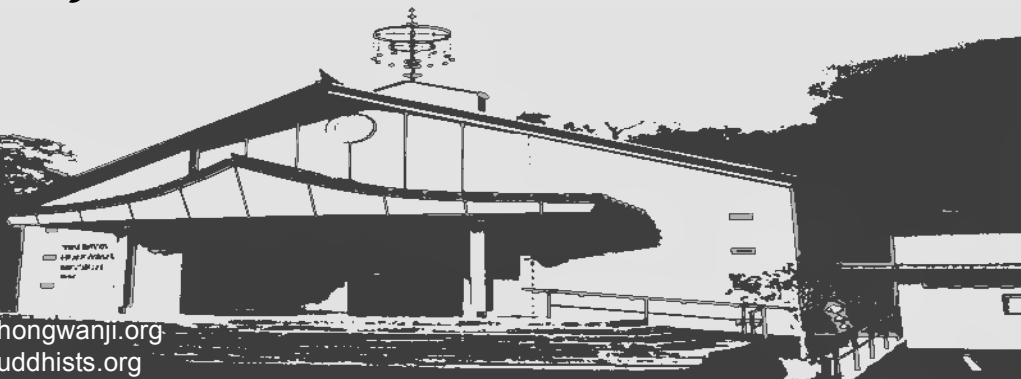


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Highlights—May & June

May

- 1 Sun 9am-12pm. Keiki Day-Wahiawa, Waipahu & Honolulu District Temples @ WHM
- 1 Sun 10am-12pm. BWA Chi Chi Mochi Fundraiser -WHM
- 1 Sun 2pm. Bon Dance Practice
- 8 Sun 8am. Mother's Day Breakfast & service in Social Hall
- 15 Sun No Sunday Service
7:30-8:30 General Temple Cleanup
- 22 Sun 9am. Gotan-E Service- Guest speaker Rev. Toshiyuki Umitani
- 23 Mon 10-11am. Statewide Annual Memorial Day Service- Punchbowl Chapel

June

- 4 Sat District Obon. Details to follow
- 5 Sun No Sunday Service
8am. Yagura Setup
- 5 Sun 2pm. Bon Dance Practice
- 12 Sun 2pm. Bon Dance Practice
- 18 Sat 6pm. Hatsubon Service
- 19 Sun 2pm. Bon Dance Practice
- 24-25 WHM Bon Dance
- Fri-Sat
- 26 Sun 8am. Obon Cleanup



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- ♥ pickled fruits

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Reverend's Message



Honolulu Rainbow Ekiden

In one of my past articles, I stated that the primal of Jodo Shinshu teachings is sharing our gratitude with others. In March, our Wahiawa Hongwanji family group--“Dharma Shaka”-- participated in the Honolulu Rainbow Ekiden. **Ekiden** is a team marathon race. The team was composed of 5 runners, each runner runs 3 miles, and passes the Tasuki (baton) to the next runner.

I enjoy participating in Ekiden because it is only one runner who has the privilege of crossing the finish line, but all the other members work as a team to allow the last runner to reach the goal. Therefore, each runner runs as fast as possible for the sake of the team. Teamwork in Ekiden expresses “Oneness.” We felt the importance of passing the baton to the next runner and the satisfaction experienced in successfully having passed that baton.

The most exciting and rewarding moment for our team was receiving the “**Aloha Spirit Award**”! This award is presented to the best team of the year. The reason for our selection was because we cheered not only for our team members, but also for all the other participants. When we received this award, I felt the primal of our Jodo Shinshu teachings, which is to share our gratitude with others.

In thinking of this year's Ekiden results, I felt joy as a Buddhist. I rejoiced in passing to the next generation the efforts I received from my ancestors knowing that each generation thereafter will continue to pass along their efforts for generations to come.

Feeling joy can involve and encourage others. Through this event, we shared our joyfulness with others in public and reconfirmed how wonderful the teachings are. We should remember that our attitude as Buddhists influences others wherever we are.

In Gassho,

Reverend Hashimoto



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President's Report

It's Spring and the weather has been so beautiful! How lucky that we live in Hawaii . . . our paradise!

March Board Highlights

- The Wahiawa Hongwanji BWA-sponsored Ekiden Team won the Aloha Award at the Honolulu Festival on March 19.
- BWA: Annual Luncheon at Natsunoya Tea House on March 26
 - April 21 - Community Service Project - Aged to Perfection
 - May 1 – Fundraiser - Chi Chi Mochi Sale
 - May 28 – Community Service Project Blood Drive at WHM
- Dharma Shaka had a wonderful time on a Catamaran ride on Friday, March 25
- Buddhist Education hosted a Youth Retreat on April 2-3
- Karen Pang was asked to chair a “New Service Format” Committee to include the New Millennials in the planning. The New Millennials represent the largest population segment in the US.
- Whenever we have an outside speaker, we will plan to have a coffee hour for questions and answers after service.
- Social Hall usage for nonmembers has been raised to \$800 from \$600. Most facilities of our size charge a good deal more. Any member in good standing (one full year of membership) may rent the social hall for \$300. A member may also sponsor an outsider to rent the social hall for \$800 and will be accountable for cleaning and security after the event. Nonmembers can only rent our social hall with a sponsor.

Other Happenings . . .

Dr. Carl Becker was a featured speaker at Moiliili Hongwanji on March 19. He is recognized as the first foreigner tenured at Kyoto University in the 1970s. He spoke on two specialty areas: Environmental Sustainment and Managing Stress. Both topics had a Shin Buddhist perspective. The event was very well attended and received!

Our Ohigan service was held on March 27 and featured Rev. Tatsuo Muneto.

On April 3, we celebrated “Hanamatsuri . . . It's My Birthday Too” with the children decorating the small flower altar (“Hanamido”). The service honored the birthday of Shakyamuni Buddha. Because there is a Buddha in each of us, we also celebrated our own birthday! A good time was had by all who attended with cake and ice cream.

The statewide “Hanamatsuri” Service was held on April 10 at the Higashi Hongwanji Temple and celebrated by all Buddhist temples.

In the early morning of April 5, a white SUV crashed into our front stonewall at the corner of Plum and California. Thank you for all the people who quickly responded to the incident covered by KITV news. Yuki Kitagawa asked the Hosha crew to come in and help clean. Calvin Takeshita contacted the mason to get an estimate of the damage. I met with Matsukawa Insurance agent, Josie Acosta, who helped us file the claim. Thank you to Rev. Hashimoto and Damon Bender who notified the authorities and took pictures of the scene. In times of stress, it really helps to have such a strong supportive team! Thank you!

During April, Rev. Sherman Thompson, chaplain of Kamehameha Schools, taught a Dharma Light series of classes on Buddhism and Christianity. He will be our featured speaker on Sunday, July 10, at 9:00 am.

Namo Amida Butsu

In gassho,



Rod's thoughts . . .

Kokeshi Dolls

On March 19, 2016, I had the privilege of attending a lecture (actually two lectures) by Dr. Carl Becker, an internationally recognized scholar from Kyoto University specializing in sustainability, Asian religions, and end of life issues. Throughout his lecture, Dr. Becker sprinkles his talks with interesting facts throughout history.



For many centuries, island nations like Japan and Hawaii learned to subsist and maintain their population through well practiced traditions of sustainment. Food was locally grown, and an ecological balance was found. Japan's diet consisted of brown rice and soy products. The fox was revered because the fox caught the mice that raided the rice grain. To keep the mosquitoes down, fish grew in the paddies and ate the larvae. Fish also supplemented the diet as they grew in the paddies. Everything was recycled feeding scraps to the fish and chickens. Even human waste was processed back into the food chain.

They also managed population growth. The term "Ko" (child) "keshi" (kill) was used to refer to managing the population. When a family could no longer afford another child and the mother became pregnant, as painful as it was, they killed the baby when it was born. A wooden doll was carved to represent the child during this sad time. Namo Amida Butsu!

Rituals for dealing with grief were defined. Services--7-day and 49-day--were defined by ritual so the community, or sangha, can all come together to share in the burden of grief. Rituals were also defined to worship in gratitude our ancestors. The term "Namo Amida Butsu" is part of this ritual of ancestor gratitude.

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bon dancing



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The Amida metaphor represents infinite light and compassion. It is the culmination of all our ancestors who have become a Buddha and gone to the Pure Land. By saying "Namo Amida Butsu" we acknowledge this obligation and gratitude for making possible this life that we enjoy. Our obligation is to continue to sustain this environment as best as we can.

In gassho,

BWA BRIEFS

WHM New Year Party. Ladies, thank you for coordinating a successful “dessert buffet table” at our annual WHM New Year party on February 21, 2016. The vast array of delectable homemade desserts made it difficult for anyone to pass up that table, making it without question the busiest, most visited table!

Body & Brain Yoga. At our March meeting, club member Karen Hirai talked to us about simple tools for better health. She explained that with a brain-oriented holistic approach to health, Body & Brain Yoga and Tai Chi not only improve flexibility and strength, but also give tools for living mindfully and creating a more balanced lifestyle. She said their exercises are suitable for all ages and body types, then passed out the floor mats and got all the ladies doing stretching, meditation, and breathing exercises. It was a great workout!



BWA New Year Party. BWA ladies enjoyed their own NY Party recently at Natsunoya Tea House in Honolulu. In a private room, with private waiters, who served the most delicious Japanese food, who could have asked for more!

Apple Rose Dessert. The ladies have added a new item to their cooking repertoire. Karen Pang conducted a hands-on demo of her beautiful and delicious apple rose dessert at our April monthly meeting. It was a lot of fun and surprisingly easy for something that looks so time-consuming and complicated.

The kitchen smelled heavenly as the dessert baked in the oven during the meeting. As soon as the meeting was over and the dessert popped out of the oven, the ladies wasted no time picking out their own roses, adding ice cream, and enjoying the “fruits of their labor.” Oh, and did I mention this was after birthday cake and ice cream from “It’s My Birthday Too” celebration?

BWA Upcoming Events

April

30 Baking & preparing for chi-chi mochi sale.

May

1 BWA Chi-Chi Mochi Fundraiser. Purchase @ temple between 10am-12noon.

1 “Keiki Day.” Honolulu District and Waipahu Hongwanji Dharma Schools will attend Sunday Service being conducted on that day by our Buddhist Ed students. Following the service the children will engage in games, fellowship and lunch provided by the Honolulu temples. BWA ladies are asked to help serve lunch and drinks. Call Dale @ 392.3253.

14 No temple cleaning.

15 No Sunday Service. General temple cleanup @ 7:30-8:30am.

15 BWA Meeting @ 9:30pm.

28 (Sat) BWA Community Service Project-Blood Drive @ WHM from 8am-2pm. Please sign up, and if unable to donate blood yourself, ask a friend or relative.

June

4 No temple cleaning (no Sunday Service on Jun 5).

4 District Obon (details to follow).

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