



November 2023

Dates to Remember

November 19

Family services &
Shichi-Go-San Ceremony

Our Mission: Paia Mantokuji is a Soto Zen Buddhist temple founded in 1906 by Reverend Sokyo Ueoka and 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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Bobbie, Cathy & Isabelle

Reverend's Message

Aloha everyone.

I have recently sensed a changing of the seasons as the sound of the waves hitting Mantokuji Bay has been getting louder. I'm hoping that the waves will not be too big this winter.

I would like to share with you some recent experiences: On September 23, at an International Peace Day celebration, I did a zazen session at Makawao Buddhist Temple. It was my first experience doing zazen at a temple outside of Mantokuji. I was very happy that so many people joined and shared a peaceful time together. I would like to thank Reverend Kiyohara for inviting me. Zazen is not something special for Buddhist practice, but something that can be integrated into your daily life. I encourage you to take the time for calm and peace of mind everyday. If you are interested, please join us for Morning Zazen on Sundays at 7:30 at Mantokuji!

Then, on October 1, a Dharma-ki service and picnic was held at Mantokuji Temple. I enjoyed the fun games and delicious food with the participants. This picnic is held annually (my first) to thank our members and volunteers who help us throughout the year and especially at obon. I was reminded once again that Mantokuji Temple exists with the help of many people and I am filled with gratitude. Thank you to the members who prepared the place and food, donated prizes and to everyone who participated and helped make the day so much fun. I look forward to seeing those who were not able to make it that day at another service or event.

Finally, there will be a Shichi-Go-San service on November 19 at 9 am. Shichi-Go-San is an ancient Japanese tradition to be thankful for our children's growth so far and to wish for their healthy growth in the future. All families with children who are turning 7, 5, or 3 years old any time this year are welcome to attend. Please contact me at (808) 579-8051 if you'd like your child to participate in this service.

We look forward to seeing all of you at our remaining services and events this year.

Mahalo.

Tomoki Hirasawa



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Fujinkai News

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

November 12, 2023 at 8:30am

December 10, 2023 at 8:30am

Thank you to the Fujinkai ladies and the gentlemen who came on Sunday, October 8, to help clean the nokotsudo, cemetery and the temple grounds.

Bobbie Arita, Reverend Hirasawa, Chester Kakiuchi, Donald Kimizuka, Shirley Ann Kimizuka, Judith Matoi, Eric Moto, Cathy Murayama, Diane Orikasa, Lois Sato, Nora Takeuchi and Neil Watanabe.

Kyodan Meeting Report

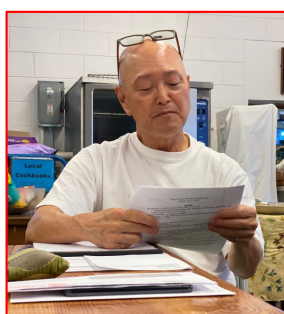
Held Sunday, October 8, 2023

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

- Erosion Project updates – CMAC Excavation was hired to repair the sandbag structure. They also removed the shed between the garage and the kitchen. Total cost: \$74,704.60
- A fuel line was discovered during the repair work and an investigation of a possible fuel tank was done. Consultant Jeffrey King of Maui Malama Environmental LLC came to see if the fuel tank could be located. He will contact Mike Foley and work with the State and County for requirements. Eric asked Jeffrey to submit a proposal for this project.
- Oceanit Foundation's Grant In Aid was funded for their Climate Change Toolkit Project. Mantokuji Bay will be used for this project. Projected project dates November 2023 – May 2024. College students are being solicited to work on the project with four Mantokuji liaisons that will meet with students twice a month. The project will cover sand quality, topography/bathymetry, biology/water quality, and monitoring beach processes.
- Online Auction in August netted \$3805.79. Funds will be donated to Lahaina fire victims.
- Reverend Hirasawa's VISA was renewed to January 1, 2026.
- O-Bon Festival was a success and back to those pre-COVID days.
- Hawaii Soto Mission Association (HSMA) Fall Meeting and Preliminary 700th Anniversary of Keizan Zenji will be held on October 21-22, 2023. Reverend Hirasawa and Brian Moto will represent Mantokuji.
- Ten Mantokuji members will be travelling to Seiryuji Soto Zen Mission in Yamagata to witness former minister Reverend Kenji Oyama's Shinzan Kessei. He will be installed as the head minister of Seiryuji Soto Zen Mission.

Next Kyodan meeting will be on
Sun, November 12, 2023.

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



Give Aloha, Foodland's Annual Community Matching Gifts Program

A big **MAHALO** to all who made a donation at Foodland, Sack N Save or Foodland Farms to benefit **Paia Mantokuji**. Collectively, donations of \$3,476.83 were made. Your donations are partially matched by a gift from Foodland and the Western Union Foundation. Total donations and matching gift will be reported in December's mangan.

Daruma-ki Service and Picnic

held on October 1

Laughter and excitement filled the hall as the Daruma-sama picnic commenced after the Daruma-ki service. This service is held in remembrance of Daruma-sama, a 6th century monk who is said to have carried the teaching of the Buddha from India to China. According to legend, he was a person of great determination, who sat in meditation facing a wall at the Shorinji Temple in China for nine years. Daruma-sama is perseverance. As children we learned no matter how many times the Daruma falls, he gets up again.

At the picnic, everyone lined up by their birthdays, January 1 to December 31. There was a lot of chatter as people found their place in the birthday line-up. Then we counted off to form four teams for the games. The first game, Daruma Scavenger Hunt had team members scurrying around the hall and digging in purses looking for items that began with D-A-R-U-M-A! D (Daruma, Dime) – A (Apple, Anpan) – R (Ruler, Ring) – U (Utensil, Umbrella) – M (Mirror, Money) – A (Animal, Aloha shirt)!

Everyone then used their “hot air” to suck M&M’s through a straw to transfer them from the plate to the cup. So much “hot air” flowed in the hall!

The next game, Daruma Otoshi, required some skill to hit one disc out of the stack without tipping the others over. The young ones showed much skill in this game.

We ended the games with Mantokuji Charades . . . Joya no Kane, Zazen, Bon Dancing, Taiko were acted out by members of each team. There was much laughter as actors tried and tried all different motions to get their team members to guess what they were acting out!



Finally, it was lunch time. A delicious lunch prepared by the Fujinkai and side dishes and yummy desserts brought by volunteers were enjoyed by all.

After lunch the winners of the raffle were announced. Thank you to the children, Sage Domingo, Nicholas Matoi, Koltyn Orikasa, Matthew Matoi and Anna Hiester, for helping to pick the winners. The winners were happy to get Sony wireless earbuds, a Sony wireless speaker, \$25 gift cards from Amazon and Zippys, large Tupperware Bowls, a framed Bell Tower print, cans of Pokeman cards, and Daruma Banks stocked with \$20. Everyone left with a Daruma cookie and a \$10 gift card.



Thank you to all who attended the Daruma-ki service and picnic. The picnic is Mantokuji’s mahalo to you and all your family and friends who come out throughout the year to help at our bazaar, obon and other fundraising events. We truly appreciate your continuous support.

And thank you to those who donated prizes and who made monetary donations for the prizes and gift cards: Jim & Laurie Brooks (Honolulu), Harold & Kathy Fujii (Cupertino, CA), Kay Hanano, Ken & Donna Hayashida (Honolulu), Hideo & Joyce Kawahara, Allan & Cathy Murayama, Paul & Gwen Ueoka, and Colin Watanabe.

Reminder - Shichi-Go-San Ceremony on November 19 at 9:00am

Please call Reverend Hirasawa at (808) 579-8051 if you have children, grandchildren or great grandchildren who have become or will be ages 3, 5 and 7 this year to have Reverend bless them for their well-being.

President's Message

Aloha everyone,

On October 29, ten members of our Mantokuji sangha will be returning from a very special trip to Japan. On October 21 and 22, our former resident minister, Reverend Kenji Oyama, is being officially installed as the head minister at his father-in-law's temple, Seiryuji, in Yamagata in a series of Shinzanshiki rituals and ceremonies. We are happy and excited to represent Mantokuji at this important event and to reconnect with the Rev. and Naoko-san and their families.

Back home at Mantokuji, we have our own exciting project to look forward to. This month is the planned start of Oceanit's Climate Change Toolkit project funded by the State Legislature's Grant-in-Aid (GIA) awarded to the Oceanit Foundation. Oceanit selected Mantokuji and our ongoing shoreline erosion conditions as a model site for Oceanit and Mantokuji to partner with 4 – 6 college students to work on observing and measuring various aspects of our shoreline erosion. The Climate Change Toolkit project will help those motivated students learn important skills in data collection, data reporting, and media production, and the resulting data will be used to benefit Mantokuji's erosion mitigation projects in the future.

On Sunday the 16th at 9:00 am Rev. Hirasawa will conduct a Family Service and Shichi-Go-San ceremony. Let us know if you have any 3-, 5-, and/or 7-year old child in your family that you would like to participate in the blessing ceremony. Take care.

With aloha,

Eric Moto
President, Mantokuji Kyodan

*The old structure behind the temple
is gone...*

*Long ago the structure was
restrooms, then when disabled was
used as a storage room.*

*When the shoreline erosion began
undercutting the foundation of the
structure it was time to remove it.*



Special Thanks

To **Wayne Kobayashi and Ashley Torricer of Printers Inc.** for generously printing October's newsletter at no cost. We are very grateful for their generosity.

To **Neil Watanabe** for fixing the faucet in the outside kitchen and the restroom.

Donations made in September

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

General Donations

Lisa Kakiuchi-Gima & Michelle Gima, Dennis & Molly Nakano, Ivan Watanabe.

Carly Agbayani	Parking on 9.17.23
Kay H. Hanano	Darumasama Picnic Prizes
Hideo & Joyce Kawahara	Darumasama Picnic Prizes
Donald & Shirley Ann Kimizuka	In Memory of Clint Gima
Herbert Otaguro	Obon Donation - In Memory of Ethel Taeko Otaguro
Go & Kay Sasaki	Obon Donation - In Memory of Marion Watanabe
Phyllis Tempo & Martin Rosenblum	Obon Donation – In Memory of Tempo & Nakamura Ancestors
Leina & Scott Teruya	In Memory of Stella Kimura
Paul & Gwen Ueoka	Darumasama Picnic Prizes
Kyle & Colette Watanabe	In Memory of Toyoji & Kimi Watanabe

Donations made In Memory of Baron Hisamune Ueoka in September

Harold & Kathy Fujii, Ken & Donna Hayashida, Hideo & Joyce Kawahara, Janice Kemp, Donald & Shirley Ann Kimizuka, Gary & Judith Matoi, Ross & Arlene Matoi & Family, Eric Moto, Allan & Cathy Murayama, Faith & Garth Sodetani, Lloyd & Sharon Sodetani, Celia C. Suzuki Jeffrey & Berry Ueoka, Paul & Gwen Ueoka, Wesley & Thao Ueoka, Roy T. Ueoka, Sharon A. Ueoka, Travis Ueoka, Yukie Ueoka, Albert & Glenda Ujiie, Kenneth & June Uyeno.

Donations made for the Autumn O-Higan & Ryosoki Service on September 17, 2023

Kay H. Hanano, Donald & Shirley Ann Kimizuka, Gary & Judith Matoi, Eric Moto, Allan & Cathy Murayama, Diane Orikasa, Mark & Lois Sato, Nora Takeuchi, Neil & Joyce Watanabe.

WITH STRONG ROOTS. . . *Lāhainā* WILL BE BACK

A fundraiser sponsored by Printers Inc. Maui for a Lahaina resident who lost his home – 100% of proceeds will go to him.

\$20 a pack includes the following:

- 2 notepads
- 5 greeting cards with envelopes
- 1 vinyl sticker
- 1 MILK COVER



Please call or text Cathy Murayama at 808.283.6125 to purchase packs in support.

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November 2023

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wed.	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
November				1	2	3	4
	5 7:30am - 8:30am Zazen	6	7	8	9	10	11
	12 7:30am - 8:30am Zazen 8:30am Clean-up, Fujinkai & Kyodan Meetings	13	14	15	16	17	18 9:30 am Ikebana
	19 7:30am - 8:30am Zazen 9:00am Family service - Shichi Go San (7-5-3) Ceremony	20	21	22	23	24	25
	26 7:30am - 8:30am Zazen	27	28	29	30		

Coming up in December (tentative Schedule)

Friday Friday 8	Rohatsu Sesshin (8 days of morning zazen)
Sunday 3	Jodo-e, Shakyō Session
Sunday 10	Fujinkai clean up & meeting
Sunday 17	End of the Year Clean-up Day
Saturday 31	Joya no Kane

Hospital and Hale Makua
Visitations are scheduled during
the month.