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## Memorial Day Service and Blessing of the Graduates



**Sunday, May 29 10:00 a.m.**

Prayers for world peace and a remembrance of our fallen soldiers and victims of war will be the focus of Daifukuji's Memorial Day service. Our featured speaker will be sangha member **MaryAnne Seibert**. MaryAnne, who has taught yoga to the children of the Daifukuji Family Sangha, has had a forty-year career as a stage actor.

At the end of the service there will be a blessing of the following high school graduates of the Class of 2022:

**Asia Macatiag, daughter of Paul and Iris Macatiag**

**Kawena Villasenor Yamane, daughter of Adrian and Susie (Yamane) Villasenor**

**Kimiko Tossmann, daughter of Steven Tossmann and Jessica Pascua**

**Koutaro Yamamoto, son of Midori Satoh and Shigeru Yamamoto**

*All are invited to this service and to stay for a luncheon to be held in honor of the graduates. If you wish, you may bring leis, cards, and gifts for the graduates. The Gift Shop will be open from 9:30 - 10 a.m. and from 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon. Masks are required inside the shop.*

Obon service information on page 4.

## Meet Our High School Graduates



Asia Macatiag

Hi, I'm Asia Kaleponi Chieko Macatiag. I'm graduating from Kealakehe High School. I plan to go to Palamanui Community College this coming fall. I have many interests and plans for my future, but a few are business management, tourism and culture. I also plan to continue with taiko and help where I can. Thank you to my family, friends and taiko group for supporting me through high school.



Kimiko Tossmann

Hi, my name is Kimiko Shyann Tossmann. I am graduating from Kealakehe High School. As far as my future goes, I am set on moving to the mainland to experience the city life. I've looked through different colleges there that I will most likely go to after a gap year or so.

My experience in taiko has allowed me to bring my creativity to a new level. I was also able to meet new amazing people and alumni who taught me a lot of what I know today. Thanks to sensei Akemi, I was able to put in the practice needed, along with my peers, for us to excel.



Kawena Akemi Villasenor Yamane

After graduating from Kealakehe High School, I plan to move to Hilo and continue my education at the University of Hawaii at Hilo. I am hoping to pursue a career in the medical field.



Koutaro Yamamoto

After graduating Kealakehe High School, I will go to Valencia, Spain for ten months at a soccer program. There, I will be attending a local high school where I will learn how to speak Spanish. After that, I plan to go to a college in Japan or Spain.

*A former member of the Family Sangha, Koutaro has been coming to Daifukuji with his family since he was little.*



## Cultivating Peace

Dear Daifukuji members and friends,

Summer greetings to all! The photos in this issue convey what I've always known: that each temple group is a cultivator of peace in our community. At Daifukuji, peace is cultivated through activities such as zazen, Dharma study, t'ai chi, yoga, taiko, Baika, ukulele playing, the growing of orchids, programs for the *kupuna*, and so forth.

Each one of our temple groups plants seeds of peace in people's hearts and minds. As a sangha, we support each other and water these seeds together. And when we gather, as we did at our recent Peace Pole Dedication Ceremony, the effect is a magical flowering of all the seeds we've planted and nurtured. Dear sangha, may Daifukuji always be a place of peace in our Hawai'i Nei. Thank you for making our temple a place where kindness blossoms. May we live each day taking refuge in Buddha, Dharma, and Sangha.

With love and aloha, in gassho,

Rev. Jikō                      慈光



Bishop Shugen  
Komagata

## Bishop to Officiate Soto Zen Buddhist Lay Confirmation Ceremony

Sunday, May 22            10:30 a.m.

*Potluck Lunch*

On Sunday, May 22 at 10:30 a.m., we will be honored by the presence of Bishop Shugen Komagata, who will be serving as the officiant at this year's Soto Zen Buddhist Lay Buddhist Confirmation Ceremony. He will be accompanied by Reverend Shuji Komagata, resident minister of the Taiheiji Soto Mission of Aiea. **Members of the sangha are cordially invited to attend the ceremony and to join the potluck meal to follow.**

Fifteen sangha members will be receiving the bodhisattva precepts, as well as their Buddhist names.

They are:

**Linda Calloway, Huong Lam, Aimee Disharoon, Markus Fahrenberger, Dan Gordon, Jonika Grossi, John Hamm, Gerald Hirata, Mark Holst, Travis Marsh, Richard Morley, Frank Paco Galman, Kym Peck, MaryAnne Seibert, and Stephen Tanaka.**

These individuals completed a three-month study of the precepts under the guidance of Rev. Jikō. A potluck lunch and fellowship will follow the ceremony. All are welcome.

The Gift Shop will be open from 11:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.

## Obon Service to be Held on June 26

10:00 a.m.

Speaker: Rev. Shinsho Hata, Taishoji Soto Mission

Lunch to follow service



All are invited to attend Daifukuji's Obon service on Sunday, June 26 at 10 a.m. The Dharma message will be given by Rev. Shinsho Hata of Taishoji Soto Mission. Please join our sangha in thanking Rev. Hata since this will be his last visit to Daifukuji before he returns to Japan with his family this summer.

At this annual Obon service, the sutras will be chanted for family ancestors. *Toba* memorial dedications will be recited by the minister.

As a Sangha, we gather to offer our love and support to those who are observing their departed family member's first Obon, known as *Hatsubon*.



To date, the following are the names of the departed for whom this will be a first Obon:

**Toshio Ushijima, John Carlstrom, Miyoko Sakamoto, Nancy Kurihara, Roy Torioka, Leonard Ota, and Setsuyo Oshima**

The *toba* request form was sent out in the May newsletter and is available online:

<http://www.daifukuji.org/newsletter/2022/may22news.pdf>. The deadline for *toba* requests is June 1st.

Following the Obon service all are invited to stay for the fellowship luncheon. Please join us.

Donations of flowers are appreciated and may be delivered to the temple by Friday, June 24. If you are able to donate flowers, please inform Rev. Jiko (808-322-3524, [rev.jiko@daifukuji.org](mailto:rev.jiko@daifukuji.org)).

The Gift Shop will be open from 9:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. and after the service from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.



## June Programs



**Zazen** - Zazen is offered in person and via Zoom every Wednesday from 6:00 a.m. - 7:20 a.m. Practitioners are asked to arrive at 5:45 a.m. Twice a month (June 9 & June 30), zazen will be offered via Zoom only from 6 - 7:20 p.m. Contact Rev. Jiko at [rev.jiko@daifukuji.org](mailto:rev.jiko@daifukuji.org) to receive the Zoom link for zazen sessions.

**Sangha Sisters Women's Spirituality Circle** - In person and via Zoom, meetings are held on the second Friday of the month at 7:00 p.m. Call Susie at (808) 936-5817 for information.

**Bare Bones Writers Group** - Via Zoom, meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the month at 9:00 a.m. Call Kathryn at (808) 345-2976 for information.

**T'ai Chi** - Tuesdays - Beginners, Wednesdays - Intermediate, Thursdays - Advanced. All classes are one hour and start at 9:00 a.m. inside the Hisashi Kimura Cultural Hall. \$5.00 per class. Call instructor Philip Kakuho Hema : (808) 345-1492.

**Soleful Strutters** - T'ai Chi warm-up and walking on temple grounds at 8:30 a.m. on Tuesdays. For information, please contact Hannah Israel at (408) 421-8845 or Reverend Jiko at (808) 322-3524.

**Yoga** — Mondays from 8:30 - 9:30 a.m. in the Hisashi Kimura Cultural Hall. No fee, but donations accepted. Bring a mat or towel. Call instructor Liz Aschenbrenner: (808) 345-1270 or [liz217a@hotmail.com](mailto:liz217a@hotmail.com).

### **Yoga via Zoom (June 2- July 7) New 6-week series "Meditation-in-Motion" (Spontaneous Movement)**

Thursdays from 8:00 - 9:00 a.m. HST. Welcome and Warm-up from 7:45 - 8 a.m. HST. ZOOM Yoga from 8:00 - 9:00 a.m. HST. Optional Chat from 9:00- 9:20 a.m. Drop in or whole series. What's needed: Yoga mat, loose clothing, water, towel, empty stomach. "Dana"=Temple Offering by mail or at: <http://www.daifukuji.org/donation/index.html>.

Instructor: Ambika "Jō-An" Rose,5105 who has been teaching yoga at Daifukuji for 10 years. For inquiry about this series and future yoga classes: (808) 430-2620. Email for Registration & Zoom Link: [ambikarose@hawaiiantel.net](mailto:ambikarose@hawaiiantel.net).



## Temple and Grounds Clean Up

*Sunday, June 12  
8:00 a.m.*

Members and temple groups, kindly lend us a hand in cleaning our temple and grounds for O-Bon. We'll begin with a short meditation inside the temple at 8:00 a.m.

Please bring rags, buckets, gloves, and garden tools labelled with your name. Refreshments will be provided by the temple.

Any amount of time that you are able to offer will be appreciated. These big clean up days are held twice a year and many volunteers are needed. Questions? Call our clean-up day coordinator Shaun Roth at (808) 936-9815.



## In Memoriam

To the family of the late **Setsuyo Oshima** who passed away on April 15, 2022 at the age of 96, we express our deepest sympathy. Sets was a member of Daifukuji Soto Mission and the Daifukuji Fujinkai.

*Namu Daihi Kanzeon Bosatsu*



## Daifukuji Fujinkai Welcomes New Members

The Daifukuji Fujinkai warmly welcomes eleven new members to their organization:

**Susie Weaver, Cherokee Shaner, Wende Kumara, Sherilyn Shields, Andrea Shea, Brenda Harai, Sherry Yamaguchi, Teri Hollowell, Huong Lam, Eliana Sattler, and Marsha Norvell.**

The Fujinkai, which was started in 1915 as a Buddhist women's organization, has recently taken a big, bright step forward by opening their membership to ANY adult age 18 and up. Take a look at the Fujinkai's new brochure: [http://www.daifukuji.org/activities/Fujinkai\\_Brochure\\_2022.pdf](http://www.daifukuji.org/activities/Fujinkai_Brochure_2022.pdf).

Fujinkai dues are \$10 annually. Members 85 and up are exempt from paying membership dues. To join, ask Rev. Jiko for a membership form. Brochures with forms are also available on the brochure rack on the library table. Call Joyce at (808) 329-3833 for information.

## Mahalo Nui Loa

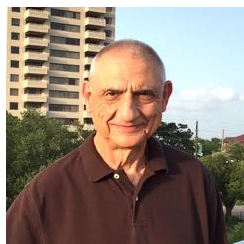


Thank you for Mr. Dale Shiraki of Shiraki Dry Cleaners for donating the laundering of Daifukuji's 33 Kannon table cloths and floor runners.

A big mahalo to sisters Andrea Shea and Brenda Harai for sewing and donating a large number of colorful reusable cloth napkins for sangha members' *oryoki* sets.\* If you haven't received a cloth napkin for your kit, please be sure to pick one up the next time you're at the temple.

\* In our efforts to go green, sangha members are encouraged to bring their own plate, utensils, and cup/mug to temple events at which meals are served.

Daifukuji will not be holding a Bon Dance this summer due to potential risks associated with such a large gathering of people. The coronavirus is still present in our community. Let us continue to be as careful as possible.



## Aging and Zazen

by Michael Keller

When I was in high-school, I lived with an elderly great aunt who had a marvelous trait of laughing at herself when she had done something foolish. I remember her laughing about putting the salt and pepper shakers in the refrigerator. Now that I am older myself, I find I have some of my great aunt's ability to laugh at herself.

I exercise quite a bit. Indoors I do pushups, weight curls, and abdominal exercises; outdoors I do rapid walking and jumping-jacks. I do this routine every other day. In a recent morning, I laid out the dumbbells and other appurtenances as though it was an exercise day. When my wife pointed out that I had done the exercises just the previous day, I found myself laughing at myself just like my great aunt. Also, frequently I find activities all through the house that I have neglected to complete, and then I have to go back and finish them. I can laugh at that too.

Declining mental and physical faculties are the experience of all people who live a normal life span. It is a great benefit to those who are older to have a sense of humor in response to this decline. My great aunt had a good-humored acceptance of her aging entirely by her own nature. Zazen promotes this acceptance, too, in its gradual erosion of self, for the less self, the more humor and detachment.

## Project Dana Volunteers Meeting

Wednesday, June 8

9:00 a.m.

Daifukuji Social Hall

Volunteers, we'll be gathering to discuss how to safely re-start our Project Dana program. Please make every effort to attend this meeting.

## Gay Sangha Announcement

There hasn't been enough attendance since we re-started our meditation sessions to justify continuing them. So they'll be discontinued, perhaps indefinitely, unless enough interest/commitment is shown to start them up again. However, the Gay Sangha will continue to meet as a service group---doing weeding, etc around the temple. The meetings will be approximately monthly and Steve Hoshin will be sending out the notifications, starting in mid-June.

## UHSSWA Conference Photos



### Library News

By Clear Houn Englebert



These are the latest new arrivals:

*We Japanese* is by the Fujiya Hotel in Hakone. It's from the mid-twentieth century and it's easily the neatest book in the whole library. The cover is beautiful Japanese cloth with gold printing and there are almost 900 illustrations inside. It covers just about everything you could ever want to know about Japanese customs, manners, ceremonies, festivals, arts & crafts, and much more. Warning: this book is addicting—once you open it you will find it very hard to put down! (If you do get addicted, the gift shop has a copy for sale.)

*The Art of Twentieth-Century Zen* by Audrey Seo and Stephen Addiss focuses on the work of fourteen Zen Masters whose work has been largely overlooked. There's a photo of each artist/Master which adds greatly to our appreciation of their art.

*Buddha Facing the Wall: Interviews with American Zen Monks* is edited by Sara Jenkins and the people interviewed are practicing under the guidance of Cheri Huber.

*When You're Falling, Dive* by Cheri Huber herself. It concerns acceptance, freedom, and responsibility.

*Bon Uta: A Song From Home* is a DVD.

*The Bodhidharma Anthology: The Earliest Records of Zen* by Jeffrey Broughton contains all the seven texts that are attributed to Bodhidharma along with commentaries. This is not esoteric Zen—this is wonderful Zen!

*Chan Before Chan* by Eric Greene is likewise wonderful, covering some of the time period but it's more historical, drawing from a wide range of sources.

*Cypress Trees in the Garden* is by Richard McDaniel. He interviewed 75 prominent American Zen teachers and their senior students in this book that is subtitled *The Second Generation of Zen Teaching in North America*.





Daifukuji Fujinkai members and friends gathered on April 23 for the first virtual UHSSWA conference.



The Dharma Study group held a reunion on the 27th of April.



## Daifukuji Board Report

by Teri Jigen Hollowell, substituting for Steve Hoshin Mann

The Daifukuji Board of Directors met Thursday, May 5 on Zoom. Rev. Jiko acknowledged Barbara Shoshin Bosz's hard work in coordinating the Peace Pole dedication ceremony. Barb Shoshin reported the ceremony was attended by 75-100 people and that a video of the ceremony is available on Daifukuji's Facebook page.

Stephen Tanaka reported that all graves have been power washed and that there's one more section of concrete pouring remaining. Judie Fekete reported that the fumigation of temple buildings by Pacific Termite and Pest Control is scheduled for August 22-25 for a contract price of \$28,680.62.

Project Dana volunteers will be meeting to discuss how to re-start this senior activity program and safely bring together our kupuna. Bids are still being obtained for the painting of the roof. Bids are also being obtained for the cleaning of the temple's carpets. A nominations committee was formed to begin the process of working on nominations for board positions for the next term.



## Peace Pole Dedication Ceremony

Thank you all, from near and far, for helping with and attending our Peace Pole Dedication on April 30. It was a beautiful day with no rain. The origami cranes looked magical hanging in long strands. The speakers focused our minds on peace in our hearts, community and world. The Happy Strummers and Kona Daifukuji Taiko enlivened the gathering and spread waves of peace. Our new plaque to the ancestors reminds us of where we come from. The blue cranes stand beautifully on each side of the pole and plaque.

Let us practice planting seeds of peace. May all beings be happy, safe and at ease.

In Gassho,

Barbara Shoshin Bosz

Peace Event Coordinator







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## KONA DAIFUKUJI "ZOOM" YOGA 5.9.22

**6 Thursdays 8-9 am HST June 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 July 7**

- 7:45 – 8 am HST Welcome Warm-up
- 8:00 – 9 am "ZOOM" YOGA!
- 9:00 – 9:20am Chat (optional)
- 1:45 – 2 pm EST, DLS
- 2:00 – 3 pm
- 3:00 – 3:20 pm

**Open to: Members, Kona Community and ALL  
Beginners & Experienced WELCOME!**

@Drop in or Whole Series@

**ENERGY is our focus,** so move to your body!

*"Meditation-in-Motion" in rhythm with the Inner Source of Self!*

**Bring: Yoga mat, loose clothing, H2O, & towel, empty stomach**

**"Dana" = Temple Offering by mail or at: <http://www.daifukuji.org/donation/index.html>**

**Email for REGISTRATION & Link: [ambikarose@hawaiiantel.net](mailto:ambikarose@hawaiiantel.net)**



### **Instructor: Ambika "Jō-An" Rose**

I have taught yoga for 45 years. The "Style" is **Amrit Yoga** an authentic, meditative exploration of Shakti [Chi] Energy through intention, breath, alignment, extension & movement. Following postures, we pause: relax, breathe, and "let go!"  
We **EXPLORE ENERGY!** For inquiry: **808-430-2620** 5.9.22

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