



November 2017

Dates to Remember

November 4

Gravestones retrieval work

**Please Join Us with
the Japanese Cultural Society
at 9am**

November 19

Family service &
Shichi-Go-San Ceremony

Nishime Sale

Saturday Nov. 11

President's Message

Dear Members and Friends,

I regret to inform you that our Reverend Koshin Cherin has resigned from her position as resident minister of Paia Mantokuji Soto Mission. Her last day will be no later than Saturday, November 18, 2017.

The temple will be facing the challenges of being without a resident minister once again, and so I draw once more upon the wisdom of Soto Zen Buddhist teachings and the lessons learned over the years. Those lessons make me understand that, with all of your help and support, together we can face the challenges ahead of us, and that we should reflect back feelings of acceptance, humility, and even gratitude.

In that light, I truly regret that Reverend Koshin's tenure was so brief, and sincerely say mahalo for her service and aloha and best wishes as she moves forward.

During the upcoming vacancy period, I ask for everyone's patience and understanding as the Board develops a plan of action and a new work schedule. We will keep you informed. If you have any questions, concerns, or requests for services, you may contact me at (808)-280-8429 and I will try to respond as soon as possible. Mahalo for your support.

Sincerely,

Eric Moto
President Mantokuji Kyodan



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Bobbie, Cathy, Isabelle & Rev. Koshin

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Dharma Notes from Rev. Koshin

In my final Dharma message, I would like to express my gratitude to all of those who have been kind and supported my time as minister of Mantokuji. As many of you know it has been a real eye opening experience, but nevertheless a worthwhile experience. What I would like to say is that it takes effort and work to be a good person. In the end and often after it is too late, only each of us knows personally if we have created more peace and made those around us feel better or if we have been acting out of our selfish desires. While the goal is important, what is more important is each step on the journey. How we are in every meeting with another, taking responsibility and having inherent respect for one another.

Generally we think of karma as something that eventually catches up with us depending on our actions, however karma is actually the result of what and how we do things right now, in the present moment. It is the result of our actions, recognizing cause and result, that is karma. If one sows good seeds, one will reap positive results and visa versa. By acting with a sincere heart and displaying compassion, generosity and loving-kindness we tap into wisdom. On the other hand if we are lead around by the Three Poisons which are, greed, anger and delusion, then we create suffering for ourselves and others.

I can only wish for Mantokuji to survive as a beacon of light, a place where people are made to feel welcomed, appreciated and nurtured by the Dharma. I wish that I had the opportunity to say thank you and "so long" to each and every one of you. May you all be well and may your lives be protected by the Three Treasures of Buddha, Dharma and Sangha. May the wisdom of the Buddha illuminate and protect your lives. Please take good care.

Yours in the Dharma,

Respectfully Reverend Koshin Cherin

Announcements

Nishime Sale

Saturday, November 11, 2017

Pick up @ Mantokuji 8:00 am – 10:00 am
or outside of former Ah Fook's 10:00am – 12:00 noon

Work schedule to prepare for nishime sale:

Saturday, November 4 at 8:30am – prepare chicken
Sunday, November 5 at 8:30am – prepare chicken
Thursday, November 9 at 8:30am – prepare vegetables
Friday, November 10 at 8:00am – prepare vegetables
Saturday, November 11 at 5:00am – cook & pack

We would greatly appreciate your help if you are available on any of these days.



Daruma-ki Service and Picnic

held on October 1



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Reports



Thank you to all who attended the Daruma-ki Service and Daruma-sama Picnic. The Daruma-sama Picnic was an opportunity for Mantokuji to thank those who came throughout the year to help Mantokuji with all our events, projects and fundraising efforts. Mahalo everyone! We truly appreciate your continuous support.

Daruma-ki Service and Picnic (cont'd)

The picnic began with everyone "Getting to Know You." We learned who came to dance at the O-Bon festival, who could name the Three Treasures, who came to help roll sushi maki and much more.

Then, came the 2017 Mantokuji Logo Challenge where teams had to name local company logos. In the third game, teams had to build a pyramid using big cups or small cups using strings attached to a rubber band.



The fourth game was the sumo challenge. This version of sumo wrestling allowed cross generation combat!



The final game goal was to test participants' knowledge about Mantokuji and Buddhism.



After everyone earned so many tickets from their participation to all games, Llyw MacMillian helped Cathy to draw the prize winners. For one of them, he drew himself!



And everyone left with a Daruma gift bag full of goodies!



... and the winners were:

- o Sue Hiraga won a \$150 Hawaiian Airlines gift certificate
- o Elsie Sakugawa won a \$50 Costco gift certificate
- o Eileen Taketa won a fitbit flex
- o Jaimee Yokoyama won a \$50 Amazon gift certificate
- o Llyw MacMillan won the Bella 4-slice toaster oven
- o Jean Nishida won a paper sumo game



Finally, after playing games, we all enjoyed the delicious meal that included many grilled items.



Daruma-sama Picnic Prizes & Gift Bag Donations:

Thank you to: Howard & Bobbie Arita, Harold & Kathy Fujii (In Memory of Kikue Watanabe Fujii – Hatsubon and One Year Memorial), Akio & Kay Hanano, Hideo & Joyce Kawahara, Allan & Cathy Murayama, Paul & Gwen Ueoka, and Colin Watanabe.

Fujinkai News

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

November 12, 2017 at 8:00am

December 10, 2017 at 8:00am

Thank you to the Fujinkai ladies and gentleman who came on Sunday, September 10 to help with clean up:

Bobbie Arita, Kathleen Davis, Yuriko Fukagawa, Kay Hanano, Chester Kakiuchi, Judith Matoi, Carol Moto, Cathy Murayama, Bernice Nagato, Isabelle Scholl, Sachie Toyota, and Misa Umetsu.

Thank you to those who came on Saturday, September 30 and on the morning of October 1 to decorate and prepare the food for the Darumasama Picnic:

Kathleen Davis, Joanne DeCoite, Yuriko Fukagawa, Kay Hanano, Shirley Ann Kimizuka, Judith Matoi, Carol Moto, Allan Murayama, Cathy Murayama, Doreen Sarceda, Rory Sarceda, Isabelle Scholl, Michie Tamane, and Misa Umetsu.

Walk to End Alzheimer's

Saturday, September 23, 2017



Mantokuji Fujinkai was a sponsor for the Walk to End Alzheimer's that was held on Saturday, September 23, 2017. The Maui Walk raised \$72,000+ that exceeded their goal of \$50,000. THANK YOU Mantokuji Fujinkai for being a part of the Maui Walk's success!

Our very own Judith Matoi represented Mantokuji at the Walk (with the white hat in the photo). Thank you Judith!



Fujinkai Luncheon

Sunday, November 26 at 10:30am

Kaanapali Beach Hotel

It's time for the hard working Fujinkai ladies to sit back, relax, and put their feet up as the Fujinakai will be having a luncheon on **Sunday, November 26 at 10:30am at Kaanapali Beach Hotel**. All Fujinkai members are invited to participate. Bus transportation will be provided from the Pukalani Shopping Center and the War Memorial Stadium parking lots. Cost is \$42 for non-members and \$20 for Fujinkai members. We hope you will all be able to join us!

Deadline to sign up is November 19. Call or email: Cathy Murayama @ 283-6125 / cmurayama@hawaii.rr.com

Kyodan Meeting Report

Held Sunday, September 10, 2017

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

- Erosion issues: ongoing discussions with a consultant for a preliminary study
- Strategic Planning meetings with the board members and a consultant: 3 meetings already happened, next one is scheduled in Oct.
- Repairs and renovations: roof to protect storage containers work is being planned, columbarium eaves & roof urgently need to be fixed, air conditioning unit in master bedroom of residence replaced

- O-Bon festival evaluation and next year dates: July 13 & 14, 2018
- Furniture Sale August 19, 2017 evaluation
- Resignation of Rev. Koshin Cherin and plans for interim phase
- Restoration of the Japanese Garden
- Japanese Cultural Society's offer to help retrieve gravestones (Nov. 4th)
- Planned for next services (Autumn O-Higan & Ryosoki, Daruma-ki and Daruma-sama)
- Announcements: Rev Koshin's vacations, ministers & HSMA meetings in October
- **Next Kyodan meeting** will be on **Sun, November 12, 2017**. Please join us for future meetings and be involved in these important discussions.

Donations made in September

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

General Donations

Fern Chan, Lucille Gumpfer, Akio & Kay Hanano, Hideo & Joyce Kawahara, Ross & Arlene Matoi, Maui Fukushima Kenjin Kai, Gladys Nagata, Toshiko Sugiki, Robert & Carol Suzuki.

Ronald M Furukawa	In Memory of Takuichi Furukawa, Susumu Furukawa & Cynthia Gray
Edith Hiraga	Obon donation
Wayne & Evelyn Kajiwara, Irvin & Laura Yamada	One Year Service for Satoko Yamada
Glenn Kosaka	13 th Year Memorial for Ayako Kosaka
Gary & Judith Matoi	Use of hall
Tsunao Miyasato	In Memory of Niwa & Ume Miyasato
Allan & Cathy Murayama	In Memory of Haruo Watanabe
Betsy Ouchi	Obon donation
Sharon Shimabukuro	Obon donation – Hayashi Family

Donations received for Autumn O-Higan & Ryosoki Service on September 17, 2017

Tokuko Abe, Yuriko Fukagawa, Akio & Kay Hanano, Wayne & Evelyn Kajiwara, Rebecca Kikumoto, Donald & Shirley Ann Kimizuka, Gary & Judith Matoi, Carol Moto, Allan & Cathy Murayama, Gladys Nagata, Bernice Nagato, Ken & Alma Nakano, Michie Tamane, Misa Umetsu.

Special Thanks

Chester Kakiuchi for maintenance of grounds

Kathleen Davis for cleaning the hall and the grounds

Kay Hanano For supplying flower arrangements

Recipe of the Month



This is a recipe from Kay's personal recipe notebook. Thank you Kay for waking up early and making these delicious scones so we can enjoy fresh scones to accompany our meetings. Mahalo for sharing this recipe.

Cranberry Scones *by Kay*

Preparation

Ingredients

¼ cup dried cranberries
¼ cup orange or cranberries juice
1-1/2 cups flour
2 to 4 tbsp sugar
½ tsp baking powder
¼ tsp salt
¼ cold butter, cut in cubes
1 egg
½ cup heavy cream
Egg wash:
1 egg
1 tbsp water

Heat oven to 400 degrees. Line a cookie sheet with baking parchment or grease lightly.

Combine cranberries and juice in bowl; set aside.

Combine flour, sugar, baking powder and salt in mixing bowl. Cut in butter with pastry cutter or use your fingers, combining until mixture resembles coarse crumbs.

In a separate bowl, beat egg into cream, then add to flour mixture and mix by hand to make a shaggy dough (it will be sticky). Turn onto a floured work surface.

Drain cranberries and squeeze lightly, then sprinkle over dough. Fold dough over berries, then knead 8 to 10 times to form a smooth ball, sprinkling with flour as needed to prevent sticking.

Place dough on baking sheet and pat into a 7-inch-wide disc. Cut into 8 wedges and separate (keep them close together for softer sides, farther apart for crunchier sides).

To make egg wash, beat egg with water. Brush over top of scones. Bake until golden brown, about 20 minutes. Makes 8 scones.

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	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wed.	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
November				1	2 Shorinji Kempo 4:00-5:30pm Kids & Adults	3	4 9:00am-12pm Gravestone Retrieval work 12pm Lunch
	5	6 4:30-6:00pm Taiko	7 Shorinji Kempo 4:00-5:30pm Kids & Adults	8	9 Shorinji Kempo 4:00-5:30pm Kids & Adults	10	11 8:00am-12pm Nishime Sale
	12 8:00am Cleanup 10:00am Fujinkai Meeting 11:00am Kyodan Meeting	13 4:30-6:00pm Taiko	14 Shorinji Kempo 4:00-5:30pm Kids & Adults	15	16 Shorinji Kempo 4:00-5:30pm Kids & Adults	17	18 9:30am-12pm Ikebana class
	19 9:00am Family service - Shichi Go San (7-5-3) Ceremony (if needed)	20 4:30-6:00pm Taiko	21 Shorinji Kempo 4:00-5:30pm Kids & Adults	22	23	24	25
	26 10:30am Fujinkai Luncheon at Kaanapali Beach Hotel	27 4:30-6:00pm Taiko	28 Shorinji Kempo 4:00-5:30pm Kids & Adults	29	30 Shorinji Kempo 4:00-5:30pm Kids & Adults	31	

Coming up in December (tentative Schedule)

Sunday 3	Jodo-e Service, Shakyo Session
Sunday 10	Fujinkai Meeting, Clean up
Sunday 17	End of the Year Clean-up Day
Sunday 31	Joya no Kane & New Year's Blessing Service

Hospital and Hale Makua
Visitations are scheduled during
the month.