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Aloha Members and Friends,

The year is about to end soon (depending on when you receive this newsletter and when you actually read the message perhaps it is already in the new year). How quickly time flies.

The year 2011 was an eventful year for Mantokuji. Aside from our usual schedule of events such as the annual bazaar in March, O-Bon in July, as well as our monthly services, clean up days, meetings, and activities, this year we were the host of the Fujinkai Conference in April. We were very busy leading up to the big event with many meetings and workdays.

We also held a successful zumbathon and rummage/ craft sale for the Japan Relief Fund in August. The tsunami and earthquake of Japan that the whole world witnessed in horror has affected everyone in many ways and we have all learned to be grateful for what we have and this horrible experience has made us think deeply of how we can help others, even in a small way, from across the Pacific Ocean.

2012 will also be a significant year as Mantokuji will be holding the first ever Confirmation Ceremony in May. Furthermore, we will be remodeling our hall kitchen throughout the year and the Hawaii Soto Shu will be hosting the 8th U.S. Soto Conference in March. So it seems like we are always so busy, but we can also take it as a positive sign that we are thriving and are alive and well!

Please have a safe and enjoyable holiday season!

Gratefully In Gassho,
Rev. Kenji Oyama, Resident Minister



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You are cordially invited to attend the
**New Years Blessing (Gokitou-e)
And O-fuda Yaki Service**

On **Sunday January 8, 2012** From **10:30 AM**

Let's start the New Year by attending the New Years Blessing Service and receive new O-fuda's for your home. We will conduct a special ceremony to burn the old o-fuda and tobas following the Blessing Service. Please put the items to be burned in the box that will be put inside of the o-jizosama house or bring it to Rev. Oyama's office.

2012 Membership Dues and Maintenance Fees

The Annual Mantokuji Membership (Kyodan) Dues, Nokotsudo(Columbarium) Maintenance Fees, and Cemetery Fees for the year 2012 are as follows:

Membership Dues:	\$50
Columbarium Fees:	\$20
Cemetery Fees:	\$20

Dues and Fees help pay for the many expenses to keep the temple running. We are able to keep the columbarium and cemetery fees at a minimum because of the volunteer yard work of Baron Ueoka, Meyer Ueoka, Shiichi Horiuchi, Jeffrey Turnbull, and the Fujinkai ladies who have come every month to clean the nokotsudo.

Hiring professional workers would be very costly, so we are very grateful for the dedicated services of our volunteers. Please come to help them!

***When making payment of columbarium and cemetery fees, please make a note of the niche number or the family member resting in the niche or grave.

Family Service and Study Sessions

The following is the schedule for January:

Jan 22 9 am Family Service & Dharma Study
We will also observe the 50 year memorial for **Rev. Sokan Ueoka** (2nd minister of Mantokuji) together with the family service.

Jan 29 9 am Family Service & Japanese Study

Family services are conducted in English and open to everyone. Please join us!

Fujinkai News

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

Sunday Jan. 15, 2012 at 8:30 am
Sunday Feb. 12, 2012 at 8:30 am

Please sign up for the **Fujinkai Conference** hosted by **Wahiawa Ryusenji** on **April 21 and 22, 2012** at your earliest convenience.

Special Thanks

A big mahalo to **Baron Ueoka, Meyer Ueoka, Shiichi Horiuchi, Kathleen Davis, Hans and Jeffrey Turnbull** who come on their own time to work on the temple grounds and buildings during the week throughout the whole year.

As the rainy season is here in Paia, we need more help in mowing inside of the cemetery.

Thank you to **Betty Uehara** for sponsoring Mantokuji's Church Listing on the Maui News. It helps keep the community informed of our Soto Zen Buddhist Temple in Paia.

Thank you to **Hideo Tanimoto** for always servicing the lawn tractors for us.

Thank you also to **Brian Lieberman** of **Big Wave Digital Services** who donates many hours of work on the Mantokuji home page.

Arigato to **Kelly Tobita** for donation of rolls of paper used to cover our tables for services and other occasions.

Mahalo to **Kay Hanano** for the flower arrangements for the temple hall and o-jizo do.

The kindness and support we receive from members and friends help Mantokuji keep on going.

Thank you to Volunteers for the Ben Franklin Craft Fair Fundraising Project

We had a successful Ben Franklin Craft Fair fundraiser at the War Memorial Gym thanks to your support. We would like to thank the following for their generous help:

Tokuko Abe, Brad Aquinde, Bobbie Arita, Kathleen Davis, Joanne DeCoite, Harumi Ebisu, Kay Hanano, Barbara Huntley, Hideo Kawahara, Joyce Kawahara, Sheila Kawahara, Donald Kimizuka, Shirley Ann Kimizuka, Judith Matoi, Brian Moto, Carol Moto, Eric Moto, Violet Moto, Allan Murayama, Cathy Murayama, Margaret Murayama, Melina Murayama, Gladys Nagata, Bernice Nagato, Leslie Pladera, Yukie Pye, Kiyoko Quiggle, Kaoru Reinertsen, Emiko Saito, Doreen Sarceda, Rory Sarceda, Janet Sato, Lois Sato, Kyoko Segawa, Naomi Takahashi, Michie Tamane, Akiko Tanimoto, Tala, Sachie Toyota, Baron Ueoka, Meyer Ueoka, Meyer Leigh Ueoka, Sharon Ueoka, Misa Umetsu, Colin Watanabe, Marion Watanabe, Naoko Oyama, and Rev. Oyama.

We also thank the following for their donations of ingredients, vegetables, baked goods, jams, pickled items, and craft items:

Colin Watanabe, Richard Watanabe, Noriyuki Ueoka, Meyer Ueoka, Marion Watanabe, Inokuma Store, Kenneth Okamura, Suzanne Freitas, PRZ Beansprout Factory, Naomi and Setsuko Takahashi, Donald and Shirley Ann Kimizuka, Kay Hanano, Judy Matoi, Carol Moto, Cathy Murayama, Joyce Kawahara, Michie Tamane, Sachie Toyota, and Sumiko Suzuki, and also many donors of cans of spam.

I deeply apologize for those individuals who I inadvertently missed on this list.

Donations Made in November

Thank you for your very generous donations!!!

Ross and Mildred Tamayose	General
Guy and Carolyn Pimentel	General
Bobbie Arita	General
Takahashi Family	3 year memorial for Tsuyako Takahashi
Scott and Kim Tanaka	Shichi Go San Ceremony for Chaysen and Brennan
Meyer Leigh and Sharon Ueoka	Shichi Go San Ceremony for Chaysen and Brennan
Gary and Pamela Miyagawa	Shichi Go San Ceremony for Mahie
Itaru Saito and Family	7 year memorial for Haruko Saito, 33 year memorial for Kameji Saito
Betty Bak and Family	In Memory of Gladys Yoshiko Nako
Janet Barber	House Blessing Ceremony
Pachi and Rob Haber & Family	In Memory of Norbert & Lillian Haber, Yoichi and Fukino Matsumoto
Greg Zackious and Lisa Sodetani	Rental of chairs
Hideo & Joyce Kawahara	For convection oven - in Memory of Clara Sumie Sodetani
Heidi & Todd Hiraoka	For convection oven - in Memory of Clara Sumie Sodetani
Karlynn & Jeral Fukuda	For convection oven - in Memory of Clara Sumie Sodetani
Ileene & Steven Tanabe	For convection oven - in Memory of Clara Sumie Sodetani
Krystene Kawahara	For convection oven - in memory of Clara Sumie Sodetani

Donations for Kitchen Repairs

Takashi and Eleanor Masuda	Lon, Terrie, and Dru Mizoguchi	Shiichi Horiuchi
Sumiko Suzuki	Tokuko Abe	Gladys Nagata
Satoshi, Kiyoko and Clyde Suzuki	Ella K Watanabe	Anonymous Donor
Allen and Mitsuko Nikaido		
Akio and Kay Hanano – in memory of Robert and Fukiyo Ueoka		
Akio and Kay Hanano – in memory of Shizue Matoi		

January Schedule

1	Sunday	Midnight	New Years Blessing Service Following Joya no kane
8	Sunday	10:30am	New Years Blessing (Gokitoe) And O-fuda Yaki Service
15	Sunday	8:30 am 12 pm	Fujinkai Meeting and Clean Up Kyodan Meeting
21	Saturday	9 am	Kannonko and Goeika Practice
22	Sunday	9 am	Family Service and Dharma Study 50 year memorial for Rev. Sokan Ueoka Bazaar Committee Meeting
26	Thursday		Sokanbu Meeting at Betsuin
29	Sunday	9 am	Family Service and Japanese Study

Notice: kitchen remodeling will take place during January 16~31

Coming up in February . . . (tentative schedule)

Feb. 2	Sokanbu Meeting and U.S. Soto Conference Meeting
Feb. 5	Nehan-e and O-juzu Mawashi Service New Year's Party
Feb. 12	Fujinkai Meeting and Clean up, Kyodan Meeting, Bazaar Meeting
Feb. 18	Hawaii Soto Shu Minister's Spring Meeting
Feb. 19	Hawaii Soto Mission Association Spring Meeting
Feb. 25	Kannonko and Goeika Practice
Feb. 27	Bazaar Preparation – Set up part of hall
Feb. 28	Bazaar Workday

Zazen Sessions are on Saturday at 7 am and Sunday at 5 pm.
(We will not have Zazen on February 18 and 19)
Hospital and Hale Makua Visitations are scheduled during the month.

35th Annual Bazaar to be held on March 18, 2012

Please start bringing in rummage items for the bazaar!

We will be sorting and pricing items starting from the end of February. Please come and help us with these tasks. It is actually fun when there are a lot of people helping, but a real backbreaker when there are only a few people working.

Donations of ingredients, baked goods, potted plants, flowers, vegetables, and craft items will be appreciated! Please let us know if you have anything that you can donate!

Congratulations!

Congratulations to newly weds **Lisa Sodetani and Greg Zackious!**

Lisa is the daughter of Lloyd and Sharon Sodetani and granddaughter of the late Douglas and Clara Sodetani.

We wish them the very best! Omedeto Gozaimasu!

Info on New Year's Party

The New Year's Party will be held on **Sunday February 5, 2012** after the Nehan-e and O-juzu Mawashi Service that starts at 10 am.

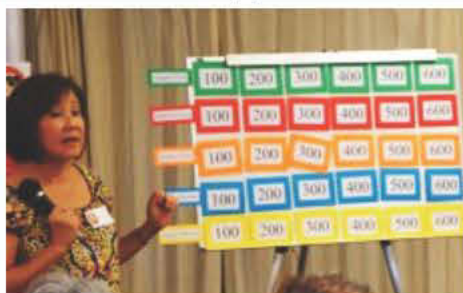
Please mark this day on your calendar and make sure you let Rev. Oyama know if you will be coming so that we have a ballpark figure on how many people to expect.

The number to call: 579-8051.

Report on Shichi-Go-San Ceremony

We had three children participate in this years Shichi-Go-San (Seven, Five, Three) Ceremony held on November 13, 2011 – 5 years old **Chaysen Tanaka** and his brother **Brennan Tanaka** who turned 3 years old, and **Mahie Miyagawa** who also is 3 years old. Chaysen and Brennan's parents are Scott and Kim Tanaka and Mahie's parents are Gary and Pamela Miyagawa.

It is so wonderful that they can celebrate these significant milestones in a child's life together with their family and also members of Mantokuji.



Left: Judy and Kay work on a fill-in-the-blanks game for the Daruma-sama picnic. Center: Cathy explains the Jeopardy game. Right: Michie, Sachie, Gladys and Bernice put their heads together to solve the scrambled words.



Photos above: Shakyo Session – Pachi Haber, Brian Moto and Therese Fitzgerald concentrate on tracing the heart sutra “Hannya Shingyo” in English.



Photos to left: Fujinkai visit to the Surfing Goat Dairy and Kula Lodge. Photos on right: Scott and Kim Tanaka with Chaysen and Brennan. Far right: Pamela and Gary Miyagawa with Mahie. (for Shichi Go San)



Harumi, Shirley Ann, Eric, Bernice and others roll the sushi - MANGAN 4 -

Brian, Eric, and Akiko pack up the dry mein, while Colin and JoAnne spread out the noodles on trays.

MANTOKUJI SOTO MISSION OF PAIA, MAUI
2012 ANNUAL SERVICES AND EVENTS

NEW YEAR'S BLESSING SERVICE.....	JANUARY 1	MIDNIGHT
NEW YEAR'S BLESSING & O-FUDA YAKI SERVICE	JANUARY 8	10:30 AM
NIRVANA DAY (NEHAN-E) & O-JUZU MAWASHI SERVICE.....	FEBRUARY 5	10:00 AM
SPRING O-HIGAN & KAISAN-KI SERVICE.....	MARCH 25	10:30 AM
BUDDHA'S BIRTHDAY (HANAMATSURI) SERVICE.....	APRIL 8	10:00 AM
MEMORIAL DAY & EITAIKUYO SERVICE.....	JUNE 3	10:30 AM
O-BON HOUSE VISITATION (TANAGYO) SERVICE.....	JUNE ~ AUGUST	
O-BON DAISEJIKI-E SERVICE & FESTIVAL.....	JULY 13 & 14	6:00 PM
AUTUMN O-HIGAN & RYOSOKI SERVICE.....	SEPTEMBER 2	10:30 AM
DARUMA-KI SERVICE.....	OCTOBER 21	10:00 AM
BODHI DAY (JODO-E) SERVICE.....	DECEMBER 2	10:30 AM
JOYA NO KANE.....	DECEMBER 31	11:30 PM

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| <b>NEW YEAR'S PARTY</b> | <b>FEBRUARY 5</b>                                          |
| <b>KYODAN MEETING</b>   | <b>JANUARY, FEBRUARY, APRIL, JUNE, SEPTEMBER, NOVEMBER</b> |
| <b>ANNUAL BAZAAR</b>    | <b>MARCH 18</b>                                            |

**WEEKLY AND MONTHLY ACTIVITIES**

- **HOSPITAL AND HALE MAKUA VISITATION** (AS SCHEDULED)
- **FUJINKAI MEETING** SUNDAY AT 10 AM (AS SCHEDULED)
- **GENERAL CLEAN UP** SUNDAY AT 8:30AM (AS SCHEDULED)
- **ZAZEN SESSION** SAT @ 7AM & SUN @ 5 PM
- **GOEIKA PRACTICE** (AS SCHEDULED)
- **TAIKO CLASS** TUESDAY/FRIDAY
- **FAMILY SERVICE** SUNDAY AT 9 AM (AS SCHEDULED)
- **JAPANESE STUDY** SUNDAY AT 10 AM (AS SCHEDULED)
- **DHARMA STUDY** SUNDAY AT 10 AM (AS SCHEDULED)

\*\*\*The schedule for the monthly activities varies from month to month, so please make sure to look at the monthly calendar in the Mangan Newsletter.

**2012**  
**MEMORIAL SERVICES YEARS**

|                              |                         |             |
|------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------|
| <b>ONE YEAR</b>              | <b>MEMORIAL SERVICE</b> | <b>2011</b> |
| <b>3<sup>RD</sup> YEAR</b>   | <b>MEMORIAL SERVICE</b> | <b>2010</b> |
| <b>7<sup>TH</sup> YEAR</b>   | <b>MEMORIAL SERVICE</b> | <b>2006</b> |
| <b>13<sup>TH</sup> YEAR</b>  | <b>MEMORIAL SERVICE</b> | <b>2000</b> |
| <b>17<sup>TH</sup> YEAR</b>  | <b>MEMORIAL SERVICE</b> | <b>1996</b> |
| <b>23<sup>RD</sup> YEAR</b>  | <b>MEMORIAL SERVICE</b> | <b>1990</b> |
| <b>27<sup>TH</sup> YEAR</b>  | <b>MEMORIAL SERVICE</b> | <b>1986</b> |
| <b>33<sup>RD</sup> YEAR</b>  | <b>MEMORIAL SERVICE</b> | <b>1980</b> |
| <b>50<sup>TH</sup> YEAR</b>  | <b>MEMORIAL SERVICE</b> | <b>1963</b> |
| <b>100<sup>TH</sup> YEAR</b> | <b>MEMORIAL SERVICE</b> | <b>1913</b> |

\*\*\*Memorial Services for your deceased family members who have passed away in the above memorial years may be arranged by making an appointment with Rev. Oyama. The names of those who have passed away in these years are available at request. For further information, please contact Rev. Oyama at 579-8051 or 280-5007.

# 2012 CALENDER OF EVENTS

## JANUARY

|    |        |          |                                                                              |
|----|--------|----------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1  | Sunday | Midnight | Joya no Kane (Dec 31, 2011 at 11:30pm)<br><b>NEW YEAR'S BLESSING SERVICE</b> |
| 8  | Sunday | 10:30 am | <b>BLESSING SERVICE &amp; O-FUDA YAKI SERVICE</b>                            |
| 15 | Sunday | 12:00 pm | <b>KYODAN MEETING</b>                                                        |

## FEBRUARY

|    |        |          |                                                                       |
|----|--------|----------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 5  | Sunday | 10:00 am | <b>NEHAN-E &amp; OJUZU MAWASHI SERVICE</b><br><b>NEW YEAR'S PARTY</b> |
| 12 | Sunday | 12:00 pm | <b>KYODAN MEETING, BAZAAR COMMITTEE MEETING</b>                       |
| 19 | Sunday |          | Hawaii Soto Mission Association Spring Meeting (Honolulu)             |
| 26 | Sunday | 8:30 am  | Bazaar Prep begins                                                    |

## MARCH

|       |          |            |                                                         |
|-------|----------|------------|---------------------------------------------------------|
| 4     | Sunday   | 8:30 am    | <b>SET UP HALL FOR BAZAAR</b>                           |
| 10-11 | Sat~Sun  |            | 8 <sup>th</sup> U.S. Soto Conference at Ala Moana Hotel |
| 17    | Saturday | 7 am       | Preparation for Bazaar/ Manju Making, Sushi Making      |
| 18    | Sunday   | 4 am       | Prep for Bazaar                                         |
|       |          | 7-11:00 am | <b>35<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL BAZAAR</b>                    |
| 25    | Sunday   | 10:30 am   | <b>SPRING O-HIGAN &amp; KAISAN REKIJYUKI SERVICE</b>    |

## APRIL

|       |           |          |                                                                        |
|-------|-----------|----------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 8     | Sunday    | 10:00 am | <b>PAIA HANAMATSURI SERVICE</b> at Mantokuji                           |
| 15    | Sunday    | 12:00 pm | <b>KYODAN MEETING</b>                                                  |
| 21-22 | Sat ~ Sun |          | <b>47<sup>th</sup> UHSSWA Conference</b> (hosted by Wahiwawa Ryusenji) |
| 29    | Sunday    | 9:00 am  | O-Bon Newsletter Making, Fold Towels                                   |

## MAY

|      |          |          |                                         |
|------|----------|----------|-----------------------------------------|
| 5,12 | Saturday | 10:00 am | Study Session for Confirmation Ceremony |
| 19   | Saturday | 10:00 am | Confirmation Ceremony                   |

## JUNE

|     |        |          |                                               |
|-----|--------|----------|-----------------------------------------------|
| 1 ~ |        |          | House Visitation O-Bon Tanagyo Services begin |
| 3   | Sunday | 10:30 am | <b>MEMORIAL DAY AND EITAIKUYO SERVICE</b>     |
|     |        | 12:30 pm | O-Bon Committee Meeting                       |
| 10  | Sunday | 12:00 pm | <b>KYODAN MEETING</b>                         |
| 24  | Sunday | 8:30 am  | <b>YAGURA CONSTRUCTION AND CLEAN UP DAY</b>   |
|     |        |          | O-Bon Committee Meeting                       |

## JULY

|         |           |          |                                           |
|---------|-----------|----------|-------------------------------------------|
| 1 ~     |           |          | House Visitation O-Bon Tanagyo Services   |
| 13 - 14 | Fri ~ Sat | 6:00 pm  | <b>O-BON DAISEJIKI-E SERVICE</b>          |
|         |           | 8:00 pm  | <b>O-BON DANCE FESTIVAL</b>               |
| 14      | Saturday  | 4:00 pm  | O-Bon Service at Mantokuji Cemetery       |
| 15      | Sunday    | 8:30 am  | <b>DISMANTLING OF YAGURA AND CLEAN UP</b> |
| 22      | Sunday    | 12:00 pm | O-Bon Committee Meeting - Evaluation      |

## AUGUST

|     |  |  |                                         |
|-----|--|--|-----------------------------------------|
| 1 ~ |  |  | House Visitation O-Bon Tanagyo Services |
|-----|--|--|-----------------------------------------|

## SEPTEMBER

|   |        |          |                                           |
|---|--------|----------|-------------------------------------------|
| 2 | Sunday | 10:30 am | <b>AUTUMN O-HIGAN AND RYOSOKI SERVICE</b> |
| 9 | Sunday | 12:00 am | <b>KYODAN MEETING</b>                     |

## OCTOBER

|    |        |          |                                                          |
|----|--------|----------|----------------------------------------------------------|
| 14 | Sunday |          | Hawaii Soto Mission Association Autumn Meeting (Waipahu) |
| 21 | Sunday | 10:00 am | <b>DARUMA-SAMA PICNIC / DARUMA-KI SERVICE</b>            |

## NOVEMBER

|    |        |          |                                |
|----|--------|----------|--------------------------------|
| 4  | Sunday | 12:00 am | <b>KYODAN MEETING</b>          |
| 18 | Sunday |          | <b>BEN FRANKLIN CRAFT FAIR</b> |

## DECEMBER

|     |           |          |                                                      |
|-----|-----------|----------|------------------------------------------------------|
| 1-8 | Sat - Sat | 7:00 am  | Rohatsu Sesshin (8 days of morning zazen meditation) |
| 2   | Sunday    | 10:30 am | <b>JODO-E SERVICE</b>                                |
| 16  | Sunday    | 8:30 am  | <b>End of the Year Clean-up Day</b>                  |
| 31  | Monday    | 11:30 pm | Joya no Kane & New Year's Blessing Service           |