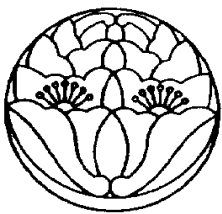


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APRIL 2022 NEWSLETTER

For Our Members, Friends, and Neighbors

There's optimism and joy as we begin the Spring with no COVID restrictions. Hanamatsuri is an opportunity to gather and celebrate. Please join us on April 10 at 1 p.m. if you can!

The March 26th Member Meeting enhanced our ability to support the Mission. The bylaws were revised and our Board of Directors expanded. The new Board of Directors is committed to meeting the needs of our members and community. We welcome the advice and mentoring from both Rev. Miyazaki and Immediate Past President Jan Nakamura, and look forward to getting to know our Members, Friends, and Neighbors better.

In gassho,

Susan Forbes

2022 SERVICES

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

April 10 - SUN	Hanamatsuri (Buddha's Birthday Service)	1 p.m.
May 28 – SAT	Memorial Day Service at Hakalau Veteran's Park	10:30 a.m.
June	NO SERVICE	
July	NO SERVICE	
August 20 - SAT	O-Bon Service and Bon Dance	Svc: 5:30 p.m. Dance 6:30 p.m.
September 11 - SUN	Higan-e at Hilo Meishoin (Fall Equinox Service)	10 a.m. (Joint Service)
October 9 - SUN	Eitaikyo (Perpetual Memorial Service)	1 p.m.
November 13 - SUN	Ojuya Nembutsu Service	1 p.m.
December 11 – SUN	Bodhi Day Service	1 p.m.

NENKI MEMORIAL SERVICES

2022 MEMORIAL SERVICES OBSERVED FOR THE YEARS OF:

2021 1st	2020 3rd	2016 7th	2010 13th	2006 17th	2000 23rd	1998 25th	1996 27th	1990 33rd	1986 37th	1980 43rd	1976 47th	1973 50th
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FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL:	DATE OF DEATH	NENKI OBSERVANCE
Noburo Uemura	4/19/1973	50 th
Yoshiko Inaoka	4/24/1976	47 th
Shigeo Tabata	4/25/1986	37 th
Michie Nishimoto	4/30/2020	3 rd

Please contact Rev. Miyazaki at 808-936-7828 for scheduling. **Namu Amida Butsu**

CLASSES, PRESENTATIONS, MEETINGS: Advance registration requested with the instructors.

- **Bon Dance Practice with Sensei Jane Heit:** 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month from 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. Contact Jane Heit at bonqueen@gmail.com.
- **Karate for Children with 4th Degree Black Belt Patricia Taniguchi:** Twice Weekly for each age group on Wednesdays and Fridays. Children 4-6 years old, from, 3:50 - 4:40 p.m.; 7-12 years, 4:50 - 5:40 p.m. Contact Patricia Taniguchi at WKA.hakalau@gmail.com.
- **Practice Yoga with Alison Simpson:** Three times weekly including Mon 4:00 - 5:30 p.m., Thurs., 4:00 - 5:30 p.m., Fri., 9:00 - 10:30 a.m.. **NOTE:** Students must be fully and currently vaccinated against Covid-19. Contact Alison Simpson at 808-825-7856 or by email: alison@mahanahouse.com.
- **Tai Chi with Sifu Slade Shim:** Weekly on Wednesdays, 8:30 -10:00 a.m. Contact Slade Shim at ws1808@yahoo.com.

For more information, including schedule changes: <https://www.hakalauhome.com/upcoming-events.html>.

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

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DONATIONS: JANUARY – MARCH 2022:

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN	Victoria Asayama, Yumiko Bamba, Ken and Susan Forbes, Joe Hampton, Robert and Virginia Juettner, Kinue Kobashigawa, Joe and Karyn Roark, Masako Sakata, Wil Shima, Ruby Shimabukuro, Randy and Alison Simpson, Aaron and Vinel Sugino
DUES	Yumiko Bamba, John Boyer and Mike Stolp, Ken and Susan Forbes, Julie Goettsch, Joe Hampton, Jan Nakamura, Asako Shibata, Roy Shibata, Wil Shima,
FRIEND	Amy Murata
GENERAL DONATIONS	Ken and Susan Forbes, Julie Goettsch, Kinue Kobashigawa, Jan Nakamura, Cyr Pakele, Randy and Alison Simpson,
IN MEMORY OF	Yumiko Bamba (IMO Kerry Browning), Joe Hampton (IMO Kerry Browning), Earl and Sharon Shimizu (IMO Uichi Shimizu), Asako Shitabata (IMO Sumio Shitabata), Aaron and Vinel Sugino (IMO Shunichi, Aiko & Bugce Sugino),
SERVICES	Higane-e: Yumiko Bamba, John Boyer and Mike Stolp, Ken and Susan Forbes, Julie Goettsch; Hanamatsuri: Gail Nakamura

MEMBER MEETING

Our Member Meeting by ZOOM was held March 26th. Fourteen members participated, including members living on Oahu and Maui, as well as in California, Washington, and Massachusetts.

President's Report: Jan Nakamura, our President since about 2012 announced she was stepping down as President and would serve as Immediate Past President. She reported that though the pandemic disrupted activity at the Mission in 2020 and 2021, opportunities emerged. Our membership has grown. We've expanded classes. We communicate more often with our members, neighbors, and friends through the newsletter. We've used the time effectively to focus on preservation and restoration projects. We've deepened our commitment to preserving the Mission's physical facilities and as well as its history and cultural environment

Treasurer's Report: Susan Forbes, Treasurer since November 2018 reported that our revenues are increasing steadily! But that's not the whole picture. Our operating funds (i.e., unrestricted funds) are declining. Predictably, in 2021 the pandemic resulted in a reduction in donations for activities...no services, no Obon, no Senior Lunches, no Shinnenkai, no Presentations. Fortunately, lack of activity also meant lower [unrestricted] operating expenses.

Although **unrestricted operating funds** are down since 2018, the **restricted funds** from the Freeman Foundation grant and the Phase 2 Capital Campaign contributed significant cash in 2020 and substantially more in 2021. Expenditures associated these restricted funding sources are also increasing...the cash on hand is needed. Also needed is close monitoring of cash flow. Projects do not proceed unless the cash is available.

We are grateful that it is now safe to resume all of our activities.

Actions Taken

- **Bylaws Revision:** Our bylaws, adopted in 1984, were revised primarily to 1) streamline the Board of Directors to better "fit" the size of the membership; 2) allow virtual meetings to support our geographically dispersed membership; and 3) comply with State law and Federal requirements. Members unanimously approved the revised bylaws.
- **Election of Directors and Officers:** The Nominating Committee presented a slate of 3 new directors and a slate of officers to the Membership. Members unanimously adopted both.

MEET YOUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Elected

- **Susan Forbes, President**, has been a member of the Mission since 2015 and Treasurer from November 2018 until March 26, 2022. She was a “military brat”, moving to a new location every few years and moving to Oahu in 1961. As soon as she married Ken, who grew up in Wailea and Hilo, it was clear that they would move to the Big Island after retirement. She has lived in Hawai‘i for 54 years in total and in Hakalau since retirement, about 11 years ago. Her background includes degrees in anthropology and Public Health, and 35 years working in the non-profit healthcare organizations focused on strategic and program planning and management. She is committed to the Mission’s preservation.
- **Mike Stolp, Vice President**, was born and raised in Wisconsin. He was raised as a Lutheran. He attended Marquette University, graduating with an Electrical Engineering degree before moving to California. He retired after 35 years of working for Lockheed Martin and bought a home in Hakalau with his husband John 3 years ago. They joined the Mission shortly thereafter and regularly attend services. He volunteered at the Senior Luncheon Program organized by Akiko until the pandemic restrictions required it to shut down. He also serves on the Facilities Committee. Mike says, “We live on Hanamalo Loop--very close to the Mission. This is our forever home and neighborhood, [and serving on the Board] will be a positive way to contribute to our new ohana here.”
- **Bob Juettner, Secretary/Treasurer**, was born in Flushing, NY. After college, Vietnam and graduate school, he married Virginia in 1970. After several years in Arizona, they relocated to Alaska where they spent 33 years raising their children and pursuing their careers. Bob spent most of the 33 years working and/or living in rural, roadless Alaska as a local government administrator. They settled in Hakalau 2019 after a nine-year sojourn in Arizona while he cared for his parents and Virginia returned to her first school district as its superintendent. They spent almost all of 2019 and 2020 renovating an 80-year-old plantation house and learning about life in Hakalau. They became members of the Mission in 2020. Bob, a member of the Facilities Committee, has helped manage the Mission’s preservation and restoration projects.
- **Yumiko Bamba (Banchan), Director**, grew up close to Kyoto with shrines and temples as their background. They lived in San Francisco for 30 years and worked as an acupuncturist and herbalist. They have lived on the Big Island for nine years. Residing at Hakalau Jodo Mission since late 2014, they have worked with the Senior Luncheon Program and other community events around the church. They serve on the Grounds Committee.
- **Garry Wyckoff, Director**, has served the Mission for many years as a “Friend” and became a member in 2021. Garry, a practicing Buddhist for many years, is a retired national non-profit executive currently living on Cape Cod. Prior to the COVID pandemic Garry spent part of every year for more than twenty years living in Wailea Village and participating in the social, cultural and spiritual life of the local community. His Hawaii volunteer priorities include extended board service with Wailea Historic Preservation Community (WVHPC) and active membership in Hakalau Jodo Mission. Garry has worked on both the Phase 2 Community Capital Campaign and the revised bylaws.

Ex-Officio

- **Jan Nakamura, Immediate Past President**, started helping the Hakalau Fujinkai in 1999 and served us continuously for 23 years. She became President sometime between 2010 and 2012..
- **Rev. Junshin Miyazaki, 13th Minister**, began serving Hakalau in 2009. Rev. Miyazaki grew up in Isesaki, Gunma Prefecture. After high school he lived in Kyoto. He was ordained and moved to Hawaii in 2002. He has served 6 temples in Hawaii: Hawi, Kohala, Hamakua and currently Hilo Meishoin, Kurtistown and Hakalau.

SHARING OUR HISTORY TO PRESERVE OUR LEGACY: SUSTAINABILITY, SERVICE, SAFETY

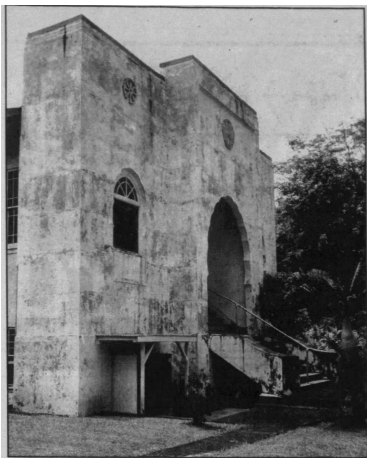
At the Member Meeting, President Jan Nakamura announced she was stepping down as President, becoming our Immediate Past President. Jan is now splitting her time between Oahu and Maui and will not be returning to the Big Island to live. This seems like the perfect time to recognize her contributions to the Mission.



From Left to Right: Memorial Day 2018 in Dining Room, Banchan, Jan, Kerry Browning, Mrs. Taira, Aunty Alice Nishimoto; Memorial Day 2018 at Hakalau Veterans Park: Antoku Kobashigawa and Jan; Fujinkai Convention at Hakalau in 2019: Jan

Jan was born and raised in Keaau. After earning her bachelor's degree in education at the University of Northern Colorado and her teaching certificate from the University of Hawai'i, she began her teaching career, including one year in Colorado, 17 years with the Hawai'i Department of Education where she was the "jack of all trades", and 11 years as an assistant professor of education at Brigham Young University (BYU) in Hawai'i.

She worked in education on Oahu and returned to Keaau in 2001 after retiring.



Hawaii Tribune Herald, November 5, 2000, accessed via Newspapers.com

She began helping the Hakalau Fujinkai in 1999, starting a 23-year commitment to the Mission. She arrived on the scene when the Mission was losing members--many were elderly, and many had moved away. There just weren't enough members to do all that was needed to support the Mission's survival. Her experience as "jack of all trades" came in very handy! There were many changes.

She shared what she liked most about Hakalau: "The people, their acceptance, warmth, flexibility and understanding of the need for and purpose of changes. Even though I was not raised in Hakalau, they accepted me."

When asked what words of wisdom she wished to share, she said, "Continue to support Hakalau so we will be prepared for the next generation..."

SUSTAINABILITY, SERVICE, SAFETY."

Jan is a dynamic leader, involved in many temples. Within Jodo Shu, she represents the small temples, i.e., those with 50 members or less) at meetings of the Jodo Council of Hawai'i. She works to protect the survival of the small temples, including Hakalau.

Thank you for your service and your willingness to continue mentoring members of the Board of Directors!

SERMON BY REVEREND JUNSHIN MIYAZAKI

Thank you for getting together for our Spring O-Higan. I was very happy to see you again after 2 years with no services. The Buddha looked happy, too.

Since humans began full-scale farming around 10,000 years ago, infectious diseases have been a serious menace to human society. One of the worst examples is the 14th Century Plague. The Plague killed 100 million people which was over 20 % of the world population. The mechanism of infection was discovered by Robert Koch in 1876, about 150 years ago. A microscope was invented in 1674. People knew that there were invisible creatures, but it took about 200 years for them to find that bacteria cause illnesses.



Photo courtesy of Julie Goettsch

In ancient Japan, people believed that pandemics and other natural disasters were caused by vengeful spirits. The kings were shamans and were expected to calm the vengeful spirits down when pandemics occurred but were not very successful.

In 538, a king of a small country on the Korean Peninsula sent a Buddha statue and some sutras to the king of Japan. The Korean king said that this god, i.e., the Buddha, was popular in China. The emperor called a meeting. The senior statesmen split into two. Progressive statesmen said that they should worship the Buddha because the Buddha was popular in China and Korea. China was way more advanced, so Japan should worship the same god to get along with China. Conservative statesmen said that Japanese local gods would get mad if they worshipped the Buddha. Progressive statesmen eventually won, and the Japanese kings became Buddhists. They expected Buddhism and Buddhist monks to calm the vengeful spirits down.

In the 8th century, smallpox broke out, killing about one fourth to one third of the Japanese. The famous Nara Big Buddha was built to drive the pandemic off.

The Higan service had its origin in a Buddhist service to calm down a vengeful spirit believed to cause pandemics. In 785, a prince named Sawara was confined in a temple because he was suspected of murdering a government official. Sawara insisted that he was innocent. Sawara stopped eating in protest and died 10 days later. After his death, a pandemic prevailed and killed some imperial family members. The emperor, the half-brother of Sawara, was scared that Sawara became a vengeful spirit and caused the pandemic. He prayed and prayed, but it did not work. He ordered Buddhist temples to hold special services for seven days around the spring and autumn equinoxes. This special seven-day service became an annual event of the Imperial court. The custom of holding a service on and around the equinox days spread to other Buddhist temples.

It is believed that the Pure Land of Amida Buddha is in the west. There is a sutra that explains how to visualize Amida Buddha and the Pure Land. The sutra says that the first step of Amida-Buddha-visualization-training is to see the setting sun. Equinoxes are the best days to practice that training because the sun sets due west. The Pure Land is beyond the setting sun. Their beloved ones who passed away live in the Pure Land.

The service on equinox days to calm down pandemics caused by the vengeful spirit became the service to appreciate our ancestors and predecessors in the Pure Land, and Higan became the season of visiting graves.

Let us pray for those who passed away from COVID, and please continue to stay safe and healthy with Namu Amida Butsu.

PRESERVING THE MISSION

Restoration and Installation of the Temple’s Original Front Windows:

March has been an exciting month with the installation of the original windows at the front of the Temple. There is more work to be done: some finishing work, painting the exterior of the building, and refabricating the 2 dharma wheels and the Jodo Shu emblem on the face of the building. The painting can be scheduled as soon as we raise sufficient funds in the Community Capital Campaign.

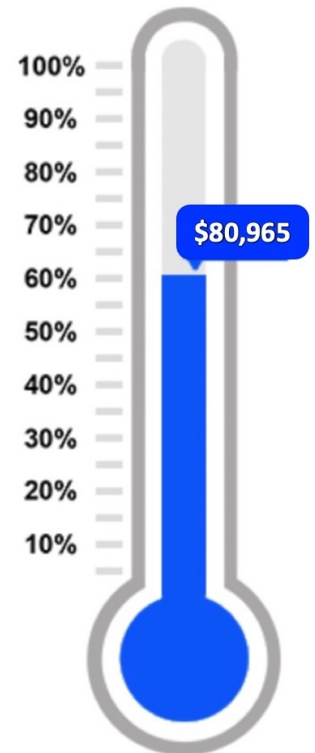


Community Capital Campaign Status as of March 31st:

- 95 donations received
- Campaign contributions total \$80,965, including \$50,000 (Freeman Foundation Grant, Phase 1), and \$30,965 (Community Campaign, Phase 2)—59% of our 4-year goal.
- We plan to attach the 35 plaques honoring former members and loved ones in **April!**
- **The opportunity is still available for *additional* memorial plaques. As of March 31st, 7 long pews and 4 short pews are available for sponsorship, as follows:**

Size and Portion of Pew Sponsored	Sponsorship Level	# of Plaques
Long Pew	\$1,000	1 to 4
One Half of a Long Pew	\$500	1 or 2
Short Pew	\$500	1 or 2
One Half of a Short Pew	\$250	1

GOAL: \$140,000



TO ORDER A PLAQUE, please fill out the form on the next page and return it to the Mission with your contribution to the Community Capital Campaign.



PHASE 2 COMMUNITY CAPITAL CAMPAIGN GIFT AND PEW SPONSORSHIP FORM

Donor Name(s): _____

Mailing Address: _____ / Email Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Yes! I would like to make a gift *and* memorialize my ancestors, current family members, or others with a laser engraved koa plaque(s) for placement on a refurbished pew, as follows:

MY/OUR GIFT TOTAL: _____ NUMBER OF PLAQUES REQUESTED: _____

The choice of wording is yours. Once your contribution is received and the wording for each plaque confirmed, a draft will be produced and sent it to you by email or mail for your approval or revision.

A suggested format from Norma Yara, listing two generations, is provided below:

In Loving Memory of: _____

Name of CAMP or VILLAGE: _____ (EX: CHIN CHUCK CAMP)

Children: _____
(List Biological children – oldest to youngest, followed by stepchildren)

Yes! I would like to contribute to preserving the Mission with a Community Campaign Gift. I/we do not request a laser engraved koa plaque.

MY/OUR GIFT TOTAL: _____

RETURN THIS FORM with your payment to: Hakalau Jodo Mission, PO Box 296, Hakalau, HI 96710.

NOTE: Contributions to the Hakalau Jodo Mission are tax-deductible as allowed by law.

Arigato! Mahalo! Thank you!