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Nehan-e Service (Feb. 9 @ 9:30AM)

On **Sunday, February 9 @ 9:30 AM** we will be observing our annual Nehan-e Service. This is the service dedicated to Shakyamuni Buddha in memory of his dedication to teach the wonderful teachings of Buddhism as he took his last breath at a place called Kushinagara. In his last sermon, he taught to his disciples that even he who has attained enlightenment, will eventually pass on and summed his basic teaching of impermanence of physical entity. However, we can proudly say that his teachings, which are not physical, still continues to exist and changing its form to accommodate our present lives. Let us gather on this day to share our deepest understanding of Buddhist teachings as we dedicate the service to Shakyamuni Buddha.




General Membership Meeting (Feb. 9 @ 10:30AM)

On **Sunday, February 9 @ 10:30 AM**, after the Nehan-e Service, we will be having our annual General Membership Meeting. At this time, the Board of Directors will make financial reports and review projects that are in progress and in the planning stages. If you have any questions about the temple operation or suggestions, please attend the meeting to present them to the Board of Directors.

Membership Dues

We appreciate your generous support each year through the timely payment of our Membership Dues. This helps us maintain and operate the temple each year. **The membership fee for 2020 is \$150. The Nokotsudo (Columbarium) Maintenance Fee is \$24 per Niche.** Please use the enclosed envelope to send in your Membership Dues Form and payment to the temple. We thank you for your support and contributions.

<p>2020 SOTO MISSION OF HAWAII MEMBERSHIP DUES</p> <p>Membership Dues (\$150.00) Membership Dues (\$150.00) & Nokotsudo Maintenance Fee (\$24.00 per niche) Donation</p>		 <p>NOKOTSUDO (COLUMBARIUM) <small>Complete if you have family member (s) in niche (s)</small></p>
<p>Name _____ <small>Last First Middle</small></p> <p>Address _____</p> <p>City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____ Phone _____</p> <p>Email _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Check here if you prefer to receive the newsletter by email.</p> <p><small>(Please return the entire card with your remittance)</small></p>		

Soto Mission of Hawaii
Presents



NEW YEAR'S PARTY

ONO FOOD, SILENT AUCTION, & ENTERTAINMENT



Soto Mission of Hawaii, Social Hall
1708 Nuuanu Avenue, Honolulu, HI 96817



Feb 9, 11 AM



Adult \$15, 13 ~18yrs \$12,
88yrs & Over, 12yrs & Under Free

RSVP by February 3 to info@sotomission.org or call 537-9409 to reserve your seat.

New Year's Party (Feb. 9 @ 11:00AM)

On **Sunday, February 9 @ 11:00 AM**, we will celebrate the coming of 2020 with our temple's annual New Year's Party. We encourage all members and friends to join us in fellowship and to share and exchange stories and tradition.

At the New Year's Party, there will be lots of delicious food, lucky number prizes and entertainment for everyone to enjoy. We always have great prizes like Gift Cards, Cooking ware, and cash prizes so test out your luck for 2020 by coming to the party. We will also have Silent Auction with unusual merchandise.

Please join us and enjoy the party. If you are able to make any donation for Lucky Number prizes and/or item for the Silent Auction, it will be greatly appreciated. Please bring your donations to the Temple Office by Thursday, Feb. 6.

Price

Adults: \$15

13 to 18 Years Old: \$12

(Persons 88 years and above and children 12 years and under: No Charge)

If you would like to join us for the party, please call the temple at 537-9409 or email info@sotomission.org by **Monday, Feb. 3** to reserve your seat.



Hawaii Soto Mission Association(HSMA) Spring Meeting

On **Sunday, February 23**, the Hawaii Soto Mission Association is having their Spring Meeting. This is an organization composed of Soto Temples throughout the State of Hawaii and meets twice a year to discuss temple operations and share and work together to solve problems that are common to each temple.

Temple Front Fence and Gates Completed

Many of you that have visited the temple have anxiously awaited the completion of the temple front fence and gates. We can finally say that the project has been completed. There are three entry points in the front, looking at the temple from the street: on the right hand side there is the sliding gate (manually open and close), center gate (will be locked at all times except for special occasions), and on the left side (Soto Academy side) have the automatic gate. The automatic gate requires the use of either a remote or key pad to open and close the gate.

Just a reminder that the gates will be open during temple operating hours however during the hours that the temple is closed, we will be closing the gates for security purposes. This may cause inconvenience but we hope this will help us better maintain proper security from trespassers and keep the temple property from vandalism.

We would like to express our gratitude to everyone for your support and patience as we waited for this project to be completed.



Upcoming Events

February 9	Nehan-e Service/ General Membership Meeting/ New Year's Party
February 22	Ministers' Meeting at Soto Mission of Hawaii Betsuin
February 23	Hawaii Soto Mission Association (HSMA) Spring Meeting at Pagoda Hotel
March 1	Oahu Bon Dance Association Meeting at Betsuin
March 22	Spring Higan Service

Office Hour Changes for February

On **February 17**, the temple will be close at noon in observance of President's Day.
 On **February 23**, the temple will close all day as we will be hosting the HSMA Spring Meeting.

Year-End Temple Clean Up (Mahalo)

We would like to express our gratitude to members and friends who came to clean the temple. Also, we appreciated the organizations that utilize our facility who also came to clean the temple. We were able to welcome the new year with temple cleaned by all of you. We hope that all of you had a great beginning of the New Year as well.

Donations

Thank you to the following individuals and organizations for their generous donations in December.

Memorial Service / Funeral / General Donations

Ellen Nishimura, Katherine Higuchi, Sandra Azuma, Miyeko Hashimoto, Anne Fukumitsu, Sumie Nishikawa, Linda Shimamoto, Gary S. Wakabayashi, Masae Hayashi, Ryuko Kokuzo, Aki no Kai, Gail Krieger, Catherine Levine, Sharon Nozaki, Kikue Fujino, Kazuko Yamauchi, Kenneth Miyazono, Paulette Yoshikane, Toshio Ozeki, Teruko Towata, Connie Takayama, Faye Tagawa, Lynn Fujise, Florence Mizuno Family, Ronald Nakamura, Darryl Tanaka & IC. Ching Tanaka, Merritt & Carol Sakata, Howard Yoshinobu, Wayne Uehira, Tuck H. Young, Chikako Shimamura, Craigsides Retirement Residence, Audrey Shono, Nanthakumary Vijayakumar, Bernice K. Koike, Fujiko Akiyoshi, Amy C. Hirokawa, The Aikido Ohana, Kikue Oyama, Joyce Ueda, Lawrence Cartwright, Ross Tanue, Wendell Ogitani.

February 2020

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- Soto Mission of Hawaii
- US Holidays

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 9:30 AM Sunday Service	27 6:30 AM Zazen 7:00 PM Exercise with Bon Dance	28 4:00 PM Aikido Ohana 7:00 PM Sanshin Class	29 6:30 AM Zazen 4:00 PM Tea Ceremony Class	30 7:00 PM Kyudo	31 6:30 AM Zazen 4:00 PM Shodo/Sumie Class 4:00 PM Aikido Ohana	1 1:00 PM Koto Class
2 Groundhog Day 9:30 AM Sunday Service	3 6:30 AM Zazen 7:00 PM Exercise with Bon Dance	4 4:00 PM Aikido Ohana 7:00 PM Sanshin Class	5 6:30 AM Zazen 9:00 AM Tomonokai 4:00 PM Tea Ceremony Class	6 7:00 PM Kyudo	7 6:30 AM Zazen 4:00 PM Shodo/Sumie Class 4:00 PM Aikido Ohana	8 10:00 AM Living Ohana 1:00 PM Koto Class
9 9:30 AM Nehan-e Service 10:30 AM General Membership Meeting 11:00 AM New Year's Party	10 6:30 AM Zazen 7:00 PM Exercise with Bon Dance	11 4:00 PM Aikido Ohana 7:00 PM Sanshin Class	12 6:30 AM Zazen 4:00 PM Tea Ceremony Class 7:00 PM Zazen class	13 7:00 PM Kyudo	14 Valentine's Day 6:30 AM Zazen 4:00 PM Shodo/Sumie Class 4:00 PM Aikido Ohana	15 1:00 PM Koto Class
16 9:30 AM Kannoko Service 9:30 AM Sunday Service	17 President's Day Temple Closed at noon 6:30 AM Zazen 7:00 PM Exercise with Bon Dance	18 4:00 PM Aikido Ohana 7:00 PM Sanshin Class	19 6:30 AM Zazen 4:00 PM Tea Ceremony Class	20 7:00 PM Kyudo	21 6:30 AM Zazen 4:00 PM Aikido Ohana 4:00 PM Shodo/Sumie Class	22 Ministers' Meeting
23 Temple Closed All Day 9:00 AM HSMA Spring Meeting	24 6:30 AM Zazen 7:00 PM Exercise with Bon Dance	25 4:00 PM Aikido Ohana 7:00 PM Sanshin Class	26 6:30 AM Zazen 4:00 PM Tea Ceremony Class 6:00 PM Evening Zazen	27 7:00 PM Kyudo	28 6:30 AM Zazen 4:00 PM Aikido Ohana	29 1:00 PM Koto Class