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Mantokuji Newsletter

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Paia Mantokuji Soto Mission



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Aloha Members and Friends,

For the second time in a little over a year, we were forced to evacuate because of a tsunami. We were very lucky again that Mantokuji was spared from any harm, but Kahului, Kihei, Lahaina and other areas on Maui were affected. We were filled with gratitude from the many calls of support and concern we received. Although, we are powerless in the face of a natural disaster such as a tsunami, just knowing that we are not alone makes a huge difference.

Watching the powerful tsunami flowing through the Sendai Airport and the Miyagi and Fukushima coastal regions was a terrifying sight.

I began thinking of how the people who lost everything have to gather the strength to get on their feet and start again from scratch.

They need to shift gears from a state of complete shock and devastation, to accepting the reality of what had happened, and then having the determination and courage to move forward. It is much easier said than done.

We can not even imagine what goes through the mind of a person that is in that predicament.

But I have heard that when the tsunami struck in 1946, the members and friends of the temple jumped on their trucks from the plantation camps and drove to Paia to help put the cemetery back together. It is amazing how they were able to put aside their pain and act swiftly in a time like that.

We, human beings, are actually very strong and have the ability to survive in the most difficult situations. We need to keep together and support each other to get through these dire times. Let us pray and think deeply of what we can do to help the victims of the tsunami. And let us act upon our thoughts.

In Gassho,
Rev. Kenji Oyama, Resident Minister



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**You are cordially invited to attend the
Paia Hanamatsuri Service**

On: Sunday April 3, 2011

From: 10:00 AM

At Paia Rinzai Zen Mission

Held jointly with Paia Rinzai Zen Mission and the Maui Dharma Center

Paia Hanamatsuri Service

You are cordially invited to attend the Paia Hanamatsuri (Buddha Birthday Celebration) to be held at the Paia Rinzai Zen Mission on :

Sunday April 3, 2011 at 10:00 AM
Together with Paia Rinzai Zen Mission and Maui Dharma Center

Since 2005, we have been celebrating Hanamatsuri together with our neighbors, the Paia Rinzai Zen Mission and Maui Dharma Center. In alternating years, we host the Hanamatsuri and this year it will be held at the Paia Rinzai Zen Mission. We always enjoy the fellowship, the delicious meal, entertainment and playing games.

The Hanamatsuri service is a ceremony observed in celebration of the birth of Siddharta Gautama, the Shakyamuni Buddha, who was born on April 8 nearly 2600 years ago.

We will offer flowers, incense and pour amacha (sweet tea) on the baby Buddha statue that will be enshrined in the Hanamido – a special house for the baby Buddha that is decorated with flowers.

This year we are honored to have guest ministers participate in the ceremony from Japan: The Most Reverend Soeki Matsui (Secretary General of Myoshinji School, Rinzai Zen Mission), Rev. Shogaku Hoshi, Rev. Jobun Kajiro, and Rev. Yuko Inatomi.

Rev. Matsui will be our guest speaker for this service.

Please bring your family and friends to celebrate together!

Report on the Hawaii Soto Mission Association Spring Meeting

On February 20, 2011, President **Meyer Ueoka**, Vice President **Eric Moto**, **Bobbie Arita**, **Naoko Oyama**, and **Rev. Kenji Oyama** attended the HSMA Spring Meeting held at the Pagoda Hotel in Oahu. There were representatives from all nine Soto Shu Temples in Hawaii.

The minister's (Fukyoshikai) and minister's spouses (Jizokukai) had meetings the day before at the Soto Mission of Hawaii in Nuuanu.

Topics of discussion were:

- Upcoming U.S. Soto Conference to be held on November 12-13, 2011 at Ala Moana Hotel.
- International Symposium to be held on October 4-6, 2011 in Japan.
- Report and update on DVD Project, Sutra Book Project, Translation Project, and Confirmation Ceremony.

Report on Kyodan Meeting

The Kyodan (Membership) Meeting was held on February 13, 2011. We talked about the upcoming bazaar and Paia Hanamatsuri service.

2011-12 Kyodan Officers

President	Meyer Ueoka
Vice President	Eric Moto
Secretary	Janice Aquinde
Treasurer	Brian Moto
Directors	Michie Tamane
	Sachie Toyota
	Masako Nishijo
	Kay Hanano
	Cathy Murayama

Thank you to **Noriyuki Ueoka** and **Violet Moto** for serving as directors for many years!

Fujinkai News

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

Sunday April 10, 2011 at 8:30 am
Sunday May 1, 2011 at 8:30 am

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We thank the volunteers who came for the clean up on February 13, 2011: **Michie Tamane, Sachie Toyota, Carol Moto, Tokuko Abe, Bernice Nagato, Misa Umetsu, Gladys Nagata, Kiyoko Suzuki, Meyer Ueoka, Baron Ueoka, Howard Arita, Bobbie Arita, Marion Watanabe, Kay Hanano, Judy Matoi, Naoko Oyama, Rev. Oyama.**

Update of Fujinkai Conference

There will be 35 members of the Mantokuji Fujinkai and Kyodan attending the UHSSWA Conference that will be hosted by Mantokuji on April 16 and 17. The theme for the conference is "Open Mind, Open Heart".

Please help us!

Many of our active Fujinkai members have recently fallen ill or gotten injured and the regular monthly clean up crew has become fewer and it has become increasingly difficult to clean the nokotsudo and temple.

We are in need of volunteers to help us with the clean up and lessen the load that each person has to carry.

If no one can come to help us clean, professional cleaners will have to be hired, and therefore the maintenance fee will increase dramatically.

Please come to help us with the clean up!
Yoroshiku Onegaishimasu.

April Schedule

3	Sunday	10:00 am	Paia Hanamatsuri Service At Paia Rinzai Zen Mission
9	Saturday	8:30 am	Kannonko and Goeika Practice
10	Sunday	8:30 am 12 pm	Fujinkai Meeting & Clean Up Day Kyodan Meeting
15	Friday		Set up for Conference
16- 17	Saturday Sunday		46th UHSSWA Conference Hosted by Paia Mantokuji
30	Saturday	8:30 am	O-Bon letter making, towel folding

Coming up in May . . . (tentative schedule)

May 1	Fujinkai Meeting and Clean Up Day
May 8	Happy Mother's Day (day of rest)
May 9	Minister's Workshop (tentative)
May 14	Kannonko and Goeika Practice
May 15	Family Service/ Dharma Study
May 22	Family Service/ Japanese Study
May 29	Family Service/ Dharma Study

Zazen Sessions are on Saturday at 7 am and Sunday at 5 pm.

(We will not have Zazen on April 16 and 17)

Hospital and Hale Makua Visitations are scheduled during the month.

Donations made in February

I would like to sincerely thank you for your very generous donations!!!

General Donations

Stanley Watanabe Sally Yoshina Kenneth & June Uyeno Jane Kusuno Rebecca Kikumoto Torio Nishida Ronald & Vivian Ueoka	Takashi & Keiko Sato Yutaka & Alice Sorayama Takashi & Eleanor Masuda Randall & Karen Kimura Mitsuru Hirano & Juaneva Smith Allen & Mitsuko Nikaido	Lillian Tada Carol Moto Nancy Kim Tadayuki & Sumiye Horiuchi Sharon Taniguchi Fumiko Itakura
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Family of the late Fukiyo Ueoka Family – Three year memorial for Fukiyo Ueoka

Family of the late Haruyo Tanji – Services for Haruyo Tanji

Michie Tamane – In Memory of Satoru Tamane

Hideo & Joyce Kawahara – In Memory of Clara Sodetani on her birthday

Faith Sodetani and Garth Sodetani – In Memory of Clara Sodetani on her birthday

Yuriko Fukagawa – In Memory of Susumu Fukagawa – 7 year memorial

Satsuki Hiyakumoto – In Memory of Enzo & Kimi Yumen

Ralph & Sadako Nikaido – In Memory of Choji Suzuki

Eric Moto – Donation for use of hall, Celebrating Violet Moto's 88th Year Birthday

Edward & Hideko Zwick – Celebrating Violet Moto's 88th Year Birthday

Kalama Heights – Donation for Taiko Performance

David & Lisa Toyomura – Donation for use of hall – One year birthday party for Jolie

Robert & Carol Suzuki – Bazaar Donation

Gary Sato – Bazaar Donation

Generous Donations received for Nehan-e and O-juzu Mawashi service held on February 6, 2011

Reminder:

34th Annual Bazaar

to be held on

Sunday March 27, 2011 from 7 – 11 am

In Memoriam

We express our heartfelt sympathy to the family of the late **Haruyo Tanji**, 94, who passed away on February 19, 2011 at home. We pray for her and give our love and support to her family in this time of their great loss.

Namu Kie Butsu, Namu Kie Ho, Namu Kie So

Special Thanks

We would like to thank **Neil Hanzawa** and **Ken Baptist** of **Electrical Connection** for their help installing new light fixtures in the social hall. The hall is so much brighter now.

Thank you also to **Ron Brown** and **Mark Kobayashi** of **Brown and Kobayashi** for their help in the purchase of new tables for the temple hall.

Relief Fund for Earthquake and Tsunami Victims in Japan

The Hawaii Soto Mission Association and Bishop's Office will collect donations that will go toward aiding the victims of the recent earthquake and tsunami that hit Japan.

The Bishop Shugen Komagata will give the donation to the Soto Shu Headquarters in Tokyo when he goes to Japan in the middle of April.

Therefore, please send in your donation to Mantokuji (P.O.Box 790207, Paia, HI 96779) by **April 10**. (We will send donations received after the April 10 deadline to the Shumucho at a later date)

Please make checks payable to Mantokuji and note that it is for the Relief Fund. We will then send one bulk check from Mantokuji to the HSMA.

We sincerely pray from deep down in our hearts for the victims of this disaster and pray for their steady recovery.

Fujinkai Conference Special Donation Drive "Country Store"

The United Hawaii Soto Shu Women's Conference (Fujinkai Conference) will be held on April 16 and 17, 2011.

There will be a special donation drive ("country store") held on Sunday April 17 from about 11:30 am.

Please let Rev. Oyama know if you are interested in coming to the country store.

Retirement and Installation Ceremony at Sojiji Head Monastery

The Arch Bishop Kosen Omichi Zenji will retire on April 16, and the Reverend Shinzan Egawa will be installed as the new "Zenji-sama" at Sojiji Head Monastery in Tsurumi, Yokohama.

The Bishop Shugen Komagata will attend this ceremony.

Photos of the O-fuda Yaki and Blessing Service and Nehan-e and O-Juzu Mawashi Service and New Years Party.

