

Hawaii Kotohira Jinsha- Hawaii Dazaifu Tenmangu

April 2018



The Spring Thanksgiving Festival of Hawaii Dazaifu Tenmangu commenced at 3:00 pm on April 24 officiated by **Rev. Masa Takizawa, Rev. Satoshi Goto, Rev. Seitaro Tachibana and Rev. Midori Abe.**

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Spring Thanksgiving Festival

Spring symbolizes birth, renewal of life and regeneration. The shrine celebrated its annual Spring Thanksgiving Festival on Sunday, April 15, 2018 marks the 66th year since Hawaii Dazaifu Tenmangu was established.

Officiating the ceremony was **Rev. Masa Takizawa**, assisted by **Rev. Seitaro Tachibana** of Dazaifu Tenmangu, Fukuoka and **Rev.**

Midori Abe. Rev. Satoshi Goto also flew in from Dazaifu Tenmangu to join in the festivities. A dance offering of Toyosaka no Mai was performed by **Shania Riveiro**.

Dr. Shinken Naitoh greeted members and guests and extended the shrine's deepest gratitude to all that came to support the shrine and its activities.

Bob Harada MC'd the program and annual Scholarship awards.

We extend our deepest gratitude to **Hanayagi Dancing Academy Hawaii Foundation** for the classical dance pieces and to the Festival Committee - **Shinken & Marilyn Naitoh, Craig & Diane Nishida, Gary & Linda Shinsato, Bob Harada, Bryson Goda** and many volunteers who helped make this festival possible.



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2018 Scholarship Awards



The Hawaii Dazaifu Tenmangu scholarship was established in 2012 to commemorate the 60th anniversary of the establishment of Hawaii Dazaifu Tenmangu in Hawaii. The 2018 Hawaii Dazaifu Tenmangu Scholarship recipients are:

Victoria Hallett (UH Manoa), **Kyllie Tamashiro** (UH Manoa), **Micah Tong** (Maryknoll School), **Taylor Suzuki** (Kapiolani Community College), **Katherine Yoakum** (Hanayagi Dancing Academy Hawaii Foundation) and **Gavin Desamito**, (Honolulu Community College - Kell Komatsubara's AMT course).

Dazaifu city was the administrative center of Kyushu from 8th to the 12th century.

The most famous among Dazaifu's historic sights is Dazaifu Tenmangu, established 1116 years ago as the main shrine of over 6,000 shrines dedicated to the great scholar and statesman Sugawara Michizane, who died in the year 903 and subsequently became revered as a *kami*.

Dazaifu Tenmangu, Fukuoka is now a place of pilgrimage for students and those in education, culture and the arts, especially calligraphy.

On July 24, 1952, a *Gobunrei* authorized for worship by Dazaifu Tenmangu of Fukuoka was transported to Hawaii by Yotaro Fujino.

Since, Hawaii Dazaifu Tenmangu has been revered by many *Issei* from Fukuoka and their descendants.



Congratulations to Daisuke & Hitomi who were married at the shrine on March 16.



Car blessing was performed for Justin on March 26



These four families have been blessed with a new life! May the gift of their baby's presence bring joy and gladness to the hearts of all who love them

Welcome to Hawaii

Aloha and Mahalo to **Rev. Satoshi Goto** and **Rev. Seitaro Tachibana** of Dazaifu Tenmangu for taking time out of their busy schedules to grace us with their presence at the Festival.

Rev. Goto served as the 9th Guji Chief Priest of Hawaii Kotohira Jinsha - Hawaii Dazaifu Tenmangu for 6 months, from September 1990 to March 1991 when Dazaifu Tenmangu agreed to send priests to Hawaii on a short term basis until a permanent Chief priest was found. He will be retiring from Dazaifu Tenmangu in Spring 2019.

Rev. Tachibana was born and raised in Yanagawa, Fukuoka and is a graduate of Kogakuin University in Tokyo. He has also served at Nogi Jinja in Tokyo.



Welcome to Hawaii Rev. Tosei and Mrs. Usami from the Grand Shrines of Ise.



The Spring Memorial service of *Meiji Kai* was held on March 22 at Makiki Cemetery. Priests from Saitama-ken Shinto Seinenkai officiated the ceremony as part of the events celebrating the 150th anniversary of the arrival of the *Gannenmono* or first group of Japanese immigrants to Hawaii.

WELCOME TO HAWAII !!

Rev. Midori Abe will be apprenticing under Rev. Takizawa until June.

Rev. Abe was born and raised in Fukutsu City, Fukuoka and received her priest's license last month from Kokugakuin University in Tokyo.

Rev. Abe is the daughter of Dr. Hiroki Abe - - Chief Priest of Kotohira Jinja, Fukuoka, an Assembly member of Fukutsu City and a clinical Psychiatrist.

Rev. Abe is also a board certified Pharmacist.



Hanayagi Dancing Academy Hawaii Foundation launched a Saver's FUNDrive on Saturday, March 24 to fundraise for the school. The community was able to get rid of items they no longer use, offering them a second life at Savers.

CALENDAR

APRIL

- 21 9 am
Painting of banisters
- 28 9 am
Painting of banisters

MAY

- 6 1 pm
Tsukinamisai Service
- 27 8 am
Honolulu Shinto Renmei Memorial Day Service

JUNE

- 2 1 pm
Cleanup and Prep
- 3 9 am ~ 2 pm
Chinowa for People & Pets