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 23 8:00 a.m.

Members, as well as 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. We'll begin with a short prayer inside the temple at 8:00 a.m.

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.

As we dust, may we dust away the cobwebs in our hearts and minds; as we clean, may we brighten our thoughts, words, and deeds.

Toba Requests Due June 1

The toba request form was attached to the May newsletter. If you need a form, please see or call Rev. Jiko (322-3524) or find the May newsletter in the "archive" on the temple website.

Daifukuji Obon Service



Sunday, June 30

10:00 a.m.

Dharma message by Rev. John Myoshin Lang of the Taishoji Soto Mission

During the season of Obon, Buddhists remember their ancestors with gratitude and offer *toba* and prayers in their memory. As a Sangha, we also gather to offer our support to those who are observing their departed family member's first Obon, called *hatsubon*.

The following are the names of deceased temple members for whom this is a first Obon: *Tatsuki Kusunoki, Carey Ushijima, Bryan Hanato, Fusae Elsie Teshima, Doris Yamauchi, Wade Furuuchi, Betty Abe, Herbert & Jane Okano, Mitsugi Inaba, & Colbert Nozaki.*

All are invited to attend Daifukuji's Obon service on June 30th. Please join us that day and plan to stay for the fellowship luncheon following the service.



Obon Home Visits

If you would like to have prayers offered at your home altar during the Obon season, please call Rev. Jiko at 322-3524 to make an appointment. She would be happy to make a visit to your home to dedicate the chanting of the Buddhist sutras in memory of your family ancestors and departed loved ones.

Keauhou O-Bon Festival 2013



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

Date: Saturday, June 8

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

Place: Keauhou Shopping Center

Phase II Parking Lot

Featuring: Kona Hongwanji Taiko

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

Bon Dance Practice Sessions at Daifukuji

May 17, 18, & 19



Bon dance sensei Ruriko Hayashi of Kaneohe, Oahu will be making a special visit to Kona to offer three days of Bon dance instruction at

Daifukuji. She'll be reviewing old dances and teaching

new ones. All are invited to attend the following free sessions which will be held in the Daifukuji Social Hall:

Friday, May 17 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, May 18 1:00 p.m.

Sunday, May 19 10:00 a.m.

For Guys Only

A bon dance class **for guys only** will be held on **Tuesday, June 4** from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. in the social hall. For the men and boys out there who would like to learn a few simple dances, this is the class for you! Whether you're a seasoned dancer or a first-timer, come out and join the fun. Guys, this is your chance to be able to jump into the bon dance circle this year. Join the fun!

Bon Dance Sessions for Everyone



Dance instructor Winifred Kimura, with the help of some of Daifukuji's seasoned dancers, will be leading bon dance practice sessions in

the social hall on the following evenings from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.:

June 11	Tuesday
June 18	Tuesday
June 25	Tuesday
July 2	Tuesday
July 4	Thursday
July 9	Tuesday
July 11	Thursday



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 great exercise. Bring your friends.





Daifukuji Bon Dance Saturday, July 13

8:00 a.m. Yagura set up, hall set up, & festival preparations. Kokua

needed.

6:00 p.m. Opening service in front of yagura; incense offering by

hatsubon families

6:30 - 10:00 p.m. Bon Dance, Taiko performances, Special entertainment

during intermission, Snack shop -- a fundraiser for Kona Daifukuji Youth Taiko

Sunday, July 14 at 8:00 a.m. Yagura dismantling and clean up. Help is needed. Onegai shimasu.

Questions about this year's bon dance? Please call Bon Dance chairpersons Wade Yasuda (315-2364) or Bobby Command (895-2416).



Daifukuji's Bare Bones Writers Workshops: A Joyful Experience

By Annick Hart Meyer

It was a very joyful, blessed healing experience to be part of the Bare Bones writers workshops led by Jien McLaughlin. My heart & mind are still digesting the beauty of those heart-filled writing experiences in which I was



able to participate seven times at Daifukuji while I was in Hawaii. What a soothing and inspiring environment we were in, one that brought the best out of all of us Bare Bone writers!

After starting with seven or ten minutes of meditation, Jien, our group leader, would give us a topic. Oh, it was so delightful to write continuously for 7 or 10 minutes, keeping pen on paper, no editing, just go for it!

This process truly brought out our hearts, and it was delicious to hear the stories read out loud by the other writers, who shared such pearls and diamonds of wisdom. Sometimes there was laughter; at other times, tears flowed from the eyes of those touched by the stories of the other writers. After a short break, we would listen to a short story or a poem, from which we'd pick a line or word that spoke to us. Then we would write again for 10 minutes and share our stories.

Amazing, heartfelt, and wise stories came forth, and we all could feel the "heart-vitamins" given to us by writing and sharing in the temple.

I will be traveling home to Switzerland soon and will carry with me the experiences, as well as friends, that I gained by being a member of the Bare Bone Writers Group. I will share these experiences in Europe and come back next year to participate again.

The Bare Bones Writers meet every Tuesday morning from 9 a.m. - 11 a.m. in the Kannon Hall. For more information, call Joanne at 326-4799 (Note: Sessions will not be held at the temple on May 28, July 16, and July 23).

In Memoriam



To the family of the late **Colbert Nozaki**, 89, who passed away April 26, 2013, we express our deepest sympathy.

We encircle you with our love.

Namu kie butsu. Namu kie ho. Namu kie so.

Welcome, New Member



With grateful and happy hearts, we warmly welcome Clarissa Matsumoto into our sangha ohana.

New members are always welcome!



Summer Greetings from Rev. Jiko

Aloha, dear temple members and friends,

The mosquitos buzzing around my face are an indicator that summer is comin' with its warm days and nights, frequent rains, bon dance practices and Obon preparations, and this summer, a variety of Dharma programs and gatherings.

But before my mind skips ahead to all the goodness that summer will bring, I'd like to put my hands together in gassho and sincerely thank you — the members and supporters of Daifukuji — for helping to make our recent bazaar a truly successful one. Every year I am humbled by the tremendous number of volunteer hours that are unselfishly offered before and during the bazaar, by the carloads of donations that come pouring in to fill our social hall, and by the shining spirit of "sangha-hood" that pervades the entire event. The work is hard, tedious, and strenuous, yet everyone pitches in, whether it be in the making of mango pickles or manju, the sorting and pricing of the bazaar items, the setting up of the tents, tables, and benches, or any of the other tasks. Taking my place in the assembly line that was formed to carry everything from inside the hall to the outside tents, I thought about the menehune who were believed to have built stonewalls overnight. Working in harmony, people can do amazing things. Together, we put on a great bazaar. For this, I thank the bazaar chairpersons, committee heads, and our many volunteers and donors. Thank you, too, to all who came to our bazaar to buy the delicious foods, produce, clothing, and all the "stuff" that makes shopping at bazaars so much fun. Thank you, everyone. Gokurosama deshita. You've helped replenish our building fund.

This summer, when we honor the memories of our ancestors at Obon, let us remember to continue to care for our temple with as much devotion as many of them did. The future of Daifukuji rests in our hands and it is up to us to keep the teachings of the Buddha foremost in our hearts, without getting distracted by the trivialities of daily life, to further our understanding of the Dharma, to practice it, and to strengthen our sangha community through the blessings of kindness and compassion.

It is with love and gratitude that I think of you, thank you, and wish you a safe and happy summer & Obon.

With aloha, in gassho,

Rev. Jiko





UHSSWA Conference Held in Hilo

by Rev. Jiko Nakade

Twenty-two strong from Daifukuji attended the 48th Annual UHSSWA Conference in Hilo the weekend of April 20 & 21. Hosted by the Taishoji Fujinkai, the conference was held at Taishoji and at the Naniloa Volcanoes Resort. It was a wonderful reunion for long-time Fujinkai members who enjoyed meeting their friends from our various Soto Zen temples around the state, and a new experience for those for whom this conference was a first.



Our group was warmly greeted by Rev. John Myoshin Lang and the members of Taishoji, whose months of hard work came to fruition that weekend. We cannot thank them enough.

The conference theme "Honoring the Past, Planning for the Future" was addressed with clarity, sincerity, and dynamism by Rev. Lang's wife, Lei Shinoda, who served as the keynote speaker at the evening banquet. During a Dharma session facilitated by Rev. Lang the next morning, conference attendees were encouraged to share their ideas on how to increase membership and bring the next generation of temple and Fujinkai members into the fold. Here are some of the ideas that I jotted down:

* Invite one's friends to the temple. * Welcome newcomers with aloha. * Invite, but let new members decide if they'd like to help in the kitchen. * Offer cultural programs for children. * Offer a variety of activities that are open to the community. * Offer zazen and Dharma study. * Be open to trying new things and thinking outside the box. * Hold temple tours and open house days.

I mentioned how much I've appreciated my temple Board of Directors, who have over the years allowed me to experiment with new programs and supported me as a minister in every way.

It's important that the leaders and members of our Soto Zen temples continue to collectively address this topic on all levels -- within individual temples, at UHSSWA meetings, and at Hawaii Soto Mission Association meetings. At this critical time in our history, we cannot afford to let this topic drop. I am grateful to the Taishoji Fujinkai for selecting this conference theme.

Thank you also to all who generously donated items to the Country Store, a fundraiser for the UHSSWA. In closing, I'd like to say *thank you and gokurosama deshita* to Joyce St. Arnault, who has put in much hard work & successfully completed her term as UHSSWA president. Next year's conference will be hosted by the Taiheiji Fujinkai of Aiea.



Congratulations to (left to right) Don Daido Erway, Joey Taishin Marshall, Thelma Jigetsu Matsumoto, Fiona Meiren McDonough, Joanne Jisen Scribner, and Rose Myochi Obana

Soto Zen Buddhist Confirmation Ceremony Held at Daifukuji

One could say that one of the most moving and joyful ceremonies held at our temple is the Soto Zen Buddhist Lay Confirmation Ceremony. At this year's ceremony, which was held on April 27th and officiated by Rev. Jiko with the assistance of Jill Teiho and Amy Jikai, a group of six temple members received the precepts in the presence of family members and friends. Formally becoming disciples of the Buddha, these members were presented with their Buddhist names, *wagesa*, certicates, and *ojuzu*.

Our Sangha warmly congratulates:

Don Erway -- Daidō (The Great Way of the Buddha)

Joey Marshall -- Taishin (Calm, peaceful heart & mind)

Thelma Matsumoto -- Jigetsu (Moon of compassion)

Fiona McDonough -- Meiren (Clear, bright lotus)

Joanne Scribner -- Jisen (Fountain of compassion)

Rose Obana -- Myōchi (Wondrous wisdom)



This confirmation ceremony was the culmination of a period of study and reflection on the sixteen bodhisattva precepts which form the ethical basis in the life of a Soto Zen Buddhist. Starting in January and ending in April, a series of nine sessions were held on Saturday mornings. Rev. Jiko plans to offer this study of the precepts and confirmation ceremony annually.

Once again, congratulations to Daidō, Taishin, Jigetsu, Meiren, Jisen, and Myōchi!

Big Island Taiko Festival 2013 -- June 8 & 9

Our very own Kona Daifukuji Taiko under the direction of Akemi Iwamoto and Justin Fernandez will be performing in the Big Island Taiko Festival, along with Taishoji Taiko Club, Puna Taiko Club, and Hui Okinawa Kobudo Taiko. There will be two concerts, one on Saturday, June 8 at 7:30 p.m. and



another on Sunday, June 9 at 2:00 p.m. Both concerts will be held at the UH Hilo Performing Arts Center. Tickets are \$10 general & \$5 seniors, students (with valid ID) and children 17 and under. To order tickets, call (808) 974-7310 or order online at http://artscenter.uhh.hawaii.edu.





Kona Daifukuji Orchid Club's Annual Orchid Show & Sale

by Fern Gavelek

The 31st annual Kona Daifukuji Orchid Club (KDOC) show and sale is **Sunday, July 28** at the Daifukuji Soto Mission Hall.

The theme of this year's show is "A Rainbow of Orchids" and the members' annual indoor display of blooming orchids showcases the many colors found in numerous species. Enjoy an elaborate display of live blooming cattleya, cymbidium, dendrobium, phalaenopsis, miltonia, vanda and more. Cameras are welcome.

The show offers attendees complimentary refreshments, plus an orchid boutonniere corsage—while they last. Time is 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Harpist Bonne Mitchell will serenade attendees in the morning and the Daifukuji Taiko drummers will perform outside in the parking lot at 10 a.m.

Got growing questions? Veteran members will staff a Question and Answer Booth where attendees can get expert advice on caring for orchids. The club boasts eight charter members who each have been growing orchids at least 30 years at different Kona elevations.

In addition to the other displays, the annual event offers an outdoor sale of high-quality orchid species and hybrids.

The Kona Daifukuji Orchid Club is West Hawai'i's oldest orchidaceae organization with a mission to learn and foster orchid culture and promote fellowship among orchid collectors. The club meets the second Wednesday of every month at the Daifukuji Soto Mission Hall. For information, visit www.kdoc.us, get club updates at www.facebook.com/orchidsinparadise or phone 808-328-8501.



Jizo Prayer & Kannon-ko Service

Wednesday, June 19 at 10:00 a.m.

Every year in June a service is held in honor of Jizo Bosatsu, whose great compassion is depicted in the form of the stone bodhisattva who sits outside the temple in his beautiful red shrine. Jizo Bosatsu, or Ojizosama as he is commonly called (Kshitigarbha in Sanskrit), is regarded as the protector of travelers, women, and children. So vast is his compassion that he descends into the hell realms to help liberate suffering sentient beings.

Jizo kotoba will be read in memory of deceased children. To offer a prayer for a deceased child, please give his or her name to Rev. Jiko prior to the service.

All are invited to attend this service which is held in front of the Jizo shrine and followed by the Kannon-ko service inside the temple.

Please note that the JULY Kannon-ko service will be held on <u>July 31</u> instead of on the third Wednesday of the month.



Summer Dharma Fun for Children: An Introduction to the Teachings of the Buddha Through Music, Meditation, Yoga, & Stories

Place: Daifukuji Soto Mission

Time: 8:30 a.m. to 9:15 a.m.

Dates: June 15, June 22, June 29, & July 6

Classes will be led by Rev. Jiko & Ryan Jigaku Nakade.
Children of all ages and their parents are welcome.
There is no class fee. Your child is welcome to place a small offering in the offertory box.
To register, please call Rev. Jiko at 322-3524 or send an e-mail to rev. jiko@daifukuji.org.
Your child may attend any number of classes.

For a growing child, the practice of mindfulness, meditation, & peaceful living is a precious gift in today's busy world.

Summer Dharma Classes & Potluck Gatherings

All sessions are free and open to the public.

May this be a summer of warm fellowship in the Dharma!



Understanding the Hannya Shingyo

A talk by Professor Tim Freeman on Saturday, June 22 at 4:00 p.m.

Potluck dinner to follow

Professor Tim Freeman of U.H. Hilo's Department of Philosophy will be explaining the essence of our most frequently chanted sutra, the *Hannya Shingyo*, known in English as the *Heart of Great Perfect Wisdom Sutra*. If you've been dying to know what this sutra is about (even its English translation is difficult to understand), this class is for you. Professor Tim is known for his ability to explain profound subject matters in ways that are clear and understandable to the average person.

Understanding Your Mind

A talk by Jigaku Nakade on Saturday, June 29 at 4:00 p.m.

Potluck dinner & spiritual music to follow

Many of you know Rev. Jiko and Michael Nakade's son Ryan, who now goes by his Buddhist name Jigaku. Jigaku, a soon-to-be graduate of the Ananda College of Living Wisdom, will be returning home for the summer and would like to share some of the knowledge that he gained in college, particularly in yoga, yogic psychology, and meditation, his primary areas of study. His presentation on understanding your mind from a yogic perspective will be followed by discussion, food, spiritual music, and fellowship.

Meditation: Overcoming Challenges

A talk by Jigaku Nakade on Saturday, July 6 at 4:00 p.m.

Potluck dinner & spiritual music to follow

Almost everyone comes to meditation practice because they are suffering and looking for answers within themselves. It is natural for practitioners to encounter obstacles and challenges in their meditation practice. Jigaku will share his own journey and the challenges he's encountered, as well as what he's found to be effective in working with these obstacles. He will talk about why challenges are important, how to work with them, and how to develop a steady meditation practice. His presentation will be followed by discussion, food, spiritual music, and fellowship.

The Practice of Zazen

Two classes by Clear Houn Englebert on August 10 and August 17 from 8:00 am - 9:30 a.m.

These sessions will cover selected readings on zazen or "serene reflection meditation," zendo etiquette, and a demonstration of the various sitting postures. More information will be given in the July newsletter.





Ongoing Dharma Programs: June Schedule



Zen Meditation (Zazen)

- * Every Wednesday morning from 6 a.m. to 7:20 a.m.
- * The following two Thursday evenings from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.: June 13 and June 27

Please arrive a few minutes early to select a chair or cushion (zafu) and find a seat. Beginners are welcome. Call Rev. Jiko at 322-3524 for further information or to arrange an appointment for basic instruction in the practice (Note: There will be two classes on zazen practice on August 10th and 17th).

Buddhist Movie "Old Plum Mountain"

Thursday, June 20 at 7:00 p.m. in the Kannon Hall

"Through the experiences of its members -- as these men and women practice Soto Zen's ancient rituals, do mindful work, cook and serve food, and sit zazen (meditation) -- **Old Plum Mountain** tells the story of the Berkeley Zen Center, one of the oldest, self-sustaining, lay practice centers in the nation." (from back cover of **Old Plum Mountain** DVD) 65 minutes. Highly recommended by Rev. Jiko.

Shakyo and Shabutsu

Saturday, June 15 from 9:30 -11:00 a.m. in the Kannon Hall

Tracing the sutras and pictures of buddhas and bodhisattvas harmonizes body, breath, and mind and brings peace and clarity to one's life. Bamboo brushes, ink, and other materials are supplied. Sessions begin with the chanting of the Heart Sutra and the Four Bodhisattva Vows.

Baikako Plum Blossom Choir Practice

The Daifukuji Baikako Choir will hold its practice session on Sunday, June 16 from 7:45 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.

Family Sangha to Take Summer Break

The last family service before the family sangha goes on summer break will be held on **Sunday**, **June 9** at 9:30 a.m. (Please note that family service will **not** be held on June 2nd). Children are encouraged to join the Summer Dharma Fun Program (see page 9). Family services will begin again on August 11.

Thursday Morning Yoga and Tai Chi Sessions

Ryan Jigaku Nakade, a certified Ananda yoga instructor & yoga therapist, will be offering yoga classes from 7:30 a.m. to 8:45 a.m. on the following Thursday mornings in the Hisashi Kimura Cultural Hall:

June 13, June 20, June 27, July 4, and July 11

Please wear loose-fitting clothes and bring a yoga mat or towel. For information, call Jigaku at 322-3524.

Tai Chi practice sessions with Philip Kakuho Hema are offered on Thursday mornings from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m. in the Hisashi Kimura Cultural Hall. For information call Philip at 345-1492.

Donations collected at these sessions are given to Daifukuji Soto Mission. Mahalo to our instructors!

Scenes from Our Building Fund Bazaar May 5, 2013

A big mahalo to all for a successful bazaar!



BAZAAR EVALUATION MEETING

Bazaar committee heads and interested members are invited to attend a bazaar evaluation meeting on <u>Sunday, May 26</u> after the baccalaureate luncheon. 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.













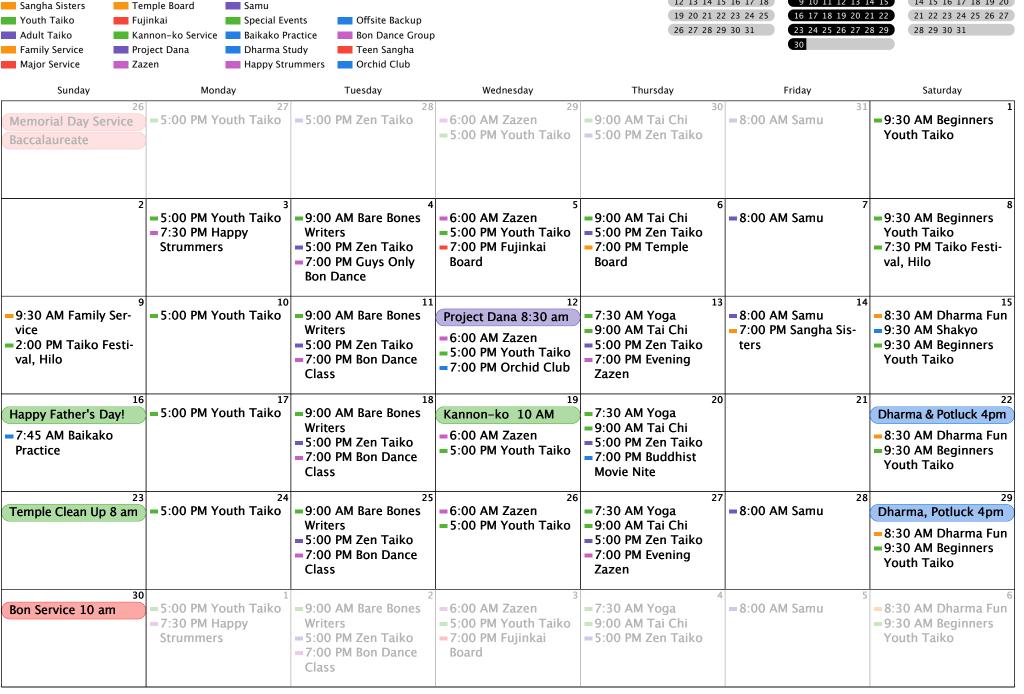








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