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2025 Honpa Hongwanji Theme & Slogan

**Nurturing Nembutsu,
 Cultivating Awareness**

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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You may schedule this memorial service on the memorial day listed, or either before or after the day whichever is most convenient. Please contact Puna Hongwanji at (808) 966-9981 or email at mpunahongwanji@twc.com. Zoom online service is also available.

March 2025 & April 2025

1 yr.	Doris Kuwahara Atsuko Cabanas Lillian Miki None	March 7, 2024 March 10, 2024 March 16, 2024 April 2024
3 yrs.	Helen Yamada Ernest Takaku None	March 11, 2023 March 28, 2023 April 2024
7 yrs.	Rodney Kamei None	March 3, 2019 April 2024
13 yrs.	James Kuritani Jacqueline Alba Misao Tanaka Yoshikazu Isa Adeline Nakamura	March 13, 2013 March 23, 2013 April 8, 2013 April 21, 2013 April 30, 2013
17 yrs.	Miyoko Nakata Yoso Kuwahara Itono Kan Jack Issa	March 24, 2009 March 29, 2009 March 31, 2009 April 3, 2009
25 yrs.	Hideichi Oshiro Chieko Manmoto Calvin Uchida Yukio Murayama Chieko Nagata	March 2, 2001 March 29, 2001 April 1, 2001 April 2, 2001 April 4, 2001
33 yrs.	Paul Taguchi Sagano Nagai Shizuko Sakaguchi Keiko Yoshimura	March 4, 1993 March 5, 1993 March 16, 1993 April 15, 1993
50 yrs.	None Yuki Takata Victoria Makio	March 1976 April 21, 1976 April 29, 1976

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

Memorial Service (Nenki年忌)

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.



A memorial service is a time for family members and friends to gather in memory of our loved ones. It's held in gratefulness for the Compassion of Amida Buddha who is always embracing our loved ones and each of us warmly and gently. This is also a precious opportunity for family and friends to reflect upon their lives while remembering departed loved ones.

MARCH 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 Spring Dance 7 - 10 pm
2 Family Service 9 am Taiko 3 -6 pm	3 Yoga 9- 10:30 am Judo 5:30 pm Karate 7:00 pm D. Rm Rental 6-8 p	4 Choir 12:30 pm Taiko 3 – 6 pm Judo 6:30 – 8 pm	5 Yoga 9- 10:30 am Farm to Car 3-6 p Judo 5:30 pm Karate 7:00 pm	6 Taiko 3 – 6 pm Judo 6:30 – 8 pm	7 Chair Yoga 9 – 10:30 am Total Body Fitness 4 p Karate 6:00 pm Scouts 6:30 pm	8
9 Family Service 9 am BWA Meeting Karaoke Taiko 3 -6 pm	10 Yoga 9- 10:30 am Judo 5:30 pm Karate 7:00 pm D. Rm Rental 6-8 p	11 Choir 12:30 pm Taiko 3 – 6 pm Judo 6:30 – 8 pm	12 Yoga 9- 10:30 am Farm to Car 3-6 p Judo 5:30 pm Karate 7:00 pm	13 Taiko 3 – 6 pm Judo 6:30 – 8 pm D. Rm. Rental 5-7p	14 Chair Yoga 9 – 10:30 am Total Body Fitness 4 p Karate 6:00 pm	15 Rummage Sale Set up
16 Family Service 9 am	17 Rummage Sale Set up	18 Choir 12:30 pm Rummage Sale Set up	19 Rummage Sale Set up Farm to Car 3-6 p	20 Rummage Sale Set up BOD Meeting 7 p	21 Rummage Sale Set up	22 Rummage Sale Set up
23 Spring Ohigan 9 am Taiko 3 -6 pm	24 Rummage Sale Set up	25 Choir 12:30 pm Rummage Sale Set up	26 Rummage Sale Set up Farm to Car 3-6 p	27 Rummage Sale Set up	28 Rummage Sale Set up	29 Rummage Sale 8 am -1 pm
30 Family Service 9 am Taiko 3 -6 pm	31 Yoga 9- 10:30 am Judo 5:30 pm Karate 7:00 pm D. Rm Rental 6-8 p					

Minister's Message



Artificial Intelligence (AI) is reshaping our world at an extraordinary pace. Defined as the capacity of machines to think and learn, AI's applications span a wide range like self-driving cars. As AI technologies advance, they are increasingly capable of performing tasks traditionally handled by humans. AI is becoming an integral part of everyday life. Imagine if this article had been generated by an AI (not by me!). While AI offers undeniable convenience, it raises concerns about over-reliance. This scenario recalls a character from the cherished Japanese manga, Doraemon. Doraemon is a robot from the 22nd century, sent back in time to help a young boy named Nobita Nobi make better decisions for a brighter future for his descendants. Throughout the series, Doraemon uses an array of futuristic gadgets to aid Nobita, who faces school struggles and the ups and downs of life. The bond between Doraemon and Nobita is built on trust and shared experiences. Although Doraemon's tools, such as the time machine and teleportation door, are designed to help, he remains cautious about ensuring that Nobita does not become overly reliant on them. Some may find comfort in AI, viewing it as a reliable companion that never complains or argues. AI's ability to adapt and understand our preferences can make it appear as a loyal ally in navigating life's challenges. In contemplating our roles in this analogy, we might see ourselves as descendants seeking to support our ancestors, anxious figures like Nobita, or empathetic helpers resembling Doraemon. This invites reflection on the essence of care and guidance: *Someone is there for me to support and guide me.*

To me, this figure represents Amida Buddha, who offers a wisdom of light that brings balance to my opinion and truths, while providing compassionate support during life's challenges. The invocation "Namo Amida Butsu" inspires me to seek wisdom and compassion amidst the complexities of existence. This message resonates with me, even when I am not consciously aware of it. Amida Buddha embodies infinite life and addresses the challenges of mortality. While physical separation is inevitable, Amida's teachings reassure me that goodbyes are not final; it assures a reunion in the Pure Land. The compassionate light of Amida Buddha's wisdom helps me recognize my limited viewpoints, nurturing the empathy and understanding in our divided world. Just as Doraemon is sent by descendants, our departed loved ones are concerned about us, even when we believe we are the ones worrying about them. Our closest friends and special individuals in our lives care about us, even if we see it as the other way around. It's easy to recognize how much we think and do for others, but it's challenging to grasp how much others do for us. When we come to this realization, it leads to a moment of humility, reflection, and gratefulness as we find ourselves embraced by this warmth. Recognizing a nurturing presence—be it AI, spiritual figures, or fellow humans—can provide comfort. AI has the potential to preserve our memories and legacies, enabling future generations to connect with us in meaningful ways even after we've passed. If we were to ask AI, "What will happen to me when I die?" what might the response be? Jodo Shinshu offers a reassuring perspective: when we find ourselves embraced by Amida today, we are assured to be born in the Pure Land as a buddha, where we will reunite with our loved ones and continue to guide those we leave behind. In the spirit of *Ohigan*, let us listen to the teachings that embrace and save us.

—Correction: In the February article, Nirvana Day was mentioned as February 16; however, the accurate date is February 15.

「こんなこといいな、できたらいいな、あんな夢こんな夢いっぱいある一けどー」の歌で有名なドラえもん。心配した未来の子孫から送られたのび太くんを救う猫型ロボットです。ポケットから出す有名な道具にどこでもドアがあります。どこにでも行けるのですが、どこに行きたいですか？誰に会いたいですか？ドアをくぐったら懐かしい大好きなあの人の笑顔がみえる。。。欲しいですね。南無阿弥陀仏は夢を叶える仏様ではありませんが、無常の限りあるサヨナラのある命を生きる私のために、必ず救うよ、という願いを建てられました。この願いの中、みんな一緒です、あの人も。今、ここで。

President's Message



I am honored to have been chosen as the new president of Puna Hongwanji. I promise to do my best.

On February 15th, I attended the installation of officers for the Big Island Buddhist Federation at Hilo Meishoin temple. Stan Mason was installed as an officer for the federation.

I am excited about the upcoming 125th anniversary. Puna Hongwanji will be 125 years old. I would like to see repair and maintenance projects completed ahead of that anniversary. We have some major projects that need to be completed. Reaching that goal is going to take some serious fundraising. Jason Hashimoto has stepped up to lead the planning for our 125th anniversary. Thank you, Jason.

On that note, I would like to express my gratitude to all the volunteers who make this sangha possible. They clean the temple, maintain the grounds and buildings, provide the manpower for temple events, and administer temple operations. We could not operate without our volunteers. Thank you all.

Being president doesn't mean that I have all the answers or know everything. What are your concerns? What are your priorities? What needs to be fixed or improved? I need to hear from you, our members. I can be reached by email, richardsolie@protonmail.com, or by phone, 808-426-6256. If you are really old school, you can send me a letter at Puna Hongwanji Buddhist Temple, PO Box 100, Keaau, HI 96749.

In gassho,

Richard Solie

Puna Hongwanji Kyodan Highlights



“With the new day comes new strength and new thoughts” – Eleanor Roosevelt

Although we don't experience seasonal changes like other places, we still see March as a month of change. Buddhism teaches that impermanence is a fundamental truth of existence. All things, whether material or mental, are in a constant state of flux. Embracing this transience helps one to detach from desires and find peace amidst the ever-changing world. We have a couple of events this month and we are looking forward to sharing these experiences with all of you!

Saturday, March 1 from 7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. - Spring Dance for grades 6-12

If anyone would like to help, please contact Paul Sakamoto or Jenn Kurohara.

Sunday, March 9 following service – Karaoke

Saturday, March 22 - Spring Seminar with Rev. Kodo Umezu at Hilo Betsuin. In person registration is due by March 20. No registration is required to attend via Zoom. [Spring Seminar - Rev. Umezu](#)

Dana is the practice of generosity or giving freely and without expecting anything in return. Here are a few ways you can support our friends and families here and away:

- [Taiko Festival | Pacific Buddhist Academy](#)
- [Buddhist Churches of America Endowment Foundation | Kindful](#)

Become a member! A *suggested* amount of \$250/year.

[Membership-Form-puna-2024.pdf](#)

Mahalo nui loa to our faithful Kyodan Board, Puna Hongwanji affiliate and group leaders who have been meeting every month to keep a strong bond between temple and its members, friends, and faithful supporters. P.S. We have the coolest minister whose efforts never go unnoticed. We are grateful for each and every one of you.

Whatever you do this month, may you find peace, joy, and love in everything!

SAKE PAIRING

Save the Date!

Who: PHM Events

What: 2nd (annual?) Sake Pairing

When: Saturday, September 27, 2025

Where: PHM Social Hall

Last year was hard work but a great success for the Building Fund! We are anticipating an even bigger event this year after numerous attendees vowed to bring more friends along this time. Sake On (but with a designated driver)!

Puna Hongwanji Mission Buddhist Women's Association

A busy first few months of 2025 for Puna BWA: After being sworn in January 6, we started 2025 on January 19 with our first meeting of the year and taking stock of future HIUHBWA activities and the world convention in Honolulu in 2027. Thank you Stella Miyashiro for steadfast leadership and support. Thank you Carol Tsunezumi for stepping into the vice president role again. Thank you Eileen Usagawa for handling the membership report. Thank you Marilyn Sato for serving as secretary and thank you Janet Watarida for serving as treasurer.

January 23, the BWA year end party was held at Restaurant Kenichi with lots of fun organized by Marilyn Sato and carried out with assistance from Janet Watarida. A bountiful table of prizes made sure everyone went home happy.

On January 26, I spoke at the Honpa Hongwanji Hilo Betsuin BWA Shinnen Enkai on the topic "How Did That Happen?"



February 9 was our annual Dana Day observance. We were all delighted with the "Coming Full Circle" presentation by Barbara Fujimoto. Inspiring quotes and book recommendations rounded out the talk. Her display of old photos was particularly intriguing with one Girl Scout photo showing Barbara with her mother and sister and Carol Tsunezumi and her sisters. Thank you Barbara for your gift of "Practice Dana" magnets from Tanimoto Dharma Designs. In addition to being Super Bowl Sunday, it also was our regular monthly BWA meeting.



February 16 our gang hosted teachers from Japan in Wabunka, a cultural presentation in our social hall. Making a candle shade, calligraphy, and tea were among topics covered in the hands-on presentation. A delicious luncheon was provided by BWA.

Coming up right around the corner are Gatha Fest and HIUHBWA spring board meeting hosted by Puna BWA on February 23.

In the near future are our March 9 meeting which Carol Tsunezumi will chair as I will be traveling in Japan. BWA will participate in the March 29 Puna Hongwanji rummage sale and the April 19 Children's Day festivities.

A reminder: deadline for scholarship applications are April 5 and May 2. Applications for the HIUHBWA Buddhist Women's Association Scholarship are now available on the Honpa Hongwanji Hilo Betsuin website, www.hilobetsuin.org, under Scholarships and Awards.

Applicants must be deserving graduating high school seniors, whose parents are dues paying members of any Hongwanji temple on Hawaii Island. Two \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded and can be used at any accredited college, university, and technical school. Application deadline is April 5, 2025. Any questions can be directed to Stella Miyashiro at 808-959-7919.

The Japanese Community Association of Hawaii is offering two \$1,500 scholarships to high school seniors whose interest is primarily in Japanese studies and encourages and/or promotes Japanese culture and values. Post-secondary students formerly from the Big Island may also be considered.

Application deadline is May 2, 2025.

https://mcusercontent.com/5ecedd34279e3dfaf5221bf3/files/c6d8a80a-d437-3c67-a450-e5604fa1fa45/2025_JCAH_Scholarship_Application.docx

Thank you,

K.T. Cannon-Eger

PROJECT DANA



Lei Kakugawa, Florence Nishimura, Eileen Usagawa and Stella Miyashiro visited Legacy Hilo Rehabilitation and Nursing Home, where two Puna seniors reside. The volunteers gave crocheted blankets and walker bags to the Legacy residents.



Donating lap blankets to Legacy Hilo



Happy Valentine's Day, Bernice!

In January, Chinese New Year was celebrated with volunteers delivering chocolate covered fortune cookie with the bentos.

Volunteers made visitations to Life Care Center and Legacy to share the fortune cookies, which were donated by a Ilene Hara.

On Valentine's Day, Lei, Florence, and Stella visited Life Care Center and Legacy. The seniors appreciated the sweet valentine treat and friendly conversation. A Legacy resident, who missed "arare" had asked if we could bring the snack. So instead of candy, he was very happy to get a bag of "arare". Chocolates in a heart shaped box was delivered with the bentos.

Project Dana would like to thank friends and temple members, who continue to provide financial support.

In gassho,
Stella Miyashiro
Site coordinator



Happy Birthday, Mako!



Happy Birthday, Lei!

TOBAN SCHEDULE 2025

	Clean Up	Refreshments
March	4	2
April	1	3
May	2	4
June	3	1
July	4	2
August	1	3
September	2	4
October	3	1
November	4	2
December	1	3

Toban Group Contact Person

- Group 1: Karen Mason (408)206-9281
- Group 2: Janet Watarida (808)936-1170
- Group 3: Ann Toma (808)935-7712
- Group 4: Keri Furukado (808)987-1215

Obon Refreshment Schedule:

- Friday, Set Up, Group 4
- Saturday, Group 1
- Sunday, Clean up, Group 2

MEMBERSHIP

Warren Tanigawa is the new membership Chair.

Recommended dues are \$250.00. It can also be paid weekly, monthly, or semi-annual. If you are head of household and in a care home situation, your dues are exempt. And if you have a new mailing address, please inform our office at 808-966-9981.

SR. YBA

Aloha Sr. YBA Members!

At the February meeting, we decided to assist the PHM 125th Anniversary Committee with its Capital Campaign by holding fundraisers throughout the year. We have a few ideas which are hoping to start in their planning stages very soon. Mahalo in advance for all of your support! More details to come at our next meeting in April.

Membership dues are \$10/person and will be collected throughout the year. Meetings occur on the first Wednesday of February, April, June, August, October, and December, either in-person or via Zoom. Anyone want to become a member? You don't have to be a PHM member to join. Please contact Jenn Kurohara for more information.

Wishing you all a happy and healthy start to Spring!

“To plant a garden is to believe in tomorrow.” – Audrey Hepburn

RUMMAGE SALE

MARCH 29, 2025
8AM TO 1PM

We are accepting donated items for the rummage sale on Saturday. All donated items, will be placed in the breeze way by the kitchen. The garage will no longer be available for storage due to garage doors being installed. Also, we are setting up tables on Saturday March 15 at 930am in the hall.

Any questions or assisting in pickup. Please call Stan Mason 408 206-9279, or leave a message.

The following items will **NOT** be accepted:

1. Book, tapes, cd's, dvds, VHS tapes, records
2. Medical supplies
3. Mattresses
4. Children car seats
5. Broken or electrical devices that do not work

Flying Koinobori April 26 to May 5, 2023



In 2017 Friends of Lili`uokalani Gardens returned the tradition of flying koinobori in the Waiakea peninsula expressing a wish for health and success in our children. Donations and volunteer assistance are welcome.

Saturday, April 26, 2025

**9:00 a.m. Mokuola parking lot
assemble and install bamboo poles**

Free and open to the public April 26 through May 5

Saturday, May 5, 2023

**3:30 p.m. Mokuola parking lot
take down the installation and pack away koinobori**

**All bamboo poles used in the installation
will be given away at the end of the event.**

Photo courtesy of Jay Takaaze. For more information on Friends of Lili`uokalani Gardens events, please go to our Facebook page. Or check out our website: www.liliuokalanigardens.org



Friends of Lili`uokalani Gardens
P. O. Box 5147 Hilo, HI 96720

WA-BUNKA WORKSHOP

In February a group of us gathered in the dining room to attend a session with Representatives of Wabunka Hiroshima. The leader in attendance was Yuka Fujimoto and her assistants Ikumi Konda, Junko Kawamura, and Sumiko Sanemitsu. We learned some Japanese culture, calligraphy, painting making two chopstick holders, and a candle lamp shared. Yuka shared the brush stroke and we followed along on practice paper first.

After the event the BWA prepared a delicious meal for all of us. A message was received that they really enjoyed the delicious food and the great hospitality that we share with them. Ikumi sent a message and said besides the delicious food, the Sunday Service by Rev. Tomioka was so good. She said to please stay in touch so that they can come back to Puna Hongwanji again.

Thank you to Aya Shehata for asking if Puna Hongwanji could host this event. During their stay in Hilo the ladies were staying with Kumiko Mattison. She brought them to service and the workshop.



Photo: Aya Shehata, Sumiko Sanemitsu; Yuka Fujimoto, Instructor; Ikumi Kondo; Junko Kawamura; Kumiko Mattison.

SAVE THE DATE – APRIL 19, 2025 – CHILDREN’S DAY EVENT

We will be hosting a Children’s Day event at Puna Hongwanji on Saturday, April 19, 2025 from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. This event is open to the public. Everyone is welcome! Bring your children, your little ones, friends, neighbors, and the young at heart. There will be many games, activities, prizes, and fun times.

As of the end of February these are the groups that have committed to participate in our event. They include: CU Hawaii FCU; Hawaii Police Department - free Keiki ID; Hilo High School Japan Club – make and take koinobori; Pahala Taiko – maki sushi sale - \$6 a roll. Pre-sale is open now and will close on Saturday, April 5, 2025 <https://forms.gle/Upmxa9o8vC2LGJ2h9>; Puna Taiko – andagi sale; Malama Haloa Hui Kui Kalo – learn to pound your own paiai; outdoor activities with Jade Toma; and Concession by Puna Hongwanji Buddhist Temple.

We are awaiting responses from other groups that we have contacted. Affiliate groups this is your time to fundraise. If you want to sell food items, please coordinate with Clifford.

Any questions, please contact Jenn Kurohara or Robin Sato.

PAHALA HONGWANJI TAIKO – MAKI SUSHI SALE

Pahala Hongwanji Taiko will be fundraising during our Children’s Day event. They are taking presale orders until Saturday, April 5, 2025. Cost of the maki sushi is \$6 per roll. The proceeds will be donated to support Pahala Hongwanji and Pahala Hongwanji Taiko. Pick up will be on Saturday, April 19, 2025 at Puna Hongwanji from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

There will be two types of sushi:

REGULAR ROLL: rice, sugar, vinegar, salt, shoyu, egg, **tuna**, kanpyo, nori

VEGETARIAN ROLL: rice, sugar, vinegar, salt, shoyu, egg, **carrot**, kanpyo, nori

Preorder no later than Saturday, April 5. There are different ways to order. Email Kayo Munnerlyn at kayolua@gmail.com or Lois Yokota at kikuely60@gmail.com. They have not left their phone numbers as they will be unavailable to take calls during this period. You can fill out the google form by clicking on the link. <https://forms.gle/Upmxa9o8vC2LGJ2h9>. Or you can sign up on the sign up sheet at temple or by contacting Robin Sato.

If writing a check, please make it payable to: ***Pahala Hongwanji Mission Special Account*** and in the memo notate ***“presale maki sushi – Puna”***. You may mail in your payment or give to Robin

Payment can be mailed to:

Pahala Hongwanji Mission Special Account
c/o Kayoko Munnerlyn
PO Box 807
Pahala, HI 96777

OUR HAWAII ISLAND MINISTER'S

By the time you are reading this hi-lite article Rev. Masanari Yamagishi is no longer part of the Hongwanji and is returning to Japan. He covered Kamuela Hongwanji, Honokaa Hongwanji, Kohala Hongwanji, and Paauilo Hongwanji. This means we need to be patient and support our ministers even more. Between the four of them they will need to cover a total of 12 temples that are spread out throughout the island. Let's share compassion and kindness to them as they will all help to cover the additional temples in addition to our temple. July 1, 2025 Rev. Daido Baba will return to the islands so we will be back to five ministers covering the 12 temples.



Photo: Rev. Satoshi Tomioka (Puna/Pahala/Naalehu); Rev. Masanari Yamagishi (Kamuela/Honokaa/Kohala/Paauilo); Rev. Blayne Higa (Kona); Rimban Kazunori Takahashi (Hilo Betsuin/Papaikou/Honomu/Honohina-Papaaloa); and Rev. Blayne Nakasone Sakata (Hilo Betsuin/Papaikou/Honomu/Honohina-Papaaloa)

**TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY TO GAIN MORE KNOWLEDGE FROM THE UPCOMING
SESSIONS**

The Power of Compassion
Saturday, March 8, 2025 from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Title: The Power of Compassion - Rediscovering Your True Value

Speaker: D. Trinidad Hunt

Date: Saturday, March 8, 2025

Time: 9:00am - 3:00pm

Location: In-Person at Hawaii Betsuin Social Hall or Zoom across the state

Registration: <https://forms.gle/87XTYqFNk4NZFi8CA>

Deadline to Register: Saturday, March 1, 2025

On Hawaii Island you may join this session in person at Hilo Hongwanji or Kona Hongwanji. They will have the Zoom session available to view.

Nurturing Nembutsu, Cultivating Awareness
Saturday, March 22, 2025

The Honpa Hongwanji Hilo Betsuin will be hosting a Spring Seminar on Saturday, March 22, 2025 from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. The session will be available in person or online via Zoom. Rev. Kodo Umezu, Former Bishop and Minister Emeritus of Buddhist Churches of America will share "Nurturing Nembutsu, Cultivating Awareness".

To attend in person, please register at the Hilo Betsuin Office (398 Kilauea Avenue, Hilo, HI 96720) by March 20, 2025. Fee is \$10 for adults and \$5 for youth. This will cover lunch and materials.

Those attending via Zoom there is no fee. <https://zoom.us/j/93470607158?pwd=NTdqRDBaUmhSQ2VXZHM5ZzdGOEZGUT09>

Meeting ID: 934 7060 7158 Passcode: HHHB