

# Kalyana Mitra

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Kailua Hongwanji Mission is doing business as Windward Buddhist Temple

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## It's Bon Dance Time!

There is a gatha that is sung during the Obon season,

“Obon, Obon It's Festival Day! We gather friends all along the way and bring fruits and vegetables for the shrine. Like Mogallana many, many years ago.”

In the classical story of Obon that can be traced back to the Ullambana Sutra, Mogallana used his extraordinary powers to visualize the whereabouts of his mother who recently died. Mogallana was surprised to find her suffering in the realm of the *hungry ghosts*, one of the six realms of existences in Buddhism. Using his powers, he filled a bowl with food and had it sent to her. However, as soon as she put the food into her mouth, it burst into flames. Finding himself at wits' end, Mogallana ran to seek the advice of the Buddha. The Buddha explained that although his mother was kind and gentle and appeared devoted to him; in reality she did so forsaking all other people who needed help. The Buddha told Mogallana that it would be impossible to save his mother by himself, but needed the combined help of all beings and that the only way was to make offerings of food.

Unlike the story of Mogallana, in Jodo Shinshu, Obon is characterized as “kangi-e” or joyful gathering. It is a festive occasion to celebrate all that we have as a living being. It gives us a chance to express our gratitude to our ancestors, teachers and friends, to show appreciation to them and to express how fortunate we are to listen to the Buddha's teachings. We celebrate that we are able to follow the teachings and put them into our daily lives.

Obon is truly a special time, as families come together to express gratitude to all of our loved ones who have passed on from their earthly existence. Together, families and friends gather to have fun, reminisce, and to enjoy each other's company. The importance of this is the realization that as we come together, we acknowledge our interconnectedness with one another. This interconnectedness allows us to realize that we are not alone in the world, but together, we can make this a better and more meaningful place in our lives. The feeling of loneliness is the direct opposite of togetherness, and this for many of us, is something we can well understand.

This year at the Windward Buddhist Temple, on **Sunday, July 7 at 9:00AM**, we will be observing our annual Hatsubon/Obon Service, and are inviting all members and non-members. Please bring your deceased loved one's *ihai* (memorial tablet), *kakocho* (register of family deaths), urns and/or photo and we will honor them by placing it on the altar. You will then have an opportunity to offer incense in their memory as their names are called. If you prefer to hold a separate Hatsubon/Obon service, one may be scheduled at your convenience, either at the temple, your home, at a columbarium or at a cemetery as well. To schedule a service, please call the temple (262-4560) to leave a message or call-back number, or call Rev. Bert Sumikawa at 492-7254.



# June 2019

2	<b>Family Sunday</b> (Dharma School)	Speaker: Rev. Bert Sumikawa M.C.: Jennifer Kane
9	Family Service 9:00 a.m.	Speaker: Shirley Yanagisawa M.C.: Linda Jaffe
12	Board Meeting	6:30 p.m. @ the temple
16	Family Service (Father's Day) 9:00 a.m.	Speaker: Prudence Kusano M.C.: Fujikawa Family
23	Monthly Remembrance Service 9:00 a.m.	Speaker: Rev. Bert Sumikawa M.C.: Cynthia Rodriguez
<b>Remembrance:</b> If you'd like to remember a loved one who passed away in the month of June (of any year), you will be given the opportunity to do so during this service. A sign-up sheet will be available at the reception desk.		
30	Family Service 9:00 a.m.	Speaker: Bob Nishita M.C.: Annette Tashiro

Temple Prep: June 1-2 by Team Pikake (Shirley)

June 3-30 by Team Ginger (Prudence)



Saturday, July 6 – Yagura (music platform) set-up

Sunday, July 7 – Hatsubon/Obon Service

Wednesday, July 10 – Dance practice

Saturday, July 13 am – Yagura decorating

Saturday, July 13 evening – Bon Dance

Sunday, July 14 – Yagura dismantling



Our second session of Family Promise is May 26- June 2 at the Betsuin. Kailua is in charge of dinner on Thursday, May 30 and breakfast on Friday, May 31.

Four volunteers are needed for dinner or breakfast. If you would like to prepare a dish but cannot go to help serve the food, arrangements can be made for

someone to pick up the food. (WBT treasurer, Gerald Matsuda, is able to reimburse for food preparation expenses.) We are also looking for someone to do the linen laundry. Please call Shirley at 261-3454 or leave a message if you are able to help. Mahalo for your continued support of Family Promise.



“E malama I ka wa ma mua a e holumua me Dana”  
(Honor the past and go forward with Dana)

On September 28, 2019, Project Dana will be celebrating 30 years of providing a variety of support to the kupuna throughout the State of Hawaii with a volunteer appreciation luncheon. Many of our volunteers devote their time and energy unselfishly and provide a lifeline to our kupuna. Please consider becoming a Project Dana volunteer, offering compassionate service to kupuna in our windward community and join us in the upcoming celebration. If you're interested in more information on volunteering, call Jean Fukumoto at 247-0514.

----- Jean Fukumoto



## Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii

### HEADQUARTERS UPDATE

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**May 2019**

### 62nd JR. YBA STATE CONVENTION

The Hawaii Federation of Junior Young Buddhist Associations will be holding its 62<sup>nd</sup> Jr. YBA State Convention on June 28-30, 2019 at the Pagoda Hotel hosted by the United Jr. YBA of Oahu. The theme of this year's convention is “Okagesamade: Oh, The Places We'll Go!”

### HONPA HONGWANJI MISSION OF HAWAII WILL PARTICIPATE IN THE PAN-PACIFIC PARADE

Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii will march in the Pan-Pacific Festival Parade on June 9, 2019 from 5:00pm to 7:00pm. The Hongwanji Ohana will be humbly walking to celebrate the 130<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii and promoting Peace Day Hawaii September 21<sup>st</sup>, as we “Walk in Peace” (2019 Hawaii Kyodan Theme and Slogan), carrying the symbolic Sadako Cranes.

### BWA NEWS

**16<sup>th</sup> World Buddhist Women's Convention:** A total of 139 delegates will be attending the 16<sup>th</sup> World Buddhist Women's Convention in San Francisco from August 31<sup>st</sup> to September 1, 2019. There will be 55 going from Honolulu United, 29 from Oahu, 7 from Kauai, 24 from Maui, and 24 from Hawaii Island. The theme of the Convention is “Live the Nembutsu.” Carol Valentine of Kauai will be our panel speaker.

Keynote speakers will be Rev. Yukiko Motoyoshi (*formerly of Hawaii*) and Keiko Toro.

Preceding the World Convention, there will be a meeting of the World Representatives. That meeting will be attended by Bishop Eric Matsumoto, Honorary Advisor; Tamayo Matsumoto, Honorary President; Rev. Shindo Nishiyama, Minister Advisor; Lois Toyama, HHMHFBWA President, and Linda Nagai, HHMHFBWA 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President.

# Activities Corner

## DHARMA SCHOOL ACTIVITY

Providing Dharma Education is a primary goal of Windward Buddhist Temple. We also have planned activities focused for our youngsters. Please refer to the temple calendar for the next class/activity Sunday:



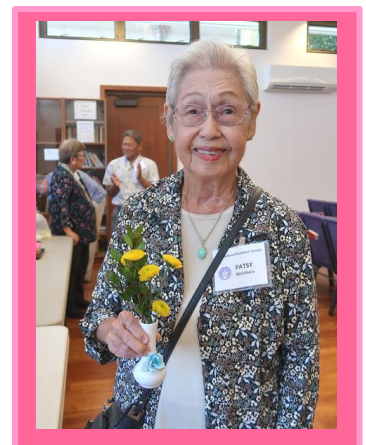
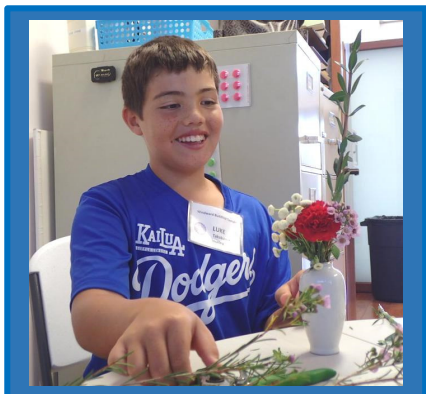
**COUPON**

**June's activity: Father's Day Coupons**

**April: Earth Day/  
Beach Clean-up**



**May: Mother's Day Flower Arrangement**





## Activities Corner *(cont'd)*



### EXERCISING, STRENGTHENING & WALKING

Tuesdays & Thursdays - 8:30 a.m.  
at the temple

### GARDENING

Gardening class will be on Sunday, **June 9**, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. There is no sign up – everyone is welcome!



### MEDITATION

Mondays 6:30-7:30 pm

Guided meditation, walking meditation and offering of incense, and chanting of a sutra. Followed by a short “talk story” section. Meditation is conducted by Rev. Dr. Bert M. Sumikawa. All are welcome to participate. There is no fee.

### TAI CHI

Tai Chi classes continue at the temple as follows:

**Tuesday 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.**  
**Friday 10:00 – 11:30 a.m.**

**(NOTE: No class on Tues., June 11)**

If you're interested and have not already signed up for tai chi class, please contact Dennis Tashiro by email at [dhtashiro@gmail.com](mailto:dhtashiro@gmail.com) or call 226-0339.

### IKEBANA

(Flower Arranging)

This month's Ikebana classes are on the following Saturdays: **June 1, 15 and 22** at 1:30 p.m. at the temple. Cost is \$5 per class plus the cost of the flowers/foilage (\$5-8). Instructor needs a count of participants as flowers are purchased for each class.

## Windward Buddhist Temple's Bon Dance

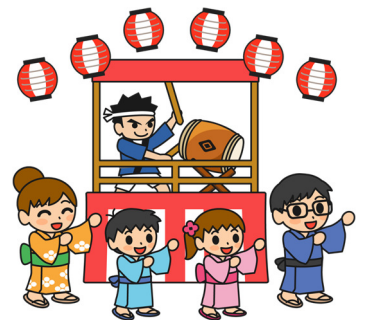
Preparation has begun for Obon at WBT. Please take note that this year, our activities center around the **second** weekend of July. (In the past, Obon was the third or even the fourth weekend in July.)

This is a huge undertaking for WBT members and our friends and family. Here are ways you can be a part of the activities:

**Setting up the yagura (musician's stand) – Sat. 7/6/19.** 8 a.m. to noon. Looking for strong hands to help with lifting, carrying and setting up the wooden musician's stand and the canopy roof. Calling men and women – teens to seniors to assist. Please contact Allen Kusano if you can help (262-9319).

**Decorating the yagura – Sat. 7/13/19.** 8:00 a.m. to noon. Hearty flowers (orchids, jade, red ginger, etc.) are needed and volunteers to help decorate the stand with foliage and complete setting up the grounds.

**Food Concession – Sat. 7/13/19.** Requesting donations of ingredients and ancillary goods for the food concession. A sign-up list will be available at Sunday Service, or you may call Merle Tashiro (247-5309) to inquire as to what you can donate. Also, if you'd like to volunteer to work the concession, please let Merle know.



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☸ ***Mahalo*** ☸  
*for your kind monetary donations*

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Dennis & Merle Tashiro in memory of Shizuko Kanda  
Andre & Jennifer Tashiro-Liang in memory of Shizuko Kanda  
Family of Edith Arakawa in memory of Edith Arakawa



**Obon information in this newsletter**