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## BETSUIN NEWSLETTER

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## Services and Events

### **Spring Higan Service (Sunday, Mar 17 @ 9:30 AM)**

On Sunday, March 17 9:30 AM, we will be observing spring Higan Service. This is a bi-annual service where we pray for our loved ones during the two equinoxes. This is a service dedicated to our loved ones and ancestors who have passed on and now live in the world we call "Higan," meaning the other shore. In contrary, this world is called "Shigan" in Japanese. This is a time when we express our thought of gratitude and bring them back to this world through our actions by practicing the teachings what they shared through their life. It is also a time when we practice the six paramitas (Fuse-Generosity, Jikai-Discipline, Ninniku-Patience, Shojin-Diligence, Zenjo-Meditative Concentration, and Chie-Wisdom).

Please come to the temple and to offer prayers.



### **Hawaii Buddhist Council Buddha Day Service (Sunday, April 7 @ 9:30 AM)**

On Sunday, April 7, at 9:30 AM, the Hawaii Buddhist Council sponsored Buddha Day Service will be held at Soto Mission of Hawaii.

This is a service where we decorate the Hanamido or Flower Altar, for the Baby Buddha and pour sweet tea over the statue of the Baby Buddha in celebration of his Birth.

The Hawaii Buddhist Council is composed of Higashi Hongawanji, Honpa Hongwanji, Jodo, Koyasan Shingon, Nichiren, Soto, and Tendai. Please come to attend this service to show your support for Soto Mission of Hawaii and welcome all the guests from the other denominations.

This year's special guest speaker will be Rev. Jiko Nakade from Kona Daifukuji. Her gentle teachings continue to help many people understand the beauty of Buddhism and bring life to those teachings. It will be a great opportunity for you to hear her soothing yet easy to understand teachings of Buddhism.



### **UHSSWA Conference (Saturday and Sunday, April 27-28)**

On Saturday and Sunday, April 27 and 28, the United Hawaii Soto-Shu Women's Association (UHSSWA) will be having its 57<sup>th</sup> Conference in Hilo.

Registration for the conference has closed but we did want to take this time to share that with the changing world, the UHSSWA originally an organization for Women, has opened its doors to be fully inclusive. This means that ANYONE, regardless of sex, gender, or sexual orientation are welcome to join the group.

Here at Soto Mission of Hawaii, we have our own Unit that has been the backbone for assisting in running the temple through volunteer works and sharing of skills for the benefit of the temple. We are constantly looking for new members to support the many activities throughout the year, so if you are interested in joining the group, please call the temple.

## Schedules of Public Service at Betsuin

Please join us in fellowship to learn more about Buddhism through the services we hold for anyone to join us. Services will begin at 9:30 AM, unless noted.

Mar 3, Mar 10, Mar 17 (Spring Higan and Kannonko), Mar 24  
Apr 7 (Buddha Day), Apr 14, Apr 21 (Kannonko), Apr 28

## Mahalo for coming to our 2024 Shinnenkai - New Year's Party

We thank everyone who came to the New Year's Party. It was exciting to see the social hall packed with our members enjoying the party. There were over 100 people attending our party. Guests trickled in from 10:30 enjoying pupus and cocktail time, after enjoying music and playing some guessing games.

The party began at 11:00 with delicious food. After lunch, came the entertainment, starting off with Sosuke Yoshida playing the piano, followed by a Japanese traditional dance by Jasmine Umeno (Hanayagi Mitsusae), and Somei Taiko, under the direction of Rev. Shuji and Jaymie closed the entertainment with a showcase of their keiki and adult classes..

Throughout the party, lucky numbers were called and many great prizes were won - from gift cards, coffee sets, sake, rice, and many more.

We then moved on to recognize our Kupunas that are over 88 years young and over and ended with a Banzai for the prosperity and good health of our members and the future of the temple.

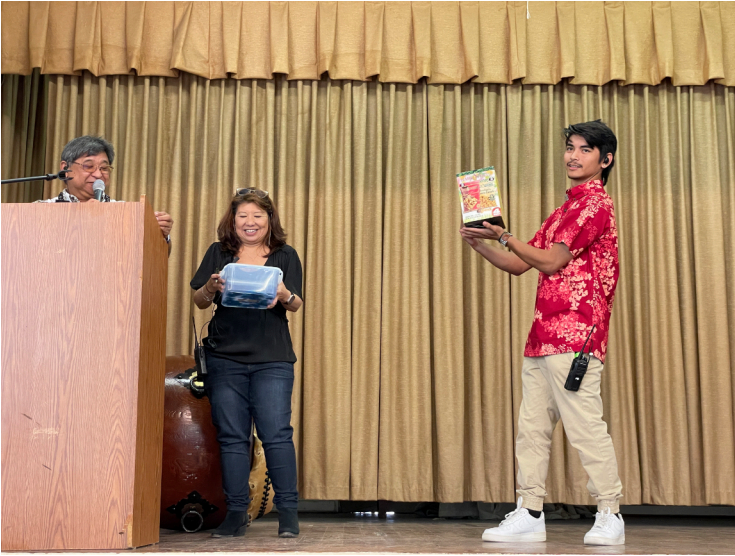
We especially thank the New Year Party committee that made this party so entertaining and worthwhile to come.

We also thank all the individuals who made generous lucky number prize donations (See Donation List).

If you were here at the party, we hope you enjoyed your time and please continue to support the temple throughout the year.







## **Announcements**

### **2024 Membership Dues and Nokotsudo Maintenance Fee**

We thank everyone who has turned in and paid for their 2024 Membership Dues. For those who have not yet turned in, this is a friendly reminder that payment for the Membership Dues and Nokotsudo Maintenance Fee for 2024 are being accepted.

The collection of dues enables the temple to protect and keep our legacy and tradition alive and provide a spiritual homes to our ancestors. It also reaffirms our commitment to supporting the Soto Mission of Hawaii.

If you did not receive the Membership form, you can download the form and pay online on our website <https://www.sotomission.org/posts/2024membership> or please kindly call us and we will gladly mail the form to you.

### **Property Management (H. Pacific Construction)**

We would like to introduce you to our new property management company, H. Pacific Construction. They have been a big help to our temple in the recent years fixing and maintaining the buildings. Board of Directors has asked H. Pacific Construction to help manage our Property. Scott Horiuchi, the owner of the company, is very experienced with management of properties and he also has strong connection to Soto Mission - - he practically grew up here, attending Japanese School, Judo, and Aikido - - we believe that his company will be a great asset to help navigate us toward a bright future of our temple.

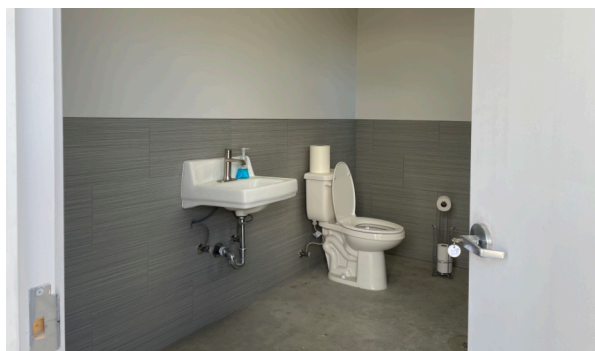
In general, he will be in charge of renting the Social Hall for parties and functions, parking lot, and finding tenants for the Komagata Building. If you are interested in renting our facility for a Birthday Party, conference, meeting, banquet for any organization that you may be a part of, cultural classes that you are looking for a place to teach, or have a business that could benefit being here on the temple property, please call the temple to learn more.



# Repair and Renovation of Social Hall Restrooms and Addition of New Handicap Accessible Restroom

We are happy to announce that the restrooms in the Social Hall have been fixed. Although the toilets and fixtures were replaced over a year ago, heavy rains damaged the walls and further delayed the completion of the project until now.

Additional good news arrives in the form of a brand new handicap accessible restroom nearing completion in the rear of the social hall. We would like to take this time to express our gratitude to everyone who generously donated to the temple. Without all the support we receive from our members, these repair projects and additions would not be possible. Thank you!



## Upcoming Events

March 3	Oahu Bon Dance Association Meeting
March 17	Spring Higan Service
April 7	Hawaii Buddhist Council Buddha Day Service @ Soto Mission
April 21-24	Keizan Zenji 700 <sup>th</sup> Memorial Service Tour in Japan
April 27-28	UHSSWA Conference, Host: Hilo Taishoji

## Temple Closed Dates & Modified Hours

March 31	Temple closed for 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday
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## Donations

Thank you for your their generous donations for the month of December, January, and New Years Party donation.

A.T. Fukumitsu	Donation
Akiko Shibuyra	2024 Donation
Akiyo Fujioka	2024 Donation
Akizaki Family	Service - 23rd Memorial for Calrence Akizaki
Alan Suzukawa	2024 Donation
American Judo & Jujitsu Federation	Donation - In Memory of Harold Horiuchi
Amy Hirokawa	Donation
Amy Mijo	Donation - Lay Confirmation Class
Ann Honbo	2024 Donation
Ann Saito	Donation
Ann Yamamoto-Wong	2024 Donation
Annette Matsumoto	2024 Donation, Service - Joya No Kane
Arden Loomis	2024 Donation
Audrey & Bryan Nishimura	Service - Joya No Kane
Barbara Chu	Service - Daihannya Gobutsuzen
Barbara Ohta	2024 Donation
Barry Suda	2024 Donation
Bernice Koike	2024 Donation
Bette Terada	Donation
Bishop Komagata	Donation - 2024 Shinnenkai Party
Blaine Hasebe	2024 Donation
Brian Ono	2024 Donation
Brian Sato	2024 Donation
Bruce & Susan Nadamoto	Service - Joya No Kane
Bryan Nishimura	2024 Donation
Cam Hagihara	Service - Inurnment for Carl & Amy Hagihara
Carol Iyomasa	Donation
Carol Takeuchi	2024 Donation
Catherine Ohta	2024 Donation
Charities Aid Foundation America	Donation
Charleen Ikeda	Donation
Charlotte Fujita	Donation - In Memory of Ishiburo & Yone Takiguchi
Chie Wachi	Donation
Chihoyo Ayano	Donation
Chris Tanimoto	Donation
Claire Yamashita	Donation - In Memory of Toshitaro & Ruth Sekiya
Clara Ogawa	2024 Donation
Claudia Akizaki-Kuwana	2024 Donation
Clayton Kirio	2024 Donation
Clyde Hanamoto	Donation
Clyde Shiigi	2024 Donation
Colin Itagaki	Donation - 2024 Shinnenkai Party
Craig Hashimoto	Donation - Building Fund In Memory of Richard & Shari Hashimoto
Curtis Harada	Donation
Dale Asami	Donation
Dara Luangphinit	Donation

Darren Okazaki	2024 Donation
Dixon Suzuki	Donation - In Memory of Tad Suzuki
Doris Onodera	2024 Donation, Donation - 2024 Shinnenkai Party
Dorothy Takeshita	2024 Donation
Drucilla Koide	2024 Donation
Edith Mukai	Service - Daihannya Gobutsuzen - In Memory of Tarokichi & Kikoe Hiramatsu
Edward Fukuyama	Donation
Elaine Abe	2024 Donation
Ellen Nishimura	Service - October Kannonko
Eric Kanda	Donation - 2024 Shinnenkai Party
Eric Matsuda	Donation - 2024 Shinnenkai Party
Ernest Oi	2024 Donation
Frank Childs	Donation - Building Fund, 2024 Shinnenkai Party, Service Nov Kannonko
Frederick Takakawa	2024 Donation
Gail Kimura	2024 Donation
Gail Lum	2024 Donation
Garcie Matsuo	2024 Donation
Gary Shigemura	Service - Daihannya Gobutsuzen
Gary Watanabe	2024 Donation
George Yamasaki	Donation
Gertrude Kihara	2024 Donation
Gertrude Mori	2024 Donation
Gladys Yamamoto	2024 Donation
Glen Yamasaki	2024 Donation
Glenn Fukushima	Donation - In Memory of Bishop Machida
Goering Toda	2024 Donation
Grace Teragawachi	2024 Donation
Gwen Kunishige	Service - Daihannya Gobutsuzen
H. Pacific Construction	Service - Funeral for the late Harold Horiuchi, Donation - In Memory of the late Harold Horiuchi
Harold Yamaguchi	2024 Donation
Hazel Shintani	2024 Donation
Helen & Carl Tanigawa	Service - Daihannya Gobutsuzen
Helen Kumagai	2024 Donation
Helen Tanigawa	2024 Donation
Helen Tsuchiya	2024 Donation, Service - Daihannya Gobutsuzen
Helen Yamamoto	2024 Donation
Helene Watanabe	2024 Donation
Herbert Ishikawa	2024 Donation
Herbert Ishikawa	Donation - 2024 Shinnenkai Party
Herbert Kondo	2024 Donation
Hillyer College	Donation - Temple Visit
Hiromi Shimada	Service - Eitaikyo for Masanobu Shimada
Hiromi Shimada	2024 Donation
Hiromi Shimada	Donation
Hoa Myto Takata	2024 Donation
Howard Yoshinobu	2024 Donation
Ichiro Shimpō	Donation - 2024 Shinnenkai Party
Isamu Takahashi	2024 Donation
James Koga	Donation - 2024 Shinnenkai Party
James & Toshiko Sato	Donation - 2024 Shinnenkai Party
James Koga	2024 Donation
James Sato	2024 Donation
Jamie Peterson	Service - November Kannonko, 2024 Donation
Jane Watanabe	2024 Donation
Janice Mizusawa	Donation
Jean Maekawa	Service - October and November Kannonko
Jean Miyata	2024 Donation
Jean Nakagawa	2024 Donation
Jean Sakai	Service - Daihannya Gobutsuzen
Jeanne Kaneda	Donation - In Memory of Ford Kaneda
Joanna Ito	2024 Donation
Jon Nishimura	Donation - Building Fund, Service - Joya No Kane, 2024 Donation
Jon Warashina	Donation - Building Fund In Memory of Bishop Machida
Joyce Fukata	2024 Donation
Julene Davis	2024 Donation
Julie Nakagawa	Service - Daihannya Gobutsuzen
Jun Miyasaka	Donation



June Ikemoto	Donation - 2024 Shinnenkai Party
June Motokawa	2024 Donation
June Nakahara	2024 Donation
Karen Motosue	Service - Daihannya Gobutsuzen
Karen Yamamoto	2024 Donation
Katherine Higuchi	Service - Daihannya Gobutsuzen, Donation - 2024 Shinnenkai Party
Kathleen Tanaka	Donation - In Memory of Kaku Oshiyama
Kawachika Family	Service - 17th Memorial for Tsuyuko Kawachika
Keiko Arikawa	Donation
Keiko Kawagishi	Service - October and November Kannonko
Ken Ito	2024 Donation
Kikue Oyama	2024 Donation
Kurt Nunokawa	2024 Donation
Lawrence Cutwright	Donation
Lawrence Ito	2024 Donation
Layne Wada	2024 Donation
Leatrice Scow	2024 Donation, Service - Daihannya Gobutsuzen
Lee Ann Hashimoto	Donation
Leslie Ozawa	2024 Donation
Lillian Wakabayashi	2024 Donation
Linda Fujimoto Thom	Service - Daihannya Gobutsuzen
Linda Shirai	2024 Donation
Linda Unten	Service - October and November Kannonko, Daihannya Gobutsuzen
Lio & Mei Tay	Service - Joya No Kane
Lloyd Watarai	2024 Donation
Lois Fukushima	Donation
Lois Yamamoto-Purdy	2024 Donation
Lynette Furuhashi	2024 Donation
Lynn Ching	2024 Donation
Lynn Maurer	Donation - 2024 Shinnenkai Party
Lynn Sakaue	Service - Joya No Kane
Lynne Howells	2024 Donation
Mae Matsumoto	2024 Donation
Margery Nishio	2024 Donation
Marianne Honda	2024 Donation
Marina Toki	Service - In Memory of Yoshiko Toki
Mary & Arden Loomis	Service - October and November Kannonko
Masae Hayashi	Service - Eitaikyo, Donation - In Memory of Masao & Kimiyo Meinichi, 2024 Donation
Melanie Murai	2024 Donation
Merilyn Oda	2024 Donation
Merritt & Carol Sakata	Donation
Michael Nakamura	Service - Daihannya Gobutsuzen
Michele Uehara	Donation - In Memory of Thomas & Aiko Morinaga
Michiko Sasaki	2024 Donation
Mildred Fukumoto	2024 Donation
Miles Kasahara	2024 Donation
Millicent Asari	Donation - Building Fund, 2024 Shinnenkai Party, October Kannonko
Milton Kwock	2024 Donation, Donation - 2024 Shinnenkai Party
Miyeko Hashimoto	Donation - 2024 Shinnenkai Party
Mona Sawai	Service - October and November Kannonko, Joya No Kane
Morris Nishimura	Service - Daihannya Gobutsuzen
Myrtle Nakamiyo	2024 Donation
Nana Horoiwa	Donation
Nancy Murakami	2024 Donation
Naoko Moller	Donation
Natalie Taniguchi	2024 Donation
Nona Tamanaha	2024 Donation
Onomoto & Imai Family	Service - Daihannya Gobutsuzen
Pamela Cunningham	2024 Donation
Patricia Enoki	2024 Donation
Patricia Izumoto	2024 Donation
Patti Young	2024 Donation
Paul Matsuda	2024 Donation
Peter Hoshino	2024 Donation
Peter Uehara	2024 Donation
Pualani Kondo	Donation - 2024 Shinnenkai Party
Raymond Sato	2024 Donation

Rene Tada	2024 Donation
Rev. Hirosato Yoshida	Donation - 2024 Shinnenkai Party
Robert Wesley	Donation
Ronald Horiuchi	Donation
Ronald Nakamura	2024 Donation
Ronald Okamura	2024 Donation
Ronald Yanagihara	Donation
Ross Tanoue	Donation
Roy Koizumi	2024 Donation
Roy Taniguchi	2024 Donation, Donation - Building Fund
Ruby Mizue	Service - 13 yr Memorial for Ellen Ibaraki
Ruby Mizue	2024 Donation
Sally Nozaki	2024 Donation, October and November Kannonko
Sarah & Michael Shildmyer	Service - October Kannonko
Sarah Kam	2024 Donation
Sharon Kunimoto	2024 Donation
Shigeo Kato	2024 Donation, 2024 Shinnenkai Party
Shoroku Ohnuma	2024 Donation
Stanley Masagatani	2024 Donation
Stanley Shiigi	Service - Inurnment for Katherine Kuboi
Sue Nishiguchi	2024 Donation
Susan Sturgill	2024 Donation
Susan Takahashi	2024 Donation
Thad Wakasugi	2024 Donation
Thomas & Carol Itagaki	Service - October and November Kannonko, 2024 Shinnenkai Party
Thomas Itagaki	2024 Donation
Todd Nozaki	Service - October and November Kannonko
Tsuyoshi Onuma	2024 Donation
V. Maesaka-Hirata	Service - Joya No Kane
Verda Masuda	2024 Donation
Vern Nakaguma	2024 Donation
Vincent Soeda	2024 Donation
Wade Wakabayashi	Service - Joya No Kane
Waikiki Bazaar, Inc.	2024 Donation
Wayne & Ann Uradomo	Service - Joya No Kane, Daihannya Gobutsuzen
Wayne Warashina	2024 Donation, Donation - Building Fund
Wenda Lai	2024 Donation
Wendell Ogitani	Donation - Building Fund In Memory of Iwao & Misao Ogitani
Yok Yee Yap	Service - In Memory of Yoshiko Toki

