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November 2019 Hi-Lites

Of Special Interest This Month

November 17 - Eitaikyo

November 27 - BWA Pumpkin Pie Sale

November 28 - Thanksgiving Day Luncheon



December 1 - BIBF Bodhi Day Service @
Hilo Meishoin

December 7 - SR. YBA Year End Party

December 8 - Bodhi Day Service

December 14 - Keaau Christmas Parade

December 22 - Year End Clean Up/

General Membership Meeting

December 22 – 28 - Judo Kangiko

December 31 - New Year's Eve 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

NOVEMBER - Pahoa

DECEMBER - Hilo

Toban Refreshment Schedule for Sunday

NOVEMBER - M/K/V

DECEMBER - Keaau



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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****Addition to September 2019****

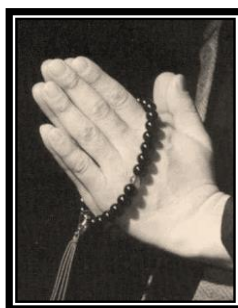
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September 30, 2018

November 2019

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|---------|---------------------------------|-------------------|
| 1 yr. | Alexander Makana Lake Pilkinton | November 1, 2018 |
| | Shoji Shiraki | November 6, 2018 |
| 3 yrs. | Tadao "Polo" Yamasaki | November 17, 2017 |
| | Reginald "Reggie" Ryusei Arima | November 24, 2017 |
| 7 yrs. | Ishiro Ohashi | November 6, 2013 |
| | Shigeko Matsuda | November 29, 2013 |
| 13 yrs. | None | |
| 17 yrs. | Gilbert Takeo Yamaguchi | November 7, 2003 |
| | Tsuneyo Uyeda | November 8, 2003 |
| | Toshio Shirasaki | November 30, 2003 |
| 25 yrs. | Haruyo Sato | November 16, 1995 |
| 33 yrs. | None | |
| 50 yrs. | Umeichi Okamoto | November 2, 1970 |
| | Takayo Watarida | November 19, 1970 |
| | Atari Morita | November 24, 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.

None

November 2019

Puna Hongwanji Mission Calendar of Events

| <i>Sun</i> | <i>Mon</i> | <i>Tue</i> | <i>Wed</i> | <i>Thu</i> | <i>Fri</i> | <i>Sat</i> |
|---|--|---|--|---|---|--|
| | | | | | 1 Yoga 9 AM | 2 Yoga 8 AM |
| 3 Family Service 9 AM BWA Meeting | 4 Judo 5:30 PM Karate 7 PM | 5 Taiko 3 PM Judo 6:30 PM | 6 Piyo Live! 4 PM Judo 5:30 PM Karate 7 PM | 7 Meditation 6:30 AM Taiko 3 PM Judo 6:30 PM | 8 Yoga 9 AM Choir 3:30 PM | 9 Yoga 8 AM |
| 10 Family Service 9 AM Dharma School Mtg | 11 Judo 5:30 PM Karate 7 PM | 12 Taiko 3 PM Judo 6:30 PM | 13 Piyo Live! 4 PM Judo 5:30 PM Karate 7 PM | 14 Meditation 6:30 AM Taiko 3 PM Judo 6:30 PM | 15 Yoga 9 AM Choir 3:30 PM | 16 Yoga 8 AM Bunka No Hi @ Sangha Hall |
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| 24 Family Service 9 AM | 25 Judo 5:30 PM Karate 7 PM | 26 Taiko 3 PM Judo 6:30 PM Thanksgiving gathering @ Hilo 7 PM | 27 BWA Pumpkin Pie Sale Piyo Live! 4 PM Japanese Class 5 PM Judo 5:30 PM Karate 7 PM | 28 Thanksgiving Day Luncheon | 29 Yoga 9 AM Choir 3:30 PM | 30 Yoga 8 AM |

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Minister's Message



Do you really practice Buddhism?

Buddhism has three meanings. One is Buddha's teachings. In India, Sakyamuni Buddha revealed a truth of life as the enlightened one. All the messages, stories and his words are Buddha's teachings. Second meaning is the teachings to become a buddha. By listening and following the teachings, we may attain enlightenment. And the last meaning is Buddha is the teaching. Buddha perfectly practices the teachings and lives the life as Buddha preaches. The purpose and goal of Buddhism is to become a buddha, in other words to attain supreme enlightenment and to live a life free from attachments which are the cause of our human worries and sufferings. Fundamental attachments are often described as G.A.S which stands for Greed, Anger, and Stupidity (ignorance). We want everything to go as we wish and plan (greed) and if not, we will be upset (anger) and we continue to live in that way without knowing such a nature of greed and anger (Stupidity or ignorance). It is said there are 84,000 teachings and this number symbolizes the limitlessness of Buddha's teachings as there are countless worries, sufferings and attachments that human beings have and go through in their daily lives. Buddha preaches the teachings depending on a person and his/her situations, conditions, understanding, way of thinking and the teaching is exactly what the person needs, and it guides him/her to be freed from worries and sufferings. It is like medicine prescribed to a patient. After examination, counsel, and diagnosis, the medicine is prescribed with instructions by a doctor. A patient will take medicine as instructed and it will heal and cure the cause of illness. In Buddhism, Buddha's Wisdom is called *Prajna* and it sees things and people as they are without judgement, distinction, bias, discrimination, label, attachment and mindset. We human beings have a distinctive mind of like/dislike, love/hatred, good/bad and it changes depending on our

convenience and situation. Because our wisdom is not *Prajna*, but too much human wisdom of attachments, we put a label on a person and if a person behaves in a way we want, we welcome them. But if not, we don't want to welcome them. Therefore, it is important for us to aspire to attain Buddha's Wisdom so that we can be freed from worries and sufferings caused by our wisdom of attachments.

About Wisdom, there are 3 steps and types of wisdom. First is the wisdom acquired by listening to the teachings. By listening to a message or reading books about Buddhism, we will learn things about the truth of life and reveal the true nature of human beings. Then, we contemplate the teachings we just heard and think about whether it makes sense or not, and whether it helps us or not. Finally, after listening and thinking, we need to take action. That is a practice and wisdom attained by practicing the teachings.

Three steps are listening, contemplating and practicing. If you listen when a teaching says, "be kind", you think about whether you want to be kind or not, or if you are not kind, then, you practice to be kind. Then, again you listen to the teachings of kindness taught by Buddha, and think about if you were kind or not, if you admit that you didn't follow the path or not and try to practice being kind again. As you continue to listen, contemplate, and practice, gradually and slowly your life is deepened, and your heart and mind are getting closer to pure wisdom. This is a long path of practice and there is no ending. Every day and every moment, it is a place of practice. And we know it is not easy to be kind always and especially if you are facing something difficult or meeting with someone you don't like.

There is a story in Buddhism.

"Four monks decided to meditate silently without speaking for two weeks. By nightfall on the first day, the candle began to flicker and then went out. The first monk said, "Oh, no! The candle is out." The second monk said, "Aren't we not supposed to talk?" The third monk said, "Why must you two break the silence?" The fourth monk laughed and said, "Ha! I'm the only one who didn't speak."

Although the four monks decided to practice being silent, none of them were able to accomplish it. To me, there are two lessons. First, it is easy to point out another person's mistake/failure and not easy to have a self-reflection. Second, it is difficult to

maintain the practice always, every moment. We listen to the teaching and contemplate it and practice. However, no matter how much we are determined, our mind and heart are not capable of remembering what we listen to and contemplate, and we are easily distracted.

Recently, I'm hearing members mention some situations of people who are not practicing Buddhism. Some say a person is not kind and others say that I know we need to welcome new people, but she doesn't welcome them. As the story above said, if we notice someone does not practice what they listen to, it is a mirror to have a self-reflection. It is not about them/her/him but always about me who is examined and revealed. However, it does not mean we don't care about others. We get to educate and help each other as a team. We get to create an atmosphere, conditions, group where people can learn and support each other so that we can practice Buddhism every moment. That is a sangha. Sangha is a place where each individual practices Buddhism and sees others practice and have a self-reflection instead of criticizing others or examine yourself before complaining about what you feel uncomfortable or unsatisfactory about others. A temple is a sangha where Dharma is centered, not a wisdom of attachment is centered.

Our founder, Master Shinran said, "wholly sincere, indeed, are the words of truth that one is grasped, never to be abandoned, the right dharma all-surpassing and wondrous! Hear and reflect and let there be no wavering or apprehension."

Shin Buddhist followers listen to the teachings of Namo Amida Butsu and contemplate the reason why Amida Buddha made vows for us and rejoice in a life filled with All-Inclusive Wisdom and All-Embracing Compassion, and we recite Buddha's Name out of joy and responding to Buddha's benevolence. Saying Namo Amida Butsu is our practice. It naturally comes out from our mouth as a manifestation of receiving Buddha's Wisdom and Compassion in our lives. Namo Amida Butsu is a calling of truth and guide us to be awakened to our true nature of humanness and live a life of peace, harmony and gratitude.

Puna Hongwanji Buddhist Temple Minister's Report November 2019

November 1-Friday, Interfaith mtg. @Hilo, 9 a.m.
November 1-Friday, Memorial Service @Hilo, 5 p.m.

November 2-Saturday, Memorial Service @Puna, 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 2 p.m.

November 4-13, Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii 130th anniversary Puna Hongwanji Nembutsu Japan Tour. Please contact Rev. Kawagoe at 3456869.

November 14-16, Ministers Continual education seminar, @HNL. Call Rev. Sawada at 9358968

November 16-Saturday, Japanese Cultural event (Bunka no hi) @Sangha hall

November 20-Wednesday, Japanese Class, @Puna, 5 p.m.

November 21-Thursday, Puna Hongwanji board of directors mtg. 7 p.m.

November 23-Saturday, Memorial service @Puna, 10, 11 a.m.

November 24-Sunday, guest speaker @Kona Daifukuji,

November 26-Tuesday, Thanksgiving gathering @Hilo, 7 p.m.

November 27-Wednesday, Japanese Class @Puna, 5 p.m.

1. Ministerial Assignment

As of November 16, 2019, Rev. Joshin Kamura from Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin, will be assigned to Hilo Betsuin as an associate minister.

As of November 16, 2019, Rev. Shingo Furusawa will be assigned to Hawaii Betsuin as its associate minister.

Thanks to your understanding and support, I was able to support Hilo Betsuin while they had only 2 ministers. Thank you.

2. Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii 130 years in Hawaii

The 130th anniversary of the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii (HHMH) in Hawaii was observed on Saturday and Sunday, October 12-13 at Honpa Hongwanji Hilo Betsuin Sangha Hall. Presentations on the history of Hongwanji and Japanese immigrants in Hawaii as well as contemporary topics such as Buddhism and youth engagement, Buddhist weddings, and homelessness. Puna Taiko performed on Saturday.

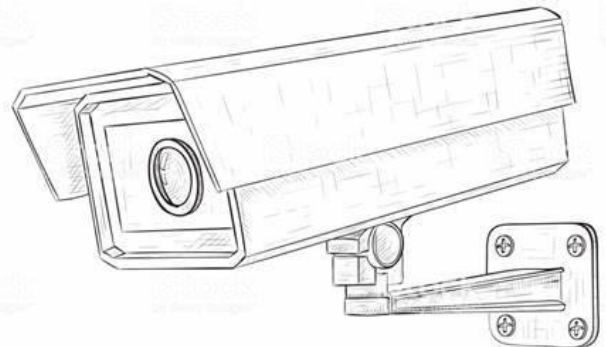
At Sunday service, Bishop Eric Matsumoto was the officiant and Rev. Katsuya Kusunoki, the head minister at Seattle Betsuin Buddhist Temple was the guest speaker. His message was "How joyous it is that I am a Shin Buddhist." After the service, a panel discussion by ministers and members were held entitled "N-A-M-O-A-M-I-D-A-B-U-T-S-U, find out what it means to me."

Thank you very much for your support, attendance and be a part of the history of Hongwanji in Hawaii.



COLUMBARIUM

We have installed a security camera in our columbarium. Our only reason is for security. There have been a few incidents of theft and vandalism throughout our Hongwanji temples family recently and this is one way to discourage it from happening. Thank you for your understanding. Namu Amida Butsu.



MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE NEWS

Please welcome Russell Kamimura who rejoined our Sangha from Mililani, Hawaii. If you are head of household and in a care home facility, your dues are exempt. Please inform the office or myself on your status. And if you relocate, please let me or the office know your new address.

In Gassho,
Roy Toma
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Live Streaming
on
facebook®

For those of you who have Facebook accounts, and can't make it to service. We are livestreaming every Sunday Family service at 9am. Just go on to the Puna Hongwanji Mission Facebook page. Even if you don't have a Facebook account, you still can type "Puna Hongwanji Mission Facebook" and watch our livestreaming broadcast. In the future, we are planning to put a link on our Website www.punahongwanji.org

PROJECT DANA



The 30th Anniversary Celebration and Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon was held on September 28, 2019 in the Pomaikai Ballroom at Dole Cannery on Oahu. Reverend Tomioka and thirteen Puna volunteers Dora

Hashimoto, Lei Kakugawa, Allan and Janie Karimoto, Mieke Nagao, Kazumasa Okamoto, Masako Sanehira, Helen and Nancy Yamada and site coordinators Ilene Hara, Stella Miyashiro, Marilyn Sato, and Eileen Usagawa attended this event.

It was a joyful reunion of old friends who shared a common commitment to Project Dana. The program began with a Hawaiian chant to open the celebration. Kenny Endo and his group put on a taiko performance to get everyone in high spirits.

The keynote speaker was Dr. William Thomas, a physician, author and founder of the Eden Alternative and Eden at Home. This program examines the three plagues of loneliness, boredom and helplessness which elders and care partners suffer. He asked us to remember the word "MESH" a motto for seniors. M stands for move. If you want to be able to walk when you are 80, you have to walk now before reaching that age. E stands for eat. Eat a variety of foods, mostly grains and colorful vegetables. S stands for sleep. Your body will tell you when it needs to rest. Even if you awaken at 3 a.m., use this quiet time to be grateful you are alive. Enjoy the peace and quiet. H stands for healing yourself not only physically but emotionally. Sometimes things cannot go back to the way they were such as an event of death, divorce, or illness. So you have to find your new "normal." When you live your life according to MESH, you will have happier, productive golden years.

After Dr. Thomas' message, lunch was served. The meal began with a nice salad and warm rolls, followed by a main course of pork and fish with cooked vegetables. The final course was a plate of three petit four desserts.

The program ended with the Project Dana Dancers and Happy Strummers performing "Dana

Rainbow” and “Do You Really Care?” And the finale was everyone singing “Hawaii Aloha.”

Despite the inclement weather, Stella Miyashiro, Richard Solie and Stan Mason drove seniors to Hakalau Jodo Mission on October 10th for a luncheon. Seniors Iris Asato, Dora Hashimoto, Lei Kakugawa, Kay Kawazoe, Karen Mason, Mieko and Andy Nagao, Mariko Ogawara, Kazumasa Okamoto, and Carol Tsuneczumi were greeted by Akiko Masuda. They were joined by the Pahoa Senior Nutrition group. Everyone participated in chair exercises and danced the Pokemon Odori. Two videos were shown. One video showed a 102-year woman who runs in races and the other video was about an elderly woman who surprised everyone with her dancing skills.



With the prayer of thanksgiving, lunch was served. The first course was a clear broth with somen noodles, followed by a salad with fresh avocado and ogo and the main dish was a chirashi bowl with unagi and salmon topping. Dessert was donated by the attendees and varied from pumpkin bars to mochi balls and chocolate macadamia nuts. Bananas, longan, rambutan and breadfruit were given as parting gifts.



Our Puna volunteers continue to make Wednesday bento deliveries to thirteen clients. Monthly visitations were made by Mitsuye Toma, Kiyoko Sumi, Nancy Yamada, Mieko Nagao and Stella Miyashiro. There are also volunteers who make private home visitations on a regular basis, who take clients to temple services and to doctor visits and shopping.

Site coordinators keep themselves informed by attending workshops such as “Scams” and “Positive Approach to Dementia.” They need to be informed of transitions of family members into or out of care facilities so that support services can be given. Thank you for much your financial support which helps to continue our program.

In Gassho,
Stella Miyashiro and Eileen Usagawa



PEACE DAY WEEKEND

On behalf of Puna Hongwanji we would like to recognize and thank the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii Social Concerns Committee for awarding us a grant to help funds our Peace Day Weekend.

This year we had a “Moment of Peace” photo contest on Facebook. We received a total of 56 beautiful pictures of each persons’ definition of what their “moment of peace” is. After all entries were received, we had our Facebook followers vote for the photos that they liked. We selected three winners. Congratulations to Maya, Alison, and Alisa for the most likes.

For the children we had a poster contest. The theme was “Peace Begins with Me”. We had a total of five children from Kindergarten to 8th grade participate. We had a total of six entries as Isla was ambitious and shared two of her beautiful drawings. We had prizes for each age category but decided that all of them were winners! Congratulations to Kian, Angelyn, Isla, Dari, and Ocean. You folks had beautiful and creative ideas! Good job!

Our Peaceful Twilight Gathering was well attended. We had the Puna Hongwanji and Hilo Hongwanji combined choir that sang “Live and Light the World”. Rev. Shinji Kawagoe of Papaikou Hongwanji entertained us with 3 pieces on his violin. Keonepoko Elementary School Chorus led by Jenifer Tsuji shared three musical sounds. Michael Donenfeld, Pastor Alan Tamashiro of Puna Baptist, and Rev. Satoshi Tomioka shared messages of peace. We had an area for coloring and making origami cranes. Many of the first-time crane makers were so proud of their accomplishment. Everyone seemed to enjoy themselves and it was nice to hear positive feedback.



Craft area.



Rev. Shinji Kawagoe, on the violin.



Keonepoko Elementary Chorus led by Jenifer Tsuji



Hongwanji Special Choir

On Saturday a group drove out to Honokaa to participate in the Honokaa Peace Parade. We joined Puna Taiko by walking in the back of the trailer. The walkers also passed out origami cranes to those watching the parade. Sharing the cranes put smiles on many peoples faces.



The crane flapped up and down during the parade



Puna Taiko and Puna Hongwanji members

After temple service on Sunday we had people fold cranes to take to the Hiroshima Peace Memorial when we go to Japan. There were people that never did make a crane and ended up making three cranes. We are making 1,000 cranes and have less than 200 to go before our trip in November.



For the first time making cranes they accomplished making 3 cranes



Raise your actions, not your voice. It is rain that grows flowers, not thunder.

BWA NEWS

Nine Puna BWA members attended the 16th World Buddhist Women's Convention on Aug. 31st and Sept. 1st, 2019 in San Francisco at the Marriott Marquis Hotel. Delegates were Dora Hashimoto, Adela Hara, KT Cannon-Eger, Annie Robinson, Lei Kakugawa, Masako Sanehira, Mariko Uyeda, Mariko Ogawara, and Eileen Usagawa. The following are excerpts of their experiences:

... It was my first world convention, so I was excited to meet the other delegates. At the banquet, I sat next to a Japanese delegate. We got acquainted during the evening and before parting, we exchanged addresses. We hope to see each other at the next convention.

... It was my first time at a world convention, and I was surprised to see so many people. I had a good time and lots of fun. I enjoyed listening to the talk by Reverend Motoyoshi and the line dancing workshop. I enjoyed walking around Crater Lake.

... This was my third world convention and I hope I am healthy enough to attend the next convention in Kyoto. While in Vegas, I got to meet old friends whom I had not seen in years.

... I enjoyed the two great speakers, Reverend Motoyoshi, who came to find me, and Keiko Toro. I especially enjoyed Motoyoshi's talk because it was easy to understand. At her dinner table, everyone spoke Japanese and so the Japan delegates were very happy to converse with them.

... The two guest speakers were very good. I knew Reverend Motoyoshi when she was a little girl and her father was a minister in Pahala. The participants in the panel discussion came from varied backgrounds and spoke of their lives. I enjoyed seeing the red rocks in Arizona and the Grand Canyon.

... I enjoyed meeting people at the banquet. I was amazed at how many people had relatives that I knew in Hawaii. I liked the workshops especially the bon dance workshop. I look forward to the next convention in Japan.

... Changing hotel rooms each night made finding our rooms an adventure.

... Being that it was my first world convention, I did not know what to expect. I found speakers and panel members very inspiring as they spoke of how they "Live the Nembutsu" which was the theme of the convention despite their varied

backgrounds. I was happy to meet Wendi Omori on our tour. I felt that I knew her after watching her many times on a video where she taught us the signing of "The Golden Chain." At our banquet table, the members wanted to learn the signing as they enjoyed the Hawaii delegation's performance.

At the last BWA meeting, the delegates shared pictures and a box of chocolate cherries as a memento of their trip.



Puna Hongwanji at BWA World Convention



At Oregon Buddhist Temple

On October 5, 2019, the Puna BWA held a rummage sale in the social hall of the temple. It started at 7 a.m. and ended at 11 a.m. With the help of affiliates and friends our goal was reached. The BWA thanks the SR. YBA for set up and breakdown of tables and taking charge of parking area, the taiko for security and assisting the cashiers.

It was a challenging undertaking that took six weeks of daily preparation. It began with sorting, cleaning, displaying and pricing of donated items.

The co-chairs were Stella and Eileen who were assisted by BWA members and friends:

Finance – Mariko Ogawara and Nancy Yamada

Household – Masako Sanehira and Kiyo Sumi

Bags, shoes and luggage – Danny and Marsha Kayano

Clothing – Adela Hara and Dora Hashimoto
Linen, towels and crafts – Carol Tsunazumi and Ethel Miyashiro

Books, DVD, stationery – Karen Mason

Bulky items – Stan Mason

Children's toys – Marilyn Sato and Ilene

Hara

Miscellaneous – Kay Aoki, Lei Kakugawa

Food – Janie and Allan Karimoto, Jean

Tamashiro

Publicity – KT Cannon-Eger

Holding room – Roy and Ann Toma

Pickup and disposal of items – Clifford

Furukado

The BWA thanks those who brought food items for lunch and break time. We also thank non-BWA members who gave their time and energy to help with the rummage sale.



KEAAU LIGHTED CHRISTMAS PARADE

Saturday, Dec. 14 at 5:45 pm

PHM will again participate in this annual evening parade. Last year we walked behind the Puna Taiko float with the taiko, judo, scouts, members and friends joining in. This year's theme is "*Plantation Christmas*" with Mr. Pedro "Pete" Haspe as the Grand Marshall. The parade route starts from Keaau High School to the Shipman Gym (we will branch off directly to the church).

Mr. Haspe started as an "Olaa" Mill Plantation worker who will be 96 in November. He still resides in Keaau and retired as a supervisor of sugar boarding when Puna Sugar Company shut down in the 80's.

If you'd like to participate, park at the church and shuttles will be provided to the staging area. If you are dropped off, look for the Puna Taiko float. You are invited to walk with your Christmas outfit, anything red or a church shirt. Mayor Kim will join the parade.

Be prepared with a flashlight and possibly rain gear. A light dinner will be provided for the participants. Last year we placed 2nd in our float entry.



Puna Hongwanji Members from 2017

65th Hawaii Island United Hongwanji Buddhist Women's Association (HIUHBWA) Convention at Kona Hongwanji Buddhist Temple



Some of the Puna Hongwanji Buddhist Women Association delegates. Left: Annie, Adela, Lei, and Kay. Right: Eileen, Kay, Dora, and Mariko



Sitting: Stan and Karen. Standing:

Progress of our Bodhi tree in our yard. Earl Mukai air layered the plant from our original tree and grew it for 3 years. It was planted in our yard on January 27, 2019. 9 months later, the tree is doing fine and growing tall.

