

# Daifukuji Soto Mission

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



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## DAIFUKUJI SANGHA PICNIC

Sunday, August 18

Keauhou Bay Park Picnic Grounds

9:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

**Sign up Required\*\***

- \* Bring pupus, salads, side dishes, desserts, and snacks to share. Temple will provide burgers, hot dogs, drinks, and paper goods.
- \* Tables, tents, and a number of chairs will be provided. If you have beach chairs, please bring them to the picnic.
- \* Carpooling can be arranged. If you need a ride or have questions, please call 322-3524.
- \* Donations of game prizes for kids and adults appreciated. Please drop them off at Daifukuji by August 11.
- \*\* Kamehameha Schools, which operates the park, requires all attendees to sign a liability release form. Parents/guardians must sign for children. See Rev. Jiko to sign form.

*Join us for a day of fellowship, games, and fun!*

## Clean-up Day Mahalo

Mahalo to **all** who offered a hand at the June 23rd clean up at the temple. It was wonderful seeing over fifty people working in harmony with great energy. Thanks to everyone's kokua, the temple, nokotsudo, social hall, cultural hall, yard, and cemetery were spruced up. Even the special projects such as the tidying up of the storage rooms under the temple and removal of mud from the bottom of the old tank were accomplished. Thank you to the Daifukuji Fujinkai for preparing lunch for all of the volunteers & to the taiko families who pitched in.

Ron Iwamoto

General clean up chairperson

## Fujinkai Mahalo

The Daifukuji Fujinkai Women's Association thanks the following persons who donated items for the UHSSWA's Country Store Fundraiser which was held in April: Christine Coleman for Buddha's Cup Kona coffee; Mary Nakagawa for bananas; Michael Iwamuro, Fusao Sugai, & Merle Uyeda for avocados; Reiko Sekine, Sakae Oshima, Setsuyo Oshima, & Mitsue Oshima for mac nuts; Elsie Mochizuki for starfruit preserves; Gladys Arase for shredded mango & cookies, and Fujiko Akamatsu for handmade shoe bags. Thanks to your support, the fundraiser was a success.

The Fujinkai's community service project of collecting food for the Hawaii Island Food Basket will continue, so feel free to bring canned foods to the temple and place them inside the boxes on the pew nearest the door. *Domo arigato.*



## “Guys Only” Bon Dance Class a Hit

There's going to be more men dancing around the yagura this year, thanks to Winifred Kimura who, with the assistance of Jean Ikeda, taught the “Guys Only” Bon dance class on June 4th. A special mahalo goes out to Sharen Bangay for bringing super delicious refreshments for the group. According to Winnie, the guys caught on to the dances faster than she expected. Great going, guys! You all deserve a pat on the shoulder.



## In Memoriam

To the family of the late Fusano Harai, who passed away at the age of 101 on the 28th of June, we express our deep and heartfelt sympathy.

*Namu Shakamuni Butsu*

## Congratulations

To Justin Grosch and Ryan Unger who were wed at Daifukuji on the 8th of June, we convey our warmest congratulations.

Congratulations also go out to Sherilynn (Ide) and Randall Mamac upon the blessing of their baby son Randall Takao Mamac, Jr. on the 22nd of June.



Arigato to Mike Asada for designing this year's bon dance towel.

## Bon Dance Towels with a Bright New Design

Thanks to the artistic genius of Mike Asada and the steadfast dedication of a group of volunteers who helped with the cutting of the fabric, screening, and ironing of the design over the course of many days of hard work, we have bon dance towels with a beautiful new design. In the middle of the towel is a picture of the Big Island containing the *kanji* characters "Daifukuji." Surrounding the island are coffee branches. The right panel features a taiko drummer; the left, two bon dancers. These towels will be available for a suggested donation of \$5 per towel at the Bon Dance.





Ojizosama Service on June 19



Thank you to the crew that shaved the o-toba boards.

## News From the Temple Board

Board president Stephen Tanaka, neighbor Tamayo Hanato, and Rev. Jiko had an informal meeting with Ron Thiel, traffic division chief for the County of Hawaii, to talk about how to improve traffic safety at the intersection just north of our temple driveway & through the town of Honalo. So far, the words “25 m.p.h.” have been painted on the road and a more visible crosswalk sign put up.

It’s exciting to think that Daifukuji’s energy bill could be reduced by as much as half. Through Hawaii Electric’s energy efficient program, our temple had all existing incandescent lighting inside and outside replaced with energy efficient lighting at no charge to us. On June 5, it took four work men from Mattos Electric seven and a half hours to replace all 90 bulbs/tubes/ballasts. A big mahalo to Judie Myoko Fekete for spearheading this project.

The bylaws of DSM were updated, tightening operating controls and clarifying safeguards to ensure that due diligence is in place and is being practiced by board members. This was the first time in over six years that the bylaws were reviewed and updated. Mahalo to Stephen Tanaka, Bobby Command, & Judie Fekete of the by-laws committee.

Jeff Kennard, the window cleaner hired by Susan Rhymes of the Kona Daifukuji Orchid Club, came to the temple and did his magic. Using a special machine, he was able to remove remnants of paint that clouded the Kannon Hall windows since World War II. He said that the paint had chemically reacted with the window glass in such a way that it was etched in and could not be removed by ordinary window cleaner. After several hours of work, he succeeded in cleaning the windows that look out at the orchid garden. What a difference this has made! Thank you very much, Susan.

The Cultural Hall fan had been broken for many months. A new exhaust fan was installed, replacing the broken one. Bob Shozan Bowman was the person who took on this project from beginning to end. The installation was donated by electrical contractor Ron McHale of McHale Electric. We are very grateful.

Mold inside nokotsudo niches has been problematic. A screen door, which will improve ventilation, was recently installed by Steve Hoshin Mann, who volunteered his time to do this. Arigato, Steve.

More updates from the Board will appear in future newsletters.

# ZEN MEDITATION

## 2 FREE CLASSES BY CLEAR HOUN ENGLEBERT

### DAIFUKUJI SOTO MISSION



**Saturdays, 8:00 am to 9:30 am**  
**AUGUST 10 AND 17**

The first class is a prerequisite to the second class, because the second class builds on the information from the first class. The topics will include correct posture and etiquette, and there will be time for questions. There will be special emphasis on what to do with your mind during meditation. There will also be a review of the meditation resources in the temple library. Each class will end with a meditation session. No pre-registration is required. For more information call Rev. Jiko at 322-3524.



**Learn all about Daifukuji Soto Mission at the next**  
**TEMPLE TOUR**

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 25**

2:00 p.m.

Free tour conducted by Rev. Jiko & Clear Houn Englebert  
*The public is welcome.*

### **Temple Library in Need of 2-disc DVD Case**

The library needs a DVD case. It needs to be about 7 1/2 inches high and capable of holding at least two DVDs. It can be given to Rev. Jiko or left on top of the library where returned books are put. No store seems to be selling the cases on-island, and we're hoping someone has an empty one just sitting around their house. Thank you in advance.

### **2013 Membership Dues**

Thank you to all who have turned in their 2013 Daifukuji membership dues & annual *ijih* donations. Next month a friendly reminder will be sent to members who have not yet sent in their dues. If you are in need of a membership form, please call Rev. Jiko at 322-3524 or find it on the last page of the January, 2013 newsletter: <http://www.daifukuji.org/newsletter/2013/jan13news.pdf>. New members are always welcome. For information regarding membership, please contact Rev. Jiko.



## Message from the Head Priest of Soto Shu



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曹洞宗管長

福山諦法

Presently, we are facing many serious issues that affect our lives. We are faced with restoring communities severely damaged by the Great Eastern Japan Earthquake, the tsunami, and the accidents that occurred at the Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Plant. We seek to create a society that affords people peace of mind by not relying upon nuclear power. We are also dealing with many other issues such as bullying, suicide, social inequality, poverty, and war.

These issues all relate to the Soto Zen sect's advocacy of respecting human rights, establishing peace, and protecting the environment. Let us regard people's sufferings as our own and take a second look at our habit of seeking comfort and convenience for ourselves alone. Let us create a new community in which the life of each person is deeply cherished.

In order to achieve this, this year we have designated "giving 布施" to be the pillar of our practice. The practice of giving is one of the four kinds of wisdom that benefit living beings. Our concrete goal for 2013 is to work toward "facing, communicating, and supporting." Giving, whether materially or spiritually, is to generously share what we have with each other.

Dogen Zenji teaches that giving means not to covet. Giving is a way of life in which we mutually support each other without using flattery and without expecting anything in return.

Keizan Zenji taught that when we sit in zazen our true way of living expands, marked by the overflowing of compassion. In light of the reality of impermanence and rapid change, as well the great matter of life and death, let us not waste even a single day. Every day let us sit quietly in zazen by sitting up straight and regulating our breath and mind before the Buddha and ancestors.

Even though the road we travel is long and steep, we should strive to cultivate the Bodhisattva's Way by embracing people's pain and sorrows, by practicing honest communication, and by mutually understanding each other's feelings.

Shakyamuni Buddha teaches us to cultivate a mind of immeasurable compassion toward all sentient beings.

Namu Shakamunibutsu. (Homage to Shakyamuni Buddha.)

**Taiho Fukuyama Zenji**

**Head Priest of Sotoshu**

## August Dharma Programs

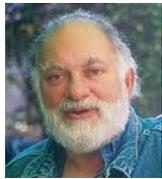
### Zen Meditation

\* Every Wednesday morning from 6 a.m. to 7:20 a.m.

\* The following Thursday evenings from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.: **August 8 and August 22**

Please arrive a few minutes early. Beginners are welcome. Call Rev. Jiko at 322-3524 to arrange an appointment for basic instruction or attend the two classes on zazen practice on August 10 and August 17 (see page 5).

### Buddhist Movie Night -- Thursday, August 15 at 7:00 p.m.



Featured this month is “Instructions to the Cook: A Zen Master’s Recipe for Living a Life that Matters.” This 44-minute DVD is about Zen teacher Bernard Glassman’s work and life and the impact he’s made on a neighborhood in New York. The movie will begin at 7:00 p.m. in the temple’s Kannon Hall. Bring a mug for tea.

### Shakyo and Shabutsu -- Saturday, August 24 from 8 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.

Mindfully tracing the sutras and pictures of buddhas and bodhisattvas harmonizes body, breath, and mind and brings peace and clarity into one’s life. Brushes, ink, and other materials are provided. This session begins with the chanting of the Heart Sutra and the Four Bodhisattva Vows.

### Family Services To Begin Sunday, August 11

Families with children, as well as interested individuals, are invited to join the Family Sangha for child-friendly Buddhist services that are held in the Kannon Hall on Sunday mornings from 9:30 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. (see calendar on page 10 for schedule).



### Baikako Choir Practice -- August 11 and August 25

The Daifukuji Baikako Plum Blossom Choir will hold its practice sessions on August 11 and August 25 from 7:45 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.



### Project Dana -- August 14

Temple *kupuna* age 60 and above are invited to join Project Dana, a fun monthly activity program for seniors. For more information, call Elaine at 322-2084 or Joyce at 329-3833.



## Library News

by *Clear Houn Englebert*

Just when you thought the library was as full as it could be, here are more wonderful new arrivals:

There are three new DVDs:

“Seven Wonders of the Buddhist World” (which was shown on PBS)

“Enlightenment Guaranteed” (a comedy)

“Living Your Dying” (about Mitsuo Aoki, who founded the University of Hawaii’s Department of Religion. Make sure you have a handkerchief or tissue with you.)

The library now has the four-volume illustrated set of “Adventures of the Monkey God”. This is a very enjoyable way to read the great Chinese folk novel “Monkey” which is based on the monk Xuanzang’s trip to India to bring Buddhist scriptures back to China.

Two contemporary novels are “Anshu: Dark Sorrow” by Juliet Kono and “A Tale for the Time Being” by Ruth Ozeki. Ozeki is an award-winning writer and a Zen priest. A few days ago I heard on Public Radio an interview with her talking about this new novel, hot off the presses. “Anshu” is published by Bamboo Ridge Press in Honolulu and is about a Hilo teenager who is sent to live with relatives in Japan (because she’s hapai and unmarried). Then WW2 starts and she’s stuck there. The book has received resounding critical acclaim.

“Japanese Buddhist Temples in Hawaii” by George and Willa Tanabe is a book we all should be familiar with. If you’re not, please come check it out.

“The Gods of Northern Buddhism” by Alice Getty is now in the library. There is no other book that explains the different Buddhas and Bodhisattvas as thoroughly as this great book. It was originally published in 1914 and remains the best book on the subject. It is well illustrated with black and white photos.

“Buddhism: The Illustrated Guide” edited by Kevin Trainor is published by Oxford University Press. It is magnificently illustrated in color and it is amazingly complete (something you’d expect from Oxford University). It is truly an extraordinary book!

“Zen Meditation” is a special issue of The Journal of Shasta Abbey where I was ordained. It’s a small booklet and contains some of the most practical information you’ll find anywhere on zazen. I highly recommend it to everyone who meditates or would like to meditate.

“Mizu Ga Kotaeta Hannya Shingyo” by Masaru Emoto is in Japanese with a DVD.

There are two new children’s books:

“Buddha at Bedtime” by Dharmachari Nagaraja has twenty Jataka tales with colorful illustrations. It also has some of the best information on meditation and Buddhism for children that I’ve ever seen.

“Buddhist Festivals Throughout the Year” by Anita Ganeri is beautifully illustrated with color photos and drawings. It delightfully explains the many Buddhist festivals such as Obon and Hanamatsuri.

## Aloha from Rev. Jiko

*Dear Members and Friends,*

*Summer greetings and best wishes! I hope that your summer has been as inspiring as mine. By what have I been inspired? By nothing other than the aloha, goodwill, and joyful energy that I've been experiencing all around me at Daifukuji.*

*Practically every week day, seniors from our Kona community are using our social hall while the county's Yano Hall is being re-roofed. On Mondays and Fridays, they come for line dancing, on Tuesdays for Senior Club activities, and on Thursdays for senior exercise and karaoke. There are 80 and 90 year olds arriving at 6:30 in the morning to play mah-jong! Then there's the karaoke group whose members enjoy a huge potluck brunch before they start singing, not to mention the line dancers with their matching shoes who move to the beat with flair. These folks are all full of life and young at heart. Their good energy floats up into the temple & surrounds me.*

*The bon dancers also bless me with their good energy. While working on the o-toba at night, I've listened to the sounds of bon dance music, happy voices, clapping hands, and tapping feet. I am pleased to see an influx of new faces this year. Since bon dances are for the whole community to enjoy, it's great that folks are coming out to join our ever-widening circle. The stronger this circle becomes, the stronger our community becomes. Our inter-being becomes apparent.*

*Zen life encompasses all of life, from the quiet time spent sitting on a meditation cushion or in front of one's home altar to the spheres of work, play, and relationships. Raising one's child, caring for one's elderly parent, spending time with one's partner or friend, working, volunteering in the community, tending a garden -- when done mindfully & consciously, all of these activities are the activities of Buddha. What is of vital importance is finding a healthy balance in one's life & consciously living each day in the Light and Teachings of the Buddha. Such ways of living lead to stability, happiness, and peace.*

*As we at Daifukuji celebrate our first 100 years and move forward into a new era, I am envisioning a sangha whose focus is on **healthy spiritual living**. Already we are offering classes in yoga, tai chi, music, art, and meditation. What I'd like to see added are classes on healthy eating, organic gardening, health & healing, and mindful living. What's more, singing, dancing, art, and music all nourish our hearts and minds and get our energies flowing. I have learned this from the kupuna who gather at our temple.*

*Sangha friends, please come to our temple's **Sangha Picnic** at Keauhou Bay on **August 18th**. You all work so very hard every day. Let's all relax and enjoy a day together.*

*Thank you for your love and support. Namu kie butsu. Namu kie ho. Namu kie so.*

*In gassho,*

*Rev. Jiko*



L-R: Jill Teiho, Kirk Juho, Rev. Lang, Rev. Jiko, Amy Jikai, Edith Nishino, & Rodney Nishino after Bon service on June 30. Mahalo to our Taishoji Dharma friends, as well as the hatsubon families, for joining us that day.

## Coming Up in September...

Ohigan & Ryosoki Services & Fujinkai General Membership Meeting.....September 8

# August 2013

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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
28 Orchid Show 8-2	29 5:00 PM Youth Taiko	30 9:00 AM Bare Bones Writers 5:00 PM Zen Taiko	31 Kannon-ko 10 am 6:00 AM Zazen 5:00 PM Youth Taiko	1 9:00 AM Tai Chi 5:00 PM Zen Taiko 7:00 PM Temple Board	2 8:00 AM Samu	3 9:30 AM Beginners Youth Taiko 7:00 PM Taishoji Bon Dance
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