



Daifukuji Soto Mission

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*Treasuring the Past,
Embracing the Present*

July, 2008

General Clean Up Day

Saturday, July 5 8:00 a.m.

Daifukuji members and members of temple groups...

In preparation for Obon, we will be giving our temple, nokotsudo, halls, kitchen, and grounds a thorough cleaning on **Saturday, July 5**. Clean-up day will begin with a short meditation & prayer inside the temple at 8:00 a.m. Please bring rags, buckets, and gardening tools, all labeled with your name. Refreshments will be provided. Your *kokua* is greatly appreciated.

Bon Dance Practice Sessions

Calling dancers of all ages! Please join us for bon dance practice on the following nights from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. in the social hall. Friends are welcome.

July 1 (Tues.), July 2 (Wed.), July 3 (Thur.)
July 8 (Tues.) and July 10 (Thur.)

We are fortunate to have dance instructors Ruriko Hayashi and Winifred Kimura to help us learn the dances. Come out and join the fun!

Bon Memorial Service & Bon Dance

**Saturday,
July 12, 2008**



8:00 a.m. Yagura set up, Bon Dance prep, and cooking. Please help in any way possible.

3:30 p.m. Bon Memorial Service with Dharma message by Rev. Shinryu Akita of Hilo Taishoji

5:00 p.m. Fellowship dinner prepared by Fujinkai. Please join us.

7:30 - 10:30 p.m. Bon Dance featuring Kona Daifukuji Taiko & Kona Hongwanji Taiko groups

Bon Dance Clean Up Sun, July 13
9:00 a.m. Help Needed

Please turn in your toba request forms no later than June 30th. Thank you.

2008 Bazaar Report

Auction	\$2,070.00
Children's Activities	86.95
Clothing/Rummage	1,467.45
Crafts/White elephant	1,154.00
Baked goods/Food	4,618.44
Books/Toys	340.11
Garden Shop	1,481.80
Household/misc.	1,037.85
Massage	440.00
Produce	1,321.80
<u>Snack Shop</u>	<u>478.50</u>

Total Sales	\$15,065.96
Cash Donations	<u>2,705.00</u>
Total	\$17,770.96

Expenses:

Food	\$569.06
Snack Shop	\$164.08
West HI Today Ads	\$299.00
Cal-Kona Diesel	\$312.50
<u>GE Tax</u>	<u>\$548.90</u>
Total Expenses	\$1,893.54

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Grand Total \$15,877.42

Working together, we achieved success!



Sonya, Jean, & Joyce in the clothing department



Midori, Koutaro, & Mako help with the fishpond



Thank you to our supportive community!
 Thank you to our hardworking members!



News from the Temple Board of Directors

Greetings, everyone!

I hope everyone is enjoying a beautiful summer. We actually have had some days with blue skies and white fluffy clouds. I have some "late breaking news" to share with you this month. We had our June Board meeting and among other issues, we talked about the liability of having alcohol at temple functions. There are more and more incidents of businesses and or companies that serve alcohol at events being sued as a result of accidents, etc. This year we did request that no alcohol be brought in for the New Year party. That worked fine...it was still a wonderful party.

After considerable discussion our temple board made it a policy that from now on, all

events & sangha meals that are sponsored by our temple will be alcohol and drug free. This is in keeping with one of our Buddhist Precepts. I ask for your cooperation in this matter as any incident would affect our whole membership.

Let us be good role models for our children and young people.

I thank our members for the high degree of respect and kindness that is practiced at our temple. Let us continue to keep smiling and working together in harmony.

Much aloha, in gassho,
Jan Bovard
Temple board president



Congratulations, grads!

From left to right: Katherine Medler, Darren Hakoda, Alyssa Luiz, Chris Sugai, & Ryan Nakade

Library News

by Clear Englebert

The library could use more assistants. The work can be done by young or old, the skills are useful to know, and you will learn more of the Buddha Dharma in a very enjoyable way. Catalog, shelve, and care for the books, or help with computerization (Excel), on your own schedule.

New arrivals are:

No Time to Lose: A Timely Guide to the Way of the Bodhisattva by Pema Chodron

Bodhinyana by Ajahn Chah

The Book of Buddhas: Ritual and Symbolism used on Buddhist Statuary and Ritual Objects by Eva R. Jansen

Buddha - The Living Way a photography book by Trimmingham

Buddha-Dhamma for Students by Bhikkhu Buddhadasa

Chanting: With English translations and Temple Rules by Seung Sahn (This is from the Kwan Um School of Zen in Rhode Island.)

Forbidden Journey: The Life of Alexandra David-Neel by Foster

Inner Revolution: Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Real Happiness by Robert Thurman

Lust for Enlightenment by John Stevens

The Mandala of the Buddha Mothers: Refuge of all Beings by Rev. Koten Benson

Radical Acceptance by Tara Brach

Second to None: The Biography of Khun Yay Maharataha Upasika Chandra Khon-nok-yoong by Khan-nok-yoong

Sitting Buddha: Zen Meditation for Everyone by Rev. Daishin Morgan

The Tibetan Book of Living and Dying by Sogyal Rinpoche

To Shine One Corner Of The World by Shunryu Suzuki

Uncarved Block, Unbleached Silk: The Mystery of Life by Alan W. Watts

The Way of Zen by Alan W. Watts

Zen and Zen Classics: Vol. 4: Mumonkan by R. H. Blyth

Zen Flesh, Zen Bones: A Collection of Zen and Pre-Zen Writings by Paul Reps Compiler

Le Bouddha by Maurice Percheron

L'Enseignement du Bouddha by Walpola Rahula (These last two books are in French.)



Dharma Study Session *August-September, 2008*

Dharma Study Sessions will begin Aug. 14 at 7:00 pm. 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 in this lifetime, 4) The way to Nirvana is through the daily practice of the Eightfold Path.

The sessions are all on Thursdays from 7:00 to 8:30 pm. Each of these four sessions will begin with twenty minutes of seated meditation. Beginning meditators are welcome. There is a \$5 suggested donation per session, but no donation is required. All ages are welcome, and pre-registration is encouraged by calling 322-3524. The sessions will be facilitated by Clear Englebert with assistance from Rev. Jiko.

Let's study the Way of the Buddha together.

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Carlo, Jane, and D'Marco Mireles upon the birth of Caiden Mireles who arrived on June 9, 2008. He was 6 lb. 3 oz & 18 inches at birth. Welcome, little Caiden!

Announcements

To Reverend and Mrs. Kotoku Yoshida and family who will be returning to Japan in July, we bid a fond farewell. We are grateful for their many years of untiring service to Hawaii Soto Shu.

Bishop Jiho Machida has announced that he will be retiring on August 31, 2008 after 53 years at the Soto Mission of Hawaii. Bishop Machida and his wife Violet have dedicated their lives to the Three Treasures and are truly an inspiration to all.

New Voice Mail Service

No longer will you get a busy signal when you call the temple. We have a new voice mail service that allows you to leave a message if the main phone line is being used. Kindly leave a message and we will return your call as soon as possible. Thank you!

Bazaar thank you letters

for tax purposes will be sent out with next month's newsletter.



Obon Greetings from Jiko Sensei

Dear members and friends,

Cool is this summer night. A gentle rain has fallen, crickets are chirping, and a coqui frog is singing its song. My heart is filled with the sounds of summer.

Obon is here and you are in my thoughts. As I write each toba, I think of you and pray for the happiness and well being of your family and ancestors.

Obon is a time to remember our departed loved ones. It is also a time to nurture family ties and strengthen the love that holds everyone together. It is a time to celebrate family and community and to send out peaceful, loving thoughts to all beings throughout the cosmos, freeing those that are stuck in realms of suffering and hunger and thirst. May all beings be free and happy! May all live in security and in peace! May boundless love pervade the entire universe!

Let this be the prayer that we send out from our hearts as we dance joyfully around the *yagura* to the beat of the taiko.

I look forward to seeing you and your family at Daifukuji's Bon service and dance.

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

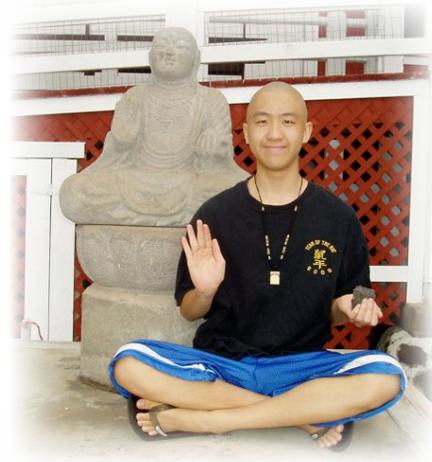
In Gassho,
Jiko Sensei

Youth Taiko Classes for Beginners

We are offering summertime beginner taiko youth classes that are open to students between the ages of 10 & 15. Classes are held at the temple on Wednesdays from 3 to 5 pm. Come dressed in comfortable clothes and tennis shoes and bring water. The fee is \$30.00 per month. Children will have the option to continue at the end of summer. Call taiko instructor Barbara at 325-3171 (hm) or 987-2673 (cell).

Sunday Family Services

Due to the Bon Season & summer vacation, there will be no family services during the month of July. Family services resume August 10. Have a fun summer!



Ojizosama is enjoying the sunshine and rain while his new house is being built. He's even found a good friend to keep him company.

July Picture Board



Hannya Shingyo Class



Dr. Tim Freeman from UH Hilo



Blessing Our High School Graduates



Kaleo Reconstructs the Jizo-do



Project Dana June Birthdays

