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Mantokuji Newsletter

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Paia Mantokuji Soto Mission



March 2011

Aloha Members and Friends,

I hope that all is well with you and your family!

We knew all along that we would be very busy this year, but this past month had been so hectic it seemed to have passed by in a flash. I can foresee that the next few months will also pass by like a whirlwind.

Such is life that we can spend a lot of time preparing for something, but many times it just does not go the way we expect it to.

So I guess the best thing to do is to be prepared for everything and anything.

How can we be prepared for everything and anything?

We can focus on being here in the "now" and empty ourselves so that we have the capacity to take in anything that comes our way.

We need to have space and flexibility in our mind and body so that we can react calmly and directly to everything.

A mind that is full and heavy with many thoughts can burden us and make it very difficult to accept new things that appear out of the blue.

Slowing down, having good posture, and taking deep breathes may work wonders in allowing us to clear our mind and relieve the stress that weighs our body down.

I hope that we all can take a few minutes out of our busy schedule to reset ourselves and be able to enjoy what is going on in our lives. Please take care!

In Gassho,
Rev. Kenji Oyama, Resident Minister



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Paia Mantokuji's
34th Annual Bazaar
Sunday March 27, 2011
7 ~ 11 AM

You are cordially invited to attend the
**Spring O-Higan
And
Kaisan Rekijyu-ki Service**

On: **Sunday March 6, 2011**

From: **10:30 AM**

The Spring O-Higan is a time to remember and offer spiritual prayers to our deceased loved ones. Along with O-Bon and the Autumn O-Higan, it is one of the three major occasions during the year in which we join with family and friends to make our offerings to our departed loved ones. O-Higan is also a time to reflect on the six paramitas (six perfections) and concentrate on nurturing our inherent Buddha Nature. In doing so, we naturally and spontaneously bring peace and morality to our lives and to all those around us.

The Kaisan Rekijyu-ki is a memorial service for the founder and successive deceased ministers of Mantokuji. We will honor them at the same time as we observe the O-Higan service.

We welcome the **Reverend Myoshin Lang** of Hilo Taishoji Soto Mission as our guest speaker for this service.

Please come and join us for this occasion on **March 6, 2011 at 10:30 am.**

Fujinkai News

Monthly meetings and clean up are as follows:

No meeting in March because of bazaar

Sunday April 10, 2011 at 8:30 am

Sunday May 1, 2011 at 8:30 am

Thank you to the following who came to help for the monthly clean up on January 16, 2011:

Sachie Toyota, Michie Tamane, Tokuko Abe, Bernice Nagato, Carol Moto, Misa Umetsu, Kathleen Davis, Meyer Ueoka, Baron Ueoka, Bobbie Arita, Marion Watanabe, Judy Matoi, Kay Hanano, Cathy Murayama, Violet Moto, Eric Moto, Naoko Oyama, Rev. Oyama.

Last call for Fujinkai Conference

The Fujinkai Conference will be held at Mantokuji on April 16 and 17, 2011. Although the deadline for registration has passed, we have until March 13 to make any changes so if there is anyone who would like to join in this special event please let Rev. Oyama, Okusan or any of the Fujinkai members know as soon as possible.

Thank you very much!

34th Annual Bazaar

Our annual bazaar will be held on March 27 this year and we will begin preparing from the end of February.

We ask of your kind help in preparing and setting up for the bazaar and for your donations of rummage items, potted plants, vegetables, fruits, flowers, baked goods and ingredients.

And also we ask for your help in advertising and spreading the word about our bazaar.

The work schedule for bazaar preparation is as follows:

Feb 27 (Sun) 8:30 am - pricing, sorting
March 8 (Tue) 8:30 am - pricing, sorting
March 10 (Thu) 8:30 am - pricing, sorting
March 13 (Sun) 8:30 am - Set up Hall, prep
March 15 (Tue) 8:30 am - pricing, sorting
March 17 (Thu) 8:30 am - pricing, sorting
March 19 (Sat) 8:30 am - pickled vegetables
March 20 (Sun) 8:30 am - pricing, sorting
March 22 (Tue) 8:30 am - pricing, sorting
March 25 (Fri) 8:30 am - food prep
March 26 (Sat) 7:00 am - Set up, food prep
Manju making
3:00 pm - Sushi making
March 27 (Sun) 3:00 am - cooking, packing
Bazaar 7 am to 11 am
11am - **Cleaning up after bazaar ends**

The bazaar is an important fundraiser that is vital in keeping Mantokuji on its feet, a time for members and friends of Mantokuji to work together toward a unified purpose, and to nurture the spirit of giving and helping others.

March Schedule

3	Thursday	9:30 am	Minister's Workshop at Betsuin
6	Sunday	10:30 am 1 pm	Spring O-Higan and Kaisan Rekiyu-ki Service Bazaar Meeting
12	Saturday	8:30am	Kannonko and Goeika Practice
13	Sunday	8:30 am	Set up Hall for Bazaar
19	Saturday	8:30 am	Pickled Vegetables
20	Sunday	8:30 am	Bazaar Workday
26	Saturday	7 am 3 pm	Bazaar Prep, Manju Making, set up Sushi Making
27	Sunday	3:00 am 7 ~ 11 am	Preparation for Bazaar 34th Annual Bazaar

Bazaar Work Days: Feb 27 (Sun), March 8 (Tue), March 10 (Thu), March 13 (Sat), March 15 (Tue), March 17 (Thu), March 20 (Sat), March 22 (Tue), March 25 (Fri)

Coming up in April . . . (tentative schedule)

- April 3 Paia Hanamatsuri Service hosted by Paia Rinzaï Zen Mission
- April 9 Kannonko and Goeika Practice
- April 10 Fujinkai Meeting and Clean Up Day, Kyodan Meeting-Bazaar Evaluation
- April 15 Set up for Conference
- April 16-17 46th UHSSWA Conference hosted by Mantokuji
- April 30 O-Bon Announcement making, O-Bon towel folding

Zazen Sessions are on Saturday at 7 am and Sunday at 5 pm.
(We will not have Zazen on March 26, April 16 and 17)
Hospital and Hale Makua Visitations are scheduled during the month.

Donations made in January

General Donations

<p>Tamayo Yamada Masako Abe Ralph and Amy Arakaki George Kadokawa Sam and Dorothy Hatanaka Mitsue Suehisa Ivan and Son Watanabe Donna Fukuroku Joanna Ito Torao Yokoyama Gertrude Ueoka OppenheimerFunds Legacy Fund, Nancy Kim Hachiro and Susan Shimanuki Edward and Hideko Zwick Ted Takahashi Shiichi Horiuchi Ueoka Family (Kay Hanano) Charles and Midori Tomita Karl and Linda Yoshioka Sandra Shimomura Gordon and Delta Tamasaka Masako Nishijo and Family Kiyoe Kumasaka Edith Hiraga Brad and Sandy Kumabe, Lester and Debbie Yokote, Meyer Leigh and Sharon Ueoka, Betsy Ouchi, Sajima Nakayama, Jean Saito, Roy and Gwen Hiraga – In Memory of Suetoshi Hiraga Yasuo and Fumiko Sorayama Mr. & Mrs. Yutaka Sorayama Gladys Nagata Ted and Lana Furuichi Takashi & Eleanor Masuda Milton and Mildred Taura and Family Lorraine Nishijo John and Sharon Umeno, Leigh and Diane Wakamatsu, Corey and Aileen Waite and Family - 1 year memorial for Dorothy Suehiro, 50 year memorials for Kameyo Wada and Katsuyo Wada</p>	<p>Leslie and Linda Takahashi Ella Kimie Watanabe Russell and Wanda Taira Debra Ann Morioka Meyer and Yukie Ueoka Ken and Sandy Abe Kinuko Nikaido Mark and Lois Sato Hitoshi and Setsuko Morimoto Addison and Henrietta Harrison Patricia Kochi</p>	<p>Takashi and Keiko Sato Brian Watanabe Haruyo Tanji/ Carol Tanji Masue Kimura Robert and Carol Suzuki Dr. Seiya and Kiyoko Ohata Satoko Yamada Sumiko Suzuki Kiyoko Quiggle Noboru Ono Joan and Walter Higashi Sharon Shimakuro</p>
	<p>Eitaikuyo Fund – Fusako Fukawa, Hisako Nakamura, Shin Ino Building Fund Building Fund For use of hall Bazaar Donation Bazaar Donation In Memory of Saichi and Chieko Saito 3 year memorial for Mitsuko Tamasaka In Memory of Mark Nishijo, for use of hall In Memory of Hiroshi Bob Kumasaka, Sakuma Family 7 year memorial for Suetoshi Hiraga</p>	

Generous Donations received for New Years Blessing and Ofuda Yaki Service held on January 9, 2011

Hawaii Soto Mission Bishop's Office Bishop's Message

Aloha and Happy New Year! . . . with warm wishes from Bishop's Office. Time flies by like an arrow and the year of the Tiger has gone by. I pray that the 2011 New Year of the Rabbit, will be a happy, healthy, and safe one for you and your family.

I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to you for your prayers of compassion for peace throughout the past year. May I ask all of you to continue with your prayers as the New Year promises a fresh start and fills every heart with hope and aspirations.

With everyone's support and encouragement let us promote and practice the teachings of Shakamuni Buddha, Dogen Zenji and Keizan Zenji. Our life each day should be time cherished and appreciated and lived to the fullest without any regrets. How we live everyday - - with Buddha's teaching as our guide - - and how much we appreciate this very life is what determines the quality of life we can enjoy and share with one another in making our world a peaceful place to live.

Looking ahead, the year 2011 will be a promising and special year as the Hawaii Soto Mission Bishop's Office and the Hawaii Soto Mission Association will be hosting the 8th U.S. Soto Conference. The Conference will be held on November 11,12, and 13, 2011 at the Ala Moana Hotel. The Conference will be attended by Soto temple members of Los Angeles, Long Beach, Montebello, San Francisco, Monterey and all Soto temples of Hawaii. This will be a great opportunity to renew friendships as well as to make new friends with the mainland Soto members while sharing Buddha's teachings together.

Another project which the Bishop's Office is planning this year is to start a religious program called "Initiation Ceremony" ("Nyushin-Shiki" in Japanese) over a period of three years, to provide an opportunity to members and friends to formally commit themselves to become Soto Buddhists by taking sixteen precepts of the Buddha. We will commence with this project starting this year in Oahu.

With your cooperation, the Bishop's Office and staff, Rev. Juo Shinohara and Rev. Kenji Oyama, are committed to working together with you and your temple in providing assistance with various programs and projects. Please call or visit us any time. We appreciate your continued support during the coming year.

May you always be surrounded by the Light and Compassion of the Shakamuni Buddha, Kannon and Jizo Bodhisattvas throughout the year 2011.

In Gassho,

Bishop Shugen Komagata

In Memoriam

We express our heartfelt sympathy to the family of the late **Takeo Endo**, 95, who passed away on January 15, 2011 in Honolulu.

We pray for him and give our love and support to his family in this time of their great loss.

Namu Kie Butsu, Namu Kie Ho, Namu Kie So

Congratulations to Hideko Zwick!

Congratulations to **Hideko Zwick** for receiving the prestigious Japanese Cultural Award from the Japanese Cultural Society of Maui for her many years of teaching and sharing the art of ikebana (Japanese flower arrangement).

We are very happy and proud that one of our members has received this wonderful award.

Omedetou Gozaimasu!

Maui Premiere of Great Grandfather's Drum

The Maui premiere of the Great Grandfather's Drum (Fukushima Ondo), an one-hour documentary filmed and produced by Cal and Victoria Lewin, will be at Iao Theatre on Thursday February 24, 2011. There will be two showings at 5:30 pm and 7:30 pm for \$10 (\$5 for students and seniors above age 65). Tickets are available at Credit Associates of Hawaii, Hamai Appliance, Maui Box Shop, Omochaya, and Party Paradise.

For more information, you may call 283-9999.

Some of the filming was done at Paia Mantokuji and it features the Watanabe Family, long time members of Mantokuji. This documentary is a very important part of the history of Maui and we hope that the younger generations will be able to watch it and learn about the hardships and efforts of the Isseis and Niseis.