



Rinzai Zen Mission Newsletter

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Thank You!

A heartfelt appreciation to all of our members and supporters at the Rinzai Zen Mission who helped organize another successful Obon festival! It's a challenge for our small group of volunteers to put together such a huge event, not to mention the potential threat from not one, but two, hurricanes! But as in past years, we pulled through because of your dedication and perseverance. We would not be able to survive without all your hard work and are truly grateful for your support. Thank you very much!



Until we meet again, we wish you good health!

In Gassho,
Alan Nago, President
and Board of Directors, Rinzai Zen Mission

今年も無事に恒例行事のお盆を了えることが出来ました。

私たちのお寺はメンバーはずいぶん減ってしまいましたが、お盆はどんどん大きくなりました。

踊り手もボランティアも見物人も増えて、びっくりする様な賑わいでした。

年に一度の行事に何日もボランティアしてくださいました皆様、寄付をしてお寺の継続を助けてくださいます皆様、本当にありがとう御座いました。

心から御礼申し上げます。

Mahalo!

Many Thanks also to:

Young Okinawans of Hawaii for their invaluable support

Maui Ryukyu Culture Group for the live music and dance leaders

Maui Okinawa Kenjin Kai for handling the concessions

Ukwanshin Kabudan and Ryukyukoku Matsuri Daiko for intermission entertainment

Maui Zendo for assistance with parking

New photos on our website!

Our website (rinzai-maui.org) is created and maintained by Brian Lieberman who was in the Baldwin Park parking lot as one of our traffic controllers on Obon day. He has received many beautiful photos from Masako Cordray who has been taking photos of our Obon for years. You will find her beautiful photos for the last couple years and will soon have this year's one, if not posted already. Masako and her husband Greg have given us beautiful flower arrangements for every major ceremony too. You may find yourself or a family member on our site. Enjoy!

Scenery change on our grounds.

Tropical Storm Iselle landed in the early morning of July 20. Five trees and a light post fell on the makai side of our grounds. The winds were so strong that they knocked down many trees at the Country Club and the county property on the beach, as well as the Maui Electric post in Baldwin Park. Thanks to our president Alan Nago and the demolition workers next door, we were able to clear all downed trees and branches before the Obon.

You may have realized that the house on the beach is now gone and fewer trees are there. It is a very bare land now between the ocean and us. We hope the Pacific Ocean will give us many more years to enjoy our sanctuary.

Mark your Calendars

Sat., Sept 20.

Maui Okinawan Festival at Maui Mall.

Sat., Oct. 11. 7:00 a.m.-Noon.

Maui Ryukyu Culture Group Rummage Sale at RZM. You may drop off items at RZM on Friday, Oct. 10, after 1:00 p.m.

Temple Schedule

Sept. 14 (Sun). Cleaning day.

11:30 a.m. RZM Board Meeting

21 (Sun). 10:00 a.m. Fall Ohigan Service

Oct. 12 (Sun). Cleaning day

19 (Sun). 10:00 a.m. Daruma-ki Service

