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April 2019 Hi-Lites

Of Special Interest This Month

April 7 - BIBF Hanamatsuri @ Hilo Meishoin

April 14 - Hanamatsuri Service

April 21 - Lady Eshini Service



May 5 - Gotane Service

May 12 - Mother's Day Service

May 25 - Puna Community Memorial Day Service

May 26 - Shipman Family Memorial Day Service



2019 Honpa Hongwanji Slogan

**Embrace Change: Transformation
(Walk in Peace)**

Puna Hongwanji Vision Statement

Puna Hongwanji Mission will be a dynamic and unique temple for Hawaii serving the spiritual needs of the community through Jodo-Shinshu teachings.

Puna Hongwanji Mission Statement

Puna Hongwanji Mission is a community of people joined in the joy of a common faith in Amida Buddha to share the Dharma in our daily living.



The Hi-Lites Monthly Newsletter

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Temple Clean-up Schedule



Each section will be responsible for weekly clean-up of the temple for the entire month. Section leader will contact members on the clean-up dates and times

APRIL - Hilo
MAY - M/K/V

Toban Refreshment Schedule for Sunday

APRIL - Keaau
MAY - Pahoa



Memorial Service (Nenki)

Families, relatives, and friends of deceased members listed, please contact the temple if there are any corrections or omissions.

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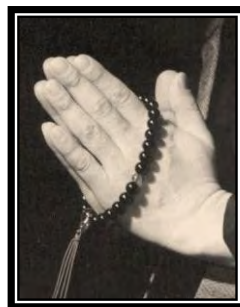


April 2019

1 yr.	Yaeko Aoki	April 22, 2018
3 yrs.	Katsuki Kubo	April 9, 2017
7 yrs.	Misao Tanaka	April 8, 2013
	Yoshikazu Isa	April 21, 2013
	Adeline Tsuyako Nakamura	April 30, 2013
13 yrs.	Hideko Furukawa	April 7, 2007
	Rosie Kikue Tanaka	April 14, 2007
17 yrs.	Toyoko Mori	April 4, 2003
	Yoshio Wallace Shiroma	April 10, 2003
	Akiyo Tanaka	April 11, 2003
25 yrs.	Yumi Koshito Itadani	April 18, 1995
	Kiyoko Violet Morimoto	April 20, 1995
33 yrs.	Matsu Tamashiro	April 10, 1987
	Sakuichi Osaki	April 19, 1987
50 yrs.	Ikie Tanaka	April 29, 1970



With Deepest Sympathy



Puna Hongwanji Mission extends its sincerest sympathy and condolences to the family and relatives of the following member(s) who recently passed away.

Kinue Kanda
Ronald Kawada

April 2019

Puna Hongwanji Mission Calendar of Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Judo 5:30 PM Karate 7 PM Pahoa Service	2 Taiko 3 PM Judo 6:30 PM	3 Judo 5:30 PM Karate 7 PM Sr. YBA Mtg	4 Taiko 3 PM Judo 6:30 PM	5 Choir 3:30 PM	6
7 BIBF Hanamatsuri at Hilo Meishoin	8 Judo 5:30 PM Karate 7 PM	9 Taiko 3 PM Judo 6:30 PM	10 Judo 5:30 PM Karate 7 PM Bon Dance Practice 7 PM	11 Taiko 3 PM Judo 6:30 PM Meditation 6:30 AM	12 Choir 3:30 PM	13
14 Hanamatsuri BWA Mtg	15 Judo 5:30 PM Karate 7 PM	16 Taiko 3 PM Judo 6:30 PM	17 Judo 5:30 PM Karate 7 PM	18 Taiko 3 PM Judo 6:30 PM Meditation 6:30 AM	19 Choir 3:30 PM	20
21 Lady Eshini Service Dharma School Mtg	22 Judo 5:30 PM Karate 7 PM	23 Taiko 3 PM Judo 6:30 PM	24 Judo 5:30 PM Karate 7 PM Bon Dance Practice 7 PM ANPAN	25 Taiko 3 PM Judo 6:30 PM Meditation 6:30 AM	26 Choir 3:30 PM	27
28 Family Service 9 AM	29 Judo 5:30 PM Karate 7 PM	30 Taiko 3 PM Judo 6:30 PM				

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Minister's Message



"May all beings be happy and well, may no harm or difficulties come to them, may they live in peace and harmony."

Buddha, the awakened has four great virtues. They are 1) Loving Kindness, 2) Compassion, 3) Sympathetic Joy, and 4) Equanimity. With and through these four virtues, Buddha saves and embraces all people without distinction, without

discrimination. This is the total and ultimate acceptance of living things as they are.

Buddha's Great Compassion is depicted as "Your happiness is my happiness, your suffering is my suffering." Hence, there is no duality, no distinction of self and other, no dichotomy of you, she, he, they, them, all are different and unique yet cherished and accepted.

Karuna is a word describing a roar of suffering through observing and seeing a person suffering intensely. If you pinch your arm and you feel pain, but another person cannot feel the pain exactly in the same way. However, the Buddha can feel the same pain you are receiving. These might be a sense of peace and comfort by knowing that someone knows and understands what you are going through now. Amida Buddha is the one who totally knows and feels what you are going through.

Because Amida Buddha can feel the same pain you are having, Amida Buddha made vows and promised to love and embrace those who are suffering. Once you are embraced, you are never forsaken. Because Amida Buddha knows how much you suffer, Buddha cannot help but save you and embrace you, because you are now suffering. Out of Compassion, Buddha loves and embraces you. This is Maitri.

It's like a hug. When you see your loved one crying and suffering, you can't help hugging them and embracing them, feeling their pain.

When we are hugged, we feel the warmth, we feel the caring, we feel we are not alone in the midst of suffering and pain. You are not alone.

It's like a mother's hand wiping her child's tears.

Buddha acknowledges the pain and tears. Buddha gently and warmly wipes tears and embraces, finding Buddha's tears in child's tears.

With Karuna and Maitri, Amida Buddha's Great Compassion and Wisdom totally embraces those 49 people who have gone due to the action of violence in New Zealand as well as families and friends who lost them, and every single person who thinks about them.

May there be a sense of peace and comfort in the awareness that All-Embracing Compassion and All-Inclusive Wisdom are with those victims, families and friends, and every single person warmly and gently.

Namo Amida Butsu.



Puna Hongwanji Mission Minister's Report March 2019

April 1-Monday, Hawaii District Ministers' Association meeting via skype, 9 a.m.

April 1-Monday, Pahoehoe Monthly service, 7 p.m.

April 2-Tuesday, Meeting @Puna, 3 p.m., via skype

April 3-Wednesday, Japanese Class @Puna, 5 p.m.

April 3-Wednesday, Sr. YBA meeting, 7 p.m.

April 5-Friday, Interfaith meeting @Hilo, 9 a.m.

April 6-Saturday, Memorial Service @Puna, 2 p.m.

April 7-Sunday, Big Island Buddhist Federation Buddha Day @Meishoin, 9 a.m.

No service at Puna Hongwanji.

April 8-Monday, Memorial Service @Puna, 10 a.m.

April 8-Monday, Pahala & Naalehu Monthly service, 3 p.m. & 6 p.m.

April 9-Tuesday, Puna Webpage meeting, @Puna, 6:15 p.m.

April 10-Wednesday, Japanese Class @Puna, 5 p.m.

April 12-Friday, Commissioner on Buddhist Education meeting via skype, 7 p.m.

April 13-Saturday, Memorial Service @Puna, 10:30 a.m.

April 13-Saturday, Monshinto membership meeting, @Honolulu

April 14-Sunday, Puna Hongwanji Buddha Day

April 16-Tuesday, Temple Sustainability Advisory Committee (TSAC) mtg. 7 p.m.

April 17-Wednesday, Japanese Class @Puna, 5 p.m.

April 18-Thursday, Puna Board of Directors meeting, 7 p.m.

April 21-Sunday, Lady Eshinni & Kakushinni Day

April 24-Wednesday, Japanese Class @Puna, 5 p.m.

April 26-May 3rd, Rev. Tomioka's sister's family will stay at parsonage

April 27-Saturday, Memorial Service @Puna, 10:30 a.m.

1. Two TV monitors were installed

Thanks to the donation from Sr. YBA, two new TVs were installed in a main temple. This will help Rev. Tomioka use a multimedia in his message and will enhance

a quality of temple Sunday service. Thanks goes to Mr. Gary Sunada, Mr. & Mrs. Clifford Furukado, Mr. Cary Tanoue, Mr. Clint Kolyer who helped. Next project is to make a permanent cabinet for a computer and P.A. system in the back side corner of a main temple.

2. Temple Webpage and social media

Puna Hongwanji Buddhist Temple launched our new webpage. Please go to a website at punahongwanji.org. We also have a facebook, and Instagram. Rev. Tomioka is exploring to have a twitter, podcast, youtube account as a temple. Through those social media on the internet, we will be able to attract more people and provide more opportunity to listen to the teachings of Buddhism for those who can't come to temple due to the various reasons. To make it happen, a good quality video camera and microphone is needed and a plan has been discussed with Sr. YBA President Sam, Cary and Clint.

3. A welcoming spirit and Community Temple

It is said "A welcoming spirit grows our community temple." As I observe temple Sangha members, I have seen members talk to new people, take them to the refreshments and sit together, introduce to other members. Please continue to welcome new people through stepping out from our comfortable zone. As we have faced with a declining membership, it is a time to embrace change and take new, innovative, and thought-provoking actions while cherishing our rich tradition and customs. If we take care of people who come to a temple – members, affiliates, classes, community- with a welcoming spirit and loving kindness, they will care our temple. If we don't care

people, we can expect their support. Like Amida Buddha's Compassion always cares each of us let us care each other. Like Amida Buddha's Wisdom recognize people and things without judgements, let us see and welcome people. It is me and you who create a welcoming temple.

4. Practice Buddhism every day, living in Buddhism

As we just observed the incident in New Zealand, our lives are fragile and impermanent and nobody is promised to have tomorrow. Also, we human beings may do anything depending on causes and conditions. Let us always keep in mind that Buddha's Compassion and Wisdom are with use every day and every moment as our guidance. Let us live not being driven by our Greed, Anger and Stupidity – G.A.S.- but guided and inspired by All-Embracing Compassion and All-Inclusive Wisdom of Amida Buddha. We strive to practice teachings of Buddhism and try to live a life with loving kindness.



Before temple service begins these ladies gather downstairs to catch up with each other. (Adela Hara, Jean Iwata, Florence Nishimura, Kikuko Kuwahara, Kay Kawazoe)

Puna Hongwanji Kyodan Highlights

Synopsis of Kyodan Board of Directors' meeting held on Thursday, February 21, 2019. Minutes were recorded by Marilyn Sato, Secretary.



Repair and Maintenance

- Security screen doors will be installed by Dean Matsumura dba Graceful Elephant; he will build and install lattice on the lanai
- Dean Matsumura will install galvanized mesh screen over the temple vent

Approved Activities/Announcements

- Bishop Eric Matsumoto will serve his 3rd term as Bishop from 2019 to 2023
- Rev. Blayne Higa will be assigned to Kona Hongwanji as of May 1, 2019
- Malamalama Waldorf School was happy to be able to use the hall for their play and they did a good job of cleaning the hall
- The convection double oven has been signed and ordered
- Rental agreement contract has been revised and sent out for review; suggestion was made to make the liability section stronger
- Social Media (Facebook, Instagram) is receiving positive comments; Rev. Tomioka, Sam Horiuchi, and Robin Sato will receive website training.
- Safety Committee is being organized to have emergency action plan procedures in place; to address CPR, AED, etc.
- At the 107th Giseikai Legislative Assembly, Richard Solie expressed his opinion about the original budget which called for 17% increase in temple assessments. After expressions of considerable opposition, the Finance & Budget Committee met and came up with \$77,000 of budget cuts. Expenses were cut from 17% to 7%. Way to go,

Richard! Big Island gained an additional director for a total of 7. State Kyodan President Pieper Toyama is on his last term and will be looking at ways to make the Hongwanji self-sustaining.

- Mike Staggs, investment advisor, suggested that since we are **not** taking out funds, we move funds out of the conservative portfolio and into the growth portfolio. Growth funds are more volatile but they have outperformed every other category in the long term and we are invested for the long term.
- The Shinnen Enkai had 154 people (132 adults, 14 students, 8 complimentary). This year the responsibility moved away from Kyodan centered to affiliates.
- Memorial Day guest speaker will be Dr. Peter Matsuura
- Board approved to go ahead with the purchase of a new pair of altar lamps for \$5,000+. The left side lamp is broken and another is damaged. A campaign will be organized to ask for donations to pay for the pair of lamps.
- The columbarium altar is in need of repair and maintenance. Ultra-violet rays are deteriorating the altar. Workers from Japan will do on-site restoration and come, pack, and ship pieces to Japan. This project will cost \$140,000+.
- September: Lay Convention – C. Furukado is in charge of food

In Appreciation – Thank You Very Much

- Thank you to Ethel Miyashiro and affiliates for an enjoyable and successful Shinnen Enkai. Affiliates involved were Choir, Dharma School, Sr. YBA, Taiko, Judo, Scouts, and Okinawan dancers. Well done!
- Thank you to Rev. Tomioka for making Puna Hongwanji Buddhist Temple proud. He did a presentation at the Giseikai and others said we are very lucky to have him. So true! We are indeed fortunate to have

such a talented, innovative, and energetic leader to guide us.

- Thank you to Craig Shimoda and Carol Tsunazumi for your behind the scene help with our Family Services. You are appreciated!
- Thank you to the Social Media Committee for your commitment in keeping Puna Hongwanji Buddhist Temple in the news. Comments: "I am impressed with your page." "I am happy information is posted regularly." There are many likes and the number of followers has increased.
- Thank you to those who made their dues donation.



Friends of Lili'uokalani Gardens events and partnerships:



Saturday, April 13:

1) volunteer work day 8 a.m. to noon; main task is the pond with students from UH-Hilo and Youth Challenge. Dry land tasks also available for those

who do not wish to get muddy.



Membership Committee News

Recommended dues is \$240.00/yr. We accept partial payments, monthly, quarterly, semi-yearly, and in full. Your dues help pay some of our operating expenses and maintenance. And if you are in a care home situation, your dues are exempt. Please notify the office or myself on your status.

In Gassho,

Roy Toma
Membership Chairman
Ph: 935-7712



- 2) 9th annual AIDS Walk 7-11 a.m. -- a fund-raising event where all the money stays on this island; supported by Hawaii Island United Hongwanji Buddhist Women's Association
- 3) Hilo Cacao & Chocolate Festival at Hilo Hawaiian Hotel 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Sunday, April 21, Easter Sunday traditionally begins the annual Merrie Monarch Festival, which continues through Saturday 4/27



Tuesday, April 30, assemble and place koi nobori on bamboo poles throughout Waiakea peninsula



NEW PiYo Live! Classes

Wednesdays 4-5pm beginning April 3
 Low-impact, full body strength and flexibility workout inspired by Pilates and yoga.
 Bring a yoga mat and water.
 \$3/class
 Contact- Sara Krosch 520-389-0620
 or sarakrosch@gmail.com

Puna Hongwanji Columbarium Inurnment Niche Requests and Future Needs

To all members,
 As per our Columbarium Guidelines, the following individuals and/or family members are eligible to request inurnment at Puna Hongwanji Columbarium.

1. Member of Puna Hongwanji Mission
2. Immediate family of member
 - a. Spouse
 - b. Unmarried Children
 - c. Parents (of member or spouse) living in the same household with member or confined in a care home
3. Former members who terminated their membership because they moved too far away to continue attending temple services or participating in temple activities.

Currently 83% (364) of our total 441 niches have been assigned (urns present) or reserved.

There are only 75 niche spaces that are empty and available.

A standing committee has been created to document the names of assigned niches and determine whether we need to increase our Columbarium inurnment capacity. If as an eligible member you plan to request new or additional family inurnment (niches) at our Columbarium in the near future, please let us know. If sufficient demand exists, we need to start planning for purchases of additional niches to insure that we have the capacity to serve all our eligible members.

Thank you very much.

Please contact Rev. Tomioka at 966-9981 at the temple or Robert Sugihara at 345-6835.

SPRING OHIGAN



Greeters: Lei Kakugawa and Dora Hashimoto



Choba.



Choir performing.



Offering of flowers by Eileen and Lei



Offering of lights by Touma and Issei

45th Annual Hawaii District Council Gatha Fest



Puna Hongwanji members performing.



Reverend Tomioka playing the ukulele.



Gatha Fest done, Costco time!



Activites



HHHB Spring Seminar, March 16, 2019
With Rev Harry Gyokyo Bridge, resident minister
of Buddhist Church of Oakland.



Buddhism Class: "Buddhism in daily lives" - How I
can find harmony in my life by Rev. Satoshi
"Ka'imipono" Tomioka.



Reverend Tomioka



Our minister, Rev. Satoshi "Ka'imipono" Tomioka,
not only shares his time for temple activities, but
also participates in community events. On Feb 21,
2019 he gave a lecture at the Institute for
Astronomy to about 25 seniors about Gannenmono.



On Feb 26, 2019 he attended the Interfaith
Community in Action (ICIA) monthly meeting. The
focus of the meeting was ending homelessness and
fear.



Puna Hongwanji Buddhist Women's Association.



Preparing the purple daikon to make pickled daikon to be sold at the 2nd Annual Puna Spring Festival.



Everyone busy chopping the Daikon



Rev. Tomioka helping them mix it



Soaking and mixing the daikon.

EMBRACE CHANGE - TRANSFORMATION HAPPY 2019 and CONGRATULATIONS KEIROSHA

Puna Hongwanji celebrated their Shinnen Enkai/Keirokai on February 17th with a combined service for Installation of Kyodan Officers and recognition of our Keirosha.

The newly installed Kyodan officers are: Mr. Jason Hashimoto, President; Mr. Clifford Furukado, 1st VP; Ms. Robin Sato, 2nd VP; Mrs. Marilyn Sato, Secretary; Mr. Byron Toma, Treasurer; and Mr. Richard Soli, Assistant Treasurer. Installation included Presidents of the following affiliates: Mrs. Annie Robinson-BWA (represented by Mrs. Stella Miyashiro); Mr. Warren Tanigawa-Dharma School; Mrs. Ethel Miyashiro-Choir; Mr. Sam Horiuchi-Sr. YBA; and Mr. Paul Sakamoto-Puna Taiko (represented by Mrs. Yuki Uchida).



Newly installed Kyodan Officers, Board of Directors and Affiliate Presidents.



Celebrating their 80th birthday this year, are our dedicated Keirosha members: Mrs. Adela Hara, Mrs. Barbara Jitchaku (represented by Mrs. Yuki Uchida), Mrs. Janet Nakamura and Mr. Roy Toma. We humbly thank them for their many decades of devotion and service to Puna Hongwanji. Congratulations to all of you and our deepest gratitude for all that you've done so we may continue to enjoy our temple.

From Left to right: Rev. Satoshi Tomioka, Ethel Miyashiro, Keirosha: Mrs. Adela Hara, Mrs. Yuki Uchida representing Mrs. Barbara Jitchaku, Mrs. Jan Nakamura, Mr. Roy Toma and Jason Hashimoto, Kyodan President.

“Embrace Change” is the five-year Hongwanji slogan, and we, as Hongwanji Members, are practicing. More specifically, this year, is defined as “Embrace Change – Transition”. The Puna Hongwanji Kyodan decided that we could change the way that our Shinnen Enkai/ Keirokai is planned and organized by “transitioning” from a Kyodan centric planning to a teamwork concept involving all the affiliates to build fellowship.

The Choir along with Dharma School took on the role of lead affiliate and was responsible for the service, keirosha celebration and overseeing the communications between affiliates for all other committees. Thank you, Sensei and Carol and Craig for a beautiful service. Many thanks to choir/Dharma school members for doing double duty on other committees and pitching in where needed. An amazing crowd and terrific turnout!!



Thank you to the BWA and the food committee along with volunteer coordinators Clifford and Keri Furukado and their team of dedicated workers for the ono lunch. They were given a theme “Embrace Change – Transition to a Healthier Living” so recipes were modified to include healthier ingredients. Good job!!!.



Thank you to the Sr. YBA, for providing the entertainment: mochi pounding was supervised by Mr. Earl Mukai with members and guests working in pairs to pound the hot rice while a team of ladies expertly transformed the freshly pounded mochi into delicious *an* filled mochi for all to sample.





Puna Taiko with John Ray and Shy Kawamoto assuming the leadership role in absence of Paul Sakamoto – crowd pleasing as always



Carol Tsunozumi and Stella Miyashiro with a beautiful performance of an Okinawan dance called Kayuibuni.



Puna Choir singing three numbers - Arigatai accompanied by Ethan D'Ambrosio on Tenor Sax and augmented with a sign language team led by Karen Mason, Wind Beneath my Wings (Iz Kamakawiwaole), and the required gatha for Gathafest, Na Man Da Beautiful Sunday.



Thank you to Puna Taiko for obtaining the prizes for the lucky number. Thank you to Ace Hardware for the donations, Lei Kakugawa for the beautiful handmade hot plates. Thank you to Puna Taiko's John Ray assisted by Boy Scout leader, Karl Hopkins for organizing the scavenger hunt games.

Thank you to Judo Club for their hard work in setting up the Social Hall and to everyone for their assistance in cleaning up. Fellowship is the backbone of the temple and together we can accomplish many things. Mahalo to all.

Humbly submitted by: Ethel Miyashiro



75th Anniversary of our church in 1976



Olaa Hongwanji, before it became Puna Hongwanj in 1957