



# Rinzai Zen Mission Newsletter

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## *It's summertime. Obon time again!*

The Rinzai Zen Mission is pleased to invite you, your family, and friends to our Obon service and dance. Come and experience the traditional dance styles of Okinawa, the only one of its kind on Maui. The schedule is as follows.

**August 16 (Saturday)**

**6:00 p.m. - Service**

**7:00 p.m.- Bon Dance**



Recalling our history, we did have our Obon service under a blue tarp and danced on grassless ground on Labor Day weekend of 1987, the year our entire temple was lost due to a suspicious fire. The parking was only within our sanctuary grounds and a temporary restroom was built with fire-damaged materials. We built a stage, strung chochin (lantern) wire, made benches, and so on. We had just enough Issei and Nissei who wanted to keep our culture alive for future generations.

Please let us keep their wish alive and help us with anything you are able to do, and keep us going for many more years to come.

今年もいよいよ夏、お盆が近づいてまいりました。昔は7月から始まりましたマウイの各お寺のお盆も、今年はまだ6月に4つも終わってしまいました。

メンバーが本当に少なくなり、毎年心配しながらどうにか続いている私たちのお寺ですが、どうやら今年もお盆を迎えることが出来そうです。なんとかがんばって今年も盆踊りの輪を境内に広げましょう。



## *Bon Dance practice*

Our Bon Dance practice will be only four Tuesdays: July 15, 22, 29, and August 5, starting at 7:00 p.m.



Please come to Paia and enjoy practicing Okinawan dance. Bring your friends too for some fun times!

## *Tanagya - Obon home service*

Rev. Yamaguchi is ready to take phone calls from you who wish to have Obon service at home. Please make an appointment by calling 268-2209.

## *Bazaar*

We would appreciate donations for the bazaar. Fruits (bananas, oranges, mangoes, pineapples, lemons, etc.), vegetables, plants, and cut flowers are welcome.

Baked goods (bread, mini cake loaves, cookies, bars, party mixes, etc.) are also good sellers. Mochi other than nantu would be good too. Health Department rules don't allow for baked goods with cream, nor rice dishes, unless they're made in the RZM kitchen on the date of sale. All baked goods must be labeled with ingredients. Please list ingredients in the order of quantity, listing the major ingredients first. If you wish the labels be done for you, please bring a copy of the entire recipe.

Bazaar items may be brought to RZM on Saturday, the morning of the Obon. If you wish to have your donated item sold at a certain price, please make a note of it or let us know.

## *Schedule*

- July 13(Sun) Cleaning Day
- 15(Tue) 7:00pm Bon Dance Practice begins
- 20(Sun) 10:00am Service
- Aug. 5(Tue) 7:00pm Last Bon dance practice
- 10(Sun) Cleaning Day
- 15(Fri) Set up tents and Dressing rooms  
8:00am Making Nantu
- 16(Sat) 8:00am Bring in bazaar items  
**6:00pm Obon Service**  
**7:00pm Bon Dance**
- 17(Sun) Clean up

**Manpower will be needed on Friday, August 15, 8:00 a.m. to set up the large tent and to get the dressing room ready. And the tent must be taken down on Sunday, August 17. Please kokua. Thank you.**

