

Hawaii Kotohira Jinsha Hawaii Dazaifu Tenmangu

where ancient traditions thrive

Spring Thanksgiving Festival

春季感謝大祭

The Spring Thanksgiving Festival of Hawaii Dazaifu Tenmangu commenced at 3:00 pm on April 24 officiated by **Rev. Masa Takizawa**, **Rev. Nobuyuki Baba** of Dazaifu Tenmangu, **Rev. Akihiro Okada** of Hawaii Daijingu and **Rev. Naoya Shimura** of Hawaii Ishizuchi Jinja. **Gon-guji Sumihide Maeda** represented Dazaifu Tenmangu by participating in the presentation of *Heihaku* and *Tamagushi*. The miko dance *Toyosaka no Mai* was performed by **Shawna Arakaki**.

Kyodan President **Dr. Shinken Naitoh** welcomed guests and presented certificates of appreciation to **Joseph Law** and **Jay Sarmiento** of Damien High School for updating the shrine's website as part of their community service.

A time of fellowship followed with a delectable array of Japanese delicacies prepared by the ladies of the Fujin-kai under the direction of President **Miyono Shimoda** and Vice-President **Kumiko Sakai**.

Adding to the enjoyment was *Shishimai* by **Bob Harada**, classical Japanese dances by students of Sensei **Hanayagi Mitsu-yuri**, traditional Korean dancing by students of **Chae Hee Lee** of Chun Sa Rang, Matsuken Samba by **Fumiko Nishida** and **Yuki Terasaka**, a karate demonstration by the students of Sensei **Alan Lee** of Senbukan Dojo and karaoke by **Masateru Nakazato**.

The special day was a memorable and enjoyable time of sharing

Mahalo to all who participated and helped in the planning, preparation and clean-up to make this event a success.



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Honolulu Then.....

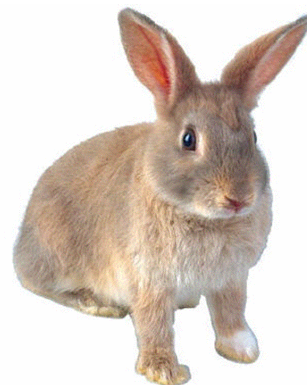
Chunky's, once the hotspot of Honolulu cruising life was a popular drive-in on the corner of King and Isenberg Streets.

Located across the old Termite Palace aka Honolulu Stadium, Chunky's was home to the "gravy all over" plate lunches.



Pet Blessing

ペット清祓い



June 5, 2005 Sunday
10:00 am - 2:00 pm
Call 841-4755 for more info

MAHALO Damien High School

Founded in 1962, Damien Memorial High School is a private Catholic school, named after the world famous Apostle, Father Damien de Veuster.

Damien students are expected to excel both inside and outside of the classroom and are strongly encouraged to be involved in extracurricular activities, which expose them to opportunities to develop and extend skills not normally developed in a traditional classroom setting. Damien therefore, offers a wide variety of co-curricular and extra-curricular activities to students which includes a computer club that has graciously agreed to update the shrine's five year-old website as a community project.



Website designer Jay Sarmiento and instructor Joseph Law



We would like to extend a special Mahalo to **Axel Obara** who spearheaded and coordinated the project to fruition.

Our sincere gratitude goes out to Principal **Michael Weaver**, instructor **Joseph Law** for his guidance, **Jay Sarmiento**, **Joshua Sagradaca** and **Allan Agustin** for their contributions of amazing creativity and time in imbuing new life into the shrine website.

Please visit the newly designed shrine website at:
www.e-shrine.org

Aloha and Mahalo to **Rev. Sumihide Maeda** and **Rev. Nobuyuki Baba** of **Dazaifu Tenmangu**, Fukuoka for taking time out of their busy schedules to grace us with their presence at the Spring Taisai.

Dazaifu city was the administrative center of Kyushu from around the 8th to the 12th century. The most famous among Dazaifu's historic sights is Dazaifu Tenmangu, established 1103 years ago as the main shrine of the several thousands of shrines dedicated to Sugawara Michizane.

On July 24, 1952, a Gobunrei authorized for worship by Dazaifu Tenmangu of Fukuoka was brought to Hawaii by Yotaro Fujino. Since, Hawaii Dazaifu Tenmangu has been revered by many Issei from Fukuoka and their descendants.

We would also like to extend our sincere Mahalo to **Guji Nobuyoshi Nishitatakatsuji** for his continuous support of the Hawaii shrine.

Aloha and Welcome to Hawaii



Rev. Sumihide Maeda



Rev. Nobuyuki Baba

Spring Thanksgiving Festival



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Shawna Arakaki
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Honolulu
Fukuoka Kenjin-kai

2005 Autumn Kyushu & Yamaguchi Tour

October 24 - November 3, 2005
(11 Days & 9 Nights)

For more Info:

Tatsukichi Kobayashi 593-9387
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MAHALO

Takashi & Tei
Takizawa

for their donation of a
koinobori set.

This special Koinobori
was designed by a
famous Nagoya artist
and handpainted using
fabulous gold accents.

The koinobori will be
on display at the
shrine until early May.



卯月 Uzuki - April

日本では旧暦四月を卯月と呼び、現在では新暦四月の別名としても用いる。卯月の由来は卯の花が咲く月「卯の花月」を略したものというのが定説となっている。

April is also known as Uzuki or the month of the Unohana or Deutzia flower. April has long been a month of renewal for the Japanese people. The school year starts in April, as does the fiscal year for most Japanese companies. College students graduate from school in March and start working on April 1st.

April is also considered the most beautiful season of the year. A special event called "Hanami," takes place wherever you find flowering cherry trees. "Hana" means flowers, "mi" means watching. People gather under a cherry tree to appreciate the beauty of the pink petals. Partiers drink sake, eat, sing songs and even dance to celebrate the coming of spring.



SHRINE CALENDAR

MAY 五月

- 15 3:00 pm Tsukinami-sai 月次祭
29 8:00 am Honolulu Shinto Renmei Memorial Day Service
ホノルル神道連盟メモリアル・デー・サービス

JUNE 六月

- 5 10:00 am - 2:00 pm Pet Blessings ペット清祓い
12 3:00 pm Tsukinami-sai Monthly Service 月次祭

Honolulu Shinto Renmei Memorial Day Service

May 29, 2005 Sunday
8:00 am Punchbowl Cemetery

followed by visits to
Makiki Cemetery
Moiliili Cemetery

Hinoe-uma - the Fire Horse



1966 was a Horse year, a special kind of horse - a Fire Horse or *hinoe-uma* in Japanese. Japanese women who were born in 1966 and the previous Fire Horse year in 1906 battle superstitions about themselves all the time. Fire Horse women are called dangerous, headstrong and deadly to men. This may sound quaint to western ears, but the 1906 Japanese herd was subjected to poverty because they could not marry. Now 99 years old, many of the surviving *hinoe-uma* women are poor and homeless. The 1966 herd has it a bit easier, but they still fight superstitions.

Hinoe-uma are seen as ambitious, rebellious, independent and impossible to contain. These all sound like perfectly fine qualities to Americans, but in Asia these are not necessarily good qualities in women, as wives are supposed to be submissive and dependent, not ambitious or headstrong.

Thankfully, the attitudes are changing. The Japan Hinoe-uma Association, formed by six *hinoe-uma* women, is an organization dedicated to bettering the fate of the roughly 1,300,000 *hinoe-uma* women born in Japan. It's interesting to note that the birth rate for 1966 was down a half million as compared to the previous and succeeding years. Such was the prejudice against the *hinoe-uma* women that parents who had girls that year often delayed registering their births to keep them from having to deal with the stereotypes.