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*Treasuring the Past,
Embracing the Present*

February, 2009

Pari-Nirvana Nehan-E Service

*Sunday, February 8 9:30 a.m.
Potluck Lunch*

“Seeking the way, you must exert yourselves and strive with diligence. It is not enough to have seen me. Walk as I have advised you. Free yourselves from the tangled net of sorrow. Walk in the path with steadfast aim.”

After saying these words, Shakyamuni Buddha passed away on February 15th at the age of 80 in the Sala grove near the Badha River in the suburb of Kusinara, India. This day is called Pari-Nirvana Day.

A Pari-Nirvana Nehan-e service will be held on Sunday, February 8 at 9:30 a.m. In observance of the Buddha’s passing, a magnificent 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 slideshow presentation of last year’s temple events. Please join us!

Fujinkai News: Hatsumairi, Sushi Sale, and UHSSWA Conference

The Daifukuji Fujinkai, the temple’s faithful women’s organization, gathered on January 6 for their *hatsumairi* or first service of the year. Here are some photos taken at the *hatsumairi*:





February's big Fujinkai event is the group's annual **sushi sale** on **February 21**. Sale coordinator Kelly Deguchi has the following information to share: **Rice cooking will begin at 2:00 a.m. Sushi rolling will begin at 4:00 a.m. Pick up is from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.** The proceeds from this sale will help to defray our Fujinkai members' conference expenses. Many helping hands are needed. Onegai shimasu.

Our Daifukuji Fujinkai is also preparing to host the **44th Annual UHSSWA (United Hawaii Soto Shu Women's Association) Conference** which will be held April 25 & 26 at Daifukuji and at the Sheraton Keauhou Bay Resort and Spa. *"Taking Refuge Through the Seasons of Our Lives"* is the conference theme. Guest speaker will be Dharma teacher & Buddhist writer Patricia Mushim Ikeda-Nash of Oakland, California.

Fujinkai members, your help would be greatly appreciated at any of the following **conference preparation events**:

Sunday, Feb. 1 9 am - 3 pm Sewing Bee & Lei Making: bring brown bag lunch, sewing machine (if available) & scissors.

Sunday, Feb. 15 9 am - 3 pm Same as above.

Sunday, March 22 9 am - 3 pm Finishing touches, collating folder materials, etc. Bring brown bag lunch.

The Daifukuji Fujinkai warmly invites its members to participate in this conference and to help welcome Fujinkai members, ministers, & guests from our sister temples throughout our state. For information, call conference coordinators Joyce St. Arnault (329-3833), Alfreida Fujita (329-3457), or Cindy Asada (323-9747). Let's all work together to make this a successful conference!

New Year's Party Mahalo

The New Year's party on Jan. 17th brought many of the temple groups together in celebration of the Year of the Ox. We thank everyone for attending and donating food and prizes, and for providing us with wonderful entertainment. In particular, we'd like to thank: the Samu crew & Richard Hirayama for setting up the hall; Alfreida and the Fujinkai kitchen helpers for a sumptuous buffet; Brian, Avis, and Clyde for decorating the hall; Mike Asada for the Year of the Ox banner; Joyce & Velvet for serving as party receptionists; Chester and Julio for taking care of the parking; Karl Tanaka for handling the PA; Walter for being a fantastic emcee; Bernard for giving the New Year's toast; Jean, Myles, Clyde, Avis and Mike for helping with the door prizes; George, Joyce, and Elaine for taking care of the keirosha gifts; Rev. Jiko & Teiho for putting together the program; Reiko for the leis; Joyce and George for overall coordination of the event; the youth and adult taiko groups, Happy Strummers, Dharma Singers, and Amy Jikai for their fabulous entertainment, and to all who stayed after the party to help clean up. If we've inadvertently missed mentioning your name, please forgive us. Mahalo nui and Happy New Year to all!



Library News

by Clear
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The most significant new book in the library is "A Guide to the Bodhisattva Way of Life" by Santideva. It has been a very important book in Buddhism for the last thirteen centuries, and is extremely easy to read, being composed mostly of one- or two-sentence aphorisms, much like the Dhammapada.

Another wonderful new book is "Lady of the Lotus-Born: The Life and Enlightenment of Yeshe Tsogyal" by Changchub and Nyingpo. This is the story of the first Tibetan to obtain complete enlightenment. She was the closest disciple of Padmasambhava, the master who introduced Buddhism to Tibet. It's not only a biography, but an inspiring example of how Buddha's teaching may be practiced.

We've received three new graphically illustrated books, appropriate for all ages except the very youngest. "Buddha for Beginners" by Asma is perfect for teenagers or older. It's a somewhat quick read with more picture than writing on every page. It's from England, and has a fresh approach and even a touch of attitude.

The other two graphic books are from Taiwan, and in magnificent, rich color. There's an adult version, "A Pictorial Biography of Sakyamuni Buddha" by Gunapayuta, and a children's version, which is called a "concise edition." The adult version is more complete, has

more and smaller text, and the words are more complicated. But, the pictures in both books are comic art at its greatest -- very colorful and detailed.

Two new art books are now in the library: "The Evolution of the Buddha Image" by Benjamin Rowland Jr. and "Art of Nepal" by P. Pal. Also, two Bodhisattva books have been added: one about Jizo --- "The Sutra of Bodhisattva Ksitigarbha's Fundamental Vows" translated by U. T. Shih; and one about Kannon --- "Kwan Yin: Myths and Prophecies of the Chinese Goddess of Compassion" by Martin Palmer and Jay Ramsay. The most entertaining new graphic book we've received is "The Book of Zen: Freedom of the Mind", by the well-known Taiwanese cartoonist Tsai Chih Chung. The Dalai Lama, spotlighted in the recently donated Martin Scorsese film on DVD, "Kundun," is a prolific writer, and we are fortunate to have two more of his books: "Ocean of Wisdom" and "The Way to Freedom." A new addition to the psychology section is "Water Bears No Scars: Japanese Lifeways for Personal Growth" by David Reynolds --- a very engaging book on the psychological methods of Dr. Shoma Morita (who was a Japanese contemporary of Freud). These personal growth methods combine Western psychology and the psychological principles of Zen. One book that everyone is sure to appreciate is "More Old Time Kona Stories" by the Kona Japanese Civic Association. It's a very enjoyable local talk-story book.

Other new arrivals are:

"9/11: A Buddhist Reflection" by Ajahn Jayasaro

"After the Ecstasy, the Laundry" by Jack Kornfeld

"The Dhammapada: The Sayings of Buddha" translated by Thomas Cleary

"Dharma, Color, and Culture: New Voices in Western Buddhism" by Hilda Baldoquin

"Discover Zen: A Practical Guide to Personal Serenity" by David Fontana

"Meditations 3: Dharma Talks" by Bhikkhu Thanissaro

"Shambhala: The Sacred Path of the Warrior" by Chogyam Trungpa

"Zen and Hasidism: The Similarities Between Two Spiritual Disciplines" edited by Harold Hefetz

"Living Buddha, Living Christ" by Thich Nhat Hanh

"Mindful of the Body: A Study Guide" by Bhikkhu Thanissaro

"Zen in Ten Simple Lessons" by David Weiss

"The Japanese in Hawaii: A Century of Struggle" by Roland Kotani

Words of Gratitude *from Amy Jikai Nakade*

Aloha, everyone,

Thank you for attending my ceremony on January 17, 2009. It is truly an honor and pleasure for me to be able to train under the Hawaii Soto Mission Lay Temple Assistant program. This opportunity of training as a

Lay Temple Assistant means so much to me. During the times that I am able to return from school, I always enjoy helping around Daifukuji as well as participating in various temple activities.



Amy Jikai & Bishop Shugen Komagata

First, I would like to thank Bishop & Mrs. Komagata, Rev. Shinohara, Ms. Helen Jikyu Kishi, Mr. Kenneth Kunisaki, & my great-uncle Richard Hirayama for coming from afar to participate in my ceremony. I also thank the Hawaii Soto Mission Association for giving me this opportunity to further understand the ways of the Dharma. I will do my best to set an example for not only our Sangha, but also for others. Next, thank you to my *senpai* Jill Teiho Wagner for always being so supportive and patient with me as I study my new path. Third, thank you to my wonderful Daifukuji Sangha made up of all of my "aunties" and "uncles" and friends. I am truly grateful for your endless support. Last, but not least, thank you to my sensei-mom, dad, and brother for always believing in me and teaching me not to be afraid of being who I am.

All of you truly mean so much to me and I am really fortunate to have you in my life. Thank you for your guidance and love as I begin my training to become a lay temple assistant.

In Gassho,
Amy Jikai Nakade
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Daifukuji Dharma Singers

Family Service Schedule January - June, 2009

The Daifukuji Family Sangha warmly invites you to Daifukuji's Sunday morning family services. All services begin at 9:30 a.m. unless indicated otherwise. Please arrive a few minutes early. Major services and special events are **bolded**. For more information, please call Jill Teiho at 325-2377 or Rev. Jiko at 322-3524.

January

Jan. 4	No Service
Jan. 11	Family Service
Jan. 17	New Year's Service & Party
Jan. 18	No Service
Jan. 25	Family Service

February

Feb. 1	Family Service
Feb. 8	Nehan-E Service (Day of Buddha's pari-nirvana)
Feb 15	No Service
Feb. 22	Family Service

March

March 1	Family Service
March 8	Spring field trip
March 15	Ohigan & 33 Kannon Pilgrimage

March 22	Family Service
March 29	Family Service

April

April 5	Family Service
April 11	(Sat) decorate Hanamido (teens)
April 12	Hanamatsuri (Buddha's Birthday)
April 19	Family Service
April 25	(Sat) Song program for UHSSWA Conference, Daifukuji
April 26	No Service

May

May 3	Family Service
May 10	Family Service (Mother's Day)
May 17	Family Service
May 24	Memorial Day Service & Baccalaureate Luncheon
May 31	Family Sangha Picnic

June

June 7	Family Service
June 14	General clean-up day for Obon
June 21	Family Service (Father's Day)
June 28	Bon Memorial Service

July

July 11	Summer Break (no Family Services)
	Bon Dance & Cultural Day



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“Our Temple: A Place of Compassion”

by Jiko Sensei

“If you want others to be happy, practice compassion. If you want to be happy, practice compassion.” -- His Holiness The Dalai Lama.--



People have told me that they love coming to Daifukuji because our sangha members are friendly & compassionate.

Here, they see people of all ages taking care of each other & working hard for the benefit of the whole.

My heart overflowed with gratitude during the installation of the 2009 & 2010 Board of Directors. Seeing such a committed group of individuals ready to work under the leadership of new temple president Walter Kimura for the welfare of the temple made me realize how truly fortunate we at Daifukuji are.

Ours is a sangha which honors its elders and celebrates the growth of its youth. Sangha volunteers donate countless hours of their time to our various programs. The Fujinkai ladies work tirelessly to prepare nutritious meals with that priceless home-cooked flavor that everyone enjoys. The samu crew keeps the temple and grounds sparkling clean. Our Project Dana volunteers lovingly care for our temple kupuna. The taiko instructors dedicate themselves to their groups. Everywhere one looks, there is an outpouring of love & compassion.



Teiho's commitment to the minister training program and Jikai's to the lay temple assistant program demonstrate the strength of our temple. In February, Daifukuji member Steve Mann will be receiving the 16 precepts along with his Buddhist name in a private lay confirmation ceremony. I invite every member to take refuge in the Three Treasures and to make this commitment to live wisely and mindfully in the world.

Our nation has a new president who is calling upon each one of us to bear the responsibility of creating a peaceful world. We must start right here, right now with the teachings of the Buddha to guide us.

Thank you, dear sangha, for your compassionate hearts & steadfast practice. You make Daifukuji a place of compassion.

Happy New Year 2009!



Jan. 17, 2009 Sangha Blessing & Lay Temple Assistant Ceremony for Amy Jikai Nakade



February 2009

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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
- Bon Dance Group
- Teen Sangha
- Orchid Club
- Samu

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 9:00 AM Fujinkai Conf. Prep ■ 9:30 AM Family Service 	2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 5:00 PM Youth Taiko ■ 7:30 PM Happy Strummers 	3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 5:00 PM Aikido 	4 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 6:00 AM Zazen ■ 3:00 PM Youth Taiko for Beginners ■ 5:00 PM Youth Taiko ■ 6:30 PM Adult Taiko ■ 7:00 PM Fujinkai Board 	5 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 6:00 PM Aikido ■ 7:00 PM Temple Board 	6 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 8:00 AM Samu ■ 6:00 PM Adult Taiko 	7
8 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ NEHAN-E 9:30 am 	9 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 5:00 PM Youth Taiko ■ 7:00 PM Bon Dance Session 	10 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 5:00 PM Aikido 	11 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Project Dana 8:30 AM ■ 6:00 AM Zazen ■ 3:00 PM Youth Taiko for Beginners ■ 5:00 PM Youth Taiko ■ 6:30 PM Adult Taiko ■ 7:00 PM Orchid Club 	12 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 6:00 PM Aikido ■ 7:00 PM Dharma Study 	13 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 8:00 AM Samu ■ 6:00 PM Adult Taiko ■ 7:00 PM Sangha Sisters 	14 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 9:00 AM Ministers Meeting, Oahu
15 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 9:00 AM Fujinkai Conf. Prep ■ 9:30 AM HSMA Meeting, Oahu 	16 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 5:00 PM Youth Taiko ■ 7:30 PM Happy Strummers 	17 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 5:00 PM Aikido 	18 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Kannon-ko 10 AM ■ 6:00 AM Zazen ■ 3:00 PM Youth Taiko for Beginners ■ 5:00 PM Youth Taiko ■ 6:30 PM Adult Taiko 	19 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 6:00 PM Aikido ■ 7:00 PM Dharma Study 	20 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 8:00 AM Samu ■ 6:00 PM Adult Taiko 	21 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ SUSHI SALE
22 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 8:00 AM Goeika Practice ■ 9:30 AM Family Service 	23 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 5:00 PM Youth Taiko 	24 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 5:00 PM Aikido 	25 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 6:00 AM Zazen ■ 3:00 PM Youth Taiko for Beginners ■ 5:00 PM Youth Taiko ■ 6:30 PM Adult Taiko 	26 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 6:00 PM Aikido ■ 7:00 PM Dharma Study 	27 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 8:00 AM Samu ■ 6:00 PM Adult Taiko 	28