

Daifukuji Soto Mission

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



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Ohigan & Ryosoki Service

Fujinkai General Membership Meeting

Potluck Lunch

September 9 9:30 a.m.

All are invited to Daifukuji's autumn Ohigan and Founders (Ryosoki) Memorial Service on September 9. The autumnal equinox is the 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 one's family ancestors. The Dharma talk will be given by Rev. Jiko Nakade.

Lunch will be a **potluck** affair, so please bring something to share. The **Fujinkai** temple women's organization will be holding its general membership meeting right after lunch.

Please join us on September 9th for a morning of meditation and peace.

“Roll-and-Buy” Sushi-Making Workshop



Sunday, September 16 1:00 p.m.

Daifukuji Social Hall

Daifukuji is famous for its tasty rolled sushi (*makizushi* in Japanese) which has been sold at numerous Fujinkai fundraisers, as well as our temple bazaars. Folks come from near and far to buy our delicious sushi.

On September 16, temple members & Fujinkai members will be given an opportunity to learn the art of sushi rolling from Daifukuji's expert rollers. **In lieu of a workshop fee, we ask that you buy the sushi that you make at \$3.00 a roll.** This is going to be a fun workshop at which we are hoping to train sushi makers for future fundraisers.

If you would like to learn the art of sushi rolling, please sign up by calling Joyce St. Arnault (329-3833) or Rev. Jiko (322-3524) before September 9th. (Fujinkai district reps will be calling the members of their groups.)



Fujinkai General Membership Meeting

A general membership meeting for all members of the Daifukuji Fujinkai women’s organization will be held at lunchtime following the temple’s Ohigan Service on **Sunday, September 9th**. At the meeting, the following topics will be discussed: (1) the sushi-making workshop on September 16, (2) an autumn field trip to the Waimea farmer’s market and “People’s Orchids” cymbidium farm on October 27, (3) the Fujinkai’s participation in the Kona Coffee Cultural Festival on November 10, and (4) the 2013 UHSSWA Conference in Hilo.

Lunch will be a potluck, so please bring something to share if you can.

The women of the Fujinkai have always been the backbone of the temple. For information about becoming a member, call Fujinkai president Joyce St. Arnault at 329-3833.



Youth Taiko Classes for Beginners

Kona Daifukuji Taiko Group will be starting a new series of beginner's classes for youth which will run from Saturday, October 5, 2012 through Saturday, January 12, 2013. In this introductory series, students will learn the basics of taiko and a song or two, and will have fun hanging out with other kids similar in age & finding out what Daifukuji Taiko is all about. Classes will be



every Saturday from 9:30 - 11:00 a.m. in the temple’s Hisashi Kimura Cultural Hall. If you know anyone between the ages of 9-18 years old who’s interested in signing up or if you have questions, please give taiko instructor Akemi Iwamoto a call at 989-8194.



Visit to the Life Care Center of Kona

On August 14, the Daifukuji Happy Strummers and Daifukuji Baikako groups sang for the residents of the Life Care Center of Kona in Keauhou with the hope that their soothing Buddhist hymns & familiar ukulele melodies would bring them feelings of peace and joy. Thank you, everyone, for sharing your love.

Zen Retreat Day



A silent day of meditation and dharma, brushwork, tai chi and yoga

under the leadership of Rev. Jiko Nakade, Philippe Hema, and Keith Olson, with shakuhachi music by Manuel Roberto. All are welcome. Wear loose, comfortable clothes, and bring something for our potluck lunch. Daifukuji is in Honolulu, next to Teshima's Restaurant. Suggested donation \$10. To register call 322-3524 by September 24th. Call for more information, or visit www.daifukuji.org.

Saturday, September 29, sign-in 8:30-9am thru closing circle at 3pm

Retreat Day Schedule (In silence...)

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| 8:30 - 9:00 a.m. | Registration |
| 9:00 a.m. | Opening circle in Kannon Hall |
| 9:30 a.m. | Zazen (Instructor - Rev. Jiko Nakade) |
| 10:00 a.m. | Tai Chi in Social Hall (Instructor -- Philippe Kakuho Hema) |
| 10:30 a.m. | “Shakyo” Tracing the Heart Sutra (Shakuhachi music by Manuel Roberto) |
| 12:00 noon | Silent Potluck Lunch in Social Hall |
| 12:30 p.m. | Service & sutra chanting inside temple & Dharma talk by Rev. Jiko |
| 1:00 p.m. | Zazen |
| 1:30 p.m. | “Kinhin” (Walking meditation) -- to be led by Clear Houn Englebert |
| 2:00 p.m. | Energizing Yoga with Keith Olson in the Hisashi Kimura Cultural Hall |
| 3:00 p.m. | Closing Circle in Cultural Hall |

Optional tea and conversation time.

The temple gift shop will be open at the end of the day. Attendees should plan to stay for the entire day thru the closing circle at 3 p.m. To register, call Rev. Jiko at 322-3524 by September 24th.

Library News by Clear Houn Englebert

There are four wonderful new DVDs in the library:

“Life of Buddha” by Martin Meissonnier

“The Knowledge of Healing” by Franz Reichle

“Amongst White Clouds” by Edward Burger

“Walk With the Master” hosted by Anita Ratnam

The other new arrivals are:

“The Simple Guide to Zen Buddhism” by Diana and Richard St. Ruth

“Hard Travel to Sacred Places” by Rudolph Wurlitzer

“The Traveler's Guide to Japanese Pilgrimages” by Ed Readicker-Henderson

“A Place in Space: New and Selected Prose” by Gary Snyder

“Good, Evil and Beyond: Karma in the Buddha's Teaching” by P.A. Payutto

“Among Buddhas in Japan” by Morgan Gibson

“Buddha Mom” by Jacqueline Kramer

“Buddha in Your Backpack: Everyday Buddhism for Teens” by Franz Metcalf

“Heart Sutra” by Mu Soeng Sunim

“For a Future To Be Possible” by Thich Nhat Hanh

“Chan Buddhism” by Peter Herschok

“Fundamental Wisdom of the Middle Way” by Nararjuna

“Japan: Ancient Buddhist Paintings” by UNESCO. This book is very tall and is kept with the oversize books at the north end of the library.



Daifukuji Temple Tour October 21

There will be a free tour of Daifukuji Temple on Sunday, October 21. It will begin at 2:00 pm and last approximately two hours. The tour will be guided by Rev. Jiko Nakade and Clear Houn Englebert. The history and meaning of the objects in and around the temple will be explained, as well as the architectural features of the building.

A similar tour was held several years ago and it's back by popular demand. Both newcomers and old-timers have questions about the unique things the temple contains, and here's your chance to ask those questions and learn. What is the origin of the two crests (mon) that are standardly used in Sotoshu? Why does an incense burner have three legs? What are the little dangly things that hang from the main light fixture?

The symbolism of the objects and their design is often a reminder of a Dharma lesson. Those lessons will be expounded in the tour so that being at the temple can be more meaningful. After the tour the gift shop will be open. The public is welcome.



The Daifukuji Family Sangha: Planting Dharma Seeds

by Rev. Jiko Nakade

When the temple bell is rung by Amy Jikai at 9:30 on Sunday mornings, the families line up on the temple porch and bow in gassho as they enter the main hall. After offering incense to Shakamuni Buddha, they proceed to the Kannon Hall where the weekly family services are held. Sitting in a semi-circle facing the Kannon altar, they sit quietly on their zabuton until the service begins. Looking around the room, one sees children, parents, grandparents, even a baby bouncing on his mother's back. They have all come to listen to the teachings of the Buddha.

“Good morning. Ohayo gozaimasu,” I say. A couple of children step forward to lead “The Kannon-sama Prayer.” *Here I stand, reaching for the light, blooming like a lotus, holding all beings in my heart, bowing to life, letting go my desires, receiving the light together with all beings.* Then, Midori Satoh leads us in singing a verse written by the Venerable Thich Nhat Hanh, a Vietnamese Zen teacher. We've created movements for both songs to introduce the children to the practice of yoga.

Yoga postures help in the focusing of the children's minds and in the settling of their bodies, bringing mind and body into a state of balance. Still standing, we reverently sing the “Vandana Ti-Sarana,” paying homage to the Buddha, Dharma, & Sangha, and then sit down for the main part of the service which includes zazen, sanpai, and the chanting of the sutras.

“Let's all sit like a Buddha,” I say. The children cross their legs, close their eyes, and join their hands in the cosmic mudra.” Zazen lasts for about a minute. Some sit still; others wiggle and giggle; the baby coos, still on his mother's back. Those who look around see their parents sitting in zazen, modeling the Way of the Buddha.

We chant the Enmei Jikku Kannongyo and the dedication of merit (eko) in both Japanese and English. The children who have been coming to the temple for a number of years chant from memory. We sing songs to the strumming of the ukulele -- most recently, songs composed by Ryan Jigaku -- and listen to a Dharma talk given by one of the Dharma School teachers. Currently, Dharma School sensei Gentei Diedrichs is giving talks on the Six Paramitas, always with a story that the children enjoy.

The family services conclude with everyone rising and singing "The Shomyo," cleaning up, and then gathering on the temple porch for refreshments. Before eating, we sing a tune of gratitude called "Mealtime Meditation."



Once a year, Daifukuji's family sangha goes on an educational field trip and once a year, we go on a beach picnic. Last year, our group performed at an Interfaith service that was held on the eve of Thanksgiving, giving the children an opportunity to be amongst other religious groups in our Kona community.



Reverence for the Buddha, Dharma, and

Sangha. Respect for parents, teachers, and friends. Kindness to all beings. These are the values that hold the Daifukuji Family Sangha together.

Family Sangha Field Trip September 23

On Sunday, September 23, the Family Sangha will be going on a field trip to Mayumi Oda's Ginger Hill Farm in Kealahou. There will be no service that morning. Family Sangha, please meet at Ginger Hill Farm & Retreat Center at 10:00 a.m. You may bring refreshments to share with all after the farm tour.

Ginger Hill Farm is located makai of the Konawaena Elementary School in Kealahou: <http://www.gingerhillfarm.com/home>.

New families, as well as interested individuals, are invited to join the Family Sangha.

Please call Rev. Jiko (322-3524) for further information.



The kupunas enjoyed the food & fellowship.



The games were a lot of fun.

Sangha Picnic Mahalo

One couldn't have asked for a sunnier day for a picnic. The sky on August 19th at Keauhou Bay Park was clear and blue. Mahalo to everyone who joined us that day, to those who transported tents and chairs, set up, flipped burgers, brought food, donated prizes, cleaned up, and provided transportation for the kupuna. A special mahalo to picnic co-chairs Ann Nakamoto and Ron Iwamoto. What a wonderful day under the sun it was! Those of us who arrived early were even treated to the rare sighting of a Hawaiian monk seal swimming in the bay. Mahalo nui to all!



Here's Makana wearing a lei that her group made.



Rev. Jiko holds up her group's lei.



Blow, Nancy, blow!



Joyce, Akemi, & Ron were in charge of burgers and prizes.



September Dharma Programs

Zen Meditation (Zazen) & Chanting

* Every Wednesday morning from 6 a.m. to 7:15 a.m. in the Kannon Hall

* The following two Thursday evenings from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the Kannon Hall:

September 6 and September 20

Please arrive a few minutes early. Beginners are always welcome. Call Rev. Jiko at 322-3524 for information or to arrange an appointment for instruction.

Buddhist Movie Night Featuring “Enlightenment Guaranteed” -- Thursday, September 13

At **7:00 p.m.** on Thursday, September 13, we will be watching a funny movie about two German brothers whose midlife crisis lead them both to Japan where they eventually end up at a Soto Zen monastery. 1 hr 45 min. No charge for admission. Bring a mug for tea.

Shakyo and Shabutsu: Tracing the Sutras and Pictures of Buddhas--Sept. 22 at 9 a.m.

The tracing of the Heart Sutra (Hannya Shingyo) is a meditation that brings one into the present moment. One may choose from a number of different pictures of buddhas and bodhisattvas such as Ojizosama or Kannon-sama. Brushes, ink pens, and paper are provided. Join us for an hour and a half of an activity that brings tranquility to body and mind.

Zen Retreat Day

Saturday, September 29 from 9 a.m. thru 3 p.m. Registration required. Please see page 3 for detailed information. Offered by the Daifukuji Zazenkai.

Dharma programs are free and open to the public. Offerings may be given.

A Message from Rev. Jiko

Watching the documentary “Aloha Buddha” with members of our sangha the other night, I once again became keenly aware of how religious forms and expressions change over time in response to the changing conditions of society and the world. I was also deeply touched by the unstinting efforts of the late Bishop Yemmyo Imamura of the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii, a Buddhist visionary who had the foresight and courage to implement changes within his institution to better serve the *nisei* temple members of his time. Because he was respected by the Japanese Buddhist community, he gained their support and was able to progressively move ahead, create English materials, build temples using Indian architecture to show Buddhism’s religious roots as well as its universality, and design a westernized style of service that appealed to the second-generation Japanese-Americans. I suspect that while these changes were being made, not everyone was happy with them: we know all too well that transitions are often painful, turbulent, and fraught with opposition. Still, Bishop Imamura persevered and his efforts resulted in positive changes for the Buddhist communities in Hawaii. Buddhism flourished. Being an instrument for change takes wisdom, faith, and courage, as well as the support and respect of the people.

I believe that our Soto Zen bishops of the past also embraced change with strength of heart, compassion, and flexibility. Each generation has to make decisions about what to preserve, what to discontinue, and what new religious forms to bring in. As our sangha prepares for our 2014 centennial, we, too, need to think about who we are, where we are heading, what our vision for Daifukuji is, and by what skillful means we can offer our temple as a place of Buddhist practice.

I pray that, as a sangha united by our love and respect for one another, we will be able to move forward with wisdom, faith, and courage. *May the Buddha-Dharma flourish in Hawaii, bringing peace to the hearts and minds of all. Namu kie butsu. Namu kie ho. Namu kie so.*

With much aloha, in gassho,

Rev. Jiko

Coming up in October...

- October 7 Daruma-ki & Eitaikyo Services
- October 10 Project Dana’s 5th Anniversary
- Oct. 13-14 Ministers and Jizokukai meetings, HSMA Fall Meeting hosted by Waipahu Taiyoji Soto Mission
- October 17 Kannon-ko Service
- October 20 Shakyo Session
- October 21 Daifukuji Temple Tour
- October 27 Fujinkai Field Trip to Waimea



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- Orchid Club

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