HONOKAA HONGWANJI SHIN BUDDHIST TEMPLE
‘113 YEARS CONNECTED TO OUR COMMUNITY’

2017 COMING EVENTS

MARCH
05(Sun)@9:00am       Sunday Service & BWA meeting
                    10:10am       Presentation about Katsu Goto by
                                   Dr. Yoshinori Kato
08(Wed)@7:00pm       Kyodan Board Meeting
16(Thu)@9:15am       Hale Ho’ola Visitation
19(Sun)@9:00am       Spring Higan Service
                    2:00pm       NEMBUTSU SEMINAR in the temple
                                   hall with guest speaker Mark Unno,
                                   Associate Professor @University of Oregon

***Mindfulness Meditation@4pm Every Sunday***

APRIL  *Tentative schedule, PLEASE checks next month newsletter
2(Sun)        Sunday Service
              Hanamatsuri
12(Wed)@9:00am  Kyodan Board Meeting
20(TH)@9:15am   Hale Ho’ola Visitation

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MINISTER’S CORNER
Rev. Shingo Furusawa

1. **Ohigan Service** Every March, Ohigan services are held at many Buddhist temples. Ohigan means “reaching the other shore of nirvana.” The service is a very good opportunity for us to listen to the teachings of Amida Buddha, who takes all of us to reach nirvana. The Paauilo Hongwanji Ohigan service will be held on March 12 (Sun) at 2:00 pm. The Honokaa Hongwanji Ohigan service will be held on March 19 (Sun) at 9:00 am. You are very welcome at the services!

2. **Absence** I will be in Honolulu for the ministers seminar on March 14-15. Should an emergency arise, please contact to Rev. Marcos Sawada, Hilo Higashi Hongwanji at (808)935-8968.

3. **Presentation about Katsu Goto** On, Sunday, March 5, around 10:10 am at Honokaa Hongwanji, Yoshinori Kato, Ph. D. will have a presentation about Katsu Goto, who was a labor hero in Hamakua community. Dr. Kato has been researching the life and footprints of Mr. Goto in Oiso, Japan, which was Goto's hometown for many years. You are very welcome!

4. **Nembutsu Seminar** The 2017 Nembutsu Seminar will be held on Sunday, March 19, at 2:00 pm at the Honokaa Hongwanji Social Hall. The guest speaker will be Dr. Mark Unno, Associate Professor at the University of Oregon. It is a public lecture. Everyone is very welcome!
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KATSU GOTO, A HONOKA'A HERO
Free film preview and talk, March 5

HONOKA'A, HAWA'I ISLAND—In 1889 Katsu Goto, one of the very first Japanese immigrants to come to Hawai‘i, was killed for helping plantation laborers. His body was found hanging from a telephone pole in Honoka‘a, not far from where a memorial in his honor stands today.

For many years his story was almost unknown, however thanks to a dedicated group of writers, filmmakers and researchers, that is changing.

On Sunday, March 5, at 10 a.m. the Honoka‘a Hongwanji will host a free presentation about Goto, featuring a talk by researcher Dr. Yoshinori Kato from Oiso, Japan, Goto's hometown, that reveals new information on Goto’s life. In addition UH Hilo professor/filmmaker Patsy Iwasaki will present a preview of the film “Honoka‘a Hero, the Story of Katsu Goto” by Danny Miller, Iwasaki and the Katsu Goto Memorial Committee.

The event will be attended by 23 students from Kyushu University in Fukuoka, Japan, as part of the U.S. Japan Council Sen. Inouye Tomato-dachi Kakehashi exchange program.

Katsu Goto gave up his family name and birthright as eldest son, to sail on the S.S. City of Tokio in 1885 bound for Hawai‘i Island. He went to work on Soper, Wright & Co’s O‘okala Plantation, for $9 a month, and when his three-year contract was fulfilled, he elected to stay and opened a store, selling general merchandise, Japanese products and medicines. Goto’s general store success and advocacy of labor led to animosity and eventual conflict with plantation staff and others.

Researcher Yoshinori Kato Ph.D. translated the inscription on a recently discovered gravestone in memory of Goto in Oiso that provided new information on him. A resident of Oiso, Kato has a bachelor of engineering degree from Keio University in Tokyo, Japan and a doctoral degree from the University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa.

According to Kato, Goto published a business journal in Yokohama and was involved with democracy advocates influenced by the Meiji Restoration of 1868. In Kato’s March 5 talk, entitled “Deciphering the Stone: Revealing the footprints of Katsu Goto through a gravestone inscription,” Kato uses ukiyo-e (Japanese woodblock prints) to help visualize the town of Oiso and Goto’s early years.

In 2010, the 125th anniversary of Katsu Goto’s arrival as a “first boat” immigrant, Goto’s great-nephew, Kiichi Kaya, and daughter, Toyoko Saeki, traveled from Japan to attend the annual memorial service in Honoka‘a. They met Patsy Iwasaki, author of the graphic novel, “Hāmākua Hero, A True Plantation Story,” illustrated by Avery Berido.

Iwasaki, a professor of communication at UH-Hilo, was inspired by Goto’s story. She was also the first recipient of the Goto of Hiroshima Foundation scholarship in 1993, a project of Goto’s adopted niece, Dr. Fumiko Kaya, a hibakusha, or atomic bomb survivor.

In 2011, Iwasaki was contacted by a curator at the Bishop Museum. Her book was included in the exhibit, “Tradition and Transition: Stories of Hawai‘i Immigrants,” alongside Goto’s pocket watch.

Iwasaki met with filmmaker Danny Miller, and they interviewed members of the Hāmākua community to create two videos for the Museum exhibit. From there, the concept of a Goto documentary grew, with financial support from the Hawai‘i State Legislature, YWCA, UH Diversity and Equity Initiative and others. A “living history”
documentary, the film will also include reenacted scenes starring students from the UH Hilo Theatre Department, shot in historic locations around the island.

Iwasaki will present a 20-minute preview and behind-the-scenes segment of the documentary on March 5, following Dr. Kato’s talk. Subtitled in English and Japanese, the clip was aired on Nippon Golden Network in Hawai’i. To learn more about the film, and to make a donation to help complete the film, please visit www.katsugotomovie.org.

The programs are free and presented as a service to the community, and attendees are invited to stay for light refreshments and to talk story with the presenters and the Kyushu students. For more information, contact Miles Okumura by text 808-640-4602, or email misterokumura@yahoo.com.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

With heartfelt gratitude and appreciation the Honokaa Hongwanji Kyo- dan acknowledges the following:

◊ Monetary contribution

• Columbarium and Hono osaizen
• In Memory of IRENE MACHIDA: Aileen Kumazaka (HNL)
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• Sadao Ogawa
• Naomi Campbell
• Winnie Mochida

◊ Sympathy

The Honokaa Hongwanji extends the messages of condolences with heartfelt sympathy to the family of

Rento
Borns: Honolulu, Hawaii. He attended Iwamide, for his senior
Ritz
form the former
kyoto
Misha
Mishu and the Portland Buddhist Temple. He had
Suke
as a daughter;
Kapulua
Mitsuko; Michael
Miyahiro of Honolulu; in-laws: Mutsuda, Nukada, Miki, Tanaka, Akinari, and many others. He leaves a large family in Honolulu; numerous acles and nephews.

Update on Year 2017

(Message from Miles Okumura, Kyodan President)

2017 Giseikai Legislative Assembly highlights. The annual budget increased slightly (slightly more than 1%), with spending projected to be slightly over $1.3 million. Slightly over $800,000 of that is allocated to the temples. The Big Island district’s share is a bit over one-fourth of that (appr. $220,000), with Honokaa’s temple bearing 5% of the Big Island’s share, thus, somewhere in the range of $11,000 per year.

This begs the question, of course, of what do we get for that contribution? Cost of maintaining headquarters, related business administration (including centralized minister salary payments), and the office of the Bishop have provided us with increased community outreach. Bishop Eric has been prominent in the public eye,
representing Honpa as an organization that is forward thinking and expressive of the Buddhistic values as universal and beneficial to society as a whole. One of the resolutions passed by the legislative assembly was to publicize and distribute the Bishop’s recent statement about immigration. (See printed elsewhere in this newsletter.)

In addition, our island and our temple have received increased benefit from the Office of Buddhist Education, led by Rev. Kenneth Kuniyuki. The Nembutsu Seminar last December, featuring Rev. David Fujimoto (Milliani; formerly of Puna temple), drew good audiences interested in learning how mindfulness meditation fits with Jodo Shinshu principles and practices. (95% of members surveyed stated that they want to have mindfulness meditation at temples.) This coming month, Dr. Mark Unno (Oregon University) will present a discussion on the teachings of the Buddha as they related to mindful meditation and entrusting Amida Buddha. (March 19, 2 pm).

Katsu Goto documentary film. This Sunday, March 5, 10 am we will have a guest speaker, Dr. Kato, from Japan. The producer’s of the video on the labor martyr’s life and legacy have arranged for the presentation, which will include new information about what Goto’s life was like in Japan before he emigrated to Hawaii. The $165,000 project is nearing completion, although final phases of fund-raising continue. At the Gisekai Legislative Session, a resolution was approved to subsidize the project in the amount of $10,000. The Peace Committee (and its Katsu Goto Memorial Subcommittee) are truly grateful for this assistance and for the commitment of the statewide organizations of temple to support a project which shares examples of the living Dharma in history and in our community. To see previews of the film, go to www.katusgotomovie.org.

The presentation March 5 will also host a group of 23 college students visiting from Kyushu.

2017 Gaithfest took place February 25th at Hilo Betsuin. This event is the largest gathering of the Honpa Hongwanji temples annually and it is worthy of attendance by members as well as the public at large. Groups representing most of the temples make musical presentations of works with meaningful Dharma messages. A change (and improvement) this year was the requested introduction to every song, explaining the message and reason for selection. Honoka’s New Dharma Band sang two songs: “Doctor, My Eyes” (composed by Jackson Browne) and “Revolution” (composed by John Lennon and Paul McCartney). The first piece is about the journey of awakening, and the Beatles’ song is a critique about change that is unnecessarily violent and non-constructive. The band has recently contributed to memorial services at the temple and will be performing regularly at monthly family services. They will be representing Honoka Hongwanji Buddhist temple at the annual “Buddha Day,” March 12th, 9:30 am, hosted by Kona Hongwanji. Buddhists from various sects on the Big Island join together to celebrate Buddha’s birthday annually; the public is invited.

Semi-annual cleanup February 19th was canceled due to bad weather. Apologies to anyone who was inconvenienced by the last minute postponement. Earl Tanaka and Ross Perrins will be rescheduling the work day soon. Please stay tuned for notice and help out in whatever ways you can. (Mahalo, though, to Anita Sitth and husband Bob Cawley who went ahead, cleaned the floor and the windows and window ledges of the social hall. Anita is the instructor of the weekly yoga classes.)

And thank you for everyone for helping out with temple activities, including memorial services, repairs and maintenance, hospitality at events, in the past and the future.

Peace and gratitude,

TREASURER REMINDER

Have you paid your temple membership dues? The year’s end is fast approaching and this is just a gentle reminder. Please send in your amount owed. If you have any questions please call:

Maurice Kaneshiro 896-1121
ACKNOWLEDGMENTS:
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Stringing of Cranes: Stringing the cranes is an ongoing project. Please contact Janet Saito (ph. 775-0247) or Janet Murakami (ph.775-7176). Your help is greatly appreciated!

If there are any additional or new activities, you will be notified through our telephone tree process.

“DIS AND DAT”

Life Essentials  
(Author unknown)
A lollipop to help you lick your problems.
A rubber band to help you be flexible.
A Snicker to remind you to laugh.
A paper clip to help you hold things together.
A caramel to help you “chew the fat” with your friends.
A stick of gum to give you a stick-to-it attitude.
A pin to help you pinpoint problems.
A piece of string to help you tie up loose ends.
A life saver to keep you from drowning in everyday problems.
A lemon drop to remind you that “when life gives you lemons, make lemonade.”
A penny to give you extra “cents” that everyone needs.
Lastly --- KISSES TO REMIND YOU THAT YOU ARE LOVED!!

FEBRUARY’S RECIPE

Apple Pan Nut Cake  
(Courtesy of Amy Homma)

1 can apple pie filling  
2 cups flour  
1 cup sugar  
1-1/2 tsp. baking soda  
1/2 tsp salt  
2 eggs, beaten  
1 tsp. vanilla  
2/3 cup oil  
1/3 cup chopped nuts

1. Spread pie filling on bottom of oiled 9" x 13" pan.  
2. Stir in dry ingredients.  
3. In a small mixing bowl, combine eggs, vanilla, oil and nuts. Mix well.  
4. Pour mixture in pan. Stir only until blended.  
5. Bake at 350 degrees for 35 minutes, until done.

ENJOY!!
CORRECTION – February’s Roast Beef Recipe

Should be:

(Cook 3 – 4 lbs. roast beef at 550 degrees for 30 minutes. Cook 5 lbs. or larger roast at 550 degrees for 45 minutes.)

Then continue on:
1. Place potatoes, carrots, and onions (drizzled with oil) in bottom of roasting pan, and then continue on:
2. Rub roast with 1 package dry onion soup mix and place on top of veggies.
3. Add 1 cup beef broth.
4. Cover pan tightly with pan cover. You may use aluminum foil if there is no cover.
5. Turn off heat and leave covered pan in oven for 2 to 2 1/2 hours (1 1/2 hours if you want rare meat).
6. DO NOT OPEN OVEN DOOR until after the 2 or 2 1/2 hours.

Gravy:
1. Remove meat and veggies from pan.
2. Add a little flour to the pan drippings and cook for 5 minutes. Stir constantly.
3. Add 3 tablespoons tomato paste and cook for 2 to 3 minutes more.
4. Thin with additional broth if needed.

ENJOY!

FOR SALE:

Beautiful “With Deepest Sympathy” cards are available for purchase. $5.00 for a pack of 5 cards. Please contact Janet Murakami at 775-7176.

HONOKAA HONGWANJI WEEKLY ALTAR CARE

If the scheduled is inconvenient for you, please switch with another person/group to keep our temple in order. The team leaders are asked to oversee that weekend’s schedule responsible to change flowers arrangement for the altar and columbarium; sweep/vacuum/dust the Hondo, columbarium and surrounding area; empty all the trash cans and take to the waste station; double-check and locked the Hondo’s doors, and notify next team leader of their turn. All members are urged to provide fresh flowers when available.

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Thank you very much for your understanding and Kokua.
FEBRUARY, 2017

A WAY OF LIVING AS A NEMBUTSU FOLLOWER

Buddhism began when Sakyamuni attained enlightenment and became a Buddha about 2500 years ago. In Japan, Buddhism was originally referred to as the Buddha Dharma. The Dharma here refers to the true reality of how the world is and the nature of humanity itself. It is the universal truth that transcends both space and time. The one who awakens to this truth is called a Buddha, and the teaching of the Buddha is the wisdom that teaches us how we can live, while dealing with many anxieties and sufferings we may experience in life.

Buddhism describes the true reality of this world and humanity using such phrases as ‘impermanence’ and ‘dependent origination.’ ‘Impermanence’ refers to the fact that everything changes moment by moment. On the other hand, ‘dependent origination’ explains that all things and phenomena are interconnected with one another, which bring about various causes and conditions that then give another set of causes and conditions and so on and so forth. Therefore, in this world we cannot find an unchanging and fixed ‘self.’

However, we are unaware of this reality and thus we try to find some unchanging and fixed entity we call the self. This mindset is the basis of our egocentric way of thinking in which we judge things whether they are beneficial to us or not, or whether we like something or not. As a result, we suffer when things do not turn out as we like and we become hostile to each other, thus confining ourselves to a bitter reality where we cannot truly be free. In Buddhism, this self-oriented tendency is expressed as ‘ignorance and blind passions,’ which are the very reason we are deprived of our liberty and bound to this world of suffering. Ignorance and blind passions are represented as greed, anger, and foolishness also known as the ‘three poisons.’

Shinran Shonin pursued religious practices for 20 years on Mount Hiei with the hope to attain enlightenment by conquering his blind passions. However, being aware of the depth of human desires which are irremovable by religious austerities, he desecrated Mount Hiei and under the guidance of Honen Shonin, finally encountered the salvific working of Amida Tathagata. Amida is the Buddha who not only wishes for but is actually working in accordance with the wish to save and guide to supreme enlightenment, all living beings who are in the midst of constant worries and distress. The Buddha’s Wish, or the Primal Vow, declares that Amida’s Great Compassion embraces us all as we are, as beings filled with selfish attachments and blind passions. However, even in encountering such all-inclusive salvific working, because of our own fathomlessly deep egocentric mindset and desires, we still cannot wholeheartedly entrust ourselves to the Buddha’s Great Compassion. How sad this truly is.

By listening to the Primal Vow and how it was established by Amida Tathagata, we are enabled to become conscious of our own ignorance and self-oriented inclinations, and through such awareness, we naturally become gentle in word and deed in our efforts of minimizing our egocentric way of thinking. For example, with regard to how we live our lives, we “learn to be content without wanting too much” and with regard to how we may treat others we “associate with people using gentle expressions and kind words.” Even though our efforts may pale in comparison to the Buddha’s Compassion, we are at least guided in the proper direction by the Buddha Dharma. Shinran Shonin clarifies this in his letters addressed to his followers, one of which states, “There was a time for each of you when you knew nothing of Amida’s Vow and did not say the Name of Amida Buddha, but now, guided by the compassionate means of Sakyamuni and Amida, you have begun to hear the Vow. Formerly you were intoxicated with thoughts of greed, anger, and foolishness, but since you have begun to hear the Buddha’s Vow you have gradually awakened from the drunkenness of ignorance, rejected the three poisons, and have come to prefer the medicine of Amida Buddha at all times.” This is a stern admonition we should humbly receive.

In today’s world, there is an endless list of difficult global issues that are directly related to the existence of humanity such as terrorist attacks, armed conflicts, widening economic gap, global
warming, mishandling of nuclear waste, and violation of human rights through discrimination. Such are the result of our ignorance and blind passions in which we fail to see the true nature of ourselves. It is indeed true that we are imperfect with our selfish desires and cannot act in complete purity like the Buddha can. However, by trying to live according to the Buddha Dharma, let us make an effort to consider other peoples' joy as our own, as well as other peoples' suffering as our own. In this way, we can live to the best of our ability, aspiring to live up to the Buddha's Wish.

I will endeavor to share Amida Tathagata's Wisdom and Compassion through simple and clear language with as many people as possible regarding nationality and ethnic background. Let us encourage everyone to act in accordance with the Buddha's Wish in an effort to create a society in which everyone can live a spiritually fulfilled life. In the hopes of creating a joyous world, let us continue moving forward by putting these words into action and together walk on our path to the truth.

October 1, 2016
Monshu OHTANI Kojun Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji- ha

OBITUARY NOTICE
Reverend Tetsuun Ama, a retired minister of the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii, passed away peacefully at his home in Mililani and returned to the Pure Land on February 8, 2017 at the age of 91. The Hawaii Kyodan Funeral Service, which is currently being coordinated by the Office of the Bishop, will be held at Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin on Sunday, April 16, 2017 under the officiation of Bishop Eric Matsumoto. The visitation will start at 3:00pm and the Funeral Service to follow at 4:00pm.


JINJI – MINISTERIAL ASSIGNMENTS
Reverend Jeffrey Soga, currently serving at Honpa Hongwanji Hilo Betsuin as Rimbun (Chief Minister), will be transferred to Waipahu Hongwanji Mission as its resident minister and Wai‘anae Hongwanji Mission as its overseer minister as of May 1, 2017. Reverend Shindo Nishiyama will be assigned to Honpa Hongwanji Hilo Betsuin as its Acting Rimbun as of May 1, 2017. He will continue to serve at Jikoen Hongwanji Mission as its resident minister.

HHMH 105TH GISEIKAI LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
The 105th Legislative Assembly (Giseikai) of the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii was held on February 1011, 2017 at Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin. Delegates from the Hongwanji temples throughout Hawaii gathered together and discussed the following resolutions;


STATEMENT BY HONPA HONGWANJI MISSION OF HAWAII OFFICE OF THE BISHOP AND COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL CONCERNS ON THE PRESIDENTIAL EXECUTIVE ORDER ON REFUGEES AND IMMIGRATION
On January 27, 2017, the Office of the President of the United States of America issued an executive order that severely restricts immigration from seven predominantly Muslim countries of Iran, Iraq, Libya, Somalia, Sudan, Syria, and Yemen. The order also
suspends all refugee admission to the United States for 120 days and bars all Syrian refugees indefinitely.

The Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii expresses its concern that such action, temporary or otherwise, appears to ban a class of people based on religion and/or nationality and is not consistent with the values upon which the United States of America is founded. Such action which applies in a blanket manner to those of the Muslim Tradition raises fear that history is repeating itself. Many people of our own Buddhist religious tradition, because of the ethnicity and nationality of a large portion of our members, experienced discrimination and incarceration following an executive order during WW II.

While we understand the importance of reducing terroristic threats through stricter screening procedures for entry into the United States, our government should not isolate and target entire groups based on religion, ethnicity, and/or nationality. It is the belief of the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii that our own security as a nation is inextricably linked with the security of peoples around the world. Our policies should help relieve the suffering of all people, including those of Muslim-majority countries.

Guided by Wisdom and Compassion, may we as individuals, communities, and a nation refrain from actions that cause divisiveness and instead act in ways that lead to peace, harmony, and safety for all peoples.
Presentation and discussion at Giseikai

Aloha Luncheon
SPRING HIGAN-E SERVICE
Our Spring Higan-e Service will be held on Sunday, March 12th, at 2:00 p.m. O-higan is observed twice each year during the Spring and Autumn equinoxes, when the days and nights are of equal length and the weather is very comfortable. The Buddhist services are held to look to the "Other Shore" (to Higan) as we strive to become enlightened. Group 5 (Kachei/ Kukaiji) will be in charge of refreshments.

HANAMATSURI SERVICE
The Paauilo Hongwanji Mission will observe "Wesak Day" (Hanamatsuri) Service on Saturday, April 8th, at 2:00 p.m. Hanamatsuri is observed to celebrate the birth of Prince Siddhartha Gautama, who later became Shakyamune Buddha. Buddhist all over the world celebrate "Wesak Day" during the month of April. The Dharma School students and parents will decorate the Hanamido at 12:00 noon. Those who have flowers blooming in your garden/yard, please bring the to the church by 12:00 noon. We would appreciate receiving your flowers to decorate our altar. Please encourage your family members, relatives and friends to join us on this festive occasion. Group 1 (Kukaiji/Kaohsi) will be in charge of refreshments.

FAMILY MEMORIAL SERVICE
We hold family memorial service in memory of our deceased loved ones, and to express our gratitude to Amida Buddha's infinite light. You may schedule this memorial service either before or after the memorial date. The ideal time is when as many family members can attend and the most convenient time for the family members. Please make arrangement for the service with our Rev. Furusawa at 775-7232.

MARCH, 2017: None
APRIL, 2017: None

DANA APPRECIATION
With our hands clasped in gasho we express our gratitude for the kind act of "dana" for the following:

NEW YEAR'S PARTY - (additional)
Mrs. Fujiko Dochin $20.00

HO-ONKO SERVICE - Total: $230.00
M/M Clifford Matsumura Harue Araki Daphne Honma
Mayette Drake Faye Honma Dr. M Scott Nakahara
Eiko Fujino Julia Kaneshige M/M James Orr
Yaeiko Fujino Kazue Kimura M/M Toshio Takeya
Lester Fushikoshi

ST. RENNYO SERVICE - Total: $190.00
Harue Araki Lester Fushikoshi Julia Kaneshige
Mayette Drake Daphne Honma Kazue Kimura
Eiko Fujino Faye Honma M/M James Orr
Yaeiko Fujino

VARIUS
M/M James Orr to Dharma School $25.00

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PAAUOLO WEEKLY ALTAR AND HONDO CUSTODIAL
Teams if unable to make it on your scheduled date or weekend, please make arrangements by switching with another team.

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### 2017 COMING EVENTS

#### MARCH
- **07 Tues.** Dharma School
- **12 Sun.** Spring Higan-e Service @ 2:00 p.m. Group 5, Kaohi/Kukiaiu in charge of refreshments
- **14 Tues.** Dharma School
- **21 Tues.** NO DHARMA SCHOOL
- **28 Tues.** Dharma School

#### APRIL
- **04 Tues.** Dharma School
- **05 Wed.** Kyodan Board Meeting
- **08 Sat.** Hanamatsuri Service @ 2:00 p.m. Group 1 (Kalopa) in charge of refreshments
- **11 Tues.** Dharma School
- **18 Tues.** Dharma School
- **25 Tues.** Dharma School