



LAST MONTH'S EVENTS

Mother's Day



Earl Zaan does his magic with sweets for our ladies.



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Chief Chef Kent Nishijima "woks up" the Chicken Hekka.

'Noosh' Nishihara stands by for a taste



Others on Kitchen Crew: Derrick Fujiwara, Haru Nakagawa, Jeanne Nagao, Phyllis Nakamura



Rene Yamafuji, Anita Yamafuji, May Fujiwara, Pat Endsley. HAPPY MOTHERS sit and enjoy their meal.



Kazue Zaan, Noosh N., Violet Nishijima, Doris Fujii

Annual Cemetery Clean-up



Paul Anbe (Shingon), Noosh Nishihara(LHM), Rev. Takayuki Meguro(Shingon), Mr. Lee (Lahaina Jodo)



'Herbie' Nishijima (LHM)
Lee Munemitsu (Jodo)

Dawn Fujiwara (LHM)

Others on work crew: Rev. Gensho Hara (Lahaina Jodo), Phyllis Nakamura (LHM)

It's always a humbling experience to re-visit the cemetery each year. The message of the passage of time is clearly seen in the movement of the sand ... the increasing tilts in gravestones ... the erosion of names carved into them. One cannot help but contemplate the generations of lives ... the interconnections ... the brief yet important imprints that their lives set down within the very impermanence of all life.

Namoamidabutsu

More of LAST MONTH'S EVENTS

FUJI MATSURI

Host Temple: Kahului Hongwanji

Dharma Message Highlights (Rev. Richard Tennes)

- Differences between **Shakyamuni Buddha** and **Shinran Shonin**:
 - **Shakyamuni Buddha's** teachings came from his Enlightenment. Siddhartha Gautama completely overcame his limited self – he was awakened – hence he had no more blind passions.
 - **Shinran Shonin** was an ordinary person. He did not attain Enlightenment. He was a person of *bonno*. His teachings arose from his awareness of **not** being enlightened.
 - **Shakaymuni Buddha** wanted us to let go of all attachments and desires. He wanted us to devote ourselves to the Buddhist Path.
 - **Shinran Shonin** saw deeper inner meaning in the Buddha's teachings. He felt that we ourselves struggle through life ... so we couldn't possibly devote ourselves to religious pursuits to attain enlightenment. Shinran thought that the Buddha's real intent was to reach and help all people ... that the wisdom and compassion of Amida Buddha is the nature of our existence, and it frees us from our suffering. He is already embracing us – just as we are.
- The more a person thinks he is virtuous – the more arrogant that person is. What the working of Amida's Vow does:
 - **Arrogance** → **Humility**
 - **Anger** → **Self-Awareness**
 - **Resentment** → **Gratitude**
 - **Selfishness** → **Compassion**



Birthday celebration beside the statue of Shinran Shonin.



Kyle Ginoza calls on children to assist him with one of his magic tricks.

MAHALO to Host Temple Kahului Hongwanji !



Honpa Hongwanji
LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP
Maui Session – at Wailuku HM
Chaired by Glenn Hamamura,
Waipahu Hongwanji

Significant Topics discussed in small groups/whole group:

- **"The Power of Why"** Viewing of Simon Sinek video from TED Talks, followed by group discussion. Focused on questions: 1) What does your temple do? 2) WHY does your temple exist?
- **"Appreciative Inquiry"** Emphasis on dialog and encouragement to look for WHAT WORKS. Focus on the BEST of an organization. MOVE FORWARD on the organizations STRENGTHS.

GOTAN E SERVICE, Lahaina HM



L to R: Rev. Ai Hironaka, Rev. Kevin Kuniyuki, Mrs. Kuniyuki, Emcee Aileen Cockett



← Kallie Agaran (L) thanks B.J. Soriano after the latter's inspiring choral presentation / singing lesson with all present in temple. The songs were all composed by B.J., who is the Sangha Activities Coordinator at Hilo Betsuin. The music was arranged by Michael Springer.

Message Highlights: *What does Jodo Shinshu Mean to You?*

- 1) It is a path toward peace of mind. In return, we live the best life we can.
- 2) Acceptance of conditions because one can see the opportunities in it.
- 3) There is something greater than us that gives us true & unconditional love. It does not judge; it supports us.
- 4) We are responsible for our lives. What does this do? It empowers us-we have potential, limitations.

UPCOMING EVENTS



2015 Maui Obon Festival Schedule



June 6, Lahaina Shingon Mission

obon service at 6:30 p.m.; dancing at 7:30 p.m.

June 13, Pu'unēnē Nichiren Mission

obon service at 7 p.m.; dancing at 8 p.m.

June 26, Wailuku Jodo Mission

obon service at 7 p.m.; dancing at 8 p.m.

July 3, Lahaina Jodo Mission

obon service at 6:30 p.m.; dancing at 8 p.m.

July 10 and 11, Pā'ia Mantokuji Mission

obon service at 6 p.m.; dancing at 8 p.m.

July 17 and 18, Kahului Hongwanji Mission

obon service at 7 p.m.; dancing at 8 p.m.

July 24 and 25, Makawao Hongwanji Mission

obon service at 7 p.m.; dancing at 8 p.m.

July 31 and August 1, Wailuku Hongwanji Mission

obon service at 7 p.m.; dancing at 8 p.m.

August 7 and 8, Lahaina Hongwanji Mission

obon service at 6:30 p.m.; dancing at 8 p.m.

August 15, Kahului Jodo Mission

obon service at 6:30 p.m.; dancing at 7:30 p.m.

August 29, Kula Shofukuji Mission

obon service at 6:30 p.m.; dancing at 7:30 p.m.

MAUI ADULT DAY CARE CENTERS & Maui County Office on Aging Sponsor a **Free Caregiver Workshop** **"Hospice Maui Services"**

- *Living Wills, Advanced Directives, DNR, POLST*
- *When is someone ready for hospice care?*
- *Assessment / Team Approach / Feeding&Hydration*
- *Surviving & Thriving as a caregiver*

JUNE 11, 2015, 9:00-10:30am – Lahaina Hongwanji



Temple, Buildings and Grounds NEWS

TEMPLE

They arrived from Wakabayashi company in Japan, and they were installed with great care, under the supervision of Murata-san. The new decorative panels are mounted at the top, on both sides of the main altar.



← The crew worked very well in unison to get the work done. No mishaps and fine skills.

On floor level are-- Mr. Murata, Hironaka Sensei, and Mrs. Murata.

On ladders and holding the mural are --- 'Herbie' Nishijima and Derrick Fujiwara.

Watching in awe: Megumi Hironaka, Dan Thompson, & Phyllis Nakamura.



Detail of mural, showing dragon's face. Dragon on left (as you face altar) is blue in color – male. Dragon on right is red, signifying female. *Why dragons? In both Chinese and Japanese mythology, the dragon is one of Four Legendary Creatures guarding the four cosmic directions (Red Bird - S, Dragon - E, Tortoise - N, and the Tiger - W). Also known as protectors of the dharma.*

SOCIAL HALL

The craft supplies storage area looks wonderful. More storage shelving was installed, and supplies are well organized. **MAHALO** to 'Herbie' Nishijima, Derrick Fujiwara, Dawn Fujiwara, Emiko Fujikawa, Jane Agawa.



NEWS from RELATED LINKS

Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha HONGWANJI INTERNATIONAL CENTER

Religions Coming Together in Appreciation (Hongwanji Journal, February 1, 2015)

"Each year on January 26, 'Australia Day' is observed to commemorate the discovery of the Australian continent. This year, groups from seven religious organizations gathered in Southern Australia for a Joint Interfaith Appreciation Service. Representing the Australian Buddhist community was Hongwanji's regional district minister, Rev. George Gatenby.

Representatives from the Islamic and Christian communities shared their thoughts on peace and love, and Gatenby shared an English reading of Ashoka's pillar edict on toleration ... emphasizing the importance of peace."

A quote from the Ashoka edict: "The faiths of others all deserve to be honoured for one reason or another. By honouring them, one exalts one's own faith and at the same time performs a service to the faith of others. By acting otherwise, one injures one's own faith and also does disservice to that of others. For if one extols one's own faith and disparages another because of devotion to his own and because he wants to glorify it, one seriously injures one's own faith."

Buddhist Churches of America

WHEEL OF DHARMA – May 2015

President's Message - A Future of the BCA

[Excerpts]

"I had the opportunity to attend two very different events. Both could indicate what the Buddhist Churches of America (BCA) might look like in the future.

.... TechnoBuddha Conference at the Jodo Shinshu Center. There, 71 young adults came together to hear Sensei Jeff Wilson talk about the Dharma. They held workshops and partied into the night after the formal sessions were over. Their interest in the Dharma would inspire anyone.

.... Religions for Peace USA Council of Presidents' Meeting in New York City. This was a meeting of religious leaders from over fifty different faiths.

In speaking with religious leaders of other faiths, I learned that many of them had difficulty bringing young adults into their churches. The BCA is fortunate that we have an active Youth Advocacy Committee that helps to arrange events for our young adults.

At the Council of Presidents' Meeting, I met a youth minister for the United Church of Christ. She and part of her church participated in the march in Selma. She commented that she wished that members of her church could engage in Buddhist practices like meditation and self-reflection. When they participated in the march, they had little time after the event to talk about how being in Selma affected them. I hope to be able to connect that youth minister with one of our temples near her home office.

As we look to the future of our BCA, I hope that we can continue to engage our young adults in our Sanghas. Although we may not always see them in our temples, we know that they come together to share the Dharma in various locations. In their own way, they are becoming our future leaders. I hope that we can continue to connect with members of other religious faiths and build bonds that strengthen both communities.

Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii **MESSAGE from Bishop Eric Matsumoto** **Request for Compassionate Aid for Nepal**

[Excerpt] "On behalf of our State President Mr. Pieper Toyama, Committee on Social Concerns Chair Rev. Blayne Higa, and the Social Concerns Committee and myself, I would like to humbly ask our Members, Supporters and Friends for your compassionate help to lend aid to the people of Nepal. As Buddhists, we have a special connection with Nepal as it is the country of Sakyamuni's birth, but more importantly, let us help all of neighbors in Nepal in their time of need and immense suffering."

In Gassho, Rev. Eric Matsumoto, Bishop

May 1, 2015

To help, send / deliver checks made out to Lahaina Hongwanji – designated for Aid for Nepal. Deadline is JUNE 1ST. (Lump sum → Honpa)