

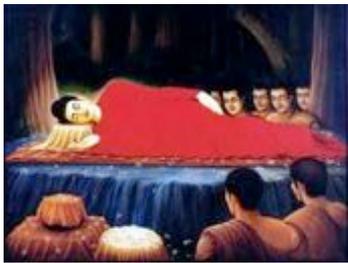


Daifukuji Soto Mission

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*Treasuring the Past,
Embracing the Present*

February, 2011



Fujinkai Pancake Breakfast, Plant & Baked Goods Sale



Nehan-E Service & Potluck

Sunday, February 13 9:30 a.m.

Special guests: Rev. Ryuji Tamiya and Sky Tamiya

Rev. Ryuji Tamiya, the resident minister of our temple from 1988 - 2004 and currently the resident priest of Ukisu Kogenji Temple in Niigata, Japan, will be the guest speaker at this Nehan-e service which commemorates the Buddha's passing into Nirvana.

Please join our sangha in welcoming Rev. Tamiya and his ten-year-old son Sky. After the service, there will be a potluck lunch and program in the social hall. Please bring a dish to share.

All are invited!

Saturday, February 26

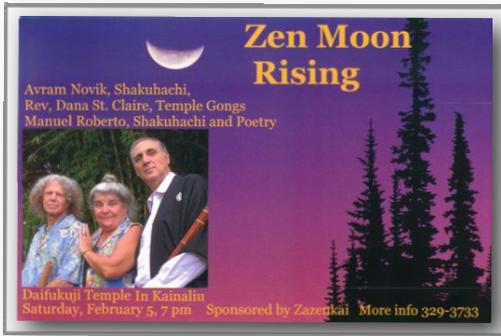
7 a.m. to 11 a.m.

The ladies of our Fujinkai are starting the Year of the Rabbit with a gourmet breakfast. Tickets (\$5.00 each) are available in advance at the temple office or you may pay at the door. Each ticket is good for one (1) breakfast platter.

There will also be a plant sale and a baked goods sale. Come early for the best selection. (Donations of potted plants and cut flowers are needed.)

Let's all support our Fujinkai's fundraising efforts. Proceeds help to defray conference expenses, field trips, and other Fujinkai activities.

Questions? Call Joyce (329-3833) or Elaine (322-2084).



Zen Moon Rising

A sacred music concert featuring shakuhachi, gongs, and poetry

Saturday, February 5 7:00 p.m.
Daifukuji Kannon Hall

Traditional Zen music, rarely heard in Hawai'i, will be offered at Daifukuji as "Zen Moon Rising," a concert of zen meditation music for two shakuhachi flutes and temple gongs.

Featured will be Manuel Roberto and Avram Novik, whose shakuhachi instruments are identically tuned -- a very rare fact. Manuel, a member of the Daifukuji Zazenkai, studied shakuhachi in Kurume, Japan with Nakazono Sensei. Avram Novick studied saizen in Japan and is a practitioner of shakuhachi music meditation. Bells and gongs will be played by Rev. Dana, a meditation practitioner and teacher, who uses the sounds of these instruments to reach a calm state of mind. Bells, gongs, and shakuhachi have been used in Japan for many centuries to practice meditation, to reach enlightenment, and as a healing modality.

This concert is being sponsored by the Daifukuji Zazenkai. Donations may be placed in the calabash. All are invited to come to Zen Moon Rising.

Temple President's Message



Greetings Members and Friends of Daifukuji. It gives me great pleasure and honor to greet you into the new year as the president of the board of directors. I have special gratitude to Walter Kimura for his admirable and efficient service to the board and would also like to thank everyone for welcoming me so warmly into this position. This gives me confidence that with hard work and your support all will be well in the coming years.

I have had the good fortune to work with the board members for some years. It has been a pleasure to work with a group so dedicated to the well-being and security of our temple and members.

During the coming years we plan to move forward with improvements to the temple structure in an environmentally conscious manner. We will continue to offer and even plan to expand opportunities for members and the community to share the Dharma in the peaceful environment of our Sangha. Reverend Jiko, Jill Teiho, and many others have worked hard to provide a variety of ways to offer teachings to members and friends of the temple. I invite you to explore what our temple has to offer.

Special consideration will be given in the next two years to preparation for the centennial celebration of 2014. We hope for this event to be a moment of celebration to honor the temple founders, our past ministers and their families, our current members and the members of the future. We hope for this celebration to reflect the diversity of our temple and so we encourage each member and group to contribute to the celebration planning.

Please know that the board exists to serve the temple members. We hope that you will let us know if there is any way we can improve our service to you. I have written the temple vision below. We aim to have all of our decisions support this vision.

To offer the teachings of the Buddha and Soto Zen practice to the community.

To provide a safe and peaceful temple environment for Buddhist study, practice, and other Dharma-related activities.

To work in harmony as a Sangha, with compassion, respect, and kindness to benefit all people, caring for their spiritual and social needs.

To cultivate an appreciation for the Buddhist way of life.

In humble gratitude,
Julia Crawford



MAUKA TAI CHI

12 Week Practice
Begins Thursday, March 3, 2011
9AM to 10AM, every Thursday
Philip Hema, leader
Hisashi Kimura Cultural Hall
\$5 for drop-in
\$20 for month
All donations will go to the
Daifukuji Soto Mission
For further information contact:
Philip Hema at 989-7167,
kokuapets@gmail.com,
Bob Bowman at 990-1452,
bowmack@mac.com

Youth Taiko Classes for Beginners Start February 5



Akemi Iwamoto, our youth taiko instructor, invites interested youth ages 8 - 18 to enroll in a three-month session for beginners starting February 5. Classes will be held on Saturday mornings from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. in the Hisashi Kimura Cultural Hall at Daifukuji.

For information or to enroll, call Akemi at 989-8194.

Adult Taiko Classes



Daifukuji Zen
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Tuesday evenings at 6:00 p.m. and
Friday evenings at 6:00 p.m. For
information, call Kris Yamauchi at
854-1625 or send an e-mail to
krissyamauchi@gmail.com.

Women of All Ages Welcome

The Daifukuji Fujinkai, the temple's women's group, invites women ages 18 and up to become members. They recently welcomed their newest member, Amy Jikai Nakade. Thanks for joining, Amy! To join, call Joyce at 329-3833.

Thursday Evening Zen 7 p.m.

With the exception of movie nights, Thursday evening sessions include Buddhist chanting, Zen meditation, & Dharma study & sharing.

The Zazenkai thanks Bob Shozan Bowman and Coral Mack for donating 10 copies of the book "All of Us Beset by Birth, Decay, and Death" by Sister Ayya Khema, which is being used for Dharma study & reflection this year. Newcomers and beginning practitioners are always welcome. All sessions begin at 7 p.m. Please arrive 10 minutes early.

The schedule for the month of February is as follows:

- Feb. 10** Zazen & Dharma
- Feb. 17** **Movie:** *How to Cook Your Life - Find Nirvana in the Kitchen*
- Feb. 24** Zazen & Dharma

Zen meditation is also held every Wednesday morning at 6 a.m. For information, call Rev. Jiko at 322-3524.



Shakyo *Tracing the Buddhist Sutras*

It is written in Sacred Calligraphy of the East by John Stevens that the five virtues of

shakyo are:

*Venerating the letters with your eyes
Keeping the letters in your heart
Chanting the letters with your mouth
Writing the letters with your hands
Becoming one with Buddha*

Rev. Jiko, with the assistance of Mayo Chinn, will be offering once-a-month *shakyo* (tracing the sutras) and *shabutsu* (tracing pictures of the Buddha) sessions on the following Saturday mornings from 8:30 - 10:00 a.m. in the Kannon Hall on the following dates:

March 26
April 23
May 28

Done in silence, these practices bring peace and harmony to body and mind. If you wish, you may dedicate the merit derived from your practice to your family, your ancestors, or as a personal prayer. No prior experience with brushwork is needed.

All supplies will be provided and donations gratefully accepted. Please plan to arrive 10 minutes early to set up.



Mochitsuki Mahalo

The Daifukuji Youth Taiko and Y.B.A. extend a big mahalo to all who helped with the mochitsuki on December 28, 2010. We are grateful for the help received from members, family, and friends and to all who purchased our mochi. A special mahalo to Avis and Brian Yamamoto for once again coordinating this annual event with such detailed care and consideration.



Gift Shop Calendar Sale

by *Clear
Englebert*

All calendars are
now half price.

The gift shop is
open on two
days in February:

Sunday the 13th from 8:30 – 9:30 am &
10:30 am – 11:30, and again on
Saturday the 26th from 8:00 am – 11:00
am.

Library News

by *Clear Englebert*

Here are the new arrivals:

“Dharma Beads: Making and Using Your Own Buddhist Malas” by Joanna Arettam. The gift shop sells the beads for making ojuzu (including the unusual beads), and here are the instructions.

“Zen Buddhism” published by Peter Pauper Press

“The Love of Life” by G. B. Talovich. This is a children’s book on respecting animals.

“The Dhammapada” translated by P. Lal. This is my own favorite translation.

“The Heart Sutra” translated and with comments by Red Pine

“No beginning, No End: The Intimate Heart of Zen” by Jakusho Kwong (the successor to Shunryu Suzuki)

“Japanese Portrait Sculpture” by Hisashi Mori. The cover of this book is so intriguing that you just have to open it.

“Dogen’s Formative Years in China: An Historical Study and Annotated Translation of the Hokyo-ki” by Takashi Koderu. This is



quite readable and I highly recommend it for everyone to understand more about the life of the founder of Soto Zen.

“Japanese Design Motifs: 4,260 Illustrations of Japanese Crests” compiled by the Matsuya Piece- Goods Store. Apparently this is every classic mon that exists, in many variations. It’s quite a treasure, and addictively interesting.

“Ajanta & Ellora” by Ranjana Sengupta. This is a beautiful color book about the ancient cave temples in India along the Silk Route.

“Songoku” by Wu Cheng-en. This is the story of Monkey in Japanese.

“The Light Inside the Dark: Zen, Soul, and the Spiritual Life” by John Tarrant

“The Wise Heart: A Guide to the Universal Teachings of Buddhist Psychology” by Jack Kornfield

“Short Talks on Buddhism, Volume II” by Kaudinya Shinkaku This is a 1962 book from the Rev. Hunt of the Betsuin in Honolulu.

“Song of Mind: Wisdom from the Zen Classic Xin Ming” by Sheng Yen

“The Way of the Bodhisattva” by Shantideva, translated by Padmakara Translation Group

“A Guide to Buddhism” by the International Buddhist Exchange Center. Most of the books in the library on Japanese Buddhism are rather scholarly, but this one is from Yokohama and is very readable and well illustrated.

“Teach Yourself Buddhism” by Clive Erricker

The new Thich Nhat Hanh books are:

“Love in Action: Writings on Nonviolent Social Change”

“Taming the Tiger Within: Meditations on Transforming Difficult Emotions”

“The Heart of Understanding: Commentaries on the Prajnaparamita Heart Sutra”



2 0 1 1 Membership Dues & Donations

Attached to this newsletter is the 2011 membership form. Your generous donations are what keep our temple running and in good condition. We are able to keep our cemetery and columbarium fees very low (\$5 per grave & \$10 columbarium maintenance fee per niche per year) because of the weekly volunteer work done by our temple members. Without them we would have to hire professionals & this would be costly. Please keep in mind that volunteer help is always appreciated.

This year we are asking for donations for our centennial fund, a fund designated for our temple's centennial celebration which will be held in 2014. Repairs to our altars and altar furnishings will be made, new items purchased to replace that which cannot be repaired, and new projects started that will benefit our sangha now and in the years to come.

Annual dues continue to be \$40 per household. We appreciate your support and always welcome new members.

Coming Up in March...

Project Dana	March 9
Family Sangha Field Trip	March 13
Spring Higan, 33 Kannon	March 20

No Kannon-ko service in March

From the Desk of Rev. Jiko

*Dear Members
& Friends,*



Michael, Jiko, & Amy Jikai
wish you a happy new year!

We have begun the new year with prayers for everyone's safety, happiness, and well being. While these prayers and blessings strengthen us with their powerful energies of wisdom, love, and compassion, it is still our personal responsibility to choose ways of living and ways of thinking that contribute to our own happiness and well being, as well as the happiness and well being of others.

As Buddhists, we must be mindful that the roots of much of our suffering lie within ourselves. Our limited views, our small selves, our attachments, our greed, anger, and delusions all lead to suffering. We must remember that the Buddha has shown us a path to freedom, freedom of the heart. The buddhas only point the way -- we are individually responsible for taking the path and practicing the Way. In doing this, we are not alone. The Buddha, Dharma, and Sangha support our efforts. Let us take refuge in them.

*In gassho, with much aloha,
Rev. Jiko*

Members of Daifukuji Soto Mission, please drop by to pick up your 2011 Soto-Shu calendar featuring the beautiful artwork of Ryusetsu Kokuzo. We have some extra calendars which non-members are welcome to have as long as supplies last.



Hawaii Soto Mission Bishop's Office

Bishop's Message

Aloha and Happy New Year! . . . with warm wishes from the Bishop's Office. Time flies by like an arrow and the year of the Tiger has gone by. I pray that the 2011 New Year of the Rabbit, will be a happy, healthy and safe one for you and your family.

I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to you for your prayers of compassion for peace throughout the past year. May I ask all of you to continue with your prayers as the New Year promises a fresh start and fills every heart with hope and aspirations.

With everyone's support and encouragement let us promote and practice the teachings of Shakamuni Buddha, Dogen Zenji and Keizan Zenji. Our life each day should be time cherished and appreciated and lived to the fullest without any regrets. How we live every day - - with Buddha's teaching as our guide - - and how much we appreciate this very life is what determines the quality of life we can enjoy and share with one another in making our world a peaceful place to live.

Looking ahead, the year 2011 will be a promising and special year as the Hawaii Soto Mission Bishop's Office and the Hawaii Soto Mission Association will be hosting the 8th U.S. Soto Conference. The Conference will be held on November 11, 12 and 13, 2011, at the Ala Moana Hotel. The Conference will be attended by Soto temple members of Los Angeles, Long Beach, Montebello, San Francisco, Monterey and all Soto temples of Hawaii. This will be a great opportunity to renew friendships and as well as to make new friends with the mainland Soto members while sharing Buddha's teachings together.

Another project which the Bishop's Office is planning this year is to start a religious program called "Initiation Ceremony" ("Nyushin-Shiki" in Japanese) over a period of three years, to provide an opportunity to members and friends to formally commit themselves to become Soto Buddhists by taking sixteen precepts of the Buddha. We will commence with this project starting this year in Oahu.

With your cooperation, the Bishop's Office and staff, Rev. Juo Shinohara and Rev. Kenji Oyama, are committed to working together with you and your temple in providing assistance with various programs and projects. Please call or visit us any time. We appreciate your continued support during the coming year.

May you always be surrounded by the Light and Compassion of the Shakamuni Buddha, Kannon and Jizo Bodhisattvas throughout the year 2011.

In Gassho

Bishop Shugen Komagata

February 2011

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- Sangha Sisters
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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
30 9:30 AM Family Service	31 5:00 PM Youth Taiko	1 6:00 PM Adult Taiko	2 6:00 AM Zazen 5:00 PM Youth Taiko 7:00 PM Fujinkai Board	3 7:00 PM Temple Board	4 8:00 AM Samu 6:00 PM Adult Taiko	5 Zen Moon Rising Concert 7 p.m. 10:00 AM Youth Taiko-Beginners
6 8:00 AM Baikako Practice 9:30 AM Family Service	7 5:00 PM Youth Taiko 7:30 PM Happy Strummers	8 6:00 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 Zazen & Dharma	11 8:00 AM Samu 6:00 PM Adult Taiko 7:00 PM Sangha Sisters	12 10:00 AM Youth Taiko-Beginners
13 Nehan Service 9:30 am Guest: Rev. Tamiya	14 5:00 PM Youth Taiko	15 6:00 PM Adult Taiko	16 Kannon-ko 10 AM 6:00 AM Zazen 5:00 PM Youth Taiko	17 7:00 PM Movie Night	18 8:00 AM Samu 6:00 PM Adult Taiko	19 9:30 AM Ministers Meeting 10:00 AM Youth Taiko-Beginners
20 9:30 AM HSMA Spring Meeting	21 5:00 PM Youth Taiko 7:30 PM Happy Strummers	22 6:00 PM Adult Taiko	23 6:00 AM Zazen 5:00 PM Youth Taiko	24 7:00 PM Zazen & Dharma	25 8:00 AM Samu 6:00 PM Adult Taiko	26 7 a.m. -11 a.m. Pancake Breakfast 10:00 AM Youth Taiko-Beginners
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Happy new year!



Shakyo & Shabutsu Group



Mochitsuki: The Traditional Way



Making mochi with love and joy



Shaping the Buddha's mochi



Dusting & packing the fresh mochi

Daifukuji Soto Mission 2011 Annual Membership Form

Please check one of the following:

- I am a new member.
 I am a continuing member.
 I am not a member, but I would like to receive your monthly newsletter
and be a supporter of the temple. Enclosed is my donation of \$_____.
 Please remove my name from your mailing list. Name _____

***Permission** to use photos of your family taken at temple activities in newsletter, programs, etc.

Please list the members of your household who are members of the Daifukuji Soto Mission:

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| 1. | Last Name | First Name | Date of Birth |
| 2. | Last Name | First Name | Date of Birth |
| 3. | Last Name | First Name | Date of Birth |
| 4. | Last Name | First Name | Date of Birth |
| 5. | Last Name | First Name | Date of Birth |

(Please add names on a separate sheet if necessary.)

Mailing Address _____
Street Address (if different from mailing address) _____

Phone Number _____ Cell Number _____

E-mail Address _____ Check if you would like to receive your newsletter by email.

***2011 Annual Membership Dues**

\$40.00 per household \$ _____

***Annual Temple Operation**

Donation (Ijihi) \$ _____

**For utilities, insurance, minister's salary, office equip, basic maintenance, altar & kitchen supplies ,etc.*

***Centennial Celebration Fund** \$ _____

***Cemetery Fee: \$5 per plot**
(if applicable) \$ _____

*Annual Nokotsudo Maintenance	Family Name on
Fee: \$10 per niche (if applicable)	Niche(s) _____
\$ _____	

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

Please make checks payable to Daifukuji Soto Mission . Kindly turn in by June 1, 2011.
Membership forms and donations may be dropped off at the temple office or mailed to:
Daifukuji Soto Mission, P.O. Box 55, Kealakekua, HI 96750. *Thank you.*