

Hawaii Kotohira Jinsha - Hawaii Dazaifu Tenmangu

DECEMBER 2018



25 Members of the 21st Century Japan Religious Committee for World Federation visited the shrine on December 6. This is the 37th year that a gathering of diverse religious leaders converged on Oahu to offer prayers of peace at the annual Pearl Harbor Memorial service.

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for your donations

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MAHALO NUI

Mahalo Nui
to **Takenoko
Sushi** and
**Mitsuru &
Pamela
Igarashi** of
Hilo for their
generous
donation of
Matsuri rice
and Sake.



MAHALO NUI



Mahalo Nui Loa to **Kengo Maeda**,
President & CEO of Tsukushi Gas of
Fukuoka for his donation of *Hiyoku*
mochi rice, a signature quality
glutinous rice from Kyushu.

This is the second year that Mr.
Maeda has donated over 50 lbs. of
Mochi rice to the shrine.

The rice was harvested from his
rice paddy in November and
airflown to the shrine for use in
mochi for *Ozoni* soup on New Years
day.

Be sure to have a bowl of Ozoni
during your Hatsumode visit.

Shrine Visitors

Rev Takizawa was interviewed 12/4 by a popular TV program produced by Fuji TV called "Nijiirō Jean".

The special Hawaii episode will air in Japan on January 5 from 8:30 pm, introducing viewers to hidden attractions and unusual things.



Private Blessings

Ceremonies are a beautiful way to recognize turning points in your life's journey. Formal blessings are a powerful unifying force, affirming deep bonds across generations.

In accordance with Japanese tradition, baby's are usually brought to the shrine on the 30th or 31st day from birth.

Celebrate the miracle of your child's birth with a Baby blessing at the shrine.



A baby blessing was performed on 12/8 for an adorable newborn girl. Welcome to the world - we're so thrilled you're here.



The 29th Baby Blessing for 2018 was performed on 12/16.

Congratulations on the arrival of your happy and healthy newborn!

Mochi Making

The annual mochi making was done on December 8.

The mochi will be frozen and used in our Ozoni mochi soup on New Years day

Mahalo nui to the many volunteers that took time out of their busy schedules to help.

Mahalo Nui Volunteers

Keiko Doughty
Kei Enoki
Naia Enoki
Jeff Fujioka
Arthur Isa
Kell Komatsubara
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Shinken Naitoh
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Gary Shinsato
Linda Shinsato
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Yuko Takahashi



Pig, hog and boar essentially describes the same animal, with some distinctions.

A boar is an uncastrated male pig, but it also refers to a wild pig of any gender.

A hog often means a domestic pig that weighs more than 120 lbs. Pigs are also referred to as swine.

2019 is the year of the Pig, according to the original Chinese zodiac, however it was replaced by the Boar in the Japanese and Tibetan zodiacs.

When the Chinese zodiac was imported into Japan sometime during the reign of Emperor Kinmei (509-571 CE), the Japanese were more familiar with wild boars than domestic pigs. Thus, Pig Year was known as Boar Year in Japan.

At that time, the Japanese hunted and ate boar meat, however it wasn't till a century later that domestic pigs were introduced to Japan from the Korean Peninsula.

HATSUMODE 2019

Come celebrate Hatsumode 2019 at the shrine and embrace the spirit of the Japanese with a traditional New Years blessing on **January 1, 2019** between **Midnight and 4:00 pm**

Thousands flock to partake of our Ozoni mochi soup, with a special broth made by **Master Chef Arashi** of Takenoko Sushi Hilo and mochi made from Hiyoku mochi rice, air-flown from a private rice farmer in Fukuoka.

The blessing is open to the public with street parking on Olomea and offsite parking at Damien Memorial School on Houghtailing. A Free shuttle runs continuously between Midnight - 3:00 am and 9:00 am - 4:00 pm



2019 Year of the Earth Pig Tote



2019 Year of the Pig T-shirt

Maintenance

Mahalo Nui to the Natori instructors of **Hanayagi Dancing Academy Hawaii Foundation** for performing the annual *Susubarai* cleanup of the meeting room on Saturday, 12/8

Tree roots constantly seek a water source. In doing so, they can spread very deep or very shallow and in an extremely large radius from the trunk. A tree can develop roots that are two, three times its height.

Mahalo Nui to the shrine's neighbor, **Rudy Santiago** for first pressure washing the concrete before chipping out concrete from the bottom edge of the cracks. He then coated the inside of the cracks with concrete adhesive and patched and sealed the cracks with cement.



CALENDAR



DECEMBER

- 28 6:00 pm
Clean up & Prep for Hatsumode
- 31 11:00 pm
Toshikoshi no O-oharae Yearend Purification Ritual

JANUARY

- 1 Midnight - 4 pm
Hatsumode
- 13 10 am - 4 pm
JCCH Ohana Festival
- 20 1 pm
Sagicho - burning of old omamori and Ofuda

MAHALO NUI LOA for your most generous donations to the shrine in 2018. Your donations will help fund:

- * Preservation and perpetuation of the shrine and its infrastructure
- * Annual Scholarships awarded during our Spring Thanksgiving Festival in April
- * Kimono and accessories for our Shichigosan Children's Festival in October and November

You can deduct contributions to nonprofits only if you itemize on Schedule A of Form 1040. Donations received by December 31 counts for that tax year.

For more info please visit:

www.irs.gov/charities-non-profits/charitable-organizations/charitable-contribution-deductions

The Shrine is a qualified Nonprofit Church. Our Tax ID: 99-6007158



Generally, you can deduct contributions of money or property you make to or for the use of, a qualified organization.

To verify whether an organization is qualified, go to IRS.gov. Click on "Tools" and then on "Exempt Organizations" and select "Check".

This online tool will enable you to search for qualified

organizations.

VOLUNTEERS - You can deduct as a charitable contribution, any unreimbursed out-of-pocket expenses, such as the cost of gas and oil, related to the use of your car in giving services to a church. You can also deduct parking fees. You must keep written records of your car expenses.

The IRS has issued the 2018

optional standard mileage rates used to calculate the deductible costs of operating an automobile for charitable purposes. Beginning on January 1, 2018, the standard mileage rate for the use of a car or van, pickup or panel trucks will be:

- * 14 cents per mile driven in service of charitable organization