



December 2017

Dates to Remember

December 10

Jodo-e Service,
Shakyo Session

December 17

End of the Year Clean-up Day

December 31

Joya no Kane
New Year's Blessings Service



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President's Message

Holiday greetings everyone. It's been quite an eventful year of transitions and new beginnings. Last month we said aloha to Reverend Koshin Cherin after a brief 11 month tenure as our resident minister. We say mahalo and aloha to her, and we wish her the best as she moves forward. As we again enter a period of vacancy and transition, we are grateful for the members of Mantokuji's Board of Directors and a core of dedicated, hard-working volunteers that will be stepping into the void to assure that Mantokuji continues to function and serve all of you. Please refer to the abbreviated office and columbarium hours announced in this Mangan.

Earlier this summer, we enlisted the services of Ms. Linda Morgan, an expert marketing consultant who is guiding us through the most important work of structuring current work projects, setting priorities, and organizing and planning for our future. We are so grateful to Linda for her help and guidance, and are encouraged by the work done so far. We are especially grateful for one of our beloved and dedicated members, whose generous support allows us to benefit from Linda's talents.

Just recently, we also enlisted the services of Maria Isotov, a real estate and land use entitlements professional who will be leading us through the complex maze of engineering assessments and recommendations, County and State permit applications, and other work associated with assessing and addressing Mantokuji's problem of shoreline erosion. We are thankful for her apparent energy and skills, and we are relieved to finally have someone taking the lead in this much needed work.

Our bell tower restoration project is still in process, and we are working on getting some financial support from a charitable foundation on Oahu. All of these major projects require a lot of time and energy from our administrative teams and consultants, but we can't do it alone. Now more than ever, we humbly ask for the help and support of all of Mantokuji's members and friends. Thank you and take care.

Sincerely,

Eric Moto
President Mantokuji Kyodan

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Fujinkai News

The Fujinkai will be having their monthly meeting and clean up as follows:

December 3, 2017 at 8:30am (note change of date)

January 7, 2018 at 8:30am

Thank you to the Fujinkai ladies who came on Sunday, October 15 to help with the monthly clean up:

Bobbie Arita, Kathleen Davis, Yuriko Fukagawa, Kay Hanano, Judith Matoi, Carol Moto, Cathy Murayama, Bernice Nagato, and Sachie Toyota.

Thank you again to the Fujinkai ladies and gentlemen who helped with clean up and yard work on Sunday, November 12:

Tokuko Abe, Bobbie Arita, Kathleen Davis, Yuriko Fukagawa, Kay Hanano, Scott Hanano, Chester Kakiuchi, Shirley Ann Kimizuka, Rev Koshin, Judith Matoi, Carol Moto, Cathy Murayama, Bernice Nagato, Sachie Toyota, Misa Umetsu, and Neil Watanabe.

Successful Nishime Sale

Thank you to the Maui community for their enthusiasm and continuous support of our Nishime Sale. It was a very successful sale!

A very big MAHALO to all who came to help on the days prior to the sale to prepare the ingredients for the nishime and on sale day. And, of course, hats off to our nishime chef, Eric Moto.

Tokuko Abe, Bobbie Arita, Kathleen Davis, Yuriko Fukagawa, Kay Hanano, Sue Hiraga, Joyce Kawahara, Donald & Shirley Ann Kimizuka, Rev Koshin, Judith Matoi, Carol Moto, Eric Moto, Allan & Cathy Murayama, Melina Murayama, Bernice Nagato, Diane Orikasa, Elsie Sakugawa, Lois Sato, Ann Takakura, Eileen Taketa, Nora Takeuchi, Stephen Tam Sing, Sachie Toyota, Joy Ueoka, and Misa Umetsu.

First Ikebana Class

Bobbie Arita, Karen Bretharte, Kathleen Davis, Sheila Kawahara, Shirley Ann Kimizuka, and Lois Sato enjoyed the first Ikebana class taught by sensei Kay Hanano who demonstrated the Shoka style.

If you are interested, please text or call Kay at 269-8176.



Gravestones retrieval work: Mahalo to the Japanese Cultural Society of Maui

November 4, 2017



We want to thank Brian Sato, Devon Furukawa, Tonya Murray, and Sachi Lane, members of the Japanese Cultural Society of Maui. On Saturday, November 4, 2017, these four hard working volunteers retrieved 12 fallen gravestones from our beach area and moved them up to the cemetery lawn.



This act of kindness and respect, and the amount of time and extra effort it took to complete, reflect a special level of caring that is heartwarming and encouraging. For these things we are especially grateful.

Kyodan Meeting Report

Held Sunday, November 12, 2017

Below are some of the topics that were discussed at the meeting.

- Mantokuji retained Maria Isotov of Maui Land & Water Planning LLC to lead us through the engineering assessments and recommendations, County & State permit applications & other work associated with assessing and addressing the shoreline erosion problem
 - The Board continues to work with Linda Morgan (Organizational Development & Marketing Consultant) on the Strategic Planning for Mantokuji
 - Bell Tower – pursuing funding for restoration through the Freeman Foundation with the assistance of Dr. George Tanabe
 - Cemetery erosion – working with Sal Miwa of Japan America Society of Hawaii for possible assistance with funding in conjunction with 2018 150th anniversary of Gannenmono
 - Vetiver grass continues to be maintained
 - Columbarium eaves and roof – contracted Pacific Roofing & Repair to repair eaves and change roofing (cost - \$13,874.91)
 - Storage container roof – contracted Pacific Roofing & Repair to apply a silicone coating for protection (cost - \$5999.96)
 - Japanese Cultural Society had a workday at Mantokuji on November 4 to retrieve the fallen gravestones. Twelve gravestones were retrieved from the beach and brought to safe ground. President Eric Moto sent a Thank You letter.
 - New Nokotsudo & Office Hours – see announcement
 - Change of date for Jodo-e Service and Shakyo session to Sunday, December 10 @ 10:30am Rev Kokei Yoshida will officiate.
 - Future requests for services (Memorial, Funeral, etc.) please call 579-8051 and calls will be forwarded to President Eric Moto
 - Mantokuji will have the Joya no Kane on Sunday, December 31, 2017 at 11:15pm. No New Year's Blessing Service will be held at midnight.
- **Next Kyodan meeting** will be on **Sun, January 7, 2018**. Please join us for future meetings and be involved in these important discussions.
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Hawaii Soto Mission Association Fall Meeting

October 28 & 29, 2017

Eric Moto, Cathy Murayama, Bobbie Arita, and Judy Matoi attended this year's HSMA Fall Conference which was hosted by Waipahu Soto Zen Temple Taiyoji on October 28 and 29. Saturday's Membership Committee Meeting at Taiyoji was an all day workshop on the concept of design thinking presented by Susan Yuen of Yuen Designs in California. Participants learned about a creative problem solving protocol using a user-centered approach. Sunday's General Membership Meeting focused on HSMA policies and guidelines, social and cultural issues and concerns, grants for building preservation and restoration needs, and a March 2018 visit from Soto Shu Fujinkai members from Japan.

Announcements

End of the Year Clean Up Day – Sunday, December 17, 2017

An annual yearly tradition at Mantokuji is to thoroughly clean the temple, buildings and grounds in preparation for the New Year. It is believed that good luck visits each household on New Year's Day, so we thoroughly clean our homes and try not to carry over impurities of the past year to the New Year.

We would like to ask for your kokua to assist us with cleaning our temple, buildings and grounds before the New Year, so we don't carry over impurities of the past year to the New Year. On this day, we like to do cleaning that we normally don't get to do on our regular monthly cleaning days.

Our annual end of the year clean up day is scheduled for Sunday, December 17, 2017 from 8:30am. Please come with your gloves and any other tools you need for cleaning. We would appreciate your kokua.

New Nokotsudo and Office Hours

The nokotsudo (columbarium) will be open 8:30am – 5:00pm on Mondays, Thursdays, Saturdays, and Sundays.

Please call 579-8051 if you would like to visit the nokotsudo outside of the scheduled hours.

Office hours will be by appointment. Please call 579-8051 to make an appointment.

Jodo-e (Bodhi-Day) Service

Sunday, December 10, 2017 at 10:30am

Jodo-e or Bodhi Day is the occasion of the birth of Buddhism. This special day marks the moment of the enlightenment of Shakyamuni Buddha and the beginning of the spreading of his compassionate teachings. Let us celebrate Bodhi Day together with friends and family.

Rev Kokei Yoshida of Soto Mission of Hawaii will be officiating.

Shakyo Session

Sunday, December 10, 2017 at 1:00pm

We will have a Shakyo writing session at 1pm following the Jodo-e Service and lunch. Shakyo is the copying or tracing of the Buddhist scripture. We have model sheets of sutras. We encourage all of you to give it a try. The finished shakyo sheets will be placed on the altar during the New Year's Blessing Service. We have English and Japanese versions of Hannya Shingyo, the "Heart Sutra," sheets to trace.

Joya no Kane

New Year's Blessing Service

Sunday December 31, 2017 @ 10:45pm

One explanation of the 108 tolls of the bell is a symbolism for "casting away the 108 earthly desires, bonnou, and each bell sound erases one of your 108 bonnou so you can start the New Year feeling refreshed." When Rev. Oyama explained the significance of 108 tolls, he usually started by saying that "We are imperfect. The bonnou can be called imperfections and ringing the bell reminds us that we are not perfect and need to look at ourselves and check ourselves to better ourselves because we are all actually Buddhas or have Buddha nature. In other words, we are actually perfect but we become covered by imperfections like dust and we need to wipe it off."

Come and join us for Joya no Kane, the ringing of the big temple bell 108 times on December 31, 2017 followed by a New Year's Blessing Service, which will begin at 11:30pm. Bring your family and friends!

For those who are unable to drive at night, we will have another New Year's Blessing Service on Sunday, January 14, 2018 at 10:30am.

41st Annual Bazaar to be held on March 4, 2018

Mantokuji's annual bazaar will be here in no time! We have begun collecting items for the rummage sale that is a big part of our annual bazaar. As you do your end of the year house cleaning and don't want or need clothes, shoes, bags, dishes, books, craft items, quilts and blankets, please bring your items to Mantokuji or you can call to have them picked up. We appreciate your cooperation in cleaning the items before bringing them to Mantokuji.

We would also appreciate donations of potted plants, vegetables, flowers and baked goods for the bazaar. Items can be brought to Mantokuji the day before.

If you are able to help in any way, please call 579-8051 or email info@paimantokuji.org

Donations made in October

We would like to sincerely thank you for your very generous donations.

General Donations

Jewell (Richard) Matsuura Family, Isabelle Scholl, Bob & Carol Suzuki, Ira & Marilyn Tagawa, Mildred Tamayose, Colin Watanabe.

Sadako Nikaido	In Memory of Ralph Nikaido - 2 nd Anniversary
Dr. Seiya Ohata	In Memory of Dr. Seichi Ohata, Hisa Ohata & Kiyoko Ohata
Faith & Garth Sodetani	In Memory of Grandpa Douglas Sodetani – October 19 th Birthday
Nora Takeuchi	In Memory of Susumu & Kimie Fukuyoshi
Gordon Tamasaka	In Memory of Tadayoshi & Mitsuko Tamasaka
Johana Uwekoolani-DeCambra	Parking on October 21, 2017

Donations received for Daruma-ki service on October 1, 2017

Tokuko Abe, Karen Bretharte, Yuriko Fukagawa, Julie Higa, Deacon MacMillan Family, Joyce Masuda, Eric Moto, Allan & Cathy Murayama, Gladys Nagata, Bernice Nagato, Diane Orikasa, Emiko Saito, Bob & Carol Suzuki, Michie Tamane, Misa Umetsu.

In Memoriam

We express our heartfelt sympathy to the family of **Sadako "Betty" Hamashige**, 102, who passed away on October 24, 2017. We pray for her and give our love and support to her family in this time of their great loss.

Namu Kie Butsu, Namu Kie Ho, Namu Kie So.

Recipe of the Month



Mr. Paul's pumpkin bars are a favorite treat that Shirley Ann Kimizuka brings to the temple for our coffee breaks. Mahalo for sharing this recipe.

Mr. Paul's Pumpkin Bars

Step 1

1 15oz can Pumpkin Puree
3 eggs slightly beaten
2 cups sugar
1 cup oil

Mix all ingredients together until smooth.

Step 2

2 cups all-purpose flour
1 tsp salt
2 tsp baking powder
1 tsp baking soda
2 tsp cinnamon

Add dry ingredients to pumpkin mixture. Using a wire whisk, mix until smooth. Do not over beat. Pour into ungreased jelly roll pan (10"x15"). Bake at 350F for 25 min and cool.

Step 3: Topping

4oz cream cheese
1 block butter (1/2 cup)
2 cups sifted powder sugar
1 tsp vanilla extract

Cream together until smooth and frost cooled cake. Cut into bars.

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	3 8:30am Cleanup 10:00am Fujinkai meeting	4 4:45-6:00pm Taiko	5 Shorinji Kempo 4:00-5:30pm Kids & Adults	6	7 Shorinji Kempo 4:00-5:30pm Kids & Adults	8	9 9:30am-12:00noon Ikebana
	10 10:30am Jodo-e Service 1:00pm Shakyo Session	11 4:45-6:00pm Taiko	12 Shorinji Kempo 4:00-5:30pm Kids & Adults	13	14 Shorinji Kempo 4:00-5:30pm Kids & Adults	15	16
	17 8:30am End of Year Clean-up Day	18 4:45-6:00pm Taiko	19 Shorinji Kempo 4:00-5:30pm Kids & Adults	20	21 Shorinji Kempo 4:00-5:30pm Kids & Adults	22	23
	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
	31 10:45pm Joya no Kane 11:30pm New Year's Blessing Service						

Coming up in January (Tentative Schedule)	
Sunday 7	Clean up, Fujinkai Meeting, Kyodan Meeting
Sunday 14	New Year's Blessing Service & O-fuda Yaki Service
Sunday 28	Nehan-e & Ojuzu Mawashi Service New Year's Party

Hospital and Hale Makua
Visitations are scheduled during
the month.