

# Daifukuji Soto Mission

*Treasuring the Past, Embracing the Present Looking forward to our 2014 centennial celebration!*



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January, 2013

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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

## New Year's Blessing Services

*December 31 11:45 p.m.*

*January 1 10:00 a.m.*



Let's begin 2013 with prayers for happiness, safety, and good health. Come and receive the blessings of the Buddha. Those who attend the midnight service are invited to ring the temple bell and enjoy hot soba noodles.

Hawaii Kannon *omamori* and *ofuda* will be available at both services for a donation of \$5 per *omamori* and \$2 per *ofuda*. *Omamori* are Buddhist charms from Japan that can be hung in one's vehicle or carried in one's bag. *Ofuda* are blessing cards that are placed in one's house, shop, or office.

Together, let's welcome 2013 with clear minds and calm hearts. Feel free to invite your friends and relatives to the blessing services. All are welcome.

## New Year's Party

*Sunday, January 27*

*11:00 a.m.*



Temple members, supporters, and temple groups are invited to join our Sangha in celebrating the Year of the Snake at Daifukuji's New Year's party on January 27.

The party will be a fun-filled luncheon with delicious food made by our Fujinkai chefs. Entertainment will be provided by our various temple groups. (Cooking will begin at 7 a.m. on Jan.27. Help is appreciated.)

Lucky number prizes are needed. If you'd like to donate a prize, please deliver it to Daifukuji by January 20. You do not have to bring a prize to the party.

To attend, please fill out the form on page 9 of this newsletter and return it with payment by January 13. We hope that you and your family will be able to join us.

## Party Set Up January 26

We'll be setting up tables and benches starting at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, January 26. Any *kokua* you can offer will be appreciated.

## MOCHITSUKI

Friday, December 28

Pick up your **pre-ordered** mochi from

9:30 a.m to 3:00 p.m.

Help needed from 5 a.m. & throughout the day.



## Fujinkai Hatsumairi January 6



Daifukuji's women's organization, the Fujinkai, will be holding its *Hatsumairi* or first service of the new year on **January 6 at 10:00 a.m.** A meeting and installation of officers will be held following the service and new members recognized.

**All Fujinkai members** are cordially invited to attend this event. Lunch and games will be held in the social hall. Lunch for Fujinkai members is free. The luncheon fee for guests of Fujinkai members is \$10 per guest. District reps will be calling members for a headcount.

Those attending are asked to bring a \$5.00 wrapped grab bag. Donations of fruits and desserts are appreciated. Fruits should be delivered to the temple the day before on January 5.

Ladies, let's welcome the Year of the Snake with happy hearts and warm smiles. Call Joyce at 329-3833 if you have questions. Women ages 18 and up are invited to become members of the Daifukuji Fujinkai.



### Fujinkai Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser, Plant Sale, and Bake Sale

February 23, 2013

7:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Daifukuji Social Hall

Tickets \$7 (available after Jan. 6)

Donations of plants will be gratefully accepted.



## Coffee Festival Sale Mahalo

The Daifukuji Fujinkai extends a big mahalo to all for the generous monetary donations received for the purchase of ingredients. Fujinkai sisters, *domo arigato* for working so hard making manju and sushi. Everyone's kokua was greatly appreciated. Special thanks are extended to Myles and Jean Ikeda for setting up the booth, Julio Fernandez and Shinkaku Marquis for cooking the rice, Merle Uyeda for making energy bars, and Elsie Mochizuki for donating prune mui and starfruit preserves.

The net profit from the Fujinkai's 2012 Coffee Festival Food Sale was \$2,705. Proceeds from the sale will be used to fund Fujinkai field trips and to help with conference expenses.

Thank you very much to everyone for your support of this fundraiser. Our warmest mahalo!





## New Year's Greetings from Rev. Jiko

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Dear Daifukuji members and friends,

A new year will soon be here and I am looking forward to welcoming the Year of the Snake with all of you. Daifukuji's 100th anniversary celebration is getting closer and closer, and I can feel a pure wind flowing through our temple. This Dharma breeze is the stirring of fresh energy and vigor, the result of Sangha members embodying the Buddha-Dharma and sharing the compassionate and loving fruits of their practice with everyone.

In 2012, eighteen members received the precepts and made the commitment to strive to live in accordance with them. In January, I will be starting a new series of precepts sessions leading up to a Soto Zen Buddhist Confirmation Ceremony in April. There will be 2 - 3 precepts study sessions a month on Saturday mornings from 8:00 -9:00 a.m. with an optional period of zazen starting at 7:00 a.m. If you are interested, please come to the first session on Saturday, January 12 at 8:00 a.m. This will be an introductory session.

Yoga is once again being offered at Daifukuji, thanks to the gracious spirit of temple member & yoga instructor Ambika Jo-an Rose. In addition to yoga being the best preparation for zazen, it is also a practice that has numerous health benefits. I truly believe in the benefits of yoga and encourage you to give it a try. Ambika is a wonderfully compassionate yoga teacher.

We are also blessed to be able to offer a series of writing workshops, thanks to one of our newer members, Jien McLaughlin. She and I share a love of Natalie Goldberg's "Writing Down the Bones." Jien's "Bare Bones Writing Workshop" is going to be a heart-and-mind-opening experience. You will feel at ease in Jien's warm and loving presence. Just come as you are.

On March 8, 9, and 10, my dear friend and sensei, the Reverend Dai-En Bennage of the Mt. Equity Zendo in Pennsylvania, will be giving a number of Dharma talks on Soto Zen Buddhism. As part of the events leading up to our centennial, our Sangha has invited Dai-En Sensei to come to Daifukuji, which is the starting point of her Hawaii Dharma Tour to all nine Soto Zen temples in the islands. May the flowers of the Teachings bloom everywhere!

Also in 2013, Clear Houn Englebert and I will be offering three more temple tours as a way of sharing the richness of Daifukuji's history, architecture, and temple objects with our members and community. Once you find out what everything inside the temple means, you will surely appreciate coming to the temple even more.

Furthermore, for the first time in West Hawaii, Buddhist groups of various traditions from around the island will be gathering at the Kona Hongwanji Mission Hall on April 7 for a joint Hanamatsuri Buddha Day service. (We will also be having our own service at Daifukuji on April 14.) I'm enjoying working with Rev. Shoji Matsumoto and Mary Katayama of the Kona Hongwanji to make this Hawaii Association of International Buddhists (HAIB) event happen, and will be asking you for your help and participation.

The cool wind of the Teachings is blowing, the Buddha within us is smiling, and, as one Sangha, we are strengthening our Buddhist practice and walking this Path together with courage and faith. May 2013 be a year of growth, peace, harmony, and mindful living. *Namu kie butsu. Namu kie ho. Namu kie so.* With prayers for your safety, well-being, and happiness, and gratitude for your beautiful and kind hearts...

In deep gassho,  
Rev. Jiko

**Library News by Clear Houn Englebert**

The library now has a circulating copy of “Kona Daifukuji Soto Mission: Historic Structures Report” by Lorraine Minatoishi Palumbo, and Yoko Koide, and Barbara Shideler. Lorraine is also the producer of the wonderful DVD, “Aloha Buddha.”

We also have another Ayya Khema book: “The Meditative Mind.” It’s a series of ten lectures she gave at a 1987 retreat in Sri Lanka.



**There are several new illustrated children’s books:**

“Buddhist Tales for Young and Old, Volumes 1 & 2” by Todd Anderson

“Angulimala: Transforming Life” by Ananda Kumarasiri

“The Intention of Patriarch Bodhidharma's Coming from the West” by Hsuan Hua.

**We have two more scriptures:**

“Sutra of Buddha's Bequeathed Teaching”

“Sutra of the Past Vows of Earth Store Bodhisattva” This is another name for Jizo.

And we have a book that helps explain the scriptures: “An Analysis of the Pali Canon” by Russell Webb.

**There are three new art books:**

“Zen in Japanese Art: A Way of Spiritual Experience” by Toshimitsu Hasumi

“Zen and the Art of Pottery” by Kenneth Beittel

“Herding the Ox: The Martial Arts as Moral Metaphor” by John Donohue.

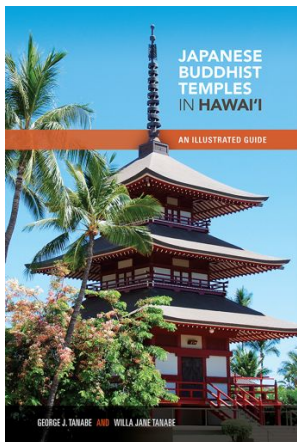
**The other new arrivals are:**

“The Wheel of Engaged Buddhism: A New Map of the Path” by Kenneth Kraft

“Reminders on the Way: Zen Training in Everyday Life” by Meiten McGuire

“Siddhartha: Prince of Peace” by Ananda Kumarasiri

“The Four Noble Truths” by Ajahn Sumedho.

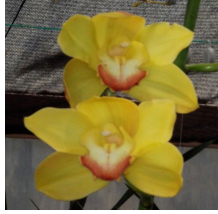


**Daifukuji Gift Shop News by Clear Houn Englebert**

The gift shop now has the groundbreaking new book *Japanese Buddhist Temples in Hawaii: An Illustrated Guide* by George and Willa Tanabe, professors emeritus at the University of Hawaii where the book was published. We have the paperback in stock for \$23 and can order the hardback for \$45. The book is a temple-by-temple guide with over 360 color photographs. This is a long-awaited book and a great treasure!

## In Memoriam

To the family of the late Wade Tomio Furuuchi, 54, who passed away December 4, 2012, we express our heartfelt sympathy.



*Namu kie butsu. Namu kie ho. Namu kie so.  
We surround you with our love.*

*Bright moonlight  
on the soft  
sparkling snow  
seems real*

*Gentei Richard Diedrichs*

## Bare Bones Writing Workshop by Jien McLaughlin

Tuesdays from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.  
Feb 12, Feb 19, Feb 26, Mar 5, Mar 12 and Mar 19

The Bare Bones Writing Workshop is an open-heart writing experience. This workshop is designed to access your inner raw voice and to express your authentic spirit. This is a workshop for all, no experience needed. Each class will begin with a meditation and we will do several writes that begin with a prompt. We will write fast and furiously to sprint past the ego and inner critic so we can unearth fruitful material that is held in the unconscious.

Based on the book, *Writing Down the Bones*, by best-selling author, Natalie Goldberg, a practicing Zen Buddhist, this workshop is not only therapeutic, but is a great way to connect with your inner spirit. This workshop will benefit both the inexperienced writer, as well as the seasoned writer trying to tap into deeper places of creativity and wisdom.

Jien McLaughlin, a recent member of Daifukuji, lives on the Big Island six months out of the year. She has a masters in Organizational Leadership and has led several workshops on the mainland in personal development, including expressive open heart exercises, holistic health, and eastern philosophies.

Suggested donation to Daifukuji: \$5.00 per session. Bring a notebook and 2 pens.





## **Kona Daifukuji Yoga**

8 Thursdays, 7:30 - 8:45 am Hisashi Kimura Cultural Hall

Dec.13, 20 Jan.3, 10, 17, 24, 31 Feb.7

Open to: Members & Kona Community, Beginners & Experienced,

Drop in or Whole Series

Bring: Yoga mat, loose clothing, empty stomach & “Dana”= “love offering”

Instructor: Ambika “Jo-An” Rose

*I have been teaching yoga for some 30 years. The “Style” is Amrit Yoga, an authentic, meditative exploration of pranic [Chi] energy through alignment, extension, and intention. Following postures we pause: relax, breathe, and “let go!”*

*For questions call: (808) 430-2620*

## **January Dharma Programs in Daifukuji’s Kannon Hall**

### **Zen Meditation**

Wednesday morning zazen & chanting: every Wednesday from 6 a.m. to 7: 20 a.m.

Thursday evening zazen & chanting: January 10 & January 24 from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

### **Buddhist Movie Night: “The Happiness Prescription” (Deepak Chopra)**

Thursday, January 17 at 7:00 p.m. Free admission. Bring a mug for tea.

### **Shakyo & Shabutsu (Tracing the Heart Sutra and pictures of Buddhas and Bodhisattvas)**

Saturday, January 12 from 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. A meditation done in silence. Materials provided.

### **Exploring the 16 Soto Zen Bodhisattva Precepts**

January 12 and 19 from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. Optional zazen from 7:00 a.m. to 7:30 a.m.

*All are welcome. Offerings may be placed in the small donation box on the table.*

## **Coming Up in February**

February 3 Temple Tour for Fujinkai

February 10 Nehan-E Service

February 23 Fujinkai Pancake Breakfast

## **A Wish for 2013**

*“I’m wishing that those who have some free time will volunteer on Friday mornings whenever they can to join our samu crew in cleaning the temple and grounds because having a few more helpers will lighten the load for those who serve week after week.” (Rev. Jiko)*



Happy New Year  
from the Daifukuji Zazenkai and Friends



The Daifukuji Family Sangha wishes you  
a joyous holiday season! Ho! Ho! Ho!



## Precepts Study Sessions & 2013 Soto Zen Buddhist Confirmation Ceremony

What is the Soto Zen Buddhist way of living? Based on wisdom and compassion, it is a way of life guided by the sixteen Bodhisattva precepts. Studying these precepts and making the commitment to live in accordance with them brings happiness and peace to oneself, to one's family, and to one's society.

Rev. Jiko will be offering a series of nine Saturday morning study sessions on the precepts. An introductory session will be held on January 12, followed by sessions on January 19, February 2, February 9, March 2, March 16, March 23, March 30, and April 6. These study sessions will be held from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. on Saturday mornings. Only the April 6th session will be held from 11 a.m. to noon. Those who wish to come early for zazen may join Rev. Jiko in zazen from 7:00 a.m. to 7:30 a.m.

These study sessions will lead up to a **Soto Zen Buddhist Confirmation Ceremony** which will be held on **April 27, 2013** for temple members who wish to formally receive the precepts and be given a Buddhist name. Please note that these sessions are open to all. One does not have to take part in the ceremony in order to attend them. However, it is best to try to attend as many sessions as possible since different precepts will be covered at each session.

**If you are interested, please attend the introductory session on January 12 at 8 a.m. You may contact Rev. Jiko at 322-3524 ([rev.jiko@daifukuji.org](mailto:rev.jiko@daifukuji.org)) if you have questions.**

# January 2013

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- Sangha Sisters
- Youth Taiko
- Adult Taiko
- Family Service
- Major Service
- Temple Board
- Fujinkai
- Kannon-ko Service
- Project Dana
- Zazen
- Samu
- Special Events
- Baikako Practice
- Dharma Study
- Happy Strummers
- Offsite Backup
- Bon Dance Group
- Teen Sangha
- Orchid Club

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	31	1	2	3	4	5
	New Year's Blessing 11:45pm	New Year's Blessing 10 am	6:00 AM Zazen 5:00 PM Youth Taiko 7:00 PM Fujinkai Board	7:30 AM Yoga 5:00 PM Zen Taiko	8:00 AM Samu	9:30 AM Beginners Youth Taiko
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Fujinkai Hatsumairi 10 am	5:00 PM Youth Taiko 7:30 PM Happy Strummers	5:00 PM Zen Taiko	Project Dana 8:30 am 6:00 AM Zazen 5:00 PM Youth Taiko	7:30 AM Yoga 9:00 AM Tai Chi 5:00 PM Zen Taiko 7:00 PM Zazen & Chanting	8:00 AM Samu 7:00 PM Sangha Sisters	7:00 AM Zazen 8:00 AM Precepts Study 9:00 AM SHAKYO 9:30 AM Beginners Youth Taiko
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27	28	29	30	31	1	2
New Year's Party 11 am	5:00 PM Youth Taiko	5:00 PM Zen Taiko	6:00 AM Zazen 5:00 PM Youth Taiko	7:30 AM Yoga 9:00 AM Tai Chi 5:00 PM Zen Taiko	8:00 AM Samu	9:30 AM Beginners Youth Taiko



**Daifukuji Soto Mission**  
**New Year's Party**  
**Sunday, January 27, 2013**  
**11:00 a.m.**



**Return Form With Payment by January 13, 2013**

We hope you'll join us in celebrating the Year of the Snake. There will be great food, entertainment, and prizes. If you would like to donate pupus, non-alcoholic beverages, desserts, or menu ingredients, please call Alfreida Fujita in the evening at 329-3457 by January 17. If you have any questions, please call Joyce St. Arnault at 329-3833 or Rev. Jiko at 322-3524.

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone no.** \_\_\_\_\_  
**E-mail Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**Daifukuji Members & Members of Temple Groups (\$5.00 per person)**

**No.** \_\_\_\_\_ **X \$5.00 =** \_\_\_\_\_

**Names**

1. _____	4. _____
2. _____	5. _____
3. _____	6. _____

**Non-members/guests (\$10 per person)**

**No.** \_\_\_\_\_ **X \$10.00 =** \_\_\_\_\_

**Names**

1. _____	3. _____
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**Children under 5 (Free)** **No.** \_\_\_\_\_ **Names** \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Enclosed \$** \_\_\_\_\_

Please fill out and enclose payment. **Make check payable to Daifukuji Soto Mission.** Please give to Rev. Jiko or mail to:

Daifukuji Soto Mission  
 Attn: New Year's Party  
 79-7241 Mamalahoa Hwy  
 Kealahou, HI 96750

***Kindly RSVP by January 13, 2013.***

No tickets will be sent to you. Your name and record of payment will be available at the door. Our hope is that this prepayment system will simplify your entrance. You do **not** need to bring a door prize/gift to the party. However, if you'd like to donate a prize, please drop it off at the temple by January 20. Donations are appreciated.

