

# Daifukuji Soto Mission

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



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## Ohigan & Ryosoki Service

*Sunday, September 8      9:30 a.m.*

*Potluck Lunch*

All are invited to Daifukuji's autumn Ohigan and Ryosoki (Founders) service on September 8. The autumnal equinox is a good time to reflect upon the Buddha's teachings of the Six Perfections of the Heart, the lives of Dogen Zenji and Keizan Zenji (the eminent spiritual ancestors of our Soto Zen tradition), and the blessings received through one's family ancestors. The Dharma talk will be given by Rev. Jiko Nakade.

Lunch will be a potluck affair so please bring something to share if you can. The Fujinkai Women's Association will be holding their general membership meeting after lunch.

We invite you to join us on September 8th for a morning of meditation, reflection, and fellowship.

## Fujinkai General Membership Meeting

*Sunday, September 8*

The annual general membership meeting of the Kona Daifukuji Fujinkai Women's Association will be held right after lunch on Sunday, September 8. At the meeting, the following topics will be discussed: (1) Fujinkai field trip, (2) Kona Coffee Cultural Festival food booth, (3) centennial projects, (4) 2014 UHSSWA Conference on Oahu, (5) educational and cultural activities, and (6) community service projects.

Daifukuji Fujinkai members are encouraged to attend this meeting.

The women of the Fujinkai have always been the backbone of the temple and we are very grateful for all that they do. As a group, their purpose is to foster an understanding of Soto Zen Buddhism, promote the spiritual, educational, social, and intellectual development of their members, and promote the general welfare of the community through religious and charitable works. Annual dues are \$5. For information on becoming a member, call Joyce St. Arnault at 329-3833.

## In Memoriam



To the family of the late **Beverley Ann Arai** who passed away July 29, 2013 at the age of 79, we express our heartfelt sympathy.

To the family of the late **Kimie “Kay” Masuda**, who passed away August 9, 2013 at the age of 90, we express our sincere condolences.

To the family of the late **Lester Kinji Nakano**, who passed away August 13, 2013 at the age of 64, we offer our deep sympathy.

*Namu kie butsu. Namu kie ho. Namu kie so.  
We surround you with our love.*

## Welcome, New Members



Our Daifukuji Sangha warmly welcomes the following new members:

Chris Kadooka

Mary Nakagawa

The Family Sangha (Sunday School) joyfully welcomes Wendy, Devan, and Sheri Ann Furuuchi.

*Thank you for becoming members  
of our Sangha Ohana.*

## Summer Dharma Programs Mahalo



*Thank you to Professor Tim Freeman for his presentation on the Hannya Shingyo on June 22. May we continue our study of this important sutra.*



*Thank you to Jigaku Ryan Nakade for leading the Kids Dharma Fun program, teaching yoga classes, and giving talks on June 29, July 6 & July 31. May we continue to stretch ourselves in many ways, opening our hearts and minds with joy.*



*Thank you to Clear Houn Englebert for teaching the “Introduction to Zazen” sessions on August 10 and 17. May we learn the proper posture and etiquette for zazen and manifest harmony wherever we are.*



# Mahalo Nui

Aloha friends and members,

The co-chairs of the annual Kona Daifukuji Bon Dance would like to express their deepest aloha to all those who took the time to help set up, conduct and clean up during the annual Bon Dance. There are too many people to thank personally, so instead of leaving anyone out, we will extend a group mahalo to everyone who showed up early Saturday and Sunday to help.



While there is no magic involved in conducting such an event, the result of everyone's hard work is a magical evening enjoyed by members and guests. Even the rain did not dampen the fun. What is also heartening is that each year it seems our efforts result in more people coming to the bon dance, and with our centennial fast approaching, it gives us confidence that the Daifukuji Soto Mission will be around to serve our community for another 100 years.

Finally, we close with a wonderful and appropriate Japanese saying, "Okage Sama De." It means "We are who we are because of you."

In gassho

Bobby Command & Wade Yasuda



# 2013 Daifukuji Bon Dance

*A Joyful Time of Community Togetherness*



## Library News

*by Clear Houn Englebert*

Some generous person (whoever you are, please pat yourself on the back) donated an audio/visual storage rack to the bazaar. Rev. Jiko spotted it and put it “on hold.” We agreed it was the ideal solution to the library’s burgeoning audio/visual collection. The rack has three shelves each for audios and for videos (DVDs). Browsing is much easier, and the new rack doesn’t block access to the bookshelves behind it. Rev. Jiko reports that DVDs are now “flying out of here.” Please enjoy this new display unit. Once again, mahalo to the anonymous donor.



There are three new arrivals in the library:

“Zen Meditation” is a special issue of “The Journal of Shasta Abbey” which is a very complete compilation of articles covering every aspect of zazen. There are even instructions on making a zafu and a meditation bench.

“Mizu Ga Kotaeta ‘Hannya Shingyo’” by Masaru Emoto is in Japanese and includes a DVD. Dr. Emoto is famous for his work with living water and he was kind enough to come to Daifukuji for a presentation when Rev. Dai-en Bennage was unable to be here. Dr. Emoto donated this set to our library.

“Disciples of the Buddha” by Robert Newman is the only book I know of on the arahants (also known as lohan, and in Japanese rakan). These were disciples of the Buddha, both in his lifetime and afterwards, who attained enlightenment. Sixteen arahants are especially noted in Buddhist painting and sculpture. Their number comes from a scripture, “The Record of the Abiding Law.” The book is fascinating and filled with illustrations, many in color.

## Gift Shop News

*by Clear Houn Englebert*

Ojuzu are the most popular items in the gift shop. At the Bon Dance, the grandson of the founder of Daifukuji bought a sandalwood ojuzu. He asked what kind of wood it was and luckily it was labeled. I told him, “sandalwood” and he immediately smelled it, then bought it and wore it. We’re expecting to have koa bead ojuzu soon, locally made, but they won’t be cheap.

Another new item that’s not cheap is the kimono jacket that was donated to the gift shop during the Orchid Show. A gentleman came into the gift shop and asked if we could use a kimono stand. I said, “you betcha” and a few minutes later he returned with a kimono stand. Amazingly, he also gave the shop a kimono jacket to go on the stand. I was floored by the beautiful hand embroidery on the back, so I asked, “How much should we charge for this? I have no idea.” He was reluctant to put a price on it, but I persisted and he suggested between \$400 and \$500, so it’s at \$400. He never even said what his name was. What a bodhisattva!

Another person was selflessly generous (a bodhisattva-like virtue) during the Orchid Show. An elderly lady using a walker came to the shop toward the end of the show, when the crowd was thinning out. She took her watch off and gave it to us to sell. When I told Rev. Jiko about it later, I thought she was going to start to cry. The watch is of less monetary value than the kimono, but the merit of the two gifts was quite equal, and without measure. The watch is actually very nice. It’s an analog Ice Watch, which Macy’s sells for \$100. We have it priced at \$50, which is a good deal, especially considering that it came from a bodhisattva!

## Congratulations to the Kona Daifukuji Orchid Club

The Kona Daifukuji Orchid Club (KDOC) was awarded one of Scenic Hawaii's 2013 Betty Crocker Landscape Awards for the lovely orchid grotto that the club gave as a centennial gift to our temple.



We also congratulate KDOC for holding a very successful Orchid Show and Sale on July 28. Hundreds of people admired the orchid displays, as well as the orchid grotto.



## FREE TDAP Vaccinations

Daifukuji Social Hall

Saturday, September 7

9 a.m. - 12 noon

The TDAP shot includes tetanus (“lockjaw”), diphtheria (an upper respiratory infection), and pertussis (“whooping cough”). This vaccine is not alive.

Must be age 19 or older

*Sponsored by the State Department of Health, Kona Community Hospital, and Council member Brenda Ford*

Questions about the vaccinations? Call 323-4277.



### Bon Dance DVDs for Sale

A 58-minute DVD of this year’s Daifukuji Bon Dance can be purchased for \$15 at the temple office. Produced by professional videographer Randy Magnus, the DVD shows happy scenes of the pre-dance service, the bon dance, and the taiko performances.

To reserve your copy, call Rev. Jiko at 322-3524.

Checks should be made payable to: Randy Magnus.

*Arigato to Randy for making these DVDs available & for donating one of them to our temple library.*



### Temple Wish List

\* A gas weed whacker -- used one okay

\* Volunteer to cut out 50 new toba boards for next year’s Obon. Wood & stencil to be provided by Daifukuji.

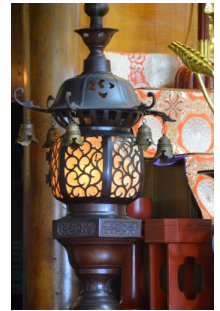
Please call Rev. Jiko if you can help. 322-3524

### Domo arigato!

Thank you to the Lions Club of Kona for repairing the picnic table in our temple yard and for donating a concrete bench for our cemetery pavilion.

Special thanks to the Daifukuji Sangha Sisters women’s spirituality group for donating the cleaning of the Kannon Hall carpet as a centennial gift.

## September Dharma Programs



### Zen Meditation

- \* Every Wednesday morning from 6 a.m. to 7:20 a.m.
- \* The following Thursday evenings from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.: **September 12 and September 26**

Please arrive a few minutes early. Beginners are welcome. Call Rev. Jiko at 322-3524 to arrange an appointment for basic instruction.

### Buddhist Movie Night -- Thursday, September 19 at 7:00 p.m.

Featured this month is "A Constant Pilgrim." This documentary is about a four-week journey to Eastern Tibet made by renowned Buddhist teacher Roshi Joan Halifax, a group of pilgrims, and a medical team. The movie will begin at 7:00 p.m. in the temple's Kannon Hall. Bring a mug for tea.

### Shakyo and Shabutsu -- Saturday, September 14 from 8 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.

Mindfully tracing the sutras and pictures of buddhas and bodhisattvas harmonizes body, breath, and mind and brings peace and clarity into one's life. Brushes, ink, and other materials are provided. This session begins with the chanting of the Heart Sutra and the Four Bodhisattva Vows.

### Family Services

Families with children, as well as interested individuals, are invited to join the Family Sangha for child-friendly Buddhist services that are held in the Kannon Hall on Sunday mornings from 9:30 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. (see calendar on page 10 for schedule).

### Baikako Choir Practice -- September 1 and September 29

The Daifukuji Baikako Plum Blossom Choir will hold its practice sessions on September 1 and September 29 from 7:45 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.

### Project Dana -- September 11

Temple *kupuna* age 60 and above are invited to join Project Dana, a fun monthly activity program for seniors. Grandparents Day will be celebrated this month. For more information, call Elaine at 322-2084 or Joyce at 329-3833.





## Replacing Incense With Flowers

Dear Members and Friends,

Out of necessity I've decided to break a deeply held tradition and replace it with something new. I've become increasingly allergic to incense smoke, perhaps because I've been constantly inhaling it over the years (along with daily doses of vog), or because certain types of incense now contain chemicals that irritate the lungs. At a recent memorial service I had a coughing fit and nearly lost my voice, which is not a good thing for someone who's officiating the service and leading the chanting. After the service, several people asked me if I had a cold. I felt badly about disrupting the service with my coughing and throat clearing and decided that I needed to do something about the smoke which I'm sure was affecting others just as much as it was affecting me, if not more. I know that folks with asthma and other lung conditions and chemical sensitivities either have to sit near a door or window or avoid coming to services that they would otherwise attend were it not for the incense smoke.

So, I've come up with a few ideas that I'd like to try at the next funeral service. To avoid filling the temple with smoke, an incense box will be placed near the door, where people will be able to offer a pinch of incense as they enter. Please note that offering a small pinch of incense rather than a large pinch reduces the amount of smoke.

During the service when the bereaved family is called upon for what would normally be *oshoko* (the offering of incense), they will instead be asked to offer flowers. My idea is to have a basket of fresh flowers next to the offering table. Each person will take a beautiful flower from the box and place it inside a bowl.

Since our traditional Buddhist offerings are offerings of flowers, incense, food, and candlelight, offering flowers instead of incense is not deviating too much from tradition. It's also possible that some non-Buddhists attending the funeral will feel more comfortable offering flowers than they would incense.

This change may turn out to be a temporary measure if a better solution can be found. When I officiated a funeral service held at an air-conditioned mortuary chapel on Oahu, I was amazed to see the incense smoke being sucked directly upward into a vent above the incense burner. They had found a good solution and I'm confident that we will, too. It may take some trial and error, but in the end, we will be alleviating the suffering of those allergic to smoke, including yours truly.



With aloha, in gassho,

Rev. Jiko

### Coming up in October...

- October 6.....Daruma-ki, Eitaikyo Service
- October 9.....Project Dana
- October 16..... Kannon-ko Service

# September 2013

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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
1 7:45 AM Baikako practice 9:30 AM Family Service	2 5:00 PM Youth Taiko	3 5:00 PM Zen Taiko	4 6:00 AM Zazen 5:00 PM Youth Taiko	5 9:00 AM Tai Chi 5:00 PM Zen Taiko 7:00 PM Temple Board	6 8:00 AM Samu	7 TDAP Vac...9 am - 12 9:30 AM Beginners Youth Taiko
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