



the Messenger

Embrace Change:
Action (Open Communication)

JUNE 2017

3 Sat	7:30a	Columbarium Cleaning Only
4 Sun		No Sunday Service
	8:00a	Yagura Setup/Support Poles
	8:30a	Waialua Haka Service
	1:00p	Public Bon Dance Practice (Social Hall)
8 Thu	7:00p	Club Asoka (BWA Room)
9 Fri	12:00p	Deadline for Memorial Ribbon orders
10 Sat	7:30a	Temple/Columbarium Cleaning
	6:00p	Hatsubon Service, Speaker Rev Hashimoto
11 Sun	9:00a	Sunday Service
	10:00a	BWA Meeting (BWA Room)
	1:00p	Public Bon Dance Practice/Okinawan Dance Practice
13 Tue	8:00a	State Ministers' Seminar on the Big Island
	10:00a	Waialua Monthly Service
15 Thu	11:00a	Hospital Visitation (Project Dana)
17 Sat	7:30a	Temple/Columbarium Cleaning
18 Sun		No Sunday Service
	8:00a	Put up Chochin/Memorial Ribbons
	1:00p	Public Bon Dance Practice
19 Mon	8:00a	Begin Tent Setup/Power Cables/Lights
		Begin Overnight Security
20 Tue	8:00a	Tent Setup/Power/Lights/Cables/Chairs
21 Wed	9:00a	Decorate Yagura
22 Thu	8:00a	Chop Vegetables
		Setup Booths (equipment, paper products, etc)
23 Fri	8:00a	Chop Vegetables
	8:00a	Prepare Cone Sushi
	11:00a	Prepare Spam Musubi
	3:30p	Columbarium will be closed
	4:30p	Temple Entrances will be Closed to All Cars
		Setup Chairs Around Yagura
		Volunteer Check-in/Briefing
	6:00p	Food Service Begins
	7:00p	Children's Lantern Parade
		Opening Ceremony
		Bon Dance
	9:00p	Silent Auction Closes
24 Sat	8:00a	Same Schedule as 6/23
		Okinawa Dance Performance
25 Sun		No Sunday Service
	8:00a	Obon Cleanup



Weekly & BiWeekly Activities

Mon	9:00a	Calligraphy
	6:00p	Meditation
	6:30p	Tai Chi for Health
Wed	7:30a	Columbarium Cleaning
	7:00p	Kendo
	6:00p	Conversational Japanese
Thu	7:30a	Hosha Kai (biweekly)
	6:00p	Aikido (on vacation til July 13)
	7:00p	Dancersize (BWA)
Fri	8:30a	Quilting (BWA/biweekly)

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Reverend's Message

FATHER'S DAY

Bon Dance is coming this month! So June is a busy month for our temple. That is why we sometimes forget one more important day in June--**Father's Day!** So, let's think about Father's Day. What kind of episodes do you remember about your father? I remember my father being a strong and scary person to me when I was a kid. I think most fathers seem to be a severe kind of person in the eyes of a child.



I'll introduce some kanji. The first kanji is 男 "Otoko" which means male or man. This kanji was made by two kanji. The upper Kanji is 田 which means rice field and the down Kanji is 力 which means power. Otoko means the male uses power and strength to work in the rice fields to cultivate the rice. The Kanji for "Otoko" expresses that the male has power.

The second kanji is 父 "Chichi" which means father. This kanji expresses the crossing of two axes. In those days, fathers were a symbol of fighting males who hunted outside of the home. The kanji for "Chichi" shows us how fathers work hard and how fathers are honorable people.

Today, I would like to tell you about a writer who tells a story of his father's memory. The writer remembers that his father used to carry him on his shoulders (in Japanese "Kataguruma") when they would go to Matsuri. It was only four or five times, but the writer still remembers that very clearly even as an adult. I remember that my own father carried me on his shoulders, and I also remember that I used to carry my children on my shoulders. The children liked Kataguruma.

But let's go back to the story. The writer says that the Kataguruma shape is like the relationship between Amida Buddha and us. Imagine your father carrying you on his shoulders. You would never think about him dropping you. And because you entrust your father, you can enjoy Kataguruma on his shoulders. Although Father is tired from the strength he uses to keep you from falling, he is glad to see your smile.

When we think of the Kataguruma shape as Buddhism, we can imagine Amida Buddha carrying us on his shoulders like a father carries his child on his shoulders. Let us entrust in Amida's efforts and enjoy our life with Amida Buddha.

In Gassho,

Jin Shinetsu



*Affirm your reverence toward
the
Three Treasures - the Buddha,
Dharma, and Sangha
and
receive a Dharma Buddhist name
from
His Eminence
Gomonshu Kojun Ohtani*

Confirmation Ceremony or "Kikyoshiki"
will be offered at:

Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin

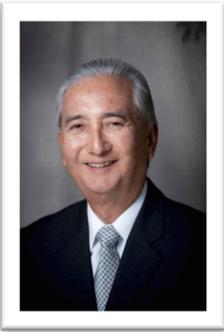
Date: Sept 10, 2017

Time: 2:00pm

Application form and
registration fee (\$50) is
due by June 30, 2017.
Call WHM temple office
at 622.4320 for more
information.



President's Report



Making mochi for Obon was our first of many activities in getting ready for Obon. Elaine Kawamoto, in charge of the mochi booth, increased the production by 50% over last year to make it a fun time for so many who helped. Thank you to all the volunteers!

The detailed plans for Obon are being finalized as we write this article for another big event! Dale Shimaura is in charge again for Obon activities. She has been

meeting with key booth chairpersons and getting a resource list of volunteers to help. Please celebrate with us in this fun event! Please see all the activities related to Obon during the month of June.



Besides getting ready for Obon, we spent the time in May upgrading our internet speed to accommodate the video teleconferencing with Reverend Marvin Harada of the Orange County Buddhist Church. This upgrade involved stringing a new fiber optic cable from Plum Street, around the Social Hall and to the office. That was just the beginning! Getting all the computers and printers synched with new access passwords and finally testing the connection to California was made possible by Karen Pang, Glenn Hamamura, and Sensei. This capability will provide better connectivity and growth of our interrelationships!

On May 6, we took part in the Pineapple Festival. It was a gorgeous day and a number of members, children, and grandchildren participated.

In an effort to improve efficiency and reduce cost, we are encouraging people to go PAPERLESS by sending us their email address. Viewing the newsletter online provides pictures in COLOR.

Our Summer Youth Program will focus on transitioning our current website to a new platform. Up to four member families with children who are Juniors and Seniors in high school, as well as college students on summer break, are eligible to have their children do part-time work this summer.

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Rod's Thoughts

Trying Something New

On May 21, we held our Gotan-E service to celebrate our founder's birthday (May 21, 1173) 844 years ago. Shinran Shonin was an innovator and started the Jodo Shinshu sect of Buddhism that stays with us today. His time was filled with conflict and political strife that trying something new was at personal risk to him and his family.

Two months before the service, Kojun (Hashimoto) Sensei informed us that he wanted to try something new. He had invited Reverend Marvin Harada, a well-known and respected resident minister of the Orange County Buddhist Church and Co-Director of the Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Study Center. What came to mind immediately was, "How are we going to afford this?"



He explained that he intended to use "Skype" technology to broadcast his Dharma talk from California. Wow...THAT was very innovative! Quickly technology issues came to mind. It's one thing to do it using phones. Did we have the bandwidth to accommodate this in the temple?

We soon learned that our bandwidth at Wahiawa Hongwanji would not accommodate doing teleconferencing. We had to upgrade our infrastructure that included laying fiber optic cable to increase our bandwidth by a factor of 50! This included new "boxes" and "connections" which impacted all of the computers and printers! Luckily, we had time to learn in this journey.

On the day of the service, we had a number of people attend from all over the island who gathered up front to see the monitor. Reverend Marvin had arranged for technical support on his end and we were all set by 8:30am. We left our phones on just in case something happened. Reverend Marvin was able to hear and see the congregation as the service started and got to his Dharma talk portion. His key message was that Buddhism teaches us that our egocentric nature causes all the stresses we face in life.

The picture was clear; the sound was clear . . . for about 10 minutes. Then something happened. We somehow lost the signal for the sound and things were very "exciting" as many of us scrambled to recover. In reflection, it was a very good first experience for us! We were excited that we could now expand our reach to other sites across the country as well as to the other islands without the expense of travel and hotels for a short Dharma talk.

Namo Amida Butsu!



OBON NEWS

Plans For An Exciting 2017 Obon Festival Underway

This year on sale will be our four Limited Edition Bon Dance towels, which you will be able to buy individually or as a set. The inspiration for these towels printed exclusively for WHM came from a watercolor painting donated by temple member and artist Neal Tomita for our 2012 Silent Auction. A table will be set up next to the Choba Booth where Neal will autograph your designer towels.

Our H&H Country Store (Homemade & Handmade) will feature what else, but “homemade” and “handmade” items. NOTE: Many of the things that go on sale will be “one of a kind!” SUGGESTION: Come early and make the “H&H Country Store” your first stop!

Many temple members, BWA members, Quilt Club members and others are busy creating and making items to sell, often using materials donated to the temple. You’ll find these items on display at the Silent Auction or for sale at the “H&H Country Store.”

So don’t forget to check out the Silent Auction in the Social Hall. Take a quick tour of all that will be on display, and then put in your “bid” for those items you wish to take home with you. Check back often throughout the evening to “up your bids” if you need to or take your chances and hope you’re 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.

(Can you keep a secret? There will be a Spinet piano on the auction block this year!)

Our food booths will offer the usual “ono” plate lunches, saimin, hot dogs, our specialty shave ice, our signature chow fun and mochi, our popular “taiyaki” and much more. So bring the family out for dinner and stay for the dancing!

Bring the children, too, and let them enjoy themselves at the Keiki Korner. Let them have fun trying to “hook that really BIG one” at the ever-popular Fish Pond.

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.

Your 2017 Obon Memorial Ribbon Order form is included in this issue of the newsletter. Completed forms and payment are due in the temple office by 12noon on Friday, June 9, 2017. Handwritten ribbons will be available after the deadline.

Temple Visit

Many have appreciated the opportunity for a close-up look at the inside of the temple. So, we again open our temple doors and invite all to come in. There will be temple tours and guides to explain or answer any questions.

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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-children of our temple members.

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.

Bon Dance Practice

Bon dance practice for everyone is being held each Sunday in the Social Hall from 1:00pm-3:00pm. Public is invited.

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 – yagura and 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-12:00noon.

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/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, 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 (6/23), or Saturday (6/24), 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 the item whether it's for the H&H country Store or for the Silent Auction. Also leave us your name and phone number should we have any questions about any of your items.

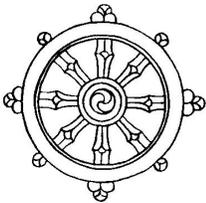
Nonperishable items will be accepted in the office starting at 8:00am on Friday (6/23) and Saturday (6/24). Again, please have your name and phone number written on your item and also tell us what you are donating.

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Gotan-E Service, celebrating our founder's birthday on May 21, was another unique service for Wahiawa Hongwanji. Reverend Marvin Harada of the Orange County Buddhist Church and Co-Director of the Shin Buddhist Study Center was our guest speaker via teleconference! He talked about the role of Buddhism in facing life's many challenges.

Roy and Barbara Higa, Elaine Kawamoto, Carolyn Uchiyama and others shared their wonderful trip to Japan for the Ascension Ceremony on May 28. As a group, they followed the life of Shinran Shonin in Kyoto and through his exile to Echigo, and back. Their presentation really brought a sense of reality to all the stories we've heard of Shinran and his wife, Eshinni, and their daughter, Kakushinni.

In Gassho,



Wahiawa Hongwanji

BON DANCE



June 23 (Friday) & June 24 (Saturday)

6:00pm
Food Service

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

and more . . .
H & H Country Store
Temple Tours
Keiki Korner
Silent Auction in Social Hall



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Columbarium will be closed
at 3:30pm
on Fri, June 23 & Sat, June 24
for Obon



Temple parking lot will be closed to
all cars at 4:30pm on Fri, June 23
& Sat, June 24 for Obon



WHM parking lot will be temporarily
closed from June 27 to July 7
for resurfacing

Wahiawa Hongwanji Mission

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Tue Jun 27	8:00a	Paving of Parking Lot Begins (No campus parking until 7.07.2017)
Fri Jun 30		State Jr YBA Convention
Sun Jul 2	9:00a	Sunday Service
Thu Jul 6	7:30a	Hosha Kai
Sun Jul 9	9:00a	Sunday Service
	10:00a	BWA Meeting
Sun Jul 16	9:00a	Sunday Service
	10:00a	WHM Board Meeting
Thu Jul 20	7:30a	Hosha Kai
Sun Jul 23	9:00a	Sunday Service
Sun Jul 30	9:00a	Sunday Service

A Friendly Reminder

Did you forget to pay your
Gojikai dues?

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



Please help us . . .



In the near future . . .

you will be asked to provide us
with your email address
&
will be able to read the
WHM newsletter "*in color*" online
at the WHM website
or
if snail mail is preferred, US Post Office
will deliver to your mailbox
(by request only)



WHM
Public
Bon Dance
Practice Schedule

Dates:

June 4 1:00-3:00p
June 11 1:00-3:00p
June 18 1:00-3:00p

Place: WHM Social Hall

Bring your own water
(no refreshments)



Calling all Crafters & Bakers!

Please donate to our **Obon H&H**
(Homemade and Handmade) **Country Store**



We are seeking the following donations:

Nonperishables:

- ♥scrubbies ♥ dishtowels ♥ kitchen towels ♥ hot pads ♥ pot holders ♥ gently used happi coats
- ♥ any handmade craft items for the home

You may drop off **nonperishable** donations @ the WHM office (8:00am-12pm) from **now until June 22**.
Please include your name and ph. no. & label your donation "H&H Store".

Perishables:

- ♥ cookies ♥ brownies ♥ mochi ♥ bars ♥ snack mixes ♥ jams & jellies ♥ pickled vegetables
- ♥ pickled fruits

You may drop off perishable food donations @ the WHM office from **Fri, June 23 & Sat, Jun 24** (8:00am-12:00pm). Please include your name & phone number and label your donation "H&H Store." (Note: Please indicate if items contain nuts or nut products. Please no donations of store bought items or plants.)

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Columbarium

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Temple Donation

Bon Dance Practice Group
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Calvin Takeshita
Peggy Tsukida IMO Shichiro & Yukie Tsukida
Sandra Ohashi IMO Gladys Ohashi / 25th Clarence
Ohashi
Karen Yamamoto IMO Noriko Joyce Sawada

Arigatou gozaimasu.

ありがとうございます

[thank you very much]



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



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