



Rinzai Zen Mission Newsletter

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Thank you,
everyone, for
contributing to another
successful Rinzai Zen
Mission Obon Festival.
With a wonderful team
of volunteers, some
coming from as far away as the continental East
Coast, we were able to put together a terrific
Obon Festival for our Maui community.



We had a beautiful evening with food offerings from Maui Okinawa Kenjin Kai and first-time Thai food truck, Nui's Garden Kitchen, and hope we satisfied everyone's food cravings. Along with our Obon dancers, our other entertainers such as Maui Ryukyu Culture Group, Ukwanshin Kabudan, Young Okinawans of Hawaii, and Allison Arakawa kept our audience fascinated. We are grateful for continued guidance of Reverend Ryoza Yamaguchi and deeply appreciate the continued support of Reverend Seiya Chisaka, his daughter Tae, and everyone at the Myoshinji School of Japan. Also, great appreciation to the Maui Zendo Group for an excellent job with the parking.

It's always a daunting task to present our Obon every year considering we are made up of just 60 members. Only because of the generosity of our members, families, and friends have we been so successful. We are very fortunate.

We here at the Rinzai Zen Mission are forever grateful for your generosity and support. We continue to look forward to our good fortune. May all of you be in good health and spirits.

遠くは東海岸、全国からのボランティアの皆様と共にとても盛大なお盆を了えることが出来ました。沖縄県人会やタイ料理の出店で満腹。素晴らしいエンターテイメントで一夜を楽しく過ごして頂きましたことと存じます。陰で助けて頂きましたビジネスや一生懸命駐車場を運営されましたマウイ禅堂の皆さん本当にご苦労様でした。千坂和尚様には今年も本当にお世話になりました。先生始め妙心寺派の永年のご協力には心から感謝です。たった60人の信者でここまで行事が続けられるのは一重に皆様方のご援助の賜物です。本当に有り難う御座います。皆さまのご健康をお祈りいたします。

In Gassho,
Alan Nago
President, Rinzai Zen Mission

Give Aloha Program

During the month of September, you are invited to make a donation at any **Foodland** or **SackNSave** checkout. Foodland and the Western Union Foundation will add to that donation. You may donate up to \$249 per Maika`i Card per non-profit organization. Check your receipt for organization name, donation amount, and your Maika`i Card number. Keep for your records.

Please consider donating to the following who helped with our obon. Mahalo. Ippe nifee debiru. Thank you very much.

#78980 Rinzai Zen Mission
#78959 Ukwanshin Kabudan
#77922 Maui Okinawa Kenjin Kai
#78711 Maui Ryukyu Culture Group

Annual Erosion Report

Everyone on Maui knows that this year is very different from other years for growth of flowers and trees. We also realize the ocean has different moves from last year. The annual erosion is very slow this year. We still have a large sandy beach in front of us.



So many acres of old cane fields have burned on Maui this summer. Across Hana Highway, very close to our Mission, also had a fire that consumed a few hundred acres. The land is showing the blackened scenery everywhere but we still have a beautiful sandy beach in Paia. (A matter of time?)



*This is a wonderful day.
I've never seen it before.*

—Maya Angelou

Temple Schedule

Oct. 13 (Sun) Cleaning Day

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

Nov. 1 (Fri) - 6 (Wed) Sesshin, Intensive Zazen Retreat

10 (Sun) Cleaning Day

17 (Sun) 10:00 a.m. Service

Dec. 7 (Sat) All day Zazen

8 (Sun) 10:00 a.m. Jodo-e Service

(Buddha's Enlightenment Day)

15 (Sun) End of year cleaning

31 (Tue) Joyanokane, End of Year Bell

*** Obon 2020***

August 22 (Sat). See you again.