



Rinzai Zen Mission Newsletter

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NEW YEAR'S MESSAGE **from Rev. Yamaguchi**

I would like to wish you a very healthy, happy and prosperous New Year for the upcoming year of 2014, the year of the horse.



The horse works hard alongside people and are gentle with people. They have been just like members of the family and lived next to humans like dogs have been. But they can run away from us or fight against us too, if we are not kind and gentle to them.

Let's try to be kind and gentle to all human beings and to all living things in this coming year.

新年明けましておめでとうございます。今年はずま年です。馬は昔から人と一緒によく働き、おとなしい動物です。大切に家族同様にいたわってあげれば本当に愛着のわく動物です。しかしそんな馬でもひどいあつかいをうければ逃げもしますし、向かってくる事も有ります。人間が本当に人間らしく生きるという事は、他人や動物に対してやさしさを忘れないという事です。きっといろいろなことの起こるであろう一年、やさしさを大切に健康なお年をお迎え下さい。

TEMPLE MAINTENANCE

Have you seen the new roofs on the three main buildings and the bell house?

This is the 25th year of the rebuilt Rinzai Zen Mission and it started to leak in the main temple building. It is so fortunate that we have very dry winters here in Paia and we could finish all three buildings at the same time. The bell house was way overdue, but nobody lived under it and nobody complained. The bell house now has 50-year presidential shingles. All other buildings have 30 year shingles. We hope our buildings stay in good shape in the years to come.

Thank you very much for your support for this very important project. Because of your generous DANA(donation) we are still able to keep going as the only Rinzai Zen temple on Maui. Our Vice President Mr. Valentino Dieguez has been in charge of this project and worked hard to oversee this work, from choosing a contractor to checking the workmanship. Thank you Val, job well done!

SCHEDULE

Dec.31(Tue) 11:30 pm New Year's Eve service & Big Bell ringing

Jan.12(Sun) Cleaning Day

Jan.19(Sun) 10:00 am New Year's Service and party.

Election of officers.

Come & enjoy the food and Bingo!

2:00 pm First Tea of the New Year by Urasenke. You are all invited



Feb.3(Mon) to Feb.7(Fri) Leela Foundation retreat

Feb.9(Sun) Cleaning Day

Feb.16(Sun) Nehan-e,
Shakyamuni Buddha's memorial day

Feb.28(Fri) to Mar.3(Mon) Sesshin, Zazen retreat

SCHEDULE FOR MEMORIAL SERVICES

(Okinawan Style)

<u>Term period</u>	<u>Year of Death</u>
1 year	2013
3 years	2012
7 years	2008
13 years	2002
17 years	1998
25 years	1990
33 years	1982

(Ufusuko: important, and last one)



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