



Daifukuji Soto Mission

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*Treasuring the Past,
Embracing the Present*

September, 2008

Ohigan & Ryosoki Services Fujinkai General Membership Meeting and Potluck Lunch

Sunday, September 14 9:30 a.m.

At the time of the autumnal equinox, let us gather to honor the founders (ryoso) of our Soto Zen tradition, Zen Master Dogen and Zen Master Keizan, and to offer prayers for our spiritual and familial ancestors whose compassion and guidance have enriched our lives.

A potluck lunch and Fujinkai general membership meeting will be held after the service. Please bring a dish to share. To join the Fujinkai, our temple's wonderful women's organization, please call Yoshiko at 322-3533 or Joyce at 329-3833.

Fujinkai & Family Sangha Field Trip

Saturday, September 20 Time TBA

The annual autumn field trip for the Fujinkai & Family Sangha (Sunday School) is being planned. Information will go out through the groups' phone trees & e-mail. For now, please mark your calendars.

A Service for Peace

*Saturday,
September 27,
6 pm, Daifukuji*



The Hawaii Association of International Buddhists (HAIB) cordially invites you to a **Service for Peace**, which will be hosted by our temple, the Daifukuji Soto Mission (note new location), on September 27 at 6 p.m. This one-hour service will be led by Rev. Matsumoto of the Kona Hongwanji Mission, Rev. Miyazaki of Kona Koyasan Daishiji Mission, Rev. Jiko, & Jill Teiho. Guest speaker will be Dharma teacher Gavin Harrison. Donations collected will benefit the American Cancer Society of Kona. Please join us in nurturing peace in our homes, communities, and world. (On Peace Day, Sept. 21, church & temple bells throughout the state will ring together at 9 a.m.)

All are welcome to a Service for Peace. Please RSVP, Jill Teiho Wagner 325-2377. Donations of refreshments are appreciated. For information about HAIB, go to www.hihaib.org.



In Memoriam

To the family of the late Walter Oshima, 73, who passed away on August 8, 2008, we express our deepest sympathy.

To the family of the late Ethel Oda, 95, who passed away on August 14, 2008, we send our loving thoughts.

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Munekage and Yuki Morichika upon the arrival of their baby girl, Waka, who was born on July 18, 2008. Waka means "beauty and harmony."

Welcome, New Members

With happy hearts, we welcome the following new members into our sangha ohana:

Munekage, Yuki, & Waka Morichika
Henry Kelley
Bonnie Barnes
Chiaki Tanaka and Alice Oshima

Get Well Wishes...

to our temple president Jan Bovard, who is recuperating from knee replacement surgery.

Mahalo for Yoga

The Daifukuji Yoga Club will be discontinued, for now. We wish to sincerely thank Keith Olson for having taught yoga to our members and friends every Sunday afternoon over the past two years and for the club's generous donations to the temple. We also extend a warm mahalo to Mary Park for her loving support.

Sunday Morning Meditation

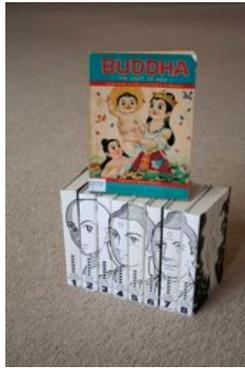
Sunday, Sept. 7 **8:00 a.m.**

Every first Sunday of the month we offer a 25-minute meditation and 25-minute sharing and study of the Buddhist teachings. You are invited to join Teiho in the cultural hall on September 7th at 8:00 a.m.



Bon Dance Sessions to Begin September 8

Our bon dance instructor Winifred Kimura is offering free bon dance sessions on the 2nd Monday of each month beginning September 8. The sessions will be held from 7:00 - 8:30 pm in the social hall and are open to members & friends. Refreshments are always welcome. Bring a bon dance towel. Odorimasho! (Let's dance!)



Library News *by Clear Englebert*

The library now has a full-color edition of the groundbreaking book, “Buddha: the Light of Asia” by S. Chida & H. Nakamura, which for the first time in Japan had cartoon art with a Buddhist theme. It garnered immediate praise from Japan’s Minister of Education, as well as the Minister of Justice, when it came out in 1957. For years, the library only had a black-and-white edition of the cartoon, in a book called “Zen Fountains,” which was produced by our sister temple, Taishoji in Hilo, in 1994. “Zen Fountains” is a compilation of four comics in this series - the lives of Dogen, Keizan, Bodhidharma, and Shakyamuni Buddha. Cartoons are a most appealing way to present history and information. While originally for kids, there’s now a category of books called graphic novels. They’re for adults, not children, and Osamu Tezuka is one of the most acclaimed artist/writers of graphic novels. He is known as the grandfather of manga, and Daifukuji now has his eight-volume novel called “Buddha”. Robert Thurman said this: “I read each volume without putting it down.” It is, after all, a comic book, and as easy to read as chewing gum.

Another quick and easy way to learn Buddhism is with Daifukuji’s growing

DVD collection. The latest four DVDs are:

“Entering the Mountain Gate” by John Daido Looi

“The Zen Mind: A Journey Across Japan”

“Zen Meditation” by Daishin Morgan

“One Particle of Dust: Films of Shunryu Suzuki-roshi”

The library has also received three miniature editions --- easy to carry in your pocket. They are: “Teachings of the Buddha” edited by Jack Kornfeld

“Tibetan Book of the Dead” translated by Francesca Freemantle & Chogyam Trungpa

“Heart of a Buddha” by the Amida Society on Oahu

Other new book arrivals are:

“Mindfulness with Breathing: A manual for Serious Beginners” by Bhikkhu Buddhadasa

“Handbook for Mankind” also by Bhikkhu Buddhadasa

“Learning True Love: How I Learned & Practiced Social Change in Vietnam” by Chan Khong

“A Year of Japanese Festivals” by S. & B. Epstein. A wonderful children’s book.

“Books on Buddhism” by Chris Popenoe. This is a photocopy of the 20-page Buddhism chapter from “Books for Inner Development”. Even though it came out in 1976, it’s still an excellent guide to Buddhist literature.



Family Service Schedule

August - December, 2008

To our families and friends,

We would love to have you join our Sunday morning family sangha. Services are held with the children in mind and include a short meditation, chanting, singing, and a talk by Jiko Sensei. After the service we enjoy refreshments & fellowship on the temple porch. The annual program fee for families is \$15. Please see Rev. Jiko or Jill Teiho.

All services start at 9:30 a.m. unless indicated otherwise. Please arrive a few minutes early. Major services and special events are bolded. Dharma friends of all ages are welcomed with open arms.

August

- Aug. 10 Family Service Opening a new dharma school year!
- Aug. 17 Family Service
- Aug. 24 Jizo Blessing Service, Potluck, Movie, Bake Sale**
Please bring goodies, bagged and priced, by 9 a.m. for the bake sale.
- Aug. 31 Potluck Picnic at Puuhonua O Honaunau picnic grounds 10 a.m. (no service)**

September

- Sept. 7 8:00-9:00 a.m. Meditation & Dharma, Cultural Hall
9:30 a.m. Family Service
- Sept. 14 Autumn Equinox (Ohigan) & Founders (Ryosoki) Services, Potluck**

Sept. 20 (Sat.) Family Sangha & Fujinkai Field Trip

Sept. 21 No Service

Sept. 27 (Sat.) 6-8 pm Peace Service sponsored by Hawaii Association of International Buddhists (HAIB), Daifukuji

Sept. 28 Family Service

October

- Oct. 5 8:00-8:45 a.m. Meditation & Dharma, Cultural Hall**
9:30 a.m. Bodhidharma (Daruma-ki), Perpetual Prayers (Eitaikyo) Service, Lunch
- Oct. 12 No Service
- Oct. 19 Family Service
- Oct. 26 Family Service

November

- Nov. 2 8-9 a.m. Meditation & Dharma, Cultural Hall
9:30 a.m. Family Service
- Nov. 9 Family Service
- Nov. 16 Family Service
- Nov. 23 Thanksgiving Service & Teiho's Ceremony, Lunch**
- Nov. 26 (Wed.) Thanksgiving Eve Interfaith Service, location TBA**
- Nov. 30 8 a.m. Temple & Grounds Clean Up Day (no service – help appreciated)**

December/January

- Dec. 7 6-7 a.m. Sesshin (zazen)**
9:30 a.m. Bodhi Day (Jodo-e) Service, Gen. Membership Meeting, Lunch
- Dec. 14 Family Service
- Dec. 21 No Service
- Dec. 28 No Service (Mochi Sale Day)
- Dec. 31 11:45 p.m. New Year Blessing Service**
- Jan 1 10 a.m. New Year blessing service**
- Jan. 4 No Service
- Jan. 11 Family Service

Bon Dance DVDs Available

If you'd like to buy a DVD of either the Daifukuji or Kona Hongwanji Bon Dance & service, please see Rev. Jiko. DVDs are \$20 each. These 30-minute DVDs were recently shown on television channel 54. Filmed and edited by professional videographer Randy Magnus, these DVDs are produced with an artful blend of ceremony, bon dancing, and taiko. Make checks payable to Randy Magnus.



Taiko Students Wanted for Beginners Youth Class

Wednesdays 3:00 - 5:00 p.m.

The summer program began with a group of enthusiastic beginners ready to learn taiko. Under the leadership of Barbara Bosz and assistants Amy Nakade and Mayo Chinn, the new members were introduced to the spirit, art, and discipline of taiko. The group learned to play two songs, *Renshu* and *Ei Ya Sa*.

Here are a couple of responses from our youth:
Rayne: "Taiko is fun and exciting. I look forward to it every week."

Malia: "Taiko is fun and I look forward to continuing."

The next session will begin Wednesday, October 1, 2008. The class will be held every Wednesday from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the Hisashi Kimura Cultural Hall. It is open to all youth between the ages of 10 and 15. You do not have to be a member of Kona Daifukuji Soto Mission. We are encouraging parents of the youth to join this program as a family event with the focus on the youth. The class fee is \$30.00 per month per student/family and lack of money should not keep anyone from playing taiko. Payment arrangements can be made.

For further information regarding the beginner's class, please call Barbara at 325-3171 home, 987-2673 cell.



Rayne, Mayo, Barbara, Amy, and Malia

The words on the black t-shirts say "I can't make it. I have taiko practice."





Daifukuji's F a m i l y Sangha

by Rev. Jiko

*Said Ananda, the
Buddha's chief*

disciple, "Half of the holy life, Buddha, is good and noble friends, companionship and association with the good."

"Not so, Ananda," replied the Buddha, "all of holy life is friendship, companionship and association with the good."

(Kindness by Sarah Conover)

Meet Caiden Mireles, the newest member of our family sangha. After family service the other Sunday, Carlo said to me, "Just as Matsuura Sensei was your first sensei, you are Caiden's first sensei." Carlo's words warmed my heart. I felt honored to be his son's first sensei and hoped I would be able to do a good job of introducing his precious child to the teachings of the Buddha.

Our family sangha is a delightful group of warm and loving folks who gather on Sunday mornings to listen to the Dharma and to practice the Way together. Driving in from Kaloko, Jill Teiho arrives early to set up and create a nurturing space in the Kannon Hall. Coming all the way from Ocean View, Aunty Taura and John also arrive early to prepare the music for the service. As 9:30 approaches, cars begin pulling into the temple parking lot, and the sweet voices of children can be heard.

At 9:30 Teiho rings the temple bell. Adults and children bow at the temple door and enter respectfully, walking to the front to greet me in gassho and to offer incense to the Buddha before going to the Kannon Hall to find a chair

or seat on the carpet. Friends greet each other with smiles and bows, and lanky teenagers with sleepy eyes and shaggy hair (or no hair) take their places next to the youngest children holding their treasured toys. The service begins.

A minute of silent meditation is followed by the Vandana Ti-Sarana. Then 7-year-old Mako steps forward to lead everyone in the Kannon's Prayer. Having memorized the Hannya Shingyo by heart, Mako is also a good one to follow during the chanting of the sutras. Her voice is strong and clear. The Dharma band, a trio made up of Aunty Taura and Carlo on guitar and John on ukulele, leads us in the singing of Dharma songs and gathas, some of which are Aunty Taura's original compositions, while others are Buddhist verses which she's put to music.

The Dharma talk is often a story. Lately I've been reading traditional Buddhist tales from a lovely book entitled Kindness: A Treasury of Buddhist Wisdom for Children and Parents. The child in me loves stories.

With the singing of one more song followed by a reading of a Buddhist teaching and the shomyo, the service comes to an end and everyone heads outside to have refreshments on the temple porch. The adults chat and catch up on the week's happenings while the children play with their friends. Birthdays are celebrated, troubles shared, and joys related. This is our Sunday family sangha, a kind group of people who care about each other and who share a love for the Three Treasures.

We'd love to have you join us. Individuals, as well as families, are welcome. Come as you are. (The schedule is on page 4.) *Namu Kie Butsu. Namu Kie Ho. Namu Kie So.*

Sangha Photo Gallery



Obon Performance



Jizo-do Blessing



Sunday Family Sangha



Honored Guests at Jizo Blessing



The Lambeths & Akamatsus

September 2008

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- Aikido
- Youth Taiko
- Adult Taiko
- Family Service
- Major Service
- Fujinkai
- Kannon-ko Service
- Project Dana
- Zazen
- Sangha Sisters
- Special Events
- Baikako Practice
- Dharma Study
- Happy Strummers
- Temple Board
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| 21 12:00 PM No Family Service | 22 5:00 PM Youth Taiko | 23 5:00 PM Aikido 6:30 PM Adult Taiko | 24 6:00 AM Zazen 3:00 PM Youth Taiko for Beginners 5:00 PM Youth Taiko | 25 6:00 PM Aikido 7:00 PM Evening Zazen | 26 8:00 AM Samu 6:00 PM Adult Taiko | 27 PEACE SERVICE 6 PM |
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