

Hawaii Buddhist Women's News

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

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Message from the President: Claire Tamamoto

I hope this message finds you all safe from our recent deluge of wet and windy weather?! Flooding of our waterways, damaged homes and businesses, and shoreline erosion all have added to our individual daily challenges. Please always remember that you and your families are never too far from the thoughts and well wishes of your Hongwanji family and friends. The resiliency of who we are enables us to manage life's "hardships or challenges".

We are bound to our Hongwanji family and sometimes we are too busy to remember why.

Why are we BUDDHIST? More importantly, why are we JODO SHINSHU BUDDHIST? Many a time when reflecting on that question, we look towards our life journey for the causes and conditions that brought us to our faith. That journey of how we became Shin Buddhist is important because it is those experiences that first exposed us to our religion. For young children, they are dependent on their parents, grandparents or caregivers to provide those

experiences.

My parents just dropped my brother, two sisters and myself off at Sunday morning service. It was the routine, the thing to do on Sunday morning – there were no competing sports games, birthday parties, playdates or stay-cations. Conversely, not much "dharma thinking" in my early years: Mrs. Toku Umehara translating to English and reading us kamishibai stories, playing with my Sunday friends, special service snacks and gifts. We did learn to take our gifts home and put it at our family altar, expressing gratitude before we opened it. Funny, I don't expect that from my grandchildren today . . . have I just lost an opportunity to "live" gratitude? I remember dharma messages entirely in Japanese and not understanding much of our Reverends' services. I remember periodically going to my father's Jodo Shu temple where his parents' ashes are, watching the osaisen clatter against their wooden offertory box, putting flowers in a vase, arranging them under my grandparents' niche and lighting two incense sticks for everyone in my family (12). Simple childhood

memories that became a routine, and the basis for gratitude for those who came before us. When I think about it, although my mother was Hongwanji, it was my father's practice of gratitude for his parents that I remember most. His yearly tradition to bring 100 lbs. of rice to the temple stays with me today.

We chose to bring our children to Aiea Hongwanji Mission because it was convenient and we felt our children should be exposed to some sort of religious background. When we came, my mother's two sisters were active at 'Aiea and we were welcomed and felt a sense of belonging. For me, this is really where the true learning and reflecting on the Dharma began. I had the "opportunity" to teach Dharma School (in those days Sunday School) to my children. I learned the history

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and practice of the Nembutsu and discovered that it is beneficial to my daily life. As Michiko Inanaga said, I was "baking in an oven, not yet done". At that point in my life, I was open to "Listen" with more reflection. Reverends' messages: Kawaji's "just say Namo Amida Butsu", Furosawa's –"Amida loves ME", Hironaka's "Amida is always with us" and Mori's "true Dana is not having to be recognized"

resonated with me. These are a few of many, but what is important is that we must be able to listen and reflect. For me, it is the constant hearing, reminding me of the importance of the Dharma and how it manifests itself in the interdependency of the world Sangha, not just the Hongwanji Sangha.

I feel the bigger questions that faces

the Hongwanji Sangha is now that we are here: "Why do we stay and practice Jodo Shinshu Buddhism? Why have we chosen to prioritize this dharma path for ourselves? How is our Jodo Shinshu religion relevant in today's world? I think if each of us can answer these questions for ourselves, we will express that heartfelt appreciation and enthusiasm and be able to share it with our peers and our youth. Each of us can be a light, sharing care and respect and living without hurting others and the 'āina. As Buddhist, we can learn, practice, teach and lead. This is not just a BWA goal, it is a Hongwanji goal . . .

The upcoming 18th World BWA Convention allows us the opportunity to share that goal, "Live Peace, Live Aloha, Live as One in the Nembutsu". The convention is open to all, not just BWA because it is all of us, family and friends together, holding hands, revisiting and committing to, Why are we Jodo Shinshu Buddhist?!

It is not too late, please encourage your family and friends to share and live our dharma message. September 11 -12, 2027 with keynote speakers: Rev. Dr. Masumi Kikuchi and Dr. Miki Tomita Okamoto.

Visit our website

hawaiiibwa.org/world-convention-2027/

to find out more information.

LIVE PEACE · LIVE ALOHA · LIVE AS ONE IN THE NEMBUTSU

18th WORLD BUDDHIST WOMEN'S CONVENTION

HONOLULU · HAWAII
September 11-12, 2027
Hilton Hawaiian Village
Waikiki Beach Resort

Please join us in Honolulu, Hawaii for the 18th World Buddhist Women's Convention!

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS
 Rev. Dr. Masumi Kikuchi, Japan
 Dr. Miki Tomita Okamoto, Hawaii

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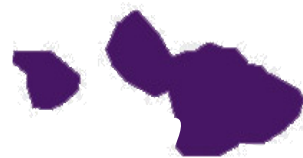
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MAUI UNITED BWA

Gwen Hiraga



Since the publication of the Spring 2026 newsletter, MUBWA units attended the BWA State Conference held on March 28-29. Unit members participated and attended various activities and events. These include Mayor Richard Bissen's Hanamatsuri Proclamation on March 30, 2026, the Central Maui Hanamatsuri on April 5, 2026, the MUBWA General Membership and Spring Assembly at Kahului Hongwanji Mission (KHM) on April 18, 2026, coordinated and hosted Eshinni and Kakushinni Services at the temples in April, Fujimatsuri at KHM on

May 17, 2026 and the Maui Matsuri on May 23, 2026.

More than 800 ti leaf lei were made for Memorial Day and donated to the Maui Veterans Cemetery for Memorial Day.

During Obon and in addition to the Maui temples' Obon, Maui unit members supported the West Obon and Lanai Hongwanji Obon in August, through donations of food items and monetary contributions.

The 2026 Dana Award Committee

selected "Our Kupuna" for its many efforts in fulfilling its mission of connecting Hawaii's kupuna with volunteers, resources, and essentials in promoting food security, fostering community connection, and support safe aging at home. Many Lahaina Hongwanji Mission members, the BWA and community friends have directly benefited from the program. On September 2, 2026, Sharon Nohara, Aileen Cockett, and Lisa Fujiyama presented Shannon Li, Maui Coordinator for "Our Kupuna", the Dana Award monetary donation of \$1,000.00.

Events that unit members will be participating in are the Peace Day activities at Makawao Hongwanji's Buddhist Temple (MHBT) on September 19, 2026, the Alzheimer's Walk at Queen Kaahumanu Center on October 10, 2026, the MUBWA General Membership and Fall Assembly at KHM on November 14, 2026, and Na Wahine Buda Kiakahi: the Legacy of Hawaiian Buddhist Women and Nembutsu Seminar on November 21, 2026 at MHBT. An evening showing of Na Wahine Buda Kiakahi will be hosted by Wailuku Hongwanji Mission.

BWA Unit representatives attend the monthly Maui Economic Opportunity, Inc.'s Planning & Coordination Council meetings. Other ongoing activities are the lei making for the 18th World Buddhist Women's Convention in 2027 and "A Cup of Cold Water Maui" project where KHBWA, WHBWA and Lahaina members assist with the preparation and delivery of Peanut Butter and Jelly sandwiches twice-monthly for the unsheltered, thereby contributing to the outreach ministry which provides water and basic life necessities to the unsheltered with love, compassion and dignity.



Mayor Richard Bissen's Hanamatsuri Proclamation

Eshinni Day (below)



MAUI UNITED BWA contiued



MUBWA General Membership and Spring Assembly



Shannon Li, "Our Kupuna" Maui coordinator, received the Dana Award for 2026 from Aileen Cockett, her 3yr old granddaughter, Keawala'i, Sharon Nohara, and Lisa Fujiyama.



Cindy Fowler, guest speaker, from Alzheimer's Association



Suki Fujiwara: Suki was asked to do a Hawaiian Oli as part of the Land Recognition opening, to acknowledge the indigenous people and the aina. Suki's sibling and cousins joined her in the Hawaiian Oli.



Left to Right:
Sadi Fujiwara, Ximena Panza, Jance Simpson, Suki Fujiwara, The children in this photo are the grandchildren of Lahaina BWA member Dawn Fujiwara.



HAWAII ISLAND UNITED BWA

Congratulations and best wishes to our 2026 scholarship recipient, Josh Imamura, who has been attending Sunday services since he was a little boy and served as emcee for many of them. He's been active in the Judo Club and Boy Scout Troop 23 for many years, and earned his Eagle Scout rank by refurbishing and adding much needed shelves in Hilo Betsuin's columbarium. This outstanding young man currently attends Oregon State University, majoring in electrical and computer engineering. Student Exchange participants, Hoshino Sasaki and Sae Sakumoto, arrived in

The next morning, they boarded the Zodiak and experienced snorkeling in Kona's pristine waters, both not wanting to leave the water.



At that evening's Bon dance, they played the Taiko songs they had previously learned. On their next stop, Naalehu BWA greeted them with Plumeria and Ti leaf leis, watched the video of the girls dancing the hula in Kona while munching on Punalu'u Bake Shop cookies and iced tea. K. T. Cannon-Eger took them to that bake Shop that has since been devastated by Hurricane Lala, for island ice cream; then toured the Black Sand beach and Hawaii Volcanoes National Park. Puna BWA treated them to dinner at the Peppercorn restaurant before leaving for Hilo. Rimban and Mrs. Takahashi hosted them at their home for the two-night stay in Hilo; and one of them, who aspires to become a teacher, thoroughly enjoyed Hironori. On the second day, Lynette

Kona on August 7. With Linda Nagai as their guide, they visited coffee farms (learning the historical endurance of the Japanese farmers) and visited Hulihe'e Palace (learning about Hawaii's history). At Kona BWA's evening gathering, the Kona Hongwanji Taiko group taught them how to play Taiko songs.

E. Okano



Takajo and Stella Nojiri, led them on tours to the Hawaii Japanese Center, Queen Lili'uokalani Gardens, Akaka Falls, and Richardson's Park with lunch at the famous loco moco place, Café 100. That evening, Hilo BWA hosted them to an authentic Hawaiian luau. On the last day, they enjoyed a delicious breakfast of pancakes and waffles with Jane Iida and Rimban Takahashi at Ken's House of Pancakes before returning to Oahu.

HIUHBWA will again be participating in the HIV/AIDS Walk on October 10. Through their generous support, BWA members and friends have raised hundreds of dollars for AIDS education and treatment on Hawaii Island. Besides raising funds and walking, they help distribute supporter tee shirts, snacks and water.



KAUAI UNITED BWA

Karen Nishimoto



Lihue Hongwanji Women's Association and Hoola Fitness Center brought a "Sit and Be Fit" event to Kauai Hongwanji members on April 30, 2026. Anna Velasco led an energetic 30-minute safe and seated workout that got everyone moving. Afterward, Ally Pascual demonstrated how to make delicious Tofu "Spam" Musubi while sharing the health benefits of tofu. Members got to build and enjoy their own nutritious musubis. It was a fun way to stay active and enjoy a meal with friends.

On May 18, 2026, LHWA members traveled back in time to the early sugar plantation days on Kauai. A guided tour of the buildings, furnishings and surrounding gardens provided a glimpse of daily life for members of the Wilcox family on the Grove Farm Homestead. We transitioned back to the present day as we visited with each other over lunch at Lilikoi Bar and Grill.

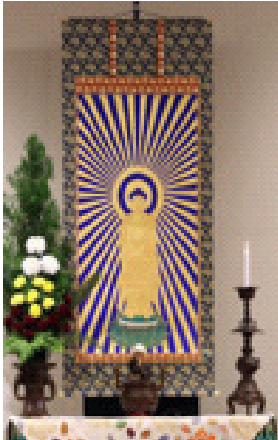
KUHBWA members spent summer months organizing, cleaning and cooking to ensure a successful Obon season. West Kauai Hongwanji closed out the season with their bon dance at the end of July. Many volunteers made a variety of savory dishes and sweet treats that the community has come to expect and enjoy.



OAHU UNITED BWA

Tamayo Matsumoto

President Corner: Scroll of Amida Buddha



The OUHHBWA would like to express our deep and sincere appreciation to Ms. Sachiyo Nagaoka of Eifukuji Temple in Wakayama prefecture. In gratitude, we accept her generous dana of remounting the Scroll of Amida Buddha, a treasure of the OUHHBWA. The Scroll of Amida Buddha was beautifully hung in the main ballroom during the State Membership Conference on March 28-29, 2026, which was held at the Ala Moana Hotel. Mrs. Nagaoka was unable to attend the our State Membership Conference, so

Mrs. Kumika Soga presented her with a lei and our gifts of appreciation when she visited Japan after the Conference.



HHMHFBWA 15th BWA State Membership



The United of Oahu hosted the HHMHFBWA 15th BWA State Membership Conference on March 28-29, 2026 at Ala Moana Hotel by Mantra. The theme was "NURTURING NEMBUTSU: SHARING GRATITUDE" and our keynote speaker was Ms. Michiko Miyaji Inanaga, Director of the Endowment Foundation (BCA). On the first day, there were 6 workshop offerings and some members chose the hula workshop, where we learned the hula, "Me Kealoha Nui" (Such an Overwhelming Love), to perform at the 18th World Buddhist Women's Convention in September 2027, which is being hosted by Hawaii Federation of BWA. The dinner entertainment included the talents of Chad Chihiro Okawa

(Aiea), Yuma Kamuro (Mililani), and Rev. Soga (Waipahu), and was enjoyed by everyone! On the second day, we had our panel presentation, "The Role of Women in Society in 2026," moderated by Caroline Otani, featuring: Lt. Gov. Sylvia Luke, Supreme Court Justice Sabrina McKenna, Ms. Kehaulani Lum, and Ms. Lori Teranishi. On both days, we practiced singing the World Convention theme song, "Live Peace, Live Aloha, Live As One in the Nembutsu," written by BJ Soriano. It was sooo nice!
*Photo: Alan Kubota, Hawaii Betsuin



OAHU UNITED BWA continued



Oahu United held a Kumamoto Earthquake Fundraiser organized by Oahu United VP Tamayo Matsumoto and Diane Okawa, and made mochi and manju to sell at Mililani Bon Dance on 8/21 and 8/22. The mochi was made at Aiea Hongwanji and we borrowed the Waipahu Hongwanji kitchen to make the manju. Hawaii Betsuin President

Gayle Hirohata-Goto and two other members also came to help with the manju! Everything sold out quickly the first night and Tamayo-san made more mochi to sell on Saturday night, which again sold out! A total of \$3,989.00 was received from the sale of manju and mochi and monetary donations. A check was sent to Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii, Social Concerns Fund, to be forwarded to Honzan for disbursement to affected temples in Kumamoto. We are looking forward to our Uniteds continuing to work together and supporting each other's activities!



OUHBBWA Annual Membership Conference

We are now busy preparing for our Annual Membership Conference, to be held on Sat., Nov. 14, 2026 at Aiea Hongwanji, 8:00am to 1:45pm. The theme is: "Sharing Nembutsu 2.0." We will be having our Annual Memorial Service, welcome of new members, installation of 2027 officers, our educational seminar, and a fun activity, along with a delicious bento and door prizes throughout the day. All are welcome to attend, not just BWA members!



OAHU UNITED BWA continued

Tomayo Matsumoto



AIEA

Aiea Hongwanji BWA continues to move forward encouraged by our Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii Theme & Slogan: Nurturing Nembutsu: Sharing Gratitude. Out of gratitude, BWA Members continue to generously share themselves and their talents with others at the temple and in the larger community.

In March, members not only attended but led a workshop and helped to host along with other Oahu BWA Units and At-large members, the Hawaii Federation of BWA's 15th State Membership Conference at the Ala Moana Hotel.

In May, BWA members played bingo and gave prizes to the 30-40 clients of the Lotus Adult Daycare at Aiea Hongwanji. Also, after the special Peace Flame Extinguishing Ceremony focusing on "Ending the War in our Hearts" at Pearl Harbor, the BWA helped to sponsor the Sadako Peace Reception hosted by the Aiea Community Association whose President is Claire Tamamoto with a \$500 donation towards the event. It was attended by Masahiro, Sumiyoshi Sasaki and Yuji Sasaki and Family of Sadako Legacy, Hidetoshi Tojo-the great grandson of Tojo Hideki,

Clifton Truman Daniel-the grandson of President Harry Truman, Akie Abe-wife of the late Prime Minister Shinzo Abe of Japan, and a few local dignitaries.

In July, at the temple's annual Bon Dance, the BWA had a craft booth and voluntarily prepared much of the food which fed the hundreds upon hundreds of people who came. The Aiea Temple sees the Bon Dance as a community service project providing the whole community with an evening of spirituality that is safe, welcoming and filled with festivity and good food.

In August, a 2026 Kumamoto Earthquake Relief Fundraising effort originated from the Aiea BWA, spearheaded by Tamayo Matsumoto. It quickly evolved to become an Oahu United BWA effort as other members from other BWA units contributed their time and energy. The fundraiser collected \$3,989.00. Also, enthusiastically supported by Aiea



BWA's President Diane Okawa, Aiea BWA members participated in the 5th Annual Pearl Harbor Lights for Peace event by teaching those who attended how to fold origami peace cranes. Sangha members and friends of the temple including other Oahu Hongwanji District members contributed 50 of the over 200 luminaries which adorned the lawn of the park at sunset with messages of peace.



OAHU UNITED BWA continued

AIEA continued



Aiea BWA greeted this year's Exchange Students, Sae Sakumoto and Hoshino Sasaki, from Japan.

In September, in the spirit of C.A.R.E. Day, at the temple's Grandparent's Day Service, a BWA member created origami stars with an attached message for children to give to grandparents thanking them for their caring presence in our lives.

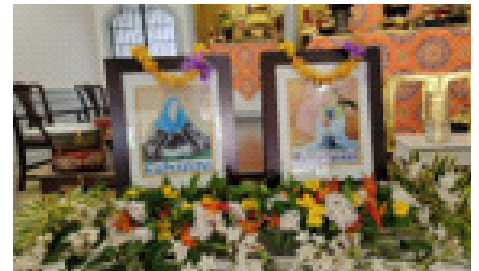
PEARL CITY

Eshinni/Kakushinni Day Service On April 19, our special guest speaker for the Eshinni Kakushinni Day Service was Mrs. June Asato from Mililani Hongwanji. She grew up on the Big Isle and is the second of seven children. She graduated from Honokaa High,

attended UH Hilo and graduated from UH Manoa. Mrs. Asato assisted in starting Mililani Hongwanji in the early 1970s. She also helped in founding the Jr. YBA at Mililani while her children were growing up. She served several terms as President of Mililani

Hongwanji and other offices in the BWA. Forty years ago, she joined the Fujinkai which is now the Wisteria Club. She was formerly the Oahu United BWA President. Mrs. Asato was a schoolteacher before retiring in 2002. She stated that Lady Eshinni and daughter Kakushinni lived over 800 years ago in the 12th century.

Eshinni and Kakushinni's teachings are everywhere. Her Dharma talk focused on the "Wind Beneath



My Wings" which is like a person of nembutsu, quiet and peaceful. Mrs. Asato emphasized about the famous poem "Do No Stand at My Grave and Weep" written by Mary Elizabeth Frye which signifies that the people you love are all around you. She mentioned about another well-known poet, Christina Rossetti, "Who Has Seen the Wind?"; it's neither you nor I since the wind is passing by. It's for those who have passed on. Everyone who attended this service was inspired by her wonderful Dharma message.



OAHU UNITED BWA continued

MILILANI

The 15th BWA State Membership Conference held on March 28-29 was attended by over 21 members of Mililani Hongwanji. Everyone enjoyed the variety of workshops, the panel discussion on the role of women in society, the food, and the entertainment. One of our service projects is collecting and donating toiletries. This year our collection was given to the Waianae Coast Comprehensive Health Center, who distributes them to needy families.

On April 12, we went to Gyotaku Restaurant for our spring luncheon meeting. Our guest speaker was General Suzanne Vares-Lum, the highest ranking General from Hawaii, who spoke about her experiences in the military and as the Director of the Daniel K. Inouye Asia-Pacific Center.

We observed Eshinni/Kakushinni Day on April 19 with Minako Kamuro, Rev.

Joshin Kamuro's wife, as our service's special speaker. She shared stories of her life abroad and in Hawaii and how those experiences have shaped who she is today.

Another of our service projects is the cleaning of the Ehime-maru memorial, located at the Kaka'ako Waterfront Park. A few of our members accompanied by Rev. Kamuro, with buckets, mops, and rags, walked up to the mound where the anchor of the ship is located on April 25. After the cleaning, flowers were placed in the front and Rev. Kamuro performed a short service.

This year we had two outstanding applicants for our \$1500 scholarship. Both were awarded the scholarship. They are Yuma Kamuro and Yuya Fukutomi.

On May 31, President Joyce Ogawa traveled to Kumamoto, Japan, to

formalize a sister BWA relationship with the BWA of Zenshoji, Rev. Kamuro's family temple. The signing of the charter took place following the wedding ceremony of Reverend's brother.



Rene Mansho and General Suzanne Vares-Lum

Signing of the sister BWA charter with Zenshoji's BWA



Spring luncheon at Gyotaku



Scholarship recipients



Cleaning the Ehime-maru memorial



OAHU UNITED BWA continued



Waipahu Hongwanji Mission held its bazaar & rummage sale on March 21, 2026. It was a very successful fundraiser which involved many helpers & buyers who came to support this worthy event.



WHM's Eshinni/Kakushinni service was observed on April 26, 2026 with a special guest speaker, Mr. Chad Chihiro Okawa. As one of two students selected under the Int'l Cultural Study Exchange program to visit Japan, Chad shared his memorable experiences learning more about Buddhism & staying with a Japanese family. He impressed members with his playing the flute.



WHM BWA members attended the 15th Hawaii Federation Buddhist Women's Assn (HFBWA) State Membership Conference held on March 28-29 at the Ala Moana Hotel. Rev. Soga, Kumika Soga & Evan Watarida participated in this event.



Oahu United BWA's Kumamoto Earthquake Relief fundraising event mobilized helpers to support this worthy cause. Waipahu hosted manju making on Aug. 21, 2026 under Aiea' lead unit, along with other units. Manju was sold at the Mililani Hongwanji Bon Dance on same night, which resulted in a huge success.



HONOLULU UNITED BWA

Wendie Yumori



BWA members of Honolulu United contributed to the success of their temples' Bon Dances in many ways. At Hawaii Betsuin's Bon Dance on June 26, 27, BWA's Bontique offered hundreds of Asian-themed items for sale. For Bon Dance at Moiliili on July 4, BWA prepared 400 Spam musubi. Jikoen's BWA ably staffed the choba, andagi, vintage, and fishpond booths at their Bon Dance on July 18.

A highlight of the summer was the Aug. 6 – 13 visit of two BWA Student Exchange participants from Japan, Hoshino Sasaki and Sae Sakumoto. Bishop and Mrs. Umitani hosted a welcome dinner for them on Aug. 6 and the next morning, Hoshino and Sae flew to Hawaii Island for a visit. They returned to Oahu on Aug. 11 and HUBWA Student Exchange Chair, Marcie Moribe, took them shopping and to hula shows and coordinated a wonderful potluck dinner for them at Hawaii Betsuin. Marcie invited UH students from the BSC

Fellowship Club, the HUBWA Board, and other friends to this get-together with Hoshino and Sae. All were delighted when Hoshino played excerpts from Studio Ghibli animated features on piano and Sae performed a lively hula and invited everyone to join in.

HUBWA's 2026 Joint Education and General Membership Conference on Aug. 22 was a prelude to the 18th World Buddhist Women's Convention

attendees were encouraged to wear mu'umu'u or aloha apparel.

The guest speakers for the Education Workshop were Lei Batty and her daughter, Olalani Horton, who manage the vintage mu'umu'u shop, DeStash Hawaii. Lei and Ola brought a rack of vintage mu'umu'u to illustrate key points in Lei's presentation about the history of the mu'umu'u and the



in 2027, the theme of which is "Live Peace, Live Aloha, Live As One in the Nembutsu." About 60 BWA members and friends attended this Joint Conference which focused on "Sharing Expressions of Aloha." To deepen appreciation of aloha attire as an expression of aloha,

influence of different cultures on the evolution of the mu'umu'u. Lei also spoke about the resurgence of interest in mu'umu'u and the efforts being made to promote mu'umu'u sustainability. Many of DeStash's mu'umu'u are rescued from estate collections, reconstructed and given new life.

Following Lei's talk, participants at each table engaged in small group sharing of mu'umu'u memories.

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Ladies were also invited to share stories about their mu'umu'u with the whole group. After the workshop, Lei noted, "It was especially rewarding to see how interested and engaged everyone was, and to hear the stories the ladies shared about their own mu'umu'u. That is one of the things we love most about mu'umu'u – every piece has a story..."

Ann Nakata shared her expressions of aloha in the beautiful hibiscus table arrangements she created and in the photo area she set up with vintage lampshades. The ladies posed for photos under the lampshades as hula girls, recreating the image of the hula girl lamps of long ago.

The Educational Workshop was followed by lunch and the inspiring 2026 HUBWA Dana Award presentations. The Perpetual Dana Award was presented to Project Dana, the Third Year Dana Award to the Mediation Center of the Pacific, and the Second Year Dana Award to Ma'i Movement. The new 1st Year Dana Awardee is Seams Wonderful, a Kokua Kalihi Valley project that provides women with a safe space to develop professional sewing skills, learn English, and make a small income.

The HUBWA collection for the Ministerial Training Fund was then presented to Bishop Toshiyuki Umitani. Mahalo to the Joint Conference participants whose aloha for Ministerial Training brought the

total to \$2,805.00.

During the afternoon Membership activity, Hawaii Betsuin Choir members warmly assisted participants in practicing the theme song for the world convention, "Live Peace, Live Aloha, Live As One in the Nembutsu."

The Joint Conference closed with everyone dancing the Kachashi led by the Jikoen BWA participants. What a joyous day filled with aloha!

