



# Rinzai Zen Mission Newsletter

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## 80th year Obon a successful one!

Thank you for your volunteering and participation in making another very successful Obon. The Rinzai Zen Mission is well functioning in its original purpose of maintaining Okinawan culture and religion on Maui, because of you. I hope to see you next year and many more years to come. Thank you very much.

皆様方のおかげで、80年めのお盆を無事に終わることが出来ました。本当にありがとう御座いました。心より御礼申し上げますと共に今後ともよろしくご援助いただけます様伏して願ひ上げ奉ります。

--Rev. Ryoza Yamaguchi

We were honored to have Reverend and Mrs. Keikou Okamoto of Awase, Okinawa as special guests. Reverend Okamoto is a descendant of Reverend Nanshin Okamoto, the founder of the Rinzai Zen Mission.

Thank you again for your kindness. It humbles us in knowing that we have so many friends and supporters.

May you have good health.

In Gassho,

--Reverend Ryoza Yamaguchi,  
Abbott, Rinzai Zen Mission  
--Alan Nago, President  
--Janet Miyahira, Treasurer  
--Elaine Fujita, Secretary

## Thank you to All



The Rinzai Zen Mission recently concluded another successful Obon Festival, thanks to the help of our members, family, and friends.

Each year we are fortunate to have the support and help of so many people in all different aspects of the festival activities allowing us to share our culture and achieve our goal of presenting to the community the only Okinawan Obon festival on the island.

Our sincere gratitude to Reverend Seiya Chisaka and the Myoshinji Temple for their generous support throughout the years. Our thanks also to the farmers who generously donated their produce, flowers, and plants, and as always, our appreciation to the Maui Okinawa Kenjin Kai for their hard work in providing the food for the concession stands. Every year, the community looks forward to eating all the wonderful Okinawan delicacies that they prepare.

Happy  
Birthday

Photo by Hachi



Longtime member **Mr. Howard Oshiro** celebrated his 99th birthday on the day of our Obon. He (and the rest of us) were treated to impromptu dance performances by Ms. June Konno and Sensei Eric Wada, with sanshin music provided by Sensei Norman Kaneshiro. Congratulations, Mr. Oshiro! We'd all be mighty fortunate to be as healthy as you are at age 99!



## Update on Craft Fair

Save the date and mark your calendars for Sunday, November 11th, 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. We will be holding a craft fair/rummage sale as a fund raiser for the church and will be gratefully accepting donations of baked goods, craft items, and rummage sale items. So now is a good time to start cleaning out those closets of things you rarely use or clothing you no longer wear that are still useable and in good, clean condition. If you wish to donate or if you have any questions or need additional information, please call Alan Nago at 281-7181 or email Fran Nago at [frannago@live.com](mailto:frannago@live.com) Come check it out -- get a head start on your holiday shopping at the craft booths, discover a treasure at the rummage sale, or purchase some goodies to satisfy your sweet tooth. See you there!

## Temple Schedule

Sept. 9, Sun. Cleaning Day  
Sept. 16, Sun. Fall Ohigan Service. 10:00am  
Oct. 14, Sun. Cleaning Day  
Oct. 21, Sun. Daruma-Ki Service. 10:00am



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