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March & April 2020

UPCOMING EVENTS

Buddhist Services and Gatherings at Hakalau Jodo Mission unless stated otherwise

March 8 (Sunday)	1:00 p.m.	Spring Higan-e (Equinox Day service)
April 5 (Sunday)	9:00 a.m.	Big Island Buddhist Federation Hanamatsuri at Hilo Higashi Hongwanji
April 12 (Sunday)	1:00 p.m.	Hanamatsuri (Buddha's Birthday service)

Other Gatherings Classes, Presentations, Meetings

March 13 (Friday)	1:30–3:00 p.m.	Special screening of Shinmachi Documentary, “Stronger Than a Tsunami” at the Hakalau Jodo Mission (Temple). Historian Heather Fryer, Ph.D. researched and produced the documentary and will be present.
March 15 (Sunday)	2:00 p.m.	Special screening of Shinmachi Documentary, “Stronger Than a Tsunami” at the Hilo Meishoin. Historian Heather Fryer, Ph.D. produced the documentary and will be present.
2 nd and 4 th Tuesdays	6:00-7:30 p.m.	Bon Dance Practice with Jane Heit (Social Hall)
Wednesdays	9:00-10:30 a.m.	Purna Yoga with Jennifer Weinert (Social Hall)
Wednesdays	3:30-4:15 p.m.	Music and Movement Class for children 0-5 years old with Auntie Jen Kane (Social Hall)
Various: March 12 (Thursday) March 27 (Friday) April Dates TBD	10:30 a.m.- 12:30 p.m.	Senior Luncheons (Dining Room)

For more information regarding upcoming events, visit <https://www.hakalauhome.com/upcoming-events.html>.

NENKI MEMORIAL SERVICE

Please contact Rev. Miyazaki at 808-936-7828 or gongqi326@hotmail.com to schedule a service.

March	Date of Death	Anniversary	April	Date of Death	Anniversary
Takeo Uratani	3/10/1994	27th	Hatsuyo Arita	4/30/1971	50 th
Van Miyamoto	3/12/1971	50 th			
Masao Kitagawa	3/19/1971	50 th			
Isao Yoshida	3/26/1998	23 rd			
Hoichi Ueda	3/31/2008	13 th			

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Shinnenkai is all about gratitude. We are grateful for our current and former members; Friends of the Hakalau Jodo Mission; the President of the Council of the Jodo Missions of Hawaii; members of the neighboring temples at Papa`aloe, Honohina, Honomū, and Papaikou; Hakalau neighbors; senior luncheon sponsors and volunteers; those who help preserve our facilities and grounds; teachers and participants in our classes—bon dance, yoga, and music and movement for young children; Obon volunteers; leaders of the Hakalau Neighborhood Watch and Emergency Preparedness; speakers and volunteers at our presentation series; and artists who contribute works to us. So many people contribute time, energy, talent and resources to our mission. We are very grateful.

This year, Shinnenkai was also a time to celebrate Rev Miyazaki's US citizenship! We are grateful for him...and proud, too!



Photo courtesy of Julie Goettsch

Those who were able to attend had a nice time. The food was delicious, and the company was wonderful. Five new members joined the temple! Artist Randall Shiroma was in attendance, making it possible for us to acknowledge him and show off his Daruma, a sculpture situated on our grounds.



Photo courtesy of Julie Goettsch

I will be coming and going this month between Hilo and Honolulu with my therapy and trying to get the house sold. If you have questions or need assistance, I am sure you will be able reach Rev. Miyazaki and church members included on the contact list on the previous page.

There are many activities at the Hakalau Jodo Mission. Please check the bulletin as well as the website, hakalauhome.com, for new offerings and more details on upcoming events. Please come to the Mission and participate in our activities.

With gratitude,
Jan Nakamura, President

MINISTER'S MESSAGE 1

I came to U.S. in 2002 and became a naturalized US citizen on 2/19/2020. My visa was called R-1 or Temporary Nonimmigrant Religious Workers visa. R-1 visa holders can apply for a Green Card or the Permanent Resident Card. Thanks to members' help, my wife and I obtained Permanent Resident Cards in 2007. My recent naturalization was also thanks to members' help. The naturalization ceremony was welcoming. The process was not very difficult.

Of course, the situation was totally different 170 years ago. The first naturalized American from Japan was naturalized in 1858. His name was Hikoza Hamada or Joseph Heco. I wrote about him before, but I would like to write about him again to

show my respect to the first naturalized Japanese American.

Hikozo was born in 1837 in today's Hyogo-ken. His father died young. His mother remarried a man who had a cargo vessel business. When Hikozo was 13, soon after his mother died, he became a sailor. Feeling pity on Hikozo, his stepfather took him to Edo by ship. On the way, Hikozo transferred to his stepfather's friend's ship, Eiriki-maru. In November 1850, the Eiriki-maru with 17 crewmen including 13-year-old Hikozo was wrecked in the Pacific. They were rescued by a U.S. merchant ship and were taken to San Francisco in February 1851.

Hikozo made friends with a young seaman Thomas Troy who was strongly interested in Japan. Troy learned Japanese from Hikozo and other crewmen.

At that time, Japan was ruled by Shogun. The Shogun government followed the seclusion policy which had been Japan's foreign policy since the middle 1600s. The primary reason for the seclusion policy was to preclude Christianity. Going abroad was prohibited. With the exception of Korean, Chinese, Dutch, and Ryukyu (Okinawan) ships, foreign ships were not allowed to come to Japan.

Meanwhile, the U.S. Government was planning to open Japan. In 1852, the U.S. Government told the 17 previously rescued crewmen of Eiriki-maru to go to Macao. They were expected to return to Japan through Macao. Their mission was to negotiate establishment of diplomatic relations between the U.S. and Japan. They traveled with Thomas Troy on the battleship Saint Mary, leaving San Francisco on March 13, 1852. When they stopped in Hawaii in April, the waterman of Eiriki-maru, Manzo, whom Hikozo highly respected, died. He was buried in Hilo.

They arrived at Macao on May 22, 1852. The East India Squadron was to pick them up in Macao and take them Japan to carry out their diplomatic mission. **(to be continued)**

MINISTER'S MESSAGE 2

The most common kanji for Japanese surnames is 藤. The kanji 藤 can be pronounced as Fuji or to or do. Examples include:

- Fujita is 藤田(Fuji-ta). 藤 is read as "fuji".
- Sato is 佐藤(Sa-to). 藤 is read as "to".
- Ando is 安藤(An-do). 藤 is read as "do".

Among 50 common Japanese surnames, 11 include 藤: Sato (1st), Ito (5th), Kato (10th), Saito (19th), Fujita (34th), Goto (35th), Kondo (36th), Endo (38th), Saito(41th), Fuji (45th), Fujiwara (48th).

In the middle 600s the Soga Clan was dominant in the Imperial Court. In 645 a prince Nakanoo and his subject Kamatari Nakatomi launched a coup d'état. Kamatari was promoted and was given the surname Fujiwara by the emperor just before he passed away in 669. His descendants thrived. Fujiwara noble family members monopolized high ranks and positions in the government until the late 1100s. Lower and indirect Fujiwara family members spread all over. They made their surnames by the kanji 藤 (to or do) plus their position or location.

Fujiwara family members who dwelled in Kaga (Ishikawa Pref) called themselves Kato; those in Ise (Mie Pref) were Ito; in Bingo (Hiroshima), Chikugo (Fukuoka), Bungo (Oita) were Goto. Those who worked for Saiguryo (Ise Shinto shrine office) were Saito, and those who worked for Mokuryo (department of construction) were Kudo. Those who lived in Sado, or Sano, or worked as Saemon (guard) called themselves Sato.

The higher Fujiwaras in Kyoto called themselves mostly from the name of the street. I guess living in Kyoto was a status symbol. The highest family rank in the imperial court called Sekke consisted of 5 families: Konoe, Kujo, Takatsukasa, Nijo, and Ichijo. They are all Fujiwara Clan. The second highest rank Seigake had 7 families. Six are Fujiwaras: Sanjo, Saionji, Taokudaiji, Kasanin, Oinomikado, and Imadegawa.

From the late 1100s, the Imperial court lost its power. Samurai ruled Japan until the 1800s. The imperial court was isolated and poor in Kyoto. So were the higher Fujiwaras. In 1868, the Imperial court returned to power. High Fujiwara Clan members Sanetomi Sanjo, Kinmochi Saionji, and Fumimaro Konoe all became Prime Ministers. If your last name includes Fuji or to or do, you might have a chance to be the one.

TREASURER'S REPORT

2019 was a good year:

- Average monthly revenue (donations and rent): \$2,814.50
- Average monthly expenses: \$1,942.44
- Bank balance increase from 1/1 – 12/31/2019: \$ 10,464.71

5 Sources Accounted for Over 80% of All Revenue:

Major Source of Funds	Amount	%
Donations "In Memory of"	\$7,370	22%
Rent	\$6,600	20%
Senior Luncheons	\$5,235	16%
OBON	\$4,439	13%
General Donations	\$3,145	10%
Total of Major Sources	\$26,789	81%

Top Five Expense Categories Accounted for Over 70% of all Expenses:

Major Expense Categories	Amount	%
Contract for Reverend	\$5,500.00	26%
Celebrations Expense (food, obon towels, taiko drummers, etc.)	\$3,335.48	16%
Insurance	\$2,751.00	13%
Property Survey	\$2,604.00	12%
Utilities (Electricity, Telephone, Gas, Water)	\$2,527.06	12%
Total Major Expenses	\$16,717.54	72%
Total Expenses	\$23,309.29	100%

2020 is off to a good start!

Funds deposited during January - February 2020:

Category	Amount	%
General donations	\$1,400	23%
Rent	\$1,100	18%
Shinnenkai	\$841	14%
Friends of HJM	\$700	12%
Membership Dues	\$660	11%
Senior Lunches	\$592	10%
Proceeds from sale of riding mower	\$520	9%
Donations at Services	\$270	4%
Total	\$6,083	100%

Many thanks to all who contributed to the well-being of the Mission in January and February:

Bobby Arakaki, Yumiko Bamba, Kerry Browning and Joe Hampton, Clyde Chinen, Leonard Chow, Ken and Susan Forbes, Ken Fujimoto, Jay and Maureen Ishimoto, Virginia and Robert Juetter, Audrey Jyo, Jennifer Kane, Dorothy Kansako, Antoku and Kinue Kobashigawa, Hiroshi Kozohara, Debbie Kuntz, Mr. Machida, Akiko Masuda, Leabert and Patricia Matsuo, Robert and Eleanor Miyake, Raymond and Stella Miyashiro, Jan Nakamura, Bob and Ingrid Nishimoto, Cyr Pakele, Tilden Jio and Leonid Pesin-Melzer, Seiichi and Mitzi Sako and Family, Sueno and Gail Saruwatari, Wil Shima, Judy, Howard and Kandi Shimabukuro, Fay Nako and Masa Shimabukuro, K. Shirota, Michael Stolp and John Boyer, Tracy Tsuha, Harold and Jane Uyeno, Wailea Village Historic Preservation Community, Jennifer Weinert, Robert and Norma Yara, Mel and Jan Yasutake, Thomas Yonamine, Herbert and Mae Yoshida.

2020 Membership Dues are Now Due:

If you haven't done so already, please send in your 2020 membership dues. The dues are \$60 and we are requesting an additional \$100 donation in lieu of a bazaar. Please see the following page.

In gasho,
Susan Forbes

2020
RENEWING YOUR MEMBERSHIP OR BECOMING A MEMBER
OF THE HAKALAU JODO MISSION

Our Members carry out our purposes:

- Propagate and teach the doctrines, principles, and disciplines of the Jodo Sect of Buddhism;
- Encourage, promote, and carry on the religious, educational, charitable and other work to better the condition of mankind; and
- Promote happiness among our members and the broader community.

The Mission would not be able to survive without the physical, financial and spiritual support of members. As a dues paying member you...

- Commit yourself to continue to support the efforts of your ancestors who helped to make this temple and Jodo Buddhism what it is today and continue their spiritual belief.
- Commit to continue to carry out the purposes of the Mission.
- Have access to the temple to honor your beloved ancestors.
- May leave your urn as well as your ihai (memorial plaque) in the temple.
- Will be identified as a member of the Hakalau Jodo Mission with all the rights identified in the bylaws, including participating in the annual member meeting and voting to elect members to serve on the board of directors.
- Have a voice in determining the legacy of the Hakalau Jodo Mission.
- Will receive a copy of this bulletin by mail or by email.
- Will receive a special, discounted rate for the use of the hall and/or dining room for your private gatherings.
- Will find friendship, support, ono food, and a place to learn the teachings of Amida Buddha.

Thank you for your dedication in supporting the Hakalau Jodo Mission.

Membership dues for 2020 are \$60.00 per family and \$60.00 for an individual. We also request a donation of \$100 in place of holding a bazaar.

2020 Hakalau Jodo Mission Membership Form

Please provide information about each person included in this membership.

Member # 1

Name: _____

Address _____

Phone Numbers: Residence: _____ Cell: _____

Email address: _____

Member #2

Name: _____

Address _____

Phone Numbers: Residence: _____ Cell: _____

Email address: _____

* If there are more members to add to a Family Membership, please include information on additional members on a separate piece of paper and submit it with this form.

Type of Membership Family

Individual

Amount Enclosed Membership Dues (\$60 for either Family or Individual Membership) _____

Donation in Lieu of Bazaar (Requested Amount \$100) _____

Total _____

How would you like to receive the Bulletin and other notices?

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Please submit this form and payment by **March 31, 2020** to:

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