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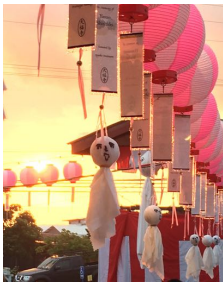
Daifukuji Bon Dance

Saturday, July 14

6:00 p.m. Snack Shop Opens

6:30 p.m. Opening Ceremony

Dancing until 10 p.m.



Featuring Kona Daifukuji Taiko and Kona Hongwanji Taiko

Bon Dance Snack Shop

Kona Daifukuji Taiko will be selling curry stew with rice, teri burgers, veggies burgers, hot dogs, preserved fruits, baked goods, and assorted drinks. Please support this fundraiser for our youth taiko group.

Daifukuji Gift Shop

The temple's gift shop will be open throughout the evening.

Volunteers Needed

Bon Dance Set up — July 14 at 8 a.m.

Clean Up — July 15 at 8 a.m.

Questions? Please call Bon Dance chairpersons Wade (808-315-2364) or

Bobby (808-895-2416).



Sensei Winifred

Bon Dance Classes for Everyone

Daifukuji's Bon Dance sensei Winifred Kimura will be offering free classes on the following dates from 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. in the temple's social hall. All are welcome.

July 3 July 5 July 10 July 12

Are you a beginner? Winifred Sensei will help you get started. Just enter the circle of dancers and follow along the best you can. Dancers of all ages and abilities are welcome. Refreshments are welcome, too.

For more information, call Winifred at (808) 322-3296.

Bon Dance Schedule

Daifukuji Soto Mission.....July 14
Keei Buddhist Church..... July 21
Kona Hongwanji Bon Dance.....July 28

Hilo Taishoji Soto Mission.....August 4
Kona Koyasan Daishiji Bon Dance... August 11

Today's Dharma Word: Buddha Nature *busshō* 仏性

According to *The Illustrated Encyclopedia of Zen Buddhism* by Helen J. Baroni, Ph.D., Buddha Nature is in Mahayana Buddhism the teaching that all sentient beings innately possess the potential to attain enlightenment and become buddhas. She notes that some Mahayana Buddhist schools extend the concept to include non-sentient objects. The concept of Buddha Nature is one of the most fundamental teachings of the Zen school. In Zen, seeing one's true nature is the realization that one is already buddha. The founder of Soto Zen Buddhism in Japan, Dogen Zenji (1200-1253), identified Buddha Nature with impermanence and emptiness.



July Dharma Programs



Dharma Study Classes - No Dharma study in July

Weekly Tuesday Dharma study sessions using the book *Mindfulness* by Domyo Sater Burk will resume August 14. Sessions will be held from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. in the temple library. All are welcome. Call Rev. Jiko at (808) 322-3524 for further information.

Family Sangha Services: Sharing the Dharma with Children - Sundays, August 19 & 26 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. The Family Sangha will be on summer break during the month of July. A new Dharma school year will begin on August 19. Call Rev. Jiko at (808) 322-3524 for further information.

Zazen (Meditation)

* Every Wednesday morning from 6 a.m. - 7:20 a.m.

* Thursday, July 19 from 6:00 p.m. - 7:20 p.m.

Both morning and evening sessions include 20 minutes of chanting. Donations may be placed in the box on the incense table. All are welcome. Please arrive at least 5-10 minutes before starting time. Call ahead if you are new to zazen practice: (808) 322-3524 or info@daifukuji.org.

Shakyo & Shabutsu Art Meditation - Saturday, July 7 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.

The Gay Sangha - Friday, July 6 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. Meetings are the first Fridays of each month at 6:00 pm. Meditation and discussion. Call Clear or Steve at (808) 328-0329.

T'ai Chi

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



Blooming Orchids, ‘OrchidGami’ on Display at Free KDOC Annual Show and Sale

Sunday, August 12 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. (Taiko performance at 10 a.m.)

by Fern Gavelek

The 36th annual Kona Daifukuji Orchid Club (KDOC) show and sale is 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Sunday, August 12 at the Daifukuji Soto Mission Hall. The free event offers attendees a complimentary orchid boutonniere corsage—while they last.

This year’s theme, “Conservation of Orchids Through Creativity,” illustrates how to display orchids using recycled materials and an unusual origami display of endangered North American orchids called “OrchidGami” by founding club member and historian Carol Zakahi.

In addition, there will be a guided tour through the on-site Orchid Grotto. The grotto demonstrates how to beautify a problematic space to be enjoyed from both inside and out.

Enjoy an elaborate and colorful display of live blooming cattleya, cymbidium, dendrobium, phalaenopsis, miltonia, vanda and more. Cameras are welcome.

Got growing questions? Veteran members staff a Question and Answer Booth where attendees can get expert advice on caring for orchids. The club boasts long-time members who have been growing orchids at different Kona elevations, Waimea and South Point.

The event offers an outdoor sale of high-quality orchid species and hybrids grown by club members and select Big Isle commercial growers. Club members will sell home-baked goods and drinks, and membership info will be available.

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. Get club updates at www.facebook.com/orchidsinparadise.

Fujinkai News

Fujinkai members, please save the dates below.

Saturday, October 20 at 10 a.m. - Fujinkai General Membership Meeting & Potluck Lunch

All Fujinkai members are invited to this annual meeting. Important topics will be discussed.

Saturday, October 27 - Autumn Field Trip

This year, our Fujinkai will be heading out to Honokaa to take a farm tour of Mauna Kea Tea, an organic tea farm founded by Taka and Kimberly Ino. Also on the itinerary is a visit to the gravesite of Katsu Goto, a sugar cane plantation labor advocate known as the “Honokaa Hero.” At the general membership meeting on October 20, a video of his life will be shown. Lunch will be at Sushi Shiono at the Mauna Lani Resort Golf Clubhouse. More information will follow. For now, ladies, please save the date.



Mahalo, Daifukuji Members



We are all concerned for the many, many families and individuals that are affected by the lava threat. After some research as to how we could help, it was decided to collect monetary donations and direct our collection to the American Red Cross as 91cents of a dollar goes to the disaster relief efforts. Our first donation mailed was for \$1,625.00. Thank you to our many generous members and visitors. We will continue our collection efforts. A collection box is in the temple office. We ask for checks to be written to the **American Red Cross** and on the memo line please write: **Hi Disaster Relief – Kilauea Lava Threat**. A receipt will be mailed to you from the American Red Cross.

With deep gratitude,

Rev. Jiko & Pam Kajikawa

Congratulations

One of the most serenely joyful ceremonies held at our temple each year is the Soto Zen Buddhist Lay Confirmation Ceremony. On June 3, a group of five sangha members accepted the precepts in a ceremony officiated by Rev. Jiko and assisted by Deacon Jikai. Formally becoming disciples of the Buddha, these members received their Buddhist names, wagesa, and certificates.



Our Sangha warmly congratulates:

Harold Hall	Jihō	Summit of Compassion	慈峰
Leilani Lewis	Renshin	Lotus Heart-mind	蓮心
Donna Ryngala	Jien	Circle of Compassion	慈円
Eliana Sattler	Jishō	Radiance of Compassion	慈照
Yukiko Tomidokoro	Hōgetsu	Dharma Moon	法月

This ceremony was the culmination of a period of study and reflection on the sixteen bodhisattva precepts which provide a strong, stable moral foundation in the life of a Soto Zen Buddhist. Congratulations to Jihō, Renshin, Jien, Jishō, and Hōgetsu.

Library News

By Clear Houn Englebert



Here are the new arrivals:

There are two in Japanese:

Kokoro (Heart) by Koin Takada. *Kokoro* is sometimes translated as *heart-mind*.

Novice Monk's Instructions by Soto Shu Shumicho is a fabulous book, even if you can't read it. The drawings and photos make it plain how to set up an altar, fold robes, and do everything that a novice monk needs to do or know.

The gift shop has, from the get-go, provided the library with books. Now that has moved into a higher gear because the gift shop has set up an account with Random House. Random House is currently called PenguinRandom and it's possibly the largest publisher in the world. They distribute the respected Buddhist publisher, Shambhala. When the first gift shop order came in, these four books were immediately picked for inclusion in the library:

What's Wrong with Mindfulness by Robert Rosenbaum is a marvelous book that goes into the confusion caused by the fact that there are two different Buddhist practices (one Mahayana and one Theravada) that are both called mindfulness.

Stars at Dawn by Wendy Garling is subtitled *Forgotten Stories of Women in the Buddha's Life*.

All the Rage edited by Andrea Miller is subtitled *Buddhist Wisdom on Anger and Acceptance*.

Zen Living by Domyo Sater Burk was selected by Rev. Jiko for the Dharma study group. I like to think I keep up with what's being published, but Rev. Jiko never fails to surprise me with top-notch books for this group.

The Journal of the Order of Buddhist Contemplatives 2016: Summer/Autumn is a special issue in book format about the founder Rev. Jiyu-Kennett (my own teacher).

What is Zen? by Norman Fischer and Susan Moon is one of those books that has me jumping up & down with joy. It's in a super-readable format of pertinent questions by Susan Moon and insightful answers by Norman Fischer. Q&A formats are always wonderful, and this one is truly a cut above!

The new pictorial books are:

Gandhara Art of Pakistan is the book that went with an exhibit, whose centerpiece was the statue of the Fasting Buddha, considered to be the world's greatest treasure of Buddhist sculpture. This exhibit (in Japan in 1984) was the first and possibly only time this sculpture was allowed to leave Pakistan. Gandhara was on the Silk Road between Greece and India and it is where Buddhist sculpture began. The Greek influence is quite obvious.

We have two books with the same title, *Borobudur*. One is by Jurgen Wickert, and the other by Yazir Marzuki and Toeti Heraty. Borobudur was constructed about 750 A.D. in Java and is one of the grandest Buddhist archeological sites in the world. It's based on a huge mandala, with hundreds of meditating Buddha statues in stupas.



In Memoriam

To the family of the late **Morris Kimura**, 90, who passed away on May 23, 2018, we express our love and sympathy.

To the family of the late **Gary Akamatsu**, 74, who passed away on June 3, 2018, we express our sincere condolences.

Namu Kie Butsu. Namu Kie Ho. Namu Kie So.

Welcome, New Members



Our sangha extends a warm aloha to the following new members:

The Felte Family — Lillian, Hunter, Keiko, and Parker

New members are always welcome. For information on membership, please see Rev. Jiko, call the temple office at (808) 322-3524, or visit the Daifukuji website www.daifukuji.org.



Baika for Beginners

The Daifukuji Baikako Plum Blossom Choir, will be starting Baikaryu Eisanka (Buddhist hymns sung with bell accompaniment) classes for beginners **in the fall** of this year. Classes will be taught by Michiko Enomoto. The ability to read Japanese is useful, but not required. Our Daifukuji Baikako offers soothing Buddhist music at major services & funerals.

If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Rev. Jiko at (808) 322-3524 or rev.jiko@daifukuji.org.



Daifukuji Bazaar
Sunday, September 9
9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Donations of items may be dropped off starting August 26.

Bazaar Planning Meeting

Sunday, July 22

10 a.m.

Social Hall

All committee heads & interested persons are invited to attend. Questions? Call bazaar co-chairs Joyce (329-3833) or Stephen (938-4617).

Daifukuji Soto Mission Legacy Endowment Fund



Aloha Members & Friends of Daifukuji

Thank You for your continued and overwhelming support of our Legacy Endowment Fund. As of June 8th, 2018, we have received nearly \$90K in donations and our Endowment has surpassed the \$265K mark. We truly believe our goal of establishing a sustainable \$1 Million Endowment within a decade is achievable, and we will work diligently towards that goal. 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, the Daifukuji grounds, the minister's residence, the social & cultural halls and the cemetery.

Donors December 15, 2017 – June 8, 2018

Setsuyo Oshima in Memory of Susumu Oshima, Renee Kimura in Memory of the Yoshimatsu Kimura Family, Renee Kimura in Memory of Miyeko Miyose, Terry Maruyama in Memory of Tetsuo & Shinobu Maruyama and Tetsuzo Maruyama, Shirlene Yoneyama & Harold Murata in Memory of Kazuo & Ayako Iwamuro + Yasuto & Kikuyo Shishido + Paul & Mildred Murata + Richard & Hatsuko Yoneyama, Rune Dahl, Leilani Lewis, Stanley Kimura (2), Nancy Osako in Memory of Vivian Ontai, Katherine Sweetser, John Hamm & Mary Anne Seibert in Honor of the Daifukuji Sangha, Nancy Osako in Memory of Ruby Kuroiwa Taki + Ed Kaneko + Morris Kimura + Gary Akamatsu.

The following are from the Minoru Nakamoto Family in memory of Minoru (Roy) and Asako Nakamoto: Ann Nakamoto, Alyssa Tokumura Perez, Kay Tokumura, Sherri Chang, Sid Nakamoto.

The following are in Recognition of Sakae Oshima's 100th Birthday: Gary Terashima & Ana Squellati, Miyoko Yoshida, Howard Takata, Janet Van Cleef.

For those of you who shop online at Amazon.com, we have recently registered the endowment fund in the **Amazon Smiles** program. You can help support our endowment by going to smile.amazon.com to shop. Same products, same prices, same service and 0.5% of eligible purchases are donated to the Legacy Endowment Fund. We will have more information on our website soon.

Also, for any friends of Daifukuji who may happen to work for a large corporation (e.g. Google, Apple, Microsoft, etc.) the endowment fund is registered on the Benevity corporate giving platform. Any donation you make to the Daifukuji Soto Mission Legacy Endowment Fund will be matched by your company. Please consult your HR department or causes.benevity.org for more information.

Thank you for continuing to care about the future of our Temple.

In Gassho,

Wade Yasuda, Chairman

Daifukuji Soto Mission Legacy Endowment Fund Board of Trustees

Avis Yamamoto, Brian Yamamoto, Keith Olson, Wade Yasuda



Ants and Air

by Rev. Jikō Nakade

I have a new perspective on ants and air. As you may have heard, there are Little Fire Ants (LFA) at Daifukuji. Little Fire Ants are tiny, slow-moving brownish-orange ants that have a powerful and painful bite which results in long-lasting itchy welts. They are an invasive species which is difficult to eliminate. Not only do LFA bite humans, they also sting animals, including dogs and cats, whose corneas cloud over from stings near their eyes. My daughter and I have been stung by them inside the temple office and residence. They are also in the social hall kitchen, usually near sources of water, and outside on the grounds. Our samu volunteers working outside under the trees have been stung by them. About a month ago, Daifukuji volunteers Judie Fekete and Larry Yoshiyama teamed up to begin ant treatment, which will need to be done at regular intervals for a year. A big mahalo to them for their efforts and also to Larry and Dale Yoshiyama for donating pickled mango, coffee, and other items to our Ant Eradication fundraiser, of which the proceeds will be used to purchase the products needed. Thankfully, I can say that the treatments are working. LFA are still around, but their population has greatly decreased. (The Hawai'i Ant Lab is a great resource. www.littlefireants.com) So, two things: (1) Don't take home plant material which may contain LFA from the grounds of Daifukuji, and (2) Please let me know if you see LFA. It's good to be aware of their locations. What's funny, to me anyway, is that now when I see all kinds of non-biting ants inside my home and office, I think to myself, "Oh good, not fire ants! Welcome!" and reflect upon how interesting it is to have this change in perspective. And yet, however pesky the LFA are, I still respect their life force and am sorry that we have to harm them and destroy their nests. Sorry, Little Fire Ants.

Now, for air. The thick vog that settles over Kona and irritates my throat and lungs has given me a deeper appreciation for clean air. Like many Kona residents, I'm spending more time indoors with windows shut and air purifiers running. I even allow folks to keep a bottle of water next to them during zazen, something which was not allowed before. Keeping hydrated and one's throat moist is important under these vogy conditions. I have developed a deeper appreciation for clean air and no longer take the air I breathe for granted. For this, I have the vog to thank. It's made me aware of the air that sustains all life, mine included. As part of my Buddhist practice, I try to be mindful of my breath. Now I am also more mindful of and grateful to the air I breathe.

Ants & air. In Zen, everyday living is a practice, an opportunity to be mindful, aware, & compassionate. In each moment, the potential for awakening is there. Namu kie butsu. Namu kie hō. Namu kie sō.

In Gassho

Coming up in August...

Project Dana.....August 8

Kannon-ko Service.....August 15

Orchid Show & Sale.....August 12

Takako's Song Class.....August 27 (new time, 7 p.m.)

July 2018

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- Temple Board
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- Baikako Practice
- Dharma Study

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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