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Hello, 2016 Obon Season!

Faye Shigemura



You are here once again to lead us in celebration of the annual visits of our departed family and friends, and to help us reflect on what they mean to us and how they taught us to become the persons we are today.

Now if we're conscientious, caring people, job well done, dearly departed. But if we're rotten baboozes, what can we do? Do we ask for more time? Or beg for more compassion and forgiveness? Work harder?

If you're like most of us and thinking about this now, it's not too late to start earning Gold Karma Points. Earn GKP by going to your local area bon dances and dance, dance, dance until you feel hungry, and get something to eat to replenish that lost energy, and dance again. Do this every week for three months, and you will have chased the babooze spirits away...until next year.

Do you feel the Bon Fever in the air, the boom, boom, boom of the drums, clanging of the clanger, and the wheee of the flutes? It's a-comin' fast and we hope you have reserved Friday, July 22 and Saturday, July 23 on your calendar for the Higashi Hongwanji Betsuin festivities.

You'll find our popular, familiar items on the menu, such as our sumo-sized Hawaiian plate, nishime, inari somen, Susan & Gayle's andagi and Margaret's Mm-Mm Toll House cookies. Of course, you won't want to miss out on the famous Shimazu shave ice with your choice of signature flavors to cool you off.

New this year will be the Manto-e lanterns for your pets Skippy, Duke, Tweety, Snowball and Richard III. Pet lantern donations of \$20 are the same as for your human family members. You may take your lanterns home after the weekend festivities are over.

We have a spot reserved for you, so get your high-kicking clogs cleaned, find and dust off last year's bon dance towel, and get in line.

See you there...*dokkoisho!*

CALLING FOR BON DANCE DONATIONS!

If you've ever worked behind the scenes of a celebration that involves food, you'll know how much work and how much food goes into the preparation. For instance, at each bon dance we go through thousands of andagi, cups and cups of rice, hundreds of bottles of water, and a cartful or two of carrots, onions, celery and potatoes with an 'e'.

We are accepting donations for our bon dance, so don't be shy and please aim high. Other items on the shopping list are cans of Spam, flour, sugar, shoyu and paper goods. Cash is another option. We appreciate all help, and look forward to a season of grand dancing and irresistible stuff to fill your tummies.

Call us at 531-9088 if you have questions. *Kotoshi mo mata yoroshiku onegai itashimasu!*

— Faye Shigemura

C'est si **BON HAPPENINGS**

MANTO-E LANTERNS

Higashi Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii. Call 531-9088



The "10,000-lights" Buddhist tradition is continued with lanterns at the Betsuin in memory of loved ones we've lost. For a \$20 donation for each lantern, names will be written on a small tablet hung on the lantern to be displayed during the Betsuin bon dance July 22 & 23. You may take your Manto-e lanterns home after the bon dance weekend.

KANEOHE HIGASHI HONGWANJI

45-520 Keaahala Rd., Kaneohe. Call 247-2661
Sat., July 2, 6:00 pm: Bon/Hatsubon service
Sat., July 2, 6:30 pm: Bon dance

WAIMEA HIGASHI HONGWANJI

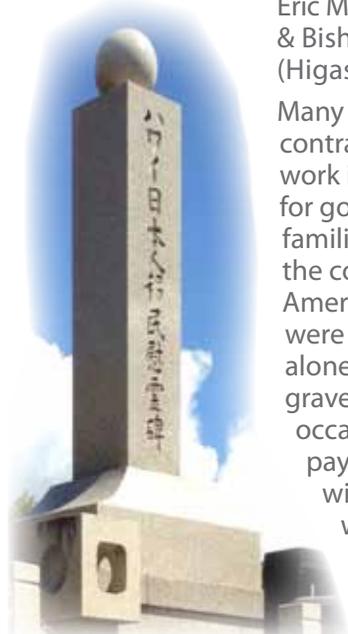
9554 Kaumualii Hwy., Waimea
Call 338-1847
Fri., July 15, 6:30 pm: Bon service
Fri., July 15, 7:30 pm: Bon dance
Sat., July 16, 7:00 pm: Bon service
Sat., July 16, 7:30 pm: Bon dance



MAKIKI CEMETERY

Corner of Pensacola St. & Wilder Ave., Honolulu
Call 941-5889 (United Japanese Society of Hawaii)
Sat., July 16, 9:00 am Bon service co-officiated by Bishop Eric Matsumoto (Honpa Hongwanji) & Bishop Kenjun Kawawata (Higashi Hongwanji)

Many Japanese *kanyaku imin* contract laborers who came to work in the cane fields settled for good in Hawaii and started families. Their descendants form the core of today's local Japanese-American community. Others were not so fortunate, and died alone, with no one to tend to their graves or remember them. At this occasion of obon, we pause to pay tribute to the 289 pioneers with no known descendants who are buried in a common grave, also known to local people as a *yosebaka*, at Makiki cemetery.



HIGASHI HONGWANJI MISSION OF HAWAII (BETSUIN)

1685 Alaneo St., Honolulu. Call 531-9088
Fri. July 22, 6:30 pm Manto-e service
Fri., July 22, 7:00 pm Bon dance
Sat., July 23, 6:00 pm Minyo folk music performance by Harada NaoAtsusa Kai
Sat., July 23, 6:30 pm Manto-e service
Sat., July 23, 7:00 pm Bon dance

PALOLO HONGWANJI

1641 Palolo Ave., Honolulu
Call 731-1491
Fri., July 29, 6:00 pm Bon service
Fri., July 29, 6:30 pm Bon dance
Sat., July 30, 6:00 pm Bon service
Sat., July 31, 6:30 pm Bon dance



EHIME MARU MEMORIAL REMEMBRANCE

Kakaako Waterfront Park at the foot of Cooke St.
Call 531-9088
Sun., July 31, 11:15 am Clean Ehime Maru Memorial
Sun., July 31, 11:45 am Service led by Rinban Ken Kawawata
Sun., July 31, 12:00 pm Lunch at the park pavilion

Bring cleaning rags, hat and sunscreen. We will wash and wipe down the memorial and pick up old flowers and light trash in the surrounding area. Following the cleaning of the memorial, we will hold a short memorial service to



remember the nine students, instructors and crew members of the fisheries high school training vessel Ehime Maru who perished during a tragic collision with a U.S. submarine off Diamond

Head in 2001. After that we will then enjoy a picnic-style lunch at the pavilion on the shoreline below the memorial, near the restrooms. We've invited members from the Kaneohe and Palolo temples to join us for this joint community service project, short service and fellowship picnic lunch.

HILO HIGASHI HONGWANJI

216 Mohouli St., Hilo. Call 935-8968
Sat., Aug. 13, 6:00 pm Hatsubon service
Sat., Aug. 13, 7:00 pm Bon dance
Sun., Aug. 14, 10:00 am Urabon service

My Father's Day

Faye Shigemura

The following is a transcript of a dharma message presented by Faye Shigemura at our Sunday Father's Day family service on June 19. This special Father's Day message is part of Betsuin's ongoing lay speaker program to allow members to share what they have learned, their life experiences and daily perspectives with others.

Father's Day is celebrated all around the world from March in Italy, to December in Bolivia. Most countries celebrate Father's Day on the third Sunday in June, following



Faye still sleeps with her father's blanket.

the American tradition. Some countries like Korea celebrate Parent's Day instead.

All of us have many fond memories of our fathers and mothers. Of us three girls, Jane, Debra and me, I think I have the privilege of having the most memories of my father because of the time spent together.

My mother was really smart. I imagine she told my father to take me along when he went to his friends' house. My sisters were toddler and infant at the time, and mostly it would be just me and my Dad. He took me to the best places: his fisherman friend always had *sashimi* or *tako* at their home and they always had a bottle of Kist orange soda for me. I had the run of many bars, the most memorable being Holoholo Inn on the corner of King and Dillingham. As soon as I finished my bottle of soda, I reminded Daddy that it was time to go home. He would call me his alarm clock. He learned fast by not giving me my soda right away.

Dad was a gentle man, liked by all his friends. He was always smiling, and we never heard him raise his voice. Mommy was the disciplinarian in the family with a mighty wooden hanger in hand.

New Year's Day was a special time when Dad and I would go to his friends' homes for our New Year's *aisatsu*, but we really went for his *sakazuki* or two of Sawanotsuru for Dad, and I would have my fill of *kanten*, grapes, and *kazunoko*. Every year, our hanai uncle would come from Kaneohe for dinner, and play *hanafuda* with Dad. They would take a whole minute to discard one card from their hands after pointing to this card and that card, and mumbling some words to themselves...*kottemuga...baka ne...aa, shimatta!*

Dad took an early retirement from his job as a civil service employee at the Schofield, then Ft. Shafter, motor pool. He passed away too early at age 64.

What was Dad's greatest gift to me? That's a hard question to answer because I don't remember a thing he physically gave to me except his good looks. I do remember when I was in high school, my wish was to build my own furniture when I bought my own home. Dad got me started with a two-shelf night stand which we built and stained.

I think his greatest gift to all of us was just being the Dad that he was. We lived in a two-bedroom duplex with 10 people, my grandparents, my father's three younger siblings and our family of five. There were days when my father would go fishing to catch dinner, and the very upsetting day when I found out we ate our pet chicken. We never heard an unkind word from him, and to us, he is the greatest Dad of all.

I sleep with him every night. I have a blanket with which I sleep every night, frayed from too many times in the washer and too many stitches to repair tears. I used to take it on trips with me, but now that I'm grown up and have a suitcase full of *omiyage* to bring home, I leave my Linus blanket at home.

I miss my Dad.

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More than 30 people attended each of Dr. George Tanabe's Dharma Study Center talks.

Dr. George Tanabe sheds light on major world religions in lectures

On four consecutive weekday evenings from June 14 through 17, Dr. George Tanabe provided insight into what followers of various world religions believe and why.

Through the Hindu, Jewish, Christian and Islamic scriptures, Dr. Tanabe gave historical backgrounds and distilled several key points and passages that differentiate the belief systems.

The series was well-received and additional lectures were requested by some attendees to help us understand the diversity of our world.

UJSH names Faye Shigemura as its outstanding member

At its 58th Annual Installation and Recognition Banquet held June 25 at the JCCH Manoa Grand Ballroom, the United Japanese Society of Hawaii named Faye Shigemura, Betsuin president as its outstanding member.



Faye performed a Japanese classical dance *Kiku no Sakae* at the UJSH installation event.

She was recognized for her many contributions as UJSH secretary, committee chair, community volunteer and efforts to promote friendship between Hawaii and Japan.

The UJSH has served as an umbrella group for Japanese-American organizations such as kenjinkai, temples, shrines, cultural groups, as well as various other groups and individuals, for nearly 60 years.

T'ai Chi class begins in August

T'ai Chi classes will be held at the Otani Center Kaikan every Monday and Wednesday, beginning August 1, from 10 to 11 am.

Orthodox T'ai Chi is considered by the majority of sources as the best exercise for senior citizens. This activity is ongoing and not a time-limited activity, which means you can decide your own comfortable schedule and change it anytime you wish.

T'ai Chi is done in low- to zero-risk slow motion and mostly memorization. If you're concerned about your diminishing memory or physical balance, T'ai Chi may be for you.

The instructor has taught Yang T'ai Chi Ch'uan and Ch'i Kung at the University of Hawaii, East-West Center, Kuakini and St. Francis Hospitals and State Divisions, among other places.

For complete information, contact 220-4506. There is enough room for 10 participants. Don't be afraid to call.

While the class is not sponsored by the temple itself, it is being conducted by a member and held in the easy-to-access Otani Center.

Watch for announcements in the Wa newsletter for enrollment information in evening martial arts classes, also held in Otani Center.

July's movie, *Early Summer*, is another Yasujiro Ozu classic

Everyone said they really liked last month's movie. *Early Summer* is also set in North Kamakura, where Noriko (Setsuko Hara), a 28-year-old secretary, lives with her parents (Ichiro Sugai & Chieko Higashiyama) and her brother and his wife (Chishu Ryu & Kuniko

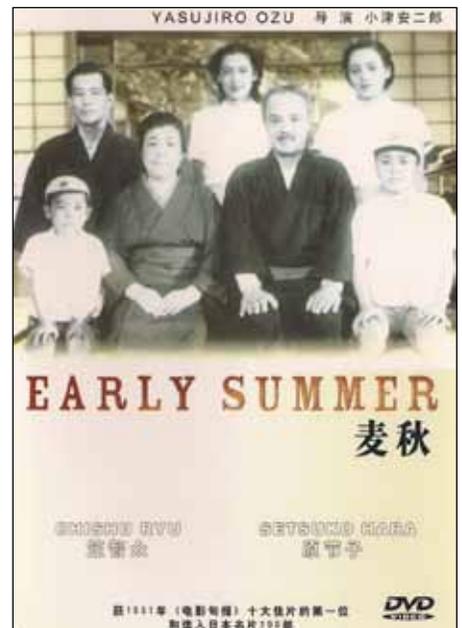
Miyake) and children. Her family, employer, friends and neighbors all help her choose a potential husband.

The 1951 film is intense, yet a humorous observation of the stresses that affect the family as a unit. It is one of Ozu's most absorbing and poignant dramas. It was named Kinema Junpo Best Ten #1. Many Ozu fans consider *Early Summer* his best movie.

Showtime: 6:30 pm, Tues., July 26. 136 min. B&W. Japanese audio, English subtitles. Free admission. Light refreshments provided.

麦秋 (ばくしゅう)

物語は6月の映画『晩春』と似ていて、北鎌倉を舞台に、婚期を逃しかけている娘(原節子)をめぐる心配する兄夫婦



(笠智衆&三宅邦子)や両親(菅井一郎&東山千栄子)らの、どこにでもある日常のエピソードが羅列され、やがて娘は嫁いでいく。

ここではサイレント時代や『晩春』以降の小津作品を担当し、名コンビと謳われた野田高梧の脚本の妙や、それに応じたセリフの間の絶妙な取り方などが、ユーモアを交えながら捉えられている。一方で小津は本作に関して「無常や輪廻を描きたかった」とも発言。キネマ旬報ベスト・テン第1位。小津マニアの中には、これを彼のベスト1とする声も多い。

公開：1951年、モノクロ、言語：日本語、字幕：英語、映時間：136分、7月26日(火)午後6:30時、入場無料。



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TEMPLE ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

JULY

7/3	Sun	10 am	Shōtsuki memorial service & Sunday school
7/3	Sun	12 pm	Omigaki - Polishing of altar ornaments
7/10	Sun	10 am	Obon/Hatsubon service
7/10	Sun	12 pm	Basic Buddhism study class 現代語で仏教を聞こう led by Rinban Kawawata in Japanese
7/12	Tue	3 pm	Ukulele class/band practice
7/14	Thu	7 pm	ABCs of Buddhism study class led by Rinban Kawawata in English
7/17	Sun	10 am	Sunday service & Sunday school
7/17	Sun	12 pm	Betsuin board meeting
7/19	Tue	6 pm	Bon dance practice at Otani Center (6 pm: <i>Ryukyū</i> , 7 pm: <i>Fukushima</i>)
7/19	Tue	7 pm	O-kō : Dharma discussion at Kaneohe
7/22	Fri	6:30 pm	Manto-e service , followed by bon dance
7/23	Sat	6:30 pm	Manto-e service , followed by bon dance
7/24	Sun	10 am	Bon dance cleanup (no Sunday service)
7/26	Tue	3 pm	Ukulele class/band practice
7/26	Tue	6:30 pm	Movie night: <i>Early Summer</i> (1951)
7/28	Thu	10 am	Shinran Shōnin memorial service
7/31	Sun	10 am	Sunday service & Sunday school
7/31	Sun	11:30 am	Ehime Maru Memorial cleaning Picnic at Kakaako Waterfront Park

AUGUST

8/7	Sun	10 am	Shōtsuki memorial service & Sunday school
8/7	Sun	12 pm	Basic Buddhism study class 現代語で仏教を聞こう led by Rinban Kawawata in Japanese Fukuhara Conference Room
8/9	Tue	3 pm	Ukulele class/band practice
8/11	Thu	7 pm	ABCs of Buddhism study class led by Rinban Kawawata in English Fukuhara Conference Room
8/14	Sun	10 am	Betsuin Sunday service/Sunday school
8/14	Sun	12 pm	Betsuin board meeting
8/16	Tue	7 pm	O-kō : Dharma discussion at Betsuin
8/21	Sun	10 am	BBQ chicken & sushi sale - Otani Center (no Sunday service)
8/23	Tue	3 pm	Ukulele class/band practice
8/23	Tue	6:30 pm	Movie night: <i>TBA</i>
8/27	Sat	9:30 am	12th Dobo Convention - Day 1 Hilton Los Angeles Universal City
8/28	Sun	7:30 am	12th Dobo Convention - Day 2 Hilton Los Angeles Universal City
8/28	Sun	10 am	Shinran Shōnin memorial service Betsuin Sunday service/Sunday school
8/29	Mon	9 am	Optional 2-day extension - Las Vegas Monte Carlo Resort & Casino

Everyone is welcome to join in on our sutra chanting at 7 am daily (except Sundays & 28th day of the month) in the Betsuin main hall.