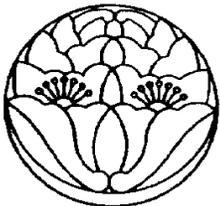


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### **JANUARY 2023 NEWSLETTER**

#### **For Our Members, Friends, and Neighbors**

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On behalf of Rev. Miyazaki and the Board of Directors, we wish you a safe, happy and prosperous New Year!

As we start 2023, consider this wisdom from The Buddha :

- The secret of health for both mind and body is not to mourn for the past, worry about the future, or anticipate troubles, but to live in the present moment wisely and earnestly.
- Having respect, humility, contentment, gratitude, and hearing the Dharma on timely occasions is the highest happiness.

**AKEMASHITE OMEDETO GOZAIMASU!**

*Susan Forbes*, President

Namu Amida Butsu

## 2023 SERVICES

Changes in schedule will be posted at <https://www.hakalauhome.com/upcoming-events.html>.

Sunday, January 1 <sup>st</sup> 10 a.m.	<b>New Year's Day Service:</b> This is a common ceremony held in Japanese Buddhism to commemorate the New Year. In Jōdo-shū, we gather to recite the Nembutsu. While we will be holding the service on New Year's morning, the traditional practice is to gather just before midnight on New Year's Eve and ring the temple bell 108 times, <b>symbolizing the washing away of the 108 human defilements and the beginning of a purified new year.</b>
Sunday, January 15 <sup>th</sup> 1 p.m.	<b>Gyoki-e:</b> The <b>memorial</b> service for the Founder of Jōdo-shū, Honen Shonin. Honen Shonin died on January 25, 1212 and Gyoki-e recalls his virtue.
Saturday, February 25 <sup>th</sup> 10 a.m.	<b>Nehan-e:</b> followed by the New Year's Party, Shinnenkai. Nehan-e <b>commemorates</b> Shakyamuni Buddha who initiated the teachings of Buddhism. <b>Nehan means liberation from all desires and freedom from all suffering.</b>
Sunday, March 12 <sup>th</sup> 1 p.m.	<b>Spring Higan:</b> Higan-e takes place twice a year, at the time of the spring and autumn equinox. <b>Higan means literally "the other shore", that is the other shore of enlightenment which contrasts this worldly shore of birth and death. It is a ceremony to honor ancestors and to chant the nembutsu.</b>
Sunday, April 9 <sup>th</sup> 1 p.m.	<b>Hanamatsuri:</b> Buddha's Birthday-- Shakyamuni Buddha was born in 463 BC at Lumbini in northern part of India (currently in Nepal). Lumbini was the traditional land of the Shakyamuni clan and Shakyamuni was born as the prince of the Shakyas. It is said that when Shakyamuni was born, birds sang, flowers bloomed, and two elephants poured sweet dew for bathing Shakyamuni. At the service, members pray by pouring sweet tea over the statue of Shakyamuni placed in a miniature flower garden of Lumbini. Shakyamuni's right hand points to heaven and left hand to earth. <b>This is a service of remembrance and celebration.</b>
Saturday, May 27 <sup>th</sup> 10 a.m.	<b>Memorial Day Service:</b> The Memorial Day Service is one of our commitments to the greater Hakalau Community. It takes place in front of a monument honoring the boys and young men from this area that died in World Wars I and II, Korea, and Vietnam. (We are unaware of any who died in more recent wars.) <b>This service is a Buddhist service of remembrance</b> and there is also a veteran speaker. This is followed at the Hakalau Jodo Mission with an "All American" lunch.
Sunday, June 11 <sup>th</sup> 1 p.m.	<b>Family Service</b>
<b>NO SERVICE IN JULY</b>	
Saturday, August 19 <sup>th</sup> 5 p.m.	<b>Obon:</b> <b>Obon is the traditional summer festival to invite spirits of dead ancestors back home, hold a memorial service and then send the spirits back to heaven.</b> These dead ancestors are called hotoke-sama, literally "venerable buddhas". This is especially true in the Pure Land tradition where we are assured of birth in the Pure Land and ultimate enlightenment in the next life through Amida's saving grace.
Sunday, September 10 <sup>th</sup> 10 a.m.	<b>Joint Higan at Meishoin:</b> This is the autumn equinox service.
Sunday, October 8 <sup>th</sup> 1 p.m.	<b>Eitaikeo:</b> <b>The Minister performs this service alone, with no one present.</b> The Eitaikeo can be seen as the temple's promise to propagate in perpetuity. However, the temple is also a place that helps us to understand that what makes it possible and meaningful for the temple to propagate all the people of the temple's past and their concern for the future that helped to make the present and the future possible.
Sunday, November 12 <sup>th</sup> 1 p.m.	<b>Ojuya:</b> This is a Jōdo-shū tradition of followers gathering to chant the nembutsu through the nights of ten days. It is considered a time of Special Nembutsu ( <i>betsuji-nembutsu</i> ) in homage of Amida Buddha. It is usually practiced among the congregation on only one night at the Hakalau Jodo Mission, although the Minister may practice chanting for ten nights.
Sunday, December 10 <sup>th</sup> 1 p.m.	<b>Bodhi Day:</b> Shakyamuni Buddha, the founder of Buddhism, experienced spiritual awakening at the foot of the bodhi tree in Buddhagaya, India on December 8th at 35 years of age. <b>Bodhi day is a celebration of the Buddha's enlightenment.</b>

**IN 2023 NENKI MEMORIAL SERVICES ARE OBSERVED FOR THE YEARS OF:**

<b>2022</b> 1st	<b>2021</b> 3rd	<b>2017</b> 7th	<b>2011</b> 13th	<b>2007</b> 17th	<b>2001</b> 23rd	<b>1999</b> 25th	<b>1997</b> 27th	<b>1991</b> 33rd	<b>1987</b> 37th	<b>1981</b> 43rd	<b>1977</b> 47th	<b>1974</b> 50th
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<b>JANUARY</b>	<b>DATE OF DEATH</b>	<b>NENKI</b>
Yukie Andrade	1/15/1997	27 <sup>th</sup>
Irene Arakaki	1/30/2017	7 <sup>th</sup>

<b>FEBRUARY</b>		
George Arakaki	2/11/2011	13 <sup>th</sup>
Tsuru Kikuchi	2/11/1977	47 <sup>th</sup>
Tetsuo Yoshizumi	2/12/1974	50 <sup>th</sup>

**NO NENKI SERVICES IN MARCH 2023.**

<b>APRIL</b>		
Ushi Miyashiro	4/4/1987	37 <sup>th</sup>
Harry Yamanaka	4/5/2022	1 <sup>st</sup>
Ryotei Arakaki	4/19/1981	43 <sup>rd</sup>
Shizue Hirai	4/20/2007	17 <sup>th</sup>
Aaron Sugino	4/23/2022	1 <sup>st</sup>
Ei Ichiryu	4/28/1999	25 <sup>th</sup>

<b>MAY</b>		
Antoku Kobashigawa	5/3/2021	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Mitsuo Miyashiro	5/19/1977	47 <sup>th</sup>

<b>JUNE</b>		
Noel Machida	6/4/2021	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Brett Kaneshiro	6/15/2022	1 <sup>st</sup>
Moshi Kobashigawa	6/20/1981	43 <sup>rd</sup>
Komatsu Fujimoto	6/30/1974	50 <sup>th</sup>

<b>JULY</b>		
Tsuru Hiyane	7/13/1974	50 <sup>th</sup>
Kama Oshiro	7/14/1991	33 <sup>rd</sup>
Yoshiko Nakamura	7/27/1981	43 <sup>rd</sup>

<b>AUGUST</b>		
Masao Takeya	8/1/1974	50 <sup>th</sup>
Shigeru Suekuni	8/4/1977	47 <sup>th</sup>
Kerry Browning	8/16/2021	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Sanehiro Okaji	8/28/2007	17 <sup>th</sup>
Satoyo Kurisu	8/31/1974	50 <sup>th</sup>

<b>SEPTEMBER</b>		
Kazunori Saruwatari	9/11/1991	33 <sup>rd</sup>
Kama Chinen	9/15/1991	33 <sup>rd</sup>
Kunikazu Machida	9/17/2011	13 <sup>th</sup>
Kana Ishikawa	9/25/1987	37 <sup>th</sup>

**THERE ARE NO NENKI SERVICES IN OCTOBER 2023.**

<b>NOVEMBER</b>		
Gene Noji	11/4/1997	27 <sup>th</sup>
Tsuyako Fujimoro	11/13/1974	50 <sup>th</sup>
Agnes Sunabe	11/19/2017	7 <sup>th</sup>
Yoneko Kanna	11/20/2011	13 <sup>th</sup>
Minoru Nakagawa	11/30/1974	50 <sup>th</sup>

<b>DECEMBER</b>		
Yoshino Mishima	12/3/1974	50 <sup>th</sup>
Myrtle Kanna	12/7/1991	33 <sup>rd</sup>
George Oshiro	12/12/2007	17 <sup>th</sup>
Shizuko Uehara	12/28/1974	50 <sup>th</sup>

Please contact Rev. Miyazaki at 808-936-7828  
for scheduling.

**Namu Amida Butsu**

**CLASSES: Advance registration, please. Contact the instructors.**

- **Bon Dance Practice with Sensei Jane Heit:** 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays of each month from 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. **Contact Jane Heit at [bonqueen@gmail.com](mailto:bonqueen@gmail.com).**
- **Karate for Children with 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Black Belt Patricia Taniguchi:** Twice Weekly for each age group on Wednesdays and Fridays. Children 4-6 years old, from, 4:00 - 4:50 p.m.; 7-12 years, 5:00 - 5:50 p.m.; 13-18 years, 6:00-6:50 p.m. **Contact Patricia Taniguchi at [WKA.hakalau@gmail.com](mailto:WKA.hakalau@gmail.com).**
- **Practice Yoga with Alison Simpson:** Four times weekly including Mon 4:00 - 5:30 p.m., Tues. 9:00-10:30 a.m., Thurs., 4:00 - 5:30 p.m., Fri., 9:00 - 10:30 a.m. **NOTES:** Students must be fully and currently vaccinated against Covid-19. **Contact Alison Simpson at 808-825-7856 or [alison@mahanahouse.com](mailto:alison@mahanahouse.com).**
- **Tai Chi with Sifu Slade Shim:** Wednesdays, 8:30 -10:00 a.m. **Contact Slade Shim at [ws808@yahoo.com](mailto:ws808@yahoo.com).**

For more information, including schedule changes and the addition of new classes, go to <https://www.hakalauhome.com/upcoming-events.html>.

**PLEASE CONTACT US WITH QUESTIONS, SUGGESTIONS, OR IF YOU NEED HELP!**

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**MEMBERS & FRIENDS: IT'S TIME TO RENEW!**

Annual dues from members and friends are vital to paying our basic operating expenses like utilities, insurance, maintenance and supplies. For many years the dues were set at \$60 a year for individuals and families along with a “request” for an additional contribution of \$100 in lieu of other fundraising efforts such as raffles, auctions, or bazaars. Truthfully, these types of events can be enjoyable but are extremely labor intensive and rarely “net” significant income for the organization.

Instead of increasing annual dues or appealing for an additional contribution this year we will simply maintain the traditional \$60 for individuals, families and “friends” with a voluntary option to join or renew at \$120. In other words, you decide! **Your personal invitation to join or renew will be mailed soon and we trust and pray that you will respond as generously as you are able.**

Mahalo!

## SERMON FROM REVEREND JUNSHIN MIYAZAKI



Thank you for getting together for our Bodhi Day service.

At the last service, I showed 2 scrolls, the Two River and White Path and the meeting of Master Zendo and Saint Honen. There was one more scroll in the box, depicting Shakamuni Buddha:

In Mahayana Buddhism, statues and paintings of the Buddha are often depicted with two bodhisattvas, Manjushri and Samantabhatra. In Japanese, Manjushri is called Monju and Samantabhatra is Fugene. Monju is usually on a lion and Fugene is on a white elephant.

Our Buddha is Amida Buddha. Many Jodo Shu temples have a Shakamuni Buddha statue or picture behind the Amida Buddha. Hongwanji and Higashi have an Amida Buddha Statue in their main altar. Taishoji's main statue is Shakamuni Buddha. Odaishi-san is Odaishi-san or Master Kukai.

Sometimes, I am asked about how many Buddhas there are. So, I will talk about it today.

When we just say Buddha, it refers to Shakamuni.



He was born about 2,500 years ago as a prince in a small country of the Shaka Tribe on the Indian subcontinent.

His name was Gautama Siddhartha. In his time, Brahmanism, the predecessor of Hinduism, was the main religion, and the teachings of the Upanishads were the focus of much attention. The ultimate destination of the Upanishads was called Brahma-self-unity. The universe is full of the truth called Brahman, and within the ego is the truth called Atman. Brahman and Atman are the same, and by uniting them they become eternal truth itself. A considerable number of men were practicing to achieve this.

Siddhartha resigned from his position as prince and began his training. Six years later, he awakened to the truth. The Indian word for 'awakened' is Buddha. Since he was the prince of Shaka tribe, he was called Shakamuni or the Saint of Shaka Tribe.

When he became the Buddha, he obtained supernatural powers (see insert). With the supernatural powers, the Buddha saw that there had been 6 Buddhas in this world in the past, and there were uncountable Buddhas in uncountable worlds in the universe.

It's complicated. I think astronomy says something similar. The sun is one of the 200 or 400 billion stars in our galaxy. And there are apparently 2 trillion galaxies in the universe. Most stars probably have multiple planets orbiting around them. If there is one life form per 2 trillion planets, there are more than 200 billion "worlds" in the universe, which is uncountable.

Anyway, Shakamuni Buddha taught people that there were many other Buddhas in the universe. Amida Buddha is one of them. Amida Buddha built his Pure Land called *Gokuraku* far to the west a super long time ago. He takes all sentient beings to his land and enlightens them. Saint Honen said that the best means of passing from this world to *Gokuraku* is through nembutsu. Therefore, we worship two Buddhas, Amida and Shakamuni. We believe that the two Buddhas are not the same.

Odaishisan worships many Buddhas, Bodhisattvas and deities. Their main Buddha is called Dainichi Buddha. Dainichi is in the center of the Universe, and everything is the incarnations of Dainichi Buddha. Everything includes not only Amida Buddha, Shakamuni Buddha, Bodhisattvas, heavenly beings, but all sentient beings such as animals, ogres, and us.

### Supernatural Powers

Excerpt, Otsutome, "Verse for Awakening Aspiration",

*...After reaching the Other Shore [Amida's Pure Land], you will attain the six spiritual powers (supernatural physical powers, supernatural hearing, ability to know others' thoughts, ability to recall prior lives, supernatural vision, and knowledge of one's purification) and will be able to enter the ten realms (hell, ghosts, animals, asuras, humans, heavenly beings, voice-hearing sages, awakened sages, bodhisattvas, and buddhas) to help and guide all those in suffering. The sky of the Dharma realm is exhaustive; our aspirations should also be like this. Awaken to this aspiration and wholeheartedly take refuge in Amida Buddha. (p. 75)*

*Shakamuni Buddha says "... when a person thinks of Buddha, he has Buddha's mind in all its pure and happy and peaceful perfection. In other words, his mind is a Buddha-mind."* (Excerpt from *The Teaching of Buddha*, p. 108).

According to this teaching, all sentient beings are one Buddha. If this is the case, then it can be said that the Buddha is one.

My answer to the question of how many Buddhas there are is, at this point, "innumerable". And I think that nembutsu is the practice to realize that the "innumerable" is one.

Please continue to repeat Namu Amida Butsu, feel the Buddha, and lead happy lives.

### **PRESERVING OUR LEGACY: REMEMBERING WAICHI OUYE OF HAKALAU**

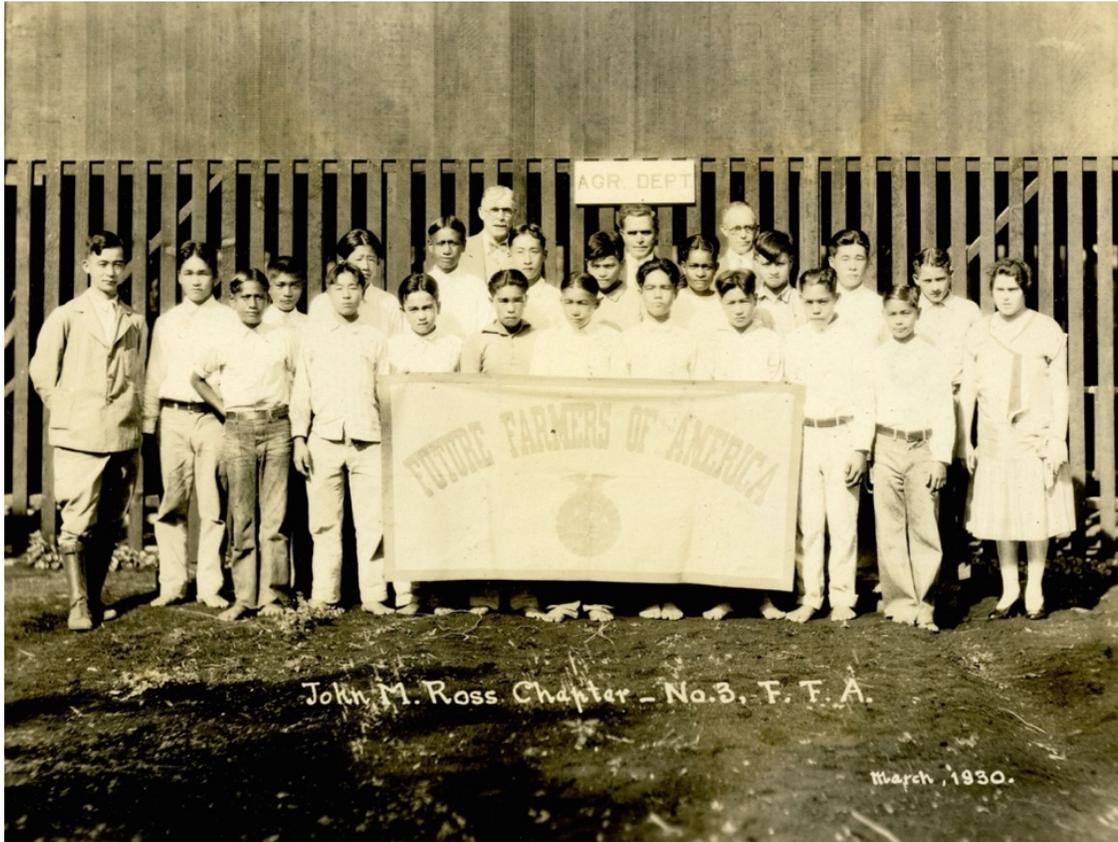
*Born: May 8, 1914 in Umauma Died: July 9, 2015 in Hakalau*

Waichi Ouye was described in a 2003 newspaper article as Hakalau's historian, one role among many. Friends and family mentioned his great sense of humor and curiosity. Newspaper articles from the 1930s - 2000s include many references to his roles and interests. A short summary here is not enough, but perhaps it's a start to learn about and honor him. His life was a demonstration of the cultural values we wish to preserve: **Engage in collective effort. Look out for each other. Honor hard work. Show respect for those who came before us. Aloha and Mālama `Aina.** In 2021, Akiko Masuda added two more values to the list: **Consistently show up. Whatever must be done, jump in and do it!**

Here's a list of interests and commitments gleaned from newspapers:

<b>Agriculture—A lifelong passion</b>	<b>Community</b>	<b>Japanese Heritage &amp; Buddhism</b>
Future Farmers of America	<b>Boy Scouts—a lifelong commitment</b>	<u>Honomu Hongwanji</u>
Agriculturalist , other senior roles at <u>Hakalau Plantation</u> , <u>Pepeekeo Sugar Company</u> , and the Hilo Coast Processing Company	<u>Hakalau PTA</u>	<u>Hakalau Jodo Mission</u>
Presidential Appointee to the Hawaii Farm Bureau	<u>Hakalau Recreational Council</u>	Hiroshima <u>Kenjinkai</u>
Hawaii County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Committee	South Hilo Parks and Recreation Committee	Hawaii Island Japanese Community Association
Big Island Beekeeping Association	<u>Hakalau Volunteer Fire Squad</u>	<b>Other Interests</b>
	<u>Hakalau-Wailea Water Project</u>	Film Club and Videography
	<u>Hakalau-Wailea Kumiai</u>	Senior Volunteer
	Mochi Pounding	Historic Preservation

While at Hakalau School, he committed his life to supporting agriculture in Hawaii, as a key building block of the economy. He consistently followed this path, even in retirement.



*Waichi Ouye,  
second from left,  
second row*

Boy Scouts were a lifetime commitment, ranging from his own Scouting days from the 1920s to 1970s.



*From Left to Right: 1929 Eagle Scout celebration at Plantation Manager's House, Waichi second row, right side; Scout Troop planting a tree at Kolekole Park, Waichi on the right; 1959 Troop 5 celebrating its 50th anniversary, Waichi is in the middle of the back row*

Waichi was active in both the Honomu Hongwanji and the Hakalau Jodo Mission and served on the board of directors of each at various times. The board roles he gravitated to were secretary and

treasurer—perfect roles for the historian! In retirement, he became more active with the Hiroshima Kenjinkai and the Hawaii Island Japanese Community Association.

Hi wife Jane took a backseat to all of Waichi's activities, but she was definitely a powerful force in his life. They met at a YBA (Young Buddhist Association) convention in 1941 and married in November 1942.



*Waichi Ouye married Jane Tsutako Eto on November 7, 1942*

They both wanted a large family and all of their 6 children received college degrees which they were extremely proud of.



*Ouye family picture taken in 1999 . Children in back row from Left to Right: Donn Ouye, Elin Ouye, Eva Chun, Neal Ouye, Gale Ouye, Randy Ouye*

They travelled many times to the mainland and attended the graduations of all their children.

After the demise of the sugar industry and demolition of the camps, Waichi Ouye was one of the few remaining in Hakalau. He provided a clear picture of the impact of this dramatic change:

*Upon the final merger (with Mauna Kea Sugar) in 1973 the plantation offered house lots for Hakalau sugar workers and their families at Kulaimano Subdivision in Pepeekeo. About 75% of the 300 to 400 who left Hakalau moved to Kulaimano. That meant that only about 300 men, women and children remained in Hakalau. (Hawaii Tribune Herald, April 9, 1975, p. 12)*

After retirement he took up beekeeping, photography, and was very interested in learning the computer.

He and Jane were very active with church activities and community work. They both volunteered for many years at the information desk at the Hawaii County Building in Hilo.

He always had a sense of humor, especially with his grandchildren who always encouraged him to keep up with his stretching and exercise. Obviously, he did very well!

Akiko Masuda remembers his dry sense of humor.



*Akiko Masuda and Waichi Ouye, circa 2005. Photo courtesy of Elin Ouye*

In 2008, “Wailea-Hakalau: A Walk Back in Time” at Akiko’s Buddhist Bed and Breakfast, provided 94-year-old Waichi Ouye another opportunity to teach and to support his community by sharing stories of his life in Hakalau. His students were not Boy Scouts and their leaders, or others working in sugar...they were mostly newcomers to Hakalau. For many, this was their introduction to plantation and Buddhist values.



*Photo courtesy of Elin Ouye*



*Akiko Masuda and Waichi Ouye at the 2008 “Wailea-Hakalau: A Walk Back in Time”.Photo courtesy of Dave Gallagher*

**We are grateful for the values and lessons he shared.  
We are grateful for his many contributions to our community.**