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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).
Dates and times subject to change without notice.

Sun 2/3	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Shotsuki Memorial Monthly Service Speaker: Rev. Shindo Nishiyama• Board of Directors Monthly Meeting Time: 10:30 a.m., Location: Temple Hondo
Fri, 2/8 thru Sat, 2/9	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Giseikai 107th Legislative Assembly at Hawaii Betsuin
Sun 2/10	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• JBWA Dana Day Service Lay Speaker: Dorene Niibu
Wed 2/13	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Living Dharma Study Session — “Who is Amida Buddha?”
Sat 2/16	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1st Semi-Annual BBQ Chicken Fundraiser <i>(see details on page 12)</i>
Sun 2/17	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sangha Family Service Speaker: Rev. Shindo Nishiyama• JBWA Monthly Meeting Time: after service, Location: Temple Hondo
Sun 2/24	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sangha Family Service Speaker: Guest Minister
Sun 3/3	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Spring Ohigan and Shotsuki Memorial Service Speaker: Rev. Shindo Nishiyama• Board of Directors Monthly Meeting Time: 10:30 a.m., Location: Temple Hondo• Echizen Oroshi Soba Making with Yoshio Yamaguchi
Sun 3/10	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sangha Family Service Speaker: Guest Minister
Wed 3/13	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Living Dharma Study Session with Rev. Nishiyama — “What is the Pureland?”

*New Year's Greeting from Gomonsu
Kojun Ohtani*



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

Last year, Japan was hit by frequent natural disasters like torrential rains, typhoons, and earthquakes. Other countries including Indonesia and the U.S. were also visited by devastating earthquakes, tsunamis, and major hurricanes. I would like to convey my deepest condolences to those who lost their lives through the natural disasters and express my sympathy to everyone affected. We must also never forget that armed conflicts and terror attacks as well as severe starvation is making it difficult to live and lives are being lost every day.

In my message entitled, *A Way of Living as a Nembutsu Follower* which I presented on October 1, 2016, the first day of the Commemoration on the Accession of the Jodo Shinshu Tradition, I have stated, "by trying to live according to the Buddha Dharma,...we can live to the best of our ability, aspiring to live up to the Buddha's

Wish." In agreement with this proposal, beginning last April, our organization has launched a campaign against poverty under the slogan, "Dana for World Peace — overcoming poverty to nurture our children."

Unable to part from our self-centered mentality, we are simply foolish beings, incapable of attaining supreme enlightenment through our own strength. It is all through the salvific working of Amida Tathagata that we are enabled to realize our selfishness. Furthermore, because of this self-awareness, with the hope of responding to the Buddha's boundless compassion even just a little, we are enabled to aspire for everyone's happiness and make a sincere effort in dealing with the many difficult problems of bitter reality in this world.

In this New Year, as we receive the Dharma and recite the Nembutsu, let us make every effort to acknowledge and cope with the reality we face.

January 1, 2019

OHTANI Kojun

Monshu

Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha

年頭の辞

新しい年のはじめにあたり、ご挨拶申し上げます。

昨年日本においては、豪雨・台風・地震など多くの災害が起こり、また、世界でもインドネシアにおける地震と津波、北米における大型ハリケーンなど多くの自然災害が起こりました。災害によってお亡くなりになられた方に謹んで哀悼の意を表しますとともに、被災された方に心よりお見舞い申し上げます。また、これら以外にも紛争やテロ・飢餓などによって、日々多くの方が犠牲となり、困難な生活を送っておられることも忘れてはいけません。

さて、私は2016年10月1日の親教「念仏者の生き方」において、「仏法を依りどころとして生きていくことで、(中略)仏さまのお心になう生き方を目指し、精一杯努力させていただく人間になるのです」と記しました。本願寺においては、昨年4月より「<貧困の克服に向けて～Dana for World Peace～>—子どもたちを育てるために—」という取り組みが始まっています。

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言うまでもなく、私たちは自己中心的な考え方を離れることができず、自力修行によって悟りを開くことができない凡夫です。しかし、阿弥陀さまのおはたらきによって自己中心的な凡夫であると気づかされるからこそ、そのような私を救って下さるお慈悲のお心に少しでもかなうよう、すべての人々の幸せを願い、現実の困難な課題に積極的に取り組むことが大切ではないでしょうか。

本年も浄土真宗のみ教えを聞き、南無阿弥陀仏とお念仏申す日々をともに過ごさせていただく中で、現実の課題に向き合う1年にしたいと思います。

2019年1月1日

浄土真宗本願寺派
門主 大谷光淳

New Year's Greeting from Bishop Eric Matsumoto



Aloha Kakou and Happy New Year!
"NAMO AMIDA BUTSU"

Our Theme & Slogan for 2019 is *Embrace Change: Transformation (Walk in Peace)*. It is our last year with the theme of "Embrace Change." Have you noticed a change in yourself? Have you noticed a change in our organization (Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii/Hawaii Kyodan)? Have you noticed a change in the world?

Indeed, these are complex and challenging questions to answer. Perhaps an answer we can all agree upon is "Not enough." Yes, how difficult it is to change for the better because my ego continues to get in the way. An important aspect of "Walking in Peace" is to become aware of my limited self, but rest assured that there is hope. A great hope, the encouragement of Namo Amida Butsu, The-Buddha's-Name-That-Calls (Myogo) and The-Buddha's-

Name-Which-I-Call (Nembutsu). Amida Buddha fully understands the plight of this spiritually foolish "I" full of imperfections and thus reaches out, unconditionally, vowing never to forsake with the promise of attaining the Perfect Peace of Nirvana with birth in the Pure Land of Enlightenment (at the end of this finite life). However, the journey of "Walking in Peace" begins from the moment when True Entrusting occurs.

A Foremost Scholar of Jodo Shinshu the late Rev. Jitsuen Kakehashi explains "The "turning of the heart" means forsaking the human-centered way of thinking and placing the teaching of the Tathagata at the center of our thought. Being saved means that with the Dharma-centered values, a new view of life is established in ourselves." "In our daily life, we are liable to be dictated by self-centered thoughts, but in the mind of Nembutsu practitioners who are saddened and pained by this reality, there is a recurring transformation in which with the heart and mind of the Tathagata's great wisdom and great compassion, we come to look back at our own thoughts and behaviors." "...we come to reflect on our self-centered thoughts, reject our blind passions and make efforts to see things and live our lives in a way that can be approved by the Tathagata."

As I have often emphasized, the life of a Shin Buddhist is one of responding in gratitude to the unprecedented and unparalleled Wisdom and Compassion of Namo Amida Butsu by reciting the Nembutsu in awareness, joy and gratitude that I am embraced just as I am with all my limitations and we try to live our life guided by the Dharma in grateful response to Unconditional Compassion until our life culminates (at death) with our entering the Pure Land of Perfect Peace and Happiness at which time the ultimate transformation to Perfect Buddhahood occurs. Or, more simply, out of gratitude, as The Golden Chain of Love shares "I will try to think pure and beautiful thoughts, to say pure and beautiful words and to do pure and beautiful deeds knowing that on what I do now depends not only my happiness or unhappiness, but also that of others. May every link in Amida Buddha's Golden of Love be bright and strong and may we all attain Perfect Peace."

In 2019, embraced, nurtured and inspired by the Buddha's 12 Lights, may we be encouraged to contribute towards a more peaceful, compassionate and harmonious world until we enter the "Land of Immeasurable Light" and the "Land of All-Knowing Wisdom" only to find "my" enlightened Great Self returning (from Pure Land of Peace) to aid others in their quest for the Perfect Peace of

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Nirvana. Namo Amida Butsu (Entrusting in All-Inclusive Wisdom and All-Embracing Compassion).

In Gassho/Anjali

*Rev. Eric Matsumoto, Bishop
Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii*

New Year's Greeting from Kyodan President Pieper Toyama



Embrace Change: Transformation (Walk in Peace)

It is my hope that the 2019 theme speaks to all of us personally. At the heart of the theme is the call for us to transform ourselves and from this profound change to walk in peace. The transformation we seek is borne out of awareness. As our awareness allows us to see, hear and feel with clarity, we come to know all that is given to us in our lives. Our appreciation of life itself becomes a real and true experience. And when we become aware of the preciousness of our lives, the ordinary is transformed into a miracle of perfection. This is the transformation we seek: to see our lives as miracles because of the forces and people known and unknown have created the causes and conditions for us to be alive in this very moment. In these moments of transformation, we can only say, Namo Amida Butsu. And it is in this instant we walk in peace.

The reality is that these moments of transformation are short-lived because our

self-centered egos wrench us back to attend to our attachments and our unreasonable desires. But this should not deter us from being open to the next moment of transformation and the next and the next, even though they may be so short-lived, for each is a step in peace.

As 2019 unfolds one day from another, it is my hope that we will all find perfection in ordinary moments and in

that perfection a profound appreciation for our lives. In that morning cup of coffee, in the smile of the cashier at the supermarket, in the “shaka” sign of a grateful motorist you allowed to merge into traffic, in the quiet loneliness of an empty house, in the Sunday morning greeting of a fellow temple member, in the laughter of your child, in the glow of the setting sun, I hope you feel the perfection of life, the perfection of your life. I hope in that instant your life is no longer ordinary but is transformed into a miracle. And I hope you walk in peace with the only sound on your lips, “Namo Amida Butsu.” Such is my hope for you in 2019.

*Namo Amida Butsu,
Pieper J. Toyama*

MINISTER'S MESSAGE

Rev. Shindo Nishiyama

Jikoen, A Historical and Unique Temple: Reflections by Reverend Shindo Nishiyama

It was in June, 2005 when the late Bishop Chikai Yosemite called me into his office. There he told me, “Rev. Nishiyama, I am assigning you to Jikoen Hongwanji in September. I hope you can do your best and stay there longer than the 17 years I was there.” He continued, “Please remember that a minister should be kind and caring. Work hard for the Jikoen members with sincerity, and don't be lazy!”

As I reflect on my time at Jikoen, I hope that I have responded to Yosemite-sensei's advice.

Over the last fourteen years, I have met many dedicated Jikoen members, some who have passed away. They devoted their lives to their families, friends, and the community, especially to the Jikoen Ohana. Their examples have greatly encouraged me to keep my commitment to share the Dharma as resident minister. When I work with the present members and friends, I see and feel the same dedication as the Issei and Nisei pioneers.

In its eighty-year history Jikoen has contributed a great deal to our community. It was a place for the Uchinanchu to gather and meet. It helped to rebuild Okinawa after World War II. It celebrates the Uchinanchu culture. Lumbini Preschool has served many families since 1964. It offers spiritual care for those in need. Today, Jikoen is for all who want a community that supports them just as

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they are. I am a very fortunate to be a part of Jikoen, a historical and unique temple!

I humbly bow my heard to ask for your continue support and kokua for Jikoen. *Onegaishimasu!*

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Doris Oshiro

Happy New Year, Everyone!

As we start the New Year and begin Jikoen's 81st year, I am humbled and truly grateful to have this opportunity to serve as president.

We enter the fifth and final Hongwanji statewide slogan to *Embrace Change*, that started in 2015, and ends with *Transformation, Walk in Peace*.

Jikoen provides the opportunity to understand the dynamics of the Buddha's Compassion and how it instills a feeling of gratitude. It awakens and embraces all foolish beings, just as we are, to help us understand that there are countless causes and conditions that make our lives possible. Just as we need food, air, water and other things to exist, so does the plants, animals and countless other forms. We realize that we have an obligation to each other.

For over 80 years Jikoen has withstood difficulties and hardships. We have been working on all of our new and existing projects and Jikoen continues to grow. However, it hasn't been easy but with your support we can keep Jikoen going!

I ask all of you to take on the challenge of having the initiative and courage to step up to pursue Jikoen's long term goals. Please invite new members, family, and friends. Let's also engage our youth by encouraging our children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren to come to Jikoen services and events.

We need to make sure Jikoen has everything it needs to prosper and grow. But most of all, we need to nurture our existing affiliates and members.

In this New Year, I invite you to join us on our journey to walk in peace with the compassionate light and wisdom of Amida and to keep our temple open for our family, members, friends, and the greater community.

Again, I sincerely thank all of you and especially Rev. & Mrs. Nishiyama, our Board of Directors and advisors,

JBWA, and our dedicated ohana. I look forward to your continued support in 2019. Kotoshi mo dozo yoroshiku onegai itashimasu. Ippei niffee deebiru. Doomo Arigato gozaimasu. Mahalo!

Namo Amida Butsu

TEMPLE NEWS

Anniversary Memorial Services for February & March, 2019

1st Year Memorial (Died in 2018)

February 2, 2018.....Mrs. Tomiko Tomi Masaki (83)
February 10, 2018..... Mrs. Yoshiko Tokeshi (93)
February 10, 2018.... Mr. Richard Hideo Kaneshiro (87)
March 4, 2018Mrs. Humi Iha (97)
March 17, 2018 Mr. Kenneth Masatoshi Kaneshiro (76)
March 21, 2018 Mrs. Lorraine Yasuko Toma (101)
March 30, 2018 Mrs. Nancy Haruko Zaha (96)

3rd Year Memorial (Died in 2017)

February 7, 2017 ... Mrs. Claudia Arakaki Miyamoto (79)
February 11, 2017..... Mr. Toshio Lefty Goya (83)
March 6, 2017Mrs. Eiko Hlga (95)
March 7, 2017 Mrs. Hiroko Nakamura (87)
March 7, 2017 Mrs. Alice Yoshiko Shimabukuro (96)
March 22, 2017 Mrs. Hiroko Higashionna (82)
March 31, 2017 Mrs. Kimiko Kinjo (92)

7th Year Memorial (Died in 2013)

February 3, 2013..... Mr. George Kishimoto (89)
February 17, 2013.....Mr, Matsumori Higa (97)
March 2, 2013Mrs. Fujiko Fudge Oshiro (83)
March 2, 2013Mr. Stanley Oshiro (90)
March 4, 2013Mrs. Anne Umeno Kiyabu (98)
March 15, 2013Mrs. Hiroyo Inoue (54)
March 17, 2013Mrs. Kimiye Shinsato (101)
March 19, 2013 Mrs. Clara Hanako Takeuchi (96)
March 26, 2013Mr. Harold Sunao Teruya (80)

13th Year Memorial (Died in 2007)

February 7, 2007..... Mr. Katsuo Kats Oshiro (77)
February 16, 2007.....Mr. Shinho Yogi (99)
February 19, 2007... Mr. Masaru "Kane" Kaneshiro (83)
February 19,2007..... Mr. Hiroshi Yoshida (86)
February 21, 2007.....Mr. Ernest Tatsuo Tsumuro (75)
February 23, 2007..... Mrs. Etsuko Kishaba (69)
March 3, 2007 Mrs. Masae Shinsato (88)
March 6, 2007Mrs. Mitsue Yamamoto (75)

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March 21, 2007Mr. Wallance Seigen Kiyabu (93)
March 29, 2007Mrs. Haruko Nancy Nakasone (88)

17th Year Memorial (Died in 2003)

February 1, 2003..... Mr. Hirotsuke Shimabukuro (85)
February 9, 2003.....Mrs. Tsuruko Miyashiro (84)
February 25, 2003.....Mrs. Victoria Futae Toguchi (57)
February 25, 2003..... Mr. Kalen Akio Nakasato (27)
March 5, 2003Mr. Isamu Morris Oshiro (73)
March 9, 2003 Mr. Harry Izumi Inazaki (81)
March 13, 2003Mrs. Otoyo Bise (91)
March 13, 2003 Mr. Harold Eiichi Okino (68)
March 17, 2003Mrs. Chiyoko Kuwana (80)

25th Year Memorial (Died in 1995)

February 4, 1995.....Mr. Thomas Sanjiro Kaneshiro (74)
February 5, 1995.....Mrs. Fuji Nakasato (81)
February 7, 1995..... Mr. Matsuro Nakasone (91)
February 14, 1995...Mr. Kenneth Kiyoshi Ishikawa (51)
February 14, 1995..... Mrs. Utomi Teruya (93)
February 19, 1995.....Mrs. Masue Nakamura (77)
February 25, 1995.....Mrs. Shizuka Teruya (75)
February 26, 1995.....Mrs. Kamado Nakamura (94)
March 5, 1995Mrs. Hana Arakaki (89)
March 7, 1995Mr. Hideo Tamashiro (88)
March 9, 1995 Mrs. Michie Arakaki (72)
March 11, 1995 Mr. Hiroaki Sakuma (93)
March 14, 1995Mrs. Kikue Uyehara (79)
March 22, 1995Mrs. Shizuko Takaesu (81)
March 26, 1995 Mrs. Kamado Hamadono (96)

November 18 Eitaikyo Service, Keirokai Recognition with Jikoen's 80th Anniversary

Eitaikyo Service

This observance allows us to remember and thank those who have come before us to share the Nembutsu teachings. The word Eitaikyo is a contraction of the formal term, Eitai dok(u)-kyo. Ei means "eternal" which comes from the Chinese characters for a river with many tributaries that flows on and on. Tai means "generations." Doku means to "read or chant." Kyo means sutras of the words of the Buddha. Thus, the meaning of Eitaikyo is to eternally chant the sutras on behalf of not only our loved ones that have passed, but also for generations to come.

Keirokai Recognition

This year, our Keirokai Recognition was in the social

hall to accommodate our seniors together with our 80th Anniversary Celebration!

Following the picture taking in front of the large "Shikai Keitei" rock and mochi maki toss in the courtyard, we honored our elders and thanked them for their selfless sacrifice and long dedication to Jikoen Hongwanji. Kei means to honor or respect and ro means elderly; thus, keiro means to "honor the elderly."

We also honored and paid tribute to the elderly members who were unable to join us that day. Honored were **Myrna Nishihara** who observed her 80th birthday this year and **Helen Kaneshiro, Masuo Kino, Masuo Momohara, Edward Okita and Shigeru Yamaguchi** who observed their 90th birthdays. They were given a gift card, a hand towel sewn by **Joyce Fujimoto** and a bag of treats. We also recognized our super senior who is 102 years old, **Mr. Toshio Arakaki!**

Those in attendance were presented a gift bag, lei and congratulated by **Rev. Nishiyama and Doris Oshiro**, Kyodan president.

Beijyu honorees who turned 88 years old this year were **Lillian Gima, Betty Higa, Lily Horio, Alice Kino, Judy Momohara, Yoshiko Nakasone, Pat Shiroma, Thomas Shiroma and Doris Yamaguchi**. The *Beijyu* gift bags were made by **Ai Ogata, Esther Kita, Amy & Ichiro Saito**. A gift card, hand towel sewn by **Esther Kita**, special gift of chopsticks and a chopstick rest together with a lei were presented to our super 88 year old seniors by Dharma School students.

A big mahalo to **Mrs. Nishiyama** for making all the leis for our Keirokai Honorees!

Everyone enjoyed a special lunch, great entertainment and fellowship in the Social Hall.

Mahalo for all you have done for Jikoen and for your long history of hard work, sacrifice, and hardship endured to keep Jikoen for our future generations.

Thank you, again to our food service volunteers headed by **June Nakamasu & Esther Kita, Haruko & Edward Okita**, together with the JBWA and Dharma School volunteers.

Much Mahalo to those who donated food, gave a donation, donated treasure items and supported the Fall Treasures Tables with your purchases.

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Small Talk Revisited: An Old-Timer's Random Thoughts Regarding Jikoen's 80th Anniversary

by Shiz Miyasato

Souvenir booklet

Once again, a stellar production. It has everything – our history, our present, our future, all well organized, well-written, with great photos. Such a pleasure to read! I especially noted Sensei's sincere words when he thanked Suzie for always standing by and with him. Not many men acknowledge their wives' value in this way. 'Way to go, Sensei!

Ambience

Ladies, you outdid yourselves again – such lovely flowers and favors to carry out your “green” theme! The mums in the teacup lasted one-plus week more on my butsudan.

Entertainment

The shi-shi mai group was great. So good to see that leaders like Jon Itomura are training small fry to keep its flame glowing and growing for the future. And yes, even girls are included – hooray!

Wonderful that Jikoen members like **Shelby Oshiro, Travis Oshiro, Pete Doktor, Ann Moribe, and Keith Oshiro** are still helping to perpetuate Okinawan dance and musical traditions as well.

So much more to mention, but this little bit should suffice to convey my heartfelt appreciation to the Jikoen ohana for all the planning and hard work put into this milestone celebration. The future is indeed in very good hands. This old-timer is deeply grateful and heartened.

Note: *Shiz Miyasato was the long-time editor-in-chief for the Jikoen Newsletter and ran a regular column called “Small Talk” that provided insights and commentary on myriad topics. Thanks, Shiz, for coming out of retirement to contribute your thoughts!*

Mahalo for Refreshments

Much Gratitude! We are grateful for the following who provide us with delicious refreshments on Sundays and for clean up:

Elaine Hirashiki, Allice Kino, Judi Matsumoto, Ann, Kaycie, & Marcie Moribe, Marleen Nishimiya, Emi Oshiro, Jean Oshiro, Karen Tamanaha, Sandy Toma, Grace Ueunten, Janet

Wakakuwa, Jean Yamashiro & JoAnn Yosemori.

Thank you to all who also bring “goodies” to add to the refreshment table. We notice and appreciate your contributions.

A special thank you to **Jimmy Toma**, who comes in early to open up and make coffee, cooks the rice for the altar obu pan and to help clean up!

JBWA NEWS

Highlights

- *December Meeting*

Rev. David Nakamoto visited with us at our JBWA meeting and led us in the Aspiration.

- *A Special Lunch at Nembutsu Seminar*

As part of a successful Honolulu and Oahu District Nembutsu Seminar at Jikoen, **Joyce Fujimoto** planned a special Blue Zone lunch menu for the November 10 event. Volunteers helped to prepare the lunch boxes which were enjoyed by the participants at the Seminar. Many compliments were received about the lunch which was very health and delicious. The lunch box presentation was also attractive.

- *Jikoen 80th Anniversary*

JBWA women helped at the memorable 80th Anniversary celebration on November 18. **President Nakamasu** thanked all who volunteered; a special thank you went to **Suzi Nishiyama** who co-chaired the event with **Rev. Nishiyama**.

- *Martin Luther King Day Parade*

Parade will be on January 21 from Magic Island to Kapiolani Park. Bus riders will meet at Betsuin at 7:30 am. Walkers will meet at Magic Island parking area.

- *Jikoen Annual Membership Meeting and New Year's Party*

On January 27, Jikoen's Annual Membership Meeting and service will be held at 9:00 am in the Hondo. The New Year's Party will follow in the hall. JBWA will coordinate the luncheon. Therefore, helpers are needed for food and decorating table.

- *JBWA Annual Luncheon*

The annual JBWA Luncheon will be held on February 2 at Kapiolani Community College (KCC) at 10:30

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a.m. The cost is \$40 and will be covered for members and invited guests (those who have helped JBWA with projects throughout the year). Other guests may be invited at the cost of \$35. Let June Nakamasu know if you will have a guest.

- *Dana Day*

Jikoen's Dana Day service will be on February 10. The special speaker will be JBWA member **Dorene Niibu**. Dorene is a Kyodan Past-President.

- *BBQ Chicken Sale*

Jikoen's BBQ Chicken Sale will be on Saturday, February 16. Before the sale, the kitchen will need workers. Please come to help prepare andagi, inari sushi and pack takuwan.

- *Altar Cleaning and Flower Arranging*

Every week volunteers, mostly JBWA members go to clean and arrange flowers. The altar vases are very heavy — too heavy for some of the women to carry — so there are some men helpers, also. Now, **Joyce Fujimoto** is helping to explore a way to do arrangements without lifting the heavy vases. Nevertheless, more volunteers are needed. Please let June Nakamasu know if you can help.

- *Soba Making*

Here's a special presentation. **Wayne Toma's** friend, a restaurateur who makes soba in Japan, will be in Hawaii in March and will do soba-making demonstrations. JBWA is planning a soba demonstration on March 3 after service. More information to follow.

- *Federation BWA Report*

Lois Toyama reported that Lady Takeko Kujo (one of the founders of the BWA) has a book out. The title is *Leaves of My Heart*. It has been translated into English and will be available at the Honpa Hongwanji Bookstore for \$20.

- *16th World Buddhist Women's Convention*

The World Convention will be held in San Francisco from August 30 to September 1, 2019 at the Marriott Hotel. Lodging is for two nights; JBWA will pay for one night for each member attending and also pay for her registration fee.

Conference montoshikisho was ordered, but ordering is still open.

Awaiting information on other Convention payment and Post Convention tours.

Jikoen 80th Anniversary Commemorative Photo

Order Yours today!

- \$20 each
- Place order by February 15, 2019
- Call the office at 845-3422 or email jikoen.info@gmail.com





HILITES FROM HQ NEWS UPDATES

(December, 2018)

44th Annual Living Treasures of Hawaii Recognition

HHMH will honor four individuals as the 2019 Living Treasures of Hawai'i in recognition of their personal and professional achievements and their contributions to the community:

John M. Hara, FAIA

Earl Kawa'a

Gertrude Yukie Tsutsumi

James T. Yagi

- *Date:* Saturday, February 9, 2018
- *Place:* Hilton Hawaiian Village, Coral Ballroom
- *Time:* 11:00 a.m. Registration
12:00 p.m. Lunch and Program
- *Attire:* Aloha.

HHMH Instagram

Honpa Hongwanji Mission Of Hawaii Social Media Team recently created the Instagram Account. Please follow it:

Instagram: @honpahongwanjihawaii_official

URL: www.instagram.com/honpahongwanjihawaii_official

Lives Remembered: A Tribute to the Fallen of Pearl Harbor

Bishop Eric Matsumoto and Reverend Kazunori Takahashi attended a Memorial Ceremony "Lives Remembered: A Tribute to the Fallen of Pearl Harbor" on December 6, 2018. This ceremony was co-hosted by the Consulate General of Japan in Honolulu and Navy Region Hawaii to recognize both the American and Japanese lives lost during the Pearl Harbor attack of 1941, and as a symbol of reconciliation and friendship between Japan and the United States.

Annual Jikoen Bazaar

Date: Sat., April 6, 2019

Place: Jikoen Social Hall

Time: 8:30 a.m. to 12 noon

Donations are welcomed as of March 10, 2019.

Please drop off your items between 7:00 a.m. and 12 noon on weekdays and Sundays

Volunteers are needed:

- Sunday, March 31 - manpower to set up tents and social hall
- Week of April 2-5 to sort and price items
- April 6 to facilitate parking and security; sell and pack items; help clean up after the bazaar

Please call the office at 845-3422 for assistance or questions.

Thank you!

Honolulu Oahu Districts Joint 2018 Nembutsu Gathering

The Honolulu and Oahu Districts presented a joint 2018 Nembutsu Gathering, "Walking the Path of Change... Together" on Saturday, November 10 at Jikoen Hongwanji. 71 participants attended. A delicious Blue Zones lunch was provided by the Jikoen BWA.

Bishop Eric Matsumoto shared his thoughts about the seminar theme, Dharma-Centered organization and relevancy. Pieper Toyama talked about organization/reorganization, "Montoship," social media, social concerns and community involvement. Alan Goto on

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budget and alternative income.

Keynote Speaker, Dr. Maya Soetoro-Ng, consultant to the Obama Foundation and co-founder of Ceeds of Peace, which creates peace building action plan and workshops for educators, families and community leaders. She provided inspiration to work together on these initiatives by focusing on such topics as Embracing Change, Moving Outside Your Comfort Zone, Working with Those Who Resist Change and Living a Life of Harmony. Small group discussions followed.

Plans are being made for another joint Honolulu and Oahu District Nembutsu seminar in the Fall of 2019.

Hawaii Federation of Buddhist Women's Associations

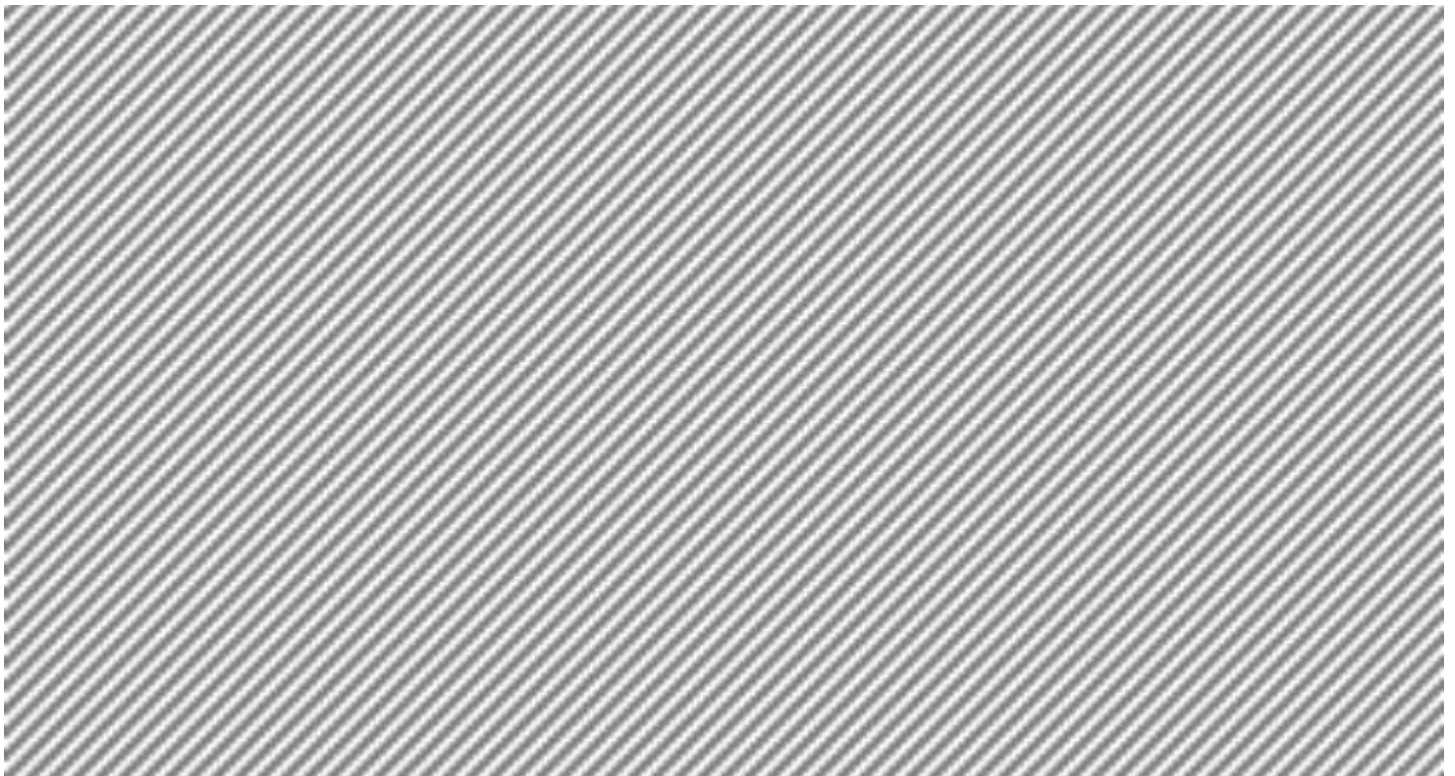
You see the Buddhist Women's Association members in action in your temples and in your community. What you might not see is the impact and involvement of the BWA on a national and international level. This year, the BWA Federation has supported two significant initiatives to share the Dharma:

- Took the lead in fundraising for Hawaii's contribution to the establishment of an Eshin-Ni-Kakushin-Ni Endowed Chair at the Institute for Buddhist Studies in Berkeley. Interest from the endowment will support a faculty position which will be used to train new ministers and to offer continuing education.
- Hawaii met the fundraising goal of \$11,000 by deadline, December 31. Mahalo to all the temples, individuals and organizations for their support. For those who haven't had the chance to contribute and want to do so, send a check made out to HHMFBA to Karen Kikukawa, FBWA Treasure at HQ.

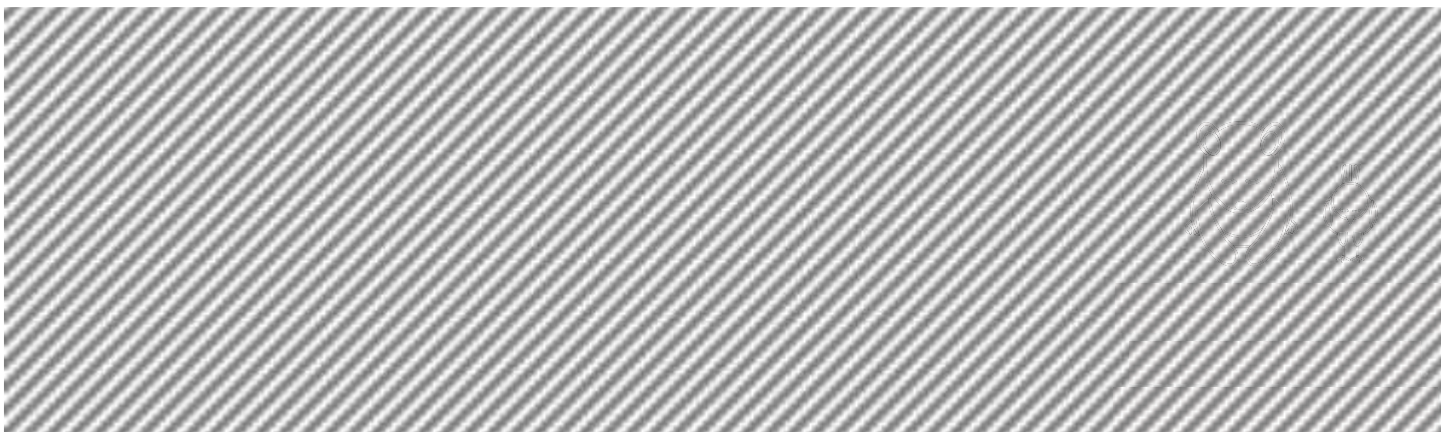
The second initiative was contribution at the Asoka level to the publication of the book, *Leaves of My Heart*. The book is a translation of Lady Takeko Kujo's works which is being published by the American Buddhist Study Center in New York City. Lady Kujo was a devout Buddhist Women's Association and was an activist to help the poor, providing soup kitchens and free medical aid. *Leaves of My Heart* is a collection of Lady Kujo's essays which were published in a Tokyo newspaper as well as a selection of her poems.

Takeko Kujo's book should be available at the first of next year.

DONATIONS FROM NOVEMBER 15, 2018 THRU DECEMBER 31, 2018



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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, February 3, 2019:***

Toshio "Lefty" Goya ~ February 11, 2017 (age 83)
Nancy T. Higa ~ February 14, 2015 (age 80)
Matsumori Higa ~ February 17, 2013 (age 97)
Kenneth Kiyoshi Ishikawa ~ February 14, 1995 (age 51)
Haruko Kaneshiro ~ February 1, 2015 (age 97)
Masako Kaneshiro ~ February 12, 2008 (age 95)
Kiyono Fuchigami Kawabata ~ February 15, 2015 (age 91)
Thomas Sanjiro Kaneshiro ~ February 4, 1995 (age 74)
Richard Hideo Kaneshiro ~ February 10, 2018 (age 87)
Etsuko Kishaba ~ February 23, 2007 (age 69)
George Kishimoto ~ February 03, 2013 (age 89)
Masaru "Kane" Kaneshiro ~ February 19, 2007 (age 83)
Nobuko Ruth Kobashigawa ~ February 4, 2016 (age 92)
Tomiko "Tomi" Masaki ~ February 2, 2018 (age 83)
Ethel Tokiko Minei ~ February 13, 2014 (age 94)
Kameko "Violet" Miyahira ~ February 1, 2015 (age 100)
Claudia Arakaki Miyamoto ~ February 7, 2017 (age 79)
Dr. Albert H. Miyasato ~ February 24, 2006 (age 80)
Dennis Kazuo Miyasato ~ February 16, 2011 (age 66)
Gensho Miyashiro ~ February 1, 2015 (age 102)
Mrs. Miyoko Miyashiro ~ February 21, 2014 (age 87)
Tsuruko Miyashiro ~ February 9, 2003 (age 84)
Momose Janet Moribe ~ February 4, 2011 (age 87)

Kamado Nakamura ~ February 26, 1995 (age 94)
Masue Nakamura ~ February 19, 1995 (age 77)
Kalen Akio Nakasato ~ February 25, 2003 (age 27)
Fuji Nakasato ~ February 5, 1995 (age 81)
Matsuro Nakasone ~ February 7, 1995 (age 91)
Usako Nakata ~ February 10, 2016 (age 97)
Kamewa Nagamine ~ February 18, 2006 (age 87)
Ayano Nishimiya ~ February 22, 2001 (age 76)
Richard Shintaro Nishimiya ~ February 22, 1995 (age 70)
Guy Itsuo Oshiro ~ February 7, 1999 (age 42)
Katsuo "Kats" Oshiro ~ February 7, 2007 (age 77)
Olga Ochiyo Oshiro ~ February 28, 2005 (age 89)
Mrs. Sonoko Sakai ~ February 2, 2014 (age 76)
Kenneth Tamotsu Sakamoto ~ February 6, 2014 (age 68)
Hirosuke Shimabukuro ~ February 1, 2003 (age 85)
Matsuichi "Mutt" Shimabukuro ~ February 5, 1998 (age 77)
Susan A. Tamashiro ~ February 15, 2016 (age 61)
Yasuko Tamayori ~ February 28, 2002 (age 76)
George H. Tanahara ~ February 28, 2014 (age 75)
Shizuka Teruya ~ February 25, 1995 (age 75)
Utomi Teruya ~ February 14, 1995 (age 93)
Victoria Futae Toguchi ~ February 25, 2003 (age 57)
Yoshiko Tokeshi ~ February 10, 2018 (age 93)
Seitoku "Stanley" Tokuda ~ February 1, 1998 (age 74)
Ernest Tatsuo Tsumuro ~ February 21, 2007 (age 75)
Edward Matsuji Uyesato ~ February 21, 2005 (age 78)
Martin Yeimatsu Yamaguchi ~ February 22, 2005 (age 66)
Yoshie Yasui ~ February 17, 2016 (age 96)
Lois Kiyomi Yasui ~ February 25, 2010 (age 68)
Shincho Yogi ~ February 16, 2007 (age 99)
Haruko Yonashiro ~ February 6, 2016 (age 93)
Hiroshi Yoshida ~ February 19, 2007 (age 86)

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

Semi-Annual BBQ Chicken Fundraiser

Saturday, February 16, 2019

Pick-up Time: 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 pm

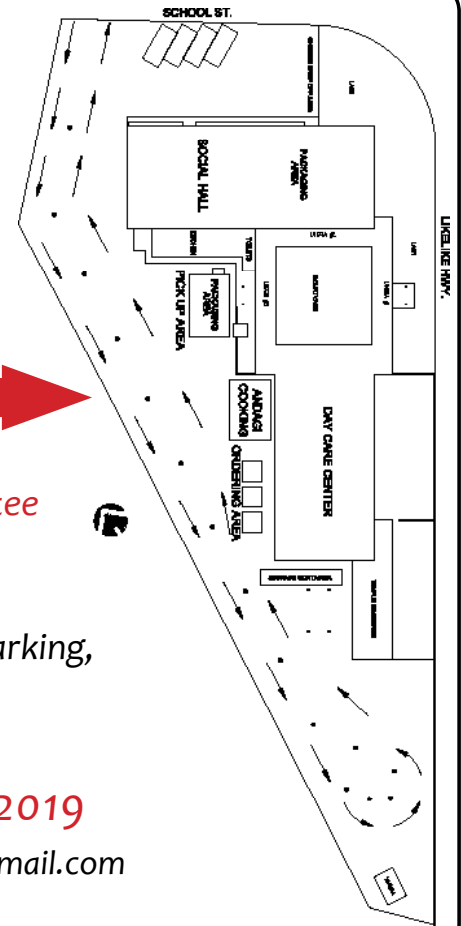
Cost: \$12.00 Whole Chicken

Drive-Thru Service for easy pick-up! (see map)

- Other food items on sale: sushi, takuan, and andagi.
- Please pre-pay your chicken and sushi order to guarantee availability.*
- Come early as items do sell out quickly.
- Volunteers needed to facilitate Drive-thru Service, parking, packing, selling, and clean-up!
- Tickets and order forms have been mailed to you.

Deadline for presale tickets is February 6, 2019

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