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*Mantokuji Newsletter*



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Aloha Members and Friends,

The two days of our O-Bon Festival was a great success despite a few showers that came down on us during the dancing and taiko performance. But as everyone says, "the rain is a blessing."

We thank everyone for coming out to join in the celebration and supporting Mantokuji. The sense of community in Maui is very strong and it is at its best at an event like O-Bon where people of all ages and ethnic groups come together and enjoy a night of fellowship.

We would like to thank all of our volunteers and donors who make it possible to hold this event and especially those who came from other islands, from the mainland and even from Japan. It is really amazing how much help we receive and we can feel something powerful and beautiful being created in the midst of all the busy and stressful work that we have to do.

We also would like to acknowledge the members of the **Nakayama Minyo Kai** who led the dancing, **Maui Taiko, Zenshin Daiko, Bon Odori Drummers and Mantokuji Taiko** for their outstanding performances.

We believe that it is important to continue holding this annual event for our future generations so that the values, ethics, and traditions that we received from our ancestors and departed loved ones will be passed down.

The summer is now reaching its peak as it is getting hotter each day. Please all take care and have an enjoyable O-Bon season!

Gratefully In Gassho,  
Rev. Kenji Oyama,  
Resident Minister



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**A Big Mahalo  
For your kind support  
During our O-Bon!**

## **Zumbathon for Japan with Rayo McPhee**

**Sunday August 7, 2011**

**From 1 pm to 4 pm**

**At Paia Community Center**

**Cost is \$15 (donation for Relief Fund)**

With the help of Zumba Instructor Rayo McPhee who is volunteering her time and services, Mantokuji will host a Zumbathon for Japan Relief at the Paia Community Center on Sunday August 7, 2011 from 1 pm to 4 pm.

There will be a low impact session at 1 p.m. and regular zumba at 2:30 p.m. All ticket holders are welcome to come for both sessions.

Tickets to participate are on sale for \$15. Checks may be payable to Mantokuji. It may be purchased at Mantokuji. Please call Rev. Oyama @ 579-8051, Cathy Murayama @ 283-6125, or Bobbie Arita @ 214-0593.

All of the proceeds will go to the Japan Relief Fund which will be sent through the Hawaii Soto Mission to the areas of Japan that were hit by the tsunami and earthquake that struck on March 11, 2011.

Please invite your friends and family for this fun event. Light refreshments will be served.

## **Rummage/ Craft Sale**

Also, in conjunction with the Zumbathon, starting from 12 pm, there will be a rummage/craft sale with individual vendors in the Mantokuji Social Hall.

Vendors may purchase a table for \$25 to sell their crafts or rummage items. The \$25 table fee will go to the Japan Relief Fund and what ever sales made may be kept by the vendor. (table is 10 ft by 2.2 ft)

Because space is limited, please sign up early as tables will be assigned on a first-come first-serve basis.

For more information, please call Rev. Oyama at 579-8051.

## **Fujinkai News**

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

**Sunday Aug 14, 2011 at 8:30 am**

**Sunday Sept 11, 2011 at 8:30 am**

**Sunday Oct 9, 2011 at 8:30 am**

Thank you to the following who came for the monthly clean up day on June 12:

**Michie Tamane, Kiyoko Suzuki, Violet Moto, Carol Moto, Bernice Nagato, Bobbie Arita, Marion Watanabe, Gladys Nagata, Kathleen Davis, Baron Ueoka, Meyer Ueoka, Kay Hanano, Judy Matoi, Misa Umetsu, Kiyoko Quiggle, Regina Tanizaki, Katy Rourke, Hideko Zwick, Cathy Murayama, Naoko Oyama, and Rev. Oyama.**

## **Fujinkai Workshops**

We are planning to have workshops on craft and cooking after the family service and study sessions in the autumn from about 11 am.

We will have a light pot luck lunch after the workshops.

September 18, 2011

September 25, 2011

October 23, 2011

October 30, 2011

## **Autumn O-Higan & Ryosoki Service**

You are cordially invited to attend the Autumn O-Higan and Ryosoki Service on

**Sunday September 4 at 10:30 am**

The O-Higan ceremony is observed in honoring our departed loved ones and also an occasion to remind ourselves of the six paramitas that we use as our guidelines for a healthy peaceful life.

The Ryosoki ceremony is a memorial service for the two founders of Soto Zen Buddhism in Japan, Dogen Zenji and Keizan Zenji. The actual day of the Ryosoki is September 29 as both founders had passed around this time.

Please join us for this special occasion and bring your family and friends.

When you practice  
as though this were  
your last moment,  
You will have freedom  
from everything.

## Donations Made in June

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

Note – Payments of Dues and Fees, Toba donations are not included in this list.

### *General Donations*

Norma Nakamura, Mr. & Mrs. Stanley Watanabe, Gayle & Darlene Yamada, Susan & James Stryker, Jane Kusuno, Susan Oshiro  
Janet Tamura, Paula Wong, Harriet Nakano, David & Doreen Kaibara, Phyllis Tempo & Marty Rosenblum

Family of the late Sajima Nakayama for 49 day memorial and burial for Sajima Nakayama  
Avery Nikaido for 1 year memorial for Tomiya Nikaido  
James and Susan Stryker for Wedding Ceremony  
Ted Takahashi for services for Isoki and Mitsu Takahashi  
Jane Kusuno for 40 year memorial for Kazuo Kusuno  
Masako Abe for 17 year memorial for Shoji Abe  
Natsuko Takayama for 3 year memorial for George Takayama and 17 year memorial for Sakayo Takayama  
Wilfred and Mary Ann Yamamoto for services in memory of Alice Masumi Nakasone, for use of facilities  
Patricia Wilcox for Japan Relief Fund in memory of Eiko Sakuma  
Yoshiko Sakuma, Harriet and Gail – in memory of Haruo Sakuma  
Lillian Tada for Japan Relief Fund  
Louis and Jean Wada for Japan Relief Fund  
Shirley Kodani – in memory of Shizue Matoi  
Shūichi Horiuchi for Building Fund  
Yaeko Yoshizawa – in memory of Chotaro and Mii Watanabe  
Hachiro & Susan Shimanuki – in memory of Neal Shimanuki  
Laura Sasaki – in memory of Nao & Toraji Kato  
Faith Ito – in memory of Fujiwara Family  
William & Janet Higa – in memory of Seichi & Teru Umetsu  
Arlyne Shibata – in memory of Arthur Ueoka  
Esther Watanabe – in memory of Katsura Family  
Tady & Sandra Arisumi – in memory of Sadao & Hanako Kusunoki, Shiro Nishijo, Mark Nishijo  
Faith Sodetani and Garth Sodetani – in memory of Clara Sumie Sodetani  
Stanley & June Murata – in memory of Masaji, Kiyoko and Darryl Akiyama  
Grace Masagatani – in memory of Nogami Family  
Sandra Shimomura – in memory of Saichi & Chieko Saito  
Gordon Watanabe – in memory of Toyoji & Kimi Watanabe  
Carl & Nancy Hasegawa – in memory of Saburo & Kisono Hasegawa  
Howard & Karen Takahashi – in memory of Suguru & Betty Takahashi  
Gordon & Delta Tamasaka – in memory of Tadayoshi & Mitsuko Tamasaka  
Brian Watanabe – in memory of Tsutomu Watanabe  
Russell & Wanda Taira – in memory of Harriet Miyagawa  
Mitsumi & Stella Yamada – in memory of Yumen Family

### *O-Bon Donation in memory of deceased family members*

David & Sidney Okada, Setsuko Toyooka, Michael & Miyoko Suda, Sumiko Suzuki, Charles & Sandra Uyeda,  
Sadae Kasahara, Harriet Yoshimori, Wayne Kobayashi, Yuichi & Lillian Harada, Harold Morioka, James & Ann Sato,  
Chieko Hiwatashi, Mitsue Kubo, Karen Fukushima, Louis & Jean Wada, Tony & Ayako Ishikawa, Edith Shimabuku,  
Albert & Glenda Ujje, Addison & Henrietta Harrison, Lillian Tada, Clyde & Jean Kono, Norma Yonezawa,  
Wallace & Mae Hirai, Fukuye Tokunaga, Charles & Midori Tomita, Michiko Shibuya, Tama Makishima, Noriyuki & Florence Ueoka

### *O-Bon Tanagyo Service offering*

Michie Tamane, Misa Umetsu, Avery Nikaido, Takashi & Keiko Sato, Yaeko and Pam Umetsu,  
Satoshi & Kiyoko Suzuki, Sumiko Suzuki, Mitsue Suehisa, Edith Shimabuku, Satoko Yamada, Ellen Horiuchi,  
Minerva Sakuma, Michael Okazaki & Carolann Guy, Mr. & Mrs. Ronald Tada, Lydia Furomoto, Lillian Tada,  
Meyer Leigh & Sharon Ueoka and Family, Ouchi and Nakayama Family, Susan Oshiro, Chester Kakiuchi,  
Matsue Inokuma and Family, Wayne & Evelyn Kajiwara

Many generous donations received for Memorial Day and Eitaikuyo Service held on June 5, 2011

## August Schedule

1~			O-Bon Tanagyo Season
7	Sunday	12 pm 1-4 pm	Rummage Sale at Mantokuji Zumbathon for Japan Relief with Rayo McPhee At Paia Community Center
14	Sunday	8:30 am	Fujinkai Meeting/Nokotsudo Clean up
21	Sunday		Fukushima Kenjinkai Luncheon
27	Saturday	8:30 am	Kannonko and Goeika Practice

Coming up in September . . . (tentative schedule)

September 3	UHSSWA Board Meeting at Betsuin
September 4	Autumn O-Higan and Ryosoki Service
September 7	Hale Makua Wailuku Service for Maui Buddhist Council
September 8	Minister's Meeting and Workshop at Betsuin
September 11	Fujinkai Meeting and Clean up Day Kyodan Meeting
September 17	Kannonko and Goeika Practice
September 18	Family Service and Dharma Study Fujinkai Workshop
September 25	Family Service and Japanese Study Fujinkai Workshop

Zazen Sessions are on Saturday at 7am and Sunday at 5 pm.  
Hospital and Hale Makua Visitations are scheduled during the month.

### In Memoriam

We express our heartfelt sympathy to the family of the late **Alice Masumi Nakasone**, 91, who passed away on June 17, 2011 at Hale Makua Kahului, and the family of the late **Michiko Virginia Hanzawa**, 92, who passed away on June 22, 2011 in Oahu.

We pray for them and give our love and support to their families in this time of their great loss.

**Namu Kie Butsu, Namu Kie Ho, Namu Kie So**

### Family Service and Study Sessions Sunday at 9 am

The Autumn-Winter season of Family Services and Study Sessions will begin in September. It is open to anyone who is interested in learning more about Buddhism, zazen meditation, and Japanese culture and language.

The following is the schedule:  
(the schedule may change so please check Mangan)

Sept 18	9am Family Service & Dhama Study
Sept 25	9am Family Service & Japanese Study
Oct 23	9am Family Service & Dhama Study
Oct 30	9am Family Service & Japanese Study
Nov 13	9am Family Service & Japanese Study & Shichi Go San Ceremony
Nov 27	9am Family Service & Dhama Study

The family service and study sessions are very casual and conducted in English. It is for all age groups, children and adult, and gives you an opportunity to ask questions and share your own thoughts and feelings about Buddhism with others.

If you exhale smoothly,  
without even trying to exhale,  
you are entering into  
the complete perfect  
calmness of your mind.