

Hawaii Kotohira Jinsha - Hawaii Dazaifu Tenmangu

NEW YEAR EDITION 2020



Happy New Year!!! The dawn of a new year overflows with hope that invites us to reflect and to recreate ourselves anew. This year, may we all find a connection to spirit that can guide and nurture us in our growth as a nation and as individuals. Open your mind to new possibilities, discover the divinity within yourself and empower yourself to achieving your goals and purpose in life. Positive energies and blessings go out to all in this year of the Metal Rat. (Photo by Michael D. Ching)

2020 Year of the Rat

RAT - A year of challenges in all aspects of your life. Eat nutritiously, exercise regularly and stay positive to help overcome physical challenges and to reshape your future.

OX - A joyful and fulfilling year full of great potential for the Ox. You may encounter a few negative issues which can be resolved by talking it through with friends.

TIGER - Blessed with prosperity this year, Tigers should be thankful for what you already have, be generous and see the miracles of abundance flow into your life.

RABBIT - Difficulties in interpersonal relationships at home, work and in your ability to bond with others. Be an active listener and keep composure while communicating.

DRAGON - Dragons will see significantly improved luck in career and love. Find new opportunities to make your life colorful and interesting - full of passion joy and contentment.

SNAKE - You will discover new things that interest you which may alter the direction of your destiny. Talk to friends and consider all possibilities before making hasty decisions.

HORSE - 2020 will be another year of challenges and changes in many aspects of your life. Accept your limits, don't push yourself too far and never ignore your intuition.

SHEEP - Avoid getting sucked into an argument this year as you're in confrontation mode. Take time to reflect, be open to disparate ideas and seek joy in the presence of good friends.

MONKEY - Doors open, friendships flourish and supportive people come from all directions. Be grateful that you are indeed lucky this year and amazing things will unfold.

ROOSTER - A few jolts this year which will test your perseverance. If you keep persevering long enough, you will achieve your true potential.

DOG - Have you every wondered if you're aiming too low in life? This is the year to focus on the success you truly want to achieve - the success you believe is right for you.



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MAHALO NUi to **Mitsuru "Arashi" Igarashi** of Takenoko Sushi, Hilo - a charitable chef with a passion to preserve and perpetuate the food culture of Japan. Arashi has stepped out of his kitchen to give back to the community through his Ozoni mochi soup.

1800 bowls of soup were served to visitors to the shrine on New Years day.



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Pre-Hatsumode 12/26 - 30

Alyssa Fujihara	Odie Kepo'o
Gayle Fujihara	Galen Komatsu
Bryson Goda	Jenny Kuniyoshi
Reiko Goda	Diane Nishida
Kathy Hamada-Kwock	Lillian Okamura
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Hatsumode Prep 12/29 -30

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Kai Igarashi	Shinken Naitoh
Mitsuru Igarashi	Craig Nishida
Pam Igarashi	Diane Nishida
Arthur K Isa	Stuart Pang
Arthur Isa Jr	Gary Shinsato
Glenn Kawahara	Linda Shinsato
Galen Komatsu	Danny Song



Hatsumode & Cleanup 1/2

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Kai Igarashi	Lillian Okamura
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Hatsumode

12/31 - 1/1

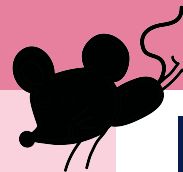
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JCCH Ohana Festival



The shrine participated in the annual Ohana Festival sponsored by the Japanese Cultural Center on Sunday January 12.

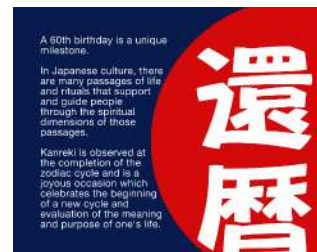
The festival is usually held at JCCH and Moiliili field with a craft fair, food vendors, cultural demonstrations, games and entertainment on two stages. However, due to heavy winds and rain, the activities on Moilili Field were canceled.

The festival is a great way for the community to come together to celebrate the new year and Hawaii's cultural diversity.

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Its not too late to participate in the special Kanreki and Yakudoshi Blessings on February 9.

Kanreki - arrive by 12:45 pm

Yakudoshi - arrive by 1:45 pm

Or email us to reserve a spot:
kotohira@hawaiiantel.net



View event pics at: www.flickr.com/kotohira-dazaifu

Gokito Private Blessings



The first Gokito blessing for 2019 was performed for shrine friends Lucy, Judy, Ashton and Tristan



Baby blessing was performed on 1/5 for little Sora



Yakudoshi Blessing was performed for Ed on 1/12

Our annual *Sagicho* will be performed on Sunday 1/19 from 1:00 pm.

Please be sure to bring your old *omamori*, *ofuda*, *kumade*, *hamaya* and *hamayumi* to the shrine by **1/15**. We do not accept *kadomatsu*, New Years decorations, *Saiwaigami* paper, mochi, dolls and stuffed animals.

On 1/11, shrine friends **Dee** and **Stacie Shimamoto** painstakingly removed metal, plastic and other toxic trim from the old *omamori*, *ofuda*, *kumade*, *hamaya* and *hamayumi* in prep for the annual *Sagicho* burning of the old *omamori*.



Maintenance

Yearend cleanup and pitching of the Hatsumode tent was done on 12/28 and 12/29



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Arthur Isa
Arthur Isa, Jr
Galen Komtasu
Diane Nishida
Rudy Santiago
Sherrie Santiago
Gary Shinsato
Linda Shinsato

CALENDAR

January

- 19 1 pm
Sagicho - burning of old omamori
3 pm
Tsukinamisai Monthly Service

February

- 9 1pm
Kanreki Blessing
2 pm
Yakudoshi Blessing
3:00 pm
Tsukinamisai Monthly Service & Setsubun-sai Bean Throwing



- 29 1 pm
Cleanup and prep

March

- 1 3 pm
Sake Appreciation Festival