



Daifukuji Soto Mission

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Treasuring the Past, Embracing the Present

January, 2011

New Year's Blessing Services

December 31 at 11:45 p.m.

January 1 at 10:00 a.m.

Let's begin 2011 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 beautiful Buddhist charms that can be hung in one's vehicle or carried in one's purse. *Ofuda* are blessing cards that are placed in one's house, shop, or office.

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

MOCHI TSUKI

Tuesday, December 28, 2010
Pick up your **pre-ordered** mochi
from 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Help needed from 5:00 a.m. &
throughout the day.

New Year's Party

Sunday, January 23

11:00 a.m.

Members, supporters, and temple groups are invited to join our sangha in celebrating the Year of the Rabbit at the temple's New Year's party on Jan. 23.

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. (Cooking will begin at 7 a.m. on Jan. 23. Help is appreciated.)

Lucky number prizes are needed. If you'd like to donate a prize, please deliver it to Daifukuji by January 16. You do not have to bring a prize to the party.

To attend, please fill out the form included in this newsletter and return it with payment by January 9. We hope you and your family will join us.

Party Set Up: Help Needed

Saturday, January 22

8:00 a.m.

We'll be setting up tables and benches starting at 8:00 a.m. on Jan. 22, the day before the party. Your kokua is appreciated.

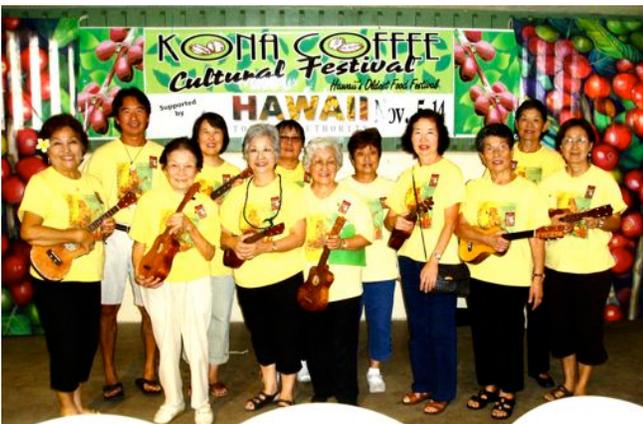


Fujinkai Bento Sale Mahalo

*from Jean Ikeda & Lorraine Tanimoto,
Coffee Festival O'bento Chairs*

Our deepest mahalo for all the support received during the 40th Annual Kona Coffee Festival Fujinkai O'bento Sale on November 13, 2010. The outpouring of response for help -- monetary donations, food contributions, man-power assistance, and much more -- is greatly appreciated.

Again, our heartfelt thank you to all in making our fund raiser a huge success.



Fujinkai Hatsumairi

Sunday, January 9

10:00 a.m.

Fujinkai members, the first Fujinkai service of the new year called "hatsumairi" will be held at 10:00 a.m. on January 9, 2011. Please bring donations of canned foods for the Food Basket. The annual membership dues of \$5 will be collected and tickets for the Feb. 26th pancake breakfast distributed.

A luncheon will be held in our social hall which is free for Fujinkai members. There is a \$10 fee per guest.

UHSSWA conference plans will be discussed at the meeting and sign ups taken for the conference which will be held on Maui the weekend of April 16-17, 2011.

Your district representatives will be calling you to get a head count. Ladies, let's all join together and have a wonderful Fujinkai year!

Fujinkai Pancake Breakfast Plant & Baked Goods Sale

Saturday, February 26, 2011

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

Daifukuji Social Hall

\$5.00 per platter

Donations of potted plants and cut flowers needed

Tickets available after Jan. 10th
Questions? Call Joyce (329-3833)
or Elaine (322-2084)



Rev. Kokuzo of the Waipahu Soto Zen Temple Taiyoji gave the Dharma message at our Thanksgiving service in November. Here he is with Rev. Jiko.

Our temple services and serving our family members have been well done by Rev. Jiko. Domo arigato.

Our incoming officers and board will, I'm sure, continue the efforts for the betterment of our temple and benefit of our family members.

Sincerely,
Walter Kimura

Temple President's Message

Dear Members and Friends,

Happy holidays to you all. As I leave this office, I thank you for your help and support to our temple. A special thank you to my secretary Judie Fekete.

Our congregation is sound fiscally. You members and especially the group that helps every Friday has kept our grounds and buildings in a well-maintained condition. Thank you to Minoru Hanato for spraying the cemetery weeds and to Taichi Harada and Kris Yamauchi for the care of the lawn and to Cristo Izumi for the hedge trimming.

This past year was again successful with a number of activities -- fundraising, Obon, and hosting the HSMA conference. We also bought a new van and will soon be getting a "new" slightly used organ. We thank the Shiotsuka family & Kona Transportation for the free movement of the organ from Hilo, and thank Lorraine Tanimoto for her generous donation toward its purchase, as well as for playing the organ for us at our major services and funerals.

2011 & 2012 Daifukuji Board of Directors

The incoming officers & directors will be installed at the New Year's party on January 23, 2011.

President..... Julia Crawford
Vice-president..... Ron Iwamoto
Secretary, recording.....Judie Fekete
Secretary, corres.....Elaine Fernandez
Treasurer.....Joyce St. Arnault
Asst. Treasurer.....Renee Kimura

Directors:
George Harai
Clyde Ikeda
Stanley Oshima
Myles Ikeda
Bob Bowman
Jan Bovard
Ann Nakamoto
Masa Oga
Raymond Baltero



Mahalo to outgoing officers Walter Kimura, Jill Teiho Wagner, and Rowena Inaba.



In Memoriam

To the family of the late Vernon Chang, 89, who passed away Nov. 30, 2010, we express our heartfelt sympathy. Vern will be missed by all of his friends at Project Dana.

We also express our sympathy to the family of the late Taketo Sasaki, 103, who passed away Dec. 1, 2010. We will always be grateful for his years of service to Daifukuji.

Namu Shakamuni Butsu.



Hawaii Preparatory Academy students, along with their teacher Patrick O'Leary, learn about our temple & practice of zazen from Rev. Jiko.

Gift Shop Schedule

Wish to go shopping at our temple gift shop? We have cards, Buddhist jewelry, ojuzu, statuary, incense, books, calendars, Daifukuji & taiko shirts, & more. The gift shop will be open as follows:

Tuesday, December 28	9:30 am – 1:00 pm
Saturday, January 1	Noon – 3:00 pm
Sunday, January 2	10:00 am – 1:00 pm
Sunday, February 13	8:30 – 9:30 am & 10:30 am – 11:30

Saturday, February 26	8:00 am – 11:00 am
Sunday, March 20	8:30 – 9:30 am & 10:30 am – 11:30
Sunday, April 10	Same as above
Sunday, May 15	8:30 am – 11:00 am
Sunday, May 29	8:30 – 9:30 am & 10:30 am – 11:30

The shop is also open by appointment.



Fumi and Will Nakamoto (left & center) have recently become Daifukuji members. Here they are with Ann Nakamoto, their niece, at the Project Dana Thanksgiving luncheon.

Library News by Clear Englebert

Keizan is known as the mother of Soto Zen (Dogen is the father) and his most famous work is "The Denkoroku" or the "Record of the Transmission of the Light" which is a history (in fifty-two chapters) of the Truth being passed from master to disciple from the time of Shakyamuni all the way to Dogen. The library has two new translations of this great work, one by Hubert Nearman and one by Thomas Cleary.

Other new arrivals are:

"An Invitation to Practice Zen" by Albert Low

"Daily Buddhist Devotions" by Sri Dhammanda

"Daily Buddhist Devotions" by Venerable B. Chanadima

"Zen in Ten: Easy Lessons for Spiritual Growth" by Annellen and Alexander Simpkins

"Tea and Buddhism" by Ryofu Pussel

"There is Nothing Wrong With You" by Cheri Huber

"Women on the Buddhist Path" by Martine Batchelor

“Adventures of the Monkey God: Volume 1” by Wu, an illustrated edition translated by C.C. Low

“The Key and the Name of the Key is Willingness” by Cheri Huber

“Encouraging Words” by Robert Aitken

“Choosing Simplicity: Commentary on the Bhikshuni Pratimoksha” by Bikshuni Wu Yin and Bikshuni Jendy Shih. This brilliant work describes the precepts and life style of fully ordained nuns.

“The Path to Bodhidharma: the Teachings of Shodo Harada Roshi” by Shodo Harada, translated by Priscilla Daichi Storandt. This is a Rinzai work, but the chapter on “Bodhidharma’s Outline of Practice” is certainly very helpful to all zen students.

“The Wisdom of Thich Nhat Hanh”

“Mother of the Buddhas: Meditation on the Prajnaparamita Sutra” by Lex Hixon. The Prajnaparamita is the larger scripture that the Hannya Shingyo comes from, and this commentary is truly excellent and easy to understand.

“Zen Gardens: Kyoto’s Nature Enclosed” by Tom Wright and Mizuno Katsuhiko

“Mindfulness and Money: the Buddhist Path of Abundance” by Kulanda and Dominic Houlder

The new children’s books are:

“Stories from the Jatakas”

“More Stories from the Jatakas”

“Further Stories from the Jatakas”

“Buddhism: Key Stage 1” by Jing Yin and Ken Hudson

“The Giant Turtle”

“Buddhist Tales for Young and Old, Vol. 2: Stories 51-100” by Todd Anderson, interpreted by Kurunegoda Piyatissa

Are you interested in becoming a hospice volunteer?

The next free training is Tues., Jan. 18 and Wed. Jan. 19 from 8:30 am-4:30 pm at the Hospice Center on Walua Road. Hospice Volunteers of Kona provides a variety of services to our Daifukuji Sangha, as well as the

entire Kona Community, for patients and families of those who have been diagnosed with a terminal illness. Ambika Rose, a member of our Sangha has volunteered in the past and is again taking the training: “I am eager to form a carpooling group from South Kona for those interested in this valuable experience.”

Volunteer Job Description:

“Hospice of Kona volunteers need to be comfortable with their own attitudes about death, knowing that it is a natural part of life. They need to understand that involvement with Hospice of Kona is rewarding, though sometimes painful, requiring maturity and objectivity blended with compassion and understanding. They need to display character attributes of sensitivity, empathy and personal warmth.

The Volunteer Staff is under the direct supervision of Adraina DeGress, Hospice Director of Volunteer Services.” Adapted from the Hospice Website: <http://www.hospiceofkona.org/index.html>. For further information contact: Adriana at Volunteer Services, 443-2936; the website; or Ambika, 430-2620.



Rev. Jiko & some members of the Daifukuji Zazenkaï

**Z a z e n k a i
H o n o r s
Yoshiko Ikeda
by Rev. Jiko
Nakade**



Near the conclusion of their eight mornings of zazen, known as the rohatsu sesshin, the Daifukuji Zazenkai honored their oldest member, Yoshiko Ikeda, upon her 88th birthday at a breakfast held at Teshima's on the 7th of December.



Yoshiko, who has been a strong practitioner of zazen for over 35 years and consistently shows up at 6 a.m. for Wednesday morning zazen, is truly an inspiration to the 20 or so zen

practitioners who sat together during the 2010 rohatsu sesshin. Happy 88th birthday, dear Yoshiko, and thank you for being such an inspiration to all!

**New Year's Greetings from
Jiko Sensei**

Dear members and friends of Daifukuji,

My family joins me in wishing you a happy holiday season and a bright 2011!

First, I'd like to extend my warmest mahalo to our outgoing board president Walter Kimura and vice-president Jill Teiho Wagner for their outstanding leadership and numerous contributions to our temple over the years. Their hard work and dedication to Daifukuji are truly admirable & I am grateful

that they will continue to serve us in other capacities.

Next, I'd like to sincerely thank those individuals who have agreed to serve as officers and directors for the next two-year term. A special mahalo goes to Dr. Julia Crawford for her willingness to dedicate time and energy to serving all of us as our new board president.

Thanks to all, the light of the Buddha continues to burn brightly at Daifukuji. May we always share this light with all beings.

Namu kie butsu. Namu kie ho. Namu kie so.

Thursday Evening Zen
7:00 - 8:45 p.m.
Daifukuji Kannon Hall

Jan. 6	Zazen & Dharma
Jan. 13	"Pilgrimage Through India" Talk & slideshow by Ambika Rose
Jan. 20	Zazen & Dharma
Jan. 27	Zazen & Dharma

Thursday evening sessions include chanting, zazen, Dharma discussion, and a second period of zazen that is optional.

Wednesday morning zazen starts at 6 a.m. Participants are asked to arrive 10 minutes early. Call Rev. Jiko at 322-3524 for further information.

Rohatsu Sesshin,
Kannon Hall,
Sit like a mountain.

We sit in silence,
a stillness
that benefits all

Each dawn for eight days
Buddha mind,
fuller emptiness.
by Coral Mack

Sangha Photo Gallery: Year-end Clean Up

A big mahalo to all for the kokua received!



Rayne, Jodi, Ciara, Akemi, & Mike cleaned the hall windows and screens.



Alyssa & Kay brightened up the cultural hall.



Blaine and Nick helped Alfreda tidy up the kitchen.



Project Dana December Gathering
December 8, 2010

Happy holidays from the Daifukuji kupuna and volunteers!



Stanley, Jack, & Chester did the landscaping.



Lorraine, Yoshiko, Joyce, & Michiko polished the altar pieces.



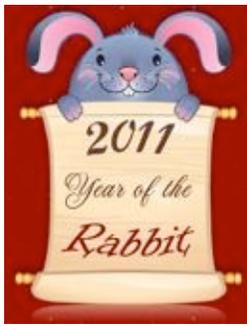
Midori, Kotaro, & Mako cleaned the cemetery.

January 2011

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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
- Offsite Backup
- Bon Dance Group
- Teen Sangha
- Orchid Club

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
	8:00 AM Mochitsuki Prep	MOCHITSUKI DAY	6:00 AM Zazen 5:00 PM Youth Taiko	8:00 AM Samu	Blessing Service 11:45 pm	Blessing Service 10 am Happy 2011!
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	5:00 PM Youth Taiko 7:30 PM Happy Strummers	6:30 PM Adult Taiko	6:00 AM Zazen 5:00 PM Youth Taiko	7:00 PM Zazen & Dharma	8:00 AM Samu 6:00 PM Adult Taiko	
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23	24	25	26	27	28	29
Join us! 11 a.m. New Year's Party	5:00 PM Youth Taiko	6:30 PM Adult Taiko	6:00 AM Zazen 5:00 PM Youth Taiko	7:00 PM Zazen & Dharma	8:00 AM Samu 6:00 PM Adult Taiko	5:30 PM Orchid Club Banquet
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New Year's Party
Sunday, January 23, 2011
11:00 a.m. (BYOB)

Return Form With Payment by January 9, 2011

We hope you'll join us in celebrating the Year of the Rabbit. 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 16. 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
 Kealahou, HI 96750

Kindly RSVP by January 9, 2011.

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 16.