



May 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,.

May brings us half-way between Mantokuji's Annual Bazaar in March and our two nights of O-Bon services and festivities in July. It's a time for us to do some spring cleaning and begin to plan for what's ahead. As we reported last month, Mantokuji is awaiting the start of construction / restoration work on the Bell Tower, so look out for work crews in the coming months and please be mindful of the work areas and equipment when visiting the nokotsudo or graveyard. We hope to have shoreline erosion project updates to report to you soon.

Last year, we thought that the news of turning 100 years old was special, and it certainly was, but we are even more thrilled to say Happy 101st Birthday to our dear friend Gladys Nagata!! Gladys and her son Norman still share their beautiful garden vegetables with the temple kitchen. Working in her garden and eating all those fresh vegetables must be some of her keys to longevity.

On Sunday, May 26 we have our Memorial Day and Eitaikuyo Service at 10:30 am and we would love to see you there. And if you have the time and energy, please contact us about joining in any of our clean-up or prep work days. Take care.

With aloha,



Hanamatsuri service April 7



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Eric H. Moto

Eric Moto
President Mantokuji Kyodan

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

May 5 2019 at 8:30am

June 9 2019 at 8:30am

Thank you to those who came to help with clean up and the preparations for Hanamatsuri on Saturday, April 6 and with the preparation for lunch on Sunday, April 7: :

Tokuko Abe, Bobbie Arita, Kathleen Davis, Yuriko Fukagawa, Kay Hanano, Chester Kakiuchi, James Kendrick, Donald Kimizuka, Shirley Ann Kimizuka, Judith Matoi, Eric Moto, Cathy Murayama, Bernice Nagato, Isabelle Scholl, Sachie Toyota, and Misa Umetsu.

Paia Hanamatsuri Service

April 7, at Paia Mantokuji Soto Zen Mission

Celebrating Hanamatsuri.

Nearly forty temple members and friends celebrated Hanamatsuri at Paia Mantokuji on April 7. The Hanamatsuri service was officiated by Reverend Hirosato Yoshida from Soto Mission of Hawaii. Everyone was presented with a cherry blossom pin to wear, made by Cathy Murayama and Bobbie Arita, which brought back fond memories of Hanamatsuris past. Like Lumbini Garden where the Buddha was born surrounded by colorful flowers, the hanamido was adorned with beautiful protea, orchids and stasis from Allen and Janet Fukuda, Donald and Shirley Ann Kimizuka and Kay Hanano. Each came forward to offer flowers and pour amacha or sweet tea on the Baby Buddha, symbolizing the legendary sweet rain, kanro no ame, that fell from the heaven in great happiness at Buddha's birth.



Reverend Yoshida told the legendary story of Buddha who walked seven steps upon his birth and with his right finger pointing to the sky and his left finger pointing to the earth, he said these famous words, "Tenjo Tenga Yuiga dokuson." Translated, "In all heaven and earth, there is only one that is honored." This may sound like the Buddha was talking about himself which sounds prideful or egotistical if one takes that view. However, his message is simply to be and honor who you are.



To celebrate Buddha's birthday our children of the temple entertained us. Matthew Matoi played three renditions of Twinkle Twinkle Little Star, and his brother also sang and played Twinkle Twinkle on his toy piano. Nicholas is two years old and plays by sound since he doesn't yet read notes. We were surprised by an impromptu piano performance by Keolahou Luksic who played Simple Gifts. And, after just two days of practice, the taiko group welcomed back their leader Isabelle Scholl and rocked the hall with Hayashi and Matsuri. Former yo-yo champion, Rev. Yoshida, amazed us with all his yo-yo tricks. The program ended with Beautiful Sunday led by Misa Umetsu and Tokuko Abe. After the entertainment, the children enjoyed a Spring egg hunt coordinated by Cathy Murayama.

As always, everyone enjoyed a scrumptious lunch which included Mantokuji's signature nishime cooked by Nishime Chef Eric Moto. Thank you to all who contributed to the luncheon and dessert buffet.





Announcements

Memorial Service

Rev. Yoshida of Soto Mission of Hawaii will be here on Saturday, May 25. If you would like to schedule a memorial service for a family member on May 25, please call Cathy Murayama at 808.283.6125 by May 1, 2019.

Recipe of the Month



The late Sally Yoshina shared this recipe with sister, the late Marion Watanabe, when Marion was compiling a booklet of recipes she shared with the family. Both Sally and Marion (Ueoka sisters), along with sisters, the late Clara Sodetani, and Carol Lau, loved to cook. Bobbie Arita used Auntie Sally's Fried Chicken recipe as one of her signature dishes while catering in California. Please enjoy this dish that we all enjoy at Mantokuji.

Dipped Fried Chicken

by Sally Yoshina

Ingredients

2/3 cup cornstarch
1/3 cup flour
4 # chicken drumettes

For sauce, combine:

1/2 cup shoyu
6 tsp. sugar
3 stalks green onions, chopped
1 small chili pepper, chopped

Preparation

Coat chicken with the cornstarch and flour mixture.
Fry in shallow oil.
Drain well.
Dip fried chicken in sauce, drain on paper towel. Serve.

Good for pupu.

Variation: use thighs cut into bite size pieces

Donations made in March

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

General Donations

Masako Abe, Ralph Arakaki, Kathleen Davis, Addison "Bud" Harrison, Natalie Hashimoto, Jean Kawaguchi, Gwen Kunishige, Eric Miyajima, Hachiro & Susan Shimanuki, Sandra Shimomura, Les & Linda Takahashi, Mitsue Tamanaha, Joyce Tsubaki, Albert & Glenda Ujii, Louis & Jean Wada, Betty Watanabe, Colin Watanabe, James & Helene Watanabe, Henry & Betty Yamashiro, Linda Yoshioka.

Mike & Vanessa McCubbing	Baby Blessing for Heath McCubbing on 3.17.19
Melvin & Carole Endo	New Year's Donation – In Memory of Takeo Endo
Lynne Knox & Douglas Sweeney	Baby Blessing for Heath McCubbing
Kumasaka Family	Funeral for Kiyoe Kumasaka & Use of Hall on 3.16.19
Cathy Murayama for Sally Yoshina's Family	49 Day Service/Inurnment & Use of Hall on 3.17.19
Susan Oshiro	Maintenance & Repair
Susan Oshiro	In Memory of Carol Moto
Paia Hawaiian Protestant Church	Use of parking on 2.16.19
Patricia K. Rollins	Restoration & Erosion Maintenance Projects
Itaru Saito	Restoration & Erosion Maintenance Projects
Celia Suzuki & Yukie Ueoka	Bazaar Donation
Wanda Taira	In Memory of Shizuno Harriet Miyagawa
Brian & Joyce Takahashi	1 st Year Anniversary for Bryce Takahashi
Les & Linda Takahashi	In Memory of Bryce Takahashi
Kenneth & June Uyeno	New Year's Donation

Donations received for the Spring Ohigan & Kaisan Rekijyuki Service on March 19, 2019

Tokuko Abe, Howard & Bobbie Arita, Yuriko Fukagawa, Akio & Kay Hanano, James Kendrick, Donald & Shirley Ann Kimizuka, Gary & Judith Matoi, Allan & Cathleen Murayama, Gladys Nagata, Bernice Nagato, Mark & Lois Sato, June Sachie & Eric Toyota, Misa Umetsu.

Donations received In Memory of Sally Satsue Yoshina

Howard & Bobbie Arita, Harold & Kathy Fujii, Yuriko Fukagawa, Akio & Kay Hanano & Family, Hideo & Joyce Kawahara, Donald & Shirley Ann Kimizuka, Kevin & Jayne Kimizuka, Gary & Judith Matoi, Grant Matoi & Priscilla Rafferty, Ross & Arlene Matoi & Family, The Moto Family, Allan & Cathy Murayama, Mark & Lois Sato, Lisa Sodetani & Family, Lloyd & Sharon Sodetani, Celia Suzuki, Kristi Tanaka, Scott & Kim Tanaka & Family, Sachie Toyota, Meyer Leigh & Sharon Ueoka, Paul & Gwen Ueoka, Ron & Vivian Ueoka, Yukie Ueoka, Kenneth & June Uyeno, Les & Debbie Yokote

Special Thanks

To **Scott Hanano** and **Chester Kakiuchi** for keeping the main temple yard well manicured.

To **Joel McMullin** who got bamboo to replace the fence along the Japanese Garden and for replanting the succulents that were removed under the bell.

Welcome, New Members

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

Francis & Yoko Shimanuki

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



Bishop's Office Newsletter

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Bishop's Message: Bishop Shugen Komagata

Greetings from the Bishop's Office!

I hope you and your families are doing well. I feel this past winter has been quite cool, so I am looking forward to the warmth spring in Hawaii brings, when we can enjoy longer days. Before we know it, though, I'm certain we will find ourselves moving into summer and the annual Bon season.

Later this year, 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. It's so interesting that when a survey was taken to see where attendees would like to visit, Las Vegas was the top choice!

The U.S. Soto Zen Members' Conference has been held every several years and is hosted by either the Soto temples in Hawaii or the mainland. The purpose of the Conference is to promote fellowship amongst Soto Zen members throughout North America.

The theme of the Conference is "American Buddhism," and the keynote speaker for the event is Rev./ Dr. Duncan Ryuken Williams, a professor of Religion and ordained Soto Zen priest. I feel the Conference theme is perfect for the audience at this Conference. As I look back to the first U.S. Soto Conference held over thirty years ago, I remember that nearly all the participants were of Japanese ancestry coming from Soto Zen temples on the mainland and Hawaii. I am pleased that through the years, there has been a steady increase in the diversity of people attending this Conference. This year, the invitation to attend this Conference has been extended to several Zen Centers on the mainland as well as Hawaii (Alaneo Zendo in Hilo). With over 100 attendees expected to join the event, I look forward to the opportunity of meeting members from congregational Buddhist temples as well as zazen practitioners from Zen Centers. There will certainly be a lot to discuss and learn from one another.

I hope you will attend this Conference in Las Vegas in October, to get acquainted or reacquainted with members from Soto temples or Zen centers in the mainland, and to both learn and share our Buddhist ideals that can be implemented in the American way of life. As we look forward to attending the Conference we would like to thank the ministers and members of Los Angeles Zenshuji and the North American Bishop's Office for being the host and planning this exciting get-together.



Shugen Komagata

Bishop Shugen Komagata



Trainee Monk from Sojiji Head Monastery Rev. Bunryu Yanai's Hawaii Report



Aloha, everyone! My name is Bunryu Yanai. I am training at the Soto Zen Buddhism Sojiji Head Monastery in Yokohama City, Japan. There is a program here that happens every year in which one representative trainee monk goes to America for a training course—and this time I was chosen to go. During the program I stayed in Hawaii for one month (Dec 14th to Jan 25th). While most of my time was spent in Honolulu, I visited seven other Soto temples, and I could feel the efforts of the Soto Zen in Hawaii.

What I felt at the temple in Hawaii is that historically the Temples had functioned as the center of a Japanese society. Although much has changed, there are still some traditions that are observed to this day. I participated in some of these kinds of events, like Mochitsuki (pounding steamed rice into cake), and the New Year's Day celebration. I was really surprised by the large number of volunteers who came to help us and participants at services. I think in Japan it is not that common to see so many people livening up and gathering at events like that.

There has been so much change during the 150 years since the first Japanese immigrants came to Hawaii, but it was amazing to see how many descendants of the Japanese immigrants who have been American citizens for generations now still treasure their Japanese heritage. I'm so happy to see how the temple is passing on the rich Japanese culture and history to the new generation.

My training course in Hawaii was a wonderful experience. I no longer view Hawaii simply as a sightseeing spot. My experiences in Hawaii helped me see and understand from various angles rich and beautiful Hawaii really is. Thank you very much for this short time with you.



Shushogi, Chapter 2 : Verses 7 - 10

By Rev. Masataka Hoshino



Aloha everyone!

Repentance brings guidance to our life. However, just because we repent of having done evil things, it does not mean that the karmic consequences of our deeds disappear. There is no reset button we can press to fix real life problems that our acts cause. Let us study together so that we can experience what Buddhist repentance means in our real life.

7. We stand in front of the vast gate of compassion through which the Buddha and ancestors have already passed. Fortunately, this gate is always open. There are no preconditions we must meet in order to pass through this gate. However, our passing through does not necessarily make us happy. We must still face what wrongs we have done. But repentance gives us the power to carry on with life in spite of our guilt.

8. Once we pass through the gate, we can look back on our lives. We see the evils we have done and the karma that results from them. If we can admit our wrongs and their consequences in the presence of the Buddha and repent, our heart will be pure. This pure heart will help us go upon the right path, and when this pure heart emerges, it affects not only us. Everybody and everything, including mountains, rivers, and all of nature will feel the effects of our pure heart.

9. When we decide to repent, we pray and vow, and we realize there is a true path, and decide to seek it. Our many bad deeds can seem like obstacles that block our path, and we might think we are not entitled to pursue the truth. This is why the Buddha and the ancestors who first walked this way now watch over us without abandoning us, and show us mercy and compassion. We are able to become a Buddha when we are purified through repentance.

10. “All our past evil deeds were the result of beginningless greed, anger, and ignorance: products our body, speech and mind. Of all these do we now repent.”

Gashaku Shozo Shoakugo
Kaiyuu Mushi Tonjinchi
Jushinkui Shishosho
Issai Gakon Kaisange

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May 2019

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wed.	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
May				1	2	3	4
	5 8:00am Cleanup, Fujinkai Meeting 4:00 Zazen	6	7	8	9	10	11 9:30-12:30 Ikebana
	12 4:00 Zazen	13	14	15	16	17	18
	19 9:00am O-Bon Newsletter Making, O-Bon Committee Meeting 4:00 Zazen	20	21	22	23	24	25
	26 10:30am Eitaikuyo Service 4:00 Zazen	27	28	29	30	31	

Coming up in June (Tentative Schedule)	
Sunday 9	Clean up, Fujinkai & Kyodan Meetings
Sunday 30	O-Bon Committee Meeting & Yagura Construction

Hospital and Hale Makua
Visitations are scheduled during
the month.