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*Mantokuji Newsletter*



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Aloha Members and Friends,

The mango season is about to end (in Paia anyway). It was a delight to have a fruitful mango season this year as we had very little last year - which is unusual.

So even in Hawaii, where we do not have distinct changes in the season, we can still experience the season's changing with the coming and going of the mangoes.

Last week, when I went to my monthly meeting at Betsuin in Honolulu, one of the ministers, Rev. Juo Shinohara, commented on how tasty the mango that he ate in Maui during the conference was, and that he bought some from the supermarket the other day.

Having a mango tree at Mantokuji, and having many people sharing their mangoes with us, and never having to purchase mangoes, I was surprised to hear him say that he had to buy it. I had a strange assumption that a mango was not bought.

It struck me that the value of a mango can be so different depending on where you live. Here I am, with a tree so full of mangoes that most of it goes to the birds and bugs that I have to compete with all the time, and then there is Rev. Shinohara who has to pay \$3 to \$5 to eat one, and then I hear that it costs \$30 - \$50 (¥ 3000-5000) when you buy one in a department store in Japan.

So it is very interesting how we put such different prices on the same item depending on the circumstances, when in actuality, there is no exact price that can be tagged on a mango or on anything.

The O-Bon season signifies that summer has arrived in Hawaii. Please enjoy the O-bon season, the good food and good times!

Gratefully In Gassho, Rev. Kenji Oyama, Resident Minister



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**O-Bon 2011**

**July 8 & 9, 2011**

**Service - 6 PM Dance - 8 PM**

### Hatsu Bon List

Hatsu Bon means “the first O-Bon” for those who had passed away within the last year from May 22, 2010 to May 20, 2011. We will be honoring the following who are having their *hatsu bon* during the O-Bon Services on July 8 and 9.

- Mitsuo Hashimoto – 7.9.10
- Michie Saito – 7.15.10
- Yoshiko Tempo – 7.17.10
- Frances Sueko Ono – 7.30.10
- Owen Harrison – 8.24.10
- Mildred Matsuko Suehisa – 9.9.10
- Marian Hisayo Kakiuchi – 10.3.10
- Shizue Okazaki – 12.9.10
- Paul Kei Oshiro – 12.22.10
- Mark Nobuo Nishijo – 12.28.10
- Takeo Paul Endo – 1.15.11
- Haruyo Tanji – 2.19.11
- Shizue Matoi – 3.21.11
- Yukiko Sato – 3.24.11
- Sakai Horiuchi – 3.27.11
- Kay Kaoru Sakamoto – 4.16.11
- Saburo Sato – 4.17.11
- Sajima Nakayama – 4.24.11

### Fujinkai News

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

- Sunday July 17, 2011 at 8:30 am
- Sunday August 14, 2011 at 8:30 am

The Fujinkai recently went to the Kaanapali Beach Hotel for brunch and we also stopped over at the beautiful Lahaina Jodo Mission where we were warmly received by Rev. and Mrs. Gensho Hara and their daughter Yayoi. We thank them for their kind hospitality!

### Zumbathon for Japan Sunday August 7, 2011

We will be holding a Zumbathon (dance called Zumba) with the help of instructor Rayo McPhee on Sunday August 7, 2011 at the Paia Community Center across of Mantokuji from 1 pm to 4 pm.

Donations will be accepted for the Japan Relief Fund to help the victims of the Earthquake and Tsunami in Japan. Checks may be made out to Mantokuji and we will then send a bulk check to Japan. We ask for your support!

### More Information on O-Bon Festival

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| <b>When :</b> | <b>July 8 &amp; 9, 2011 (Friday and Saturday)</b>                 |
| <b>Time :</b> | <b>6:00 pm Bon Service</b>  |
|               | <b>7:15 pm Taiko Performance by Mantokuji Taiko (both nights)</b> |
|               | <b>7:30 pm Taiko Performance by Maui Taiko (Friday)</b>           |
|               | <b>Taiko Performance by Zenshin Daiko (Saturday)</b>              |
|               | <b>8 ~ 10 pm Bon Dance</b>  |

The Bon Service is conducted to remember our loved ones who have passed away, especially those who are having their first O-Bon, *Hatsubon*, after they left us. Let us join together in celebration and reunion!  
*Additional parking is available at the Hawaiian Protestant Church*

### Looking for Volunteers to help at O-Bon!

We are looking for volunteers who can help at the upcoming O-Bon Festival.

The work schedule is as follows:

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| <b>July 7 (Thu)</b>  | <b>8:30 am</b> | <b>Prep food, set up hall</b>                 |
| <b>July 8 (Fri)</b>  | <b>8 am</b>    | <b>Prep food, set up chochin</b>              |
|                      | <b>5 pm</b>    | <b>Parking attendants</b>                     |
|                      | <b>6 pm</b>    | <b>Food booth</b>                             |
|                      | <b>10pm</b>    | <b>Clean up</b>                               |
| <b>July 9 (Sat)</b>  | <b>8 am</b>    | <b>Prep food, clean up</b>                    |
|                      | <b>5 pm</b>    | <b>Parking attendants</b>                     |
|                      | <b>6 pm</b>    | <b>Food booth</b>                             |
|                      | <b>10pm</b>    | <b>Clean up</b>                               |
| <b>July 10 (Sun)</b> | <b>8:30 am</b> | <b>Take down Yagura and chochin, Clean up</b> |

Please come whenever you are available and for as long as you are able to!  
We really appreciate any kind of help that you can give us!

Note about parking:  
If you plan to stay until the end,  
please park your car around the yagura area or closer to buildings if space is available. .

## Special Donations Made in May

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

Note – Dues, Fees, Toba donations are not listed.

Richard & Jewell Matsuura/ Alice Kono	3 year memorial for Noboru Matsuura
Esther Hanzawa	3 year memorial for Donald Hanzawa
Sandra and Matthew Daniells	3 year memorial for Ralph Hanzawa
Shoye Katena	In Memory of James Ryosho Katena
Paul & Anne Sakamoto and Family	Services for Kay Kaoru Sakamoto
Sharon Ueoka and Nakayama Family	Services for Sajima Nakayama
Carol Tanji	100 day memorial for Haruyo Tanji
Ellen Horiuchi	49 day memorial for Sakai Horiuchi
Paul Matsuoka	In Memory of Tsumano Matsuoka Family
Thomas & Evelyn Ikeda	In Memory of Yasuke and Saki Sato and deceased siblings
Annette Morita	In Memory of Shoyei and Kamata Miyahira
Hachiro & Susan Shimanuki	In Memory of Neal Shimanuki
Laura Sasaki	In Memory of Nao & Toraji Kato
Margaret Hanzawa	In Memory of Donald Hanzawa, Ralph Hanzawa, Noboru Matsuura
Lynette Viela	In Memory of Donald Hanzawa, Ralph Hanzawa, Noboru Matsuura
Masue Kimura	In Memory of Moto Ito Family
Steven & Ileene Tanabe	For Japan Relief Fund
Stanley Ito	In Memory of Yozo Ito, Tari Ito, and Tetsumi Ito
Sandra Handa	In Memory of Yoshio & Shizue Higuchi
Pachi Haber & Rob Haber	In Memory of Norbert & Lillian Haber, Yoichi & Fukino Matsumoto
Hatsumi Hayashi/ Sharon Shimabukuro	In Memory of Hayashi Family
Hideo & Joyce Kawahara	In Memory of Shizue Matoi
Hideo & Joyce Kawahara	For Japan Relief Fund

### General Donations and O-Bon Donations (until June 5)

Setsuko Toyooka	Charles & Sandra Uyeda	Jean Wakashige
David & Sidney Okada	Yuichi & Lillian Harada	Harriet Yoshimori
Fumiko Teraguchi	Wayne Kobayashi	Hitoshi & Setsuko Morimoto
Kiyoko Sato	Patsy Yoshimura	Michael & Miyoko Suda
Henry Kurasaki	Brian & Sharla Hasegawa	Sumiko Suzuki
Noboru Ono	Buzzy & May Okazaki	Carol Tanji
Sadae/ Faith Kasahara	Dr. Jay & Emi Hiramoto	Samuel Tanimoto
Sam Hironaka	George & Masami Nakahara	Akime Hiwatashi
Fusayo Okita/ Tomoyo Tanaka	James & Marian Yoshioka	Robert & Carol Suzuki
Scott & Kimberly Tanaka	George Kawakami	Ed & Hideko Zwick
Val Dieguez	Midori Watanabe	

### Info on International Symposium and Japan Tour

The Soto Shu International Center in San Francisco has been planning the International Symposium to be held at the Tokyo Grand Hotel on October 4 and it also includes visiting the Daihonzan Eiheiji Tokyo Betsuin and Daihonzan Sojiji for their 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the relocation of the temple on October 5 and 6.

The registration fee for the symposium is \$200 (which includes 2 nights at Tokyo Grand Hotel (double occupancy), 1 night at Daihonzan Sojiji, 3 breakfasts, 2 dinners, ground transportation for visiting Eiheiji Tokyo Betsuin and Sojiji) This fee may be paid to the **Soto Mission of Hawaii**.

The Soto Mission of Hawaii is planning a Japan Tour that will be from October 2 to October 10 with Nakamura Travel Agency. The estimated cost is \$1,795 - \$2,350 (includes airfare, 3 nights of hotel in Kyoto, 1 night in Tokyo, 4 breakfasts and Japan rail pass for 7 days.) This trip is geared to give participants the flexibility to go out on your own during the trip. Note: you do not have to be on this tour in order to attend the International Symposium. You may make your own travel arrangements, and join the group just for the three days of the International Symposium. Deadline for registration is August 31, 2011.

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

#### Notice:

#### Painting inside of Nokotsudo

We are presently having discussions on painting the interior of the nokotsudo (columbarium) some time after our O-Bon.

At the time of publication, the exact date has not been set, but we are looking at a few days in July after O-Bon or in August some time.

We will post up the exact dates on the nokotsudo doors when everything has been decided on.

The nokotsudo will be closed for 2-3 days while it is being painted. We ask for your cooperation.

#### Info on 8<sup>th</sup> U.S. Soto Conference

The 8<sup>th</sup> U.S. Soto Conference which was scheduled to be held on November 12 and 13 at the Ala Moana Hotel will be postponed to another weekend possibly in the Spring of 2012 but not yet determined.

We have decided to move the days of the conference because the APEC Convention will be held on the same weekend that we had planned the conference and they expect 20,000 people from all over the world, tightened security and road blockages.

## July Schedule

1~	June ~ August		O-Bon Tanagyo Season
6	Wednesday	7 am	Draw Parking Lines for O-Bon
7	Thursday	8:30 am	Prep for O-Bon, set up, clean
8	Friday	8 am 6 pm 7:15 pm 8 pm	Preparation for O-Bon Festival O-Bon Daisejkie Service Taiko Performance Bon Dance
9	Saturday	8 am 4 pm 6 pm 7:15 pm 8 pm	Preparation for O-Bon Festival O-Bon Service at Mantokuji Cemetery O-Bon Daisejkie Service Taiko Performance Bon Dance
10	Sunday	8:30 am	Yagura Dismantle and Clean up
15-16	Fri-Sat		Rev. Oyama assist with o-bon service at Betsuin
17	Sunday	8:30 am 12 pm	Fujinkai Meeting and Clean Up O-Bon Evaluation Meeting

Coming up in August and September. . . (tentative schedule)

Tanagyo O-Bon House Visitation Service continue throughout the summer

August 7	Zumbathon Fundraiser for Japan Relief Fund
August 14	Fujinkai Meeting and Clean up
August 21	Fukushima Kenjinkai Lunch at Mantokuji
August 27	Kannonko Service and Goeika Practice
September 3	UHSSWA Board Meeting
September 4	Autumn O-Higan and Ryosoki Service
September 11	Fujinkai Meeting and Clean up, Kyodan Meeting
September 17	Kannonko and Goeika Practice
September 18	Family Service & Dharma Study, Fujinkai Workshop(tentative)
September 25	Family Service & Japanese Study, Fujinkai Workshop(tentative)

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

**No Zazen on July 9, 16**

Hospital and Hale Makua Visitations are scheduled during the month.

### 16 Buddhist Precepts

Taking Refuge in the Buddha  
Taking Refuge in the Dharma  
Taking Refuge in the Sangha

    Ceasing from evil  
    Doing Good  
Living for the benefit of all beings

    Affirming life – not killing  
Respecting the property of others – not stealing  
Honoring relationships – not misusing sexuality  
    Manifest truth – not lying  
Proceed clearly – not clouding the mind with intoxicants  
Being mindful of one's speech – not speaking of  
    other's errors and faults  
Maintaining modesty – not elevating the self  
    and blame others  
    Giving freely – not being withholding  
Dwelling in equanimity – not letting anger  
    take control of you  
Always respecting the Buddha, Dharma and Sangha

### Update on Confirmation Ceremony

The Confirmation Ceremony is a ceremony in which you can formally make a personal commitment to receive and upkeep the 16 Buddhist precepts.

Two study sessions will be held to prepare for the ceremony and those who complete the ceremony will receive a Buddhist name, a certificate, and a wagesa (a sacred collar worn around your neck for services and other occasions).

There is a \$50 donation (per person) to participate in the ceremony and you must be 16 or older (permission of parent required if a minor).

This ceremony will take place at each Soto Mission in Hawaii during the next three years. The first one was held at Wahiawa Ryusenji on May 29, 2011.

We are scheduled to hold this ceremony at Mantokuji next year on May 19, 2012 (Saturday) with two study sessions on May 5 (Sat) and May 12 (Sat).

If you are interested and need more information, please let Rev. Oyama know.

Thank you very much.