

Hawaii Kotohira Jinsha Hawaii Dazaifu Tenmangu



September 2024



Shubun no Hi or the Autumn Equinox fell on 9/23 this year and is a day to honor, respect and express gratitude to our ancestors and the departed.

In Japanese culture, ritual care for our ancestors is both a social obligation and religious practice.

A memorial service was held for all those whose memorial tablets are kept at the shrine.

Autumn unfolds new colors, longer shadows of shorter days - promise

Bill Doughty

DONATIONS

Bill & Keiko Doughty
Scott Fuke
Miyoko Hanahara
Tajen Hou
Art Isa
Arthur & Becky Isa
Rodney & Sharon Isa
David & Masako Jimenez
Katsumi Kato
James & Melba Kurashige
Yae Miko
Sylvia Mitsuyoshi
Steve Miwa
Shinken & Marilyn Naitoh
Craig & Diane Nishida
Tricia Ruiz
Akiko Sanai
Gary & Linda Shinsato
Robert Stallings
Dean & Naomi Teramoto
Lance Tsujimura



MAHALO for your donation of sake

Mitsuru & Pam Igarashi
Gary & Linda Shinsato
Takenoko Sushi
Masa & Irene Takizawa



Mahalo Nui Loa Sylvia, for gifting your vehicle!

We know you have many choices when it comes to donating, and we are so grateful that you chose to donate to the shrine.

CALENDAR

OCTOBER

13 10:00 am
Shichigosan Cleanup & Prep

20 - 27 9:30 am - 3:00 pm
Shichigosan

NOVEMBER

2 - 17 9:30 am - 3:30 pm
Shichigosan

17 12:00 pm
Shichigosan Cleanup

DECEMBER

1 2:00 pm
Tsukinamisai Monthly Service

TBA 5:00 pm
Cleanup & move into Hall

GOKITO Private Blessings



Driving is the most dangerous thing we do on a daily basis and it has the highest cost as well.

In Shinto, it is customary to bless cars and other modes of transportation.

A Car blessing was performed on 9/11 for shrine friends to express gratitude for the gift of a new vehicle and for protection from harm.



In Shinto, there are many passages of life and rituals that support and guide people through the spiritual dimensions of those passages.

A *Yakudoshi* blessing was performed on September 22 for a shrine friend.

Yakudoshi years are said to hold many physical and emotional challenges, especially *Honyaku* (Major Yaku) years which are 42 for men and 33 for women.



Congratulations to Rayce Manriki, the shrine's 2020 Scholarship recipient on his graduation from Pacific University in Oregon.

Rayce was accepted to Pacific University's School of Audiology, a 3-year curriculum leading to a doctor of Audiology (AuD) degree.



AUTUMN THANKSGIVING FESTIVAL

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 104th Autumn Thanksgiving Festival commenced at 2:00 pm on Sunday, September 1, officiated by Rev. Masa Takizawa in the presence of Directors and Officers.

The festival ended with a *Naorai* observing the traditions of *Choyo no Sekku*

by partaking of *kiku* chrysanthemum wine.

Choyo no Sekku originated in China and is known as the Double Nine Festival. In Taoism, the number nine is thought to be most auspicious and drinking alcohol laced with *kiku* petals is thought to promote longevity.



The spiritual powers of the full moon has been revered since ancient times in Japan.

Chushu no Meigetsu or the Harvest Moon is said to be the brightest moon of the year and it is also the day that the Mid-Autumn Festival is celebrated in Chinese culture to celebrate the end of the Autumn harvest.

On September 19, 15 *dango mochi* balls were made and placed under the moon along with some sake.

TIDBITS



A warm, happy welcome to Kyle !!!

Omiya mairi is a Japanese tradition for newborns to be blessed at a Shinto shrine. Many celebrate the occasion on the 31st day of birth for boys and 33 days for girls.

So many happy and wonder-filled times ahead for you! Congratulations Bryson and Reiko!!!



E Komo Mai Rev. Midori !
Rev. Midori Abe and family visited the shrine on 9/16.

Rev. Abe interned at the shrine for several months in 2018, upon ordination as a Shinto priest.

She now resides in Tokyo as Chief of Staff for her father, a member of the House of Representatives and is still actively involved with her family shrine in Fukuoka.

On August 3, Love A Keiki Learning Center announced that they were moving out of the shrine's hall after more than 28 years in operation.

The preschool is downsizing it's operation from 48 children to 24 children out of concern for financial stability and the long-term viability of their program.

They vacated the shrine hall on September 9 to move to the Kalihi & Moanalua Church on Kam IV Road.

Mahalo to shrine president Diane Nishida for coordinating and stream-lining the move-out process.

We bid Aloha to Love A Keiki Learning Center and wish them much success in all future endeavors !!

MAINTENANCE

The *Shide* papers were changed on 8/27 in preparation of the Autumn Thanksgiving Festival



Pesky, persistent weeds growing through cracks in the asphalt were removed manually in late September.

With an asphalt covering, it's impossible to remove the entire root network, however monthly weeding seems to keep the weeds at bay.



Labor Day honors the contributions of workers in every field that propels our society forward.

The first Labor Day was celebrated in 1882 in New York. By 1894, 23 more states had adopted the holiday and on June 28, 1894, President Grover Cleveland signed a law making the first Monday of September a national holiday.

It is a day to recognize the spirit of hard work that America was built on by all the immigrants who came for a better way of life.