

Hawaii Kotohira Jinsha - Hawaii Dazaifu Tenmangu

Spring 2019



The annual Setsubun Bean Throwing ritual was performed on February 10

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CALENDAR

MARCH

- 2 1:00 pm
Cleanup & Prep
- 3 3 pm
Sake Appreciation Festival

APRIL

- 13 1:00 pm
Cleanup & Prep
- 14 3 pm
Spring Thanksgiving Festival

MAY

- 5 3 pm
Tsukinamisai Monthly Service
- 26 8 am
Honolulu Shinto Renmei Memorial Service

Sake Appreciation Festival 酒醸造感謝祭



**March 3, 2019
3:00 pm**



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 Sake Appreciation Festival was initiated to acknowledge the gift that alcoholic beverages made from rice like sake and shochu are to the world and our lives.

Join us Sunday, March 3, 2019 from 3:00 pm to express our appreciation for the bounties we enjoy.

Make A Wish Foundation

The Make a Wish Foundation grants life-changing wishes to American children between the ages of 3 and 18 with critical illnesses.

On February 8, the shrine welcomed Angelina a teenager from Florida.

Angelina battles an illness called Crohn's Disease and has undergone five surgeries since the age of 3 including removal of her colon.



Japanese martial arts are deeply rooted in Shinto, and the shrine was the nub for various marital arts before WWII.

It was Angelina's wish to visit our shrine to further her knowledge of the philosophy behind Japanese martial arts. Her parents attributes her strength of character and perseverance to their training in Kempo.

To start the experience, Rev. Takizawa gave her a tour of the shrine, a mini lecture on its history and its involvement with martial arts and ended with a blessing for continued health and the strength to battle her illness by mobilizing all her resources - spiritual, emotional and physical.

Wishes are said to be an important part of a child's treatment journey. We have received word from the Foundation that Angelina left her wish energized, hopeful and joyful.

Ganbatte Angelina!!! There's a wonderful world out there waiting for you.

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Setsubun Bean Throwing

The *Setsubun* Bean Scattering ritual was performed at the shrine on February 10.

Setsubun literally means "seasonal division" and is the day before the beginning of Spring in Japan - the beginning of the cycle of seasons and a time of birth.

Roasted soybeans are used in *Setsubun* as it symbolizes birth and the nurturing of life.

Mahalo to **Diane Nishida** for playing the part of the *oni* ogre, **Kell Komatsubara** and **Eri Yamazaki** for assisting in the *Mame-maki* in *Kamishimo* - the traditional out fit of samurai warriors. *Kamishimo* is often worn in Japan to perform *Mame maki*, however it is the first time it has been worn in Hawaii at *Setsubun*.



A house blessing was performed on 2/3 for a family in Mililani.



Contributing to the family's physical, emotional and spiritual well-being with an annual Family Blessing

Kanreki and Yakudoshi Group Blessings

The ancient Japanese calendar was organized on 60-year cycles. The cycle returns to its starting point in 60 years and as such, Kanreki celebrates that point in our lives when we return to the Chinese zodiac sign of our birth year.

Kanreki is a time that prompts new

beginnings which are used to mark significant transitions in later life.

It is a time to re-evaluate our lives - when we may begin to face our mortality, make transformative changes and reaffirm a sense of gratitude for the goodness and richness of our years.

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

Crisis is an opportunity for growth and *Yakudoshi* is a time to look within yourself, recognize and acknowledge the changes and set new goals. *Yakudoshi* blessings are meant to reconnect your spirit within to help you through the challenges and may be performed at either the traditional Japanese age system or *kazoe* or the western



system of *mahn*.

Let the challenges of *Yakudoshi* inspire you and help you discover the meaning of life through your journey.

Mahalo Nui to **Diane Nishida** and **Linda Shinsato** for helping in the two blessings.



Donation of Otobari

On February 15, the shrine was honored to receive a donation of shrine furnishings called *Otobari* from **Masuo Horiuchi**, the 5th generation owner and artisan of Horiuchi Shoten of Kyoto.

Horiuchi Shoten was established in Kyoto in the late 1700s and is now the only remaining manufacturer of furnishings used by shrines and temples. They are also Purveyors to



the Imperial Household and have provided silk furnishings for the Imperial Household for the past 150 years.

Otobari are cloth doorway curtains used to adorn shrines and temples. The gifted *Otobari* to the shrine was handmade by Mr. Horiuchi.

The handwoven white silk jacquard is adorned with shrine crests hand painted with 24 karat gold paint.

The shrine extends its heartfelt Mahalo Nui Loa to Mr. Horiuchi.



A huge hole was cut in the shrine's hedge in the early hours of February 2.

The freeway-side hedge is a trash dump for passers by, leaving Rev. Takizawa with a daily ritual of digging out cans, half-eaten plate lunches and assorted garbage,

Was it an attempted burglary? A prank?

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Maintenance



Mahalo Nui Loa to **Mike Lee** for taking on the monumental task of removing and replacing the wooden beams along the back of the shrine building.

The decorative beams were termite eaten and

in dire need of replacing. Discovering termite damage is an unsettling experience, fortunately no damages were seen on the building itself and the structural integrity was not jeopardized.



Mike worked on the project on a cold, wet and windy day to remove every shred of damaged and infested wood, sanded to create a smooth surface and replace it with treated lumber.

The shrine exists by virtue of the selfless volunteers that offer their time, talents and services throughout the years.

When doing your tax returns, please remember that:

Volunteers are allowed to deduct things like phone calls, postage paper or other out of pocket expenses. If your volunteer work requires gear - purchase of and cleaning may also be tax deductible.

Gas and oil costs may also be deducted.

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