

# Hawaii Kotohira Jinsha • Hawaii Dazaifu Tenmangu



Prayers of remembrance were offered at Punchbowl National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific, Makiki Cemetery and Mo'iliili Japanese Cemetery to express gratitude for our Armed Forces for the freedom we enjoy, for opportunities to flourish and for the security of the land.

Bill & Keiko Doughty  
 Bryson & Reiko Goda  
 Adeline Ichino  
 In Memory of Bob Harada  
 Rodney & Sharon Isa  
 James & Melba Kurashige  
 Yae Miko  
 Steve Miwa  
 Kuniomi Miyashita  
 Shinken & Marilyn Naitoh  
 Craig & Diane Nishida  
 Hisako Onuki  
 Akiko Sanai  
 Gary & Linda Shinsato  
 Robert Stallings  
 Gary Taketa  
 Yoshiaki Watanabe

## JUNE

- 1 1 pm**  
Chinowa cleanup & prep
- 2 9:30 am - 1 pm**  
Chinowa for People & Pets

## JULY

- 1 - 7 8:30 am - 4:00 pm**  
Tanabata Wish Tags available in shrine
- 7 2 pm**  
Tsukinamisai Monthly Service

## AUGUST

- 3 1 pm**  
Back to School Blessing Cleanup & Prep
- 4 10 am - 1:00 pm**  
Back-To-School Blessing

## CHINOWA FOR PEOPLE & PETS

Come celebrate all creatures at our annual Chinowa for People & Pets.

On **June 2 (Sunday) 9:30 am ~ 1 pm** leashed or caged pets and people of all faiths are welcome for a complimentary blessing steeped in ancient tradition.

Reservations are not required. Parking available in the shrine "barking" lot and street parking on Olomea.



# GOKITO Private Blessings



House Blessings were performed for two homes - one in Maili, where neighbors discovered a deceased elderly tenant during a welfare check.

The other home was in the Royal Summit subdivision where owners bid a ceremonial farewell to the family home before placing it on the market.



E Komo Mai to Hisako Onuki of London, UK. Hisako visited the shrine for a private blessing for success in graduate school to acquire the necessary skills needed to advance in her field.

Hisako ended her visit with a presentation of a *Fue* flute solo.

In 2016, Hisako established a school for children in London to share Japanese language and culture after school and on weekends.



Earning a Ph.D. is no small feat - it's a monumental testament to dedication, intellect and perseverance.

Congratulations to the shrine's 2020 Scholarship recipient Keng-Hsien Chao and his parents who flew in from Taichung, Taiwan to savor each moment of the commencement experience.

Best wishes, as you embark on a career in Geophysics at Tokyo University.



Jordan Kimura graduated from UH Manoa's Shidler School of Business

Congratulations to the Shrine's 2020 Scholarship recipients for their graduation from college this month. We're so happy for you - - keep on shining!!!



Cassie Carlyle graduated from New York University Tisch School of Arts



This Cattle Egret has been coming to the shrine every day for a few weeks.

Cattle Egrets were introduced to Hawaii from Florida in 1959 to control flies that were harassing cattle on the Big Island.

They're said to be territorial and aggressive but this little egret isn't threatened by human presence and prances up and down on the hedge when it sees Rev. Takizawa.

Since 1918, many pin a red poppy on their shirts on Memorial Day as a sign of respect.

The Friday before Memorial Day, is National Poppy Day.

Poppies are handmade by veterans as part of their rehabilitation and distributed by the American Legion Auxiliary in exchange for donations that assist disabled and hospitalized veterans.

The poppy is worn in many WWII Allied countries including the USA, UK, Australia, Belgium, Belgium, New Zealand and Canada.



This is the 29th year that *Koi Nobori* were billowing above the shrine in celebration of *Tango no Sekku* or Boy's Day.

Carps have been flown in Japan since the 1700s in hopes that boys will be spirited, courageous and determined like the carps that swim upstream.

E Komo Mai to two of Rev. Takizawa's elementary school classmates from Nagoya.

Buddies for 63 years - they are now in their late 60's with a bond that is stronger than ever.



# TORII GATE PROJECT

The shrine's *torii* gate was erected in 1932.

It was designed and fabricated in Japan with the names of its donors carved into the poles and shipped to Hawaii.

Shrine members assembled the pieces and erected the *torii* in its present location.

Though concrete is considered a durable material, even it can succumb to wear and tear over time.



To increase the service life of our *torii* gate and getting it to the required safety level of serviceability - - repairing and strengthening it is of great importance.

Repairs and restoration began on May 20 by Akamai Builders to restore it to its original state.



During WWII, Shinto shrines and other Japanese American organizations were considered a hub of subversive activities.

Many *Isseis* found it difficult to change allegiance, however *Nisseis* were eager to allay suspicions.

After the attack on Pearl Harbor and amidst the prejudice and fear, several families felt compelled to scrape off the names of their *Issei* parents who contributed towards the *torii* gate.

Look closely at the back of the main *torii* the next time you're at the shrine.

83 years after the outbreak of WWII, the Stars and Stripes can be seen billowing over the shrine on every US holiday and at our festivals - - a testament to our unwavering loyalty to our nation.

The once despised *torii* is now one that welcomes a community of diverse people and a place where traditions have been translated into modern relevance.



The State Department of Transportation closed off one lane on Olomea Street from 4/22 - 4/27 to place road surfacing markers or rumble strips in the center of the street.

Aggressive driving such as changing lanes abruptly and speeding increased on Olomea in recent years. Street racing occurs on weekends from around midnight.

A shortage of garbage collectors for West Oahu Aggregate (WOA) is to blame for the trash piling up in the Kalihi area.



WOA announced that there is a shortage of workers with the commercial drivers' license needed to operate garbage trucks and have not been able to service their clients since early April.



WOA recommended the shrine find another company if we choose to continue dumpster service.



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