

Daifukuji Soto Mission

Treasuring the Past, Embracing the Present Looking forward to our 2014 centennial celebration!



79-7241 Mamalahoa Hwy., Kealahou, HI 96750

December, 2012

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8 Mornings of Zazen

December 1 - 8

6 a.m. - 7:15 a.m.

December mornings at the temple are peaceful, especially during the *Rohatsu Sesshin*, a period of eight mornings of zazen practice that begins December 1 and culminates December 8, the day of the Buddha's enlightenment.

The Daifukuji Zazenkai cordially invites you to join them on any number of mornings during this period. Everyone arrives in silence before 6 a.m. and selects either a chair or cushion (*zafu*) to sit upon. At 6 a.m., Rev. Jiko rings the starting bell. All is silent. After 25 minutes of zazen, there is 10 minutes of walking meditation called *kinhin*, followed by another 25-minute period of zazen. Just sitting. Quietly. Peacefully. In the darkness of a December morn. A morning service is held from 7 a.m. to 7:15.

Please join us. Loose-fitting clothing in subdued colors is recommended. Please, no shorts or tank tops. For more information, call Rev. Jiko at 322-3524.

Bodhi Day Service, General Membership Meeting, & Potluck

Sunday, December 9

9:30 a.m.

Jodo-e or Bodhi Day, the day of Shakyamuni Buddha's supreme enlightenment, will be observed on the 9th of December. A Dharma message will be given by Reverend Jiko Nakade.

A general membership meeting and potluck lunch will follow the service. Daifukuji members, please make an effort to attend this annual meeting and show your support of our temple.



Mochi Orders & Mochitsuki

Orders for mochi will be taken by Avis and Brian after the Bodhi Day service on Dec. 9. You may also place your order using the form on page 9. Orders will be processed on a first-come-first-serve basis. See page 9 for mochitsuki details. Help is needed starting at 5 a.m. & throughout the day on Dec. 28. *Onegai shimasu.*

Kannon-ko and Ofudayaki Services

Wednesday, December 19

10:00 a.m.



Ofudayaki, the ceremonial burning of sacred objects, will be held together with the last Kannon-ko service of the year at 10 a.m. on December 19. Please bring your old *omamori* (Buddhist charms), *ofuda* (house blessing cards), and other old burnable altar objects to the temple either before December 19 or on the morning of the service. Prayers of gratitude for the blessings and protection of the buddhas and bodhisattvas will be chanted while the objects are burned in the purifying flames. If you wish, you may toss into the flames a list of those things (negative thoughts, words, and actions) which you do not wish to carry into the new year. May all obstructions to enlightenment be purified. New *ofuda* and *omamori* will be available at the New Year's blessing services.



Fujinkai Field Trip to Waimea

by Lorraine Jitoku Tanimoto

On Saturday, October 27, 32 Fujinkai members and guests traveled to Waimea. There, the group visited the Waimea Homestead farmers market and later, the Waimea Town farmers market. Vendors sold at bargain prices – produce, preserves, baked goods, plants, T-shirts, cheese, massages, and food prepared at the spot.

At the Orchid People Cymbidium farm, owners Jennifer Snyder and Robert Harris gave a brief orientation about cymbidium growing. Members meandered between rows of orchid plants either to look or select and purchase plants and cuttings.



At the Parker public park, the group lunched on bentos and at the same time honored birthday lady Mrs. Kikue Sugai. Her daughter Sonya baked cupcakes to go with the celebration.



The last hour was spent at the Parker Ranch shopping center before departing for home. It truly was a day to relax, to shop and to socialize.

The Fujinkai thanks Lorraine for coordinating the field trip and Joyce for ordering the bentos. Mahalo!

In Memoriam

To the ohana of the late Elsie Fusae Teshima, 95, who passed away November 10, 2012, we express our sincere condolences.



To the family of the late Doris Tokiyo Yamauchi, 91, who passed away November 15, 2012, we extend our sympathy.

*Namu Shakamuni Butsu.
We surround you with our love.*

Welcome, New Members

Our Sangha warmly welcomes the following new members:



Don Erway

Rose and George Obana, Jr.

The Daifukuji Family Sangha welcomes **Joey, Xavier, and Nina Marshall.**

Bare Bones Writing Workshop by Jien McLaughlin

Tuesdays from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Feb 12, Feb 19, Feb 26, Mar 5, Mar 12 and Mar 19

The Bare Bones Writing Workshop is an open heart writing experience. This workshop is designed to access your inner raw voice and to express your authentic spirit. This is a workshop for all, no experience needed. Each class will begin with a meditation and we will do several writes that begin with a prompt. We will write fast and furiously to sprint past the ego and inner critic so we can unearth fruitful material that is held in the unconscious.

Based on the book, *Writing Down the Bones*, by best-selling author, Natalie Goldberg, a practicing Zen Buddhist, this workshop is not only therapeutic, but is a great way to connect with your inner spirit. This workshop will benefit both the inexperienced writer, as well as the seasoned writer trying to tap into deeper places of creativity and wisdom.

Jien McLaughlin, a recent member of Daifukuji, lives on the Big Island six months out of the year. She has a masters in Organizational Leadership and has led several workshops on the mainland in personal development including expressive open heart exercises, holistic health, and eastern philosophies.

Suggested donation to Daifukuji: \$5.00 per session. Bring a notebook and 2 pens.



Holiday Greetings from Rev. Jiko

Dear Daifukuji Members and Friends,

My family joins me in wishing you a very joyous holiday season. I am truly grateful for our Kyodan, Fujinkai and Taiko Boards' hard work throughout the year, for the Fujinkai members' hard work in the kitchen, for the loving and kind support received from Sangha members, for our samu crew's incredible dedication every Friday, for the assistance I've received from temple assistants Jill Teiho and Amy Jikai, and for EVERYTHING that each one of you has so generously done for our temple, making it the place of peace and goodwill that it is. Humbly, I bow my head in gratitude. Thank you very much. May your holiday season be filled with peace and love. *Namu Kie Butsu. Namu Kie Ho. Namu Kie So.*
In loving gassho,
Rev. Jiko

December Programs at Daifukuji

Zen Meditation

Zazen every Wednesday morning from 6:00 a.m. to 7:20 a.m.

Zazen on the following Thursday evening from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m:
December 13 (1 night only)

Rohatsu Sesshin: Eight consecutive mornings of zazen from Dec. 1 - 8 (see page 1)



Shakyo and Shabutsu: December 15 from 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

Tracing the sutras and pictures of buddhas and bodhisattvas harmonizes body, breath, and mind and brings peace and clarity. All materials are supplied.

Project Dana Senior Activity Morning: December 12

Temple seniors age 60 and above are invited to join Project Dana for once-a-month gatherings of fun and fellowship. Seniors, please bring a \$5 wrapped gift for the present exchange on December 12.



Family Services

Child-friendly family services will be held on December 2 and December 16 from 9:30 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. New families are always welcome. The Family Sangha will be taking a winter break starting December 23 and will resume January 13, 2013.

Daifukuji Baikako Plum Blossom Choir

Practice sessions for the Baikako will be held on December 2 and December 16 from 7:45 a.m. until 9 a.m.

Happy Bodhi Day and New Years

by *William Chigen Lundquist*



One of the customs I kept in my transition from Christian to Buddhist was writing letters at this time of year and sending them to friends in holiday cards. Since Rev. Jiko invited me to write something for the newsletter telling all our old friends at Daifukuji what we've been up to lately, I thought I'd write this holiday letter for you.

Our move back to Brookings, Oregon in July was the toughest ever. Pretty much every company involved in the move, from shippers to airlines to motels to rental agents to insurance companies, banks, utilities, you name it, let us down in small and big ways. I told Rev. Jiko I thought this might be due to multi-tasking. Few employees today know how to focus their concentration for 20 minutes or so at a time, like we do in zazen. Instead, companies reward people for attempting to do many things at the same time, none of them well, unfortunately.

The worst part was that we found our new rental house to be full of thousands of nasty biting fleas, and our rental agent was not very interested in the problem. It took six weeks of exterminator visits and constant vacuuming and cleaning on our part to finally break the life cycle of those amazing pests, but we did it. I felt a bit guilty, because I believe fleas have Buddha nature too, but either people or fleas could live in this house, not both.

In addition, this was the coldest summer in Brookings that anyone could remember. We had about four days in the 70s. Most of the summer we were stuck at 53 degrees, day and night. Because of the fleas inside, we were often exiled to the outdoors, with little to wear besides T-shirts and shorts because we had to constantly launder the fleas out of everything else.

During the worst of it, I was surprised to find that Buddhism offered little comfort. You can't really practice zazen while insects are stripping the flesh from your bones. I tried tapping into the "other" power of Amida Buddha by chanting the Nembutsu, but that didn't seem to help either. When friends asked how Buddhism was working out for me, I told them I thought "Chigen" had died in a house fire. The only bright spot was when Rev. Jiko called just when we needed encouragement most. I don't know how she always seems to know.

As things gradually improved and we were able to finally get some furniture together and set up housekeeping, I realized I was wrong. Buddhism had helped. At one time, I would have thought of nothing but revenge on those who had caused this situation and refused to help. Revenge, in fact, has long been a popular hobby in Brookings. I just don't have the heart for it anymore. I wanted to stop hurting, but I did not wish to hurt anyone else.

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I love the Buddhist saying, “Fall down seven times, get up eight.” I realized that Buddhism can’t keep me from falling, even from losing faith in it for a time, but it can help me get back up again and again. Chigen is alive and well.

Weather aside, which has only changed by getting wetter, we are now enjoying some aspects of being back in Oregon. Brookings has matured a bit. It now has a first-class Thai restaurant and a good Chinese one too, even a fine-dining establishment in an art gallery. Yet jeans, a flannel shirt and a three-day old beard are not only acceptable when dining anywhere, they actually seem to be the dress code. A couple of hours inland, the Rogue Valley has turned into quite a destination for foodies and wine enthusiasts.

Though we still live five hours from where we grew up, we have had more visits from old friends and relatives in the past three months than we did in the entire 12 years we lived here before. We loved the people we met in Hawaii, but I always noticed during temple events that most of the people had known each other from birth. We could never have that in Hawaii, but we do in Oregon. When we lived in Waianae, on Oahu, the native Hawaiians (who were always trying to convince the haoles to go home) used to say to us, “Don’t you miss your people?” It turns out we did, though now “our” people include those from all sorts of races, religions and cultures. As soon as we got off the plane in Portland I said, “Wow, there are a lot of haoles here.” It was a bit frightening.

In the end, we achieved what we set out to do. The state of Hawaii had cut teachers’ salaries so low that we were facing homelessness. Here, we are in the process of buying our own home. Turi likes being back with her old teacher friends here, but misses her third-graders in Holualoa. She misses having warm feet. I miss the temple activities and the friends I made at both the Daifukuji and the Kona Hongwanji temples. I miss the honu swimming up to me while I snorkel. They always seemed to like me.

I’m going to miss the New Years services at both temples, but we won’t forget any of you. We wish you all the very best in the coming year.

Interfaith Ministers Breakfast Meeting Hosted by Daifukuji

by Rev. Jiko Nakade

On October 30, 2012, Amy Jikai and I hosted a breakfast meeting for the Interfaith Ministers Group to which I belong. It was a pleasure showing our temple to ministers from various faith groups in our community. A scrumptious breakfast, funded by the Pacific Rim Foundation, was prepared by Fujinkai members Joyce St. Arnault and Elaine Fernandez, to whom I’d like to express my gratitude.



Through such meetings, friendship is promoted among the various churches and temples in our community and mutual understanding cultivated.

Coming Up in January...

New Year’s Blessing Services (Dec. 31 at 11:45 p.m. and Jan. 1 at 10 a.m.)

Fujinkai Hatsumairi Service & Luncheon.....January 6

Daifukuji New Year’s Party.....11 a.m., January 27



2013 Memorial Services Chart

One Year Memorial Service (2012)

Tadao Sugai	Jan. 5
Akinori Ota	Jan. 18
Evelyn Kadooka	March 2
Kikuno Asada	March 19
Ruth Nishida	April 24
Tatsuki Kusunoki	July 12
James Clendenon Jr.	Aug. 18
Carey Ushijima	Sept. 18
Bryan Hanato	Oct. 20
Elsie Teshima	Nov. 10
Doris Yamauchi	Nov. 15

3rd Year Memorial Service (2011)

Joann Tanimoto	Feb. 5
Sueno Honda	April 1
Fumi W. Nakamoto	Feb. 18
Sumie Jane Inaba	May 27
Bernard Mochizuki	Aug. 4

7th Year Memorial Service (2007)

Christine Marie Hanato	Jan. 22
Tsutomu Yamaguchi	March 10
Glenn Kimura	May 17
Allan Don	June 18
Shigeto Tanaka	July 18
Leatrice Miyasato	Oct. 26
Dale Gomes	Nov. 16
Nancy Watanabe	Nov. 23

13th Year Memorial Service (2001)

Robert Manji Asada	Jan. 3
Wayne Peternel	Jan. 25
Fujie Tanima	April 1
Joanne Ota	April 18
Carl Matsumoto	April 23
Frank Nishimoto	Aug. 26
Takeo Wakida	May 31
Hansa Miyata	July 27
Yoshio Asada	Nov. 24
Masaki Fukunaga	Dec. 7

17th Year Memorial Service (1997)

Ayame Sugai	Jan. 11
Kikuichi Torioka	March 1
Raymond Nakamura	April 15
Fumio Teshima	April 21
Clement Hamasaki	June 15
Chitose Abe	July 3
Minoru Akamatsu	Sept. 21
Ronald Kurihara	Dec. 10

23rd Year Memorial Service (1991)

Noboru Sugai	Jan. 15
Chester Nishida	Feb. 9
Sakuichi Arai	March 6
Francis Ota	March 14
Amy Harada	Nov. 14

27th Year Memorial Service (1987)

Fukie Enomoto	Aug. 1
Kotaro Yokoyama	Aug. 26
Kumahiko Honda	Sept. 19
Kimi Yamamoto	Dec. 22

33rd Year Memorial Service (1981)

Kishi Morihara	June 13
Miyuki Sasaki	Aug. 25
Itsuko Sasaki	Oct. 28
Hatsu Nakagome	Nov. 7
Tamae Tsuru	Nov. 25
Moto Ashikawa	Dec. 1
Umeno Amy Sumida	Dec. 7

To arrange a memorial service, please call Rev. Jiko at 322-3524. Services may be held at the temple or at your home. The names on this list are from the Daifukuji Record Book. Please inform Rev. Jiko of any errors. Thank you.

December 2012

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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
25 General Clean Up 8 am	26 5:00 PM Youth Taiko	27 5:00 PM Zen Taiko	28 6:00 AM Zazen 5:00 PM Youth Taiko	29 9:00 AM Tai Chi Practice 5:00 PM Zen Taiko	30 8:00 AM Samu	1 6:00 AM Rohatsu Sesshin 9:30 AM Beginners Youth Taiko
2 6:00 AM Rohatsu Sesshin 7:45 AM Baikako Practice 9:30 AM Family Ser-	3 6:00 AM Rohatsu Sesshin 5:00 PM Youth Taiko 7:30 PM Happy Strummers	4 6:00 AM Rohatsu Sesshin	5 6:00 AM Rohatsu Sesshin 5:00 PM Youth Taiko 7:00 PM Fujinkai Board	6 6:00 AM Rohatsu Sesshin 9:00 AM Tai Chi Practice 5:00 PM Zen Taiko 7:00 PM Board Meet.	7 6:00 AM Rohatsu Sesshin 8:00 AM Samu	8 6:00 AM Rohatsu Sesshin 7:30 AM Zazenkaikai Breakfast 9:30 AM Beginners
9 Jodo-e Service 9:30 Potluck, Meeting	10 5:00 PM Youth Taiko	11	12 Project Dana 8:30 am 6:00 AM Zazen 5:00 PM Youth Taiko 7:00 PM Taiko Board 7:00 PM Orchid Club	13 9:00 AM Tai Chi Practice 7:00 PM Evening Zazen	14 8:00 AM Samu 7:00 PM Sangha Sisters	15 9:00 AM Shakyo 9:30 AM Beginners Youth Taiko
16 7:45 AM Baikako Practice 9:30 AM Family Service	17 5:00 PM Youth Taiko	18	19 Kannon-ko 10 AM Ofudayaki 6:00 AM Zazen 5:00 PM Youth Taiko	20	21 8:00 AM Samu	22 9:30 AM Beginners Youth Taiko
23	24	25	26 6:00 AM Zazen 5:00 PM Youth Taiko	27 8:00 AM Mochitsuki Prep	28 MOCHITSUKI 8:00 AM Samu	29
30	31 New Year's Blessing 11:45pm	1 New Year's Blessing 10 am	2 6:00 AM Zazen 5:00 PM Youth Taiko 7:00 PM Fujinkai Board	3 5:00 PM Zen Taiko	4 8:00 AM Samu	5 9:30 AM Beginners Youth Taiko

2012 Daifukuji Mochi Order Form

Mochi Tsuki is scheduled for **Friday, December 28, 2012**

pick up from 9:30.a.m. – 3:00.p.m.

A fundraiser for the Daifukuji Soto Mission's Teen Sangha & Taiko Group

If you are not able to place your order at the Jodo-E service, please complete the information below and return promptly. Do not enclose payment; we will accept payment on pick up day, December 28, 2012. Please call the temple, 322-3524, with any questions.

While every effort will be made to accommodate our members and long-time customers, we will process orders on a first come first served basis. Once we are sold out, names will be added to a Wait List. Once we determine that we have extra mochi, we will call individuals from this list.

We enjoy being a part of your New Year tradition and truly appreciate your support!

We humbly ask for volunteers to help with our Mochi Tsuki. It has been said that Mochi Tsuki helps to keep everyone together because the mochi is so sticky. Although we will be starting at 5:00 a.m., we would welcome help throughout the day. Please stop by and join us.

Name: _____ Phone #: _____

Quantity Ordered	Item	Price	Total
	 Kagami Mochi	\$5.00 per set	

	Ko Mochi	\$5.00 tray of 10	
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Return form to: Daifukuji Soto Mission
79-7241 Mamalahoa Hwy.
Kealakekua, HI 96750
ATTN: Mochi Order

Grand Total	
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