

Hawaii Kotohira Jinsha Hawaii Dazaifu Tenmangu

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"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

CALENDAR

December

- 4 2 pm**
Tsukinamisai Monthly Service
- 26 9 am - 4 pm**
Early Hatsumode (Personal Visit)
Early Omamori Selection (In the Basement)
- 30 5:00 pm**
Cleanup and setup in the Preschool
- 31 8:30 am - 4 pm (Closed 4 pm - 8 pm)
8 pm - 2 am (Closed 2 am - 8 am)
(1/1 New Years Day) 8 am - 4 pm**
Hatsumode • Omamori available in the preschool
Off-site parking at Damien School with free shuttle
- 11:30 pm (Internal)**
Toshikoshi no O-harae
Yearend Purification Ritual



Gokito Private Blessings



May this be your best birthday yet !



A Car Blessing was performed on 11/14



An Inurnment ceremony was performed for 4th-generation shrine supporters that live a few doors down from the shrine.

Family members gathered at a grave site in Honolulu Memorial Park which will be the final resting place for the two women who lived in Los Angeles and in Hilo.

Inurnment is the process of placing ashes into a cremation urn or placing the urn in the grave, tomb or crypt.

Whereas, interment is the burial of a casket-encased corpse in a grave, tomb or crypt.



MAHALO Shichigosan Volunteers



Keng Hsien Chao
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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 wholeheartedly embracing our

mission to share the endearing traditions of Shichigosan, Jusan Mairi and Totose no Oiwai 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.

Shichigosan Cleanup

Gayle Fujihara

Bryson Goda

Reiko Goda

Kathy Hamada-Kwock

Stacie Hata

Milton Kwock

Marilyn Naitoh

Craig Nishida

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By Lindsey Drower Today

Japanese Shichi-go-san rite-of-passage services see increase in demand



Oahu organizations offering services for Shichi-go-san, the annual Japanese rite-of-passage celebration, are noticing an increase in demand as COVID-19 concerns decline.

Places like the Hawaii Kotchira Jinsha and the Japanese Cultural Center are already fully booked with reservations, both of which sold out in a matter of days. "2019 was our last (Shichi-go-san) event," said Yuki Gyokoku, president and executive director of the Japanese Cultural Center. "I think there were a lot of families that either missed their 5-year-old one, and this is the last chance for (the age of) 7 because it's been two years."

The Japanese Cultural Center found its 60 available reservations fully booked after two days, while Hawaii Kotchira Jinsha found its 200 available slots fully booked after eight. "Reservations canceled some of our monthly services to accommodate the children," said Inono Takazawa, a volunteer at Kotchira Jinsha. "We were able to open up a few more slots... but we have a long waitlist that we can't fulfill. We feel badly, but it is the times and we would like to stay safe."

Shichi-go-san celebrations are said to have originated in the Heian period, back when aging past infancy was considered a significant milestone. The occasion traditionally takes place Nov. 15, when families celebrate children ages 7, 5 and 3 by dressing them in kimono, having their pictures taken and having them blessed by Shinto priests.

The occasion's coming-of-age traditions also include keeping children's heads shaved until the age of 3. Boys who reach 5 years old won't be clothed in male kimonos for the first time, while 7-year-old girls would finally be allowed to wear a large sash, called an obi, over their kimono.

Places like the Japanese Cultural Center and Hawaii Kotchira Jinsha offer complete services that include a provided kimono, a Shinto blessing and professional photos.

The shrine's Shichigosan was featured in an article on various Shichigosan events on Oahu.

The shrine celebrates 28 years since initiating kimono dressing and have blessed over 8,000 children.

Maintenance

The light switch in the Kotohira-side of the shrine malfunctioned in late October.

Rev. Takizawa opened the switch cover to find a rusted wall plate from the 1980s and an army of ants.

A switch is only one component in a complex electrical circuit that begins at the circuit breaker panel, runs through electrical wiring in the walls to the light switch, then through additional wires to a light

fixture.

Mahalo nui to shrine friend **Mike Lee** for purchasing and installing a new replacement - - resolving the electrical issue and preventing a potential fire.



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