



# FRIEND OF THE DHARMA



WAILUKU HONGWANJI BUDDHIST TEMPLE  
A JODO SHINSHU COMMUNITY TEMPLE



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## TEACHINGS FROM THE REVEREND

## Hanamatsuri

Reverend Shinkai Murakami

Namo Amida Butsu

According to legend, the Historical Buddha was born about 2550 years ago in Northern India. The following is a story about Buddha's birth: When he was born, the earth shook, flowers bloomed in all areas, soft music played, and sweet rain fell, bathing baby Buddha. After his birth, he immediately stood up and took seven steps. Then, with his right hand pointing to Heaven and his left hand pointing to Earth, he declared, "Above the Heaven, and Below the Earth, I alone am the most honored one." This event is said to have occurred on April 8. Although this story was created by one of Buddhism's followers, it symbolizes the greatness of Buddha, who enlightened and showed us the path of truth.

When Buddha was born, a great prophet told King Suddhodana of the Shakya clan, the father of Prince Siddhartha, the following: "Oh, King, you have a great prince; if he remains in the palace, he will become the greatest King in the World. However, if he chooses to become a monk, he will become a great monk, the savior of the World." Upon hearing this prophecy, King Suddhodana was happy for his son's great future. Unfortunately, his mother, Queen Maya, passed away after giving birth to Buddha.

Buddha grew up surrounded by

love and blessings from everyone. As he matured, King Suddhodana began to worry about the possibility of his only son leaving the palace to become a monk. Therefore, he provided Siddhartha with everything to enjoy a luxurious life in the palace. However, at the age of 29, Siddhartha left the palace in search of truth.

Why did he leave his secure and luxurious life to become a truth seeker or monk? The actual reason remains unknown. However, it can be assumed that several factors influenced his decision. One reason might have been the loss of his mother shortly after his birth, causing him to grow up under the care of his stepmother and exposing him to the impermanence of life. Despite living as a prince, he had never faced significant challenges. Yet, various incidents made him question his life and contemplate the reality of existence.

He underwent rigorous practices in search of truth, but all his efforts seemed futile. Exhausted and nearly at death's door by the riverbank, he was revived by rice soup offered by Sujata, a village woman. He realized that despite his intense practices, he had not achieved what he sought. Determined, he sat under a tree and vowed, "I will not move from this place until I become Enlightened." This occurred on the 1st day of December.

After seven days of meditation, he attained enlightenment on the early morning of the 8th day of December, becoming a Buddha.

Since then, Buddha has imparted his profound teachings to countless individuals in India. Despite his passing 2500 years ago, his teachings have transcended borders, providing countless people worldwide with spiritual courage and a path to truth. For generations, we have found peace and serenity in our lives through his guidance.

With gratitude and appreciation, we celebrate Buddha's birth with joy and happiness. The flower pavilion we decorate symbolizes the Lumbini Garden, where Buddha was born, and pouring sweet tea expresses our genuine gratitude to Buddha for his birth and teachings.

Hanamatsuri is a time for us to rejoice in spiritual joy and happiness with our sangha and ohana, guided by the teachings of Namo Amida Butsu.

Wailuku Hongwanji Mission will observe our annual Hanamatsuri on April 14 with a beautiful flower pavilion and the offering of sweet tea over the baby Buddha.

May we all celebrate this special day with a sincere heart of gratitude. Happy Buddha Day!

Namo Amida Butsu

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Join Our Temple Community Today!

A warm and heartfelt invitation awaits you to become a cherished member of our temple community. At Wailuku Hongwanji, we believe in the power of togetherness and welcome individuals and families from all walks of life with open arms.

**Becoming a Member:** By paying annual dues and becoming regular gojikai members, you not only join our temple community but also contribute to the vitality of our shared spiritual journey. These dues support temple services and activities, serving as a meaningful expression of gratitude for those who laid the foundation for our temple's existence.

**Financial Accessibility:** We understand that everyone's circumstances are unique. If the regular dues pose a challenge, we encourage you to reach out to us. Your desire to be a part of our community is what matters most, and we would be delighted to discuss a dues rate that works for you. Your presence is invaluable, and we welcome you to visit us at the temple office.

**Ohana, Our Extended Family:** Joining our ohana is a simple yet profound step toward enriching your spiritual journey. We are always excited to welcome new members, and you can explore our vibrant community by attending our services, events, or activities.

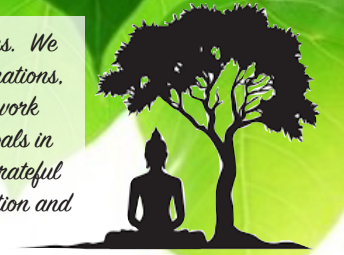
**Gojikai Membership Benefits:** As gojikai members, you become an integral part of our temple family, enjoying a host of benefits:

- Special membership rates for temple programs, including preschool and Japanese language school
- Access to facilities rentals, use of tables and chairs, and kitchen facilities
- A voice and vote at general membership and special meetings
- Eligibility to serve as a member of the Board of Directors

Embrace the warmth of community, the joy of shared experiences, and the spirit of ohana at Wailuku Hongwanji. Join us on this enriching journey today!



*Thank you for your time, effort, and monetary donations. We are so fortunate to have your support! Through your donations, we continue to service multiple temple programs and work towards securing our future by accomplishing many goals in our 2030 Modernization Strategy. We are extremely grateful for any and all donations towards helping our congregation and advancing our community-minded efforts.*



*Pamela Miyagawa & Sharon Higa*

**125TH ANNIVERSARY**

Gordon & June Amaral  
Charles Araki  
Carol Mae Kurisu  
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Grace & Teri Hamasaki  
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James & Sharon Uno

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Ethel Fujii  
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Eric & Cathy Ikeuchi  
Molly Imoto  
Arthur & Rene Kimura  
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Eleanor Nishida  
Patrick & Sue Nomura  
Noreen Saiki  
Janet Saito  
Jane Sato  
Rumi Shoda  
Toshiko Sugiki  
Lynn Tadakuma  
Grace Taguchi

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Mona Takumi  
Roy & Flora Tamiya  
Florence Tanaka  
Leonard & Patricia Tomita  
Frederick & Arlene Toyama  
Patricia Toyama  
Jacqueline Yamaguchi  
Lydia Yamaguchi  
Lance & Lynn Yamauchi  
Elaine Yoneda  
Alma Yoshimori  
Alvin & Sandra Yoshimori

**KYODAN**

Florence Tanaka - *In memory of Shiori Yamashiro*  
Raymond & Betty Toyama - *In memory of Kristi Shintaku*

**OBON SERVICE**

Alvin & Martha Fukunaga - *In memory of Tadaichi, Tamako & Shoemon Fukunaga*

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Robert & Karen Griffon - *In memory of Kesajiro Ogawa Family*  
Ellen & Flemming Jorgensen - *In memory of Tanio & Sumi Nomura*  
Hideo & Joyce Kawahara - *In memory of Yukie Kawahara*  
Mark & Judith Madden - *In memory of Carol Aiko Fukugawa Madden*  
Barbara Rodrigues  
Linda Shibano

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Ed Fujinaka  
Lydia Furomoto  
Grace & Teri Hamasaki  
Margaret Honda  
Ritsuko Lana Kato  
Dennis Ouchi  
Linda Shibano  
Florence Tanaka  
Linda Ann Unemori

**MISCELLANEOUS DONATIONS**

Anonymous – *Altar flowers, Assorted snacks, Craft items, Plastic straws, Brown paper packages, Assorted Ziploc bags, Wooden chopsticks, Plastic forks, Lunch plates, Bottled water, Assorted teas, Assorted chips, Hand sanitizing liquid soap, Onigiri nori*  
Richard & Amy Blue – *Yard maintenance*  
Cubs – *Temple yard, campus cleanup*  
Dharma Strummers – *Sunday service music*  
Jeral & Karlynn Fukuda – *Altar flowers*  
Alvin & Martha Fukunaga – *Altar flowers*  
Margaret Honda – *Nokotsudo & flower cleaning, office support*  
HOSHA Gang – *Temple cleaning*  
Cathy Ikeuchi - *Ti leaf lei*  
Gail Iwamoto-Hamai & Ronald Hamai - *Yuban Coffees*  
Calvin & Teri Kaneda – *Altar flowers*

Carol Mae Kurisu – *Altar flowers*  
Machiko Moriyasu – *Altar flower arrangements, office support, ti leaf lei*  
Minae Murakami – *Sunday service organist*  
Mike Nishimoto – *Yard maintenance, bougainvillea hedge trimming*  
Celeste Rabang – *Office support*  
Nancy Shimoda – *Nokotsudo, flower cleaning, office support*  
Dale Sugiki – *Sunday service organist*  
Toshiko Sugiki - *Office Support*  
Ed & Joan Tamori – *Altar flowers & yard maintenance*  
Mary Tokumaru – *Office Support, ti leaf lei*  
Leo Tomita & Family - *Recycles*  
Linda Ann Unemori – *Office support*

If you would like to donate to any services or programs, please make checks payable to Wailuku Hongwanji Mission and send to Wailuku Hongwanji Mission at 1828 E Vineyard St. Wailuku, HI 96793.  
If you would like to volunteer time on any of the upcoming or ongoing projects, please contact the office at (808) 244-0406, Monday-Friday between 8:00am and 12:00pm.

**EDUCATION**



# WAILUKU HONGWANJI PRESCHOOL

144 Kaniela Street, Wailuku, Hawaii 96793 \* Phone: (808) 244-9545  
 Email: [whpreschool808@gmail.com](mailto:whpreschool808@gmail.com) \* Hours: Mon-Fri, 7:30am - 4:30pm

*Jody Vinoray*

## Transforming Our Preschool: A Day of Community Action & Joy!

We are delighted to share the joyous news! We hosted a Preschool Beautification Saturday on March 9th. We are incredibly grateful to the families who generously donated supplies and assisted us in cleaning both the interior and exterior of the preschool.

With their help, we were able to thoroughly clean the garden and repaint tables that had become faded and worn over time. The children were delighted to see the improvements and thoroughly enjoyed planting vegetables in our garden.



Koah's dad (Walter) painting our playhouse



Nyla's mom (Karen), Demi's mom (Shiloh), and Colton's mom (Sharla) assembling Ms. Jody's new desk.



Owen's dad (Miguel), Papa Wayne, and Nyla's dad (Justin) help paint tables.



Ms. Amy with Kaikana's mom (Malia) and Alexis' dad (Alex).

## PRESCHOOL HIRING: Preschool Teacher

**Contact:**

Wailuku Hongwanji Preschool at (808) 244-9545 or email [whpreschool808@gmail.com](mailto:whpreschool808@gmail.com).

**Working Hours:**

Monday - Friday 7:30am - 4:30pm

**Requirements:**

- AS Degree in ECE/CDA
- 6-12 months classroom experience working with children ages 3-5 years old
- Creativity & Flexibility
- Infant/Child CPR & First Aid Certification

## REGISTRATION

**Regular Session:**

August to May

**Summer Session:**

June to July

Closed during public school holidays and breaks, except teachers' institute day and teachers' end-of-semester day

**Contact Information:**

Phone: (808) 244-9545

Email: [whpreschool808@gmail.com](mailto:whpreschool808@gmail.com)

Site: <https://www.wailukuhongwanji.org/index.php/preschool>

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

# 2024 Graduate's Banquet to be Held at Tante's Island Cuisine in Kahului on April 16th, starting at 5pm *Shelley Quipotla*

The Wailuku Hongwanji Mission 2024 Graduate's Banquet will be held at Tante's Island Cuisine, in Kahului on April 16, 2024, beginning at 5pm. The banquet will commence with a brief baccalaureate service conducted by Reverend Shinkai Murakami. The keynote speaker will be Macie Nakahashi, Educator at Lihikai Elementary School. As of this publication, the following graduating seniors with ties to our church, have been identified and have been extended invitations to the banquet.

Daniel Arashiro-Garcia  
Zachary Kuraoka

David Arashiro-Garcia  
Ty Matson

Caese Calaro  
Rachael Takamiya

Royce Guzman  
Trent Tsukiyama

Mission members are invited to the banquet and are being asked to sponsor a graduate or make a monetary donation to help defray related costs. Seating is limited. Cost to attend is \$38 per person. Anyone wishing to become a sponsor or make a donation is asked to call Sharon Higa at (808) 244-0406.

If you know of other high school seniors with ties to our church, please email Joyce Chun at [jchun.mau@gmail.com](mailto:jchun.mau@gmail.com) or Shelley Quipotla at [shellquips@gmail.com](mailto:shellquips@gmail.com) or call 808-250-0726 and leave a message.

**EDUCATION**

# Gakugeikai Celebration & Japan Trip Announcement

*Eri Nomura*

On February 23rd, the Wailuku Hongwanji Social Hall buzzed with excitement as over 160 attendees gathered for a highly anticipated event. The occasion was the long-awaited Gakugeikai hosted by the Wailuku Hongwanji Japanese Language School, known as "Gakuen." It had been five years since the last Gakugeikai in 2019, making this year's event particularly special.

In Japanese educational tradition, the Gakugeikai holds great significance as a cultural festival where students showcase their talents through a variety of performances. The term itself, "学会会," combines three kanji characters: "学" (gaku) for "study" or "learning," "芸" (gei) for "art" or "skill," and "会" (kai) for "meet" or "party."

Preparations for this event commenced in January, with dedicated efforts from both teachers and students at Gakuen. Each class crafted unique presentations, ranging from singing and writing Japanese characters, to magic tricks, and acting various skits. Middle school students presented reflections on their favorite Hyakunin Isshu (百人一首), a classical Japanese anthology featuring one hundred waka poems by renowned poets.

With a total of 60 students showcasing their Japanese language skills, the audience, comprised mainly of students' families, relished the evening's entertainment. The students impressively provided English translations alongside their Japanese presentations, enhancing accessibility and understanding for all attendees.

The evening concluded with a delightful potluck dinner, featuring an array of onolicious dishes and sweets. Gratitude was extended to all families for their unwavering support of Gakuen.

The Gakugeikai proved to be a memorable celebration of talent, culture, and community, underscoring the significance of such events in fostering camaraderie and appreciation for Japanese language learners. Gakuen hopes to make the event a yearly tradition once again, recognizing its invaluable role in facilitating vibrant and authentic language engagement.

Gakuen is currently inviting families with children who are interested in traveling to Japan to submit their Interest Forms at <https://bit.ly/3Ool3v5>. This opportunity is open to all affiliates of Wailuku Hongwanji.

**Shiori Sensei's students sang and danced to children's song "Donna iro ga suki?" ("What color do you like?")**



**Shiori Sensei's students sang and danced to children's song "Animal dance 1,2,3!"**



**Shiori Sensei's students played a folk tale "Hanasaka Jiisa" ("The Old Man Who Made Flowers")**



**Kyoko Sensei's students sang children's songs and wrote their names in Katakana.**



**Kyoko Sensei's students performed skit "At Shinjuku Mall" and magic tricks.**



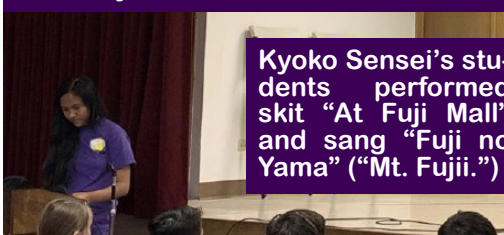
**Kyoko Sensei's students performed songs, questions & answers, handwriting, and interpretation.**



**Shiori Sensei's students read their favorite Hyakunin Isshu with reflection.**



**Murakami Sensei's students played a folk tale "Blind Men and the Elephant."**



**Kyoko Sensei's students performed skit "At Fuji Mall" and sang "Fuji no Yama" ("Mt. Fujii.")**



# Save the Date!



## WHAT: Dharma School Enlightenment Game

Answer questions with your group to "ESCAPE" from Location to Location!

**WHEN:**  
**Sunday,**  
**MAY 5,**  
**2024**

After Service  
and  
Refreshments!

**WHERE:**  
Locations  
around WHM  
campus!

## WHO: It's INTERGENERATIONAL!

Participants needed:

- ✓ Adult temple members
- ✓ Senior adult 65 years or older
- ✓ Moms and dads 25 years or older
- ✓ Dharma School students



**ADULT ORGANIZATIONS**

**Buddhist Women’s Association (BWA) News**

Gwen Hiraga

The BWA had its General Membership Meeting on March 10th. Members and others were able to participate in a demonstration of modular origami, presented by Ron Abilay.

The Maui United BWA 2024 Spring Assembly was held on March 16, 2024 at the Makawao Buddhist Temple. The Assembly was held from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and included lunch. Members had the opportunity to connect with other BWA unit attendees in Maui County.

Happy Birthday to member Gail Kushiyama born in April.

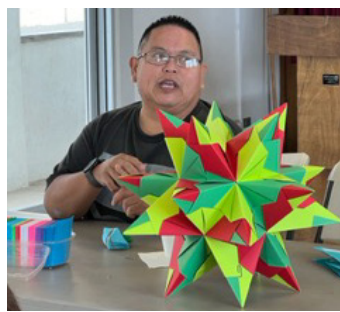


**Pork Hash with Tofu & Gravy  
Courtesy of Bette Nomura**

- |                                      |                     |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1 lb. of Pork Hash*                  | 1 ½ cups Water      |
| 1 ½ tbsp Soy Sauce                   | 3 tbsp Oyster Sauce |
| ½ tsp Salt                           | Green Onion         |
| 2 tbsp Cornstarch (mixed with water) |                     |
| 1 block Tofu cut into small squares  |                     |

\*May substitute Pork Hash with ground turkey or ground chicken

Brown pork hash. Add water, oyster sauce, salt and soy sauce. Simmer for 10 minutes. Thicken gravy with cornstarch mixture. Add tofu and green onions, and heat thoroughly.



**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Calling All 80+ Year Old Members!**

Pat Tomita

Get ready for an unforgettable celebration at the 125th Anniversary luncheon on October 20, 2024! We're thrilled to extend a special invitation to all our incredible Keirokai members. If you or someone you know will be reaching the fabulous age of 80 or older in 2024, we want to hear from you! Join us in making this event truly spectacular by sharing your details with the church office at (808) 244-0406. Let's ensure your name shines bright on our Keirokai list for this momentous occasion!



**YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS**

# Sakura 4-H Clubs ~ The Clover Report

*Sammy Takamura*

**Aloha Girls:** The Aloha Girls spread a little aloha and hope last month for the houseless population by putting together snack bags for A Cup of Cold Water, a community care-van outreach program. Marilyn Hirashima, a volunteer coordinator for A Cup of Cold Water, guided the girls on how to pack the snack bags and also shared information with the girls on how their service helps those who are less fortunate. The girls decorated cards with messages of encouragement to be included in the snack bags. The girls also joined in with the older 4-H groups for a county sponsored Easter event in early March. The girls are thankful to have the opportunity to learn from and have fun with the older 4-Hers

**Lōkahi Girls:** Lōkahi Girls have been prepping for their presentations for the all-County 4-H Teach-in event in April. They will be demonstrating a wide range of topics from making Guacamole to Chat GPT while some of the younger Cloverbuds will put their best foot forward by sharing poems and their thoughts. They also joined in the County 4-H Easter event hosted by the Charmers and enjoyed such activities as musical chairs, decorating Easter bags, making cards for Hale Makua and an Easter Egg Hunt. They are lucky to have such great examples in the older 4-H clubs that will help them when it's their turn to host a County event. Doumo Arigatou Gozaimashita!

**Malama Dolphins:** In February, the Mālama Dolphins participated in a community service project for the Maui Fire Department. They made "mahalo" goodie bags for the firefighters at the Wailuku fire station. Each goodie bag was filled with homemade decorated chocolate covered pretzel rods and ranch pretzels. This month, the girls attended the County 4-H Easter Peeps Party at UHMC. They participated in a variety of spring activities, made Easter crafts, and donated canned goods to the Maui Food Bank. Our club members are also practicing and preparing for the upcoming annual 4-H Teach-in Demonstration which will be held at the UHMC. The Teach-in is an opportunity for the girls to practice their public speaking and presentation skills through food or craft demonstrations, poem reciting, and informational speeches.

All Sakura clubs were also invited by Pack 40 Cub Scouts to attend their annual carnival, planned and put on by the Bear Den. The scouts did a wonderful job and it was a great opportunity for the two groups to interact. Thank you Pack 40!

## The Clover Corner:

**Aloha Girls: Grades 1-2**

Leader: Farron Cabral

**Lōkahi Girls: Grades 3-4**

Leaders: Sammy Takamura & Farron Cabral

**Malama Dolphins: Grade 5**

Leaders: Emi Orikasa & Jill Maki'i

**Interested in learning more about 4H?  
email: WHMSakura4H@gmail.com**



Aloha Girls enjoying the County Easter event while the Charmers look on.



Lōkahi Girls posing for a kodak memory at the Easter event.



Malama Dolphins making pretzel snacks



Aloha Girls decorating cards to include in snack bags for Cup of Cold Water.



Sakura 4-H girls enjoying the Pack 40 Carnival



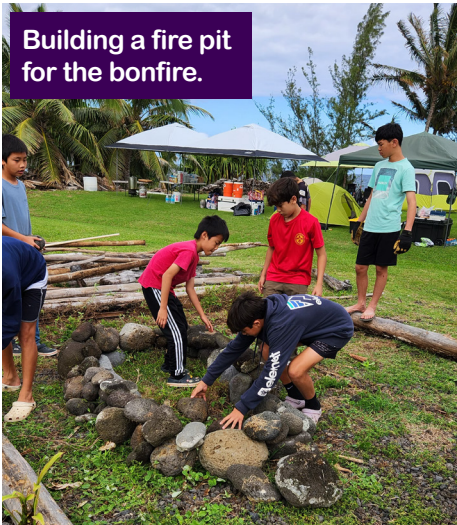
Malama Dolphins dropping off their goodies to Wailuku Fire Station.



YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS

# Scouting Adventures in Hana

Celeste Rabang



Building a fire pit for the bonfire.



Nick, Evan, Benji, and Ethan learning how to cut meat.

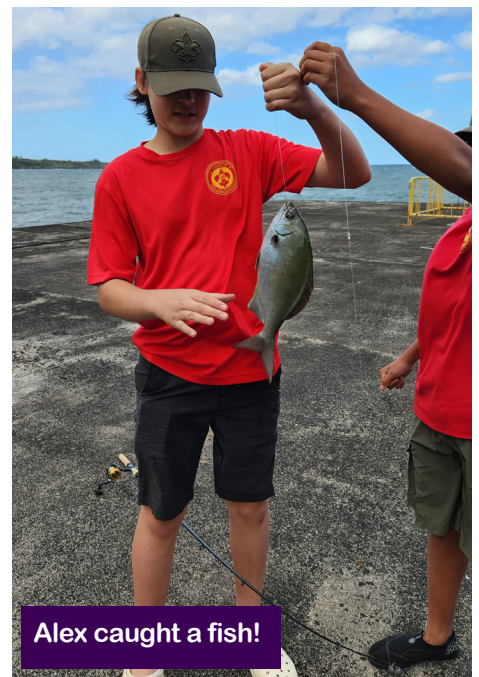


Kingston perfecting his knots

The boy scouts headed to Hana for 2 days of camping and fun! They worked on tying knots, cooking skills and fishing! We also got a tour of the Hana Fire Station.



Ashton picking opihi



Alex caught a fish!

## PACK & TROOP CHILD REGISTRATION

**Registration Requirements:**

- Pack Registration: Boys and Girls ages 6-10
- Troop Registration: Boys and Girls starting at age 11
- Registration fee, Uniform, Handbook: About \$108 upon joining
- Annual dues \$15 (due in January)

**Contact Information:**

- Pack Registration: (808) 280-1299 or [cubpack40@gmail.com](mailto:cubpack40@gmail.com)
- Troop Registration: (808) 250-1891 or [msdel7@hotmail.com](mailto:msdel7@hotmail.com)

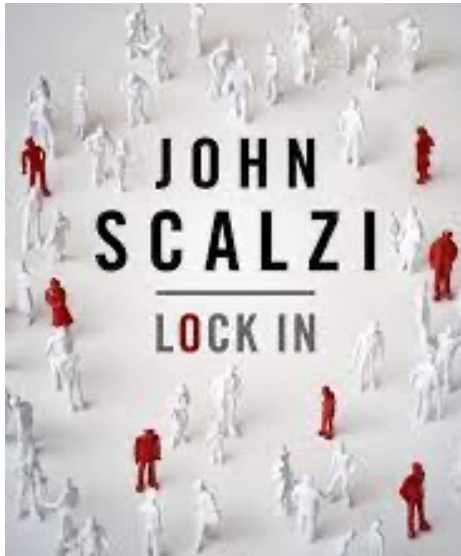


Tour of the Hana Fire Station

## RECREATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

**Buddha Reads: *Lock In* by John Scalzi**

Danny Topp



On Sunday, March 3rd, the Buddha Reads book club gathered to discuss the novel, "Lock In" by John Scalzi. This book delves into two genres: science fiction and detective fiction. The premise revolves around a global viral pandemic that leaves approximately 1% of the population in

a state of lock-in. These individuals, referred to as Hadens in the novel, remain fully conscious but are unable to move or respond to stimuli, resembling the real-life condition known as locked-in syndrome. Set 25 years after the pandemic, the lock-in individuals can now interact with the outside world using robotic bodies. The protagonist, Chris Shane, is a Haden and a rookie FBI agent. The storyline also unfolds as a mystery when a Haden is implicated in a brutal murder, leading Agent Shane and her partner Leslie Vann to investigate the case. The characters, particularly Agent Shane as the enthusiastic newcomer and Agent Vann as the seasoned veteran, are portrayed uniquely.

Participants in the discussion included Bob, Linda, Joan, Gary, and Danny. Overall, everyone enjoyed the book, with Bob even finishing it in just two days. Linda noted the relevance of certain aspects, such as the pandemic and technological advancements, which paralleled the current COVID-19 situation despite the book being published

in 2014. Gary also acknowledged the level of technology depicted in the story, which resonated with present-day advancements. While the narrative was well-paced, the abundance of characters sometimes necessitated flipping back through the pages to recall their identities. Additionally, there was a significant amount of technical jargon that Danny appreciated, although it posed a challenge for some other readers.

"Lock In" succeeds as a science fiction narrative by shedding light on issues prevalent in our contemporary society. Themes such as socioeconomic disparities, government assistance, and the notion of second-class citizens among the Hadens sparked meaningful discussions during our meeting.

Looking ahead, the Buddha Reads book club's next selection is "The Wager: A Tale of Shipwreck, Mutiny, and Murder" by David Grann. The title itself hints at the intriguing content awaiting readers. We invite everyone to join us on Sunday, April 7th at 5:00 PM for our discussion of this gripping novel.

**MEMBER SPOTLIGHT*****A Heartfelt Reflection: Embracing Fellowship & Gratitude***

Tamara Manley



Namo Amida Butsu

Today, I stand before you, reflecting on the challenge of finding compelling topics for our discussions. But, as Reverend Murakami wisely advised, I speak from the heart. So, let me share a glimpse of my journeys and encounters.

During my travels to California, I cherish exploring different cities, savoring delectable cuisines, and immersing myself in the role of a curious tourist. Everywhere I go, I'm struck by the warmth and kindness of strangers, echoing my mother's wisdom: "A stranger becomes a friend upon the first meeting." This philosophy has guided my interactions, leading to enriching experiences and lasting friendships.

My first visit to Wailuku Hongwanji exemplified this sentiment. Welcomed by George Okamoto's radiant smile, I felt embraced by the sangha's warmth. Guided by Sylvia Ishikawa, I discovered the essence of our temple's rituals and traditions, fostering a sense of belonging I carry to this day.

Venturing to Hongwanji temples in California, I encountered diverse communities and traditions. From Union City to San Mateo and Marin, each temple welcomed me with open arms and shared teachings, deepening my appreciation for our shared faith.

Obon festivities at Mountain View and Berkeley temples brought familiar faces and joyous celebrations. Despite the distance, the camaraderie and spirit of Maui's Taiko drummers resonated, reminding me of our cherished community back home.

As much as I appreciate these experiences, my heart yearns for the warmth of Wailuku Hongwanji. Our temple, adorned with beauty and filled with the kindest souls, holds a special place in my heart. Reverend Murakami's unwavering compassion and your welcoming embraces reaffirm my dedication to our sangha.

In gratitude and reverence  
Namo Amida Butsu

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## Save the Date: April 20th "Second Chance" Sale - A Community Event of Compassion & Generosity! *Sandy Hirata*

Mark your calendars for a thrilling event: the date for the 2024 "Second Chance" Sale has been CHANGED! **Join us on Saturday, April 20, 2024, from 8 AM - 12 NOON at Wailuku Hongwanji Mission.** This event promises something for EVERYONE!

We are calling for volunteers to help accept, organize, and sort donations. Let's come together in the spirit of community and generosity. We'll be moving items from the YBA Room to the Social Hall on **Monday, April 15, 2024, after 5:15 PM.** We're seeking lots of manpower for this task!

**Starting Monday, April 15, until Friday, April 19, we'll have two work sessions daily: from 8 AM - 12 NOON and 5:30 PM - 8 PM.** Join us during these times to lend a hand in organizing, unpacking, setting up, and pricing goods. Volunteers are also needed on the day of the Second Chance Sale itself.

The more help we receive, the

smoother the process will be for everyone involved. Please consider volunteering and being part of this meaningful endeavor!

When donating, please ask yourself, "Would I give this to my best friend?" We accept donations according to the following guidelines:

- **Clothing:** Men's, Women's, Children's, and Babies' in clean & good condition
- **Shoes:** Men's, Women's, and Children's in clean & good condition
- **Accessories:** Scarves, purses, belts, jewelry, etc.
- **Linens:** Bed & table linens, blankets, quilts, curtains, etc.
- **Small Appliances:** Clean kitchen & home appliances in WORKING condition, please
- **Sporting Goods:** Golf clubs, balls, bags, tennis rackets, bikes, lanterns, wheeled toys, etc.
- **Fabric & Craft:** Fabric yardage, yarn, beads, baskets, unused craft kits, etc.

- **Sewing:** Supplies in good condition
- **Toys:** Children's toys in good condition
- **Books:** Adult and children's books in good condition
- **Asian collectibles:** Statues, display pieces, lacquer ware, etc.
- **Asian ceramics:** Dishes, bowls, tea sets, etc.
- **Asian objects:** Trays, fans, coin purses, decorative knick-knacks, etc.
- **Ikebana:** Vases, containers, kenzans (frogs), flower clippers

Unfortunately, we **CANNOT ACCEPT** medical supplies, shower or toileting aids, baby cribs, playpens, car seats, underwear, computers, monitors, CDs, DVDs, or perishables.

As we approach the date, stay tuned for additional information and updates. Let's come together in the spirit of compassion and generosity, making a positive impact in our community. More information will be shared soon.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## Help Wanted!

*Frank Hamasaki*

Immerse yourself in the serene realm of service at Wailuku Hongwanji Buddhist Temple! Join our vibrant community as a dedicated volunteer, committing just one hour per week to uplift the temple's atmosphere. As our Serenity Steward, you'll ensure cleanliness by gathering and disposing of weekly trash, including floral waste from the temple's Nokotsudo. Every Friday, you'll gracefully escort bagged waste weighing between 10-35 pounds to the trash bin near the social hall, aligning with the pickup schedule of the commercial trash company on Monday. Embrace your role as a Guardian of Harmony by checking and bagging bottles/cans from recycle bins every two to three weeks. Store these eco-treasures in our dedicated storage room, where they can be separated and later taken to the recycling center, contributing to our temple's commitment to environmental



responsibility. Your efforts will make a profound impact on the tranquility of our sacred space. If you're ready to embark on this mindful journey, call our office at (808)244-0406 during business hours and be a vital part of creating a space of peace and serenity.

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## Temple Wish List

We kindly request your support in contributing to our temple's wish list, which includes essential items to enhance our space and activities. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

- 12 Cups and larger coffee filters
- Forever postage stamps
- 33 Gal. Trash Bags (No Flex Tech)
- Paper Towels
- Hashi (chop sticks)
- 7" Dessert Plates
- 12oz Bowls
- Napkins
- Coffee: Folgers or Yuban
- Carton Packing Tapes
- 15# Bag rice
- 9" Lunch plates
- Blue Painters tape
- Antibacterial hand soap
- 9 oz. Cold cups
- 9 oz. Hot cups
- General Use Masking Tapes (1/2", 1")
- Ziploc bags (sandwich, quart, gallon sizes)

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## Temple Office Closed on Buddha Day, Open on Good Friday

On Monday, April 8, the birth date of Sakamuni Buddha, the office will be closed for "Buddha Day." The office will be open on Tuesday, April 9 and on Good Friday, March 29, from 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

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## Buddhist Study Center Spring Festival

The Buddhist Study Center will hold a Spring Festival wellness fair on April 6th. The theme is "Nurturing Mind and Body" and there will be a variety of workshops and food/activity booths. Admission is free and open to the entire family! Please come on by if you are in the area or help spread the word by including the flyer in your temple newsletter. Please see our flyer for more detail. Hope to see you there!

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## 2024 YBICSE

We're excited to announce the return of the YBICSE this summer. The Young Buddhist International Cultural Study Exchange program is coordinated by Honzan, our mother temple in Kyoto, Japan. Through this program, young students from BCA, Canada, South America, and Hawaii Kyodans assemble in Kyoto, Japan, to participate in various exciting and educational programs to experience the joy of being Jodo Shinshu Buddhists today. Honzan's YBICSE program will be held on July 4-9, 2024. More detailed information about the program, application, and itinerary, including the Hawaii Kyodan's original program, will be distributed to the temples later. We encourage our youth to consider attending this meaningful program.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## Maui Hanamatsuri Celebration: To be Hosted by WHM on April 7th

Wailuku Hongwanji is honored to serve as the host temple for the 2024 Central Maui Hanamatsuri event, taking place on Sunday, April 7, 2024, starting at 9:00 a.m. Join us for a day filled with reverence and celebration.

Participating temples include Kahului Hongwanji, Makawao Hongwanji, Wailuku Hongwanji, Wailuku Jodo Mission, and Kahului Jodo Mission. Additionally, we've extended invitations to other Buddhist temples, including Lahaina Hongwanji, Lahaina Jodo Mission, and Lahaina Shingon Mission, who previously held a separate West Maui Hanamatsuri event (prior to this past August's wildfire).

Following the Hanamatsuri service, we invite you to enjoy games and entertainment in the Social Hall and courtyard. The day will conclude with a communal lunch, providing an opportunity for all attendees to come together in fellowship and reflection as we celebrate Shakyamuni Buddha's birthday.

To assist us with planning, kindly contact the Wailuku Hongwanji Temple office at 808-244-0406 to sign up. Your presence and participation will enrich this auspicious occasion.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## Sharing Nembutsu Moments Project

The 2024 Hongwanji Theme and Slogan is "Building Healthy Sanghas: Sharing Nembutsu Moments." The Commission on Buddhist Education and the Buddhist Study Center Committee invite everyone to participate in this year's slogan activity by sharing their Nembutsu Moments.

What is a "Nembutsu Moment?" – Here is an excerpt from a description of this year's slogan by Reverend Eric Matsumoto in the 2024 HHMH Calendar

*No string of words can accurately convey that moment, however, perhaps we might be able to relate to it by explaining that it's like when you see or hear or experience something so beautiful, touching and profound that it leaves you speechless and all you can say is "Wow!" After that, as one continues to be in awe of that life changing encounter, you continue to say "Wow." This moment is explained in The Collected Works of Shinran, Volume Two as "...the moment of awakening of shinjin (True Entrusting) and saying the nembutsu*

*is a moment both in and out of time. It is time that has become full and rich, having been permeated by timelessness (Amida Buddha or Namo Amida Butsu)." The "Nembutsu moments" that is part of the slogan, though, wants to include other precious moments, Dharma inspired moments of your life that are unforgettable and of lasting value. The slogan encourages us to share other moments of gratitude, joy, happiness and meaningful reflection which have filled our life with meaning and fulfillment in hopes that it will also make a difference in the lives of others and eventually guide others to the ultimate Nembutsu Moment.*

We hope to share these Nembutsu Moments in future editions of Ka Leo Kāhea, your temple newsletters and eventually, a book with a compilation of everyone's Nembutsu Moments.

We can't wait to hear about your Nembutsu Moments, which will bring this year's slogan to life. This will be an exciting year!

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## Triple Celebration: Sept. 7-8, 2024

The Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii will commemorate its Triple Celebration on September 7 & 8, 2024 at Ala Moana Hotel. Please go to the following link and fill out the registration form: <https://hongwanjihawaii.com/triple-celebration/>

- Early registration deadline is March 31, 2024 and the registration fee is \$250.
- Late registration deadline is July 31, 2024 and the registration fee is \$300.
- Youth registration (25 yrs or younger) deadline is July 31, 2024 and registration fee is \$150

Registration cost includes one breakfast, one lunch banquet, services, workshops and panel discussion, plus a \$200 subsidy per person for neighbor island participants. Please turn in your registration forms to your temple office. If you have any questions, please feel free to email [triple.celebration@honpahi.org](mailto:triple.celebration@honpahi.org) or contact H.Q.

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***Fujimatsuri Festival: May 19th @MHM***

The Maui Hongwanji Council is proud to announce the annual Fujimatsuri (Gotan-e) or Wisteria Festival, scheduled for Sunday, May 19th, at Makawao Hongwanji Mission. Join us for a day filled with joyous festivities from 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., starting with a service at 9:30 a.m.

Activities, games, a delectable lunch, and warm fellowship await all attendees. Complimentary bento lunch will be provided, but we kindly request your RSVP by Sunday, May 5th. Please sign up during Sunday service refreshment time or call the office at 808-244-0406.

The Fujimatsuri Festival commemorates the birth of Shinran Shonin, our

revered founder, born on May 12, 1173. The wisteria, symbolizing humility, is our sect's flower, prominently featured as a mon (crest) in our temple and publications. Unlike other flowers standing tall, wisteria blossoms gracefully hang down, teaching us the virtue of humility and gratitude.

We deeply appreciate any monetary contributions, which should be directed to the host temple, Makawao Hongwanji Mission, to cover event expenses.

Let's practice sustainability and foster community bonds by carpooling to Makawao Hongwanji. Your presence and participation enrich the celebration!

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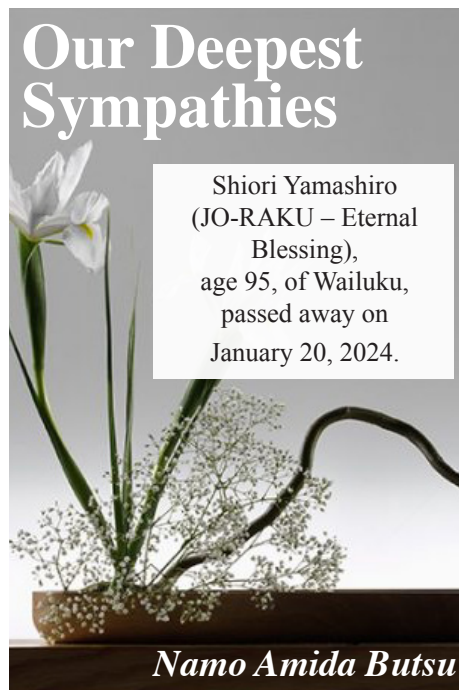
***AED Training***

Have you heard of an AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR or AED? It's a medical device used to help those experiencing cardiac arrest. It can be life-saving. Wailuku Hongwanji recently acquired additional AEDs which have been placed in the Temple and in the Social Hall. To ensure that our membership is familiar with the use of the AED, we have scheduled a training session with trainer Tyler Orikasa. Tyler, a Firefighter with the Department of Fire and Public Safety, will be at Wailuku Hongwanji on Sunday, April 21st at 9:00 a.m. The 20-minute session will start following our Sunday morning service. We encourage our Temple members to attend this important event.

**ACKNOWLEDGMENTS**

***Ofuse: Thank You for Your Compassion***

- Joyce Kawakami - *In memory of Mitsugu Kawakami*
- Pearl Kaya - *In memory of Toshiko Matsui*
- Katherine Marushige - *In memory of Ralph Marushige*
- Charlene Sugimoto - *In memory of Michiko Toyama*
- Lynn Takemoto - *In memory of Michiko Toyama*
- Brandon, Kari, & Nikki Toyama - *In memory of Michiko Toyama*
- Cori Toyama - *In memory of Michiko Toyama*
- Frederick & Arlene Toyama - *In memory of Michiko Toyama*
- Patricia Toyama - *In memory of Michiko Toyama*
- Shari Toyama - *In memory of Michiko Toyama*
- James & Sharon Uno - *In memory of Grace Uno*



**MEMORIAL SERVICES**

***April Hoji Memorial Services***



**1st YEAR MEMORIAL - 2023**

DAY	NAME
02	Barbara Nobuko Tadakuma (SHIN SHO)
16	Jon Lee Nakano (JO GAN)
28	Sin Cha Shimizu (GU ZEI)

**3rd YEAR MEMORIAL - 2022**

DAY	NAME
02	Kenji Kawaguchi (SHO GAN)
11	Thomas Saichi Araki (KO KAI)
15	Lillian Misayo Satoshige (KYO DO)
29	Alvan Isamu Takatani (CHI KAI)

**7th YEAR MEMORIAL - 2018**

DAY	NAME
01	Tracy Masayuki Takayama (SHO GAN)
02	Kaname Okamoto (SAI SHO)
03	Hiroshi Oishi (KO NEN)
05	Molly Ayano Tokunaga (JU KO)
13	Mollie Aiko Tamashiro (JI ON)
14	Ayako Muranaka (WA JUN)

**13th YEAR MEMORIAL - 2012**

DAY	NAME
18	Katsumi Hanada (SHO KEN)
21	Hideo Murakami (JITSU JO)

**17th YEAR MEMORIAL - 2008**

DAY	NAME
14	Chieko Sato (CHI GAN)

**25th YEAR MEMORIAL - 2000**

DAY	NAME
21	Tetsuo Komatsu (JYO TETSU)

**33rd YEAR MEMORIAL - 1992**

DAY	NAME
09	Walter Kiyoto Matsui (TOKU SEI)
11	Elsie Ayako Suma (HOETSU)
13	Masato Miyazaki (JUNSHIN)

**50th YEAR MEMORIAL - 1975**

DAY	NAME
21	Tadashi Itamura (SHO SHUN)

To schedule your family member's memorial service, please contact the main office at (808) 244-0406, Monday-Friday between 8:00am and 12:00pm.

Donations in memory of our ancestors and the recent passing of our family and friends may be made payable to Wailuku Hongwanji Mission and sent to Wailuku Hongwanji Mission at 1828 E Vineyard St. Wailuku, HI 96793. Please feel welcome to also note on the check to whose memory you are sending your donation.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Call for Hope: Reunite Animal Fire Survivors

As we usher in the new year, there's a heartfelt plea echoing through the aftermath of the August wildfires in Lahaina and Kula—a plea to reunite families with their cherished animal companions who defied the odds and survived the devastating fires.

Rescued from burn areas, over 500 cats and various other animals find refuge in the care of the Maui Humane Society and local rescues. Amidst the tragedy, a glimmer of hope persists as these resilient creatures await reunification with their families.

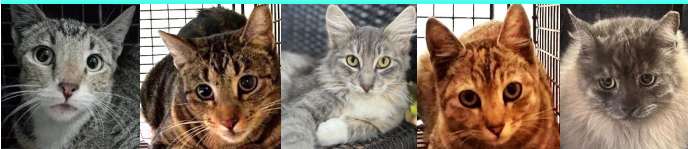
The reunion of over 150 cats and nearly 50 dogs with their families has brought immeasurable joy. For many, the news was unexpected, as they had resigned themselves to the belief that their pets were lost forever, grappling with grief and guilt.

Misinformation has cast a shadow on the survival of life in Lahaina, and it's time for a widespread correction. This article serves as an urgent call to every community, urging them to share the vital information with their congregations.

Attached is a concise flyer containing essential details and links to the Maui Humane Society and the Lahaina Fire Lost & Found Animal (LFLFA) database. Through the power of spreading awareness, each community can contribute to bringing a small miracle to those who have endured profound loss this year.

Let compassion guide our actions as we strive to reunite families and bring hope to those who need it most.

### 100s OF WILDFIRE SURVIVORS



### ARE WAITING TO COME HOME

Hundreds of animals - especially cats - have been recovered from Lahaina and are being sheltered at Maui Humane Society or with other local animal rescues. One of them may be waiting for you!

#### VISIT IN PERSON

**Maui Humane Society (MHS)** Mehamaha Loop, Puunene

**MHS "Annex" Building** (housing Fire Cats) 982 Lower Main Street, Wailuku

#### CALL

808-877-3680 (Main MHS number)

808-446-4587 (MHS Annex number)

#### EMAIL

Reunification@mauihumanesociety.org

#### SEARCH ONLINE

[Lahaina Fire Lost & Found Animal \(LFLFA\) database](#)

search photos of found animals, sorted by colors/breeds

compare lost and found animal photos side by side

file a lost cat form

[bit.ly/LFLFAsearch](http://bit.ly/LFLFAsearch) (or scan the QR code)



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Lahaina Buddhist Temples' Disaster Relief

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For anyone wishing to make a dana contribution to support the three historic Buddhist temples in Lahaina that were destroyed by the recent Maui wildfires: Lahaina Shingon Mission (established 1902), Lahaina Hongwanji Mission (established 1904), and Lahaina Jodo Mission (established 1912), please see the donation instruction below, or visit the HAIB Maui support webpage at <https://www.hawaiiibuddhists.org/news/support-maui>. Donations will support the Buddhist temples, their resident ministers and families, and temple members.

#### Lahaina Shingon Mission Hokoji

- GoFundMe link: <https://gofund.me/6317428c>
- Checks payable to "Koyasan Shingon Mission of Hawaii" with memo "Lahaina relief"  
Send to: Koyasan Shingon Mission of Hawaii, 457 Manono Street Hilo, HI 96720
- For further information please contact by email [hikoybof@gmail.com](mailto:hikoybof@gmail.com)

#### Lahaina Jodo Mission

- GoFundMe link: <https://gofund.me/df1b0cf2>
- Checks payable to "Jodo Mission" with memo "Maui fire relief fund"  
Send to: Jodo Mission of Hawaii, 1429 Makiki Street, Honolulu, HI 96814

#### Lahaina Hongwanji Mission

- GoFundMe link: <https://gofund.me/ff77a520>
- Checks payable to "HHMH" with memo "Maui Wildfire Disaster Relief"  
Send Checks and cash donations to: Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii, 1727 Pali Highway, Honolulu, HI 96813
- Online at [www.hongwanjihawaii.com](http://www.hongwanjihawaii.com), click on the "Maui Wildfire Disaster Relief" button under the "Donate" tab



REFERENCES

**Organization & Project Sign-Up Info**

Interested in joining an affiliate organization, club, association, or looking to volunteer or donate to a project? Below is a list of sponsored organizations and ongoing or upcoming projects at Wailuku Hongwanji and their contact information. We look forward to seeing you and your family, and thank you in advance, for any monetary donations you make to support our efforts!

Altar Flower Donations	Call the main office at (808) 244-0406 or email <a href="mailto:Wailuku.hongwanji.mission@gmail.com">Wailuku.hongwanji.mission@gmail.com</a>
Buddhist Womans Association (BWA)	Call the main office at (808) 244-0406 or email <a href="mailto:Wailuku.hongwanji.mission@gmail.com">Wailuku.hongwanji.mission@gmail.com</a>
Building Fund Donation	Payable to Wailuku Hongwanji Mission Send to Wailuku Hongwanji Mission at 1828 E Vineyard St. Wailuku, HI 96793
Boy Scouts	Call (808) 250-1891 or email <a href="mailto:msdell17@hotmail.com">msdell17@hotmail.com</a>
Buddha Reads Book Club	Call the main office at (808) 244-0406 or email <a href="mailto:Wailuku.hongwanji.mission@gmail.com">Wailuku.hongwanji.mission@gmail.com</a>
Choir	Call the main office at (808) 244-0406 or email <a href="mailto:Wailuku.hongwanji.mission@gmail.com">Wailuku.hongwanji.mission@gmail.com</a>
Cub Scouts	Call (808) 280-1299 or <a href="mailto:cubpack40@gmail.com">cubpack40@gmail.com</a>
Dharma School	Call the main office at (808) 244-0406 or email <a href="mailto:Wailuku.hongwanji.mission@gmail.com">Wailuku.hongwanji.mission@gmail.com</a>
Dharma Strummers	Call the main office at (808) 244-0406 or email <a href="mailto:Wailuku.hongwanji.mission@gmail.com">Wailuku.hongwanji.mission@gmail.com</a>
4-H	Call the main office at (808) 244-0406 or email <a href="mailto:WHMSakura4H@gmail.com">WHMSakura4H@gmail.com</a>
Gakuen (Japanese Language School)	Call the main office at (808) 244-0406 or email <a href="mailto:Wailuku.hongwanji.mission@gmail.com">Wailuku.hongwanji.mission@gmail.com</a>
Hosha Day Clean-up (First Thursday of Month)	Call the main office at (808) 244-0406 or email <a href="mailto:Wailuku.hongwanji.mission@gmail.com">Wailuku.hongwanji.mission@gmail.com</a>
Junior Young Buddhist Association (Jr. YBA)	Call the main office at (808) 244-0406 or email <a href="mailto:Wailuku.hongwanji.mission@gmail.com">Wailuku.hongwanji.mission@gmail.com</a>
Judo Club	Call (808) 244-9094 or email <a href="mailto:rhiyakumoto@hawaii.rr.com">rhiyakumoto@hawaii.rr.com</a>
Karate	Call the main office at (808) 244-0406 or email <a href="mailto:Wailuku.hongwanji.mission@gmail.com">Wailuku.hongwanji.mission@gmail.com</a>
Kendo	Call (808) 244-2650 or email <a href="mailto:michael.sone@gmail.com">michael.sone@gmail.com</a>
Office Support	Call the main office at (808) 244-0406 or email <a href="mailto:Wailuku.hongwanji.mission@gmail.com">Wailuku.hongwanji.mission@gmail.com</a>
Preschool	Call the Preschool at (808) 244-9545 or email <a href="mailto:whpreschool808@gmail.com">whpreschool808@gmail.com</a>
Social Concerns Fund Drive	Payable to Wailuku Hongwanji Mission Send to Wailuku Hongwanji Mission at 1828 E Vineyard St. Wailuku, HI 96793
Website & Facebook	Call the main office at (808) 244-0406 or email <a href="mailto:Wailuku.hongwanji.mission@gmail.com">Wailuku.hongwanji.mission@gmail.com</a>
Yard & Facility Maintenance	Call the main office at (808) 244-0406 or email <a href="mailto:Wailuku.hongwanji.mission@gmail.com">Wailuku.hongwanji.mission@gmail.com</a>

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April / May 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 5:30pm Dharma Strummers	2	3	4 8:00am HOSHA BWA ACCW 7pm Troop mtg	5	6 Buddhist Study Center Spring Festival
7 9am Central Maui Assn Hanamatsuri @ WHBT	8 <b>Buddha Day (Office Closed)</b> BWA Spring Visitation 5:30pm Dharma Strummers	9	10 5:30pm Obon Practice	11 7pm Troop mtg	12	13
<b>Second Hand Sale Prep in Conference Room</b>						
14 8am WHM Hanamatsuri Service, DS decorates Hanamido, Hanamatsuri Egg Hunt 10:30am Cubs Mtg (Conf. Room) 11pm Social Hall Rental	15 5:30pm Dharma Strummers	16 5pm: Grad Banquet @ Tante's	17 5pm Kyodan Board Meeting	18 BWA ACCW	19 Social Hall Rental	20 8am-12pm: WHM "Second Chance" Sale
<b>Second Hand Sale Prep in Conference Room</b>						
21 8am Sunday Service BWA Eshinni & Kakushinni Sunday 9am AED Training 12:30pm 4-H	22 5:30pm Dharma Strummers	23	24	25 BWA Eshinni Day/Peace Day 7pm Troop mtg	26	27 1pm Cubs Blue & Gold
28 8am Family Service 12:30-3:30pm 4-H	29 5:30pm Dharma Strummers	30 6:30pm Cubs Mtng	1 Kunisaki Scholarship Due	2 8:00am HOSHA BWA ACCW 7pm Troop mtg	3 Sanmu Mtg & Sanmu-Kanji Mtg	4 Honpa Board of Direct. Mtg
5 8am Sunday Service DS Activity to follow	6 Central Maui Hanamatsuri Eval. Mtg @ KHM 5:30pm Dharma Strummers	7	8	9 7pm Troop mtg	10	11
12 9am Gotane & Mother's Day Service (Troop 40 Host Breakfast) BWA Meeting 10:00am 4-H	13 5:30pm Dharma Strummers	14	15 5pm Kyodan Board Meeting	16 BWA ACCW 7pm Troop mtg	17 PBA Baccalaureate Ceremony	18 (Tentative) Preschool Graduation
19 9:30am Fujimatsuri @ MHBT 12:30pm 4-H PBA Commencement Exercise	20 5:30pm Dharma Strummers	21 Shinran Shonin's Birthday (Gotane)	22	23 7pm Troop mtg	24 Gakuen Graduation & Awards Night	25 (Tent.) 3-9pm Maui Matsuri @ UHMC <b>(Tent.) YESS Camp 40</b>
26 8am Memorial Day Service	27 8:30am Memorial Day Service @ Makawao Veterans Cemetery <b>Memorial Day Obsv. (Office Closed)</b>	28	29	30 School Ends for Students 7pm Troop mtg	31	
<b>(Tent.) YESS Camp 40</b>						