



Wahiawa Konko Mission Children's Newsletter



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WAHIAWA KONKO MISSION MONTHLY SCHEDULE

January 2018

- 1 Mon -New Year's Day Svc. (9 am) 元日祭**
*Osechi Ryori and Ozoni to follow.
- 4 Thur -Daily Devotionals—Shingyo Kikan from 1/4 to 1/31**
(Prayer times: 5:30 am, 9 am, 7:30 pm)
- 7 Sun -Sunday Service (9 am) *Share okage story and New Year's Resolution and Eat toasted mochi! (till 1:30 pm)**
-Rev. Rodney and Fong will visit from S.F. 9:28 pm (till 1/15)
- 8 Mon -HCRP Mtg at Gedatsu Church (1:30 pm)**
- 11 Thr -Leave for KCNA/KMH Joint MWSS in Portland (till 1/14)**
- 13 Sat -Church clean-up (9 am)**
- 14 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
- 15 Mon-Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day –HOLIDAY**
- 19 Fri -Wahiawa Gen. Hosp. Monthly visit (10-10:45 am)**
-Church clean up for Monthly Service (9 am)
- 20 Sat -KMH Board of Trustees meeting at Honolulu Church (10:30 am-3:00 pm)**
- 21 Sun -Monthly Memorial Service (10 am) 月例霊祭**
*Wahiawa Church General Mtg., Financial Report, Mochitsuki Evaluation (after svc)
-New Year's party (till 2:30 pm) *Bring \$3.00 grab-bag.
- 28 Sun -Sunday Service (9 am)**
- 31 Wed -Church clean-up (9 am)**



February 2018

- 1 Thur -Monthly Svc. for Tenchi Kane no Kami-Sama (7:30 pm) 天地金乃神様 月例祭**
- 4 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.

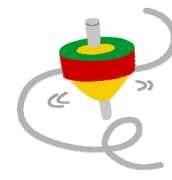
General Meeting and New Year's Party

- Date:** Sunday, January 21, 2018
- 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 Dog, hit the piñata and eat Ozenzai. Bring your family and friends. Let's have fun.



謹賀新年



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2018: The Dog occupies the eleventh position in the Chinese zodiac. You are a "Dog Chinese zodiac animal" if you are born in one of these years: 1934, 1946, 1958, 1970, 1982, 1994, 2006, 2018.

The Chinese Horoscope 2018 predicts that this year of the Brown Earth Dog is going to be a good year in all respects, but it will also be an exhausting year. You will be happy, yet frustrated, rested, yet tired, cheerful, yet dull! (thechinesezodiac.org)



2018 Dog Year

Happy New Year 2018!!! 新年明けましておめでとうございます！



Sat, 12/16/2017: Mochitsuki demo at Japanese Cultural Ctr of Hawaii (Above)



Tue, 12/26/2017: Mochitsuki demo at Hilton Waikiki Beach Hotel (Above)



Wed, 12/27/2017: Mochitsuki demo at Hawaii Prince Hotel (Above)

In December 2017, 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, Todd Sensei, Myles Takahashi, Alexander Furusho, Jane Suwa, Janet Miyasaka, Chad & Micah Hiromasa, Mieko Hotta, and Clayton Matsuoka, Mia and May Sniffen.



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



45th Memorial Anniversary for Late Rev. Haruko Takahashi
was held on Sunday, December 24, 2017.
(Rev. Haruko Takahashi passed away on 12/24/72)



Rev. Dr. Todd Zenji Takahashi delivers an awe inspiring sermon of her aunt, Rev. Haruko Takahashi. Thank you Todd Sensei!

Yaki-mochi Sunday!!

Come join us on Sunday, January 7th 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 2018



Sign here: _____

2018 Dog Year

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 12/30/17. Anko-ball rolling held on 12/29/17 ☺



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 Dog! The year 2017 ended safely, and the Konko Mission of Wahiawa will be turning 78 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.

I would like to begin by sharing a Konko teaching that relates to New Years: "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*)

When it's New Year's Day, we try to be very careful with our words or actions because we want to try to start the year on a good note. We avoid any kind of conflict. It's good practice. If we can treat every day like it's New Year's Day, it would be spiritual training for us.

When I was undergoing spiritual training at the Konko Church of Amagi 17 year ago, every morning for the early morning prayer, the church members and the head minister, Rev. Michiyoshi Yasutake would greet each other and say, "Omedetou Gozaimasu!" (Congratulations) Usually people would say, "Ohayou Gozaimasu" (Good Morning), but the Amagi Church takes each new day as if it's New Year's Day, so they say congratulations on a new day, every day.

Our Founder Konko Daijin also 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. We like to look at the daily horoscopes or the yearly Chinese horoscopes for our daily or annual fortune forecast. We are anxious to read it, and hope that it foretells something good happening. But we also sense doom if it mentions something undesirable or difficult. Konko Daijin's teaching of looking forward to the future is the best daily horoscope you can tell yourself, instead of relying on other sources. When you are told that your year will be a great one, your mood gets uplifted, and you feel lucky. Think positive thoughts and attract good energy. Your thoughts play the biggest role in determining what kind of blessing you will receive. Let's look forward to a wonderful year in 2018 and attract amazing blessings with good positive thoughts.

Our 26th Annual Mochi Marathon held on Saturday, December 30th was a great success!! We produced approximately 580+ pounds of mochi which amounted to 41 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! But it was pure community in action. Everyone had a role to fulfill. Even little kids were able to help. It was simply amazing!



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. Plenty pictures on our Facebook!

The Konko Mission of Wahiawa mochi pounding group is becoming quite popular. Before our church mochi pounding, we have been requested by the Japanese Cultural Center of Hawaii, Hilton Waikiki Beach Hotel, and Hawaii Prince Hotel to do Mochitsuki Demos earlier in December again. In absolute blessedness, Kami-Sama listened to our prayers for each mochi pounding. When we went to pound mochi for Hilton Waikiki Beach Hotel, we pounded in the lobby. That was a really good thing, because in Waikiki that evening, it rained so much, it flooded the Ala Wai Golf Course and other areas. The next day was mochi pounding at Hawaii Prince Hotel. I was very worried that it was going to continue to rain, but thankfully, it was a nice sunny morning. Then later on, I saw on the news that it had rained heavily in that area. Kami-Sama truly listens to our requests, big and small. We are very grateful.

There are many activities planned for this year. One of them will be the 8th Summer Ohana Camp at Camp HR Erdman. Our cabins are already reserved. It will be held from July 7-8 (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 for your year with no regrets (^_^)!

Sincerely, Edna Matsuoka