

Hawaii Kotohira Jinsha Hawaii Dazaifu Tenmangu

November 2016

Families from Florida, New Jersey, Tokyo and Fukuoka met in Hawaii to celebrate Hana's Shichigosan on October 20 .

The rite of passage for children aged 3, 5 and 7 will continue till November 20.

Jusan Mairi blessings for 13 year olds are also being performed until November 20.

Please download Reservation forms from our website www.e-shrine.org to participate in a special event that is spiritually enriching and culturally exciting.



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Private Blessings



A House blessing was performed in Nuuanu on October 1.

The owner of the home was blessed at the shrine at birth and hoped to reconnect with his cultural roots with a House Blessing.



Congratulations to David and Mako on the birth of their daughter.

This is a beautiful time in your lives that you will never forget. So many happy and wonder-filled times ahead for the two of you!!



Long time shrine member Kyoko Isa was remembered during a Wake service on October 1.

Rev. Takizawa also performed the Memorial service that honored, recognized and celebrated Kyoko.

Tori no Ichi

Tori or rooster is one of the Junishi or 12 animal signs of the Asian Zodiac.

Tori no Ichi is an open air market selling *Kumade* or rakes and has a history of over 360 years.

Kumade rakes are said to bring prosperity and good luck and is often displayed at various

businesses and in private homes.

The days of the Rooster (*Tori*) occurs every 12 days in November. Depending on the year, Tori no Ichi fairs are held two or three times in November.

Although the Otori shrine in Taito-ku, near Asakusa is the most popular, there are about 30 other shrines throughout Tokyo that offers *Kumade* on Tori no Ichi.

When a rake is sold, its customary for both seller and buyer to clap their hands rhythmically and in harmony - a Japanese custom known as *tejime*.

Tejime is often performed at the end of a special event. The Kanto area calls it *tejime* while those in Kansai prefer to call it *teuchi*.

The purpose of *tejime* is to



express gratitude to those who organized and managed the event.

Tejime usually starts with a short speech followed by "*sore dewa minasama oteo haishaku*" (everyone please get your hands ready) - then a loud shout of "*yoh~*" and finally *tejime*.

The most popular form of *tejime* is the *Ippon-jime* or a set of 3 claps 3 times. There's a longer version called *sanbon-jime* which is 3 sets of *Ippon-jime*.

Days of the Tori or rooster this year is on November 11 and 23.



Shrine Maintenance

CALENDAR



On July 31, 1965, a stone memorial was erected in honor of shrine members who persisted against overwhelming odds in a lawsuit against discrimination by the Federal Government.

It was also meant to serve as a constant reminder of the hardships and indignities suffered at the hands of a nation misguided by wartime hysteria, racial prejudice and fear, which we must not allow to happen again to any group, regardless of race, religion or national origin.

The stone monument erected 51 years ago is suffering from granular and crumbly disintegration due to vehicle emissions and natural erosion.

Donations have been made towards replacement of the monument and a new board is being made to commemorate the generosity of donors that will help facilitate the procurement of a new monument. Mahalo to Mike Lee for designing and constructing the board.



NOVEMBER

5/6/12/13/19/20 9 am - 4 pm

Shichigosan & Jusan Mairi

6 3 pm

Tsukinamisai Service

DECEMBER

3 8:30 am - 1 pm

Mochi Making

4 3 pm

Tsukinamisai Service

30 5:30 pm

Hatsumode Prep