



June 2019

Dates to Remember

**Memorial Day and
Eitaikuyo Service**
May 26, 10:30am

Yagura Construction
June 30

Mantokuji O-Bon
July 12 and 13

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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President's Message

Aloha Everyone,

Summer is upon us and things are beginning to heat up at Mantokuji as we begin preparing for next month's O-Bon services and festivities. There are no services scheduled in June, but you'll find our volunteer crews busy working each weekend. The main event this month is our Yagura Construction and Clean-up Day on Sunday, June 30 at 8:30 am. Many hands and strong backs will be needed, so please come and help if you can.

We are pleased to announce that Reverend Shinsho Hata from the Taishoji Soto Mission in Hilo, Hawaii will be officiating at Mantokuji's O-Bon services. Unfortunately, Mantokuji is not able to schedule Tanagyo (home-visit) services this year, so you are all encouraged to be a part of one of the services on Friday, July 12 or Saturday, July 13 at 6:00 pm. If you are one of our Hatsubon families, a family memorializing the death of a family member within the past year from May 2018 to May 2019, please contact us so we can confirm your presence at one of the services. We are thankful for Rev. Hata's services and for Betsuin's assistance via the Minister Exchange Program.

And finally, we have another special birthday to recognize. Let us all wish a very Happy Birthday to Dr. Seiya Ohata, a dedicated and generous member of our Mantokuji ohana. He celebrates his 102nd birthday and still meets with his Kaunoa friends for an occasional game of bridge!! Take care.

With Aloha,

Eric Moto
President Mantokuji Kyodan



Special O-Bon

Enclosed in this Issue

Toba and O-Bon Request Forms

**Maui Buddhist Temples
O-Bon Schedule is out!**

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

June 9 2019 at 8:30am

July 21 2019 at 8:30am (clean up only and O-Bon Evaluation)

Thank you to the Fujinkai ladies and gentlemen who came to help with clean-up, yard work and repair work on Sunday, May 5, 2019. Your help was most appreciated.

Tokuko Abe, Bobbie Arita, Kathleen Davis, Yuriko Fukagawa, Kay Hanano, Scott Hanano, Chester Kakiuchi, Shirley Ann Kimizuka, Judith Matoi, Bernice Nagato, Lois Sato, Misa Umetsu, and Neil Watanabe.

54th UHSSWA Conference

April 13-14, hosted by Betsuin

"Every Day Is A Precious Day" was the theme of the 54th United Hawaii Soto-Shu Women's Association conference held on Oahu on April 13 and 14, sponsored by the Soto Mission of Hawaii Women's Association (Betsuin). Four Mantokuji members Judith Matoi, Shirley Ann Kimizuka, Cathy Murayama and Bobbie Arita, participated in the conference where they made and renewed old friendships, participated in the annual meeting and enjoyed the dharma session activity all the while taking notes. This year's conference was dedicated to the late Faye Komogata, who passed away late last year. Faye was the wife of Bishop Komogata, President of the Jizokukai, the organization of ministers' spouses who serve as advisors to the UHSSWA, and mother of Reverend Shuji, resident minister of Aiea Taiheiji. She inspired the theme of this year's conference when Bishop asked how she was feeling during a hospital stay, she replied, "Every day is a precious day."

Dr. George Tanabe, the keynote speaker at the Sunday luncheon, drove home the depth of meaning of this conference theme "Every day is a precious day," as he related his own multiple life-threatening health issues that he has survived to live each precious day. As Buddhist we aspire to live each day with gratitude . . . and now each precious day in gassho. Mrs. Kazue Tanimoto, a centenarian of Hilo Taishoji, who attended the conference, undoubtedly does.

This year's conference attendance was noticeably less as we honored 20 deceased members at the memorial service on Saturday. We remember how Carol Moto enjoyed going to these conferences to renew friendships with Oahu members where she had spent half her adult life and to participate in the activities and services that strengthened her commitment to her life as a Buddhist and Fujinkai member. Her many friends at the conference missed seeing her there.



The dharma session activity on Saturday was challenging and fun. Each member made an ojuzu that was blessed at the Sunday service. It was hilarious to watch each of us stringing those little beads onto a stretchy fish line. Most of us couldn't even see the hole in the bead! And the line was so short we knew what happened when we heard tink, tink, tink of beads falling to the floor as most of us had to restring our ojuzu at least once.

At the country store on Saturday, each temple brought products and crafts unique to their units to sell as a fundraiser for UHSSWA. There was coffee, huge avocados and mac nuts from Kona, kakuma from Hilo, bread from Molokai, and many baked products and crafts from the Oahu temples. Mantokuji sold peanut butter/chocolate and chocolate truffle mochi, Maui natto, and okoshi to contribute to a very successful fundraiser.

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54th UHSSWA Conference (cont')

Each year UHSSWA gives \$500 to the host temple to donate to an organization of their choice. This year Betsuin awarded their donation to Queen's Medical Center in memory of the late Faye Komogata. Michael Morimoto from Queen's accepted the donation.

The candle light ceremony that culminated the two-day conference is always inspiring as members stand shoulder to shoulder in a circle transmitting the light from the Jizoku to one another as they commit to uphold their pledge for another year.

Congratulations and thank you to the Betsuin Fujinkai for a successful conference!

This year's theme is a reminder of a quote by Bil Keane:

Yesterday's the past, tomorrow's the future, but today is a gift.

That's why it's called the Present.

The reason for the note taking by the Mantokuji members is Mantokuji will be hosting the 55th UHSSWA conference on April 18-19, 2020 on Maui. Please mark your calendars so we can have all our Fujinkai and temple members and friends there. And, we'll be calling for help through the year. Thank you in advance!

Kyodan Meeting Report

Held Sunday, May 5, 2019

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

- Shoreline erosion mitigation is moving forward - Dr. Michael Foley of Oceanit has prepared the draft site maps and plans to support the permit applications. A meeting with the State of Hawaii Department of Land and Natural Resources will be scheduled to discuss the plans before permit applications are submitted.
- Update of the Strategic Planning the Board has been involved with Linda Morgan.
- Update on the Bell Tower Project - contractor is in the process of obtaining materials to move forward.
- Request for memorial services have been provided by ministers from the Soto Mission of Hawaii.
- Passing of Mantokuji members: Sally Satsue Yoshina, Kiyoe Kumasaka and Michiko Shibuya
- Mantokuji O-Bon Festival will be held on July 12 & 13.
- Rev. Hata of Hilo Taishoji will help Mantokuji with Obon.

Next Kyodan meeting will be on **Sun, June 9, 2019.**

Please join us for future meetings and be involved in these important discussions.

Announcements

Memorial Day and Eitaikuyo Services

You are cordially invited to attend the Memorial Day and Eitaikuyo (Perpetual Memorial) Services to be held on:

Sunday, May 26, 2019 at 10:30am

The Memorial Day Service is observed to honor our fallen soldiers and victims of all past wars and to pray for world peace so we can live in harmony with one another.

In addition, we will be holding the Eitaikuyo or perpetual memorial service in memory of those whose names are recorded in the Mantokuji records. The word eitaikyo means "chanting sutras in perpetuity." This annual service ensures that prayers are offered for the departed, even when family members cannot be present for the service.

Please join us for this occasion. We will have light refreshments following the service.

Toba Request Form

It is proper to offer toba to family members who have passed away within this year (May 20, 2018 ~ May 23, 2019) who are having their first O-Bon or Hatsu-bon and to your maternal and paternal family ancestors (*Senzo Dai Dai*). You may also offer toba to the deceased family members who are having their memorial year (*nenkai kuyo*) this year 2019 or any loved one that you would like to remember at O-Bon.

If you have any questions on how to fill out the form, please call Cathy Murayama at (808) 283-6125 or e-mail at info@paiamantokuji.org. Please bring or send the request form to Mantokuji (P.O. Box 790207, Paia, HI 96779) no later than July 1st so there will be enough time to prepare the TOBA.

The toba will be offered and the names read during the O-Bon Service. Please place a check mark in the checkbox to the right to inform us what you would like us to do with the toba. If you cannot attend the service, the name(s) will be read on one of the days in order to balance the number of toba read at each service.

I will attend the service and pick up the toba(s) on:

- Friday, July 12
- Saturday, July 13

Unable to attend, wish Mantokuji to:

- Send me the toba(s)
- Keep the toba(s) for a while, I will pick up
- Keep the toba(s) in my niche (#_____)

Name:

Phone Number:

Mailing Address:

Please write in the Family names or names of individuals that you would like to offer toba(s) to. (Please write legibly and if you know the kanji characters for the kaimyo please write that also and how the name is pronounced in romaji).

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Please use back if needed

Amount \$ _____ (Toba donation: \$5.00 per Toba)

Please make checks payable to *MANTOKUJI MISSION*



Toba Requests

If you would like to offer toba to family members who have passed away, and especially for those who are having their first O-Bon or Hatsu-bon, please remember to send in the Toba Request Form that was enclosed in this mangan by July 1st so the toba will be ready for the O-Bon service.

About the tradition of Toba...

Originally, the stupas [Sanskrit word for Toba] were built to enshrine the Buddha's remains. However, the religious significance of erecting a stupa changed in the long history of Buddhism in India, China, Korea and Japan. The stupa became the symbol of the Buddha's glorious teachings and the site of the stupa became the center of Buddhist gatherings which brought about the start of Buddhist temples.

The Royal Family of Japan in the Heian Period started to build stupas in memory of the deceased emperor and empress. Later, many nobles and district rulers took it as a model and spread it all over Japan.

Thus "Toba-Kuyo", offering of stupa, became a Buddhist tradition to pay tribute to the deceased. People who were not able to erect a stupa, used a stupa shaped wood, which is called "Toba" to extend their wishes.

What truly matters is not the size and shape of the stupa but offering one's sincerity through this tradition. The Toba-Kuyo has been the most essential Buddhist practice throughout the ages.

Hokekyo Sutra says: "Be it in a garden or in a forest or under a tree or in a monastery or in the house of a person in white robe (a layman) or in a hall or in a mountain or in a valley or in the wilderness, there should a stupa be erected and offerings be made to it because, now this, the place where the stupa is erected is the place of enlightenment. Here the Buddha entered into Parinirvana."

From "Our Religion and Tradition" (2005) by Jijo Machida, retired Bishop.



*Obon memorial toba for ...
.... on the occasion of the
daisejikie service.*

Hatsu Bon List

Hatsu Bon means "the first O-Bon" for those who had passed away within the last year from May 20, 2018 to May 23, 2019. We will be honoring the following who are having their Hatsu Bon during the O-Bon services on July 12 and 13.

Tsurue "Judy" Kuwashima – June 3, 2018

Betsy Yoshiko Ouchi – August 29, 2018

Patsy Murakami – September 2, 2018

Yoneko Hashimoto - September 23, 2018

Elaine Komine – October 3, 2018

Carol Moto – October 31, 2018

Satoshi Suzuki – November 17, 2018

Esther Hanzawa – December 1, 2018

Sally Satsue Ueoka Yoshina – January 30, 2019

Kiyoe Kumasaka – February 18, 2019



Information on O-Bon Festival

The Bon service is conducted to remember our loved ones who have passed away, especially those who are having their first O-Bon, Hatsu Bon, after they left us. Let us join together in celebration and reunion! Everyone is welcomed to attend the O-Bon services.

Additional parking will be available at the Paia Community Center and the Hawaiian Protestant Church across the street from Mantokuji.

When:	Friday, July 12 & Saturday, July 13		
Time:	3:00pm	Graveyard Service (Saturday only)	
	6:00pm	Bon Service (all are welcome to attend the service)	
	6:30pm	Food booths open	
	7:00pm	Taiko Performance	
		Maui Taiko (Friday)	
		Zenshin Daiko (Saturday)	
	7:30-9:30pm	Bon Dance	

For the dates of other temples on Maui, please check the 2019 Maui Buddhist Temples' O-Bon Schedule below:

Date	Temple	Service/Dance	Phone
Jun 1 (Sat)	Lahaina Shingon	6:30pm / 7:30pm	661-0466
Jun 8 (Sat)	Puunene Nichiren	6:30pm / 7:30pm	871-4831
Jun 14 (Fri)	Wailuku Jodo	6:30pm / 7:30pm	244-0066
Jun 15 (Sat)	Wailuku Shingon	6:30pm / 8:00pm	244-3800
Jun 28 - 29 (Fri/Sat)	Kahului Jodo	6:30pm / 7:30pm	871-4911
Jul 6 (Sat)	Lahaina Jodo	6:30pm / 8:00pm	661-4304
Jul 12 - 13 (Fri/Sat)	Paia Mantokuji	6:00pm / 7:30pm	579-8051
Jul 19 - 20 (Fri/Sat)	Kahului Hongwanji	6:15pm / 7:30pm	871-4732
Jul 26 - 27 (Fri/Sat)	Makawao Hongwanji	7:00pm	572-7229
Aug 2 - 3 (Fri/Sat)	Wailuku Hongwanji	6:45pm / 8:00pm	244-0406
Aug 9 - 10 (Fri/Sat)	Lahaina Hongwanji	6:00pm / 7:30pm	661-0640
Aug 17 (Sat)	Paia Rinzai Zen Mission	6:00pm / 7:00pm	579-9921
Aug 24 (Sat)	Kula Shofukuji	6:30pm / 7:30pm	661-0466

Additional Bon dances will also be held at:

Aug 30 (Fri) 6:30pm Hale Makua – Kahului
 Sept 6 (Fri) 6:00pm Hale Makua – Wailuku

Bon Dance Practice at Mantokuji

Sensei Ken Tasaka and Maui Minyo Kai members will be coming to Paia Mantokuji to conduct a Bon Dance practice on the following day:

Saturday June 29 at 1:00pm

Please join us for this practice. They will be teaching us the new dance for 2019.

Donations made in April

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

General Donations

Mitsuru Hirano & Juaneva Smith, David Langille & Sherry Allison, Sharon Mc Bride & Warren Wild, Allen & Mitsuko Nikaido, Marilyn Nishiki, Isabelle Scholl, Daniel & Jane Takahashi, Katherine Takatani, Michie Tamane & Joyce Masuda, Minoru & Betty Uehara.

Kay Hanano	Shoreline Erosion Projects
Kumasaka Family	49 Day Service & Inurnment of Kiyoe Kumasaka
Joyce N Takahashi	New Year's ofuda
Albert & Glenda Ujii & Ujii Ohana	In Memory of Sally Yoshina
Henry & Betty Yamashiro	In Memory of Carol Moto
Henry & Betty Yamashiro	Temple & Erosion Projects
Henry & Betty Yamashiro	In Memory of Zenzo Kato & Helen Kato

Donations received for the Hanamatsuri Service on April 7, 2019

Tokuko Abe, Howard & Bobbie Arita, Kana Anan, Chihagi Chiu, Miwako Curtis, Yuriko Fukagawa, Pachi Haber, Kay Hanano, Risa Hiester, Hideo & Joyce Kawahara, Rebecca Kikumoto, Donald & Shirley Ann Kimizuka, Fusayo & Keolahou Luksic, Gary & Judith Matoi, Joel & Letitia McMullin, Eric Moto, Allan & Cathy Murayama, Melina Murayama & Erick & Sage Domingo, Gladys Nagata, Bernice Nagato, Yukie Pye, Emiko Saito, Isabelle Scholl, Joyce N Takahashi, Eric & Sachie Toyota, and Misa Umetsu.

In Memoriam

We express our heartfelt sympathy to the family of:

Robert Yamashita, 85 years, passed away on March 26, 2019.

We pray for him and give our love and support to his family in this time of great loss.

Namu Kie Butsu, Namu Kie Ho, Namu Kie So

Special Thanks

REMCO (Dean Wakamatsu) for having his crew come out on two occasions to fix the commercial refrigerator and commercial freezer.

Help needed

Yagura Construction and General Clean-up Day

June 30th

In preparation for O-Bon, we will be constructing the yagura on:

Sunday, June 30th at 8:30am

We will also be cleaning and decorating the temple and nokotsudo with chochin lanterns. Your kokua will also be needed to tidy the temple grounds and give the kitchen a thorough cleaning.

Dismantling of the yagura will be on:

Sunday, July 14th at 8:30am

Please come out and give us your helping hand!

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	Sunday	Monday	Tue.	Wed.	Thurs.	Friday	Saturday
June							1
	2 4:00 pm Zazen	3	4	5	6	7	8 9:30am-12:00noon Ikebana
	9 8:30am Cleanup 10:00am Fujinkai & Kyodan meetings 4:00 pm Zazen	10	11	12	13	14	15
	16 4:00 pm Zazen	17	18	19	20	21	22
	23 4:00 pm Zazen	24	25	26	27	28	29
	30 8:30am Yagura construction 4:00 pm Zazen	31					

Coming up in July (Tentative Schedule)	
Sunday 7	O-Bon setup, committee meeting
Sunday 12-13	Mantokuji O-Bon
Sunday 14	Yagura dismantling
Sunday 21	Clean up, O-Bon committee meeting & Evaluation

Hospital and Hale Makua
Visitations are scheduled during
the month.