

KONA HONGWANJI BUDDHIST TEMPLE



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July 2013

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

NEMBUTSU SEMINAR

Friday, July 5, 2013, 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

“The Power of Shin Buddhism”

Guest Lecturer: Dr. Mark Unno

Refer to flyer in this Jiho

KEEI BUDDHIST CHURCH and CEMETERY

BON SERVICE and DANCE

Saturday, July 20, 2013

Cemetery Service at 5:00 p.m.- Bon Service at 6:00 p.m.

Bon Dance at 7:00 p.m.

KONA HONGWANJI BON DANCE

Saturday, July 27, 2013

Lantern Parade at 6:30—Bon Dance at 7:00 p.m.

HATSUBON SERVICE

Sunday, July 28, 2013 at 9:00 a.m.

Guest Speaker: Reverend Shigenori Makino

Obon (Kangi-e/Ullambana-gathering)- July or August 15: The origin of *Obon* can be traced to the *Ullambana Sutra*, which relates to the story of Mahamaudgalyayana (Mogallana in Pali), the most gifted of Sakyamuni Buddha’s disciples in the area of extraordinary sense perceptions. The story teaches the importance of hearing the Buddha’s teachings and observing the precepts. In realizing the compassion of the Buddha, Mahamaudgalyayana was so overjoyed that he clapped his hands and danced about. This is said to have been the beginning of the *Bon Odori* (traditional Japanese dances on Obon Day).

Obon, therefore, being an occasion for rejoicing in the awakening offered by the Buddha, is an opportunity to express gratitude not only to ancestors, but to all who have passed on. Therefore it is often referred to as *Kangi-e*, “Gathering of Joy”.

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>JULY</u>		
5 Friday	7:00 PM ...	Nembutsu Seminar w/Dr. Mark Unno
7 Sunday	7:00 AM ...	Judo Club Market Day Prep in Kitchen
	9:00 AM ...	English Sunday Service
10 Wednesday ..	8:00 AM ...	Judo Club Market Day Manju Making
12 Friday	8:30 AM ...	Senior Activity Program
	1:00 PM ...	Judo Club Market Day - Set-up
13 Saturday	-----	IKEBANA CANCELLED
	7:00 AM ...	Judo Club Market Day Pancake Breakfast
	7:30 AM ...	Doors Open
14 Sunday	9:00 AM ...	English Sunday Service
20 Saturday	9:00 AM ...	Ikebana in Scout Room
	9:00 AM ...	BWA Board Meeting
	5:00 PM ...	Kei Buddhist Church Cemetery Bon Service
	6:00 PM ...	Kei Buddhist Church Bon Service
	7:00 PM ...	Kei Buddhist Church Bon Dance
21 Sunday	9:00 AM ...	English Sunday Service
27 Saturday	8:00 AM ...	Hosha-Group #2; Food Prep-Group #1
		Omigaki-Group #3
	6:30 PM ...	Lantern Parade 7:00 PM - Bon Dance
28 Sunday	9:00 AM ...	Hatsubon Service
<u>AUGUST</u>		
4 Sunday	9:00 AM ...	English Family Service
9 Friday	8:30 AM ...	Senior Activity Program
10 Saturday	Boy Scouts Court of Honor
11 Sunday	9:00 AM ...	Cemetery Bon Service
14 Wednesday ...	7:00 PM ...	Board of Director's Meeting
18 Sunday	9:00 AM ...	English Family Service
24 Saturday	8:00 AM ...	Omigaki #2
25 Sunday	9:00 AM ...	English Family Service

BON DANCE PRACTICE

STARTING MONDAY, JULY 1ST and THURSDAY, JULY 4TH
EVERY MONDAY AND THURSDAY AT 7:30 PM - UP TO AND INCLUDING THURSDAY, JULY 25TH

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 1ST 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 2ND THURSDAY IN THE SOCIAL HALL AT 6:30 PM

JUDO PRACTICE

JUDO CLUB MEETING EVERY 1ST 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 2ND 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 JULY and AUGUST, 2013

First Year (2012)	August	3	EMIKO SATO
Third Year (2011)	August	22 25	YOSHITAKA TAKASHIBA CALVIN TADASHI HATA
Seventh Year (2007)	August	2 3	HARRY NOBUYUKI HONDA TAMOTSU OYAMA
Thirteenth Year (2001)	July	12 18 27	SATORU OMOTO ANDY T. MATSUYAMA HARUYO NAKAYAMA
	August	9 14 14 26	TADASHI KONDO RONALD T. KANAI RICHARD S. YANO FRANK T. NISHIMOTO
Seventh Year (1997)	July	5 27 29	MASUE OTA YOSHINOBU FUJIMOTO SADAYUKI "BARNEY" MIYAZONO
	August	9	TORAO TESHIMA
Twenty-fifth Year (1989)	August	22 26	ARTHUR MASAO NAKATANI CARY SHIZUO FUJIKAWA
Thirty-third Year (1981)	July	6 12 20 31	MIJU NAKAMURA SUMIE YANO YOSHIO KITOKA GEORGE TADASHI HARADA
	August	11 15	DENZO YAMADA SHIZUYO TAKAUYE
Fiftieth Year (1964)	July	10	YOSHIO SUGAMOTO
	August	4 29	YATARO SONODA CHIYOJI NISHINA
One Hundredth Year (1914)	July	7 21 26 27	KIKU NISHIYAMA KAN NAKAMOTO ASA KOGETSU MAJUE TOYOHUKU
	August	6 7 16 22 27 28 30	ASAE KOGA KICHITAKA SHIROTA SUMIE UJIMORI KATANO ETO FUMIKO HIRAYAMA ITSUKI MIZUNO KEN YANO

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

By Mary Katayama

Kyodan Board of Directors Meeting: Policy 4.01, Functions of the Councils was approved at the June 12, 2013 meeting. The Amendment to the Bylaws approved at the General Membership meeting resulted in the deletion of the Propagation and Area Representative Councils. The committees under these Councils were reassigned to the Spiritual Affairs and a new Member Relations Council. Changes to the Bylaws included reducing Directors from 13 to 6 and representatives from the BWA and Shinwakai to be the president or a designee. The Board of Directors shall be composed of 17 Directors instead of 25.

Bon Festival: Mahalo to the Keauhou Shopping Center for allowing us to sponsor the 10th Annual Bon Festival on June 8, 2013. Thank you to Bishop Matsumoto, Rev. Shoji, Taiko Group, Boy Scout Troop 59, vendors and all the volunteers who made it great success. We received very positive comments from the public, from vendors and dancers from Hilo, Kohala, Honolulu and other Big Island communities. A very special thanks to committee members who worked very hard with only a few weeks' notice. Thank you!

Strategic Plan: Updating the 2007 Strategic Plan is scheduled for Sunday, September 15, 2013, 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. in Social Hall. Members are encouraged to participate. The board needs your input to plan for the next 10 years.

SHINWAKAI NEWS

by: Daren Katayama

Gotan-e service was held on Sunday, May 26th, with guest speaker **REVEREND ARTHUR J. KAUFMANN**, who told us about **SHINRAN SHONIN** and how he was a "human being", just like you and me. It was comforting to be reminded that the Dharma and the Pure Land are not reserved only for "special" beings, but rather, they available to all beings... good thing for a "*bombu*" like me!

We would like to ***extend our tremendous gratitude and appreciation*** to all who made Gotan-e Service possible. **"THANK YOU!"** to the Shinwakai members (and their families) who volunteered to greet the Sangha, offer flowers and light, prepare refreshments, and set up/clean up. Also, **"MAHALO"** to **REVEREND KAUFMANN** for sharing a great Dharma message; to **REVEREND SHOJI** for transporting Reverend Kaufmann to and from the airport; and to ***all the attendees*** for coming out and observing Shiran's birthday! Have you wondered whether Shinran was a yellow cake - white frosting traditionalist? Or an ice cream cake - wild party hats kind of guy? I guess it doesn't matter, as Reverend Kaufmann told us we are all unique beings, and you should strive to be the best "you" that you can be... whoa, I wish my teachers used that grading curve!

FYI... our ***bon dance at Kealakekua Temple*** will be on ***Saturday, July 27th***. The "youngsters" (a.k.a. newcomers to AARP) really do need the expertise and guidance of our senior members, especially when it comes to getting the *yagura* assembled. ***General set up will begin Saturday morning at 7:00 am.*** We will also hold our ***Shinwakai Annual General Membership meeting at noon (lunch to be provided)***. Later that day, ***set up for lantern parade / service will start at 5:00 pm***, and clean up at the end of the night. ***Disassembling the yagura will begin at 7:00 am on Sunday, July 28th***. For the 50-and-under group, ***YES*** that is "A.M." on both mornings, and ***YES*** Advil and Tylenol will be available!

So please reserve July 27th & 28th to help us with Obon, we can really use your help and support. Hope to see you there!

President's Message

by: Norma Matsumoto

Happy Fathers' Day to all those fathers and father-figures out there! Remember to take time to do something nice for those who have molded your character and love you unconditionally. Maybe a little glass of sake or beer on the Obutsudan if your father is no longer here!

Everyone we come into contact with daily has an impact on you. So, I hereby declare 'Everybody Day'! There should be more than one day set aside for those folks who are thoughtful enough to bring you fresh string beans or eggplants! We are so lucky to live in the 'Aloha State' in such a state of Aloha! If someone brings you something they made, you return the container with a treat within. Friends call you to see if you would like them to pick up something from downtown for you. I celebrate all my Kona community friends and neighbors. I'm sure that you have one or more 'arigatai' moments in your day in which friends, family or neighbors have done kind, unselfish acts without a second thought and not wanting thanks from you. They are quietly living the Dharma in daily life.

As we come to O Bon season, let us remember those who have passed on, but left indelible marks on our own lives. Also, let us celebrate those around us that bring us 'arigatai' moments each day. If you are like me, sometimes I feel too stressed and distracted to practice those kind and unselfish acts I receive from others. I will try harder to live the words rather than just read the words in Sunday Service. In Gassho,

Researching the History of Reiki

Dear Kona Hongwanji,

I am a doctoral student at the University of Toronto, and I am doing my dissertation research on the history of Reiki. I was told that you would be able to run a short article in your newsletter, in which I speak a little about my research and ask for participants who learned Reiki or received Reiki from Mrs. Hawayo Takata (1900-1980), the woman who brought it out of Japan (or people who have memories of a parent or other family member who was involved with Reiki). Please find this below. Feel free to edit it as necessary. You can also use either of the attached photos if you'd like - I believe the younger one is from 1938 and the older one is from 1979.

Many thanks,
Justin Stein
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Reiki is a system of healing practices that usually involves the placing of one's hands on another person to channel a form of energy, also called Reiki ("universal life energy"). It was developed in 1920s Japan, and brought to Hawaii in the late 1930s by a Nisei from Hanamaulu, Kauai, named Hawayo Takata. As Reiki almost died out in Japan during the war, the vast majority of the millions of people around the world who practice Reiki today can trace their lineages back to Mrs. Takata.

From about 1940 until about 1950, when they moved to Honolulu, Mrs. Takata and her family lived in a big house on Kilauea Avenue in Kurtistown and attended the Honpa Hongwanji Hilo Betsuin. During this time, she taught classes and gave treatments to many people. These students, mostly local Japanese, were some of the very first people outside Japan to learn Reiki.

For my dissertation research, I am investigating the history of Reiki, and uncovering some of this untold story from its period in the Hawaiian Islands. By networking around the Hilo area, I have been lucky enough to meet some of these early students and people who received Reiki treatments back in the 1940s and 1950s. However, I would like to expand my search to other parts of the Big Island as well, to see if anyone else has experiences or memories that they would like to share.

I appreciate whatever you remember — even if you think it's just a little bit, it could be a big help to me. You can reach me at justin.stein@utoronto.ca or at (808)321-5225 (until July 17). Mahalo and *gasshō*.

HEADQUARTER UPDATE

ARRIVAL OF NEW MINISTERS

- Rev. Mieko Majima ... She has been studying Bukkyo-Gaku at Ryukoku University Graduate Course. She is scheduled to arrive at Hawaii on June 24, 2013.
- Rev. Satoshi Tomioka ... Graduated Ryukoku University Graduate Course (Major: Shinshugaku). Successfully obtained R1-VISA. Rev. Tomioka will have an audience with Gomonshu and receive the official assignment to HHMH on June 27, 2013. He is scheduled to arrive at Hawaii on June 30, 2013.
- Rev. Shinji Kawagoe ... Graduated Chuo Bukkyo Gakuin "Kenkyuka". Successfully obtained R1-VISA. Rev. Kawagoe will have an audience with Gomonshu and receive the official assignment to HHMH on June 27, 2013. He is scheduled to arrive at Hawaii on June 30, 2013.

*These three new ministers will go through the following orientation before being assigned to the temples as of August 1, 2013.

- Orientation at HQ ... July 1-16, 2013
- Orientation at Hawaii Betsuin ... July 17-31, 2013 (under the supervision of Rimban Tatsuo Muneto)
- Orientation at Hilo Betsuin ... July 17-31, 2013 (under the supervision of Rimban Jeffrey Soga)

Namanda To Live By (2)

Rev. Shoji

The problem with writing about namanda is its ineffability. When asked to define jazz, Louis "Satchmo" Armstrong said, "*Man, if you gotta ask, you'll never know.*" Namanda is, in some profound sense, illogical or extra-logical, outside the scope of logic. To understand namanda, I must live it, looking directly at my mind, seeing myself truly, and attaining Buddhahood. One Chinese Buddhist described Buddhism as: "*A special teaching without scriptures, beyond words and letters, pointing to the mind-essence of man, seeing directly into one's nature, attaining enlightenment.*" The point of this article is not to give you a fixed definition of namanda, but rather to offer some of my namanda experiences. You can accept or reject them since you may have a very different understanding of it.

However I define namanda, it tends to be accompanied by a couple of my personal qualities. They are wisdom (self-control) and compassion (helping others). My namanda life is about much more than my own happiness. It is essential for not only savoring my time on earth but also sharing joy with the people I love. Namanda, ultimately, lets me change myself and my society in a small way.

Stephen Spender says: "*Reading is not idleness--any more than listening to music or looking at pictures--it is the passive, receptive state of civilization without which the active and creative would be meaningless. It is the immortal spirit of the dead realised within the bodies of the living.*" Reading Shinran's *Tannisho*, I gained his namanda spirit of compassion.

I see myself standing on the shoulder of Buddhist giants, those who have brought Buddhism to Hawaii and blazed new trails in Hongwanji Buddhism that I am proud to follow. Thanks to them and their namanda I have been experiencing Amida Buddha's compassion everyday for myself. I hope to hand the Buddha's compassion on to my successors.

Namanda helps me master my desires so as to attain happiness. I must carefully sort through my desires, working to fulfill some of them, while working to suppress others. This namanda happiness is a feeling of tranquility, a sense that I am lucky to be living my own life that I embrace and live it to the fullest.

Namanda means happiness, and I am willing to endure anything in order to be happy --as William James says: "*How to gain, how to keep, how to recover happiness is in fact for most men at all times the secret motive of all they do, and of all they are willing to endure.*"

My two namanda are science and Buddhism. Science advises me to mature to finiteness. I must mature as a human being by accepting my mortality and learning to live with it with some degree of sanity and integrity. Buddhism helps me to preserve my individual Buddha life beyond the grave.

Namanda is a grateful emotion. I believe that. I believe that namanda inspires me to open my heart more widely to others. When I do that, I will experience authentic life, satisfaction and joy.

Namanda is my faith in human beings. When I say namanda, I'm respecting others. I can't expect to be respected if I don't respect them. Respect is not only a way of cooperating with each other and of seeing how valuable each one is but also the discovery that I'm not alone. Saying namanda, I trust in my fellow human beings.

Namanda Buddhism is life-loving, full of wisdom and compassion, free of self-righteousness and absolutism. When I decided to become a namanda Buddhist, I made a vow to postpone entering the blessed state of nirvana until all others can be enlightened.

Kids in Church (Humor):

reprinted from the Papaikou Hongwanji News

A Sunday school teacher asked her children as they
Were on the way to church service,
"And why is it necessary to be quiet in church?"
One bright little girl replied,
"Because people are sleeping."

A father was at the beach with his children
When the four year old son ran up to him,
Grabbed his hand, and led him to the shore
Where a seagull lay dead in the sand.
"Daddy, what happened to him?" the son asked.
"He died and went to the Pure Land", the dad replied.
The boy thought for a moment and then said,
"Did Amida Buddha throw him back down?"

Hawaii District Nembutsu Seminar

Sponsored by the Buddhist Study Center

Friday, July 5, 2013

Hosted by Kona Hongwanji Buddhist
Temple

7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Free Admission

“The Power of Shin Buddhism”

Guest Lecturer: **Dr. Mark Unno**

Department Chair of Religious Studies
University of Oregon



Mark Unno is Head of the Department of Religious studies at the University of Oregon, and Associate Professor of Japanese Buddhism. He received his PhD from Stanford University. His research is in Classical Japanese Buddhism, in particular Shin Buddhism, Zen, and Shingon. He also works in the area of Comparative religious thought, Buddhism and psychotherapy, and interreligious dialogue. He is also an ordained Shin Buddhist priest, and he lives in Eugene with his wife Megumi and their two cats.

This is Your Brain on Buddhism-Part II

by William Tokuko Lundquist

If what Shakyamuni Buddha said in The Dhammapada is true, “You make the universe with your mind,” then what is going on inside our brains, and how Buddhism affects them, is all-important. Keeping that in mind, I’d like to share some of what I learned from “The Spiritual Brain: Science and Religious Experience,” by Dr. Andrew Newberg, available from The Great Courses.

As we learned last month, each of our brains is hard-wired to see the universe in a positive, neutral or negative light. Nothing can change that entirely, but religion in general, and Buddhism in particular, does change how our minds work. People have long used religion to do so. There is evidence that the Neanderthals used burial rites 100,000 years ago, and the earliest temple ever discovered predated even farming by thousands of years. Society seems to have been formed around religions, and religions provide the moral order to keep societies together. There’s no denying human brains are spiritual brains, but what goes on in those brains?

Without going as deeply into scientific terms and definitions as Dr. Newberg does, it seems that the front portion of the brain is thicker in people who meditate or pray regularly. What science can’t tell us is whether such activity caused the brains to become thicker, or if those people are more naturally inclined to meditate or pray because their brains are thicker in the front. It’s the frontal lobe that helps us concentrate and focus on things. In Newberg’s experiments, that area really turned on in Franciscan nuns while they were meditating on God. Not much happened in the brains of atheists who were asked to do the same thing. So if anyone accuses Buddhist meditators of being a bit thick, I guess that’s technically true, but they are able to focus and concentrate better.

In another experiment, believers and nonbelievers were asked to look at distorted photos that contained both real and unreal things. The believers saw everything that was in the photos and even some things that actually weren’t there. The nonbelievers missed some of the things in the photos, but never saw things that weren’t there. The interesting part is that when the nonbelievers were given dopamine, they saw things the same way as the believers. Dopamine is a chemical produced by our brains when somethings makes us feel good, and it changes our view of reality. It helps explain how people get hooked on drugs, alcohol, sex, good food, sports and even religion.

Newberg also says our brains are good at making myths, which he defines as stories about how the world works. The elements in a myth don’t necessarily have to be literally or historically true to explain how something really works. He said even science makes myths to explain things, then uses experiments to measure and observe those things. New myths come from the results of those experiments. Ultimately, the idea that science will be able to explain the universe to us is a myth, which may or may not prove to be literally true. Most Buddhist stories about Shakyamuni or Amida Buddha are myths, not literally true, but the very best way of explaining what Buddhism is all about.

Ritual is something else that affects our brains deeply. I used to think rituals were the opposite of true religious belief, just a way to show off on Sundays without really taking religion to heart. I’ve learned that Buddhist rituals change the way I look at the world in a very real and positive way. Newberg says most rituals are structured or patterned, they are rhythmic and repetitive, they tend to synchronize many things within the central nervous system of individuals and also synchronize those same things among participants. In Buddhist terms, rituals help make us one with everyone and everything.

Unfortunately, rituals can also unite groups of people against all others. Nazis, terrorists, and dictators love rituals. This is the dark side of religion. Some groups within every religion use rituals to divide the world into “us” and “them,” implying that “we” are good and must do something about “them” who are bad. Nichiren was a good example of this in Japanese Buddhism, though Buddhist sects founded on his teachings don’t hold to that idea today. Most Buddhist sects throughout history have tried to break down the barriers between “us” and “them,” making us all truly one. Honen and Shinran envisioned a Pure Land with literally everyone in it. The flip side of that coin is that the moment you can see everyone as “us,” you are already in the Pure Land.

Aside from the danger of uniting people against other people, religion has a very positive affect on people, especially prayer and meditation. While calming the mind, it also exercises it, increasing blood flow to various areas. Newberg says it can decrease heart rate, blood pressure, body metabolism and hormonal changes. It increases serotonin, dopamine and gamma-aminobutyric acid (good stuff) and decreases cortisol and norepinephrine (bad stuff). I guess the Daifukuji should sell bumper stickers that say "Got Zazen?" In fact, says Newberg, studies have shown that church (or temple) attendance is associated with decreased heart disease, blood pressure, emphysema, cirrhosis and suicide. Those who went to church less often were twice as likely to die from heart disease, emphysema or suicide. What are you doing Sunday mornings? Of course the benefits of religion also extend to mental health.

I guess this is why I've always been a spiritual kind of person and have felt best when involved in a religion. While many religions can have a positive effect, I think Buddhism is best because it lowers the sense of self and helps us all become truly one, even with those from other religions. In Jodo Shinshu, the idea of "we are all in this together" is even more pronounced. Namo Amida Butsu.

CUB SCOUTS PACK 12

Advancement Night

Saturday June 1st, a night filled with fun, awards and great food. Thank you to all the scout parents who prepared the delicious meals for our potluck. All the parents and scouts pitched in to set up. Everyone had a great time reminiscing about activities the scouts had done throughout the 2012 – 2013 scout year.

A special ceremony "Crossing the Arrow of Light Bridge" depicting the passing of Cub Scouts to Boy Scouts. During the ceremony Cub Mater Glenn Hirowatari stands on one end of the bridge with the Second year Webelos **Spencer Mandaguit & Bryson Dagdag** and he accepts their Webelo Neckerchiefs and Slides, on the other end of the bridge is the Scout Master (Joseph Gusman) of the Troop the will continue with. The Scout Master then places on the Scout the Neckerchief and Slide of Boy Scouts.

This is the last year for second year Webelos **Spencer Mandaguit** (son of Shelley & Claude Mandaguit, **Bryson Dagdag** (son of Luana & Paul Dagdag) and **Kenichi Furuto** (son of Mika & Jon Furuto). Both Spencer and Bryson have earned the highest honor in Cub Scouting "The Arrow of Light Badge". This Badge is the only badge that a Cub Scout may place on their Boy Scouts uniform. Spencer & Bryson will be joining Kona Hongwanji Mission Troop 59.

Shelley Mandaguit was presented a Special "**Certificate of Recognition**" from the Office of the Governor, Neil Abercrombie at the District Cub Day Camp, with Kona District Scouts and Leaders in attendance! Shelley is leaving the Pack after 16 years of service as Assistant Cub Master & Den Leader. Shelley posted a "face book" picture of herself & Spencer with a comment "Advancement Night 2013. "Our last Cub Scout ceremony". 16 years of fun and work. It's amazing how many boys I've seen in this program. Thanks to all who have helped!"

The following scouts were presented awards earned within the past three months:

Tiger Den Leader Yenika Sayrs

Dylan Keawe-Aiko	CS Outdoor Activity Award & Tiger Cub Badge
Dylan Leinonen	Tiger Cub Badge
Kenison Morinaka	Bobcat Badge & Tiger Cub Badge
Guy Vanetti	Tiger Cub Badge

Justin Sayrs Tiger Cub Badge
Lucas Sayrs Tiger Cub Badge

Bear **Den Leaders Jon Furuto & Jake Yarish**

Riki Furuto 3 Silver Arrows & Baseball beltloop
Nathan-Jay Gabaon Bear Badge & Gold Arrow Point
Keoni Gali 3 Silver Arrows, 1 Gold Arrow & swimming.
Edward Wessel 1 Gold Arrow point & 3 Silver Arrows
Dylan Wroten 1 Gold Arrow & 2 Silver Arrows
Cayden Yarish Bear Badge, 1 Gold Arrow & 2 Silver Arrows
Hawila Kaulia-Alani Bear Badge, Gold Arrow point, 2 Silver Arrows & Baseball beltloop

1st yr Webelo **Den Leaders Moani Nishida & Dee Ono**

Drew Basque Artist, Geologist, Scientist & Sportsman pins
D'Marco Mireles Artist, Geologist, Scientist & Sportsman pins
Carson Nishida Artist, Geologist, Scientist & Sportsman pins.
Dylan Ono-Bong Artist, Geologist, Scientist, Aquanaut & Family Member pins

2nd yr Webelo **Den Leader Shelley Mandaguit**

Spencer Mandaguit Arrow of Light Badge, Forester, Geologist, Handyman, Showman & Artist pins
Kenichi Furuto Artist, Handyman, Outdoorsman & Readyman pins
Bryson Dagdag Arrow of Light Badge, Artist, Craftsman & showman pins

Great job leaders the awards reflect upon your hard work!!!

Each year Cub Master Glenn Hirowatari picks an outstanding Scout for recognition. This may be based on attendance, wearing of uniform to events or weekly meetings, neatness, participation, or for exhibiting the best Scouting tradition. This year was a tie; Congratulations go to **Bryson Dagdag** (3 years in a row) & **Dylan Wroten**. Bryson & Dylan were awarded a Certificate and \$30.00 Game Stop gift card each. Spencer Mandaguit was also awarded a Certificate and \$30.00 Game Stop gift card for completing Cub Scouts from Grade 1 to 5.

Prizes & Thank you's:

A special prize was presented to **Bryson Dagdag** for selling the MOST Makahiki Tickets. Bryson won a XBOX game station, he could not wait to go home and try it. Thank you to his parents Luana and Paul Dagdag who helped him to achieve his goal to sell the most.

. **Dee & Ken Ono** (Grandparents of Scout Dylan Ono-Bong) were awarded Cash and a gift card to Manago Hotel dinner for their unselfish assistance to the Pack. Dee has always provided endless snacks for meetings and also provided materials for the den projects without billing the Pack. Her last project she supplied all the materials to make individual First aid Kits. Ken has spent countless hours hauling, guiding and setting up and taking down his 20 x 40 tent plus hauling a lot of the camping supplies on Pack outings. Pack 12 is so fortunate to have great volunteers such as Dee and Ken.

Shelley Mandaguit was awarded a Certificate and a Monetary/Thank You, going away card from the Pack.

A special Thank You goes to the **Boy Scouts of Troop 59** for lowering & returning the Arrow of Light Bridge on the top of the closet in the Scout Room.

Goodbyes:

Spencer Mandaguit said: I thought being in pack 12 was great because camping next to a volcano was AWESOME but I was surprised when I was sleeping close to a volcano and it was pretty cold. It was also sooo cool to go to the K BIG radio station and talk to Braddah Mokes the DJ. GOOD BYE PACK 12!!!

Bryson Dagdag said: It was really fun to be with Pack 12. What I liked best was all the camping that we went to and making new friends. Thank You Shelley, Lynn and Cub Master Glenn

Cub Day Camp

June 7th & 8th were days filled with fun for the Cub Scouts of the Kona District. Run by the Aloha Council Boy Scouts of America. This year's theme: "Cub Olympics". This year's \$35.00 registration fee per boy/scout covered the activities, Olympic themed shirt, Patch & lunch on Saturday.

Friday the 8th was at Higashihara Park. Prior to Day Camp the Cub Scouts were asked to create a flag to represent a county for the Cub Olympics. Pack 12 choose America. The scouts who participated colored white cardboards into a red, white & blue flag at our Pack meetings. The opening ceremony was to include walking in the flags but due to heavy rains that part was cancelled. It rained but "The show must go on". Activities: BB guns, Archery, Cannon Ball Run-Players run through a course with a rubber ball between their knees, Javelin Throw with a plastic straw, Paper Discus Throw with a paper plate, Emergency Preparedness Race-Players race to dress like a firefighter and run to the fence, Chariot Race a 2 person wheelbarrow, and Safety Net Crawl. Pack 12 was in charge of the Safety net Crawl.

Saturday the 8th was held at Konawaena High School pool & parking lot. The activities were: Torch Run-Relay race, Ultimate Discus-Frisbee Football, Obstacle Course- burlap bag jump, roll a tire, jump rope, carry a stack of cup on a tray, 3 person slipper race and swimming. Pack 12 was in charge of the 3 person slipper race. It thought the scouts about teamwork and group participation. Lunch, which was provided by Aloha Council, was a hot dog, corn on the cob, watermelon.

Thank you to Assistant Cub Master Shelley Mandaguit & Yenika Sayrs for managing the event booths. Great Job! Our very own Nurse Mrs Dee Ono (1st year Webelo leader) volunteered to be the First Aid Person for the two day event.

Upcoming Events:

June, July & August – Summer Activities To be Announced.

CONDOLENCES

Mr. Wally K. Takamoto of Kealakekua passed away on June 15, 2013 at his residence in Kainaliu at the age of 69.

Kona Hongwanji extends our deepest sympathy and condolences to the family and relatives of those members who recently passed away. May the wisdom and compassion of Amida Buddha surround you and your family with loving memories of your loved one in the years to come.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

4-H Federation, Use of Facilities
Kona Kumamoto Kenjin Kai, Use of Facilities
Mr. & Mrs. Stanley Kunitomo, Jiho, Taiko and Dharma School

SPECIAL DONATIONS

Acknowledgments Continued:

Chiyono Kobayashi, Mother's Day
Mr. & Mrs. Stanley Kunitomo and Mr. & Mrs. Albert Kunitomo, In Memory of Hanshichi Kunitomo's
30th Anniversary
Mr. & Mrs. Takeshi Matsumoto, In Memory of Kiyoto Aoki's 1st Anniversary
Okamoto Family, May 24th, In Memory of Frank Okamoto's 3rd Anniversary
Clyde Oshiro, Judo Club
Mr. & Mrs. Wayne Yamauchi
Daisy Kitaoka, Gotan-E, Jiho and June 1st, In Memory of Takeshi Kitaoka's 25th Anniversary
Daisy Kitaoka, Children & Family, In Memory of Yoshio Kitaoka's 33rd Anniversary
Mr. & Mrs. Richard Kunitomo, In Memory of Hanshichi Kunitomo's 33rd Anniversary
Mr. & Mrs. Richard Kunitomo, In Memory of Ichisaburo and Toi Kamei
Mr. & Mrs. Bert Maedo, Jiho
Asano Matsumoto, In Memory of Tamo Muta
Anonymous, Tai Chi/Kyudo
Hatsuko Shiraishi, Jiho and Social Concerns
Mr. & Mrs. Yoshitaka Yano, Memorial Day

Total - \$3,975.00

MEMORIAL SERVICES

Mr. & Mrs. Kazuyoshi Aoki, In Memory of Sadie Kato's 17th Year Memorial Anniversary
Jane Shiraishi, 7th Year Service for Kazue Yoshiki
Dave Yamagata, 1st Year Memorial Service for Joyce Yamagata
Winifred Yamagata, 1st Year Memorial Service for Joyce Yamagata
Myra Bailey, In Memory of Uemura Family
Ellen Horiuchi, 7th Year Service In Memory of Shigeto Omori
Shelly Imaizumi & Family, In Memory of Batchan, C. Fujimoto
Darrell Matsuyama & Family, In Memory of Bachan, C. Fujimoto
Earl & Brenda Matsuyama, In Memory of Chiyono Fujimoto
Doris Nozaki, Funeral Service & Related Expenses for Colbert Nozaki
Children of the Late Shigeto Omori, 7th Year Service In Memory of our Dad, Shigeto Omori
Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Omori, In Memory of Shigeto Omori
Shirai Family, 1st Year Memorial Service for Kiyoshi Shirai
Family of the Late Yoshitaka & Chiyoko Takashiba, In Memory of Yoshitaka and Chiyoko Takashiba
Terry & Wendy Terada, 25th Year Service for Chiyoko Fujimoto
C. Uemura, Uemura Family Service
Dean Uemura, Uemura Family Service
Katy Uemura, Uemura Family Service
Van Uemura & Family In Memory of Uemura Family
Deborah Uemura-Abe & Family, In Memory of Uemura Ancestors
Jenny Uemura-Sano & Family, In Memory of Uemura Ancestors

Total - \$2,910.00

HAKASOJI and NOKOTSUDO

Mr. & Mrs. Kazuyoshi Aoki	Tomie Honda	Gloria Ichishita
Nancy Katayama	Mr. & Mrs. Stanley Kunitomo	Toyoko Urada
Dessa Yukawa	Daisy Kitaoka	
Mervyn & Norma Ah Tou and Evelyn Ahlo		

Total - \$495.00

Acknowledgments Continued:

MEMORIAL DAY and MAY SUNDAY SERVICES

Offerings

Total - \$677.00

GOTAN-E SERVICE

Mr. & Mrs. Kazuyoshi Aoki
Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Gusman
Mr. & Mrs. Sadayuki Inouye
Mr. & Mrs. Naoto Katoku
Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Komo
Mr. & Mrs. Bert Maedo
Mr. & Mrs. George Matsuoka
Mr. & Mrs. Morris Nagata
Mr. & Mrs. Michael Oshiro
Mr. & Mrs. Norman Takeoka
Mr. & Mrs. Fred Uechi
Molly Takashiba, Laura Ikehara and Karen Shimabukuro

Mr. & Mrs. Nathan Chong
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Carol Kawachi
Mr. & Mrs. Wilmer Koshi
Mr. & Mrs. Glenn Matsumoto
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Mr. & Mrs. Dale Shiraki
Mr. & Mrs. Terence Terada
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Lisa Ciriako
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Mary Katayama
Margaret Kihara
Edna Kitagawachi
Alan Matsumoto
Kimie Mizoshiri
Ellen Nishikawa
Clayton Nishina
Helen Oishi
Saeko Sato
Suga Suzuki

Total - \$545.00

SPECIAL - CAPITAL FUND

Mr. & Mrs. Kazuyoshi Aoki
Mr. & Mrs. Stanley Kunitomo
Daisy Kitaoka
Hatsuko Shiraishi

Nancy Katayama
Mr. & Mrs. Wayne Yamauchi
Sandy Iwashita

Anonymous
Clyde Oshiro
Asano Matsumoto

HAWAII KYODAN DUES

Mr. & Mrs. Kazuyoshi Aoki
Mr. & Mrs. Wayne Yamauchi

Mr. & Mrs. Stanley Kunitomo

Asano Matsumoto