



LAST MONTH'S EVENTS

OHANA ARTS PRODUCTION



An original musical inspired by the life of **SADAKO SASAKI**. *Music-Jenny Taira; Lyrics-Laurie Rubin Director: Cari Lee*

Venue: Kamehameha Schools Maui – Keopuolani Hale

Sponsors: Honpa Hongwanji Mission, HI / ABC Stores / Oceanic Time-Warner Cable and others.

Those who were fortunate to attend the event will undoubtedly remember the following with fond admiration and appreciation.

- The very talented cast of performers: These youngsters were of varying ages, 6 through teen years. They were of multi-ethnic backgrounds. Many have been in other dramatic &/or musical productions.
- Songs varying in tone from somber to joyful and lively. Dancing that involved very graceful movements and at other times, dramatic and acrobatic action.
- The sorrowful tale of Sadako's leukemia juxtaposed with the familiar and common social exchanges between teenagers of any era.

Members and ohana of all Maui Hongwanji temples attended the event. The group from Lahaina included several Lahaina Intermediate School afterschool - tutored students, who had perfect attendance for their sessions. There were also

Japanese language class students who are taught by Mrs. Megumi Hironaka.

BRAVO to Ohana Arts ! **MAHALO** to Honpa Hongwanji and other sponsors !

GISEIKAI

Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii
103rd Legislative Assembly

Lahaina Hongwanji Delegates: Rev. Ai Hironaka, Aileen Cockett, Richard Nishihara.

Important aspects of 2015 Agenda:

- **HMMH 2015 Budget:** The Assembly adopted Resolution #1, the Annual Budget. The Finance Committee had recommended a budget with a modest increase over the 2014 Budget. However, the delegates chose to amend the proposed budget by adding \$100,000 in income. This would come from withdrawal of that amount from Honpa's capital fund. Overall, the 2015 Budget will be lower than 2014's by around \$97,000.
- **PBA:** Delegates expressed concern re: level of subsidy for Pacific Buddhist Academy. The 2015 Budget includes \$175,000 for this purpose. This is the last of the annual subsidies planned/approved for PBA – unless deemed otherwise in 2016.
- **Financial 'health' of temples:** Many delegates expressed this concern. They expressed a need for fiscal responsibility on Honpa's part, and the need to consider investment/business strategies to generate new revenue streams.

2015 Living Treasures of Hawaii

- **Puanani Alama:** "internationally renowned performer and teacher of hula."
- **Dr. Bernice Yamagata Hirai:** "Advocate of Japanese language, genealogy, and arts."
- **Laura Ruby:** "Dedicated educator and gifted artist."
- **Barry K. Taniguchi:** "Successful businessman and devoted philanthropist."
- **S. Haunani Apoliona, MSW:** "Civic and community leader working towards the betterment of society."
- **Paulette Nohealani Kahalepuna:** "Master of the ancient Hawaiian art of feather work."

Community Participation

Maui Adult Day Care Centers' ANNUAL FAMILY CAREGIVER WALK Queen Kaahumanu Center → Ke'opuolani Park or Indoor Mini-Walk in the mall



Center 3: Violet Nishijima, Emiko Fujikawa, Jane Agawa



Vivian Ichiki, Shirley Tobita, Jane Agawa & Alice Imano – with 'Fireman Freddy' (?)

The ladies represented Lahaina-Honolua Senior Citizens' Club, as well as Lahaina Hongwanji. Other LHM members not pictured: *Hidemi Ichiki, Doris Fujii, May Fujiwara, Anita Yamafuji, Phyllis Ross, Phyllis Nakamura.*

The program included entertainment, prizes, and free 'give-aways' from various organizations.



UPCOMING EVENTS



LHM GENERAL CLEAN-UP DAY

SUNDAY, MARCH 8TH – 7:00 am



We have been there, done that – so, let's do it all again. We can do it "In Gassho" -- because we are grateful for Lahaina Hongwanji and its rich history and for its lineage of dedicated sangha. And we will do it "With Gusto" – because we can, indeed, help to make the place look its best!

SPRING OHIGAN SERVICE

SUNDAY, MARCH 20TH – 9:30 am



Guest Speaker: *Rev. Shinkai Murakami*
Wailuku Hongwanji



SATURDAY, MARCH 28TH

8:00 – 11:30 am

**Huli Chicken, Chow Fun, Nishime, Sushi
Bento, Baked Goods, Other Miscellaneous
Crafts / Plants / Rummage**



MAHALO!

Please come and help with prep work - Thursday & Friday 8:00am. Help also appreciated for Saturday - prep & sales. **Donations: baked goods, snack items, plants, and \$, too.**



NEWS FROM RELATED LINKS

Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha, Kyoto
Hongwanji International Center NEWS
 February 2015

13 from BCA and Canada Ordained

- Thirteen candidates from the Buddhist Churches of America (BCA) and the Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Temples of Canada (JSBTC) took part in the Tokudo ordination ceremony that was conducted on November 14, 2014 -- becoming ordained priests of Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha.
- Tokudo sessions, which are eleven days of training, arranged for candidates from overseas are held infrequently with the previous session being held two years ago in 2012.
- In preparation for the Tokudo session in Japan, candidates were required to take part in a three-part seminar at the Jodo Shinshu Center (Berkeley, CA) with the first session beginning last year, learning about the history and teaching of Jodo Shinshu, rituals, and liturgy.

People

Carmella Javellana From BCA, came to Japan to become Tokudo ordained.

Married to Rev. Jerry Hirano (Salt Lake Buddhist Temple, resident minister). Psychiatrist. Ordained during the November 2014 Tokudo session, with her eyes sparkling with enthusiasm, Javellana shared the following: "From today, I will walk side-by-side with my husband as an ordained priest and would like to help propagate the Jodo Shinshu teaching. Having received tonsure (shaving of one's head), I wanted to expose my true self without any accessories. I was first introduced to Jodo Shinshu when I married Jerry and I thought "This is it! This is my way of life! In treating patients, I apply Buddhist and in particular, Shinshu teachings and periodically invite patients to the Salt Lake Buddhist Temple. We all laugh, cry

and have problems to face. As ignorant beings, It is not only "you," but "I" as well, carrying the same burdens. So in sharing in my patients' problems, they are able to feel a sense of comfort. Above all, I am now able to be at peace."



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MINDFULNESS & COMPASSION

The Art and Science of Contemplative Practice

June 3rd–7th, 2015
 San Francisco State University

- The Mindfulness and Compassion: The Art and Science of Contemplative Practice conference brings together internationally recognized researchers engaged in the scientific study of mindfulness and compassion meditation with seasoned Buddhist teachers and scholars to explore the frontiers of contemplative practice.
- Mindfulness and compassion practice are now becoming part of mainstream science and clinical methods. Indeed, mindfulness programs have become increasingly popular in every sector of society—healthcare, education, business and government—so much so that Time magazine declared we are witnessing a "Mindful Revolution."

RELATED LINKS, continued
*Honpa Hongwanji Mission of
Hawaii*

Giseikai 2015: Excerpts from Messages:

- Message from Bishop Chiko Iwagami, the Governor General of Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha: *“Buddhism teaches us of the truth of life and the principles of living in this world. Both inside and outside Japan, we are facing numerous, difficult issues. However, as our founder, Shinran Shonin had aspired, “May peace and tranquility prevail throughout the world,” let us together strive to take steps one by one, in a unified effort with the Buddhist wisdom as our guide.”*
- Welcome Message by Bishop Eric Matsumoto: *“Yes, we have struggles and concerns, but we also have wonderful things happening like Dharma Light Buddhist Education is growing, we are a partner of a world-wide movement Charter for Compassion International, last year Project Dana celebrated its 25th Anniversary, Living Treasures of Hawaii Program is 40 years old”*
- A President’s Giseikai Reports – Pieper Toyama: *Based on my awareness of our current situation and who we are, these are my five priorities:*
 - a.) *Support propagation and education efforts to spread the Dharma*
 - i.) *Simplify the message; Make it come alive in one’s personal daily life.*
 - ii.) *Market our message, our activities, our identity.*
 - iii.) *Create inviting, warm, and supportive places for prospective members.*
 - iv.) *Focus and energize our educational effort*
 - b.) *Provide for the Well-being of Ministers*
 - c.) *Maintain the Health of Temples*
 - d.) *Restructure the Kyodan to Improve its Capacity to Support Temples through Prudent Planning, Program Implementation, and Governance*
 - e.) *Explore alternative sources of revenue to fund operations.*

5 ministers from Ministers Association will participate in the Rainbow Ekiden -- Sunday, March 8, 2015 -- to raise awareness of Honpa Hongwanji in the community and to support PBA’s Capital Campaign for their new school building. 1. Rev. Satoshi Tomioka (Honpa Hongwanji) 2. Rev. Tomo Hojo (West Kauai HM) 3. Rev. Shinji Kawagoe (Papaikou HM) 4. Rev. Kojun Hashimoto (Wahiawa HM) 5. **Rev. Ai Hironaka (Lahaina HM)**



**Let’s Toot Our Horn for a Long-time
Member of Lahaina Hongwanji !**

WHO? We all know him – **Mr. Sam Kadotani !**

WHAT is he up to these days? Sammy has had his famous coconut hat in so many community rings. Lahaina Hongwanji, of course. Plantation Days. Kamehameha III School events, including Book Fairs and more recently, Kam III’s Centennial celebration. Well, this time, he is in the spotlight.

WHERE ? Have you heard about the Schaefer Portrait Challenge ? It’s an art contest held every 3 years, followed by an exhibition of all entrees at the Schaefer Gallery at Maui Arts & Cultural Center. One of the 65 entrees is a sculptured bust of Sam Kadotani !



Sammy w/ sculptor, Christine Turnbull, and his likeness.

WHEN ? January 13 – March 22, 2015 (No entrance fee; there is a donation receptacle.)

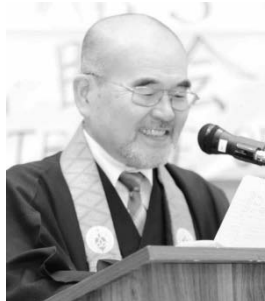
ARTIST’S WRITE-UP: *“Sammy is 91 years old, born and raised on Maui. He is known as the Honorary Mayor of Lahaina. After working for 10 years on the 100th year celebration of King Kamehameha III Elementary School, he was ready to rest. “I’m tired, Christine. I feel like an old tree with the leaves crackling up and falling off.” I sat with him in his home of over 40 years. While talking story, I sculpted. He made me laugh, cry and ponder. My approach was casual, loose, and fast. Calm and thoughtful is what I was capturing. Most know him for his quick wit and keen eye...folks do not often see him as calm. Layering earth tones on the fired clay, I wanted to create a weathered look, like an old tree. Placing him on an Ohi’a wood base seemed only fitting.”*

UPCOMING DHARMA PRESENTATION EVENTS

Wailuku Hongwanji Mission SHIGEMI OKAMOTO MEMORIAL LECTURE

SATURDAY, MARCH 14, 2015 – 9:30 am SUNDAY, MARCH 15TH – 10:30 am

Guest Speaker: Reverend Orai Fujikawa



[Information from Internet] Rev. Fujikawa is resident minister of the Buddhist Temple of Salinas (CA). Prior to his assignment to Salinas in January of 2012, Rev. Fujikawa served for 45 years in Jodo Shinshu churches in Canada. The guest speaker was born in Miyoshi, Japan. He attended Hiroshima Nisshokan High School, Osaka University, Ryukoku University.

Topic: To Be Announced

Cost: free

SIGN-UP LIST POSTED: Temple Announcement Board and in the Social Hall.

Kahului Hongwanji Buddhist Education Program – Winter/Spring 2015

Upcoming Class: **“How to Make a Buddha Land: A Journey Through the Larger Pure Land Sutra”**

KAHULUI HM, Wednesday Evenings, 6:30-8:30, March 4 through April 8

[Information from Kahului HM flyer]

Class Facilitator: Rev. Richard Tennes, Kahului HM Resident Minister

Focus: “Larger Sutra”, which Shin Buddhism founder Shinran Shonin “felt best and most authentically expressed the true understanding of Buddhism for ordinary foolish beings.

Presentations, Discussions: Story of Bodhisattva Dharmakara, who becomes Amida Buddha; the Buddha’s Forty-eight vows (especially as understood by Shinran Shonin); *Sanbutsuge* and *Juseige*; and “many other aspects of this crucial and central scripture of our Buddhist Tradition.”



CLASS DONATION WILL BE \$15 FOR SIX SESSIONS.

HANDOUTS WILL BE PROVIDED.

A SIGN-UP SHEET WILL BE POSTED: TEMPLE ANNOUNCEMENT BOARD, AND IN THE SOCIAL HALL. MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE: KAHULUI HONGWANJI MISSION.

DHARMA MESSAGE
From Rev. Ai Hironaka, Resident Minister

I just came back from Honolulu for attending Hawaii Kyodan Gisei-kai, legislative assembly. Through all discussions, I was thinking deeply about what Kyodan is. I would like to emphasize about Kyodan organization today.

In our society, we see and we are involved with many organizations. We are part of this country, we are part of Hawaii state, we are part of Maui County. Each one has different identity. You might be part of your company that you worked for, you might be part of Lahainaluna foundation or alumni, you might be member of senior center, you could be part of your community association, American cancer association. Again, each organization has different identity and significance. Who are we as Buddhist Kyodan, what are we?

In the teachings of Buddha P. 478, it says,

Of organizations, there are three kinds. First, there are those that are organized on the basis of the power, wealth or authority of great leaders.

Second, there are those that are organized because of its convenience to the members, which will continue to exist as long as the members satisfy their conveniences and do not quarrel.

Third, there are those that are organized with some good teaching as its center and harmony as its very life.

Of course, the third or last of these is the only true organization, for in it the members live in on spirit, from which the unity of spirit and various kinds of virtue will arise. In such an organization there will prevail peace, satisfaction and happiness.

So, Hawaii Kyodan, Lahaina Hongwanji Kyodan are organizations which are centered by Shinran Shonin Teachings and harmony as its very life. It welcomes all people from anywhere, from whatever background and with any handicap they may have. This is the place that we try to be humble to others, sympathize with others, self-giving to others. If we fully understand this basic tradition, what kind of Kyodan will be born?

In the teachngs of Buddha, it says

Enlightenment is like rain that falls on a mountain and gathers into rivulets that run into rivers which finally flow into the ocean.

The rain of the sacred teaching falls on all people alike without regard to their conditions or circumstances. Those who accept it gather into small groups, then into organizations, then into communities and, finally, find themselves in the great Ocean of Enlightenment.

The minds of these people mix like milk and water and finally organize into a harmonious Kyodan.

Thus, the true teaching is the fundamental requirement of a perfect organization and, as mentioned above, it is the light which enables people to recognize one another, to become adjusted to one another and to smooth out the rough places in their thinking.

Thus, the organization that is formed on the perfect teachings of Buddha can be called a Kyodan.

Our organization, our Kyodan has some kind of power or working, which enables people to recognize one another, to become adjusted to one another and to smooth out the rough places in their thinking. In our society, we have so many varieties of people, good and bad like me, noisy and quiet, violent and peaceful, but once they come into our Kyodan, just like mixing water and milk, it finally organizes into peace and harmony. This is fundamental identity of our Hawaii Kyodan and Lahaina Hongwanji.

I know that there are many reasons why people come to Temple. Grandpa was very active for this temple, I was looking forward to Jodo Shinshu Temple, I am interested in Buddhism, I like people of Hongwanji and so forth. Basically, somehow people feel confident and at ease with our temple. What we always need to input more in our Sangha is peace and harmony in our Kyodan. This is not only about Temple, but it is also visiting any other place, we somehow look for peace and harmony.

When I went to Kyoto for Ryukoku University, it began my new life with no one else. I was so happy, but no one to say welcome home, no one to help to bring me a towel after my shower when towel basket is empty, especially on really cold day. But enough time to be free from my parent, no one to Monku, I could eat whatever I like to eat, so I was happy. But, it was only for a few days. Then I began to visit my friend's house, who was football teammate and also he was from temple family. He has father and mother, four siblings, and their children. It was quite big family. I don't know why for a couple of months, I stayed there and went school from there. The family kindly accepted me and his mother always offered me all meals, and father always needed me to keep company when he drank beer. As I reflected on my memory of that time, I think that was something precious locked in my heart and mind. I really felt I was part of this family. I think I was lonesome, I somehow needed to find the place that gave me a warm feeling. I needed a place where I could be part of something enjoyable.

Kyodan can offer a similar place to the community with the teachings of Buddha, learning from Amida Buddha's great wisdom and compassion. We can reevaluate our Kyodan, from Buddha's teachings in order to be sure that Kyodan remains here at this Lahaina Community.

In the teachings of the Buddha, P.485

There are six things that will help to lead a Kyodan to harmony. They are: first, sincerity of speech; second, sincerity and kindness of action; third, sincerity and sympathy of spirit; fourth, equal sharing of common property; fifth, following the same pure precepts; and sixth, all having right views.

Among these things, the sixth or "all having right views" forms the nucleus, with the other five serving as wrappings for it.

There are two sets of seven rules to be followed if the Kyodan is to be a success. The first is, as a group:

- (1) They should gather together frequently to listen to the teachings and to discuss them;
- (2) They should mingle freely and respect one another;
- (3) They should revere the teaching and respect the rules and not change them;
- (4) Elder and younger members are to treat each other with courtesy;
- (5) They should let sincerity and reverence mark their bearing.
- (6) They should purify their minds in a quiet place which they should, nevertheless, offer to others before taking it for themselves.
- (7) They should love all people, treat visitors cordially, and console the sick with kindness.

A Kyodan that follows these rules will never decline.

The second is, individually each should:

- (1) maintain a pure spirit and not ask for too many things;
- (2) maintain integrity and remove all greed;
- (3) be patient and not argue;
- (4) keep silent and not talk idly;
- (5) submit to the regulations and not be overbearing;
- (6) maintain an even mind and not follow different teachings; and
- (7) be thrifty and frugal in daily living.

If its members follow these rules, the Kyodan will endure and never decline.

It may seem hard to follow this guidance but to say it simply—try to have sympathy for others, try make others happy, I am second. This is how Hongwanji Kyodan survived 750 years from the past, and how we will survive for another 750 years.

Lastly I would like to share our Honpa Hongwanji tradition,

The Honpa Hongwanji is a Kyodan of people joined together by the gladness of a common faith in Amida Buddha. As Jodo Shin Buddhists, we shall seek to be humble and sincere in words and in deeds, to be responsible citizens of our society and to share with others the teachings of Jodo Shinshu. Understanding fully the principle of causality, we shall not practice petitionary prayer and magic, and do not depend on astrology and superstitions.

We are facing many issues, but let us go back to our original source of Hongwanji Buddhist Kyodan, and rebuild a real place of peace and harmony in this Maui Lahaina Community.

Namo Amida Butsu.



Nishi Hongwanji in Kyoto, Japan



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