



February 2026 如月 (Kisaragi)

Sensei's Message

Waipahu Taiyoji Members and Friends,

Time goes by so quickly, and we are already nearing the end of January.

The Year of the Horse in 2026 is considered a year filled with passion and momentum, offering many opportunities to move forward. Hinoe-Uma (Fire Horse) represents the combined power of fire and energy. This year encourages us to take on new challenges or revisit things we may have nearly given up on, as these efforts may lead to positive outcomes.

We usually plan for the OTAKIAGE Service in February. What is "OTAKIAGE" ??

Otakikage is a ritual performed when parting with cherished items related to deities or Buddha, such as the belongings of the deceased or treasured possessions. Through prayer and chanting, these items are purified and honored before being burned in a sacred fire. *It is conducted at shrines, temples, or by specialized professionals.

Purpose of Otakiage

Otakiage is performed to guide the deities, spirits, or souls residing within objects back to their original places, to offer prayers for the feelings and spirits imbued within the items, and to express gratitude. It is not merely disposal but a ritual with religious significance.

Items Eligible for Otakiage

The following items are generally accepted for Otakiage:

Items related to the Buddha or deities:

Amulets, talismans, household shrines, Buddhist altars, Buddhist statues, memorial tablets, etc.

Belongings of the deceased:

Items cherished by the deceased, photographs, letters, etc.

Items with sentimental value:

Dolls, stuffed animals, and other cherished possessions that one feels reluctant to discard.

Items Not Accepted for Burning

Items that emit harmful substances when burned or pose a fire or explosion risk cannot be accepted.

Important Notes

- Local ordinances generally prohibit individuals from burning items outdoors.
- Waipahu Soto Zen Temple Taiyoji accepts items for Otakiage.
- It is customary to return amulets and talismans to the temple where they were originally received.

If you need more information, please call the temple office @(808)671-3103.

In Gassho,
Rev. Ryokei Ishii





Keizan Zen Master



Taiyoji Buddha



Dogen Zen Master

過ぎ去った 日のことは 悔いず
(Sugisatta Hinokotowa Kuizu)

“Do not dwell with regret about the past.”

By The Teaching of the Buddha

In Memoriam

We would like to extend our deepest sympathies and condolences to the families of the late: **MARY TOSHIKO ENDO**, who passed away at the Age 96 on Saturday, January 17, 2026.

August 11, 1929 ~ January 17, 2026

May the love and blessing of the Compassionate Buddha be with you.

In Gassho 合掌



Important Announcements!!

- **2026 Pari-Nirvana Day Service & Kannon-ko Service**

Sunday, February 15, 2026, 9:30 A.M.~

- **Otakiage Service**

Sunday, February 15, 2026, 10:30 A.M.~

- **Nihon-Go Circle**

Every Wednesday, @6:30 P.M. ~ 8:00 P.M.
If you are interested, please call the office.

- **Sewing Club**

Tuesday, February 10 & 24, 2026, 6:00 P.M.~

- **Zazen Meditation**

Saturday, February 14, 28, 2026, 7:00 P.M. ~
If you are interested in doing Zazen, please join us!

- **Temple Clean-up Day**

Sunday, February 22, 2026, @8:30am~11:30am (lunch to follow)
Please come and help!

- **2026 Year of the Horse T-Shirt**

On sale @ Waipahu Taiyoji \$25 each
SORRY!! L and XL are sold out!!!



- **Temple hours in February**

We are open 7 days a week, 8:00am~2:00pm (Office Hours)
Nokotsudo (Columbarium) open 7 days a week, 8:00am~2:00pm (Mon~Fri)
8:00am~3:00pm (Sat~Sun)
Just in case I am out, please call the temple before you leave your house.

2026 Annual Membership Meeting
1-18-2026



2026 New Year's Party
1-18-2026



Thank you for coming to the NYP!!

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**Thank you for your beautiful performances.
(Nihon buyo, Taiko, Dances, Ukulele, Okinawa music, Shishimai)**

2026 Special Donation in January

Kenneth Tsugawa	Daihannya Service
Colleen Uranaka	Daihannya Service
Linda Nakasone: Sewing club	General Donation
Pauline Oasay	General Donation
George Sakurai	General Donation
Lynne Minehira	General Donation
Michael & Leatrice Watanabe	General Donation
Kenneth Tsugawa	General Donation
Jan Hara	General Donation
Kenneth Suzuki	General Donation
Henry Rietz	General Donation
June Yokota	General Donation
Ruth Watanabe	General Donation
Yoneko Higa	General Donation
Lois Sato	General Donation
Karen Naguwa	Daihannya Service
Patricia Doran	In Memory of Late Isao Sato 37th year Memorial Service
Kathryn Koshi	Zazen Kai
Kenneth Kimura	Donation for New Year's Party
Hiroko Kamitani	General Donation
Jennifer Narimatsu	Taiyoji Taiko
Candace Takahashi	Taiyoji Taiko
Henry Rietz	In Memory of Late Henry Morisada
Noreen Kenjo	General Donation
Ann Hasegawa-Taira	General Donation
Carol Oyama	General Donation
Kelsie Okamura	General Donation
Lynn Okamura	General Donation
Peter Shimabukuro	General Donation
Mildred Kihara	Donation for New Year's Party
Robin & Mariko Hirata	Donation for New Year's Party
Shane Motoda	General Donation
Sadie Watanabe	General Donation
Elton Watanabe	General Donation

We appreciate all heartfelt Donations





2026 Waipahu Taiyoji February Memorial Services

Phone: (808) 671-3103 / Email: waipahutaiyoji@gmail.com

1st Year (2025)

Richard Kyoichi Kaya 2/5/2025
George Michio Watanabe 2/13/2025
Bobby Hajime Kiyono 2/26/2025

25th Year (2002)

Shizuko Matsuda 2/10/2002
Virginia Sashiko Uyesugi 2/19/2002
Tagae Horiuchi 2/27/2002

3rd Year (2024)

7th Year (2020)

Yochi Tamura 2/16/2020
Margaret Chieko Matsufuru 2/17/2020
Lucy Tokie Watanabe 2/20/2020

27th Year (2000)

33rd Year (1994)

Yui Yamada 2/15/1994
Kimie Shigemura 2/24/1994

13th Year (2014)

Raymond Masaichi Fujioka 2/10/2014

37th Year (1990)

Fujie Kato 2/12/1990
Fanny Koyako Inouye 2/19/1990

17th Year (2010)

Fumiko Ayakawa 2/7/2010

50th Year (1977)

Kozo Mishina 2/2/1977

23rd Year (2004)

Rin Kato 2/14/2004
Toraki Kurshima 2/18/2004

100th Year (1926)

Tokumori Takara (Son) 2/14/1926
Saburo Kanno (Mother) 2/20/1926
Katsuei Takahashi (Son) 2/23/1926
Kitaro Okawa (Daughter) 2/26/1926
Goroharu Takeuchi 2/27/1926

**Please contact Rev. Ishii to make a Memorial service appointment.
Please bring Ihai (Memorial tablet), picture, offering of flowers and food.**

If you have any question, please let Sensei know.

In Gassho



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 10:00~ Taiko Practice	2	3	4 9:00~ Baika Practice 18:30~ Nihon_Go Circle	5 18:00~20:30 Sanshin Class	6 8:30~ Nokotsudo Clean up Day	7
8 10:00~ Taiko Practice	9	10 18:00~ Sewing Club	11 9:00~ Baika Practice 18:30~ Nihon_Go Circle	12 18:00~20:30 Sanshin Class	13 8:30~ Nokotsudo Clean up Day	14 19:00~ Zazen
15 9:30~ Nehan-e Service & Kannon-Ko Service 10:30~ Otakiage-Service 14:00~ 16:00 Bon Dance Practice	16	17 18:00~ Sewing Club	18 9:00~ Baika Practice 18:30~ Nihon_Go Circle	19 18:00~20:30 Sanshin Class	20 8:30~ Nokotsudo Clean up Day	21
22 8:30~ Temple Clean-up day 12:30~ Taiko Practice	23	24	25 9:00~ Baika Practice 18:30~ Nihon_Go Circle	26 18:00~20:30 Sanshin Class	27 8:30~ Nokotsudo Clean up Day	28 19:00~ Zazen

2026 March Schedule (Schedule is subject to change)		
11th	14:00~16:00	Bon Dance Practice
22nd	9:30~	Spring Higan Service & Kanno-ko Service
4th, 11th, 18th, 25th	18:30~20:00	Nihongo Circle
13th, 20th, 27th	9:30~	Yoga Class
14th, 28th	19:00~20:00	Zazen
10th, 24th	18:00~20:00	Sewing Club
Thursdays	18:00~20:30	Okinawa Sanshin Practice
Fridays	8:30~	Nokotsudo Clean-up day
Saturdays	9:00~12:00	Okinawa Dance Practice (NO practice in March)
Sundays	TBA	Taiko Practice