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Gotan-E Service

May 17

Guest Speaker Rev. Ryoso Toshima

Rev Toshiba came to Hawaii in 1972. He served as resident minister on the Big Island and Waipahu Hongwanji. He also served as a Fukurinban and Rinban at the Hawaii Betsuin. He retired in 2011.

A Life of Awakening

Shinran Shonin (1173-1262) was the founder of Shin Buddhism. Shinran was born into the Hino family. At the age of nine, however, Shinran entered the Tendai temple on Mt. Hiei, where he spent twenty years in monastic life. From the familiarity with Buddhist writings apparent in his later works, it is clear that he exerted great effort in his studies during this period. Here are some of his famous quotes.

Shinran's Quotes

GOTAN'E SHINRAN'S BIRTHDAY

"The Nembutsu is non-practice and non-good for those who practice it. It is non-practice for us, because it is not the practice which we do out of our own contrivance; and it is non-good because it is not the good, which we do out of our own contrivance. It is entirely due to Other Power (Natural Power) and is free from self power."

Entrust yourself to Amida's Primal Vow (Namu Amida Butsu).

Through the benefit of being grasped, never to be abandoned, All who entrust themselves to the Primal Vow attain the supreme enlightenment.

"We should know that Amida's Primal Vow does not discriminate whether one is young or old, good or evil, and that true entrusting alone is needed, for it is the Vow that seeks to deliver sentient beings burdened with foolishness and blind passions."

"By benefit of Infinite Light,

true entrusting is magnificent. The ice of desire is melted to become the water of Nirvana. Our desires are the essence of Nirvana, like the relation of ice and water. The more ice, the more water: the more desire, the more Nirvana."



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President's Message

Glenn Hamamura

We are already in May. And June means Obon and Bon Dance. We are planning the activities, and I hope that you will be able to help as a volunteer during the event. We are holding the Bon Dance activities on Friday June 26 and Saturday June 27, the 4th weekend in June this year. We have moved the Hatsubon service to August, and information about that will be communicated later in the summer. We have not firmed up the work days yet to set up and prepare for the Bon Dance, but more than likely we will use the first Sunday June 7, as our clean-up and basic set-up day, and the 21st to set up lanterns, etc. We will take down the yagura on Sunday June 28. For those who are able, consider blocking some of these days to come and help us.

We are beginning to repair some of our plumbing for the BWA room; and this should transpire over the next few months. The photovoltaic project is ongoing, and the lighting retrofit of the social hall (for electrical cost reduction) has been completed. Thanks especially to Alfred Paulino and Calvin Takeshita for the mainte-

nance projects, and to Rod Moriyama for the PV.

If you have not had a chance to participate in the Buddhist Education activities being led by Charlene Acohido and Damon Bender, I encourage you to try one or more of the sessions. They are running a discussion group following Sunday service a few times a month, and a meditation class weekly on Monday nights at 7:30 pm. We are working to establish a collaboration with Professor Thao Le from the University of Hawaii regarding her mindful meditation program, and I hope to be able to report about that in a future column.

I am writing this article before our Sunday Service on April 19, to which Rod Moriyama has invited two speakers from the Quaker faith to share their perspective of spirituality with us. I expect a great session.

Best wishes on a rich and full May. Keep in touch; let us know what your needs are from the temple.

—In Gassho,—

Glenn Hamamura



REVEREND'S MESSAGE

Dharma Talk Theme for this month is San-Dan "Praise"

Compassion

I would like to share a story.

One day, a pig named Butta visited the Shitaka- Butta to ask a question.

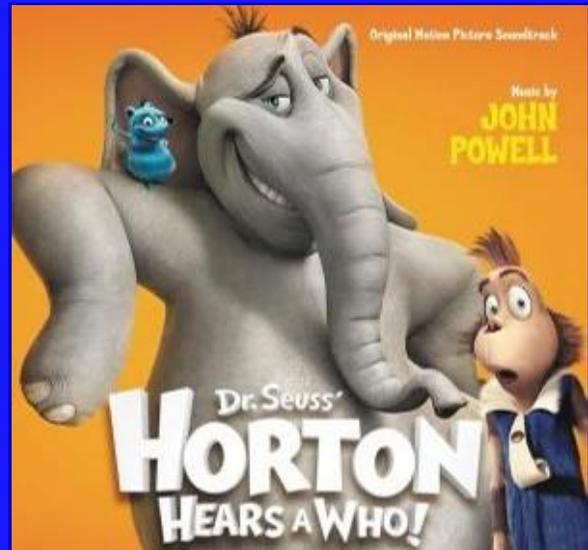
Butta said "Shitaka-Butta, I read the Wasan which is in the teachings of Jodo Shinshu. These were words in the Wasan, "Sakyamuni and Amida are our father and our mother, full of love and compassion for us."

"I know my father and mother love me; however, I do not understand Buddha's compassion. My parents give me food and take care of me, but Buddha never gives me any food or takes care of me. What is the Buddha's compassion?"

Shitaka-Butta thought about Butta's question briefly. Shitaka-Butta suddenly stood up and spread his hands and walked to Butta. Butta thought Shitaka-Butta was upset about his question and would beat him. Butta quickly stood up and ran away from Shitaka-Butta. Butta ran a long way, but Shitaka-Butta never gave up chasing him. Butta hid in the barn. Shitaka-Butta noticed Butta was in the barn and he opened the door. Butta cried out, "I'm sorry Shitaka-Butta. Forgive me!" The next moment, Shitaka-Butta hugged Butta gently and said, "This is Buddha's compassion." Shitaka-Butta did not think of scolding him. Shitaka-Butta wanted to show him what the Buddha's compassion was.

We cannot see Buddha's compassion exactly. But Buddha is always behind us, wherever we are.

Mother's Day will be observed this month. Through this story, we realize that even though we cannot see the Buddha, the Buddha is giving us infinite love and compassion like our mother.



MOVIE

5/31-9AM.

Title: "Horton" 86minuts
Feature; one of Dr. Seuss's most beloved stories roars to life as never before in this enormous animated adventure that proves "a person's a person no matter how small"

Buddhist Thoughts

All Sentient Beings

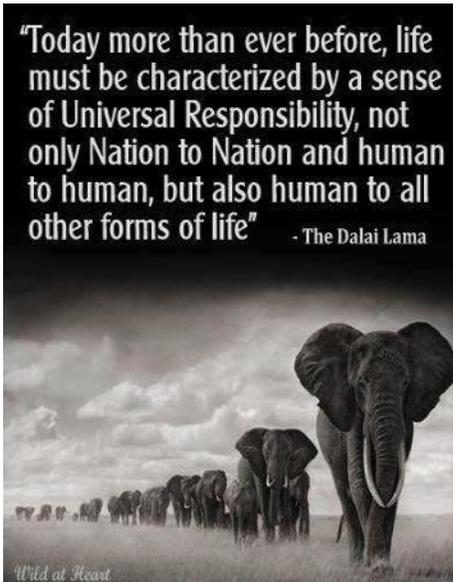
In his book, *The Buddha's Call to Awaken*, Go-Monshu Koshin Ohtani discusses Shin Buddhist views on the "Crumbling of True Spiritual Values." It is very thoughtful and actually difficult to understand by just quickly reading it. I'm just beginning, and decided to reflect on one chapter entitled, "I Receive, Therefore I Am."

In this chapter, the Go-Monshu discusses the change in societal values that have become too human centered and individual centered. Although I'm sure his observations are primarily about Japanese society, there are many parallels we can make about American living and life styles as well.

This was amplified by my cousins visiting from Japan this week. They talked about how families in Japan are disintegrating. The idea of grandparents babysitting is generally unheard of in Japan. The focus is on the individual, and child rearing is institutionalized through babysitting services at a very young age (even one year olds). People are so focused on "making a living" that they have forgotten about "living." People work toward giving their children "everything"...the best schools, the best toys, etc...in the hopes that they will be "successful." Being individual focused, competing to "get ahead" is the primary motivation. Behavioral science and statistics have shown that this

way of thinking may have unintended consequences.

Such motivations do not engender a more caring, and interdependent viewpoint. If life is generally isolated with a myriad of entertainment options, developing relationships is not a priority. People don't even know who their neighbors are. This was very true in our experience in Los Angeles. This is one of the reasons why we moved "home" to Hawaii.



Being human centered also is about putting humans above all other "sentient" beings. As humans, we've assumed that other resources are for our benefit. The environmental balance is many times an intellectual exercise or afterthought. In Japan and in our major cities, an appreciation for nature is all but forgotten. The idea that the meal at our dining table actually comes from a living entity is foreign. What

comes to mind is the PRICE, the token of the meal. In the words of thanksgiving, we refer to the meal as a "gift of life." This "gift" of our life, is at the sacrifice of other living "sentient" beings. Do we consider this kind of sacrifice in our thoughts when we say "itadakimasu?"

In my parent's home, we had a small Buddhist altar called the "obutsudan." It was a place where we would show respect to our ancestors by burning a little incense and having a bit of rice (obuppan) as an offering. In front, there were little wooden placards with the names, birthdates and death dates of our grandparents. We even had pictures of them there. Whenever we went home, we were told to show our respect at the obutsudan. We didn't know why we did the things we did. We were told just to do it.

The chapter closes with the need to have such a place for reflection and appreciation. Our existence is due to the interdependence with all things, and especially our ancestors. The offering of rice is a symbol of the sacrifice made by other living things for our specific existence, and we should be consciously grateful for the cow or fish or chicken or rice that made the ultimate sacrifice so that we could live. Does it make sense that it is our responsibility to live this life in the most meaningful way to honor their sacrifice?

Namu Amida Butsu!

In gassho, Rod Moriyama

Buddha Day Service

By Carolyn Uchiyama

Did you know that the Buddhists in Hawaii formed the Hawaii Buddhist Council in January 1963? Why? They wanted to petition the state legislature to promote "Buddha Day" as a state holiday. They circulated petitions throughout the 77 temples in the state and collected more than 40,000 signatures.

Rep. Jack K. Suwa submitted House Bill No. 1038 in the House and Senate of the Legislature in the State of Hawaii and the amended version of the bill was passed by the Second Legislature of the State of Hawaii, General Session of 1963 stating: "The 8th day of April of each year shall be known and designated as "Buddha Day", provided that this day is not and shall not be construed to be a state holiday."

Although we were not successful in making Buddha Day a state holiday, we are grateful that it is recognized today. We are indebted to Rep. Jack K. Suwa for leading the effort, and Governor John A. Burns for signing the bill. Without the efforts of the bishops of each Buddhist denomination and all the Buddhists in Hawaii, we may not be celebrating this day today.

Therefore, on April 5, 2015 the Hawaii Buddhist Council sponsored the Buddha Day Service hosted by the Soto Mission of Hawaii. Bishop Shugen Komagata of the Soto Mission of Hawaii chanted the Heart Sutra as the

other bishops of the Hawaii Buddhist Council offered sweet tea. We all sang the gathas reminiscent of Buddha Day which are "Floral Festival" and "Happy Buddha Day."

The Dharma speaker was a well-known person for those who read the weekly Mid-Week newspaper. He was Dr. Jay Sakashita, an associate professor of religion at Leeward Community College and a lecturer in the religion department at UH Manoa. The theme of his talk was: "Giving the Buddha a Hand or Giving the Buddha a Finger: Seeing the hand as the visible part of the mind." He emphasized the word "see." Buddhism is how you **see**, to be awakened to spiritual understanding. It is also to **see** the connections in the world within ourselves as well as through others around you.

Hands and fingers tell us about ourselves. In Hawaii the "shaka" sign tells us we are okay! You can use the "shaka" sign in Buddhism, too. The thumb is the parent and the pinkie is the child. Notice that the thumb is always watching the pinkie like the parent looking out for his child. On the other hand, the child is looking elsewhere, exploring the world.

Finally, in holding up the number 3 with your fingers, the thumb and pinkie hold onto each other. Therefore, the parent and child are hugging each other but between them are the Buddha, the Dharma, and the Sangha. Dr. Sakashita truly shared with us the Dharma working in our daily lives with ideas that awaken us to spiritual understanding.

Adventure of a Lifetime

HONPA HONGWANJI MISSION OF HAWAII 2015

YOUNG BUDDHIST'S INTERNATIONAL CULTURAL STUDY EXCHANGE (YBICSE)

The basic purpose of this program is to expose young people to Jodo Shinshu beyond Hawaii and to share your joy of living in the Nembutsu Teaching by visiting temples and meeting with the fellow Shin Buddhists from other countries who appreciate the Nembutsu Dharma.

Candidate Qualifications:

- A person who appreciate the Jodo Shinshu Buddhism
- A person who is currently in 9th grade, up to age 25 and in good health

Dates of Trip: July 12 – July 24, 2015 **Cost of Trip:** \$1,500.00

*Rest of the travel cost will be covered by Hongwanji. *Interisland airfare is not included.

*Some meals and other personal expenses are not included.

Application and Selection Process:

1. Complete the documents: 2. Mail the documents to: Rev. Toshiyuki Umitani, Executive Assistant to the Bishop Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii 1727 Pali Highway, Honolulu, HI 96813.

Phone: (808) 522-9200 Email: hqs@honpahi.org

Application deadline: May 10, 2015

**Please do not send a check with application forms. Once you are selected to participate, you will be asked to make a payment by the deadline described below.*

3. Fifteen (15) students will be selected and announced by **May 15, 2015**

**Announcement will be made through email, so please make sure to write your email address clearly in the application form.*

4. Cancellation & Payment deadline: **May 25, 2015** *No refund after this date.

For more information and application please contact the WHM Office at 622-4320

McDonald's 60th Birthday Celebration

By Carolyn Uchiyama

McDonald's USA was formed in 1955, and in honor of its 60th Birthday, McDonald's of Wahiawa and the Wahiawa Lions honored the Wahiawa Veterans & Community Leaders on April 15, 2015. The invited guests were:

Hawaii Air National Guard	Veterans of Foreign Wars
FWW Ladies Auxiliary	Wahiawa Neighborhood Board
Wahiawa Comm. Bus. Assoc.	Wahiawa Comm. Based Dev. Org.
Leilehua Alumni & Comm. Assoc.	Friends, Wahiawa Botanic Garden
Wahiawa/Waiialua Hiroshima Kenjikai	Wahiawa Lions Club
Wahiawa Lions Veterans' Day Parade	Military Uniforms Tailor
Leilehua High School	Wahiawa Middle School
Hale Kula Elementary	Helemano Elementary
Iliahi Elementary	Kaala Elementary
State Farm	Wahiawa Library
Wahiawa/Waiialua Rotary Club	Wahiawa Nikkei Civic Assoc.

The program opened with a Hawaiian Pule led by Kahu Dean Harvest. Mistress of Ceremonies Rene Mansho led the Pledge of Allegiance and the National Anthem.

Introduced to the group was Ms. Edean Reyes, Manager of McDonald's of Wahiawa, who loves the Wahiawa community and the support the community gives to McTeacher Nights. Through this program, McDonald's has given back to Wahiawa schools \$10,000. They have also sponsored the robotic competitions and the Leilehua High School team showed off their robotic skills at the restaurant. The McDonald's volunteers read to students in the summer programs. Since 1995 they have awarded scholarships to high school seniors who work for the organization.

Next to share was Veronica Kaneko, President and Managing Director of McDonald's Restaurants of Hawaii. She remembered working at the Wahiawa McDonald's as a hostess from 1977. In 1989 she became the manager of the Wahiawa restaurant with the cowboy theme. During that period they won many landscape awards. The organization continues to believe in giving back to the community in which they serve.

During breakfast, congratulatory messages and certificates were given by State Representative Marcus Oshiro, City Council chairman Ernie Martin and a representative from Senator Donovan Dela Cruz's office. Then each of them shared their remembrances of McDonald's: loaning coolers for team games, being able to buy burgers for team snacks, and employment building leadership for student workers.

During McDonald's recent renovation, the persimmon tree could not be destroyed to make the 2 drive-thru lanes. No one knew why until invited guest Ben Acohido shared that the section of land belonged to the Tanimoto family and the persimmon tree was planted in their father's memory. The tree is very, very old and still bears fruit that the family picks. We learn something new everyday.

The program ended with the Benediction from Rev. Kojun Hashimoto of Wahiawa Hongwanji.

"From this day onward, may McDonald's, together with their 60 years of tradition, ultramodern facilities, and proficient employees, serve as the gathering place for the people of Wahiawa.

May it continue to serve as a fulfilling environment with the sharing of ideas among all people in our community.

May our efforts be blessed with the Buddha's boundless light of wisdom that we might bring forth from the ideals to reality the goal of universal brotherhood of all mankind."

Namo Amida Butsu

dharma Shaka Interconnects with Ka'ena Point Natural Area Reserve

By Damon Bender

How are whales, albatross, monk seals and rats related to Wahiawa Hongwanji Mission? They all share our island, our actions affect them, and closest to this newsletter's readership, they were all seen by members of our temple's own dharma Shaka group on a hike to Ka'ena Point State Park in northwest O'ahu. Meeting early one Saturday morning, five families drove out past Dillingham Airfield and parked at the end of the road. From there they set off to experience this windswept landscape and share each other's company.

Exploring the beach along the way dharma Shaka members began exploring how interconnected we are to the beach. All the children had their heads down, knee's bent, looking for whatever caught their eye. The first thing to grab their attention was an old buoy. They began using this lost fishing gear as a ball to toss about. Next they found an interesting rock formation that had several crabs living inside. After passing around the small crustaceans, they notice an area that had sea foam



built up by the waves. Several of the children asked if this was the result of soap being poured into the ocean. Even if this was not the reason for the foam, it showed their understanding, and suspicion, of how humans can impact the world.

Before reaching the rocks and sands of Ka'ena Point, you have to pass through a doorway meant to keep unwanted animals out. It was here that we explored our interconnection with the plants and animals protected by the fence. Explaining that the fence was erected to protect the Laysan Albatross, wedge-tailed shearwaters, and fragile native plants, members of the group were exposed to how human contact with the Hawaiian Island chain had brought rats and dogs to O'ahu. These animals preyed on animals that had



evolved with no natural predators. The fence now stands as a visible reminder of our ability to impact, intentionally or not, the world we share with millions of other species.

After passing through two consecutive sliding doors, we were in the realm of the Laysan Albatross, Hawaiian monk seal, and whale. The sandy-trail walk from the fence to the point was filled with many memorable experiences. Large albatross flew overhead and milled about in nesting areas on the ground. Down feathered chicks, already half the size of their parents, nested on the ground just 15 feet from the trail. At the point itself a large monk seal rested on the shore with its head half in the water. To cap it off, whales were seen breaching and the spouts of many whales were seen. After taking in all these sites, the way back offered a unique view of O'ahu that few in the group had seen before.



After over three hours of hiking, totaling 5.7 miles in all, all five families arrived back at their cars with a better understanding of their connection, and impact on, a fragile group of plants and animal living in a remote area of O'ahu. Equally important, the group was able to share each other's company and grow closer through shared experience.

BWA BRIEFS

MONTHLY MC BWA ladies are actively participating in Sunday services, as MC every third Sunday. Thank you, ladies. It's nice to see all temple members taking lead roles in our services.

NEW MEMBERS Wahiawa BWA welcomes two more new members to its club. They are Kiyomi Kunishige (2/2015) and Karen Blackley (3/2015). Karen and her sister, JoAnne Parker, who is already in the club, are daughters of former BWA member, Jean Shimaura. Will third sister, Debbie, be joining soon?

SAKURA PROJECT We thank all who are still folding cranes, and we ask that you please continue to do so, as we try to reach our goal of 199,000 cranes. Paper size is 4"x 4," and leave folded. Turn in to Doris, or leave in temple office. Mark your package with "BWA," your name and phone number.

IF YOU MISS A MEETING Please stop by the office and pick up minutes of all meetings you miss. A lot happening—don't miss out on any activities, news or deadlines. We have monthly meetings to discuss and decide on issues. We also advise you of all that's taking place. If you miss a meeting, take responsibility for yourself. Get a copy of the minutes, call a friend, or call any club officer, but find out what you missed at the meeting and keep up with all that's going on!

NEXT MEETING DATE: Sunday, May 31, 2015

TEMPLE NEWS

SONGFEST - Sunday, May 3, 2015, 8:30am at Aiea Hongwanji. Come out to join in the singing, or just come out to meet old acquaintances and make new friends from the other temples. Sign up at the temple office (M-F, 8:30-12pm). Indicate your lunch preference and also let us know if you will need a ride or if you will be able to drive. Wear your purple temple shirt, if you have one. There will be no Sunday service at Wahiawa on May 3rd.

PINEAPPLE FESTIVAL - Saturday, May 9, 2015. Sign up at the temple office either to march or to cheer. All marchers meet at 7:30am in the temple parking lot for transportation to Kaala School (parade starting point). Wear your purple temple shirt, or any other purple or black shirt. Cheerleaders will assemble in the temple parking lot at 8:00am to be transported to the shopping center. Cheerleaders must bring own chairs and also wear purple temple shirt. All participants, please join us for light lunch in the social hall following the parade.



SPECIAL MOTHER'S DAY BREAKFAST AND SUNDAY SERVICE

Please join us for "Breakfast in a Bag" and Sunday service in the social hall on Sunday, May 10, 2015, at 8:00am. There is now much curiosity and excitement

over this still "mystery meal," yet people are also making donations of breakfast foods. Looks like it's shaping up to be fun, so as they say, "plan to be there, or be square!" To help us adequately prepare, please sign up at the temple office.

DANCERCIZE CLASS Classes are being held every Wednesday at 7:30-8:30pm in the BWA Room, and on Sundays at 2:30-3:30pm in the social hall. Come for a good workout- physically and mentally, and enjoy the fellowship at the same time!

NEW REFRIGERATOR The BWA has replaced the old noisy, energy-guzzling refrigerator in the BWA room, with a new "Energy Star." Most folks probably don't even notice, except when they go to open the refrigerator door and discover that it now opens the opposite way. Meeting-goers might be happy though, now that they no longer need to shout over the noise to be heard!

WAHIAWA COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE

WHM BWA will host a community wide blood drive on August 29, 2015 at 7:30am right here on our campus. Hoala School and the First Baptist Church of Wahiawa will also participate, with possibly a few more nearby churches and organizations also joining us in what we ladies feel is a very critical and valuable community service.

Every day someone needs blood. Since blood cannot be manufactured outside the body, donors play a vital role in the health of our community. About 180 to 200 blood donors are needed every day to help meet the needs of Hawaii's patients. Donating blood is a simple act of kindness that can make a difference in the lives of others. From registration to refreshments, the entire process takes just 60 minutes. Only one pint of blood is drawn, but this one pint of blood can save 3 lives! So won't you help by being a donor? Bring a friend or a neighbor, and help double the number of blood that we collect. If you are unable to donate at this time, how about your spouse, your grown child 17yrs or older, or even a relative. All it takes is a call to the temple office, M - F, 8:30-12:00pm. Leave your name and phone number and we will call to schedule your appointment for August 29. Any questions, call Dale at 392-3253.

The Blood Bank of Hawaii is a non-profit organization and the sole provider of life saving blood products for all hospitals statewide. Their mission is to provide a safe and adequate blood supply to meet the needs of all Hawaii patients.

Blood is a living tissue that circulates through arteries and veins and delivers oxygen to every part of the body. It is the essence of life and has only one source - volunteer donors!

Every 2 seconds someone needs blood. Every day hundreds of people count on volunteer donors for their survival. And 60% of people will need blood in their lifetime.

About 200 donors are needed every day, making first-timers critical for Hawaii's blood supply.

Who can donate?

- 18yrs or older (17 with parental consent)
- in good health
- weigh 110 lbs or more
- valid photo ID with date of birth

I Take Medications. Can I Donate?

These medications are all okay:

- birth control pills
- anti-depressants
- acne medication (except Accutane)
- allergy medication
- cholesterol medication
- blood pressure medication
- diabetic medication

Medical research has shown it is safe for people who have had a stroke or TIA, and for people with heart disease, to donate blood if they are otherwise healthy and feeling well on the day of donation. If unsure, check with your doctor before donating blood.

Medical research has also shown that cancer is not spread through blood transfusion. However, those who have had blood or lymph node cancers are still permanent deferrals.

Autoimmune disorders or their symptoms are also not spread through blood transfusion.

And regulations state tattoos are acceptable if applied by a state regulated entity with sterile needles and ink that has not been reused.

Saving lives is rewarding, and the first step in saving lives is determining how you can help. You can help by spreading the word.

Information is powerful. Educate others on the need for blood. And encourage them to support WHM's blood drive by becoming donors.



Short Stories of the Past

By Masato (Mutt) Tsujimura

NAMES PAST & PRESENT

Centuries ago, in the era of Shogun and Samurai in Japan, the elites were accorded full names like Tokunaga Ieyasu, Oda Nobunaga or Miyamoto Musashi. But the commoners were simply called Chobei the fisherman, Noboru the carpenter, or Takeshi the farmer. Their male children were usually called number #1 boy (Ichiro), number #2 boy (Jiro), and number #3 boy (Saburo) and so on. In fact, the great Shogun Toyotomi Hideyoshi was called Hiyoshi, the son of Yaemon, the farmer when he was young, but when he got older and accepted into the Nobunaga clan, he got the name of Kinoshita Tokichiro and finally the renowned name was bestowed to him when he gained high rank. To close friends, because of his diminutive body size and action he was often called "Monkey".

Many years later, when the nation's restoration took place, everyone was given equal status and given full names. When our parents immigrated to Hawaii, the male children were given full Japanese names with first names like Masayoshi, Takayoshi, Nobuyuki, etc. Some followed the old tradition and used Ichiro, Jiro and Saburo. Calling friends their full first name was too cumbersome so they were usually and easily called simply Masa, Taka, or Nobu. Then, there were too many similar names so I presumed that started the giving of nicknames, or substitute names, so friends and playmates could easily identify them. To list a few from my collection of hundreds of interesting names, some were given descriptive names like Gandhi, Biggie, Peanut, Flash, Blackie, Fender, Slim, Speed, Chibi, Fatso, Cutie and Happy. While others were given more exotic names like King Kong, Kala-Kua, Gangster, Big Head, Double Head, Hot Dog, Bazook, Krazy Kat, Ta-Toot, Moto-boat, Monkey-man, Mongoose, Mooch and Kop-pe. I remember some had numerical names like Five Ton, Forty, Fifty, Six Feet, and Dollar. Also, within the family or close relatives it was not uncommon for many to use only the letter of the names like "H", "F", or "T".

I recall during my elementary school days, a certain teacher with a book of names in hand walked down the aisle of the classroom and assigned the whole class with English names like John, Henry, Mary, George, Jane and etc. The second and third generation parents' trend were to give their children English first name and the middle name closely following their parents' names. Interestingly, the now generation are into more sophisticated names like Jennifer, Katelyn, Erin, Courtney, Trenton, Brenner with many using Hawaiian middle names.

As an afterthought, the generation when nick names were so prevalent has just about ended - like the dinosaurs. But it gave so much color to our monotonous names which were very unique and this happened nowhere else but in Hawaii.

Three-Petals Peace Service and Affirmations

Time and Place: Quaker Center at Honolulu Friends Meetinghouse on May 14, 2015.

Service starts at 6:30.

2426 O'ahu Avenue, Honolulu 96822.

Parking is on the street. Best to carpool.

Please arrive early to sit and settle down.

Refreshments will be served after the service.

This will be the fourth of a continuing series of quarterly peace services, rotating between the sponsoring organization: Buddhist Study Center, Newman Center (Catholic), and Quaker Center. It is a multi-faith service for peace, of mindfulness, and an expression that particularly resonates among our three faiths, blossoming from our common humanity.

"We affirm that all people should have the opportunity to enjoy lives of harmony and peace."

"We affirm that while we may follow different faith traditions, our traditions and beliefs all include a strong desire for peace."

"We affirm that while we will sit largely in silence for the hour that we come together, and while we may silently be saying the Nembutsu, engaging in contemplative prayer, or turning to the Light, we are together in our attentiveness to peace."

Ron & Nancy Gibbs, Residents

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“An entire sea of water can’t sink a ship unless it gets inside the ship. Similarly, the negativity of the world can’t put you down unless you allow it to get inside you”



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 8:30a Quilt Club (BWA) 1p Mahjong (BWA)	2 8a NO Temple cleaning
3 8:30a SongFest @ Aiea Hongwanji 9a NO Sunday Svc @ WHM 2:30p Dancez (SH)	4 9:30a Calig. (BWA) 7p Aikido (SH) 7:45p Bud Ed-Medit. (BWA)	5	6 8a Colum. Cleaning 6p Conv. Jap (BWA) 7p Kendo (SH) 7:30p Dancez (BWA)	7 6p Aikido (SH)	8 1p Mahjong (BWA)	9 7:30a Pine Festival No Temple cleaning
10 <i>Mother's Day</i> 8a Service / Mother's Day Breakfast (SH) 10a Buddhism 101 (BWA) 1p Takedaiko (SH) 2:30p Dancez (SH)	11 9:30a Calig. (BWA) 7p Aikido (SH) 7:45p Bud Ed-Medit. (BWA)	12	13 8a Colum. Cleaning 7p Kendo (SH) 7:30p Dancez (BWA)	14 7:30a Hosha 6p Aikido (SH) 7p Club Asoka (BWA)	15 8:30a Quilt Club (BWA) 1p Mahjong (BWA)	16 <i>Armed Forces Day</i> 7a SH-Cleaning 7:30a Altar Awareness 8a Temple Cleaning
17 8:30a Jap- Gotan-E-Rev Toshima: 10a English 11a Mindful Prac; Children (BWA) 1p Takedaiko (SH) 2:30p Dancez (SH)	18 9:30a Calig. (BWA) 7p Aikido (SH) 7:45p Bud Ed-Medit. (BWA)	19	20 8a Colum. Cleaning 7p Kendo (SH) 7:30p Dancez (BWA)	21 11a Hosp. Visit/Proj. Dana 6p Aikido (SH)	22 8a Aloha Visit. 1p Mahjong (BWA)	23 8a Temple Cleaning
24 9a Service & Malie Practice 10a Buddhism 101 (Temple) 10a Sangha Strummers (Com Rm) 10a WHM Board Meeting. (BWA) 1p Takedaiko (SH) 2:30p Dancez (SH)	25 <i>Memorial Day</i> 7p Aikido (SH)	26	27 8a Colum. Cleaning 7p Kendo (SH) 7:30p Dancez (BWA)	28 7:30a Hosha 6p Aikido (SH)	29 1p Mahjong (BWA)	30 7:30a Clean-Waialua Cemeteraries
31 9a Service & Movie "Horton" 10a BWA Meeting (BWA) 1p Takedaiko (SH) 2:30p Dancez (SH)	Obon activities in June. Please support the temple. Bon dance is on June 26, Friday and June 27, Saturday. Notes: For more information on special events, see newsletter articles. *Dancez=Dancerize/ Calig= Calligraphy/ Colum=Columbarium/BWA=BWA room/SH=Social Hall					