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September 2019 Hi-Lites

Of Special Interest This Month

September 13 & 14 - State Lay Convention

September 20 Peace Day event PHM

September 22 - Autumn Ohigan



October 18 & 19 - Suicide Prevention
Seminar

October 27 - Halloween Fun Day



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

SEPTEMBER - M/K/V
OCTOBER - Keaau

Toban Refreshment Schedule for Sunday

SEPTEMBER - Pahoa
OCTOBER - Hilo



Memorial Service (Nenki)

Families, relatives, and friends of deceased members listed, please contact the temple if there are any corrections or omissions.
Researched and compiled by Reverend Satoshi Tomioka



****Correction August 2019****

50 yrs Tatsuhiko Omori August 28, 1970

September 2019

1 yr. Kaydee Yumi DeRoy September 21, 2018

3 yrs. Richard Tokuo Tao September 10, 2017
Tadayuki "Ted" Ogawara September 12, 2017
Masae K. "Peggy" Horiuchi September 12, 2017

7 yrs. Haruko Akiyama September 27, 2013

13 yrs. Richard "Dick" Casper Rudolph
September 8, 2007
Kiyomori Komesu September 22, 2007

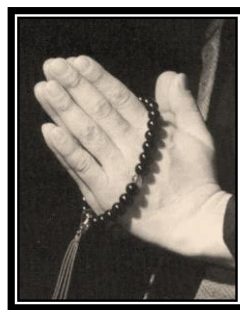
17 yrs. Kiyomu Watarida September 19, 2003

25 yrs. Gary Hideo Sakoda September 4, 1995

33 yrs. Yone Nariyoshi September 6, 1987
Kenneth Kiwamu Kido September 14, 1987
Hisako Shimizu September 21, 1987

50 yrs. Misuyo Yamahira September 3, 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.

Jinsei Nako
Roy Yamashita
Albert & Joyce Nakano
Gail Miura

September 2019

Puna Hongwanji Mission Calendar of Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Family Service 9 AM BWA Meeting	2 Judo 5:30 PM Karate 7 PM	3 Taiko 3 PM Judo 6:30 PM	4 Piyo Live! 4 PM Judo 5:30 PM Karate 7 PM	5 Meditation 6:30 AM Taiko 3 PM Judo 6:30 PM	6 Yoga 9 AM Choir 3:30 PM	7 Yoga 9 AM
8 Family Service 9 AM Dharma School Meeting	9 Judo 5:30 PM Karate 7 PM	10 Taiko 3 PM Judo 6:30 PM	11 Piyo Live! 4 PM Judo 5:30 PM Karate 7 PM	12 Meditation 6:30 AM Taiko 3 PM Judo 6:30 PM	13 Yoga 9 AM Choir 3:30 PM	14 Yoga 9 AM
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29 Family Service 9 AM	30 Judo 5:30 PM Karate 7 PM					

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Minister's Message



Temple Etiquettes, rituals, expectations from Sunday Service

A Sunday service is a time when members and friends get together at the temple to listen to the Dharma, universal teachings of Buddhism. Many of the rituals are observed by the minister and members TOGETHER. This togetherness is a uniqueness of our Shin Buddhism tradition. Each different

individual will experience oneness through chanting, singing, offering incense and listening. Rituals are performed in accordance with the teachings and liturgy to show their reverence to Amida Buddha. Ritual itself is a gesture of respect so we just do it. By continuing to do rituals, it becomes a custom and routine and we can do it without thinking. However, it is also important to know “why ness” of our rituals. Sometimes, we just do it and don’t know why we are doing. By knowing the meaning of rituals and “whyness”, rituals make sense to you and you will perform a ritual out of your respect and bottom of your heart. Rituals will nurture your hearts and minds and cultivate your attitude to the Buddha Dharma, freed from humanness of Greed, Anger, Stupidity (ignorance)

Now, let me know share temples customs, etiquette, rituals, and expectations from Sunday service. I will add English translation to a technical terms/traditional Buddhism Japanese words as the traditional Japanese words has a rich and deep meaning in it and sometimes it is a lost translation in English.

As the beginning, what we get to remember is our refuge and object of reverence is always and exclusively only Amida Buddha, the Buddha of infinite Compassion and Wisdom. As Amida Buddha has aspirations to save all people from sufferings and bring us true peace and happiness, we respond to Amida’s aspirations through our rituals.

Entering the main hall (Hondō) of the temple:

When entering or existing, face the altar (Onaijin) and make a slight bow (15 degree) of respect as we enter the realm of Amida Buddha. If you practice martial arts, you will notice students bow before they enter the place. Their place is called Dōjō, literally means a place of practice. They bow because it is a place where they learn skills and nurture their hearts and minds in pursuing the highest level of the path. In Buddhism tradition, our path is to attain enlightenment, to become a Buddha. A temple is a place where we aspire to become a Buddha through listening to the teachings. Therefore, out of our sincerity and respect, we bow our heads.

Offertory: Most of temples have containers either at the back or front of the temple. It is customary to make monetary offerings to practice the aspect of Dāna or selfless-giving. It is also to support the temple financially.

Offering of incense (Oshōkō): After you enter the temple, you move forward to the altar to offer incense before you take your seat. Etiquette for offering of incense is: 1) walk up to the incense table, 2) bow (15 degree), 3) step up the incense burner with a left foot first, 4) put a pinch of incense onto the coal, 5) put your hands together (gasshō), 6) and recite Namo Amida Butsu, 7) then, bow deeply (45 degree), 8) step back with a right foot, and 9) bow (15 degree) again. Offering of incense may be done during, or at the end of service, depending on temple customs.

In our Shin Buddhism tradition, offering incense is an expression of reverence and gratitude to Amida Buddha, not for deceased. Our deceased guide us to offer incense to Amida Buddha who embraces our departed loved ones and each of us so that we may also awaken to Buddha's Compassion and Wisdom. In this sense, we may offer incense in memory of and guided by our loved ones.

Kanshō (calling bell): it is struck at the beginning of the service. It is rang with a wooden mallet (Shumoku) in a pattern of 7-5-3. 7 times strikes, followed by a series of fast, soft beats which crescendo to slow, loud beats. The pattern then de-crescendos from slow, loud beats to fast, soft beats. Then 5 times strikes, followed by another crescendo and de-crescendo pattern and finally struck 3 times.

We may think of it as Amida Buddha calling us to come and hear the Dharma. Listening to each sound of bell as it disappears helps us to become quiet and ready to listen. If you begin to hear the bell sound, it is time conclude your chatting and prepare yourself for the service.

Chanting: it is done to praise the virtues of Amida Buddha, to listen to the teachings of the Buddha, to share the teachings of the Buddha with others. As we chant, we may feel calm and focus on the present moment. Chanting has a certain rhythm or melody and we follow the leader's speed/tone. Each individual voice blended as one in a joyful expression of the embracing the Dharma together. Most chants conclude with a verse called *Ekōku* or directing virtue to all beings by Amida Buddha to guide all beings to attain enlightenment. Also, as the service book contains words of wisdom, we show our reverence by raising the book toward our forehead before and after opening and closing it. We get to see a minister and follow the same timing. Out of respect, never lay a service book on the floor.

Gatha (song): A gatha is a song to praise Buddha's virtue. Through singing we express our joy and gratitude, our reverence, our life experience with Amida Buddha. With music, we convey our praise to Amida Buddha.

Dharma Message (sermon): A Dharma message is shared by a minister or a member to share the joy of being embraced by Amida Buddha. There are etiquette of listening. 1) listen as if the message is for you alone. 2) listen as if you are listening for the first time. 3) listen as if this is the last time you will ever do so in your life. When you listen to a message, all the message and story is not about someone else but for you. If someone else's face come to your mind, you may not truly listen. We listen to the message with an attitude of sincerity and seriousness as if it is a precious gift from Buddha so that we can know true nature of myself and aspire to become an enlightened one, freed from Greed, Anger and Stupidity (Ignorance)

Nembutsu: reciting Buddha's name "Namo Amida Butsu." In Shin Buddhism tradition, the Nembutsu is not recited as a mantra or religious practice to gain merit, but recited in awareness, joy, and

gratitude of Amida Buddha's boundless Compassion and Wisdom. Other ways of the nembutsu are "Namu Amida Butsu," "Namandabutsu," "Namandabu," and "Namandab," which all carry the same meaning. Like there are different ways of calling parents: dad, daddy, mom, mommy.

Attire: A member wears a *monto shikisho* and a Buddhist beads. A *monto shikisho* is an embroidered cloth draped around the neck that symbolizes aspiration and manifestation as a Buddhist and in a Buddhist sangha. Members are encouraged to wear the *monto shikisho* whenever participating in services or other Buddhist observances.

Buddhist beads (onenju): Mindful beads. It is a circle of beads carried in the left hand to remind us of Buddha's Compassion and Wisdom. It is placed around the hands in *gasshō* (palm together) with the tassel hanging straight down. In Shin Buddhist tradition, it is *onenju* (mindful beads) not *juzu* (counting beads of chants). Today, the wrist *nenju*, worn around one's left wrist, is popular as a constant reminder of the Buddha Dharma, and Sangha. The *Onenju* and *monto shikisho* are treated with respect all the times. When you use a bathroom, it should be removed.

Gasshō: to put our palms/hands together. The *Gasshō* is considered one of the most beautiful of gestures. It is the Indian gesture of greeting, farewell, thanks and reverence. In Shin Buddhism tradition, it is formed by putting palms together at chest level and at a 45 degree angle. It is a gesture and manifestation of reverence and gratitude for Amida Buddha.

Reverend Satoshi "Ka'imipono" Tomioka.



Puna Hongwanji Mission Minister's Report September 2019

September 2-Monday, Pahoehoe Monthly service
(Cancelled)

September 4-Wednesday, Japanese Class @Puna, 5 p.m.
September 5-7, Bishop's advisory, Board of directors mtg., @Honolulu
Any emergency, please call Rev. Kawagoe of Papaikou Hongwanji at 8083456869
September 8-Sunday, Floral gathering @Hilo, noon to 4 p.m.
September 9-Monday, Hawaii District Minister's Association mtg. via skype, 9 a.m.
September 9-Monday, Monthly Pahala & Naalehu service, 3 p.m./6p.m.
September 10-Tuesday, Buddhism Book Club: Tannisho reading, 6-7:30 p.m.
September 11-Wednesday, Japanese Class @Puna, 5 p.m.
September 13-15, Lay Convention @Big Island.
September 14-Saturday, Memorial Service @Puna, 10 a.m.
September 15-Sunday, Joint Lay Convention Closing Sunday Service @Puna
September 17-Tuesday, Memorial Service @Puna, 9:30 a.m.
September 18-Wednesday, Japanese Class @Puna, 5 p.m.
September 19-Thursday, Puna Board of Directors mtg., 7 p.m.
September 20-Friday, Peace Day Event @Puna
September 21-Saturday, peace Day Parade @Honokaa
September 21-Saturday, Peace Day gathering @Naalehu
September 22-Sunday, Autumn Harmonious and Peace Day Sunday Service (ohigan)
Guest Speaker: Rev. Bert Sumikawa
September 27-28, Project Dana 30th Anniversary, @Honolulu
September 29-Sunday, AJA Veterans Day, @Veterans Cemetery #1, 10 a.m.

1. Lay Convention on the Big Island- September 13-15, 2019

Opening service @Hilo Betsuin and closing service @Puna Hongwanji, Sunday September 15. It will be combined with our regular Sunday Service. Guest Speaker will be Bishop Eric Matsumoto. Puna Hongwanji is in charge of meals. Clifford will make necessary arrangement about Sunday refreshments.

2. Peace Day Weekend. September 20-22.

It is said “A life naturally brings us difficulties but suffering is a choice.” In these years, it’s been years of concerns, worries, difficulties and suffering though a shooting, false missile alert, tension between countries, world climate changes, poverty and more as well as personal matters in our life. If peace begins with me, this “ME” needs to be peaceful. It is a time for us and community to be united not by anger and hatred, but by the mind of loving-kindness and peace.

The International Day of Peace (“Peace Day”) is observed around the world each year on September 21. Established In 1981 by unanimous United Nations resolution, Peace Day provides a globally shared date for all humanity to commit to peace above all differences and to contribute to building a Culture of Peace.

Hongwanji Hawaii Jr. Young Buddhist Association (Jr. YBA) is consisted by 5 districts-Maui, Kauai, Honolulu, Oahu, and Big Island. They are contributing to the community through various works and events. In 2007, they submitted a resolution on establishing a Hongwanji Peace Day to Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii Legislative Assembly and its movement evolved to establish Hawaii State Peace Day. On April 18, 2007, Governor Lingle signed a bill making Hawaii the first state in the United States of America to recognize September 21 as Peace Day!

Friday, September 20, Peaceful Twilight Gathering- 6 to 7:30 p.m. Puna Hongwanji Buddhist Temple. Heavy Pupu will be provided. Donation basis. With Chrystine Trooien (piano), Rev. Shinji Kawagoe (violin) and school choir, we will spread the sound of Peace in a larger community.

Saturday, September 21, the 13th annual Honokaa Peace Day Parade. 11 a.m.

Sunday, September 22, Autumn Harmonious and Peace Day Sunday Service. Guest Speaker Rev. Bert Sumikawa. Peace day Dharma talk story to follow after the service.

3. Suicide Prevention Seminar – October 18-19,

Hawaii has the highest suicide rate in the Nation. Bishop Matsumoto and HQ are partnering with other entities like the Samaritan Counseling Society of Hawaii, BDK, Rev. Yoshiaki Fujitani Interfaith Program and Chaminade University to have a suicide prevention workshop for clergy, community leaders, and those who wish to attend. Soul Shop Committee on Oahu had a very successful workshop. Bishop want it available to Neighbor Islands via audio-visual broadcasting.

Friday, October 18, 2019. 6 p.m.-9 p.m. Youth Suicide prevention Workshop at Puna Hongwanji.

Saturday, October 19, 2019. 9 a.m.-4 p.m. General Suicide prevention workshop at Puna Hongwanji.

4. 130th Anniversary Hongwanji in Hawaii – October 12, 13 at Hilo Betsuin Sangha Hall

A time to celebrate our organization in Hawaii and to bring new awareness to people about the existence of Hongwanji and its impact in various ways.

Special guest speaker: Rev. Katsuya Kusunoki, Seattle Betsuin Chief Minister
Special guest: Bishop Eric Matsumoto

5. Warm Welcoming new people at temple service, any occasions

Anyone and everyone who walks into the temple is an honored guest and is to be welcomed with aloha and in the Buddhist way of living the Dharma: “kind eyes and gentle words.”

Not everyone is comfortable in meeting new people but everyone can greet visitors and guests with kind eyes, gentle words, and a smile!

Everyone makes eye contact, smiles and share aloha

-Makawao Hongwanji Greeting Information

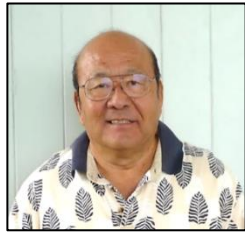
Membership Committee News

Thank you for your dues payment. Our fiscal year is January to December.

If you are head of household and in a care home situation, your dues are exempt. Please notify the office or myself on your status.

Please welcome the new members to our Sangha:
Mr. Yoshinori Sato of Pahoa
Mr. Isaac & Mrs. Karen Akashi of Kurtistown
Ms. Leanne Okamoto & Mr. Ian Kami & children
Kaizen & Zane Kami of Hilo
Mr. Ryan & Mrs. Esperanza Hilton & Children
Ocean & Isla Hilton of Keaau

In Gassho,
Roy Toma
Membership
Chairman
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BWA RUMMAGE SALE

Oct. 5, 2019. 7:00- 11:00 am

Puna Hongwanji BWA Fundraiser

Please start bringing items to temple after Labor Day.



Flashback to 2009



Clean up day. Gary and Charlie.



Albert and Glenn

Project Dana News



In the month of July, Project Dana volunteers continued to deliver Miyo's bento to our homebound clients, make their monthly visitations to private and care home facilities, and transport clients to temple, doctor appointments and shopping.

At present there are thirteen clients living in Pahoa, Keaau, and Hilo receiving weekly Miyo's bento. Volunteers Marilyn Sato and Craig Shimoda deliver to four Pahoa clients, Richard Solie and Ethel Miyashiro deliver to four Keaau clients, and Ilene Hara, Stella Miyashiro, Eileen Usagawa and Linda Iwata deliver to five Hilo clients.

On July 22nd, Ann Toma drove Lei Kakugawa, Masako Sanehira, Kay Kawazoe, and Florence Nishimura to Hale Anuenue, Life Care Center and Okutsu Veteran home where they visited eight temple members. Four days later, Stella Miyashiro drove Kiyo Sumi and Mitsuye Toma to two private care homes in the Paradise Park subdivision. At the first private care home, the volunteers sang, "Happy Birthday" and presented the client with a cupcake. The client was so pleased that her birthday was remembered.

Puna Project Dana received an invitation to the 30 Year Project Dana Anniversary to honor its volunteers with a program and luncheon at Dole Cannery on Oahu. There are only funds available for subsidizing plane fare costs for site coordinators, none for neighbor island volunteers. Puna has volunteers who served for twenty years beginning their service under the leadership of Tsugie Tsutsui and Mrs. Soga. Stella and Eileen felt that these volunteers were deserving of attending the celebration and wanted to find funds to pay for their transportation.

Eileen applied for the Golden Chain Grant which awards \$1000 for community service. Unfortunately, the request was denied because a large sum of money was already given to the State Project Dana for the celebration. Then Stella and Eileen approached the Puna Hongwanji Board of Directors for a \$1000 to pay for five volunteers to attend the celebration which was again denied.

By serendipity, Akiko Masuda heard about our plight and immediately offered a donation of \$1000 from the Waialea Village Historic

Preservation Community. Along with the check, Akiko wrote the following: "the people selected have been helping with Project Dana from the beginning; they are being honored for their commitment and service AND when they started, they simply did it from their hearts, without any intention of recognition and reward. They just gave, selfless service, the core teachings of Buddhism. This trip is a humble acknowledgment and a way to mahalo and honor them."

Three more donations were given to help pay for air transportation for our volunteers. As a result of these generous donors, the following volunteers will be attending the celebration: Dora Hashimoto, Lei Kakugawa, Mieko Nagao, Kazumasa Okamoto, Masako Sanehira, and Helen and Nancy Yamada. Also attending are Allan and Janie Karimoto, Reverend Tomioka and site coordinators Ilene Hara, Stella Miyashiro, Marilyn Sato, and Eileen Usagawa.

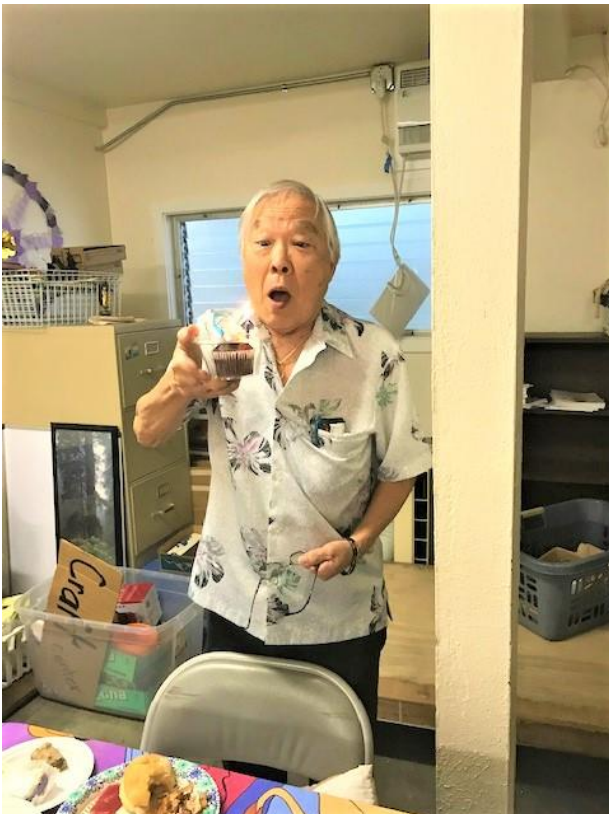
Project Dana continues to honor our clients' and volunteers' birthdays with a cupcake and a song. For the months of June and July, the honorees were Warren Tanigawa, Yuki Uchida, Tokimi Miyatake, Stella Miyashiro, Charles Tamashiro, Hatsume Tanaka, and Ilene Hara. Charles Tamashiro and Ilene Hara, unfortunately, were not at temple to be honored.



Happy Birthday Tokimi!



Happy Birthday Hatsume!



Happy Birthday Warren!



Happy Birthday Stella and Yuki!

Project Dana would appreciate information regarding transitions into or out of care facilities so that visitations can be made. Thank you for your much-appreciated donations and support in keeping the Puna Project Dana alive and well.

In gassho,



Eileen Usagawa and Stella Miyashiro.



HHMH 130th Anniversary

District Event and joint Sunday Service
 Sat. & Sun. October 12 & 13
 Hilo Betsuin Sangha Hall
 Details to follow in October

Puna Hongwanji Mission
Buddhist Women's
Association News



The 16th World Buddhist Women's Convention will be held in San Francisco on August 31 and September 1, 2019. Over a thousand delegates from Japan, Canada, South America, and the United States of America will convene at the San Francisco Marriott Marquis Hotel.

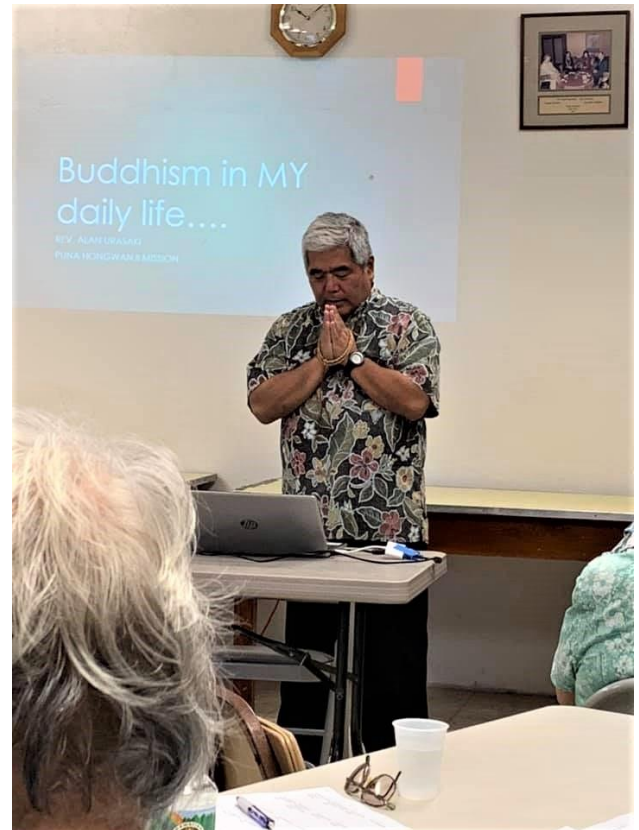
The Puna BWA Unit has nine members attending the Convention. They are Dora Hashimoto, Adela Hara, KT Cannon-Eger, Annie Robinson, Lei Kakugawa, Masako Sanehira, Mariko Uyeda, Mariko Ogawara, and Eileen Usagawa.. The unit members voted to pay the registration fee of \$350 for each delegate. Puna has the largest group from the Island of Hawaii.

The honored guest is His Eminence Kojun Ohtani, Monshu of Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha. The keynote speakers are Reverend Yukiko Motoyoshi and Keiko Toro. They will give messages on the Convention theme, "Live the Nembutsu" in both English and Japanese (with Portuguese translation). Reverend Motoyoshi was a Jodo Shinshu minister in Hawaii before becoming the resident minister of the Buddhist Church of Stockton. Miss Toro is an independent scholar, who does research on Jodo Shinshu Buddhism.

After a full day of speakers, workshops and activities, a banquet will be held. There will be entertainment presented by districts. The Hawaii group will sing "Life in Harmony" and "The Golden Chain of Love" which will be accompanied by a hula. The traditional exchange of gifts among delegates will take place at the banquet tables.

At the conclusion of the Convention, some of the Puna delegates will go on optional tours before returning to Hilo. When the ladies return, we hope that they will share their experiences or impressions with fellow BWA members. Have a safe and enlightening trip!

Buddhism Class



8/10/19 Buddhism Class: Buddhism in my daily life. Session lead by Rev. Alan Urasaki. There were activities the group did. One was an icebreaker and there were statements in which you had to find someone to fill that spot. We recited the Golden Chain of Love together in a circle and held our hands in Gassho with the people standing next to us. Last activity was jan ken po. Everyone started off as an egg so you found someone to jan ken po with. If you won you turned into a chicken. Then a human and finally a Buddha.





Sr. YBA Golf tournament.

The Puna Hongwanji Sr. YBA hosted a fellowship golf tournament on Saturday, July 27 at the Volcano Golf Course. There was 44 golfers that attended the golf tournament and many are looking forward to a future tournament. Thank you to the committee for putting this together. Thank you to the golfers that participated. Thank you to those that got up early to make spam musubi for the players and the lunch. We also need to thank all our donors KTA Super Store, Nick AhYo, Jason Hashimoto, Corey Kawamoto, Allan & Janie Karimoto, Allan Onishi, Kris Otogero, and Municipal Pro Shop.



An Evening of Mindfulness - with monks from the Plum Village Tradition

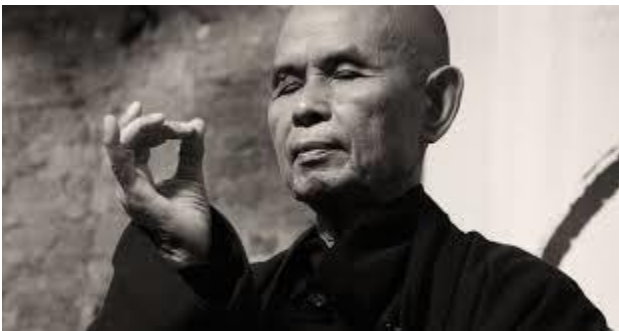
Puna Hongwanji Mission
September 29
5:30pm - 8:30pm



Ten monks from Thich Nhat Hanh's Plum Village tradition will be leading an evening of meditation and dharma songs.

Dharma songs -- children and their parents together from 5:30pm - 6:15 p.m. in the temple's meditation hall.
Dharma talk, Zazen

6:15pm - 8:00pm, Tea and refreshments 8:00pm – 8:30pm.



Zen Master Thich Nhat Hanh is a global spiritual leader, poet and peace activist, revered around the world for his powerful teachings and bestselling writings on mindfulness and peace. He is the man Martin Luther King called “An Apostle of peace and nonviolence.” His key teaching is that, through mindfulness, we can learn to live happily in the present moment—the only way to truly develop peace, both in one’s self and in the world. The monks will be visiting Hawaii Island from September 24-30. For their full itinerary please contact Michael Donenfeld of the Hawaii Island Mindfulness Community for the monks full itinerary further details.

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Puna Hongwanji Buddhist Temple Peace Day Weekend

International Day of Peace ("Peace Day") is observed around the world each year on September 21. The Hongwanji Hawaii Jr. Young Buddhist Association (Jr. YBA) which is consist of five districts - Maui, Kauai, Honolulu, Oahu, and Big Island in 2007 submitted a resolution to establish a Hongwanji Peace Day to the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii Legislative Assembly. On April 18, 2007, Governor Linda Lingle signed the bill making Hawaii the first state in the United States of America to recognize September 21 as Peace Day.

Please come out to support our Peace Day Weekend. If you are unable to attend, but would like to make a donation that would be greatly appreciated. We have applied for a grant, but have not heard whether we qualified for the grant. During the Board of Directors meeting we asked for a line item in our savings to designate any donations to be utilized for our Peace Day and Martin Luther King events. We realize that the temple budget is tight and that we want to be as self-sufficient as possible. The Board of Directors has approved that any calabash donations we receive for these events will go towards future Peace Day and Martin Luther King events. In this time of so much uncertainty peace begins with each and everyone of us. If you want to make a donation, in the memo section of your check please indicate "Peace Day" and make checks payable to Puna Hongwanji Mission.

Friday, September 20, 2019 - 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. - Peaceful Twilight Gathering - to be held in the social hall at Puna Hongwanji Buddhist Temple. Heavy pupu will be provided. We will spread the sound of Peace with our members and community. Chystine Trooien will play the piano, Rev. Shinji Kawagoe will play the violin, and we are working with a Puna District school choir for the children to sing some songs. No registration or fee, donation basis.

Saturday, September 21, 2019 - 13th Annual Parade and Festival for the United Nations International Day of Peace parade in Honokaa. We would like to have a group of

walkers to participate in the Honokaa parade which starts at 11:00 a.m. All participants must check in to the parade line-up at the staging area no later than 10:00 a.m. We will have a sign-up sheet in the kitchen for those that would be willing to attend the parade or willing to be drivers for the participants that will attend the parade. Plan is to meet at the temple by 8:00 a.m. and leave the temple no later than 8:15 a.m.

Sunday, September 22, 2019 - 9:00 a.m. - Autumn Ohigan and Peace Day Sunday Service

- Guest speaker will be Rev. Bert Sumikawa of Windward Buddhist Temple previously known as Kailua Hongwanji Mission. After temple service there will be a Peace Day Dharma talk story session.

To get additional information of the events, please see our Puna Hongwanji Mission Facebook, our punahongwanji1902 Instagram, PunaHM1 Twitter, and/or our website at punahongwanji.org. If you have specific questions about this event or how you can be a part of it, please see Jenn Kuwahara or Robin Sato email rob.f.sato@gmail.com.

Thank you,
Rev. Tomioka, Jenn, and Robin
Peace Day Committee



Puna Taiko at Hilo Daijingu Bon Dance.

Friends of Lili`uokalani Gardens events and partnerships:

Saturday, August 10: AARP Paletas in the Park social and stroll, 10 a.m. to noon

Monday, September 2: in 1838, Queen Lili`uokalani was born.

Saturday, September 7: the 20th annual He Hali`a Aloha No Lili`uokalani – A Cherished Memory of the Queen will be held in the gardens 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Sunday, September 8: floral design installation 8 a.m. to noon Wedding vow renewal event noon to 4 p.m.

Saturday, September 21: Walk to End Alzheimer's, registration 7 a.m., Walk 8 a.m. two miles around Lili`uokalani Gardens.



Working with Jane Heit and Amy Nishiura to gather bamboo for Tanabata at Imiloa.





2019 Puna Hongwanji Buddhist Temple Dharma School sponsored Jr. Olympics / Fun Day

Last Sunday, I woke up and saw that the bayfront looked clear and the Mauna was clear so I messaged Robin that “it looks like a good day”. But then I looked down Puna side and it was dark. As I drove to the temple, it started to rain...OH NO! But the show must go on. It's only water.

Then I got to the temple, and noticed that the roof to the tent was already assembled and thought, Alvin must have been there already, thank you Alvin.

Then the Senior Young Buddhist Association's men came and set up the tent, tables and chairs and everything that was requested was done! Thank you, Sam and the Sr. YBA for your always being of service to others.

Craig was busy marking the field making it ready for our races and games, and he had to be up at the temple for his alter duties before our service! He was joined later by Clift. Thank you, guys.

When the service was finished and the children came to register and were helped by Alison and Jenn, thank you ladies. This was followed by our awesome MC, Paul who got the games started. It opened with a stretching exercise by Dakarai Washington. Thank you, Paul and Dakarai.

What followed was a blur. Yes, there were a few hiccups, but we were focused only on the children having fun and from what I could see, that was achieved. We had a great group of Jr. YBA members that gave us much assistance on the field and made things run smoothly. Thank you to Hilo Hongwanji Betsuin Junior Young Buddhists for helping us.

Then, the games were over. I wished it went on longer. So much fun, so little time. Maybe on the next one, we have more games and we will go into overtime.

Then came refreshments prepared by Ethel and the Keaau toban, joined by those that I volunteered, Dora, Mako, Lei, the 2 Mariko's, Kay, Lorraine, Janie and Alan. Also offering their assistance was Claire, Susan, Marilyn, Janet, Keri and Daysha, just because they are wonderful and helpful ladies. Thank you so much!

We can't forget Clifford, who is already a legend in our kitchen, for preparing the chilli...with melted cheese on top...Oishiiii!

Prizes, which were handled by Sharman, were given out and everyone got something for their participation. Thank you Shar.

We have received help from our Puna Hongwanji Temple Board of Directors (Kyodan), donations from several people of money and prizes, Robin had many great ideas and donated the pizzas which the children loved, and desserts from our sanga members. Also, Wendell and Byron who manned the chunky ice machine and took care of the water supply. Thank you all for helping with our Dharma School event. And finally, thank you to our Dharma School committee who sponsored this event.

Our final tally was 50 participants of the games, 17 Jr. YBA members from Hilo Betsuin and 25 parents and guests, for a total of 92 who attended this fun event.and, it turned out to be a beautiful day! Namu Amida Butsu

Warren Tanigawa.

Dharma School President



Stretching before the event.



Passing the hula hoop through your body.



Water balloon toss



Fireman water drill



Fireman water drill



Water balloon fight



Rev. Tomioka and Ali at registration table



Rev. Tomioka welcomes everyone before the games begins

Baccalaureate

Dharma school did a presentation to recognize a graduate that was missed during the Baccalaureate Service, Kala Kaohu



Kaena, Josie, Kala, and Kawika Kaohu



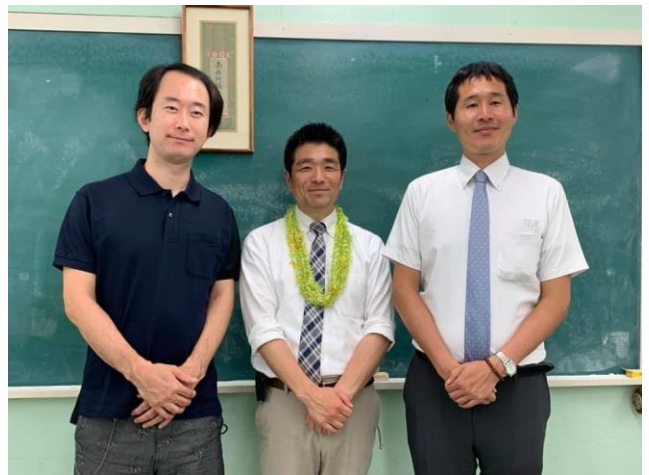
Rev. Kiyonobu Kuwahara of Berkley Buddhist Temple in Berkley, California did a presentation at the Naalehu Hongwanji Buddhist Temple in the afternoon and an evening session at Honpa Hongwanji Hilo Betsuin



Rev. Kuwahara at Naalehu Hongwanji



Rev. Kuwahara with Puna Hongwanji members plus Barbara



Rev. Kawagoe, Rev. Kuwahara, and Rev. Baba

