

Daifukuji Soto Mission

Treasuring the Past, Embracing the Present Looking forward to our 2014 centennial celebration!



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DAIFUKUJI BUILDING FUND BAZAAR

**Sunday, May 5
9 a.m. - 1 p.m.**

**Items for bazaar may be dropped off
April 22 - May 3**

**Set up at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 4.
Help is needed.**

Questions? Call bazaar co-chairs Joyce St. Arnault (329-3833) or Ron Iwamoto (322-9147).

Come out and join the fun and fellowship!

TOBA REQUEST FORM

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(Deadline for toba requests is June 1)

Memorial Day Service and A Blessing of Our High School Graduates



**Sunday, May 26
9:30 a.m.**

Dharma message by Rev. Jiko Nakade

Prayers for world peace and a remembrance of our fallen soldiers and victims of war, as well as the blessing of our sangha's high school graduates, will be the focus of Daifukuji's Memorial Day Service and Baccalaureate Ceremony. A luncheon to honor the graduates will follow the service. All are cordially invited.

We congratulate the following students who will be graduating in May: Lopaka Command, Justin Raymond, Justin Uchimura, and Ryan Torioka.

If you know of any other graduate whose parents or grandparents belong to our sangha, please inform Rev. Jiko as soon as possible so that an invitation can be sent.

Congratulations to all of our graduates and their families! Omedeto gozaimasu!



Children with their treat bags after the spring egg hunt held on March 17



Family Sangha's field trip to Big Island Bees



Rev. Shuji Komagata (guest speaker), Amy Jikai, Jill Teiho, Rev. Jiko, & Stephen Tanaka at Spring Higan and 33 Kannon Osunafumi Service, March 17.

News from the Temple Board

by Judie Myoko Fekete, Board Secretary

Our temple's centennial celebration is scheduled for October 2014 and the Temple Board is busy with beautification projects which you may see unfolding: the repair of termite damaged koa in altar woodwork and Kannon Hall, the refurbishing of temple altar pieces and pews, the resurfacing of columbarium niche faces, improved handrails and walkways at the cemetery and nokotsudo, and the Kona Daifukuji Orchid Club's gift of a new orchid garden. The making of a new "maku" cloth banner, new altar cloths, and zabuton covers, the installation of new carpeting, and the power washing and painting of the temple building are projects that are coming up in the near future.

Our recent community outreach programs include: opening our temple to the Elderly Activities Division of Parks and Recreation for classes during the re-roofing of Yano Hall, the creation of zazen and tai chi classes for teenage boys at-risk, another series of Amrit yoga classes taught by Ambika Rose, another series of precepts classes leading up to a Soto Zen Buddhist Confirmation Ceremony, a full-day silent retreat, an evening program with Japanese author Dr. Masaru Emoto and a joint Hawaii Association of International Buddhists Buddha Day celebration hosted by the Kona Hongwanji Buddhist Temple.



Daifukuji Baikako choir at HAIB Buddha Day Celebration



Family Sangha Choir conducted by Jikai

In Memoriam



To the family of the late Mitsugi Inaba, 89, who passed away on March 27, 2013, we express our deepest sympathy.

*Namu Kanzeon Bosatsu
We surround you with our love.*

Welcome, New Members



We welcome you with grateful hearts and thank you for joining the Daifukuji Sangha ohana.

Sharen and Dennis Bangay

Joey Marshall, Xavier, and Nina Lin

Sadanori Takeishi & Emiko Okawa

Donation Drive Mahalo

The Daifukuji Fujinkai Women's Association thanks those who donated items which were collected for the U.S. military overseas. All items were sent and no further donations for this project are needed at this time.



An Invitation to Join Project Dana, Daifukuji's Program for Seniors

Want to have some fun? Why not check out Project Dana, Daifukuji's monthly activity morning for temple seniors and those who serve them. It's where the action is!

Who: Daifukuji members age 60 and older.

When: 2nd Wednesday of the month

Where: Daifukuji Social Hall

Time: 8:30 a.m. to noon

Cost: Compliments of Your Temple, Daifukuji Soto Mission

Chair exercises, Games & Prizes, Guest Speakers, Snacks & Lunch, Massage, Birthdays, and More!

Becoming a Bare Bones Writer

By Patricia Missler, Bare Bones Writer



The community was invited to participate in a Bare Bones writing workshop at Daifukuji and a small group of women responded. We came for different reasons, from different backgrounds, different age groups and with different writing styles. What we did have in common was a desire to write and to explore this thing called “bare bones writing,” to learn to write from the heart, to nurture a bond with other like-minded souls in the peaceful vibration of the temple and to have their voices heard in the presence of the compassionate Kannon. Ah, what a great opportunity, what a great gift, and what a challenge!

We arrived at the temple on that first Tuesday morning at nine o'clock as strangers, and now after nine weeks of learning how to stretch our writing muscles and our heart muscles, we are no longer strangers, but fast friends who can share our words freely in a safe and respectful haven.

No matter how often I'm rushing to make it on time to our Bare Bones class, I find a great sense of peace and grounding upon entering the temple and after sitting quietly for our ten-minute meditation session before we begin to write. As I listen to my heart, I write down my thoughts and share them with the group, as do all the other Bare Bones writers. This has been a wonderful journey, so rich, sweet, gentle and fulfilling. You're invited to join our next writing session and experience for yourself the joy in writing from the heart.

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.



In Honor of the Late Hisashi Kimura

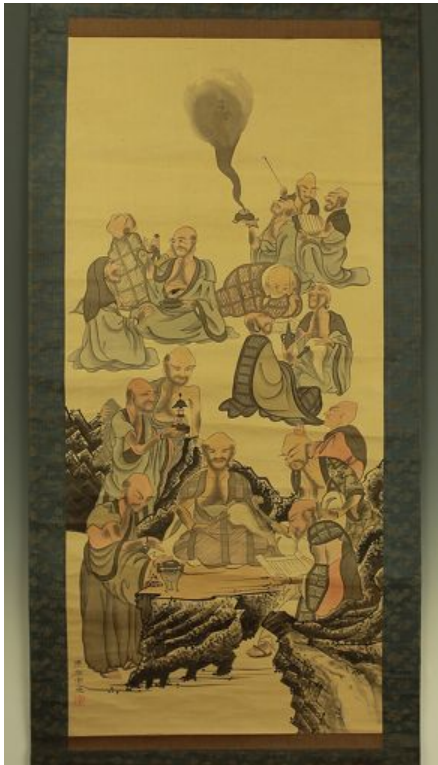
At our Hanamatsuri service on April 14th, Brian and Winifred Kimura presented to the temple a large frame containing a scroll, medal and tie tack which were conferred upon their father, the late Hisashi Kimura, by His Majesty the Emperor of Japan in 1985.

This frame, which was accepted by temple president Stephen Tanaka, will be hung inside the Hisashi Kimura Cultural Hall.

The late Hisashi Kimura, whom many remember with admiration, was not only a judo instructor & the proprietor of the H. Kimura Store in Kainaliu, but also a community leader and temple president for over thirty years. A man of deep faith and dedication, he worked tirelessly in service to our temple and community, promoting good relations between Japan and Hawaii and spreading the ideals of the Buddha-Dharma.

We thank the children of the late Hisashi Kimura (the late Isaac Kimura, Calvin, Winifred, the late Glenn Kimura, and Brian) for their generous gift to our temple.

Daifukuji Gift Shop News by *Clear Houn Englebert*



The gift shop has another unusual antique scroll. It's the 16 arhants, painted by Hara Zaichu, who was born in Kyoto in 1750 and died in 1837. He was a very prominent painter and his works were known for their clean-cut, earnest qualities. His style was precise, well harmonized, and rich. He painted many screens and fusuma (the sliding doors that separate rooms) at prestigious temples such as Daitokuji and Ninnaji in Kyoto. His paintings are now in museums and galleries throughout the world.

Arhant is sometimes spelled arahant. In Chinese it's lohan, and in Japanese it's rakan. In Buddhism it refers to specific people who attained enlightenment following the way of the Buddha. The original number was 10 and they were personal disciples of Shakyamuni such as his son Rahula, but the number was increased to 16 and (in China) to 18, and eventually to 500. The increases included patriarchs, exemplars of good behavior, and guardians of the faith. There's an interesting story about the two that increased the number to 18. It illustrates the proverb that when politics and religion mix, religion flies out the window. The increase happened at a time when Buddhism was being suppressed in China, and the names of the two extra arhants were Taming Dragon and Taming Tiger, which was a thinly veiled swipe at

Taoism. (These two are not included in representations of the 16 arhants in Japan.) Other versions of the increase to 18 don't mention those two names, but instead have historical people such as the great translator of Buddhist scriptures Kumarajiva. If you Google "Hara Zaichu", the first listing is for a two-panel painting he did of the 500 arhants. The image includes the zoom feature, so you are able to see close-ups of the people. Many of the arhants are identifiable by knowing their iconography.

The painting in the gift shop is on silk and in excellent condition. There is a bit of damage to the top of the mounting, and it is priced at a bargain \$200."



Hawaii Soto Mission's 110th Anniversary & Soto Mission of Hawaii's Centennial

On November 9th and 10th, the Hawaii Soto Mission will be celebrating its 110th anniversary together with the Soto Mission of Hawaii Betsuin's centennial. The celebration will be held at the Soto Mission of Hawaii in Honolulu and also at the Sheraton Waikiki Hotel. The theme for this event is 酬恩(shu'on) which means "moving forward with gratitude."

Spring Cleaning

by *Mary J. Park*



Even in Hawaii
Spring arrives
Subtle changes
unnoticed by the hurried
masked uneasiness
hidden preoccupations
unable to fully focus
on present moment

To others
house appears tidy, clean
Truth lies
behind closed closet doors
piled to eye level
sea of paper tumbles out
treading paper
to keep afloat

Information junkie
chanting
“I might need it later” mantra
Magazines, quotes, notes
indecipherable scribble
on torn napkin
just in case
Discard, recycle, file

Two thousand e-mails
in my inbox
Delete, file
Empty
daily
Unsubscribe
Ask
to be Removed

On the surface I'm fine
Beneath glowing skin
sticky crusted clogged arteries
block fresh blood into my heart
Years of build-up
hard to clean
Even with elbow grease
remnants remain

Forgive myself
for hurting me
for hurting others
for making promises I could not keep
for making choices that silenced me
More I scrub, more reveal
I want to be done
Patience, grasshopper

I hold each object
and listen
to keep or let go
I am not the same person
who needed to grasp, cling
Now I do more
than unpack my baggage
I toss the suitcase

It's been two years
Her hair still clings to the t-shirt I wore
on the day we said good-bye
Breathe in her scent one last time
Gently rest in the washer
Close the door
and push Start
Living



The Buddha

by Jigaku Ryan Nakade

Who are you, that man sitting under the Bodhi tree and within the depths of my very own heart?

Serene and dignified,

Your compassion melts the encrustations from my loveliness,

hardened from thousands of incarnations and eons.

Your patience opens the door to timelessness, as I drop off into the void between all created things.

Insight and wisdom penetrate my mind as your light shatters the veils of my delusion

to reveal the truth of what was always there.

Your mindfulness lays forth the ground before me as the lotus rises from the mud

to meet the free light and air.

I taste your benevolence,

Your sweet lotus feet,

Awakening to you,

My very own self,

As this long journey back to the now,

Has finally come to an end.

May Programs at Daifukuji

Zen Meditation (Zazen)

- * Every Wednesday morning from 6 a.m. to 7:15 a.m.
- * The following two Thursday evenings from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.: **May 16** and **May 23**
- * Saturday, **May 11** from 7:00 - 7:30 a.m., followed by Shakyo at 8 a.m.



Please arrive a few minutes early. Beginners are welcome. One may choose to sit on either a chair or cushion (zafu). Call Rev. Jiko at 322-3524 for further information or to arrange an appointment for basic instruction in the practice.

Family Services

Child-friendly family services will be held on **May 12** and **May 19** from 9:30 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. New families are welcome.

Shakyo and Shabutsu: May 11

Join us from 8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. for *shakyo* and *shabutsu*. Tracing the sutras and pictures of buddhas and bodhisattvas harmonizes body, breath, and mind and brings peace and clarity. All materials are supplied. Donations may be placed in the wooden offertory box on the table.

Baikako Plum Blossom Choir

The Daifukuji Baikako Choir will hold its practice session on **May 19** from 7:45 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.



Project Dana Senior Activity Morning: May 8

Temple seniors age 60 and above are invited to join Project Dana for once-a-month gatherings that feature chair exercises, guest speakers, bingo, crafts, and nutritious snacks and lunches. Lots of fellowship, fun, and prizes! Call Joyce (329-3833) or Elaine (322-2084) for more information.

Kannon-ko Service: May 15

A monthly service held inside the Kannon Hall on the third Wednesday at **10:00 a.m.** to offer prayers for peace, prosperity, healing, and safety. Please join us on May 15.



Left to right: Rev. Jiko Nakade, Dr. Patricia Masters, Rev. Lobsang Toldan, Rev. Masaaki Miyazaki, and Rev. Shoji Matsumoto at the HAIB Buddha Day Celebration on April 7th



Rev. Matsumoto, Rev. Miyazaki, and Rev. Nakade enjoy the program in the Kona Hongwanji Social Hall

Blessings of the Buddha, Dharma, and Sangha *by Rev. Jiko Nakade*

The Buddha smiles within my heart; Dharma teachings guide me in my daily life; my world is filled with sweet Sangha friends. Such are the blessings of a life illuminated by the Three Treasures. How truly grateful I am to be living the life of a Buddhist!

The Sangha is the living expression of the Buddha-Dharma. I could clearly see and experience this at the two Buddha Day services held in April, and more recently at the United Hawaii Soto Shu Women's Association conference held in Hilo. To be able to gather in community with people who are kind, loving, and peaceful is something I do not take for granted. One need only look at the greed, hatred, and violence that rocks our world to realize the preciousness of the Buddhist Sangha which is a community based on teachings of kindness, wisdom, and compassion.

The Sangha is as big as our hearts are big. At Daifukuji, "Sangha" includes our temple members and those who belong to all of our temple groups, as well as Buddhist friends in our community & beyond. At the HAIB Buddha Day Celebration at the Kona Hongwanji, six different Buddhist groups were represented. That day, everyone came together as one Sangha celebrating the event of the Buddha's birth.

The upcoming Building Fund Bazaar is a great gathering of the Sangha. While fundraising is important, what's even more important is the joy of working together, enjoying the tasks that each day brings, and appreciating the people who offer their help. *Namu kie butsu. Namu kie ho. Namu kie so.*



Members of the Kona Daifukuji Orchid Club gather for a garden site blessing. *May everyone be happy and safe, and work in harmony and in peace.*



Chef John Replogle leads the Zazenkai in the cooking of this year's Hanamatsuri lunch.



We thank the Zazenkai for their beautiful meal offering.

May 2013

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	1	2	3	4
Accepting bazaar items						8:00 AM Bazaar Set Up 9:30 AM Beginners Youth Taiko
9:30 AM Family Service	5:00 PM Youth Taiko	5:00 PM Zen Taiko	6:00 AM Zazen 5:00 PM Youth Taiko 7:00 PM Fujinkai Board	5:00 PM Zen Taiko	8:00 AM Samu	
5 BAZAAR 9 am - 1 pm	6 5:00 PM Youth Taiko	7 5:00 PM Zen Taiko	8 Project Dana 8:30 am 6:00 AM Zazen 5:00 PM Youth Taiko 7:00 PM Orchid Club	9 7:30 AM Yoga 5:00 PM Zen Taiko 7:00 PM Temple Board	10 8:00 AM Samu 7:00 PM Sangha Sisters	11 7:00 AM Zazen 8:00 AM Shakyo 9:30 AM Beginners Youth Taiko
12 Happy Mother's Day! 9:30 AM Family Service	13 5:00 PM Youth Taiko 7:00 PM Happy Strummers	14 5:00 PM Zen Taiko	15 Kannon-ko 10 AM 6:00 AM Zazen 5:00 PM Youth Taiko	16 7:30 AM Yoga 9:00 AM Tai Chi 5:00 PM Zen Taiko 7:00 PM Evening Zazen	17 8:00 AM Samu	18 9:30 AM Beginners Youth Taiko
19 7:45 AM Baikako Practice 9:30 AM Family Service	20 5:00 PM Youth Taiko	21 5:00 PM Zen Taiko	22 6:00 AM Zazen 5:00 PM Youth Taiko 7:00 PM Taiko Board	23 9:00 AM Tai Chi 5:00 PM Zen Taiko 7:00 PM Evening Zazen	24 8:00 AM Samu	25 9:30 AM Beginners Youth Taiko
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Daifukuji Soto Mission O-Toba and Ko-Toba Request Form
Please turn in by June 1, 2013

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 30, 2013. Please send or bring your request form to Daifukuji as soon as possible and no later than **June 1** 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 deceased 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. _____

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. _____
4. _____

Your Name _____
Total enclosed _____