



Daifukuji Soto Mission

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*Treasuring the Past,
Embracing the Present*

January, 2010



New Year's Blessing Services

*Dec. 31 at 11:45 p.m.
Jan. 1 at 10:00 a.m.*

Let's begin 2010 with prayers for the happiness and good health of all. Come and receive the blessings of the Buddha. Those who attend the midnight service may ring the temple bell (*joya no kane*) and enjoy hot soba noodles.

Hawaii Kannon *omamori* and *ofuda* will be available at both services for a donation of \$5 per *omamori* and \$2 per *ofuda*. *Omamori* are sweet Buddhist charms that are hung in one's vehicle or carried in one's purse. *Ofuda* are beautiful blessing cards that are placed in one's house, shop, or office.

Let's greet the new year 2010 with clear minds and calm hearts. Feel free to invite your relatives and friends to the blessing services. All are welcome. Let's greet the new year together.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

New Year's Party

Sunday, January 24 11:00 a.m.

Members, supporters, & temple groups are invited to join our sangha in celebrating the Year of the Tiger at the temple's New Year's party on Jan. 24.

The party will be a fun-filled luncheon with great food made by our Fujinkai chefs and entertainment provided by Daifukuji's various temple groups.

You do **not** have to bring a prize to the party. However, if you'd like to donate a prize, please deliver it to the temple by January 17.

To attend, please fill out the form on page 9 and return it with payment by January 10. See you there!

Party Set Up: Help Needed

Saturday, January 23 8:00 a.m.

Please help us set up for our New Year's party. Preparations & cooking will begin at 8 a.m. on Jan. 23. Any help you can give will be appreciated.



Bento Sale Mahalo

Thank you very much to all who supported the Fujinkai's

successful Coffee Festival Bento sale in November.



Fujinkai Hatsumairi

January 10

10:00 a.m.

Fujinkai members, the first Fujinkai service of the new year, "hatsumairi," will be held at 10 a.m. on January 10, 2010. Please bring donations of canned foods for the Food Basket and a \$5 grab bag. The annual membership dues of \$5 will be collected and tickets for the pancake

breakfast distributed. The Hawaii Soto Mission Cookbooks will be available for \$12. Lunch at Ocean Seafood Restaurant will follow the service. There's a \$10 charge per guest. Your district representatives will be calling you to get a headcount. Let's have a great Fujinkai year!

Blood Drive at Daifukuji

Monday, January 4 8:30 am-4:30 pm

The Blood Bank of Hawaii will be holding a blood drive in our social hall on Monday, January 4, 2010 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. More than 250 donors are needed every day to maintain an adequate blood supply to fulfill Hawaii's blood needs. Only 2% of Hawaii's population donates blood, yet 60% of us will require blood in our lifetime. Let's begin the new year by giving the gift of life. To make an appointment, call 1-800-372-9966. Bring a valid picture ID with birthdate. Daifukuji's support of this blood drive is our temple's service to our community.

In Memoriam

To the family of the late Tomomi Matsumoto, 76, who passed away October 4, 2009 in Oregon, we send our loving thoughts and expressions of sympathy. Namu Kie Butsu, Namu Kie Ho, Namu Kie So.



Hilo Taishoji Soto Mission Welcomes New Minister

Congratulations to the Hilo Taishoji Soto Mission Sangha upon the arrival of their new minister, the Reverend John Myoshin Lang. Aloha and welcome to Hawai'i, Rev. Lang!

Help Wanted

We are looking for someone to do mosquito control twice a month at the cemetery, starting **asap**. The Dept. of Health used to provide this service, but has discontinued this program. Starting in **April**, we are in need of someone with a truck who would be able to take our weekly temple trash, nokotsudo trash, and cemetery trash to the dump **every Friday** after the samu crew is done with temple and yard clean up. We are most grateful to **Taichi Harada** who has been doing this job for a long time, and hope to find another dedicated member who'd be willing to help. Please call Rev. Jiko at 322-3524 if you can lend us a hand.

Clean-up Day Mahalo

November 29, a beautiful Sunday morning, was temple clean-up day. We started with a short service at 8:00 a.m. which was led by Reverend Jiko and assisted by Jill Teiho and Amy Jikai. This service brought us all together to work in harmony and safety throughout the day. When it was time to start, all went to their respective areas and the cleaning began! As Reverend Jiko mentioned during our lunch break, this was the biggest turnout we had in years. I would like to thank all fifty of you who

made time to help out on this busy Thanksgiving weekend. Special thanks to our Fujinkai ladies, led by Joyce, for the delicious lunch they prepared for the hard workers. Wishing you a very happy holiday season! Until next year...

Mahalo,
Ronald Iwamoto, Clean-up Chair



Fujinkai Pancake Breakfast & Plant & Baked Goods Sale

Saturday, February 27, 2010

7:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Social Hall

The Fujinkai's 2010 fundraiser is going to be a fabulous *ono-licious* pancake breakfast, along with a plant and baked goods sale. Tickets will be distributed to Fujinkai members at the Hatsumairi gathering on January 10. Donations of potted plants and cut flowers are needed for the plant sale. Questions? Please call event chairpersons Mayo Chinn (329-8078) or Reiko Sekine (334-1127).

Temple President's Message

Dear Members and Friends,

Wishing you joyous holidays! May the years to come bless you with happiness and good health.

To our temple officers and board members, thank you for your work and help. To Reverend Jiko, Jill Teiho, & Amy Jikai, thank you for a job well done in serving our members and temple. And to you, our members, thank you for all your support. Our temple is in good health and, with the help of all, this state of well-being should continue in the years ahead.

With best wishes,
Walter Kimura, Daifukuji Board President

Year-end Temple Report

At the general membership meeting held after the Jodo-E service on December 6, 2009, temple vice-president, Jill Teiho Wagner, gave the following year-end

report from the Daifukuji Board of Directors:

Amy Jikai Nakade (daughter of Rev. Jiko) was initiated into the Lay Temple Assistant Program on the morning of Daifukuji's 2009 New Year's party. The ceremony was blessed and witnessed by Bishop Shugen Komagata and Rev. Juo Shinohara from the Soto Mission of Hawaii.

The temple board looked into the possibility of purchasing the lot north of the temple yard, but decided it was too expensive. Additional parking areas will be created on our existing temple property, such as the small lot that was cleared at the bottom of our cemetery. A new retaining wall was built to prevent further erosion, and ground covering planted.

A septic tank and leach field were installed in our temple yard in November, bringing our temple into compliance with federal EPA regulations. Improvements will be made to our driveway.

The Board revised the social hall usage guidelines for private events and non-profit groups. Use of the hall by temple members for private events now requires a refundable deposit of \$200 and a donation of \$300. For details, please see Rev. Jiko.

The Board has decided to allow "BYOB" at the 2010 New Year's party.

The Daifukuji Fujinkai hosted a successful United Hawaii Soto Shu Women's Association (UHSSWA) conference in April.

The Daifukuji Zazenkai held a well-attended Zen Adventure Day in September.

No bazaar was held in 2009 due to the Fujinkai Conference, but a bazaar will be held on **May 2, 2010**. With everyone's help, we hope to replenish our temple's dwindling building fund.

Rev. Jiko has been appointed chairperson of the Hawaii Soto Mission Association's DVD Project. Rev. Jiko, Jill Teiho, and Angy Chesler (videographer) will serve on the DVD committee, representing our temple.

At their December meeting, our Board allocated \$1,000 in start-up money to open a small temple gift shop inside the choba room between the temple and minister's residence. Clear Englebert, who is in charge of the gift shop, will be training volunteers to serve as cashiers.

Our sangha ohana welcomed 14 new members in 2009.

Library News *by Clear Englebert*

Two huge books are now in the library: "Celestial Gallery," and "Goddesses of the Celestial Gallery," both by Romio Shrestha. Both books have full-page images of mostly Buddhas and bodhisattvas from Tibetan iconography. These are the first truly oversize books in the library. They are on your left as you face the library, a little closer to the Kannondo. Feel free to use the center table to lay these books out for viewing.

The most popular author here is the prolific Thich Nhat Hanh, and we have

several more of his books: "Teachings on Love", "Breathe! You are Alive: Sutra on the Full Awareness of Breathing", "The Path of Emancipation: Talks from a 21-Day Mindfulness Retreat",

"Thundering Silence: Sutra on Knowing the Better Way to Catch a Snake", "Calming the Fearful Mind: A Zen

Response to Terrorism", and "Going Home: Jesus and Buddha as Brothers". We have also received two other books comparing Buddhism and

Christianity. They are: "The Ground We Share: Everyday Practice, Buddhist and Christian" by Robert Aitken and David Steindl-Rast and "Benedict's Dharma: Buddhists Reflect on the Rule of Saint Benedict" edited by Patrick Henry.

John Daido Looi is also quite popular and we now have his: "Riding the Ox Home: Stages on the Path of Enlightenment" which is about the ten oxherding pictures of Zen. We also have Looi's "The Eight Gates of Zen: Spiritual Training in an American Zen Monastery". Two other book on American Buddhism are "Meetings with Remarkable Women: Buddhist Teachers in America" by Lenore Friedman and "Windbell: Teachings from



the San Francisco Zen Center 1968-2001" edited by Michael Wenger.

We have two Korean Zen books by Seung Sahn: "Only Don't Know" which is his selected teaching letters and "Zen: The Perfect Companion" which is a gem of a book with a green silk brocade cover. It's an adaptation of his earlier "The Whole World is a Single Flower: 365 Kong-ans for Everyday Life" The Koreans say kong-ans—we say koans.

Pema Chodron is another popular author, and we now have her "Comfortable with Uncertainty". Cooking is one of the most popular topics in the library so we have two copies of "Wake Up and Cook: Kitchen Buddhism in Words and Recipes" by Carole Tomkinson.

We have three new children's books: "The Golden Goose King" (a Jataka tale), "The Pumpkin Patch: A Traditional Buddhist Tale" which has heart-warming pastel pencil illustrations, and "Tree of Cranes" a Japanese Christmas tale.

Rounding out the new arrivals are: "A Tune Beyond the Clouds: Zen Teaching from Old China" translated and edited by Thomas Cleary, "The Zen of Recovery" by Mel Ash and a wonderful DVD from Randy Magnus documenting Peace Day 2009 at Paleaku Gardens.

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.

Happy New Year from Jiko Sensei



Dear Members and Friends,

From my heart I thank you for being a part of our Daifukuji s a n g h a .

Throughout 2009, it gladdened my heart to see increased attendance at major services, Kannon-ko services, zazen sessions, & general clean up. I am looking forward to serving all of you in 2010. *Yoroshiku onegai shimasu.*

At the last Sunday family service of 2009, my son, Ryan, talked about what a special group of people our sangha is and about how much he loves everyone who comes to the temple. He really meant what he said. My family is grateful for our kind and loving sangha.

Teiho, Michael, Amy Jikai, & Ryan join me in wishing you a very happy new year!

In gassho,
Rev. Jiko

Coming Up in February...

Feb. 14 Nehan-e Service
Feb. 27 Fujinkai Pancake Breakfast

Sangha Photo Gallery



Taiko group power!



Cleaning up for the New Year



Happy New Year from the Zazenkai!



Replanting the Lawn



Project Dana Volunteers & Yaeko

January 2010

December 2009							January 2010							February 2010						
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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
27 Pick Up 9:30 am-3 pm Mochi Day 5 a.m.	28	29 8:00 AM SAMU	30 6:00 AM Zazen	31 11:45 p.m. New Year's Blessing	1 New Year's Blessing 10:00 a.m.	2
3	4 Blood Drive 5:00 PM Youth Taiko 7:30 PM Happy Strummers	5 6:30 PM Adult Taiko	6 6:00 AM Zazen 5:00 PM Youth Taiko 7:00 PM Fujinkai Board	7 9:00 AM Tai Chi Class 7:00 PM Evening Zazen	8 8:00 AM Samu 6:00 PM Adult Taiko 7:00 PM Sangha Sisters	9
10 Fujinkai Hatsumairi 10 am	11 5:00 PM Youth Taiko	12 6:30 PM Adult Taiko	13 Project Dana 8:30 am 6:00 AM Zazen 5:00 PM Youth Taiko 7:00 PM Orchid Club	14 9:00 AM Tai Chi Class	15 8:00 AM Samu 6:00 PM Adult Taiko	16
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Daifukuji Soto Mission New Year's Party
Sunday, January 24, 2010 11:00 a.m. BYOB
Return Form With Payment by January 10, 2010



We hope you'll join us in celebrating the Year of the Tiger. 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 17. 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
Kealakekua, HI 96750

Kindly RSVP by January 10, 2010.

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 17.