



Wahaiwa Konko Mission Children's Newsletter



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WAHIAWA KONKO MISSION MONTHLY SCHEDULE

January 2015

- 1 Thur -New Year's Day Svc. (9 am) 元日祭**
*Osechi Ryori and Ozoni to follow.
- 4 Sun -Sunday Service (9 am).** Sharing of Okage stories and New Year's Resolution.
-Daily Devotionals— Shingyo Kikan from 1/4 to 1/31 (Prayer times: 6 am, 9 am, 7:30 pm)
- 9 Fri -Monthly Volunteer Activity at WGHLTCF (10-10:45 am)**
-Mochi Pounding for Japanese Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii at JCCH 2nd floor (5:00 -5:45 pm)
- 10 Sat -Church clean up for Monthly Service (9 am)**
- 11 Sun -Monthly Svc. for the Founder, Ikigami Konko Daijin (9 am) 生神金光大神様 月例祭**
-Eat Toasted mochi! (till 12:30 pm)
- 12 Mon-HCRP Meeting at Gedatsu Church (12 pm)**
- 17 Sat -KMH Board of Trustees Mtg @HNL Church (10:30 am)**
- 18 Sun -Sunday Service (9 am) *Share Okage stories (till 11)**
- 19 Mon-Holiday for Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.**
- 24 Sat -Church clean up (9 am) *Chorus Practice at HNL (2 pm)**
- 25 Sun -Monthly Memorial Service (10 am) 月例霊祭**
-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.
- 30 Fri -Church clean up (9 am)**
- 31 Sat -Ehimemaru Memorial Clean up (9 am)**



February 2015

- 1 Sun -Monthly Svc. for Tenchi Kane no Kami-Sama (9:00 am) 天地金乃神様 月例祭 *Share Okage (till 11)**
-Wahaiwa Church Ohana Camp Committee Meeting
- 8 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 Sheep People: Are pure nature, kind-hearted, tender, polite, clever and easily taken by sympathy. Female sheep like to appear sharp. Sheep work very hard to accomplish their goals, but could be pessimistic sometimes and easily to complain about things. They are good team workers and often like to remain in the background of an endeavor. Sheep are generous with their time as well as their money. The quiet outer appearance of the sheep belies their inner determination. When threatened, sheep can respond passionately and firmly. Sheep have a special fondness for quiet living. They crave for love, attention and approval in life. (<http://www.allchinanet.com>)



New Year's Party

Date: Sunday, January 25, 2015

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 Sheep, hit the piñata and eat Ozenzai. Bring your family and friends. Let's have fun.



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 12/30/14. Anko-ball rolling held on 12/29/14 (Top right picture) ©



George and Kaoru came from SF Church and helped a ton!

Happy New Year 2015!!!

新年明けましておめでとうございます！



Mochi Pounding Demonstration at the Japanese Cultural Center of Hawaii was held on Saturday, December 20, 2014 for 24 participants. Many thanks to Yano Sensei, Reiko Sensei, Randy Furusho, Alexander Furusho and Janet Miyasaka for coming to help out with the event.



Please fill out your New Year's Resolution below and cut out. Place it somewhere you will see it every day.

New Year's Resolution 2015

Sign here: _____

Year of the Ram

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Yaki-mochi Sunday!!

Come join us on Sunday, January 11th for our special toasted mochi, after our monthly service at 9:00 am. Very ono!



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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 Linda Webber
Janet Miyasaka (1/3) Minako Yano

The Power of Prayer

(By Alexander Furusho)



I went to Hale'iwa Harbor with Edna and Edna's boyfriend, Clayton to get sea urchin which is also known as *uni*. We got a lot and we were so happy that we got that much. Clayton got a monster *uni* that was as big as my palm. We ate one uni right at the harbor and then started to fish. I fished a little and started to get more *uni*. I got a huge *uni* that was bigger than Clayton's. Edna got a small saddle wrasse and put it in a plastic bag. We also saw a day *tako* (octopus) that I almost caught with a net. The whole time we were there felt like it was just fifteen minutes. Afterwards we went to Cholo's and I ordered a tasty fish taco. Then we came back to church and fed the saddle wrasse to Hime-Sama Edna's adorable tuxedo cat. We opened up each uni and to a surprise, Clayton's very large *uni* barely had any eggs. So Edna said that my big *uni* would also have very little eggs. So I put my hands together in prayer and said "Konko-Sama!" and cut my *uni* open. We were all surprised by the amount of perfectly orange eggs there were. That was a true story about the power of prayer.

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 Sheep! The year 2014 ended safely, and the Konko Mission of Wahiawa will be turning 75 years old this year. 75 years old!!

Our 23rd annual Mochi Marathon was a great success!! We pounded 325 lb of rice, which yielded approximately 540 lb of mochi!! And we had countless helpers and spectators of all ages. This is something I look forward to every year. We call it the Mochi Marathon, because it is well known for being a strenuous day of pure labor. The faint-hearted never return; but the strong keep coming every year, and look forward to it.

We made Komochi (plain round mochi), An-mochi (red bean jelly centered mochi), Yomogi-mochi (Mugwort weed mochi), 1 lb and ½ lb Okagami set (stacked mochi). We also made a batch of specialty yomogi mochi with a delicious Nutella and fresh strawberry or raspberry filling. It was sooo delicious. We definitely must try that again. At the end of the day, our body was aching a lot, but so many blessings can be counted just from this event. No one got injured. Everyone was happily enjoying this day. The weather was great—and only at the end of the pounding it started to rain cats and dogs. It was all possible thanks to the blessings of Kami-Sama and everyone's hard work.

Rev. Yasuhiro Yano (Head minister of our church) mentioned an interesting point in one of his sermons. He said that Mochitsuki is a community event of trust. A couple weeks ago, we went to the Japanese Cultural Center to do a Mochitsuki demonstration with about 24 people who signed up. All participants and volunteers were required to sign a waiver that assures we will not sue, should any injuries result from the Mochitsuki. Nowadays, pretty much any type of activity that has the potential to cause injury requires for participants to sign a waiver. This all stems from the concept of not having unconditional trust of the activity. It's not about having the sense of community anymore; but a sense of liability for the people that plan the function. "What if I smash my hands with the mallet and my fingers break?" "What if the gas burner that is steaming the rice burns me?" In the olde days of traditional mochi pounding, the sense of community was very strong. Everyone watched out for each other. People trusted that

activities will go well. And if accidents did happen, there was forgiveness and understanding. There wasn't the, "It's all your fault this happened; therefore, I will sue you!" concept back in the days. And while policies and procedures for various things become stringent, the feeling of community and togetherness gets lost, and ultimately, traditions are forgotten. I am very thankful we were able to maintain the Mochitsuki tradition at the Wahiawa church for the last 23 years.

There are many activities planned for this year. One of the biggest activities is the Summer Ohana Camp at Camp HR Erdman. Our cabins are already reserved. It will be held from June 20-21 (Sat and Sun). Please mark these dates on your planner and make sure you join us. It will be so fun!

Next, the Konko Churches of North America and Konko Missions in Hawaii will hold its Joint Conference from July 17-19, at California State University in Long Beach, CA. Spirituality Bridge and Family Camp will be held on July 16th & 17th at the same location. Youth Camp will start on July 14th and Young Adults on the 15th, location TBD. Please mark your calendars and purchase your plane tickets early. My vacay request got approved for these days, so I will be going, too. I am very excited to go. I am sure that you will be very glad you attended this conference. So, don't hesitate; let's go!

As with every New Year, I am attaching a New Year's Resolution paper to this newsletter. Please write your goals for this year and stick it on the wall of your home where you frequently place your eyes. And read it often, like a reminder. It's good to have a clear vision of what you would like your year to be like. Then, welcome each day—one day at a time and try to live your day well. Do good things for others, for yourself, for Kami-Sama. Do things that put a smile on your face and the face of others.

Our New Year's Party will be held on Sunday, January 25th after the Monthly Memorial Service at **10:00 a.m.** After the service, we will have a General Meeting to briefly discuss the annual schedule and financial report. 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たします。Have a great year everyone (^_^)! PS: Please read Alex Furusho's blessings he received as he prayed to Konko-Sama on page 3. "The Power of Prayer." *Sincerely, Edna Yano*

