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## A Big Canoe

Dear Sangha friends,

The Vow of the Bodhisattva is to free all beings so that all may attain enlightenment. Figuratively speaking, we all travel to the shore of Nirvana together in one very big canoe with no one left behind, stranded. This vow arises through the bodhisattva’s understanding of inter-being, impermanence, and selflessness and through the bodhisattva’s cultivation of wisdom and compassion. When “self” falls away, distinctions between self and others fall away. One realizes that all beings are interlinked and that there is room in the canoe for all. As Soto Zen Buddhists, we live by the vow of the Bodhisattva.

A new year has begun and like the Ox, whose year this is, we need to steadfastly plod along. The availability of the vaccine has given hope to many, and we can look forward to being together again. Oh, what a happy day that will be! Our temple board has been very cautious and protective of the sangha, keeping the temple doors closed to visitors for many months, and everyone has been patient and understanding. Thank you so much.

As a result of the economic instability caused by the Covid crises, many Hawai’i families have been suffering from food insecurity. I am grateful that the Daifukuji board has made donations to the Food Basket and the Salvation Army. I remember how vegetable seeds disappeared from the store racks when the pandemic first began and realized how a vegetable garden and fruit trees could provide much needed food in times of scarcity. At Daifukuji, we will be putting in a fruit orchard where the grove of aged and dying Macadamia nut trees now stands. The idea is to have a source of food for the sangha and minister’s family in the future. Just as the ancestors of our temple provided for us, we can provide for future generations of members. When the time comes to plant and care for these trees, I will be asking for your kōkua. The success of this project will depend on the help given by sangha members.

Let us continue to take care of each other and be compassionate to all we meet.

In gassho, with warm aloha,

*Rev. Jiko*



In Commemoration of the Buddha's Pari-Nirvana  
*Sunday, February 14*

Daifukuji's Nehan-e service will be offered on the temple's YouTube channel *Daifukuji Soto Zen*:

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCni\\_mBKgI4u1A1k4P8mvckw](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCni_mBKgI4u1A1k4P8mvckw)

Rev. Jiko and Deacon Jikai invite you to join them in observing the Buddha's Pari-Nirvana service from the safety of your home. The video will be available at any time after 5 a.m. on February 14.

We invite you to subscribe to Daifukuji's YouTube channel. (Rev. Jiko's demonstration of an easy way to make mochi has generated a lot of interest.)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dJno1VdIOwE&t=559s>

*"Dharma in Action"*

HAIB Buddha Day Online Event

Sunday, March 14, 2021

10:00 a.m. (Online registration will soon be available)



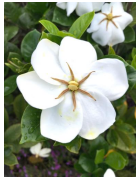
The Hawai'i Island chapter of the Hawaii Association of International Buddhists (HAIB) will be holding its annual Buddha Day event using ZOOM this year and invites everyone to celebrate the Buddha's birth together.

The event will open with a Buddha Day service, which will be followed by talks given by several speakers.

**Keynote Speaker: Mushim Patricia Ikeda** is a Buddhist teacher, author, mentor, and community activist. She teaches meditation retreats for people of color, women, and social justice activists nationally. She is a core teacher at the East Bay Meditation Center.

**Young adults** to speak on "Dharma in Action" in their lives: Sheera Tamura, Lisa Lassner, and Ryan Nakade.

For now, please mark your calendars. A registration link will soon be available. This event is being offered free of charge. It is suggested that those who wish to make a donation do so to the **Hawai'i Island Food Basket**. For information, contact Rev. Jiko at (808) 322-3524.



## In Memoriam

To the family of the late **Ernest Teshima**, who passed away at the age of 90 on December 26, 2020, we express our deepest sympathy.

*Mahalo to the Teshima Family and to all who have made donations to Daifukuji in memory of the late Ernest Teshima.*

## Welcome, New Members



Our Sangha warmly welcomes the following new members:

**Ann Inaba and Holeka Inaba**

**Jody, Fritz, and Matthew Nakasuji**

**Gilbert Kaneko (California)**

**Elena Shishkina and Spiro Theofilatos**

**Megan, George, Jack and Colin Forristall**

**Stephanie and Darin Ishitani**

## A Message from Temple President Stephen Tanaka

Happy New Year as we move forward! After a trying 2020, things are looking a bit brighter for 2021.

Daifukuji is not open yet, but when small groups are able to return, please know that masks, hand sanitization, and social distancing will still be required, as well as kindness and love for our members and everyone else.

The vaccine is here. Hopefully, we all can be together this year and see each other face to face, rather than face to screen. This past year has opened our eyes and shown us different ways to do things.

I'm looking forward to the day I can say "Daifukuji is back!" Until then, please stay safe and be well.

## Wedding Congratulations



We extend our warmest congratulations and aloha to Daisuke "Kai" and Kumiko Ioh who got married at Daifukuji on the 27th of December.



We also send our congratulations to Ryan Nakade and Lauren Lubowicki who were wed in Oregon on the 31st of December. Ryan is the son of Jiko and Michael Nakade.



## A Gift of a Thousand Meditations

A big mahalo to the Daifukuji Zazenkai meditation group for the group's donation of \$1,003 to the temple's Legacy Endowment Fund, made on Bodhi Day, the 8th of December.

Usually, group members offer a dollar each time they attend a meditation session. So, we can say that this is a gift of a thousand meditations. (Plus \$3 because this is the third year in a row that the Zazenkai is helping the temple in this way.)

Deep bows to the Daifukuji Zazenkai!



## Arigato from Project Dana

A heartfelt mahalo is expressed to the Daifukuji Young Buddhist Association for the group's generous gifts to the clients and volunteers of Project Dana, who all received a set of New Year's kagami mochi encased in plastic. (The mochi inside is real and can be eaten.)

Y.B.A., please know that your love, compassion, and caring are greatly appreciated.

We also sincerely thank all who have generously donated to Project Dana to help sustain Project Dana on Hawai'i Island in time of need.

With Gratitude,

*Lei Wili O Na Kupuna*

Daifukuji Project Dana

## Fujinkai Dues & Baikako Dues

The Daifukuji Fujinkai Women's Association and the Daifukuji Baikako Plum Blossom Choir have decided not to collect annual dues this year since it is unknown when group activities will resume.

The Fujinkai thanks all who purchased cookbooks and supported the UHSSWA-Fujinkai fundraiser. Cookbooks are \$12 and are available for purchase through the temple office. Call (808) 322-3524 or send an email to [info@daifukuji.org](mailto:info@daifukuji.org).



## Helping Our Community

Understanding that many families are facing food insecurity during this uncertain time, the Daifukuji Board has sent a donation of \$500 to the **Kona Salvation Army** and \$500 to the **Hawaii Island Food Basket** from the Daifukuji Soto Mission Sangha.

Let us all help our neighbors as much as possible.



## Introducing the Members of Daifukuji's Board of Directors - 2021 & 2022



### **Stephen Tanaka, President**

I am retired from working for the state as a kitchen supervisor at Kona Community Hospital. My family have always been Daifukuji members but I got back to Daifukuji by helping a friend set up the *yagura* for Bon dance and from then got back to helping whenever I could, like joining Samu and mowing the lawn. I like to bowl and will keep looking for ways that I can contribute to the temple.



### **Barbara Shoshin Bosz, Vice-President**

Aloha! I was invited to be on the Daifukuji Soto Mission board in 2018 and find it a privilege to serve.

I came to know Daifukuji by learning taiko from Rev. Tamiya back in 1992. Then, I started learning about Daifukuji events & celebrations, Japanese culture, and Buddhism. What a pleasure and a deeply beneficial road it has been!

I have 2 grown sons who live with me some of the time, as well as a cat and a dog at my home in Kona Palisades. I moved here from Maui in 1989. I have 2 sisters on Maui. I was born and raised in Racine, Wisconsin and have made Hawaii my home.

I have my own business, Big Island Brochure. My small crew and I distribute tourist brochures and publications around the island. Business has been quiet this last year which has given me more free time. I also help in the Daifukuji Gift Shop and love being there. P.S. My last name is pronounced like "rainbows," or "Bose" speakers.

### **Judie Myoko Fekete, Recording Secretary**

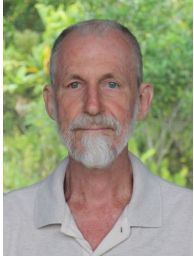


My occupation as a secretary in Palo Alto, California seems a million years ago since my early retirement in 1998.

Some 15 years ago I joined the Friday morning Samu Team that weekly cleans the temple, and maintains the grounds and buildings. It was, and still is, a warm and accepting group that appreciates any time and effort given by newcomers. It was a wonderful way to meet many temple members. After doing light chores we would break for delicious pot-luck lunches and social time. Lots of laughing and teasing! Since Covid, we all really miss these gathering and seeing each other.

My hobbies are the temple activities. Along with the Samu team, I belong to the Dharma study group, Zazenkai, and Sunday Sangha Social. I am the secretary for the Board of Directors. These are wonderful ways for me to give to others.

What I envision for Daifukuji is to continue providing a supportive environment for all people to feel comfortable learning our practice in their own way and at their own time. The community outreach we do is also important to me.



**Steve Hoshin Mann, Correspondence Secretary**

I've had a number of work opportunities, starting with a brief stint in a steel mill - managing restaurants, working as a handyman, teaching high school, database consulting. Twenty years ago my husband Clear and I started our small farm in Honaunau; for ten of those years I marketed culinary herbs under the Old Ways Farm brand. I'm mostly retired from commercial farming now, and we are re-developing the place as a subsistence garden and orchard. I came to Daifukuji through the Zazenkai; the practice of meditation has made a real difference in my life. I value Daifukuji's deep roots in the community, and its openness to adapting as that community changes. Serving on the Board, we help Daifukuji

meet whatever institutional challenges come along. But at base, we are not an institution, we're a sangha - sharing fellowship, sharing effort, and supporting one another in the light of the Dharma.



**Joyce Yuko St. Arnault, Treasurer**

I wish you all a wonderful and blessed 2021. I have been retired from the medical field in which I worked for 58 years, including 23 years in the surgical department at Kona Hospital. Currently, I am serving as Daifukuji treasurer, Fujinkai president, and United Hawaii Soto Shu Women's Association president. I am also a co-coordinator for the temple's Project Dana senior program and am a member of both the Baikako Plum Blossom Choir and Happy Strummers ukulele group. My interests are bowling in two senior bowling leagues and collecting knickknacks. My love is my St. Arnault 'ohana comprised of 20 family members. My vision and mission for Daifukuji is to encourage present and future generations to experience

the practices of giving (dana), compassion, peace, happiness, and love for humankind.



**Michele Oshima-Abe, Assistant Treasurer**

Aloha! I'm Michele Oshima-Abe and I serve on the board as the Assistant Treasurer. I've been working at the Kona Country Club for over 30 years as the Human Resources Manager. I have been a member of Daifukuji since childhood and have wonderful memories of going to Sunday school with my cousins and participating in various activities that were led by Rev. Jiko's mother, Mildred Oshima. I'm so happy to be a part of a church that is so welcoming, calming and peaceful and I hope to aid in continuing to promote the Buddhist culture.



**Bobby Command, Director**

Like a stray cat, I showed up at Daifukuji one day and just started to hang round. Unlike my adult children, Kepa, Lopaka and Malia, and my lovely wife, Mary, I have no pedigree. My single mom was from Japan, and I was continually scolded in Nihongo (Japanese) by her, so I can speak enough to get by. I worked for 25 years at the newspaper, and then for 12 more in county government. Somehow, I talked two mayors into hiring me since all I want to do is improve our community. I lived for a year in Japan when I was 4 but only remember riding on the Tokyo Kodama train and playing in some stream in Setagaya. One day, Mary and I will disappear, and if you are lucky, you'll run into us on a street in

Hakodate, Hokkaido, where we will live the rest of our lives, enjoying *rotenburo* (a hot-spring bath) and *enka* music. (Bobby served as temple president from 2017 - 2020.)



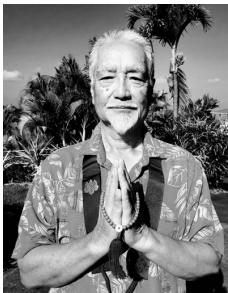
**Jan Jyonin Bovard, Director**

I farm and live on seven acres of Mac nuts and Avocado trees. I have been on this land for sixty years. My family and I planted the 180 trees that were and is now our main source of income.

I have been a member of Daifukuji for 45 years. I have been on and off the Board of Directors and served as President for four years. I am a member of the Zazen group and work in the gift shop. I was one of the first 50 people that started the Kona Daifukuji Orchid Club.

My passion is working with clay. I make everything from functional to large sculptural pieces.

Being on the Board, I feel great responsibility for the Sangha and the continued financial welfare of the temple, so that future generations can continue to have the sense of “family” support that our spiritual teachings foster.



**Tony Gyokuho Takai, Director**

My name is Tony Setsuo Gyokuho Takai. I was born in Japan, but over two thirds of my life I have spent in Iowa and Hawaii. I worked as a counselor at an Iowa community college for 25 years where I met my wife, Linda. We are truly happy living in Kailua-Kona where we are surrounded by year-round warm weather and the Daifukuji sangha. I enjoy golfing, guitar strumming, cooking, traveling, gardening, socializing, and more. My personal goal is to make a difference for *keiki* in our community, one *keiki* at a time. By being a member of the Daifukuji Board of

Directors and by following the Buddhist precepts, I would like to foster a safe and happy environment. In addition, I will work to make our temple structurally and financially sound for future generations. Mahalo nui!



**Teri Jigen Hollowell, Director**

I moved to Kona with my husband and 3 dogs from Northern Arizona in 1988. I worked in the for-profit world as a bookstore manager for many years, and then worked in the non-profit world as a Director of Programs until 2020. I started attending Yoga and then Dharma Study Sessions in 2014 at Daifukuji Soto Mission, and received the Precepts in 2017. I belong to the Zazenkai, Soleful Strutters Walking Group, Heart and Mind Circle, Dharma Study Group, and Daifukuji T'ai Chi. I volunteer as a Conflict Mediator for West Hawaii Mediation, and am the

President of the Dog Training Club of Kona. My wish is to work in harmony as a Sangha member with compassion, respect, and kindness to benefit Daifukuji Soto Mission and the Kona community.



**Daisuke Kai Ioh, Director**

It is my honor to be able to serve as a member of the Daifukuji Board.

Many of you may know me better as “the dad of Makana and Momo.” Both of my daughters play Taiko and have been members of the Family Sangha group. Or maybe, you know me as the “son of Shoko,” who has been a member of Daifukuji since 2010.

I moved to Kona from Japan in 2001. Born on the U.S. mainland, I grew up in two countries. Hawaii is the perfect middle ground for me. I love the people and the culture here. I have been working as a realtor for over 17 years at Venture Sotheby's International Realty. I recently got married at Daifukuji. Kumiko, who works for JAL, has now joined our family. Together, we look forward to getting to know many of you.



**Eliana Jisho Sattler, Director**

My name is Eliana Sattler. I am retired after more than 50 years educating children. I belong to the Daifukuji Zazenkai and the Dharma groups.

I love to sing, draw and paint, read, make crafts, play with my granddaughter Mila, garden, and walk.

I hope to contribute to strengthening the ties that Daifukuji has with the Kona community and with the Big Island, in general.

I am honored to serve our Daifukuji Board of Directors. In gassho.



**Dr. Harold Jiho Hall, Director**

I am a retired neuropsychologist who resides in North Kohala with my wife Jeri of almost 40 years, and our 2 dogs and 2 cats. Currently, I am a non-fiction writer and occasionally offer training in mindfulness and meditation to Buddhist groups and organizations. I am extremely grateful for the opportunity to be involved with Daifukuji Soto Mission and Rev. Jiko. In gassho to all.



**Carlo Taizan Mireles, Director**

A Daifukuji member since 2004, I undertook my Soto Zen Buddhist Lay Confirmation ceremony in 2010 and was named Taizan by Reverend Jiko. “Taizan” means “Peaceful Mountain,” inspiring me to be strong, stable and broad like Mauna Loa and have the calm and tranquil strength of a mountain. The honor of serving on the Daifukuji Board allows me to give back to my sangha and to Reverend Jiko, whom I deeply appreciate and respect. In Gassho.





## **February Programs Being Offered Online Via ZOOM**



Pockets sticking his head out of the car window to receive a New Year's blessing from Deacon Jikai.

**Zazen** - Every Wednesday morning from 6 a.m. - 7:20 a.m.; Thursday evenings (February 11 & February 25) from 6 p.m. - 7:20 p.m. Contact Rev. Jiko to receive ZOOM link, (808) 322-3524, [info@daifukuji.org](mailto:info@daifukuji.org).

### **Dharma Study: The Heart of the Buddha's Teachings**

We meet weekly and are more than halfway through the book *The Heart of the Buddha's Teaching: Transforming Suffering into Peace, Joy, and Liberation*. To join these sessions, please contact Rev. Jiko at (808) 322-3524, or [info@daifukuji.org](mailto:info@daifukuji.org). Please let her know which session (Tuesday or Thursday afternoon) you wish to join. She will send you the ZOOM link. Books are available for purchase.

**Sangha Sister's Women's Spirituality Circle** - 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** - Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the month at 9:00 a.m. Call Kathryn at (808) 345-2976 for information.

**Daifukuji Yoga** - See page 10 for information.

**Note: The Saturday precepts classes are currently filled.**

*Donations to Daifukuji Soto Mission are appreciated and may be given through the temple's website <http://www.daifukuji.org/donation/index.html>*

*or mailed to Daifukuji Soto Mission, P.O. Box 55, Kealahou, HI 96750.*

*Mahalo to all who contribute to Daifukuji in so many different ways.*



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## KONA DAIFUKUJI "ZOOM" YOGA<sup>1,14,21</sup>

**6 Thurs. 8-9am HST Feb. 4,11,18,25 Mar. 4,11**

- 7:45 – 8 am HST Welcome Warmup
- 8:00 – 9 am "ZOOM" YOGA!
- 9:00 – 9:15 am Chat (optional)
- 12:45 – 1 pm EST
- 1:00 – 2 pm
- 9:00 – 9:15 am

**Open to: Members, Kona Community, and ALL  
Beginners & Experienced WELCOME!  
@Drop in or Whole Series@**

**ENERGY is our focus**, so move to **your** body!  
Consciously Crossing over to the Inner Source of Self!

Bring: Yoga mat, loose clothing, H2O, & towel, empty stomach  
"Dana" = Temple Love Offering to: <http://www.dai Fukuji.org/donation/index.html>

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



### Instructor: Ambika "Jō-An" Rose

I have taught yoga for 44 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 1.14.21

A big mahalo to all who came to our temple's New Year's Day drive-thru blessing! Warm thanks also go out to those who offered their help on New Year's Day: Rev. Jiko, Deacon Jikai, Gilbert Kaneko, Warren Ikeda, Stephen Tanaka, Avis & Brian Yamamoto, Tony Takai, Susie Weaver, Barb Bosz, Eliana Sattler, Teri Hollowell, Joyce St. Arnault, and Michele Abe. Thank you to Joyce St. Arnault and Elaine Fernandez for packaging the omamori and ofuda & to Sharen Bangay for stamping the paper bags.

