



An Obon Message from Reverend Hirosato Yoshida

Bon season is a time for us all to come together as family and friends to honor the life of our loved ones. Every single person in this world has a mother, a father, grandparents, great grandparents, and it leads to our ancestors. With each of its generations bringing life to the next, we exist.

Let us take the time to remember what our significant loved ones that passed on left us and appreciate it. Without them, we do not exist, but most importantly, it is their love that perpetuates beyond time that is engraved in our hearts and spirit.

In such spirit, please join us at the Bon service to honor your loved ones by dedicating a toba. If you are traveling, please stop by and ring the bell for your loved ones. If you are our local friends, dance the night away with joy and gratitude.

I look forward to seeing all of you at our Bon service and Bon dance.



Mahalo in Gassho,
Rev. Hirosato Yoshida

Zenshuji Message from Rev. Scott & Family

Our family continues to settle into life on Kauai. It is fascinating to me how quickly one adjusts to the island.

This year's Obon Festival is our first. We've heard so much about it from those at the temple and others I have met on the island. It is truly an "Island" event. We are looking forward to experiencing all of the excitement with our temple family and the community.

Many thanks to all of you for your help over the past two months. Repairs, cleaning and removing what no longer suits us are all contributing to making our temple ready for new people, events and experiences.

As our Sunday Zazen group continues to flourish and grow, it is a small sign of change and growth that is to come. Come sit with us.

Mahalo!
In Gassho,
Rev. Scott, Emiko, Gabby



"This is how you grill a flying saucer!" Gabby Mangis and Roy Miyashiro demonstrates how it's done. PBS-Hawaii television crew is filming an episode on "Flying Saucers" on their *Home is Here* series, going into local neighborhoods to tell interesting stories of how we work, live, and play. The PBS crew will return for the Bon dance festival in June



OBON is a time to remember...

In this issue, note the following and fill out your Obon requests forms. Please send right away!

Deadline: **June 15, 2024**, one week before Obon (June 21-22)

Call in your request if late: 808-651-0728 (Evelyn) or 808-346-4650 (Gerald)

- (1) Toba Memorial Service -fill out a list of names for a toba
- (2) Chochin request – fill out the information for a name-tag
- (3) Obon donations - in Memory Of
- (4) General Obon donation to help defray festival food costs, festival expenses
- (5) Columbarium donations for maintenance and upkeep
- (6) Membership dues (if it slipped by you in January) - dues supports our activities and events
- (7) Building fund - fixing shoji doors, replace temple and hall roofs
- (8) Go Fund Me - relocation expenses, still not met

[1] 2023 Obon Toba Services Friday & Saturday, June 21 & 22, 2024 5:30 pm

Dear Members and Friends,



Obon is a time for families to gather. It is a time to reflect upon our journey in life and to appreciate the people who came before and those who are still with us. Obon gives us an opportunity to say “Thank you” to those who gave us life. We should never forget that we exist because of our parents and the long line of ancestors who came before them. By lighting a candle and offering incense, we honor and extend our gratitude and hospitality to visiting spirits.

Names are written on a light wooden plate called a **toba**. During the service, the names are recited, honoring and remembering loved ones. Provide the names on the form below, and select the service date preferred, either Friday or Saturday. Rev. Hirosato Yoshida will officiate the service with assistance from Rev. Scott Mangis.

In Gassho, Evelyn Masaki 808-651-0728

Tobas may be dedicated to:

1. An individual, e.g. John Smith
2. Family, e.g. Jane & John Smith or Jane & John Smith Family
3. Family ancestors, e.g. John Smith Family Ancestors
4. An individual who passed since the last Obon, making this year a first Obon service called a Hatsu-Bon e.g. John Smith (H)

Please fill out the form on Page 5.

[2] 2024 The Chochin Project: Remember your loved ones forever

This project was started in 2008, to remember our loved ones. For a one-time donation of \$25.00, a **commemorative name tag** of your honoree will be attached to a chochin and strung around the temple during our Obon festival. Every year hereafter, a chochin with the name tag will adorn the temple, i.e. in perpetuity. The **chochin** (lantern) is an iconic symbol of Obon, lighting the way home for our ancestral spirits who return to join us in a celebration of dance and joy. Over 500 chochins are strung around the temple and its surrounding area. Please fill out the form on Page 5.



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For more information: call Gerald Hirata 808-346-4650



Soto Zen Bon Festival June 21-22, 2024

The largest most colorful Bon dance festival on the island!

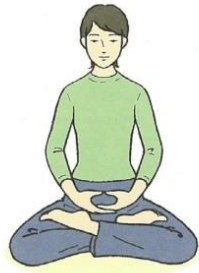


This year's Obon explores the intersection of the Japanese and Hawaiian cultures. It started in 1868, when Japan allowed its citizens to emigrate for the first time in the modern era. For the next 156 years many Japanese immigrants came to Hawaii, beginning the evolution of a subculture that went from a *bento* to a *mixed plate*, a place where the Japanese community could thrive, only because, the native Hawaiian culture was so welcoming and embracing of different people with different backgrounds and beliefs. In return, the immigrants from Japan made Hawaii their home, accepting Hawaiian ways and values, adopting the concept and spirit of aloha, its warmth and friendliness. This vibrant spirit of Japanese community became part of the Hawaii's diverse spirit, so by keeping our own culture alive, we also keep the spirit of Hawaii alive.



The **pahu** & the **taiko** drums, the **hula** & the **ondo** dancing, the **oli** and the **sutra** chanting, songs that tell a story in 'olelo Hawaii & nihongo, for this year's half-time show (ho'ike).

ZAZEN



Join us on Sundays
9 am

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Mangis

A REVIEW OF THIS YEAR'S ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

Where OLD traditions continue because of NEW ideas!



Martin Luther Kings Birthday January 15, 2024



Nagoya University of Foreign Studies Study Tour, March 2024

IKEBANA WORKSHOP
THE ART OF JAPANESE FLOWER ARRANGEMENT

Saturday
February 17, 2024
9 am - 11am

KAWAI SOTO ZEN TEMPLE Hanapepe

DONATION \$35
Includes supplies: flowers, gratuity

REGISTRATION INFORMATION:
Email: hualu123@gmail.com Phone: 808-245-2844
Leave message with name and phone number
Class size limited to 15 students

Instructor: Rio Onizuka
Ikebana Grand Master of Misako Jizo School

Kawai Soto Zen Temple
PO Box 557
2300 Kuanuaali Highway, Hanapepe, HI 96742



Hanamatsuri-Buddha Day April 7, 2024



WHS JrROTC April 6, 2024
Raising money to send cadets to the D-Day celebration in France

Legacy Cooking Class

The Art of Japanese vegetarian Cuisine

New Year – Ringing of the Bell
New Year's Blessing

Where the ORDINARY becomes EXTRAORDINARY!

HANAPEPE HISTORY DAY – Book signing



PBS-Hawaii television crew filming an episode on Flying Saucers for the series "Home is Here."



Charity Walk May 4, 2024
\$3800 raised

2024 Obon Toba Request Form

Donation per Toba: \$7.00 Checks payable to: Kauai Soto Zen Temple Deadline: 15 June 2024

Donor's Name

Phone Number

Select the preferred service date: ____ June 21 (Fri, 5:30 pm) ____ June 22 (Sat, 5:30 pm)

List the name(s) of the individual(s) and/or family ancestors

1. _____ 4. _____

2. _____ 5. _____

3. _____ 6. _____

I am enclosing \$ _____ for _____ toba(s)
(amount) (number)

More names may be recorded on the back of this sheet.



Chochin Project Request Form 2024

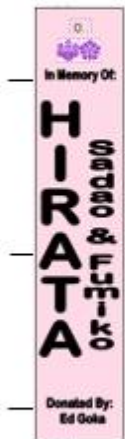
Donation per Chochin: \$25.00

Checks payable to: Kauai Soto Zen Temple

Deadline: 15 June 2024

Requestor's name: _____

Phone number: _____



In Memory Of: ____ include ____ omit

Name of Honoree:

Donated By: ____ include Donor Name _____

____ omit

YES, I am enclosing \$ _____ for ____ one ____ two (or more)

Please write on the back for more names to be added