

Hawaii Kotohira Jinsha Hawaii Dazaifu Tenmangu

January 2021

2021.....
renewed hope
and revival



DONATIONS

Thomas & Linda Agawa
Lois Arakaki
Bryan Amano
Preston Chibana
Mason Choy
Kay Cochran
Bill & Keiko Doughty
Jon Faufata
Omar & Joyce Faufata
Scott Faufata
Clark & Gayle Fujihara
Audra Furukawa
Kent Harada
Gloria Hasegawa
Melanie Herring
Mitsuru & Pam Igarashi
Arthur & Becky Isa
Arthur K. Isa
Rodney & Sharon Isa
Japan Airlines
David & Masako Jimenez

Lorraine Kadota
Dean & Carlyn Kagawa
Linda Kaneshige
Elaine Komatsu
James & Melba Kurashige
Milton & Kathy Kwock
Carol Matsunaga
Clara Matsuzaki
Kent Matsuzaki
Matthew & Jen McNeff
Robyn Miura
Steve Miwa
Roy Morioka
Scott & Darcy Motoda
Shinken & Marilyn Naitoh
Jimmy Nelson
Craig & Diane Nishida
Kazuko Oda
Gladys Okamura
Earl & Toyoko Okawa
Lois Okawa

Pacific Hi-Tak
Kenneth Saiki
Akiko Sanai
Lorraine Sawai
Michael Sawai
Gary & Linda Shinsato
Anne Shirai
Alice Sugimoto
Florence Sugimoto
Mikilani Taira
Takenoko Sushi Hilo
Nelson & Gail Tamashiro
Paul Tamayose
Sharon Tanigawa
Claire Tong
Shizuai Tsu
Ronald Ushijima
Katoyo Usuba
Kari Yoshida
Richard Yoshinaga
Haruko Yoshioka

CALENDAR

FEBRUARY

14 **1:00 pm CANCELED**
Kanreki Group Blessing
2:00 pm CANCELED
Yakudoshi Group
Blessing
3:00 pm (Internal)
Tsukinami-sai Monthly
Service

MARCH

7 **3:00 pm CANCELED**
Sake Appreciation
Festival
28 **3:00 pm (Internal)**
Tsukinami-sai Monthly
Service

GOKITO Private Blessings



Private Blessings were performed on 1/3 and 1/16 for long time supporters of the shrine to give gratitude for a challenging year and all we hold dear - our family and our health.



A blessing was conducted for JAL for continued success as it spreads its wings and soars to new heights



This is the second year that the shrine has welcomed visitors with a *hana-temizu* or *hana-chozu*, literally flower-basin.

In ancient Japan, there were no basins with running water and not every shrine had a well.

Worshippers symbolically purified themselves by washing their hands and rinsing their mouths in nearby rivers or

lakes or with the dew drops on plants on shrine property.

It is documented that wash basins were constructed at many shrines sometime during the Kamakura Period (1185 - 1333).

In recent years *Hana-temizu* have become seasonal attractions at shrines all throughout Japan.

MAHALO Volunteers

December 26 - 30

Gayle Fujihara
Bryson Goda
Reiko Goda
Kathy Hamada Kwock
Lorraine Kadota
Marilyn Naitoh
Diane Nishida
Linda Shinsato
Naomi Teramoto
Sharon Toma



December 30

Jeff Fujioka
Bryson Goda
Brenna Imada
Art Isa
Rory Kakuda
Calvin Mai
Marilyn Naitoh
Shinken Naitoh
Craig Nishida
Diane Nishida
Stuart Pang
Gary Shinsato
Linda Shinsato
Naomi Teramoto

December 31

Bryson Goda
Arthur Isa
Kathy Hamada Kwock
Milton Kwock
Marilyn Naitoh

Shinken Naitoh

Craig Nishida
Diane Nishida
Akiko Sanai
Ai Sato
Gary Shinsato

Linda Shinsato

Robert Stalling
Ralan Takahashi
Rance Takahashi
Yuko Takahashi



January 1

Nate Chee
Shiori Chee
Bill Doughty
Keiko Doughty
Lizyl Failano
Bryson Goda
Art Isa
Becky Isa

Grace Kim
Milton Kwock
Richard Larm
Danny Manzano
Marilyn Naitoh
Shinken Naitoh
Jocelyn Ng
Craig Nishida
Diane Nishida

Thomas Ouye
Rudy Santiago
Sherrie Santiago
Naoya Shimura
Donny Sun
Jeffie Sun
Ross Takemoto
Naomi Teramoto
Eileen Uchima



January 2 - 3

Jeff Fujioka
Bryson Goda
Doreen Higa
Brenna Imada
Art Isa
Becky Isa
Lorraine Kadota
Kathy Hamada Kwock
Milton Kwock
Calvin Mai
Marilyn Naitoh
Shinken Naitoh
Craig Nishida
Diane Nishida
Stuart Pang
Naoya Shimura
Gary Shinsato
Linda Shinsato
Naomi Teramoto



This photo captures the essence of our *Hatsumode* 2021.



Here are some of the new protocols implemented to keep you safe during *Hatsumode* 2021:

- Encouraged Japan-style worship without a priest assistant waving a paper wand over one's head, to prevent virus spread.
- Bell and ropes at the shrine were removed. Hand sanitizers were encouraged in lieu of hand washing at the basin.

- We offered *Saisaki-mode* and Early Selection of *omamori* which began on 12/26/2020 for those who preferred to beat the crowd.
- We implemented social distancing measures in all public and volunteer-only areas with markers to communicate social distancing measures.
- *Ozoni* service was canceled to minimize any possibility of virus-borne illnesses
- Hand Sanitizer stations were placed throughout the property.
- Temperatures were taken prior to entering a capacity-controlled *omamori* area.
- Enhanced and frequent cleaning with UV lights and hospital-grade disinfectants. All *omamori* were packaged and sanitized with UV lights throughout the day. Floors of the hall and bathrooms were swept and mopped every 30

minutes as were all high-touch surfaces.

- Personal Protection Equipment was available for all volunteers and visitors.
- Check out areas were moved outside and equipped with plexiglass sneeze guards.
- QR codes for access to PayPal were placed all over the property. No-contact Tap-and-Go credit cards, ApplePay, GooglePay were also accepted for a contact-free transaction. All terminals were disinfected after each use.

We hope our commitment for strengthening safety and sanitizing measures to prevent the spread of viruses in welcoming all of you have provided everyone with a safe, sanitary and inviting environment and your continued trust and loyalty.

SAGICHO Burning of the old omamori

Sagicho, also known as *Dondo-yaki*, *Ombe-yaki*, *Saito-yaki*, *Sankuro-yaki*, *Hochoji* and *Hokkengyo* is an ancient ceremony to express appreciation to and purify by burning, old *juyohin* like *ofuda*, *omamori*, *kumade*, *hamayumi* and *hamaya*.

The shrine's *Sagicho* was held on Sunday, January 17 from 1:00 pm.

Mahalo for shrine officers and friends for their kokua in preparing the old *juyohin* and *omikuji* for burning.

The issue of dioxin contamination and fire hazard in a residential area are issues that are being discussed by the shrine Board.

Smoke and soot travels long

distances and smoke odors can cause respiratory difficulties.

It is difficult to eradicate a centuries old tradition, however, a cultural tradition with environmental impacts that poses risks to the environment and public health should perhaps be re-imagined to embrace a new culture of safety.



MAINTENANCE



Stanchions were made by Rev. Takizawa with old tire rims and social distancing markers were sprayed onto the parking lot surface to safely guide visitors in a controlled manner. A new *O-nusa* was hung from the gate on 12/30.



Electrical repairs and upgrades were done by Hiroshi Denki on 12/23.

Defective motion sensors were replaced and two new ones were installed on the exterior of the shrine.



Mahalo to Rudy and Sherrie for power washing the shrine.

Although the Santiagos are no longer the shrine's neighbors, they still volunteer their services throughout the year.