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OBON: A SUMMER TRADITION IN HAWAII

Summer signals bon dance season in Hawaii. On any given weekend you'll find obon services and bon dances going on somewhere in the Islands. Many people in Hawaii enjoy the excitement and food at bon dances.

Besides being an opportunity to meet friends, obon is a time to express gratitude to the people who lived before us. This year we celebrate the anniversary of the arrival of "Gannenmono," a group of Japanese who came to Hawaii in 1868 to work on the plantations. Largely as a result of their efforts and enduring hardships, our generation today can enjoy peaceful lives in Hawaii. So naturally we bow down our heads, express our deep gratitude to and respect for the brave pioneers who preceded us.

Obon is a time to remind us of how much our parents and grandparents, our ancestors have done to help make our lives happy. *Okagesama de*, we are what we are because of them. Obon is an opportunity to rejoice in the life we enjoy. We express gratitude for all of the causes and conditions, past and present, that help sustain our lives.

Expressing our gratitude and respect to our ancestors gives us a chance to think about our own lives and the kinds of gifts ancestors left for us. We should also think about the kind of gift we can leave for our children and all the succeeding generations.

Obon is indeed a big celebration of our lives, and our beloved ones are giving us a chance to hear the Dharma for deeper and more meaningful lives.

See you in the bon dance circle!

In gassho,
Rinban Kenjun Kawawata



Rinban Ken Kawawata

お盆はハワイの夏の風物詩

この7月はお盆の季節であります。毎年6月よりハワイでは毎週どこかの寺でお盆法要や盆踊りが行われることです。

お盆は頂きたいのちと生かされている喜びを表し感謝する良き機会です。お盆法要では先祖方々を偲び、感謝を表し仏法を聴聞させていただくのです。真宗のお盆法要はただ先祖の方々に感謝を表すことに終わらず、仏法聴聞しこの頂きたいのちをより深く、有意義に生きることに重きが置かれております。お念仏の教えにより私どもの生きる方向性がはっきりし、頂きたいのちを無駄にしないことであります。

またお盆には恒例の盆踊りがあります。盆踊りは頂きたいのちと、生る喜びのひとつの表現と言えましょう。私どもの別院ではお盆と共にたくさんの提灯を飾り万灯会法要をお勤めします。一つ一つの提灯の下には亡き方々の名前、法名が書かれております。私どもはその多くの方々の下で盆踊りを踊ります。それは無限なるいのちの流れの中に私どもは生まれ生きて、いまその喜びの踊りを踊っているということです。

また今年はハワイ移民元年者150周年記念の年です。私どものお盆もこれらの先達方のご苦勞を偲びまたその偉業をたたえる良き機会であります。私どもの先達は多くのことを日本から伝え、またこちらで多くのことを創造してまいりました。今日の私どもの生活の基礎を築いていただいたことです。万灯会法要では元年者方たちの追悼法要を共に勤めいたします。

私共はよく「お陰様で」という言葉を使います。おかげさまでと言う意味は、目に見える、また見えない多くの人々やものやご縁によって私は支えられ生かされておりますということです。「おかげさまでありがとう」という時、この頂きたいのちを一所懸命いきまうという気持ちが起こり、新たなる明日への一歩が歩みだせることです。

このお盆を先祖や亡き方への感謝だけですましてしまえば、それはただの先祖 供養、墓守仏教で終わってしまいます。真の仏教はどう生きて行くかを問うてゆくことでありましょう。私共はいつも宝物の入った蔵の前におります。教えという宝であります。その蔵を開ける鍵は私共一人一人であり、この七月にお迎えするお盆がその蔵を開けるご縁なのではないでしょうか。亡き方々が私どもに教えを供じて下さるお盆であります。

合掌
輪番 河和田賢淳

The Manto-e Tradition: Decorating the summer sky with "10,000 lanterns"



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*, or 10,000 lights.

The tradition of Manto-e was started in Japan about 1,200 years ago during the reign of Emperor Shomu. Once a year 10,000 lights were lit in honor of the Buddha around the Todaiji Temple in Nara.

Higashi Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii celebrates the tradition of the Manto-e at our bon dance. Our Manto-e service is held at 6:30 pm on July 20 and 21 at the foot of the yagura. This year we will also pay special tribute to the Gannenmono pioneers who arrived 150 years ago.

With your donation of \$20 for each lantern you may wish to offer in memory of a departed relative or friend, we will write his or her name, along with your name as the donor, on a small tablet to be hung from each lantern. The custom-made lanterns from Japan can be picked up and are yours to keep after the bon dance.

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

Here's my donation of \$ _____ for _____ lanterns in memory of:
Name 名前 _____ Dharma name 法名 _____

Donor's name 寄付者名 _____ Phone 電話 _____

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2018 Higashi Hongwanji Betsuin



Bon Festival



Friday, July 20 & Saturday, July 21
5:30 - 10 pm

CHECK OUT OUR YATAI FOOD BOOTHS

Beef curry plate
Chili rice plate
Shoyu pork plate
Unagi donburi
Gourmet burgers
Ramen
Yakitori

Sushi (maki & inari)
Reverse California &
Spicy tuna hand rolls
Poke bowls
Ramune soda
plus other all-time
festival favorites!

NEW THIS YEAR!

- Illumination Garden
- Peace Light Tunnel
- Gannenmono lantern wall
- Finding your roots
- Kenjinkai referrals
- Senior health & fitness
- **FREE** kids' crafts & games

AMPLE PARKING
Lanakila Elem. School
across Alaneo St.

ADDITIONAL PARKING
Likelike Elem. School
below N. School St.
Free shuttle service available

Our perennially popular bon dance performance groups:

- Fukushima Bon Dance Club
- Iwakuni Odori Aiko Kai
- Harada Naoatsusa-kai

PLUS!



"Shoho" Dazz Toguchi
Semi-classical Japanese Dance Master



Grant "Sandaa" Murata
Hawaii Eisa Shinyuu Kai

And for the other bon dance weekends, don't forget our sister Higashi Hongwanji Hawaii District temples:

Kaneohe Higashi Hongwanji: July 7, 6:30 - 10 pm;
food booths open 5:30 pm; service 6 pm

Palolo Higashi Hongwanji: July 27 & 28, 6:30 - 9:30 pm; food
booths open 5:30 pm; service 6 pm

Waimea Higashi Hongwanji: July 27 & 28, service 6 pm

Hilo Higashi Hongwanji: Aug. 11, 6:30 pm; service 6 pm



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Bon Festival

Friday, July 20 & Saturday, July 21, 5:30 - 10 pm

1685 Alaneo St. (corner N. Kuakini St., across Lanakila Elementary School)



PLUS!

- Illumination Garden
- Peace Light Tunnel
- Community information

- Discovering Your Roots - Genealogy
- Kenjinkai prefectural club information & referral
- Senior health & fitness
- Free crafts & games for kids
- Basic Buddhism
- ...and lots more!

Bon dance practice!
 Tuesday, July 17 at
 Higashi Hongwanji
 Otani Center
 7 - 9 pm

HIGASHI HONGWANJI BETSUIN BON FESTIVAL SCHEDULE Friday, 7/20 & Saturday, 7/21

- 5:30 Yatai food booths open!
- 5:45 Harada NaoAtsusa-kai minyo performance (Friday only)
- 6:15 Manto-e candle procession
- 6:20 Gannenmono Manto-e service
- 6:45 Bon dancing begins, led by:
 - Honolulu Fukushima Bon Dance Club
 - Iwakuni Odori Aiko Kai
- 7:50 "Shoho" Dazz Toguchi performance
 Semi-classical Japanese Dance Master
- 8:00 Bon dancing continues, led by:
 - Hon. Fukushima Bon Dance Club (Yagura-gumi)
 - Hawaii Eisa Shinyuu Kai with Grant "Sandsa" Murata jikata
 - Hon. Fukushima Bon Dance Club
 - Iwakuni Odori Aiko Kai
 - Hon. Fukushima (Yagura-gumi)
- 10:00 Closing



MAHALO

to our community partners

- The Aikido Ohana
- Aloha Mustang & Shelby Club
- City & County of Honolulu
- City Mill
- Good Shepherd Church
- Harada NaoAtsusa-kai
- Hawaii Eisa Shinyuukai
- Hawaii Tokai University
- Hawaii Hiroshima Heritage Study Group (H3SG)
- Higashi Hongwanji Hawaii District
- Honolulu Fukushima Bon Dance Club
- Iwakuni Odori Aiko Kai
- Kaneohe Higashi Hongwanji
- Kuakini Health Foundation
- Lanakila Elementary School
- Lanakila Pacific
- Likelike Elementary School
- Palolo Hongwanji
- Shimazu Shave Ice
- Uptown Jujitsu

ADDITIONAL PARKING!



Ample parking at Lanakila Elem. School across Alaneo St.! Overflow parking at Likelike Elem. School below School St. (shuttle van service available)

In Search of the Bluebird of Happiness



Rev. Noriaki Fujimori introduced the Hawaii District's new theme, "Let Us Discover the Joy of Living" (生きる喜びを見つけよう) by telling the story of his own futile pursuit of the "Bluebird of Happiness."

After trying to chase down the elusive bird and questioning who he was himself, he came to realize that joy and happiness was always right before his eyes in Shin Buddhism.

Rennyō Shōnin's collaborative learning approach and Shinran Shōnin's non-traditional approach to bringing Buddha's teaching to the masses had made the benefits of Buddhism available to everyone.

What makes one happy? Those attending shared examples such as personal accomplishments, connections with the deceased and appreciation of Nature.

But what is happiness? Costa Rica is ranked the "Happiest Place on Earth." Is it the same feeling as expressed by the joy and happiness inherent in the Japanese word *yorokobi*? Some felt that perhaps in other cultures, the emotion might be more accurately described as "satisfaction" or "contentment."

No doubt happiness is different things to different people.

Let Us Discover the Joy of Living
生きる喜びを見つけよう



Rev. Fujimori of Palolo Hongwanji was our guest speaker at Otani Center on June 24.

Higashi Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii
and its Board of Directors
cordially invite you to attend the
Obon Service and Hatsu Bon Service

Sunday, July 8, 2018
10:00 a.m.

English Sermon by Rev. Bert Sumikawa
Minister, Kailua Hongwanji

Otoki refreshments immediately following the service

The Obon Service is held to remember our ancestors and to celebrate our life, and is one of the most important observances of the year. Please join us and gather again this year to resolve to deepen our understanding of Buddhism.



Brief biography of guest minister, Rev. Bert Sumikawa

Bert Sumikawa was born in Pearl City Peninsula and moved to Kailua after the 5th grade and graduated from Iolani School. He received a B.S. degree in Zoology with a minor in Philosophy and Theology from Marquette University, where he attended Dental School and graduated with a Doctor of Dental Surgery degree, followed by a residency in Pediatric Dentistry at the Wisconsin Children's Hospital.

After taking all of the required courses at the Institute of Buddhist Studies, he received Tokudo and Kyoshi certification, and was appointed Kaikyoshi. Having served at the Kapolei Buddhist Sangha, Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin and most recently at Moilili Hongwanji, he is now serving at Kailua Hongwanji and as Chaplain at the Pacific Buddhist Academy.

His maternal great-grandfather was a Christian minister in Kobe and his maternal grandfather was a long-time Christian minister in Waimea, Kauai, after first serving at the Lihue Christian Church.

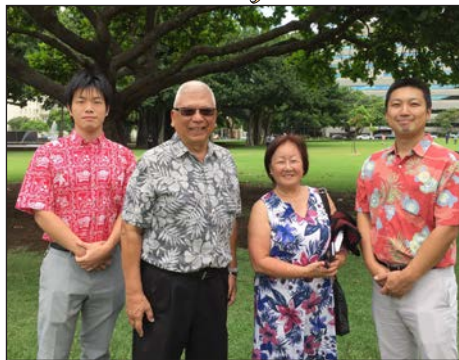
初夏の候、みなさまにおかれましてはお元気にお過ごしのことと存じます。さて今年もお盆の季節がやってまいりました。本年は左記の如くお盆法要並びに初盆法要を厳修いたしますのでご案内申し上げます。

記 お盆／初盆法要

2018年7月8日(日)
午前10:00時

法話 住川 パート 開教使
カイルア本願寺開教使

以上の予定となっております。なお法要後、お斎の接待がございます。どうぞご家族お揃いで法要にお参り下さい。



Clockwise, from top left: Rev. Kikuchi, Margaret Hamachi & Rev. Kita perform "Hanagasa Ondo" on stage at JCCH Manoa Grand Ballroom; Rev. Kita, Ken Saiki, Faye Shigemura & Rev. Kikuchi greeted Japan's Prince & Princess Akishino at a Thomas Square tree-planting ceremony; Atsuko Nonaka & Kumiko Sakai at the Harada NaoAtsusa-kai Gannenmono Folk Song Charity Show at Ala Moana Hotel's Hibiscus Ballroom; Fay & Ray Uyema wish Marian Tsuji well as she departs her post as CEO at a Lanakila Pacific; Faye Shigemura awash in lei at her installation as president of the United Japanese Society of Hawaii, with Marion Kanemori, plus Deputy Consul General Takayuki Shinozawa & UJSH Immediate Past President Sheree Tamura. Center: Ken Saiki shares his thoughts on the June-July "Wisdom of Hawaii's Elders" segment on KIKU-TV.

Betsuin members out & about for June community activities

In June we found ourselves with more than a typical month's share of news and photos of our board and Betsuin members fulfilling their roles in the myriad activities that make a community function.

The month marked 150 years since the arrival of the Gannenmono, the first group of Japanese emigrants, which spawned a flurry of anniversary events in Hawaii. Temple members had vital roles in assisting in several, including a convention/symposium for Nikkei from around the world, a minyo charity show and events for imperial family members, Prince and Princess Akishino.

In June Betsuin President Faye Shigemura and resident minister Rev. Koen Kikuchi were installed as president and director, respectively,

of the United Japanese Society of Hawaii for the 2018-2018 year.

There are still other Gannenmono events coming up. Check activities on the web at www.kizuna-hawaii.com.

July movie selection, Eyes on Me, will definitely capture your heart

This heartfelt 2015 film directed by Junichi Kanai was shot entirely on location in Wakayama. Naoto Hatano (Hisashi Yoshizawa) runs a beauty salon on a shopping street of Wakayama City while his wife, Kyoko (So Hiroasawa), teaches calligraphy on the 2nd floor. Kyoko, who has no children, is drawn to a seven-year-old student, Seto Saki (Riko Masuda) and treats her like her own daughter. After a certain incident, however, all contact with the girl is lost.

Ten years have passed. Naoto, a widower of five years, receives a call from Saki. She has lost her eyesight completely and is now living in a

dormitory at a school for the blind. Middle-aged Naoto, realizing her loneliness, tries as much as possible to cheer her up...

Also starring Takemi Fujii, Chinu Izumi, Miyoko Yoshimoto and Masao Komatsu. 2015. 96 minutes.

Showtime: 6:30 pm, Tuesday, July 24, 96 min. Color. Japanese audio, English subtitles. Free admission. Light refreshments, or bring to share!

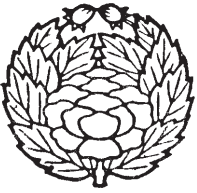
ちよき

オール和歌山市ロケによるハートフル・ラブストーリー。全盲の少女と美容師の男性との優しい恋の行方を描く。和歌山市の商店街で美容室を営む波多野直人(吉沢悠)。妻の京子は美容室の2階で書道教室を開いていた。子どものいない彼女は、お転婆な7歳の生徒・瀬戸サキを我が子のように可愛がっていた。しかしある事件以来サキ(増田璃子)と会うことはなくなっていた。

それから10年後。5年前に京子に先立たれて以来独り身の直人のもとに、サキから電話がかかってくる。彼女は視力を完全に失っていて、盲学校で寮生活を送っていた。彼女の孤独を悟り、できるだけ一緒にいてあげようとする直人だったが...

監督：深田晃司、出演者：藤井武美、和泉ちぬ、芳本美代子、小松政夫、公開：2015年、カラー、言語：日本語、字幕：英語、映時間：96分、7月24日(火)午後6:30時、入場無料。





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TEMPLE ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

JULY

7/1	Sun	10 am	Shōtsuki service/Sunday school Dharma message: Rinban Ken Kawawata
7/1	Sun	12 pm	Omigaki polishing of altar accessories
7/2	Mon	10 am	Betsuin study class
7/8	Sun	10 am	Obon/Hatsubon service Rev. Bert Sumikawa of Kailua Hongwanji
7/10	Tue	3 pm	Ukulele class/band practice
7/12	Thu	7 pm	The Larger Sutra study class (English)
7/15	Sun	10 am	Sunday service/Sunday school Dharma message: Rev. Koen Kikuchi
7/15	Sun	12 pm	Betsuin board meeting
7/16	Mon	10 am	Betsuin study class
7/17	Tue	7 pm	Bon dance practice until 9 pm
7/17	Tue	7 pm	O-kō: Dharma discussion at Kaneohe
7/20	Fri	5:30 pm & 6:30 pm	Betsuin Bon Festival Food booths open & Mantō-e service
7/21	Sat	7 pm	Bon dance until 10 pm
7/22	Sun	9 am	Bon dance cleanup (no Sunday service)
7/24	Tue	3 pm	Ukulele class/band practice
7/24	Tue	6:30 pm	Movie night: Eyes on Me ちよき (2016)
7/28	Sat	10 am	Shinran Shōnin memorial service
7/29	Sun	10 am	Sunday service/Sunday school Dharma message: Rinban Kawawata
7/29	Sun	12 pm	Art of Paper Folding class

AUGUST

8/5	Sun	10 am	Shōtsuki service/Sunday school
8/5	Sun	12 pm	The Larger Sutra study class led by Rinban Kawawata in Japanese 無量寿経 日本語仏教講座 現代語で仏教を聞こう!
8/6	Mon	10 am	Betsuin study class Fukuhara Conference Room
8/9	Thu	7 pm	The Larger Sutra study class led by Rinban Kawawata in English Fukuhara Conference Room
8/12	Sun	10 am	Sunday service/Sunday school
8/14	Tue	3 pm	Ukulele class/band practice
8/19	Sun	10 am	Sunday service/Sunday school
8/19	Sun	12 pm	Betsuin board meeting
8/20	Mon	10 am	Betsuin study class Fukuhara Conference Room
8/21	Tue	7 pm	O-kō: Dharma discussion at Betsuin
8/25	Sat	10 am	Hawaii District meeting Fukuhara Conference Room
8/26	Sun	10 am	Sunday service/Sunday school
8/28	Tue	10 am	Shinran Shōnin memorial service
8/28	Tue	3 pm	Ukulele class/band practice
8/28	Tue	6:30 pm	Movie night: August in Tokyo (2014) 愛の小さな歴史 Fukuhara Conference Room

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