



Wahiawa Konko Mission Children's Newsletter



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WAHIAWA KONKO MISSION MONTHLY SCHEDULE

February 2016

- 1 Mon -Monthly Svc. for Tenchi Kane no Kami-Sama (7:30 pm) 天地金乃神様 月例祭**
- 7 Sun -Sunday Service (9 am). Share Okage stories till 11 am
- 8 Mon -KMH Head minister's meeting @HNL Church (10:30 am)
-HCRP Meeting at Gedatsu Church (1:30 pm)
- 9 Tue -Ehimemaru 15th Memorial Service at Kaka'ako (1 pm)
- 12 Fri -Monthly Volunteer Activity at WGHLTCF (10-10:45 am)
- 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**
-Happy Valentine's Day!
- 15 Mon -President's Day Holiday
- 20 Sat -Church clean up (9 am)
-KMH General Meeting at Honolulu Church (1:30-4 pm)
- 21 Sun -Monthly Memorial Service (10 am) 月例霊祭**
-Share Okage till 11 am
- 27 Sat -Ehimemaru Monument citrus tree maintenance (9 am)
-Chorus practice at HNL (2-4 pm)
- 28 Sun -Sunday Service (9 am) *Share Okage till 11 am
- 29 Mon -Church clean up (9 am)

March 2015

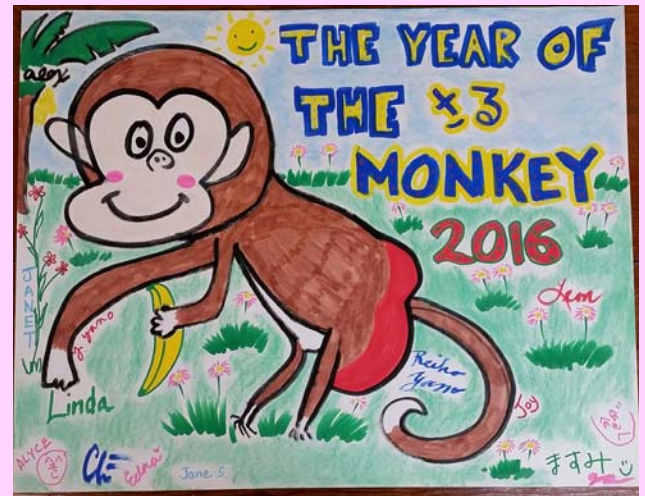
- 1 Tue -Monthly Svc. for Tenchi Kane no Kami-Sama (7:30 pm) 天地金乃神様 月例祭**
- 19 Sat -Garage Sale for Ohana Camp Fundraising (9 am-2pm)

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.

Picasso Monkey



On Sunday, January 31st, the church held the New Year's Party after the General Meeting. We each drew one body part of the monkey and we came up with this beautiful work of art! Thank you for joining! The artists are below.



Konko Daijin says... "Whether or not you can receive divine blessings depends on your heart. If you renew your heart, then you can reap infinite divine blessings" (*Gii Aoyama Kin'emon 3*)

Editor's thoughts: Sometimes I drive on the freeway and there are always a few cars that tear through the lanes as if it were the Daytona car race. It scares and annoys me for a second. Then I change my thinking: "Maybe they are in some kind of emergency." Everyone on the road wants to arrive to their destinations alive. Intolerant people sometimes go through road-rage. This puts everybody on the road in danger. We must always try to assess our hearts. It's usually our thinking that saves us or destroys us. We can become mindful drivers. More explanation on mindful driving is described in my editor's notes.

Konko Mission of Wahiawa Annual Schedule for 2016

- 3/11 Fri -WGH monthly volunteer activity at 10:00 a.m.
- 3/13 Sun -Wahiawa Church Spring Memorial Service, 10:00 a.m.
- 3/19 Sat -Garage sale 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- 3/20 Sun -Honolulu Church Spring Memorial Service, 10:00 a.m.
- 3/27 Sun -Konkokyo Women's Gathering at Honolulu, 10 am
- 4/ -Zippy's Fund-raising
- 4/10 Sun -Honolulu Church Spring Grand Service, 11:00 a.m.
- 4/13 Wed -Wahiawa Church Spring Grand Service, 6:30 p.m.
- 4/17 Sun -Waipahu Church Spring Grand Service, 11:00 a.m.
- 4/22 Fri -WGH monthly volunteer activity at 10:00 a.m.
- 5/1 Sun -Wailuku Church Spring Grand Service, 11:00 a.m.
- 5/8 Sun -Hilo Church Spring Grand Service, 11:00 a.m.
- 5/15 Sun -3rd Memorial Service for the Late Rev. Masahiko Yoshino at Honolulu Church, 11 am
- 5/20 Fri -WGH monthly volunteer activity at 10:00 a.m.
- 5/21 Sat -KMH Board of Trustees Meeting, 10:30 a.m.
- 5/30 Mon -Memorial Day Punchbowl/Mililani Memorial Park Visit
- 6/8 Wed -KMH Missionary Women's Society Meeting, at Wahiawa Church. (Through 6/9)
- 6/10 Fri -WGH monthly volunteer activity at 10:00 a.m.
- 6/18 Sat -6th Ohana Camp till 6/19 Sun
- 6/24 Fri -KMH Ministers Gathering at Honolulu Church, 10:30 am
- 7/8 Fri -WGH monthly volunteer activity at 10:00 a.m.
- 7/16 Sat -Edna and Clayton's Wedding at Honolulu Church
- 7/24 Sun -Monthly Memorial Service/Back-to-School Service 9:00 a.m.
- 7/31 Sun -KMH Volunteer Activity at Kuakini Hospital, 9:30 am
- 8/7 Sun -WGH annual volunteer activity at 10:00 am
- 8/13 Sat -KMH Board of Trustees Meeting, 10:30 a.m.
- 8/19 Fri -WGH monthly volunteer activity at 10:00 a.m.
- 8/ Sun -43rd Memorial Service for the Late Rev. Masayuki Kodama
- 9/4 Sun -KMH 90th Anniversary Celebration at Honolulu Church
- 9/16 Fri -WGH monthly volunteer activity at 10:00 a.m.
- 9/18 Sun -Honolulu Church Autumn Memorial Service, 10:00 a.m.
- 9/25 Sun -Wahiawa Church Autumn Memorial Service, 10:00 a.m.
- 10/9 Sun -Honolulu Church Autumn Grand Service, 11:00 a.m.
- 10/13 Thr -Wahiawa Church Autumn Grand Service, 6:30 p.m.
- 10/16 Sun -Waipahu Church Autumn Grand Service, 11:00 a.m.
- 10/21 Fri -WGH monthly volunteer activity at 10:00 a.m.
- 10/23 Sun -23rd Annual HCRP Peace Prayer at Gedatsu Church, 4 p.m.
- 11/5 Sat -Mini Bazaar, 10 am to 2 pm
- 11/6 Sun -Wailuku Church Autumn Grand Service, 11:00 a.m.
- 11/13 Sun -Hilo Church Autumn Grand Service, 11:00 a.m.
- 11/18 Fri -WGH monthly volunteer activity at 10:00 a.m.
- 11/26 Sat -KMH Board of Trustees Meeting, 10:30 a.m.
- 11/27 Sun -19th Memorial Svc for the Late Rev. Kikue Kodama, 9:00 am
- 12/16 Fri -WGH monthly volunteer activity at 10:00 a.m.
- 12/18 Sun -44th Year Memorial Service for the late Rev. Haruko Takahashi, 10:00 a.m.
- 12/25 Sun -End of the Year Service, 9:00 a.m.
- 12/30 Fri -25th Annual Mochi Pounding



Happy Birthday

To all the people born in February

Please continue to receive
Infinite divine blessings from



Tenchi Kane no Kami-Sama and
Ikigami Konko Daijin-Sama

Nancy Ohata • Elima Pangorang • Chad Pangorang



The Honolulu Japanese Chamber of Commerce held their Annual Shinnen-Enkai at the Japanese Cultural Center of Hawaii on Friday, January 8. We have been given the privilege to demonstrate the Mochitsuki at their event for the second year. We pounded 2 batches of mochi and made around 400 anko mochi for the guests to enjoy! Thank you Yano Sensei, Reiko Sensei, Clayton Matsuoka, Jane Suwa, Janet Miyasaka, Chad, Micah and Vinh Hiromasa, and Randy Furusho for your great help!

Whacking the Piñata is our yearly tradition at the New Year's Party! We also celebrated January Birthdays!



Editor's Note

Dear Reader,

I hope this year is turning out to be a great year for you, even though it's only the beginning of the year.

February is the celebration of Valentine's Day on the 14th. This is the time to really think about our significant other and appreciate them for who they are and all that they have supported us with. I would like to share a recent episode that made me realize the importance of thinking of others.

I drove my fiancé to his workplace one early morning due to his car being fixed. I was near his workplace when there was a stoplight. The light was yellow and then I stopped. I mentioned that I was on "VIP mode." My family knows my driving habits well. I've had a few people tell me that I'm a mainland driver, hehehe. My mom calls me a *Hime*-driver. In Japan there is a saying of the three drivers to beware: Ichi-Hime, Ni-Tora, San-Dampu. *Hime*-drivers (crazy girl drivers), *Tora* (drunk drivers) and *Dampu* (Dump-truck drivers). A yellow light is supposed to mean to slow down. For me, it means to speed up. But when someone else is in my car, my driving style defaults to VIP mode and I drive more slowly and carefully.

I told Clayton that if I were driving alone, I would have chanced that yellow light and went. He then said, "I hope not. I drive on VIP mode even when I'm driving alone." It took a few seconds to process what he meant. Then he explained that he may not have other VIPs in his car, but others on the road might be carrying VIPs. I was shocked! Such words of wisdom coming from Clayton's mouth; I was very grateful and that thought stayed in me.

That is true. From that moment, every driver and passenger in the car seemed like VIP to me. Each driver is someone's important person. There is a quote that I stuck onto my desktop, "To the world you may be just one person, but to one person, you may be the world" (Bill Wilson). I became a little more mindful, a little more careful of my driving from that moment ☺.

Right around this time last year, so many people around me were sick, including me, my parents and my fiancé. I brought home a very powerful germ after coming back from my little trip to Disneyland. We were coughing thick phlegm, our lungs were congested, our sinuses plugged, our eyes were red, and we had a very high fever. But today, we all feel ok. Money can't buy health. We could try various medicines and remedies, but whether we heal or not depends on our will power and many uncontrollable elements.

We think we are in control of our lives, but we are not. To some extent we are. I mean, we can make certain choices that will change the outcome. But ultimately, our future is in the hands of Kami-Sama. We have to appreciate those mundane days of nothing happening.

Those seemingly regular days that we may take for granted are actually the greatest blessings.

I tend to suffer from headaches from time to time. Sometimes they are so painful, I cannot function. I have to rest. Sometimes when the headache was extreme, I take a tab of Tylenol headache reliever. Sometimes it does not work. Then, recently I discovered for myself that coffee works miracles for my headaches. I usually have caffeine intolerance. I get very jittery and my heart starts to pound about 120 beats per minute if I drink coffee. But when I have headaches, coffee actually works for the headache, and I do not get the scary heart palpitations.

However, sometimes I do not have coffee with me, and my headaches come on. I told this to my brother, Rodney Sensei, and he said that his wife, Fong gets headaches sometimes, too and when she does, she watches this YouTube video of a man that tells you how to get rid of headaches in less than 2 minutes. He shared the link with me and I watched it. If you want to watch it too, here is the link: <https://youtu.be/UKGtv84aSjo>

The man in the video will ask you three simple questions. Where is your headache? What color is it? And what shape is it? Repeat this in your head three times. And before you know it, he states that your headache should be gone.

I couldn't wait to get a headache and try out if this really worked or not. Soon enough, a few days later, I got a headache. I remembered the video and asked myself these three questions and repeated them to myself three times. Where is your headache? It is on the upper left side of my head. What color is it? My headache is a dark blue color. And what shape is it? My headache is spherical in shape. I imagined lots of spherical blue objects just bouncing in the left side of my head. I also said I am sorry for overworking my brain for it to become painful. And thank you for working so hard every time. Quite interestingly, my headache disappeared instantaneously. I didn't need Tylenol or coffee this time. I was able to have the pain relieved with just my thoughts.

Our Founder, Konko Daijin stated that we humans are given the ability to receive blessings, but it just depends upon our hearts if we can receive them or not.

I'm not sure how it works, but it does! It's like when we talk to our body parts, we acknowledge its existence. Even for headaches, when we think about them, its location, its color and shape, we are paying much attention to the headache. We usually just want the headache to go away, but we do not think about the headache. Perhaps, thinking about it and giving much attention to it will make the problematic parts of us, become well again. Try it! I am wishing you a fantastic month in February! Happy Valentine's Day!

Sincerely, Edna Yano

