



Daifukuji Soto Mission

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*Treasuring the Past,
Embracing the Present*

December, 2009



Kannon-ko Service & Ofudayaki

Dec. 16

10:00 a.m.

Throughout the year our lives are touched by the power of Kannon-sama's wondrous compassion. Join us for a tranquil morning of meditation, song, chanting, and prayer at this last Kannon-ko service of 2009. The service will be followed by the ceremonial burning of Buddhist objects such as old **omamori** and **ofuda**. You may drop off these items prior to Dec.16 or bring them to the service.

It's mochi time!

Starting at 5:00 a.m., the annual **mochitsuki** (mochi-making) will be held on **Sunday, December 27**. (Please note change of date.) Send in your order form early. Quantities are limited. Many helping hands are needed at this annual event which is a fundraiser for Kona Daifukuji Taiko and the Teen Sangha (Y.B.A.). See page 8 for order form.

Jodo-E: A Sacred Day for Buddhists

*December 6
Potluck Lunch*

9:30 a.m.

Join our sangha in observing the holy day of Shakyamuni Buddha's supreme enlightenment. All are cordially invited to Daifukuji's Jodo-e Bodhi Day service on Dec. 6 at 9:30 a.m.

The Dharma message will be given by Jill Teiho Wagner who will talk about her recent training at Mt. Equity Zendo in Pennsylvania.

The service will be followed by a **potluck meal** so please bring a dish or dessert to share. **Mochi tickets** will be available for sale during lunch.

Wishing you a peaceful Bodhi Day!

"Zen" Movie Night: Dec. 17

Don't miss this movie on the life of our founder, Zen Master Dogen. See page 5.



Rohatsu Sesshin: 8 Mornings of Zazen

In observance of the Buddha's enlightenment, there will be 8 consecutive mornings of zazen from **6:00 a.m. to 7:15 a.m.** starting December 1 and ending December 8.

The Daifukuji Zazenkai invites you to sit in meditation with them. Enjoy the peace and silence of an early December morning. Simply breathe and be still. Experience for yourself the heart of our Zen practice.

For more information or instruction in beginning a meditation practice, please call Rev. Jiko at 322-3524.

Zazenkai members are invited to the Zazenkai's annual Bodhi Day breakfast at Teshima's on Dec.8 following the morning service. If you are planning to attend, please call group president Jan Bovard at 322-2167 by Dec. 1. A headcount is needed.

Hawaii Soto Mission Association Fall Meeting

The 2009 HSMA Fall Meeting was held on October 11 at the Pagoda Hotel in Honolulu. Representing Daifukuji were Rev. Jiko, Jill Teiho, and Walter Kimura.

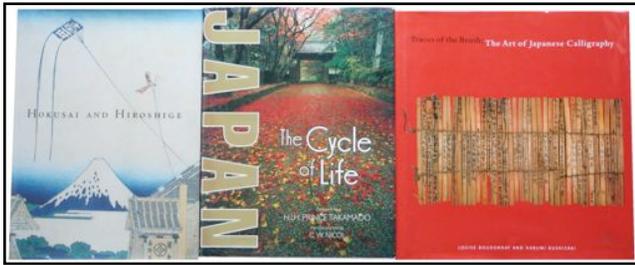
Bishop Komagata announced that Rev. Shuji Komagata of Soto Mission of Aiea Taiheiji is undergoing a 6-month period of Zen training in Japan.

\$20,000 was allocated by the Association for the production of a DVD about our nine Soto temples in Hawaii. This DVD will outline the basic teachings of the Buddha and our Soto founders, Dogen Zenji and Keizan Zenji. Rev. Jiko was appointed chair of the DVD Project committee which will be comprised of all Soto ministers, as well as a lay representatives from each temple. Upon completion, 1,000 copies of this DVD will be made available to our temples and their members. Videographer will be Daifukuji member & Sunday School mom Angy Chesler of VIP Concepts.

The educational portion of the HSMA meeting was a power-point presentation on "Buddhist Symbols and Images" by Jill Teiho Wagner, minister in training.

In Memoriam

Kay-Ann Asada, 57, passed away at her home in Keauhou mauka on October 2, 2009. We extend our deepest sympathy to Karen Hasegawa and the friends and relatives of Kay-Ann. *Namu Kie Butsu. Namu Kie Ho. Namu Kie So.*



Library News

by Clear Englebert

The library has received three large art books that are truly incredible: “Traces of the Brush: The Art of Japanese Calligraphy”, “Japan: The Cycle of Life”, and “Hokusai and Hiroshige”. Another, smaller book relating to Japanese culture is “Tea in Japan: Essays on the History of Chanoyu” from the University of Hawaii Press.

We also have four fascinating books on Japanese body therapies: “Book of Ki: Co-ordinating Mind and Body in Daily Life”, “Zen Imagery Exercises: Meridian Exercises for Wholesome Living”, “Kiatsu”, & “Oriental Breathing Therapy”.

There are three more books by Thich Nhat Hanh: “Creating True Peace”, “Our Appointment with Life: Discourse on Living Happily in the Present Moment”, and “Zen Keys”.

Also we have “The Illustrated History of Buddhism” which is a spectacularly colorful Burmese children’s book. Move over, Walt Disney.

Other new arrivals are:

“The Buddha and the Concept of Peace” by David Kalupahana

“Daifukuji Taiko June 12-13, 2009” a DVD

“Dream Conversations on Buddhism and Zen” by Muso Kokushi, translated by Thomas Cleary

“Kensho: the Heart of Zen” by Thomas Cleary

“Wisdom of No Escape and the Path of Loving-kindness” by Pema Chodron

“Advice on Dying and Living a Better Life” by the Dalai Lama, translated by Jeffery Hopkins

“The Dhammapada and the Buddha's Last Bequest” translated by N.K. Bagwat

“The Blueprint of Happiness: an Outline of the Buddha's Teachings” by Bhikkhu Anoma Mahinda

“The Practice of Recollection” by Bhikkhu Mangalo

“Gleanings from Soto-Zen” by Earnest Shinkaku Hunt

“Buddhist Art and Architecture” by Robert E. Fisher

“Flowers Fall: A Commentary on Zen Master Dogen's Genjokoan” by Hakuun Yasutani

New Baikako Members

The Daifukuji Baikako Plum Blossom Choir warmly welcomes two new members: Tayoko Matsumura and Emmy Okawa. Interested in joining? Call Rev. Jiko. Men, as well as women, are invited to join the Baikako.



Congratulations to 智元さん!

Congratulations to Bill Lundquist whose Soto Zen Buddhist Lay Confirmation Ceremony was held October 25, 2009 in the Daifukuji Kannon Hall. Bill received the Buddhist name “Chigen” meaning “Foundation of Wisdom.” His confirmation ceremony was witnessed by his wife Turi and Dharma friends from both Daifukuji and Kona Hongwanji Missions. It was truly a joyous occasion.

This ceremony can be arranged for any Daifukuji member. Please contact Jiko Sensei for details.



Septic Tank Installed

A septic tank and leach field have been put in and Daifukuji is now in compliance with federal EPA regulations. Our yard is in recovery. Let’s send loving thoughts & get well wishes to the grass!

Important Dates

Please mark your calendars.....

Jodo-E Bodhi Day Service	Dec. 6
Project Dana	Dec. 9
Kannon-ko, Ofudayaki	Dec. 16
Mochitsuki Prep Day	Dec. 26
Mochitsuki Day	Dec. 27
New Year’s Blessing Services:	

Dec. 31 and Jan. 1

Fujinkai Hatsumairi	Jan. 10
Daifukuji New Year’s Party	Jan. 24

Details for the January events will be included in the January newsletter.



Tai Chi Workshop

January 7, 14, 21, & 28 9:00 a.m.

Tai chi will help you to improve your balance, coordination and mobility. Tai chi instructor & temple member Bob Yokomoto will be offering a four-week tai chi workshop in the Hisashi Kimura Cultural Hall from 9 - 10 a.m. on the following Thursday mornings: January 7, 14, 21, and 28.

Bob, 84 years young, will be teaching a Shaolin warm-up exercise which includes meditation and breathing to calm & mentally prepare. He will be assisted by Mary Park. Donations received will go to the Daifukuji Soto Mission. Wear loose-fitting clothing. Beginners of all ages are welcome. For more information, call Bob at 326-1033.



In celebration of the Buddha's Enlightenment, Daifukuji Soto Mission presents a free movie.....

“ZEN”

The Life Story of Dogen Zenji

In Japanese With English Subtitles

Date: December 17, 2009

Time: 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Place: Kannon Hall

Free Admission

Parental Discretion Advised



Bodhi Day Greetings

Dear Members and Friends,

Happy Bodhi Day to all! Thank you very much for your support and kindness throughout 2009. Amidst the hustle and bustle of the holidays, may you find quiet, peaceful moments. Beginning and ending each day with five or ten minutes of sitting in silence is calming to the heart and spirit.

How quickly the end of the year has come! This is a good time for self-reflection. One way to do this is to sit

quietly, light a stick of incense, put one's palms together in gassho, and recite:

“If anyone has knowingly or unknowingly harmed me in thought, word, or deed, I offer my forgiveness. If I have knowingly or unknowingly harmed anyone in thought, word, or deed, I am truly sorry. To the Buddha, Dharma, and Sangha, I go for refuge. Namu Kie Butsu. Namu Kie Ho. Namu Kie So.”

This year many of us have been affected by the economic crisis. Loss of jobs and income have resulted in high levels of stress and anxiety. With the direction our world is taking, our temple's role as a place of meditation and serenity will become increasingly important.

Dear friends, the greatest blessing is that of a peaceful heart and a clear, awakened mind. We are blessed to have the teachings of the Buddha to guide us. Please come out on Dec. 6 to join our sangha in reverently celebrating the Buddha's Day of Enlightenment.

Gassho & aloha,
Rev. Jiko

If You Drink, Don't Drive

According to the Nov/Dec '09 AAA Hawai'i's "Westways" magazine, "47% of Hawai'i's 2007 traffic fatalities were alcohol-related, the 4th highest in the nation. If you drink, please don't drive. And don't let your friends or family drink and drive, either. Designate a nondrinking driver. Enjoy nonalcoholic drinks. Wear your seat belt. Have a safe and happy holiday season!

Sangha Photo Gallery



Abbot Kawahashi & Group from Reiganji



Baikako Dinner at Teshima's, Oct. 20



Our Kupuna With Their Santa Ornaments: A Craft Activity Taught by Sid and Gail



Daifukuji Taiko at Coffee Fest Lantern Parade



Congratulations to Bill Chigen!

December 2009

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- Sangha Sisters
- Youth Taiko
- Adult Taiko
- Family Service
- Major Service
- Temple Board
- Fujinkai
- Kannon-ko Service
- Project Dana
- Zazen
- Samu
- Special Events
- Baikako Practice
- Dharma Study
- Happy Strummers
- Bon Dance Group
- Teen Sangha
- Orchid Club

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 CLEAN UP DAY 8 am	30 5:00 PM Youth Taiko	1 6:00 AM Zazen 6:30 PM Adult Taiko	2 6:00 AM Zazen 5:00 PM Youth Taiko 7:00 PM Fujinkai Board	3 6:00 AM Zazen 7:00 PM Temple Board	4 6:00 AM Zazen 8:00 AM Samu 6:00 PM Adult Taiko	5 6:00 AM Zazen
6 Jodo-E 9:30 a.m. 6:00 AM Zazen	7 6:00 AM Zazen 5:00 PM Youth Taiko 7:30 PM Happy Strummers	8 Happy Bodhi Day! 6:00 AM Zazen 7:30 AM Zazenkai Breakfast 6:30 PM Adult Taiko	9 Project Dana 8:30 am 6:00 AM Zazen 5:00 PM Youth Taiko 7:00 PM Orchid Club	10 7:00 PM Dharma Session	11 8:00 AM Samu 6:00 PM Adult Taiko 7:00 PM Sangha Sisters	12
13 9:30 AM Family Service	14 5:00 PM Youth Taiko	15 6:30 PM Adult Taiko	16 Kannon-ko 10 AM 6:00 AM Zazen 5:00 PM Youth Taiko	17 Dogen Movie 7 p.m.	18 8:00 AM Samu 6:00 PM Adult Taiko	19
20	21 5:00 PM Youth Taiko 7:30 PM Happy Strummers	22 6:30 PM Adult Taiko	23 6:00 AM Zazen 5:00 PM Youth Taiko	24	25	26 Mochitsuki Prep
27 Pick Up 9:30 am-3 pm Mochi Day 5 a.m.	28 5:00 PM Youth Taiko	29 8:00 AM SAMU 6:30 PM Adult Taiko	30 6:00 AM Zazen 5:00 PM Youth Taiko	31 11:45 p.m. New Year's Blessing	1	2

2009 Daifukuji Mochi Order Form

Mochi Tsuki is scheduled for **Sunday, December 27, 2009**

pick up from 9:30am – 3:00pm.

A fundraiser for the Daifukuji Soto Mission's Teen Sangha & Taiko Group

If you are not able to purchase tickets from Taiko members or at the Jodo-E service, please complete the information below and return promptly. Do not enclose payment. We will accept payment on pick up day, December 27, 2009. Please call the temple, 322-3524, with any questions.

While every effort will be made to accommodate our members and long-time customers, we will assign tickets on a first come, first served basis. Once tickets are sold out, names will be added to a Wait List. When we determine that we have extra mochi, we will call individuals from this list. We apologize in advance for any inconvenience this may cause and humbly ask for your understanding. We enjoy being a part of your New Year tradition and truly appreciate your support!

Name: _____ Phone #: _____

Quantity Ordered	Item	Price	Total
	 Kagami Mochi	\$4.00 per set	

	Ko Mochi	\$5.00 tray of 10	
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Return form to: Daifukuji Soto Mission
 79-7241 Mamalahoa Hwy.
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 ATTN: Mochi Order

Please do not enclose payment.