

Hawaii Kotohira Jinsha • Hawaii Dazaifu Tenmangu



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The annual blessing of Hanayagi Dancing Academy Hawaii Foundation - an organization preserving and perpetuating the cultural traditions of Nihonbuyo and Nagauta in Hawaii for the past 76 years

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Robert Stallings

Akiko Tash

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Sharon Toma

Jasmine Umeno



APRIL

15 10 am

Cleanup and preparations for Spring Fest

16 2 pm

Spring Thanksgiving Festival

3 pm

Scholarship Awards

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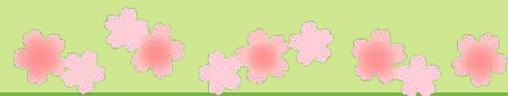
7 2 pm

Tsukinamisai Monthly Service

28 8 am (INTERNAL)

Memorial Day Service

(Punchbowl, Makiki & Moiliili Cemeteries)



GOKITO Private Blessings



It's always a wonderful feeling when close relatives, family or friends have a baby. It's almost like you share in their happiness in ushering their new bundle of joy into the world.

Congratulations on the birth of your precious little girl !!! May her beautiful smile make your world seem a little brighter everyday!



Yakudoshi blessings were performed for three shrine friends. May this year bring you all the success and fulfillment your heart desires



Kanai Anzen or family blessing was performed for a safe and healthy year

Chinowa for People & Pets - June 4 Sunday 9:30 am - 1 pm

Remembrance Services



The 15th-year Remembrance Service was conducted for Karen Fujishima-Lee (Hanayagi Mitsuaki II) on February 7 at the shrine.

Every opportunity to remember and celebrate Karen's time with us is an opportunity to thank her for having been a part of our lives.

Remembrance services gives us the strength to accept what is past, to appreciate what is present and commemorate a life well lived.



Shunbun no Hi or the Spring (Vernal) Equinox is traditionally a day to honor your departed loved ones.

In Japan, many families visit graves and have Remembrance services at shrines and temples.

Here at the shrine, a ceremony was conducted for former Board members and friends whose *Reiji* tablets are interred at the shrine.

In Japanese Buddhism, it is thought that Buddha helps departed souls cross the *Sanzu* river that bridges this world and Higan, the "distant shore."

In both *Shunbun no Hi* and *Haru no Higan*, the message is the same - - it's a special day to remember and honor our departed loved ones.

On this day, many families visit graves of their ancestors to clean the grave markers and offer flowers. In recent years, many families in Japan opt to hire services that will clean grave markers, remove weeds and offer flowers and incense on their behalf.



Back-To-School Blessing August 6 Sunday 9:30 am - 1 pm

Sake Appreciation Festival

Sake, a byproduct of rice has long been a vital part of Japanese culture.

Sake's strongest connection with Japanese culture lays in its traditional indispensability

at social gatherings.

Sake has an important place at festivals, ceremonies and rituals.

The shrine's annual Sake Appreciation Festival was held on March 5.



MAHALO for your donations of Sake

Bryson & Reiko Goda

Art Isa

Hanayagi Dancing

Academy Hawaii Fdn

Islander Sake Brewery

Kokusai Sake Kai

Milton & Kathy Kwock

Mike Lee

Sheryl Legaspi

Craig & Diane Nishida

Gary & Linda Shinsato

Naomi Teramoto

Masa & Irene Takizawa

Mahalo nui to Mike Lee for a bottle of *Hiryu Joun* sake by Fujinishiki Brewery.

The bottle was handcrafted by artisans and features a LED light and remote control that lights up Mt. Fuji in various colors - representing the changing seasons.

Gold flakes that "snow" over Mt. Fuji represents prosperity and happiness.



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MAINTENANCE

Spectrum informed residents of our area that sometime in January, a cable TV filter was placed temporarily on one of the electric poles on Kama Lane as the cable company determined that a non-paying person had been stealing cable services in the area.

The filter acts as a security feature instituted by cable companies and blocks non-paying people from getting free cable services. Spectrum cable and WiFi was down for about 3 hours during the removal of the filter.



The Dragon fruit plants on the Honolulu Ford-side wall were pruned for balanced growth and maximum production.

Dragon fruits grow rapidly and produces extensive vegetation however in recent years, an invasive vine growing from Honolulu Ford seems to be suffocating the Dragon Fruit.



The old non-skid safety strips in front of the shrine door were removed. Glue seeps into concrete pores which made removal a challenge. A non-skid paint with carborundum aggregate was used instead of the strips.

MAINTENANCE

Oahu was pummeled with strong storms bringing heavy rains and intense wind for a few weeks.

The Dazaifu shrine's french doors facing H-1 leaked in driving rain, drenching the carpet, curtain and offering box.

The wet vac was able to remove most of the water, however, it also required manual wiping to remove

all the moisture from the carpet.

The shrine was aired a few hours a day for a week, when the weather was dry.

Mahalo Mike Lee, for repairing the door which also suffered damage from the rain and wind.

Signs of wind damage was found on the roof with missing shingles and flapping copper parts.

Rob, the roofer inspected the Kotohira roof and performed some temporary fixes.

Shingle alignment and nailing were problematic. Starter shingles were not placed on the roof and many of the tiles were not nailed down.

Replacement, rather than repair was recommended.





Every month Rev. Takizawa visits the graves of those whose *Reiji* tablets are enshrined in the shrine.

Mini Bird-of-Paradise in several colors were planted 25 years ago as they are bright, cheery and long lasting flowers - ideal for laying at a gravesites.

The past 2 months, the heads of the flowers were being torn off just as they were starting to bloom.

A homeless person was caught on 2/25 tearing off the flowers and stealing other items such as hand sanitizers, rubber boots and garden tools.

When confronted, the intruder threw all the stolen items at Rev. Takizawa while becoming verbally abusive.



The Olomea street light in front of the shrine was vandalized, leaving no lighting since January.

The reason for this senseless act of vandalism is unclear - - perhaps it was theft of copper cables, luminaries or electricity through illegal connections. Being an access road for H-1, the State was contacted with a repair request.

A midnight intruder was caught casing the shrine. When asked to leave as he was trespassing on private property, he climbed the fence onto Olomea, pulled out a loose rock from the wall and smashed it into the wall, leaving a gaping hole. He then unscrewed a lightbulb from the shrine's exterior lights and threw it into the parking lot.

