



## Daifukuji Soto Mission

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*Treasuring the Past,  
Embracing the Present*  
July, 2011



## Daifukuji Bon Dance

*Saturday, July 9*

6:00 p.m. Opening Service

6:30 - 10 p.m. Dancing, Taiko, Ono Food

Set up will begin at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, July 9. We will be needing many volunteers to set up the yagura and hall for the Bon Dance. Onegai shimasu.

Kona Daifukuji Taiko will be selling manju, shoyu chicken plates, hamburgers, hot dogs, cold drinks, coffee, & tea at the Bon Dance. Proceeds from their food sales will benefit the youth group's educational

taiko trip to the mainland in July. Please support them.

Helpers are also needed at 8:00 a.m. on Sunday, July 10 to dismantle the yagura and clean up the hall, temple, and yard. We humbly ask for your kokua.

Everyone, see you at the Bon Dance!

## Orchids Small and Tall at Annual Show & Sale



*by Fern Gavelek*

*July 17, 2011*

*8 am - 2 pm*

"Orchids, Small and Tall" is the theme of the free 29th Kona Daifukuji Orchid Club (KDOC) show and sale Sunday, July 17 at the Daifukuji Mission Hall.

Kona's oldest orchid club will offer attendees complimentary refreshments, plus an orchid boutonniere corsage --while they last. Time is 8 am - 2 pm.

Guests will be treated to an elaborate display of blooming cattleya, cymbidium, dendrobium, phalaenopsis, miltonia, vanda and more -- all owned by club members. A center exhibit will showcase miniature orchids atop lush ferns. Though smaller in size, miniature orchids are prized among collectors for their dainty charm, flower power and mounting capability.

Got growing questions? Veteran members will staff a Question and Answer Booth where attendees can get expert advice on caring for orchids. The club boasts eight charter members who each have been growing orchids at least 29 years at different Kona elevations.

In addition to the informative educational displays, the annual event offers an outdoor sale of high-quality orchid species and hybrids.

The Kona Daifukuji Orchid Club is West Hawaii's oldest orchidaceae organization with a mission to learn and foster orchid culture and promote fellowship among orchid collectors. The club meets the second Wednesday of every month at the Daifukuji Soto Mission Hall. For information, contact club president Cheeta Wilson at 896-3900.

## In Memoriam

To the family of the late **Sumie "Jane" Inaba**, 93, who passed away May 27, 2011, we express our heartfelt sympathy.

*Namu Shakamuni Butsu*

## Library News by Clear Englebert

One subtle, but user-friendly change in the library is that the cards of the books that are checked out are now filed by TITLE instead of author.

This makes it easier because the title is more clear-cut. Thich Nhat Hanh should technically be filed under Nhat, but I didn't know that until about a year ago. When the popular DVD "Kundun" gets checked out, who's going to know to file it under Scorsese? Martin Scorsese's name is scarcely mentioned on the cover (and you'd need a magnifying glass to read it.)



There are two new illustrated books for adults and three for children. The adult books are:

"I Opened the Gate, Laughing: An Inner Journey"

by Mayumi Oda, with beautiful full-page color paintings, and "Japanese Fortified Temples and Monasteries AD 710-1602" by Stephen Turnbull, illustrated by Peter Dennis. It's filled with color and black-and-white drawings and photos which truly transport you back to the Japan of Dogen's time. The temples were fortified because it was a very dangerous time, as the text makes clear.

The children's books are:

"Zen Shorts", about a giant panda who tells some classic Zen stories to his children friends, with vibrant watercolor illustrations by Jon Muth.

"The Memorial Day for the Great Enlightenment" has an endearing cover of two children with their hands in gassho. It's

from Japan and it looks to be from the 1950's or early 60's. The first half is in comic format, in English, and is the story of the Shakyamuni's enlightenment. The second half is songs, in transliterated Japanese. "Crystals of the Dharma" is another book from the 1960's. It's from the Seattle Buddhist Church and has black-and-white illustrations of inspirational Buddhist stories.



There are two wonderful books of Chinese Zen poetry:

"Chinese Zen Poems: What Hold Has This Mountain?" compiled and translated by Larry Smith and Mei Hui Huang

"A Drifting Boat: Chinese Zen Poetry" edited by J. P. Seaton and Dennis Maloney. This is from the latter book and it's by Li Po (701-762):

*Zazen on the Mountain*

*The birds have vanished down the sky.  
Now the last cloud drains away.  
We sit together, the mountain and me,  
until only the mountain remains.*

The other new arrivals are:

"Reflections on the Path: Zen Training in Everyday Life" by Meiten McGuire

"Buddhist Thought in India" by Edward Conze

"Buddhism in Chinese History" by Arthur Wright

"The Diamond Sutra: Text and Commentaries" translated by Red Pine

"Guide to Tipitaka" by U Ko Lay

"The Pocket Zen Reader" edited by Thomas Cleary



**DAIFUKUJI SANGHA PICNIC**

**Sunday, August 14, 2011**

**Keauhou Bay Park 9 a.m.**

**Food, Fellowship, Games  
More info in the August newsletter.  
Save the date!**

**Gift Shop Hours**



Sunday, June 26  
9:00 am – 10:00 am  
& 11:30 am – 12:30 pm

Saturday, July 9  
Bon Dance 6:00 pm – 10:00 pm

Sunday, September 11  
8:30 – 9:30 am & 10:30 am – 11:30

Sunday, October 9  
Same as above

Sunday, November 20  
9:00 am – 10:00 am & 11:00 am – noon

Sunday, December 11  
8:30 – 9:30 am & 10:30 am – 11:30 am

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Mahalo**

Dear Members  
and Friends of  
Daifukuji,



Thanks to your generosity and support, our temple's bazaar, held on May 15th, was a huge success, not only financially,

but also in the ways our sangha community pulled together & worked in harmony in preparation for and throughout the event.



We thank all of you for your generous donations and for the time, energy, and love that you all put into this event which benefitted our temple's building

fund. We are still working on the financial report for the bazaar and will make it available in the next newsletter. *Thank you, and gokurosama deshita.*

In gassho,  
Raymond Baltero, Renee Kimura,  
and Joyce St. Arnault  
*2011 Bazaar Co-Chairs*

## **Taking the Precepts** *by William Chigen Lundquist*

The Daifukuji Soto Mission will be offering a new way for members to study the 16 Buddhist precepts as a group, culminating in a lay confirmation ceremony next spring when all will receive Buddhist names. Several of us have already done so individually, and I'd encourage everyone else to join us.

Some may think, "Sixteen precepts? That sounds like I'll have to give up an awful lot of things. I've been a Buddhist all my life, but I don't want to become a monk. Is this really for me?"

Don't worry. I went through this whole process a couple of years ago, and no

one will ever mistake me for a monk. The ceremony is for lay people just like us. Your Buddhist name will give you something to aspire to. Rev. Jiko bestowed the Buddhist name "Chigen" on me. It means "foundation of wisdom." Now, you may be thinking, "I've met Bill, and he's kind of an idiot." Exactly. Having the name "foundation of wisdom" points me in the right direction and reminds me daily to think a bit more about what I am doing.

The same can be said for the precepts themselves. They are not the Christian or Jewish commandments, though some sound similar. I read one article that said the Sanskrit words for the Buddhist precepts can be translated to something like "mindfulness training." A further translation could be "present-moment awareness." The precepts are a gift from the Buddha, tools to help us live happier lives here and now.

Besides, you are probably already using many of the precepts in your life. The first three are taking refuge in the Buddha, Dharma and Sangha, something you do at every service at the Daifukuji. The next three are ceasing from evil, doing good, and living for the benefit of all beings. If you are a Daifukuji member, you probably already are, or want to be, this kind of person.

So we are left with 10 precepts, but unlike the famous Ten Commandments, these are not orders issued by a wrathful god who will punish us if we don't obey



them. The Buddhist precepts are there to help us be more aware of what we are doing in life. When we ignore them, we usually bring trouble and suffering to ourselves and others. That's karma.



The first of the 10 precepts is to affirm life and not kill. That, of course, is impossible.

If you eat, you are ending one kind of life for whatever becomes your food and changing it into something else. If you breathe, you inhale countless microorganisms with each breath. Like all the precepts, this one is there to help us stop and think about what we are doing. Some kinds of foods cause less suffering in the world than others. Even generals in wars know there are ways to win battles with less loss of life on each side. Intent counts. You may have to kill termites to keep your house standing, but you don't have to enjoy their deaths. The same for catching fish for dinner. There are always choices. The precepts help us think about them.

Second is respecting the property of others and not stealing. You probably aren't a burglar, but it might be worth thinking about this precept during a business deal. Third is honoring relationships and not misusing



sexuality. Even if sexuality is becoming more of a memory than a daily issue, there are plenty of other relationships that need to be honored. The fourth precept is manifesting truth and not lying, even to yourself.

So far you're probably thinking, "This is easy. I'm a good person. I've always lived this way." Great. See how easy this is? But the fifth precept is a little trickier: proceeding clearly and not clouding the mind with intoxicants. This is not to say you can't ever take another drink, but stop and think about what you are doing and why. You may save yourself and others some suffering. There are many other ways to cloud the mind too, including watching brutally violent movies or just about anything on TV these days. Just examine what you are taking into your body and mind before doing it.



Precept six is the tough one for me: being mindful of one's speech and not speaking of others' errors and faults. I'm critical of myself and others. In fact, my job as a newspaper reporter was to expose others' errors and faults, and I was really good at it. I know my life and the lives of others will be happier if I can be more mindful of this, so precept six is good medicine for me.

Precept seven, maintaining modesty and not elevating the self and blaming others ties right in with precept six. All of the precepts work together. Eight is giving freely and not withholding. This

applies to so much more than money, which you may or may not have much of. If you can make someone happy with a smile or kind word, don't withhold it. Nine is dwelling in equanimity and not letting anger take control of you. Mixing a bit of six, seven and nine is a good prescription for what ails me. Your blend will be different, but the precepts can improve your life.



The final precept takes us right back to the Three Treasures: always respecting the Buddha, Dharma and Sangha. This is something you already do, and your respect will grow when you put

the other precepts to work. Think of your lay confirmation ceremony as a vow renewal with the Buddha.

*(Application forms & brochures for the 2012 Buddhist Confirmation Ceremony are now available. There is a \$50 application fee. Please see Rev. Jiko.)*

## **M a u k a P a r k i n g P r o j e c t** *by Julia Crawford, Temple President*



Greetings members! I am writing with good news from the Board of Daifukuji. A project was recently approved which we believe will improve parking and safety at our temple. This month a

contractor will be expanding and grading areas on the mauka drive, behind the temple. This will result in much needed parking and improved drainage. A wall will also be erected on the temple side of the road to improve safety for those driving up and down the road. I am particularly excited about a new wheelchair access to the nokotsudo, enabling our members to safely visit the niches. In addition, the cemetery will have a new even walkway into its central area. We hope to continue to improve safe access to the cemetery for our members.

There's more. Areas will be graded and graveled at the top of the cemetery to create more parking. Some solar lighting will be incorporated along the mauka road for those walking and driving on the hill at night. These improvements may well be completed prior to the Bon Dance in July. Please consider parking in the mauka areas during upcoming events. It is a relaxing and pleasant walk down the hill. The hum of voices and the smell of good food from the temple kitchen will guide you down the hill. The walk back up is brief but invigorating.

The Board has devoted much time to developing a cost-effective plan that would improve parking for members and visitors. I would like to particularly thank those on the Parking & Cemetery Improvement Committee headed by Bob Shozan Bowman. Thank you also to Jill Teiho Wagner for her extensive contributions to this project and to you, our members, for your generous donations which make these kinds of projects possible.

## Japan Tour Opportunity (October 2 - 10, 2011)

A Soto Zen Buddhism International Symposium will be held in Tokyo, Japan in October of this year and the Hawaii Soto Mission Bishop's Office has put together a 9-day tour to Japan that will include attendance at this symposium.

The symposium registration fee, which includes 2 nights at the Tokyo Grand Hotel and 1 night at Daihonzan Sojiji Monastery and some meals and ground transportation, is only \$200.

The estimated cost of the tour is \$1,795 - \$2,350. This includes air fare, 3 nights at a hotel in Kyoto, 1 night in Tokyo, 4 breakfasts, and a Japan Rail Pass for 7 days.



The symposium, which will take place October 4-6, 2011, will be attended by Soto Zen priests, practitioners, and temple members from various countries and Japan. Scheduled

are a world peace memorial ceremony, keynote lecture by Associate professor Noriyuki Ueda, a panel discussion, tour of the Sotoshu Main Office in Tokyo, and a visit to Chokokuji temple where a ceremony and service will be held. With "Advance One Step Further: Soto Zen Opens the Way to the Future" as its theme, this symposium is a good opportunity to meet Soto Zen Buddhists from around the world.

Bishop Shugen Komagata has expressed his hope that many people from Hawaii will attend this International Symposium.

A spiritual event such as this one can bring good energy and strength to the Japanese people who are still suffering from the effects of the devastating March 11th earthquake and tsunami.

The final deadline for registration is August 31, 2011. If interested, please see Rev. Jiko for a tour itinerary and registration form.



### Buddhist Practice

**July 14 Zen Meditation (Zazen only)  
7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.**

**July 21 Movie "Peace is Every Step,  
Meditation in Action: The  
Life & Work of Thich Nhat  
Hanh 7:00 p.m.**

**July 26 Shakyo & Shabutsu:  
Tracing the Sutras &  
Pictures of Buddhas  
10:30 am - noon**

**July 28 Zen Meditation (Zazen only)  
7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.**

**For more information, call Rev. Jiko  
at 322-3524.**





## ***Summer Greetings from Rev. Jiko***

***Aloha, dear Sangha,***

Obon is one of the busiest times of the year at Daifukuji and many members have been helping with the cleaning of the temple and grounds, the preparation of the *O-toba* boards for memorial dedications, Bon dance practice sessions, and general preparations for the June 26th Obon service and July 9th Bon Dance. It is the time of year when families gather and visit the cemetery and *nokotsudo* (columbarium) to offer flowers and incense to their ancestors.

Obon is also a time for reflection, for thinking about who one's ancestors are, both one's blood and spiritual ancestors, and for looking deeply at the stream of life of which one is a part, a stream that has been flowing for thousands of years into the present and which will continue to flow for thousands of years into the future.

Obon is a time to think about one's mother and father, grandmothers and grandfathers, and about how they've each influenced one's life. Being human, each had his or her virtues as well as imperfections, and we have the capacity to open our hearts wide enough to embrace each one of them with compassion.

The joy of our ancestors has become our joy; their suffering, our suffering. They have transmitted to us patterns of thought and behavior that have become our strengths, as well as our weaknesses.

We need to see and acknowledge the qualities, both positive and negative, that we have inherited from our ancestors in order to understand who we are in our wholeness. From understanding, wisdom is born and suffering transformed into compassion.

Please join all of us in welcoming Rev. Lang and our Taishoji friends and hatsubon families to Daifukuji's Obon service on June 26 at 10 a.m. The guest speaker for this service will be my son, Ryan, who has been attending college in California and is home for the summer.

Obon is here and you are all in my heart. Beneath the *chochin* lanterns, let us gather on the 9th of July and dance with joy, sending waves of peace outward into our community and world.

In gassho, with aloha,  
Rev. Jiko

## **Coming Up in August**

**Project  
Dana.....August 10**



**Daifukuji Sangha Picnic at  
Keauhou Bay.....August 14 (Everyone  
invited. More information in August  
newsletter. Please save the date.)**

**Kannon-ko Service..... August 17**

# Mahalo for a successful bazaar!



Bazaar Manju Makers



Colbert & Tadao help out in the produce booth.



Class of 2011 Graduates from left to right: Taylor Nakamoto, Cody Sugai, Blaine Luiz, Nicolas Cetraro, Jacqueline Moctezuma, Thea Hanato-Smith, Amanda Abe, Rachel Miyata, Randal Smith



Bazaar crowd enjoying taiko performance



Members enjoying fellowship at the bazaar

# July 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 Obon Service 10 am	27 5:00 PM Youth Taiko	28 5:00 PM Adult Taiko 7:00 PM Bon dance practice	29 6:00 AM Zazen 5:00 PM Youth Taiko	30 9:00 AM Tai Chi Session 7:00 PM Bon dance practice	1 8:00 AM Samu 6:00 PM Adult Taiko	2 9:30 AM Kids Dharma Fun 10:00 AM Youth taiko-begginers
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10 8:00 AM Bon dance clean up	11	12 5:00 PM Adult Taiko	13 Project Dana 8:30 am 6:00 AM Zazen 7:00 PM Orchid Club	14 9:00 AM Tai Chi Session 7:00 PM Evening Zazen	15 8:00 AM Samu 6:00 PM Adult Taiko 7:00 PM Sangha Sisters	16 9:30 AM Kids Dharma Fun 7:00 PM Keei Buddhist Church Bon Dance
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