

# Hawaii Kotohira Jinsha Hawaii Dazaifu Tenmangu

September 2022



The annual Autumn Thanksgiving Festival was performed on September 4 from 2:00 pm

# DONATIONS

Bill & Keiko Doughty  
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Bryson Goda  
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**MAHALO NUI LOA** for the donation of Rice • Sake •  
Fish • Flowers

Bryson & Reiko Goda  
Mitsuru & Pam Igarashi  
Seizo Imamura  
Roy Morioka

Marilyn Naitoh  
Gary & Linda Shinsato  
Takenoko Sushi

# CALENDAR

## OCTOBER

- 22 9:00 am**  
Shichigosan Cleanup & Prep
- 23 9:00 am - 12:30 pm**  
Shichigosan • Totose no Oiwai  
Jusan Mairi • Seijin Shiki
- 2:00 pm (INTERNAL)**  
Tsukinamisai Monthly Service
- 29 & 30 9:00 am - 3:00 pm**  
Shichigosan • Totose no Oiwai  
Jusan Mairi • Seijin Shiki

## NOVEMBER

- 1 - 20 9:00 am - 3:30 pm**  
Shichigosan • Totose no Oiwai  
Jusan Mairi • Seijin Shiki

# AUTUMN THANKSGIVING

The Autumn Thanksgiving Festival is meant to remember the things we have to be grateful for.



It's a special time to give thanks... not just for the food we partake, but for the thousands of fortunate

moments and the multitude of blessings that we receive everyday of our lives.

The 102nd Autumn Thanksgiving Festival commenced at 2:00 pm on Sunday, September 4, officiated by Rev. Masa Takizawa in the presence of Directors, Officers and Rev. Masanori Nagata from Aichi-ken, Japan.

The festival ended with a *Naorai* partaking of *kiku* chrysanthemum wine.

In keeping with the seasonal theme - Rev. Takizawa slipped a *kiku kanzashi* flower in his hat to welcome the autumn season.



Cleaning and prepping for the Autumn Thanksgiving Festival were done 8/31 - 9/3. *Kagami mochi* is made in-house and the offering of fish is tied in a special manner.



# GOKITO Private Blessings



Three years ago - 17 year old Hurley was diagnosed with an aggressive form of cancer and given 3 - 6 months to live.

Since, he has been receiving online blessings periodically to keep him pain free and comfortable for as long as possible. Despite chemo, Hurley continues to be in a joyful spirit and recently came to visit Rev Takizawa.

The American Veterinary Medical Assn reports that one in four dogs will develop cancer at some time in their life, especially elderly dogs.



Relocating to another city is the start of a new and grand adventure.

May your new workplace and home bring much peace, happiness and prosperity to your lives.

In Shinto, it is customary to bless cars and other modes of transportation so we are guided on the rightful road and preserved against all harm to safely arrive at our destinations.

Is also gives us an opportunity to express gratitude for the gift of our vehicles.



# GOKITO Private Blessings



A Baby Blessing was performed for a precious little girl.

*Hatsumiya Mairi* is an ancient tradition for those who have been blessed with the miracle of a child.

It is a special ritual that allows the new parents to convey appreciation to the *kami* an their ancestors for the birth of their child.



A shrine friend living abroad, returned to Hawaii for a business trip and a *Yakudoshi* Blessing.

*Yakudoshi* blessings are meant to connect your spirit within to help you through the challenges and may be performed at either the Japanese age system of *kazoe* or the western system of *man*.

## MEN Pre-Yaku

Japanese ages  
23 years old  
40 years old  
59 years old

Western ages  
24 years old  
40 years old  
60 years old

Japanese ages  
24 years old  
41 years old  
60 years old

Western ages  
25 years old  
42 years old  
61 years old

## MEN Major Yaku

## MEN Post-Yaku

Japanese ages  
25 years old  
42 years old  
61 years old

Western ages  
26 years old  
43 years old  
62 years old

Japanese ages  
17 years old  
31 years old  
59 years old

Western ages  
18 years old  
32 years old  
60 years old

## WOMEN Pre-Yaku

## WOMEN Major Yaku

Japanese ages  
18 years old  
32 years old  
60 years old

Western ages  
19 years old  
33 years old  
61 years old

Japanese ages  
19 years old  
33 years old  
61 years old

Western ages  
20 years old  
34 years old  
62 years old

## WOMEN Post-Yaku

# Choyo no Sekku

*Choyo no Sekku* or *Kiku* Chrysanthemum Festival was observed on 9/4.

*Choyo no Sekku* originated in China and is known as the Double Nine Festival.

During the Han Dynasty, a young man named *Heng-jing* lost his parents

to a wizard's sorcery.

In order to take revenge on the wizard for killing his parents, *Heng-jing* lured the wizard with the fragrance of a bag of Dogwood leaves and a bottle of Chrysanthemum wine.

On the 9th day of the

9th lunar month, *Heng-jing* was able to slay the wizard, bringing peace to his village.

Mahalo to Marilyn Naitoh for again providing the *kiku*.

This year's *sake* was a festive mix of tri-colored *kiku* petals.



September 10th was *Jugoya* or *Chushu no Meigetsu* (Harvest Moon).

This practice was founded in China around 3,000 years ago where it is known as the Mid-Autumn Festival.

Ancient Chinese emperors worshipped the Harvest Moon as they believed it

would bring a plentiful harvest the following year.

In celebration of this stunning phenomenon, 15 *Dango* rice cakes symbolizing the 15th day of the 8th Lunar month was offered in gratitude of bountiful harvests that nurture us.

# FLU CLINIC

The shrine's Flu Clinic was held on Saturday, September 10 from 11:00 am ~ 12:30 pm.



Mahalo to pharmacist Kimberly and Times Pharmacy Kamehameha Shopping Center for administering both the Regular Flu A & B vaccine and the Fluzone High-Dose Quadrivalent senior dose for the 2022-2023 Flu season, as recommended by the CDC.



In Japan, the coming of summer is signaled by *Furin* wind chimes.

*Furin* was introduced to Japan from China sometime in the 1200 CE.

It's time to bid summer farewell as we remove all *furin* and prepare for our Autumn events.



# MAINTENANCE

Pine trees produce sap all year long, but it flows the strongest during summer.

Tree sap has been oozing out of the pine tree on the H-1 side of the shrine, leaving fresh tar on the concrete walkway of the shrine, all over the shrine's exterior walls and carpet of the Dazaifu Tenmangu shrine.



Pine sap is not toxic but is a sticky nuisance that causes damage to hardscapes.

The pine tree was cut along with 3 ficus trees that succumbed to Carpenter bees and Black Road Dust Disease that is generated from soot, exhaust particles, brake pads and tires that contains toxic compounds that are kicked up in the air and eventually suffocate trees.

The Carpenter bees are said to nest in old trees and tunnel into

wood creating vertical nesting chambers, creating damage to the tree.

The holes made by the Carpenter bees can be seen in the photo below.

The tree removals required a 6-man crew and took a full 2 days with heavy equipment like cherry pickers and stump grinders.

