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"The veterans of our military services have put their lives on the line to protect the freedoms that we enjoy. They have dedicated their lives to their country and deserve to be recognized for their commitment."

~Judd Gregg

#### **December**

- 2 pm Tsukinamisai Monthly Service
- 9 am 4 pm Early Hatsumode (Personal Visit) Early Omamori Selection (In the Basement)
- 5:00 pm Cleanup and setup in the Preschool
- 8:30 am 4 pm (Closed 4 pm 8 pm) 8 pm - 2 am (Closed 2 am - 8 am) (1/1 New Years Day) 8 am - 4 pm Hatsumode • Omamori available in the preschool Off-site parking at Damien School with free shuttle

11:30 pm (Internal) Toshikoshi no O-harae Yearend Purification Ritual

#### Gokito Private Blessings



May this be your best birthday yet!



A Car Blessing was performed on 11/14





An Inurnment ceremony was performed for 4th-generation shrine supporters that live a few doors down from the shrine.

Family members gathered at a grave site in Honolulu Memorial Park which will be the final resting place for the two women who lived in Los Angeles and in Hilo.

Inurnment is the process of placing ashes into a cremation urn or placing the urn in the grave, tomb or crypt.

Whereas, interment is the burial of a casket-encased corpse in a grave, tomb or crypt.

#### MAHALO Shichigosan Volunteers

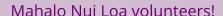
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We couldn't have blessed the children this Shichigosan season without you -- the heart and soul of the shrine's events! Thank you for wholeheartedly embracing our

mission to share the endearing traditions of Shichigosan, Jusan Mairi and Totose no Oiwai with the greater community.

It isn't easy to work in the same spirit week after week.

We would like to express our heartfelt thanks to **Hanayagi Dancing Academy**instructors and to all who

instructors and to all who have devoted their time and energies with their highest commitment.

### Shichigosan Cleanup

Gayle Fujihara Bryson Goda Reiko Goda Kathy Hamada-Kwock Stacie Hata Milton Kwock Marilyn Naitoh Craig Nishida Diane Nishida Gary Shinsato Linda Shinsato Jasmine Umeno





Vednesday, November 9, 2022

By Lineay Dower Today

Japanese Shichi-go-san rite-of-passage services see increase in demand



Oahu organizations offering services for Shichi-go-san, the annual Japanese rits-of-passage celebration

are noticing an increase in demand as COVID-19 concerns decline.

Places like the Hawaii Ketchra Arehs and the Japanese Cultural Center are already fully booked with consolidation, both of which said out in a matter of days. "2019 was on last (Shichi-go-basin) event." said Nate Gyotoku, president and executive director of the Japanese Cultural Center. If think them were a list of families that other missed their 5-year-old one, and this is the last chance for (the age of) 7 because risk been two years.

The Lagureus' Cultural Center found is 60 available resis-valions fully booked after two days, while Haxal Kotohira Janha found is 200 availableten killy abouted after eight. "Reverence canceled some of our monthly somicious to accommodate the children," said interno Takizawa, a voluntier ay Kotohira Janha. "We sere side to open up a firm mone side... To we have a long warder that we can't fulfil. We leat badly, but is the firms on also we notify the production."

Sticturge-tean celebrations are said to have originated in the Helan period, back when aging goot infanc was considered a significant misotone. The occasions traditionally takes place Nov. 15, when families coelebrate children ages 7, 5 and 3 by dressing them in kimono, having their pictures taken and fawing them because by Shinto pristors.

The occasion's coming-of-age traditions also include keeping children's heads shaved until the age of 3. By white reached 5 years old would be citified in main recurse kinten for the first first, while 7-year-old girls would finish be actived to wear a large-abel, called an old, over their kinten.

Places like the Japanese Cultural Center and Hawai Korohira Jinsha offer complete services that include a provided kimono, a Shinto blessing and professional photos.

The shrine's Shichigosan was featured in an article on various Shichigosan events on Oahu.

The shrine celebrates 28 years since initiating kimono dressing and have blessed over 8,000 children.

#### Maintenance

The light switch in the Kotohira-side of the shrine malfunctioned in late October.

Rev. Takizawa opened the switch cover to find a rusted wall plate from the 1980s and an army of ants.

A switch is only one component in a complex electrical circuit that begins at the circuit breaker panel, runs through electrical wiring in the walls to the light switch, then through additional wires to a light

fixture.

Mahalo nui to shrine friend **Mike Lee** for purchasing and installing a new replacement - - resolving the electrical issue and preventing a potential fire.



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