#### **RECENT EVENTS**

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#### EITAIKYO SERVICE (Nov. 23, 2014)



[Photo by Sylvia Neizman] Guest Speaker at the service was the Reverend Toyokazu Hagio (*left in photo*). He is Fukurimban at Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii.

**NEMBUTSU SEMINAR** (November) Sponsor: Maui Hongwanji Council Venue: Kahului Hongwanji Mission



Guest Speaker at the Nembutsu Seminar was Dr. Nobuo Haneda. Dr. Haneda is a noted Shin Buddhist lecturer, from the Maida Center of Buddhism in Berkeley, California.

## **BWA MEMORIAL SERVICE**



Guest Speaker Kallie Keith-Agaran (Kahului HM) spoke of her personal journey to Jodo Shinshu. Her talk included accounts of her first dharma classes with Rev. Jeffrey Soga, and her initial encounters with the Buddhist Women's Association.

This year's BWA Memorial Service honored the following members who passed away within the past year: Lillian Agawa, Yukie Takayama, Carol Yamamoto.

#### **Maui United BWA Fall Assembly**

Venue: Kahului Hongwanji Mission



Installation of 2015 MUBWA Officers The coordinating unit will be Wailuku HM BWA.



Ukulele sing-a-long.

Keynote Speaker was Kyle Ginoza, Maui County Director of Environmental Management. His talk included many lessons on how best to avoid WASTE and to respect the environment.



Resident Minister Rev. Ai Hironaka on the left, and Guest Speaker, Rev. Shuju Inamura on right. Rev. Inamura is the resident minister at Paia Mantokuji Soto Mission. [Photo by Sylvia Neizman]



Dharma School children "ham it up" posing in front of the owl painting that they had created --- with their footprints. [Photo from Facebook]





## JANUARY 10, 2015 – 4 to 8 pm Kahului Hongwanji Mission 291 South Pu'unene Ave.

The 5 Hongwanji temples in Maui County will be sponsoring tastings of home - made food from the recipes of temple members. No dish more than \$3.



Lahaina Hongwanji Mission Installation of 2015 Officers & NEW YEAR PARTY !

JANUARY 24, 2015 9:00 am Service / Installation Party to follow, in Social Hall

# **CRANES** for **PEACE PROJECT**

Your opportunity for "hands-on" participation !

For the past eight years, Honokaa Hongwanji member Miles Okumura and his Peace Committee have celebrated Peace Day in September. The Peace Day activities have now evolved and grown into a community week- long event with varied activities of art and athletic events. It culminates in an exciting fun filled parade and festival. In 2013 the Peace Committee proposed a **"Peace for Cranes" project**. This ambitious project requires the folding of **144,000 cranes** to symbolize the number of lives lost in the Hiroshima and Nagasaki atomic bombings during World War II. All of us in the Buddhist community have been encouraged to participate in folding cranes to reach this goal by the 2015 summer. At this time the Peace Committee is way short of their goal by over a 100,000 cranes.

The ladies of the Maui United Buddhist Womens Association from Kahului, Lahaina, Lanai, Makawao and Wailuku, in one month folded a total of 3,776 which was tallied at their Dec.13, Fall General Assembly. Lahaina BWA generously donated the time and expense to package and ship the 2 boxes of cranes to Miles Okumura. The Maui United BWA local units will continue to fold cranes as an ongoing joint project.

The Lahaina Hongwanji Mission BWA contributed 1,760 cranes of the 3.776 collected at the Fall General Assembly. Realizing that this Cranes Project need a lot of help beyond what the Hongwanji associations can do, we asked for help from friends, relatives and community members to join in contributing to this project. More than 1,000 of the 1,760 Lahaina cranes were folded by non members of Lahaina Hongwanji. We ask that our members and their friends as well as other community groups continue to join us as we fold the many more thousands of cranes to help realize the "Cranes for Peace" project goal of 144,000.

Origami paper or any square sheet of paper regardless of size can be folded into a crane. You can use recycled wrapping paper or any other reusable paper cut into a square to fold the cranes. If you would like to help fold cranes or make donations of origami paper please contact **Sharon Nohara at 661-0789**.

ATTENTION: The cranes should be submitted in the <u>folded-flat (unopened)</u> manner as shown below.



PERTINENT INFORMATION ABOUT ORIGAMI and the CRANES

• The Japanese word "<u>Origami</u>" itself is a compound of two smaller Japanese words: "oru", meaning to fold, and "kami", meaning paper.

• Japanese origami began sometime after <u>Buddhist</u> monks carried paper to Japan during the 6th century.<sup>[11]</sup> The first Japanese origami is dated from this period and was used for religious ceremonial purposes only, due to the high price of paper.

• One of the most famous origami designs is the Japanese <u>crane</u>. The crane is auspicious in Japanese culture. Legend says that anyone who folds one thousand paper cranes will have their heart's desire come true. The origami crane (折鶴 *orizuru* in Japanese) has become a symbol of peace because of this belief and because of a young Japanese girl named <u>Sadako Sasaki</u> Sadako was exposed to the radiation of the <u>atomic bombing of Hiroshima</u> as an infant, and it took its inevitable toll on her health. By the time she was twelve in 1955, she was dying of <u>leukemia</u>. One tale is that Sadako folded 644 cranes before she died; her classmates then continued folding cranes in honor of their friend. She was buried with a wreath of 1,000 cranes to honor her dream. While her effort could not extend her life, it moved her friends to make a granite statue of Sadako in the <u>Hiroshima Peace Park</u>: a girl standing with her hands outstretched, a paper crane flying from her fingertips. Every year the statue is adorned with thousands of wreaths of a thousand origami cranes. A group of one thousand paper cranes is called *senbazuru* in Japanese (千羽鶴).

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Kamehameha Schools Maui Keopuolani Hale 270 Aapueo Parkway, Pukalani

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