



## Daifukuji Soto Mission

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*Treasuring the Past,  
Embracing the Present*

June, 2008

## Bazaar Mahalo

from Jan Bovard, Temple President

Another wonderfully successful Bazaar has come and gone. So much work by so many people, and over so fast. One of the best parts about the Bazaar was all of us getting together...working together...and catching up with our friends. As usual, the ladies in the kitchen were outstanding. I couldn't believe the amount of food on the tables at 9:30am and not a speck left by 10:45am. A big thank you to all the people  
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## June Family Services & Zazen

Sunday morning zazen will be held at 8:00 a.m. on June 1 in the Cultural Hall.

Family services will be held every Sunday at 9:30 a.m. throughout the month of June. We will honor dads, grandpas, and all the great men in our lives on June 15. Due to the Obon season & summer break, there will be no family services during the month of July. Family services resume August 10. Have a wonderful summer!

## Obon News

Bon Dance  
practice schedule:



Tuesday, July 1  
Thursday, July 3  
Tuesday, July 8  
Thursday, July 10

Practice sessions are from 7 - 9 p.m and will be led by Winifred Kimura. All are welcome. Please invite your friends!

**Temple Clean Up Day: July 5, 8am**

**Bon Memorial Service & Dance:**

**Saturday, July 12**

8:00 am Yagura Set-up, Cooking

3:30 pm Bon Memorial Service

5:00 pm Fellowship Dinner

7:30-10:30 pm Bon Dance & Taiko

**Sunday, July 13**

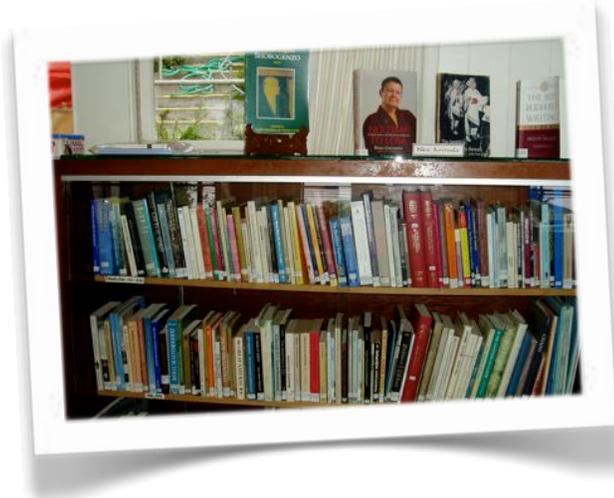
9:00 am Bon Dance Clean Up

**Saturday, June 21**

6 pm - 10pm 5th Annual Obon

Festival, Keauhou Shopping Center

Please turn in your toba requests by June 30th. Form included with this newsletter.



## Library News by Clear Englebert

Last month I announced we had a rare copy of Dogen's *Shobogenzo Zuimonki*, which is a record of his lectures to lay people. We now have a circulating copy of this translation. It joins two other translations of the *Shobogenzo Zuimonki* in the library. (One of them is titled *A Primer of Soto Zen* from the University of Hawaii Press.) These lecture of Dogen's are very easy to understand, and there are plenty of copies, so please enjoy reading them. The library also now has Dogen's lectures to monks, titled *Shobogenzo*. The *Shobogenzo* is said to contain the distilled essence of the golden age of Chinese Zen, not only of the Soto, but also of the Rinzai and other Zen traditions. It is the single most important text among those works which are unique to the Soto branch of Buddhism. Daifukuji has the four-volume Nishijima and Cross translation. You can also download your own copy of the full *Shobogenzo* at <http://shastaabbey.org/shobogenzo1.htm>. That translation is by Houn Hubert Nearman and he is my source for the description of the *Shobogenzo*.

Other new arrivals are:

*Guardian of the Sea: Jizo in Hawaii* by John R. K. Clark (This book mentions the Jizo in

front of Daifukuji.)

*Start Where You Are* by Pema Chodron

*The Pema Chodron Collection* by Pema Chodron (This is her first three books, bound together in hardback.)

*Zen Philosophy Zen Practice* by Thich Thien-An

*The Buddhist Religion* by Richard Robinson and Willard Johnson

*Pictorial Encyclopedia of Japanese Culture: The Soul and Heritage of Japan* by Gakken Company (This is a very beautiful, informative, and entertaining book.)

*Lectures* by Venerable Ku San

*Buddha or Bust* by Perry Garfinkel

*The Complete Idiot's Guide to Understanding Buddhism* by Gary Gach

*Essence of the Heart Sutra: The Dalai Lama's Heart of Wisdom Teachings* by the Dalai Lama

*Transformation and Healing: Sutra on the Four Establishments of Mindfulness* by Thich Nhat Hanh

*Blooming of a Lotus* by Thich Nhat Hanh

*Two Arrows Meeting in Mid-Air: The Zen Koan* by John Daido Looi

*A Zen student meditates, then, to know his or her own true self--to meet the self precisely, face to face.*

-- Nyogen Senzaki --

## Hatsubon

At the time of Obon, we surround with love those families who have lost a family member within the past one year and who are observing their loved one's first Obon (*hatsubon*). We send our loving thoughts to the families of the late:

Shigeto Larry Tanaka, Dr. Tadao Miyamoto, Leatrice Sakae Miyasato, Dale Sachiko Gomes, George Miyuki Harada, Nancy Tsukiko Watanabe, Elaine Toyoko Iwanaga, Satoru Steve Miyasato, Tsugito Akazawa, Asako Nakamoto, Clara (Inouye) Forsberg, Shinobu Maruyama

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

## Obon Home Visits (Tanagyo)

Please contact Rev. Jiko at 322-3524 if you wish to have prayers offered at your home altar during the Obon season.



Kikuko, Ann, and Shirlene sort through bazaar things.

## Memorial Chochin Orders Being Taken

This Obon, you are invited to donate a chochin (hanging lantern) in memory of a family member. We have ordered 200 pink and white plastic lanterns from Japan. A laminated tag bearing the name of the family (senzo dai dai) or individual whom you wish to remember, along with the donor's name will be hung from each chochin.

A donation of \$10 per chochin is requested.

How festive these lanterns will look on the night of our Bon Dance! These lanterns will be hung year after year.

Thank you to those of you who have already submitted your memorial chochin requests. Forms were mailed out to all members. If you are in need of a form, please call Rev. Jiko at 322-3524. We will accept the first 200 requests.



## In Memoriam

To the family of the late Clara (Inouye) Forsberg who passed away in Washington on April 21, 2008 at the age of 78, we extend our deepest sympathy.

We also express our condolences to the family of the late Shinobu Maruyama who passed away in Ohio on May 13, 2008 at the age of 85.

*Namu Shakamuni Butsu.*

## Adult Taiko Announces New Classes

Adults, here's your chance to learn the art of taiko. The Daifukuji Zen Taiko group is offering new classes for adults who wish to learn and play taiko.

These classes will be held on:

Tuesday, June 3 6:30 p.m.

Friday, June 6 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday, June 10 6:30 p.m.

Friday, June 13 6:00 p.m.

Classes will be held in the Hisashi Kimura Cultural Hall at Daifukuji.

Call taiko instructor Kris Yamauchi at 854-1625 or 326-1351.

### ***Why Do We Meditate?***

***We meditate to discover our true nature. We meditate in order to realize the essence of Mind.***

***-Nyogen Senzaki-***



Project Dana volunteers Nancy Osako, Reiko Sekine, Velvet Replogle, and Jill Teiho Wagner serve our kupunas with love and smiles.

## A Letter of Invitation from Rev. Shuji Komagata & the Soto Mission of Aiea

*On Sunday, October 12, 2008, we will celebrate our 90th Anniversary with services at Taiheiji, followed by a luncheon at the Pacific Beach Hotel in Waikiki.*

*On behalf of the members of the Soto Mission of Aiea, we cordially invite the members of Daifukuji to join us at our services & festivities on October 12. The celebration will be all the more special if we can experience this momentous occasion together with the members of our sister temples in Hawaii. We look forward to seeing you at our 90th anniversary celebration.*

Please mark your calendar and call Rev. Jiko at 322-3524 if you can attend this special celebration. A tentative count of attendees is being requested by Rev. Shuji.

## Domo Arigato



A big mahalo to Steve Mann for crafting a beautiful new incense stand, complete with a hand-carved gold

Dharma cloud, for the Jizo-do. Steve puts in many volunteer hours as our temple handyman. Thank you, Steve!

(The Jizo House will be reconstructed over the summer by Kaleopono Norris. Because of this, the Jizo Matsuri, which was sheduled to be held in June, will be held when the new Jizo-do is ready.)

Thank you to the Zen Taiko Group for donating the cleaning of the carpet in the Hisashi Kimura Cultural Hall.

A warm mahalo to Stanley Oshima, Masa Oga, Jack Tabata, and the entire crew of helpers who prepared the temple and grounds for fumigation in April. Everyone worked very hard.



Temple Fumigation April 28, 2008

## HAIB Meeting to Plan Peace Day Event

*Saturday, June 21 at Kona Hongwanji Mission in Kealahou, 2:00-4:00 p.m.*

The Hawai'i Island chapter of the Hawaii Association of International Buddhists (HAIB) has begun the planning of a community Peace Day event to be held Saturday, September 27, possibly on our temple grounds.

Big Island HAIB coordinator Rev. Jiko Nakade invites you to become a member of HAIB. What is HAIB? HAIB is a non-profit organization made up of Buddhists from all schools and traditions. Founded in 1992, HAIB was formed to foster friendship and understanding among all Buddhists groups and to organize programs for the achievement of peace and harmony to benefit all of humankind.

For more information about HAIB, go to the HAIB website:

<http://hihaib.org/>

Membership dues are \$10 a year. Membership supports the activities of HAIB and entitles you to the HAIB semi-annual newsletter.

Planning the Peace Day event with other Buddhists is truly enjoyable. Won't you join us?

For more information, call Rev. Jiko at 322-3524 or Jill Wagner at 325-2377.



## Summer Greetings from Jiko Sensei



**Dear Members and Friends,**

In light of the natural disasters which have recently caused widespread suffering throughout our world, the vogy air of which we in

Kona often complain seems like such a minor thing. Still, it's precisely this vogy that awakens us to the importance of clean air for breathing. Because of the vogy, we no longer take clean air for granted. We have become grateful for clear skies and pure air. In this sense, the vogy has been a good teacher.

Air is precious. Water is precious. Our aina is precious. All of these things, which sustain us, are precious.

The Buddhist practice of making daily offerings of fresh water, incense, and food to the Buddha keeps us connected to what's important. In offering a small cup of water, we say thank you for water; in offering a stick of incense which perfumes the air, we say thank you for air; in offering fruits and sweets, we say thank you for the bounty of the earth. The practice of making simple offerings helps us to see Buddha in all things.

Let us remember to put our palms together in gassho every day and to express gratitude for all that sustains us.

In gassho, with love,  
Rev. Jiko

*We humbly request.....*

*that you send in your annual membership dues by June 1, 2008. Thank you for your generous contributions to Daifukuji Soto Mission.*

## Bazaar Mahalo

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that helped get the tables set up and then breaking everything down. It went very smoothly. Many of you put in untold hours in preparation and it shows in the amount of success and enthusiasm of those that come out to support us. It was just great to have country western music for entertainment. Many of us were doing a bit of line dancing and jigging and foot tapping. I hope we can have them again another year. A very big MAHALO to everyone for all your efforts. Thank you to Alfreida, Bazaar Chair, and assistants Avis and Bernard for coordinating this event. In Gassho, Jan



Clyde, Mike, Kris, and Brian enjoy the bazaar auction. Mahalo to auctioneer George Fisher!

# June Picture Board



Mahalo to Steve for a new incense table.



Jam makers Alfreida & Kay



Taiko Drummers Open the Bazaar



Momoe & Matsue stir the pots.



Neal & Jason sell fresh veggies.

# June 2008

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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**Daifukuji Soto Mission**  
**O-Toba and Ko-Toba Request Form**  
Please submit by June 30, 2008

YOUR NAME \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

At the time of Obon, it is proper to express one's gratitude to one's ancestors by making prayer offerings in the form of TOBA. The names will be read by the minister during the Bon Memorial Service on July 12, 2008. Please attend this important service at 3:30 pm.

Please send or bring your request form to Daifukuji as soon as possible but no later than **June 30** and make checks payable to **Daifukuji Soto Mission**. If you have any questions, please call Rev. Jiko at 322-3524.

**O-TOBA Requests:**

O-toba Donation \$5.00 per request

Generally, O-TOBA (wooden toba) are offered in remembrance of (1) a deceased family member or friend for whom this is a *hatsubon* or first Obon, and (2) your family ancestors as a group (for example: The Tanaka Family Ancestors).  
(PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY)

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_

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**KO-TOBA Requests:**

Ko-toba Donation \$2.00 per request

The KO-TOBA, written on special paper, may be offered to individuals (friends and family members) whom you wish to remember. (PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY)

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Total enclosed \_\_\_\_\_