



Daifukuji Soto Mission

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Treasuring the Past, Embracing the Present

February, 2008

New Sunday Meditation Sessions

Introduction to Zazen
1st Sunday of the Month

We are pleased to announce a new zazen meditation class to be held the first Sunday of each month, starting February 3 from 8:00-9:00 a.m. in the Hisashi Kimura Cultural Hall at Daifukuji. We will offer one 25-minute period of zazen, a short reading from Dharma teachings, and a ten-minute sharing circle. Participants will receive a handout of the teachings to take home. We welcome teens, beginners, and anyone who would like to enjoy a period of meditation on the first Sunday morning of the month.

Please check the monthly calendar for changes. Call Jill Teiho Wagner at 325-2377 for further information.



Pari-Nirvana Nehan-E Service

Sunday, February 10 9:30 a.m

Potluck Lunch & Film "The Zen Mind: A Zen Journey Across Japan"

Japan Tour Update

We invite you to Daifukuji's Nehan-E service at which we will pay homage to our great teacher Shakyamuni Buddha who passed away at the age of 80 in Kusinara, India almost 2,600 years ago. In observance of Pari-Nirvana Day, a scroll depicting the reclining Buddha surrounded by mourning people and animals will be hung inside the temple. The Dharma talk will be given by the Reverend Jiko Nakade.

Lunch will be a potluck, so please bring a dish to share. During lunch, there will be a showing of Jon Braeley's 60-minute documentary "The Zen Mind: A Zen Journey Across Japan." After the film, Rev. Jiko would like to meet with those who will be going on the Japan tour in May.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

GREETINGS, MEMBERS AND FRIENDS,

It promises to be another exciting year. I know that many of you were at the New Year Party and had a fun time. As usual our Fujinkai ladies did an award-winning menu. The food was great. The ladies worked from morning till night preparing and then cleaning up afterwards. They are priceless and irreplaceable. Beautiful white chrysanthemums decorated the tables. Not having alcohol at the party was just fine; Walter was as funny as ever. The program was perfect, and ran smoothly and timely. A new addition, a Tai Chi demonstration had everyone's full attention. As for me, I really enjoyed the group singing. I am so grateful that our sangha has this time to celebrate together every year -- a time to visit, laugh, and eat plenty.

I want to thank all of you that have contributed so much, physically and financially to the temple this past year, in order for our Sangha to prosper and keep our temple buildings and grounds looking beautiful. Every single person is needed and appreciated.

The 2008 membership forms have been mailed out. Once again, I humbly request your generous support of the temple. This year we will be continuing to maintain our

buildings by having all the buildings fumigated for termites. This will be an expensive undertaking but must be done. Our present estimates are \$18,000 to \$20,000. Also this year I am contacting carpenters to replace the roof structure of the Ojizo-san. Because of the complexity of the roof, it will be a costly job. In six years we will be having our centennial celebration and we want all the buildings to be as beautiful and well maintained as possible.

There are many different activities that are happening at the temple.

There is something for everyone. Our new Kupuna program is a wonderful and fun addition to the activities. I encourage you to make the Buddha's teachings and the temple a part of your daily lives. The coming years may be a little more difficult for our

country. It will be a time that we will need to rely on our belief system and support each other in any way that becomes necessary. We are a family. Maybe not blood, but a chosen family, and families need to stick together.

I wish you good health and joy this coming year. It is my privilege to serve you again for one more year.

Gassho, and aloha,

Jan Bovard



Making Soba for New Year Blessing Service

February Picture Board



Elsie's Konnyaku Demo



Reiko Showing Konnyaku



Wishing Ven.Rabjee the Best



Party Decorators



Assembling Goodie Bags

Fujinkai Installs Officers

The following Daifukuji Fujinkai officers for 2008-2010 were installed at the Fujinkai Hatsumairi on January 6, 2008:

Advisor	Reverend Jiko Nakade
President	Joyce St. Arnault
1st Vice Pres.	Elaine Fernandez
2nd Vice Pres.	Reiko Sekine
3rd Vice Pres.	Yoshiko Ikeda
Recording Sec.	Jean Ikeda
Corresponding Sec.	Lorraine Tanimoto
Treasurer	Hilda Sugai
Historian	Julia Crawford
Auditors	Thelma Matsumoto Evelyn Tabata Ella Yasuda

Outgoing officers Nancy Tanaka and Bev Arai were recognized and thanked for their years of service to the Fujinkai.



Sushi Sale Coming Up *Saturday, February 16*

Rice Cooking	2 a.m.
Sushi Rolling Begins	4 a.m.
Sushi Pick Up	8 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Sushi makers and sushi lovers, get ready for the Daifukuji Fujinkai's annual sushi sale to be held Saturday, Feb. 16. As usual, help and enthusiasm are needed. Rice cooking will begin at 2 a.m. and sushi rolling at 4 a.m. Fujinkai members and supporters, your kokua is appreciated.

Thank you to all who have kindly donated ingredients. Monetary donations in the form of checks made payable to the Daifukuji Fujinkai are also being accepted.

Any questions? Please call sushi sale co-chairs Elaine Fernandez (322-2084) or Joyce St. Arnault (329-3833). Let's help our Fujinkai make this sushi sale a success. Onegai shimasu.

Welcome, New Members

With much joy and aloha, our sangha welcomes the following new members:

Minoru Hanato
Tayoko and Naotake Matsumura
Angy, Kainoa, and Justin Chesler
Cherylee-Ann, Mitchell, and Michelle Tam

In Memoriam



Miyazaki, Ekiho Zenji, archbishop of Eiheiji Monastery in Fukui, Japan, passed away on January 5, 2008 at the age of 106. We mourn the passing of this great Buddhist spiritual leader of our Soto

Zen tradition. Namu Kie Butsu. Namu Kie Ho. Namu Kie So.

To the family of the late Elaine Toyoko Iwanaga who passed away at the age of 64 on January 10, 2008, we extend our love and sympathy.

2008 Bazaar Date Set

Sunday, May 18

The 15th Annual Building Fund Bazaar will be held on Sunday, May 18, 2008. Everyone, please mark your calendars. Items for the bazaar will be accepted beginning May 1st. Please do not drop off anything prior to May 1st since the storage would be a problem. Thank you.

Mahalo Nui

Thank you very much to all who contributed to the success of the temple's New Year's party which was held on January 19. For your hard work, generous donations, and giving hearts, we say domo arigato gozaimashita.

We also thank those members who have generously contributed to the Sojiji Soin Restoration Fund. The donations received will be forwarded to the Hawaii Soto Mission Association in mid-February, and then sent to Japan along with donations collected from our sister Soto temples throughout the state of Hawai'i. A donor list which will include your name will be sent to Sojiji Soin. If you have not contributed and would like to do so, please make your check payable to "Daifukuji Soto Mission," write "Sojiji Soin Fund" in the check memo, and mail your donation to Daifukuji Soto Mission, P.O. Box 55, Kealahou, HI 96750 by February 13, 2008.

Upcoming Events in March

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| Mar. 8 | 8 am | Set up of 33 Kannon |
| Mar. 8 | 2 pm | Lecture presentation on the "Hannya Shingyo" by Dr. Tim Freeman of U.H. Hilo |
| Mar. 9 | 9:30 am | O-higan & 33 Kannon Service |
| Mar. 12 | 8:30 am | Project Dana |
| Mar. 15 | 8 am | 33 Kannon Clean Up |
| Mar. 13, 20, 27 | 7 pm | Dharma Study Sessions |

Daifukuji Baikako Meeting

Sunday, Feb 24

8:00 am

Dear Members of the Daifukuji Baikako,

I humbly request your presence at a meeting of the Baikako on Sunday, February 24 at 8:00 a.m. A new year has begun and I would like to discuss with you some ideas that I have for enhancing our goeika program and recruiting new members.

First Dharma Study Session

Thursday, Feb 21

7:00 pm

by Clear Englebert

There will be two five-week series of Dharma Study sessions at Daifukuji in 2008. The first series will be February 21 through March 27, excepting March 6. The second series will be August 14 through September 11. The sessions are all on Thursdays from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm. Each session begins with twenty minutes of seated meditation. There is a \$25 suggested donation per series (\$5 per class), but donations are not required. All ages are welcome, and pre-registration is encouraged. The focus of the first series will be the Buddhist precepts.

You may now register for the first session (Feb.21-March 27) by calling Rev. Jiko at 322-3524. If you are a member who is interested in Soto Zen lay confirmation, it is highly recommended that you attend the Dharma study sessions offered this year.

“Blessings”

by Rev. Jiko

When I was a little child, my mother lovingly placed a silver Kannon-sama pendant around my neck and it was there, right above my heart, for all my young years. I don't remember my mother telling me why she wanted me to wear this necklace, but I felt that she loved me and wanted me to be safe and happy. Once, while I was playing with a friend on a beach in Maui, a big wave caught me by surprise and tossed me about. My mother saw this, ran toward me, and pulled me out of the water. I was shaken, but unhurt. The Kannon-sama pendant, however, was gone. When we returned to Kona, my mother got me another one and, once again, lovingly hung it around my neck. I know now that she wished for me to always be blessed with safety and happiness and to always have the bodhisattva Kannon close to my heart.

Watching moms and dads, grandmas and grandpas drop by the temple to pick up omamori to give to their children and grandchildren, I am reminded of my own mother's wish for my life to be filled with blessings. She is no longer alive, but the sweet fragrance of her love and faith lingers in my heart and strengthens me.

A new year has begun. May we keep the bodhisattva Kannon close to our hearts and always bless the lives of others with our love and care.

We take refuge in the Buddha. We take refuge in the Dharma. We take refuge in the Sangha.

February 2008

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- Youth Taiko
- Adult Taiko
- Yoga
- Family Service
- Major Service
- Kannon-ko Service
- Project Dana
- Zazen
- Aikido
- Japan Tour
- Dharma Study
- Happy Strummers
- Temple Board
- Fujinkai
- Samu
- Special Events
- Goeika

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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