



Daifukuji Soto Mission

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*Treasuring the Past,
Embracing the Present*

March, 2011

Spring Higan & 33 Kannon Pilgrimage Service

Sunday, March 20

9:30 a.m.



At this annual spring service, everyone becomes a Buddhist pilgrim and visits the 33 Kannon temples of western Japan. 33 statuettes of the Bodhisattva of Compassion are displayed in the Kannon hall. The pilgrims walk around the hall, carefully stepping onto packets of earth from each of the 33 temples and bowing to each bodhisattva while the sutras are chanted. Looking into the faces of compassion, one prays for the awakening of compassion in one's own heart. It is our practice at Daifukuji to offer a coin to each of the 33 Kannon plus two more, so please bring **35 coins** to the service. A Dharma message will be given by Rev. Jiko.

All are invited to stay for lunch which will be prepared by the Fujinkai. If you'd like to donate desserts, side dishes, veggies, or other kinds of food, please inform Alfreida, 329-3457 (evenings).

The 33 Kannon will be set up on Saturday, March 19 at 8:00 a.m. and put away on Friday, March 25 at 8:00 a.m. We humbly ask for your

kokua and for donations of flowers, which may be delivered the morning of March 19 or the day before.

There will be no Kannon-ko service on March 16. However, from March 20-24, you are welcome to bring friends to the temple to pay homage to the 33 Kannon.

Namu Kanzeon Bosatsu

Pancake Breakfast Plant & Baked Goods Fundraiser

**Saturday, February 26
7:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.**

Daifukuji Social Hall
\$5.00 per ticket
(good for 1 breakfast platter)

Tickets available in advance at the temple office or at the door

Let's all support our Fujinkai's (Buddhist Women's Group) Fundraiser.

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



(left to right) Teiho, Julia, Lorraine, Jean, Joyce, Merle, Elaine, Rev. Jiko

Fujinkai Board Installation

On January 9, 2011, the following women were installed as Daifukuji Fujinkai officers:

President: Joyce St. Arnault
 Vice-president: Merle Uyeda
 Corres. secretary: Lorraine Tanimoto
 Rec. secretary: Jean Ikeda
 Treasurer: Elaine Fernandez
 Historian: Julia Crawford



Kona Daifukuji Taiko in Action

Welcome New Members

Our Daifukuji sangha extends a warm welcome to **Faith (Kurihara) Schill and Will Cape** who have recently become members of our temple.

Library News

by Clear Englebert



Mako, Our Lovely Ballerina

Children's books receive special attention---after all, Dogen entered the priesthood at age 12. The new children's books are colorfully illustrated Jataka tales, which are stories of the Buddha's previous lives that teach moral lessons and show that all beings have the Buddha Nature and can be seen as bodhisattvas. They are:

- "The Fish King: A Story About the Power of Goodness"
- "Wisdom of the Golden Goose: A Story About Appreciation"
- "The King Who Understood Animals: A Story About Using Knowledge Wisely"
- "The Magic of Patience: A Story About Kindness"
- "The Hunter and the Quail: A Story About Working Together"
- "Courageous Captain: A Story About the Power of Good Action"
- "Heart of Gold: A Story About Generosity"
- "The Monkey King: A Story About Compassion and Leadership"
- "A Friend to All: A Story About Kindness"

The other new arrivals are:

"Divine Stories: Divyavadana, Part 1" translated by Andy Rotman. This is an early Indian collection of thirty-six stories and two sutras which tell of the spiritual development of Buddhist devotees with special attention to their karmic legacy. It is a very readable translation that came out in 2008 and

makes available some of the most influential stories in the history of Buddhism.

“Zen is for Everyone: The Xiao Zhi Guan text” translated and adapted by Zhi Yi Michael Saso. This is from sixth century China, and is popularly known as beginner’s zen.

“Sacred Buddhist Painting” by Anjan Chakraverty. Tibetan tangkas are notoriously hard to understand. This delightful book explains how they are made and what they mean.

“The Force of Kindness (with CD)” by Sharon Salzberg

“Buddhism for Beginners” by Thich Thanh Tu

“How to Live Without Fear & Worry” by K. Sri Dhammananda

“You and Your Problems” by K. Sri Dhammananda

“Heart of Wisdom: A Commentary to the Heart Sutra” by Geshe Kelsang Gyatso

“Zen Physics: The Science of Death, the Logic of Reincarnation” by David Darling

“Zen Guitar” by Philip Toshio Sudo

“The Smaller Sukhavati-vyuha (and three other sutras)”



Family Sangha Singing “The Garden Song”

Zen Moon Rising

by William Chigen Lundquist



The Daifukuji

Zazenkai organizers of the Zen Moon Rising concert didn’t know whether to set up six chairs or 60. After all, they wondered, how many fans of the shakuhachi flute could there be in the Kona area? As it turned out, the crowd who showed up was double their most optimistic estimate, making the Feb. 5 concert one of the most successful Daifukuji events ever. Many pews had to be turned around to accommodate the audience that stretched from the Kannon Hall back past the front door. Some of the introductions and poetry did not reach those sitting at the very back, but all the music came through loud and clear.

Flautists Avram Novick and Manuel Roberto, in fact, took their identically tuned shakuhachi flutes through the audience at the beginning and end of the concert. Besides the processional and recessional, they performed a half-dozen other pieces, sometimes accompanied by the temple gongs of Rev. Dana St. Claire and sometimes by the harp of Bernice Roberto.

The music was every bit as Zen as zazen meditation. A very few people decided early on that it wasn’t their cup of green tea and quietly left. A few others were so relaxed by the breathy sound of the flutes that they nodded off now and then. Most people, however, found the music induced a calm but alert state, exactly

what we are all looking for in zazen. A common comment after the concert was that the hour went by unbelievably quickly. It was almost as if a single precious moment lasted for a full hour, then was gone.

To help preserve that magical mood, the audience was asked to refrain from applauding between numbers. They could instead raise their hands and wiggle their fingers to show their pleasure. At the end, instead of breaking the peaceful calm with the thunderous applause the musicians deserved, people simply wiggled their fingers and smiled.

Meet Our Temple Board



Julia & Rev. Jiko

“People are kind to each other at our temple,” says Board President Dr. Julia D. Crawford, a physician who enjoys music, gardening, and ancient history and who also serves as Fujinkai historian.



Ron on temple clean-up day

“I like the close-knit relationship of the board of directors and the temple members and friends, and also how services are run by Rev. Jiko,” says temple vice-president Ronald Iwamoto. Ron is an ABC Store manager who helps with Kona Daifukuji Taiko activities (he is married to taiko instructor Akemi Iwamoto) and who leads our twice-a-year general clean up days. He enjoys fishing, golfing, and beach activities. With Ron as v.p., we’ll have to plan a sangha beach day. Right, Ron?



Judie dusting the altar

Judie Fekete, our recording secretary, says that she enjoys the people, grounds, and a variety of activities at our temple. Now retired, Judie generously donates a lot of her time to Daifukuji: she’s part of the samu crew that cleans the temple every Friday and she also volunteers in the gift shop and temple office. Asked what her hobbies are, Judie says, “Working, studying, and practicing Buddhism.”



Elaine & her husband Julio

Cleaning the temple and spending time with friends and members is what Elaine Fernandez likes to do, in addition to putting together puzzles, watching t.v., and reading. Elaine serves our temple not

only as the board's correspondence secretary, but also as Fujinkai treasurer, Project Dana co-coordinator, and a member of the samu crew.



Joyce St. Arnault

Joyce St. Arnault, a retired nurse, says that she loves “our wonderful minister and sangha and the peacefulness of our temple.” Joyce’s dedication to Daifukuji is

unparalleled: she is our temple treasurer, Fujinkai president, UHSSWA president, Project Dana co-coordinator, a member of the Baikako choir, and a member of the Daifukuji Happy Strummers. What does she enjoy when she’s not at the temple? Joyce enjoys bowling, going to Las Vegas, and spending time with her family.



Renee R. Kimura

Assistant treasurer Renee Kimura is self-employed. She is a member of the Fujinkai & Happy Strummers, and serves as the treasurer for Kona Daifukuji Taiko. Renee enjoys Tai Chi and weaving and at the temple likes “partaking with the Fujinkai ladies in their activities.”

Next month, you’ll have a chance to meet some of the directors who serve on our temple board. Stay tuned.....



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

Shakyo: Tracing the Buddhist Sutas
 8:30 - 10:00 a.m.
 Sat., March 26
 April 23 (cancelled)
 Sat., May 28
 All supplies provided. No prior experience with brushwork required. Donations gratefully accepted.
Done in silence, Shakyo brings peace and harmony to body and mind & oneness with Buddha.
 To sign up, please call Rev. Jiko at 322-3524 or send an e-mail to rev.jiko@daifukuji.org.



Mahalo from Rev. Jiko

Dear Members and Friends,

Last week a member, who didn't have a car for a couple of days, hitchhiked back and forth between his home in Napoopoo and Daifukuji to volunteer his time to paint a back section of our temple that really needed painting. Today, another member appeared with a truckload of mulch, which she singlehandedly shoveled onto a slope of ground up at our cemetery, an area which will be beautified with bright purple flowers which are being propagated by another member who's in her 90's.

Day after day, I am truly humbled by the love, support, and dedication of our sangha. Thank you for supporting Daifukuji in so many different ways. Many of you have already sent in your 2011 donations and have contributed to our centennial fund. I am grateful for your generosity and for your faith in our mission. From my heart, I thank you very much.

When our previous minister, Rev. Tamiya, recently visited Daifukuji with his son, he walked the grounds, admiring our well-maintained buildings and yard. He was happy to see that Daifukuji, which he loved and served for 16 years, continues to be a vibrant temple community. The Family Sangha and Happy Strummers sang for him and the taiko group, which he and his wife started, played for him, and everyone brought delicious "kau kau" and shared words of aloha. It was a heartwarming reunion with Sensei and Sky, one which

made me once again realize how warm and loving our sangha is.

The world around us is filled with suffering and sorrow, but, thanks to all of you, we have a place of peace which we can call our spiritual home.

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

In gassho,
Rev. Jiko



Thursday Evening Zen 7 pm

(No session on March 3)

- March 10 Zazen & Dharma
- March 17 Zazen & Dharma
- March 24 Movie Night "Buddha's Lost Children" (Excellent documentary about a pro Thai-boxer turned Buddhist monk who cares for poor hill tribe children in Thailand)
- March 31 Zazen & Dharma

All are welcome. Please arrive 10 minutes early for zazen. Call Rev. Jiko (322-3524) for more information.

Coming Up in April...

- April 10 Hanamatsuri Service
- April 13 Project Dana
- April 16-17 UHSSWA Conference, Maui
- April 20 Kannon-ko service

Sangha Photo Gallery



March 2011

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- Sangha Sisters
- Youth Taiko
- Adult Taiko
- Family Service
- Major Service
- Temple Board
- Fujinkai
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- 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
27 8:00 AM Baikako Practice 9:30 AM Family Service	28 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 Happy Girls' Day 9:00 AM Tai Chi Practice	4 8:00 AM Samu 6:00 PM Adult Taiko	5 10:00 AM Youth Taiko-Beginners
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