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# June 2019 Hi-Lites

## *Of Special Interest This Month*

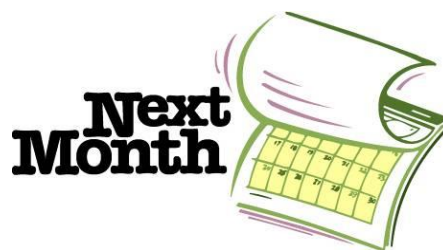
June 1 - Puna Judo Tournament

June 2 - Baccalaureate Service

June 9 – Temple Chef of Puna

June 16 - Father's Day Service

June 23 - Obon Clean Up



July 4 - Obon Set Up

July 5 & 6 - Hatsubon

July 7 - Obon Clean Up



## *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

**JUNE** - Keaau

**JULY** - Pahoa

## *Toban Refreshment Schedule for Sunday*

**JUNE** - Hilo

**JULY** - M/K/V



## *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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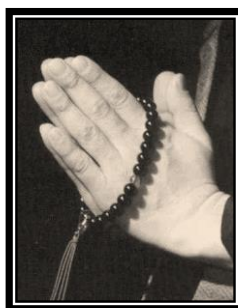


### **June 2019**

1 yr.	None	
3 yrs.	Akira Yamamoto	June 17, 2017
	Anna Shizuko Yoshida	June 20, 2017
7 yrs.	Loren Hiromu Mochida	June 14, 2013
13 yrs.	Yuriko Koshi	June 2, 2007
	Richard Sakoda	June 3, 2007
	Frank Kunio Miyamoto	June 5, 2007
	Yasue Watarida	June 30, 2007
17 yrs.	Jean Setsuko Kimura	June 3, 2003
	Norito Nagao	June 4, 2003
	Noboru "Pinhead" Shimabuku	June 6, 2003
	Kaoru Nakahara	June 7, 2003
25 yrs.	Yoshiko Ushio	June 5, 1995
	Yamato Asato	June 20, 1995
33 yrs.	Kame Yogi	June 3, 1987
	Sunao Nishida	June 5, 1987
	Uto Arakawa	June 9, 1987
50 yrs.	None	



### *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.

*Pamela Kamei*

# June 2019

## *Puna Hongwanji Mission Calendar of Events*

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 Baccalaureate Service BWA Meeting BWA Mtg	3 Judo 5:30 PM Karate 7 PM Pahoa Service	4 Taiko 3 PM Judo 6:30 PM	5 Piyo Live! 4 PM Judo 5:30 PM Karate 7 PM SR YBA Meeting Bon Dance Practice	6 Taiko 3 PM Judo 6:30 PM	7 Choir 3:30 PM	8
9 Family Service 9 AM Temple Chef 10:45 AM	10 Judo 5:30 PM Karate 7 PM	11 Taiko 3 PM Judo 6:30 PM	12 Piyo Live! 4 PM Judo 5:30 PM Karate 7 PM Bon Dance Practice	13 Taiko 3 PM Judo 6:30 PM	14 Choir 3:30 PM	15
16 Father's Day	17 Judo 5:30 PM Karate 7 PM	18 Taiko 3 PM Judo 6:30 PM	19 Piyo Live! 4 PM Judo 5:30 PM Karate 7 PM Bon Dance Practice	20 Taiko 3 PM Judo 6:30 PM BOD Meeting	21 Choir 3:30 PM	22
23 Obon Clean Up	24 Judo 5:30 PM Karate 7 PM	25 Taiko 3 PM Judo 6:30 PM	26 Piyo Live! 4 PM Judo 5:30 PM Karate 7 PM Bon Dance Practice <b>ANPAN</b>	27 Taiko 3 PM Judo 6:30 PM	28 Choir 3:30 PM	29
30 Family Service 9 AM						

## **Hi-Lites Photo Publication** **Ethics Statement**

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## **Minister's Message**



It is really wonderful to see students receiving their diplomas and to listen to their messages at graduation ceremonies. When I attended those ceremonies last year, family, friends and relatives were taking pictures, laughing and crying. Children have grown up not only physically, but also mentally and spiritually. As a result of their effort and the support of many others,

they were able to welcome their day of graduation. It is also so nice to see students show their appreciation to their families and their families, in return, show their happiness, love, excitement. Congratulations!

I noticed people calling out to their children. Especially, when their child's name was called, families, friends, and relatives shouted, screamed, made noises, blew whistles and applauded. The first time I heard the screaming I was so surprised. I still remember my friends told me this is the way of graduation ceremonies in Hawaii.

While observing the graduation and hearing the “Screaming,” I realized that, people immediately responded to a certain name and they didn't pay much attention to other names. Of course, people were there to see their children, so they expressed their congratulations to them only. They know their children's names and as soon as their name was called, they responded with joy and enthusiasm. I have some observations to share with you. First of all, we like to express our love. We respond only to our own children and not to others. This is natural for each of us, to show our love. However, it means that our love is poured out to only people whom we care about. During the graduation ceremony, I saw parents taking pictures of their child using cell phones but they didn't realize their arms and bodies taking the picture, may have blocked other parents from seeing their own children. Other people also have a special person in their lives. We can't just think of our own special person.



When our love is expanded to include all beings without discrimination and is expressed to all, that kind of love is Buddha's love and compassion. Amida Buddha's great compassion is unconditionally embracing all people and all forms of life as if they were Buddha's own children. By realizing the great compassion, it sheds light on our own love and it transforms our love into thoughtful love for all others.

Another observation is about names. As I mentioned, during the ceremony, every time their child's name was called, the family immediately responded to the name. I believe as soon as they heard their children's names, they recognized it, smiled and "screamed" with a heart of joy and happiness. Don't you think it is interesting that the joy, happiness, and smiles occur by just hearing the name? This means each name is not just only a name but also brings to mind their face, love and memories of many things they have been sharing together. Hence, by hearing the names, we receive many things.

Amida Buddha manifests all virtues and vows into the name, Namo Amida Butsu. All people who hear the name are embraced by great compassion and are filled with joy. Here, the Buddha's name itself is Amida Buddha and it manifests the great compassion which totally embraces everyone with a great love like parents. As if you were hearing your mother's gentle voice in her arms, Buddha's calling voice is always with us. In Juseige chant, Amida Buddha vows that: When I have fulfilled the Buddha-way, my name shall pervade the ten quarters; should there be any place it is not heard, may I not attain perfect enlightenment. (Service book, page, 55)

So, Amida Buddha vowed and affirmed that his name shall be heard by everybody and all who hear the name shall be grasped by Buddha's love and compassion, never to be abandoned. In other words, whenever you are, wherever you are, no matter how old you are and whatever happens in your lives, Buddha's great compassion sustains you. It is our guidance 24 hours a day, every moment in our lives. Namo Amida Butsu

## **Puna Hongwanji Mission Minister's Report March 2019**

June 1-Saturday, Puna Judo tournament Aspiration @Shipman Gym  
June 1-Saturday, Memorial Service, 10 a.m. @columbarium  
June 1-Saturday, Memorial Service, 5 p.m. @Puna  
June 2-Sunday, Puna Baccalaureate Service, Guest Speaker: Janice Ikeda  
June 3-Monday, Hawaii District Ministers Association mtg., 9 a.m., via skype  
June 3-Monday, Paho Monthly service, 7 p.m.  
June 4-6, State Ministers June Seminar, Maui. Any religious emergency, please call Rev. Marcos Sawada of Higashi Hongwanji at 8082177325  
June 7-Friday, Interfaith meeting @Hilo, 9 a.m.  
June 8-Saturday, Buddhism Class, 10-11:30 a.m.  
June 10-Monday, Monthly Pahala/Naalehu service, 3 p.m./6 p.m.  
June 12-Wednesday, Japanese Class, 5 p.m. @Puna  
June 18-Tuesday, Temple Sustainability Advisory Committee mtg., 7 p.m.  
June 19-Wednesday, Japanese Class, 5 p.m. @Puna  
June 20-Thursday, Puna Board of Directors Meeting, 7 p.m.  
June 21-Friday, Buddhist service @Okutsu veterans, 10:30 a.m.

### **1. Appreciation-Welcome party for my sister's family**

I would like to extend my appreciation to Puna Hongwanji Buddhist Temple and members & friends for your warm welcome and hospitality. My sister's family really enjoyed meeting you and visiting various places in Hawaii. Thank you very much.

### **2. Friendly Temple**

Thank you very much for your efforts and awareness to welcome new people to our temple. Bishop Eric Matsumoto has been encouraging each temple and minister to welcome new people who may have a different background and culture. We all have our comfort zone and it is easy and comfortable to live in a way we want. However, my comfort zone and comfortable habits can be another person's "uncomfortable zone and habits" Harmony

can exist only when we realize everyone has their own comfort zone and they want it to be recognized, understood, respected and accepted. Knowing my limitations and that of others, we try to find a balance between members. Two things I want to share at this time is:

1. When we have a temple announcement, make sure who is who. For example, when we sell a ticket and mention a name who is in charge, the person shall stand up and show their face so that new people can know who is who.
2. Provide a translation and additional explanation to technical terms. As you might be aware, I try to provide an English translation to technical Buddhism words such as offering of incense to *Oshoko*, putting hands together to *Gassho*. How about *Kyodan*? *Toban*? *Bon*? *Gotan-E*? This does not mean to replace all words with English but an effort to help new people who has not grown up with Buddhism tradition can understand its meaning.

We shall observe our temple, habits with a perspective of new people and what we can do to have those people feel welcomed and understand our tradition. It is not one-way but two-way communication and interaction between new people and members.

### **3. Three Buddhism Classes**

- 1) Buddhism Class: Buddhism 101.  
Saturdays, June 8, 15, 22, 10-11:30 a.m.  
Open to public. Registration required.  
\$10 for 3 sessions. Participants will learn the basic teachings of Buddhism, rituals, and temple etiquettes.
- 2) Buddhism Class: Reading of Tannisho.  
Friday, June 28, 6-7p.m. Open to public.  
Registration required. \$5. Tannisho is one of the most influential books about Shin Buddhism. A material will be provided.
- 3) Buddhism Class: Buddhism Meets Music. Saturday, June 29, 10-11:30 a.m.

Participants learn the teachings of Buddhism through old and contemporary songs. Open to public. Registration required. \$5.



## **Puna Hongwanji** **Kyodan Highlights**



Synopsis of Kyodan Board of Directors' meeting held on Thursday, April 18, 2019. Minutes were recorded by Marilyn Sato, Secretary.

### **Repair and Maintenance**

- Parsonage lights were fixed
- The new oven has arrived
- Security screen doors are being installed and some construction is being done upstairs

### **Approved Activities/Announcements**

- Rev. Tomioka will launch an official Puna Hongwanji Buddhist Temple accounts of Twitter, YouTube, and Podcast to share the teachings of Buddhism with a larger community.
- "Buddha is Our Teacher" booklet is available – simple and easy to read booklet about Buddhism. Booklet should be shared with children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and others. It will be used in the Mindful Parenting classes scheduled for May 17, 24, and 31. Class is open to all who want to learn the universal values, learn Buddhism teaching, and want to help our keiki be kind. Classes are open to the public; registration fee is \$10
- Hawaiian Pie Company will be using our ovens again during Merrie Monarch week (Wed.-Sat.).
- Disabled American Veterans (DAV) will have 10-11:00 a.m. meetings on the second Saturdays.

- Rev. Kiyohara, Social Media Committee, likes what he has seen about Puna Hongwanji Buddhist Temple on social media.
- Big Island Buddhist Federation (BIBF) hosted the Hanamatsuri Service at Hilo Meishoin on Apr. 7. At its meeting, it was announced last year's host, Taishoji, will sell T-shirts with "Kizuna" as a fundraiser for BIBF. Last year the "Kizuna" calligraphy was done by an artist on a canvas the size of half a basketball court. Printing of the shirts will be done in Japan.
- No bazaar will be held this year. Smaller, more focused fundraisers will be held. Chairperson(s) are needed for: Puna Hongwanji Buddhist Temple Obon (July 5-6); Cinder Sale (before obon); Laulau (presale tickets); Rummage Sale (October), and Fundraising Activity for Community (Christmas Parade Day). Contact President Jason Hashimoto or leave a message at the temple.
- The Spring Festival was a successful event – we received good, positive comments about the craft vendors, entertainment, food, activities, etc.
- Scouts at Puna will now accept and include girls. Boys and girls will have their own troop, den, and/or pack. This unit will be the first on the island to include girls.
- The Board approved the recommendation of the Investment Committee to be more aggressive in our growth fund.
- The Temple Sustainability Advisory Committee met and will meet again in June. They are working on goals. The committee is not empowered to make any decisions – all recommendations will be made to the Board for its actions. They will do research and Board will consider recommendations.
- The Columbarium Improvement Committee will work together with the Columbarium Niches Committee. Improvements will retain the aesthetics of the Columbarium.
- June 9: Temple Chef of Puna – cooking contest/demonstration; 3 teams of 3 will be accepted

- June 23: Temple clean-up to prepare for obon
- June 30: Pieper Toyama will offer a Leadership & Harmony Workshop at PHM; President Hashimoto encourages all Board members and affiliate leaders to attend.
- July 5-6: Puna Hongwanji Buddhist Temple Obon; service will begin at 5:30 p.m.
- Nov. 4-13: Trip to Japan with Rev. Tomioka and JTB USA Inc.

### **In Appreciation – Thank You Very Much**

- Thank you to Clifford Furukado, Earl Mukai and Stan Mason for getting the new oven installed.
- Thank you to our Social Media Committee (Rev. Tomioka, Sam Horiuchi, Robin Sato, and others for keeping members, friends, and the community informed about our activities. Great job!
- President Hashimoto said our hanamido looked outstanding – better than those he saw on Facebook. Thank you to chair, Craig Shimoda, and others who helped.
- Thank you to all who helped with the Spring Festival – many positive comments! Together We Can!
- The family of the late Mrs. Charlotte Nakamoto donated a 2001 Toyota Corolla to the temple. Thank you very much.



## Bishop Eric Matsumoto



As we observe Shinran Shonin's Birthday (Gotan-E), this year, let us turn our attention to the recent Message from His Eminence Kojun Ohtani about the upcoming Eight Hundred Fiftieth Anniversary of Shinran Shonin's Birth and Eight Hundredth Anniversary of the Establishment of the Jodo

Shinshu Teaching which will be observed in 2023, in that message, he states,

"When truly realizing how vast the Buddha's compassion is, we cannot help but feel ashamed of our way of living that is a far cry from Amida Buddha's wish. That is why Shinran Shonin laments, "How ugly it is! How wretched!" in referring to himself. However, this feeling of shamefulness could motivate us to endeavor to lessen the Buddha's sorrow even if only limited results were expected. Furthermore, that sentiment should synchronize with our efforts of sharing the Buddha's Vow with as many people as possible and feeling others' grief and joy as our own, because these acts are in accord with the wishes of Amida Buddha, and also Shinran Shonin who aspires for peace and tranquility and the Buddha's teaching to spread throughout the world."

As I reflect on Gomonshu's guidance, I recall the phrase "...to live the Nembutsu" as found in *Lamp for the Latter Ages*, Letter 16 in which Shinran Shonin's says "One must seek to cast off the evil of this world and to cease doing wretched deeds; *this* is what it means to reject the world and to live the Nembutsu." To be sure, it says "to live the nembutsu." "Rejecting the world" does not mean to abandon the world as meaningless and worthless. It means lamenting one's negativity and grateful responding in gratitude to Amida Buddha's Unconditional Compassion and thus care about this

world by trying, imperfect and inconsistent as I am, to live my life according to the Dharma.

Speaking of gratitude, in the Pali language, gratitude is defined as "knowing what has been done." In the Chinese language, one of the Chinese characters for gratitude is comprised of two parts, one which means "cause" and the other refers to the "heart-and-mind." Thus, it reminds us to keep the cause (of why we are grateful) always in mind and moves the heart. A well-known expression goes "Knowing Gratitude, Respond in Gratitude." In the Japanese language, the word "arigatou" comes from the word "arigatai" literally meaning "difficult to have" with the implication of how precious and rare. It can be about a person, an object, an encounter and even being or existence (life) itself.

Gratitude is such a powerful force. It is more than just a feeling or emotion. True gratitude is life changing. Life transforming. In *The Teaching of Buddha*, it shares that the Wise show appreciation not only to the person(s) who helped (them) by returning some act of kindness, but to all those around them. Thus, expanding the circle of gratitude. Gratitude can change us and the world. In our current times with so much uncertainty, fear, violence, hatred and negativity what we need is a positive universal force in society to bring about more peace, harmony and kindness in the world. Truly, illuminated by Amida Buddha's Nurturing Light, encouraged by Shinran Shonin, may we "live the Nembutsu" motivated by the power of gratitude for Amida Buddha's Great Wisdom and Compassion. Namo Amida Butsu.





## **Puna Hongwanji Buddhist Women's Association.**

When the Puna Kyodan invited affiliate groups to participate in the March 30<sup>th</sup> Spring Matsuri, the BWA saw an opportunity to earn money to pay for some extraordinary expenses. After eating a nishime bento at the Cherry Blossom Festival in Waimea, our BWA member marveled at the uniqueness of the simple bento and an idea of selling nishime bento at the Matsuri was born.

Eileen Usagawa chaired the food committee assisted by Lei Kakugawa in charge of the nishime bento and Dora Hashimoto in charge of Spam Musubi. Kay Aoki was in charge of homemade cookies and Jean Tamashiro was in charge of crafts. Presale of nishime container tickets was done by Marilyn Sato and Nancy Yamada.

The nishime bento in Waimea had nishime, rice and takuan. Takuan is a must for the bento but should they buy takuan or make their own takuan? When the conversation was overheard by Clifford Furukado, he offered to give the BWA lots of daikon that his friend Richard Kodani had raised. The BWA members gratefully accepted his offer. It was decided then that the BWA would make takuan for the bento and package the remaining takuan for sale.

A weeks later, Clifford brought tubs of purple daikon from his friend's garden and stored them in the Puna Hongwanji refrigerators. On March 21<sup>st</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> Masako Sanehira, Lei Kakugawa, Jean Tamashiro, Kiyo Sumi, Dora Hashimoto, Mariko Ogawara, Mariko Uyeda, Kay Aoki, Keri Furukado, Beverly Yasukoshi, Carol Tsunazumi, and Eileen Usagawa prepared the daikon and packed the takuan into containers.

At 8:30 a.m. on Thursday, March 28<sup>th</sup>, BWA members began the prepping and cooking of the nishime. Tubs of nishime were filled and refrigerated for presale tickets. Several of the members also brought crafts, homemade cookies and prune mui which were packaged and labeled. The same ladies arrived again on Friday, March 29<sup>th</sup>, to assist with prep work for the products that the Kyodan was making for sale.

Saturday morning, BWA members arrived bright and early to cook rice, prepare ingredients for

Spam musubi and heat up the nishime. Some ladies assisted in the assembly of the Spam musubi while others assisted in assembling the nishime bento with colorful takuan.

At 10:00 a.m. the Spring Matsuri began with all its festivities. The nishime bentos and containers flew off the shelf. Within an hour all the nishime bento and nishime containers were sold! This was totally unexpected. However, there was still a lot of rice that was left over that was still warm and frozen weiners in the freezer. Our innovative ladies quickly fried up the weiners and sold mini hotdog bentos which also sold in no time!

A month after the Spring Matsuri, the BWA was again offered daikon from Clifford. The BWA accepted his offer and Carol Tsunazumi's offer of daikon. On May 7, the ladies prepared large batches of takuan and sanbaizuke. Two days later, they returned to pack them into containers for Mother's Day sale. The takuan and sanbaizuke were ready for sell at the Mother's Day Brunch as planned.

The BWA thanks Clifford Furukado for his support, Richard Kodani and Carol Tsunazumi for the daikon, and all the BWA ladies for their hard work and supporters of BWA for their donations and purchases of our nishime, takuan, and sanbaizuke.







Cleaning the purple Daikon.



Preparing to make the Takuan.



Cleaning and cutting the purple Daikon.



Ready for sale.





Making the sanbaizuke.



Finished product ready to sell on Mother's day brunch at the church.

In Gasho,  
Stella Miyashiro.

## Big Island AIDS Walk 2019

The annual Big Island AIDS Walk was held on Saturday, May 4, 2019 at Lilioukalani Park.

How time flies. This year is the 8th Annual AIDS Walk. The organizers are always thankful to all participants and contributors to this worthy cause.

Thank you to our faithful, "Puna Team" consisting of: K.T., Bill, Carol, Mako, Jean, Charlie, Jackie and Rev. Tomioka for your participation and monetary contributions. Also thank you to Stella and Janie for your monetary contribution. If I missed anyone, thank you.

We were joined by Ellen and Jane of Hilo Betsuin. The Big Island Buddhist Women's Association has been a great supporter to the AIDS Walk.

Thank you all again for choosing to come out on a busy Saturday to support the AIDS Walk. Hope to see you all again next year.

"Attitude is a choice. Happiness is a choice. Optimism is a choice. Kindness is a choice. Giving is a choice. Respect is a choice. Whatever choice you make, makes you. Choose wisely."

Roy T. Bennet; The Light in the Heart

Submitted by: Jean Tamashiro



Yoshihisa, Carol, and Jean





Puna and Hilo BWA members



Jean and Charlie have walked every year. Rev. Tomioka is on his third year at this event.



Ellen and K.T.



## TEMPLE CHEF OF PUNA



Please come support our cooking teams as they share their cooking talents with us. The Temple Chef of Puna event will be held on Sunday, June 9, 2019 at 10:45 a.m. after temple service. The teams have selected a menu they will prepare and we will reveal a secret ingredient to them that they will need to incorporate into their dish. They will have 45 minutes to prepare their dish which will be presented to a panel of three judges. Although there will be a winner this event is to have something different and for everyone to have fun. We are also sharing and showcasing how talented our member and affiliate groups are in the kitchen. Good luck to the three teams and come to temple to show your support!





## 2nd ANNUAL PUNA SPRING FESTIVAL

Some highlights of our Spring Festival in March.



Another great turnout from the community.



Lots of items to choose from our craft fair.



Inflatable for the kids.



Hiccups Circus performing.





**Puna Taiko Performing.**



**Puna Judo club demonstration.**



**Merahi Productions entertaining the crowd.**



**Keaau Elementary Robotics**



**Community board with cranes hanging from tree**





**Folding Cranes**



**Matsuri Dance led by Odorikai group.**

## **PHMBWA Lady Eshinni and Lady Kakushinni Day Service**

Puna Hongwanji Buddhist Women's Association held a joint Sunday Family Service and their Annual Ladies Eshinni and Kakushinni Day Service on Sunday, April 21, 2019. The 2019 Hongwanji Slogan: Embrace Change: Transformation (Walk in Peace) was the event's theme.

Lady Eshinni is the wife of our founder Shinran Shonin. She was the foremost woman devotee of the Nembutsu. Shinran and Eshinni were married in 1210 in Echigo when he was exiled from Kyoto for propagating the Nembutsu teachings. Eshinni wrote letters to her youngest daughter, Kakushinni. The letters gave much insight into Shinran's personality, his years of study and family life.

Lady Kakushinni. In 1254, Eshinni returned to her birthplace to take care of her family's estate and the children of relatives who had died early.

Kakushinni cared for Shinran in his declining years in Kyoto. After Shinran's death in 1263, Kakushinni wanted to keep Shinran's teachings alive and perpetuated it for the followers. She accepted the responsibility of caretaker of the six-sided structure in which Shinran's image is enshrined. \* (\*Hosha. A pictorial History of Jodo Shinshu Women in Hawaii. The Hawaii Hongwanji Buddhist Women's Association 1989)



Marilyn, Carol, Kay, Kiyoko, Lei, Debra, and Rev. Tomioka





Debra Ching Maiava was the special guest speaker. Ms. Maiava was the 2018 Ku'ikahi Mediation Center's Peacemaker Award recipient. She is the co-owner of Ken's House of Pancakes and the Ponds. Debbie talked about her experiences as a manager and about empowering her staff to communicate, respect everyone, work in harmony with each other, to recognize their capabilities and to make sound decisions. Her employees are loyal, committed and productive. Ms. Maiava empowers women and men to achieve their highest goals. Debbie is involved in a special interest group, Going Home. The members help men transition back into society in a group home and by working in the community. They are given tools and resources to make a new life. The PHMBWA presented Ms. Maiava with blankets and sheet sets for her project. Debbie's mother, Mrs. Ching from Oahu, also joined us for the service.

The late Mrs. Kinue Kanda was recognized as a 2018-19 past BWA member.

We thank the many hands involved in the service and meal preparations. Thank you Keaau Toban ladies and food chairperson Kay Aoki for a delicious lunch.

Thank you everyone for your generous calabash donations!

In gassho,  
Carol Tsunazumi, co-chairperson  
Kay Aoki, co-chairperson  
Rev. Satoshi Tomioka, Resident Minister



## **Membership Committee News**

Thank you for your dues payment. Reminders will be forthcoming. Please make yourselves available for the annual cleanup. Again, if you are head of household and in a care home situation, your dues are exempt.

In Gassho,

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## **Welcome Reverend Tomioka's Family.**



Rev. Tomioka's family visiting from Japan





We had a welcome potluck dinner for Rev. Tomioka's family visiting from Japan. Prior to dinner they went around to all the tables to meet all the guest. Everyone had a wonderful time eating, drinking, and enjoying fellowship.



## Mother's Day Brunch



The men cooking for all the ladies of our temple.



Mr. Miyatake making sure his miso soup is coming out great.



Cutting the steaks for the brunch.





Thank you to the Puna Hongwanji Floral Decorators for making the floral displays.



And making the beautiful corsages for all the ladies.



All the beautiful flowers that were donated to our temple.

*A big thank you to everyone who came to our Mother's day branch, and supporting the Puna Hongwanji Scholarship fund.*



A great turn out!



Everyone enjoying themselves.



Everyone looks happy!



## BWA NEWS

16<sup>th</sup> World Buddhist Women's Convention: A total of 139 delegates will be attending the 16<sup>th</sup> World Buddhist Women's Convention in San Francisco from August 31<sup>st</sup> to September 1, 2019. There will be 55 going from Honolulu United, 29 from Oahu, 7 from Kauai, 24 from Maui, and 24 from Hawaii Island. The theme of the Convention is "Live the Nembutsu." Carol Valentine of Kauai will be our panel speaker.

Keynote speakers will be Rev. Yukiko Motoyoshi and Keiko Toro.

Preceding the World Convention, there will be a meeting of the World Representatives. That meeting will be attended by Bishop Eric Matsumoto, Honorary Advisor; Tamayo Matsumoto, Honorary President; Rev. Shindo Nishiyama, Minister Advisor; Lois Toyama, HHMHFBWA President, and Linda Nagai, HHMHFBWA 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President.



Our Hatsubon is just around the corner. Services start at 5:30pm on July 5 & 6. Bon dance to follow.

## Friends of Lili`uokalani Gardens events and partnerships:

Obon in the Gardens flyer attached. The event is in the parking lot adjacent to the tea house in Lili`uokalani Gardens on Saturday, June 1, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Puna Taiko will perform. There will be children's activities in the old sumo ring shelter plus a stone lantern scavenger hunt.



*Just say it "NAMU  
AMIDA BUTSU!"*

## Choir News and Updates:

In celebration of our founder's birthday, Gotan-e, the choir performed two gathas, "*To All we Owe*" and "*Life*", recognizing the beauty and preciousness of all life as it's given. Both gathas speak to our gift from the Buddha, that each life, no matter how small or large, will always dwell in Buddha's compassion. The lyrics reference the tiniest flowers in the field or the little sparrow searching for food, throughout the seasons of the year, Buddha lives in and around all of us, and if we listen, we will hear his voice assuring us of his presence and promise of guidance.



Singers: Left to Right: Karen Mason, Misaki Saito, Jean Tamashiro, Mako Sanehira, Stella Miyashiro, Claire Arakawa, Craig Shimoda, Kiyoko Imada, Anthony Carvalho, Warren Tanigawa, Carol Tsunazumi, Stan Mason and Kay Aoki. Director: Ethel Miyashiro

The choir is pleased to welcome Anthony Carvalho to its Ohana. Anthony brings his beautiful bass voice to our growing men's section as well as prior musical experience on the violin and clarinet.

Our performances are made possible by our talented accompanist, Chrystine Trooien, as well as the acquisition of our digital piano. They provide the beautiful background to our selections.



Accompanist: Chrystine Trooien

The choir would like to invite anyone and everyone who enjoys music to join us at our weekly Friday practices at 3:30pm. All ages welcome.

With gratitude for your continuing support.