



the Messenger

Embrace Change:
Harmony (Accept Change)

June 2018

- 16 Sat 7:30a Columbarium Cleaning
- 17 Sun No Sunday Service
- 8:00a Put Up Chochin/Memorial Ribbons
- No Bon Dance Practice
- 18 Mon 8:00a Tent Setup/Power Cables
- 9:00a No Calligraphy Class
- 19 Tue 8:00a Table Set-Up/Lights
- 20 Wed 7:30a Columbarium Cleaning
- 9:00a Decorate Yagura
- No Yoga Class
- 21 Thu 8:00a Booth Setup/Odds & Ends
- 22 Fri 8:00a Prepare Cone Sushi
- 11:00a Prepare Spam Musubi
- 3:30p **Columbarium to be Closed**
- 4:30p **Temple Entrances to be Closed**
- Set Up Chairs Around Yagura
- Volunteer Check-In
- 5:30p Food Service Begins
- 7:00p Children's Lantern Parade
- Opening Ceremony
- Bon Dance
- 9:00p Silent Auction Closes
- 23 Sat **Same Schedule as 6/22**
- 8:00p Okinawan Dance
- 24 Sun No Sunday Service
- 8:00a Obon Clean-up



Weekly Activities

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| Mon | 9:00a | Calligraphy |
| | 6:30p | Tai Chi for Health |
| Wed | 9:30a | Yoga |
| | 6:00p | Conversational Japanese |
| | 7:00p | Kendo |
| Thu | 6:00p | Aikido |
| | 7:00p | Dancersize (BWA) |
| Fri | 8:30a | Quilt Club |
| | 1:00p | Mahjong |

July 2018

- 01 Sun 9:00a Sunday Service-Guest Speaker: Cynthia Au, Blue Zone
- 10:00a Social Hour (SH)
- 02 Mon No Calligraphy
- 04 Wed 4th of July--Office Closed
- 7:30a Columbarium Cleaning
- 05 Thu 7:30a Hosha
- 07 Sat 7:30a Columbarium/Temple Cleaning
- 08 Sun 9:00a Sunday Service
- 10:00a BWA Meeting
- 10 Tue 10:00a Waialua Monthly Service
- 11 Wed 7:30a Columbarium Cleaning



Reverend's Message

Myo-go

Our primal practice is listening to the teachings of the Buddha. Do you know how we should think when we hear the Jodo Shinshu teaching?



How we should think follows:

1. *Who* - Buddha
2. *Whom* - Me
3. *When* - Now
4. *Where* - Here
5. *How* - Preach the teachings of the Buddha
6. *What Happens* - I decided to be born into the Pure Land by him

The Buddha is preaching the teachings which lead me to be born into the Pure Land now while in this world. First of all, you may question why our Amida Buddha is standing. The hint for the answer to this question is the Buddhist word "Myo-Go." "Myo" means name and "Go" means yell or loud voice. This word expresses that someone calls my name loudly.

You can imagine if your child is going to a dangerous place and might get injured, you cannot say a word of caution to your child by sitting on a chair. You would stand up immediately and in a loud voice warn him/her of the obvious dangers. From the Buddha's view, we are in a dark room and we cannot see anything, but we are always seeking to find the truth. So, our Buddha cannot sit to see us. Our Buddha stands and tries to guide us with his voice. That voice is Myo-Go which means Namo Amidabutsu. So, the "Myo-Go" gives us an image that Amida Buddha is calling our name loudly and guiding us to the Pure Land.

We should remember that Amida Buddha is always calling our name as a Nembutsu voice wherever we are.

In Gassho,



Wahiawa Hongwanji Mission

*Embrace Change: Harmony
(Accept Differences)*

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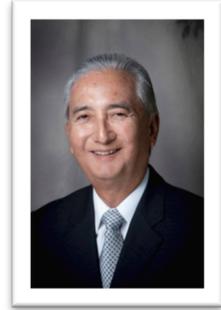
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*Obon festival
is
remembering
and
honoring
those who have passed away
and
celebrating family ties.*



President's Report

Obon Festival season is upon us! Bon dance practice, mochi making; planning for all foods including andagi, shave ice, great plate lunches; and handcrafting for the Country Store and Silent Auction are part of all the activities leading to the Wahiawa Obon Festival on June 22-23. Join in on the excitement!



May started out with Kano Hashimoto's baccalaureate and graduation ceremonies at the Pacific Buddhist Academy (PBA). The graduation was held at the Japanese Cultural Center for thirteen graduates. Each student was individually recognized, including the Kono Foundation Award for Kano as the student leader for Japanese culture. There were so many people from Wahiawa attending the graduation that Kano was covered with leis!

On Mother's Day, we had another successful service and a "build your own egg omelette" buffet breakfast in the Social Hall. This breakfast is certainly gaining popularity as a wonderful way to connect with family.

This year's Gotane Service was an Oahu district-wide Song Fest featuring Laurie Rubin as the Dharma speaker. Laurie spoke of her challenges growing up blind in a sighted world, and how lucky she was to have discovered her life's calling as a mezzo-soprano. She is co-founder of Ohana Arts and has successfully written and produced the musical, "Peace On Your Wings." After the service, we were treated to a children's puppet show, then divided up into three separate groups to learn and perform new songs. Everyone had a wonderful time.

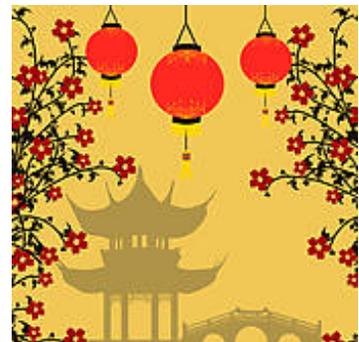
On May 17, at the Buddhist Study Center, a seminar on American Buddhism was presented and facilitated by Dr. George Tanabe, Professor Emeritus of Asian Studies at the University of Hawaii, and Dr. Jeff Wilson, Professor of Religious Studies and East Asian Studies from the University of Waterloo in Canada.

Buddhism in America is one of the fastest growing non-institutional religions in America. Its teachings provide stability and a positive alternative to the negativity presented by the media. Most religious institutions in America are decreasing in membership. People are no longer seeking formalized religious services, but more humanistic approaches to life's problems. Buddhism fits very well into this niche as there are many publications describing in simple terms, lessons on raising a family and developing strong communities based on these teachings. How we transform our own Jodo Shinshu form of Buddhism is really the challenge. We certainly have the support for such a transformation at all levels.

We appreciate any ideas on how we can make a more meaningful experience for our members and the community. As we come up with ideas, enthusiastic help and support are needed to implement them. One idea that was discussed was to leverage with tour companies to visit the temples. This would not only require getting tour companies involved and scheduling visits, but training docents to guide these tours on our grounds as well as presenting people with packets (books, mementos, etc.) of their visit. Wahiawa Hongwanji would be a perfect location because of our temple and serene campus (Bodhi and Ashoka trees) to offer our visitors a very interesting tour to the country. (See more details in the article by Carolyn Uchiyama on the next page.)

In Gassho,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert S. Wong". The signature is fluid and cursive, written on a white background.



American Buddhism: Re-invention or Re-discovery?

By: Dr. Jeff Wilson & Dr. George Tanabe

On May 17, 2018 there was a panel discussion between Dr. Jeff Wilson, currently Numata professor of Religion at the University of Hawaii Manoa, and Dr. George Tanabe, President of Bukkyo Dento Kyokai America. The discussion centered on the following questions:

- What is “American Buddhism” today and where is it going?
- Does a new form of Buddhism need to be re-invented for acceptance in America or do we re-discover the Universal Teachings of Shakyamuni?

The questions below were asked by participants at the session.

What is causing people to seek Buddhism?

- Provides stability
- Buddhism has a “good press.” It is positive and an alternative to the mainstream
- What do we have to offer???
- People want to know how Buddhism can have meaning in their life, for their family, and their working place?
- People are looking for basic humanistic teaching – how to deal with life, family, friends, relationships?

Is there hope for Jodo Shinshu?

- Work on message and the message delivery
- Keep messages relevant
- Buddhism needs to be outside of the temple like in Shinran’s time

What do you read after you finish reading the basic things?

- Do not need to invent or create new teachings. Early Buddhist teachings contained Buddhist humanism like the Dhammapada. Just go back to the Teachings.
- Re-discover the old writings because Shinran quotes Shakyamuni and Chinese teachings. He used old writings in new and unusual ways.
- The current book in English by Monshu Kojun Ohtani is available titled *Moving Forward Just As You Are: Living in These Uncertain Times*.

What about religious tourism?

- JCCH holds temple tours that are always sold out
- BDJ Japan is training people as English translators for visitors to temples. Great opportunity for trained people to explain about the temple.

Thoughts from Dr. Wilson at the end:

- Dharma destinations – train tour guides, tour bus drivers so they can talk about temples
- Temple tours
 1. Have docents at temples
 2. Have visitor packets ready with books or pamphlets available (like a Care package from the temple)
- Training & ordination in Hawaii & the mainland
- Initiatives by & for young people (get grants and fund it)
- Ordination for the young ministers who may not actually work in the temples (example, Chaplain)
- Dharma ambassadors
- Concerts at temples – Kaneohe Higashi Hongwanji is having one in August
- Prison outreach

In Gassho,
Carolyn Uchiyama

2018 OBON NEWS

Obon 2018 will see many changes which have become necessary primarily due to our aging membership. The loss of membership means decreased manpower so vital to putting on a large production as this. But even though we may need to make a change or two here and there, our Buddhist nature will help us to embrace and appreciate these changes we may be faced with.

On sale this year will be a newly designed bon dance towel by Brian Kimura. It will feature our temple and bamboo, and the yagura. Also on sale will be our set of four towels designed by Neal Tomita over the past four years. You will be able to purchase these towels at the Choba booth which will be located at the entrance to the temple grounds.



Our ever popular “H&H Country Store” will continue to feature everything “handmade” and “homemade,” and as such all items will be “one of a kind” and in limited numbers. Therefore, our suggestion will be to come early and make the “H&H Country Store” your first stop! A slight change in this booth will be that some of the baked goods sold in this booth in the past, this year will be found in our newly created “Tutu’s Kitchen.”

“Tutu’s Kitchen,” is the brainchild of Annette Kakazu and will offer cakes, pies, cookies and everything “bakery,” either by the piece or whole, while supplies last. “Tutu’s Kitchen” will be located in the Social Hall directly across from “Silent Auction.” Come in when you need a break from dancing and relax with a cup of coffee and piece of pie. Or talk story with an old friend over a piece of pineapple upside down cake.

While in the Social Hall browse over to the “Silent Auction” tables, take a look at everything on display, and put in your “bid” for those items you wish to take home. Check back often throughout the evening to “up your bids” if you need to or take your chances and hope you are the highest bidder. Winners will be announced at 9:00pm in the Social Hall. Highest bidder will take home the prize! Must be present to win.

Our food booths will continue to offer “ono” plate lunches and bento from Marian’s. We will still sell saimin and hot dogs, our specialty shave ice, our signature mochi, and our popular taiyaki. “Andagi Guy” will provide “andagi” for us this year. New in the food booth this year will be “fried noodles.”

Food service will begin at 5:30pm, so stop in to check it all out! Bring the family for dinner and stay for the dancing!

Bring the children too and let them enjoy the Keiki Korner. Let them have fun trying to “hook that really BIG one” at the ever popular “Fish Pond.” Or they can try their luck at the “Football Throw”, the “Bean Bag Toss”, or new this year, the “Bucket Ball.” These games will appropriately be operated by the Leilehua Football Team under the supervision of Coach Jon Acohido.

But let us not forget the purpose of Obon. That is to honor all those who came before us. Besides being present at the festivities, you can also honor your deceased family members by purchasing our traditional Memorial Ribbons. These ribbons will adorn the lanterns around the yagura. Special red bows will distinguish those observing their Hatsubon (1st year observance). What a wonderful way to honor your loved ones and enjoy the Obon festivities.

Temple Visit

Many have appreciated the opportunity for a close-up look at the inside of the temple. We again open our temple doors and invite all to come in.

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Children's Lantern Parade

Our lantern parade at 7:00pm will open each night's festivities. The parade around the yagura will feature the children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren of our temple members, as well as the children of the community.

We ask all parents to have their children dressed in their kimono or happi coats and lined up along the railing between the temple and office by 6:45pm on both nights. An announcement will be made over the speaker.

No Parking in Temple Lot

Once again we thank you in advance for helping to keep all vehicles off temple grounds during the dance. The parking lot will be closed at 4:30pm on both days. Those who will be working throughout the night can park on the grass area, but remember that you must be parked by 4:30pm and you will not be able to leave until after the dance. All deliveries and drop-offs after 4:30pm will be at the main entrance. The side gate (Plum Street) will be open for walk-in traffic only. Security will be present at both entrances.

Volunteer Help

Success of our Obon depends on your support. Please participate in whatever way you can.

We are looking for men and women willing and able to help us right now with preparations – tent setup, sewing, cooking, crafting, etc.

If you are interested in helping, please call 622-4320 or come into the office to sign up. Office hours: Monday-Friday, 8:00am-12:00pm.

If interested in working in one of the booths, you must be able to start at 4:30pm to receive your assignment and instructions so that we can begin food service on time. Booths close at approximately 9:30pm followed by cleanup.

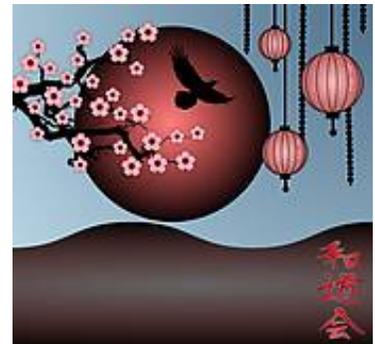
All those who sign up will be contacted by a committee member.

Country Store/Tutu's Kitchen/Silent Auction Donations

Here are more ways in which you can get involved with Obon. You can "make" or "bake" one of your favorite craft or food items to sell in our country store or in Tutu's Kitchen. Or, have you received a gift item which is still in your closet and you do not plan to use? We will take any new or unused item, preferably still in its original box, for our Silent Auction.

You can donate for Friday (6/22), or Saturday (6/23), or for both nights. Nonperishable items are being accepted now at the office. Bring your donations to the office by 12noon each day. Indicate on your item whether it's for the H&H Country Store, Tutu's Kitchen or the Silent Auction. Also leave us your name and phone number should we have any questions about any of your items.

Nonperishable items will be accepted in the office starting at 8:00am on Friday, (6/22) and Saturday (6/23). Again, please have your name and phone number written on your item and also tell us what you are donating.





Columbarium will be closed
at 3:30pm
on Fri, June 22
&
Sat, June 23
for Obon



Temple parking lot will be
closed to all cars
at 4:30pm
on Fri, June 22
&
Sat, June 23
for Obon



A Friendly Reminder

Did you forget to pay your
Gojikai dues?

WHM appreciates your taking
care of this matter as soon as
possible



Wahiawa Hongwanji

BON DANCE



June 22 (Fri) & June 23 (Sat)

5:30 pm
Food Service

7:00-10:00pm
Children's Lantern Parade
Opening Ceremony
Bon Dance

and more . . .
H & H Country Store
Keiki Korner
Silent Auction in Social Hall
Tutu's Kitchen





Get your baked goods from

Tutu's Kitchen



Yummy Cakes



Onolicious Cookies

Scrumptious Pies

Delicious Breads

Everything "Bakery"

Come in when you need a break from dancing and relax with a cup of coffee and piece of pie. Or talk story with an old friend over a piece of pineapple upside down cake.

Please donate to



Tutu's Kitchen



Tutu is baking her "broke-da-mouth" desserts with the ingredients you donate.

Please donate the following to Tutu's Kitchen:

- ♥ 3 dozens eggs
- ♥ 1 small jar honey
- ♥ 1 32-oz jar mayonnaise
- ♥ 2 15 oz cans pineapple slices
- ♥ 1 bottle maraschino cherries
- ♥ 4 blocks crème cheese
- ♥ Fresh Fruits
- ♥ lemons
- ♥ strawberries
- ♥ blueberries
- ♥ apples
- ♥ or whatever fresh fruits you may have

Please drop off your donations at the WHM office as soon as possible!

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