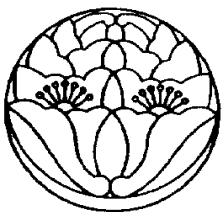


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JULY 2022 NEWSLETTER

For Our Members, Friends, and Neighbors

We will be celebrating the last Bon Dance of the season on August 20th, with the service at 5:30 p.m. followed by the Bon Dance.

NOTE: Some temples have recently canceled their Bon Dances due to COVID. We will continue to monitor the situation in East Hawaii. **We want you to be safe AND we want you celebrate with us.**

Any changes in our plans will be posted online at <https://www.hakalauhome.com/upcoming-events.html> and in our August newsletter.

In the meantime, stay safe and **GET READY TO DANCE!**

In gassho, *Susan Forbes*

2022 SERVICES

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

July	NO SERVICE	
August 20 - SAT	O-Bon Service and Bon Dance	5:30 p.m. (Service) 6:30 p.m.- 10 p.m. (Dance)
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 OBSERVED FOR THE YEARS OF:

2021	2020	2016	2010	2006	2000	1998	1996	1990	1986	1980	1976	1973
1st	3rd	7th	13th	17th	23rd	25th	27th	33rd	37th	43rd	47th	50th

FOR THE MONTH OF JULY	DATE OF DEATH	NENKI OBSERVANCE
Fukuo Motobu	7/7/1973	50 th
Josuah Hirakawa	7/10/1996	27 th
Shizuyo Yoshida	7/16/1998	25 th
Toku Machida	7/28/1986	37 th
Katsuyoshi Arita	7/29/1990	33 rd

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

CONDOLENCES

Aaron Tsurumi Sugino passed away on April 23, 2022, at the age of 61.
Namu Amida Butsu.

Aaron was very community minded. Over the years, he served as President of the Hakalau Jodo Mission and the Hakalau Community Association. In 2008, Aaron and his wife, Vinel, developed a cooperative to use the commercial kitchen established in the Fujii Bakery in Wailea. Their goal: revitalize the community.

A classmate from Hakalau School remembers his love of baseball, boy scouts, raising pigeons, and fishing.

We send our condolences to his wife Vinel and their extended hanai family.

CLASSES, PRESENTATIONS, MEETINGS: Advance registration, please. Contact the instructors.

- **Bon Dance Practice with Sensei Jane Heit:** 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month from 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. **AN ADDITIONAL PRACTICE WILL BE ADDED ON AUGUST 16TH FROM 6:00-7:30 P.M. REMEMBER, OUR BON DANCE IS SCHEDULED FOR AUGUST 20TH!** Contact Jane Heit at bonqueen@gmail.com.
- **Karate for Children with 4th Degree Black Belt Patricia Taniguchi:** **CLASSES RESUME JULY 15TH.** 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. Contact Patricia Taniguchi at WKA.hakalau@gmail.com.

- **Practice Yoga with Alison Simpson:** **CLASSES RESUME JULY 7TH.** 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. **NOTES:** 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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- **Akiko Masuda, Community Liaison:** 808-963-6422 or msakiko@hawaii.rr.com

DONATIONS MAY-JUNE 27, 2022:

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN	Amy Arakaki, Victoria Asayama, Sheila Black
DONATIONS-GENERAL	Ruby Shimabukuro
DUES	Ruby Shimabukuro
FUNERALS (Mr. Harry Yamanaka and Mr. Aaron Sugino)	ANONYMOUS
IN MEMORY OF	Amy Arakaki (IMO Shizue Arakaki)
OMAMORI	Susan and Ken Forbes
RESTORATION OF ORIGINAL TEMPLE WINDOWS	ANONYMOUS
SERVICES (MEMORIAL DAY)	Ken and Susan Forbes, Kiyoshi Fujimoto, Tilden Jio and Leonid Pesin-Melzer, and Harold Uyeno, plus numerous anonymous cash donations

MESSAGE FROM REVEREND JUNSHIN MIYAZAKI



My older daughter Lisa graduated from Waiakea High School this year. She lived in Hawi for 3 years and 10 months, Paauhau for 9 months, and Hilo for 12 years and 8 months. Members and Dharma Friends of Hawi, Kohala, Hamakua, Kurtistown, Hakalau Jodo Missions, and Hilo Meishoin have been very nice to us. I cannot say thank you enough.

In an essay for college admission, she wrote:

Besides being born to immigrant parents, I am also the daughter of a Buddhist minister, meaning I grew up in a church. Ethnically, I partially fit in with those around me as a majority of the church members are Japanese-Americans. There are many different Japanese-Americans—some are nisei, or second generation, some are yonsei, or fourth generation, and some are like me, hapa-Japanese. As I grew older, I learned that most Japanese immigrants came to the Big Island as laborers on sugar plantations, and their

cultures were passed down through generations. During the summer months, the churches hold Obon Festivals, where the members teach me how to do traditional Japanese dances. I, a first generation Japanese American, am able to learn about my Japanese heritage from various generations because they held onto their backgrounds.

Growing up around these members who were glad to share their culture with me brought new meaning to ‘ohana,’ the Hawaiian word for family. Hawai’i is a very close-knit community where virtually everyone is connected to one another. Although I don’t have any relatives in Hawai’i, I never felt lonely or disconnected because I, like my local friends, had “uncles,” “aunties,” and “tutus,” or grandmothers, of my own—the church members. My newfound ‘ohana’ invites me to

their various gatherings and parties, indulging me in local delicacies such as poke, laulau, and chicken katsu. They also introduce me to their extended families, just as if I am part of their 'ohana.'

Lisa was accepted into Brown University. I hope she will stay healthy and won't forget your kindness. Again, thank you so much. **Arigato gozaimashita. Korekaramo yoroshiku onegai itashimasu. Namu Amida Butsu**

SHARING OUR HISTORY TO PRESERVE OUR LEGACY: MEMORIAL DAY

Our Memorial Day service on May 28th was attended by about 45 individuals of all ages. Prior to the service, the work crew showed up to transport and set up the tarps and chairs. Many thanks to John Boyer, Michael Doolittle, Kiyoshi Fujimoto, Hiroshi Kozohara, Akiko Masuda and her guests Andrea and Joseph, Rev. Miyazaki, and Mike Stolp.



Master of Ceremonies Mike Stolp along with Hiroshi Kozohara and Teddy Shiroma raised the flag.

Rev. Miyazaki performed the service, chanting the Sutta Nipata, the Goodwill Sutra.

Raising the Flag and Rev. Miyazaki. Photos courtesy of Danny Escalona

Stacy Jacobs, Gunnery Sgt. (ret.) talked about his service in the Navy and Marines, including special operations while deployed overseas. Dedicated service to family and country are clearly his priorities.



Speakers Stacy Jacobs, Gunnery Sgt. (ret.) and Robert Nishimoto. Photos courtesy of Danny Escalona

In concluding remarks, Ninole resident, Robert Nishimoto, spoke of the Hakalau Veterans Park with this memorial as "wahi pana", a sacred place. The young men listed on the memorial gathered in this spot frequently for school, baseball, and other gatherings. This place was important in their lives. Now it is part of ours. Let us remember.



Many thanks to the following individuals for supporting our Memorial Day service over many, many years: Danny Escalona for photographing the service and Veteran Ray Gandy for playing "TAPS", bringing tears to many.

The **ALL-AMERICAN LUNCH** served at the Mission following the service was attended by about 25 folks who enjoyed hot dogs, fruit salad, baked beans, and lots and lots of desserts. Many thanks to those who organized the lunch and provided food: Barbara Alford, Yumiko Bamba, Linda Hartwell, Bob and Virginia Juetner, and Mike Stolp and John Boyer.

Ray Gandy playing Taps. Photo courtesy of Danny Escalona

PRESERVING THE MISSION: Progress, Delays, and Price Increases

Worker shortages, supply chain problems, and inflation are real!

- **Progress:** We've attached the 27 plaques on hand to the pews. More are ordered. They're beautiful!



- **Delays:** Scheduling workers is a challenge these days due to scarcity of workers. Rainy weather has delayed roof repairs.
- **Price Increases:** We received the bid for painting the roofs and exteriors substantially higher than expected. We are evaluating options.
- **Consequences:** Some projects will take longer until we raise additional funds or are able to schedule the workers needed. Seeking additional funding sources is an ongoing process.
- **Useful Buddhist wisdom:** *Everything comes to you in the right moment. Be patient. Be grateful.*

Community Capital Campaign Status as of JUNE 27th:

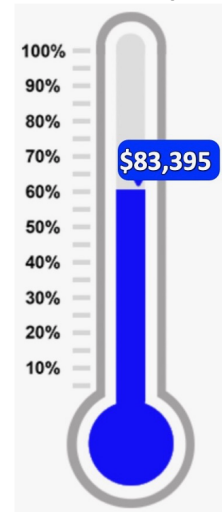
- 105 donations received
- Campaign contributions total \$83,395, 60% of our 4-year goal.

- **The opportunity is still available for memorial plaques. There are both whole and half long pews and short pews available for sponsorship:**

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

- **TO ORDER A PLAQUE,** please indicate whether you're sponsoring a whole or half long pew or short pew and provide the wording you want on the plaque(s) along with your name, contact information, and payment to the Hakalau Jodo Mission, PO Box 296, Hakalau, Hawaii 96710.
- **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:**

GOAL: \$140,000



In Loving Memory of: _____

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

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

HAKALAU JODO MISSION CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

OUR VISION: *To preserve and maintain the Historic Hakalau Jodo Mission to serve current and future spiritual and community needs*

FOUR-YEAR GOAL: \$140,000



PHASE 1: 2020-2021 Projects (\$65,000)

- Replace historic emblems on front of Temple and repair windows and screens. **IN PROCESS...**
- Improve accessibility & safety with handrails for Social Hall stairs and barrier to the "Stairs to Nowhere". **IN PROCESS...**

PHASE 2: 2022 Projects (\$52,000)

- Paint all roofs.
- Paint building exteriors.
- Replace deteriorating altar brocade and replace pew padding.
- Install security cameras and monitoring system.
- Enable internet connectivity to support services and programs.
- Upgrade to LED lighting throughout, with 1936 period-appropriate style.

PHASE 3: 2023-2024 Projects (\$23,000)

- Tent for termites and repair termite damage.
- Upgrades and repairs for the Parsonage.



SOURCES OF FUNDING

- Individual Giving
- Public and Private Foundation Grants
- Government Grants

MILESTONES

- **2022 – NOW!**
 - Memorial plaques attached to pews
 - Tested internet connectivity in support of programs
 - Painting bids received.
- **2021 - Progress on Freeman Foundation Projects**
 - Pews sanded, repainted, returned to the Mission
 - Temple interior painted
 - Water/termite damage repaired
 - Social Hall and Temple screens built
 - Social Hall Windows repaired, painted, reinstalled
 - Ceiling fans with LED lighting installed in Temple
- **2020 - Waiting for release of funds**
 - Volunteer Mike Stolp installed new LED lighting in Social Hall. Thank you!
- **2019 - Volunteer effort, waiting for release of funds**
 - Volunteer Randy Simpson painted the Social Hall prior to Shinnenkai. Thank you!
- **2018 - \$50,000 Freeman Foundation Award (funds released over time)**