



Daifukuji Soto Mission

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*Treasuring the Past,
Embracing the Present*

August, 2008

Orchid Show Coming Up

Sunday, July 27 8 a.m. - 2 p.m.

“Optimize Your Landscape with Orchids” at the 26th Kona Daifukuji Orchid Club (KDOC) show and sale. Admission is free to the annual 8 a.m.-2 p.m. event that includes informational how-to demonstrations for using and growing orchids.

At 9:30 a.m., learn how to select appropriate media for growing orchids in your garden or yard.

At 1 p.m., Cheeta Wilson, long-time KDOC member, offers different ways to mount orchids in the residential landscape.

Members of Kona’s oldest orchid club will share expert growing advice at the show’s sales tent, where attendees can browse among a variety of orchids for purchase.

Refreshments will be served and attendees will receive a complimentary boutonniere corsage—while they last. At 10 a.m. the mission’s taiko drummers will offer a rousing performance. Come out & smell the orchids!

Jizo Matsuri: Blessing of Our New Jizo Shrine



*Sunday,
August 24 9:30 a.m. Potluck Lunch*

Thanks to everyone’s generous contributions we will be able to bless our new Jizo-do(shrine). We especially thank Kaleo and Jan for working so hard on making the new Jizo shrine so beautiful. We will have a blessing with a dharma talk by the Buddhist teacher Gavin Harrison, and a showing of the movie, “Buddha in Zululand.” The Family sangha will put on a bake sale to benefit the “Woza Moya Project.” There will be a pot luck lunch after the movie. Everyone is invited.

Family Services to Begin

Sunday, Aug. 10 9:30 a.m.

A new dharma school year will begin on Aug. 10. We will celebrate with a pot luck picnic at Pu’u Honua O Honaunau Picnic Grounds on Aug. 31 at 10 am.



Monthly Bon Dance Practice Sessions to Begin in September

Every 2nd Monday 7:00-8:30 p.m.

Beginning September 8th our Bon dance instructor Winifred Kimura will be offering once-a-month bon dance sessions on the second Monday evening of each month in the Daifukuji Social Hall.

Dancing is good for body, mind, and heart. Bring your friends. We'll all have fun dancing together throughout the year. Refreshments are always appreciated.



Takeshi, Gilbert, Stanley, and Masa take a break after setting up for the Bon Dance.

Dharma Study Sessions

August 14 - September 11

Thursday Evenings 7:00-8:30 p.m.

Dharma Study Sessions will begin Aug. 14 at 7:00 p.m. The first session is "Know Your Temple: A Learning Tour of Daifukuji." There will not be a meditation period before this session. It will focus on the meaning and history of the symbols and iconography of the temple. If you've ever wondered about an item at the temple, bring your questions to this session and we'll all learn together. Why so the overhead lights have those dangly things? Why does one of the statues look Confucian?

The next four sessions (Aug. 21 and 28, Sept. 4 and 11) are about the Four Noble Truths which are a summary of the Dharma taught by Shakyamuni Buddha soon after his enlightenment.

- 1) Suffering exists.*
- 2) It is caused by craving.*
- 3) Suffering can be transcended and Nirvana realized.*
- 4) The way out of suffering is through the daily practice of the Eightfold Path.*

The sessions are all on Thursdays from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. Each of these four sessions will begin with 20 minutes of seated meditation. You may sit on a chair. Beginning meditators are welcome.

There is a \$5 suggested donation per session, but no donation is required. All ages are welcome, and pre-registration for any or all sessions is encouraged by calling 322-3524. The sessions will be facilitated by Clear Englebert with assistance from Rev. Jiko.



A Service for Peace

***Saturday, Sept. 27
6-8pm***

Everyone is cordially invited to a Service for Peace, Sponsored by the Hawaii Association of International Buddhists, HAIB. All Hawaii Island Buddhist Groups are invited to honor Peace Day. The event will be held at the Kona Hongwanji Mission and will include a service by Rev. Shoji and Rev. Jiko. The guest speaker will be the dharma teacher Gavin Harrison. There will also be a candlelight ceremony and refreshments. Call Jill Teiho to RSVP 325-2377.

No Morning Meditation

Sunday, Aug. 3

Every first Sunday of the month we offer a 25 minute meditation, and 25 minute dharma study and sharing. Please join us in the cultural hall on Sept. 7.

In Memoriam

Our deepest sympathy to the family of the late Namiko "Ann" Fukunaga, 84, who passed away on June 23, 2008 at the Life Care Center of Kona.

Our loving thoughts to the family of the late Michael Wayne Wataru Oshima, 51, who passed away on July 11, 2008 in New York.

Our condolences to the family of the late retired Bishop Gyokuei Matsuura, 97, who passed away on July 15, 2008 in Honolulu. Matsuura Sensei served Daifukuji as resident minister from 1946-1965.

Announcements

A testimonial dinner for retiring Bishop Jiho Machida will be held at the Pagoda Hotel Banquet Hall on Saturday, Nov. 15, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. This event will be sponsored by the Hawaii Soto Mission Association & Soto Mission of Hawaii. Details to follow.



An excerpt taken from, "My 53 Years at Soto Mission of Hawaii" by Bishop Jiho Machida

On November 1, 1997, I was appointed as the Bishop of the Hawaii Sotoshu by the Archbishop, and started as the chief priest of the Soto Mission of Hawaii from January 1, 1998. I was 71 years old then. I lost some of my energy but with the assistance from many people, I was fortunately able to complete the Centennial Celebration of Hawaii Sotoshu and its projects in 2003. At the Bishop's level, I enjoyed working with the Hawaii Soto Mission Association and United Hawaii Sotoshu Women's Association. In my 53 years at Soto Mission of Hawaii, there were many incidents, happy times, sad times, difficult and trying times. Together with my wife Violet, I am now very grateful for all the help received and opportunities I have experienced working for the Soto Mission of Hawaii. I will be retiring on August 31, 2008. I sincerely wish to say "Thank you very much" to each and every one of you. Last but not least, my deepest gratitude to Rev. Shugen Komogata, Rev. Shunko Sakai, Rev. Kotoku Yoshida, the Late Mr. George Yamashita and all board members for their support during my past 11 years as chief priest. Aloha in Gassho!



Library News

by Clear
Englebert

Daifukuji's library continues to grow as one person's generosity sparks another person's generosity. Not only are there many new books, but also new Dharma audio tapes, CDs, and even DVDs. Sharing the Dharma in library form is an ancient part of Buddhism, and with the addition of DVDs, it comes right into the modern age. The most spectacular new book arrival is Summit of Treasures, a beautifully photographed tour of the Buddhist cliff carvings in Sichuan, China. They were built in the Song dynasty (960-1279) and are in fine condition, complete with magnificent colors. The text is superb and the photographs truly transport you to this ancient shrine.

New book arrivals are:

Zen Enlightenment: Origins and Meaning by Heinrich Dumoulin

Summit of Treasures: Buddhist Cave Art of Dazu, China by Angela Howard

A Manual of Abhidhamma: (Abhidhamma Sangaha) An Outline of Buddhist Philosophy by Narada Maha Thera

What Would Buddha Do? 101 Answers to Life's Daily Dilemmas by Franz Metcalf

Kundun: A Biography of the Family of the Dalai Lama by Mary Craig

Old Path White Clouds by Thich Nhat Hanh

Elements of Zen by David Scott and Tony Doubleday

Zen Path Through Depression by Philip Martin

Stumbling Toward Enlightenment by Geri Larkin

Living Dhamma by Ajahn Chah
Red Thread: Buddhist Approaches to Sexuality by Bernard Faure

Vision of the Buddha by Tom Lowenstein
Blessings on the Wind: The Mystery and Meaning of Tibetan Prayer Flags by Tad Wise

The Art of Happiness at Work by the Dalai Lama and Howard Cutler

Blue Jean Buddha: Voices of Young Buddhists edited by Sumi Loundon

Cave in the Snow: Tenzin Palmo's Quest for Enlightenment by Vicki MacKenzie

Dharma Family Treasures: Sharing Buddhism with Children by Sandy Eastoak

Engaged Buddhist Reader by Arnold Kotler, Editor

Essential Teachings by the Dalai Lama

Liquid Life: Abortion and Buddhism in Japan by William LaFleur

Path to Enlightenment by the Dalai Lama

Prince Siddhartha by Jonathan Landaw and Janet Booke

Queer Dharma: Voices of Gay Buddhists edited by Winston Leyland

To Cherish All Life by Philip Kapleau

When Things Fall Apart: Heart Advice for Difficult Times by Pema Chodron

Zen and the Art of Falling in Love by Brenda Shoshanna

Zen and the Art of Insight translated by Thomas Cleary

Zen Light: Unconventional Commentaries on the Denkoroku by Stefano Barragato

New audio arrivals are: Taiko Rhythms Resonating from One's Country Home (Furusato No Hibiki Taiko)



Obon Mahalo

Dear Members and Friends,

Happy Obon Season. I hope everyone is enjoying the dancing, from temple to temple. I want to thank all of you SO MUCH for your assistance at our Bon Dance celebration. Moving all the tables and chairs was a big chore. We prayed for "no rain" but I guess we didn't pray hard enough. We had to dance in the social hall this year but it wasn't all bad because the floor is level and it kept us close together so we could visit with friends easier. Thankfully our outside lanterns are made of plastic so they withstood the rain. It was so beautiful to see all of them with the lights on. I am always sorry that we have to take down all the Obon decorations. They make everything look so joyful and bright.



We had the pleasure of our Bon dance teacher that night. Ruriko Hayashi and her husband came from Oahu to celebrate with us. It gives us a lot more confidence when the teacher is present. I thank them very much for coming, & also thank Winifred for leading us, as well. The clean up crew was super, as usual. Thank you for your continued kokua. Hopefully we will all get to do it over again next year.

Mahalo and aloha,
Jan Bovard



My First Sensei

by Rev. Jiko Nakade

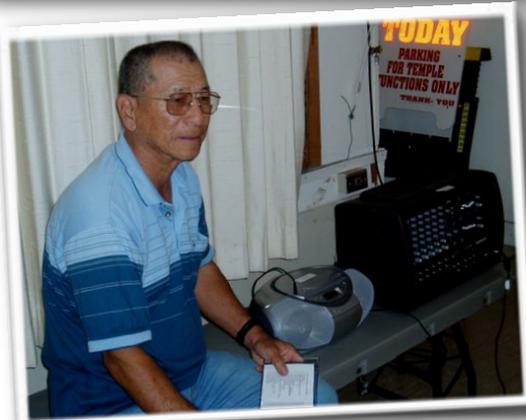
*When you wake up in the morning, pray **Namu Kie Butsu, Namu Kie Ho, Namu Kie So.** As you go through your day, pray **Namu Kie Butsu, Namu Kie Ho, Namu Kie So.** As you drift off to sleep at night, pray **Namu Kie Butsu, Namu Kie Ho, Namu Kie So.** Wherever you are, whatever you do, keep the Three Treasures in your heart.*

This is what I learned from my very first sensei, the Rev. Gyokuei Matsuura who served our temple from 1945 to 1965, then moved to Wahiawa to become the resident minister of the Ryusenji Soto Mission and later bishop of Hawaii Soto Shu at the Soto Mission of Hawaii.

Throughout my life, I have looked up to Matsuura Sensei as my Great Teacher. A man of incredible wisdom, strength, compassion, and clarity, Matsuura Sensei embodied the Dharma in every way. I am here, serving the Three Treasures, because of the guidance given to me by Matsuura Sensei since I was a little child sitting on his lap. He was the one who gave me my Japanese name *Toshie*, dropped me off at the monastery gate, performed my marriage ceremony, and encouraged me along this Path. I am filled with gratitude and feel that even though he's no longer in this world, he's still carrying me and holding me up to the Buddha.

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

August Picture Board



Gilbert, Our Dedicated Sound Tech



Ruriko Hayashi Leads the Dancers



Our Lovely Kupuna with Bucky Leslie



Beautiful New Chochin



Hanging the Lanterns

August 2008

July 2008							August 2008							September 2008						
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- Youth Taiko
- Adult Taiko
- Yoga
- Family Service
- Major Service
- Kannon-ko Service
- Project Dana
- Zazen
- Sangha Sisters
- Aikido
- Baikako Practice
- Dharma Study
- Happy Strummers
- Temple Board
- Fujinkai
- Teen Sangha
- calendar
- Orchid Club
- Samu
- Special Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 8:00 AM Kona Dai-fukuji Orchid Show 4:00 PM Yoga	28 5:00 PM Youth Taiko	29 5:00 PM Aikido 6:30 PM Adult Taiko	30 6:00 AM Zazen 3:00 PM Youth Taiko for Beginners 5:00 PM Youth Taiko	31 6:00 PM Aikido 7:00 PM Evening Zazen	1 8:00 AM Samu 6:00 PM Adult Taiko	2 7:00 PM Taishoji Bon Dance
3 8:00 AM No Zazen 9:00 AM Taishoji Bon Service 4:00 PM Yoga	4 5:00 PM Youth Taiko 7:30 PM Happy Strummers	5 5:00 PM Aikido 6:30 PM Adult Taiko	6 6:00 AM Zazen 3:00 PM Youth Taiko for Beginners 5:00 PM Youth Taiko 7:00 PM Fujinkai	7 6:00 PM Aikido 7:00 PM Temple Board	8 8:00 AM Samu 6:00 PM Adult Taiko 7:00 PM Sangha Sisters	9 7:00 PM Daishiji Bon Dance, Holualoa
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