



Rinzai Zen Mission Newsletter

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Summer 2016

Welcome to our Obon

Our annual Obon Festival will soon be here, and on behalf of the Rinzai Zen Mission, I would like to invite you to attend. It will be held on Saturday, August 20, 2016 with services to begin at 6:00 p.m., and Obon dancing and entertainment at 7:00 p.m.

Please come and share in our heritage at the only Okinawan Obon festival here on Maui. We look forward to seeing all of you!

Alan Nago, President
Rinzai Zen Mission



今年もお盆の季節がやってまいりました。八月二十日土曜日、夕方六時法要、七時踊りです。どうぞご家族、ご友人お誘い合わせて、マウイ唯一の沖縄スタイルお盆にお越しください。皆様のご来場を楽しみにお待ちしております。

護持会 会長
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Bon-dance practice

ONE NIGHT ONLY:

Tuesday, August 9, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Please come to Paia and enjoy practicing Okinawan bon dance!

Obon Night

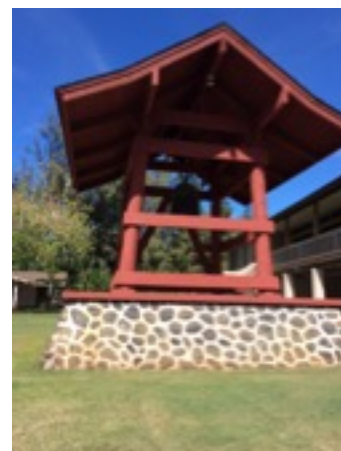
Do you remember that we had a large number of college students called Ryukyu Kajimaya in our Obon circle three years ago? It was one of our most memorable Obon of our 85 year history in Paia.

This year we will have almost thirty student dancers from Yaeyama Norin High School of Ishigaki Island in southern Okinawa. We are so sure that whoever comes to our Obon on August 20th will have a very enjoyable night with their dance and our music.

Repair and Maintenance

We are always aware of our oceanfront location and condition of buildings. Windward areas get lots of damage with salt air, not only metals, but lumber too.

This year, we have repaired the guest house stairs, Bell House, and the ocean side of the Temple building with contractor Japo Yokoyama's help. We also



changed all the lights in the Temple to LED lights and hope that they last many years.

The Bell House got new paint after many years, thanks to a donation from our president Alan Nago.

We are lucky to have nice grass for the Bon Dance because of Vice President Ken Findeisen. All officers and directors are working hard to maintain our beautiful facilities.



We still have some sand in front of our back gate.

Nobody can tell what will happen next year in our weather or scenery around our property, but we collected a large amount of sand last winter and we now still have a good amount of sand in front of us. Plus, many many people are enjoying the beach and ironwood trees next to us.

Temple Schedule

- July** 10(Sun) Cleaning Day
17(Sun) Service - 23rd memorial service for Rev. Seido Chisaka
- Aug.** 9(Tue) 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. Bon Dance practice
14(Sun) Cleaning Day
19(Fri) Obon setup
We need many people's help!
20(Sat) 8:00 a.m. Bring in Bazaar items
6:00 p.m. Obon Service
7:00 p.m. Bon-Dance
21(Sun) clean up
- Sept.** 11(Sun) Cleaning Day
18(Sun) Autumn Ohigan Service

Other Event

- Sept. 24(Sat) Maui Okinawan Festival at Maui Mall



A blind man, even while blind, is fundamentally whole and perfect. The same is true of a deaf-mute. If a deaf-mute suddenly regained his hearing, his perfection would no longer be that of a deaf-mute. Were this saucer on the table to be broken, each segment would be wholeness itself. What is visible to the eye is merely the form, which is ever-changing, not the substance. Actually the word "perfect" is superfluous. Things are neither perfect nor imperfect, they are what they are. Everything has absolute worth, hence nothing can be compared with anything else. A tall man is tall, a short man is short, that is all you can say. There is a koan where in reply to the question "What is the Buddha?" the master answers: "The tall bamboo is tall, the short bamboo is short." Kensho [enlightenment] is nothing more than directly perceiving all this in a flash.

—Zen Master Hakuun Yasutani (1885-1973)
in The Three Pillars of Zen by Philip Kapleau