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WAHIAWA KONKO MISSION MONTHLY SCHEDULE

January 2019

- 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: 5:30 am, 9 am, 7:30 pm)
-Mochi Pounding Demo at Ritz-Carlton Waikiki (10 am)
- 6 Sun -Sunday Service (9 am) *Share okage story and New Year's Resolution (till 11 am)
- 11 Fri -Monthly Vol. Activity at Wahiawa Gen Hosp. (10 am)
- 12 Sat -Church clean-up (9 am)
- 13 Sun -Monthly Svc. for the Founder, Ikigami Konko Daijin (9 am) 生神金光大神様 月例祭 *Share okage
-Eat toasted mochi! YAKI-MOCHI (till 1:30 pm)
- 17 Thr -KMH Community Outreach Mtg. @HNL (5:30 pm)
- 18 Fri -Church clean up for Monthly Service (9 am)
- 19 Sat -Ehime Kenjinkai New Year's Party @Wahiawa Church (11 am-2 pm)
- 20 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 3:00 pm) *Bring min. \$3.00 grab-bag.
- 21 Mon-Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day -HOLIDAY
- 25 Fri -KMH/KCNA Joint Conf. Committee Mtg. @HNL (5 pm)
- 26 Sat -Ehime-Maru Memorial Clean-up at Kaka'ako (9 am)
-KMH Board of Trustees Mtg. @HNL (10:30 am)
- 27 Sun -KMH Women's Gathering @HNL Church (9 am prayer)
-No Sunday Service at Wahiawa Church
- 31 Thr -Church clean-up (9 am)



February 2019

- 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."

(GI Kondo Fujimori 52-2)

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

General Meeting and New Year's Party

Date: Sunday, January 20, 2019

Time: 10:00 a.m. Sunday Service

General Meeting. Lunch at noon and party till 3 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 Boar, hit the piñata and eat Ozenzai. Bring your family and friends. Let's have fun.



あけまして
おめでとうございます

2019: The Boar occupies the 12th position in the Chinese zodiac. You are a "Boar Chinese zodiac animal" if you are born in one of these years: 1923, 1935, 1947, 1959, 1971, 1983, 1995, 2007 and 2019.

2019 is a great year to make money, and a good year to invest! 2019 is going to be full of joy, a year of friendship and love for all the zodiac signs; an auspicious year because the boar attracts success in all the spheres of life.



(thechinesezodiac.org)

2019

46th Memorial Anniversary for Late Rev. Haruko Takahashi
 was held on Sunday, December 16, 2018.
 (Rev. Haruko Takahashi passed away on 12/24/72)



Mochitsuki Demos at Hotels in Waikiki



In December 2018, we had 2 Mochitsuki demonstrations: Hilton Waikiki Beach Hotel (top two) and Hawaii Prince Hotel (bottom picture). It was very enjoyable for us as well as the guests. Special thanks to the people who were able to help out: Revs. Yasuhiro and Reiko Yano, Randy and Alex Furusho, Jane Suwa, Janet Miyasaka, Chad Hiromasa, Van Vo, Vinh Vo-Hiromasa, Mieko Hotta, Channon Pangorang, Clayton and Edna 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



End of the Year Appreciation Ceremony at Honolulu National Monument performed by Rev. Edna Matsuoka 12/14
 Sponsored by the Japanese Cultural Center of Hawaii

Yaki-mochi Sunday!!

Come join us on
 Sunday, January 13th
 for our special toasted
 mochi, after our 9 am
 Monthly 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 2019

2019
 Happy New Year!



Sign here: _____

Mochi Marathon 2018! Thank you ALL for your tremendous help!

Thank you Ikigami Konko Daijin-Sama and 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 12/30/18. Anko-ball rolling and mochi rice washing held on 12/29/18 ©



Editor's Note

Dear Reader,

Happy New Year 2019! 新年明けましておめでとうございます! And Happy Year of the BOAR! The year 2018 ended safely, and the Konko Mission of Wahiawa will be turning 79 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. Next year on Sunday, March 15, 2020, we will be celebrating our 80th Anniversary. Mark your calendars and reserve this special day. We hope you can join us! You are an important part of our church history.

Our 27th Annual Mochi Marathon held this time on Sunday, December 30th. It was a great success!! We pounded 340 pounds of mochi rice 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 have pain all over! From young kids to our aged to perfection, everyone can help in this family oriented tradition.

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. I posted plenty pictures on our Facebook page: Konko Mission of Wahiawa, so please have a look. And don't forget to like us, too!

The Konko Mission of Wahiawa mochi pounding group is becoming quite popular. Before our own church mochi pounding, we have been requested by the Hilton Waikiki Beach Hotel (12/26), and Prince Waikiki Hotel (12/27) to do Mochitsuki Demos earlier in December again. It was great fun! We were also on the KHON 2 News on the evening of December 27th after pounding mochi at the Prince Waikiki Hotel. We have one more mochitsuki demo to do at the Ritz-Carlton Waikiki Hotel on January 4th.

In beginning the New Year, I would like to share a Konko teaching that I want to keep in mind throughout the year: "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)

While doing regular church clean-ups, I love listening to a CD of short sermons given by the 4th Spiritual Head, the Late Reverend Kagamitaro Konko. He was Konkoko's Spiritual Head from 1963-1991 and passed away on January 10, 1991. His sermons are in Japanese, so I listened and



translated them into English. I wanted to share this with you since it pertains to the New Year:

January 1, 1964 (Showa 39)

New Year's Greeting

4th Konko Sama (Rev. Kagamitaro Konko)

Happy New Year. We have welcomed a brand new year, thus I feel it is important for me to become a brand new person as well. I have many imperfections. I feel like

constantly evolving into a brand new person every moment of my life. I have been told to write a poem on a *shikishi* (fancy poetry board) "*Jistui o komete subete o taisetsuni.*" "With true sincerity, take good care of everything." I wrote this on the poetry board. This is something I remind myself of quite often, but tend to lack in my daily living. It is my prayer to be able to live day to day with true sincerity and to take good care of everything.

To take care of everything means to take good care of tangible items, time, people, feelings, and everything. When your precious child gets sick, a parent will take good care of him or her all night long. People who are able to take care of their children in this manner have also received the same treatment from their parents. From the time I was born I have said selfish things, been allowed to go to school and had people encourage me. I have also worried people and I have also been praised. Through all of this, I have grown and matured. I have to constantly remind myself of all those times I have received kindness and care; not only the



times had I received such treatment as a child. I believe it is a wondrous thing for precious people to treat other people in a truly kind and caring manner. To treat things with care means to not waste, and to not treat things so carelessly.

I may be changing the subject here a bit, but I say this to couples upon their marriages. In keeping the previous topic as the base of my conversation with them I tell them that marriage is a joining of two complete strangers that have come together by some divine fate. Both have been born and raised by parents or guardians who love them dearly and are precious to them. Therefore, we must take good



care of each other and take good care of each other for life. I tell new couples that a good marriage all begins with a heart that feels the preciousness of another human being. We must encourage each other, care for each other, complement each other, and be the strength for each other.

I do not only mean to take good care of things and not be wasteful in my heart; I try to incorporate this into my daily practice, through every aspect of my lifestyle. I really try to make an effort not to waste food, time, money and resources. I feel it is important to live day to day in that kind of mindset. People are capable of taking really good care of each other and really good care of things. This mindset can extend and be applied with our occupation and our workplace. It would be a wondrous thing to witness genuine kindness and care spreading throughout society. Our surroundings will become positive. I would like to continue to apply the practice of living day to day in true sincerity and taking good care of everything, whether it'd be between my wife and I, between me and my family or while I work. While it is my prayer that I am able to live such a lifestyle, I often reflect upon myself and find that my actions were not up to par. To my dismay, I have realized occasions of being wasteful of time and things. I have even noticed that I have been wasting my thoughts on unnecessary things or over thinking things as well. If I use money as an example, it is easier to understand, because if you use money, it will begin to deplete as you see your wallet gradually emptying itself. However, when we start talking about our thoughts, we often times do not realize that we are wasting our thoughts. Or it is difficult to understand the meaning of wasting our thoughts. All the while, our precious thoughts are being depleted. Examples of this include: worrying too much or over thinking. In comparing this to an empty wallet, our wasteful thoughts tend to bring about the feelings of emptiness, sadness and problems.

I have mentioned several examples of what it means to take good care of everything and to add the important aspect of sincerity to it. In this way, I especially feel the importance of humans treating other humans with true sincerity and care. This should be our core value in which we should live our life. I still have some improvements that I need to make in my life, and will strive to put forth effort into daily self renewal and improvement.

As the New Year arrives, I must also strive to become a new me. I persuade myself of this phrase, “*Jitsui o komete*

subete o taisetsun?” (With true sincerity, take good care of everything). It is my prayer that I am able to renew my heart on a daily basis as I go about in my daily life. (End of the sermon)

Only recently, I have been making it my daily practice to clasp my hands in prayer as soon as I open my eyes while still in bed in the morning and say, “Konko-Sama, Arigato Gozaimasu for this life I am given today.” Before, the first thing I did was pick up my smart phone and see if I got any new messages, e-mails or news updates.

But Konko-Sama’s teachings remind me what’s important. And, to be alive is really the greatest gift every day that many take for granted. Then I get dressed and walk up to our household altar and give a formal prayer of thanks and a prayer for a good day to Ikigami Konko Daijin-Sama, Tenchi Kane No Kami-Sama and the spirits of our deceased family and friends. And of course at the end of the day I go back to the altar and give thanks again for a good day and pray for another good day tomorrow. Every day for me begins and ends in prayer. It’s as habitual as going to the bathroom after waking up and before hitting the sack.

There are many activities planned for this year. One of them will be the 9th Summer Ohana Camp at Camp HR Erdman. Our cabins are already reserved. It will be held from July 6-7 (Sat and Sun). Please mark these dates on your planner and make sure you join us. It will be so much 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



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**Dash to a
good start!
Keep Going
and have a
fantastic
year in 2019!!**

