

Hawaii Buddhist Women's News

HONPA HONGWANJI MISSION OF HAWAII FEDERATION OF BUDDHIST WOMEN'S ASSOCIATIONS

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Janet Honda completes 1st term as Hawaii Federation President

Celebrations. Previous presidents are often invited to the Honolulu and Oahu Uniteds functions, however, she has visited all islands while attending their General BWA Membership meetings at her personal expense.

Besides presiding over the two Representative meetings a year, President Honda chaired the First Annual Spring General Assembly Meeting in March 2013. She has also represented the HI Federation of BWAs at the annual Hawaii Kyodan's Legislative Assembly or Giseikai and along with our Honorary President, Mrs. Tamayo Matsumoto, VP Irene Nakamoto and Minister Advisor Rev. Shindo Nishiyama went to the World Federation BWAs' Representative meeting in Calgary, Canada in May 2013. She is a member of Hawaii Kyodan Scholarship Committee. President Honda is a very busy person and represents the BWA organization well. Thank you very much.

We wish to thank also the Executive Board for the past two years. Honorary President Tamayo Matsumoto; Immediate Past President Donna Higashi; 1st VP Irene Nakamoto; 2nd VP Joan Yokoyama; Recording Secretary Susan Takiue; Asst. Recording Secretary Sharon Nohara; Corresponding Secretary Gail Shibuya; Treasurer

Twila Castellucci; Asst. Treasurer Mary Tanouye; Auditors Fay Tateishi, Lillie Tsuchiya ; Honorary Advisor Bishop Eric Matsumoto; Minister Advisor Rev. Shindo Nishiyama; United Presidents – Honolulu (Jean Fukumoto), Oahu (Joan Masaki), Maui (Sharon Nohara/Diane Kosaka), Kauai (Gail Shibuya) and Hawaii (Sally Tayama/Linda Nagai).

Note: Nominations and election of officers for 2014-2015 will be held at the Fall Representative meeting on October 5, 2013.

We offer our deepest appreciation to Mrs. Janet Honda as she completes her 1st term as Hawaii Federation of BWAs president for the past two years (2012-2013). Our BWA program has included the hosting of BWA Student Exchange young women from Japan (Mio Iwata & Nana Yoshida) and sending our Hawaii young women (Lyssa Nishikawa & Megan Pascual) to Japan. She has encouraged BWAs to become more active in our community, thus the Hawaii Island and Honolulu Uniteds participated in the AIDS walk and preparation activities. During her term she personally attended PBA's baccalaureate service & graduation ceremonies and presented our BWA Scholarships to worthy student recipients. She was invited to attend Aiea Hongwanji's 110th Anniversary and Kapaa and Waipahu Hongwanji's BWA Centennial

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of Life*

15th World Buddhist Women's Convention

2015 WORLD BUDDHIST WOMEN'S CONVENTION
Calgary, Canada - May 30-31, 2015
www.wbconvention.com

See page 4 for more information on the World's Buddhist Women's Convention

HAWAII ISLAND UNITED

Marge Elwell

Hawaii Island United BWA participated in the second Annual HIV/AIDS Walk on April 14, 2013 at the Lili'uokalani Gardens in Hilo. BWA members and supporters passed out T-shirts, lucky number tickets, bottled water to participants. Project chairwoman - K. T. Cannon-Eger, 15 BWA members and supporters were there to cheer three members from Puna who completed the two mile walk. They were Stella Miyashiro (1st year) and Jean and Charlie Tamashiro (2nd year).



Picture: sitting, left to right: Dwyna Potter, Kiyoko Imada, K. T. Cannon-Eger.

Standing, left to right; Stella Miyashiro, Jean Tamashiro, James Potter, Carol Tsunezumi, Charles Yamashiro

New Cook Book Dedicated to Memory of Gladys Yonemitsu: "Gladys' Kitchen"

Many Ka'u residents will remember Gladys Yonemitsu, who was a teacher for many years at Na'alehu School. Gladys died last year and her love of cooking is now remembered by her friends with a cookbook dedicated to her memory. Many of Gladys' favorite recipes were collected by Gladys Nakamura and these form the core of the cookbook. Many of her friends contributed favorite recipes of their own so the book contains a collection of 240 recipes, all someone's favorites. The book has an emphasis on Japanese cooking, and there is an excellent chapter on "The Art of Japanese Cooking" by Rev. Earl Ikeda. However the recipes have been adapted to Hawaiian tastes and availability of spices etc, and there are many recipes from other cultures. The recipes were compiled and edited by Rev. David Fujimoto, Carol Tsunezumi and Marge and Dennis Elwell, and each section is introduced by a line drawing by Masako Sakata and Marla McCasland. The book sells for \$10.00 (plus shipping) and orders can be sent to Marge Elwell at PO Box 1043, Na'alehu HI 96772 or phone (808)929-7236; e-mail marge@hawaii.rr.com. Checks should be made out to "Gladys'Kitchen/Elwell". Proceeds go to the Big Island Buddhist Women's Association scholarship fund.

12th BWA State Membership Conference

Dates: May 3 – 4, 2014
Place: Sheraton Kona Resort & Spa at Keauhou Bay

Theme:

"Peace and Oneness of Life"

Registration Cost: \$150.00
(deadline Jan. 16, 2014)

Hotel Room Cost: \$119.00 plus tax per night includes a buffet breakfast for 2 daily.

(deadline April 2)

More information can be found on the HI Federation website: www.hawaiibwa.org (click State Conferences) or contact Linda Nagai, Hawaii Island United BWA President (Kona Hongwanji BWA) either by email at hibelle@hawaii.rr.com or by phone (808) 322-0773 R or (808) 936-6079 cell

HONOLULU UNITED

Donna Higashi

BWA members are often thought of being the "kitchen queens." That might be true, but many women are leaders at their own temples serving as officers, directors and major committee chairs. They also are very talented and well versed in calligraphy, flower arrangements and have many musical talents - playing the piano/organ, singing karaoke or choir, dancing etc. This year's Honolulu United BWA Membership Meeting highlighted some of these women. BWA's Got Talent! We

enjoyed Jikoen's Emi Oshiro and Janet Sasaki (karaoke), Betsy Nishioka singing "Furusato no Hito" with the Moillili Happy Strummers (ukulele), Joy Nishida played "Entrusting Heart" on the oboe and the energetic Hawaii Betsuin's Project Dana dancers, performing "Waka Waka" led by Sue Sueishi. As a finale, the group learned the "Arigato" bon dance number led by Alice Shiroma and danced around a portable Yagura created by Ann Nakata. Also let's not forget the dessert contest winner, Haruko Okita of the Jikoen BWA because BWA members are great cooks too.



OAHU UNITED

Helen Takenouchi, Aiea

The Oahu United BWA held its 40th Annual Seminar on April 20, 2013 at the Mililani Hongwanji Mission starting with a service conducted by Rev. Mary David. This year's theme was "Path of Entrusting: Live the Teachings." The members were divided into two separate groups to listen to the Buddhist Education speakers simultaneously, Rev. Mariko Nishiyama (Pearl City) in Japanese and Rev. Kojun Hashimoto (Wahiawa) in English.



MAUI UNITED



Yukari Murakami

Summer 2013 was a busy Obon season, with Kahului Hongwanji Mission having its Obon on 7/21-22, Makawao Hongwanji Mission on 7/26-7/27, Wailuku Hongwanji Mission on 8/2-8/3, and Lahaina Hongwanji Mission on 8/23-24. BWA ladies from each temple worked hard in preparing for their temple's festival and many people enjoyed all the festivities and the delicious food. At Kahului, dancers got an unexpected surprise the first night when the power went out during dancing -- but that didn't stop the dancers from continuing on! All in all it was yet another great bon dance season.



For the General Education portion of the program, Mr. Dennis Hwang was the guest speaker. The subject was "Preparing Yourself for Natural Disasters." He is the co-author of HOMEOWNERS HANDBOOK TO PREPARE FOR NATURAL HAZARDS with Darren Okimoto. Handbooks were distributed to all who attended and is very informative and excellent to have. Mahalo to the speakers and to Mililani BWA members for planning this seminar.

BWA Membership

For the past 10 years, our BWA active membership has steadily declined statewide. In 2012 a new policy was set into place creating an "associate" category to recognize our most senior members. These individuals are long time supporters of the BWA but today are often homebound or in care facilities and unable to attend BWA functions. Often they don't pay any dues. Each Unit BWA is encouraged to keep them as associate members by paying \$1.00 for them, which in turn is donated directly to the Ministerial Training Fund. More importantly, each Unit BWA is encouraged to seek new active members to join this important pillar of the Hongwanji - the BWA.

Here is data for the past five years:

2009 - 2313 Members / 2010 - 2188 Members / 2011 - 2098 Members
2012 - 1847 Active + 302 Associate = 2149 Members
2013 - 1706 Active + 367 Associate = 2073 Members

Canada to Host 15th World Buddhist Women's Convention (WBWC)

In 2015, the Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Temples of Canada Women's Federation (JSBTCWF) will host the 15th World Buddhist Women's Convention (WBWC) in CANADA!

Theme: "Embraced by the Oneness of Life"

Slogan: One World Sangha

Dates: Saturday, May 30 & Sunday, May 31, 2015 in Calgary, Canada

Venue: Calgary TELUS Convention Center

Website for the WBWC: <http://www.wbwc.com>

2013 World Buddhist Women's Convention Representatives Meet in Calgary



Hawaii WBWC Representatives L to R: VP Irene Nakamoto, Bishop Eric Matsumoto, Rev. Shindo Nishiyama, President Janet Honda, Rev. Toshiyuki Umitani (missing: Honorary President Tamayo Matsumoto)

Prior to the 15th World Buddhist Women's Convention (WBWC) in Calgary, a World Buddhist Women's (WBW) Representative Assembly Meeting was held on Saturday, June 1, 2013. Select international and Hongwanji representatives attended and had an opportunity to see the beautiful city of Calgary. After the meeting, the group had a chance to tour the venue for the 2015 WBWC, the Calgary TELUS Convention Centre, enjoyed an informative tour of the Glenbow Museum (compliments of Meetings and Conventions Calgary), and were

treated to an authentic Stampede dinner hosted by the Calgary Buddhist Temple.

On Sunday, June 2, the group went on a Rocky Mountain tour to Banff and Lake Louise which was hosted by the convention travel partners, JTB, and Kintetsu Travel. Capping off the day was supper at the top of the Calgary Tower at SKY 360.

The dignitaries staying at the beautiful Fairmont Palliser in Calgary, and they left with many great memories and new friendships. We look forward to welcom-

Dana Day Donations Support Community

Since the Dana Day World Federation resolutions (1965, 1967, and 1970) were adopted, Hawaii BWA members have donated a sizeable amount of funds to our community. Usually held in February of each year, each United BWA conducts its own Dana Day drive via their temple BWA units and donates funds to various social welfare and charitable organizations in their own community. Some United BWAs collect donations as part of their dues. Following is a list of organizations receiving assistance from our members in 2012. Note: Oahu's donation is for 2013. Honolulu: \$1,000 each to Project Dana; Hawaii Foodbank Food 4 Backpack Program; Princess Kaiulani School; Family Promise of Hawaii; and Life Foundation; Hawaii Island: \$1,000 to Food Basket Hawaii in Hilo; Kauai: \$800 to Kauai YWCA-Women's Shelter Maui: \$300 to Women Helping Women; Oahu: \$297.37 each to Aiea Lotus Day Care and Pearl City Nursing Home with \$198.26 kept back for Emergency Funds.

ing them again in 2015! (*shared by Susan Huntley, Canada Convention chair*)

JTB Hawaii and Kintetsu Travel have planned West and East Canada Tours for this time period. These 8-15 days tours with land and air costs range from \$3,000 - \$4,000 (prices based on 40 people). Contact your United President for more details.