



Wahaiwa Konko Mission Children's Newsletter



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WAHIAWA KONKO MISSION MONTHLY SCHEDULE

January 2013

- 1 Tue -New Year's Day Svc. (9 am) 元日祭
*Osechi Ryori and Ozoni to follow.
- 4 Fri -Daily Devotionals—Shingyo Kikan from 1/4 to 1/31
(Prayer times: 6 am, 9 am, 7:30 pm)
- 6 Sun -Sunday Service (9 am). Sharing of Okage stories and
New Year's Resolution. Toasted mochi! (till 12:30 pm)
- 7 Mon -HCRP Meeting at PL Church (1 :30 pm)
- 11 Fri -Monthly Volunteer Activity @ WGHLTCF (10-10:45 am)
- 12 Sat -Church clean up for Monthly Service (9 am)
- 13 Sun -Monthly Svc. for the Founder, Ikigami Konko Daijin
(10 am) 生神金光大神様 月例祭
-Wahaiwa Church General Mtg. Evaluation of Mochi
pounding. Re-election of board of directors. Lunch
12 noon and New Year's Party (till 2:30 pm)
*Bring a \$3.00 grab-bag per person.
- 19 Sat -Church clean up (9 am)
-KMH Board of Trustees Mtg @HNL Church (10:30 am)
- 20 Sun -Monthly Memorial Service (9 am) 月例霊祭
-MWSS preparations @HNL Church (1 pm)
- 21 Mon -Holiday for Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.
- 24 Thu -MWSS preparations @HNL Church (morning)
- 25 Fri -4th KMH/KCNA Joint MWSS @HNL Church (4 pm)
(Thru Sun, 1/27 at 12 noon).
- 27 Sun -Sunday Service (9 am) *Share Okage (till 10:30 am)
- 31 Thu -Church clean up (9 am)



February 2013

- 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)

Konko Daijin says... "Since New Year's is to celebrate the whole year, it is truly auspicious. Angry people will be told not to be angry because it is New Year's. Live each day with the same happy heart you have on New Year's Day. When the sun sets, think that it's the last day of the year. It will make your life happy every day, and there will be no discord in your family. Live happily as if each day were New Year's Day."

Editor's thoughts: It's so easy to be happy on New Year's Day. We make a conscious effort to be in a good mood throughout this day. If we can hold the same joyful heart every day, we can enjoy life in a true sense.

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.



謹賀新年

Year of the Snake People:

The snake ranks sixth of all the animals in the Chinese zodiac. People born in the Year of the Snake are the most intuitive, even while remaining the most private and reticent. Snake people represent the symbol of wisdom. They are intelligent and wise. Snake people are usually regarded as great thinkers.

Snakes are materialistic and love keeping up with the Joneses. They love to possess the best of everything, but they have no patience for shopping. Snake people prefer to work alone, therefore they are easily stressed; if they seem unusually stressed, it is best to allow them their own space and time to return to normal.

Info from: <http://www.chinahighlights.com/travelguide/chinese-zodiac/snake.asp>

New Year's Party

Date: Sunday, January 13, 2013

Time: 10:00 a.m. Monthly Service

General Meeting. Lunch at noon and party till 2:30 p.m.

Bring: \$3.00 minimum grab-bag per person.

I hope you can make it to our New Year's Party. We will Play games, BINGO, exchange Grab-bags, draw the PICASSO Dragon, hit the piñat a and eat Ozenzai. Bring your family and friends. Let's have fun.



The 40th Memorial Anniversary of the Late Reverend Haruko Takahashi was held on Sunday, December 16, 2012. She passed away on December 24, 1972 at the age of 62.



Grand service at Wahiawa Church in the old days



Rev. Haruko Takahashi seated at the Mediation desk



Haruko Sensei in robes



Back then, everyone sat on the floor



Haruko Sensei at the Konkokyo Seminary (center) 1934



Fellowship meals after the services

Thank you Rev. Haruko Takahashi, for all of your dedication in establishing this church!



Rev. Dr. Todd Zenji Takahashi (nephew of Rev. Haruko Takahashi) delivers sermon as a special guest speaker



Current head minister of Wahiawa Rev. Yasuhiro Yano



Ke'ala and Austin Takahashi (grand niece and nephew of Rev. Haruko Takahashi)



Naorai fellowship lunch after the service with members and Takahashi Family



Times have changed since the days of Haruko Sensei, but her Spirit lives on

Wahiawa Church Mochi Marathon

Thank you Tenchi Kane no Kami-Sama for blessing everyone with the health, safety and endurance. Thank you mochi pounders, fire-keepers, mochi turners, shapers, packers, spectators, people who brought all the onolicious food and people who purchased mochi. Mochi Marathon successfully held on 12/30/12 and Anko-ball rolling held on 12/29/12 ☺



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Happy Birthday

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

Tenchi Kane no Kami-Sama and
Ikigami Konko Daijin-Sama
Bryce Adkison Trisha Adkison
Pat Toyofuku Yuriko Kanemitsu
Linda Webber Minako Yano



Editor's Note

Dear Reader,

Happy New Year! 新年明けましておめでとうございます! And Happy Year of the Snake! 2012 ended safely, and the Konko Mission of Wahiawa will be turning 73 years old this year. 73 years old!! That's the age of some of our grandparents. The Late Rev. Haruko Takahashi established this church in Wahiawa on January 14, 1940. Had it not been for her...I would not be here today. All of my blessings are linked way back to many many factors, with Rev. Haruko Takahashi being one of them. Last year, on December 16, we celebrated her 40th year memorial anniversary.

The Rev. Dr. Todd Takahashi came as a special guest speaker to deliver the sermon. He challenged the audience as to how dedicated we really are to our Divine Parent, Tenchi Kane No Kami-Sama and our Founder, Ikigami Konko Daijin-Sama. His aunt, Haruko Sensei was a leading example of what it means to be one with the heart of Kami-Sama.

Todd Sensei highlighted that the Wahiawa Church is unique in a sense that we continue to hold the first service of every month on the 1st. This tradition has not changed since the days of Haruko Sensei. We wish to keep this tradition alive, as it was Haruko Sensei's way of showing respect and utmost accommodations to Kami-Sama. Her dedication to Kami-Sama was not human-centered and in convenience of people's schedules. If Kami-Sama has accommodated for our blessings every step of the way, we feel it very important to accommodate Kami-Sama, and solely dedicate the 1st of every month in appreciation.

Haruko Sensei's grand niece and nephew, Ke'ala and Austin Takahashi (children of Todd Sensei's brother), offered a Japanese odori dance in the sacred sanctuary during the service. Their dancing was so perfect and so cute; I no doubt believe that Haruko Sensei's Mitama Spirit was delighted beyond words.

The perpetuation of the Konko faith at this Wahiawa Church, till this day is a sure sign that the Rev. Haruko Takahashi's spirit continues to live on, and that people are continuing to pass on the faith.

Our 21st annual Mochi Marathon was a great success!! As I look at the many Mochitsuki pictures, my memory goes back 21 years, when we had our very first mochi pounding. I was only 10 years old, when we only pounded a few batches of mochi. In 2012, we pounded 320 lb of rice, which yielded approximately 540 lb of

mochi!! And we had about 80 helpers and spectators of all ages. This is something I look forward to every year. We nickname it the "Mochi Marathon," because it's a lot of hard work and cooperation. We made Komochi (plain round mochi), An-mochi (bean jelly centered mochi), Yomogi-mochi (Mugwort weed mochi), 1 lb and ½ lb Okagami set (stacked mochi). At the end of the day, our shoulders, arms and hands hurt a lot. We work out a great sweat, and we have to band-aid our hand blisters!! So many blessings can be counted just from this event: No one got injured. Everyone was happily enjoying this day. The rain lifted a few hours later. The mochi was delicious. Many people came to pick up mochi. A lot people came to help out. And we all had fun! I was especially happy that my brother, Rodney sensei was able to come home in time for our mochi pounding. For the first time in many years, our family was able to come together to celebrate New Year's.

Whew, that was a fabulous year. Now, the year 2013 has arrived safely. Many were in fear that the world was going to end on December 21, 2012. Many were also in fear of the Fiscal Cliff of 2013, the collapse of the economy and so forth...but today is here, and so far, so good. I firmly believe in Konko Daijin's teaching, which goes: "Tenchi Kane No Kami is a kami that has existed since the beginning of time, not anytime in between. The Universe is not a passing fad. Something which is not a fad will not end. It is essential to have a heart like that of the Universe. Even those without faith receive Kami's blessings" (GIII Konko Kyoso Gorikai 7). The world will continue to evolve. There is no end to the world.

As we cannot foresee the future, it is essential to have complete conviction in the belief of a higher power, and look forward to the future with positive expectations. With that being said, let's begin the year by having a clear vision of what we would like our year to look like. And write your New Year's Resolution on the little piece of paper that I have provided for you.

Our New Year's Party will be held on Sunday, January 13th after the Monthly Service at **10:00 a.m.** After the service, we will have a General Meeting to briefly discuss the annual schedule. It will be a little earlier this year, due to the KMH/KCNA Joint Missionary Women's Society Seminar. Please remember to bring a \$3.00 grab-bag per person. We will be having a lunch and our special Onolicious Ozenzai!!! Please come and join us!! 今年もよろしくお願いいいたします。Have a great year everyone (^_^)! *Sincerely, Edna Yano*

