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Nehan-e Service & Potluck Lunch



Sunday, February 10

9:30 a.m

All are invited to Daifukuji's Nehan-e Service. This Nirvana Ceremony commemorates the pari-nirvana of Shakyamuni Buddha. A scroll showing the reclining Buddha surrounded by his followers and animals in mourning will be displayed inside the temple. In his last discourse, the Buddha taught that although the physical body dies, the Dharma is eternal. By living the Dharma and practicing the precepts, we can see that the Buddha is always with us. A Dharma message will be delivered by Rev. Jiko.

Lunch will be a potluck affair, so please bring something to share if you can.

The gift shop will be open. Donations of canned foods for the Hawaii Food Basket are always appreciated.

Pancake Breakfast



Saturday, March 23

7 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Tickets \$8.00

Our Fujinkai Women's Association is hosting a Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser on Saturday, March 23. Tickets may be purchased in advance at \$8 apiece through Fujinkai members & the temple office. Tickets will also be sold at the door. Each ticket is good for one complete breakfast platter and coffee, tea, or juice. The ever-popular miso soup is included.

Let's all support our Fujinkai's fundraising efforts. Proceeds are used to fund conferences, field trips, and educational activities sponsored by the Fujinkai.

Questions? Please call the temple office at (808) 322-3524.

February Programs



Dharma Study Classes - Tuesdays, February 5, 12, 19, & 26 3:30 - 5:00 p.m. Kannon Hall
Zen Mind, Beginners Mind by Shunryu Suzuki Roshi is the subject of study. All sessions begin at 3:30 p.m. with 30 minutes of zazen followed by an hour of Dharma sharing. Please plan on arriving before 3:30. Late arrivals, please do your zazen sitting in the pews & remain outside the meditation room. One may purchase a book for \$8.50. Contact Rev. Jiko for information: info@daifukuji.org, (808) 322-3524. All are welcome.

Family Sangha: A Dharma Program for Children - Sundays, February 3 & 24 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. Call Rev. Jiko for information: (808) 322-3524.

Zazen (Meditation)

- * Every Wednesday morning from 6 a.m. - 7:20 a.m.
- * Thursdays, February 14 & 28 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 minutes before starting time. Call ahead if you are new to zazen practice. (808) 322-3524

Shakyo & Shabutsu Art Meditation - Saturday, February 2 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. Call Rev. Jiko at (808) 322-3524.

Baikako Plum Blossom Choir Practice - Sunday, February 3 from 7:45 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. Beginners classes on February 7, 21, & 28 from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. Baika Workshop on February 16 & 17. Call Rev. Jiko at 322-3524 for information.

The Gay Sangha - Friday, February 1 6:00 - 8:00 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

Tuesdays at 9 a.m., Wednesdays at 12 noon, Thursdays at 9 a.m. All classes are one hour. \$5.00 per class. No prior experience is necessary. Call instructor Philip Kakuho Hema : (808) 345-1492.

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. Note: No class will be held on February 18.

Daifukuji Fujinkai Women's Association News

Members of the Daifukuji Fujinkai Women's Association gathered at the temple on January 6th for their first service of the year called *hatsumairi*. Following the service, Fujinkai president Joyce St. Arnault gave her New Year's greetings, thanking everyone for supporting the Fujinkai. Announcements were made regarding the Fujinkai's pancake breakfast fundraiser coming up on March 23 and the 54th Annual UHSSWA Conference which will be hosted by the Soto Mission of Hawaii Fujinkai the weekend of April 13 & 14 at the Betsuin and also at the Sheraton Waikiki.

Following the meeting, everyone went to Hong Kong Chop Suey for lunch, fellowships and games.

Women ages 18 and up are welcome to join the Fujinkai. Call Merle at 323-3553 for information on membership.



7th Annual HAIB Buddha Day Service

Sunday, March 10 9:30 a.m.

Kona Hongwanji Social Hall, Kealakekua

Guest Speaker: George Tanabe, Ph.D.



The Hawaii Association of International Buddhists (HAIB) cordially invites all Buddhists on Hawaii Island to this annual gathering held in observance of Shakyamuni Buddha's birth.

The guest speaker, Dr. George Tanabe, is an emeritus professor of the Department of Religion at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa. He is a specialist on the religions of Japan, especially Buddhism. Currently, he is president of Bukkyō Dendō Kyōkai Hawaii. He and his wife Willa Tanabe, Ph.D., co-authored the book *Japanese Buddhist Temples in Hawaii: An Illustrated Guide*, which will be available for purchase at the event.

Please let Rev. Jiko know if you can help with setting up chairs at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, March 9th. or are able to donate flowers for the *hanamido* (flower shrine). Help is also needed on March 10th with clean up after the service, as well as the serving of refreshments. For more information on the Buddha Day Service, call Rev. Jiko at (808) 322-3524.



2019 Precepts Classes

Receiving the precepts & one's Buddhist name and formally becoming a disciple of the Buddha is an important event in the life of a Soto Zen Buddhist. One goes through a process of study and reflection together with Rev. Jiko and a group of Dharma friends. The sharing of one's life is done in an atmosphere that is gentle, accepting, and compassionate. Many have found their lives illuminated and enriched by this inner journey.

The 2019 Lay Confirmation Ceremony will be held at Daifukuji on the 1st of June. In preparation for this ceremony, classes on the 16 Bodhisattva Precepts will be offered by Rev. Jiko from March through May. Classes will be held weekly. The day of the week and time will be decided once the participants are confirmed.

If you are interested in signing up for these classes or learning more about what Lay Confirmation entails, please contact Rev. Jiko at (808) 322-3524 or email her at info@daifukuji.org by February 1.

Zen Retreat Held

The 5th annual joint Zen Retreat was held on the 5th of January. The Daifukuji Zazenkai welcomed zazenkai members from both Taishoji Soto Mission and 'Alaneo Zendo, our sister Soto Zen temples in Hilo. Forty participants spent a day sitting, walking, and eating in silence. Mahalo to Rev. Tom Daitso Wright for his Dharma talk on the life of Dogen Zenji; to members of the Shakyō group



for assisting with the sutra-tracing activity; to the members of the Daifukuji Zazenkai for setting up, cleaning up, & providing the vegetarian lunch; to members of the Gift Shop for opening the shop; to Sojiji monk Rev. Yanai for his help; to all who came and supported each other in silence.

Welcome, New Members



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

Machiko Asaka

Maria Smith

New members are always welcome. For information, see Rev. Jiko or visit our website: http://www.daifukuji.org/membership_brochure.pdf.

Mahalo Nui Loa



Mahalo nui loa to Naoko Moller for offering two lecture-and-meal sessions on Zen Cooking on the 8th of December, 2018. We also thank

Hiromi Beck and Mineko Yajima, Naoko's assistants who came over from Hilo.

Thank you to all who turned in KTA receipt points. With your points, our temple was able to acquire 6 turkeys, 4 shanks of ham, & 10 boxes of shrimp to serve to the approximately 200 guests at the New Year's party.



Kona Daifukuji Taiko to Celebrate 30th Anniversary

In celebration of 30 years, Kona Daifukuji Taiko will be having two taiko concerts — one on Saturday, July 20th from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m., and another on Sunday, July 21st from 12:00 noon – 2:00 p.m. at the Aloha Theater in Kainaliu.

We invite our alumni to join us on stage for this celebration. Any Kona Daifukuji Taiko alumnus or alumna interested in joining us, please contact Akemi at (808) 989-8194 by the end of March. Please help us get the word out to our alumni 'ohana.

Stay tuned for more information in the months to come. Mahalo for your continued support!

Kona Daifukuji Taiko Group



Daifukuji Soto Mission Legacy Endowment Fund

Aloha Members & Friends of Daifukuji

Thank You for your continued support of our Legacy Endowment Fund. 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.

Recent Donors:

The Zazenkai Meditation Group.

A very generous Anonymous Donor.

Melvin & Lorraine Kunishima In Memory of Teruko Yamanaka & Gunichi Yamanaka, Neal Sugai in Memory of Tadao Sugai & Sirinee Sugai, Winifred S. Kimura in Memory of Hisashi & Irene Kimura, Judie Myoko Fekete in Memory of Joanne Jisen Scribner, Gail S. Maruyama in Memory of Hideo Maruyama, Nancy Osako in Memory of Dennis Bangay, Nancy Osako in Memory of Michelle Wachter & Derek Border Kimura, Stanley M. Kimura, Nancy Osako in Memory of Faye Komagata.

The following donations were In Memory of Alfrieda Fujita:

Tomoe & Joe Nimori, Jerry & Elaine Hirata, Roy & Lorraine Teramoto, Elsie Takeguchi, Ray Takeguchi, Agnes Fukumoto.

Thank you to those of you who shop online using Amazon Smile. Just go to smile.amazon.com, and choose "Daifukuji Soto Mission" as your charity. It's the same shopping experience & prices, and Amazon donates a small portion of all eligible purchases to Daifukuji.

Beginning this year, to cut down on expenses & help out the environment, Acknowledgement Letters for donations will be emailed instead of being printed out & mailed. For those that do not have an email address or wish a paper copy mailed to them, that option is always available on the donation form.

The Endowment Fund Board of Trustees will present its annual report to the Board of Directors at the first meeting of 2019 in February but the basics are we collected \$35,100 in donations in 2018 and as of January 7th, our Endowment fund has surpassed \$276,000. As always, the most recent Endowment Fund statement from First Hawaiian Bank is available for viewing in the Temple Office by any member. We remain on track to let our Fund grow for the first 5 years of existence before tapping any earnings for building maintenance. This will allow us to establish a solid base for our Endowment.

Thank you for your continued support of Daifukuji and our Legacy Endowment Fund.

In Gassho,

Wade Yasuda, Chairman

Daifukuji Soto Mission Legacy Endowment Fund Board of Trustees

Avis Yamamoto, Brian Yamamoto, Keith Olson, Wade Yasuda

Library News

By Clear Houn Englebert



Here are the latest new arrivals:

The Long Road Turns to Joy by Thich Nhat Hanh is a reissue of an older book about walking meditation.

The Sutra of the Sixth Patriarch on the Pristine Orthodox Dharma translated by Paul & George Fung is an excellent addition to our “Scripture” section.

Forging Our Lives in Togetherness by Akinori Imai is another wonderful book of Hawaii Island pictures and reminiscences.

The Dalai Lama's Little Books of Compassion by Dalai Lama is small but quite substantial.

Close to the Ground by Geri Larkin is subtitled *Reflections on the Seven Factors of Enlightenment*.

Guardian of the Sea by John Clark is about Jizo Bodhisattva in Hawaii.

The Path to Enlightenment by Luangpor Pamojjo is from Thailand. In it he seeks to simplify the Buddha’s teaching while still remaining true to it.

Handbook for Buddhists by Saddhatissa Thera is a darling little book from India.

Cloud and Water by Hsing Yun is a fabulous collection of short Zen poems from China, with Master Yun’s commentaries.

Zen Dawn translated by J. C. Cleary contains three of the earliest writings on Zen, including a magnificent short work by Bodhidharma in which he makes plain that burning physical incense is not necessarily a meritorious act. The real incense “is the incense of the uncontrived truth.” Cleary’s lucid translation shows that Bodhidharma is not hard to read or understand.

Buddhist Peacework edited by David Chappell is a much needed work in these troubled times.

Dancing in the Dharma by Sandy Boucher is about the life and teachings of Ruth Denison.

Dignity & Discipline edited by Thea Mohr and Jampa Tsedroen is about reviving full ordination for Theravada and Tibetan Buddhist nuns. It makes me grateful that that’s not an issue in modern Zen.

Day by Day with Buddhist Teachings is a small pamphlet from Hawaii Sotoshu edited by Rev. J. Machida.

We have two new DVDs:

Kona Daifukuji New Year's Party Jan. 28, 2018 by Aki Imai

Master of Zen which is in Chinese with English subtitles. There’s lots of kung fu and as Rev. Jiko said, “Every myth about Bodhidharma is covered.”

Expanded Gift Shop Hours

by Clear Houn Englebert

The gift shop has two purposes: to help the Temple and to spread the Dharma. Hopefully, it can do more of both in the future. Since the shop started in 2010, it's only been open for a few hours on certain days – about twelve days a year. Starting in 2019, the shop will be open on certain days of the week every week. (That's one small step for shoppers, but one giant step for the shop.) This step wouldn't have happened if Barb Shoshin & Steve Shinkaku hadn't volunteered to staff the shop one afternoon a week – and as soon as Hannah Horan heard about it, she said, “Well, I could do a certain day of the week, too.” My hope is to have the shop open every day, and that will only happen if you, dear reader, step forward to help staff the shop. Please volunteer – it's fun, and you'll learn. My own e-mail is clearengle@aol.com and my number is 328-0329. You'll know it's happening when you go by the Temple and see a “Gift Shop Open” sign by the road. Our hours are also posted at Daifukuji.org.

Gift Shop's Participation in Holiday Event

by Barbara Shoshin Bosz

The Daifukuji Gift Shop had a prime location for the 2nd annual Mele Kalikimaka in Kainaliu town. We were invited to have our table in front of the H. Kimura Store and what a busy spot it was! Thank you, Winnie & Brian, for your help.

Sidewalk traffic was steady and so were sales. It was a joy to see sangha members, friends, families and visitors happily walking, talking, singing, shopping, & dodging the intermittent rain. We gave away organic tangerines & arare crackers & both were a big hit.

I was amazed at the children who had their faces painted. They were beautiful! The balloon creations were very creative, too. We had crowds gather whenever strolling Santa came by. He was very jolly & and took lots of photos with the keiki.

It's a wonderful experience to represent Daifukuji Soto Mission out in our community.



MOCHI FOR SALE \$8.00

10 pieces of frozen mochi per tray

Call (808) 322-3524 to arrange a pick-up time. You may also purchase mochi at the pancake breakfast.



Check Your Balance

by Rev. Jikō Nakade

I enjoy Daifukuji’s Soleful Strutters Walking Moai group on Tuesday mornings. At the start of each session, sangha member Kindness Isshin leads us in a T’ai Chi warmup that’s slow, gentle, and relaxing. “Check your balance,” he frequently says, reminding us to check our balance before taking a step to the right or to the left. I have come to regard these words as words of wisdom, and have been applying them to many facets of my daily life.

Check your balance. There is wisdom in pausing and centering oneself before taking a step. Particularly when one is in a rush, is feeling tired, or has many things on one’s mind, it’s easy to lunge forward without first checking one’s balance, which, as we all know, can lead to mishaps and even disaster.

So, check your balance. Pause for a moment. Center yourself. Then step forward. All of these have to do with being mindful.

At Daifukuji, we offer a number of programs that promote mindfulness: zazen, Dharma study, yoga, t’ai chi, Baika, taiko, and samu. At the start of this new year, how about trying something new, something that would enhance your sense of well being?

Let’s all remember to check our balance before taking a step. Thank you, Isshin, for this great reminder.



Coming up in March...

HAIB Buddha Day Service.....March 10
 Project Dana.....March 13
 Spring Higan & 33 Kannon Service...March 17

Kannon-ko Service.....March 20
 Pancake Breakfast.....March 23
 Regency at Hualalai Service...March 27

February 2019

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