



Daifukuji Soto Mission

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*Treasuring the Past,
Embracing the Present*

April, 2008

Hanamatsuri Buddha Day Service at Daifukuji

Sunday, April 13 9:30 a.m.

Members and friends, you are cordially invited to our temple's Hanamatsuri Buddha Day service on April 13.

Siddharta Gautama, who became Shakyamuni Buddha upon enlightenment, was born on the 8th of April in beautiful Lumbini Garden in northern India (present-day Nepal) almost 2,600 years ago.

We celebrate his birth by pouring sweet tea over a small statue of the baby buddha, for it is said that sweet rain fell from the heavens at the time of his birth. By doing so, we also water the seeds of awakening within ourselves and within all sentient beings.

The Dharma message will be given by the **Reverend Shoji Matsumoto** of the Kona Hongwanji Mission.

Lunch will be prepared by members of the **Daifukuji Zazenkai**. Zazenkai members, please get in touch with

Velvet Replogle (929-8454) or Jan Bovard (322-2167) for lunch prep information.

Lunchtime entertainment will be provided by the Daifukuji Happy Strummers.

Teen Sangha members, please help with the decorating of the *hanamido* (flower shrine) on **Saturday, April 12** at 9:00 a.m.



Flowers are needed for the *hanamido* and the altars. Please bring them to the temple by Friday, April 11.

Note: Kona Hongwanji Mission has kindly invited Daifukuji members to their Hanamatsuri service on April 6 at 9:00 a.m. at which Rev. Jiko will be delivering the Dharma message. There will be no morning zazen at Daifukuji that day.



Temple Fumigation News

Dear Members and Friends,

Aloha! Spring is here. This is a good time to clean up and get rid of the BUGS. On April 27, the temple is going to look like a BIG Circus Tent. It is time to empty the temple of the last seven years of termites. In order for Terminex to do a good job we have to have at least one foot (two is better) cleaned of all weeds and obstacles from around ALL the buildings. I am asking for your help in this matter.

On **April 12th at 8:00 a.m.** we will have a major clean-up day. All of you that have garden tools and gloves will be most welcome to help get the grounds in order.

Terminex will be bringing in a big crane to lift the tent over the temple. Terminex will also be providing a security guard to be on the premises while the tent is up.

On **April 25**, we will need a small crew to dig up the ornamental plants around the temple and to take down the fence behind Rev. Jiko's residence. Also the niches in the nokotsudo need to be opened. The gas will not penetrate the metal urns. However, it could penetrate the wooden ones, so if you

would like to keep a family member's urn at home during the fumigation, you may do so. However, please notify Rev. Jiko.

Stanley Oshima and Masa Oga will be in charge of the work crews so they will direct you in what needs to be done. Many hands make light work so please come out. There will be refreshments so we can take a break and gather together to catch up with what's going on with each other.

Other than that, all is well at the temple. We had a five-week Dharma study class that was well attended and very interesting. In the future we will be having another five weeks of study. I encourage any of you that wish to learn more of the Buddha's teachings to attend the next session in August. It will be announced.

Thank you to all of you for your on going help. You make it possible for us to keep our temple beautiful. With the afternoon sun on it, it is breathtakingly lovely. Hope to see you on April 12th for the fumigation prep day which will begin at 8:00 a.m.

Aloha and gassho,

Jan Bovard

Fujinkai Country Store Donations Needed

Friday, April 18

6 p.m.

Twenty-two Daifukuji members will be representing our temple at the 43rd United Hawaii Soto Shu Women's Association (UHSSWA) conference which will be hosted by the Waipahu Soto Zen Temple Taiyoji the weekend of April 19-20. The theme of this year's conference is "Living in Harmony with the Buddhist Precepts."

As usual, there will be a Country Store to raise funds for the UHSSWA. Each temple unit will be contributing items to the country store.

From Daifukuji, we are hoping to take:

Avocados
Baked goods
Bananas
Kona Coffee
Mac Nuts

If you have items to donate, please drop them off at the temple by the afternoon of April 18. Questions? Call Elaine Fernandez at 322-2084.

Those going to the conference are asked to help with the packing of the Country Store boxes. Please meet at Daifukuji on Friday, April 18 at 6 p.m.



New Youth Taiko Class

Got the rhythm inside you? Looking to let it out?

The Daifukuji Youth Taiko is planning to start a new beginners class in early May. Interested students ages 10-15 should call Barbara at 325-3171 or send her an e-mail at barbarabb@hawaii.rr.com. This will be a 3-month class for those who can commit to one day per week and want to experience the trill of taiko drumming.

Youth taiko classes for beginners are offered once every 2 or 3 years, so don't miss this opportunity. If you know of a student between the ages of 10 and 15 who's interested in taiko, please contact Barbara right away.

In Memoriam

To the family of the late Satoru "Steve" Miyasato who passed away on February 24, 2008 at the age of 81, we express our heartfelt sympathy.

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

Welcome, New Members

With joy and gratitude, we welcome Philip Hema into our sangha ohana.

The Daifukuji Fujinkai welcomes Mayo Chinn as a new member.

15th Annual Daifukuji Soto Mission Bazaar

Sunday May 18, 2008, 9:30am - 1:30pm



We thank all of you for your many years of support and for your generous donations. We humbly ask for your help again. "Yoroshiku onegai shimasu."

The following is a list of Committee Co-Chairs for the various units. Please volunteer for the unit of your choice by calling the committee chair*. Your participation is very important. If you are unable to help, please make every effort to join us at the Bazaar for fellowship.

BAZAAR CHAIR:

Alfreida Fujita 329-3457, 324-0053

Assistants: Bernard Mochizuki, Avis Yamamoto

Advisor: Rev. Jiko Nakade

BAZAAR COMMITTEES:

Publicity: *Brian Yamamoto (322-3167), Velvet Replogle

Posters, Banners, Signs, etc:

*Michael Asada (323-9747), Avis Yamamoto

Finance: *Joyce St. Arnault (329-3833), Renee Kimura, Tyrone Ohta

Program: *Jill Wagner (325-2377), Walter Kimura

Security: *Richard Nakano (322-3303), Morris Kimura, Tatsumi Sato, Brian Kimura, Ernest Sasaki

Produce: *Kris Yamauchi (326-1351), Brian Sugai, Tadao Sugai, Jack Tabata, Julio Fernandez

Garden Shop: *Lorraine Tanimoto, Hilda Sugai

RUMMAGE:

Clothing: * Elaine Fernandez (322-2084), Joyce St. Arnault

Household & Misc.: *Kay Ushijima (322-9964), Kay Sugai, Shirlene Yoneyama, Leiko Kobayashi

Books & Toys: *Barbara Bosz-Burczyk (325-3171), Evelyn Tabata

Crafts & White Elephant: *Beverly Arai (329-0083), Ella Yasuda, Annette Sato

Children's Activities: *Julia Crawford (329-0527), Midori Satoh

Massage Center: * Reiko Sekine (334-1127)

FOOD: *Elsie Mochizuki (329-3316), Michiko Enomoto, Kellar Deguchi

Food Assistants: Miyeko Miyose, Gladys Arase, Tomeyo Torioka, Toshie Hanato, Thelma Matsumoto, Yoshiko Ikeda, & other volunteers (men & women needed)

Preserves: *Kay Sugai (322-3297), Matsue Ikeda

Snack Shop: *Michael Asada (323-9747). Akemi Iwamoto, Daifukuji Taiko Group

Facility Set up: *Bernard Mochizuki (329-3316), Masaru Deguchi, Chester Mitamura

Electrical/PA System: *Karl Tanaka, Kusato Okayama

Parking: *Taichi Harada (322-2315), Michael Nakade, Stephen Andl, Carlo Mireles

First Aid: *Joyce St. Arnault (329-3833)

Workers' Lunch: *Alfreida Fujita (329-3457), Chizuko Kudo, Karen Hall, Thelma Matsumoto

Live Auction: *Jan Bovard (322-2167), Nancy Osako

Holding Area: *Avis & Brian Yamamoto (322-3167), Clyde Ikeda

Clean Up: Bernard Mochizuki, Alfreida Fujita, ALL MEMBERS

THERE WILL BE A BAZAAR MEETING FOR COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23 AT 7:30 P.M. IN THE DAIFUKUJI SOCIAL HALL.

Items for the bazaar may be dropped off at the temple beginning May 1.



33 Kannon Set Up Helpers



Project Dana: Derek Kurisu and the March Birthday Gang



Soto Shu Guests & Rev. Jiko

The Temple Lending Library

Daifukuji's lending library has recently received some substantial donations. Here is a list of some of those books:



The Awakening of Zen by Suzuki

Buddhist America: Centers, Retreats,

Practices by Morreale

Buddhist Ethics: The Path to Nirvana by Saddhatissa

The Buddhist Teaching of Totality: The Philosophy of Hwa Yen Buddhism by Chang

Buddhist Writings on Meditation and Daily Practice: The Serene Reflection Meditation Tradition by Nearman

The Cat Who Went to Heaven by Coatsworth

Chan and Zen Teaching: Third Series by Luk

Crazy Clouds: Zen Radicals, Rebels, and Reformers by Besserman

Dharma Gaia: A Harvest of Essays in Buddhism and Ecology by Badiner

Essays in Zen Buddhism: First Series by Suzuki

A Guide to Walking Meditation by Hanh

The Hazy Moon of Enlightenment by Maezumi

The Heritage of the Bhikkhu by Rahula

He's Leaving Home: My Young Son Becomes a Zen Monk by Miura

Manual of Zen Buddhism by Suzuki

The Method of Zen by Herrigel

Mongoose Hekka by Yoshida

Mountain Record of Zen Talks by Loori

Nine-Headed Dragon River by Matthiessen

On Zen Practices by Maezumi

Square Sun Square Moon: A Collection of Sweet Sour Essays by Reps

To Forget the Self: An Illustrated Guide to Zen Meditation by Buksbazen

The Way of Everyday Life by Maezumi

Women's Buddhism Buddhism's Women: Tradition, Revision, Renewal by Findly

Zen Dawn in the West by Kapleau

Zen Effects: The Life of Alan Watts by Furlong

Zen Essence: The Science of Freedom by Cleary

A Zen Life: D. T. Suzuki Remembered by Abe

Zen Master Dogen: An Introduction with Selected Writings by Yokoi

The Zen Master Hakuin: Selected Writings by Yampolski

The Zen Teaching of Bodhidharma by Pine

The Zen Teaching of Huang Po on the Transmission of Mind by Blofeld

The Zen Teaching of Rinzai by Schloegl

Zen Training: Methods and Philosophy by Sekida

Zen: Direct Pointing to Reality by Bancroft



Loving Conversations

by Jiko Sensei

My mother Mildred and I were very close, so close that we were able to have loving conversations on a variety of subjects that included dying and death. Mom was ill for many years, so death was something that she thought about.

While she was still relatively healthy, we planned her funeral service together. Mom made sure that I wrote down all the details, such as which dress she wished to be cremated in, which photo to use at her funeral, where her *wagesa* (sacred Buddhist article of clothing) and *kaimyo* (Buddhist name) were kept, what kinds of flowers to order, to which temple and charitable organizations she wished me to make donations in her memory, and where to place her ashes. We talked about her favorite gatha and spiritual verses, and about what she wished her last meal to be if she had a choice. She chose sushi. I promised her that I would get her some of her favorite sushi if I could. We had a good time doing this, and I learned a lot about my mother and about what she valued. I noticed that she had a look of satisfaction on her face when she watched me put this information into the drawer of our family altar. She knew that I would respect her wishes when the time came.

Although Mom had been ill for many years, her final hospitalization and death happened unexpectedly. In 2003, at the age of 80, Mom suffered a massive brain hemorrhage. I had gone to the Mt. Equity Zendo in Pennsylvania for two weeks of zen training and was on my way back to Hawaii the day Mom was rushed to the hospital by ambulance. During my flight transfer in Los Angeles, I called home and learned that Mom was dying. As soon as I landed at the Keahole Kona Airport, my husband drove me

to the hospital to see Mom. At that point she was unable to speak, but she appeared to recognize my voice and gave my hand a squeeze. I felt that my mom had waited for me to get to her side and that she knew that I loved her. Never again did we have a chance to talk. She slipped into a coma that very night and peacefully passed away a couple of days later.

My mom's gift to me during that most sorrowful time were the loving conversations that we had had over the years while she was alive. Mom's end-of-life decisions were specified on her Advanced Health Care Directive and she had her legal and financial documents in order. She had told me where her important documents, including her mortuary plan, were kept. This was Mom's way of loving me and taking care of me, her only child. It turned out that she took care of me not only until the end of her life, but even beyond death.

After she passed, I had only to pull out the information that was stored in the drawer of my mother's Buddhist altar. What I needed to plan her funeral was all there. She had even left directions for sending out thank-you cards after her funeral: *Try to write a personal message, however short, in each thank you card.* That was my mom. She didn't care for the printed cards that bore no handwritten message. Even a few handwritten words, she said, makes a difference.

A few days ago I flew over to Torrance, California to conduct a memorial service for my mother's sister. Aunty Ella's passing at age 74 was sudden and unexpected. Once again the words of Zen Master Dogen came to me: *Time flies faster than an arrow; life is more transient than the dew.* Please think about having your own caring conversations about end-of-life matters with your loved ones. This is a precious gift that you can give them.

April 2008

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 8:00 AM Goeika 9:30 AM Family Service 4:00 PM Yoga	31 5:00 PM Youth Taiko	1 5:00 PM Aikido 6:30 PM Adult Taiko	2 6:00 AM Zazen 5:00 PM Youth Taiko 7:00 PM Fujinkai Board	3 6:00 PM Aikido 7:00 PM Temple Board	4 8:00 AM Samu 6:30 PM Teen Sangha Star Gazing	5
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13 HANAMATSURI 4:00 PM Yoga	14 5:00 PM Youth Taiko	15 5:00 PM Aikido 6:30 PM Adult Taiko	16 6:00 AM Zazen 10:00 AM Kannon-ko Service 5:00 PM Youth Taiko	17 6:00 PM Aikido 7:00 PM Evening Zazen	18 8:00 AM Samu 6:00 PM Country Store Packing	19 UHSSWA Conference
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