

# KONA HONGWANJI BUDDHIST TEMPLE



**E - JIHO**



**October 2013**

**Theme & Slogan 2013: Path of Entrusting: Live the Teachings!**

## **KYODAN MANJU SALE**

**Manju making, Saturday, October 26, 2013 beginning at 7:30 a.m.  
Manju Sale, Sunday, October 27, 2013, 8:00 a.m. to 12 noon**

**Turn in order forms to church office by October 11, 2013  
VOLUNTEERS ARE WELCOMED TO MAKE MANJU**

## **ANNUAL CLEAN UP**

**Sunday, November 17, 2013  
Save Date**

## **HAPPY THOUGHTS WISE WORDS ON FINDING FULFILLMENT**

'The only way to do great work is to love what you do. If you haven't found it yet, keep looking. Don't settle.'

**Steve Jobs**

'Every man is a suffering machine and a happiness machine combined. The two functions work together harmoniously, with a fine and delicate precision, on the give - and - take principle.'

**Mark Twain**

'Happiness is not to be achieved at the command of emotional whims'.

**Ayn Rand**

## **NEED THE ASSISTANCE OF THE MINISTER OR TO SCHEDULE SERVICES/ACTIVITIES**

Please call the church office at 323-2993 Monday thru Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Office will be closed on weekends and holidays. If unable to contact the office clerk, leave a message on the answering machine. In case of emergencies and unable to contact office clerk, call Rev. Shoji Matsumoto at 323-2993 or cell 987-9900, or Norma Matsumoto at 323-2552 or cell 989-3015.

<u>OCTOBER</u>		
5 Saturday .....	9:00 AM ....	HIUBWA Seminar "An End of Life Symposium"
6 Sunday .....	9:00 AM ....	English Family Service
9 Wednesday .....	7:00 PM ....	Board of Director's Meeting
11 Friday .....	8:30 AM ....	Senior Activity Program
13 Sunday .....	9:00 AM ....	English Family Service
19 Saturday .....	8:00 AM ....	Omigaki #2
	9:00 AM ....	BWA Board Meeting
20 Sunday .....	9:00 AM ....	English Sunday Service
26 Saturday .....	7:00 AM ....	Annual Kyodan Fundraiser - Manju Baking
27 Sunday .....	.....	NO SUNDAY SERVICE
	8:00 AM ..	Annual Kyodan Fundraising Manju Pick-Up

<u>NOVEMBER</u>		
3 Sunday .....	9:00 AM ....	English Family Service
8 Friday .....	8:30 AM ....	Senior Activity Program
9 Saturday .....	.....	IKEBANA CANCELLED
	8:00 AM ....	Omigaki #3
10 Sunday .....	9:00 AM ....	English Family Service
16 Saturday .....	8:00 AM ....	Annual Wall Washing
17 Sunday .....	7:30 AM ....	Annual Clean-up
23 Saturday .....	.....	Judo Club Promotion & Banquet
24 Sunday .....	.....	NO SUNDAY SERVICE

#### **CUB SCOUTS & BOY SCOUTS**

EVERY MONDAY CUB SCOUT PACK 12 MEETING AT 5:00 PM  
 EVERY WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY CUB SCOUT PACK 12 MEETING AT 5:00 PM EXCEPT 1<sup>ST</sup>  
 WEDNESDAY  
 EVERY TUESDAY BOY SCOUT TROOP 59 MEETING AT 7:00 PM

#### **TAIKO PRACTICE**

EVERY THURSDAY TAIKO PRACTICE AT 5:30 PM  
 TAIKO MEETING EVERY 2<sup>ND</sup> THURSDAY IN THE SOCIAL HALL AT 6:30 PM

#### **JUDO PRACTICE**

JUDO CLUB MEETING EVERY 1<sup>ST</sup> WEDNESDAY IN SCOUT ROOM  
 EVERY MONDAY AT 7:00 PM NIGHT CLASS  
 EVERY WEDNESDAY AT 6:00 PM NOVICE; 7:00 PM NIGHT CLASS  
 EVERY TUESDAY AT 6:30 PM ADULT BEGINNERS  
 EVERY THURSDAY AT 7:00 PM CHOKE ARM BAR CLASS

#### **IKEBANA**

EVERY 2<sup>ND</sup> SATURDAY AT 9:00 AM IN THE SCOUT ROOM

#### **TAI CHI CLASSES**

EVERY MONDAY & WEDNESDAY AT 10:30 AM

#### **DHARMA TALK CLASSES**

EVERY TUESDAY AT 9:00 AM and 7:00 PM IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM

#### **KYUDO CLASSES**

EVERY SATURDAY AT 1:00 PM IN THE JUDO HALL

**MEMORIAL SERVICES FOR OCTOBER and NOVEMBER, 2013**

First Year (2012)	October	27	NORIKO TADOKORO
	November	5	KANEYO HIGASHI
		11	SATOSHI IWASAKI
		11	GUY TOYAMA
Third Year (2011)	October	8	HAROLD "T-BONE" KAKU
		27	JAMES "JIMMY" KUKITA
	November	15	MUNEO INOUYE
		20	BESSIE K. MATSUYAMA
		23	ALAN JOHN PRATT
Seventh Year (2007)	October	4	YACHIYO KUKITA
		7	HIDEO SAKATA
		22	MINORU KAWAKAMI
	November	28	ALAN TODOMU NAKAMURA
Thirteenth Year (2001)	October	18	JOHN S. MURASAKI
		20	TOSHIE "BETTY" OUE
		24	HAZEL T. PERLMUTTER
	November	7	MITSUNO UEMURA
Seventeenth Year (1997)	November	7	CLARENCE SATORU KOMO
		9	HAROLD HIROMU HIRATA
		23	HAROLD YOSHIYUKI NAKAMURA
Twenty-fifth Year (1989)	October	14	MASUO FUJII
Thirty-third Year (1981)	October	3	TAMIO SAITO
Fiftieth Year (1964)	October	?	VALLEREANA IKEUCHI
	November	21	HYAKUICHI HONDA
		21	CHISE SAKAMOTO
		?	YUKICHI KAWASAKI
One Hundredth Year (1914)	October	11	MITSUJI HONKAWA
		12	NOBUKO SHIBAYAMA
		12	SHIMAYO MIYAGAWA
		20	NAKO YOKOYAMA
		24	FUMIKO OMORI
		24	RISA ISOMOTO
		28	KUMAICHI WATANABE
		November	8
	18		GUNICHI SATO
	26		YOSHIYUKI NOZAKI
		28	TOSHIKICHI UEDA

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Norma Matsumoto

After emerging from a stimulating 'Strategic Planning Session - 2013 & Beyond' and emerging from a challenging Big Island Council meeting (all Hongwanji's on the island), your board will begin to work on some major steps to do some CPR on our temple and its roles and activities. Guess what!!! You'll probably be included on it as well! Every member will be contacted in this effort, so no pretend that you didn't get that message on your answering machine or didn't pick up 'cause you knew it was me!!

Anyway, as this year wears down, please remember that there will be **elections** for this next year, possible **dues structure changes**, and we need your **input**. Gripes and kudos especially appreciated. It's probably that better ideas will come from **outside** the Kyodan structure, as we've talked to each other *ad nauseam* already. The temple gratefully accepts your annual pledges, but by the very definition of the word 'pledges', you have done a physical act of committing to a purpose for which you have assigned hard earned dollars. It made you part of the Sangha of this temple. It is time that you came in, not only to honor your loved ones now gone, but to fill this temple with the practice of Dana which is the selfless giving of your talents for the benefit of others.

The truth of the matter is, whatever your annual pledge to the temple is, (currently \$180.00) \$130 for each member is sent to Oahu to Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii. Your state ministers are now on a salary schedule much like state, county or federal county workers with their benefits package figured in. Better yet, we have no control over the kind of minister our temple receives. Yeah!! Very many things like that are truly out of our control. Even the amount we pay to Oahu, Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii, is figured out by some formula which is somewhat based on a membership number we had very many years ago.

'Nuff griping from me. I hope to see more of you in more fun activities for fellowship here at the temple. We will lose Reverend Shoji Matsumoto on December 6 and he will 'Pearl Harbor' Florida on December 7 by moving with Dr. Sandra Matsumoto back to her home town. We will miss him. But will we get a new minister within some appropriate time frame? Who will be selected for Kona Hongwanji as minister? Stay tuned for the next episode...oh I forgot...Kona Hongwanji is NOT a soap opera...or is it?!!?

## FOR YOUR INFORMATION

By Mary Katayama

**Project Dana:** The monthly Senior Activity Program met on Friday, September 13, 2013. A delicious lunch of corn beef and cabbage, squash and wheat rolls was prepared by our very busy and talented Facilities Chairperson, Morris Nagata. The Project Dana kitchen helpers are very happy to assist the cook. Next month the lunch menu will be a surprise, kyodan president Norma Matsumoto will be assisting Morris. Project Dana needs volunteers to assist in preparing the main dish for our monthly program. Call the church office to help. **The monthly Senior Activity Program is open to all kyodan members.**

**Pre-School:** Vacancy for children ages 2yr. 8 months, 3 and 4 year old. Children of parents, grandchildren or great grandchildren of active Kona Hongwanji members have tuition discounts. Call Miss Elsie at the Pre-School at 323-3737 for more enrollment information.

**Strategic Planning Session:** Mahalo to Carol Ikeda who did a fantastic job of facilitating the Session with 21 members in attendance (17 board members, 2 BWA and 2 kyodan members). Carol kept everyone focused, following the agenda, stretching exercise, leadership song, and picture game. Everyone got candies titled: "Rocky Road" and "\$100,000". (Message received). 4 groups were formed to set goals with action plans and timeline. Groups were identified as Facility, Finance, Leadership and Programs. Discussion followed after group presentations. Recorders were Wendy Terada and Pauline Oshiro. Goals, action plan, timeline and discussion will be compiled by Carol and presented to the board. The board will develop a Strategic Plan for the next 5 years. Everyone enjoyed the delicious lunch, snacks, drinks prepared by Lynn Katayama and Lisa Ciriako with assistance from Alan Matsumoto.

**Hapi Coats:** Through the years, we have received used and new Kona Hongwanjji Hapi Coats. The sizes are: adults—1= XL, 1=L, 1=M, 3=S,; children—1-M, 3=S. Contact church office if interested. Purchase by donation.

## **HEADQUARTERS UPDATE**

### **HAWAII KYODAN URGES SUPPORT FOR SAME GENDER MARRIAGE**

Recently, in the news and media various perspectives are being shared. The Governor has called for a special session of the Legislature on October 28, 2013 to discuss the topic of Same Gender Marriage for Hawaii. The Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii is sharing its perspective by supporting and providing opportunities for people in the Community to be more informed. In mid-August, an Interfaith Prayer Brunch sponsored by Progressive Interfaith community and Hawaii United for Marriage was held at the First Unitarian Church of Honolulu. It was attended by dozens of clergy members including several Buddhist ministers like Bishop Eric Matsumoto, Rev. Kevin Kuniyuki, Rev. Blayne Higa and Rev. Irene Matsumoto. Rev. Blayne Higa shared a message representing the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii. A document of endorsement was signed by those in attendance that as religious leaders we support the freedom to marry in Hawaii. On Wednesday, August 28, the BSC was the host site for a Faith Leader Talk Story on Marriage Equality which was sponsored by the Committee on Social Concerns of the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii and Hawaii United for Marriage. The Talk Story Session was open to leaders of all Faith Traditions. It featured local attorney Dan Gluck of the ACLU who touched upon the impact of the repeal of DOMA and what would be the rights and responsibilities of religious organizations if same gender marriage becomes legal in Hawaii. In early September, a letter was sent to the Governor and Lt. Governor of Hawaii and all Senators and Representatives of the Hawaii State Legislature in support of Same Gender Marriage. An excerpt from the letter sent from the Office of the Bishop reads: “On behalf of the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii,...(it is our) belief that same-gender couples should have equal rights and have access to the quality of life as conferred by legally recognized marriage. We commend the Legislature and the Governor for enacting the Hawaii Civil Unions law in 2011. We hope you will mindfully consider full marriage equality for all couples in our state regardless of gender. We believe the issue of marriage equality to be a matter of civil rights. As the largest Buddhist denomination in Hawaii, we affirm the dignity and worth of all people and that everyone deserves to be treated equally within our society.”

### **2014 LIVING TREASURES OF HAWAII**

The Living Treasures of Hawai'i Committee met on August 19, 2013 to select the 2014 Living Treasures honorees. They are as follows, in alphabetical order:

- **REVEREND IDA KELI'IOKALANI (HANAPI) CHUN**

The Reverend Ida Keli'iokalani Chun is a respected composer and singer, and one of the last 60 known Hawaiian language native speakers. At age 90, she continues to use her knowledge and understanding of the Hawaiian language, culture and music to benefit Hawaii's people.

- **DR. SAMUEL M.O. GON III**

Dr. Samuel M.O. Gon III has played a significant role in two large areas: first, in our understanding, appreciation and preservation of Hawaii's unique environment and second, in understanding Hawaii's important culture. He has become a respected interpreter of culture and conservation. In the words of the sponsors, Sam is a “premier leader in understanding a new paradigm in conservation which merges native Hawaiian and western science ways for caring for our aina.”

- **MR. ROBERT MITSURU HAMADA**

Mr. Robert Hamada is a self-taught wood carver, who learned to work with wood from the age of 12. He is a gifted and talented artisan who also learned self-discipline and perseverance from his father, who was a Japan-trained immigrant blacksmith and a skilled wood carver and stone carver. His works have been acquired by various organizations and individuals all over the world.

- **ARTHUR AND RENE KIMURA**

Arthur and Renee Kimura are being recognized as joint Living Treasures of Hawaii for their collaborative efforts in promoting education in science for students throughout Hawaii. Both have been recognized locally and nationally for their outstanding achievements and dedication to science education. These include Arthur receiving the first Presidential Award for Excellence in Science in 1983, Outstanding Biology Teacher of the Year in Hawaii in 1978, and the Christa McAuliffe Memorial Award for Excellence, presented by the Aerospace Education Foundation.

- **REVEREND CHIKAI YOSEMORI**

Dedicated to Buddhism, he is recognized for his innovations in church propagation. He was elected as the 14<sup>th</sup> Bishop of the Honpa Hongwanji Hawai'i Kyodan in 1996. In this capacity as bishop he is responsible for initiatives such as the planned giving program. He provided leadership to develop a private high school affiliated with the church, named the Pacific Buddhist Academy. Above all, in his many years as minister and bishop, he emphasized Shin Buddhist's concept of interdependence among all beings. He constantly worked towards improvement of Buddhism in meeting the changing needs in changing times.

***They will be honored on February 8, 2014 at the Legislative Assembly Aloha Luncheon during the Living Treasures Program. Details to be announced later.***

## **Time and Again**

by William Tokuko Lundquist

We can't spend all our time worrying about the future of Kona Hongwanji and Jodo-Shinshu Buddhism. Actually, their best days may be not behind or ahead of them, but alongside. I can almost hear you saying, "What is the crazy haole-man talking about now?" Well, this month's column is designed to stretch your consciousness, or at least your imagination. I'd like to propose an idea that seems pretty crazy on the surface, and maybe under the surface too, but then, the idea that the earth might not be the center of the universe was thought pretty crazy in its day.

I started thinking about this idea when I was reading a review of an art book in *Buddhadharma* magazine. The book was about how Kukai, founder of Shingon Buddhism in Japan, and Dogen, founder of Soto Zen, expressed their views of enlightenment through art. What caught my imagination was the shisho, one of the three basic documents of transmission in Soto Zen, basically, a lineage chart. When I was preparing for my lay confirmation at the Daifukuji temple, Rev. Jiko had me fill in a lineage chart, a list of those who had transmitted the knowledge of the Buddha from Shakyamuni to Mahakashapa (in the famous Flower Sermon), to Bodhidharma who brought Buddhism to China, to Dogen and other Zen patriarchs right down to the priest who taught Rev. Jiko, and Jiko to me. This was a list, with Shakyamuni and Mahakashapa at the top finally ending with me at the bottom. This is how we in the West arrange things. They start at one point and end at another. I think this comes from the Judeo-Christian philosophy that the universe was created by God at the beginning of time, and will be destroyed by God at the end.

The shisho, as designed by Dogen, is entirely different. In it, the names of all of one's spiritual ancestors are arranged in a circle, with the first name, Mahakashapa, sitting right next to your name. A red line with no beginning, no end, and no direction weaves through the Buddha's name at the center of the circle,

through all of the names in the circle, back to the Buddha, into another circle at the center, and on and on. This, according to the book's author, Pamela Winfield, is Dogen's vision of enlightenment as multidimensional time. In the shisho, the lineage moves forward in time from the Buddha to oneself, and in every other direction, from every ancestor to every ancestor, at the same moment. That means at the very moment Rev. Jiko was transmitting the knowledge of Shakyamuni to me, Shakyamuni was silently holding a flower aloft and Mahakashapa grasped his meaning. Rev. Jiko was receiving her knowledge even while Shakyamuni was sitting under the Bodhi tree, or was being born. That got me thinking: maybe the present moment is so important because it is all moments. The past doesn't lead to the present which leads to the future. They all happen at once.

Crazy, right, but maybe only to our Western way of thinking. The Maya of Central America and those in ancient India did not see time as moving along a straight line, but as cycles that repeat endlessly. Maybe they observed that seasons and crops come and go, but never end. Spring and winter are both always coming. In Shakyamuni's time and place, everyone believed people were born, died and lived an infinite number of lives. That's why ancient Buddhists advised people to treat every living thing as if it had been their mother, brother, child, lover, etc., because they believed every person, leaf and bug had been at one time or another. Now, we just look at that as a metaphor telling us we should treat every living thing with kindness and respect. Good advice, but the ancients Indians took it more seriously.

With modern science, we know better, right? I mean, how can every moment in time be happening at the same time? Well, for the past few decades top physicists have been exploring the theory that there is more than one universe. In fact, there may be an infinite number of universes, all existing simultaneously. In each one, things are happening a bit differently. Maybe in one, you turned left when you reached the highway this morning, and either hit or didn't hit another car, affecting the lives of a family in that car, and what they did next affected others, until that entire universe was different than the one in which you turned right. Science fiction writers love this stuff, but scientists are trying to work out the mathematical formulas to show it works. Can we be so sure an infinite number of universes are not possible, when we bow to the Buddha of Infinite Light and Life?

In a way, religion too backs up the possibility of time happening all at once across an infinite number of dimensions, each dimension experiencing now, the one moment. When we celebrate Hanamatsuri, we don't say, "The Buddha was born a long time ago and there were flowers and sweet tea but he eventually grew old and died and that was the end of it." No, we shower the baby Buddha with flowers and sweet tea here and now, in this moment and we rejoice because suddenly he is with us once again. The Christians celebrate Christmas morning in a similar fashion. They say, "Christ was born into the world today." Not 2,000 years ago, mind you. Today, this very moment. They carry it even further on Easter morning, when they greet each other, often with tears in their eyes, proclaiming, "Christ is risen." They are talking about that very Easter morning, not 2,000 years ago. They have a living god, not one in the past.

We Shinshu Buddhists do not take a back seat to Christians or Zen Buddhists in this. Amida is with us and in us all this moment, all moments, the one moment. He (or she) is just now creating a Pure Land with 48 vows, which are also, in this very moment, being fulfilled. Shinran and Honen are discovering in this moment, what that means. Call me crazy, but when was the last time you heard an old song, or caught the scent of a blossom, and suddenly you were in a moment you thought was long past. Maybe you could just see across the dimensions for a moment. Maybe if we could open our minds' eye, we could see that the past, present and future are the same moment, and our best days are not so far away after all.

### **From My Quotation Notes (3)**

Rev. Shoji

I've been interested in Buddhist women's spiritual paths within the context of Buddhist practice.

"Unlike most of my Dharma friends in Hongwanji, my commitment to being a Shin Buddhist was a matter of personal choice, not family legacy. Until I was thirty-five I had never heard of the words that now

express my spiritual identity – Amida Buddha and the Nembutsu. Both now convey the deepest tie between my self and all beings, the basis of meaning in my life. What troubles me though is that I am not at ease talking or writing about Amida or the Pure Land realm of enlightenment . . . . What I came to see was that Amida is myself as I would like to be – and, simultaneously, as I truly am: ambitious, illogical, bumbling me. What comes to me more and more, like a silent inner shout of joy, is that it does not matter whether I can describe or understand or feel at ease with Amida. Because whatever I am doing or not doing, thinking or not thinking, Amida is always with – and at ease with – me."

– Ruth Tabrah

"To love is to wake up. How do we wake up without becoming a marathon monk on Mount Hiei? Well, some of us will have to go to Mount Hiei. There is no other way. The rest of us must work as tellers in banks, drive our children to school, wash the kitchen floor, buy groceries. The marathon monks go all the way to the edge of death, so they may come back and be alive, so they can know gratitude for this moment. We need to wake up when we buy groceries, push the cart down the aisle, see labels, count out change, feel our step on the floor tile. Every moment is enormous, and it is all we have."

– Natalie Goldberg

"As women everywhere have discovered, friends help us believe in ourselves when we bottom out and listen to us when we feel excited, angry, lonely, and puzzled. At times when we stumble into the dark pits of our psyches, friends are there to shine a light so we can find our way out. When Ananda, the Buddha's chief attendant, asked the Buddha if friendship was an important part of the spiritual path, the Buddha said, 'It is not an important part of the spiritual path, it *is* the spiritual path.' You may fall into the pit alone, but you can make it out with the love and support of kindred spirits . . . . Using the map of my spiritual practice I have come to trust the basic goodness of life. This map puts the life lessons gained on my mothering journey into perspective, shedding light on the meaning of my experiences. The light cast on the pains and joys of everyday life has deepened my ability to love. It doesn't matter whether one draws inspiration from the Bible, from a Buddhist monk or nun, or from the Koran or the Torah. True spiritual wisdom nourishes and supports spiritual growth. For me, Buddhism has accelerated the process of enlightenment as I use the insights into unconditional love that I learned from mothering to deepen my awareness."

– Jacqueline Kramer

"I am not a Buddhist. And the Buddha would not have minded this in the least. He would have been happy to hear it. He was not, himself, a Buddhist. He was the thing Itself: an enlightened being. The challenge for me is not to be a follower of Something but to embody it; I am willing to try for that. This is how I understand the meaning of the Buddha. When the Buddha, dying, entreated his followers to "be a lamp unto your self," I understood he was willing to free his followers even from his sown teachings. He had done all he could do, taught them everything he had learned. Now their own enlightenment was up to them. He was also warning them not to claim him as the sole routed to their salvation, thereby robbing themselves of responsibility for their own choices, behavior, and lives."

– Alice Walker

## **YOU NEED TO DO YOUR HOMEWORK!**

*Reprinted from a 1999 Article Written by Rev. Alan Urasaki*

How many times have we heard those words from our parents and teachers. How many times have we as parents said those words to our children? In America, the Japanese value on education is one of the major factors in the success of our heritage. To do well in school was a top priority. This works hand in hand with the Japanese ethic, "*Kodomo no tame ni*" - for the sake of the children. In each successive generation, the bar has been raised higher and higher in educational achievement. Our grandparents or great grandparents barely received a high school education. Our parents went to high school, college or vocational schools. Many of my generation have graduate degrees from the finest colleges and



universities in the country. Many of them are doctors, lawyers, dentists, engineers, artists, musicians, and ministers.

These great achievements were not easy. It is through listening, reading, studying, sharing, questioning, and practicing that our minds have been made the brightest in the land. However, the light of our spiritual minds are fading fast. Once a shining beacon in our Issei pioneers, that light has become dimmer with each generation. Today, the light of Shinjin is on the verge of extinction. (Dramatic huh???)

For many, many years, the writings of Shinran, our founder, have been translated into English from the original Japanese. Shinran wrote many books and commentaries during his life of 90 years. Some long, some short; some difficult, some simple. It is the job of the Hongwanji International Center to translate these works into English for the western world. Every year the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii has made contributions to the Center from its annual budget to help in this effort. In other words, every one of you have contributed toward this ongoing work. Therefore, every one of you feels that it is important to have the teachings of Jodo Shinshu in the language that you can understand. Every one of you has the opportunity to read, study, and question the words of Shinran, directly. And, every one of you has the chance to share the teachings and writings of Shinran with your family and friends. Then, every one of you must have a copy of these works.

If you think that you will be able to read these books, cover to cover, and fully understand the Shin Buddhist teachings, you are wrong! These works are not Tom Clancy or a Stephen King mystery novel. These works should be used in the same way you would use the dictionary. If you believe that having these nicely bound, hard cover books on your shelf will bring you closer to Shinjin? You are wrong! These works are not trophies to show off to your friends when they come over. These works should be on your desk, kitchen table, or night stand.

For example, you may attend service every week and listen to the minister's sermon, and until the next Sunday, you have not thought about what was said or never thought about how Buddhism affects your daily life. You don't read scripture, you don't recite the sutras, you don't gassho before meals, and your family altar is all dusty! You have not done your homework! In the same way, if you were taking a class on Japanese cooking, and the instructor was teaching how to make sushi. You would make time to study and your homework would be to learn the different ingredients in the sushi, how to cook and mix the rice, the proper technique of rolling the sushi, etc. And you would practice the art of sushi rolling until you were satisfied with the result.

So let's all do our spiritual homework using *The Collected Works of Shinran*. Let's make time to listen, read, study, question, and practice. It is through our effort, that we may find meaning in works of Shakyamuni, Shinran, Rennyo, Imamura, and Urasaki!

Let me give you an example of how to use the works:

1. Start with something easy to read on Buddhism, like:
  - A. Tannisho
  - B. Ocean
  - C. Any of the BSC Press books, or
  - D. Take notes on the Sunday sermon given by the minister
2. Devote time read day or week, not just to read, but to study:
  - A. 10-15 minutes each day of devoted time - no radio, phone calls, TV, etc.
  - B. 2 to 3 hours each week
3. While reading, take notes (on paper) on interesting, confusing, unknown, or Japanese words, phrases, or comments to be looked up in the Glossary.
4. When you are finished with the chapter or section, look at your notes, and return to those sections that you did not understand. Use Volume II (Glossary & Index) to look up the meanings of words or concepts.
5. You may also look into Volume I for other usage in Shinran's writings.
6. You may also ask your minister for help.

By using this method, one can begin to understand this precious Nembutsu teaching given to us by Shinran. It will also enhance your experience in listening to sermons, reading other religious works, and your relationships with your family and others. May the light of our spiritual minds burn brightly fueled by the teachings of our founder and the succeeding masters who have led us to believe in this profound teaching, and we endeavor to follow this path laid down for us every day of our lives.

## **CUB SCOUTS PACK 12**

### **All You Can Eat Pancakes & Silent Auction Fundraiser**

We are busily getting prepared for our fundraiser and the Scouts continue to sell tickets and promote our Scout Motto: Be prepared. They are diligently making signs and asking the families, aunties, uncles, grandparents and friends to purchase tickets. *Scout and Leader registration fees from Boy Scouts of America Aloha Council for 2014 has increased 20 to 25 percent so we are working extra hard to raise funds.* Last year we paid over "One Thousand" dollars in fees to Aloha Council to Re-charter.

The donations are trickling in. At this moment, of all the years past, this year is by far the least donations we have received. The economy is picking up slowly but not enough for businesses and the community to be generous with their donations.

Please contact our Cub Master Glenn Hirowatari @ 322-2278 (leave message) or Lynn Gusman 896-4987 if you wish to make a donation or purchase tickets as a donation. We depend solely on the donations from the Community.

Thank you: Kona Hongwanji for promoting our Breakfast fundraiser on the Kona Hongwanji face book site.

### **Induction Night:**

Friday August 30th our Pack held our first uniform inspection and Pot luck dinner to induct all our Cub Scouts, leaders and parents to Pack 12.

Prior to dinner a Uniform inspection was held for all the scouts. The parents were more nervous than the scouts themselves. All worried if the patches were placed correctly on the shirts, if the neckerchief was twirled correctly. This was a great learning experience for all. Everyone learned to take pride in being a Cub Scout. Our very own Cub Master Glenn along with Boy Scouts **Tyson Takimoto & Michael Gusman** from Troop 59 performed the uniform inspections. After the boys completed their inspection, off they went to partake in the vast choices of ono foods from a variety of salads, main dishes and desserts. The Taco bar was a real hit with the boys. Thank you to all parents for making such delicious array of foods for the dinner. We learned a lot more about each other during dinner.

While the scouts were having dinner, they didn't realize that the Cub Master was busily tallying the scores. Scores are based on General appearance, Cap, Neckerchief & slide, Shirt, Belt, Pants/shorts, Socks, Shoes, Registration and Insignia placement plus a few questions to make sure that they know what is happening around our country. The tie breaker questions were: Who is the President and who's the Vice President of the United States? And who is the Mayor of our Island?

After dinner all the scouts were lined up side by side and they were instructed to cup their hands behind their backs. One by one Cub Master Glenn placed a wooden nickel (indicates that they have completed uniform inspection) in their hands, BUT only ONE scout will get the "Golden Nickel". The "Golden Nickel" represents the scout that earned the highest score. It came down to several scouts that had perfect scores. Glenn came up with tie breaker questions and a winner was chosen.

***Congratulations go out to Edward Wessel son of Norman & Jeanette Wessel. This is the second year in a row Edward has won this award. Good Job Mom and Dad!!!***

The evening wasn't over yet... The actual induction ceremony was awesome. The leaders & Cub Scouts were called up by Dens to go thru a candle lighting ceremony. The leaders lit their candles and in turn lit the candles of the Scouts. Then the Scouts repeated the Cub Scout Promise. The parents also pledged along with the scouts "to do their best to do their duty to help the scouts".

**Our Leaders for the 2013-2014 year are:**

Tiger Den – Kristy Sasada  
Wolf Den – Yenika Sayrs  
Webelo 1<sup>st</sup> year – Jon Furuto  
Webelo 2<sup>nd</sup> yr – Dee Ono & Moani Nishida

These dedicated leaders have worked hard to keep the Cub Scouts enthused and busy. Our Tiger Cub Leaders are new and have wholeheartedly pledged to support and lead the boys. We also say, Thank you to the parents who diligently attend as many or all meetings possible. Thru your support and dedication, your boys will learn by your example.

**Welcome New Scouts:**

Naea Andrade son of Kristy Sasada  
Preston Dickens Son of Sloan & Daniel Carse  
Jack Ningeok-Ross son of Bennie Ningeok-Ross  
Bennet Koch son of Lincoln & Rose Gomes  
Colton Keliipio son of Charles & Danielle Keliipio  
Ashtin Paahana son of Jackson Paahana & Heather Hooper  
Makai Alcoran son of Amanda Engelhard  
Dylan Crusat son of Robin Crusat

**Upcoming Events:**

Sept 14 "All You Can Eat Pancakes & Silent Auction"  
Oct 18-19, 2013 Cub Scout Overnight Adventure & Cub O Ree @ Honokaia  
Nov 17<sup>th</sup> – Church Clean Up  
Nov 23, 2013 – POW WOW Hilo LDS  
Nov 23 PATH Bike Rodeo

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

**SPECIAL DONATIONS**

Mr. & Mrs. Benjamin Matsubara, In Memory of James M. & Ayako Kondo  
Mr. & Mrs. Ishihara, Temple Visitation  
Mr. & Mrs. Bert Maedo, Jiho  
Stanley Matsuyama & Family, Jean Matsuyama and Carol Matsuyama, In Memory of Miyoko Matsuyama  
Mr. & Mrs. Michitoshi Murakami, Project Dana and Jiho  
Elaine Rabacal, Appreciation Service for Kimiyo Kondo  
Oren & Ira Yamagata & Family, In Appreciation for Court of Honor  
Total - \$880.00

**MEMORIAL SERVICES**

Mr. & Mrs. Carl Taniyama, Funeral Service & Related Expenses for Yoshimi Taniyama  
Ricky Urada, 3<sup>rd</sup> Year Service for Ernest Urada





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**BIG ISLAND HONGWANJI GOLF  
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**VOLCANO GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB  
NOVEMBER 11, 2013, VETERANS' DAY**

**8:30 SHOTGUN (CHECK IN BY 8:00)**

**DEADLINE: SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2013**

**AWARDS AND LUNCH TO FOLLOW AT HILO HONGWANJI YBA  
HALL**

**ENTRY FEE: \$55.00**

**(INCLUDES GREEN FEES, CART, LUNCH & PRIZES)**

**ELIGIBILITY: HONGWANJI MEMBERS AND GUESTS**

**FORMAT: INDIVIDUAL LOW NET, PRIZES WILL BE AWARDED  
RANDOMLY AWARDS LIST AND RULES WILL BE  
PROVIDED PRIOR TO COMMENCEMENT OF PLAY**

**CLOSEST TO THE PIN ON PAR 3'S**

**FLIGHTS: NONE**

**LIMITED TO 100 GOLFERS**

**ENTRY FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT YOUR TEMPLE OR  
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