



Wahiawa Konko Mission Children's Newsletter



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WAHIAWA KONKO MISSION MONTHLY SCHEDULE

January 2017

- 1 Sun -New Year's Day Svc. (9 am) 元日祭
*Osechi Ryori and Ozoni to follow.
- 2 Mon -New Year's Day Observed—HOLIDAY
- 4 Wed -Daily Devotionals—Shingyo Kikan from 1/4 to 1/31
(Prayer times: 5:30 am, 9 am, 7:30 pm)
- 8 Sun -Sunday Service (9 am) *Share okage story and New Year's Resolution and Eat toasted mochi! (till 1:30 pm)
- 13 Fri -Monthly Volunteer Activity at WGHLTCF (10-10:45 am)
- 14 Sat -Church clean-up (9 am)
- 15 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
- 16 Mon-Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day -HOLIDAY
- 20 Fri -Church clean up for Monthly Service (9 am)
- 21 Sat - KMH Board of Trustees meeting at Honolulu Church (10:30 am-3:00 pm)
- 22 Sun -Monthly Memorial Service (10 am) 月例霊祭
*Wahiawa Church General Mtg., Financial Report, Mochitsuki Eval (after svc)
-New Year's party (till 2:30 pm) *Bring \$3.00 grab-bag.
- 28 Sat -Ehimemaru Monument clean-up at Kaka'ako (9 am)
-Chorus practice at HNL Church (2-4 pm)
- 29 Sun -Sunday Service (9 am)
-Konkokyo Women's Gathering at Honolulu Church (10 am) *Guest speaker: Mrs. Chie Kawahara (SF Church)
- 30 Mon-HCRP Mtg at Gedatsu Church (1:30 pm)
- 31 Tue -Church clean-up (9 am)

February 2017

- 1 Wed -Monthly Svc. for Tenchi Kane no Kami-Sama (7:30 pm) 天地金乃神様 月例祭
- 5 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.



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General Meeting and New Year's Party



Date: Sunday, January 22, 2017

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

Happy New Year!



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." (GI Kondo Fujimori 52-2)

2017: The Year of the Rooster will be a powerful one, with no middle of the road when it comes to moving forward. This year, impressions count. You'll want to look your best and be clear on your intentions concerning love, money, and business. Stick to practical and well-proven paths to ensure success, rather than risky ventures. (*Astrologyclub.org*)

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 12/30/16. Anko-ball rolling held on 12/29/16 ☺



Happy New Year 2017!!! 新年明けましておめでとうございます!



Sat, 12/17/2016: Mochitsuki demo at Japanese Cultural Ctr of Hawaii



Mon, 12/26/2016: Mochitsuki demo at Hilton Waikiki Beach Hotel



Wed, 12/28/2016: Mochitsuki demo at Hawaii Prince Hotel

In December 2016, we had 3 mochitsuki demonstrations: Japanese Cultural Center of Hawaii, Hilton Waikiki Beach Hotel and Hawaii Prince Hotel. It was very enjoyable for us as well as the guests. Special thanks to the people who were able to help out: Yano Sensei, Reiko Sensei, Randy Furusho, Alexander Furusho, Jane Suwa, Janet Miyasaka, Chad & Micah Hiromasa, Mieko Hotta, Yuuji Ogai and Clayton Matsuoka.



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 Minako Yano**



On Thursday, December 15, 2016, I had the honor of conducting the end of the year appreciation ceremony at the Honouliuli National Park, along with the members of the Japanese Cultural Center of Hawaii, National Parks Services, Monsanto Hawaii and family members of people who have been interned at Honouliuli.



Yaki-mochi Sunday!!

Come join us on Sunday, January 8th for our special toasted mochi, after our 9:00 a.m. Sunday Service. Come taste the ooey gooey deliciousness of yaki-mochi.



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 2017

Sign here: _____



Year of the Rooster

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 Rooster! The year 2016 ended safely, and the Konko Mission of Wahiawa will be turning 77 years old this year. We thank all the church members and friends who continuously forward their support for the church to make it this far.

In Japanese superstitions, if one dreams of Mt. Fuji, a Hawk or an Eggplant within the first three days of the New Year, it is considered to be lucky. I did not see any of those three elements in my dream; however, I did see a very interesting and vivid dream before dawn on New Year's Day. Konko Daijin said, "When awakening from a dream, you should get up and wonder what kind of revelation it was." (GII Sato, Mitsujiro 23)

My dreams are always in color by the way ☺. In my New Year's Dream, I was looking up in the cloudless night sky, and I was looking at the Orion constellation. All of a sudden, every star in the sky, even the faint ones became very bright. And each star grew a pink flower on top. Then a huge pink and purple, glittery and beautiful Eastern dragon came gliding above me. It swooped low so I could almost pet its scaly body. Then the stars with the flowers on them followed the dragon in the night sky and they swirled ever so elegantly with the cool breeze. Struck by the beauty of all this, I got out my smartphone and started to take pictures and wanted to record the footage. However, in my camera phone, there was no image of the dragon and stars. This was only visible to the naked eye.

I am going to believe that it was an auspicious dream. It's one of those cool dreams that I could paint on a canvas.

When the New Year comes, it's like we all get a 365 page book that has blank pages, and as the days go by, the pages get filled in with many memories. But it is very important that we fill our pages with good memories. Although bad memories are sometimes lessons, it's always better to have more of the good ones in your book. That's why I try to encourage people to attend the New Year's Day Ceremony. You would want that very first page dedicated to Kami-Sama that makes everything in the year possible.

When we open books to read, the first pages are the title page and the preface. The preface is kind of like New Year's Day. By reading the preface of introduction page, we can kind of tell what kind of book we are getting ourselves into. So, by including Kami-Sama in the first page of our year book, we are acknowledging Kami's blessings

as well as seeking Kami's guidance and protection throughout the year. Every minute of every day is a mystery. We do not know what will happen. But if we pray for our year to be good, and practice faith on a daily basis, I guarantee we will find our selves in a better position than if we do not.

Our Founder Konko Daijin mentioned many times in his teachings, "Practice faith and look forward to the future." He says it many times because it's tried and true for not only him, but for many of his followers, too. Let's look forward to a wonderful year in 2017.

Our 25th Annual Mochi Marathon held on Friday, December 30th was a great success!! We produced approximately 580+ pounds of mochi which amounted to 39 batches of mochi this year. 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. A day after the event, we are sore all over!

In blessedness, no one got injured. Everyone was happily enjoying this day. The weather was great, and we were able to see so many friends stop by. It was all possible thanks to the blessings of Kami-Sama and everyone's hard work.

Amazingly the Konko Mission of Wahiawa mochi pounding group is becoming quite popular. We have been requested by the Japanese Cultural Center of Hawaii, Hilton Waikiki Beach Hotel, and Hawaii Prince Hotel to do

Mochitsuki Demos in December. Thankfully, Yano Sensei has received a tremendous divine blessing and has gained full strength and recovered completely from his health ordeal. Otherwise, this would not have been possible.

There are many activities planned for this year. One of them will be the Summer Ohana Camp at Camp HR Erdman. Our cabins are already reserved. It will be held from June 17-18 (Sat and Sun). Please mark these dates on your planner and make sure you join us. It will be so fun!

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.

Please make the best out of your year with no regrets (^_^)!

Sincerely, Edna Matsuoka

