

Hawaii Kotohira Jinsha - Hawaii Dazaifu Tenmangu



The annual Shichigosan Children's Festival began on Sunday October 20

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November

3 9 am - 1 pm
Shichigosan

3 pm
Tsukinamisai Monthly Service

December

7 8:30 am - 12:30 pm
Mochi Making

15 3 pm
Tsukinamisai Monthly Service

30 5:30 pm
Cleanup and setup

31 11:30 pm
**Toshikoshi no O-harae
 Yearend Purification
 Ritual**

Hatsumode New Years blessing is right around the corner. Please consider spending a few hours this New Years helping out at the shrine.

Volunteers Needed

Asst Priest (Perform blessings for shrine visitors. Must wear kimono)

12/31 10 pm - 1/1 4 pm

Omikuji Booth (Give change, fill Omikuji box)

12/31 10:00 pm - 3 am

1/1 8:30 am - 4 pm

Ozoni Team (grill mochi, serve ozoni mochi soup, clean tables)

12/31 10 pm - 2:30 am

1/1 9 am - 2 pm

Volunteer Services (prep catered food for volunteer lunches, clean up adter lunch)

1/1 10 am - 3 pm

1/2 9 am - 2 pm

Omamori Booth (cashiers, baggers)

12/31 8:30 am - 11:30 pm

1/1 Midnight - 4 pm

1/2 8:30 am - 4 pm

1/3 8:30 am - 4 pm

1/4 8:30 am - 4 pm

Traffic Control (Pass out flyers for offsite parking)

12/31 11 pm - 3 am

1/1 9 am - 4 pm

We need help!!!

Please Contact Irene at:
 kotohira@hawaiiintel.net

Gokito Private Blessings



Shrine friends from Osaka visited the shrine on 10/10



A Yakudoshi blessing was performed for shrine friend Jennifer on 10/17



A House Blessing was performed for Sean & Mikako on 10/19.

House blessing are performed so that the home and land may be purified and cleansed of old negative or residual energies, making way for a positive and balanced atmosphere.



Congratulations to James Okada & Dalena Pham for tying the knot on May 4, 2019 in Seattle.

James is the son of Rev. Akihiro and Sharon Okada of Hawaii Daijingu.

Best wishes to the newlyweds on this wonderful journey, as they build their lives together !!!

Mahalo for visiting the shrine to share the wonderful news with Rev. Takizawa.

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Shichigosan



Shichigosan is said to have originated in the Heian Period (794-1185) among court nobles who celebrated the passage of their children into middle childhood.

Over time, their tradition passed onto the samurai class who added a number of rituals.

Children who were required by custom to have shaven heads until 3 were allowed to grow out their hair in a ritual called *kamitoki*.

The *hakamagi* ritual allowed boys of 5 to wear *hakama* for the first time, while girls of 7 replaced the simple cords used to tie their kimono with a traditional *obi* in the *obitoki* ritual.

By the Meiji Period (1868-1912), the practice was adopted by commoners and included visiting a shrine to wish for a healthy life.

3 year old girls began to wear a *hifu*

vest while 5 year old boys wore *haori* and *hakama*, traditional garments of the warrior class. 7 year old girls wore kimono outfits with elaborate *obi* sashes.

Hawaii Kotohira Jinsha - Hawaii Dazaifu Tenmangu was the first to initiate a Shichigosan blessing with complimentary kimono dressing in hopes of perpetuating a tradition that is spiritually enriching and culturally exciting.

Since 1994, the shrine has blessed over 7,500 children, a feat only possible through the tireless devotion of our volunteers.

A heartfelt Mahalo goes out to shrine officers and volunteers, especially Hanayagi Dancing Academy Hawaii Foundation instructors for their kokua weekend after weekend.

Chitose Ame or Thousand-year candy is a special candy given to children at *Shichigosan*.

Chitose Ame was first concocted by *Shichibei*, a candy merchant in Asakusa during the early 1800s and reflects the wishes of parents that the child live a long, healthy and prosperous life.

Unfortunately, the long, stick-like millet candy wasn't too popular with local children, so the shrine opted for the popular Milky *Chitose Ame* using a rich cream from Hokkaido, made by *Fujiya*,

Fujiya is a chain of confectionery stores and restaurants which first opened in Yokohama in 1910.



Congratulations



Shrine friends **David** and **Masako Jimenez** have been volunteering at the shrine since moving to Hawaii in 2014. The happy couple is blessed with a darling little girl - Serena.

David is a building systems and equipment professional with 15 years of industry experience.

While earning a bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering from the University of South Florida, David interned for Johnson Control's Energy Solutions division and upon earning his undergraduate, continued with the firm, taking on

increasing levels of responsibility.

David has lead teams of engineers on projects along the eastern US and internationally including Puerto Rico, Guam, Philippines and South Korea.

David's role at Johnson Controls has evolved from engineering to planning and advising.

David is a founding member of the Hawaii Society for Healthcare Engineering whose founding mission is to educate and foster interest in young engineers for the healthcare engineering field.

This summer, David received his Master of Business Administration from the Shidler College of Business at UH Manoa.

Congratulations David !! for successfully juggling the responsibilities of college, family and work.



The shrine's Stars & Stripes omamori was featured in the October edition of a popular Japanese magazine - MONO.

The article covered traditional Japanese items with "goriyaku" or divine powers that are seeing a revival in Japan.