

Hawaii Kotohira Jinsha Hawaii Dazaifu Tenmangu

July 2022



The annual Chinowa for People and Pets was canceled again this year due to COVID-19 however, a private blessing was performed on 7/16 for Cosmo, a regular participant of our event since 2004 and his feline siblings !!!

DONATIONS

Bill & Keiko Doughty
Bryson & Reiko Goda
Seizo Imamura
Rodney & Sharon Isa
James & Melba Kurashige
Tu Uyen La
Mike Lee
Steve Miwa
Craig Morishige
Shinken & Marilyn Naitoh
Craig & Diane Nishida
Akiko Sanai
Gary & Linda Shinsato
Robert Stallings
Alice Sugimoto
Chester Sugimoto
Florence Sugimoto
Naomi Teramoto
Lena Yafuso
Lisa Yafuso

On-Site Flu Clinic

The Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) highly recommends getting your flu shot to reduce your risk from serious illnesses from the flu



Look for details on
our August Newsletter

CALENDAR

AUGUST

- 1** Back-To-School Blessing
(CANCELED)
- 2:00 pm (INTERNAL)**
Tsukinami-sai Monthly Service

SEPTEMBER

- 1** **8:30 am (ONLINE ONLY)**
Reservations accepted for
Shichigosan, Totose no Oiwai,
Jusan Mairi, Seijin Shiki
- 5** **2:00 pm (INTERNAL)**
Autumn Thanksgiving Festival
- 10** **11:00 am - 1:00 pm**
(Open to the Public)
On-Site Flu Clinic at the shrine

GOKITO Private Blessings



Three online blessings - - 2 in Japan and 1 on Oahu were performed for restoration of health and strength.

Private blessings may be performed virtually via Zoom, Line and Facetime. Please contact the shrine at: kotohira@hawaiiantel.net



A blessing was requested by a family friend on July 20 for a local student who will be taking the Bar Exam in another state.

This student will be uprooting from Honolulu to an exciting position in New York, once she's admitted to Bar.

Remember your many years of hard work, preparations and determination.

Ganbatte and go forward with confidence!!!

le barai or House Blessing promotes spiritual healing for your residence. A House Blessing was performed for a home in Kapahulu on July 13.



TANABATA

From ancient times, the Japanese have embraced the awes of nature by celebrating the changing of the seasons.

Among them are 5 major festivals called *Sekku* or *Go-Sekku*. They are: *Jinjitsu* (January 7), *Joshi* (March 3), *Tango* (May 5), *Tanabata* (July 7) and *Choyo* (September 9).



As in most Japanese festivals, all 5 *Sekku* involves sake.

On *Jinjitsu* (1/7) medicinal herbs such as cinnamon, ginger, rhubarb, bellflower are mixed into sake to boost the immune system for a healthy year ahead.

On *Joshi* (3/3) peach leaves are mixed with sake for physical and emotional balance.

On *Tango* (5/5) chopped Iris leaves are mixed into sake to eliminate toxins and to strengthen the body.

On *Tanabata* (7/7) *Amazake*, a sweet non-alcoholic sake is served to relieve fatigue.

On *Choyo* (9/9) *kiku* petals are mixed in sake for good health and longevity.

The present day *Tanabata* is actually a combination of several festivals:

1) Chinese tradition called *Qixi* which dates back to over 2600 years ago - - where young people wished for skills in sewing, craftsmanship and penmanship.

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Wishes were written on rectangular strips of paper which was the inspiration for *Chilseok* in Korea and *Tanabata* in Japan

2) Ancient ritual of *Tanabata-tsume* where shrine maidens wove cloths for the *kami*

3) Chinese legend of the Cowherd and Princess - two lovers who cross the Milky Way to meet once a year



Tanabata was observed at the shrine from July 1 - 7.

Tanzaku tags were available to visitors to write their wishes for the annual celebration.

Mahalo Selena - for your kind wishes for everyone's safety !

Mahalo to Diane Nishida for crafting the *Tanzaku* tags every year.

SHICHIGOSAN

The shrine has been receiving many calls and emails regarding Shichigosan and Jusan Mairi 2022.

The dates for 2022 are:
10/23 (Sun) ~ 11/20 (Sun) .

We have offered Totose no Oiwai (Special Blessings for 10 year olds) and Seijin Shiki (Coming of Age blessing) since 2017.

The four Rites of Passages mentioned above are offered with complimentary kimono rental and dressing, Chitose-ame candy (for Shichigosan only), omamori, goody bag and a special reusable bag.

Online reservations will begin on September 1 at 8:30 am.

We longer accept phone or fax reservations. Please visit

www.jinja.us in mid-August for details.



WELCOME



E Komo Mai Reverend Yuki Fujimori, Mr. Fujimori and Diann Horita!!!

Rev. Yuki Fujimori is the Chief Priestess and Diann, the president of Hilo Daijingu.

Rev. Fujimori was born and raised in Okayama

prefecture and received her priest's training and apprenticeship at Atsuta Jingu Gakuin in Nagoya.

Rev. Fujimori became the 8th priest at Hilo Daijingu in March 2021.

MAINTENANCE

An alarming amount of litter is left on Olomea Street, in front of the shrine every day.

It is becoming more and more difficult to maintain a pristine neighborhood and any safety measures for public safety.

