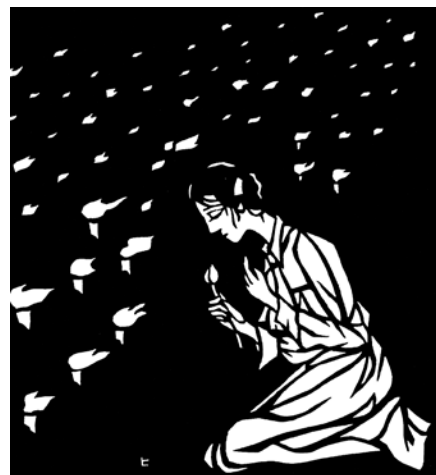
That teenager who yelled at her mom was an ignorant person who could not see the truth of human life. When

I was her age, I too did not truly understand that my parents loved and cared for me. I often criticized and judged them in my selfishness. Then I began to listen to the Dharma and began to learn to live a life of appreciation and gratitude. The Nembutsu helped me to become a person who listens to the most important message of Amida Buddha – that life is suffering but also precious; that we should feel *okagesama de* and gratitude for all blessings which sustained our lives in the beginning and up to now.

When Shakyamuni Buddha left his last retreat on his last journey at the age of 80, he stopped in the middle of a mango grove that amazed him because of its beauty. He said to his disciple Ananda, “Look at this beautiful garden! I have told many people that life is pain and suffering, but look! How grateful we are! We are living in such a beautiful world!” I believe that Shakyamuni Buddha tried to show us that Nirvana is not far away from this painful world. Nirvana is always here whenever we live in gratitude and *okagesama de*.

Do you remember when you were born? You were born into this human life with Amida Buddha's Benevolence. We all have our own Amida's Wisdom and Compassion which embraces each of us unfailingly so that we can carry on in his great hands anytime and anywhere.

Yes, we don't remember anything when we were born but we were welcomed by our parents, many others and Amida Buddha with his unconditional love and care. Yes, we don't realize that there were countless people before us who contributed to our growth and well-being. I strongly hope that the young lady who criticized her mother in the parking lot in Hilo will be awakened someday to appreciate all the blessings she receives now as well as the blessings she has received from those who came before her. As a result, I hope that she is able to live a life of gratitude and *okagesama de*.

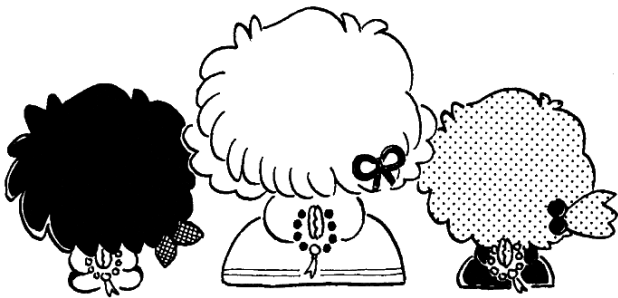


PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Doris Oshiro

One of the best things about serving as President is the opportunity to meet and interact with many of you. Jikoen has a talented volunteer workforce and I am impressed by the extraordinary work that you do for our temple. I would like to extend a special mahalo to all of you who keep Jikoen going. Each of you play an important role in keeping our temple secure. Your hard work and commitment ensures Jikoen meets its challenges on a daily basis. Many of you also play a positive role in our interaction by phone, email, and in person with everyone we serve. Without your support, we could not maintain an efficient and effective temple or fulfill our mission.

Thank you for everything you do. We notice and appreciate your daily contributions and more to Jikoen. *Ippai nifee deebiru*, with deepest gratitude, *Namu Amida Butsu*.



TEMPLE NEWS

Memorial Service Schedules for April thru May, 2018

1st Year Memorial

Tatsuko Miyasato	Passed on April 27, 2017
Jane Shimabukuro	Passed on May 1, 2017
Hatsue Oshiro	Passed on May 4, 2017
Aileen Oshiro	Passed on May 6, 2017
Max Wayne Shinkawa	Passed on May 23, 2017
Sunko Shimabukuro	Passed on May 25, 2017

3rd Year Memorial

Shigeko Nakahara	Passed on April 3, 2016
Fukuo Nakai	Passed on April 5, 2016
Rev. Chikai Yosemite	Passed on April 13, 2016
Takemitsu Arakaki	Passed on April 25, 2016
Sachie Futenma	Passed on May 2, 2016
Doris Yamashiro	Passed on May 18, 2016

2018 Memorial Service Schedules

1st Year Memorial	passed away in 2017
3rd Year Memorial.....	passed away in 2016
7th Year Memorial.....	passed away in 2012
13th Year Memorial.....	passed away in 2006
17th Year Memorial.....	passed away in 2002
25th Year Memorial.....	passed away in 1994
33rd Year Memorial.....	passed away in 1986
50th Year Memorial.....	passed away in 1969

Call Rev. Nishiyama at 808-845-3422 to make an appointment at least a onth prior to the service.

Help Needed

If you have special skills, experience or knowledge and can serve on any of the committees or help on any projects, we welcome your help.

We are in need of volunteers to help us with ongoing projects and fundraisers.

The upkeep of our temple and our ongoing events cannot continue without the tireless efforts and dedication of our volunteers and supporters.

If you are able to assist in anyway, please call the office at 845-3422, Doris Oshiro (808) 271-4748 or email us at jikoen.info@gmail.com. Thank you.

Welcome!

Jikoen would like to extend a warm welcome to our new members **Susan (Kuwaye) Fujioka** and **Blanche Goya**.

We look forward to their participation at our temple and look forward to seeing them at service

To become a member, please call our office at 845-3422 or email jikoen.info@gmail.com.

Correction

Sincere apologies to Kevin Nicol and son Kingston who were responsible for the pickup and delivery of our Hoku BBQ Chicken Fundraiser in February. We sincerely apologize for the error.

Volunteers Needed for Project Dana

Project Dana is a Faith In Action program that provides a variety of services to the frail, elderly, and disabled to ensure their wellbeing, independence, and dignity in an environment of their choice. Started in 1989 at Moiliili Hongwanji, the initiative is now hosted by thirty two churches and temples across Hawaii and is expanding to the mainland.

Trained volunteers provide support, guided by the principle of "Dana," which combines selfless giving and compassion without desire for recognition or reward. The project also collaborates with over 150 private and public agencies across the state.

A typical Project Dana assignment is providing transportation to a nearby market every two weeks. A variation of this is "shopping by list" for those unable to shop on their own. Other assignments could entail housework or to provide transportation for a doctor's appointment.

If you can spare an average of 2 hours once every two weeks and have access to a car, please call **Sandra Toma**, Project Dana coordinator for Jikoen Hongwanji Mission at 845-3422.



Project Dana volunteers were recognized for their service on February 11, 2018. Pictured (left to right) is Sandra Toma, Kenneth & Myrna Nishihara, Masuo Kino, and Katsuo Yamashiro

JBWA NEWS

Highlights of the February 18, 2018 Meeting

- **Installation of JBWA Officers.** June Nakamasu was installed as the 2018-2019 JBWA President by Rev. Nishiyama. Also installed were Vice President Lois Toyama, Recording Secretary Jean Yamashiro, Corresponding Secretary Janet Wakakuwa, Treasurer Judy Muramoto, Auditors Emi Oshiro and Karen Tamanaha and Advisors Shiz Miyasato and Myrna Nishihara.
- **Jikoen's General Membership Meeting and New Year Party.** Jikoen's annual General Membership meeting was followed by the New Year Party. JBWA ladies were successful in calling members, encouraging them to attend.
JBWA also coordinated the variety of food, ordering most from Ige. An entertaining program followed.
- **Dana Day Service.** Alan Goto, guest speaker, presented an insightful message which included some of his personal experiences. A wonderful presentation. Dana donations totaling \$470 were received. The donations will be forwarded to Honolulu United BWA for the Dana project that supports Project Dana and three other non-profit organizations with \$1,000 each.
- **Sakura Safari.** JBWA's special outing for 2018 was the Sakura Safari. About forty members and guests enjoyed the daylong event that included a bus ride to Mililani Hongwanji for a short service with Rev. David Fujimoto. Then, off to Wahiawa for bento lunch and a trolley ride through Wahiawa. Although the sakura trees were only in partial bloom, the group was treated to an interesting narrated tour of Wahiawa past and present by tour guides on both trolleys. Tour guide Rene Mansho noted that Jikoen was the first Hongwanji group to go on the Sakura Safari.
- **BBQ Chicken Fundraiser.** Total of 1,600 BBQ chickens were sold. Andagi, tuna maki sushi and vegetable maki sushi, takuwan and inari sushi were also sold. Most items sold out. Jikoen's Drive Thru BBQ Chicken Sale is getting better...and better.
- **Taste of Hongwanji.** Jikoen will participate in the Taste of Hongwanji at Betsuin on March 25. Food items to be made include Nantu, Pickled bittermelon, Yatsumi zuke and more. Andagi will not be made.

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Annual Jikoen BAZAAR!

- Items on sale: gently used and new clothing, kitchenware, books, toys, fresh vegetables, plants, baked goods, tsukemono, andagi, sushi, and more!
- Donations are welcome. Please drop off your items between 7:00 a.m. and noon on weekdays and Sundays.
- Donations we CANNOT accept:

Date: Saturday, April 14, 2018
Place: Jikoen Social Hall
Time: 8:30 a.m. to 12 noon



TVs; computers, laptops, and accessories: monitors, keyboards, etc.; copy machines; major appliances; Halogen lamps; lighting fixtures; furniture (office/home) including metal desks, mattresses, bed frames, etc.; disassembled machinery or furniture; chemicals, paints, oils, and hazardous wastes; toilets; shower seats; bed pans; non-framed mirrors; car parts, tires, and wheels; torn, dirty, stained, or damaged items

- Volunteers are needed:
 - ~ April 8 (Sunday after 9:00 am service), manpower needed to setup tents rearrange social hall, and move heavy items.
 - ~ April 11, Set up courtyard tents
 - ~ April 10 – April 14 (Tue. - Sat.) to help sort and price the items.
 - ~ on April 14 (Sat.), to facilitate parking and security, to sell and pack the items.
 - ~ to help clean up after the event.

Snacks, drinks and lunch will be provided on Friday and Saturday for all volunteers. Any questions feel free to call the office 845-3422 or email jikoen.info@gmail.com. Come and join the Jikoen Ohana in this popular fundraiser.

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• Other BWA Connections:

- *Martin Luther King Day Parade.* Lois Toyama, President of the BWA Federation thanked JBWA for participating in the parade with PBA, Jr. YBA and others. She also expressed thanks for the cranes which were given out at the parade.
- *BWA Tea Party.* Lois Toyama reported that approximately 30 persons attended the tea party held prior to the Giseikai assembly. Buddhist Churches of America (BCA) guests also joined the party, as did many neighbor islanders.
- *Hongwanji Joint Conference on September 1 thru 3, 2018.* JBWA will subsidize the registration fee of members who attend the conference.
- **“Searching for Mary Foster”.** Dr. Patricia Lee Master’s book is now available. She will speak and autograph her book on March 11 at PBA Founder’s Hall.
- **Changing Posts.** Shiz Miyasato has stepped down as

“Reporter” to the JBWA news column. Myrna Nishihara will continue in her place.



Jikoen Buddhist Women’s Association Officers 2018-2019 (left to right): Myrna Nishihara, Karen Tamanaha, Janet Wakakuwa, Jean Yamashiro, June Nakamasu, Lois Toyama, Judy Muramoto with Rev. Shindo Nishiyama (rear)

Buddhism in the Age of the Refugee

Confronting the Effects of War, Climate Change, Homelessness and Other Displacements

BDK Hawaii-Rev. Fujitani Interfaith Program

Sunday, April 29, 2018 2:00 PM

Mystical Rose Oratory, Chaminade University



Dr. Jeff Wilson

DR. JEFF WILSON

**Professor of Religious Studies and East Asian Studies
at Renison University College, Waterloo, Ontario**

This year, Dr. Wilson is also serving as the Numata Professor of Buddhist Studies at the University of Hawai'i at Manoa. Dr. Wilson is the author of many books, including "Mindful America: The Mutual Transformation of Buddhist Meditation and American Culture," "Dixie Dharma: Inside a Buddhist Temple in the American South," and "Mourning the Unborn Dead: A Buddhist Ritual Comes to America." He is an ordained minister in the Hongwanji tradition of Jodo Shinshu Buddhism and a member of the Toronto Buddhist Church.

Free parking available in parking structure and in unreserved stalls on campus.
For information: Regina Pfeiffer at rpfeiffe@chaminade.edu Phone: (808)739-8536

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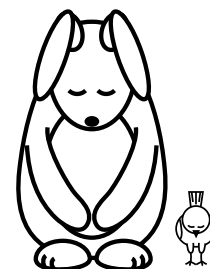
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Jikoen is celebrating 80 years in 2018! Please encourage former Jikoen members, your family, and friends to renew their membership or join our congregation. We would love to see everyone at our celebratory events throughout the year!

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SHOTSUKI JOYOUS MONTHLY MEMORIAL SERVICE

Shotsuki Monthly Service is a time to remember our loved ones and a time to express gratitude in Gassho. This memorial service will be held on the *first* Sunday of each month at 9:00am, in memory of those whose date of death falls in that month. We also recognize the efforts of those who have passed before us and thank them for their continuing influence in our lives and for giving us the opportunity to share the Dharma.

Here are our loved ones who will be remembered on *Sunday, April 8:*

Takemitsu Arakaki ~ April 25, 2016 (age 91)
Toshiko Fujita ~ April 27, 2015 (age 89)
Yasuo Gushi ~ April 29, 2003 (age 91)
Katherine Matsui Higa ~ April 6, 1999 (age 86)
Miyeko Higa ~ April 10, 1999 (age 76)
Yoshi K. Higa ~ April 17, 2012 (age 81)
Eiso Hokama ~ April 18, 2005 (age 82)
Harry Ishikawa ~ April 24, 2015 (age 75)
Kiyoko Ishikawa ~ April 6, 2014 (age 98)

Eleanor Mitsue Itomura ~ April 10, 2013 (age 81)
Lionel Jakahi ~ April 14, 2014 (age 71)
Mrs. Kazumi Kaneshiro ~ April 28, 2013 (age 90)
Richard Tsutomu Kaneshiro ~ April 2, 2012 (age 76)
Thomas Masaichi Kaneshiro ~ April 18, 2001 (age 73)
Margaret Naomi Kawashima ~ April 16, 2015 (age 58)
Hisashi Kikuchi ~ April 20, 2001 (age 85)
Shizue Kino ~ April 30, 2015 (age 101)
Chizuko Kishimoto ~ April 28, 2005 (age 92)
Toshiko Kotani ~ April 9, 2001 (age 79)
Sadako Matayoshi ~ April 19, 2004 (age 84)
Kiyomi "Kay" Morishige ~ April 14, 2013 (age 77)
Tatsuko Miyasato ~ April 27, 2017 (age 94)
Shigeko Nakahara ~ April 3, 2016 (age 96)
Fukuo Nakai ~ April 5, 2016 (age 90)
Kyoko Nakama ~ April 18, 2000 (age 97)
Harry Yoshinobu Nakasone ~ April 20, 1991 (age 69)
Nobushige Nakasone ~ April 8, 2003 (age 91)
Shige Nakasone ~ April 23, 2000 (age 75)
Beatrice Kimiko Higa Nishizawa ~ April 12, 2015 (age 94)

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Bon Dance Practices

Jikoен Social Hall
6:30pm - 9:00pm

- Friday, May 4
- Friday, May 25

Please note: dates and times are subject to change

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Henry Oshiro ~ April 15, 2013 (age 91)
James Seiei Oshiro ~ April 12, 2003 (age 78)
Kosuke Oshiro ~ April 19, 1999 (age 94)
Shoyei Shimabukuro ~ April 25, 1992 (age 98)
Yoshiko Shinsato ~ April 4, 2014 (age 89)
Rose Tokie Tamashiro ~ April 25, 2013 (age 84)
Hiroshi Tamayori ~ April 2, 2011 (age 94)
Dora Mitsue Tengan ~ April 21, 2009 (age 84)
Jared Makana Isamu Teruya ~ April 7, 2013 (age 12)

Yoshiko Toma ~ April 23, 2013 (age 90)
Edward Kiyoshi Tomasu ~ April 14, 2014 (age 71)
Masako Wauke ~ April 21, 2002 (age 84)
Kame Yamaguchi ~ April 8, 2000 (age 101)
Reverend Chikai Yosemite ~ April 13, 2016 (age 84)
Richard Masahiro Yokogawa ~ April 1, 2011 (age 65)

If you would like to honor your loved one, please call the office at 845-3422 or email jikoен.info@gmail.com.

Honolulu District Intergenerational Picnic

Sunday, May 6, 2018
Magic Island - Sites 38 & 39

- **Schedule (subject to change):**
 - 9:00 am – Service
 - 9:30 am – Ice Breakers & Games
 - 12:00 pm – Lunch - Order Bento OR Bring your own
 - 1:00 pm – More Games
 - 1:45 pm – Clean Up
 - 2:00 pm – End
- Carpooling recommended
- Bento lunches from KYM Bento Sushi & Catering: Keiki (\$4), Medium Sushi/Shoyu Chix (\$7), Large Combo (\$9), Vegetarian (\$9)
- Bring your own drinks, sunscreen, chairs, mats and pop-up tents
- Sign up with Jikoен Office 845-3422 or call Doris Oshiro 271-4748

Name: _____

Number in Party: # of Adults _____ # of children (12 & under) _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Will bring own lunch: [] yes [] no

Bento Order (*please indicate number of orders*):

____ Keiki (\$4) ____ Medium Shoyu Chix (\$7) ____ Large Combo (\$9) ____ Vegetarian (\$9)

Total Amount Due by April 25: _____ (*Checks payable to JIKOEN*)

Mark your calendars for:



Jikoen Bon Dance

July 20 - 21, 2018 Fri & Sat evening

- Your Kokua for our annual bon dance will be deeply appreciated!
- Set-up on Sunday, July 15 at 8:00am
- Clean-up after the bon dance on both nights
- Break-down and clean-up on Sunday, July 22
- Stay tuned for upcoming dance practice dates and other details in our monthly newsletter
- Volunteers Needed!!

Call the office at 845-3422 or email jikoen.info@gmail.com

Save the Dates for Family Promise

- **May 27 - June 3, 2018** at Hawaii Betsu-in Mission School Dojo
- **July 29 - August 5, 2018** at Jikoen Hongwanji Social Hall

Please commit to preparing and serving meals (breakfast or dinner) or being a Sleep Over Volunteer.



Jikoen Schedule to follow. Donations are welcome.

Thank you all for continued support of Family Promise as an expression of Dana (Selfless Giving).

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