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TEACHINGS FROM THE MINISTER

Flower Festival: The Joy of Happiness

Reverend Shinkai Murakami

Namo Amida Butsu

As you may know, April 8 is recognized as Buddha Shakyamuni's birthday, and many Buddhists around the world celebrate this special day as a time of joy and happiness. This year, the Central Maui Buddhist Association will celebrate this special service at the Wailuku Hongwanji Mission on April 6. I firmly believe this is the happiest occasion for all Buddhists, as it marks the birth of Shakyamuni Buddha.

The Buddha was born approximately 2,600 years ago in the Lumbini Garden, located in the northern part of India during the spring season. Today, this area is part of Nepal.

This special service, called Hanamatsuri or the Flower Festival, is a celebration commemorating the birth of Shakyamuni Buddha. During the service, a flower-decorated "Flower Pavilion" is set up to represent the Lumbini Garden where Gautama Buddha was born. Inside the Flower Pavilion, we place a statue of the baby Buddha and pour sweet tea over it. According to legend:

When Shakyamuni Buddha was born, sweet rain fell from the sky to bathe the baby Buddha. At the same time, beautiful flowers bloomed everywhere, thousands of petals fell from the sky, and soft music could be heard. It seemed as though all of Mother Nature celebrated the Buddha's birth.

The legend also recounts that as Queen Maya neared the time of Prince Siddhartha's birth, she began a

journey to her mother's home, as was the custom of the time. On the way, she stopped to rest in the beautiful Lumbini Garden. While resting, she saw the flowers of an Asoka tree and reached out to grasp them. At that moment, the Buddha was miraculously born from her right side. Immediately after his birth, the baby Buddha took seven steps, pointed his right hand to the sky and his left hand to the earth, and declared: "Above and below the heavens, I alone am the World-Honored One."

Is this story true? It's difficult to accept that a newborn could perform such miraculous acts. I don't know whether this story is true—after all, I wasn't born yet. However, this story, created by human beings, reflects the reverence for Buddha as a royal prince and the spiritual significance of his birth.

When we think about this story, we find profound teachings within it that are important to consider. I believe there are several ways to interpret the Buddha's birth story.

1. The Buddha is the person who guided countless beings on the path of truth and provided great encouragement for our lives. He is the one who attained enlightenment within the world of Samsara.
2. His guidance reminds us that each human life is precious, and all beings have the potential to

be reborn in the Buddha's Land, where they can experience eternal peace and serenity. Ultimately, we can all become Buddhas.

When the Buddha was born, King Suddhodana expressed his immense joy and named his son Siddhartha, meaning "every wish fulfilled." Shakyamuni Buddha, as our great spiritual master, teaches us true guidance, wisdom, compassion, hope, joy, and encouragement in our precious lives.

During Hanamatsuri, we pour sweet tea over the baby Buddha, symbolizing the sweet rain that bathed him at birth. The flowers decorating the pavilion represent the blooms of the Lumbini Garden. Offering sweet tea over the baby Buddha signifies the Dharma rain, which cleanses our hearts, while the flowers inspire us to feel peace and serenity in our lives.

Each of us possesses a wonderful Buddha nature that manifests peace, serenity, sympathy, joy, and happiness. To realize this, we must listen to the teachings of the Buddha Dharma with an open heart and rely upon the Buddha's wisdom and compassion. The Buddha's teachings provide us with a path of truth in our lives.

On this special day, may we all rejoice in the spiritual guidance provided by the Buddha and pass it on to future generations. This gathering, our sangha, and the teachings we receive are precious gifts from Buddha Shakyamuni, our great spiritual master.

The Nembutsu path is Buddha's great guidance, showing us the way of truth and teaching us to rejoice in happiness with others. Our Issei and Nisei Nembutsu followers built this temple for us to find spiritual happiness and to celebrate our precious lives with others, including our children and grandchildren.

Shinran Shonin's great master, Tao Cho of China, said: "Those born before us guide those who come next. Those born after follow the guidance and walk the firm path of truth." Dharma friends, let us remember that we inherit the profound guidance of the Nembutsu, bringing happiness and joy into our lives.

Buddhism is a source of joy and happiness, which we can discover in our daily lives. Let us listen to the Buddha Dharma as our spiritual guide and follow the path of truth in our precious lives.

Hanamatsuri helps us realize that we live within Buddha's great guidance, with joy, peace, and serenity.

Namo Amida Butsu

Future Higashi Hongwanji successor Yui Otani and Ayako Otani visited from Honolulu, with Yui Otani spending three months in Hawaii to study overseas missions.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

WHM Hosts Nembutsu Seminar with Rev. Grant Ikuta

Reverend Shinkai Murakami & Danny Topp

On March 3rd and 4th, WHM welcomed Rev. Grant Ikuta as the guest speaker for the Nembutsu Seminar. The weekend provided an opportunity for deep reflection and learning about the teachings of Buddhism, with a focus on the historical Buddha, the development of Mahayana Buddhism, and the practice of Nembutsu in Jodo Shinshu tradition.

Rev. Ikuta began with an introduction to the life of Siddhartha Gautama, the historical Buddha. He described how Siddhartha, born into royalty, lived a sheltered life until he encountered suffering in the world. These experiences led him to renounce his princely status and seek enlightenment, enduring six years of ascetic practice before attaining awakening under the Bodhi tree.

The discussion then shifted to Shinran Shonin, the founder of Jodo Shinshu Buddhism. Rev. Ikuta drew parallels between Shinran's journey and that of the historical Buddha. Shinran entered monastic life at the age of nine and trained for 20 years on Mount Hiei before following the teachings of Honen, who emphasized reliance on the Nembutsu. Despite facing exile for his beliefs, Shinran continued to share his teachings, eventually writing *The True Teaching, Practice, and Realization of the Pure Land Way*. Rev. Ikuta highlighted how Shinran's approach bridged monastic and lay life, making the path of faith accessible to all.

The seminar also explored Mahayana Buddhism and the role of Amida Buddha, the Buddha of infinite wisdom and compassion.

Rev. Ikuta explained the concept of merit transference and the significance of Amida Buddha in the last Dharma age, a time when following the historical Buddha's teachings is said to be more challenging.

A key focus of the seminar was the practice of Nembutsu in Pure Land Buddhism. Rev. Ikuta explained that the recitation of *Namu Amida Butsu* expresses both taking refuge (*Namu*) and calling upon the Buddha of infinite light and life (*Amida Butsu*). He emphasized that the practice is not about repetition but about awakening to Amida's boundless compassion. Participants also discussed different pronunciations of the phrase and how the essence of Nembutsu remains unchanged regardless of variation.

On Sunday morning, the discussion turned to foundational Buddhist teachings and the practice of Jodo Shinshu. Participants explored the concept of *shinjin* (trusting heart) and ways to explain it to non-Buddhists in an accessible way. They also reflected on the meaning of "hearing" and "listening" in Buddhist practice, emphasizing how true awakening comes through deeply listening to the Dharma. Additionally, they examined the writings of Shinran, particularly the idea of the "one-thought moment" of faith—a profound realization of Amida's compassion.

The seminar provided a meaningful time for learning, reflection, and spiritual growth. WHM expresses its gratitude to Rev. Grant Ikuta for leading such an engaging and insightful weekend.



Young Buddhist International CULTURAL STUDY EXCHANGE July 1-9, 2025

YBICSE is an educational **TRIP TO JAPAN** which offers young Buddhists from North America, Hawaii, Canada, and South America the unique opportunity to experience Japanese culture while cultivating awareness. You will visit our mother temple and other historic sites in Kyoto, engage in peace programs in Hiroshima, and connect with Dharma friends from around the world. Join this once-in-a-lifetime adventure of discovery and connection!

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- Able to travel internationally/ participate in program activities
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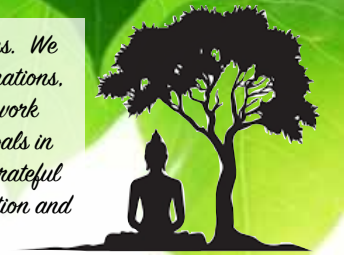
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Pamela Miyagawa & Sharon Higa

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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!

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.



MISCELLANEOUS DONATIONS

- Anonymous – Altar flowers, Assorted snacks, Plastic straws, Brown paper bags, Assorted wish list items, Newspaper, Yard & campus maintenance, Dessert Plated, Plastic Forks
- Richard & Amy Blue – Yard landscaping & Maintenance
- Cubs – Temple yard & Campus cleanup
- Dharma Strummers – Sunday service music
- FT – Campus maintenance & Yard cleaning
- Jeral & Karlynn Fukuda – Altar flowers
- Alvin & Martha Fukunaga – Altar flowers
- Margaret Honda – Altar flowers, Nokotsudo & Flower cleaning, Office support
- HOSHA Gang – Temple & Nokotsudo cleaning
- Ronald Hiyakumoto – Stripping and waxing the social hall and kitchen floors
- Eric Ikeuchi – Campus maintenance
- Calvin & Teri Kaneda – Altar flowers
- Carol Mae Kurisu – Altar flowers
- Machiko Moriyasu – Altar flowers and arrangements, Office support
- Minae Murakami – Sunday service organist
- Mike Nishimoto – Yard landscaping & maintenance
- Celeste Rabang – Office support
- 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
- Danny Topp - A/V support for services, workshops, meetings, & events
- Troop 40 - Stripping & waxing the social hall, and kitchen floors
- Linda Ann Unemori – Office support
- Carol Yamamura – Coffee filters

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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.

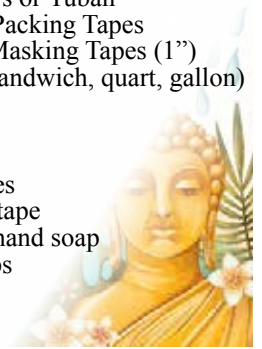
We are especially looking for a high school student seeking community service for college applications. If interested, please call the office at (808) 244-0406 during business hours: M-F, 8:00am - 12:00pm.

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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
- Coffee: Folgers or Yuban
- Clear Carton Packing Tapes
- General Use Masking Tapes (1”)
- Ziploc bags (sandwich, quart, gallon)
- Duct Tape
- Napkins
- 15# Bag rice
- 9” Lunch plates
- Blue Painters tape
- Antibacterial hand soap
- 9 oz. Cold cups
- 9 oz. Hot cups



Left: Machiko Moriyasu (above) and Mary Tokumaru (below) help fill temple pews with bimonthly service schedule flyers.



Above: Richard & Amy Blue: Repair the threshold of reverend’s gakuen classrooms.

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Sharon Higa

Krispy Kreme BOGO cards are available in the temple office for \$25 each. With the card, members may purchase any dozen donuts at regular price and receive one dozen Original Glazed Donuts free—that is \$25 for 10 free dozen. Please make check payable to Wailuku Hongwanji Mission.

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EDUCATION



WAILUKU HONGWANJI PRESCHOOL

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

Jody Vinoray

Fun Run 2025

Thanks to parent contributions, we were able to provide a fun and engaging experience for everyone involved. The enthusiasm and participation from our preschoolers were truly inspiring, and it wouldn't have been possible without your generous support.

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:

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 Email: whpreschool808@gmail.com
 Site: <https://www.wailukuhongwanji.org/index.php/preschool>



EDUCATION

Graduate's Banquet to be held at 808 Old Town in Wailuku on April 8th

Shelley Quipotla

The Wailuku Hongwanji Mission 2025 Graduate's Banquet will be held at 808 Old Town on April 8, 2025, beginning at 5:30 pm. The address of 808 Old Town is 2051 Main Street located in Wailuku town. The banquet will commence with a brief baccalaureate service conducted by Reverend Shinkai Murakami. The keynote speaker will be JJ Eno, MD, an orthopedic surgeon here on the island of Maui.

As of the publication, the following graduating seniors with ties to the Wailuku

Hongwanji Mission have been identified and have been extended invitations to the banquet.

- Shante Shishido DelCastillo
- Joshua Mori
- Landon Mukai
- Chase Nozaki
- Kalaheo Sakamoto
- Kody Sakamoto
- Bryson Tasaki
- Brady Yokouchi

Mission members are asked to make a monetary donation to help defray related costs. Cost to attend is \$33 per person. Please call to see if there are any seats available if wanting to attend. Anyone wishing to become a sponsor or make a donation is asked to call Sharon Higa at 808-244-0406.

If you know of other high school seniors with ties to our church, please email Joyce Chun at jchun.maui@gmail.com or Shelley Quipotla at shellquips@gmail.com or call 808-250-0726 and leave a message.



EDUCATION

A Joyous Celebration at Wailuku Hongwanji Gakuen

Eri Nomura

On February 21, 2025, Wailuku Hongwanji Gakuen hosted its annual Gakugeikai (学芸会) Student Performance Festival, filling the Social Hall with vibrant energy. This much-anticipated event brought together students, families, and community members to celebrate the students' growth in Japanese language and culture through an engaging showcase of performances.

The evening began with warm opening remarks from Gakuen Principal Murakami, who expressed appreciation for the students' dedication and the ongoing support of families and teachers. From the youngest learners to the most advanced students, each performance reflected the enthusiasm and progress of the Gakuen students.

Gakugeikai showcased the hard work and talents of students across all grade levels. The event opened with the youngest class performing a lively "Singing and Dancing" routine featuring Kirakiraboshi (キラキラぼし), the Japanese version of Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star, and Churippu (ちゅうりっぷ), a classic children's song about tulips. Their joyful performance earned laughter and applause from the audience.

Next, the 1st graders charmed the crowd with their rendition of Harapeko Aomushi (はらぺこあおむし), the Japanese version of The Very Hungry Caterpillar. Their cheerful singing and expressive movements brought smiles to everyone watching.

The 2nd graders impressed the audience with their performance, Singing and Learning, where they enthusiastically recited the 50音の歌 (Japanese syllabary song), the months of the year (月), and the days of the week (曜日). They also practiced essential sentence structures by asking and answering, *これは何ですか？ これは...です* ("What is this? This is..."), while illustrating their answers with drawings.

The 3rd graders captivated the audience with their engaging performance of Sanbi-

ki no Yagi no Garagaradon (三びきのやぎのがらがらどん), the Japanese version of the classic Norwegian folktale Three Billy-Goats Gruff. Through expressive dialogue and animated storytelling, the students brought the beloved tale to life, showcasing their growing confidence in Japanese.

The Wing class demonstrated their understanding of Japanese grammar through their performance, Class Session. They practiced using the sentence structure, such as, *これはおじいさんの机です* ("This is Grandpa's desk"), reinforcing how の (no) is used to show possession and relationships between nouns. Their demonstration helped solidify these fundamental language skills in a fun and interactive way.

The 4th graders were impressed with their singing and imagining performance, where they sang well-known seasonal songs that elementary students in Japan commonly learn. In addition to singing, they showcased their artistic talents by creating drawings depicting the lyrics' imagery, blending music and visual expression beautifully.

The 5th to 7th graders concluded the event with First Karaoke, a skit where students acted out their first visit to a karaoke box. Their performance was followed by energetic renditions of Suzume no Tojimari (Suzume) and Night Dancer by Imase, bringing a lively and modern touch to the festival.

Each performance demonstrated the students' growth in language, creativity, and confidence, making for an evening filled with joy and appreciation. After the performances, families and friends gathered for an onolicious potluck, sharing delicious dishes, desserts, and refreshments. Mahalo to everyone who stayed to enjoy the food and camaraderie! Gakuen sincerely appreciates all the families who contributed food and drinks to make the gathering even more special.

In addition to the performances, the

Social Hall displayed an impressive collection of Kakizome (書初め), the traditional Japanese New Year's practice of writing auspicious characters. This display highlighted the students' appreciation for traditional Japanese arts and their dedication to refining their calligraphy skills.

Following the success of Gakugeikai, the students and their 'ohana gathered once again on March 5, 2025, for a thrilling taiko drumming performance by Zenshin Daiko. The powerful beats and synchronized movements filled the outdoor space with energy and excitement, allowing the audience to truly feel the spirit of the taiko drums.

Zenshin Daiko was established in March 1999 by Anthony Jones—26 years ago. You may know him as the owner of our beloved chocolatier, Maui Specialty Chocolates. In 1987, he discovered his passion for taiko drumming after attending a performance at Baldwin High School by the world famous taiko group, Kodo. Since then, he has continued to pursue his passion with unwavering dedication. Zenshin Daiko continues to progress, embracing its name—Zenshin (前進) in Japanese means "to move forward." Today, the group performs at over 50 events annually, both locally and nationally, and also travels to Japan for training.

These events were joyful reminders of how language, music, and culture can unite a community, fostering growth, creativity, and a shared appreciation for tradition. Looking ahead, Gakuen is planning to host more Japanese cultural activities, so please stay tuned for upcoming events. We would love to hear your ideas and suggestions! Please email Gakuen Principal Murakami (shinkai@wailukuhongwanji.org) or Eri Nomura (School Board of Directors).

For inquiries about Zenshin Daiko classes, please contact Anthony Jones at zenshindaiko@gmail.com.



Zenshin Daiko performers.



Zenshin Daiko owner, Anthony Jones, speaking with Gakuen students about the art of taiko drumming.

EDUCATION

Dharma School: Chanting & Appreciation

Joan Tamori

Chanting: Have you noticed Dharma School students sitting in seats usually reserved for ministers during Sunday service? Rev. Murakami has introduced a new program where youth participate in chanting alongside him during the Gassho to Amida Sutra. Two or three students are guided by the Reverend through the back entrance of the "onaijin" (altar) area and invited to take the ministers' seats. This practice helps students develop reverence and respect in their roles.

Thank You, Sensei! On March 9, during the Spring Ohigan service, Dharma School students honored Rev. Murakami as part of Minister's Appreciation Day. The students presented him with heartfelt notes of gratitude, gifts, and leis to express their appreciation for his guidance and dedication. During the Ohigan service, students enjoyed participating in an interactive story activity led by guest minister, Rev. Grant Ikuta of Steveston Buddhist Temple in Richmond, BC, Canada.



Risa and Ziva: Chanting helpers



In the story, all 12 "monkeys" tried to pull the "moon" out of the well.



Rev. Grant Ikuta of Steveston Buddhist Temple in Canada, (far right), involves the students in an interactive story to teach the lesson of what is real, what is the truth.



Students writing thank you notes to Rev. Murakami. L to R: Ryan, Kaden, Risa, Emma, Sophia, and June.



Thank you, Rev. Murakami! L to R: Kellen, Tate, Erik, Jaxon, Aaron, Kora, and Eva.



DS students presented thank you cards, gifts, and leis to Rev. Murakami for all that he does for the dharma school.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

April 13, Infant Presentation Ceremony

Reverend Shinkai Murakami invites temple members, parents, and grandparents to join Wailuku Hongwanji's annual Hanamatsuri (Buddha Day) Service and Infant Presentation Ceremony (Hanamairi or Shosan-shiki) on Sunday, April 13, starting at 8:00 a.m.

Hanamatsuri (Flower Festival) is celebrated on April 8, marking the birth of Siddhartha Gautama, who became enlightened as Shakyamuni Buddha. This celebration symbolizes the release of all sentient beings from suffering and sorrow.

Infant Presentation Ceremony (Shosan-shiki): This ceremony allows families to present their child to Amida Buddha and the Sangha for the first time. Reverend Murakami emphasizes the importance of raising a child or grandchild with great thought and the gift of Dharma as one of the most precious offerings. The temple celebrates Hanamatsuri by honoring this tradition. During the ceremony, parents vow to guide their child's spiritual growth according to the teachings of the Buddha. This commitment extends to the temple and its followers, who pledge to support and cherish the child. Each child will receive their first Onenju as a gift. Parents and grandparents interested in participating in the Infant Presentation Ceremony may contact Reverend Murakami or pick up an appreciation form at the temple office.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Collect Your Gratitude Coin Before They're Gone!

Own a piece of our temple's history! While the 2025 coin design remains a surprise, past limited-edition coins are still available:

- 2022 Gratitude Coin
- 2023 Compassion & Kindness Coin
- 2024 Community Coin

Each beautifully crafted coin reflects a meaningful theme from our journey. Supplies are limited—complete your collection or gift one today! To order, contact Danny Topp at (808) 244-0406 or whm@wailukuhongwanji.org.

ADULT ORGANIZATIONS

Buddhist Women’s Association News

Gwen Hiraga

The BWA extends its congratulations to member Celeste Rabang on her selection as the Maui Nui District – Scouting America, Aloha Council – Scoutmaster of the Year. A dinner was held on February 22nd at UHMC to recognize and honor several award recipients. BWA members attended the dinner to personally show our support and appreciation to Celeste for the assistance the Scouts have provided to the BWA throughout the years.

At the BWA Membership meeting on February 16th, the BWA presented its annual donations to the Kyodan (Chair Mike Munekiyo and Vice-Chair Gary Murai), Office (Sharon Higa), Dharma School (Joan Tamori, Sandy Hirata and Samantha Takamura), Jr. YBA, and Organists. The BWA is truly grateful and appreciates the assistance and support from the many individuals who have helped not only the BWA but the temple and affiliates as well.

On February 20th, the Craft and Sewing Group presented its donation to Kyodan Board Chair Mike Munekiyo, Kyodan Board Vice-Chair Gary Murai and Reverend Murakami. Following the presentation, Mike, Gary and Reverend joined the group for lunch. The Group meets every Thursday and is grateful for the use of the Social Hall. The Group continues to make origami lei and a few members also sew items for sale at Obon and the Annual Craft and Food Fair.

BWA members posed their hands for the 2025 Gratitude Coin. Thank you to members Eric Ikeuchi, Tamara Manley and Judy Toba-Stillwell.

Happy Birthday to our BWA members born in April: Gail Kushiya and Cheryl Takamiya.

The BWA is pleased to share our members’ favorite recipes. The recipe of the month is “Maze Gohan” courtesy of Bette Nomura.



Above: The scouts dinner and the award to Celeste as Scoutmaster of the Year.



Above: 2025 Gratitude Coin group.



Left: Craft and Sewing donation to the Kyodan.

Maze Gohan (2 Options):
Courtesy of Bette Nomura

RECIPE 1:

- 5 Cups rice
- 1 Package soybean kernels
- 1 Container chazuke wakame
- 1 Bottle (7.05oz) seasoned nametake mushrooms

Cook 5 Cups of rice. Mix rice with remaining ingredients. Serve warm or room temperature. Refrigerate any leftover rice mixture. Serves 10 to 12.



RECIPE 2:

- 4 Cups rice
- 1 Can fukujinzuke (seasoned veg.)
- 1 Package shiofuku konbu

Cook rice. Mix rice with fukujinzuke and shiofuku konbu. Serve warm or room temperature. Refrigerate any leftover rice mixture. Serves 8 to 10.



Right: Photo taken on February 16th for the annual donations.



YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS

Sakura 4-H Clubs - The Clover Report

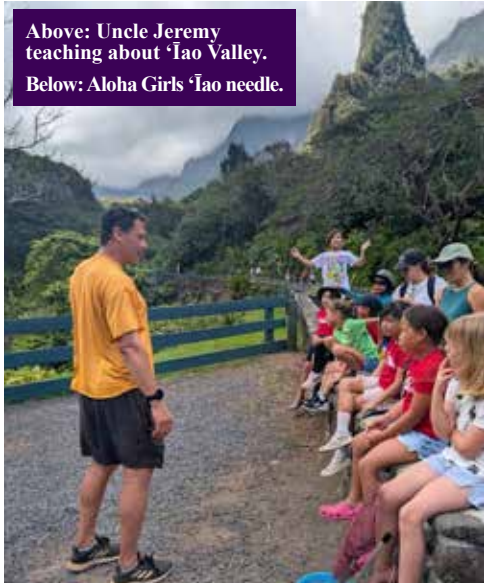
Sammy Takamura

In February the **Aloha Girls** learned about and hiked through ‘Āao Valley. Uncle Jeremy served as hike guide and led the girls up to the ‘Āao needle. The girls learned that the ‘Āao needle served as a lookout point for ancient Hawaiian scouts. The girls went on a moderate hike passing by the “rainbow man” petroglyph. At the end of the hike, the group was rewarded with a nice cool swim in the ‘Āao stream. Thank you to all the Aloha Girls’ families for coming out on this fun adventure!

The **Lōkahi Girls** are going back to crochet basics and learning how to make beanies. Their hope is to become skilled enough to make beanies for cancer patients.

In February some of our Sakura girls participated in a Movie Night hosted by the Lucky Charmers. They watched *Lady and Tramp*, ate spaghetti and had fun in their cozy pajamas.

This month most of our older Sakura girls are busy preparing for the annual 4-H County Teach-in event in April. Please look forward to hearing about their presentations in next month’s newsletter.



Above: Uncle Jeremy teaching about ‘Āao Valley.
Below: Aloha Girls ‘Āao needle.



Above: Lōkahi Girls’ 4-H mom Cari helping her daughters with their double crochet stitches
Below: Emily concentrating while her chickie looks over



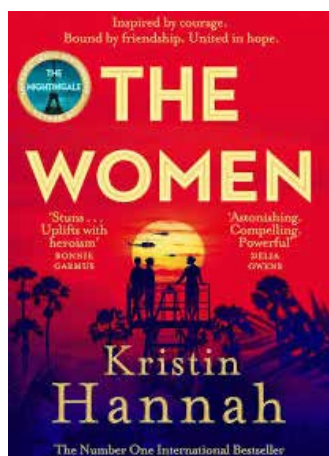
Above: Lōkahi Girl Kenzie working hard on her beanie
Below: Emma & Peyton running through their first Teach-in practice session.



RECREATIONAL GROUPS

Buddha Reads: The Women by Kristin Hannah

Danny Topp



The Buddha Reads Book Club recently gathered to discuss *The Women* by Kristin Hannah. Attendees included Danny, Joan, Farron, Gary, and Laurie. The novel follows Frances “Frankie” McGrath, a young woman who volunteers as a nurse in the Vietnam War. Raised in a privileged and sheltered environment, Frankie is driven by a sense of duty, but her idealism is soon challenged by the harsh realities of war. The book explores themes of sacrifice, resilience, and the overlooked contributions of women in wartime.

The group unanimously enjoyed the novel and would recommend it. Bob, who was unable to attend, shared his thoughts via email, praising the book’s accuracy, compelling story, and portrayal of women’s struggles. Joan and Farron echoed these sentiments, emphasizing how powerfully the book captured the experiences of nurses and doctors during the war.

Gary reflected on how the Vietnam War shaped public trust in the government. While he was initially skeptical about the romance elements, he appreciated the book’s historical accuracy and the depiction of how Vietnam veterans—especially women—were treated. Farron, born after the war, found the book eye-opening and was inspired to research the conflict further. Laurie found the romance predictable and was frustrated by some of Frankie’s decisions.

The club’s next meeting will be on April 6th to discuss *The Kite Runner* by Khaled Hosseini. The group is especially looking forward to hearing Bob’s insights on *The Women* and his perspective on Vietnam, which will kick off the next discussion.

YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS

Boy Scouts Prepare for Camporee & Head to Japan

Celeste Rabang

Scouts are busy doing community service. They helped prepare camp for the upcoming Camporee and Summer camps by doing lots of yard work.

Order of the Arrow members and Eagle scouts Adam and D'Marco along with Scoutmaster Celeste are headed to Japan for the annual Conclave.



Matthew, Trenton, Tate, Kody, Kalaheo, & Dominic



Above: 1st experience with a subway
Below: Adam, Scoutmaster Celeste & D'Marco arrive in Japan



Before picture of Archery wall.



After picture.... All cleaned up!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Troop 40 Boy Scouts to Host Mother's Day Brunch on Sunday, May 11

Troop 40 Boy Scouts will be hosting the Mother's Day Brunch on Sunday, May 11, immediately after Gotan-e Service. The service begins at 9:00 a.m. Scoutmaster Celeste Rabang cordially invites temple members and friends to attend this special event honoring our mothers and grandmothers.

The Kyodan Board of Directors would like to express its appreciation to the Boy Scouts of Troop 40 for preparing the brunch for the temple membership.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Help Needed for BCA Temple Members Affected by the SoCal Wildfires

Michael Munekiyo

The Buddhist Churches of America (BCA) has established the Southern California Wildfire Relief fund in response to the catastrophic and deadly wildfires across Southern California. Monies raised will support BCA's Pasadena Buddhist Temple and other Southern District temples affected by the wildfires. The Pasadena Buddhist Temple was saved because of the quick actions of neighbors. Unfortunately, 16 Pasadena Sangha members lost their homes and a business. There have also been additional Sangha members in Southern California, including members of the West Los Angeles Buddhist Temple and Senshin Buddhist Temple, who have lost their homes and have been forced to evacuate.

Donations to the fund can be made through the following methods:

Go to the BCA website at: <https://bca.kindful.com/>
(scroll down on the SELECT A CAMPAIGN BOX and select DISASTER RELIEF – SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA WILDFIRE RELIEF)

You may also make donations by checks made payable to the BCAEF (please note WILDFIRES on the memo line) and mailed to:

Buddhist Churches of America Endowment Foundation
2140 Durant Avenue
Berkeley, CA, 94704

Your support for the BCA during this challenging time is greatly appreciated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

April 6: Invitation to Central Maui Hanamatsuri Festival

The Maui Hanamatsuri Association warmly invites all temple members to the Central Maui Hanamatsuri Festival, taking place on Sunday, April 6, at the Wailuku Hongwanji Buddhist Temple. You are encouraged to join your temple members and friends for this significant Buddhist event.

The program will start with a service at 9:00 a.m., followed by a day filled with games and entertainment in the courtyard and social hall. The day will conclude with lunch with attendees coming together in fellowship and reflection as we celebrate Shakyamuni Buddha’s birthday.

Hanamatsuri, commemorating the birth of Sakyamuni Buddha over 2,500 years ago, is one of the most cherished observances in Buddhist traditions. This year, the festival is proudly sponsored by Kahului Hongwanji, Kahului Jodo Mission, Makawao Hongwanji, Wailuku Hongwanji, and Wailuku Jodo Mission. Members from the Lahaina Hongwanji and Lahaina Jodo Mission will also be attending the event.

There is no cost to attend the festival; however, to assist the food committee to prepare enough food, please contact the temple office at (808) 244-0406 with your lunch count. The deadline to submit lunch count is Monday, March 24.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

2025 Membership Dues Being Collected

Have you noticed? When we send reminders about gojikai, we often use the term “membership dues.” In Jodo Shinshu Buddhism, gojikai refers to contributions that support the temple. While both terms are interchangeable, younger members typically say “membership dues” or just “dues.”

Each January, we remind members to renew their dues for the year. These contributions are essential for funding religious services, educational programs, community events, and maintaining temple facilities. A portion is also sent to Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii to cover our temple’s assessment, which in 2024 totaled \$37,713—or \$153.30 per member (family).

Suggested Dues: To help members decide their contributions, the board offers these guidelines:

- Households with two or more members: \$20–\$30 per month.
- Single-member households: \$12–\$15 per month.

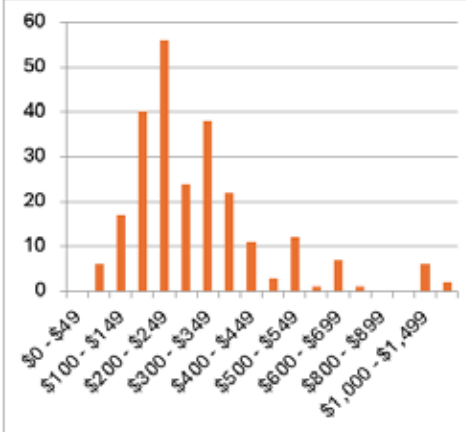
Members are encouraged to contribute an amount that fits their financial ability. No one will be excluded from membership based on their dues.

Why It Matters

Paying dues is more than a financial contribution; it symbolizes your commitment to Wailuku Hongwanji Buddhist Temple and its mission. Your support sustains our programs, services, and community initiatives, ensuring the Dharma continues to thrive.

A breakdown of member contributions for 2024 is on the right. Thank you for your generosity and dedication to our temple and community.

Gojikai Range	Members	Per Cent
\$0 - \$49	0	0.00%
\$50 - \$99	6	2.44%
\$100 - \$149	17	6.91%
\$150 - \$199	40	16.26%
\$200 - \$249	56	22.76%
\$250 - \$299	24	9.76%
\$300 - \$349	38	15.45%
\$350 - \$399	22	8.94%
\$400 - \$449	11	4.47%
\$450 - \$499	3	1.22%
\$500 - \$549	12	4.88%
\$550 - \$599	1	0.41%
\$600 - \$699	7	2.85%
\$700 - \$799	1	0.41%
\$800 - \$899	0	0.00%
\$900 - \$999	0	0.00%
\$1,000 - \$1,499	6	2.44%
\$1,500 - \$2,499	2	0.81%
	246	100.00%



Distribution of Membership Dues for the year 2024

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sharing Your Nembutsu Moments

Michael Munekiyo

The Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii has published the book, Sharing Your Nembutsu Moments, a project coordinated by the Commission on Buddhist Education and the Buddhist Study Center Committee. The book includes an insightful compilation of stories and artwork from Dharma School students, ministers and Sangha members from across the state. Reading the stories and viewing the artwork gives inspiration to living our lives with gratitude, humility and selflessness.

Wailuku Hongwanji will be ordering copies of the book from Honpa Hongwanji. Books will be offered for sale to WHM members at \$7.00 per book while supplies last. If you are interested in reserving a copy, please call the Temple office at 808 244-0406.

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 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

May 24, Wailuku Hongwanji Chow Fun Sale at Maui Matsuri

Wailuku Hongwanji will be selling chow fun at the annual Maui Matsuri Festival, which will be held on Saturday, May 24, at the University of Hawaii – Maui College courtyard from 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Chow fun tickets may be purchased from temple affiliate organization members—Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, 4-H Club, Judo Club, Kendo, and Karate. The cost for a quart of chow fun is \$12.

Chow fun may be picked up at the University of Hawaii, Maui College courtyard from 3:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Volunteers to help prepare ingredients and cook the chow fun will be needed. If you are able to help on Saturday, May 24th, please contact the Temple office.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, May 18: Fujimatsuri Festival at Wailuku Hongwanji Mission

The Maui Hongwanji Council will be sponsoring its annual Fujimatsuri Celebration or Wisteria Festival on Sunday, May 18, at Wailuku Hongwanji Buddhist Temple from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The service will begin at 9 a.m. After the service, attendees will adjourn to the social hall for games, entertainment, lunch, and fellowship as part of the event.

Sangha members and ministers from Kahului Hongwanji, Lahaina Hongwanji, Makawao Hongwanji, and Wailuku Hongwanji will be participating in this event.

The Fujimatsuri Celebration is held annually to celebrate the birthday of Shinran Shonin who was born on May 12, 1173. The wisteria is the flower that represents our Buddhist sect and is visible as a mon (crest) in our temple and within most of our publications. The wisteria is symbolic of Jodo Shinshu in that unlike other flowers which seem to stand up straight and tall when in full bloom, the wisteria hangs down, as if in humility. This teaches us that a true human being does not stand up in arrogance of their accomplishments but rather realizes that they have much to be grateful for.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, May 11: Rev. Shingo Furusawa Guest Speaker at Gotan-e Service

The Wailuku Hongwanji Buddhist Temple will host its annual Gotan-e (Shinran Shonin’s birthday) Service on Sunday, May 11, starting at 9 a.m. The guest speaker will be Reverend Shingo Furusawa, the associate minister at Honpa Hongwanji Betsuin. Reverend Furusawa has previously served as the resident minister at Honokaa Hongwanji Mission and as an Oversea Minister for Kamuela, Kohala, and Paauilo Hongwanji temples. He also contributes to the Office of Buddhist Education.

Shinran Shonin founded the Jodo Shinshu, or Pure Land Buddhism, for ordinary people. Gotan-e translates to “coming down birthday gathering,” and it is also known as Fujimatsuri (wisteria festival). The double-wisteria crest is the symbol of Wailuku Hongwanji Buddhist Temple. The pendant of wisteria blossoms represents humility and sincere reverence to Amida Buddha.

***Intro Class on Cybersecurity
Protecting Yourself and Your Sangha
from Email Scams and More
Saturday, May 10, 2025 (hybrid)
10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m. (including Q&A)***

Register at:
<https://hongwanjihawaii.com/event/cybersecurity-class/>

CHORAL FEST 2025

WHEN
September 20 - 21, 2025

WHERE
Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin
1727 PALI HWY, HONOLULU, HAWAII

MUSIC SELECTIONS TO INCLUDE:
TO MY DAUGHTERS — SURELY, WE WILL MEET AGAIN SOMEDAY — WHERE, OH WHERE — UPON CLOUDS — TO ALL WE OWE

PLEASE REGISTER FOR CHORALFEST WITH YOUR RESPECTIVE TEMPLES

LINKS FOR PRACTICE MATERIALS VIA GOOGLE DRIVE WILL BE PROVIDED

ALL ARE WELCOME!

CONDUCTOR:
Nola Nahulu

PIANIST:
Francis Okano

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE:
9/20:
PM Practice
Dinner Program
09/21:
AM Practice
Music Service
Fellowship

DEADLINE TO REGISTER:
April 30, 2025

REGISTRATION FEE:
\$35

ANNOUNCEMENTS

June 2nd, Obon Mairi Begins

Reverend Shinkai Murakami will commence Obon Mairi (Obon home visitation) for Wailuku Hongwanji members starting on Monday, June 2. Members are encouraged to contact Reverend Murakami at 808-244-0406 to arrange a convenient date and time for his visit.

Each year, Reverend Murakami visits temple members' homes to conduct an Obon service, honoring the spirits of their ancestors. This Buddhist tradition has evolved into a family reunion, where it is believed that the spirits of ancestors revisit the household altar. Families honor their ancestors and express gratitude for the contributions they made to their lives. They celebrate life and the sacred connection of all living beings. Members are reminded to clean their butsudan (family altar) and place fresh flowers for the service.

Our Deepest Sympathies

Francis Tamotsu Kimoto (SHO DO- Path of the Sage), age 88, of Wailuku, passed away on December 28, 2024

Thomas Toru Fujii (KU KUN - Great Meritorious), age 86, of Wailuku, passed away on February 23, 2025

2025 BCA Eitaiyō Service

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CJ-2BUrWHEU>

Namo Amida Butsu

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Ofuse: Thank You for Your Compassion

- Ethel Fujii - *In memory of Thomas Toru Fujii*
- Ronald & Amy Kamakaiwi - *In memory of Eleanor Yonamine*
- Joyce Kawakami - *In memory of Mitsugi Kawakami*
- Julie Kimoto - *In memory of Frances Tamotsu Kimoto*
- Milton & Lisa Matsuoka - *In memory of Kengo Matsuoka*
- June Okamoto - *In memory of George Okamoto*
- Amy & Daniel Saito - *In memory of Sadako Nakao*

Nokotsudo: Thank You

- Ethel Fujii
- Hideo & Joyce Kawahara - *In memory of Clara Sodetani's Birthday & Yukie Kawahara*
- Jane & Irving Koja - *In memory of the Tomokiyo & Hirata Families*
- Suyeno & Les Kunisaki - *In memory of Mr. & Mrs. Tadashi Anbe & Mr. & Mrs. Tsugio Yamaguchi*
- Mark & Judith Madden - *In memory of Carol Aiko Fukagawa Madden*
- Milton & Lisa Matsuoka
- Kenneth Oishi - *In memory of Seichi & Yukino Oishi*
- Marilyn Umetsu - *In memory of Jiro Kanada & Family, Seichi Saka & Misano Saka, Thomas Umetsu & Family, and Takizo Cho & Family*
- Henry & Betty Yamashiro - *In memory of Jack Masashi Kato*

MEMORIAL SERVICES

April Hoji Memorial Services



1st YEAR MEMORIAL - 2024

DAY	NAME
08	Yukie Ng (KO SEN)

3rd YEAR MEMORIAL - 2023

DAY	NAME
02	Barbara Nobuko Tadakuma (SHIN SHO)
16	Jon Lee Nakano (JO GAN)
28	Sin Cha Shimizu (GU ZEI)

7th YEAR MEMORIAL - 2019

DAY	NAME
17	Minoru Igarashi (SHIN JITSU)

17th YEAR MEMORIAL - 2009

DAY	NAME
04	Rev. Thom Nakanishi (RI SHO)
07	Kazume Ogawa (MYO NEN)

25th YEAR MEMORIAL - 2001

DAY	NAME
10	Tomiyoshi Shibano (JYO FU)
24	Mika Tsuruko Oki (RYO DO)

33rd YEAR MEMORIAL - 1993

DAY	NAME
12	Tokito Manta (JITOKUO) (HOETSUIN SAKU)
21	Yone Yamaoka (SHO KYO)

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

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April / May 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3 BWA Hosha Day BWA ACCW Delivery 7pm Troop Mtg.	4	5 9am MUBWA Spring Assembly @ WHM 5pm: Hall Setup Central: Maui Hanamatsuri
6 9am Central Maui Hanamatsuri Assn Hanamatsuri Observance @ WHM	7 5:15pm Dharma Strummers	8 Buddha Day (Temple Closed) 5:30pm Graduate Banquet	9 5:30pm Obon Practice	10 7pm Troop Mtg.	11 Conference Room Rental	12
13 8am WHM Hanamatsuri & Infant Presentation Service DS Egg Hunt 9:30am BWA Meeting 10:30am Cub Den Meeting	14 5:15pm Dharma Strummers	15 6pm Cub Scouts "Rain Gutter Regatta"	16 5pm Kyodan Board Meeting via Zoom	17 BWA ACCW Delivery 7pm Troop Mtg.	18 Good Friday (Office Open) No Gakuen YEISS Camp 41 (Camp Erdman)	19
20 8am BWA Eshinni & Kakushinni Sunday YEISS Camp 41 (Camp Erdman)	21 5:15pm Dharma Strummers	22	23	24 BWA ACCW Delivery 7pm Troop Mtg.	25 BWA Eshinni Day/Peace Day	26 1pm Cubs Blue & Gold Award
27 8am Family Service Social Hall Rental	28 5:15pm Dharma Strummers	29 6:30pm Cubs	30	1 BWA Hosha Day BWA ACCW Delivery 7pm Troop Mtg. Kunisaki Schlrship Application Due	2	3
4 8am Sunday Service DS: A Cup of Cold Water Community Service	5 5:15pm Dharma Strummers 7pm Central Maui Hanamatsuri Assn Eval Mtng at WHM	6	7 Social Hall Rental	8 7pm Troop Mtg.	9	10 Social Hall Rental 10am - 1pm: Maui Matsuri at Queen Kaahumanu
11 8am Gotan-e (Rev. Shingo Furusawa) & Mother's Day Service (Troop 40 Hosting Breakfast) 9:30am BWA Mtng 10:30am Cubs Mtng	12 5:15pm Dharma Strummers	13	14 5:30pm Obon Practice	15 BWA ACCW Delivery 7pm Troop Mtg.	16 PBA Baccalaureate Ceremony	17 Preschool Graduation
18 9am Fujimatsuri at WHM PBA Comm. Exercise	19 5:15pm Dharma Strummers	20	21 Shinran Shonin's Birthday (Gotan-e) 5pm Kyodan Board Meeting via Zoom	22 7pm Troop Mtg.	23 Gakuen Graduation & Awards Night	24 3-9pm Maui Matsuri Chow Fun Sale at UHMC
25 8am Memorial Day Service & DS Recognition Day (Raffle for parents) 10:30am - 12:30pm 4-H Mtng Conf. Room Rental	26 8:30am Memorial Day Service at Makawao Veterans Cemetery Memorial Day (Office Closed)	27 6:30pm Cubs	28	29 7pm Troop Mtg.	30 Last Day for DOE Students Sanmu Mtng and Sanmu-Kanji Mtng (Online) Social Hall Rental	31 Board of Directors Mtng. (Online)