

Hawaii Kotohira Jinsha Hawaii Dazaifu Tenmangu

September 2015

a place where ancient traditions thrive



Autumn Thanksgiving Festival 秋季感謝大祭

There are numerous *matsuri* or local festivals in Japan as almost every shrine celebrates one of its own.

Most festivals are held annually and celebrate the shrine's *kami* or a seasonal or historical event.

The word *matsuri* can refer to any occasion for offering gratitude to a *kami* at a shrine. It comes from a word meaning 'to entertain' or 'to serve'. *Matsuri* is also used to refer to Shinto festivals.

Autumn festivals are meant to

give gratitude for the rich harvests and the bounties we receive from nature

Hawaii Kotohira Jinsha - Dazaifu Tenmangu celebrated its annual Autumn Thanksgiving Festival on Sunday, September 27 in a solemn ceremony officiated by Rev. Masa Takizawa and assisted by Rev. Akihiro Okada of Daijingu Temple of Hawaii, Rev. Naoya Shimura of Hawaii Ishizuchi Jinja, and Rev. Jun Miyasaka of Izumo

Taishakyo Mission of Hawaii.

Shauna Arakaki performed Toyosaka no Mai followed by the presentation of *tamagushi* by the attendees.

Shrine president, Dr. Shinken Naitoh closed the ceremony by expressing his mahalo to all the friends of the shrine for their help and support.



MAHALO for your generous donations

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Shrine Visitors



15 Students from Dr. Jay Sakashita's Religion class at Leeward Community College visited the shrine for a mini lecture on Shinto on September 22.

CONGRATULATIONS



Chad and Kei Enoki were blessed with Naia, a beautiful and healthy little girl. May she bring you many years of sugar, spice and everything nice!



Shrine Maintenance

Repairs and upgrades continue at the shrine.

A bit of sparkle was added to the parsonage's bathroom by some major repairs and upgrades by Bob Harada and Ivan Sugai.

Mahalo Nui to Mike Lee and Bob Harada for doing minor repairs and maintenance

MAHALO Volunteers

Jason Akamine
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Terrence Teruya
Chris Urata
Pam Verrey
Ilene Wong
Kaede Yanagihara
Angela Yoshimoto
Cate Yu

Otaku Summer Festival

The Otaku Summer Festival was held on Sunday August 23 with Herbert Kyle - the voice of Goku on Dragon Ball Z, fun games and great vendors.



Tea Houses in Hawaii

In Japan, an *ochaya*, literally means "tea house" and is an establishment where patrons are entertained by geisha.

At one time in Hawaii, there were over 30 such tea houses.

Japanese teahouses in Hawaii were built about 110 years ago as bathhouses. Many Japanese laborers never married, and the teahouses became a place for them to gather. By the 1930s, tea houses were exclusive restaurants with furo and geisha entertainers.

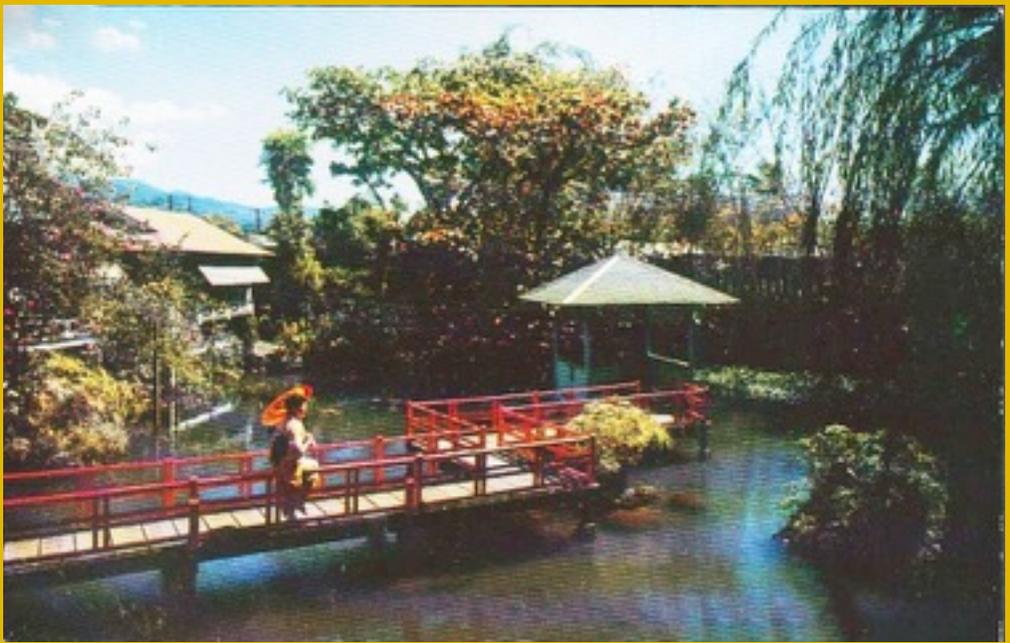
One of the largest and most popular tea house was Mochizuki Tea House, located in Liliha.

Hisaichi Fujita was the owner of Mochizuki Tea House from the 1920s to 1955.

Upon his death, his children, George and Fumiko Fujita operated as partners until it closed its doors in 1973.

The original Mochizuki Tea Garden was located in Waikiki.

Mochizuki Tea House was a



The famous koi ponds of Mochizuki Tea House in Liliha

sprawling complex with six small Japanese-style houses and a main dining building for larger parties up to 100 people. It is said that sake was served during Prohibition and shamisen music played by geisha could be heard nightly.

In the 1930s, many celebrities could be seen dining at Mochizuki. Among them were Shirley Temple, Walt Disney, Robert Montgomery, Al Jolson, Bing Crosby, Myrna Loy and Babe Ruth.

In the 1960s, Gov. John Burns hosted a dinner for Jacqueline, John Jr. and Caroline Kennedy, several years the assassination of President Kennedy.

The Kunawai Terrace condominium now stands on the 1-acre property that was once Mochizuki Tea House.

The developers capped the natural bubbling spring and left a small pond at Kunawai Springs Park, near the former site of the Mochizuki Tea House.

Other tea houses on Oahu were - Nu'uuanu Onsen on La'imi Street in Nu'uuanu, Kanraku on Kohou Street in Kapalama, Shinonome Besso by the University of Hawai'i on Kalei Road, Seaside Gardens in Waikiki - near the Ilikai, Moanalua Tea House near Moanalua Gardens, Rainbow Gardens on Kunawai Lane and Ishii Gardens on Huna Street off Kuakini Street.

Many didn't survive World War II, as it seemed unpatriotic to dine at Japanese establishments. By the 1960s, tea houses began evolving into banquet facilities for parties.

Natsunoya, which means "summer house," is the last remaining teahouse in Hawaii.

Shuji Fujiwara had a small teahouse in Alewa Heights in 1921, named Shunchoro. In 1958 Shuji Fujiwara's son, Lawrence Fujiwara Sr., took over and changed the name to Natsunoya.



Tatami mat rooms at Natsunoya

Shichigosan Children's Festival

October 18 ~ November 22

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The first Shichigosan blessing was held on August 18 for the Miyazawa family from Japan.



Reservations for Shichigosan and Jusan Mairi have been accepted since September 1.

Visit our website at www.e-shrine.org for details and online reservation forms.

2015 Events	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
	18 Sunday 3:00 pm Tsukinamisai Monthly Service	1 Sunday 3:00 pm Tsukinamisai Monthly Service	5 Saturday 8:30 am Mochi Making
	18 Sunday 24 Saturday 25 Sunday 31 Sunday 9:00 am - 4:00 pm Shichigosan Jusan Mairi	1 Sunday 7 Saturday 8 Saturday 14 Saturday 15 Sunday 21 Saturday 22 Sunday 9:00 am - 4:00 pm Shichigosan Jusan Mairi	6 Sunday 3:00 pm Tsukinamisai Monthly Service

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