

Hawaii Buddhist Women's News

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

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HAPPY NEW YEAR! Akemashite omedeto gozaimasu!

Dear Fellow BWA Members:

I want to thank all the past Federation Buddhist Women's Associations (BWA) officers, directors, minister advisors, and committee chairs who gave their support and commitment to their responsibilities for 2012-2013.

The term, 2014-2015, will welcome the new Federation BWA officers, directors, minister advisors, and committee chairs as we will share in the excitement of participating in the 12th BWA State Membership Conference in Kona, May 3-4, 2014, and then the 15th World Buddhist Women's Convention in Calgary, Canada, May 30-31, 2015.

Honolulu United BWA and Oahu United BWA as well as Maui United BWA participated in the first time ever parade, the Martin Luther King, Jr. parade, on Monday, January 20, 2014, and the participation was very positive. Through parade participation and other events, we would like to continue to showcase the Buddhist Women's

Associations in the State of Hawaii and welcome everyone—Hongwanji members, families, friends-- to join us.

As many of you know by now, I have been advocating two goals: We need (1) to increase our membership and revenues, and (2) to bring awareness of the Buddhist Women's Associations in the State of Hawaii. We can do this if we all try to focus on the current and future generations of young women by implementing programs and activities that will draw their interests to our organization. How we do this will all depend on YOU, your participation, your encouragement to the younger generation, and your dedication and commitment to BWA.

I would also like to acknowledge with gratitude the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii Headquarters' staff – Bishop Eric Matsumoto, Rev. Toshiyuki Umitani, Arthur Nakagawa, Dianne Sumida, and Yoshiko



Umitani—for always giving their support and time to BWA businesses.

Let's all try to share our acts of kindness and be forever grateful to the wisdom and compassion of Amida Buddha.

Kyonen wa iroioto
osewani narimashita. Ko-
toshimo dozo tsuzukete
onagai itashimasu.

With Gratitude and
In Gassho,

Janet H. Honda
President



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KAUAI UNITED OFFICERS (photo not available) 2014



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MAUI UNITED OFFICERS 2014

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12th BWA State Membership Conference

Linda Nagai, Chair

In less than two months we will be meeting at 12th BWA State Membership Conference on May 2-3, 2014 at the Sheraton Kona Resort & Spa. The Big Island has put their whole heart into making this an exciting, enjoyable, and memorable conference. We hope it will be a time when you will relax serenity in your being as we absorb the mana of the land and enjoy the speakers, and workshops.

More than 200+ members have registered from all five United Districts and if there are more who wish to join us, please register as soon as possible. There will be no late registration fee.

Communication is very important so we are requesting that the Unit President or person in charge contact Nancy Nonaka if you plan to use the bus to and from the airport. We also request the same information for the Friday night social at Kona Hongwanji. An additional workshop has been added: "Gentle Chair Yoga for Everybody". If you wish to change one of your workshops to this one, alert your Unit President. During the Sunday closing service, the song "We Can Make a Difference" will be sung. Unit Presidents have requested the words and a

CD so please practice the song together. Special thanks to Mitsuyo Saito, Francis Okano, the Hawaii Betsuin Choir and Joy Wasai Nishida for putting the great singing on a CD for us.

Please insure that Nancy Nonaka gets all this information no later than March 20, 2014. She and her committee are working overtime trying to get the registration complete and accurate so that our other

committees can complete their tasks.

It's going to be a Great Conference in Beautiful Kona, and it will happen because of you, the women of our BWA. Thank you for your understanding and support of our conference committee. *Stay well and travel safely to Kona.* www.hawaiiibwa.org Check State Conferences link on left margin; 12th BWA State

Martin Luther King, Jr. parade



On January 20th, Federation members and friends marched in the MKL, Jr. parade with students from the Pacific Buddhist Academy and ministers of the HHMH in observance of Dr. King's birthday,

As the parade moved through Waikiki, the PBA students handed out folded cranes to people sitting on the curb.



See the Federation website for more photos by Ruth Tokumi hawaiiibwa.org