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Mantokuji Newsletter

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Paia Mantokuji Soto Mission



February 2012

Aloha Members and Friends,

Happy New Years! Shinnen Akemashite Omedetou Gozaimasu.
Kotoshi mo Douzo Yoroshiku Onegaishimasu.

I hope that you have all been well and were able to have a relaxing and happy holiday season.

The traffic through Paia is always very heavy during this time of the year. It must be because of the high season for visitors and also because of the big surf on the north shore. I guess this traffic is good for the economy, but sitting in it for a long time can make you think twice about driving out to town.

So when you have to drive into the traffic, we should leave earlier than usual and if possible, try to avoid the rush hours. Also, we should think about all the different possible routes to our destination and take the one that might be the less stressful. But if all fails, and there is nothing else you can do but to drive into the traffic in the peak of rush hour, the best thing to do is to just accept the fact that you will be driving very slowly for a while and try not to fight it. Then maybe you will actually enjoy the experience. It is when we cannot accept it and fight with it, that we end up suffering the most. It is a test of our patience and discipline. Let us start off the new year with compassion and understanding.

In Gassho,
Rev. Kenji Oyama, Resident Minister



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You are cordially invited to attend the
**Nehan-e (Nirvana Day) &
O-juzu Mawashi Service
And
New Years Party (Shinnenkai)**

O-fuda for your home and omamori will be available
On: **Sunday February 5, 2012**
From: **10 AM**


Message from Mantokuji Board President

Dear Members and Friends of Paia Mantokuji Mission,

The Year of the Rabbit, which has just concluded, was a glorious year. To all of you, gratefully we thank you. As we enter the Year of the Dragon, it is hoped that it will be better and richer in life.

In behalf of Mantokuji Mission, I wish to extend to all of you a very happy and prosperous New Year.

Sincerely,



MEYER M. UEOKA

President
Mantokuji Mission of Paia, Maui

Nehan-e & O-juzu Mawashi Service And New Years Party

You are cordially invited to attend the Nehan-e and O-juzu Mawashi service followed by our annual New Years Party to be held on :

Sunday February 5, 2012 at 10 am.

The Nehan-e service is a ceremony observed in commemoration of the passing of the Buddha who is said to have passed away on February 15 over 2500 years ago.

The O-juzu Mawashi service is a blessing service that is a Mantokuji tradition in which we form a big circle and pass the beads of a large o-juzu from hand to hand.

We welcome the Reverend Juo Shinohara from Soto Mission of Hawaii in Honolulu as our guest speaker.

Following the service we will have lots of fun at the New Years party to be held in the fellowship hall.

We will have entertainment and door prizes and of course the delicious meal made by the Fujinkai and Kyodan members.

We look forward to seeing you on this special day. Please come with your family and friends.

We would like to know in advance if you plan to attend so that we can prepare for the food and prizes. Please let Rev. Oyama know at 579-8051 if you plan to attend.

In Memoriam

We express our heartfelt sympathy to the family of the late **Roberta Yamada**, who passed away on December 25, 2011.

We pray for Roberta and give our utmost support to the family during this time of mourning.

Namu Kie Butsu, Namu Kie Ho, Namu Kie So

Fujinkai News

Monthly meetings and clean up as follows:

Sunday Feb. 12, 2012 at 8:30 am
No Fujinkai Meeting in March due to Bazaar

Thank you to the following who came to help for the monthly clean up on December 11, 2011:

Sachie Toyota, Michie Tamane, Tokuko Abe, Bernice Nagato, Carol Moto, Misa Umetsu, Robin Smith, Katy Rourke, Judy Matoi, Kay Hanano, Bobbie Arita, Marion Watanabe, Cathy Murayama, Chester Kakiuchi, Betty Yamashiro, Jeffrey Turnbull, Naomi Takahashi, Baron Ueoka, Meyer Ueoka, Naoko Oyama, Rev. Oyama.

Special thanks to **Chester Kakiuchi and Betty Yamashiro** who answered the call for help and others who help clean up when they come to visit their family in the nokotsudo.

In Need of Help! Please join the Fujinkai!

The annual dues is only \$5.

The Fujinkai, Women's Club, is the driving force for all of our events, activities, fundraisers and services.

We need the next generation to take over the duties as it becomes increasingly difficult for many of the old timers to participate.

The work that the Fujinkai takes on might not seem to be appealing for most people, but together with everyone, the tasks can actually be enjoyable and it is definitely very humbling and gratifying to be able to do volunteer work that has a positive purpose in life.

February Schedule

2	Thursday		Sokanbu and U.S. Soto Conference Meeting at Betsuin
5	Sunday	10:00 am	Nehan-e (Nirvana Day) and O-juzu Mawashi Service New Years Party (Shinnenkai)
12	Sunday	8:30 am 12:00 pm	Fujinkai Meeting & Clean Up Day Kyodan Meeting Bazaar Committee Meeting
18	Saturday		Hawaii Soto Shu Minister's Meeting
19	Sunday		HSMA Spring Meeting in Honolulu
25	Saturday	9:00 am	Kannonko and Goeika Practice
26	Sunday	8:30 am	Bazaar Workday – set up hall
28	Tuesday	8:30 am	Bazaar Workday

Coming up in March . . . (tentative schedule)

March 1	Bazaar Workday Sokanbu Meeting and U.S. Soto Conference Meeting
March 4	Set up Hall for Bazaar, clean up nokotsudo
March 6 & 8	Bazaar Workday
March 10 & 11	8 th U.S. Soto Conference, Bazaar Workday
March 13 & 16	Bazaar Workday
March 17	Set up for Bazaar, Manju Making, Sushi Making
March 18	35th Annual Bazaar
March 25	Spring O-Higan and Kaisan-ki Rekijyu-ki Service

Zazen Sessions are on Saturday at 7am and Sunday at 5 pm.
(We will not have Zazen on February 18 and 19 and March 10, 11, 17 & 18)
Hospital and Hale Makua Visitations are scheduled during the month.

Donations Made in December

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

General Donations

Norma Nakamura	James and Ann Sato	Calvin and Sharon Higuchi
Donna Fukuroku	Jean Arakawa	Addison and Henrietta Harrison
Sue Dengler	Sally Yoshina	Hitoshi and Setsuko Morimoto
Joyce N Takahashi	William and Carol Lau	Thomas and Clara Matsuzaki
Kathryn Monet	Stanley Sato	Dr. Seiya and Kiyoko Ohata
Ellen Nishida	Warren Nobuaki Iwatake	Rev. and Mrs. Ryuten Nakamura
Gima and Kakiuchi Family	Akio and Kay Hanano	Meyer Leigh and Sharon Ueoka
Eric Moto	Allan and Cathy Murayama	Justin Braga and Robin Arita
Carol Moto	Gary and Judy Matoi	Donald and Shirley Ann Kimizuka
Wayne and Ann Uradomo	Kenneth and June Uyeno	Erick Domingo and Melina Murayama

Shizue Honda – 25 year memorial for Mii Shishido
Masako Nishijo – 1 year memorial for Mark Nishijo
Claro Capili Jr. and Laura Boskoff – Wedding Ceremony and use of hall
Brian Watanabe, Ella Watanabe Family – Service for Karen Scapple and 17 year for Tsutomu Watanabe
Richard and Melinda Ishii Family – 3 year memorial for Yoshiye Ishii
Dennis and Grace Ishii – In Memory of Yoshiye Ishii for 3 year memorial
Stanley Yumen – 7 year memorial for Kimiyo Yumen
Pachi and Rob Haber and Family – In Memory of Yoichi & Fukino Matsumoto, Norbert & Lillian Haber
Herbert and Ethel Otaguro – In Memory of Saju Otaguro and Kosaburo Nakamura Families, James Otaguro
Carol Mae Takahashi – 27 year memorial for Shizuko and Kenji Watanabe, 50 year for Shoji Watanabe
Masue Kimura – 13 year memorial for Saichi Ito
Ralph & Sadako Nikaido – In Memory of the Shirokane & Nikaido Family
Lillian Tada – In Memory of Family and Friends
Wallace & Mae Hirai – In Memory of Miyuki and Katsutoshi Hirai
Linda Decker, Karen Morrow and Kusunoki Family – In Memory of Kusunoki and Nishijo Family
Lauren Sodetani – In Memory of Douglas & Clara Sodetani
Lisa Sodetani and Greg Zackious – In Memory of Douglas & Clara Sodetani
Faith Sodetani and Garth Sodetani – In Memory of Douglas & Clara Sodetani
Lloyd and Sharon Sodetani – In Memory of Douglas & Clara Sodetani

Donation for Kitchen Repairs (Building Fund)

Bernice Nagato	Shiichi Horiuchi	Ronald and Vivian Ueoka	Daniel and Jane Takahashi
Sharon Taniguchi	Colin Watanabe	Noriyuki and Florence Ueoka	

Generous Donations received for Jodo-e Service held on December 4, 2011

Special Thanks

We thank the **Bishop Fred Ogasawara** of the **International Zen Dojo of Maui** for the beautiful kadomatsu for New Years, **Kay Hanano** for the beautiful flower arrangements and kadomatsu, and the **Ueoka Family** for the Kasane Mochi for all of our buildings.

Thank you also to:

- **Mike Nakagawa** of **Insight Enterprise** for spraying all of our buildings for bug control.
- **Kathleen Davis, Dave Langille, and Hans** for handling the recycling of bottles and cans.
- **Kathleen Davis, Naomi Takahashi, Colin Watanabe** and **Joanne DeCoite** for the installation of the handrails and improvements for the hall restrooms.
- **Isabelle Scholl** for helping with computer maintenance.
- **Lon and Dru Mizoguchi** for helping clean and set up temple hall for the New Years service.

Thank you for help in End of the Year Clean up Day

Thank you to those who came to help for the End of the Year Clean up Day on Dec 18.

Baron Ueoka, Barbara Huntley, Meyer Ueoka, Yumiko Soga, Naomi Takahashi, Mitsuru Hirano, Becky Kikumoto, Christopher Zurcher, Jean Pozsar, Andy Pozsar, Pachi Haber, Bernice Nagato, Michie Tamane, Grace Saito, Misa Umetsu, Trillium Seafyre, Aaron Pettie, Katy Rourke, Kaoru Reinertsen, Kaiea Kane, Peter Hanano, Cassidy Hanano, Chester Kakiuchi, Jeffrey Turnbull, Becky Lau, Barry Sultanoff, Eric Moto, Carol Moto, Bobbie Arita, Cathy Murayama, Kay Hanano, Judy Matoi, Shirley Ann Kimizuka, Marion Watanabe, Naoko Oyama and Rev. Oyama.

We thank the **Mantokuji Taiko** members that came out to help for this clean up day.

Kitchen Remodeling Project Update

New cabinets will be installed in the hall kitchen in the middle of January and new rack shelves will replace the old one. More work will be done later in the year.

We thank **Kathleen Davis** and **Hans** for painting the walls and **Judy Matoi** and **Kay Hanano** for emptying the old cabinets.

A new convection oven was purchased and installed with the help of **Dean Wakamatsu** and **Kalani Wakamatsu** of **REMCO**, **Cathy Murayama** and **Howard Arita**.

We thank **Colin Watanabe** who installed a new water drain in the outside kitchen over the holidays.

2012 Membership Dues and Maintenance Fees

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

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

*Please make note of family/individuals or niche #.

Please make payment at your earliest convenience. Checks may be made out to : **Paia Mantokuji**.

PO Box 790207, Paia, HI 96779.

Membership Dues are paid annually to support the temple, to maintain the buildings and its activities, and to ensure the future of Mantokuji.

There are many who live in the U.S. Mainland, on neighbor islands, and in Maui who pay the annual dues in respect to their parents and grandparents who have helped build the legacy of Mantokuji and hold a sincere wish that Mantokuji will be here for future generations.

We hope that more of you will pay the annual dues and become more involved so that our temple can continue to be an important part of your lives and of our whole community.

Without your involvement, the temple will likely not survive and it would be a great loss for everyone as there is no other place like Mantokuji anywhere else.

Please give us your support!

Need help mowing lawn!

The rainy season is here and we are in need of volunteers to mow the lawn and weedwack in the cemetery.

Our longtime volunteer, Baron Ueoka, who came every Saturday and Sunday throughout the year has not been well and is limited in what he can do now.

Therefore, if there is not enough volunteer help, we may have to hire professional yard workers and that would mean an increase in the fees for the cemetery maintenance.

We receive about \$2000 every year from the collection of cemetery fees which help pay for the fuel, equipment and tools, sprays, and the cost to service and repair the tractor, lawn mower and weedwackers.

We are fortunate to have had the help of volunteers such as Baron, Meyer Ueoka, Kathleen Davis and Hans who have helped cut grass and also Hideo Tanimoto who has serviced the lawn mowers and tractors for us. Thanks to them, we have been somehow able to keep the fees at a minimum up to now. So please come out to help us!