

# Hawaii Kotohira Jinsha - Hawaii Dazaifu Tenmangu

JANUARY 2019



Happy New Year!!! The dawn of a new year overflows with hope that invites us to reflect and to recreate ourselves anew.

This year, may we all find a connection to spirit that can guide and nurture us in our growth as a nation and as individuals. Open your mind to new possibilities, discover the divinity within yourself and empower yourself to achieving your goals and purpose in life.



# 2019 Year of the Pig

**RAT** - A year of change and transition. Do not undertake any major projects until 2020. This is a year to get rid of physical and emotional junk that clutter your life.

**OX** - A few jolts this year that will test your determination and resilience. You will, however be blessed with opportunities to sow new seeds which will be profitable for years to come.

**TIGER** - A positive year with a few twists. This is a year to avoid interfering with events that don't directly concern you. A long-awaited love affair may come true in 2019.

**RABBIT** - This is a year that family will take center stage. You will enjoy peace of mind, overall happiness and the importance of forging human bonds.

**DRAGON** - You're finally released from the chains that restricted your health and career. The Dragon will emerge invigorated and resplendent, ready to challenge new opportunities.

**SNAKE** - Don't let jealousy muddle your mind this year. Stay focused as your personal life and career will be challenging. Manage your money - there will be unexpected expenses.

**HORSE** - Career and wealth is on the rise but many issues with interpersonal relationships will test your patience and civility. Your emotional state will affect your overall health.

**SHEEP** - Positive energies of the Pig Year will bless you with motivation and action. Single sheeps may find love this year. However, new relationships will be fast-paced but short-lived.

**MONKEY** - Interpersonal relationships and the accumulation of wealth will bring emotional distress. Great luck for singles but challenging for the married. Socialize to balance energies.

**ROOSTER** - Need to work extra hard this year to prevent a sharp decrease in finances. Health issues may bring unexpected expenses. Don't neglect your partners this year .

**DOG** - Singles may find romance this year. Be careful of conflicts with relatives which may escalate into legal disputes. In 2019, don't depend on anyone but yourself.

**BOAR** - This is a year of limitations and obstacles. Focus on the positive and be grateful for the good things in your life. Surround yourself with people who are a positive influence.

# MAHALO for your donations

# CALENDAR

Thomas & Linda Agawa  
Rick Akutagawa  
Lois Arakaki  
Chikasawa Ohana  
Dorothy Ching  
Bill & Keiko Doughty  
Gen Furumaki  
Stacie Hata  
David & Masako Jimenez  
Kathy Hamada Kwock  
Arashi & Pam Igarashi  
Arthur Isa  
Robert & Jean Ishihara  
Kathleen Iwao  
Japan Airlines  
Lorraine Kadota  
Dean & Carlyn Kagawa  
Diane Kaneshige  
Yoshiko Kawakami  
Gavin Kim  
Elaine Komatsu  
James & Melba Kurashige  
Karen Lindo  
Nadine Matsukawa  
Clara Matsuzaki  
Kent Matsuzaki

Steve Miwa  
Shinken & Marilyn Naitoh  
Craig & Diane Nishida  
Clyde & Gayle Nishimoto  
Diane Ogasawara  
Cheryl Osumi  
Pacific Hi-Tak  
Akiko Sanai  
Masayoshi & Lorraine Sawai  
Michael Sawai  
Gary & Linda Shinsato  
Jason & Mona Takara  
Peggy Oshiro  
Takenoko Sushi  
Teruto Soma  
Allan Takeshita  
Satomi & Eric Takiguchi  
Sharon Toma  
Claire Tong  
Lucy Tsu  
Peggy Tsukida  
Judy Usuba  
Wasabi International  
Calvin & Masue Yamada  
Jane Yoshida  
Janelle Yoshida

## January

20 1 pm  
**Sagicho - burning of old omamori**  
3 pm  
**Tsukinamisai Monthly Service**

## February

10 1pm  
**Kanreki Blessing**  
2 pm  
**Yakudoshi Blessing**  
3:00 pm  
**Tsukinamisai Monthly Service  
& Setsubun-sai Bean Throwing**

## March

2 1 pm  
**Cleanup and prep**

3 3 pm  
**Sake Appreciation Festival**



Its not too late to participate in the special Kanreki and Yakudoshi Blessings on February 10.

**Kanreki** - arrive by 12:45 pm

**Yakudoshi** - arrive by 1:45 pm

Or email us to reserve a spot:  
[kotohira@hawaiiantel.net](mailto:kotohira@hawaiiantel.net)



# MAHALO Volunteers

## Pre-Hatsumode

12/26 - 30

Gayle Fujihara  
Stacie Hata  
Lorraine Kadota  
Elaine Komatsu  
Mike Lee  
Marilyn Naitoh  
Craig Nishida  
Diane Nishida  
Diane Ogasawara  
Gary Shinsato  
Linda Shinsato  
Sharon Toma



## Hatsumode Prep

12/28

Jeff Fujioka  
Victoria Hallet  
Kai Igarashi  
Brenna Imada  
Arthur K Isa  
Galen Komatsu  
Kell Komatsubara  
Mike Lee  
Calvin Mai  
Marilyn Naitoh  
Craig Nishida  
Diane Nishida  
Rory Onishi  
Stuart Pang  
Gary Shinsato  
Linda Shinsato  
Anna Yamana  
Yusuke Yamana  
Alvin Yoshida



## Hatsumode

12/31 - 1

Nate Chee  
Emi Choy  
Sharlena Chung  
Bill Doughty  
Keiko Doughty  
Gayle Fujihara  
Jeff Fujioka  
Victoria Hallet  
Stacie Hata  
Arashi Igarashi  
Kai Igarashi  
Pam Igarashi  
Brenna Imada  
Arthur K. Isa  
Becky Isa  
Lorraine Kadota  
Odie Kepo'o  
Grace Kim  
Kobe's Womens  
University  
Galen Komatsu  
Kell Komatsubara  
Robert Larm  
Mike Lee  
Calvin Mai  
Ruth Matsumoto

Marilyn Naitoh  
Shinken Naitoh  
Jocelyn Ng  
Craig Nishida  
Diane Nishida  
Diane Ogasawara  
Carole Omura  
Rory Onishi  
Kenyu Oshiro  
Jan Ota  
Stuart Pang  
Jay Sakashita  
Stirling Sakashita  
Justin Santiago  
Rudy Santiago  
Sherrie Santiago  
Naoya Shimura  
Gary Shinsato  
Linda Shinsato  
Donny Sun  
Gail Tamashiro  
Nelson Tamashiro  
Naomi Teramoto  
Val Tsutsumi  
Eileen Uchima  
Anna Yamana  
Yusuke Yamana  
Richard Yoshinaga

## Hatsumode Cleanup

1/2

Gayle Fujihara  
Jeff Fujioka  
Victoria Hallet  
Arashi Igarashi  
Kai Igarashi  
Pam Igarashi  
Arthur K Isa  
Arthur MJY Isa  
Becky Isa  
Lorraine Kadota  
Elaine Komatsu  
Kell Komatsubara  
Marilyn Naitoh  
Diane Nishida  
Diane Ogasawara  
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# Gokito Private Blessings



The first Gokito blessing for 2019 was performed for the shrine's loyal friends from Hilo



An off-season Shichigosan was performed for a darling 3-year old



Annual blessing for Japan Airlines was performed on 1/11 for safety and success



A Safe birth blessing was performed for a young couple in accordance with ancient tradition - on the Day of the Dog.



The first Shichigosan for 2019 was performed on 1/6 for Takumi and Reina from Tokyo



Family blessings for good health, peace and harmony in the household continues throughout the month of January

# JCCH Ohana Festival

The shrine participated in the annual Ohana Festival sponsored by the Japanese Cultural Center on Sunday January 13.

The festival is a great way for the community to come together to celebrate the new year and Hawaii's cultural diversity.

## MAHALO Volunteers

Marilyn Naitoh  
Shinken Naitoh  
Diane Nishida  
Jay Sakashita

Pauline Sakashita  
Stirling Sakashita  
Linda Shinsato



Rev. Takizawa attended a reception hosted by the Fukuoka Kenjinkai and the Japanese Consulate to welcome members of the Fukuoka prefectural Assembly. The shrine is supportive of the Kenjinkai's activities due to our Dazaifu ties.

In 1981, a Sister city relationship was established with Fukuoka in an effort to encourage mutually beneficial social, economic, educational and cultural exchanges. The Fukuoka Assembly members continue to support this relationship by attending the opening of the Hawaii State Legislature each year.



On 1/12 and 1/15, volunteers painstakingly removed metal, plastic and other toxic trim from the old omamori, ofuda, kumade, hamaya and hamayumi in prep for the annual Sagicho burning of the old omamori.

All old omamori returned after 1/19 will be burned in the 2020 Sagicho ceremony.

## MAHALO NUI

Diane Nishida  
Dee Shimamoto  
Stacie Shimamoto  
Linda Shinsato





# Maintenance

## MAHALO Volunteers

Victoria Hallet  
Arthur Isa  
Galen Komtasu  
Kell Komatsubara  
Mike Lee  
Craig Nishida

Diane Nishida  
Rudy Santiago  
Gary Shinsato  
Linda Shinsato  
Alvin Yoshida



Mahalo Nui to **Rudy Santiago** for painting the Olomea Street gate.

The rust and corrosion was removed down to clean surface metal. Sanding and wire brush tools were used to prep the metal over the course of two days. A metal primer was applied, followed by corrosion fighting paint.



Yearend cleanup and pitching of the Hatsumode tent was done on 12/28



A nostalgic photo of a yearend cleanup from December 2002. Pictured from left is: Marilyn Naitoh, Milena Naitoh, Kai Igarashi, Pam Igarashi  
Back row: Tina Mendes, Toshiko Fujisaki

