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# FRIEND OF THE DHARMA

WAILUKU HONGWANJI BUDDHIST TEMPLE  
A JODO SHINSHU COMMUNITY TEMPLE

## *Anniversary Celebration*

# 125

## *Years*

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125th Anniversary**

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## TEACHINGS FROM REVEREND

## 125 Years of Values, Smiles, Joy, Gratitude, and Sharing

Reverend Shinkai Murakami

*Namo Amida Butsu*

Dear Wailuku Hongwanji Mission Ohana,

As we approach the remarkable milestone of our temple's 125th anniversary, I am filled with immense joy and pride. This celebration reflects the enduring spirit and dedication of our Wailuku Hongwanji families and community. It is a moment to honor our shared history and look forward to the future with hope and unity.

This past September, the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii celebrated three significant anniversaries: Shinran Shonin's 850th birth anniversary, the 800th anniversary of Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji's establishment, and our own Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii's 135th anniversary. Our Wailuku Hongwanji Mission's 125th anniversary adds to these grand occasions, making this year truly special. Together, these celebrations embody what we might call "The Year of Grand Slam Celebrations."

I extend my heartfelt thanks to all Wailuku Hongwanji members for your active participation in this special day. Your presence and contributions have brought value, joy, and gratitude to our celebration. It is through your support and involvement that we have made this event memorable and meaningful.

Since our establishment on October 20, 1899, a total of 45,656 days have passed. We owe our present to the countless dedicated Sangha and past resident ministers whose unwavering commitment has shaped our Wailuku Hongwanji Mission into what it is today. Their dedication and efforts have left a lasting legacy that continues to inspire us.

During World War II, our temple faced a significant challenge when the US military sought to condemn our facility. Thanks to the selfless dedication of the late Mrs. Helene Yonemura, our temple was preserved, even though we could not use it for spiritual worship at that time. This resilience is a testament to the strength and unity of our community.

After the war, many individuals, including ministers released from concentration camps, returned to the temple. Some cried, others felt deep appreciation, and many found peace and serenity through the Nembutsu. These shared experiences and our unity as a community make our temple truly special and significant in our lives.

Though time has passed and those dedicated members have returned to Amida's Pure Land, they left us invaluable treasures. Our beautiful temple, our programs, and our services reflect the legacy of those who came before us. As a resident minister of this temple

for over 20 years, I deeply value the treasures inherited from our predecessors and cherish the continued growth of our community.

Wailuku Hongwanji Mission is indeed a great Dharma Castle, a place where we can share our values, smiles, joy, and gratitude with our Ohana. We welcome new friends seeking spiritual guidance, as we are all fellow Nembutsu travelers on this journey. Please remember that the County of Maui has proclaimed the third Sunday of October as "Wailuku Hongwanji Day."

In the section "Building a Buddha Land" from the Teachings of the Buddha, it is said: "Thousands of people may live in a community, but it is not one of genuine fellowship until they know and sympathize with one another. A true community is illuminated by faith and wisdom. It is a place where people know and trust one another, and there is social harmony. Harmony is the essence of a true community."

Wailuku Hongwanji Mission serves our community, and we are always working together and participating in our Ohana. With sincere gratitude and joy, let us celebrate our 125th anniversary on October 20, 2024.

*Namo Amida Butsu*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Join Our Temple Community Today!

Join us at Wailuku Hongwanji and become a cherished member of our temple community! We embrace diversity and welcome individuals and families from all backgrounds with open arms.

**Membership:** Support our shared spiritual journey by becoming a regular gojikai member through annual dues; your contribution ensures the vitality of our community.

**Financial Support:** Everyone's circumstances are unique. If dues present a challenge, reach out to discuss a rate that works for you. Your presence matters most, and we're happy to accommodate.

**Ohana:** Joining our ohana enriches your spiritual journey. Attend services, events, or activities to experience our vibrant community firsthand.

**Membership Benefits:** Enjoy special rates for temple programs, facility rentals, and a voice in decision-making at meetings. Embrace the warmth of community and join us today!

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## 2024 Temple Coin

Danny Topp

Introducing the 2024 temple coin! Celebrating 125 years of WHM temple with a beautiful image on the front and our theme "COMMUNITY" displayed prominently. The back features uplifting messages in brass lettering against a black backdrop. Limited supply available! Contact Danny Topp to get yours today, along with our 2022 Gratitude and 2023 Compassion & Kindness coins.







*Thank you for your time, effort, and monetary donations. We are so fortunate to have your support! Through your donations, we continue to service multiple temple programs and work towards securing our future by accomplishing many goals in our 2030 Modernization Strategy. We are extremely grateful for any and all donations towards helping our congregation and advancing our community-minded efforts.*



Pamela Miyagawa & Sharon Higa

### 125TH ANNIVERSARY

Frankie Nakahashi  
Aileen Unemori

### EITAIKYO

Rene Shimoda - *In memory of Stella Lum and  
Giichiro Shimoda*

### HASHI ELEVATOR & HONOTOMO

Eleanor Nishida - *In memory of Torio &  
Yuriko Nishida*

### HONOTOMO

Eleanor Nishida - *In memory of Torio & Yuriko Nishida*

### KYODAN

WHMBWA - *In memory of Elaine Hamasaki*  
Clifford & Geraldine Beppu - *In memory of Reginald Yamada*  
George & Wendy Choi - *In memory of Tomiko Yamagata*  
Kea Valley LLC care of Alvin & Martha Fukunaga  
Lester Miwa - *In memory of Hitoshi Nagata*  
Rumi Shoda - *In memory of Robert Jo and Akito Jo*

### MISCELLANEOUS DONATIONS

Anonymous – *Altar flowers, Assorted snacks, Plastic straws, Brown paper bags, Assorted wish list items, Wooden chopsticks, Newspaper, Yard and campus maintenance, Assorted Fruits, Luncheon Plates, Napkins*  
Richard & Amy Blue – *Yard maintenance*  
Cubs – *Temple yard & campus cleanup*  
Dharma Strummers – *Service music*  
Jeral & Karlynn Fukuda – *Altar flowers*  
Alvin & Martha Fukunaga – *Altar flowers*  
Margaret Honda - *Nokotsudo & flower cleaning, office support*  
HOSHA Gang – *Temple cleaning*  
Nolan & Merle Ideoka - *Sandwich bags & Plastic eating utensils*  
Calvin & Teri Kaneda – *Altar flowers*  
Carol Mae Kurisu – *Altar flowers*  
Machiko Moriyasu – *Altar flowers, arrangements, & ornament cleaning; office support*  
Minae Murakami – *Sunday service organist*  
Danny Topp - *Audio visual support for services, meetings, and events*  
Mike Nishimoto – *Yard maintenance & Bougainvillea hedge trimming*  
Celeste Rabang – *Office support*  
Phyllis Sato - *Kirkland paper napkins & towels*  
Nancy Shimoda – *Nokotsudo & flower cleaning, office support*  
Dale Sugiki – *Sunday service organist*  
Toshiko Sugiki – *Office support*  
Ed & Joan Tamori – *Altar flowers & yard maintenance*  
Mary Tokumaru – *Office support*  
Linda Ann Unemori – *Office support*

### OBON

Claire Ching – *In memory of Fusayo Koike*  
Heidi Hiraoka – *In memory of Yukie Kawahara, and Douglas Sodeani*  
Sueko Ikeuchi  
Mari Ann Kato  
Tom & Krystene Lam – *In memory of Yukie Kawahara*  
Dr. Shigemi Sugiki  
Ileene & Steven Tanabe – *In memory of Douglas & Clara  
Sodeani, and Tomosuke & Yukie Kawahara*  
Jeffrey Tsai & Laurie Fukushima – *In memory of Fusayo Koike*

### OHIGAN

Lydia Fuomoto  
Roy & Gwen Hiraga  
Hideo & Joyce Kawahara  
Dennis Ouchi  
Raymond & Betty Toyama  
Linda Ann Unemori  
Elaine Yokoyama

### OHANARYO

Amy Izutsu - *In memory of Tomiko Yamagata*

### SOCIAL CONCERNS

Amy Izutsu - *In memory of Tomiko Yamagata*

### SPECIAL PROJECTS

Eleanor Nishida - *In memory of Torio &  
Yuriko Nishida*

If you would like to donate to any services or programs, please make checks payable to Wailuku Hongwanji Mission and send to Wailuku Hongwanji Mission at 1828 E Vineyard St. Wailuku, HI 96793. If you would like to volunteer time on any of the upcoming or ongoing projects, please contact the office at (808) 244-0406, Monday-Friday between 8:00am and 12:00pm.

## EDUCATION



# WAILUKU HONGWANJI PRESCHOOL

144 Kaniela Street, Wailuku, Hawaii 96793 \* Phone: (808) 244-9545  
Email: [whpreschool808@gmail.com](mailto:whpreschool808@gmail.com) \* Hours: Mon-Fri, 7:30am - 4:30pm

Jody Vinoray

## REGISTRATION

### Regular Session:

August to May

### Summer Session:

June to July

Closed during public school holidays and breaks, except teachers' institute day and teachers' end-of-semester day

### Contact Information:

Phone: (808) 244-9545

Email: [whpreschool808@gmail.com](mailto:whpreschool808@gmail.com)

Site: <https://www.wailukuhongwanji.org/index.php/preschool>

## HIRING: Preschool Teacher

### Contact:

Wailuku Hongwanji Preschool at  
(808) 244-9545 or email  
[whpreschool808@gmail.com](mailto:whpreschool808@gmail.com).

### Working Hours:

Monday - Friday  
7:30am - 4:30pm

### Requirements:

- AS Degree in ECE/CDA
- 6-12 months classroom experience working with children ages 3-5 years old
- Creativity & Flexibility
- Infant/Child CPR & First Aid Certification



September has ushered in a valuable new addition to our team. We are excited to welcome Ms. Sandra Hirata to our preschool family!

The children began their preschool adventure with a few tears, but plenty of smiles and laughter. We've kicked off our unit on colors and shapes, participated in "RING YOUR BELL" for Peace Day, and enjoyed a bus trip to watch the performance of Forest Flutters at the MACC. To wrap up the month, we look forward to hosting a picnic with grandparents at preschool.

## EDUCATION

## Flowing Fun: Gakuen's Somen Adventure

Eri Nomura

On August 28, Gakuen students kicked off their first fall activity with the fun and flavorful tradition of "Somen Nagashi," (素麺流し) while honing their hashi (chopstick) skills.

Somen, a thin Japanese wheat noodle, is a refreshing summer dish in Japan. After briefly boiling the noodles, they are chilled in icy water and served with mentsuyu, a dipping sauce made from soy sauce, mirin, and dashi. Known for its light texture and taste, somen is typically garnished with negi (green onions) and nori (seaweed). The dish is popular as a low-calorie meal during Japan's hot summers.

What made this event even more exciting was the somen nagashi experience, where noodles flow down a "waterslide." Students lined up, chopsticks in hand, ready to catch the slippery noodles as they streamed by in the cold water. The challenge of grabbing somen on the move led to plenty of laughter and excitement as students hurried to snatch their noodles before they disappeared down the slide.

Somen nagashi is not just a fun eating experience; it's a beloved group activity in Japan, often featured at summer events. This interactive and engaging experience was the perfect way for Gakuen students to bond, laugh, and practice their chopstick skills in a fun, hands-on way.

While students are focused on learning the Japanese language, more exciting cultural activities are planned throughout the semester. In October, Gakuen will host a Spam musubi-making day, giving students another opportunity to create, enjoy, and share in the fun of preparing this local favorite.





## EDUCATION

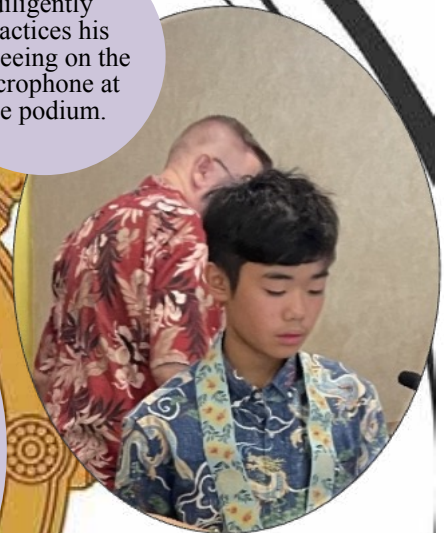
# DS Students Practice Their Temple Duties for Sunday Services

Joan Tamori

Tate and June learn how to hold the offertory bowl from teacher Laurie



Erik diligently practices his emceeing on the microphone at the podium.



At the beginning of the dharma school year, students get together in the temple to practice for temple duties - Kansho ringer, greeter and offertory collector, emcee, and aspiration reader in preparation for Sunday services. It is heartwarming to see the students grow and develop each year. DS teachers - Laurie Fukushima-Tsai, Shelley Quipotla, Sammy Takamura, Sandy Hirata and Joan Tamori worked with students along with Danny Topp assisting students using the microphone, Eric Ikeuchi with Kansho ringing, and Tamara Manley with the oshoko process. Thank you for your efforts, students and teachers!

Students Aaron, Ryan, and Ziva learn about offering incense from teachers Sandy, Sammy, and Tamara



June goes through the oshoko process with teacher Laurie



# Dharma SCHOOL

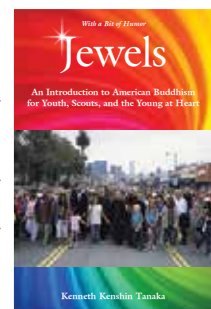


Photo by Don Farber

## Introduction to Basic Buddhism for the West and Beyond

**Fireside Chat Sessions with 20 Guest Lay Persons and Teachers**

<b>Description:</b>	This course is designed to provide the basics of Buddhism for those seeking a religious/spiritual foundation through the Dharma.
<b>Dates:</b>	10 sessions on the <i>first</i> Saturday of the month <b>September 7, 2024 – June 7, 2025</b>
<b>Time:</b>	<b>5:00 – 6:30 pm</b> (Pacific Time)
<b>For Detailed Information:</b>	Please see click <a href="#">here</a>
<b>The Topics:</b>	<p><b>September 7:</b> <i>Three Kinds of Jewels</i></p> <p><b>October 5:</b> <i>Buddhism in the U.S. and Canada</i></p> <p><b>November 2:</b> <i>Life of the Buddha</i></p> <p><b>December 7:</b> <i>How Buddhism Spread Through Asia</i> <i>Brief History of Buddhism in the U.S. and Canada</i></p> <p><b>January 4:</b> <i>Four Noble Truths: The Big Framework</i></p> <p><b>February 1:</b> <i>Karma and the Eightfold Noble Path: How to Act</i></p> <p><b>March 1:</b> <i>Four Marks of Life: How to See Life to Reduce Suffering</i></p> <p><b>April 5:</b> <i>Popular Passages, Metaphors, and Stories</i></p> <p><b>May 3:</b> <i>Issues and Problems in Daily Life</i></p> <p><b>June 7:</b> <i>Questions on Buddhism, Humor as Teaching, Epilogue, and Appendices</i></p>
<b>Instructor and Moderator:</b>	<b>Kenneth K. Tanaka</b> , Professor Emeritus, Musashino University, Tokyo. Former Assoc. Prof. and Assist. Dean, the Institute of Buddhist Studies, Berkeley.
<b>Register for the Course:</b>	Please apply <a href="#">here</a>
<b>Donation:</b>	Suggested amount \$50 – \$100. (In Japan, ¥6,000 )
<b>Textbook:</b>	Tanaka, Kenneth. <i>Jewels: An Introduction to American Buddhism for Youth, Scouts and the Young at Heart</i> . BDK America, 2020. <b>Can be downloaded free of charge.</b> Please click <a href="#">here</a>
<b>Contact email:</b>	<a href="mailto:shinbuddhismcourse@gmail.com">shinbuddhismcourse@gmail.com</a>





## ADULT ORGANIZATIONS

## Buddhist Women's Association News

Gwen Hiraga

The BWA held its General Membership meeting on September 15, 2024, featuring Senator Troy Hashimoto as the guest speaker. Senator Hashimoto also attended the Autumn Ohigan service. We also welcomed new members: Cora Cabral, Cheryl Takamiya, and Rachel Takamiya.

Mark your calendars for the 2024 BWA Autumn Craft and Food Fair on October 12th, from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, with vendors from Maui and Oahu offering a variety of crafts and delicious food items, including Nishime, Chow Fun, Spam Musubi, rice dishes, pickled vegetables, and baked goods. The fair banner was designed by Daryl Fujiwara (SDF Design). Interested vendors can contact Gwen Hiraga or Pat Tomita.

Happy Birthday to our members celebrating in October: Ethel Fujii, Emiko Goshi, Eric Ikeuchi, Gail Iwamoto-Hamai, Patrice Matsumoto, Michiko Sato, Toshiko Sugiki, and Frances Teshima.

In addition to these events, the BWA contributed generously to the Lanai Hongwanji Mission's Obon festival on August 31st, providing treats like Rice Krispy treats, banana bread, popcorn, party mix, and monetary donations. These contributions underscored the spirit of generosity and community central to the festival, which celebrates and honors our ancestors.

The Autumn Ohigan Service, held the following morning, was graced by distinguished guests including Senator Troy Hashimoto, Dawn Fujiwara, Aileen Cockett from Lahaina Hongwanji Mission BWA, and Reverend Soga from Waipahu Hongwanji Mission. Their presence enriched the service, highlighting the values of compassion and community.

### Banana Cake Courtesy of Margaret Honda

1 box Yellow cake mix  
2 tsp. Baking powder  
½ tsp. Baking soda  
¾ Wesson cup oil  
1 ½ cup mashed bananas  
3 eggs  
1 tsp. Vanilla

Sift together cake mix, baking soda and baking powder. Set aside

Mix together rest of ingredients. Add to dry ingredients and blend well.

Bake at 325 degrees for 30 minutes in 13x9 pan which is lightly greased. Check if done by inserting toothpick on cake – toothpick should come out clean.

When still hot, poke holes (with toothpick) on cake and pour over a mixture of 1/8 cup milk and 1/2 tsp. sugar.



Items prepared by the BWA for the Lanai Hongwanji Mission Obon on August 31st include a selection of treats and contributions. From top left, clockwise: Rice Krispy treats & Banana bread, Popcorn/Arare mix, Shrimp chips, Party mix & Energy bars. Additional items such as Chocolate Chip cookies, Snack Mix, and Chocolate Mochi, as well as monetary donations, were also sent to support the event.



Wailuku Hongwanji BWA

# *Autumn*

Craft & Food Fair

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October 12, 2024

8 a.m. to Noon

Wailuku Hongwanji Mission

1828 Vineyard Street

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Beautiful crafts by the  
BWA and vendors from  
Maui and O'ahu!





## YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS

## Sakura 4-H Highlights

Congratulations to the Sakura clubs on their 1st anniversary year with Wailuku Hongwanji Mission. As we say hello to the new school our girls have already prepared for the new 4-H year and ready to welcome a new club of Sakura 4-Hers, led by Julie Petro and Jill Makii of Kindergartners and 1st graders.

The Aloha Girls held their kick-off meeting for the new 4-H year with some refreshing pineapple soft serve from 4-H parents Lehi and Claudia Livingston. The girls did a "fill my cup" activity where they came up with encouraging words and then made cards for each other. They also completed "all about me" forms and shared a little about themselves to their club mates.

In August, the Lōkahi Girls held their kick-off meeting with an officer meeting and started on their project for the year of learning how to crochet. The girls welcomed former 4-H member, Erin Mukai, and former 4-H leader, Tiffaney Mukai, who provided the girls with their first lesson on crochet, which included making a slip knot, chain, and single stitch. Thank you to Tiffaney and Erin!

The Mālama Dolphins' club project theme for this year is cooking. They camped at the UHMC CSB on August 31-September 1 and for dinner prepared chicken and shrimp stir fry with rice. They also baked cream cheese lemon bars, ube crinkle cookies, and furikake chex mix for dessert and movie snacks. For breakfast they prepared cinnamon roll overnight oats, cooked fried rice, scrambled eggs, bacon, and Portuguese sausage using an electric skillet. They also made a fruit salad with blueberries, strawberries and pineapple. To make these recipes, they practiced knife and measuring skills, learned about food preparation, kitchen safety and worked with a variety of ingredients using different cooking techniques.

Lōkahi Girls, Emma and Rylee spending time with 4-H alum Erin and her crochet skills.

Sammy Takamura

Aloha Girl enjoying pineapple soft serve.



Aloha Girls proud to share "All About Me" with their fellow club members.



Mālama Dolphins making Chex Mix for their camping snacks.



Mālama Dolphins enjoying indoor camping.



Mother, Tiffaney Mukai and Daughter, Erin Mukai team up to help start the Lōkahi Girls and Moms on their crochet project year.

## The Clover Corner:

## Grades K-1

Leaders:

- Julie Petro &
- Jill Maki'i

## Aloha Girls: Grades 2-3

Leaders:

- Farron Cabral &
- Krystle Beauchamp

## Lōkahi Girls: Grades 4-5

Leaders:

- Sammy Takamura &
- Farron Cabral

## Mālama Dolphins: Grade 6

Leaders:

- Emi Orikasa &
- Jill Maki'i

**What is 4-H?** 4-H is a nationally recognized program aimed at providing life skills and community engagement amongst our youth that also promotes leadership skills and provides opportunities for lifelong learning and friendships. Through hands-on learning, our members gain confidence in public speaking and build positive relationships. 4-H stands for: Head, Heart, Hands, and Health and are the cornerstones of the program.

**4-H Motto:** "To Make the Best Better."

**4-H Club Pledge:** "I pledge My Head to clearer thinking, My Heart to greater loyalty, My Hands to larger service and My Health to better living for my club, my community, my country, and my world."

Interested in learning more about 4H? email WHMSakura4H@gmail.com



## YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS

## Cub Scouts' Summer Carnival

*Kawika Beauchamp & Paul Petro*

In a spirit of community and joyful engagement, Cub Scout Pack 40 recently hosted a delightful summer carnival, bringing together individuals and families from various groups and ages. This event was more than just a day of fun—it was an opportunity to nurture the values of generosity, camaraderie, and shared happiness that resonate deeply with Buddhist teachings.

The carnival featured a series of games and activities thoughtfully designed to engage and entertain children from diverse backgrounds. By collaborating with local organizations such as 4H and WHM Preschool, as well as extending an invitation to boys from Kindergarten through 5th grade, Pack 40 exemplified the principle of inclusivity and community spirit.

At the heart of this event was the intention to create a space where joy and learning could flourish in harmony. Each game and activity was crafted to foster not only enjoyment but also the spirit of teamwork and mutual support. Such gatherings remind us of the interconnectedness of all beings and the importance of nurturing these bonds through meaningful and playful interactions.

For those who were not able to attend, there is still a chance to join the Pack 40 program. The spirit of community and the opportunity for personal growth and development are ongoing, and new members are warmly welcomed to be a part of this supportive and vibrant group.

In the words of the Buddha, "Happiness does not depend on what you have or who you are. It solely relies on what you think."

Events like these are a testament to the positive impact of collective effort and the joy that comes from engaging with others in meaningful ways.

For more information about joining Pack 40 or to participate in future events, please reach out to us. Together, let us continue to build a community grounded in joy, service, and mutual respect.







PACK 40  
WAILUKU HONGWANJI

**JOIN  
NOW**

# CUB SCOUTS

## PACK 40



We have a variety of fun-filled activities for scouts to learn skills, earn badges, build camaraderie, and help the community - all while having fun!

### OUR ACTIVITIES

- Pinewood Derby
- Holiday Events
- Raingutter Regatta
- Overnight Camping

### CONTACT US



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## AFFILIATE ORGANIZATIONS

## WHJC Excels at HHJF State Championships

Ronald Hiyakumoto

On August 31 and September 1, 2024, thirty-eight members of Wailuku Hongwanji Mission Judo Club (WHJC) participated in 62nd Annual Honpa Hongwanji Judo Federation (HHJF) State Championships at the King Kekaulike High School on Maui. The HHJF tournament was hosted by the Makawao Hongwanji Mission Judo Club. Pearl City Hongwanji Mission Judo Club, Mililani Hongwanji Mission Judo Club, Hilo Hongwanji Mission Judo Club, and Puna Hongwanji Mission Judo Club also participated in the tournament. An awards banquet was held at the Mayor Hannibal Tavares Community Center in Pukalani following the tournament. The WHJC members fought hard, and everyone enjoyed the tournament and banquet.

**Female Minor A Team**

- 2nd WHJC: Olena Withers, Kora Beauchamp, Izabella Morikawa

**Female Minor B Team**

- 1st WHJC: Ceydee McCorrison, Kira Yoshimoto, Risa Cabral

**Female Intermediate Team**

- 2nd WHJC: Jayda Biringer, Shaylee Watari

**Female Junior Team**

- 1st WHJC: Pohai Kamaunu, Mahealani Vares, Madelein Millet
- 2nd WHJC: Olive Harper, Kristin Camit, Truth Kamaunu

**Male Minor B Team**

- 2nd WHJC: Kaeden Biringer, Kaden Beauchamp, Kona Badua-Babcock

**Male Senior Team**

- 2nd WHJC: Kody Sakamoto, Joshua Mori

**Female B2 Middle**

- 2nd Kora Beauchamp - WHJC

**Female B2 Heavy**

- 1st Izabella Morikawa - WHJC

**Female Intermediate 1 Light**

- 2nd Olena Withers - WHJC
- 3rd Jaemi Williams - WHJC

## Tournament Results

**Female Intermediate 1 Middle**

- 1st Emma Toba - WHJC
- 2nd Risa Cabral - WHJC

**Female Intermediate 1 Heavy**

- 2nd Kristen Yi - WHJC

**Female Intermediate 2 Under 75 lbs.**

- 1st Kira Yoshimoto - WHJC

**Female Intermediate 2 Under 92 lbs.**

- 1st Meiko Kurokawa - WHJC

**Female Juvenile A Under 117**

- 2nd Jayda Biringer - WHJC

**Female Juvenile A Under 141**

- 2nd Shaylee Watari - WHJC

**Female Juvenile B over 154**

- 1st Madelein Millet - WHJC
- 2nd Kellee Yi - WHJC

**Female Juvenile C Under 125**

- 3rd Pohai Kamaunu - WHJC

**Female Juvenile C Under 154**

- 1st Mahealani Vares - WHJC

**Male Novice Intermediate Light**

- 2nd Mason Nguyen - WHJC

**Male Novice 6 Year Middle**

- 2nd Yoshio Morikawa - WHJC

**Male Novice 9 Year Heavy**

- 1st Cayde Kusumoto - WHJC
- 2nd Aurelio Takemoto - WHJC

**Male B2 Middle**

- 3rd Jaxon Toba - WHJC

**Male Intermediate 2 Under 106 lbs.**

- 2nd Kona Badua-Babcock - WHJC

**Male Intermediate 2 Under 117 lbs.**

- 2nd Ethan Yeh - WHJC

**Male Juvenile A Under 117 lbs.**

- 1st Mason Kurokawa - WHJC
- 2nd Kaiao Katjang - WHJC

**Male Juvenile B Under 132 lbs.**

- 3rd Aaron Ikehara - WHJC

**Male Juvenile C Under 145 lbs.**

- 3rd Kody Sakamoto - WHJC

**Male Juvenile C Under 171 lbs.**

- 2nd Joshua Gaspar - WHJC

**Male Senior Under 161 lbs.**

- 2nd Reynold Mabuti - WHJC

Mason Nguyen wearing a blue belt at the start of his match.



WHJC preparing for the opening ceremonies.



Izabella Morikawa pins her opponent.



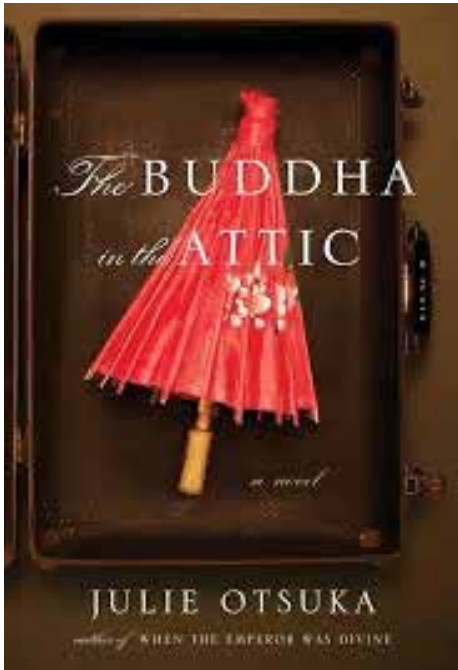
WHJC members posing after the tournament.



## RECREATIONAL GROUP

## Buddha Reads: The Buddha in the Attic

Danny Topp



On August 25, the book discussion group—consisting of Bob, Danny, Joan, and Gary—gathered via Zoom to explore Julie Otsuka's novel, *The Buddha in the Attic*. This lyrical work delves into the lives of Japanese "picture brides" who immigrated to the United States in the early 20th century, capturing their collective and individual experiences through a unique narrative style.

*The Buddha in the Attic* is crafted in a collective first-person voice, which aims to highlight the shared experiences and struggles

of these women. The novel begins with their hopeful journey across the ocean, arriving in America to meet husbands seen only in photographs. Upon arrival, these women confront the harsh realities of new lives, facing unmet expectations and enduring the trials of work, racism, and exploitation.

Despite the novel's significant subject matter and its unique narrative approach, the group's consensus was less than favorable. Bob expressed a strong opinion against the book, feeling it fell short in depicting the picture brides' experiences and would not recommend it. Gary, Joan, and Danny also shared reservations, noting the absence of a traditional plot and main character, which left the group disengaged.

However, the discussion highlighted some valuable insights. The group appreciated learning about the diverse backgrounds of the picture brides, which contradicted the initial assumption of a homogeneous group. Additionally, Otsuka's use of an "incantatory" style—intended to evoke a hypnotic or dreamlike quality—was noted as an interesting stylistic choice.

The novel also explores the women's struggles with adapting to American society, raising children, and maintaining cultural identity. In its final sections, it addresses the impact of World War II on the Japanese American community, including the forced relocation to internment camps.

Looking ahead, the group is preparing to delve into *\*Siddhartha\** by Hermann Hesse. The next meeting is scheduled for September 15th, where this classic work will be discussed.



Wailuku Hongwanji Triple  
Celebration attendees

## PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

## Cyber Crime Activity Alert

### Important Security Notice: Beware of Recent Phishing Emails!

We want to alert our community to another recent phishing attempt targeting our temple. Some members have received fraudulent emails that appear to come from Rev. Murakami but are actually sent from the email address **rev.reverend@keemail.me**. These emails request gift cards or money and will typically start by instructing you not to call Rev. Murakami and to work solely through email, claiming it is an urgent and confidential matter—such as surprising temple members with a gift.

It's important to note that Rev. Murakami's official email has not been compromised. The fraudulent emails are coming from a different address, likely created by scammers using the reverend's name because he is a public figure. This tactic is intended to exploit the trust and generosity of our community, especially given the heightened demands on Maui due to our disaster area status.

Please remember that Rev. Murakami will never ask for gift cards or any form of reimbursement via email. If you receive such an email, do not respond or click on any links, as these may compromise your computer's security. First, call the temple directly to verify the email's authenticity.

After verification, it is crucial to file a report with the FBI's Internet Crime Complaint Center (IC3) at [IC3.gov](https://www.ic3.gov). Reporting is easy and important; provide as much information as possible. The FBI relies on these reports to identify patterns and build cases against the perpetrators, who often target elderly individuals. Cyber crimes involving people over 60 can result in higher penalties, making timely reporting essential.

By staying vigilant and reporting suspicious emails, we help protect our community and support efforts to combat cyber crime.



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Recognizing our Keirokai for the 125th Temple Anniversary

Danny Topp

As part of our Temple's 125th Anniversary we are going to honor our senior members who have contributed to our temple over many years. To ensure that we have the names of all of our Keirokai members, the 125th Planning Committee Chairman, Danny Topp, asks that our readers look over the list and if any Keirokai (members 80 and older in 2024) are not listed please let us know, by calling the office at 808-244-0406 and we will add them to the list. We do not want to miss anyone for this milestone honor. Mr. Topp also thanks Pat Tomita, Sharon Higa and Frank Hamasaki for their hard work in reviewing and updating our membership list to identify our keirokai members.

WAILUKU HONGWANJI BUDDHIST TEMPLE KEIROKAI MEMBERS							
LNAME	FNAME	LNAME	FNAME	LNAME	FNAME	LNAME	FNAME
Akashi	Elaine	Hirata	Edward	Mori	Minako	Sugiki	Shigemi
Amaral	Gordon	Honda	Margaret	Morioka	Edward	Sugiki	Toshiko
Amaral	June	Hozaki	Carolyn	Morisaki	Robert	Tagami	Bert
Arakaki	Irene	Igarashi	Ann	Moriyasu	Machiko	Tagami	Etsuko
Arakaki	Miyoko	Inamasu	Janet	Nakahashi	Franklin	Taguchi	Hifumi
Araki	Claire	Inamasu	Harold	Nakahashi	Nariko	Tanaka	Florence
Araki	Ann	Ishikawa	Ronald	Nakamoto	Francis	Tanaka	Doris
Araki	Fred	Ishikawa	Sylvia	Nakamura	Alvin	Tanaka	Robert
Araki	Irene	Iwaishi	Isamu	Nakamura	Charlotte	Tengan	Edward
Beppu	Clifford	Kanemitsu	Tetsuo	Nishihara	Anna	Tengan	Misao
Cardoza	Betsy	Kato	Ritsuko	Ohigashi	Helen	Teshima	Frances
Fujii	Ethel	Kawahara	Hideo	Oishi	Caroline	Tokumaru	Mary
Fujiwara	Yoshiko	Kawahara	Joyce	Okii	Toshiko	Toyama	Betty
Fukunaga	Alvin	Kaya	Pearl	Ota	Elaine	Toyama	Raymond
Fukunaga	Martha	Kimura	Tsuzuki	Ota	Frances	Unemori	Aileen
Furomoto	Lydia	Kogasaka	Alice	Ouchi	Richard	Wong, Jr.	Wesley
Goshi	Emiko	Kogasaka	Herbert	Rodrigues	Barbara Y.	Wong	Marie
Hamasaki	Franklin	Koyanagi	Kazuo	Saito	Janet	Yamagata	James
Hamasaki	Grace	Kuwae	Stella	Sakumoto	Akie	Yamashiro	Betty
Hanada	Itsue	Masuda	Koki	Sato	Jane	Yamashiro	Henry
Hashimoto	Joyce	Masuda	Rene	Shibano	Grace	Yanagi	Eleanor
Hashimoto	Stanley	Matsui	Ellen	Shimoda	Nancy	Yogi	Shinyei
Hayase	Charlotte	Miyamoto	Mitsuo	Shinoda	Jane	Yokoyama	Elaine
Hayase	Betty	Miyashiro	Patricia	Shishido	Lawrence	Yoshimori	Alvin
Hayase	Jack	Mori	Elaine	Shoda	Yukimi	Yoshizawa	Kenji



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Minister's Lay Assistant Retreat

The HHMH Ministerial Training Committee will host the Annual Minister's Lay Assistant Retreat at Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin on October 12-13, 2024. This event is for Minister's Lay Assistants and Certified MLAs working with their minister mentors. The retreat will focus on enhancing MLA knowledge and skills and will feature instructors including Rev. Dr. Jeff Wilson, Bishop Toshiyuki Umitani, Rev. Blayne Higa, Rev. Jeffrey Soga, Rev. Kojun Hashimoto, Rev. Daido Baba, and Dr. Dexter Mar. Registration details will be shared with temple ministers and leaders soon. Neighbor island attendees may qualify for a travel subsidy. Interested individuals not yet designated as MLAs should consult their temple minister for the process. We look forward to your participation in this valuable event.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Tadaichi Fukunaga Dana Award Nominations Requested

Michael Munekiyo

Wailuku Hongwanji is now receiving nomination applications for the Tadaichi Fukunaga Dana Award. A symbol of selflessness that reaches beyond words, the Dana Award is presented to one or two Wailuku Hongwanji members each year for their sustained selfless and compassionate actions.

Established in 1982, the award is founded on the life principles of Mr. Tadaichi Fukunaga, who cherished and practiced our Shin Buddhist value of Dana. Mr. Fukunaga served in many capacities as an officer of the Wailuku Hongwanji, and served as a director and advisor to the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii. He was an outstanding individual, caring for his family, and supporting his temple and community.

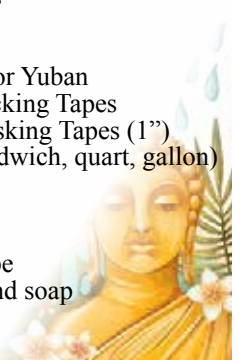
Nomination applications for this year's Dana Award is due by October 31, 2024. Applications will be reviewed by the Dana Award Committee, with presentation of the award(s) made at Wailuku Hongwanji's Sokai (General Assembly meeting) in January 2025. Application forms may be requested from the Temple office.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Temple Wish List

We kindly request your support in contributing to our temple's wish list, which includes essential items to enhance our space and activities. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

- Aluminum Foil
- 12 Cups and larger coffee filters
- Forever postage stamps
- 33 Gal. Trash Bags (No Flex Tech)
- 18 Gal. Kitchen Trash bag w/ draw string (No Flex Tech)
- Paper Towels
- Hashi (chop sticks)
- 7" Dessert Plates
- 12oz Bowls
- Napkins
- Coffee: Folgers or Yuban
- Clear Carton Packing Tapes
- General Use Masking Tapes (1")
- Ziploc bags (sandwich, quart, gallon)
- Duct Tape
- 15# Bag rice
- 9" Lunch plates
- Blue Painters tape
- Antibacterial hand soap
- 9 oz. Cold cups
- 9 oz. Hot cups





## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## 2024-2025 Social Concerns Fund Drive

Michael  
Munekiyo

The Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii is again reaching out to its members asking for support of the Hawaii Kyodan's annual Social Concerns Fund Drive. Monies raised will support worthy organizations and programs, and will provide compassionate aid during times of disasters affecting our local, national and world communities.

The Social Concerns Committee has supported critical needs, including the distribution of approximately \$300,000 to members of Lahaina Hongwanji and the Maui community in the aftermath of the devastating wildfires of August 2023. Funds have also been provided for improving mental health care, building community resiliency, and humanitarian aid in Gaza, as well as relief efforts in Japan in the aftermath of the Noto Peninsula Earthquake.

The Committee continues to award Golden Chain Grants to help nurture Sangha-based compassionate action and launched the Dana Matching Grant Program to multiply the impact of charitable giving by organizations in the Hawaii Kyodan Ohana.

The fund drive will begin November 1, 2024, and run through August 31, 2025. Envelopes for donations will be distributed via our monthly newsletter, or can be picked up at the Temple office.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Honpa Hongwanji Launches its “Living Gratitude” Program

Michael Munekiyo

In August 2024, through a joint statement from Bishop Toshiyuki Umitani and Hawaii Kyodan President Dr. Warren Tamamoto, the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii launched its new Living Gratitude Program. This fundraising effort provides funding for Dharma educational programs for members and the broader community. Technology-based innovation will serve as tools to expand Honpa Hongwanji's reach, while other projects to sustain and strengthen Hawaii Kyodan's operations will be developed.

While our founding members built our temple and Dharma-centered infrastructure and facilities, the Living Gratitude Program serves a parallel mission to provide lasting benefits to future generations through program development and implementation. Monies raised will ensure that our Shin Buddhist values continue to touch each one of us in daily living.

We encourage members of Wailuku Hongwanji to make a donation to the Living Gratitude Program using the form provided in this newsletter.



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Help Wanted

Frank Hamasaki

Wailuku Hongwanji Buddhist Temple seeks a volunteer for an hour of dana each week. Responsibilities include taking out 5-10 trash bags (including floral waste) to the bin, ideally on Fridays, though Saturday or Sunday is acceptable. The bags weigh 10-35 lbs, and the waste is collected by the trash company on Mondays.

We are especially looking for a high school student seeking community service for college applications. If interested, please call the office at (808) 244-0406 during business hours: M-F, 8:00am - 12:00pm.



## Lahaina Buddhist Temples' Disaster Relief

For anyone wishing to make a dana contribution to support the three historic Buddhist temples in Lahaina that were destroyed by the recent Maui wildfires: Lahaina Shingon Mission (established 1902), Lahaina Hongwanji Mission (established 1904), and Lahaina Jodo Mission (established 1912), please see the donation instruction below, or visit the HAIB Maui support webpage at <https://www.hawaiibuddhists.org/news/support-maui>. Donations will support the Buddhist temples, their resident ministers and families, and temple members.

### Lahaina Shingon Mission Hokoji

- Checks to “Koyasan Shingon Mission of Hawaii” memo “Lahaina relief”  
Send to: Koyasan Shingon Mission of Hawaii, 457 Manono Street Hilo, HI 96720
- For further information please contact by email [hikoybof@gmail.com](mailto:hikoybof@gmail.com)

### Lahaina Jodo Mission

- GoFundMe: <https://gofund.me/df1b0cf2>
- Checks to “Jodo Mission” with memo “Maui fire relief fund”  
Send to: Jodo Mission of Hawaii, 1429 Makiki Street, Honolulu, HI 96814

### Lahaina Hongwanji Mission

- GoFundMe: <https://gofund.me/ff77a520>
- Checks to “HHMH” with memo “Maui Wildfire Disaster Relief”  
Send to: Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii, 1727 Pali Hwy, Honolulu, HI 96813
- Online at [www.hongwanjihawaii.com](http://www.hongwanjihawaii.com)





# Living Gratitude Program

Living Gratitude:  
Building the future of Buddhism in Hawaii

The Living Gratitude Program will support Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii's efforts to EDUCATE members, youth, and the public about Jodo Shinshu, INNOVATE through the use of technology and targeted outreach, and SUSTAIN Hawaii Kyodan into the future.



## EDUCATE

We EDUCATE our members and the general public about Shin Buddhism.

- Dharma centered programs for members, youth and the public.
- Ministerial education and lay assistant programs
- Technology based tools for education



## INNOVATE

We INNOVATE by utilizing technology to expand our Dharma outreach.

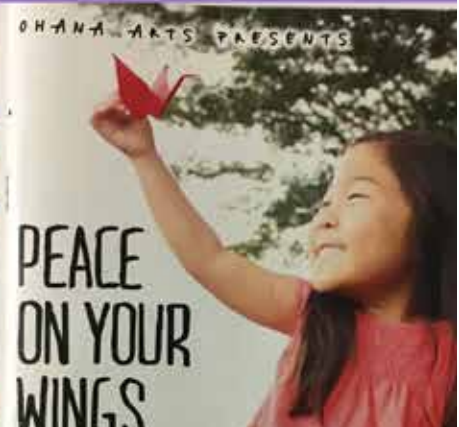
- Digital ministry program
- Video production studio at the Buddhist Study Center
- Facilitate distance learning and online dharma
- Marketing and outreach team



## SUSTAIN

We SUSTAIN the essence and maintain the heart of Shin Buddhism in Hawaii.

- Headquarters support with maintenance and upgrades
- Kyodan operations and ability to provide spiritual guidance throughout Hawaii







## HONPA HONGWANJI MISSION OF HAWAII

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[www.hongwanjihawaii.com](http://www.hongwanjihawaii.com)

Dear Dharma Friends,

Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii (Hawaii Kyodan) needs your support as we strive to preserve our rich history and transition into the future. Our Living Gratitude Program is destined to build a promising future for Buddhism in Hawaii. Your contribution will support Honpa Hongwanji's efforts to **EDUCATE** our members, youth, ministers, and the public about Jodo Shinshu; **INNOVATE** using technology and outreach; and **SUSTAIN** our Hawaii Kyodan into the future as we provide guidance to communities throughout Hawaii.

Please consider a gift today or a recurring gift to the Living Gratitude Program. This generous gift is your commitment that ensures the future of Shin Buddhism in Hawaii.

In Gassho.

Bishop Rev. Toshiyuki Umitani

President Dr. Warren Tamamoto

RETURN FORM & CHECK TO:  
HONPA HONGWANJI MISSION OF HAWAII  
LIVING GRATITUDE PROGRAM  
1727 Pali Highway  
Honolulu, HI 96813

TO MAKE A GIFT ONLINE,  
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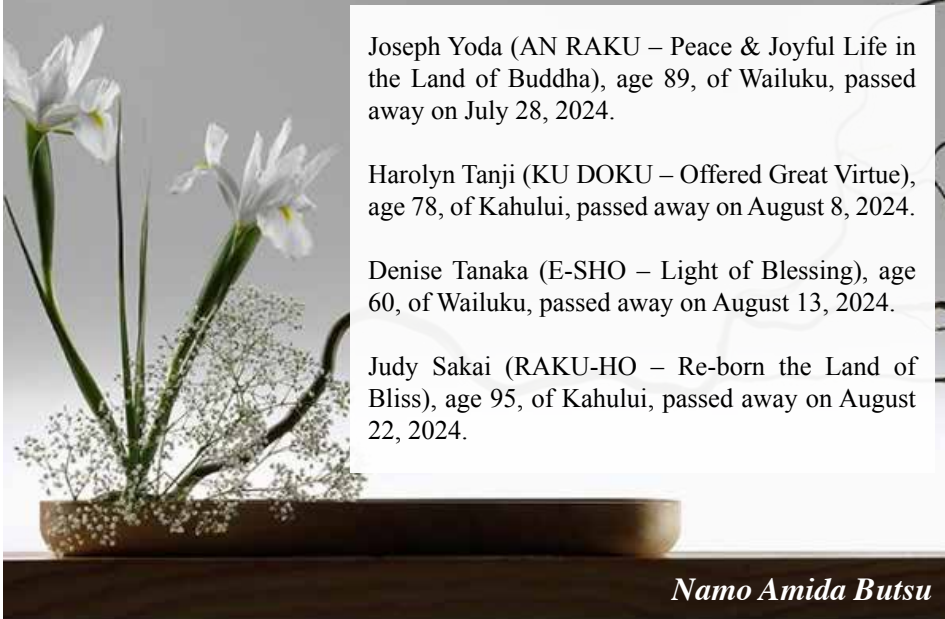


I would like to learn more about making a planned giving gift through my will or trust or another type of gift to HHMH.

We gratefully accept matching gifts from your employer or direct payment through your bank to HHMH Living Gratitude Program

Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii is recognized as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization under the rules and regulations of the Internal Revenue Service. Tax ID #99-0073500

## Our Deepest Sympathies



Joseph Yoda (AN RAKU – Peace & Joyful Life in the Land of Buddha), age 89, of Wailuku, passed away on July 28, 2024.

Harolyn Tanji (KU DOKU – Offered Great Virtue), age 78, of Kahului, passed away on August 8, 2024.

Denise Tanaka (E-SHO – Light of Blessing), age 60, of Wailuku, passed away on August 13, 2024.

Judy Sakai (RAKU-HO – Re-born the Land of Bliss), age 95, of Kahului, passed away on August 22, 2024.

*Namo Amida Butsu*

## ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

### Ofuse: *Thank You for Your Compassion*

Irene Arakaki - *In memory of Yeiko Tony Arakaki*  
 Irene Araki - *In memory of Yuriko Araki*  
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### NOKOTSUDO

Boy Scouts

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 Sheila Taketa - *In memory of Mae Taketa*  
 Colleen Versola - *In memory of Mae Taketa*  
 Alvin & Sandra Yoshimori - *In memory of Tagako Yokouchi*

Donations in memory of our ancestors and the recent passing of our family and friends may be made payable to Wailuku Hongwanji Mission and sent to Wailuku Hongwanji Mission at 1828 E Vineyard St. Wailuku, HI 96793. Please feel welcome to also note on the check to whose memory you are sending your donation.

## MEMORIAL SERVICES

### October Hoji Memorial Services



#### 3rd YEAR MEMORIAL - 2022

DAY	NAME
03	Dorothy Reiko Nakama (CHO RAI)
18	Aileen Yaeko Kaneda (NEN SO)
29	Frank Masaru Takehara (SHO HO)

#### 7th YEAR MEMORIAL - 2018

DAY	NAME
24	Eugene Yukio Endo (SAI SHO)

#### 13th YEAR MEMORIAL - 2012

DAY	NAME
03	Sachie Kitagawa (KO NEN)
07	Robert Tamotsu Sera (HO ZEN)
09	Kimberly Akemi Bal Sloper (MYO SHO)
19	Phyllis Hinae Heirakuji (JO SHO)

#### 17th YEAR MEMORIAL - 2008

DAY	NAME
31	Sumie Fujimoto (YUI MYO)

#### 25th YEAR MEMORIAL - 2000

DAY	NAME
03	Chikayo Tomimoto (MYO CHI)
04	Fujio Uradomo (SEI KAI)
05	Masako Kato (CHI KYO)
07	Isamu Komine (KYO YU)

#### 50th YEAR MEMORIAL - 1975

DAY	NAME
08	Stanley Hiraoka (CHO EN)
12	Paul Kawabata (SHO GYO)

To schedule your family member's memorial service, please contact the main office at (808) 244-0406, Monday-Friday between 8:00am and 12:00pm.



## REFERENCES

## Organization & Project Sign-Up Info

Interested in joining an affiliate organization, club, association, or looking to volunteer or donate to a project? Below is a list of sponsored organizations and ongoing or upcoming projects at Wailuku Hongwanji and their contact information. We look forward to seeing you and your family, and thank you in advance, for any monetary donations you make to support our efforts!

Altar Flower Donations	Call the main office at (808) 244-0406 or email <a href="mailto:whm@wailukuhongwanji.org">whm@wailukuhongwanji.org</a>
Buddhist Womans Association (BWA)	Call the main office at (808) 244-0406 or email <a href="mailto:whm@wailukuhongwanji.org">whm@wailukuhongwanji.org</a>
Boy Scouts	Call (808) 250-1891 or email <a href="mailto:msdel17@hotmail.com">msdel17@hotmail.com</a>
Buddha Reads Book Club	Call the main office at (719) 200-7300 or email <a href="mailto:Buddha.reads@gmail.com">Buddha.reads@gmail.com</a>
Choir	Call the main office at (808) 244-0406 or email <a href="mailto:whm@wailukuhongwanji.org">whm@wailukuhongwanji.org</a>
Cub Scouts	Call (808) 280-1299 or <a href="mailto:cubpack40@gmail.com">cubpack40@gmail.com</a>
Dharma School	Call the main office at (719) 200-7300 or email <a href="mailto:whm@wailukuhongwanji.org">whm@wailukuhongwanji.org</a>
Dharma Strummers	Call the main office at (808) 244-0406 or email <a href="mailto:Wailuku.hongwanji.mission@gmail.com">Wailuku.hongwanji.mission@gmail.com</a>
4-H	Call the main office at (808) 244-0406 or email <a href="mailto:WHMSakura4H@gmail.com">WHMSakura4H@gmail.com</a>
Gakuen (Japanese Language School)	Call the main office at (808) 244-0406 or email <a href="mailto:whm@wailukuhongwanji.org">whm@wailukuhongwanji.org</a>
Hosha Day Clean-up (First Thursday of Month)	Call the main office at (808) 244-0406 or email <a href="mailto:whm@wailukuhongwanji.org">whm@wailukuhongwanji.org</a>
Junior Young Buddhist Association (Jr. YBA)	Call the main office at (808) 244-0406 or email <a href="mailto:whm@wailukuhongwanji.org">whm@wailukuhongwanji.org</a>
Judo Club	Call (808) 244-9094 or email <a href="mailto:rhiyakumoto@hawaii.rr.com">rhiyakumoto@hawaii.rr.com</a>
Karate	Call the main office at (808) 244-0406 or email <a href="mailto:whm@wailukuhongwanji.org">whm@wailukuhongwanji.org</a>
Kendo	Call (808) 244-2650 or email <a href="mailto:michael.sone@gmail.com">michael.sone@gmail.com</a>
Office Support	Call the main office at (808) 244-0406 or email <a href="mailto:whm@wailukuhongwanji.org">whm@wailukuhongwanji.org</a>
Preschool	Call the Preschool at (808) 244-9545 or email <a href="mailto:whpreschool808@gmail.com">whpreschool808@gmail.com</a>
Facility Rentals	Call the main office at (808) 244-0406 or email <a href="mailto:whm@wailukuhongwanji.org">whm@wailukuhongwanji.org</a>
Sunday Morning Announcements	Call the main office at (808) 244-0406 or email <a href="mailto:Wailuku.hongwanji.mission@gmail.com">Wailuku.hongwanji.mission@gmail.com</a>
Volunteer Opportunities	Call the main office at (808) 244-0406 or email <a href="mailto:whm@wailukuhongwanji.org">whm@wailukuhongwanji.org</a>
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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## October / November 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3 BWA Hosha Day BWA ACCW Delivery 7pm Troop mtg	4 <b>Nembutsu Seminar at Kahului Hongwanji Mission</b>	5
6 8am Sunday Service DS practice for 125th	7 5:30pm Dharma Strummers	8	9	10 7pm Troop mtg	11	12 BWA Craft Food Fair 1pm - Fall Representative Meeting @ MHM <b>Minister's Lay Asst. Retreat</b>
13 8am Sunday Service BWA Meeting DS Parent Session #2 DS Practice for 125th <b>Minister's Lay Asst. Retreat</b>	14 Columbus Day - Office Open 5:30pm Dharma Strummers	15	16 5pm Kyodan Board Meeting 5:30pm Obon Practice	17 BWA ACCW Delivery 7pm Troop mtg	18	19 Conference Room Rental Social Hall Rental
20 9am - 1pm 125th Anniversary Celebration	21 5:30pm Dharma Strummers	22 6:30pm Cubs	23	24 7pm Troop mtg	25	26 Conference Room Rental 6pm - Boy scouts Trunk or Treat
27 8am Family Service DS Intergenerational Bingo Game	28 5:30pm Dharma Strummers	29	30	31 Preschool Trunk or Treat Ret. Ministers & Spouses Appr. Luncheon 7pm Troop mtg	1	2 Conference Room Rental
3 8am Sunday Service 9am-12pm: 4-H Meeting	4 5:30pm Dharma Strummers	5 Election Day (Office Open) No Gakuen	6	7 BWA Hosha Day BWA ACCW Delivery <b>State Ministers Continuing Education Seminar</b>	8 Social Hall Rental	9 Conference Room Rental 10:30am - 1:45pm Dharma-Centered Living 101 with D. Trinidad Hunt @ WHM
10 9am Eitaikyo Service 10:30am - 12:30pm Cubs Meeting	11 Veteran's Day (Office Closed)	12	13 5:30pm Obon Practice	14	15 6pm Cubs	16 9-10am Dharma School: Walk to End Alzheimers at QKC
17 8am Sunday Service BWA Meeting 10am-12pm: State Virtual DS Gathering	18 5:30pm Dharma Strummers	19	20 5pm Kyodan Board Meeting	21 BWA ACCW Delivery	22 Social Hall Rental	23 10am MUBWA Fall Assembly @ Makawao Hongwanji Mission
24 8am Family Service DS Whole group storyboard sessions DS Parent Session 3 in Temple 10:30am - 12:30pm 4-H Meeting	25 5:30pm Dharma Strummers	26 6:30pm Cubs	27	28 Thanksgiving Holiday (Office Closed)	29 Family Day (Office Closed)	30