



Last Month's Events

Maui United BWA 61st FALL ASSEMBLY

Date: October 10, 2015

Venue: Wailuku Hongwanji

Activities:

- Memorial Service in honor of BWA members who passed away during year since last Fall Assembly.
- Event Speaker: **Capt. Paul Haake, Maui Co. Fire Department** – “Fire Safety in Your Home”.
- General Membership Assembly
- Luncheon

Highlights of Fire Safety Message:

- FLAMMABLES:
 - Do not store in large quantity; less than 10 gallons.
 - Store in self-closing, self-venting containers. Store outside.
- COMBUSTIBLES:
 - Avoid storing paper, cardboard, etc. close to water heater, other heat sources.
- AVOID OTHER FIRE HAZARDS:
 - Unattended cooking. Keep a lid handy for covering / extinguishing a stovetop blaze.
 - Have a fire extinguisher; know how to use it.
- ELECTRICAL CONCERNS:
 - Extension cords should not be used as permanent wiring.
 - Use power strips:



Do not “piggyback” power strips (plug one strip into another).

- Do not use power strips for high-power appliances, such as refrigerator, drier, etc.
- Charging battery-run electronics: do not do it close to combustible material.
- ELECTRICAL PANEL: Be sure it is easily accessible, in good condition, and is labeled per item.

• SMOKE ALARMS:

Installation

- All bedrooms and hallways.
- On ceiling or wall (no more than 12” from ceiling.
- Check batteries annually; check alarms monthly.

• FIRE EXTINGUISHERS:

- Not for big fires – EVACUATE.
- Don’t let a fire get between you and the nearest exit.
- Learn how to use it!

• EVACUATION PLAN:

- Discuss with household members: EXITS / SAFE MEETING AREAS

Highlights of General Assembly:

(Tamara Manley, 2015 MUBWA President was absent due to illness; Sharon Nohara of LHM presided.)

• Federation BWA (State) Report:

- Pilgrimage Tour to Japan / Commemoration of Accession or 25th Sennyō Gomonshū. (Oct. 2016, May 2017)
- PBA Capital Campaign needs \$\$.
- Motion passed to combine 2018 BWA State Conference / 2017 State Lay Convention – Kauai.

• Installation of 2016 MUBWA Officers.

- Lahaina HM will be managing unit. Sharon Nohara – President.

Lahaina BWA Community Service



BWA members were part of the cadre of volunteers who folded/sorted Plantation Days tee shirts and pre-arranged tickets for the Plantation Days event.

Lahaina Hongwanji FALL BAZAAR

There are not enough ways to express gratitude toward the many temple members, relatives, and friends who made donations, labored for hours, who coordinated and organized and shifted to Plan B's --- to make Bazaar a success.

It's not the amount of time you spent helping out – but the fact that you cared enough to pitch in. It's not whether you're a leader or a follower – it's that you are an important part of a great team.

And so, it's hands in gassho for gratitude ... hands clapping for Bravo ... high-five hands for a job well done.



Food sales are never an exact science. What sells out early one year, moves slowly the next. So ... it's "ours not to wonder why, ours to wonder what they'll buy."



Hulu Chicken pick-up: from Vivian Ichiki to Haru Nakagawa



Phyllis Ross at the "ka-ching" booth.



Buyer Paul Koyama & seller Kokoro Yamazaki.
Guri-Guri, of course.



Corinne preps for plant sales.

MAHALO to:

- VIP / Island Grocery
- Maui Chemical
- Work Crews: Set-Up / Shoppers / Chicken grillers / pork teri grillers / sushi preppers / nishime preppers / chow fun guys / guri-guri Hironakas / bakers / booth workers
- Ticket sellers and Bazaar attendees !!!

MORE OF BAZAAR



Rummage: "Hey, isn't this what I donated last year?"



'Let's Make a Deal' vendors, Denise Fleetham and Sylvia Neizman. Other sellers: Faith Corrales, Aileen Cockett.



Emiko Fujikawa & Carol Inaba are 'regulars' at the Crafts room. Not in photo: Jane Agawa.



Book Signing: Author Howard Fields & autobiographical subject Tommy Sarashina sign book for Tom Fujita.



Whole lotta book signing going on!



Violet Nishijima signs up for her flu shot.



James Nishimoto almost "took it like a man".

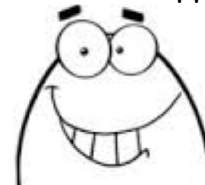
Question: How many Buddhists does it take to stage a Bazaar?

Answer: At least 51.

One to pick a date:



50 or so to make it happen on time.



UPCOMING EVENTS



Maui Hongwanji Council Sponsors:
NEMBUTSU SEMINAR

Place: LAHAINA HONGWANJI

Date: Sat. Nov. 7th / Sun. Nov. 8th

Times:

- 9:45 am Registration on Nov. 7th
Ends 4:00 pm 11/7
- 9:30 am Service at LHM
Ends after Lunch (lunch -12:30 pm)

Event Speaker: **Rev. Masao Kodani**



- Former minister –Senshin Buddhist Temple, Los Angeles.
- Born/raised in L.A.
- UC Santa Barbara – East Asian Studies
- MA – Ryukoku University

Topic: “Unique Jodo Shinshu Interpretation of Mahayana Buddhism.”

Maui Adult Day Care Centers sponsors:
CAREGIVER WORKSHOP

Place: LAHAINA HONGWANJI TEMPLE

Date: **Thursday, November 12, 2015**

Time: 9:30 – 11:00 am

Coordinator: Kathy Couch

Workshop Presentation:

UH Manoa BSN Students & Professor Van Ho will present the Three R's of Stress: Recognizing stress, Resources to utilize, and Relieving stress....also, illnesses that add to stress.

Lahaina Hongwanji
VISITS to RESIDENTIAL CARE FACILITIES
and PICNIC, too !!!



Saturday, November 14, 2015

Sign-up list in Social Hall.

Start time to be announced.

Eitaikyo Service

November 15, 2015 – 9:30 am

Guest Speaker:

Rev. Toshiyuki Umitani



The Eitaikyo Service is a memorial service for people who have handed down the teaching of the Nembutsu to us.

- "Eitaikyo" is defined as a "perpetual memorial service."
- This is a general memorial service for all departed members of the temple.
- It is believed that the Eitaikyo Service was originally established by the followers of Buddha.
- They wished that the Buddha's teachings could continue to their descendants from generation to generation, so they began to observe the Eitaikyo Service and to establish an Eitaikyo Fund for the maintaining of their Sangha or temple.



NEWS FROM RELATED LINKS

Buddhist Churches of America WHEEL OF DHARMA

A Wish for Peace Around the World [excerpts]

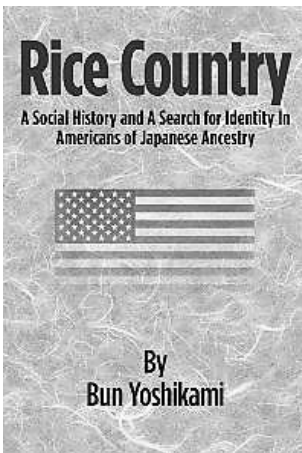
On Friday, September 11, 2015, the American Buddhist Study Center and the New York Buddhist Church (NYBC) observed the 60th Anniversary of the Shinran Shonin statue installation. This statue once stood in a park in Hiroshima, and now stands in front of the NYBC on Riverside Drive in Manhattan, NY. The event included a rededication ceremony conducted by Reverend Kodo Umezu, Bishop of the Buddhist Churches of America.

Resident minister **Rev. Earl Ikeda** and Rev. Kodo Umezu, Bishop, Buddhist Churches of America officiated. The event was attended by interfaith Buddhist leaders including Venerable Pare Rinpoche from Sera Jey Buddhist Culture Center and Geshe Tashi Dorje.



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BOOK REVIEW
Chapter 1 -- summary of the historical background of Japanese Americans in continental America and in Hawaii ...
Chapter 2 – cultural identities of Issei, Nisei, Sansei generations.
Chapter 3 – author’s personal quest and journey.

Buddhist Churches of Canada

Gratitude Loves Company

[excerpts from message by Robert Gubenco, Sensei – Assistant Minister, Calgary Buddhist Temple]

- We live in a life of duality; therefore, if “Misery Loves Company” then “Gratitude Loves Company”.
- It is truly amazing how easy it is to be judgmental and unhappy with daily life and events. How easy it is to complain and to be able to share our complaints with others.
- The Buddha taught us that With Our Thoughts We Make the World!
- It is never too late and it is always the right time to embrace a commitment to practicing gratitude with ourselves and the many people and living beings we share our lives with, enabling us with the ability to live a life which has meaning and joy.
- Remember a time when you were grateful, at that moment life was worth living and joyous. We have the capacity to be grateful daily and share our gratefulness with others.

Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii

HEADQUARTERS UPDATE

President Pieper Toyama’s Report: 33rd World Jodo Shinshu Coordinating Council Meeting

Observations & Comments:

“The two most significant developments at ... meeting were:

1. *The unveiling of the Honzan’s World Wide Ten Year Plan*
2. *The development of an International Office to be located overseas.*

The most interesting aspect of ... Ten Year Plan is that it echoes much of what Hawaii is doing. A review ... indicates that the issues we face here ... are shared throughout the world Jodo Shinshu community, and ... whatever we learn here is important to share with the world ...”



ANNOUNCEMENTS

It's that time of year again - WHO will be the Officers of the Lahaina Hongwanji Kyodan Board? Furthermore, WHO shall be the 2016 Buddhist Women's Association Officers?

PLEASE HELP !



Donations of flowers are needed for the temple altar and for the Shinran Shonin statue.

We have been so fortunate to have 3 members who have volunteered their flowers. They have taken turns and delivered the flowers to Hongwanji each week. MAHALO to Vivian Ichiki, Phyllis Ross, and Sharon Nohara.

It would be nice to give these folks a rest from their benevolent duty. Some of the flowers that are appropriate for the arrangements are:

- Torch Ginger
- Heliconia
- Bird of Paradise
- Anthuriums
- Chrysanthemums

If you would like to donate flowers but you're unable to deliver them to the church - please call Phyllis Nakamura, 661-4032.

MAHALO !

Lahaina HM – SLATE OF NOMINEES

2016 KYODAN BOARD OFFICERS

- President* – Richard Nishihara
1st Vice President – Derrick Fujiwara
2nd Vice President – Sharon Nohara
Secretary – Phyllis Nakamura
Ass't Secretary – Jane Agawa
Treasurer – Dawn Fujiwara
Ass't Treasurer – Shirley Tobita
Auditor – Milton Nohara
Directors – Carol Inaba, Sylvia Neizman, Kent Nishijima, Ron Togashi, Earl Zaan
Advisors – Henry Ariyoshi, Emiko Fujikawa, Neal Fujiwara, Robert Kawaguchi, Violet Nishijima

Resident Minister: Rev. Ai Hironaka
Immediate Past President: Aileen Cockett

If any LHM member would like to submit any other nominees for any of the positions, please call the Office (661-0640); leave a message.

Lahaina HM – SLATE OF NOMINEES

2016 BWA OFFICERS

- President* – Sharon Nohara
Vice President – Aileen Cockett
Secretary – Phyllis Nakamura
Ass't Secretary – Alice Imano
Treasurer – Dawn Fujiwara
Ass't Treasurer – Carol Inaba
Auditors – Violet Nishijima, Emiko Fujikawa, Vivian Ichiki
Advisors: Rev. Ai & Megumi Hironaka

Any LHM – BWA member may nominate any other candidate for any position stated above. Please call Phyllis Nakamura, 661-4032.

Noosh's Bulletin Blog

Sammy Kadotani recently passed away, sad news indeed. Our collective thoughts and good wishes are extended to the Kadotani family. Sam will be missed. Mr. Kadotani was considered the Unofficial Mayor of Lahaina because of his involvement in so many community activities. He was equally dedicated to the well-being of his temple, of which he was a lifetime member. Schools, temples, hospitals, community projects, sports teams and even the Boy Scouts were so much better because of Uncle Sammy's concern and compassion. Sammy exemplifies the fact that Lahaina Hongwanji is and must be an integral part of our Westside community.

Lahaina Hongwanji held its mini-Fall Bazaar last weekend. What a great day. It is said that it takes a village to make events such as this happen. This mini-bazaar certainly would not have succeeded without all the help from so many people, including church members. Plants and cut flowers were donated, along with rummage items and crafts. Walgreen's was present to administer flu shots—if you happened to see people sporting a red band-aid on their upper arm, they probably were immunized during the bazaar. This "mini" bazaar has grown over the last several years, causing one regular attendee to comment, "This is no mini-bazaar. I buy more food now than at the regular bazaar." We are all grateful for the support from people who help out. The chow fun gang, the ono huli chicken gang, the teriyaki grill team, the rice cookers and the ladies who make the sushi and pack the bento are all integral parts of the crew. Perhaps most heartwarming to me was the way many people spontaneously jumped up to relieve our kupuna from carrying boxes of food or bags of supplies—it wasn't their job, that duty was not planned, the action came from the heart.

And, we had a book signing! The long awaited release of a book describing Tommy Sarashina's personal account of life in Lahaina, Japan, Manchuria and Siberia was realized during the bazaar. Tommy was on hand, along with the author, Howard Fields to autograph the book titled, "Tommy's Wars". For those of you who do not yet know, Tommy or Takuji was the son of one of Lahaina Hogwanji's resident ministers who presided around 1930. Tommy was born in Lahaina and thus was a U.S. Citizen. Tommy is also famously known by many golfers as "Tommy Tang". Tommy was a marshal at Kaanapali Golf Club for 25 years. He regularly offered golfers a drink of cold water or Tang that he prepared on his own; hence the nickname "Tommy Tang". The book provides a wonderful historical insight into Lahaina Hongwanji at about the time the Temple structure as we know it was built. Accounts of Tommy's own struggles in the Japanese Imperial Army are equally insightful. Howard Fields does a wonderful job interspersing Tommy's own story with history that provides a context. If you wish to have a copy of the book, please contact me by email at noosh.shore2shore@gmail.com or by calling my cell phone at 808-870-6478. The book sells for \$23.75. A terrific bargain and a good read too.

Monthly Dharma Message
From Rev. Ai Hironaka

Last month, we heard about the passing of Sammy Kadotani san. The family is following what Sammy san left for family what to do, so it is going to be all private Service. He didn't want his wife to have too many things to work on. I think it is very characteristic of Sammy san. Whenever I see the picture that is hanging in the back which was Muneage-shiki (framework raising ceremony) for this temple building, the small boy on the right side who is young Sammy san, it makes me smile and brings happy moment to me.

Sammy san, who was very unique looking, who rode unique car and wore unique Hat which doesn't have the top – he was important part of beautiful scenery of Lahaina historical town. He sometimes called us and just ask “Sensei, ima otera ni oru? Or are you there at temple now?” Although I answer the temple phone, he always asking me. Soon, he comes to temple and gives us Sashimi Plate with his big smile. So, “Are you there at temple now” means “Sensei, sashimi plate for you!!” It was also part of my daily living at Lahaina Hongwanji. Whenever, he faced something he didn't know about or needed guidance, he called me too. “Sensei, ima otera ni oru? Jikan aru?” “Sensei, are you there at temple? Do you have time?” it means “no more sashimi today, I need your help today.” When we talked about funeral or any other temple business, he brings his note and pen, and writes it down on the paper every single detail. Just like a Mr. Robert Kawaguchi san. He always finished with “Sensei, kore de ee kane?” “It is all OK for you” ? He gets agreement from resident minister then he will go ahead. Also, I used to like to hear his eulogy when he was asked for funeral service. His speech was always done by proper preparation to do right length of time, right episode, sometime fun sometime bring peoples tears. Always finishing with the teaching from Amida Sutra, Kue-issho.

In the Amida Sutra, it says Shojoyo-Zennin Kue-Issho, Sho means various, jyo means above, zennin means good person. Ku means together with, E means to meet, Issho means one place. If I read this sentence, “a meeting with those various people to meet all together in one place Amida's Pure Land” or “they will be able to meet together with such sages of supreme virtue there.”

I talked story about Kue-Issho before., but just like Kakunyo-shonin said we understand impermanence of this world, but it is very hard to accept the death of our departed ones. It is naturally sorrowful thing as human, even if we know we will meet again in the pure land. It of course brings grief and mourning, lament and crying. Even we get old when we lose our beloved one and we will continue to live with this feeling. But Amida Buddha grieves with us, mourns with us, laments with us, suffers pain with us, cries with us and nestles us with his great wisdom heart. Then, Amida Buddha established his Pure Land for such as us, and Shinran Shonin left us the word in his letter CWS P. 39

It is certain that I will go to birth in the Pure Land before you, so without fail I will await you there.

If we fully think in this way, it may relieve our pain, “those who left us before, they went to Pure Land, land of unlimited light.”

Shinran Shonin taught us about the Pure Land, The True Buddha and Land of the Pure Land Way CWS. P.177,

Reverently contemplating the true Buddha and the true land, I find that the Buddha is the Tathagata of inconceivable light and that the land also is the land of immeasurable light. The world of Amida Buddha’s Pure Land is not world of darkness or delusion, but the world of fulfillment of immeasurable Light. Those who humbly receive Shinjin or Amida’s Primal Vow and rejoice in the teachings of Nembutsu, when this life in this world ends, through the great working power of Amida Buddha’s Original Aspiration, we are transformed into the Light of Pure Land and become supreme Buddha of Enlightenment.

On the other hand, that being who I am is Mu-Myo or No-Light, which means ignorance. The character Myo in the word Mu-Myo means Wisdom. Mu means none or nothing. Therefore, Mumyo means the None of Wisdom, or not being able to fully understand things or principles. Ignorance is the fundamental cause of our suffering and unhappiness and it is manifested as foolishness or activities of delusional mind in our lives.

Light is very important for our daily life also. When I need to go to toilet in middle of the night, I sometime hit my kids toy, it hurt a lot. Even day time, I step on small piece of LEGO, it hurts a lot also. If there is no light, there is no color also. I love beautiful flowers, but if there is no light it is all black and dark. Because of light shining on it, strawberry shows us as red, beautiful ocean as beautiful blue. When I was on Hilo Big island, I experienced sometimes when I ride on airplane, the cloud was beautiful white and almost like beautiful silver, but when touch down at airport, the shining white cloud was gray and dark rainy cloud because it was hiding the sun. Because above the cloud was direct sunlight, but under the cloud was no sun shine. It is what almost what Shinran Shonin was trying to teach us, the light comes from Amida Buddha, equally reaches all sentient beings, but humans always covered by ourselves. But the lights are called unhindered lights, so it means that they break through all our Bonno delusion minds and enter our whole body. Those who passed away, they all become part of the lights, and they guide us to the real path to the pure land.

Shinran shonin taught us in his Jodomonrui jyusho or Passage on the Pure Land Way (P. 308 CWS)

Without fail they reach the land of immeasurable light.
And universally guide sentient beings to enlightenment.

Your beloved ones who passed away before, are reborn in this wonderful land of Light. This light, also reached to your place here and now. As they became a Buddha, they are trying very hard to guide us to the Land of Light.

When I was Ryukoku student, one of the professor said “we are just like a light ball. Light ball is not able to light itself. But it can be lit by the power of electric energy. We too. We as Bonbu, we cannot shine ourselves. But, we can be brilliant by the power of Amida Buddha’s Wisdom and Compassion.” Our life is shining by the Buddha’s Land. Because the way is guided by the Wisdom Light, it is very supportive and our pain and sorrow will be transformed into enriched life of true Joy of Onembutsu.

Although I will really miss talk story with Sammy san at lanai, Sashimi prepared by Sammy san, his Japanese, his car, his hat, his eulogy availability at front street, I am also happy that he is embraced by the Buddha and reached the land of the immeasurable light. And now lighting me toward the path of Onembutsu to make sure I am embraced by the Amida Buddha.

On this day of Monthly Memorial Service, let us fully the light of the Amida Buddha, which shining us day and night, wherever we are, try awakened us what I am. I would like to conclude my message with the hymn of Shinran Shonin.

The light of wisdom exceeds all measure,
And every finite living being
Receives this illumination that is like the dawn,
So take refuge in Amida, the true and real light.

Namo Amida Butsu.