

Hawaii Kotohira Jinsha Hawaii Dazaifu Tenmangu

October 2017



On Sunday, September 24 a solemn ceremony was held at the shrine to express gratitude and to reflect on the many gifts that we receive from nature. Rev. Takizawa, joined by Rev. Akihiro Okada of Daijingu Temple of Hawaii and Bishop Daiya Amano of Izumo Taishakyo Mission of Hawaii, officiated in the Autumn Thanksgiving Festival. Mahalo to Allan Takeshita for the offering of rice stalks and Shania Riveiro for the Miko Mai. The Festival is a time to remember the friendships, kindnesses, generosity and guidance received from people in our lives, from those who have gone before us, and everyone who has touched and shaped our lives.

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Hawaii's sun-soaked urban core is experiencing escalating heat. A second air conditioner was installed in the meeting room on 9/14 by Nathan Masuda Refrigeration.

Our deepest gratitude goes out to **Hanayagi Dancing Academy Hawaii Foundation** for their generous donation towards the purchase of the air conditioning unit.

Mahalo to our neighbor **Kamuela Nascimento** for setting up the electrical wiring.



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Volunteers 9/23

Bob Harada
Arthur K. Isa
Marilyn Naitoh
Shinken Naitoh
Gary Shinsato
Linda Shinsato

Volunteers 9/24

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Maintenance



Mahalo to **Ivan Sugawa** for pressure washing the shrine eaves in preparation for painting





Ohana blessing performed on 9/16



Baby Blessing on 9/17



1-year Memorial service performed on 9/16



Mahalo to shrine friends for agreeing to be interviewed for dissertation research by Nozomi Kato on 9/23 and 9/24.

Nozomi is presently attending Aichi Prefectural University, Department of International and Cultural Studies.

Her research is on Shinto in Hawaii from the perspective of Shinto festivals and patronage of shrines by Japanese Americans.

In-depth interviews were conducted to extract valuable data from participants. The data will be analyzed and compiled by the end of the year.

View events photos at: www.flickr.com/kotohira-dazaifu

Allies and Secret Friends

In Chinese astrology, the twelve Chinese animals can be further categorized into three animal allies or the three harmonies. Anyone born to a certain zodiac will get along very well with their three astrological ally friends in the group as shown.

Allies are those that you get along well with and feel comfortable in their presence.

One friend is the most powerful ally or Secret Friend. A secret friend is someone you can always count on. They will never let you down and always be there for you. You should ideally, carry an omamori or charm of your secret friend with you at all times.

Doing this is said to improve luck and success and help you avoid many problems, even if the annual prediction does not look good.

Your zodiac secret friend is said to give you positive energies to get through turbulent times as well as enhance your overall luck.

Clash Signs are those you are likely to have nothing in common with or have been brought together by fate to learn from each other.

Your Sign	Ally #1	Ally #2	Secret Friend	Clash Signs
Rat	Monkey	Dragon	Ox	Horse
Ox	Snake	Rooster	Rat	Sheep
Tiger	Horse	Dog	Boar	Monkey
Rabbit	Boar	Sheep	Dog	Rooster
Dragon	Rat	Monkey	Rooster	Dog
Snake	Rooster	Ox	Monkey	Boar
Horse	Tiger	Dog	Sheep	Rat
Sheep	Boar	Rabbit	Horse	Ox
Monkey	Dragon	Rat	Snake	Tiger
Rooster	Ox	Snake	Dragon	Rabbit
Dog	Tiger	Horse	Rabbit	Dragon
Boar	Sheep	Rabbit	Tiger	Snake



An increasing number of Japanese tourists are using the new Biki Rental System to visit the shrine.

Biki's can be stolen despite being locked, especially by experienced thieves and in a high-crime area like Kalihi.

Users must agree to certain terms and in the event the Biki is lost, destroyed or damaged the full replacement value of \$1,200.00 must be paid to the City !!!



Homelessness in Hawaii is growing rapidly and Honolulu has the highest homelessness rate in the nation, per capita.

The Homeless who live in cars on streets and those camped on sidewalks are now becoming a growing concern in front of the shrine - on Olomea Street.

A lack of affordable housing in the islands remains the single biggest reason however, a fair yet practical solution must be devised that addresses community concerns without criminalizing a last-ditch option for some of the city's neediest.

CALENDAR

OCTOBER



22 3 pm
Tsukinamisai

22/28/29 9 am ~ 4 pm
Shichigosan & Jusan Mairi

NOVEMBER

5 3 pm
Tsukinamisai

4/5/11/12/18/19 9 am ~ 4 pm
Shichigosan & Jusan Mairi

DECEMBER

2 8:30 am
Mochi making

3 3 pm
Tsukinamisai

Haraigushi - Purification Wands

Haraigushi is a wooden wand with many white paper strips, used in purification rituals. The white zigzag strips of white paper is called *shide*.

The waving of this *Haraigushi* wand can be seen at the beginning of all Shinto rituals. The priest bows lightly, waves the *Haraigushi* wand over tamagushi branches and participants, making a rustling sound from the zigzags of paper.

When *Shide* is used on a *Haraigushi* wand in a purification ceremony, it

is used to sweep negative energies away.

Torii gates with *Shide* strips attached to *Shimenawa* ropes, mark the boundary between the sacred and the mundane.

Shide is also used on *Tamagushi* branches to purify it for the altar.

Negative energies are swept away by the *Shide* strips like the sweeping of a broom, where impurities stick to the *Shide* paper strips attached to the *Haraigushi* wand.

This is the similar principle to *mi-mamori* or personal protection *omamori*, which work by attracting the negative energies to the *omamori* itself.

This is probably why *omamori*, for personal protection, must be replaced annually, because they are like a magnet of negative energies, that would otherwise have been absorbed by the holder.



Mahalo to **Mike Lee** for constructing wooden stands for the Haraigushi wands

There are many theories about the significance of shape of the *Shide* paper strips.

In ancient times, the strips were made of a fiber called *Yu* and other fabrics like hemp. *Shide* paper strips are said to symbolize lightening and the mysterious powers of nature.

In any event *Shide* are a very important Shinto symbol and the *Haraigushi* one of the most important implements in Shinto.

