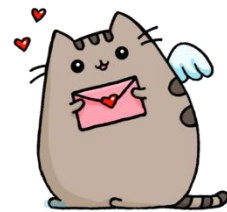


# Wahiawa Konko Mission Children's Newsletter



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## WAHIAWA KONKO MISSION MONTHLY SCHEDULE

### February 2019

- 1 Fri -Monthly Svc. for Tenchi Kane no Kami-Sama (7:30 pm) 天地金乃神様 月例祭
- 3 Sun -Sunday Service (9 am). Share Okage stories till 11 am
- 8 Fri -Monthly Volunteer Activity at WGHLTCF (10-10:45 am)
- 9 Sat -Ehimemaru Memorial Service at Kaka'ako (1:30 pm)  
-Church clean up (9 am)
- 10 Sun -Monthly Svc. for the Founder, Ikigami Konko Daijin (9 am) 生神金光大神様 月例祭 \*Share Okage till 11 am  
-Okage Testimonial by Mr. Randy Furusho
- 13 Wed -KMH Joint Conference Meeting at HNL Church (6 pm)
- 14 Thr -Happy Valentine's Day!
- 16 Sat -Church clean up (9 am)  
-KMH General Meeting at Honolulu Church (1:30-4 pm)
- 17 Sun -Monthly Mem. Svc. (10 am) 月例霊祭 \*Share Okage till 11 am
- 18 Mon -President's Day Holiday
- 23 Sat -Ehimemaru Monument citrus tree maintenance (9 am)  
-Chorus practice at HNL (2-4 pm)
- 24 Sun -Sunday Service (9 am) \*Share Okage till 11 am
- 28 Thr -Church clean up (9 am)  
-KMH CEOC Meeting at HNL Church (5:30 pm)

### March 2019

- 1 Fri -Monthly Svc. for Tenchi Kane no Kami-Sama (7:30 pm) 天地金乃神様 月例祭
- 3 Sun -Sunday Service (9 am) Share Okage till 11 am \*Girl's Day!
- 16 Sat -Garage Sale for Ohana Camp Fundraising (9 am-2pm)

**Konko Daijin says...** When practicing faith, there are more blessings which cannot be seen than those which can be seen. The blessings you unknowingly receive number more than the blessings you knowingly receive. If you think about it, you will come to realize the many divine blessings that you have received. If you can do this, you are a true believer. (GII Tsugawa Haruo 14)

**Editor's thoughts:** When people speak of receiving blessings through practicing faith, they often times expect unbelievable miracles—without even being fully aware that their very existence from second to second is the actual miracle. Practicing this way of faith is like chewing a cube of *katsunobushi* (dried bonito). At first there will be no flavor, but gradually the *umami* will begin to come out of the bonito cube and you will be able to savor the flavor over time. Likewise, when you first begin to practice faith, you may not see a difference in you. But over a period of several years, you will be able to look back and say to yourself, "Hey, my life is so much better now than it was several years ago, when I did not have faith yet." No one can become a black belt overnight. It takes years of practice.

## Sunday School Oath

I will advance my faith through understanding the Founder's teachings and will strive to become a more useful person to society.

Sincerity is the essence of my faith, and its basic principles are courtesy, kindness, and devotion in everything I do.



## Picasso Boar



On Sunday, January 20<sup>th</sup>, the church held the New Year's Party after the General Meeting. We each drew one body part of the boar and we came up with this beautiful work of art!

Thank you for joining! Artists below.



## Konko Mission of Wahiawa Annual Schedule for 2019

- 3/8 Fri -WGH monthly volunteer activity at 10 a.m.
- 3/16 Sat -Garage sale for Ohana Camp 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- 3/17 Sun -Honolulu Church Spring Memorial Service, 10 a.m.
- 3/24 Sun -Wahiawa Church Spring Memorial Service, 10 a.m.
- 4/ -Zippy's fund-raising for Summer Ohana Camp
- 4/7 Sun -Honolulu Church Spring Grand Service 11 a.m.
- 4/13 Sat -Wahiawa Church Spring Grand Service, 6:30 p.m.
- 4/14 Sun -Waipahu Church Spring Grand Service, 11 a.m.
- 4/19 Fri -WGH monthly volunteer activity at 10 a.m.
- 5/5 Sun -Wailuku Church Spring Grand Service, 11 a.m.
- 5/10 Fri -WGH monthly volunteer activity at 10 a.m.
- 5/12 Sun -Hilo Church Spring Grand Service, 11 a.m.
- KMH Missionary Women's Society Meeting, at Hilo Church, attend the grand service
- 5/18 Sat -KMH Board of Trustees Meeting, 10:30 a.m.
- 5/27 Mon -Memorial Day Punchbowl/Mililani Memorial Park Visit
- 6/14 Fri -WGH monthly volunteer activity at 10 a.m.
- 7/6 Sat -9th Ohana Camp at Camp HR Erdman
- 7/7Sun -Ohana Camp 2nd day
- 7/12 Fri -WGH monthly volunteer activity at 10 a.m.
- 7/14 Sun -KMH Volunteer Activity at Kuakini Hospital, 9:30 a.m.
- 7/21 Sun -Monthly Memorial Service/Back-to-School Service 9 a.m.
- 8/9 Fri -WGH monthly volunteer activity at 10 a.m.
- 8/10 Sat -KMH Board Meeting at Honolulu Church, 10:30 a.m.
- 8/24 Sat -Hotokusai Service for 90th Anniversary at Honolulu 2 p.m.
- 8/25 Sun -90th Anniversary of Honolulu Church, 10:30 a.m.
- 9/15 Sun -Honolulu Church Autumn Memorial Service, 10 a.m.
- 9/20 Fri -WGH monthly volunteer activity at 10 a.m.
- 9/22 Sun -Wahiawa Church Autumn Memorial Service, 10 a.m.
- 10/6 Sun -Honolulu Church Autumn Grand Service, 11 a.m.
- 10/12 Sat -Wahiawa Church Autumn Grand Service, 6:30 p.m.
- 10/13 Sun -Waipahu Church Autumn Grand Service, 11 a.m.
- 10/20 Sun -26th Annual HCRP Peace Prayer
- 10/25 Fri -WGH monthly volunteer activity at 10 a.m.
- 10/26 Sat -115th Anniversary of Konko Church of Amagi, day 1
- 10/27 Sun -115th Anniversary of Konko Church of Amagi, day 2
- 11/3 Sun -90th Anniversary Celebration of Hilo Church, 11a.m.
- 11/8 Fri -WGH monthly volunteer activity, 10 a.m.
- 11/9 Sat -Wailuku Church Autumn Grand Service, 11 a.m.
- 11/15 Fri -160th Anniversary of Konkokyo
- 11/23 Sat -KMH Board of Trustees Meeting, 10:30 a.m.
- 11/24 Sun -22nd Memorial Svc for the Late Rev. Kikue Kodama, 9 a.m.
- 12/13 Fri -WGH monthly volunteer activity at 10 a.m.
- 12/22 Sun -47th Memorial Svc. for Late Rev. Haruko Takahashi, 10 a.m.
- 12/26 Thr -Mochi pounding at Hilton Waikiki
- 12/27 Fri -Mochi pounding at Prince Waikiki
- 12/29 Sun -End of the Year Service 9 a.m.
- 12/30 Mon-28th Annual Mochi Pounding 8 a.m.



## Happy Birthday



To all the people born in February  
Please continue to receive  
Infinite divine blessings from

Tenchi Kane no Kami-Sama and  
Ikigami Konko Daijin-Sama  
Nancy Ohata • Elima Pangorang • Chad Pangorang



## New Year's Day Service 1/1/19



## Mochitsuki Demo held at The Ritz Carlton Waikiki Hotel 1/4/19. Thank you for your great help!



Yaki Mochi Sunday held on 1/13/19. Thank you all for coming! It was great fun!



Drawing the PICASSO Animal, Whacking the Piñata and playing BINGO is our yearly tradition at the New Year's Party!



**NEW YEAR'S PARTY!!**



## Editor's Note



Dear Reader,

I hope this year is turning out to be a great year for you. January was already a very eventful month. First we had our New Year's Day Ceremony. And on January 13th, we had our amazing Yaki-Mochi Party! Toasted over the fire, deep fried or butter fried in a frying pan—mochi is a versatile treat following New Years. My favorite is the deep fried mochi topped with a drizzle of *shoyu*, a dollop of Kewpie mayo, sprinkled with freshly shaved bonito flakes and a pinch of fresh cut green onions. Let me tell you, mochi will keep you full and satisfied the whole day. Dinner came and I was still full. It was great fun hanging out with everybody and eating mochi. I definitely look forward to this every year.

The week after that, we held our General Meeting and New Year's Party. We had a guessing game, played BINGO, whacked the piñata, drew the PICASSO Boar and ate a nice hot bowl of *Ozenzai* that my mom makes every year for this event.

I would like to share with you another episode of the 4<sup>th</sup> Konko Sama's Radio Broadcast, done on January 11, 1958 (Showa 33) Title: *Akarui Houe* (Towards the Light). By Rev. Kagamitaro Konko.

If you have a red filter in front of you everything behind it will look red. However, many believe that everything is red; not realizing that there is just a red filter in front of them. If there is a blue filter in front of you, everything seen through it will look blue. And since everything looks blue, people will believe that everything really is blue. In reference to a troubled heart for instance, even I have the tendency to forget that there is just a filter in front of me.

When we encounter hardship or problems, we see everything as a hardship and as a problem. Even for things we do not even have to worry about, we make it the seed of more problems—which adds to the problems we already have. It's not a red filter per se; however, it's as if we are putting a filter of hardship in front of us and truly believe that the whole world before us is a hardship and suffering. We have a tendency to do that often. Although I believe this is not a very good way to live, when problems arise, we fight for ways to solve problems—then we look back and wonder “Why I did I blow that problem so out of proportion?” That was just our reaction to a problem that was starting to defeat and wear us out.

Instead of just thinking about the dark side of things, I think it is important to think about the positive aspects of life. Everyone wants to improve. Many people naturally tend to gravitate towards the light or positive things. People yearn to be happy and do fun things. Grass that grows in the shade will make an effort to grow toward the light. Even grass growing in the shade of large stones will make an effort to grow in the direction where there is light and warmth. You can call it the way in which most living things live. Even I like to live where my surroundings are warm and positive.

Amidst living within positive surroundings, when a problem arises, we have the tendency to believe that everything has gone wrong, and we are in a stuck situation. Then we have the tendency to believe that there is no one else more troubled than our self. While in reality, we only wish to resolve our problems, and wish for salvation. While we may be aware that this kind of thinking is not good for us; if the dark feelings in our heart intensify, our desire to be saved weakens, and everything will seem hopeless. And people end up giving up on life.

I look back at myself and realize that I also lack in effort to improve and gravitate towards warmth and positivity. When things do not go as expected, everything else seems to become negative too and even the world before me seems hopeless.

When we feel like eating, we eat. When we feel like taking a bath, we can take a bath. Even though these simple activities may seem mundane and we may take them for granted, we are able to do what we want to do. For example, when you go to see someone and that person you wanted to see was not home. You may feel that your mission to go and see that person was not realized. But it is a fact that you were still fully able to go to that person's house.

We send off our children in the morning to school and wish them a safe day with no accidents or injuries. Our children come home from school safely; however, when they come back home late—regardless of the fact that they came back home safely with no accidents or injuries—we forget to be truly appreciative of this blessing, and instead scold the children “Why were you late? You were off goofing around, weren't you?” It may seem like no big deal to say this to them.

If you really think about it, there are more things that have gone your way than the things which have not gone your way. But we often times do not appreciate the many things that have gone our way, and instead only complain of the petty things that have not gone our way. We also have the tendency to over think minor issues and make them into major problems.

When a child begs for candy, he/she may receive it. But the child wants more. The parent will then say no, worrying that too much candy will give them stomach aches. Now the child is dissatisfied and crying. In society, there are people who cry and believe there is no one else in the world sadder than they are. I try not to magnify problems or let them overwhelm me. Instead, I make an effort to look at the brighter side of things and extend appreciation where it's due.

No matter how small a task may be, you were able do the task. I believe it's important to always keep in mind to be thankful for being able to do things as we wished, and continue to be happy. And when we encounter hardship, let's be strong not to lose to them. We may feel like escaping from our problems or overcoming them, but let's be careful not to become overwhelmed by them.

As I mentioned earlier, let's make it a habit to appreciative our achievements no matter how big or small they may be from moment to moment. And when problems do arise, don't let it get the best of you. Instead, think about each problem and figure out how to solve them. I may not be a very good example of doing so myself, but I try to incorporate this in my daily faith practice. (*The End*)

When we feel down, we tend to put on the negative filter. The usual things that make us happy, no longer make us happy. Even our favorite foods may seem tasteless. Even if the problem is just a fraction of our life, it sucks everything in it, too. But all this time, it's just a filter. We must notice that and change our filter to one of gratitude. Then we will be able to solve the problems effectively with a positive attitude.

With Valentine's Day just around the corner, take this time to really think about the people in our lives that we truly love and appreciate. Send good thoughts to those people. Pray for them to be continuously happy and blessed, Have a Happy Valentine's Day! Thank you for reading.

*Sincerely, Edna*