

Hawaii Kotohira Jinsha - Hawaii Dazaifu Tenmangu

SUMMER 2018



A car blessing was performed on June 5. In Shinto, it is customary to bless cars and other modes of transportation, so we are preserved against harm and arrive safely at our destinations.

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Aloha Rev. Abe !!



Rev. Midori Abe bade the shrine farewell on June 6, after apprenticing for 2.5 months under Rev. Takizawa. Her shrine family gave her a send-off with a melancholy Aloha 'Oe - reminiscing the time shared while looking forward to the day we meet again.

CALENDAR



JULY

1 3 pm

Tsukinamisai

1-7 9 am ~ 4 pm

Writing of Tanabata wishes

AUGUST

4 1 pm

Cleanup & Prep

5 10 am ~ 2 pm

Back-To-School Blessing

SEPTEMBER

1 8:30 am

**Reservations accepted for
Shichigosan, Totose no Oiwai
Jusan Mairi & Seijin Shiki**



A birthday blessing was performed on June 23 for a devoted friend of the shrine. Many things have changed over the years, but Craig, you're still the same great person you always have been.

Prayers were offered for continued good health, fulfillment and joy.

Shrine Visitors



Lynn Van Deren and her students from Sacred Hearts Academy made their annual visit to the shrine on June 19



Welcome to Hawaii Mr & Mrs. Kunimasa! The Kyoto couple made their annual visit to the shrine on June 16

Tidbits

Shrine Director, **Bryson Goda** aka **Kineya Sakio** had the privilege of performing on June 20 with Kineya Sakichi VII, Grand Master of the Kineya School of Shamisen and other notable shamisen artists at Tokyo University of the Arts in Ueno. The special lecture series is co-sponsored by the Modern Japanese Music Composers Association and featured a shamisen ensemble performance with a rare upright Bass Shamisen played with a bow.



An Act of Kindness



Mahalo nui to **Neil Osato** for notifying our Board member **Diane Nishida** of a small wallet he found in the shrine on June 13.

To date, no one has contacted or shown up to claim the wallet. Losing your wallet, especially while traveling can be nerve-racking and frustrating. The shrine was unable to track the owner as this wallet contained only cash and a memo - with no IDs or credit cards.



Law & Order



Rev. Takizawa was served with a subpoena to appear in court and offer truthful testimony on an attempted burglary case that occurred at the shrine on January 20, 2018.

A young male entered the shrine at approximately 5:00 AM while Rev. Takizawa was cleaning and preparing to open for the day. The main gate on Olomea Street was closed and locked. The shrine's main door was open.

Upon hearing strange sounds in the shrine, Rev. Takizawa came out of the office and proceeded to search for the source of the strange sounds.

He encountered a young male running

out of the shrine and eventually chased the intruder to the Olomea Street fence.

The intruder had climbed the fence and was on the other side but Rev. Takizawa was able to grab his slippers and exchange a few words.

The intruder can be seen on video rummaging through the drawers of the shrine desk, seemingly with the intention of committing theft.

This is the first time one of the shrine's burglary cases has gone to trial.

The photo to the left is of the young male intruder unlawfully entering the shrine.

4 Blood Types

Since 1931, the Japanese believe that blood type is a common way of defining temperament and personality. It is said that blood type is directly related to immunity, which influences behavior and therefore character. O's have the strongest immunity because of abundant lymphocytes. On the other hand, A's have weak immune systems with difficulty blocking bacteria and are easily overcome by stress and disease.

Type A - The Farmer

Best Traits: Conservative, calm, reserved, responsible, punctual, neat

Worst Traits: Obsession, sensitive, self-conscious, stubborn, impatient

% of people in the US 40%

% of people in Japan 38%

Compatible with A & AB

Type B - The Hunter

Best Traits: Creative, flexible, passionate, free-spirited, optimistic, positive

Worst Traits: Eccentric, self-centered, do things at their own pace, dreamy

% of people in the US 10%

% of people in Japan 22%

Compatible with B & AB

Type AB - The Humanist

Best Traits: Cool, rational, highly organized, empathetic, unpredictable

Worst Traits: Aloof, critical, indecisive, unforgiving, sensitive, forgetful

% of people in the US 5%

% of people in Japan 10%

Compatible with O & AB

Type O - The Warrior

Best Traits: Outgoing, self-confident, ambitious, goal-oriented, devoted

Worst Traits: Arrogant, vain, insensitive, not good with details

% of people in the US 45%

% of people in Japan 30%

Compatible with All Types

Maintenance

Roof Project #1: The shrine's multi-purpose hut suffered from rot as the result of moisture reaching the wood under the shingles.

On June 12, the rotting shingles were removed and a new decking board was placed on the structure. A metal L-shaped drip-edge was installed along the eaves to protect the shingles from potential water damage which may cause the shingles and decking board to erode.

Roofing felt was then placed over the drip-edge and decking board, covered by a waterproof barrier material and topped with asphalt shingles secured with nails.

Mahalo to Rob of **Kimoto Roofing** for an outstanding job.



Maintenance

Mahalo Nui to **Mike Lee** and **Wayne Takenaka** for installing an automatic watering system in the back of the shrine.

Dragon Fruit plantings were donated by **Val Tsutsumi** to create a barrier of prickly hedge, to keep burglars out.



Roof Project #2: A few shingles fell off the Kotohira shrine roof during the heavy rains and strong winds in early April. Those shingles were also replaced on June 12 by Kimoto Roofing.

Mahalo Nui to **Mike Lee** for donating towards the two roof projects and for also serving as project manager.

