



## Daifukuji Soto Mission

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*Treasuring the Past,  
Embracing the Present*

April, 2011

## Taiko Group's Garage & Bake Sale

*Sunday, March 27*

*9:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.*

*Social Hall*

Aloha Ohana,

The Youth Taiko Group will be holding a Garage Sale on Sunday, March 27th from 9:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. at Daifukuji. All proceeds from this fundraiser will be used to help fund a West Coast educational taiko trip during the summer for our taiko students. In addition to having a garage sale, we will also have a bake sale. Please stop by to shop & support our group.

*Mahalo for your continued support!*

Aloha Pumehana,

The Kona Daifukuji Taiko Group



## Hanamatsuri

**Service:** *Celebrating  
the Birth of the Buddha*

*Sunday, April 10*

*9:30 a.m.*



Shakyamuni Buddha was born on the 8th of April in beautiful Lumbini Garden in northern India (present-day Nepal) over 2,500 years ago. We celebrate this occasion by pouring sweet tea over a small statue of the baby Buddha for it is said that sweet rain fell from the heavens at the time of his birth.



Our guest speakers will be two graduating high school seniors of the Daifukuji Taiko group, **Nicolas Cetraro and Blaine Luiz**, who have performed taiko and helped out at many temple events. **Lunch will be prepared by the Daifukuji Zazenkai.** Desserts are welcome.

*Flowers are needed for the hanamido & altars. Please drop off flowers on Friday, April 8.*

**Happy Buddha Day!  
Happy Hanamatsuri!**



## Pancake Breakfast Mahalo

The Fujinkai pancake breakfast fundraiser was a great success and we made a profit of \$3,161. We wish to thank all of you for your food and monetary donations and especially for volunteering your time. Without your help, this event would not have been possible.

We extend a big mahalo to everyone who supported our sale and to our taiko group for their help. Thanks to all of you, we will be able to continue with many of our Fujinkai activities.

Fujinkai breakfast chairpersons,  
Joyce, Merle, and Elaine

### UHSSWA Country Store Donations Needed

Fujinkai members will be attending the 46th annual UHSSWA conference on Maui and are requesting the following items for the Country Store, a fundraiser for the UHSSWA:

AVOCADOS  
MACADAMIA NUTS  
KONA COFFEE  
BANANAS

Please deliver your donations to the temple by Thursday, April 14, 2011. Questions? Call Joyce at 329-3833.



## In Memoriam

To the family of the late Joann Etsuko Tanimoto, 67, who passed away February 5, we express our deepest sympathy.

To the family of the late Fumie Nakamoto, 85, who passed away February 18, we send our love and words of comfort.

*Namu Shakamuni Butsu.*

## 27th-Year Memorial Services

We sincerely apologize that the following names were omitted from the 2011 memorial service (nenki) chart that was sent out in January:

Aki Inba	Jan. 17, 1985
Utako Tanaka	May 2, 1985
Haruyoshi Akamatsu	May 4, 1985
Tokuo Ota	May 5, 1985
Kiyoshi Kawakami	Aug. 16, 1985
Umeno Ishizawa	Sept. 9 1985

Please contact Rev. Jiko (322-3524) if you would like to arrange a service.

## Mahalo Nui

Thank you very much to Charles Koseda for doing the calligraphy for our new set of Obon altar flags. Domo arigato, Chuck.

## 2011 BAZAAR

May 15, 2011  
9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Items for the bazaar may be  
dropped off May 1 - May 13.

Co-chairs for this event are Joyce St. Arnault (329-3833), Raymond Baltero (322-7976), Renee Kimura (329-3457). More information in the May newsletter.

## Gift Shop News by Clear Englebert



The gift shop will be open on Sunday morning, April 10 from 8:30 to 9:30 and from 10:30 to 11:30.

The gift shop has unique hand-painted and decorated eggs from Japan of Kintaro (appropriate for Boy's Day) and the Bodhisattva Hotei. The eggs come with elegant wooden presentation boxes to protect them.

T-shirts are one of the most popular items at the shop, and we would appreciate the donation of a few more hangers to display them. We need the kind that are clear plastic and have the hook part be metal and swivels. It's the standard kind that you see in stores. We would also appreciate some more new bags of various sizes, especially greeting card-size bags.



## Library News by Clear Englebert

Be a kid again and check out the great new children's book "Old Turtle and the Broken Truth" by Douglas Wood and illustrated by Jon Muth. The watercolor pictures are very beautiful and the story is so good that it may bring a tear to your eye. This is a satisfaction-guaranteed short read with an important lesson. Young and old will enjoy this book.

"Serene Reflection Meditation" by Jiyu Kennett is the best discussion about practicing the zen meditation that Daifukujiteaches---shikantaza---just sitting. It's a valuable book for anyone who meditates or is thinking about practicing zazen.

Kaudinya Shinkaku is the Buddhist name for the famous author Rev. Earnest Hunt, who taught at the Betsuin in Honolulu in the mid-twentieth century. His classic, "Short Talks on Buddhism," is now in the library. It's a two-volume set and lucidly explains some of the basic teachings of our Soto Buddhist tradition.

Beatrice Lane Suzuki was the wife of the famous D. T. Suzuki. She was a great writer in her own right and the library now has her classic, "Mahayana Buddhism: A Brief Outline." The denomination, Soto, is only a small part of Mahayana and I highly recommend this short book for everyone to better understand our greater tradition.



“The Diamond Sutra with Supplemental Texts” edited by Raghavan Iyer is a unique and amazing book. It puts the Diamond Sutra in the context of the other great Mahayana scriptures of ancient India, which are represented by well-chosen quotes from more complicated (and longer) scriptures such as the Lankavatara and the Surangama Sutras.

“An Untangled Knowing” is the teachings of a Thai Buddhist lay woman. The author, Upasika Kee Nanayon, is the foremost woman Dharma teacher in twentieth-century Thailand. It’s an unusual book for the library to have and quite an instructive one.

Other new arrivals are:

“The Wings to Awakening: An Anthology from the Pali Canon” by Bikkhu Thanissaro

“Zen Buddhism: A History: Indian and China” by Heinrich Dumoulin

“Mindfulness and Meaningful Work: Explorations in Right Livelihood” edited by Claude Whitmyer

“Acupressure Way of Health: Jin Shin Do” by Iona Teegarden

## Meet Our Temple Board



Last month we introduced the officers of our temple board. This month you’ll have a chance to meet some of our directors.



Jean & Myles

**Myles Ikeda**, an auto mechanic, loves our “good sangha.” He also enjoys cars (drag racing), bowling, and camping. He and his wife Jean

volunteer their help in the choba before services and are also enthusiastic bon dancers. At Obon, Myles can be counted on to direct the set up and dismantling of the yagura.



**Jan Bovard**, a potter and farmer, also enjoys our very special Daifukuji sangha and has served as Board president in the past. She has been a member of the Daifukuji Zazenkaï for decades and enjoys

reading, swim aerobics, gardening, and orchids.



A volunteer member of the samu crew, **Stanley Oshima** says that he enjoys vacuuming the temple and helping with landscaping and grounds maintenance every Friday. He also shops for temple supplies. Stan’s favorite hobby is undoubtedly golf.



“I enjoy the friendly people and friendly minister of our temple,” says **Masanobu Oga**, who, in his retirement years, takes pleasure in fishing, golf, and serving our temple. Here he is, having a cup of coffee

with his golf buddy and fellow board member, Stanley Oshima.

## Names of Graduates Needed



All Class of 2011 high school graduates who are members of our sangha will be invited to a blessing and baccalaureate luncheon

to be held on **May 29, 2011**. Please inform Rev. jiko if you have a graduate in your family. Invitations will be sent out in April. (E-mail: [rev.jiko@daifukuji.org](mailto:rev.jiko@daifukuji.org))

## Thursday Evening Zen 7 pm

With the exception of movie nights, Thursday evening sessions include Buddhist chanting, Zen meditation, and Dharma study and sharing using the book "All of Us Beset by Birth, Decay, and Death" by Sister Ayya Khema. Newcomers and beginning practitioners are always welcome. All sessions begin at 7:00 p.m. Please arrive 10 minutes early for zazen.

The schedule for the month of April is as follows:

**April 14 Zazen and Dharma**

**April 21 Buddhist Movie Nite** -- "Great Grandfather's Drum: Americans of Japanese Ancestry in Hawai'i, their history, traditions, & life today, revealed through an intimate portrait of the families of the Maui Taiko drum ensemble" (a 1- hour documentary)

**April 28 Zazen and Dharma**

(Note: There will be no session on April 7.)

Zazen is also offered every Wednesday morning at 6:00 a.m. For information, please call Rev. Jiko at 322-3524.



## 8th U.S. Soto Conference

To be hosted by the Soto Zen Buddhism Hawaii Office and the Hawaii Soto Mission Association, the 8th U.S. Soto Conference will be held at the Ala Moana Hotel on November 12 & November 13, 2011.

With "Soto Shu -- Peace" as its theme, the conference will be an opportunity for members of the Soto Zen temples in Hawaii and North America to join together in building a strong relationship, nurture harmony and friendship, and exchange ideas. Guest speaker for the event will be Dr. George Tanabe, Emeritus Professor of Japanese Buddhism, University of Hawaii. More information will become available as the conference draws nearer.

## Soto Zen Buddhism International Symposium

Soto Zen continues to spread around the globe. Presently, there are more than 600 Soto Zen priests outside of Japan. Western priests have been appointed as the directors of the Soto Zen Buddhism Europe Office and the North America Office, and the teaching of Soto Zen continues to expand and develop. It is in connection with these developments that we are planning to hold in October 2011 an International Symposium called "Advance One Step Further: Soto Zen Opens the Way to the Future." We plan to hold this symposium at the Danshinto Kaikan (Tokyo Grand Hotel) at Sotoshu Shumuchō in Tokyo and will invite Sotoshu priests, practitioners, and

temple members from around the world, as well as participants from Japan.

The keynote lecture will be given by Mr. Noriyuki Ueda, a scholar who is active in many spheres, who will appeal to “the Great Possibilities for Buddhism in Contemporary Society.”

On Oct. 5th, we will visit Chokokuji, Tokyo Branch Temple of Daihonzan Eiheiji and Daihonzan Sojiji. Chokokuji is famous for its Azabu Daikannon Statues.

In 2011, it is the 100th Anniversary of the relocation of Daihonzan Sojiji and commemorative ceremonies will be held from April 1st through November 5th. Sotoshu priests, practitioners, and temple members from around the world will visit Sojiji as the “Unrivaled Zen Temple in Japan” to commemorate this event and deepen our connection with Daihonzan Sojiji by offering incense at the knees of Keizan Zenji. Please be sure to join us for this opportunity to visit Japan.

Gassho  
Rev. Issho Fujita, Director  
Soto Zen Buddhism Inter. Center

## Lay Buddhist Confirmation Ceremonies

The Bishop’s Office staff is planning to hold lay confirmation group ceremonies at all nine Soto Zen temples in Hawaii during a three-year period starting this year. This ceremony will be held for those of you who wish to commit yourselves to the Buddha, Dharma, and Sangha and to the precepts of the Bodhisattva way. Two or more study sessions will be conducted at each temple in preparation for the ceremony. Each participant will receive a *wagesa*,

which can be worn to services, a certificate, and a Buddhist name upon the completion of the ceremony.

Please consider taking part in this ceremony when it is offered at our temple, possibly in the spring of next year. The ceremony, held in the company of your temple friends, is a deeply meaningful one which has the power to change the way you live your life and see yourself and others.



## Visit to Life Care Center of Kona

The Daifukuji Baikako Plum Blossom Choir and Happy Strummers will be offering springtime cheer to the residents of the Life Care Center of Kona at 2:30 p.m. on April 26. Members of these groups are requested to meet at Life Care at 2:00 p.m. to set up and tune up. Those who wish to carpool are asked to contact Rev. Jiko (322-3524) and to meet at Daifukuji at 1:45 p.m.

## Project Dana

Dear Project Dana Kupuna,

We’ll be celebrating the arrival of spring at our next gathering on April 13, so please wear your “spring *papale*” (also known as “Easter hat”) and bring a basket, if you have one, for a spring egg hunt. Project Dana welcomes all kupuna who are members of Daifukuji. Please call Joyce (329-3833) or Elaine (322-2084) for information.





## Mahalo from Rev. Tamiya & Sky

Dear Members and Friends of Daifukuji,

We would like to say *arigato* and *mahalo* from the bottom of our hearts to you, our dear friends in Kona, for your warm hospitality while we were in Kona. It was wonderful to have an opportunity to speak to you in the Daifukuji *hondo*, a place where we shared many tears and laughter while I was there in Kona as a resident minister. Sky didn't remember much of Kona. However, I have a feeling that he knew somewhere deep in his heart that Kona is a special place to him. The moment he arrived at Daifukuji, he looked happy and his eyes were filled with joy. Thank you also for the *ono* potluck dishes, birthday cake, the lovely entertainment, and for all the *omiyages* you prepared for us. We would like to return again, perhaps in 1914 when Daifukuji celebrates its centennial anniversary. Until we meet again, please take care and keep healthy. Thank you again. We love you all.

Gassho,  
Ryuji and  
Yuta Sky  
Tamiya



## A I o h a from Rev. Jiko



Dear Daifukuji  
members and  
friends,

I pray that you are all safe and well. For me -- and I'm sure for many of you also -- this has been an emotionally draining past few days. News of the destruction, loss of life, and suffering caused by the powerful 8.9 magnitude earthquake and devastating tsunami that killed hundreds in Japan and swept away entire towns has been incredibly heartbreaking. And, while our hearts were reaching out to the shocked and frightened people of Japan, we also had to deal with the threat of a tsunami slamming against our own island shores. Listening to the blaring sirens, who amongst us did not feel vulnerable and at least a little frightened? While most of us consider ourselves lucky this time, there are some whose homes and businesses were damaged by the tsunami. To those members of our community, as well as to the people of Japan, we send our love, thoughts, and prayers. *Namu daihi kanzeon bosatsu.*

Needless to say, we have once again been given a powerful reminder of the impermanence of life. An earthquake thousands of miles away can trigger a tsunami that can sweep away our own lives, our homes, our lands, and the lives of our loved ones. Once we see this, we also see how very much we are connected to all that happens on our

planet. Essentially, we are all hanging onto a fragile web of life. Often we don't pause to think about this until something like a tsunami happens that wakes us up.

Whenever disaster strikes, people say that they see their everyday problems in a new light. What seemed big and overwhelming before suddenly seems small and insignificant in comparison to the magnitude of the suffering caused by the disaster. Dissatisfaction is relative and is quickly replaced by feelings of gratitude and compassion. "I don't like this and that" is quickly replaced by "I'm just so grateful to be alive and I hope that others will be safe and well, too." The mind of compassion naturally arises within us.

When, earlier today, I sent out a group e-mail announcing that our Daifukuji sangha will be holding a special prayer service for earthquake & tsunami victims tomorrow, e-mail replies immediately came in from members and Dharma friends outside Hawai'i saying that they will be together with us in prayer.

Our practice, our prayers, and our meditations are the practice, prayers, and meditations of a greater sangha. In the Buddha's great heart of compassion, we are all held with tenderness and love. The tears we weep when disaster strikes returns to the waters of the sea, where the tears of all people return and become one.

Please take care and be well, dear sangha. I am very grateful for all of you and wish you a happy Hanamatsuri.

In gassho and love,  
Rev. Jiko

### Earthquake Relief Fund Donations

The Bishop's Office & Hawaii Soto Mission Association have started a Relief Fund to benefit the victims of the Japan earthquake and tsunami. If you'd like to make a contribution, please make your check payable to Daifukuji Soto Mission & send it to Daifukuji Soto Mission, P.O. Box 55, Kealakekua, HI 96750 by April 5th. Indicate "RELIEF FUND" on your check. Daifukuji will then write one check to the HSMA. Bishop Komagata will take these donations to Japan in April. Thank you.

### Coming Up in May...



- May 1 - 13 Bazaar donations accepted
- May 14 Bazaar set up at 8 a.m.
- May 15 Bazaar Day, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
- May 18 Kannon-ko Service, 10 a.m.
- May 29 Memorial Day Service and Blessing of the Graduates



Daifukuji Taiko group with Tiffany Tamaribuchi Sensei of the Sacramento Taiko Dan

# Pancake Breakfast & Onehan Service



Ann & Kay flipping pancakes



Fujinkai ladies making inari sushi



Onehan Service with Rev. Tamiya and Sky



Lorraine & Hilda taking care of plant sales



First in line were the golfers

# April 2011

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- Sangha Sisters
- Youth Taiko
- Adult Taiko
- Family Service
- Major Service
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- Special Events
- Baikako Practice
- Dharma Study
- Happy Strummers
- Offsite Backup
- Bon Dance Group
- Teen Sangha
- Orchid Club

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 8:00 AM Baikako Practice 9:30 AM Family Service	28 5:00 PM Youth Taiko	29 6:00 PM Adult Taiko	30 6:00 AM Zazen 5:00 PM Youth Taiko	31 9:00 AM Tai Chi Practice 7:00 PM Zazen & Dharma	1 8:00 AM Samu 6:00 PM Adult Taiko	2 10:00 AM Youth Taiko-Beginners
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10 Buddha Day 9:30 am Hanamatsuri Service	11 5:00 PM Youth Taiko	12 6:00 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 Practice 5:00 PM Country Store Packing 7:00 PM Zazen & Dharma	15 8:00 AM Samu 6:00 PM Adult Taiko	16 UHSSWA Conference 10:00 AM Youth Taiko-Beginners
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