



Wahiawa Konko Mission Children's Newsletter



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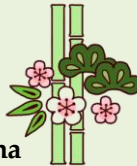
WAHIAWA KONKO MISSION MONTHLY SCHEDULE

January 2014

- 1 Wed -New Year's Day Svc. (9 am) 元日祭
*Osechi Ryori and Ozoni to follow.
- 4 Sat -Daily Devotionals—Shingyo Kikan from 1/4 to 1/31
(Prayer times: 6 am, 9 am, 7:30 pm)
- 5 Sun -Sunday Service (9 am). Sharing of Okage stories and
New Year's Resolution. Toasted mochi! (till 12:30 pm)
- 10 Fri -Monthly Volunteer Activity @ WGHLTCF (10-10:45 am)
- 11 Sat -Church clean up for Monthly Service (9 am)
- 12 Sun -Monthly Svc. for the Founder, Ikigami Konko Daijin
(9 am) 生神金光大神様 月例祭 *Share Okage Story
- 17 Fri -Chorus Practice @HNL Church (2-4 pm)
- 18 Sat -KMH Board of Trustees Mtg @HNL Church (10:30 am)
- 19 Sun -No Sunday Service. We will pound mochi at the New
Year's 'Ohana Festival @ Moili'ili Field by JCCH
(10 am-4 pm)
- 20 Mon -Holiday! Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- 25 Sat -Church clean up (9 am)
- 26 Sun -Monthly Memorial Service (10 am) 月例霊祭
-Wahiawa 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)
- 31 Fri -Church clean up (9 am)

February 2014

- 1 Sat -Monthly Svc. for Tenchi Kane no Kami-Sama
(7:30 pm) 天地金乃神様 月例祭
- 2 Sun -Sunday Service (9 am). Share Okage stories (till 11 am)



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.

New Year's 'Ohana Festival

Date: Sunday, January 19, 2014

Time: 10 am-4 pm

Place: Moili'ili Field near JCCH



The Japanese Cultural Center of Hawaii will be holding its 21st annual New Year's 'Ohana festival. This year, the Konko Mission of Wahiawa has been requested to present the Mochitsuki. Please come and join us! We will need several helpers as we pound 3 batches and hand out samples.



謹賀新年

Let's Eat Toasted Mochi!

When: Sun, January 5th
after 9 am Service

Come join us!! And eat up!



New Year's Party

Date: Sunday, January 26, 2014

Time: 10:00 a.m. Monthly Memorial 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 Horse, hit the piñata and eat Ozenzai. Bring your family and friends. Let's have fun.



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.

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. Thank you also to the Ehime Kenjin-kai for volunteering! Mochi Marathon successfully held on 12/30/13 and Anko-ball rolling held a day earlier ☺

Below: Mochitsuki Prep day 12/29. Thank you very much for helping!



Below: The day of the Mochitsuki 12/30/13. Thank you very much for helping!



Happy Birthday

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

Tenchi Kane no Kami-Sama &
Ikigami Konko Daijin-Sama

Bryce Adkison Trisha Adkison
Pat Toyofuku Linda Webber
Janet Miyasaka (1/3) Minako Yano



Editor's Note

Happy New Year!

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 Horse! 2013 ended safely, and the Konko Mission of Wahiawa will be turning 74 years old this year on January 14, 1940!! Many thanks to the Late Rev. Haruko Takahashi for establishing this church. I hope and pray that we are continuing the operation of this church as she would have liked for it to be continued. I hope that we are making her Mitama Spirit happy. Had it not been for her establishing this church, I definitely would not be born. Or I may be another person in another body who doesn't know the faith.

Our 22nd annual Mochi Marathon was a great success once more!! We pounded 355 pounds of sweet mochi rice, which came out to approximately 600 pounds (272 kg) of mochi after cooking and pounding. This year had the largest number of mochi orders in the history of our mochitsuki!! Many of the usual helpers had work that day, since it was a Monday. But we still prayed that Kami-Sama will make this event possible. And Kami-Sama really answered our prayers. The skies were blue that day and Kami-Sama sent the perfect people and perfect amount of people to get the task done. It was a marathon! We literally worked from about 8 am till 6:30 pm. I love our mochitsuki event because of the wonderful people that come over. It's so fun to talk to everyone. It's a positive atmosphere, and we all get tired...but it's a good kind of tired, like the Honolulu Marathon! (Although I have never ran it before hehehe). Through word of mouth advertising, this tradition has been kept alive for the 22nd year. I am truly thankful to Kami-Sama and everyone who helped make this possible since 1992.

This year, on Sunday, January 19th, the Konko Mission of Wahiawa has been requested by the Japanese Cultural Center of Hawaii to present the Mochitsuki to the public during the New Year's 'Ohana Festival. The time will be from 10 am to 4 pm, at the Moili'ili Field near JCCH. We will be pounding just three batches of mochi, but we will need several people to help. It's a lot of good fun. So, if you happen to be free on that day, come on down and let's pound mochi again!! We will be passing out free samples of Anko-mochi.

I am so fortunate to have grown up at this church. Through being born and raised in Hawaii, I have the wonderful blessing of meeting many good-hearted people in my life. I do not know through what fate I

exist here now, but I know that I have a mission to accomplish.

We live day to day. We get up, go to school, to work, to just enjoy the surf, to garden, to eat, to sleep and so on, so forth. But the question is why? I keep asking myself, until one day recently, my dad gave me a good answer. He said something like, "We are originally invisible souls, but we are just given this privilege to be in a physical body to experience, explore, learn and grow a little before we return back to the invisible state again. We are only in this physical state for a limited time. What can we accomplish in this given time, in this physical body?"

It doesn't have to be a task that is super-human. I came to my own conclusion that it's something that anyone can do, whether one is young or aged to perfection. It's to try to be genuinely good people. When we meet people for the first time, try to create a lasting impression—even just a friendly smile is something that can last a lifetime in someone's memory. Expressing good, positive words and giving compliments are also important in our life time. Doing good deeds for one another is also important. Doing these things for the ones closest to us is difficult. People have a tendency to neglect being kind to their own household members. Being genuinely good people reflects in every word and act that we carry out—even towards animals, plants and inanimate objects.

When one's life ends, the only thing that really remains are the memories we had of that individual. No one will care what kind of car they had, the kind of house they lived in, the position they had while working, or the amount of money they made. We remember how someone treated you. Were they kind? Were they generous? Were they funny? All these intangible qualities are what remain forever. With that being said, let's make it a daily practice to be genuinely good people. In doing so, our physical life on Earth will be a whole lot meaningful, and our spiritual being can return back in its invisible state in peace and fulfillment.

Our New Year's Party will be held on Sunday, January 26th after the Monthly Service at **10:00 a.m.** We will have a General Meeting to briefly discuss the annual schedule. Please remember to bring a \$3.00 grab-bag per person. We will be having lunch and our special Ozenzai!!! Let's write a New Year's Resolution! There is much to look forward to this year. I want to go to Japan to attend the Founder's 200th Birthday Grand Ceremony in September with my mom! Have a great year everyone (^_^)!

Sincerely, Edna Yano

