



Daifukuji Soto Mission

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*Treasuring the Past,
Embracing the Present*

January, 2009



New Year's Blessing Services

Wednesday, Dec. 31
11:45 p.m.
Thursday, Jan. 1
10:00 a.m.

New Year's Party & Initiation Ceremony for Amy Jikai



Saturday, January 17 11:00 a.m.

Let's begin 2009 with prayers for the happiness and good health of all. Come and you will receive the blessings of the Buddha. Those who attend the midnight service will be able to ring the temple bell (*joya no kane*) and enjoy hot soba noodles. Those who attend the morning service will be served tea and sweets.

Hawaii Kannon *omamori* and *ofuda* will be available at both services. *Omamori* are Buddhist prayer charms that can be hung in one's vehicle or carried in one's bag. *Ofuda* are blessing cards that are placed in one's house, shop, or office. A donation of \$5 per *omamori* and \$2 per *ofuda* is requested.

Please join us in greeting the new year 2009 with clear minds and calm hearts. Feel free to invite your relatives and friends. All are welcome.

Temple members and friends are cordially invited to Daifukuji's New Year's party which will be held on January 17, 2009. The party will be preceded by a special service which will begin at 11 a.m. Bishop Shugen Komagata will be here to bless our sangha and to perform an initiation ceremony for Amy Jikai Nakade who will be entering a training program to become a lay temple assistant. As always, there will be ono food, door prizes, and fabulous entertainment by our temple groups. By making this a daytime event, we hope that many of our senior members will be able to join us. We hope to see all of you at our New Year's celebration.

Kindly RSVP by Jan.3 using the enclosed form.



Message from Your Outgoing Temple President

Dear Members and Friends.

I hope this finds you in good health and looking forward to a great New Year. It is going to be a challenging year, that's for sure. One way that we may get thru it with the least amount of stress is, when waking up each morning, to think of three things that we are most grateful for. This way, we start our day feeling blessed.

I would like to let you know what your Board of Directors has accomplished this year. With everyone's help, many good things have been accomplished. One of the things that we are very happy about is that Jill Teiho Wagner has been admitted to the Hawaii Soto Shu Ministers Training Program. In addition to training with Rev. Jiko, Teiho has served on the Board as our recording secretary and has also been working as Rev. Jiko's office assistant.



We had another successful Bazaar this year. Our volunteers spent many hours making it happen. Thank you to everyone for your hard work.

New doors have been put on our crematorium building. They have been painted red to match the rest of the temple buildings. The ovens inside are being dismantled and the bricks on the inside of the ovens have been taken away. Eventually the metal casing will also be removed. In the not-too-distant future we will be able to renovate the building, our intention being to use it for longer meditation sessions.

All the buildings on the temple grounds were tented and treated for termites by the Terminex company.

We have a completely new Jizo-do. The entire building has been replaced with new material and reconstructed in the original design.

We have two projects that are in progress. We will be changing from a cesspool system to a septic tank. We have the engineer plans and have requests out for a bid to do the work. The Board has allocated funds to change the men's outside bathroom to the old unused building on the makai side of the women's bathroom. That building will get a new roof and the inside will be changed and fitted with new fixtures. There will be a partition between the two buildings to ensure privacy. One of our members, Steve Mann, will be starting that project this month and will be finished by the new year. We are very fortunate to have Steve, who has, throughout the year, donated many hours of his time as our temple handyman.

Our temple always looks beautiful. Thank you to the members of the samu crew who clean our temple and take care of our grounds weekly. I also wish to thank the volunteers of Project Dana who make this program a special one for our temple kupuna.

A new two-year term is starting for our Board of Directors. According to our By-Laws, a president may not serve for more than 2 consecutive two-year terms. I have served for four years, and will now serve as an advisor for the next two years. This is a non-voting position, one which will lend continuity to the Board.

Your Board of Directors is a working Board. We all have specific responsibilities, as well as the issues that we work on together. I would like to encourage you to think about being a Board member at some time in the future. It is a very rewarding experience. I have been fortunate in having a Board that has supported me and willingly worked with me. They have all been special. One person who has consistently gone beyond the call is Joyce St. Arnault. She has kept a sharp eye on our finances and I am very grateful for that. I feel honored that the Board and all of you have had the confidence in me to believe that my greatest concern has been the welfare of the temple and all its members. Thank you for the opportunity to serve. I'd also like to thank our outgoing Board members Alfreida Fujita, Velvet Replogle, Vivian Ontai, and Christo Izumi. Please give your wholehearted support to the incoming Board.

These are the new officers and directors for 2009 and 2010 who will be installed at the New Year's party on January 17, 2009.

President..... Walter Kimura
Vice President..... Jill Teiho Wagner
Treasurer..... Joyce St. Arnault
Asst. Treasurer..... Elaine Fernandez
Recording Secretary.....Judie Fekete

Directors:

Julia Crawford
George Harai
Clyde Ikeda

Myles Ikeda
Renee Kimura
Stanley Oshima
Bob Bowman
Ann Nakamoto
Rowena Inaba
Ron Iwamoto



Advisors:

Jan Bovard
Masanobu Oga

Honorary Spiritual Advisor:

Rev. Jiko Nakade

Once again, thank you to all for your support of our temple, Daifukuji Soto Mission.

In Gassho,
Jan Bovard

**First Family Service of the
New Year to be Held Jan. 11
Sunday, January 11 9:30 a.m.**

Due to special end-of-the-year events that will be held at the temple, there will be no family services on Dec. 21, Dec. 28, and Jan.4. During the month of January, family services will be held on January 11 and 25. Please note that there will be no service on Jan. 18, the Sunday after the New Year's party.

The Daifukuji Dharma Singers will be singing "Buddha Embraces All" at the upcoming New Year's party. A song practice will be held during the family service on January 11.

Fujinkai Hatsumairi

Sunday, January 4

10 a.m.

The temple's women's group called the Fujinkai will be holding their first service of the year (*hatsumairi*) on January 4 at 10 a.m. The service will be followed by a luncheon and program in the social hall.

Sushi tickets for the Feb. 21st sushi sale will be distributed. Membership dues (\$5) will be collected.



There will be a **food drive** for the Hawaii Island Food Basket. Canned food, as well as a monetary donations, will be collected at the door. In addition, please bring a **grab bag** (limit \$5).

All Fujinkai members and their guests are invited to this annual *Hatsumairi*.

There is no luncheon fee for Fujinkai members. However, there is a luncheon fee of \$10 per guest. Information will go out via the Fujinkai phone tree. Please direct questions to Fujinkai president Joyce St. Arnault, 329-3833 or *Hatsumairi* event chairperson Reiko Sekine, 334-1127.

Sunday Morning Zazen Discontinued

Zen meditation sessions held on the 1st Sunday of the month will be discontinued as of January, 2009. Please join our zazenkai on Wednesday mornings at 6 a.m. and on Thursday evenings at 7 p.m. (See calendar for schedule)

2009 Dharma Sessions: "A Buddhist Call to a Troubled World"



Thursday Evenings
7:00-8:45 p.m.

January-March Session Dates:

January 8, 15, 22, 29

February 12, 19, 26

March 12, 19, 26

Beginning January, 2009, Jiko Sensei will be offering Thursday evening Dharma sessions which will include chanting, meditation, Dharma study, discussion, and an optional second period of meditation. She will be using the DVD series "Mutually Sustaining Life: A Buddhist Call to a Troubled World."

These sessions are open to all and pre-registration is not needed. A donation box will be left on the table. The schedule for each session will be as follows:

6:45 p.m.	Arrive, sign in, be seated.
7:00 p.m.	Evening Service Begins
7:15 - 7:40 p.m.	Zazen Meditation
7:40- 8:00 p.m.	DVD on Buddhism
8:00 - 8:20 p.m.	Discussion, Q & A
8:20-8:45 p.m.	Zazen (optional)
8:45 p.m.	Carry the silence home.

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Vision for Our Temple

by Jiko Sensei

Dear Members and Friends,

Four years ago I presented this mission statement to our temple Board:

It is our vision: 1. To offer the teachings of the Buddha and Soto Zen practice to the community. 2. To provide a safe and peaceful temple environment for Buddhist study, practice, and other Dharma-related activities. 3. To work in harmony as a Sangha, with compassion, respect, and kindness to benefit all people, caring for their spiritual and social needs, and 4. To cultivate an appreciation for the Buddhist way of life.

Thanks to the help of many, many members and a very dedicated Board, much of this vision has been fulfilled and will continue to be actualized in the years to come.

With the beginning of a new year, let us recommit ourselves to studying and practicing the teachings of the Buddha, to supporting our temple, and to working harmoniously as a sangha.

I would like to expand this vision by adding the following wishes:

May our temple always be a safe and beautiful place for all who come here. May we be allowed to expand our parking area so that people will no longer have to park along the highway. May we also be able to upgrade our cemetery by making the pathways safer for those who visit their family graves.

May we join our island neighbors in creating a "green" temple, one at which recycling and composting are practiced and alternate forms of energy are used. May we always be good stewards of the land and temple property.

May we continue to develop programs that meet the needs of our members and help them in their lives. May we continue to take good care of our elders, guide our children and teens with wisdom and loving-kindness, and give support where support is needed.

And, with an eye to the future, may we be able to convert our old crematorium into a simple and beautiful meditation hall, where our practice of Zen meditation can be offered to those who seek its wisdom & where the flower of the Dharma can bloom in all its splendor.

May everyone have a safe and happy 2009, and may there be peace and stability in our world. Namu Kie Butsu. Namu Kie Ho. Namu Kie So.

*In gassho,
Rev. Jiko*

Coming Up in February

February 8
February 21

Nehan-E Service
Fujinkai Sushi Sale

Sangha Photo Gallery



Prize-winning Float



Mahalo to our taiko group!



Jill Teiho's Tokudo Ceremony



Thank you, Taichi and Jack!



Domo arigato, Christo!

2009 Memorial Services

Chart

One Year Memorial Service (2008)

Elaine Iwanaga	Jan. 10
Satoru Miyasato	Feb. 24
Asako Nakamoto	April 7
Clara Forsberg	April 21
Shinobu Maruyama	May 13
Namiko Fukunaga	June 23
Michael Oshima	July 11
Ethel Oda	August 14
Walter Oshima	Aug. 8
Takao Ide	Oct. 10
Setsu Chai	Oct. 23
Tamotsu Iwanaga	Oct. 27
Hatsuko Yoneyama	Nov. 17

3rd Year Memorial Service (2007)

Christine Hanato	Jan. 22
Tsutomu Yamaguchi	March 10
Glenn Kimura	May 17
Allan Don	June 18
Shigeto Tanaka	July 18
Leatrice Miyasato	Oct. 26
Dale Gomes	Nov. 16
Nancy Watanabe	Nov. 23

7th Year Memorial Service (2003)

Cynthia Bennett	Jan. 31
Mabel Jenkins	Feb. 22
Hiroko Corpuz	Feb. 24
Hagino Harai	Feb. 27
Takashi Harai	March 16
Mildred Oshima	March 27
Hideo Matsuo	April 14
Jesse Hanato	Aug. 9
Stanley Yamauchi	Sept. 23
Hisashi Kimura	Oct. 17
Paul Takashi Oda	Nov. 12
Masako Fujitani	Dec. 11
Hisashi Araki	Dec. 26

13th Year Memorial Service (1997)

Ayame Sugai	Jan. 11
Kikuichi Torioka	March 1
Raymond Nakamura	April 15
Fumio Teshima	April 21
Clement Hamasaki	June 15
Chitose Abe	July 3
Minoru Akamatsu	Sept. 21
Ronald Kurihara	Dec. 1

17th Year Memorial Service (1993)

Nobuyo Kawakami	Feb. 1
Paul Murata	April 19
Tetsuo Maruyama	May 18
Harumi Nakano	Aug. 20
Mitsue Nakamura	Oct. 24
Hideko Seo	Nov. 11

23rd Year Memorial Service (1987)

Fukie Enomoto	Aug. 1
Herbert Yokoyama	Aug. 26
Kumahiko Honda	Sept. 19
Kimi Yamamoto	Dec. 22

27th Year Memorial Service (1983)

James MacKay	Jan. 17
Thomas Mitamura	Feb. 21
Chiyo Fujii	March 12
Fude Yokoyama	April 2
Kuma Sasaki	Dec. 30

33rd Year Memorial Service (1977)

Eikichi Ashikawa	Feb. 16
Mitsue Kubo	Feb. 27
Kiyo Oka	March 3
Tomiyo Murai	March 16
Katsu Kawasaki	June 13
Akira Hanato	Nov. 8

The names on this list are from the Daifukuji Record Book. To arrange a memorial service, contact Rev. Jiko at 322-3524. Please inform Rev. Jiko of any errors. Thank you.

January 2009

December 2008							January 2009							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
28 MOCHITSUKI 5 A.M.	29 5:00 PM Youth Taiko	30 5:00 PM Aikido 6:30 PM Adult Taiko	31 NY Service 11:45 PM 6:00 AM Zazen	1 Service 10 AM	2 8:00 AM Samu 6:00 PM Adult Taiko	3
4 Hatsumairi 10 a.m.	5 5:00 PM Youth Taiko 7:30 PM Happy Strummers	6 Blood Drive 7 am 5:00 PM Aikido 6:30 PM Adult Taiko	7 6:00 AM Zazen 3:00 PM Youth Taiko for Beginners 5:00 PM Youth Taiko 8:00 PM Fujinkai Board	8 6:00 PM Aikido 7:00 PM Dharma Study	9 8:00 AM Samu 6:00 PM Adult Taiko 7:00 PM Sangha Sisters	10
11 9:30 AM Family Service	12 5:00 PM Youth Taiko 7:00 PM Bon Dance Session	13 5:00 PM Aikido 6:30 PM Adult Taiko 7:00 PM Bon Dance Practice	14 Project Dana 8:30 AM 6:00 AM Zazen 3:00 PM Youth Taiko for Beginners 5:00 PM Youth Taiko 7:00 PM Orchid Club	15 6:00 PM Aikido 7:00 PM Dharma Study	16 8:00 AM Samu 6:00 PM Adult Taiko	17 Sangha Party 11 am
18	19 5:00 PM Youth Taiko 7:30 PM Happy Strummers	20 5:00 PM Aikido 6:30 PM Adult Taiko	21 Kannon-ko Service 6:00 AM Zazen 3:00 PM Youth Taiko for Beginners 5:00 PM Youth Taiko 7:00 PM Taiko Board	22 6:00 PM Aikido 7:00 PM Dharma Study	23 8:00 AM Samu 6:00 PM Adult Taiko	24
25 9:30 AM Family Service 1:00 PM Goeika Workshop	26 5:00 PM Youth Taiko	27 5:00 PM Aikido 6:30 PM Adult Taiko	28 6:00 AM Zazen 3:00 PM Youth Taiko for Beginners 5:00 PM Youth Taiko	29 6:00 PM Aikido 7:00 PM Dharma Study	30 8:00 AM Samu 6:00 PM Adult Taiko	31 5:30 PM Orchid Club Banquet

Daifukuji Soto Mission New Year's Party
Saturday, January 17, 2009
11:00 a.m. service, followed by luncheon party



Return Form With Payment by January 3, 2009

We hope you'll join us in celebrating the Year of the Ox. There will be great food, entertainment, and prizes. If you would like to donate pupus, non-alcoholic beverages, desserts, or menu ingredients, please call Alfreida Fujita in the evening at 329-3457 by January 10. If you have any questions, please call Joyce St. Arnault at 329-3833 or Rev. Jiko at 322-3524.

NAME: _____ **Phone no.** _____
E-mail Address _____

Daifukuji Members & Members of Temple Groups (\$5.00 per person)

No. _____ **X \$5.00 =** _____

Names

1. _____	4. _____
2. _____	5. _____
3. _____	6. _____

Non-members/guests (\$10 per person)

No. _____ **X \$10.00 =** _____

Names

1. _____	3. _____
2. _____	4. _____

Children under 5 (Free) **No.** _____ **Names** _____

Total Enclosed \$ _____

Please fill out and enclose payment. Make check payable to Daifukuji Soto Mission. Please give to Rev. Jiko or mail to:

Daifukuji Soto Mission
 Attn: New Year's Party
 79-7241 Mamalahoa Hwy
 Kealekekua, HI 96750

Kindly RSVP by January 3, 2009.

No tickets will be sent to you. Your name and record of payment will be available at the door. Our hope is that this prepayment system will simplify your entrance. You do **not** need to bring a door prize/gift to the party. However, if you'd like to donate a prize, please drop it off at the temple by January 10. This will be an alcohol-free event.