



Daifukuji Soto Mission

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Treasuring the Past, Embracing the Present

July 2006

General Temple Clean Up for Obon: Calling All Members and Temple Groups

Saturday, July 1 8:00 am

In preparation for the Obon season, we'll be cleaning up our temple, social hall, cultural hall, and yard.

Many helping hands are needed. We would appreciate your kokua very much. Please bring rags, buckets, and gardening tools, and label your things.

Refreshments will be provided.

Calling All Dancers

Bon Dance Instructor Winifred Kimura will be leading practice sessions on June 27, 29 & July 4, 6 at 7:30 p.m. All sessions will begin at 7:30 pm in the social hall. These sessions are free and open to all. Come join the fun!

Obon Home Visitations

If you wish to have Rev. Jiko offer prayers at your home during this Obon season, please call Sensei at 322-3524 to schedule a home visit.

Bon Service and Bon Dance Schedule

Saturday, July 8

8:00 a.m. Yagura Set Up, Cooking, and Preparation for Bon Dance & Service
We humbly ask for your help. Onegai shimasu.

4:00 p.m. Fellowship Dinner With Taishoji Dharma Friends & Hatsubon Families
Members invited.

5:30 p.m. Bon Memorial and O-toba Services With Sermon by Rev. Shinryu Akita

7:30 p.m. Opening Prayer by Rev. Jiko, followed by Kona Daifukuji Taiko

7:45 p.m. – 10:30 p.m. Bon Dance

Sunday, July 9

8:00 a.m. Sunday July 9 Yagura Dismantling
Please kokua.

A Friendly Reminder.....

If you haven't already done so, please take the time to turn in your 2006 membership form, dues, and applicable cemetery & nokotsudo fees. Thank you.

Bazaar Report

Thanks to everyone's hard work and to the support of our community, the 13th annual building-fund bazaar brought in a total of \$16,237.28.

Auction	\$ 817.50
Children's Activities	79.05
Clothing & Rummage	882.05
Craft/White Elephant,	
Books/Toys	1087.22
Baked goods/food	5774.88
(Expenses \$650.87)	
Garden Shop	1846.50
Household & misc.	1091.60
Massage	302.00
Produce	1243.47
Snack Shop	257.73
(Expenses \$233.84)	
Subtotal	\$13,382.00

Other expenses:

Advertisement (WHT)	284.44
Cal-Kona Diesel Charges -3 days	225.00
G.E. Taxes	<u>535.28</u>
Subtotal	1044.72

Total minus expenses	12,337.28
Cash donations	<u>3,900.00</u>
Grand Total	\$16,237.28

Our building -fund bazaar was a great success. Thank you, thank you, thank you!

Please see attached letter from the bazaar coordinators. You may use it as a receipt for your bazaar donations.

Our warmest mahalo to all!

Welcome, New Members

Our Sangha warmly welcomes Brian and Ning Wang Sugai.

Our Sincere Mahalo Goes Out To:

Bernard and Elsie Mochizuki for a vacuum cleaner. Wayne and Darlene Hakoda for a dryer for Rev. Jiko's residence.

Teiho Wagner for play equipment for the Kids Sangha.

Mr. and Mrs. Ryusaki for their ono gobo.

Renee Kimura & Kimura Lauhala Shop for the lauhala used for the omamori project.

Mildred & Gilbert Kaneko for a CD player and mixer, and for help with the PA system.

To ALL of our members and supporters for your generous donations and loving support and care of our temple.

Lauhala Weaving Continues

On June 11 the lauhala omamori project got off to a good start. The weavers will be meeting again on **July 16 and August 13 at 1:00 p.m.** to continue the project. Fujinkai members and interested individuals are invited to attend these sessions. Woven into the omamori are the loving hearts of the weavers and the compassion of our Hawaii Kannon.

Fujinkai & Kids Sangha Field Trip To Kohala

Sunday, August 27 7:30 a.m.

Fujinkai and Kids Sangha families and guests are invited to join a special tour of the Kohala Tong Wo Society, a Taoist temple. Built in 1886, the Tong Wo Temple is the oldest Chinese type structure in the state of Hawaii. We will also be going to the Pololu Valley Lookout & having lunch at a beach park. Details to follow in next month's newsletter. Call Nancy Tanaka at 322-3205 for information.

The Creation of a Japanese Garden

by Nancy Kurihara

As you enter the Makaeo Walking Path at the Old Airport, you will notice on the mountain side an area that volunteers are trying to turn into a Japanese garden. Rev. Jiko blessed the area for safety and the volunteers are working together with compassion and love.

We started with a pond that's home to some red shrimp and have received donations of a toro stone lantern, a Kannonsama statue, and some plants.

We are looking for volunteers to help create a peaceful Zen garden for the community to enjoy. Can you join us?

We meet on the 2nd Saturday of the month between the hours of 7 a.m. and 11 a.m. and on other days as well. If you can help, even by picking up a few rocks a week, please call any one of our volunteers:

Nellie Onaka Reed	324-1194
Shoji Kawahara	322-0941
Tootsie Crozier	322-3359
Betty DeRoy	329-5519

Onegai shimasu.

With gassho,

Nancy Kurihara 329-3429



The Blessing of the Land and All Who Work To Create the Zen Garden for Our Community

One Mind

We are truly of one mind. EVERYONE who cast a vote for the best Daifukuji slogan voted for :

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Thank you to all who participated. Together we are creating a beautiful vision.

Yoga Classes To Begin July 23

Stretch over and mark your calendars. Yoga will start on Sunday, July 23 from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. right here at Daifukuji Soto Mission. Can you breathe? Then you can practice yoga. Come join us for some muscle stretching, breathing exercises, and meditation. What a great way to end your weekend and start your work week! \$5 per class or \$15 per month for Daifukuji members, \$8 per class or \$25 per month for non-Daifukuji members. We will be practicing in the new Cultural Hall. A yoga mat or towel is optional. First class is free!

About the yoga teacher....

Keith Olson stepped into his first yoga class over 8 years ago. Yoga so inspired him that he received his 200 hour yoga alliance certification from Greenpath Yoga in San Francisco. Since then he's been teaching yoga in diverse environments and his students range in age from high school to the elderly. Keith is a Naturalist Guide for Hawaii Forests & Trails and he incorporates yoga into his tours. He tries really, really hard to live a quiet, peaceful life on the Big Island with his sweetheart and cat. He and his partner Mary Park are members of Daifukuji.

Daifukuji Sangha in Action : The Friendly Friday Samu Crew

How we appreciate the volunteers who clean our temple week after week! Gokurosama!



Miyeko cleans the candle holders & incense burners.



Yoshiko dusts and takes care of the flowers.



Chirio & Bernard vacuum and arrange the pews.



Stanley maintains the garden.



Jill Teiho beautifies the garden.



Judy wipes the floor of the inner sanctuary

Members of the samu crew not pictured: Thelma & Take Matsumoto, Elaine Fernandez.

An Invitation to Families

Families are invited to join the Sunday morning family program at Daifukuji beginning August 6. Child-friendly services are held at 9:30 a.m. and are followed by Dharma activities, games, & refreshments on the temple porch. This year we are fortunate to have Jill Teiho Wagner and Jeera Rattangkoon coordinate our family service program. Friends of all ages are welcome to attend these Sunday morning gatherings. For information, call Teiho at 325-2377 or Jiko Sensei at 322-3524.

An Opportunity to Serve

by Rev. Jiko Nakade

Amongst us is a Dharma friend named Judy who joins our faithful samu crew in cleaning our temple on Fridays whenever she's on this side of the island. She works with great joy and enthusiasm, and does whatever is needed at the time, whether it be wiping the floor or dusting or taking out the trash. Once when I thanked her for her help, she responded by saying "It is I who must thank you, Sensei, for this opportunity to serve."

Like the sound of the temple bell, Judy's words reverberated in my heart. "It is I who must thank you, Sensei, for this opportunity to serve.....for this opportunity to serve.....for this opportunity to serve...."

How truly wonderful, I thought, to see serving others as an opportunity. In our Zen tradition everything that we do in our daily lives is an opportunity for practice, an opportunity to deepen our understanding of ourselves and others, an opportunity for awakening. We try our best to work mindfully, with great love and care, giving our hundred percent to whatever we do. No task, however small, is without significance. When we are mindful and awake, we are able to see the dynamic working of the Buddha in all our activities and a gratitude springs up in our hearts and brings joy to our daily lives.

We can practice meditation alone, but it's in the setting of the Sangha, the community, that the Dharma comes to life and our practice is put to the test. When we are among others, we are called, over and over again, to let go of our self-centeredness, our ego-driven desires, and our deeply treasured views of how things should be. In a fully functioning Sangha, no one begrudges another for having a better job or more status. No one speaks ill of anyone or treats anyone with disrespect. Each person simply does what is needed, working side by side with others to ensure the happiness and well being of the entire community.

Service to others, however, is not only a matter of doing. Service is also a matter of *being*. I've seen dedicated volunteers push themselves so hard that they become tired, angry, and resentful, and others who become so attached to their positions and status in the community that they suffer greatly when changes occur. It is unfortunate when this happens, because service can be opportunities for joy, fulfillment and awakening.

I know people who unknowingly serve others simply by being a kind and gentle presence in a hurried world. Unattached to status, fame, or power, they simply give of themselves, working hard for the benefit of all. This is the Buddha Way.

I wish you and your family a very happy Obon season. Please join us on July 8th.

Namu Kie Butsu. Namu Kie Ho. Namu Kie So.



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OUR HEARTFELT THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS
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BAZAAR A VERY SUCCESSFUL ONE

FRIENDS SUCH AS YOU MAKES THE WORLD A BETTER
PLACE TO LIVE IN.

ONCE AGAIN THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

MAHALO NUI LOA.

ARIGATO GOZAIMASU.

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YOUR CONTRIBUTION :

JULY 2006						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Mondays and Wednesdays: Youth Taiko	Tuesdays: Adult Taiko (no practice July 4)					1 8:00 a.m. General Temple Clean Up
2 8 a.m. Goeika Practice No Family Service	3 7:30 p.m. Happy Strummers	4 7:30 p.m. Bon Dance Practice	5 6-7:15 a.m. zazen 7:00 p.m. Fujinkai Board	6 7:30 p.m. Bon Dance Practice	7 8 a.m. Samu	8 ***** 8 a.m. Set Up 4 p.m. Dinner 5:30 Bon Service 7:30 Bon Dance
9 8 a.m. Yagura Dismantling	10	11	12 6-7:15 a.m. Zazen	13 7:00 p.m. Daifukuji Board Meeting	14 8 a.m. Samu 7 p.m. Sangha Sisters	15
16 No Family Service 1 p.m. Lauhala Weaving	17 7:30 p.m. Happy Strummers	18	19 6-7:15 a.m. zazen 10 am Kannon-ko 7 pm Taiko Board	20 7:30 – 9:00 p.m. Zazen & Dharma Study	21 8 a.m. Samu	22
23 8 a.m. Goeika No Family Service 4 pm YOGA	24	25	26 6-7:15 a.m. Zazen	27 7:30 – 9:00 p.m. Zazen & Dharma Study	28 8 a.m. Samu	29 Hilo Taishoji Bon Dance 7:30 p.m.
30 No Family Service Hilo Taishoji Obon 4 PM YOGA	31		Family Services Begin August 6			