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TAIHEIJI BULLETIN



MARCH & APRIL 2019

Spring Higan & Kannonko Services

Taiheiji will observe its Spring Higan and Kannonko services on Sunday, March 10, at 9:00 a.m. The service will be officiated by Rev. Shuji Komagata. Please pay a visit to the temple with your family and friends to participate in the Spring Higan service.

Taiheiji Shinnenkai

Taiheiji's 2019 Shinnenkai was a huge success! On Sunday, February 10, the social hall was again filled to capacity with temple members, their families, and friends of Taiheiji. Everyone enjoyed a day of delicious food and entertainment.

After the annual service held in observance of the Buddha's passing called Nehan-e, people began arriving for the party well before the doors opened at 10:30 a.m. With the large crowd and extensive spread of *pupus*, lunch began a little late. However, there were no complaints, as the live Hawaiian music provided by brothers Fred & Joe Yuen, and Aaron Kanemaru kept everyone entertained. After lunch was over, Somei Taiko put on another stunning performance by its numerous classes.

Hawaiian food was served at this year's Shinnenkai. With very hungry partygoers, there was little left over in the end. Throughout the lunch, many lucky guests won fabulous prizes in the

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lucky number giveaway. There were many gift cards to local stores and restaurants that were awarded to lucky recipients. It was a very fun filled New Year's Party at Taiheiji. Thank you for all the monetary donations, as well as donations of desserts, prizes, and manpower.

Pictures of the Taiheiji Shinnenkai

(Courtesy of Amy Mijo)



Aaron Kanemaru, Fred Yuen, & Joe Yuen



A packed social hall!



Somei Taiko Keiki Junior Group



Somei Taiko Adult 2 Class

TAIHEIJI HANAMATSURI & APRIL KANNONKO

An early invitation is extended to everyone to attend Taiheiji's annual Hanamatsuri and April Kannonko services, which will be observed on Sunday, April 21, at 9:00 a.m. Hanamatsuri, translated as "Flower Festival," is also known as Buddha Day. Hanamatsuri commemorates the birth of Siddhartha Gautama, the prince of the Shakya clan, a tiny kingdom in India, in 563 BCE. Prince Siddhartha would later become Shakyamuni Buddha. During the Hanamatsuri ceremony, amacha, or sweet tea, is poured over the statue of the baby Buddha that stands under the hanamido, a miniature pavilion covered with fresh flowers. Taiheiji's monthly Kannonko service will also be held after the Hanamatsuri ceremony. Please join us for service and refreshments to follow.

REQUEST FOR FLOWERS FOR HANAMATSURI CEREMONY

The Soto Mission of Aiea humbly requests donations of flowers to place atop the hanamido at Taiheiji's Hanamatsuri Ceremony on Sunday, April 21.

Plumeria and dendrobium, or any other similar type of cut flowers to place on and around the hanamido will be appreciated.

If you are able to donate some flowers or have any questions, please call Rev. Shuji at 488-6794. Please drop off flowers by Saturday April 20. Mahalo!



HAWAII BUDDHIST COUNCIL'S BUDDHA DAY

On Sunday, April 7, the Hawaii Buddhist Council, made up of the various Buddhist sects on Oahu, will be sponsoring the Annual Buddha Day Service, celebrating the birth of Shakyamuni Buddha. This year's ceremony is hosted by the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii, located at 1727 Pali Highway in Honolulu. Service begins at 9:30 a.m. Everyone is welcome, so please attend the wonderful service. Please call Rev. Shuji at 488-6794 to get more information on the event.

54th UHSSWA Annual Conference

The United Hawaii Soto Shu Women's Association (UHSSWA) will hold its 54th annual conference on Saturday, April 13, and Sunday, April 14. This year's host is Betsuin's Soto Mission Women's Association. The UHSSWA is the Buddhist Women's Association of the Soto Sect (and commonly referred to as the "Fujinkai"), and provides an excellent platform for women to share their ideas with one another.

Every April, the Fujinkai ladies from the different temples gather for a two day conference. They attend seminars and join discussion groups that cover a variety of topics. It will be held at both the Soto Mission of Hawaii and the Princess Kaiulani Hotel.

UHSSWA CONFERENCE COUNTRY STORE DONATIONS & DROP OFF TIMES

The Taiheiji Fujinkai humbly asks everyone for donations of things to sell at the Country Store at the UHSSWA Conference on Saturday, April 13. Items such as cookies, mini loaves, energy bars, brownies, and lemon bars are just a few of the popular sellers. Please help the Fujinkai out! No refrigerated items, please. Call Jaymie Komagata at 488-6794 for further information.

Please drop off your country store donations at Taiheiji on:

Friday, April 12

Thank you!

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF GENEROUS DONATIONS RECEIVED

Geraldine Nishida	Donation to Temple
Paul Awazu	In Memory of the late Karen Awazu
Omiya Family	Columbarium Fee
Omiya Family	7th Memorial Service for the late Doris Omiya
Wesley & Carolyn Omiya Family	7th Memorial Service for the late Doris Omiya
Aiko Karaoke School	Donation to Temple
Fukiya	Donation to Temple
Glenn & Ivis Tanaka	1 Year Memorial Service for the late Georgiana Aruga
Loren Odagiri	Donation to Legacy/Endowment Fund
Aiea Taiheiji Kendo Club	Donation to Temple
Roy & Faith Yamagishi	Donation to Temple
Carolyn Imamura	Funeral Service for the late Jane Imamura
George Akahori	Donation to Temple
Aiko Karaoke School	Donation to Temple
Thomas & Harriet Kazama	3rd Memorial Service for the late Thomas Kazama
UHSSWA	Donation to Temple
Warren & Michiko Nishimoto	Donation to Temple
Paul Murato	Donation to Temple
Fukiya	Donation to Temple
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Noriko Fukumae	Funeral Service for the late Jiro Fukumae
Caroline Masutani	7th Memorial Service for the late Misae Masutani
Toyama Family	13th Memorial Service for the late Kenji Toyama
Shizendo	Donation to Temple
Geraldine Nishida	Donation to Temple
Noriko Fukumae	49th Day Memorial and Inurnment Service for the late Jiro Fukumae

TEMPLE CLEANUP

Please volunteer at the temple cleanup on Saturday, April 13, from 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Volunteers tackle various tasks, like cleaning the temple, columbarium, restrooms, and outdoor areas both inside and outside the fenced property. Your presence will certainly make a difference! Light refreshments will be served after the temple cleanup. Mahalo!

UPCOMING SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

March 2019

- 10 Sun 9:00 a.m. Higan & Kannonko Service
- 30 Sat 10:00 a.m. Fujinkai Meeting

April 2019

- 7 Sun 9:30 a.m. HBC Buddha Day Celebration
- 13 Sat 8:30 a.m. Temple Cleanup
- 13 Sat 54th UHSSWA Conference
- 14 Sun 54th UHSSWA Conference
- 21 Sun 9:00 a.m. Hanamatsuri, Kannonko at Taiheiji
- 28 Sun 9:00 a.m. Taiheiji Board Meeting

9TH U.S. SOTO ZEN MEMBERS' CONFERENCE

On Saturday, October 26, 2019, the 9th U.S. Soto Zen Members' Conference will be held at the Golden Nugget Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas. This one day event is hosted by Los Angeles Zenshuji and the North American Bishop's Office. Over 100 attendees are expected to join the event from temples and Zen Centers from the mainland and Hawaii.

The theme of the conference is "American Buddhism," and the keynote speaker for the event is Dr. Duncan Ryuken Williams, a professor of Religion and ordained Soto Zen priest.



Dr. Duncan Williams

The U.S. Soto Zen Members' Conference is held every several years, and is hosted by either Soto temples in Hawaii or the mainland. The purpose of the conference is to promote fellowship amongst Soto Zen members throughout North America. This event is open to all, so please contact Rev. Shuji if you are interested in attending or would like more information.

The conference registration fee is \$130, and includes lunch and dinner at the conference. We hope to see you at the conference!

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