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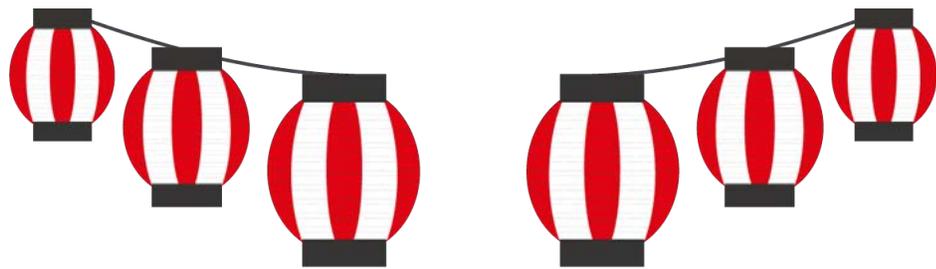
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BETSUIN BON DANCE

Friday & Saturday
July 24 & 25
7:00 - 10:00 pm

During Obon, we remember and express our gratitude to all our ancestors for making it possible for our being here today. As our biggest celebration of life during the year, our bon dance gives you a great opportunity to express your joy of living here and now.

So now's the time to pull out your kimono or happi from your dresser drawer and bring your fan, bon dance towel and dancing spirit to the Higashi Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin bon dance on Friday & Saturday, July 24 & 25.

A Manto-e service will be held at the yagura just before the bon dance. Feel free to be a part of the 1,200-year-old tradition of "10,000 lights" and join in the candle-lighting ceremony at 6:30 pm.

On Saturday only, if you come early, you can enjoy the live performance of Japanese folk songs by Harada Naoatsusa Kai, led by our kyodan member Atsuko Nonaka, starting at 6:00 pm. The Harada minyo group held a very well-received luncheon recital and folk music show last month before an appreciative capacity crowd of 500 at the Ala Moana Hotel Hibiscus Ballroom.

The music and dancing starts at 7:00 pm on both evenings. If you forget your fan or bon dance towel, don't worry...you can always buy another one at the reception table.

As usual, there'll be your favorite mouth-watering Higashi Hongwanji bon dance specialty foods, and lots of it! We hope you can join us in the gaiety and sumptuous eats that our hard-working vounteers prepare for everyone. Our temple members and volunteers from our martial arts groups and Farrington High School work very hard every year to help make the bon dance possible.

Don't miss out on our popular Hawaiian plates, authentic dango jiru, Spam musubi, saimin, BBQ sticks, curry, hot dogs, zenzai and **NEW THIS YEAR, yakitori sticks hot off the grill...and Hoku BBQ chicken, too!**

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HIGASHI HONGWANJI HAWAII DISTRICT BON DANCE SCHEDULE

July 3, 6:30 pm	Kaneohe Higashi Hongwanji	6:00 pm service
July 10-11, 7:30 pm	Waimea Higashi Hongwanji	7:00 pm service
July 24-25, 7:00 pm	Betsuin	6:30 pm service
July 31-Aug 1, 7:00 pm	Palolo Hongwanji	6:30 pm service
Aug. 8, 7:00 pm	Hilo Higashi Hongwanji	6:00 pm service

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If you can spare the time, we have a position for you as a volunteer, too, and you get hired without an interview. Have you ever heard of such a silly thing?

No experience necessary, as we provide "on-the-job training." Kind of assistance needed for afternoon and evening shifts on both days include:

*Set-up
Food prep
Kitchen cook
Barbecue chef
Counter workers
Cashier
Kids' games*

For those who are able to help with donations, we have quite a few items which can be donated as purchased items or cash contributions.

Here's a listing of our most-desired items. Any contributions, large or small, are welcomed and greatly appreciated.

*40 cans Spam
50 pounds rice
3 packs nori
10# round onions
50# potatoes
50# carrots
25# celery
10# green onions
4 packages shiitake
10# Chinese cabbage
8 each gobo
6 bunches watercress
10# kabocha
10# Japanese daikon
10# araimo
150# flour
42 dozen eggs
10 boxes mochiko
18 large bottles canola oil*

*100# sugar
200 hot dogs
3 rolls waxed paper
Paper napkins
Plastic forks & spoons
Disposable chopsticks
2 packs #5 brown paper bags
10 cases water*

We start our shopping the week before the bon dance, so all non-perishable items you may want to donate should be at the temple by Sunday, July 12.

If you have perishable items to donate, please call the temple at 531-9088 so we can make arrangements to receive them properly before the bon dance.

Whether you're able to help or not, please come to our bon dance to enjoy yourself!

— Faye Shigemura

A Memory of the Observance of

Obon

Originally I am from Mito, Ibaraki prefecture. It's in the countryside among the temple members there. I still remember when I went to one of the member's home for obon service.

After the service I was talking to the ojiichan of the family. He was a farmer and had a lot of cows that produced milk. He said that he was so fortunate to have a farm. After World War II was over, he came back from Manchuria with nothing, and started a new life.

Mito was the training center of farming for people who had moved to Manchuria before the war.

"Japan lost the war and we had to come here. But now I truly have a peaceful life here," Ojiichan said.

He said that every morning he was awakened by the cows. "Moo, moo!" they call. It's time to wake up and milk

the cows. After that the cows call again, "Moo, it's time for breakfast." And after being fed, again, "Moo!" Now they want to go out from the cowshed.

While the cows are outside, we have to clean up, do repairs and many other things. Before nightfall, it's "Moo" again, put the cows into the cowshed, milk them and then feed them. After all the work is finally done, the whole family can finally

I wash them, take care of them. I am completely dependent on my cows for my life and living. The cows sustain our lives. I really appreciate these cows."

Ojiichan and his family completely depended on and shared lives together with the cows. This ojiichan was bowing to the cows and was living in the world of oneness. He lived in the spirit of the Nembutsu, which is bowing.

We think we make our living by our own selves. However, this ojiichan reminded me that each individual life cannot be sustained on its own and we are living in a world of interdependence.

Obon is a big celebration of our lives. At obon time our beloved ones who have passed are giving us a chance to think

have dinner and time to relax.

Ojiichan said, "That is our daily routine. When I think about my life, the cows determine the way my life goes. Sometimes I'm confused who is the master, the cow or I. Because I feed them, I clean up their cowshed,

about our own lives again.

Please join our obon service and bon odori. Obon is a time to meet old friends again. It's also time to meet new friends.

Thank you in Gassho,
Kenjun Kawawata





“Voices of Buddhist Women” lecture



Dr Michihiro Ama was guest speaker at a Dharma Study Center lecture on June 17.

Altar renewal work finished

Major restoration of the Betsuin’s main altar in preparation for Higashi Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii’s centennial celebration next year has been completed.

The renovation work, started in March by Kyoto Yuishinan Corp. of Japan, was completed with the final touches done on June 26.

Besides restoring much of the original luster, the extensive restoration effort included measures such as re-lacquering to prevent further termite damage.

Reassembling the altar took more than just skillful replacement of delicate gold-leaf ornamentation. It also required brute strength and heavy lifting of pre-assembled sections of the altar.

The work would not have been completed without the assistance of



Rev. Bansaka and three ninja helpers carefully lift the heavy roof of the altar into position.

volunteers from the jiu jitsu martial arts group. Sensei Jeff Furuta, Glen Uyejo and Ross Yamane provided the agility, know-how and muscle required to nimbly climb up the scaffolding, then lift and set the heavy parts gently into place.

“They were amazing, like ninjas!” said Mrs. Yamada, one of the husband-wife team of artisans from Japan.

“The young men were fast, strong and they knew just what to do without telling them,” she said.



The hondo altar—repaired, re-lacquered and restored— was ready for the June 28 service.

You’ll be sure to notice the big difference in the altar next time you’re here for Sunday service or some other reason.

July movie feature: *Rashomon* “One of the greatest films ever”

Rashomon is a 1950 Japanese period drama film directed by Akira Kurosawa starring Toshiro Mifune, Machiko Kyō, Masayuki Mori and Takashi Shimura. The film is known for a plot device which involves various characters providing alternative, self-serving and contradictory versions of the same incident.

Rashomon marked the entrance of Japanese film onto the world stage. It won several awards, including the Golden Lion at the Venice Film Festival in 1951, and an Academy Honorary Award at the 24th Academy Awards in

1952, and is now considered one of the greatest films ever made.

Showtime: 6:30 pm, Tues., July 28, 88 min. monochrome, Japanese audio with English subtitles. Free admission.

羅生門 (らしょうもん) は1950年 (昭和25年) に公開された日本映画である。大映製作・配給。監督は黒澤明、出演は三船敏郎、京マチ子、森雅之、志村喬。モノクロ、スタンダード、88分。

芥川龍之介の短編小説『藪の中』と『羅生門』を原作に、橋本忍と黒澤が脚色し、黒澤がメガホンを取った。ある殺人事件の目撃者や関係者がそれぞれ食い違った証言をする姿をそれぞれの視点から描き、人間のエゴイズムを鋭く追及した。

日本映画初となるヴェネツィア国際映画祭金獅子賞とアカデミー賞名誉賞を受賞し、黒澤明や日本映画が世界で認知・評価されるきっかけとなった。本作の影響を受けた作品にアラン・レネ監督の『去年マリエンバートで』などがある。7月28日(火)午後6:30時、入場無料。

Spring Fundraiser: *Mahalo!*

Once again, we successfully completed the Spring Fundraiser and we thank all of you for your support.

There were no surprises, except for some who really took the bull by the horn and, WHOPPA!! came back to ask for more tickets. We shouldn’t forget to thank those friends and relatives who were kind enough to purchase our tickets, too. Everything turned out hunky-dory to the nth degree, just in time for our bon celebration in July.

Thank you all once again for being friends and families of Higashi Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii. — FS

Rev. Fujimori leads gathering



Awakening to Your Deepest Wish was the subject of discussion at the June 14 retreat.

The Tradition of Manto-e Service

Long ago in India, wherever the Buddha delivered a sermon, the Sangha, those who came to listen, would each light a candle. The Sangha became so numerous that on these occasions, the lights came to be called Manto, ten thousand lights.

In Japan, about 1,200 years ago during the reign of Emperor Shomu, a ceremony centered around the Todaiji Temple in Nara was started in which once a year, Manto were lit in honor of the Buddha, thus beginning the tradition of Manto-e. Higashi Hongwanji of Mission of Hawaii follows in the tradition of the Manto-e during the Obon Dance. We will have our Manto-e Service on July 24 and 25, 2015 at 6:30pm before the dance. With your help, we would like to decorate the summer sky with "ten thousand lanterns."

Please fill in the application with your donation of \$20.00 for each lantern you wish to offer in memory of departed relatives and friends. Then names will be written on a small tablet, which will be hung from each lantern. These custom-made-in-Japan lanterns are yours to keep. You may come to pick up your lantern after the Obon Dance at the temple.

万灯会法要

黑暗に灯ありて、我等が方向定まる。もし灯なくば、出口なき不安よりいかでか出ずる事を得んや。灯なくて我等は迷い、灯ありて迷いより出ず。かく言う灯とは、あなたの師である仏の教えであり、善知識であり、亡き先祖の方々のことでもあります。灯に出合って我々が道定まる事、実に有難き事なり。

万灯会法要を来る7月24日-25日午後6時半より東本願寺ハワイ別院お盆踊り会場にてお勤めしますので一人でも沢山の方をお誘い下さって献灯お願い申し上げます。

申込 1灯(日本特製提灯) 20 弗を寄付して頂きビラに名前又は法名と寄付者名を記して献灯します。申込用紙に記入して送り下さい。

MANTO-E LANTERN APPLICATION FORM 万灯会提灯申込書

Please make check payable to: Higashi Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii 東本願寺ハワイ別院宛

\$ _____ for _____ lanterns in memory of: 万灯会提灯 _____ 個分 _____ 弗同封

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TEMPLE ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

JULY 2015

7/5	Sun	10 am	Shōtsuki memorial service (Rev. Childs) & Sunday school
7/9	Thu	7 pm	ABCs of Buddhism study class led by Rinban Kawawata in English
7/11	Sat	10 am	What on Earth Is Namuamidabutsu? led by Rev. Frank Childs
7/12	Sun	10 am	Obon/Hatsubon service
7/12	Sun	12 pm	Basic Buddhism study class led by Rinban Kawawata in Japanese
7/14	Tue	3 pm	Ukulele class/band practice
7/19	Sun	10 am	Sunday service - Lay speaker: Ken Saiki
7/19	Sun	12 pm	Betsuin board meeting
7/21	Tue	6 pm	Bon dance practice 6 pm: Ryukyu, 7 pm: Fukushima
7/21	Tue	7 pm	O-kō: Dharma discussion at Betsuin
7/24	Fri	6:30 pm	Manto-e service
7/24	Fri	7 pm	Bon dance
7/25	Sat	6:30 pm	Manto-e service
7/25	Sat	7 pm	Bon dance
7/26	Sun	9 am	Obon cleanup (No Sunday service)
7/28	Tue	10 am	Onicchu Shinran Shonin service
7/28	Tue	3 pm	Ukulele class/band practice
7/28	Tue	6:30 pm	Movie night: Rashomon

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8/2	Sun	10 am	Shōtsuki memorial service (Rinban Kawawata) & Sunday school
8/2	Sun	12 pm	Jimmy's Auto Basics led by Jimmy Hirakawa Fukuhara Conference Room
8/8	Sat	10 am	What on Earth Is Namuamidabutsu? led by Rev. Frank Childs Fukuhara Conference Room
8/9	Sun	10 am	Sunday service
8/9	Sun	12 pm	Basic Buddhism study class led by Rinban Kawawata in Japanese Fukuhara Conference Room
8/11	Tue	3 pm	Ukulele class/band practice
8/13	Thu	7 pm	ABCs of Buddhism study class led by Rinban Kawawata in English Fukuhara Conference Room
8/16	Sun	10 am	Sunday service
8/16	Sun	12 pm	Betsuin board meeting
8/18	Tue	7 pm	O-kō: Dharma discussion at Kaneohe
8/23	Sun	10 am	Sunday service
8/27	Tue	3 pm	Ukulele class/band practice
8/27	Tue	6:30 pm	Movie night: TBA
8/28	Tue	10 am	Onicchu Shinran Shonin service

Everyone is welcome to join in on our sutra chanting at 7 am daily (except Sundays & 28th day of the month) in the Betsuin main hall.