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Kailua Hongwanji Mission is doing business as Windward Buddhist Temple

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## **PERSEVERENCE**

Do you remember Steve Jobs, founder of the MacIntosh Computer? He studied Zen Buddhism and often held discussions with Shunryu Suzuki, the great Zen teacher, on the topic of the “Beginner’s Mind”. It refers to having an attitude of openness, eagerness, and lack of preconceptions when studying a subject, even when studying at an advanced level, just as a beginner in that subject would.

Jobs also lived by a quote from a publication called The Whole Earth Catalog, and on the back cover is a picture of an early morning country road and beneath it were the words, “Stay Hungry, Stay Foolish.”

Steve Jobs in his message to graduating seniors at Stanford University related 3 stories that described how he lived his life. I will relate one of them to you. This one is about “connecting the dots.” An adopted child, whose biological mother insisted that the adoptive parents give him a college education, dropped out because he could not find any value in the classes he was taking. But, he hung around and finally enrolled in a calligraphy class, realizing that it had no practical application in his life. Ten years later, as he was designing the Mac computer, it all came back to him and used what he learned in that class for all his typography. Had he not taken that class, the Mac would never have the multiple typefaces or proportionally spaced fonts. Of course, he said it was impossible to connect the dots at that time, but was very clear to him 10 years later. So you have to trust the dots will connect in the future. You have to trust in something. This approach has never let him down. The second is about love and loss. He started Apple in his parent’s garage with a friend and in 10 years it grew into a 2 billion dollar company with 4000 employees.

They had just released their finest creation, the Mac, and then got fired after a disagreement with a partner. That was the best thing that happened to him. It freed him to what he called the best creative period in his life. He started a company called NeXT, then another one called Pixar, with the worlds’ first computer animated feature film, “Toy Story”, the most successful animation studio in the world at the time.

All this would not have happened if he weren’t fired from Apple. “Keep the faith,” as they say. In the Shin Buddhist book, River of Fire, River of Water, Dr. Taitetsu Unno states, “when freed from egoistic design and calculations, life unfolds freely, in spite of the unavoidable difficulties. But a new kind of wisdom is bestowed on a person, so that he or she can negotiate through the labyrinth called life.” Similarly, Dogen-zenji wrote,

To study the Buddha Dharma is  
To study the self  
To study the self is  
To forget the self  
To forget the self is  
To be confirmed by ten thousand things (Other Power).

Namo Amida Butsu

Rev. Bert Sumikawa



# October 2019

5	<b>Windward Mall Bon Dance Festival</b> <i>(see related information below)</i>	
6	<b>First Sunday Family Service</b> <i>(Inter-generational activity to follow)</i>	Speaker: Keiji Kukino M.C.: Fujikawa Family
13	Family Service 9:00 a.m. <b>(Dharma School for students)</b>	Speaker: Rev. Bert Sumikawa M.C.: Cynthia Rodriguez
9	Board Meeting	6:30p.m. @ the temple
20	Family Service 9:00 a.m.	Speaker: Bob Nishita M.C.: Annette Tashiro
27	Monthly Remembrance Family Service 9:00 a.m.	Speaker: Michael Jaffe M.C.: Gerald Matsuda
<b>Remembrance:</b> If you'd like to remember a loved one who passed away in the month of October (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.		

Temple Prep: Oct. 1-13 by Team Pikake (Shirley)

Oct. 14 - Nov, 10 by Team Camellia (Janet)

Windward Buddhist Temple will be participating on Saturday, October 5, 2019 in the Windward Mall's Bon Dance Festival.

We will be selling takuan, boiled peanuts and andagi from 11 a.m. The andagi will be freshly made onsite and in limited quantities.

The yagura used by the Mall may look familiar-- that's because it is WBT's yagura!



We encourage you to attend and share this information with your family & friends.



Aging is inevitable, with different health problems. Some are physical and many are invisible.

My client's memory lapses have begun to occur often and to help her enjoy her daily life, she has begun to play *hanafuda*, the Japanese card game. She must match the suits and accumulate points and make 3 card "bonus combinations" called *yaku*. When the last card has played, she tallies her score and usually comes out the winner having amassed more *yakus* than me as I have to deduct 50 points for each of her *yakus*. As she plays, she forgets how many cards to

deal and place open on the table but she remembers the basic play, to match cards and count her points.

----- Jean Fukumoto

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## Impressions of the 56<sup>th</sup> HI State Federation of Honpa Hongwanji Lay Assns. Convention

The convention was hosted by the Hawaii Island Honpa Hongwanji Lay Association comprised of 13 temples on the Big Island of Hawaii on September 13-15, 2019. Windward Buddhist Temple (WBT) was represented by delegates: Dennis Tashiro and Joy Nishida and observers: Merle Tashiro, Ryan Miyamoto and Jennifer Kane. Here are some impressions of their experience:



"It was truly a privilege and an honor to be among the five of us from our Sangha to attend this year's Lay Convention – *Embrace Change: Strive to Survive and Thrive*. I am extremely grateful for the opportunity to learn, grow and get together in Hilo with some of our Hawaii State Honpa Hongwanji members. The warmth, friendliness, adventure, hospitality, and great food will not soon be forgotten. I was very impressed by the Sangha community and longevity of the Big Island Temples, which were built generations ago by hard-working plantation immigrants. The Temples stand strong, as do their dedicated members. Thank you very much for the wonderful opportunity." — Jenn Kane



"This was my first Lay Association Convention and it was an educational and informative weekend of learning and sharing. Our school bus tour of the "Endangered Hongwanji of the Hamakua Coast" took us on a road trip from Hilo to Kamuela, with several stops at Hongwanji temples along the way. Joy, Merle and I had the opportunity to present what we're doing at WBT to not just survive, but thrive. Later on Saturday, as an observer, I was able to watch our delegates represent the Honolulu District during the general session held that afternoon. Finally, on Sunday, our own Dennis Tashiro, the incoming Hawaii Federation of Honpa Hongwanji Lay Assns. president, invited the attendees to the 2020 convention to be held in Honolulu next year." — Ryan Miyamoto

"This convention was extra meaningful for us as we both are products of Big Island temples (Hilo and Honokaa). On Saturday morning, the conference buses left Hilo Hongwanji and visited Papaikou, Paauilo and Kamuela Hongwanji. Several temples made presentations of innovative ways that they (many of which have much smaller memberships than WBT) have embraced to continue to be a viable part of their community, and it was exciting! We (Joy, Ryan and Merle) shared what WBT is doing, especially with social media. On Sunday, the closing service was hosted at Puna Hongwanji. Each temple has its challenges, but their members have developed some unique programs to keep them thriving. We might be biased, but the Big Island really knows how to cook up great meals!"

--- Dennis & Merle Tashiro



## Activities Corner



# October's **Inter-Generational** Activity: **Toilet Paper Roll Pumpkins**



**Sept. Activity: Peace Day Cranes**  
Visiting our neighbors to share our cranes.



### EXERCISING, STRENGTHENING & WALKING



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

### GARDENING



Gardening class will be on Sunday,  
**Oct. 13, 2019** at 2:00 p.m. There is no sign up –  
everyone is welcome to attend.

### 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.

### 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.**

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 class is on **Oct. 12** 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.



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## HEADQUARTERS UPDATE

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### RSG EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM

Ryukoku Sogo Gakuen (RSG) held the Educational Program for International Understanding at Pacific Buddhist Academy (PBA) from August 1 - September 12. This is the second time for RSG and PBA to hold this program. The object of this program was to nurture individuals with an international orientation founded on Buddhist values and perspectives through deepening their mutual understanding of differing cultures and societies. 21 students from 13 RSG high schools in Japan had a homestay in Hawaii and attended PBA with the PBA students. The closing service of this program was held at Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin.



### HONGWANJI SANYOKAI VISIT



Hongwanji Sanyokai (Hongwanji Councilor Association) came to Hawaii from Japan for their study from September 13-16, 2019. Since Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii marked its 130th Anniversary this year, a total of 6 members visited temples such as Moliili Hongwanji Mission, Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin and Waipahu Hongwanji, and Pacific Buddhist Academy. They developed their knowledge and understanding about the history of the propagation in Hawaii.

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## DHARMA SCHOOL

*Providing Dharma Education is a primary goal of Windward Buddhist Temple. Dharma School for youngsters is held on the **second Sunday of each month** (unless otherwise specified). Please refer to the monthly calendar.*

On September 8th, our students met in a combined class. They discussed "Interdependence" and spent time getting to know each other. The students worked together on a Dharma School sign, filling the words in with micro plastics and treasures they had found during their Earth Day clean-up of Kailua Beach. This was a great opportunity for our younger students to interact with the older students.

After the September 15, 2019 Ohigan Service, Dharma School student Cade assisted temple members as they delivered cranes to nearby businesses to celebrate Peace Day in Hawaii.

In October, our Dharma School students will learn the Stone Soup Story and prepare for making Stone Soup in November.

---- Joy Nishida

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M/M Paul Hironaka – Ohigan

Rose Nakata – Ohigan

Ronald & Shirley Yanagisawa – Ohigan

Dennis & Carrie Kawamoto – Ohigan

Russell & Dana Arakaki – Ohigan

Naomi Kaneko – Ohigan

Allen & Prudence Kusano - Ohigan

Family of Wayne Matsumoto – 1 year service

Shirasu Family – Byron Shirasu memorial service

Margaret & Carl Fujikawa IMO Misao Imai

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