

# Hawaii Kotohira Jinsha Hawaii Dazaifu Tenmangu

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# CALENDAR

## December

- 3 4 pm**  
Tsukinamisai - last service of 2023
- 23 4 pm**  
Cleanup and setup in the Preschool
- 26 9 am - 4 pm**  
Early Hatsumode (Personal Worship)  
Early Omamori Selection (In the Hall)
- 31 8:30 am - 4 pm (Closed 4 pm - 8 pm)**  
**8 pm - 2 am (Closed 1/1 2 am - 8 am)**
- 1/1/2024 8 am - 4 pm**  
Hatsumode • Omamori available in the hall  
Off-site parking at Farrington High School with free shuttle (11:30 pm - 2 am)  
(8:30 am - 4 pm)
- 11:30 pm (Internal)**  
Toshikoshi no O-harae  
Yearend Purification Ritual



Regarded as one of the most fragrant flowers, Mock Orange is a multi-stemmed shrub of great beauty often used as hedges in Hawaii.

The shrine's mock orange flowers were in full bloom in early November.

# VETERAN'S DAY



"The veterans of our military services have put their lives on the line to protect the freedoms that we enjoy. They have dedicated their lives to their country and deserve to be recognized for their commitment."

~Judd Gregg

# MAHALO Shichigosan Volunteers



Keng Hsien Chao

Gayle Fujihara

Bryson Goda

Kathy Hamada-Kwock

Stacie Hata

Art Isa

Arthur Isa

Becky Isa

Lorraine Kadota

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Shinken Naitoh

Craig Nishida

Diane Nishida

Gary Shinsato

Linda Shinsato

Naomi Teramoto

Jasmine Umeno

Margaret Yamashita



Mahalo Nui Loa volunteers!

We couldn't have blessed the children this Shichigosan season without you -- the heart and soul of the shrine's events! Thank you for whole- heartedly

embracing our mission to share the endearing traditions of Shichigosan, Jusan Mairi , Totose no Oiwei and Seijin Shiki with the greater community.

It isn't easy to work in the same

spirit week after week. We would like to express our heartfelt thanks to **Hanayagi Dancing Academy** instructors and to all who have devoted their time and energies with their highest commitment.

# Toji - Winter Solstice

*Juni-gatsu* is the Japanese word for December. Each month also has ancient names and December is often referred to as *shiwasu*.

*Shiwasu* is composed of two kanji characters "teacher " and "to run."

There are many theories for the origin of the name but, according to the *Iroha Jiruisho*, a Japanese *kanji* dictionary published at the end of the Heian period (794 - 1185), the meaning of *shiwasu* is that December is so busy that a Buddhist monk must run from home to home to perform ancestral rituals for their parishioners.

One of the traditional observances in *Shiwasu* is *Toji* or the winter solstice - the shortest day and the longest night in the

Northern hemisphere. This year, *Toji* falls on December 21.

*Toji* is often referred to as *Ichiyo Raifuku* or the turning point from Yin to Yang. It is also the "return of spring", when we welcome the end of winter.



One of the practices on *Toji* is to take a *yuzu* bath. It is said that taking a *yuzu* bath on *Toji* deflects colds during winter. It was also thought that the scent of the *yuzu* removed negative energies from the body.



Another popular practice is to eat *kabocha* or Japanese pumpkin. *Kabocha* is full of vitamin A and good for preventing colds and strokes. *Kabocha* is often simmered with *azuki* beans - full of nutrients to boost the immune system.

It is also said to be auspicious to eat foods ending with the syllable "n". The seven lucky foods are: *Udon*, *kanten* (agar), *kinkan* (kumquat), *ginnan* (gingko), *nankin* (pumpkin), *ninjin* (carrot) and *renkon* (lotus root).

# VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Any number of hours on any day(s) is deeply appreciated  
Please contact Irene at [kotohira@hawaiiantel.net](mailto:kotohira@hawaiiantel.net)

**TRAFFIC CONTROL** (pass out flyers for offsite parking)

12/31 10 pm - 2 am (1/1)

1/1 8:30 am - 4 pm

**OMAMORI BOOTH** (cashiers, baggers}

12/31 8 am - 4 pm

8 pm - 2 am (1/1)

1/1 8 am - 4 pm

1/2 8 am - 2 pm

1/3 8:30 am - 4 pm

1/4 8:30 am - 4 pm

1/5 8:30 am - 4 pm

**SAISEN BOOTH** (Give change, fill Saisen box)

12/31 8 pm - 2 am (1/1)

1/1 8:30 am - 4 pm

1/2 8:30 am - 2 pm

**VOLUNTEER SERVICES** (pack catered food for volunteer lunches, clean up after lunch)

1/1 9:30 am - 1:30 pm



**LOGISTICS CREW** (assist Rev. Takizawa in a multitude of tasks)

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

10 pm - 2 am (1/1)

1/1 8 am - 4 pm

1/2 8:30 am - 4 pm

**SANITIZERS** (Sanitize hall and high-touch surfaces)

12/31 8:30 pm - 2 am (1/1)

1/1 8:30 am - 4 pm

1/2 8:30 am - 2 pm

# Maintenance



Back in 1992, the government amended the Energy Policy and Conservation Act for more energy efficient technologies.

As a result, production ceased on T12 and T8 fluorescent bulbs, forcing an eventual phase



out of tubes.

Mahalo to Hiroshi Denki for replacing our system on 11/10 to Type A Plug and Play LED tubes which is compatible with our present ballast.

Type A Plug and Play is a



one-for-one swap out of the original fluorescent tubes.

It works directly with the existing fluorescent ballast, so there is no rewiring or ballast change, allowing for maximum energy savings.

# Maintenance



At some point in time, all parking lots require pothole repair. Potholes, alligator cracking, water from rain or inadequate drainage can seep into the asphalt, causing it to crack and split

Concrete is one of the most durable construction material but it will also deteriorate over time without proper maintenance.

Mahalo to Art for helping maintain the shrine's ground covering.

Please mark your calendars for our 2024 Shichigosan, Totose no Oiwei, Jusan Mairi

**Oct 27 - Nov 17, 2024**

Online Reservations will be available from Sept 1, 2024

