



Lahaina Jodo Mission Bulletin

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY BUDDHA

April is the month of Shakyamuni Buddha's great birth in Lumbini Garden in India about 2,500 years ago. Let us learn his teachings of peace and tolerance which in today's world is most needed. Let us strive to live peacefully and harmoniously following Shakyamuni Buddha's guidance.

From Metta Sutra:

"May all beings be happy, may they be joyous and live in safety. All living beings, whether weak or strong, In high or middle or low realms of existence, small or great, visible or invisible, near or far, born or to be born, May all beings be happy. Let none deceive another, nor despite any being in any state. Let none by anger or hatred wish harm to another. Even as a mother, at the risk of her life, Watches over and protects her only child, So with a boundless mind Should one cherish all living things, suffusing love over the entire world, Above, below, and all around, without limit, So let each cultivate, an infinite good will Toward the whole world."

HANAMATSURI-SHAKYAMUNI BUDDHA'S BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

Date: **Sunday, April 7, 2024**

Time: **9:00 AM**

Place: **Wailuku Hongwanji Mission**

Shakyamuni Buddha was born at Lumbini Flower Garden on April 8th. All expressed their heartfelt delight with the glory of the Queen Maya and her princely child. Heaven and Earth rejoiced. The joy of the King was extreme and he named the child, Siddhartha which means, "every wish fulfilled."

West Maui Buddhist have been invited to join the Central Maui Hanamatsuri. Let us gather together with our Maui Buddhist sangha to celebrate Buddha's birth, a teacher of peace and tolerance..

VISITATION & SERVICE AT OUR TEMPLE

On March 24, our Lahaina Jodo Mission sangha visited our Temple and held a prayer offering in front of the Daibutsu and Pagoda. We prayed for all the victims of the Lahaina wildfires and our members who were lost that day. We also offered prayers to our beloved spirits enshrined in the Pagoda. Mahalo to Machiko Nagao, Yayoi Hara, Yuriko Egi and Cindy Shimabuku for preparing lunch; to all that participated that day, it was nice to see everyone.



URNS HOUSED AT OUR PAGODA

Report for those with family urns in the Pagoda. About 80% of the urns in the Pagoda are still in-tack, unfortunately the majority of them are not identifiable at this time due to burn on the engraving. Your family urn is secure in the Pagoda and have been individually contained in plastic bags and totes.

For those who have a family urn in the Pagoda please email lahainjodominion@gmail.com with contact information, family name, number of urns in niche, etc. We do have a database of the urns and their location so am hopeful that we will be able to identify the urns but more examination discussion will be needed as we move forward.

COPPER RECYCLE

Our temple friends from Japan, Tomo Onishi and Atsuko Sekiguchi, came to visit in early March. They offered to assist with clean-up and along with Machiko Nagao, Nobu & Masako Yoshida, Kim Ngyuen, and Yayoi Hara they collected the copper roof tiles from the Pagoda and recycled two truckloads of copper at Hammerhead Metal.

A portion of the tiles are being made into medallions that are part of a bookmark being made by Vashti Daise.

Mahalo to all for your dedication and aloha for our Lahaina Jodo Mission.

COLLABORATION WITH CENTER FOR ORAL HISTORY AT UH MANOA

Mary Danico, Director and Micah Mizukami, Associate Director of Center for Oral History at UH Manoa are interested in interviewing Lahaina kupuna with ties to our Buddhist temple community in order to capture and preserve stores of Lahaina for future generations. If you know someone who has stories of Lahaina's past and would like to share about family, schooling, temple and town please suggest names to Yayoi Hara at 808-276-4042.

SERVICE IN LAHAINA

On **Sunday, April 28** we will have visitation and service in Lahaina at **10:00 AM**. After the service picnic gathering will be held at the park area. Participants should meet at the Cannery parking lot near Longs Drugs at 9:50 AM. We look forward to seeing all who can attend.

KONDANKAI TALK STORY IN JAPANESE

We invite West Maui Japanese speakers to gather for a *kondaikai-talk story*. The purpose is for Japanese speakers to enjoy fellowship, lunch will be prepared. Please invite your friends and join on **Saturday, April 27 from 10-12 AM** at Kahului Jodo Mission (325 La'au Street). We would like to get a rough head-count & able to contact those who express interest in case of change by April 19, please email or text Yayoi

Hara at yayoi.hara@gmail.com or 808-276-4042 to RSVP so we can prepare food.

APRIL CALENDAR

- April 5 (Fri)- Welcome Gathering Abbot Seiya Chisaka at Paia Rinza Mission
6 (Sat)- Violet Nishijima 100th birthday party.
7 (Sun)- Maui Hanamatsuri Celebration Wailuku Hongwanji Mission 9 AM
14 (Sun)- WJM, Sunday Service 8:30 AM
16 (Tues)- Koyasan Officials *omimai* visitation Wailuku Shingon Mission
21 (Sun)- Service at KJM 8:30 AM
22 (Mon)- Minister's Meeting
27 (Sat)-*Kondaikai*- talk story (in Japanese), 10 AM KJM
28 (Sun)- Service at Lahaina Jodo Mission 10 AM, followed by lunch

LETTER FROM LILLIAN PHENICE (AOTAKI)

Rev. Hara's message (in March Bulletin) of hope and change was inspiring and welcoming as I am unable to be there with all of you who are dedicated stewards of our values and culture. Thank you for keeping me informed and making me a part of our Buddhist family. There are so many wonderful memories as we reflect on the past. Memories that made the Lahaina Jodo Mission community warm, caring, supportive and very much a special place for me and our families, mostly led by the sincerity and devotion of Reverend & Mrs. Hara and their tireless giving and sharing of themselves to others. Your children must have witnessed this and must have been proud, but at the same time wished that both mom and dad had less stress with more together time. As I read the newsletter, it is heartfelt to read that Maya, John, Yayoi are there to support the Buddhist families and the community.

Thank you, Maya, John, Yayoi and Rev & Mrs. Hara, by working together the challenge for the communities future will be less daunting. I am there with you in my thoughts and prayers, how I wish it would be otherwise.
