



July 2022

## Dates to Remember

### Tent Sale

June 25: 8:00 - noon

### O-Bon drive-through

July 9: 10:00am – 1:00pm

### Hatsu Bon & O-Bon services

July 9: 6:00pm

**Our Mission:** Paia Mantokuji is a Soto Zen Buddhist temple founded in 1906 by a community of Japanese immigrants. Our mission is to be a place of compassion, respect and kindness for all who seek truth through the teachings of Buddha, the practice of Zen meditation and arts, and the fellowship of the temple sangha.

**Our Vision:** Paia Manokuji's short term vision is to stay in place in Paia, grow, develop and mitigate erosion if possible.

**Our Values:** Honor Traditions  
Respect Ancestors  
Embrace Inclusivity  
Nurture Fellowship  
Practice Compassionate Kindness  
Gratitude  
Appreciation & Humility  
Live the Dharma  
Embody Buddhism

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## Mangan Team

Bobbie, Cathy & Isabelle

## Reverend's Message

Aloha.

Thank you to everyone who came to the Memorial Day and Eitaikuyo Service. I sincerely appreciated your attendance at my first service at Mantokuji.

This was the first time in my life that I had ever delivered a sermon in English. Before the service, I was anxious and worried that I would not be able to convey the content of the sermon to everyone due to my difficulty pronouncing the words. Therefore, I was very relieved when I received warm feedback from everyone after the service.

My greatest realization from this first service was that I never could have done it all on my own. The preparation had begun even before I arrived. First, I reviewed the MC script and the flow of the service from documents left for me by previous ministers. In addition, I asked Kyodan members to read and correct my English in the sermon. Several days before the service, everyone helped clean the Hondo, and the Fujinkai ladies planned and prepared a delicious meal for us on the day of the service. It was also encouraging that Rev. Yoshida taught me about the service in advance and assisted me on that day. And, my sermon was only fulfilled when people gathered in the Hondo and listened to it. I was very happy to share this service with you. It will be an unforgettable memory for me.

For Sangha members who could not come this time, I would like to express my gratitude for your continued support of Mantokuji and look forward to seeing you next time!

Now the Obon season has come again for this year. During our Obon, the spirits of our ancestors and those who have passed away are believed to return to their homes.

Welcome your ancestors with "おかえりなさい (O-KA-E-RI-NA-SA-I)," "Welcome home" in your heart for them.

For the past two years, even family members were not allowed to spend time together. This year, I hope that you will enjoy time of happy talks with your family and friends while taking proper caution against infection. You will be able to appreciate the precious timeless "connection" once again.

In gassho.

Tomoki Hirasawa



Mrs. Hirasawa, Rev. T. Hirasawa, Rev. Yoshida: May 22.

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

**Sunday, July 3, 2022 at 8:30am**

(clean and decorate temple/nokotsudo with chochins)

**Sunday, August 14, 2022 at 8:30am**

Thank you to the Fujinkai members who gathered on May 15<sup>th</sup> to put together the O-Bon letters and June mangan for mailing:

**Bobbie Arita, Kay Hanano, Reverend Hirasawa, Yuki Hirasawa, Judith Matoi, Eric Moto, Cathy Murayama, Diane Orikasa, Lois Sato, Nora Takeuchi, Lorna Toyota and Sachie Toyota.**

Thank you to the Fujinkai ladies and gentlemen who came to clean the temple on Thursday, May 19:

**Bobbie Arita, Reverend Hirasawa, Yuki Hirasawa, Judith Matoi, Eric Moto, Cathy Murayama, and Diane Orikasa.**

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## Memorial Day & Eitaikuyo Service on Sunday, May 22, 2022

Paia Mantokuji welcomed 31 attendees to their Memorial Day/Eitaikuyo Service on Sunday, May 22, 2022. This was Reverend Hirasawa's first official service and the last for Reverend Yoshida who has served Mantokuji for the last four and a half years at our monthly services. We are grateful for his time and guidance as we searched for a new minister. We thank all of you who attended to welcome Reverend Hirasawa and to thank Reverend Yoshida.

All the lives of those who passed away in the past and present wars, along with the deceased members who no longer have anyone to remember and pray for them were honored and memorialized at the service.

In his sermon, Reverend Hirasawa made reference to the conflict in Ukraine and his hope for a peaceful resolution. He also emphasized that as important as it is to pray for the deceased and victims of war, we should think of ways to prevent unnecessary aggression and pursue ways to promote peace. In order to do this, we need to understand anger admitting that all of us and he too gets angry. Of the 108 worldly desires, the three most difficult to overcome are called TonJinChi or "Sandoku," which means three poisons. Ton is the mind of greed, Shin is the mind of anger and Chi is the mind of envy and vexation. These three poisons are the most fundamental human afflictions, the cause of war and conflict. Because it is so difficult to suppress or get rid of anger, there is constant conflict in the human world. Reverend then offered a simple solution to control and cool down anger. First, take a deep breath, then look at the top of the person's head who is causing your anger and imagine a single beautiful tulip blooming on top of the person's head. How does it make you feel? Is the anger and impatience you felt replaced by a calm and kind feeling that warms your heart? He admitted that this is a joke but it brought laughter and smiles to our faces so perhaps this is actually a practical and effective way to control anger. So, the next time you feel anger coming on, take a deep breath and visualize a tulip blooming from your spouse's head. You cannot change natural phenomenon or the minds of others but you can control your mind. And by keeping your mind calm visualizing the tulip, you are able to think constructively about what to do to remedy the situation and maybe help transform that anger into something positive.



Members who were privy to Reverend's sermon ahead of time wore headbands with a single tulip sticking up from their heads to illustrate his simple but practical lesson to handle anger which brought laughter and smiles to everyone, especially when the tulips were handed to husbands who may need it in the future!



## Memorial Day & Eitaikuyo Service (Cont')

After a short service before the War Memorial monument outside, everyone gathered in the hall for a scrumptious buffet prepared by the Fujinkai ladies. That day tulips adorned the buffet and dining tables. There were many familiar faces but a few new ones. A couple from Boston, Donna & James Brunos, who were married by Reverend Oyama 17 years ago, were on Maui to celebrate their anniversary. They saw the service announcement in the Mangan which they have been receiving since they married in 2005 so came to join us that day. In our conversation, we learned that a member who "worked" at Hyatt, Aunty Marion Watanabe, provided leis for their wedding party and attended their wedding, we're guessing, with Aunty Clara Sodetani. They were able to talk with Reverend Kenji that day and he remembered. That was his first wedding so he had used his wedding vows which the couple brought with them to renew theirs at Lao Valley where they married 17 years ago. These are the connections the Hirasawas look forward to making as they begin their life's work here on Maui. Please don't hesitate to call them and come to support Reverend at the monthly services. They ask for your patience as they study to learn English and thank you for coming to the Memorial Day/Eitaikuyo Service.



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## President's Message

Aloha everyone,

There will be no dancing around the yagura this month, but Reverend Hirasawa is here to conduct his first O-Bon service, and Reverend Shinsho Hata will be here as well, one last time, to assist him. Rev. Hata is returning to Japan with his family next month to become the minister of his father's temple. Mantokuji will always be thankful to Rev. Hata, for his time and support over these past five O-Bons, for conducting the services, for writing our toba, and for helping with our festivities. We wish him and his family safe travels and all the best as they begin this next phase of their lives back in Japan.

The Mantokuji Board continues to work with our team of consultants and professionals to make progress towards a targeted summer start date of our shoreline project. We appreciate your prayers of support.

News of another friend or acquaintance testing positive for covid appears fairly common these days, so please be careful as you enjoy bon odori at the other Buddhist temples throughout the island. Take care.

With aloha,

Eric Moto  
President, Mantokuji Kyodan

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## Special Thanks

To **Wayne Kobayashi** of Printers Inc. for donating the printing services for the June mangan.

To **Kathleen Davis** for recycling a metal file cabinet and plastic bottles and cans.



## Hatsubon and O-Bon Service

July 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm

For the first time in two years we will have an in-person O-Bon service. We will be honoring the Mantokuj members who have passed since last O-Bon. The toba that you requested for family members will also be blessed and names read during the service. Masks will be required in the temple. The O-Bon service will be live-streamed on Mantokuji's Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/Mantokuji/>) at 6:00pm on July 9. It will be available for viewing after July 10, 2022 on Mantokuji's website ([www.paiamantokuji.org](http://www.paiamantokuji.org)).

## O-Bon drive through Food Sale pick up on July 9<sup>th</sup>

If you ordered food, please remember to pick up your food order on July 9<sup>th</sup>, 10:00am – 1:00pm. The deadline to order and pay was on June 15. Enter through the driveway closest to Paia town. Stop by the person at the Bell Tower so person can call in your name, then stop at the table to pick up your food. There will be a few other food items and some baked goods for sale. After picking up your bentos, park in the grassy circle to purchase other items.

Many, many thanks to all who ordered food. Our O-Bon Festival is one of our biggest fundraisers which we are not having again this year. The O-Bon Food Sale helps us to raise some funds.



## Online Silent Auction is coming in August!

August 14 – 28

Articles for the silent auction will be posted beginning August 14 at 8:00am. The silent auction will close on August 28 at 5:00pm.

Look for more information on the silent auction in the August mangan!

## Nokotsudo Hours for June and July

The nokotsudo will be open daily during the months of June and July, 9:00am – 4:00pm.

## REMINDER

**Tent Sale on Saturday, June 25, 2022, 8:00am – noon**

## Welcome, New Member

The Mantokuji Sangha extends a warm welcome to the following new member:

**Marion T. Santo**

We are always grateful to have new members. For information about membership, please contact the temple.



# Donations made in May

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

## General Donations

Janice Abe & James Char, Masako Abe, Tokuko Abe, Brian & Sharla Hasegawa, James Kendrick, Adam Nishimura, Les & Linda Takahashi, Wayne Takehara, Amy Misa Umetsu.

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| Yuriko Fukagawa               | In Memory of Yukiko Margaret Murayama                                |
| Calvin S. Higuchi             | Shoreline Erosion Project  |
| Donald & Faith Ito            | In Memory of Margaret Murayama & Yoshie Kimizuka                     |
| Donald & Shirley Ann Kimizuka | In Memory of Bernice Ueoka   |
| James & Eileen Kusakabe       | In Memory of Gladys Nagata   |
| Paul & Mae Matsui             | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Year Memorial Service for Stanley T. Sato on 5.23.22 |
| Marvin & Lynn Nishiki         | In Memory of Gladys Nagata   |
| Daniel D. Okada               | In Memory of Shigeo Tanaka Nikaido                                   |
| Richard Sato                  | In Memory of Stanley T. Sato   |
| Celia C. Suzuki               | In Memory of Yukiko Margaret Murayama                                |
| Yukie Ueoka                   | In Memory of Yukiko Margaret Murayama                                |
| Norbert & Laura Ujiie         | In Memory of the Ujiie Family  |
| Albert & Amy Watanabe         | In Memory of Lin Watanabe  |

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## Donations made for the Memorial Day & Eitaikuyo Services on May 22 2022

Tokuko Abe, Howard & Bobbie Arita, Yuriko Fukagawa, Kay H. Hanano, Hideo & Joyce Kawahara, Donald & Shirley Ann Kimizuka, Gary & Judith Matoi, Eric Moto, Allan & Cathy Murayama, Melina Murayama & Erick Domingo, Diane Y. Orikasa, Amy T. Pung, Yukie Pye, Mark & Lois Y. Sato, Ann K. Takakura, Nora H. Takeuchi, Eric Toyota & Sachie Toyota, Misa Umetsu.

## O-Bon Donations made in May 2022

Yuriko Fukagawa, Ronald & Kay Fukumoto, Lydia Furomoto, Katherine M. Hashiro, Sue H. Hiraga, Akime Hiwatashi, Dennis & Grace Ishii, Donald & Faith Ito, Alvin T. Iwamoto, Yaeno Kanemitsu-Mukogawa, Faith S. Kasahara, Hideo & Joyce Kawahara, Yoshimi Kayona, Sue K. King, Dawn Migita, Paul & Jessie Mizoguchi, Harold M. Morioka, Norman M. Nagata, Peter & Gail Nakamae, Lawrence & Gloria Nashiwa, Hideo Ogata, Wendell S. Owara, Ayako Saito, Sharon H. Shimabukuro, Allan T. Shishido, James Y. Suehisa, Toshiko Sugiki, James & Velma Sugimoto, Celia C. Suzuki, Brian & Joyce Takahashi, Les & Linda Takahashi, Lori M. Tanaka, Mitzi H. Tanaka, Thomas Tanaka, Sharon A. Taniguchi, Roy I. Tempo, Dale & Joyce Tsubaki, Gary & Lorraine Wakayama, Robert & Thelma Waki, Albert & Amy Watanabe, Kyle I. Watanabe, Stella S. Yamamoto, Aiko Helen Yamashige, Patsy H. Yoshimura, Karl & Linda Yoshioka.

## O-Bon Donations made In Memory of a Loved One in May 2022

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| Doreen S. Kaibara           | In Memory of Yoshio & Fumiyo Hasegawa  |
| Susan Oyama                 | In Memory of Norman & Bernice Ueoka    |
| Kenneth & Dorothy Sorayama  | In Memory of Kanichi & Fushio Sorayama |
| Charles & Lynne Toma        | In Memory of Sam & Gladys Sato         |
| Arlene S. Tsue              | In Memory of Norman & Bernice Ueoka    |
| Roger & Judy Ueoka & Family | In Memory of Norman & Bernice Ueoka    |
| Allen K. Watanabe           | In Memory of Kazuo Oishi Family        |

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## Toba Requests made in May 2022

Tokuko Abe, Kathleen Davis, Yuriko Fukagawa, Roger Y. Hasegawa, Faith Ito, Charlotte Y. Hee, Faith S. Kasahara, Harold M. Morioka, Marion T. Santo, Toshiko Sugiki, Lori M. Tanaka, Amy Misa Umetsu, Watanabe Family, Linda Yoshioka.

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## July 2022

|             | Sunday  | Monday | Tuesday | Wed. | Thursday | Friday | Saturday  |
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| <b>July</b> |   |        |         |      |          | 1      | 2   |
|             | 3   | 4      | 5       | 6    | 7        | 8      | 9<br>10:00am-1:00pm Food Sale pickup<br>6:00pm Obon service (also Live on Mantokuji's Facebook) |
|             | 10<br>8:30am Cleanup                                    | 11     | 12      | 13   | 14       | 15     | 16  |
|             | 17<br>8:30am Cleanup, Obon committee evaluation meeting | 18     | 19      | 20   | 21       | 22     | 23  |
|             | 24  | 25     | 26      | 27   | 28       | 29     | 30  |
|             | 31  |        |         |      |          |        |   |
|             |   |        |         |      |          |        |   |

| <b>Coming up in August (Tentative Schedule)</b> |                            |
|---|----------------------------|
| Sunday 14                                       | Clean up, Fujinkai Meeting |
| 14 – 28   | Online Silent Action       |

Hospital and Hale Makua Visitations are scheduled during the month.