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## What? No more flying saucers!!!

Bon Dance will be on July 19 and 20. Unless **someone** steps up and agrees to chair the **Flying Saucers and Barbecue Meat & Chicken** committees, those food items will not be on the menu.

Ted Inouye, who has chaired the Bon Dance for 17 years, made the announcement at the first planning meeting. For personal reasons, Sets Ushio and James Yamamoto, who ably chaired the committees in the past, will not be available this year. Flying saucers and barbecue sticks have been a staple of LHM's Bon Dances and they would definitely be missed. Although there is a lot of work involved, the process and recipes are well-documented. If **you** are willing to give it a try, please contact Ted Inouye at 245-3027.

## Job Opening

### IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

In accordance with Department of Health regulations, only foods that have been prepared in a certified kitchen will be sold at the Bon Dance. Please call Ted Inouye at 245-3027 to reserve a time to use the LHM kitchen for baking or other food preparation. Mahalo.



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IF POSSIBLE, PLEASE SUBMIT ARTICLES VIA EMAIL TO

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## Calendar of Events

### APRIL

Tue 2 7:30 pm Hongwanji Council Mtg, KHM  
 Sun 7 9:30 am Hanamatsuri Service, LHM  
 Speakers:Drs. George & Willa Tanabe  
 Tue 9 7:30 pm Board of Directors Mtg.  
 Sun 14 9:00 am Family Dharma Service  
 Mon 15 7:30 pm Bon Dance Mtg.  
 Sun 21 9:30 am Eshinni/Kakushinni Day Service, LHM  
 Speaker: Janet Honda  
 Sat 27 Relay for Life  
 Sun 28 9:00 am Family Dharma Service

### MAY

Fri 3 7:30 pm Bon Dance Practice  
 Sun 5 9:00 am Family Dharma Service  
 Birthday & Memorial Service  
 10:00 am Kodomo No Hi  
 Fri 10 7:30 pm Bon Dance Practice  
 Sun 12 9:00 am Family Dharma Service  
 Tue 14 7:30 pm Board of Directors Mtg.  
 Fri 17 7:30 pm Bon Dance Practice  
 Sun 19 9:00 am Family Dharma Service  
 Fri 24 7:30 pm Bon Dance Practice  
 Sun 26 9:00 am Gotan-E Service  
 Speaker: Rev.Tatsuo Muneto  
 Fri 31 7:30 pm Bon Dance Practice

## Visitation Schedule

Wed April 3 10:30am Hale Kupuna Heritage Care Home Service in Omao  
 Mon April 15 8:00 am Regency at Puakea Service  
 Wed April 17 9:00 am Kauai Veterans Memorial Hospital (KVMH) Service  
 10:00 am Kauai Care Home Service (KCH) in Waimea  
 Wed April 24 9:30 am Mahelona Hospital Ext. Care Service  
 Mon April 29 8:00 am Regency at Puakea Service  
 Tues April 30 10:00 am Garden Isle Ext. Care Service@ Wilcox Memorial Hospital

Privacy and confidentiality rights of individuals limit the clergy from visiting persons in medical, residential and care-home facilities without the express request/consent of the family. Our minister is happy to visit members and friends, but by law, such visits require a referral from the family. Please contact Rev. Nakamura at 245-6262 and 245-4543.

## Temple Decorations

<b><u>2013 TEMPLE DECORATION</u></b>	
April 4, 11, 18, 25	Isenberg II/III
May 2, 9, 16, 23, 30	Molokoa I
June 6, 13, 20, 27	Molokoa II
July 4, 11, 18, 25	Pua Loke I
August 1, 8, 15, 22, 29	Pua Loke II/Puhi



## Message from Rev. Bruce Nakamura

### GRATITUDE IS THE SOURCE

Gratitude may not always be the outcome of happiness, but, Happiness is always the outcome of gratitude.

I do not regularly go to the movies nor have access to cable channels. Toward the close of 2012's holiday season, my wife and two of our grandchildren planned to visit just before the Christmas break. Due to their hectic schedule of first visiting my son's family in Honolulu, grandma Leslie knew she'd be burnt out by the time they got over to Kauai. So grandma insisted that I put in a basic cable for the two making the trip to see grandpa.

In a way we were all relieved since grandma could catch up on some rest here in Kauai (more or less). Now into the new year, I've not decided yet, if I'll keep the cable, let alone the television line connection as I have no regular favorites on television.

Once in a while I catch something on the REELS channel and one morning as I was preparing to go to west-side, I happen to glimpse part of a movie entitled "The Book of Eli".

The main character in this movie is Denzil Washington. He is a survivor in a post-apocalyptic time when most human beings have perished leaving few to fend for themselves.

While there's no mention of the direct cause of the world-wide apocalyptic disaster, there are pockets of humans surviving in the vast wasteland. One of them is a small community controlled by a man who is seeking something very rare and almost forgotten—the Holy Bible—the book in Eli's possession.

Eli refers to the book regularly for inspiration and guidance and applies it in his daily living. Before his partaking of food and drink, no matter how simple, he expresses his gratitude for their gifts, the dwelling and the company he might keep. Gratitude for Eli is the source of genuine sustenance and the Book inspires that source of gratitude—the Love of God-Jesus Christ.

This movie is not primarily about the Love of Christ, but, of its outcome—Gratitude as the source from which human beings endure with courage to discover hope and opportunities for another day. The town's leader however, covets Eli's Book because he's convinced that the Bible will give him the power to control people's minds, hopes and lives.

Today, we live in a modern world in which the theme of religion, as with wealth, status and sheer raw power are devices used for self-interests to gain power and control over others. Yet, these devices cannot and will not bring us genuine happiness and peace of mind.

In the Shin Buddhist tradition of Shinran Shonin, the Buddha-in-training, the Bodhisattava Dharma-Treasury surveyed the Buddha-fields and before his Buddha-Teacher World-Sovereign Buddha, vowed to bring all beings into his Pure Land—whether pure or defiled, male or female, young or old, promising to forsake not even one. Those who are given to the gift of True-Entrusting (Shinjin) of this Buddha of unlimited Light and Life will assuredly be born into His Country of Highest Bliss by saying His Name as Gratitude—Namo Amida Butsu. In turn, this limitless Light and Light return us in the Bodhisattava natural work into the world of impermanence and uncertainty by bringing others to the awakened state of Buddhahood and dynamic activity of liberating others.

As for myself, I cannot imagine the nature and content of such an incomprehensible spiritual undertaking on my behalf. I sometimes sense a wonder of how this could be a joy experience a basic gratitude at its source. It is a source that brings our life experiences into greater perspective—a peace-of-mind and joy we would not experience otherwise.

GRATITUDE IS NOT ALWAYS THE OUTCOME OF HAPPINESS, BUT HAPPINESS IS ALWAYS THE OUTCOME OF GRATITUDE!

## Lay Message

### Turning the Soil

Carol Valentine

A few years ago I heard the phrase "turning the soil" referring to the changes that come in life. The phrase has stuck with me through the years, especially as I think about dealing with change and some of the uncomfortable feelings that we can have as we go through change. Of course, change is an on-going fact of life, so we deal with change daily and some of the uncomfortable feelings may come up often.

I didn't grow up in a farming family. My father, however, taught me about the critical need to take care of the soil if we are to grow healthy plants and sustain our gardens. To maintain and sustain a healthy garden it is vital to not only turn the soil but to renew & revitalize the basic soil as well. If the soil isn't turned over and fresh nutrients added before planting the new seeds, we end up with a crop that is less than the previous one. Our gardens begin to shrink and be less productive. Even if we turn the soil but replant the same crops repeatedly the soil is depleted over time. We can't just keep planting broccoli over and over without change and expect perfect broccoli. We also know that when we turn the soil, we don't throw out the original soil and start from scratch but we do introduce new nutrients and new plants to the mix.

The concept of turning the soil applies to the earth and it applies to us right now as we face challenges in our temples. Our ideas are the plants in our gardens, our collective brainpower and our enthusiasm are where the nutrients come from. In life we know that if we only plant the

same ideas in the gardens of our hearts they will not grow in the way we envision. Without turning the soil and adding new ideas, using our brainpower and recharging our enthusiasm, we will be depleting our temple gardens. We will not be growing, but shrinking. As we turn the soil and work to sustain and renew our temples and our organization, we need to introduce fresh ideas, even those that may be outside the box or sound even slightly rebellious.

Turning the soil of our temple gardens doesn't mean throwing out the original soil to start from scratch but about introducing something new. For us it should be about allowing new ideas, fresh points of view without throwing out the old. If we are to have healthy temples to pass on to future generations we must tend to our gardens, Turn the soil regularly and replenish and revitalize both individually and collectively. We should strive to be open to new ideas and new perspectives if we are to not only sustain but renew the precious resource we hold in our hands and our hearts.

Thank you for this opportunity to share. Let us tend to our gardens and turn the soil with ideas and enthusiasm. Think outside the box and grow our gardens. We may even have some new plants, new colors and I think that we will find that it is as beautiful as ever.

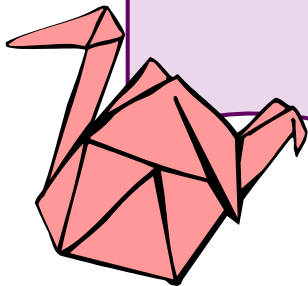
Namo Amida Butsu

**Save the Date!****June 2, 2013**

We will have the 2nd Annual Hanafuda Tournament to celebrate the last day of Dharma School for the school year. The tournament is open to all! Please join us after service for competition and prizes!

**September 21, 2013**

Lihue Hongwanji Dharma School Students will be traveling to Oahu to participate with the memorial display honoring Sadako Sasaki and one of the origami cranes she folded before she died. The display will be at the Pearl Harbor Memorial. The students will be doing some fund raisers to help defray the cost of their trip.

**BON DANCE PRACTICE—LHM Social Hall**

Fridays May 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31

beginning at 7:30 PM

New dance: Gokigen Song. All welcome to join in.





## Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii-Highlights

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### LAY ASSISTANT YOUTH RETREAT (LAY RETREAT)

With the guidance of the Ministerial Training committee, we will be having a retreat to train interested youth in becoming Ministerial Lay Assistants for the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii. The three-day retreat will go over ritual, doctrinal and historical teachings as well as get the opportunity to deeply reflect on how the teachings influence their daily lives. Participants will also get the opportunity to conduct their own service, including leading chanting and delivering a Dharma message. Upon completion of this retreat, participants will be presented with a Monto-shikisho and a certificate signed by the Bishop officially recognizing them as Minister's Assistants at their respective temples.

We would like to invite interested participants that are in High School through 35 years old. However, since the retreat requires participants to be active members of the temple who are willing to assist their minister; an approval from their respective minister will be required.

The dates for the retreat will be from Saturday, May 25 to Monday, May 27 held at the Buddhist Study Center. For additional information, please e-mail Jake at [youth@honpahi.org](mailto:youth@honpahi.org).



### PACIFIC BUDDHIST ACADEMY 7TH ANNUAL TAIKO FESTIVAL

Please join us for the 7th Annual Taiko Festival The Winds of Change on Sunday, April 7, 2013 at the Mamiya Theatre at St. Louis School with performances at 2:00pm and 6:30pm.

Celebrating our 10th Anniversary, the Pacific Buddhist Academy Ohana looks forward to many significant changes this year: The groundbreaking of our new classroom building, the retirement of founding Head of School Pieper Toyama and welcoming Robert Cody as our new Head of School. The Winds of Change honors these milestones by reminding us of the impermanent nature of life and the importance of viewing change as an opportunity to learn and grow. How do we embrace the lessons of life when the winds of change blow?

Through practice and performances, students develop teamwork, concentration, and self-discipline. Taiko serves as a "reflective art" which helps to ground students mentally, physically and spiritually.

Under the direction of Sensei Jay Toyofuku, the students of Hyaku Sen Ki Kai Taiko (Many Rivers, One Ocean) strive to master the art of Taiko with diligence and gratitude.

This year, we will be joined by special guest artists Ron Miyashiro and Laurie Rubin and will feature performances by Hongwanji Mission School Students as well as the 2012 KZOO Radio Karaoke Grand Champion Amy Katsumoto and friends. ***\*Please contact the office at 532-2649 to purchase tickets or for more information. Mahalo!***

### UH HILO DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD GIVEN TO BISHOP ERIC MATSUMOTO

The University of Hawaii at Hilo honored Bishop Eric Matsumoto, Dr. Larry Kimura and Ms. Valerie Takata as Distinguished Alumni and also presented Mr. Gerald De Mello with the Distinguished Service Award. The Awards Banquet was held on February 22, 2013 at the UH Hilo Student Center Dining Room.

Bishop Matsumoto was a 1983 graduate of UH Hilo after graduating from Konawaena High School. He was also the recipient of the prestigious Crown Prince Akihito Scholarship in 1983. Bishop Matsumoto became the 16th Bishop of the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii in 2011.



# Ask Rev. Bruce

**Q:** Shinran Shonin was also called Saint Shinran. How does one become a saint in Buddhism?

**A:** The term "saint" used in American Buddhism is historically derived from the Catholic tradition. The official church determined "sainthood" via a barrage of religiously verified events confirmed and sanctified by the Papacy.

The term "Shonin" in our own Pure Land tradition has at least two applications: 1) a Buddhist master studied under, e.g. Honen Shonin; 2) the inspirational founder of our Shin path, e.g. Shinran Shonin. Though "Shonin" sounds the same with Honen and Shinran, the first connotes spiritual teacher-mentor, while the second connotes our Founder, specifically Shinran Shonin.



Got something on your mind? Submit your questions to Rev. Bruce by email to [lhnew@yahoo.com](mailto:lhnew@yahoo.com), by mail, or by dropping it in the slot in the door to his office. Including your name is optional.

Note that he may edit the question for brevity.



## Kodomo no Hi



Please join us for a day to celebrate the children of Lihue Hongwanji Preschool, past, present and future!

**Who:** Lihue Hongwanji Preschool.

**Where:** Lihue Hongwanji Preschool grounds.

**What:** Kodomo no Hi, Children's Fun Day! Schedule of events will include: cultural demonstrations, lunch, crafts and games.

**When:** Sunday, May 5, 2013; 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

**Why:** To commemorate the 45th anniversary of our Lihue Hongwanji Preschool!

If you have any questions, contact Sandie Fujimoto at: [sandiefuj@yahoo.com](mailto:sandiefuj@yahoo.com) or 245-7857.

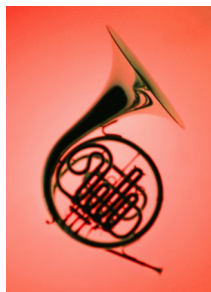
We hope to see you there!!

## Dharma School News

Our Dharma Students are the best!

We recently had two of our students recognized for excellence.

**Jana Ogle**, a student at Chiefess Kamakahelei, Middle School was selected as a member of the Hawaii All-State Marching Band and will be marching at the Rose Parade in Pasadena, California on January 1, 2014. Congratulations Jana!



**Akira Takabayashi**, also a student at Chiefess Kamakahelei, is the Hawaii State Spelling Bee Champion!!!!

He won the Spelling Bee, on Oahu, on March 23, 2013 with the word

“lamentation.” He will be traveling to Washington, DC in May for the National Spelling Bee. When you see Akira, tell him “Congratulations!”



## 2013 Foodland Shop for Higher Education

### For Pacific Buddhist Academy

Foodland's Shop for Higher Education program began on Feb. 6. Foodland will award (100) \$2,000 college scholarships to high school seniors across the state. Please use your Maika'i card at any Foodland, Sack N Save or Foodland Farms locations and give them PBA's **school code: 7581** to help us earn points towards college scholarships for our graduating seniors. The program runs until March 19, 2013 and the more points we get, the more scholarships our school can receive. Mahalo for your support!



## Relay for Life 2013

The Lihue Hongwanji Mission's Relay for Life team is gearing up to start its campaign for the American Cancer Society's fundraiser for its battle against cancer. We invite anyone to join us by becoming a team member or a supporter through your donations. Relay for Life is an overnight event to celebrate survivorship and to raise money for research and programs of your American Cancer Society. The event will take place in Hanapepe on April 27, 2013.







### *With Deepest Sympathy*

Lihue Hongwanji extends its deepest sympathy to the family and relatives of:

The late Masao Tamura who died on January 29, 2013 at the age of 89 years.

The late Satoyo "Betty" Kurihara who died on March 16, 2013 at the age of 89 years.

## **MEMORIAL SERVICE (NENKI HOYO)**

### **APRIL— MAY 2013**

The following is a list of members who passed away during the months of April and May. In Jodo Shin Buddhism, memorial services are observed to remind the family members of the compassion of Amida Buddha in memory of the deceased.

Lihue Hongwanji Mission recommends that the families and relatives of the deceased members listed below contact the temple office at 245-6262 for an appointment.

#### **1st YEAR MEMORIAL SERVICE - 2012**

None

#### **3rd YEAR MEMORIAL SERVICE - 2011**

2011 May 13 Shizuko Suzuki

#### **7th YEAR MEMORIAL SERVICE - 2007**

2007 April 7 Haruko Abe

2007 April 19 Masakazu Sasaki

#### **13th YEAR MEMORIAL SERVICE - 2001**

2001 April 11 Spike Isamu Kanja

2001 April 20 Kathryn Kiyomi Tokita

2001 May 29 Harue Tada

#### **17th YEAR MEMORIAL SERVICE - 1997**

1997 April 7 Jane Masu Iwasaki

#### **25th YEAR MEMORIAL SERVICE - 1989**

1989 May25 Toyono Abe

#### **33rd YEAR MEMORIAL SERVICE - 1981**

1981 April 20 Kenichi Shiraki

#### **50th YEAR MEMORIAL SERVICE - 1964**

1964 April 27 Yasu Takamoto

Stumbling blocks and stepping stones differ  
only in the way you use them.

## Acknowledgments as of 3/18/2013

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### **FUNERAL SERVICE:**

In memory of Masao Tamura  
Patsy Tamura

### **1st 7 DAY & INURNMENT:**

In memory of Masao Tamura  
Patsy Tamura

### **MEMORIAL:**

In Memory of Walter Ishii (13Yrs.)  
Mamo & Amy Yamada

In Memory of Katsuro Yoshida (17 Yrs.)  
Judy Yoshida

In Memory of Hatsuyo Nakae (33 Yrs.)  
Misayo Morimoto  
Mamo & Amy Yamada  
Sumako Ichimasa

In Memory of Doris T. Hiramoto (33 Yrs.)  
Dr. Jay & Mrs. Hiramoto

In Memory of Matsuji Maeda (33 Yrs.)  
Chimako Miyoshi

In Memory of Hikotaro Fujiwara (50 Yrs.)  
Mr. & Mrs. Mitsuo Ohata  
Emery Kondo

In Memory of Takeno Uchiyama (50 Yrs.)  
Richard Uchiyama

In Memory of Yasu, Yuri, Masato, Shigeru, Masayo, Yoshito,  
Tadashi & Waichi Fujiwara  
Mr. & Mrs. Mitsuo Ohata  
Emery Kondo

In Memory of Kiyoshi Inouye  
Diane Fukuyama

In Memory of Masao Tamura  
Ted & Alice Inouye  
Isao & Hazel Sugibayashi

In Memory of Harumi Tamura  
Natsuko Daida

In Memory of Masae Kanemoto  
Colleen & Warren Nonaka  
Amy & Mamoru Yamada

In Memory of Akiko Shimomura  
Eric & Yoko Takabayashi

In Memory of Elsie Toyofuku  
Wesley & Marcia Shimokawa

In Memory of Kiyoko Doi  
Shizuko Shiramizu

In Memory of Shigemi & Gordon Kashima  
& Hazel Kashima Kurasaki  
Paul & Alice Kudo

In Memory of Tonaichi Fujii  
Gail & Michael Oride

In Memory of Tamaye & Arlene Fujii  
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In Memory of Ann H. Shinno (birthday)  
Dorothy Matsuda

### **COLUMBARIUM DONATION:**

In Memory of Shizuko Nakai (7 Yrs.)  
Wayne & Aileen Nakai

In Memory of Doris T. Hiramoto (33 Yrs.)  
Dr. & Mrs. Clay Hiramoto

In Memory of George & Elsie Toyofuku  
Guy & Lori Toyofuku

Anonymous

### **MAJOR PROJECT:**

Isao & Hazel Sugibayashi  
Mamo & Amy Yamada

### **SPECIAL DONATION:**

Roy & Carol Fujioka  
Roy & Jane Iwane  
Howard Shinseki (Newsletter)

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your name is not listed,  
please call Amy Yamada at 245-  
6262 between the hours of 9:00  
AM and 12:00 Noon.



### REPAIRS TO TEMPLE FIXTURES AND STRUCTURES

On Saturday, March 9, 2013, under the able leadership and guidance of Roy Tanaka, a crew of LHM members consisting of Ted Inouye, Ray Morikawa, Walter Yasumoto, Roy Fujioka, Masa Arita, and Morton Yamasaki painted the social hall stage steps, partially repaired the parsonage doors, painted the sliding gate, and repaired the social hall jalousie windows.

A big mahalo to these LHM members.

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Kauai Buddhist Council Buddha Day Service will be  
on April 7, 2013. It will begin at 9:30 am at  
Lihue Hongwanji in the social hall.

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Eshinni-Kakushinni Day Service  
April 21, 2013 9:30 am  
Guest Speaker will be Janet Honda,  
BWA Federation President

