

# Daifukuji Soto Mission

*Treasuring the Past, Embracing the Present*

*Looking forward to our 2014 centennial celebration!*



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## Temple & Grounds Clean Up Day

*Sunday, June 10*

8:00 a.m.

Members and temple groups, please lend us a hand in cleaning our temple and grounds for Obon. Bring rags, buckets, gloves, and garden tools labelled with your name. Refreshments will be provided. Any amount of time that you are able to offer will be greatly appreciated.

Questions? Please call clean-up day chairperson Ron Iwamoto at 322- 9147.

## Daifukuji Bon Dance

Saturday, July 14



8:00 a.m. Yagura set up, hall set up, & festival preparations. We humbly ask for your kokua.

6:00 p.m. Opening service in front of yagura.

6:30 - 10:00 p.m. Bon Dance, Taiko performance, Daifukuji Taiko's Food Booth

10:00 p.m. Bon Dance ends. Clean up.

*Sunday, July 15 at 8:00 a.m. Yagura dismantling and clean up. Help is needed. Onegai shimasu.*

## Daifukuji Obon Service

Sunday, June 24

10:00AM



Guest Minister: Rev. John Myoshin Lang

During Obon, our ancestors and departed loved ones are remembered with gratitude, and families and communities are strengthened. Love and support are extended to the families who are observing their departed loved ones' first Obon or *hatsubon*. Please join us and plan to stay for the fellowship luncheon following the service.

## Toba Requests

If you are interested in making a toba memorial dedication in memory of a departed loved one or your family ancestors, please fill out the TOBA request form that's on page 9 of this newsletter. We request that forms be mailed or delivered to Daifukuji Soto Mission no later than June 3, 2012.



## **Domo Arigato from Rev. Jiko**

“Our temple is alive!” was the comment made by one of our members after the bazaar. How true, I thought with deep gratitude. Every day for two weeks leading up to bazaar day, there were volunteers here, bustling about in the hall & kitchen, and folks coming by to drop off their donations. Our members spent countless hours sorting items,

pricing them, preparing jams and jellies and sushi vinegar, baking manju and other goodies, & working endlessly. We had a remarkable turnout of volunteers on bazaar set-up day, and there were folks inside the kitchen from before 2 a.m. on the day of the bazaar -- working, working, working! I’m sure that many of you suffered from sore legs and sore backs after the event and hope you’ve all recovered. Ours is truly an AMAZING Sangha! Thanks to all of you, our building fund has been replenished by the bazaar proceeds. *Gokurosama deshita.*



### **Bon Dance Sessions**

It’s time to put on your dancing slippahs! Dance instructor Winifred Kimura will be leading bon dance practice sessions in the social hall from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. on the following dates:

June 5, 12, 19, 26 (Tuesday evenings)

July 3, 5, 10, 12

New to bon dancing? No problem. Beginners and folks of all ages are welcome. We just do our best, follow along, and have fun. Perfection is not required.

Bon dancing is good exercise. Bring your friends!

### **Obon Home Visits**

Please call Rev. Jiko at 322-3524 if you would like to have prayers offered at your home altar during the Obon season. She would be happy to make a visit to your home and offer the chanting of the sutras to your family ancestors & departed loved ones.

### **Hatsubon (First Obon)**

We surround with love those families who are observing their departed loved ones’ first Obon, known as *hatsubon*. We send our loving thoughts to the families of the late:

Bernard Mochizuki

Tadao Sugai

Evelyn Kadooka

Kikuno Asada

Ruth Nishida



### **Keauhou O - Bon Festival 2012**

Dance the night away to the beat of the taiko! Enjoy dancing, drumming, and food.

Date: June 9, 2012

Time: 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Place: Keauhou Shopping Center Phase II Parking Lot

Featuring: Kona Hongwanji Taiko & Kona Daifukuji Taiko

Free admission. Sponsored by the Kona Hongwanji Mission. For information, call 323-2993.

## In Memoriam

To the family of the late Ruth Hatsue Nishida, 75, who passed away on April 24, 2012, we express our sincere condolences.

We also send our loving thoughts to the family of the late Helen Jikyu Kishi of Wahiawa who passed away on April 3, 2012. Helen served as a temple assistant at the Wahiawa Ryusenji Soto Mission, as a UHSSWA president, & as a secretary for the Hawaii Soto Mission Association.

*Namu Shakamuni Butsu*



## Jizo Prayer & Kannon-ko Service

**Wednesday, June 20 10:00 a.m.**

Each year in June a special service is held in honor of Jizo Bosatsu, the stone bodhisattva who sits outside in his beautiful red shrine. Jizo Bosatsu, or Ojizosama as he is affectionately called (Kshitigarbha in Sanskrit), is regarded as a protector of travelers and children. So great is his compassion that he descends into the hell realms to save suffering beings.

Jizo Kotoba will be read in memory of deceased children. To offer a prayer for a child in your family, please give his or her name to Rev. Jiko prior to the service. (Suggested donation: \$2 per kotoba)



## Congratulations

Congratulations to Faye Osako and Munekage Morichika whose Buddhist Confirmation Ceremony was held at Daifukuji on April 15, 2012. Faye received the Buddhist name “Bigetsu,” meaning “Gracious Moon”; Mune received the name “Hōkai” meaning “Ocean of the Dharma.”

Congratulations are also extended to Tony Setsuo Takai whose Confirmation Ceremony was held on May 1, 2012. In becoming a disciple of the Buddha, Tony received the name “Gyokuhō” meaning “Jewel of the Dharma.”



## Mahalo Nui

Thank you very much to Shiraki Dry Cleaners for donating the laundering of the 33 Kannon table cloths.

*Domo arigato* to Wayne and Darlene Hakoda of Hakoda’s Builders Appliance for donating a new refrigerator to our temple for use in the minister’s residence.

*Mahalo nui loa* from bazaar co-chairs Joyce St. Arnault & Ron Iwamoto to all of our temple’s dedicated members & friends who contributed to the success of this year’s bazaar.



## UHSSWA Conference Held on Oahu

Rev. Jiko, Amy Jikai Nakade, Joyce St. Arnault, Elaine Fernandez, Merle Uyeda, Ann Nakamoto, and Eileen Matsumoto from Daifukuji attended the 47th Annual United Hawaii Soto Shu Women's Association (UHSSWA) Conference the weekend of April 21 & 22. The two-day event, hosted by the Wahiawa Ryusenji Soto Mission, was held at three locations: Ryusenji, the Ala Moana Hotel, and Soto Mission of Hawaii.



Over 130 Fujinkai members from Hawaii's Soto Zen temples gathered for the opening ceremony at Ryusenji. UHSSWA president Joyce St. Arnault of Daifukuji conducted the annual meeting, which was followed by lunch & the always exciting Country Store fundraiser. (Thank you very much to Reiko Sekine, Mary

Nakagawa, Nancy Osako, Sakae Oshima, Setsuyo Oshima, Mitsue Oshima, Jane Okano, Evelyn & Jack Tabata, Gladys Arase, Matsue Ikeda, & Hilda & Fusao Sugai for donating items for the Country Store.)

That evening, the conference banquet was held at the Ala Moana Hotel, where the keynote speaker, Dr. Joyce Tsunoda, had everyone mesmerized by the true story of her life.



Sunday's morning service, which was held at the Soto Mission of Hawaii in Nuuanu, was followed by a meditative "shabutsu" session during which participants traced a drawing of O-jizosama.

The conference helped strengthen the bonds among the Fujinkai members and guests from our various temples. Many warm thanks to all who made this conference possible! Next year's conference is going to be hosted by the Taishoji Soto Mission of Hilo.

### Bazaar Evaluation Meeting

Bazaar committee heads, as well as interested members, are invited to attend a bazaar evaluation meeting which will be held after the baccalaureate luncheon on Sunday, May 27th in the social hall. If you cannot attend, but have suggestions for improving next year's bazaar, please give your suggestions to your department head or to Rev. Jiko, Joyce, or Ron.



### Blessing of the Graduates

The following high school graduates will be attending the Baccalaureate Service on May 27th: Brittany Denzer, Rachel Inouye, and Ciara Cetraro. The blessing will follow the Memorial Day Service which will start at 9:30 a.m. All are invited.

## **Death and Dying Seminar**

By Velvet Replogle

The seminar on “Death and Dying in the Buddhist Tradition,” which I attended in Honolulu as a representative of Daifukuji’s Project Dana, was very well attended by between 130 and 140 persons of all faiths. The organizers had not expected such a good turnout and had to turn people away, which tells what an important subject this is to many people. The seminar was held at the Honpa Hongwanji, which is a very large, old, and beautiful temple, the weekend of March 9-10.

On Friday night, Dr. Carl Becker introduced four speakers of four different Buddhist perspectives. They were of the Vipassana or Theravada, Tibetan, Chinese Mahayana Buddhism, and Hongwanji traditions. There were some differences – mainly in burial ceremonies; how long the body rests; how and when and if you reincarnate. They all agreed, however, on the importance of taking refuge in the Buddha, Dharma, and Sangha.

All of the speakers also agreed on the importance of having a calm consciousness to take into the next life. The last moment of consciousness defines how one is reborn into the next realm of existence. Mindfulness or meditation is a good practice while dying. “Do not resist. Accept. Be mindful of what is.” For caregivers and family, there is to be no wailing, arguing, or showing of grief. Avoid strong emotional reactions to reassure and keep the person’s mind calm and peaceful. If one garners good merit in this life there is no need to worry about the next step. One is not judged by the Buddha or any other deity or being, but carried along by the karma one has accrued in his or her lifetime. The transition from life to death is like moving to a new house. The body is a guesthouse and the mind is the guest. In short, LIVE WELL – DIE WELL.

We started the next morning chanting the “Shoshinge.” Then, there was a keynote presentation by Dr. Carl Becker on “Living With Dying: Wisdom and Compassion at the End of Life.” Death does not end conscious life; life will continue in a different dimension. Death is not defeat. The boat sails over the horizon but it doesn’t mean the boat is no longer sailing -- it’s just in a different realm. He told several stories of documented near-death experiences of people who had returned from comas or been pronounced dead, and how Dr. Sam Parnia has catalogued 3,500 patients who were clinically dead and upon return had lucid memories. So, this tells me that if you have a friend or relative in a coma, talk to them as if they can hear you because they probably can.

After someone passes away, the Sangha is important in helping to reconstruct lives and relationships. Healing rituals for remembrance can help reduce the grief and thus help prevent illness, accidents and immune dysfunctions in those who are grieving. Grief & heartbreak cannot be healed with Prozac. It takes listening.

This is just a small part of all the information offered at this seminar. There was also a lot of information on Hospice Care and resources for the aging population. I feel very fortunate to have been able to attend this seminar and learned a lot that will help me in my volunteer activities with Project Dana and Hospice. After all, what is most important is compassion and service.

## Library News

By Clear Englebert



The library has over a dozen books on death. The latest is “Death and the Art of Dying in Tibetan Buddhism” by Bokar Rinpoche. It is written in question and answer format and therefore very easy to read.

The other death books are:

“Letters to a Dying Friend: Helping Those You Love Make a Conscious Transition” by Anton Grosz

“Zen Physics: The Science of Death, the Logic of Reincarnation” by David Darling

“The Tibetan Book of Living and Dying” by Sogyal Rinpoche

“The Tibetan Book of the Dead” in a miniature edition translated by Francesca Freemantle & Chogyam Trungpa

“No Death, No Fear: Comforting Wisdom for Life” by Thich Nhat Hanh

“Buddhist Doctrine of Life After Death” by Nayaka Thera Piyadassi

“Who Dies?: An Investigation of Conscious Living and Conscious Dying” by Stephen Levine

“Healing into Life and Death” by Stephen Levine

“Advice on Dying and Living a Better Life” by the Dalai Lama

“Tricycle: The Great Matter of Life and Death” a special issue of the magazine

“Graceful Exits: How Great Beings Die” edited by Sushila Blackman

“The Wheel of Death” edited by Philip Kapleau

“Zen of Living and Dying: A Practical and Spiritual Guide” edited by Philip Kapleau

The last two are actually the same books in different editions.



### Zazen

Wednesday mornings 6:00 a.m. - 7:15 a.m.

Thursday evenings: June 14 & June 28 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

### Buddhist Movie Night: “The Tibetan Book of the Dead”

Part II: The Great Liberation (If you’ve been wondering about the 49-day journey that one’s consciousness takes after death, this is the film to watch.)

Bring a mug for tea.

Thursday, June 21 7:00 p.m.

### Discussions on Japanese Culture, Buddhism, & Temple Life

Facilitated by Michael Nakade

Saturday mornings 9:00 - 10:00 a.m.

June 30, July 7, July 21, July 28, & August 11

### “My Pilgrimage to India”

Ryan Jigaku Nakade will be sharing stories of his trip to India at the Family Service on Sunday, June 3 at 9:30 a.m.

*These Dharma sessions are open to everyone at no charge. Donations may be given.*

*Please contact Rev. Jiko at 322-3524 if you have questions.*



## An Opportunity for Giving



An elegant cloth banner or *maku* with the two Soto crests is being created for our temple's centennial by local artist Ellen Crocker who has studied fabric dyeing in Japan. It will replace our well-worn & faded banner which was generously donated by Haru Matsumoto in memory of Hisashi Matsumoto in 1972.

The new cloth banner will cost up to \$2,500 including materials & labor. It will be draped across the front of our temple on special occasions such as our centennial celebration & at Obon.

If you or your family is interested in making a contribution toward the making of this special banner, please contact Rev. Jiko at 322-3524.

## Project Dana News



Dr. Robin Seto will be speaking about "Diabetes" at the June 13th gathering of Project Dana. Temple members 60 & above are invited to join Project Dana which happens on the 2nd Wednesday of each month from 8:30 a.m. to noon. For information, call Rev. Jiko at 322-3524.

Wondering what goes on at Project Dana? Rev. Jiko's essay on Project Dana in the Soto Zen Journal "Dharma Eye" can be read online at <http://global.sotozen-net.or.jp/eng/dharma/pdf/29e.pdf>. ("Dharma Eye" contains many enlightening articles on Soto Zen Buddhism.)



## Coming Up in July...

July 14 Daifukuji Bon Dance

July 22 Kona Daifukuji Orchid Club's Annual Orchid Show

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- Sangha Sisters
- Youth Taiko
- Adult Taiko
- Family Service
- Major Service
- Temple Board
- Fujinkai
- Kannon-ko Service
- Project Dana
- Zazen
- Samu
- Special Events
- Baikako Practice
- Dharma Study
- Happy Strummers
- Offsite Backup
- Bon Dance Group
- Teen Sangha
- Orchid Club

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 Memorial Day Service 9:30 am Baccalaureate	28 5:00 PM Youth Taiko	29	30 6:00 AM Zazen 5:00 PM Youth Taiko	31 5:00 PM Zen Taiko	1 8:00 AM Samu	2
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10 Clean-up Day 8 am	11 5:00 PM Youth Taiko	12 7:00 PM Bon Dance Practice	13 Project Dana 8:30 am 6:00 AM Zazen 5:00 PM Youth Taiko 7:00 PM Orchid Club	14 5:00 PM Zen Taiko 7:00 PM Evening Zazen	15 8:00 AM Samu	16 8:30 AM Eden at Home Workshop
17 Happy Father's Day! 8:00 AM Baikako Practice 9:30 AM Family Service	18 5:00 PM Youth Taiko	19 7:00 PM Bon Dance Practice	20 Jizo Service Kannon-ko 10 AM 6:00 AM Zazen 5:00 PM Youth Taiko	21 9:00 AM Tai Chi Practice 5:00 PM Zen Taiko 7:00 PM Buddhist Movie Night	22 8:00 AM Samu	23
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**Daifukuji Soto Mission O-Toba and Ko-Toba Request Form**  
Please turn in by June 3, 2012

YOUR NAME \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

At Obon, Buddhists express their gratitude to their ancestors by making prayer offerings in the form of TOBA. The names of the deceased will be read by the minister during the Obon Service to which you are invited on June 24, 2012. Please send or bring your request form to Daifukuji as soon as possible and no later than June 3 and make checks payable to **Daifukuji Soto Mission**. If you have any questions, please call Rev. Jiko at 322-3524.

**O-TOBA (written on wood)..... Donation \$8.00 per request**

O-TOBA are offered in remembrance of :

1. Your family ancestors as a group (Example: The Nakade Family Ancestors)
2. A family member or friend for whom this is a first Obon (Hatsubon)

Please print names clearly.

*I dedicate the merits of these prayers to.....*

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_

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**KO-TOBA (written on paper)..... Donation \$2.00 per request**

KO-TOBA are similar to O-toba, but are written on paper instead of wood and are a second option. Please print names clearly.

*I dedicate the merits of these prayers to.....*

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
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Your Name \_\_\_\_\_  
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