

Daifukuji Soto Mission

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



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Happy Buddha Day!

HAIB Buddha Day Celebration at Kona Hongwanji



Sunday, April 7 10:00 a.m.

Guest speaker: Dr. Patricia Masters

Let's join fellow Buddhists from around the island at a Buddha Day Celebration to be held at 10 a.m. in the **Kona Hongwanji Social Hall** on April 7th. Sponsored by the Hawaii Association of International Buddhists (HAIB) & Kona Hongwanji, this event will feature a talk given by HAIB president, Dr. Patricia Masters.

The Daifukuji Baikako Plum Blossom Choir and Daifukuji Family Sangha choir will be singing in the program. Other Buddhist groups will be offering songs, verses, and chants.

Hawaii Island HAIB coordinators, Rev. Shoji Matsumoto & Rev. Jiko Nakade, warmly invite everyone to this Buddha Day Celebration, the purpose of which is to foster friendship & understanding among Buddhist groups. Flowers for the *hanamido* are needed the **morning of April 6th**. Please call Rev. Jiko at 322-3524 if you have flowers to donate.

Happy Hanamatsuri!

Buddha Day at Daifukuji

Sunday, April 14

9:30 a.m.

Dharma message by Jill Teiho Wagner



Shakyamuni Buddha was born on the 8th of April in Lumbini Garden in northern India (present-day Nepal) almost 2,600 years ago. Today, we celebrate his birth by pouring sweet tea over a small statue of the baby Buddha to remind us of the sweet rain that fell from the heavens at the time of his birth.

The Dharma message will be delivered by Jill Teiho Wagner. Lunch will be prepared by the Daifukuji Zazenkai. Desserts and fruits are welcome.

Flowers are needed to decorate the *hanamido* (flower shrine) and also for the altars. **Please deliver flowers by the morning of Friday, April 12.**

Hanamatsuri means "festival of flowers." Please join our Sangha in celebrating the Buddha's birth.

All are welcome!



News from the Daifukuji Fujinkai Women’s Association

Pancake Breakfast Mahalo



We would like to thank the public who came out to support our Fujinkai pancake breakfast fundraiser & plant and baked goods sale on February 23, 2013. It would not have been successful were it not for the dedication of our hardworking Fujinkai members.



Team III thanks everyone for their hard work, as well as for the donations of ingredients, plants, and other items. We also appreciate the generous monetary donations received. The net profit came to \$3,368. How very fortunate we are to have such great Fujinkai members!

It was wonderful seeing temple members, friends, and folks from the community enjoying a leisurely breakfast together and socializing at the temple on a Saturday morning.

Thank you again.

In Gassho,

Fujinkai Team III



Donations Needed for UHSSWA Country Store Fundraiser

The 48th annual United Hawaii Soto Shu Women’s Association (UHSSWA) Conference will be held on April 20th and 21st with Taishoji Soto Mission of Hilo’s Fujinkai hosting this year’s gathering. Rev. Jiko and twenty-three Daifukuji members will be attending this conference and taking items to sell at the UHSSWA’s Country Store Fundraiser.

Donations of avocados, Kona Coffee, mac nuts, mango pickles, and fruit preserves (dried bananas, prune mui, dried starfruit, & shredded mango) would be greatly appreciated. If you’d like to contribute any of these items, please call Joyce at 329-3833 or Rev. Jiko at 322-3524 by April 17. The Fujinkai thanks you for your support.



Bazaar to be Held May 5

Preparations are underway for this year's building fund bazaar, which is being coordinated by Joyce St. Arnault (329-3833) and Ron Iwamoto (322-9147). **Items for the bazaar may be dropped off in the social hall**

from Monday, April 22 until Friday, May 3.

Please see page 9 for this year's bazaar guidelines and page 10 for a list of the committee chairpersons.

Special Evening Program Held at Daifukuji

A special program was held at Daifukuji on Friday evening, March 8. The program began with words of welcome by Rev. Jiko, who explained that although Rev. Dai-En Bennage's Hawaii Dharma Tour had to be cancelled due to illness, an alternate program had been put together with the help of many people; particularly, the Daifukuji Zazenkai.

Rev. Jiko's introduction was followed by the ringing of the temple bell by Amy Jikai and a shakuhachi and harp performance by Manuel and Bernice Roberto that deepened the serenity of the atmosphere inside the temple. After this offering of exquisite Zen music, the Sangha chanted the Hannya Shingyo, also known as the Heart of Great Perfect Wisdom Sutra, dedicating the merit of the chanting to the healing of the earth, wind, land, and waters, to the awakening of all peoples, and to the alleviation of the suffering of all sentient beings.

The highlight of the evening was a presentation on water & their crystals by world reknown author Dr. Masaru Emoto, who spoke about the effect that our thoughts, words, and vibrations have on water, including the large amount of water in our bodies. He spoke about his research and discoveries revealed through photographs capturing the formation of water crystals in response to various words, sounds, music, and intentions. Simply put, expressions of love and gratitude lead to the formation of beautifully formed, well-developed water crystals, whereas expressions of anger and negativity result in the formation of deformed crystals.

In particular, Dr. Emoto showed photographs of water that had been exposed to the kanji characters of the Hannya Shingyo and to a recording of the chanting of the sutra by a group of Shingon Buddhist monks on Mt. Koya. He generously donated a copy of his book *Mizu Ga Kotaeta "Hannya Shingyo"* to Daifukuji. This book, which includes a DVD, will be placed in the Japanese section of the temple's lending library.

We thank Dr. Emoto, his assistants Gen and Yumi Morita, Manuel and Bernice Roberto, and the members of the Daifukuji Zazenkai for an evening of tranquility and peace.



From left to right: Gen & Yumi Morita, Manuel Roberto, Dr. Emoto (center), Bernice Roberto, Rev. Jiko Nakade, & Amy Jikai Nakade



Welcome, New Members

The members of the Daifukuji Family Sangha happily welcome Heidi, Noah, and Naomi Nikolai.

In Memoriam

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of the late Herbert and Jane Okano who passed away on March 13, 2013.



*In this time of great sorrow,
we surround you with our love.
Namu Daihi Kanzeon Bosatsu.*



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KONA DAIFUKUJI YOGA

8 Thursdays, 7:30 - 8:45 am

Mar. 21, 28 April 4, 11, 18, 25 May 9, 16

**Open to: Members & Kona Community
Beginners & Experienced
Drop in or Whole Series**

**Bring: Yoga mat, loose clothing, empty
stomach & "Dana" = "love offering"**



Instructor: Ambika "Jo-An" Rose

I have been teaching yoga for some 30 years. The "Style" is Amrit Yoga, an authentic, meditative exploration of pranic [Chi] energy through alignment, extension, and intention. Following postures we pause: relax, breathe, and "let go!"

For questions call: (808) 430-2620

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**Please mark your calendars
for these upcoming events...**

HAIB Buddha Day Celebration

*A Gathering of Buddhists from
Around the Island*

Sunday, April 7 10:00 am.

Kona Hongwanji Social Hall
Speaker: Dr. Patricia Masters

Daifukuji's Hanamatsuri Service

Celebrating the Buddha's Birth

Sunday, April 14 9:30 a.m.

Speaker: Jill Teiho Wagner

Lunch preparation by Daifukuji
Zazenkaï

Daifukuji Bazaar

Our Biggest Fundraiser

Sunday, May 5 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Items may be dropped off April 22 -
May 3



Teiho received a certificate from Bishop Komagata & Kenneth Kunisaki at the Hawaii Soto Mission Association meeting in Honolulu.



Daifukuji Board president Stephen Tanaka presented a congratulatory gift to Jill Teiho at the Spring Higan service.

Congratulating Jill Teiho Wagner

Our Daifukuji Soto Mission Sangha extends our congratulations to Jill Teiho upon her completion of the Hawaii Soto Mission Association's lay temple assistant training program. At the HSMA's spring meeting which was held on February 17 at the Pagoda Hotel in Honolulu, a ceremony was held during which Teiho received a certificate from Bishop Shugen Komagata and the Hawaii Soto Mission Association.

At our temple's Spring Higan service on March 17, a congratulatory gift was presented to Teiho by Stephen Tanaka on behalf of the Daifukuji Board and Sangha, while Rev. Jiko expressed her gratitude for Teiho's dedicated service to the Three Treasures and Daifukuji community.

The Lay Temple Assistant Program by Rev. Jiko Nakade

The Hawaii Soto Mission Association offers two types of training programs: (1) the ministerial training program that results in the trainee becoming an ordained Soto Zen minister in Hawaii and being awarded the title "reverend," and (2) the Lay Temple Assistant Program, instituted in 2008 with the support of Bishop Jiho Machida and the Soto ministers of Hawaii, which allows a lay member to receive training under the guidance of his or her minister for the purpose of serving as a lay assistant to that minister. Upon completion of this second program, the trainee receives the title "Lay Temple Assistant."

Let me describe to you the ways in which a lay temple assistant can assist his or her minister. He or she can lead weekly and monthly services such as Sunday School Family Services and Kannon-ko services, as well as conduct bedside services after death (called *makuragyo* services in Japanese) when a minister is not available to do so. He or she can also lead *zazen* sessions when asked to do so and can assist the minister at major services, memorial services, and blessing ceremonies. The lay temple assistant can serve his or her minister and sangha in a variety of ways, which include overseeing the cleaning of the main temple hall (*hondo*) and proper set up of the altars, and helping to prepare Dharma materials and other kinds of materials for sangha activities. Especially at temples that do not have a resident minister, a lay temple assistant can be a tremendous asset in keeping the temple going.

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Continuation of “The Lay Temple Assistant Program”

Although a lay temple assistant has many responsibilities at the temple, he or she is not responsible for officiating major services such as funerals, memorial services, weddings, or blessings. These responsibilities, along with overseeing the administration of the temple and providing spiritual counseling at the temple are solely the responsibility of the minister.

The training of a temple assistant takes a minimum of 12 months; in some cases, several years, depending upon the circumstances. The minister makes a commitment to mentor the trainee; the trainee makes a commitment to learn what is required. Ideally, the relationship between the minister and the lay trainee is one of mutual respect.

At the Spring HSMA meeting that was held at the Pagoda Hotel on February 17, a ceremony was held in honor of Jill Teiho Wagner, who fulfilled the requirements of this program. I am grateful to have a lay temple assistant who’s as sincere as Teiho and who aspires to serve the sangha in many ways. My daughter Amy Jikai of Daifukuji & Arden Daishin Loomis of the Betsuin have also begun this journey of training, and have been recently joined by Thomas Kirkpatrick of the Taishoji Soto Mission. Of course, we can never forget the loving service provided by our first lay temple assistant, the late Helen Jikyu Kishi of the Ryusenji Soto Mission of Wahiawa. The gifts of love & service provided by such individuals are as deep and pure as the sound of the temple bell. What a blessing our lay temple assistants are!

Gift Shop News by Clear Houn Englebert

The gift shop has an unusual antique scroll. It’s Kannon, painted by the great Obaku Zen monk, artist, and calligrapher Mokuan Shoto, who was born in the Fujian Province of China in 1611 and died in Nagasaki in 1684. He is one of the three most famous calligraphers of Obaku, which is the smallest Zen denomination in Japan (Soto being the largest). Obaku is related to Rinzai, and like Rinzai had the support of the samurai. (Soto was called the Zen of the farmers.)

Mokuan was 18 when he was ordained, and one of his teachers was Zen Master Ingen who later immigrated to Japan, fleeing persecution from the conquering Ching armies. At Ingen’s request, Mokuan came to Japan in 1655, and became Ingen’s senior disciple. He founded 24 temples, including Zuishoji that became Obaku’s headquarters in Edo (now Tokyo). Many of the Obaku monks who fled from China were accomplished calligraphers and are credited with introducing to Japan the forceful, elegant calligraphic style of the late Ming Dynasty. The calligraphic influence is obvious in the folds of Kannon’s robe. Mokuan’s body is enshrined at Manpukuji, a major monastery that he and Ingen co-founded.

Mokuan’s legacy, both artistic and spiritual, was substantial and long lasting. He ordained thousands of women and men, both lay and monastic, and had 46 Dharma heirs, most of them Japanese. His art and calligraphy is in some of the world’s most famous museums. This unique scroll has one of the bottom roller ends missing and is priced at a bargain of \$300.



Pineapples & Papayas Needed

Ripe pineapples and papayas are needed for the jams and jellies that are being made for the bazaar. If you have some to donate, please drop them off at the temple by Friday, April 5.

Jam making will begin at 8 a.m. on Saturday, April 6. Volunteers are welcome. For more information, call Ann at 322-2601.

Coming up in May...

- May 4 Bazaar Set Up
- May 5 Bazaar
- May 8 Project Dana
- May 15 Kannon-ko
- May 26 Memorial Day Service & Blessing of the Graduates



Rev. Jiko welcomes everyone during the Opening Circle at the beginning of the retreat.

Zen Retreat Held

On March 9th, a group of forty Zen practitioners from Daifukuji and around the island spent a day in silence, sitting in zazen, walking, eating, doing yoga, listening to Dharma talks, and tracing pictures of buddhas and bodhisattvas. The only time that they used their voices during this one-day retreat was during the chanting of the sutras and Buddhist verses.

Wearing name tags that bore the words “In silence.....” followed by their names, they moved wordlessly from one activity to the next in the spirit of zazen. A big mahalo goes out to the Daifukuji Zazenkai for sponsoring this retreat and to the many participants who offered their mindfulness and compassion.



Zazen Adventure

*Sink into silence
Sleepy foot yearns for bell strike
Closing comes too soon*

*-- Mary Park -
(Zen Retreat Participant)*



Shakuhachi & harp music by Manuel & Bernice Roberto provided a tranquil atmosphere for shabutsu.



A Labor of Love *by Rev. Jiko Nakade*

Last month I wrote about the orchid garden that the Kona Daifukuji Orchid Club offered as a centennial gift to our temple. Today I am showing you a photo of this narrow, rocky strip of earth that lies between the Kannon Hall and columbarium. KDOC members have done a tremendous amount of backbreaking work moving stones and creating an access path. It is a labor of love, a gift to the temple for which I am truly, truly grateful. I pray that the work will be accomplished in the spirit of cooperation, respect, and harmony and that all involved will be safe and happy. May this garden be a garden where peace is cultivated, where the seeds of kindness are watered, and where compassion and joy flower. This is my prayer for this orchid garden.

April Dharma Programs

Zen Meditation (Zazen)

- * Every Wednesday morning from 6 a.m. to 7:15 a.m.
- * The following two Thursday evenings from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.: April 11 and April 25
- * The following Saturday from 7:00 a.m. to 7:30 a.m.: April 13 (before the Precepts Study Session)

Please arrive a few minutes early. Beginners are welcome. One may choose to sit on either a chair or cushion (zafu). Call Rev. Jiko at 322-3524 for further information or to arrange an appointment for basic instruction in the practice.

Last Precepts Study Session

- * Saturday, April 6 from **11:00 a.m. to noon**

Join us as we explore, discuss, and reflect upon the Sixteen Bodhisattva Precepts of the Soto Zen tradition. All are welcome. Study materials are provided. Bring a mug for tea.

Buddhist Movie featuring “Gate of Sweet Nectar: Feeding Hungry Spirits in an American Zen Community”

Please join us on Thursday, April 18 at 7 p.m. to watch this DVD on the Gate of Sweet Nectar (*Kanromon*) ceremony that takes place at the Zen Center of Los Angeles. A gift from Wendy Egyoku Nakao Roshi. Bring a mug for tea.

These programs are open to all. Donations may be placed in the small wooden offertory box on the table. Call Rev. Jiko at 322-3524 or email her at rev.jiko@daifukuji.org for more information.

Daifukuji Soto Mission Bazaar
Sunday May 5, 2013, 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Guidelines for the Bazaar:

1. **Donations** may be dropped off at the Daifukuji Hall **from April 22 to May 3 2013**. Place items inside the hall with the donor's name and address. **We are NOT able to accept old computers, large electronic equipment, exercise equipment or large appliances.**
2. Please have all rummage items cleaned. Clothing should be washed.
3. Donation of Live Plants may be dropped off on Saturday May 4th or by 7:00 a.m. on Sunday May 5th.
4. Donation of Vegetables and other perishables may be dropped off Saturday May 4th by 4:00 p.m.
5. Donation of baked goods and food items may be dropped off Sunday May 5th by 7:00 a.m. Please label all food items and also include donor's name.
6. All Bazaar sale items are final; no refunds, returns or credits.
7. All members please refrain from purchasing items until 11:00 a.m.
8. All members please wear your Daifukuji T-shirts. See Rev. Jiko to purchase shirts.
9. The Snack Shop and Temple Gift Shop will open at 8:00 a.m. on the day of the bazaar. All other units will open at 9:00 a.m.
10. Workers/members' vehicles should be parked at the cemetery area. Car Pool if possible. If you need your car parked, please fill out and attach identification tag to your keys for our parking staff. Key identification tags will be provided.
11. Lunch will be provided to all workers. Meal tickets will be issued to each unit Chair by Avis Yamamoto.
12. At closing, each unit is responsible for cleaning their respective areas.

Daifukuji Soto Mission Bazaar
Sunday May 5, 2013, 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

BAZAAR CHAIRPERSONS:

Secretary: Joyce St. Arnault (329-3457)
Ronald Iwamoto (322-9147)
Avis Yamamoto (322-3167)
Advisor: Rev. Jiko Nakade (322-3524)

BAZAAR COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS:

Publicity & Signs	Brian Yamamoto (322-3167), Mike Asada ((323-9747)
Finance	Joyce St. Arnault (329-3833), Renee Kimura (329-3457)
Program	Bobby Command (895-2416), Rev. Jiko (322-3524)
Food	Michiko Enomoto (329-2055), Elsie Mochizuki (329-3316), Ann Nakamoto (322-2601)
Produce	_____
Garden Shop	Lorraine Tanimoto (unlisted), Hilda Sugai (322-2958)
Clothing	Elaine Fernandez (322-2084)
Household & Misc.	_____, _____
Books & Toys	Barbara Bosz (325-3171)
Crafts & White Elephant	Joyce St. Arnault (329-3833), Jean Ikeda (322-4058),
Children's Activities	Midori Satoh (325-1787)
Massage Center	Reiko Sekine (334-1127)
Auction	Jan Bovard (322-2167)
Snack Shop	Akemi Iwamoto (322-9147)
Set-up	Myles Ikeda (322-4058)
Electrical/PA System	Kusato Okayama (329-4346)
Security/Parking	Stephen Tanaka (322-2543)
First Aid	_____
Holding Area	Brian & Avis Yamamoto (322-3167), Clyde Ikeda (322-3293)
Workers' Lunch	Alfreida Fujita (329-3457)
Clean Up	ALL MEMBERS

- **Additional help is needed and would be greatly appreciated by the various committees. Please feel free to volunteer with a committee of your choice by calling the committee chairperson.**

April 2013

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- Sangha Sisters
- Youth Taiko
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- Family Service
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- Special Events
- Baikako Practice
- Dharma Study
- Happy Strummers
- Offsite Backup
- Bon Dance Group
- Teen Sangha
- Orchid Club

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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7 Kona Hongwanji Hall Buddha Day 10 am	8 5:00 PM Youth Taiko	9 5:00 PM Zen Taiko	10 Project Dana 8:30 am 6:00 AM Zazen 5:00 PM Youth Taiko 7:00 PM Orchid Club	11 7:30 AM Yoga 9:00 AM Tai Chi 5:00 PM Zen Taiko 7:00 PM Evening Zazen	12 8:00 AM Samu 7:00 PM Sangha Sisters	13 7:00 AM Zazen 8:00 AM Zazenkai Food Prep 9:30 AM Beginners Youth Taiko
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