

# Hawaii Kotohira Jinsha - Hawaii Dazaifu Tenmangu

JUNE 2018



The annual Chinowa for People & Pets was performed on Sunday, June 3

# MAHALO

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## MAHALO VOLUNTEERS

6/3 Sunday

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# Chinowa for People & Pets

A procession of people, dogs, cats and a rabbit went through the Chinowa ring on June 3 for the annual Chinowa for People & Pets Blessing at the shrine.

Some pets hung around for "yappy hour" while others slurped Pet Shave Ice in the "barking lot".

Mahalo Nui to **Damien**

**Memorial School** for use of their parking lot, **Carole Omura** and her students from **Kobe Womens College**, **Niki Libarios** of **Hawaii Doggie Bakery** and **Trinity Do** of **Keiki ID** for enhancing the visitors experience at the event.





# Chinowa Cleanup & Prep

Cleanup and prep for Chinowa was done on June 2. MAHALO NUI to the many volunteers who helped to clean and prep for the annual event.

## MAHALO Volunteers

Midori Abe  
Victoria Hallett  
Bob Harada  
Arthur K. Isa  
Kell Komatsubara  
Marilyn Naitoh

Shinken Naitoh  
Craig Nishida  
Diane Nishida  
Gary Shinsato  
Linda Shinsato



# Honolulu Shinto Renmei Memorial Day Service

The annual Memorial Day Service of the Honolulu Shinto Renmei was performed on Sunday, May 27 at Punchbowl, Makiki Cemetery and Moiliili Cemetery. Performing the ceremony were Rev. Takizawa and Rev. Abe from the shrine, and priests from Hawaii Daijingu and Hawaii Izumo Taisha.



# Long Distance Blessings

Two long distance blessings were performed on May 28.

Rev. Takizawa performed a blessing for a high school student in Tokyo, taking his college entrance exam to the School of Medicine of a prestigious National University.



Rev. Abe performed a blessing for a medical student in Tokyo, about to take an exam for the Pharmacist National Licensure, one of the components of the licensure process to practice as a pharmacist in Japan.



# Baby Blessings

Congratulations to the families that have been blessed with a new life.

The Baby Blessing is an opportunity for family and friends to gather together to give thanks and welcome the child into their hearts and lives. The gift of a baby's presence brings joy and happiness to the hearts of all who love them.

The blessing is also meant for the child to be always surrounded by the warmth of family and protected through all the wonderful and difficult things the years will bring.



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# An Act of Kindness

One small, thoughtful gesture can make someone else's day...

In early April, Rev. Abe went out of her way to accompany two elderly Japanese tourists to the bus stop and made sure they made their way to their final destination - Don Quixote.

The shrine received a letter from the *Saitama* couple expressing gratitude for the unexpected act of kindness and for changing a challenging situation into a memorable one.



A *Seishiki Sanpai* ceremony was performed on May 16 for Rev. Abe's mother and sister who flew in from Fukuoka for a brief visit to the islands.



A wedding was performed on June 2 for a couple from Los Angeles.

A Shinto wedding ceremony is beautiful in its solemnity and rituals and is characterized by *Sansan kudo* or ritualized drinking of sake.





# Maintenance

The paint project of the banisters continued on May 12.

## MAHALO Volunteers

Midori Abe

Kenyu Oshiro

Tiare Faatafuga

Gary Shinsato

Bob Harada

Linda Shinsato

Arthur Isa



# CALENDAR



## JULY

1 3 pm  
**Tsukinamisai**

1- 7 9 am ~ 4 pm  
**Writing of Tanabata wishes**

## AUGUST

4 1 pm  
**Cleanup & Prep**

5 10 am ~ 2 pm  
**Back-To-School Blessing**

## SEPTEMBER

29 1 pm  
**Clean up and prep**

30 3 pm  
**Autumn Thanksgiving Festival**