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# February 2020 Hi-Lites

## **Of Special Interest This Month**

February 15 - Buddhism Seminar

February 16 - Nirvana Day Service

Shinnen Kai/Keirokai

February 23 - Gatha Fest



## **\*\*COMING UP IN MARCH\*\***

March 22 - Spring Ohigan

March 28 - Puna Spring Festival



## **2020 Honpa Hongwanji Theme & Slogan**

**Building Healthy Sangha**

*(Embracing Generosity and Openness)*

## **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.



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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

**FEBRUARY - 2**  
**MARCH - 3**

## *Toban Refreshment Schedule for Sunday*

**FEBRUARY - 4**  
**MARCH - 1**



## *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.

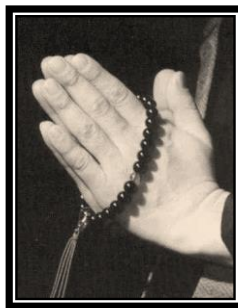


## **February 2020**

1 yr.	Kinue Nakano Kanda	February 9, 2019
3 yrs.	Hisayo Kubo	February 10, 2018
	Myrtle Zukeran	February 26, 2018
	Yeichi Yamamoto	February 28, 2018
7 yrs.	None	
13 yrs.	None	
17 yrs.	Kazuko Toma	February 6, 2004
	Harry Kiyoto Murakami	February 20, 2004
	Hiroshi Tanaka	February 27, 2004
25 yrs.	Toshiharu Momita	February 17, 1996
	Katsue Tsutsui	February 28, 1996
33 yrs.	None	
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.

*Iwao Takaki*

*Tsuneyoshi Matsumoto*

*Clesson Sako*


# February 2020

## *Puna Hongwanji Mission Calendar of Events*

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b><u>Every Monday</u></b> Judo 5:30 PM Karate 7 PM	<b><u>Every Tuesday</u></b> Taiko 3 PM Judo 6:30 PM	<b><u>Every Wednesday</u></b> Judo 5:30 PM Karate 7 PM	<b><u>Every Thursday</u></b> Meditation 6:30 AM Taiko 3 PM Judo 6:30 PM	<b><u>Every Friday</u></b> Choir 3:30 PM	1
2 Family Service 9 AM Dharma School	3 Pahoa Service 6 PM	4	5 Sr. YBA Meeting	6	7	8
9 Family Service 9 AM Dana Day BWA Meeting	10 Pahala Service 3 PM Naalehu Service 6 PM	11	12 Japanese Class 5 PM	13	14	15 Everyday Buddhism Class 10 AM 1 PM (Japanese)
16 Nirvana Day Service Shinnen Kai Keirokai	17	18	19 Japanese Class 5 PM	20	21	22
23 Gatha Fest No Family Service	24	25	26 ANPAN	27	28	29

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## **Minister's Message**

### Buddhism ABC

- A- Attitude of gratitude always, always, always
- B- Blind passions are in my eyes.
- C- Compassion embraces my eyes of blind passions.
- D- Don't put myself down; accept myself as I am.
- E- Embrace me whatever happens in my life.
- F- Foolish? Am I? Yes, indeed, am I.
- G- Gratitude teaches me what has been done to me by others.
- H- Happiness is here! Don't seek without, but within.
- I- Impermanence is the mother of the moment I cherish, unrepeatable moment.
- J- Just say it! Namo Amida Butsu
- K- Know my true self not by myself but through Amida Buddha.
- L- Live my life to the fullest.
- M- Mindful of my thoughts, words, and actions.
- N- NOW is the time to be assured to be born in the Pure Land.
- O- Oh, boy, how many years did I listen to the teachings of Buddhism?
- P- Pure Land is dynamically revealing its truth to me.
- Q- Questions to me. Am I kind? Do I practice what I learn and teach?
- R- Religion resolves an ultimate question of life-birth, aging, illness, and death.
- S- Satoshi, what are you doing as a person who encountered the teachings of Buddhism?
- T- Transcend love and hate-Buddha's Great Mind of equanimity.
- U- Universal truth of enlightenment is Amida Buddha
- V- Value the part of me devalued by others
- W- "White Ashes" is a profound meditation on impermanence



X- Xerox of me? No way! I'm the only one who can live my life.

Y- You are totally accepted and embraced as you are no matter what by Amida Buddha.

Z- Zillions of causes and conditions brought me to be here. Bad and good, everything is part of my life.

A-Z. There are 26 letters in the alphabet. I don't know all the English words consisting of the 26 characters. For example, I didn't know the meaning of the word, "syzygy." I read, speak, listen, and think about words on TV and social media, and in newspapers and conversations. Yet, I don't know the true meaning of words like kindness, compassion, love, or hatred, sadness, grief, suffering.

A story goes "Consider, for example, a person instructing us by pointing to the moon with his finger. The person says, 'I am pointing to the moon with my finger in order to show it to you. Why do you look at my finger and not the moon?' Similarly, words are the finger pointing to the meaning; they are not the meaning itself. Hence, do not rely upon words" (CWS. P. 241).

Did I attach meaning to the words? Did I see the true facet of a person, family, friends, ministers, not just their appearance? Did I listen to the teachings itself, not a minister him/herself? "Buddha," "Dharma," "Sangha," "Aloha," and "Namo Amida Butsu"- do I know the meaning, not just the words? Words are heard and exist because there is a meaning. Meaning is manifested as a word just as a finger is seen because it is illuminated by the moon. Take not the words with you; take the meaning with you in your life. Rely on the teachings and yourself who is guided by the teachings of Buddhism.

Aloha and Namo Amida Butsu

## **Puna Hongwanji Buddhist Temple Minister's Report February 2020**

February 1-Saturday, Memorial Service @Puna, 10 a.m. & 11 a.m.

February 3-Monday, Hawaii District Ministers Association mtg., 9 a.m., via skype

February 3-Monday, Pahoah Monthly Service, **6 p.m.**

February 4-Tuesday, Memorial Service @Puna, 11 a.m.

February 5-8, State Board of directors' mtg, State Minister's mtg, Legislative Assembly. February 10-Monday, Monthly Pahala (3 p.m.) & Naalehu Service (5 p.m. class, 6 p.m. service)

February 11-Tuesday, Columbarium committee mtg., 7 p.m.

February 12-Wednesday Japanese Class @Puna, 5 p.m.

February 15-Saturday, Everyday Buddhism Class, @Puna, 10-11:30 a.m.

February 15-Saturday, Buddhism Class in Japanese\*, 1 p.m.-2p.m

February 19-Wednesday, Japanese Class @Puna, 5 p.m.

February 20-Puna Board of Directors mtg., 7 p.m.

February 22-Saturday, Memorial Service @Puna, 10 & 11 a.m.

February 23-Sunday, Gathafest. No Sunday service at Puna.

February 26-Wednesday-Memorial Service, @Puna, 9 a.m.

### **1. Reactivation of Jr. YBA**

Mr. Sam Horiuchi as an advisor and with helps from some members, we will reactivate Jr. YBA. Currently, there is one member who submitted his application form. A kickoff event will be planned.

### **2. Revised Membership Form**

Mr. Roy Toma and I have revised our membership form.

### **3. YESS Camp Ad**

YESS (Young Enthusiastic Shinshu Seekers) Camp 37 will be held in April. During the 3 day experience, students will learn more about the Dharma through activities, discussions, and



camaraderie. YESS camp committee is asking if we can support them through booklet Ad. Full Page \$100, Half Page \$60, Quarter Page \$35. We have been supporting them by purchasing half page. Due by March 15, 2020.

#### **4. Memorial Service for Rev.**

##### **Hoashi**

Rev. Hoashi passed away. He served at Puna Hongwanji. I would like to have a memorial service for him at Puna Hongwanji. HQ will share information about a plan of his funeral. After they have a service, we will set a date and time for our memorial service inviting a family of the late Rev. Hoashi.



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

Synopsis of Kyodan Board of Directors' meeting held on Thursday, December 19, 2019. Minutes were recorded by Marilyn Sato, Secretary.

##### **Repair and Maintenance**

- A few light bulbs were changed. Leaks will be addressed soon.

##### **Approved Activities/Announcements**

- Hawaii District Ministers Association (HDMA) selected new officers and advisors for 2020. Rev. Tomioka's responsibilities include being Treasurer and Commissioner on Buddhist Education. He served as President for the past two years.
- Hongwanji's 2020 theme and slogan is "Building Healthy Sangha: Embracing Generosity and Openness".
- We are financially sustained by membership, fundraisings, and donations. We are facing a financial situation and need to secure a stable financial future for future generations. Our Investment and Temple Sustainability Advisory Committees are seeking ways to sustain our temple financially. A temple planned giving program (gift planning, deferred giving, legacy giving, etc.) sponsored by Honpa will

be held at Puna Hongwanji in the near future.

- Winter Festival: Although there were many craft fairs and events in town, people commented that there were a lot of vendors here. Craft vendors were generous with their donations for prize giveaways and said that they are looking forward to the Spring Festival.
- Columbarium Improvement Committee met; next meeting is scheduled for February. Ideas were tossed around and a priority list will be presented to the Board of Directors when the committee is ready with recommendations.
- Donations were received from: Yoga, Karate, Mindful Meditation, and PiYo
- Board approved request to purchase a new dryer for the kitchen using kitchen funds.
- Jan. 25: Appreciation Party at PHM; 5:30 p.m.; BYOB. Please invite family and friends who have helped PHM throughout the year.
- Feb. 7-8: Giseikai – Clifford Furukado, Richard Solie, and Rev. Tomioka will attend
- Feb. 16: Shinnenkai/Keirokai; affiliates will help Sr. YBA, who is chairing the event
- Mar. 28: Spring Festival

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

- Thank you to Veronica Kitayama, a Taiko grandmother, who did a wonderful job in getting all of the craft vendors for the Winter Festival. Thank you to Paul Sakamoto who got the entertainers.
- Thank you to Jenn Kurohara and Robin Sato and everyone who helped at the successful Winter Festival.
- BWA thanked the Kyodan for the opportunity to host the Rummage Sale. A donation was made to the Kyodan that will be used for parsonage repair & maintenance. Domo arigato gozaimasu!
- Thank you to all who make our Family Service run like a well-oiled machine. There are many people that make attending Sunday service a wonderful experience – Service Committee members, greeters, kansho ringers, MCs, digital recorders,

digital technicians, organists, Choir, book collectors, flower arrangers, temple cleaners, refreshment tobans, etc. If you would like to be one of the “menehunes”, see Rev. Tomioka and/or any member.

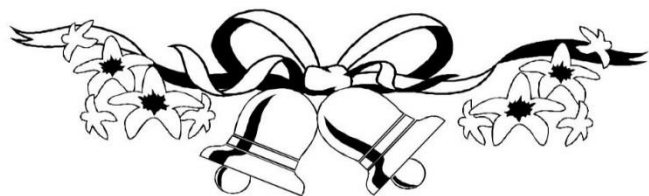


## **MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE NEWS**

Please welcome Ms. Dorothy Imakire of Keaau and grandchildren Elan & Khalil, and Mrs. Tei Schrey of Keaau & son Ted to our Sangha.

In my last article I inadvertently wrote if you are head of household, your dues are exempt. It should have read if you are head of household and in a care home situation, your dues are exempt. Recommended dues are @240.00.

In Gassho,  
Roy Toma  
Membership Chrm  
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**You are cordially invited to the wedding  
of**

Ms. Haruka Kuratate and Rev. Satoshi  
“Ka‘imipono” Tomioka  
Saturday, June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020  
10 a.m. Puna Hongwanji Buddhist Temple

Reception to follow. Aloha attire.

Our wedding day is a special day that we wish we could spend with you all, but unfortunately due to the limited amount of seating we can only accommodate a limited number of guests.

Therefore, our wedding invite is extended to Puna Hongwanji Buddhist Temple members only. Thank you for your understanding.

Due to the limited amount of seating available, we are requiring a RSVP from each member planning to attend our special day. Please RSVP by Saturday, February 29, 2020 so that we may reserve a seat for you. On our wedding day, please check-in with the reception table for your seat assignment.

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**Dharma Talk**  
The Noble Eightfold Path  
12/15/2019  
Richard Solie

My topic for today is the Noble Eightfold Path. It is somewhat of a repletion of my earlier dharma talk. I hope that it does not bore you, but the truth of the matter is that, being very new to Buddhism, and the study of Buddhism, I really don't know a lot about it. I have to stick with what I do know.



The Eightfold Path is a plan, a guide for living, a guide to striving for enlightenment. While very simple, these eight precepts are a complete path to enlightenment. It is something to think about every day, something that can be applied to every decision that we make. By the way, today's handout, The Noble Eightfold Path, does not have to be returned at the end of this service. It is meant for you to take home. Put it up on your wall, read it every day, think about what these things mean every day. Make it a part of your life.

## **RIGHT UNDERSTANDING**

Understanding of things as they are, understanding the Four Noble Truths

What are the Four Noble Truths?

The first noble truth is that suffering exists. No one is exempt. We will all suffer. It is a basic condition of our lives.

The Second Noble Truth addresses the cause of suffering. Sickness, aging, and death are the obvious causes. In fact, this is what started the Buddha on his path to enlightenment. When he first left the palace, he saw people that were old, sick, and dying. He asked why does suffering exist? He had never been confronted with suffering before. That confrontation changed his life. The answer to his question has changed ours.

There are other kinds of suffering, as well. Seeking after power, pleasure and material things can cause another kind of suffering. It is never enough. We are always craving for more. That craving is a pain. The poor man wants to be rich; the rich man wants to be king, the king's not satisfied until he rules everything. There is suffering caused by ignorance, hatred, envy, and greed. Desire and ignorance breeds suffering. We must strive to overcome our ignorance, strive to overcome our strong desires, if we hope to achieve peace and enlightenment.

The Third Noble Truth is that there can be an end to suffering. Buddha has shown us the way.

That way is the Fourth Noble Truth, the plan and method to end suffering. That plan is the Noble Eightfold Path.

## **RIGHT THOUGHT**

Renunciation of selfishness, to embrace thoughts of kindness and compassion for others, to strive for truth and enlightenment.

This is something that comes up every day for me. Deciding to pick up a hitchhiker needing a ride, deciding how to handle a disagreement with my significant other, choosing to volunteer for some charitable activity, dealing with unpleasant people. I could go on and on. The point is, this decision, to avoid selfishness, to be kind and compassionate relates to so many situations that come up every day. It is something that takes focus and practice. We must learn to weigh every decision we make in dealing with others through the lens of the dharma, and the Eightfold Path.

## **RIGHT SPEECH**

Avoid telling lies, slander, harsh words, and gossip. Use speech wisely.

It seems obvious to me that we should not lie. It is morally wrong, and lies have a way of coming back to haunt us. The truth will almost always come out. We should also avoid slander, speaking ill of others, even if it is true. Sometimes, it may be appropriate to warn others of someone with bad character, but any time we think of saying something bad about someone else, we need to ask ourselves why we are doing it, is it helpful, is it true, is it appropriate?

Harsh words are my downfall. When I get angry, harsh words come spilling out, my tone of voice and expression are hurtful. Later, I wish I could take back those words, but it is too late. The damage is done. I have hurt the other person, and diminished the trust between us. I need to learn to think before I speak, especially when I am upset. I need to take a couple deep breaths, maybe recite the nembutsu a couple time, and then speak. Words have power, effect, and meaning. We need to use them wisely.

Gossip. We all enjoy hearing the juicy details of someone else's life, or sharing some interesting bit of gossip. We need to remember that words have power. Gossip can hurt or destroy people's lives. Before listening to, or sharing gossip, we need to



think about how it fits, or does not fit, with our ideals. Is it helpful, is it kind, is it compassionate?

The common thread of all these ideas is thinking before we speak, taking a moment to filter our words through the teachings of the dharma, and the eightfold path. It takes patience, and practice to achieve, but it can be done. Use speech wisely

### **RIGHT ACTION**

Moral, honorable, and peaceful actions. Avoid harmful actions, be a good example to others

In the Golden Chain of Love, we promise, “I will try to think pure and beautiful thoughts to say pure and beautiful words, and to do pure and beautiful deeds.”

What we do matters. Every action has consequences for good or evil. As I write this, the same theme comes up again and again. We need to train ourselves to stop and think before we speak, before we act. That is literally how this works. This is how the Noble Eightfold Path can change our lives. Through concentration and meditation, making the Eightfold Path a part of everything we do and say. Again, from the Golden Chain of Love, we are reminded

“what I do now depends not only my happiness or unhappiness, but also those of others.”

We have to ask ourselves, are our actions kind and compassionate, do they promote peace and tranquility?

Besides the direct affect our actions have on us, and those around us, they also provide an example to others. If we are kind and compassionate in our actions, hopefully, this will inspire others to do the same.

### **RIGHT LIVELIHOOD**

A profession which is honorable, blameless, and innocent of harm to others.

This is something I thought about before becoming a Buddhist. In my first job in Hawaii, I worked for a man who had a towing company and a used auto parts store. He was very interesting, and charismatic, but he was not a good person. He lied

to and cheated everyone around him, and engaged in many harmful activities. He told me once that it was very easy to tell when he was lying because his lips were moving. He rented properties with the intention to eventually cheat the landlord. He would stop paying rent, and try to hang on to the property as long possible. It didn't just happen, that was his intent from very beginning. Because of my skills, I became his righthand man for administration and finance. After a time, I began to realize that working for him was changing me, twisting my perception of right and wrong. Also, people that we dealt with began to associate me with his evil actions. My reputation was being diminished by association. I had to quit. I made the decision that I wanted my work, my efforts, to not only provide a living for myself, but to contribute to the good of society, the community around me.

My next job was an accountant for a construction company, and I started working as an accounting consultant for a number of small businesses. Now accounting is something that bores most people. An accountant is almost the poster child for boring. But that is okay. I enjoy it, and am providing a valuable service to companies that are, in turn, providing goods and services that people want, that add to the well being of the community, and economy.

When I retired from accounting, I moved to the Big Island, and decided to sell real estate. It fit with my values. I am helping people, and getting paid to do so, and doing something I enjoy doing. Don't get me wrong, I enjoy earning commissions, but they are not my primary focus. My main focus is helping people. I work just as hard on the small deals as I do on the big ones. A good example is one of my listings in rural Mountain View. A woman contacted me, who was interested in buying it. She had her own realtor, and told me that he would be writing up an offer for the property. Weeks went by, and nothing happened. Finally, she contacted me again. Her realtor was not responding to her emails or calls. She could not get a hold of him, and asked me to write up the offer for her. I know what happened. He looked at the deal, and realized that the most he could earn would be about \$450. It takes a fair amount of time to write up an offer, and then guide the transaction through escrow to a closing. He decided it was too much work for

the money to be earned. I took the deal. For me, work is grounded in my values. Helping people is more important than how much money I am earning. I realize that I may not ever become wealthy with this sort of approach, but I feel good about what I am doing, and am enjoying myself.

Again, the same theme repeats itself. We must weigh and evaluate what we are doing, what we are saying, what we are thinking. We need to judge our actions, our vocation against the Eightfold Path. It is a guide for living. The Eightfold Path should determine, not only what we do, but how we do it. Is the work we have chosen a benefit to those we interact with. Is it a benefit to the community?

### **RIGHT EFFORT**

Making a serious effort to understand the teachings of the Buddha, and to achieve enlightenment.

Here is the bad news. To achieve enlightenment, you have to work at it. Just believing in the Dharma won't make it happen.

The good news is that it is not complicated. You don't need to be a genius or a monk to reach enlightenment. That is really good news for me, because I am neither one. It is a very simple set of eight rules, none of them are complicated. The Eightfold Path is accessible to anyone and everyone, but it does take work. You have to really try, to strive for enlightenment. We call out his name and strive to become. That is the key.

### **RIGHT MINDFULNESS**

To be diligently aware of, and attentive to, our bodies, our feelings, our thoughts and ideas

I can see this in my own life. I go through each day responding to the crisis or task of the moment, trimming the lawn, fixing something to eat, working on my latest project, doing some accounting work, paying the bills. It is a series of mundane tasks that fills my life, commands my attention. I have very little time left to think about what is really going on, where is my life going, what is the purpose and value of the things I do. Again, this is something that takes practice and perseverance. We have to work at it, and it is not easy, but it can be done. Start small. Take ten minutes each day to think

about what you are doing, what you are feeling, to think about the Eightfold Path, and evaluate what you are doing from that perspective. It is about digging a little deeper, looking beneath the surface of our everyday lives. We need to think about our values, and how they fit, or don't, with the things we are doing and thinking.

### **RIGHT CONCENTRATION**

Focusing on the teachings of the Buddha, through practice and meditation. Learning to free our mind from distractions in pursuit of truth and enlightenment

This is something I have a hard time with. Even the short meditation that we do with our Sunday service is difficult. I find my mind jumping from thing to thing, one distraction after another

Again, practice and perseverance are the key. I am sure it would also

help to do some reading about meditation, and techniques of meditation, breathing and posture. Making an effort to meditate, working to achieve that focus on understanding and awareness of the Dharma.

### **CONCLUSION**

The Noble Eightfold Path is a very powerful tool, something that can change our lives. It is a guide to achieving enlightenment. It is simple, yet sublime. It is accessible to everyone, and anyone who truly wants to find the peace and tranquility of enlightenment. Like anything truly worthwhile, it takes work and determination to succeed, but anyone can do it.

Thank you for your kindness and consideration in listening to my dharma message. I hope I didn't put anyone to sleep.

## SHINNEN ENKAI / KEIROKAI 2020

Sunday February 16, 2020

Service 9am.

Lunch / program to follow

Please join us to for our New Year's party and honor our Keirosha's. We will be having entertainment, games / prizes, good food and fellowship.

Advance tickets for this event will be \$10 and \$12 at the door.

Students (ages 8-18) are \$5.

Children are free

Hope to see you there!

## General Membership and Clean up day 12/22/19



Board of directors and officers answering questions from the members.



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

In late April, Friends of Lili`uokalani Gardens once again will fly koinobori throughout the Waiakea peninsula from Suisan to Ponds.

A major part of this display is on the bridge to Mokuola, which is great for family photographs under about 90 koinobori, three to a pole on both sides of the bridge.



Last year we added more koinobori from Japan. In addition, three charter schools added three Hawaiian fish to the display and one artist added an indigo koinobori. If you have old koinobori at home that you are no longer using, please consider donating them to Friends of Lili`uokalani Gardens to add to this display.





Two gentlemen from Puna Hongwanji (Mike Brisbin and Yoshinori Sato) helped at Lili'uokalani Gardens with thinning the bamboo thicket.



## PUNA WINTER FESTIVAL

In December we tried for the first time a Puna Winter Festival in conjunction with the annual Keaau a Christmas Light Parade. We would like to thank everyone that supported the event and the those that helped with the event.



Thank you goes out to Veronica Kitayama, Taiko grandmother, that volunteered to handle the craft vendors. She did a wonderful job and has volunteered to do the upcoming Puna Spring Festival. Thank you also goes out to Paul Sakamoto for getting the line up of entertainment. There was a mix up of dates for one of the entertainers, but thanks to the impromptu request Rev. Satoshi "Ka'imipono" Tomioka and Misaki Saito took the stage and sang Hana Wa Saku for the audience.







CoChairs for the event: Reverend Tomioka, Jenn, and Robin.



We are now in the planning stage for our Puna Spring Festival to be held on Saturday, March 28, 2020 from 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Please save the date and watch for updated information. Thus far for our entertainment we have secured Mark Yamanaka who has a total of 14 Na Hoku Hanohano awards and Rick Jitchaku. We will also have the Lions Club RV available for free vision testing.





## **DHARMA CLASS GINGERBREAD HOUSE AND COOKIE MAKING**



Dharma class having fun making Gingerbread houses and cookies.

