

Hawaii Kotohira Jinsha Hawaii Dazaifu Tenmangu

August 2017



Students, teachers and school personnel received a special blessing on Sunday, August 6 as part of our annual Back-To-School Blessing.

Blessings steeped in ancient tradition was bestowed on participants for safety, scholastic achievement and personal growth this new school year.

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MAHALO for your donations

We are grateful for the donors and volunteers without whom our work would not be possible. We would like to acknowledge their special efforts and thank them for their ongoing support which is vital to our mission of preserving and perpetuating our spiritual traditions.

Thomas & Linda Agawa
Carp Dori
Norman & Christina Cox
Eientei Animations

Mahalo Nui **Mike Lee** for the donation in Memory of Karen Fujishima Lee



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MAHALO

Volunteers Fri 8/4 & Sat 8/5

Chad Enoki
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Arthur K. Isa

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Volunteers Sun 8/6

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Baby blessing



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Yakudoshi blessing



Private blessing for regular visitors from Osaka



Car blessing



A grand opening blessing was performed on August 9 for **Carp Dori**, a restaurant specializing in ramen and yakitori in the McCully Shopping Center. Carp Dori is a popular Izakaya with Carp baseball fans and has 14 restaurants within Hiroshima city.

Restaurant grand opening blessings will clear, empower and bless the new space with positive energies, releasing any residual energies to protect the business, employees and customers.

Reservations for **Shichigosan** and **Jusan Mairi** will be accepted from September 1.

Please download a reservation form and email, fax or mail it to the shrine.

Details at: e-shrine.org or www.jinja.us

Shichigosan 七五三
Children's Festival
October 22 ~ November 19
Shichigosan blessing includes:
Blessing · Omamori · Chitose Ame
Goody Bag · Donation \$60.00
Complimentary kimono rental and dressing as part of our service to the community
Reservations accepted from September 1
www.e-shrine.org

Jusan Mairi 十三参り
13 year-old Blessing
October 22 - November 19
Jusan Mairi Blessing includes:
Blessing · Omamori · Goody Bag
Donation \$60
Complimentary kimono rental and dressing as part of our service to the community
Reservations accepted from September 1
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Auwe to the person(s) that illegally dumped 51 cans of paint in front of the shrine on July 23.

Leftover paint is considered hazardous and no City or State agency was willing to dispose of the paint, citing that it's the responsibility of the property owner.

Rev. Takizawa was prepared to let the 51 cans of paint dry out on its own before disposal but Mahalo Nui to **Radiant Cordeiro** of **Councilman Joey Manahan's** office for coordinating immediate disposal.



Tidbits 8-8

August 8 is Father's Day in Taiwan and like many other customs, traditions and beliefs in China, it all surrounds a play on words.

In Chinese, the word for father is 'Ba Ba' and the number 8 is also pronounced as 'ba'. Thus, August 8 was chosen to celebrate Father's Day in Taiwan.

During the weekends prior to this special day, restaurants are booked to capacity.

Cute tuxedo cakes and round-faced father cakes are displayed at local bakeries. Stores have sales on electronic gadgets and other 'manly' items. Red envelopes containing lucky money are presented as gifts to Dad's all over the country.

Close family ties are the norm in Taiwan so it is not surprising to have three, sometimes four generations dining together on these occasions.

In Taoism, 8 is associated with wholeness and completeness. According to I Ching, the eight trigrams are the foundation that generates everything in the universe.

The Eight Directions represent the whole universe in Taoist spatial conception. These eight directions are also used to explain individual destiny, a Chinese fortune-telling method that depicts one's life course according to the trigram of one's date of birth.

The number 8 in Chinese culture indicates prosperity and wealth because it sounds like the Chinese word for "becoming rich".

Associating 8 with money is believed to have originated in Cantonese culture, especially in the business hub of Hong Kong - and soon became popular in other parts of China, as the country and its people pursued economic development and

attained material gains and profits.

Businessmen in China see number 8 as the luckiest number of all and try to include it in the company address, phone number or even product price, hoping to run a profitable and successfully business.

Having several of the number 8 in a phone number or a license plate can command sky-high prices. The phone number 8888-8888 was sold for US\$280,000 to China's Sichuan Airlines at an auction a decade ago.

Another reason why the number 8 symbolizes good luck is because it is a perfect symmetrical shape. Perfect symmetry lends itself to perfect balance, which is considered the ideal in Chinese Astrology.

Therefore, it should come as no surprise that the Olympic games in China started at 8:08 pm on August 8, 2008.

CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER

- 1 **ACCEPTING RESERVATIONS
for Shichigosan & Jusan Mairi**
- 3 3 pm
Tsukinamisai & Choyo no Sekku
- 23 1 pm
Festival Prep
- 24 3 pm
Autumn Thanksgiving Festival

OCTOBER

- 21 10 am
Shichigosan Prep
- 22 9 am ~ 1 pm
Shichigosan & Jusan Mairi
3 pm
Tsukinamisai
- 28/29 9 am ~ 4 pm
Shichigosan & Jusan Mairi

Love-A-Keiki Preschool was burglarized on Wednesday, July 26 at approximately 4:30 am.

The burglars removed 4 jalousie panes and the screen frame and slid through the kitchen window.

They gained entry into the preschool through the kitchen counter and ransacked and stole items in the office area, the children's belongings in the cubbyholes and from refrigerators in the kitchen.

Burglaries and criminal trespass has become rampant in the Kapalama/Kalihi area since the beginning of summer.



Sarah Taniguchi, daughter of Jon and Naomi will be performing with Kristi Yamaguchi at the "Golden Moments" show on ice on September 9 & 10 at the NBC Arena.

The show celebrates the 25th anniversary of Yamaguchi's gold-medal victory at the 1992 Winter Olympics, while fundraising for early childhood literacy.

Sarah and her family are longtime supporters of the shrine. Ganbatte Sarah !!!

Maintenance



Removal and disposal of the wooden fence behind the shrine was done on Saturday, July 22

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Corrosion caused one of the exterior faucets to break off the fixture.

Plumbing repairs were done by our own "Masa-Router" on Sunday, 7/30.



Clean-up and prep on 8/5 for the annual Back-To-School Blessing