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June, 2016

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Obon Service

Sunday, June 26 9:30 a.m.

Guest Speaker: Reverend Shinsho Hata

Throughout the summer season of Obon, Buddhists remember their departed loved ones and family ancestors with gratitude and offer toba and prayers in their memory. As a Sangha, we gather to offer our support to those who are observing their departed family member's first Obon or hatsubon.

The following are the names of the departed for whom this will be a first Obon:

Kazuo Iwamuro, Takashi Kudo, Sanji Matsumoto, Verna Matsumoto, Asayo Nakano, Helen Sasaki, Sirinee Sugai, James Napua Wells, Tristan James "TJ" Fernandez, and Dr. Leslie Yamanaka

All are invited to attend Daifukuji's Obon service on June 26th at 9:30 a.m. The Dharma message will be given by Rev. Shinsho Hata, minister of the Hilo Taishoji Soto Mission. Please join us and plan to stay for the fellowship luncheon following the service.

Donations of flowers are appreciated. Please drop off flowers by Friday, June 24.

Toba request forms are due June 1. Please see or call Rev. Jiko (322-3524) if you need a form. The form is available on the last page of the May newsletter and on the temple website. Go to www.daifukuji.org & click on "archives" to find the May newsletter.





Temple & Grounds Clean Up

Sunday, June 12 8:00 a.m.

Members and temple groups, please lend us a hand in cleaning our temple and grounds for Obon. 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.

Any amount of time that you are able to offer will be appreciated. Questions? Call Shaun at 936-9815.

Jizo & Kannon-ko Services

Wednesday, June 15 10:00 a.m.



Every year in June, a service is held in honor of Jizo Bosatsu whose great compassion is depicted in the form of the stone bodhisattva which sits in the beautiful red shrine outside the temple. Jizo Bosatsu, also known as Ojizosama, is regarded as the protector of travelers and children. Portrayed as a pilgrim monk, he holds in his hand a wish-fulfilling gem. *Kotoba* will be read in memory of deceased babies and children. To offer a prayer for a deceased baby or child, please give his or her name to Rev. Jiko prior to the service. The Jizo-ko service is held outside in front of the Jizo shrine.

The Jizo-ko service will be followed by the regular monthly Kannon-ko service. All are welcome.

Soto Zen Buddhist Confirmation Ceremony to be Held June 5

Daifukuji members **Avis and Brian Yamamoto, Charles Brown, and Liz Mihelich** will be receiving the precepts along with their Buddhist names in a confirmation ceremony officiated by Rev. Jiko on Sunday, June 5 at 2:00 p.m. Sangha members and friends are cordially invited to witness and bless their ceremony.



Stating the Obvious: Some Thoughts on the Feng Shui of Daifukuji

By Clear Houn Englebert

Feng shui is not Buddhist, it's Taoist. It was however extensively used in the layout of Buddhist temples in China, and likely in old Japan as well. My work as a feng shui practitioner often involves simply stating the obvious, which serves a very useful purpose because we often get used to what is obvious and take it for granted.

Daifukuji is situated in ways that makes it strong and welcoming. Strong because the mountain is behind it, symbolically backing it up. Welcoming because it stands at the end of the Kuakini Highway, the first building on Mamalahoa Highway that a person sees when they are driving mauka from Kailua. The Keahole Airport is the "mouth" of the Kona side because it's how most people get here. Then, as you drive to the biggest attraction on the island, the volcano, you come up Kuakini Highway and as it levels out where it meets Mamalahoa Highway, you feel like you've arrived somewhere---and you have---you've arrived in Mauka Kona, and it's lush and lovely. And the first building that welcomes you is not just any old building---it's stunning. The front of the temple is quite balanced and has an unpretentious grandeur.

The social hall and the Hisashi Kimura Cultural Hall add to the welcoming effect in ways that are both practical and symbolic. The practical way is that we can use them; they are available for us. The symbolic way is that when those buildings are combined with the temple they gather energy, like two arms held out welcoming you. Two outstretched arms are an unmistakable sign of welcome---in fact that's the warmest welcome a person can ever expect. The openhearted history of Daifukuji bears out this observation.

The green lawn in front of the temple is a further blessing. The energy of many temples is lessened by having nothing but asphalt in front. Asphalt welcomes cars---a lawn welcomes people. Cars can use it too, but that's not its primary purpose. Primarily the lawn adds natural life and an aspect of gentleness, things that are much needed by this dear planet.



June Dharma Programs

Dharma Study Classes - New series to begin June 7

A new series of classes based on the book *Living by Vow* by the Reverend Shohaku Okumura, a Soto Zen priest and scholar, will begin in June. Classes will be held in the temple library on Tuesday afternoons from 4:00 -5:00 p.m. If interested, please inform Rev. Jiko (808-322-3524).

Buddhist Movie Night - Thursday, June 16 at 7:00 p.m.

Dalai Lama Renaissance, an 82-minute film by Khashyar Darvich, will be shown in the Kannon Hall. Tea and snacks will be provided. Bring your own mug and join us for a relaxing movie night at the temple.

Family Sangha Services: Sharing the Dharma with Our Children - June 5

After June 5, the Family Sangha will be on summer break. Family services will resume August 7.

Zazen (Meditation)

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

* Thursdays, **June 9 & 23** from 7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Both morning and evening sessions include 20 minutes of chanting. Donations may be placed in the box on the incense table.

Shakyo & Shabutsu Art Meditation - Saturday, June 4 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 and can bring one into a state of harmony with the universe. All supplies provided. By donation.

Baikako Plum Blossom Choir Practice - Sunday, June 5 & 19 from 7:45 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.

T'ai Chi

Every Tuesday & Thursday from 9:00 - 10:00 a.m. in the Hisashi Kimura Cultural Hall. Tuesday classes are for beginners; Thursday classes are for intermediate/advanced students. \$5 drop in or \$20/month. Call instructor Philip Kakuho Hema for information: (808) 345-1492.

Yoga, Music, & Meditation - June 3, 5, & 10

Led by instructor Ryan Jigaku Nakade, these gentle yoga sessions followed by group "kirtan" singing and a brief meditation will be held on Friday, June 3 & 10 from 4:30 - 6:00 p.m. & Sunday, June 5 from 4:00 - 5:30 p.m. in the Kannon Hall. Bring a yoga mat or towel. Classes by donation. Call Ryan for information: (808) 895-0784. **Note: After June 10th there will be no yoga classes until further notice.**



Our Wild & Wacky Daifukuji Bunch — guess who?

51st Annual UHSSWA Conference Held on Oahu

“Heart to Heart — Sharing Love and Compassion” was the theme of the 51st annual conference of the United Hawaii Soto Shu Women’s Association (UHSSWA) which was successfully held on April 16 & 17, 2016 at the Soto Mission of Hawaii and the Pagoda Hotel in Honolulu. About 100 participants including ministers, jizoku (ministers’ spouses), Fujinkai members, and guests gathered for morning services, a general membership meeting, donation drive, Dharma session, and other ceremonies over the weekend. Since the conference could not be held in Las Vegas as was originally planned, the conference planners brought Vegas to the conference. Following lunch on Saturday, Casino Royale offered conference participants a chance to play games, win prizes, and dress up in silly Vegas-style props.

The Daifukuji Fujinkai Women’s Association thanks the following individuals for their generous donations to the UHSSWA Country Store fundraiser which was held on April 16 at the Soto Mission of Hawaii Betsuin: Aunties Sakae, Setsuyo, & Mitsue Oshima for the roasted mac nuts (15 lbs.), Fusao & Hilda Sugai & Michael & Mildred Iwamuro for the Kona avocados (which sold out in 10 minutes), Sharen Bangay for the Izu lemons, Joyce St. Arnault for the Kona Coffee, and last but not least, to our dear 96-year-old Fujiko Akamatsu for her sewn-with-love shoe bags. For the prizes used at the Casino Royale live auction, thanks are extended to Merle Uyeda & Sharen Bangay of Daifukuji and also to sisters Janet Ota & Vicky Chan who sent prizes from California.

Mahalo nui loa to our hosts for a wonderful conference. Next year’s UHSSWA conference is going to be hosted by the Waipahu Soto Zen Temple Taiyoji Fujinkai on April 22-23, 2017. In 2018, our very own Daifukuji Fujinkai will be hosting this conference in Kona. Hurrah for the women of Soto Zen Hawaii!

Bon Dance Practice Sessions: Put on Your Dancing Slippas!

Bon Dance practice sessions will be led by sensei Winifred Kimura from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. in the Daifukuji Social Hall on the following dates:

Monday, June 20

Tuesday, June 28

Thursday, June 30

Tuesday, July 5

Thursday, July 7

All are welcome. Refreshment contributions are welcome, too.

Daifukuji's Bon Dance will be held on Saturday, July 9. There will be an opening service at 6:30 p.m. followed by dancing until 10:00 p.m.



O-Bon Festival 2016 at the Keauhou Shopping Center

June 18, 2016

6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Free Admission

Dancing, Taiko Drumming, and Food

Sponsored by the Kona Hongwanji Buddhist Temple

For more information, please call 323-2993.



Coming Up in July...

July 2.....Shakyo Art Meditation

July 9.....Daifukuji Bon Dance

July 10..... Bon Dance Clean Up

July 13..... Project Dana

July 17..... KDOC's Orchid Show & Sale

July 20.....Kannon-ko Service

July 23.....Kona Hongwanji Bon Dance

July 30..... Taishoji Bon Dance, Hilo

July 31..... Taishoji Bon Service



Good-bye, Stuff!

By Rev. Jiko

Over the past few days I've been watching folks arrive with carloads of stuff for the bazaar, unload everything, and leave looking satisfied and happy. They know that they've done a good thing for the temple and are happy to be rid of all the stuff that they don't need. They've cleaned out their closets.

Buddhist practice is like cleaning out the closets of our minds. We dig in deep and survey all the stuff that's taking up space in our minds and hearts: the old stuff, the broken & bent stuff, the sad and painful stuff, the happy stuff, the stuff that we've been carrying around for years. We know that letting go of some of the stuff will lighten our minds and heal our hearts, yet are reluctant to release our cherished grudges, judgements, perceptions, and opinions, which bind and harden us, bringing us further pain, suffering, and disease (dis-ease). The good news is that, with practice and compassion, it is possible to let go of that which does not serve us in healthy ways.

Have you heard of Marie Kondo, the Japanese organizing consultant who's written a number of best-selling books on decluttering one's home? She's known as the "guru of decluttering" and is quite famous. Her philosophy revolves around the question of whether an object in one's home "sparks joy" or not. If it doesn't "spark joy," it's time to let it go. I've been thinking about her method.

In summary, there's the material stuff as well as the mental stuff that are ours to examine and release. Bazaars are good for unloading the household stuff, while the Buddha Way is good for dealing with mental stuff such as attachments & desires. Daifukuji offers opportunities in both departments!

Everyone, thank you for all the stuff that you've donated to Daifukuji's bazaar & for your kokua and monetary contributions. You've done a lot to help our temple's building maintenance fund. If it's the other kind of stuff that plagues you, please join us for zazen and Dharma study. The Buddha's Way of decluttering one's inner house has proven successful over the millennia. Less stuff, more clarity. Less clutter, more peace. May all beings be light, happy, and free of unnecessary stuff! *Namu kie butsu. Namu kie ho. Namu kie so.*



Mahalo Nui Loa

A big mahalo to those who made donations toward the purchase of our new bazaar tables:

Stanley Harai, Reiko Sekine, Tatsumi & Annette Sato, Stanley Kimura, Pauline Sugai, Nancy Tanaka, Jiko & Michael Nakade, Fujiko Akamatsu, Amy Nakade, Toshio & Kikuko Ushijima, Amy Nishimoto, Setsuyo & Susumu Oshima, Elaine & Julio Fernandez, Toshie & Teruo Hanato, and Joyce St. Arnault.

Japanese Song Group Starting August 3



Want to learn Japanese? Enjoy singing? Starting August 3rd, Daifukuji member Takako Oxley will be offering the singing of Japanese songs on the **first Wednesday of the month** from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. in the social hall. Each month the group will learn the first verses of popular Japanese songs, their meanings, and some of the words/lines that are found in the songs. Examples of songs include *enka* (such as Misora Hibari songs), Bon Dance songs, children's songs, and today's popular songs.

These sessions will be held until December (5 classes) and possibly continued if there's enough interest. Takako, who is a member of the Daifukuji Zazenkai, is also a professional interpreter and Japanese language teacher at Kuleana Education school. You may reach her at 989-8085 or email her at oxleyj002@hotmail.com. Come and join the fun!

BLOOMING ORCHIDS AT KDOC ANNUAL SHOW & SALE

By Fern Gavelek



It's an "Eruption of Orchids" at the 34th annual Kona Daifukuji Orchid Club (KDOC) show and sale Sunday, July 17 at the Daifukuji Soto Mission Hall. This year's theme salutes the centennial of Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park with a central blooming display backdropped by a volcano.

The free event offers attendees complimentary refreshments, plus an orchid boutonniere corsage—while they last. Time is 8 a.m.-2 p.m. with the Daifukuji Taiko Drummers performing at 10 a.m.

Enjoy an elaborate and colorful display of live blooming cattleya, cymbidium, dendrobium, phalaenopsis, miltonia, vanda and more. Cameras are welcome. In addition this year's show will have a display of orchids appearing on "Plates, Platters and Plaques."

Got growing questions? Veteran members will staff a Question and Answer Booth where attendees can get expert advice on caring for orchids. The club boasts eight charter members who each have been growing orchids at least 30 years at different Kona elevations.

In addition to the other displays, the annual event offers an outdoor sale of high-quality orchid species and hybrids grown by club members and Big Isle commercial growers.

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 on Hwy. 11 at mile marker 114, just north of Kainaliu. For information, visit www.kdoc.us, get club updates at www.facebook.com/orchidsinparadise or phone 808-325-3261.

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- Temple Board
- Fujinkai
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- Youth Taiko
- Kannon-ko Service
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- Baikako Practice
- Dharma Study
- Happy Strummers
- Bon Dance Group
- Teen Sangha
- Orchid Club
- Samu
- Special Events
- Work
- Offsite Backup

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29 <div style="background-color: #f8d7da; padding: 2px;">Blessing of Graduates 9:30 am</div> <div style="background-color: #f8d7da; padding: 2px;">Memorial Day Service</div> 4:00 PM Yoga & Music	30 5:00 PM Youth Taiko	31 9:00 AM Beginners T'ai Chi 5:00 PM Zen Taiko	1 6:00 AM Zazen 5:00 PM Youth Taiko 7:00 PM Fujinkai Board	2 9:00 AM T'ai Chi 5:00 PM Zen Taiko 7:00 PM Temple Board	3 7:30 AM Samu 4:30 PM Yoga & Music	4 8:00 AM Shakyo 9:30 AM Youth Taiko
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