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Thanksgiving Service

*Sunday, November 19
9:30 a.m.*

All are invited to Daifukuji's Thanksgiving service. The Dharma message will be given by Rev. Jiko.

Refreshments will be prepared by Sharen Seiren and helpers. Flowers for the altar are appreciated and may be delivered on Friday, November 17.

Donations of canned foods for the Hawaii Island Food Basket may be brought to the service.

The temple's gift shop, featuring an amazing collection of art, will be open before and after the service. (See page 5)

Zazenkai members, there will be a meeting in the social hall at 11:15 to plan the January 6th Zen retreat. (See page 4)



Temple and Grounds Clean Up

*Sunday, November 26
8:00 a.m.*

Members and temple groups, would you please pitch in and lend a hand? Please join us in cleaning our temple, hall, columbarium, and grounds in preparation for Bodhi Day and the new year.

We will begin with a short blessing service inside the temple at 8:00 a.m. Please bring rags, buckets, garden tools and gloves, all labelled with your name. With the rain we've been having there's a lot of weeding that needs to be done. Also, the elephant grass and African Tulip saplings need to be dug up.

Refreshments will be provided.

Any amount of time you can contribute would be very much appreciated. Questions? Please call clean-up day chairperson Shaun Roth at 808-936-9815.



Fujinkai News

Coffee Festival Bento & Manju Sale

Saturday, November 11 Makaeo County Pavilion Old Airport Beach Park

The Daifukuji Fujinkai Women's Association will be selling bentos and manju at the Kona Coffee Cultural Festival Ho'olaule'a at the Makaeo County Pavilion on November 11. Bentos will be sold for \$8.00 and manju for \$5.00. Daifukuji specialities sell out quickly, so plan on being there early. The food booth will open at 8:30 a.m.

Rice cookers, please report to the temple kitchen at 5:00 a.m. Other Fujinkai members, please plan on arriving between 5:00 and 5:30 a.m. Your kokua is requested.

Donations of cooking ingredients, as well as monetary donations to the Daifukuji Fujinkai, are appreciated. A sign-up sheet for ingredients is posted in the social hall. Monetary donations may be mailed to Daifukuji Soto Mission, P. O. Box 55, Kealakekua, HI 96750. Please make checks payable to: Daifukuji Fujinkai.

Questions regarding the bento sale? Please call Joyce at 329-3833, Reiko at 334-1127, or Rev. Jiko at 322-3524.

Kona Daifukuji Taiko will be performing at the Makaeo County Pavilion on Saturday, November 11 at 2:00 p.m. They will also take part in the Lantern Parade on November 3. <http://konacoffeefest.com/schedule-of-events/>

Library News

By Clear Houn Englebert

Buddhist Prayer and Worship by Adiccabandhu and Anita Ganeri is probably the most useful Buddhist children's book that I've ever seen. Every page has color photos and the book really covers a wide gamut of various Buddhist ceremonies. The meal verse (The Five Thoughts) is called the "Five Positives".

Lightning Doesn't Need Permission from the Sky by Al Rafkind is gift from a zendo in New Jersey. It's a small, inviting book subtitled: *Original Modern Day Zen*, and it's full of wonderful, inspiring aphorisms, and each facing page is a peaceful drawing of various objects associated with Japanese Zen.

A General Explanation for the Vajra Prajna Paramita Sutra by Hsuan Hua. We are honored to have this very respected book from Gold Mountain Monastery in California.

We have four new books in Chinese, but you don't need to know Chinese to appreciate them. *Precious Kuan Yin* by Lee Yingho has hundreds of color photographs of Kannon images, both sculpture and paintings. *One Hundred Bodhidharma's* is a collection of black-and-white Bodhidharma paintings, including instructions on how to paint images of this great ancestor. The last two books are by a Ms. Yan: *Kuan Yin: Small Encyclopedia* and *Shakyamuni: Small Encyclopedia*. These are larger format books and are lavishly illustrated with color photos. These books are quite uncommon, and you will definitely enjoy browsing through them.

November Dharma Programs



Dharma Study Classes - Tuesdays, November 7, 14, 21, & 28 4:00 - 5:00 p.m

We will continue our study of the book *Zen Living* by Domyo Sater Burk. Books are available for purchase. Dharma class members may also purchase the book *Mindfulness* for the next study series. Call Rev. Jiko at (808) 322-3524 for further information.

Family Sangha Services: Sharing the Dharma with Children - **Sunday, November 12** at 9:30 a.m. Child-friendly 45-minute services which include yoga, zazen, chanting, singing, & Dharma lessons. For children of all ages and their parents & grandparents. Field trip to Tibetan Buddhist temple on November 5.

Zazen (Meditation)

- * Every Wednesday morning from 6 a.m. - 7:20 a.m.
- * Thursdays, **November 9 & 16** from 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Both morning and evening sessions include 20 minutes of chanting. Donations may be placed in the box on the incense table. Please arrive at least 5 minutes before starting time.

Shakyo & Shabutsu Art Meditation - Saturday, November 4 from 8:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.

Mindfully tracing the Heart Sutra & pictures of buddhas and bodhisattvas in silence unifies body, breath, and mind. All supplies provided. By donation.

Baikako Plum Blossom Choir Practice - Sunday, November 5 from 7:45 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.

The Gay Sangha - Friday, November 3 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

A Buddhist group open to all, with a particular invitation to gay women and men and their families and friends. Meditation and discussion. Call (808) 328-0329 for information.

T'ai Chi

Every Tuesday and Thursday from 9:00 - 10:00 a.m. and Wednesdays from noon to 1 p.m. in the Hisashi Kimura Cultural Hall. Call instructor Philip Kakuho Hema for information: (808) 345-1492.

Japanese Song Class with Takako Sensei

The next song class will be held on December 6 at 9:00 a.m. in the social hall. All are welcome.

In Memoriam

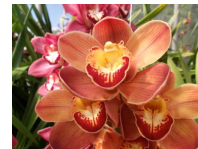


To the family of the late **Kaneyasu Enomoto**, who passed away on September 25 at the age of 90, we express our deep sympathy.

To the family of the late **Susumu Oshima**, who passed away on September 25 at the age of 91, we send thoughts of comfort and love.

To the family of the late **Miyeko Miyose**, who passed away on September 28 at the age of 98, we express our sincere condolences. Her relatives have requested that there be no koden.

Welcome, New Members



With joy and gratitude, our sangha welcomes the following new members:

Alyssa Tokumura, Eloiy Perez, and Nila
Yukiko Tomidokoro

New members are always welcome. Please see Rev. Jiko or our website for information on membership: http://www.daifukuji.org/membership_brochure.pdf.

2018 Bazaar to be Held in September

At their October 5th meeting, the Daifukuji Board decided to hold next year's bazaar on **September 9**. This is because the Daifukuji Fujinkai & sangha will be hosting the statewide United Hawaii Soto Shu Women's Association conference in Kona the weekend of April 14 & 15. Putting on a bazaar soon after this major event would be taxing.

Please hold your bazaar donations until September.

Zazenkai Meeting - November 19

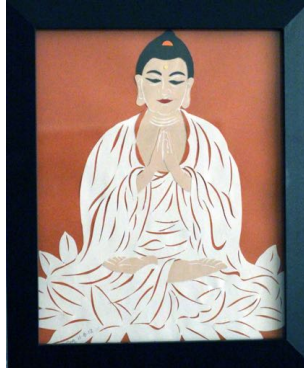
The Daifukuji Zazenkai will be meeting on Sunday, November 19 after the Thanksgiving Service to make plans for the January 6th Zen Retreat which will be held jointly with 'Alaneo Zendo and Taishoji Soto Mission. Sign-up sheets for various tasks will be passed around.

Please meet in the social hall at 11:15 a.m. following refreshments.

Contact Zazenkai president Barbara Shoshin for information: (808) 987-2673.

Membership Dues Reminder

Just a friendly reminder for those who have not yet sent in their 2017 membership dues & donations. The form is available on p. 11: <http://www.daifukuji.org/newsletter/2017/jan17news.pdf>. You may also call or drop by the temple office. Annual membership dues are \$60 per household. Mahalo for your support. Your donations sustain our temple and its many programs.



Buddhist Artist Featured at the Daifukuji Gift Shop

Sundays, November 19 & December 10

11 a.m. - Noon

The artist Spring Liao has donated a very significant collection of her life work to the Daifukuji Gift Shop. Spring Liao, who is a Buddhist born in Taiwan and who came to the USA in 1972, currently resides in Southern California. The gift shop will have Liao's work on display and for sale on two **Sundays, Nov. 19 and Dec. 10, from 11:00 AM until noon**. If you're looking for some unique holiday gifts, this is a good shopping opportunity.

Most of the collection is paper-cut pictures and ink paintings, one of which is on an ostrich egg. Many of the images are of Buddha or Kuan Yin (Kannon). Most of the art is framed, and the paper cuts are behind non-UV glass. This collection is unique and will never be seen together again.

The Gift Shop carries greeting cards, stickers and calendars. It also has meditation supplies, o-juzu, and altar supplies such as statues and incense. T-shirts and jewelry are popular items, as are new and used books in English and Japanese. Vintage Japanese items such as scrolls and obi are also available. The gift shop takes checks, but does not accept credit cards.

Daifukuji Gift Shop is open on days of major services and events and by appointment. Call Rev. Jiko at 322-3524. The temple newsletter announcing the hours is available at daifukuji.org. To see examples of Spring Liao's work, visit springsgreetingcards.com.



2 Zen Classes



Mindfulness

**Saturday, December 10
from 2:00 to 3:30pm**

Meditation

**Saturday, December 17
from 2:00 to 3:30pm**

Both classes are free

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Call or e-mail to register and to request copies of the class materials

Two Zen Classes to be Held in December

Daifukuji Soto Mission will offer two free classes in December: *Mindfulness* on Sunday, December 10, and *Zen Meditation* on Sunday, December 17. Each class is from 2:00 pm until 3:30 pm and **preregistration is required**. The classes will be taught by Clear Houn Englebert and there will be time for questions. There will also be a review of the related resources in the temple library.

Mindfulness is the simple, repetitive effort of bringing one's attention back to the task at hand throughout the day and, although it's simple to define, doing one thing at a time is difficult to practice. The class will include: suggestions for re-centering oneself, being mindful in difficult situations, and dealing with bothersome thoughts.

The **meditation** class will include correct posture on a cushion, bench, or chair and etiquette in a meditation hall. There will be special emphasis on what to do with your mind during meditation. The main form of meditation in Soto Zen is *shikantaza*---just sitting. Like mindfulness, it is simple but difficult, because there is nothing to rely on except your own willpower. This class will end with a meditation session.

These practices are essential parts of Zen training and, together with keeping the precepts, lead to the "goalless goal" of awakening.

To pre-register, send an email to info@daifukuji.org or call the temple office at (808) 322-3524.

November & December Yoga Classes

Amrit Yoga “Revealer” Ambika Rose will be offering two 5 -week series of yoga classes during the months of November and December. Attend all 10 or drop in! Classes will be held by donation in the Kannon Hall at Daifukuji.

Thursday morning classes 8:00 a.m. to 9:15 a.m.

November 9, 16, 30 (no class on Thanksgiving Day)

December 7 & 14



Friday afternoon classes 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

November 10 & 17 (no class on November 24)

December 1, 8, & 15 (December 1st class to 5:45 p.m.)

Open to: Temple members and Kona community; beginners & experienced; drop in or whole series.

Bring: Yoga mat, loose clothing, empty stomach, and “dana” (donation)

A longtime member of our temple, Ambika “Jo-an” Rose has taught yoga for 40 years. We will explore subtle ENERGY ✨ in the body through slow, focused breath, micro-movements, and attention to the brow center. This is revealing for yoga and meditation-in-motion practices such as Tai Chi, Qigong, and martial arts. Spread the word! Contact Ambika at (808) 430-2620.

K T A C o u p o n P o i n t s

Please bring in your KTA receipt coupon points if you don't need them. They will be used to get food items for our Project Dana holiday meals and for the temple's New Year's party.

Thank you!



2017 Rohatsu Sesshin

During this year's *Rohatsu Sesshin*, there will be evening zazen in addition to morning zazen. During this period of meditation which is held annually from December 1- 8, zazen & morning service will be held each morning from 6:00 a.m. to 7:20 a.m. This year, zazen will also be held each evening from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

from December 1 through December 7. The sesshin will end after morning service on December 8th and be followed by breakfast at Teshima's restaurant.

The *Rohatsu Sesshin* is a period of meditation that honors the Buddha Shakyamuni's enlightenment, which in Japanese Buddhism, is observed on the 8th of December as Bodhi Day. *Rohatsu* means “the 8th day of the 12th month.” In Zen, a *sesshin* is a period of intensive meditation. At Daifukuji, we'll be sitting in the morning and evening. One is welcome to come to any number of sessions.

Daifukuji Soto Mission Legacy Endowment Fund

Aloha Members & Friends of Daifukuji

Once again, thank you for your continued and overwhelming support of our Legacy Endowment Fund. As of October 12th, we have received over \$64,775 in donations. Every penny of our endowment stays right here at Daifukuji and will only be used for the upkeep of our Temple. That includes the Nokotsudo (columbarium), the Daifukuji grounds, the minister's residence, the social & cultural halls and the cemetery.

Donors July 10, 2017 – October 12, 2017

Nancy & Faye Osako in Memory of Alfrieda Fujita, Will Kijun Cape in Memory of D. Luetta & Malcolm W. Cape, Faith Oshita & Allen Lee (2 Stock Donations), Torao Kimura Ohana in Memory of Alfrieda Fujita & Tsuruyo Kimura, Elsie Mochizuki in Memory of Bernard Mochizuki, Nancy Osako in Memory of Eleanor Yokomoto, Kaneyasu Enomoto, and Miyeko Miyose

It is heartwarming to see donations being made in memory of loved ones, or from one member in memory of a fellow member. We may have different reasons for being a part of Daifukuji but we all share this amazingly strong bond of friendship. It is an honor to be among such good and caring people.

Whenever you see one of the Trustees, please let us know what it is that makes this temple important to you. We would be glad to write about it. Because whatever it is that makes this temple important to you is exactly what makes our Endowment Fund important to the temple.

In Gassho,

Daifukuji Soto Mission Legacy Endowment Fund Board of Trustees

Avis Yamamoto, Brian Yamamoto, Keith Olson, Wade Yasuda



Martin Matsuura, Nancy Kurihara, and Faith Schill stand next to the lovely thousand-armed Kannon statue which was blessed on October 8. Mahalo to Nancy.



(Left to right) Congratulations to Amy, Joyce, Winifred, Merle, and Elaine upon receiving their Baika certificates and pins. Congratulations also to Jean Ikeda, who's not in the picture.



The Fourth Wisdom: Empathy 同事 (Dōji)

by Rev. Jiko Nakade

I am looking forward to the completion of the Hawaii Soto Mission Association banner project. Before the end of the year, each Soto Zen temple in Hawaii will be receiving a set of 4 cloth banners depicting the four kinds of wisdom that benefit living beings, teachings found in chapter four of the sutra *Shushogi*. Thus far this year, I've written about the first three: giving, kind speech, and beneficial deeds. Today I'd like to introduce the 4th kind of wisdom: empathy.

The Japanese word for this teaching is 同事 or dōji. Dōji is a word that is difficult to translate into English. In our *Sutras and Gathas* book, dōji is translated as "cooperation." The sutra reads:

There is a way of understanding such that we identify others with ourselves and then identify ourselves with others. At such times self and other are without boundaries.

I prefer to use the word "empathy," which implies identification with another's feelings and experiences and responding with care, tenderness, and compassion. When we are able to expand our view by putting ourselves in the shoes of another person, we naturally become more understanding and less judgmental. Consequently, the boundaries between self and other dissolve, quite like an ocean which does not reject the tributaries that flow into it.

Think of the waters that surround our islands. Without discrimination, the ocean receives water from the clouds, as well as water from the land. Regardless of whether the water is pure or polluted, the vast ocean receives it all, with a heart of boundless compassion. This is dōji.

In a quest to benefit living beings, a bodhisattva practices selfless giving, uses loving speech, performs good deeds, and is empathetic in his or her relationship with others. May each one of us practice these four wisdoms and aspire to create a world that is peaceful and happy for all.

Wishing you a very happy Thanksgiving! Namu kie butsu. Namu kie hō. Namu kie sō.

Aloha & Gassho

Coming Up in December...

- Rohatsu Sesshin..... December 1 - 8
- Bodhi Day Service..... December 10
- Project Dana.....December 13
- Kannon-ko & Ofudayaki.....December 20
- Mochitsuki (mochi sale)..... December 28
- New Year's Blessings.....December 31 & January 1

Mahalo Nui

Thank you very much to Gilbert Kaneko and Ernest Sasaki for installing outside-facing speakers on stands inside the social hall. This should make bazaar and Bon Dance set up and clean up a whole lot easier.

And, mahalo to Steve Hoshin Mann for being our faithful handyman.

November 2017

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- Youth Taiko
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- Family Service
- Happy Strummers
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- Fujinkai
- Kannon-ko Service
- Project Dana
- Orchid Club
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- Baikako Practice
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- US Holidays
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- Offsite Backup
- Bon Dance Group
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5 Daylight Saving Time End Family Sangha Field Trip 7:45 AM Baika Practice	6 5:00 PM Youth Taiko 7:30 PM Happy Strummers	7 Election Day 9:00 AM T'ai Chi 4:00 PM Dharma Study 5:30 PM Zen Taiko	8 Project Dana 8:30 am 6:00 AM Zazen 12:00 PM T'ai Chi 5:00 PM Youth Taiko 7:00 PM Orchid Club	9 8:00 AM Yoga 9:00 AM T'ai Chi 5:30 PM Zen Taiko 6:00 PM Evening Zazen	10 Veterans Day (observed) 7:30 AM Samu 4:30 PM Yoga 7:00 PM Sangha Sisters	11 Coffee Festival Bento Sale Veterans Day 9:30 AM Youth Taiko
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