



# Wahiawa Hongwanji Mission

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## **“TELL ME EVEN A LITTLE”**

*An original oratory by the late Lily Nakatsu Kuroyama*

*First place winner, 33rd YBA State Convention,*

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Many years ago, there lived a man who had all the luxuries that life could offer. And yet, this man who could have immersed himself in the pleasures of life suffered as he tried to understand the true meaning of life and the suffering of man. In his search for the answers to those questions that never allowed his mind to relax, this man abandoned all his material wealth and personal comforts and devoted himself completely to seeking the Truth. When the Truth finally came to him, he became the Buddha, the Enlightened One. But enlightenment for himself alone was not enough. He immediately went about helping others reach enlightenment also. This was Shakyamuni Buddha. A compassionate one such as he is worth studying about and listening to.

Let us, then, “listen to the words of the Buddha.” The wise will listen to the teachings and become even wiser. But too many of us who are born Buddhists are content to live in ignorance of the great teachings that are the foundation of our religion. With hopeful expectations and enthusiasm in generous quantity to move the world, youth has a tendency to cast aside counsel from older lips. For example, a teenager, thinking that he knows everything or almost everything, might disregard entirely the advice of an elder who has had more experience, and he might proceed in a manner or direction only to repeat the same mistake. Because of their ignorance, these people may never be getting the most out of their lives. For surely, just as a bird needs two wings in order to enjoy the happiness of soaring high in the skies, a person needs religious education besides academic education to enjoy the happiest and highest lives.

“Listen to the words of the Buddha.” What does this statement mean? “The words of the Buddha” are no doubt his teachings. Now, let’s examine the word “listen.” Defined in the simplest terms, to listen is to do more than just haphazardly hear; we must hear attentively for complete understanding and must apply the teachings in our lives that we may live righteously and harmoni-

ously. Men of intellect who do not live according to what they know are of no value to themselves or to others. Thus, to “listen to the words of the Buddha” means to live the teachings of the Buddha.

How do we live the teachings of the Buddha? Let’s take a teenager like me. Like most teenagers I like to go to socials, cheer my high school athletic team to victory, and have a good time at the bowling alley and at the beach. Moreover, I like to serve in school and Y.B.A. activities and teach Sunday School children about our religion. But I believe that living the teachings should not be confined to personal activities and service activities in the school and community. Rather, it should be an integral part of life at home. Not only parents, but the children should help each other in living the Buddha’s teachings. Our parents have guided us in becoming useful and good citizens in our homes and communities. But perhaps most parents can do much more than what they are doing. I have noticed that many parents consider it a fulfillment of their duties to play only the part of family chauffeur in providing religious education to their children. They deposit their children at the temple before the Sunday School service and pick them up after the service. In some cases this situation is due to the parents’ busy schedule, but how much more helpful to the children it would be, if the parents themselves can attend the services.

By the same token, the Sunday School children can help make religion a part of home life by sharing with their parents what they have learned in Sunday School. Just talking about the morning’s lessons at the lunch table may help the parents and the children to enjoy and be grateful for the Buddha’s boundless mercy. The need is with both the children and the parents to listen to the Buddha’s words. If children would listen to their parents who have learned so much more, and if faith in Buddha were to provide the bond in the family, then surely, family relationships can be strengthened a great deal.

When our grandparents came to Hawaii as laborers many years ago, they encountered great difficulty, but it was their unconquerable spirits and fortitude brought about by faith in the Buddha which sustained them. Today because of education, economic progress, and the

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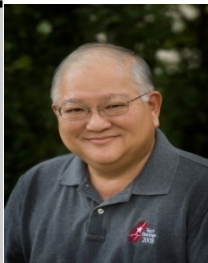
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## President's Message

Glenn Hamamura



Time is moving fast, and we are into the second quarter of 2014. As I write this column, several events have not yet occurred, but they will be done by the time the newsletter is released.

One item that has happened is the dedication of the new Kailua Hongwanji. I represented the Oahu District at the event, which was held in mid-February. Kailua Hongwanji has been serving the Windward community since the 1950's, and a plan to build a new temple had been in discussion for several years. They began building in 2013, and the new facility was just completed. It is a one story multi-purpose structure, with a large room that can be used for services, and when sliding doors are drawn to cover the altar area, that same room can be used for non-religious functions. I've had the opportunity to work with the Kailua leadership in 2013, and asked them (when they are open for visitors) if Wahiawa could join them at a service sometime this year. Should be a fun visit.

Two events are underway as I write this column – this weekend we'll complete the Wahiawa Hongwanji strategic plan update for 2014, and next week, several temple members will be participating in the Numata Conference on Japanese Buddhism and Violence, which will be held at the East West Center at the University of Hawaii.

Our strategic planning update, conducted annually, will help to validate and document the actions we will be taking this year to support our temple, our members, and our community. The board's continued focus is on sustainability – in terms of developing new leaders, improving programs, and improving our infrastructure for the next generation.

The Numata Conference is a joint effort among several groups – the University of Hawaii School of Religion, the Numata Foundation, the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii, and other partners. This is an academic conference with speakers from many countries who are recognized in this field. Members of our temple are engaged in planning and supporting the event that will have been held during the week of March 17.

Bon Dance planning has already started. We are working towards a fun event again this year. One potential change that Reverend Hashimoto will be working on will be having the Hatsubon Service (Special First Year Memorial Service) moved to August, which is more traditional. The Bon Dance will be held in late June as usual.

In Gassho

Glenn Hamamura



# REVEREND'S MESSAGE

**Dharma Talk Theme for this month is Shin-Jun "Follow the teachings of the Buddha"**

## What is Buddhism for?

April 8 is a very important day for Buddhists. I would like to share my thoughts on this day— Buddha Day. Please think of what Buddhism is.

### **Story of Shakyamuni Buddha**

Baby Siddartha (Shakyamuni Buddha) was born in the royal family. His life was surrounded by wealth. He never worried about food, clothing, and money. But one day, he saw an old man and he realized that he, too, would someday become old. On another day he saw a person who was suffering from sickness and he thought that he, too, might get sick and suffer someday. On yet another day he saw a funeral and he realized that he, too, would pass away someday. He started to question why we are living. What is his life? Life never is permanent.

One day he saw monks who wore ragged clothes eating meager food. But they seemed so happy. Siddartha thought, though he was wearing beautiful clothes and eating food, he was worrying about his life. The monks seemed poor but they were happy. He wanted to know why there was a difference between himself and them. So he decided to abandon the royal life to find the true meaning of life. When finally he found the answer to his question, he became enlightened.

Let us return to the question. What is Buddhism? Buddhism can remove our suffering and give relief. That is why some ministers pray to remove the suffering for us. Or some ministers try to remove their suffering by themselves in hard practice. Basic Buddhism teaches where our suffering comes from and what causes our suffering.

Let us look at this example. A lady brought a Butsudan to the temple and asked for instructions on how to install it in her home because a minister of another sect had said the Butsudan must be placed on eastern side of the room and Buddha's face must look to the west. She worried about where she could put the Butsudan in her house since her house had no such space. I responded, "Do not worry about that. You can put the Butsudan wherever you want. If you can place the Butsudan as he had directed, it is better. But as long as we are living in this world, this world is always rotating by itself. Based on

this theory, even if we put the Butsudan on the eastern side in our room and Buddha's face is looking to the west, the door of the Butsudan is facing from right to left or left to right on the earth." She said, "That is right", and laughed. She removed her suffering and felt great relief.

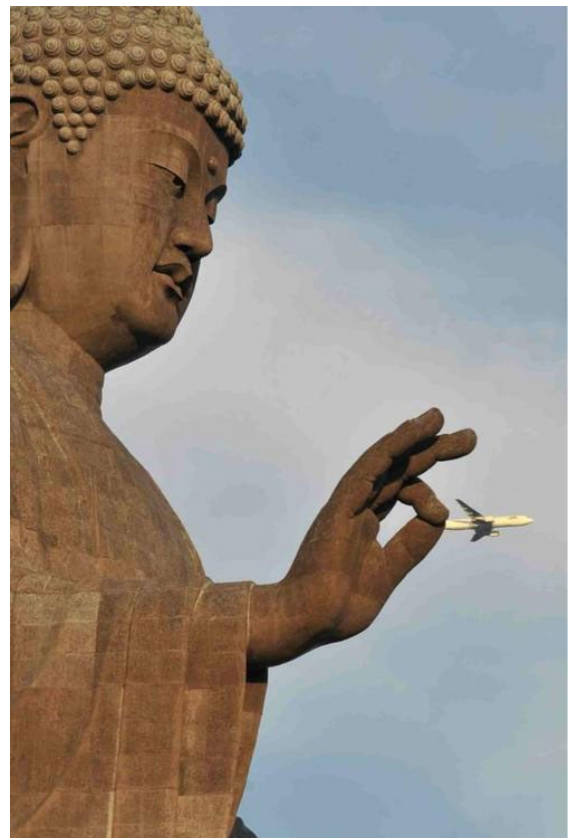
When we see something from which we are suffering, from a new perspective, we can find relief.

That is why Shakyamuni Buddha abandoned a royal life to see what truth in his life and to solve the problem of his basic suffering.

Buddhism teaches us to face the facts of basic suffering. First of all, we realized that death is not the end of life. When we see the truths about suffering of our lives, we can spend our life in true happiness.

This is the teaching of the Buddha.

In Gassho,  
Rev Hashimoto



# Buddhist Thoughts

## **2014 New Year's Party - Lesson in Interdependence**

The New Year's Party for 2014 was another successful event with fun, entertainment and good food. We had a number of temple families as well as non-members attend. The event is to kickoff the New Year and really to recognize those individuals who have achieved a certain level of wisdom and experience just by being with us for such a long time.

The ceremony is called the Keirokai and recognizes those members who had reached 75 years of age in 2013. We also provided free lunches to those older than 87 years. This year, the 75 year olds were: Emiko Tamayose and Vernon Yamamoto. The 88 years and over were represented by: Patrick Kaya, Betsy Maesaka, Barbara Matsuura, Charles Moriyama, Noriko Murakoshi, Masako Nishimura, Aiko Yamamoto, Ethel Yanagida, Ethel Yoshida, and Gary Yamaguchi. These people have a special connection with our past and they cement memories of all that is Wahiawa Hongwanji.

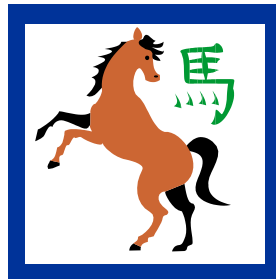
We also recognized special guests Doug Aton, Chairman of the Wahiawa Business Community Association, past Wahiawa minister and retired Bishop, Reverend Thomas Okano, and his wife, Michiko. New members were also recognized also. They were: Cindy and Reggie Kimoto, and Ed Nakamura. People who helped the temple this past year from the outside community were also recognized and appreciated.

Entertainment included group singing with the Sangha Strummers, three ballet performances by students of the Ballet Hawaii Wahiawa group featuring Katie Shimaura, Michelle Yamamoto, Angela Neuman, Catherine Bronnert, Kimie Fujioka, Maki Hayakawa, Harper Okamoto, Milee Owen, and Natasha Turner, a song by Reverend Okano, hula performances by Joann Nagatori and Caity Ohashi, and showcasing the debut of the Wahiawa Takedaiko Group lead by our own sensei, Takako Hashimoto. The entertainment was very well performed and well received by all!!

So why do we do this every year? It is definitely a time to have FUN and CONNECT with everyone! It also provides an opportunity for REFLECTION. Putting such an event on requires so many volunteers to plan and communicate every facet of the event. This includes invitations, setting

up the tables, arranging and coordinating entertainment, ordering the food and refreshments, decorating the tables, and cleanup...so many opportunities to understand the interdependence we all have with one another. For those actually participating and volunteering, the feeling is an especially good one. For those just experiencing all that occurred, the memory of this event will be planted in their hearts for many years to come. It is how an organization sustains itself!

Namu Amida Butsu!  
In gassho,  
Rod Moriyama



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heroic efforts of the AJAs, we enjoy many benefits that were not even dreamed about by the early immigrants. But in our affluent culture, are we so serene and peaceful and happy that we do not need help in spiritual growth? The world is more complex than it has ever been before. Though the search for peace in our divided world has been intensified, we still find wide-spread misunderstandings and unrest. In the United States, the country that is recognized by many as the most highly civilized, there is still discrimination and unacceptance of all peoples. The variety of material things that money, power, and position provide has egged many to greed for greater material wealth. Having material wealth and enjoying it in itself is not wrong; but to use it selfishly and for only our own pleasure is. When we begin to find receiving far better than giving, when we crave to become the center of everything, when our hearts have stopped feeling the pain of others, when compassion is replaced by hatred, when greedy hands and a selfish mind replace helping hands, when ignorance makes us blind to the Oneness of all life by shutting out the Light of Truth, then we have failed to listen. The Lord Buddha recognized the Oneness of all life when he sought to save not only himself but everyone else who had faith in him. After his enlightenment, Shakyamuni Buddha spent the rest of his life--which was more than half his life--to helping others achieve enlightenment. We, too, must realize the interdependence of all living beings; no one person can really be cut off from society without somehow affecting others. Fellow Buddhists, herein lies our challenge, which perhaps is even greater than that of the difficult years. We who truly love Buddha will never neglect His teachings.

A few months ago, a very lovely lady who became a Buddhist said, "How very lucky you are that you were born Buddhists." How much truth this statement holds depends upon the total acceptance of His teachings by each Buddhist. What does the world need more now than the peace and compassion which Buddhist teachings bring? What better services can we render than to lead lives permeated with faith, gratitude, compassion, understanding, and purity? Let us all stand united and live these great teachings.

This priceless heritage of Amida Buddha's merciful compassion is ours to receive. In response, we accept it with gratitude, which we verbalize in the Nembutsu, "Namu Amida Butsu."

With faith and gratitude, let us continue to seek knowledge of His teachings and live the teachings. It is said that a powerful Brahman priest, Sariputra, was so impressed by the humble nature of Asvajit, one of Buddha's disciples, that he inquired about the faith of this

young man. Asvajit answered that he was a disciple of Buddha, and, being only a novice, he was unable to explain all His wonderful teachings. To this, Sariputra replied, "But you must know something. Tell me even a little." That we may live the Buddha's teachings and enjoy a truly wholesome life, let us, like Sariputra, ask, "Tell me even a little."

Permission to reprint by husband Gary and daughter Joni Kuroyama with the assistance of Hilo Betsuin.

**A note from Joni.**

Thank you very much for this honorable request. My dad, Gary, said he already responded to you, but I also wanted to personally thank you for sharing my mom's speech with your Sangha. I don't know if you met my mom, but she was a gracious, compassionate woman who loved the teachings of the Buddha. She also felt the importance of her ancestors and was a daughter of 442nd Veteran (Shuso Nakatsu) and daughter-in-law of a 100th Battalion Veteran (Hachiro Kuroyama). I was surprised that after she passed, I found this speech among many of her Buddhist keepsakes and sayings. She was only 18 when she recited this speech that Dr. Elaine Kono helped her to prepare and deliver.

Thank you so much for honoring my mother in this beautiful and fitting way.

In gassho,

Joni Kuroyama



# TEMPLE NEWS

Articles by Carol Uchiyama

## **Sangha Day 125<sup>TH</sup> Anniversary Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii**

The Oahu Hongwanji Council sponsored a momentous Anniversary/Sangha Day that was celebrated at Waipahu Hongwanji Mission on March 2, 2014. The theme for this event was "Plantation Days," reminiscent of Waipahu's past as a sugar plantation town.

The day began with a formal service befitting the occasion and a learning experience for many who have never seen one before. The MC's for the service were Kano Hashimoto and Yoshino Okamoto. Bishop Eric Matsumoto, Rev. Toshiyuki Umitani, and the ministers of the Oahu District were participants in this special service. A congratulatory message from the Gomoshu Koshin Ohtani was read to the audience.

Bishop Eric Matsumoto spoke to the overflowing audience. I would like to quote parts of his message.

"As I reflect on your "Plantation Days" theme for Sangha Day, I keep thinking that this is one way in which you are honoring those of the past who have brought us to today, by reliving some of the experiences of the past generations.

*"In the "Teachings of the Buddha" it says that there are two sets of seven principles to follow for the Sangha to prosper. One set states that collectively: (1) People should gather frequently to listen to the Dharma and discuss the Teachings, 2) people should be able to freely mingle amongst each other and (should) respect each other, 3) people should revere the Dharma and not change it, 4) both young and old are to treat each other with courtesy, 5) people should be sincere and reverent, 6) people should think of another before their own self, and 7) people should cherish all people, treat visitors and guests cordially and console the sick and ill with kindness.*

*"The other set of seven principles for individuals to follow include: 1) do not ask or desire too many things, 2) maintain integrity, 3) be patient and do not argue, 4) do not indulge in idle talk, 5) do not be overbearing, 6) loyally commit oneself to the Dharma and 7) do not be extravagant and wasteful.*

*"It is said that these are keys to the Sangha's prosperity. From this too, it is evident that the actions of the Sangha are directly linked to the prosperity of the Sangha.*

*"The Three Treasures are the Buddha, his Teaching (the Dharma), and (the Sangha) the community that gathers to listen and live by the teachings of the Buddha. The purpose of the Sangha is that each member helps and is being helped by fellow members just as good friends help each other. The Sangha also provides spiritual support to one another by helping each other understand and live the Dharma.*

*"Let us live a life guided by the Dharma and by attending the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Service and Sangha Day you are living a Dharma centered life that includes your temple and the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii. Happy 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and please enjoy the day as we gather in peace and the spirit of the Sangha."*

Following the service, people joined one of two activity areas. "Section A" highlighted Living Treasure of Hawaii, Barbara Kawakami, who lived in the Waipahu area in her childhood and recounted her life experiences. The enthralled listeners related to their own memories as she unwrapped one story after another. In no time the 45 minutes had flown by. Mrs. Kawakami brought copies of her first book on "Immigrant Clothing" that was offered for sale with the author's signature.

In "Section B" the children were introduced to games from the plantation era. They made newspaper hats, bamboo helicopter (take tombo), paper cup telephone, buzz saw, and bean bags. For many children, it was a totally new experience and they learned that games can be made with whatever is around rather than bought from the store. As an added experience, the children were able to pound mochi and taste the fruits of their labor.

The Plantation Day's lunch included nishime, grilled salmon, rice, and tsukemono. Such a satisfying and healthy lunch. After lunch, there was a drawing for children and adults, followed by a box of plantation "goodies" divided amongst the temple's participants. A satisfying end to a day of learning the Dharma among the members of the Sangha - a truly Dharma - centered experience!

## **Dharma School Teachers Scholarship**

Wahiawa Hongwanji Dharma School Teachers are offering scholarships for high school seniors. The scholarships are offered to children or grandchildren of members. You may pick up scholarship applications in the temple office or from a Dharma School teacher. **Deadline to turn in applications is April 30, 2014.**

**Hanamatsuri**

The occasion of the birth of the Buddha, Hanamatsuri, will be celebrated on April 13 at the temple. The Dharma School students are diligently working on the service. We would appreciate your donations of flowers for the Hanamido. They may be brought to the temple on Saturday morning, April 12. On the day of Hanamatsuri, come with flowers from your garden because everyone will be able to present flower offerings as well as pour sweet tea on the baby Buddha. Join us for this festive occasion!

**Dharma School News**

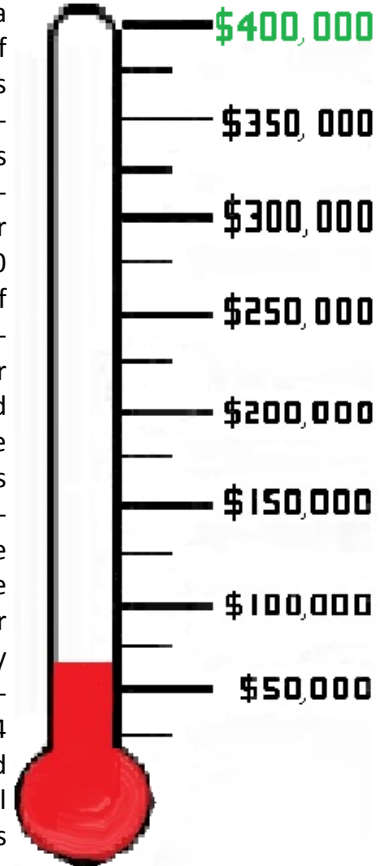
Dharma school will be held on April 20 and 27. Students will be working on their song for the Songfest in May.

**BUDDHA DAY CELEBRATION**  
**HANAMATSURI**

**Sunday, April 6, 2014 at 10:00 AM**  
**Jodo Mission of Hawaii**  
 (1429 Makiki Street, Honolulu)  
**Guest Speaker- Dr. George Tanabe**  
 Professor Emeritus of Religion UH Manoa

**Capital Campaign Update**

The Wahiawa Hongwanji Board of Trustees appreciates your continued support and contributions to the Capital Campaign. Our goal for 2013 was \$100,000 and as of the end of December we collected \$58,865.00. For 2014 we added \$100,00 more to the goal. Therefore, let's move onward to making this a reality. The newsletter lists the names of donors for January and February 2014. In these beginning months of 2014 we have collected \$6,000 more. The total sum collected so far is \$64,865. All donations will bring us closer to our final goal of \$400,000 by 2017.



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## **Dharma School Poster**

### **Contest**

The Dharma School Teachers of Oahu offered a poster contest for Dharma school students from pre-school to high school. The theme for this year's contest was "Share Peace." The added twist to this year's contest was that students were to write a poem or a short piece about their poster. The posters were due at Sangha Day on March 2nd. The winning posters will be displayed at the Oahu District Bon Dances during the summer.

Here are the poems written by the students of the Wahiawa Hongwanji Dharma School. They tried to convey the idea of their peaceful place.

#### **MY WHOLE WORLD**

My desk in the living room  
is where I can draw my own cartoon creations.  
In the desk drawers I have markers,  
pictures I drew myself, and art supplies.  
I'm drawing a picture of Epic Battle Fantasy.

It's a place no one else can go, because it's my place.  
People don't have permission to be there.  
It's like heaven to me  
because art is my whole world  
and in this place my imagination can go wild.  
By: May Kanemaru

#### **ENJOY THE VIEW**

I was dreaming of a peaceful forest in China  
with rows of bamboo everywhere and a plump panda.  
I feel calm and relaxed with the soft breezes  
and the sleeping panda that makes me happy  
because he is soft like my pillow.

I'll share this place with my friends, Reece and Elijah,  
and they might find peace like I did.  
There is a quiet place like this  
at the Wahiawa Botanic Garden with huge trees.  
I sit on the grass and enjoy the view.  
By: Jay Acohido

#### **NATURAL ENVIRONMENT**

Surrounded by my friend Kaydin, pigeons, and mongooses  
in the forest by Lake Wilson,  
I feel happy and calm  
because the pigeons are cooing  
and the mongooses are chasing each other.

Refreshing blowing breeze

makes me want to meditate.  
The fresh air and the sounds  
of the natural environment feel relaxing.  
People will come to this beautiful scene.  
By: Shoshi Hashimoto

#### **ONE VOICE**

In the Wahiawa Hongwanji temple,  
people are chanting "Gassho to Amida"  
sounding like one voice.

I am happy  
because Amida is with me.  
I want people to feel the same as me.

I'll invite my friends to the service  
by telling them it calms me down  
and makes me feel peaceful.  
By: Cy Acohido

#### **MY LOUNGE**

My white room with blue borders is my peaceful place  
with a blue blanket and pillows on my bed,  
books like *The Way Things Work*  
and *Pokemon X & Y Guide* are on the bookshelf,  
while the Lego and Transformers  
Bumblebee and Optimus are on the table.

This room is like a lounge  
since it's comfy and full of toys and books.  
I'm lying on my bed because it's relaxing  
thinking of what to do -  
build a Lego, read a book, or take a nap.  
By: Thomas Kanemaru

#### **FRIENDS**

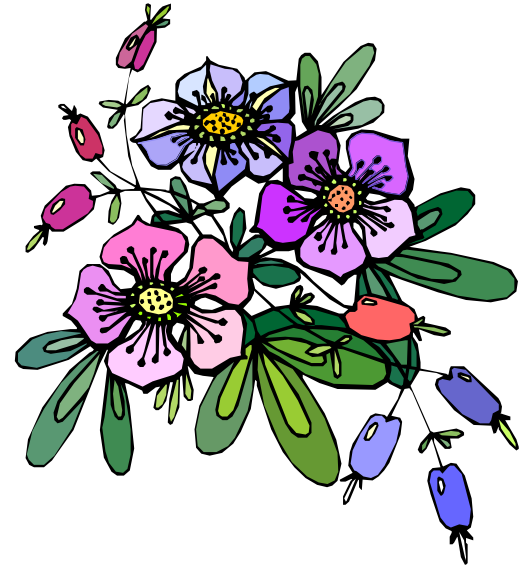
At Wahiawa Middle School my friends, Jemma,  
Zayda, and I  
were walking around having fun at recess  
talking about the cafeteria food.  
We're getting hungry smelling  
the oven - baked chicken with the hot, crunchy skin,  
and chewy meat with the gravy "creamed" over.

Laughing about the silly happenings is a middle  
school thing.  
Jemma said, "Remember when Zayda was playing  
Tag and slipped and fell on her butt."  
I feel needed here because they always say,  
"Kano, you bring cheeriness to us."  
I can be myself around them.

Without my friends, life would be so dull.  
By: Kano Hashimoto

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## CHORALFEST 2014

Choralfest 2014 will be held on September 27-28, 2014 at Hawaii Betsuin, 1727 Pali Highway, Honolulu, Hawaii. Singers from temples in Hawaii, California, and Japan are expected to participate. Registrations are being accepted until April 1, 2014. Because of limited space, the first fifty (50) registrants only from BCA and Japan will be accepted.

[ALOHA LUNCHEON FOR MR. ALTON MIYAMOTO, HAWAII KYODAN OUTGOING PRESIDENT & MR. PIEPER TOYAMA, HAWAII KYODAN INCOMING PRESIDENT](#)  
Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii will hold the Aloha Luncheon to honor and extend our deep appreciation to Mr. Alton Miyamoto who had provided a wonderful leadership as the President of Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii during the past 6 years, and to welcome Mr. Pieper Toyama as our newly installed President of Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii.

Date: Saturday, May 10, 2014

Time: 12:00 pm – 2:00 pm

Place: Ala Moana Hotel, Garden Lanai Room

Attire: Aloha

Registration Fee: \$35.00 per person

Registration deadline: April 30, 2014 (no refunds after this date)

SPECIAL REQUEST: Both Mr. Miyamoto and Mr. Toyama request that in lieu of any leis and gifts, donations be made directly to "Pacific Buddhist Academy".

Choralfest brings together singers to celebrate the joy of the Buddha-Dharma in song. Participants rehearse Buddhist choral pieces at a workshop on Saturday and sing them as a mass choir at a special music service on Sunday. The two days will be led by choral conductor and Living Treasure Nola Nahulu. Singers will receive a program booklet with score and practice CD to learn the music before the event. To register, please see your temple office. For more details, please contact Mr. Francis Okano, Music Committee chair, at 737-8331, okanof@hawaiiintel.net.

## *Taste of Hongwanji Spring Bazaar*

**Annual spring Bazaar on Sunday,  
March 30, 2014.**

The registration form was sent to the temple ministers and presidents. Each temple is requested to disseminate the information and obtain payment from interested participants. The temple is then requested to submit one check to the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii accompanied by the names of participants (attention to Dianne Sumida). The seating is limited so please register early.

## *YBICSE 2014*

The Young Buddhist's International Cultural Study Exchange (YBICSE) is an annual program for young Jodo Shinshu Buddhists. Its basic purpose of this program is to expose young people to Jodo Shinshu beyond Hawaii and to share their joy of living in the Nembutsu teaching by visiting temples and meeting with the fellow Shin Buddhists who appreciate the Nembutsu Dharma.

*Candidate Qualification: Active Jodo Shinshu Buddhists,  
Currently in 9<sup>th</sup> grade up to age 25 in good health*

*Date of trip: July 9, 2014 – July 20, 2014*

*Cost of the trip: \$1,600.00 per participant*

*Destination: Buddhist Churches of America (BCA) & Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Temples of Canada (JSBTC)*

*Application deadline: April 30, 2014*

**For more information, please contact Rev. Toshiyuki Umitani at [hqs@honpahi.org](mailto:hqs@honpahi.org).**

## **There will be great entertainment:**

- Dharma School Taiko group
- Men in Black (our ministers sing and play ukulele)
- Hula
- Three Generation Trio (Alice Omura, her daughter and granddaughter)
- HMS students to sing and dance
- Ballet
- PBA band
- Special performance by Manoa DNA.
- Kendama Contest for various age group

## **Also: Great food and**

- Rummage Sale
- Potted Plants
- Craft Items
- Temple Cookbooks

# APRIL 2014

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
		<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> 8a-12p Aloha Visitation @ Wahiwawa 7p-9:30p Dharma Gp. mtg/BWA rm	<b>3</b> 7:30a-10:30a Hosha Kai	<b>4</b> 8:30a-9:30a Quilt Club (BWA Room) POC - Ethel Yamamoto 625-1745 1p-4p Mahjong - BWA Rm	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b> 9a-12p Hanamatsuri (Jodo Mission) 10a-11a Sangha Strummers 3p-4p SH - Takedaiko Class	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 8a-12p Aloha Visitation @ Waialua 7p-8p Club Asoka Meeting BWA Room	<b>11</b> 1p-4p Mahjong - BWA Rm	<b>12</b>
<b>13</b> 9a-10a WHM Hanamatsuri 10:30a-11:30a SH - TAKEDAIIKO CLASS	<b>14</b>	<b>15 Tax Day (Taxes Due)</b> 8a-12p Aloha Visitation @ Other	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 7:30a-10:30a Hosha 11a-12p Hospital Visitation (PD)	<b>18 Good Friday</b> 8:30a-10:30a Quilt Club (BWA Room) POC Ethel Yamamoto 625-1745 1p-4p Mahjong - BWA Rm	<b>19</b>
<b>20 Easter</b> 9a-10a Sunday Service 10:30a-12p WHM Board meeting 11:30a-12:30p SH - Takedaiko Class	<b>21</b>	<b>22 Earth Day</b>	<b>23 Administrative Professionals</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25 Arbor Day</b> 1p-4p Mahjong - BWA Rm	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b> 9a-10a Sunday Service / BWA ESHINNI DAY Service 10a-11a Sangha Strummers 10a-11:30a BWA Meeting BWA Room 11:30a-12:30p SH - Takedaiko Class	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>			