



## Daifukuji Soto Mission

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*Treasuring the Past,  
Embracing the Present*

September, 2011



## Ohigan & Ryosoki Service

*Fujinkai General Membership Meeting*  
**September 11 9:30 a.m.**

All are invited to Daifukuji's autumn Ohigan and Founders (Ryosoki) service on September 11.

The autumnal equinox is a perfect time to reflect upon the Buddha's teachings of the Six Paramitas, the lives of **Dogen Zenji** and **Keizan Zenji** (the eminent spiritual teachers of our Soto Zen tradition), and the blessings received through our family ancestors. A Dharma talk on "Loving, Blessing, and Letting Go" will be given by Rev. Jiko Nakade.

A simple Zen meal, prepared by the Fujinkai, will be served following the service. Lunch will be followed by the Fujinkai's general membership meeting.

Please join us for a morning of meditation and sangha fellowship.

## September Workshops

*with Mrs. Faye Komagata*



Faye Komagata, the spouse of Bishop Shugen Komagata of Hawaii Soto Mission, will be coming to Kona the weekend of September 16 - 18 to

share with us her many talents and provide instruction at the following workshops.

## **Taiko Workshop for Adults**

Friday, September 16 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.  
Daifukuji Cultural Hall

Daifukuji Zen Taiko is sponsoring this workshop for adults interested in learning the art of taiko. Beginners are welcome. Please call Kris Yamauchi at 854-1625 for further information or to sign up.



Faye Komagata is the founder of Hawaii Matsuri Taiko, the first taiko group to be formed in Hawai'i in 1984.

## Baikako Plum Blossom Choir Workshop

Saturday, September 17 2:00 - 5:00 p.m.  
Daifukuji Kannon Hall



Members of the Daifukuji Baikako Choir and anyone interested in learning about the Baikaryu Eisanka form of singing meditation are invited to attend

this workshop. The singing is done in Japanese. For more information, please call Rev. Jiko at 322-3524. **Baikako members**, there will be a dinner with Mrs. Komagata at Teshima's following the workshop.

## Gatha Sing-along for the Entire Sangha

Sunday, September 18 10:00 - 11:30 a.m.  
Potluck Lunch to follow

Let's sing the teachings of the Buddha. Have you ever come to a service and wished you knew the gathas and songs? Here's your chance to learn some of them. Mrs. Komagata will be teaching us a variety of Buddhist gathas, including some that have recently been translated from Japanese into English.



Sponsored by the Daifukuji Fujinkai, this sing-along is for **everyone** -- temple members, Fujinkai members, children, Dharma friends, everyone! Bring the whole family.

The sing-along will be followed by a **potluck lunch** in the social hall.

## Welcome, New Members



With warm aloha, we welcome the following new members into our Daifukuji Sangha Ohana:

Daisuke, Shoko, Makana, and Momo Ioh

Richard Gentei and Sharon Diedrichs

## In Memoriam



To the family of the late Bernard Mochizuki, 82, who passed away August 4, 2011, we extend our deepest sympathy. Bernard, who was a truly dedicated supporter of the Dharma and who served as Daifukuji's temple president for 10 years, will be remembered for his spirit of selfless giving, generosity, friendliness, and service to our Kona community. He is greatly missed.

*Namu Shakamuni Butsu.*

## Offerings of Canned Drinks in the Nokotsudo

The Nokotsudo (Columbarium) Committee is requesting that offerings of canned drinks placed inside the niches be changed from time to time since there have been instances of the cans expanding and bursting. Thank you for your cooperation.

## Library News by Clear Englebert



The new arrivals are:

“The Training of the Zen Buddhist Monk”

by D. T. Suzuki. Some of Suzuki’s books seem scholarly and unapproachable, but not this one. It’s acknowledged to be one of Suzuki’s best books, and I agree completely. It’s much better than most I-was-a-Zen-monk-in-Japan kind of books, and there are lots of excellent illustrations.

“Passionate Journey: The Spiritual Autobiography of Satomi Myodo”. Myodo lived from 1896 to 1978, and she attained kensho under the guidance of Yasutani Roshi. The book is translated by Sallie King.

“Mudra: A Study of Symbolic Gestures in Japanese Buddhist Sculpture” by E. Dale Saunders. We often look at a Japanese Buddhist statue and wonder, “Why are the statue’s hands like they are?” or “What are the hands holding?” This excellent book will likely provide the answer.

“Buddhism: Religion of Freedom” translated by L.H. Tinh Hue and edited by Kathy Penrose. This is a perfect book for beginners.

“Suffering is Optional: Three Keys to Freedom and Joy” by Cheri Huber

“Hidden Spring: A Buddhist Woman Confronts Cancer” by Sandy Boucher

“Sakyadhita: Daughters of the Buddha” an excellent collection of essays, edited by Karma Tsomo.

## Searching for the Kaneyuki Family

Rev. Jiko is wishing to contact a member of the family of the late **Kanzo Kaneyuki**. If you have any contact information, please call Rev. Jiko at 322-3524.

## Pacific Buddhist Academy

Did you know that there is a Buddhist-inspired high school in Honolulu? The Pacific Buddhist Academy on Pali Highway graduated their fifth class of students in June and is raising funds to build new facilities to allow the school to expand its enrollment from 64 students to 120. As Buddhists, let’s do what we can to support Buddhist-inspired education in Hawaii. For more information, please contact the school at (808) 532-2649 or visit their website at [www.PacificBuddhistAcademy.org](http://www.PacificBuddhistAcademy.org).

### Zen Meditation

- \* Every Wednesday morning from 6:00 a.m. to 7:15 a.m. in the Kannon Hall.
- \* Two Thursday evenings in September: September 15 & 29. 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. (Chanting & Zazen)

Please arrive for zazen a few minutes early. Beginners are welcome. Please call Rev. Jiko at 322-3524 for further information or instruction.

## Buddhist Movie Night

*“Journey into Buddhism:  
Dharma River”*

September 22, 2011  
7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.  
Kannon Hall

*As the first documentary in the Yatra Trilogy (yatra being the Sanskrit word for pilgrimage), “Dharma River” takes us through legendary rivers to the greatest Buddhist temples & mystical sites of Laos, Thailand, and Burma. Admission is free.*



## A Sunny Day at Keauhou Bay

by Rev. Jiko

On the morning of August 14th when I arrived at Keauhou Bay Park with a van full of our Daifukuji kupuna, everything was ready for the picnic. There were chairs lined up facing the glistening bay, tents waiting to provide shade, tables set up for food, ice chests filled with cold drinks, and prizes arranged on a beach mat under a tall coconut tree. I knew that Ron Iwamoto and his ohana, Julia Crawford, and Ann Nakamoto of the picnic committee, as well as other temple members such as Clyde Ikeda, Shinkaku Marquis, Joyce St. Arnault, & Elaine Fernandez had gotten to the site early that morning with loads of stuff to set up ahead of time. *With a grateful heart, I thought, “What a fantastic group of volunteers!”*

The first sangha picnic was off to a good start. Immediately, Chirio found a shady spot from which he could view the bay, a place that held many good memories for him from small kid time, memories which he shared with me that day, while Miyeko and Yoshiko literally sank into comfy beach chairs. Seeing them seated, Masaru ran over and placed between



## A friendly reminder...

If you have not already done so, please send in your 2011 Daifukuji membership dues & donations. The form can found at: <http://www.daifukuji.org/newsletter/2011/feb11news.pdf>. In a few weeks a reminder letter & form will be going out to the members. If you have any concerns regarding this year's dues, please call Rev. Jiko.

Mahalo nui for your support!

them a tape recorder playing Japanese music that mingled with the sea breeze.

It was a perfect day for a picnic. Temple members arrived bearing delicious picnic fare until the long buffet table could hold no more. Ann gathered folks of all ages for the scavenger hunt and egg relay, while the cooks tossed burgers, hot dogs, and eggplant onto the grill. People fished, swam, and talked story. Bobo and Ryan played their ukuleles and sang. Everyone looked happy and relaxed. After lunch, Joyce called the bingo numbers and one after another, the winners went up to choose their prizes. I brought home a nice Hawaiian mug and a pair of little potholders. Thank you to all who brought prizes and food and thank you to Daifukuji for providing the rest.

For a first-time picnic of its kind, it was a great success. I'm hoping that we'll do it again next year and that more of you will join us. Our sangha ohana is slowly growing and I'd like everyone to get to know one another. In fact, I have a favor to ask of all of you. At temple services and events, please greet and welcome the new folks. People join our membership because they are looking for good friends who share their love for the Buddha, Dharma, and Sangha. Sometimes it is the case that they are living far away from their own families and relatives and are looking for a sangha family of which to be a part. Let us be that sangha family; let us welcome them all with aloha and kind words. **Onegai shimasu.**

Thank you very much to all who came to the Sangha Picnic and to all who worked hard to make it possible. We missed

those of you who could not make it that day and hope that you'll join us at a future event.

Summer is coming to an end and Ohigan is quickly approaching. Information regarding the Soto Zen Buddhist Confirmation Ceremony to be held in March of next year has been sent to all temple members. If you do not receive your packet by the end of the month, please give me a call. I'll put one in the mail for you. Dear sangha, please take care and be well. You are in my heart.

In gassho, with much gratitude,  
Rev. Jiko



## Coming Up in October...

- Daruma-ki Service.....October 9
- Project Dana.....October 12
- Fujinkai Field Trip.....Date to be announced
- Kannonko.....October 19
- Family Sangha Field Trip.....October 30



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July 25, 2011

Dear Hawaii Soto Mission members,

I hope that you are all in good health in the midst of the busy bon season.

The Bishop's Office is presently preparing for the International Symposium to be held in Japan on October 4-6, 2011.

One of the items that we are preparing for is an exhibition booth that will display photos, information, and also have a slideshow (on dvd) about the history and activities of Hawaii's Soto Mission.

We will also be bringing some products that are distinctive to Hawaii such as coffee, chocolate, macadamia nuts and leis to sell at the booth. The proceeds from the sale will be donated to the Japan Relief Fund.

Although, we know you have already made generous donations to the Japan Relief Fund, we would like to ask you once again for any amount of donations of products (chocolate, coffee, etc) or monetary donations to purchase these products.

We thank you very much for your generosity and understanding.

In Gassho,

Shugen Komagata, Bishop

Hawaii Soto Mission Bishop's Office

# Sangha Photo Gallery



Faye & Nancy at the KDOC's Orchid Show



Summer Dharma Fun Class



Project Dana Kupuna & Volunteers:  
August craft session taught by Sid & Gail



Playing Games at the Sangha Picnic



Midori, Danny Jr., & Elaine at Keauhou Bay Park

# September 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
- Bon Dance Group
- Teen Sangha
- Orchid Club

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 9:30 AM Family Service	29 5:00 PM Youth Taiko	30 6:00 PM Adult Taiko	31 6:00 AM Zazen 5:00 PM Youth Taiko	1 9:00 AM Tai Chi Session	2 8:00 AM Samu	3 10:00 AM Youth taiko-beginners
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18 Sing-along 10 am 11:30 AM Potluck Lunch	19 5:00 PM Youth Taiko 7:30 PM Happy Strummers	20 6:00 PM Adult Taiko	21 Kannon-ko 10 AM 6:00 AM Zazen 5:00 PM Youth Taiko	22 9:00 AM Tai Chi Session 7:00 PM Movie Night	23 8:00 AM Samu	24 10:00 AM Youth taiko-beginners
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