

# Daifukuji Soto Mission

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



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March, 2013

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## free Dharma talk

# Soto Zen Buddhism: What Brought Me to This Path

**Friday, March 8 at 7:00 pm**  
**A question period will follow.**  
**Daifukuji Soto Mission**  
**Honalo, by Teshima's**  
**322-3524 [www.daifukuji.org](http://www.daifukuji.org)**

**Special guest teacher Rev. Dai-En Bennage**



Rev. Bennage is the Abbess of Mt. Equity Zendo, a Soto Zen Buddhist meditation center in rural Pennsylvania. A long-time resident of Japan, she has served as an interpreter and translator of Buddhist thought. Rev. Bennage has trained among Buddhist nuns and monks and taught zazen to inmates, academics, and laity in a career spanning three continents and four decades. We are pleased to welcome her to Hawaii.

## More Dharma Events with Rev. Dai-En Bennage on Sunday, March 10th

### 9:30 a.m. Family Service

At 9:30 a.m. on March 10, the Daifukuji Family Sangha will be welcoming Rev. Dai-En and cordially invites everyone to join them. Children of all ages are especially welcome and should be accompanied by an adult.

### 2:00 p.m. Dharma Talk "The Zen Spirit of Cooking According to Dogen Zenji"

This talk is especially for **Fujinkai** members, but all are welcome. A potluck supper will follow.

Dogen Zenji, a 13th-century Zen teacher, was the founder of our Soto Zen tradition in Japan.

Call Rev. Jiko at 322-3524 if you need a ride.

# Zen retreat

**Saturday, March 9**  
**Sign-in 8:15 am to 8:45 am**  
**through closing circle at 4 pm**

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**All are welcome. Wear loose, comfortable clothes for meditation and yoga, and bring something for our vegetarian potluck lunch. Suggested donation \$10. To register, call 322-3524 by March 4.**

**a day  
of silence  
and Dharma**

**The Reverend Dai-En Bennage  
Abbess, Mount Equity Zendo**

**our  
special  
guest  
teacher**



**Rev. Bennage will speak on  
"The Practice of Zazen" and  
on "Living Zen in Daily Life."  
She will take questions after  
each presentation.**

## 100 Years of Buddha-Dharma

As many of you know, in October of next year our Sangha will be celebrating the 100th anniversary of our temple which was founded in 1914. To begin this period of celebration, we have invited Rev. Bennage, abbess of Mount Equity Zendo in Pennsylvania, to initiate a series of Dharma talks and events. We are truly privileged to have such an eminent Soto Zen teacher come to our temple.

This is a golden opportunity to listen to the Dharma, our Buddhist teachings. Please join us.

*May the flower of the Teachings bloom, filling us with its sweet fragrance of Truth.*

## March 9th Zen Retreat Schedule

Attendance requires a full-day commitment from beginning to end of retreat. Register by March 6. (322-3524)

8:15 - 8:45 AM Registration,  
Receiving potluck contributions

9:00 Opening Circle

9:30 Dharma Talk "The Practice  
of Zazen"

10:30 Zazen

11:00 Choice of Shabutsu  
(tracing pictures of bodhisattvas  
with brush & ink to live  
shakuhachi music) in Social Hall  
or zazen inside temple

Noon: Silent Vegetarian  
Potluck Lunch in Social Hall

1:00 p.m. Dharma Talk "Living  
Zen in Daily Life"

2:00 Zazen

2:30 - 2:45 Kinhin (Walking  
meditation)

2:45 - 3:00 Break

3:00 - 3:25 Yoga

3:30 - 4:00 Zazen

4:00 p.m. Closing Circle

4:10 p.m. Optional tea &  
conversation time in Social Hall.  
Gift shop open.

## 33 Kannon Pilgrimage and Ohigan Service

Sunday, March 17 9:30 a.m.

Guest Speaker: Reverend Shuji Komagata

Potluck Lunch



Every March at Daifukuji, you can become a Buddhist pilgrim and feel as if you are visiting the 33 Kannon temples of western Japan. 33 statuettes of Kannon, the Bodhisattva of Compassion, are taken down from the top recesses of the Kannon altar and displayed in the Kannon Hall. The “pilgrims” circulate the hall, stepping on small packets of earth brought to Kona many years ago from each of the temples, and bow to each Kannon-sama while the sutras are being chanted. It is a practice at our temple to offer a coin to each of the 33 Kannon plus two more. Please bring **35 coins** to this service.



The Dharma message will be given by the **Reverend Shuji Komagata**. Rev. Shuji was still a young child when his father, Bishop Shugen Komagata, served as the resident minister of Daifukuji from 1976 to 1981. Today, Rev. Shuji is the resident minister at the Soto Mission of Aiea Taiheiji on the island of Oahu. We are looking forward to having him as our guest Dharma teacher.

Lunch will be a **potluck**. If you can, please bring a dish to share.

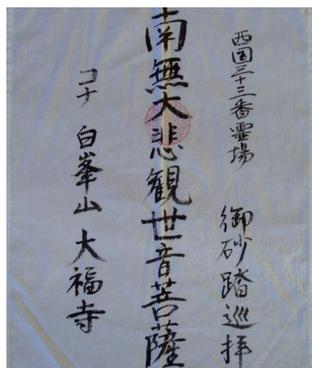
**33 Kannon Set Up:** Friday, March 15 at 7:30 a.m.

**33 Kannon Clean Up:** Friday, March 22 at 7:30 a.m.

We humbly ask for your kokua in setting up and putting away the beautiful Kannon statues. **Flowers** are also needed. Please deliver flowers the morning of March 15 or the day before.

There will be no Kannon-ko service on March 20. However, from March 15 - 21, you are welcome to come to the temple to do the pilgrimage on your own. Feel free to bring along family members and friends.

*Namu Daihi Kanzeon Bosatsu! Homage to the Bodhisattva of Great Compassion!*



### OIZURU (笈摺)

According to Bishop Shugen Komagata, the white cotton vests which we wear during the 33 Kannon Osunafumi service are called “oizuru.” Translated into English, the words in *kanji* written on the backs of the *oizuru* say: Saikoku 33 Kannon Stepping-on-Sand Pilgrimage, Homage to the Bodhisattva Kanzeon of Great Compassion, Kona Hakuhozan Daifukuji. The newer vests were sewn by Nancy Kurihara. The calligraphy was done by Reiko Sekine.



## Congratulations

To newlyweds Lyanne (Asada) and Andrew O'Connell who were married on February 2nd, we extend our warmest congratulations.

To newlyweds Marisa (Yoneyama) and Andrew Boyle who were married on February 23rd, we also say *omedeto gozaimasu*.

*May your lives together be blessed with love & happiness!*

## Country Store Donations Needed

The 48th annual United Hawaii Soto Shu Women's Association (UHSSWA) Conference will be held on April 20 & 21 with Taishoji Soto Mission of Hilo hosting this year's event. Rev. Jiko & 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, and mac nuts are being sought. 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. Thank you.



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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



## Daifukuji Soto Mission's Board of Directors for 2013 & 2014

At Daifukuji's New Year's party on January 27, fourteen temple members pledged to carry out their responsibilities with respect and compassion as members of the Board of Directors for the years 2013 & 2014. Four of the fourteen are new to the Board. Please meet...



Stephen Tanaka

**Stephen Tanaka**, our new Board president. Although now retired & able to enjoy bowling & working in his coffee field, Stephen used to be the kitchen supervisor at the Kona Community Hospital. He enjoys the good fellowship at Daifukuji and says he'll do his best to keep our temple going.

**Wade Yasuda**, director. Wade is a Financial Advisor with Merrill Lynch, who grew up on the temple grounds going to judo, weddings, services, and various community events. He says, "To return to Kona after 25 years in LA, I am pleased to find the same strong sense of community still thriving at Daifukuji and see that the temple is still a center of the community. My vision is aligned with Rev. Jiko's: to incorporate new ideas while always maintaining utmost respect for traditions and our elders. For instance, I see the Fujinkai ladies as the 'engine' of our temple. The tremendous amount of work they do -- shopping, preparing, cooking, setting up, & cleaning -- make all of our functions possible. They should continue to receive our support, respect, & gratitude."



Wade Yasuda



Bobby Command &  
Michele Abe

**Michele Abe**, director. Michele is the Human Resources Manager at the Kona Country Club. She enjoys gardening, reading, crocheting, and needlework. Michele says, "As a temple member, I enjoy the various ethnic events and the welcoming, relaxed feeling I get from Rev. Jiko, Amy, and the members."

**Bobby Command**, director. Bobby is the mayor's representative in West Hawaii, officially the mayor's executive assistant. Prior to that he was a reporter & editor for 25 years at West Hawaii Today. He enjoys the study of Hawaii sports history. Bobby comments, "More than anything else, I enjoy the Dharma offered by Daifukuji. The temple does our entire community a great service by offering inclusive activities for people of all ages. And while the activities themselves are vital, they are not as important as the peace, ohana and love they foster in our community. My only vision is to ensure that Daifukuji thrives for another century. One of the ways to do this is to involve younger people. I see Obon, taiko, mochitsuki and the bazaar as vital to the temple since they energize the 20-40 age group otherwise under-represented at Daifukuji and even in our Kona community. This is what attracted our family. If there are other ways to attract young people, we must explore them."



## Welcome, New Members

With much aloha, we welcome **Sachi and Kenneth Joesting** to our Sangha.

*What is it that brings us together as friends on this Path? We can only honor this mystery, this good karma, bowing our heads in gratitude.*

The true nature  
of the full moon?  
His wide grin  
hurts *my* face

- Gentei Diedrichs -



## An Orchid Garden for the Temple

*by Rev. Jiko Nakade*

I am a failure as a gardener. Over the years I've planted flower seeds, orchid cuttings, succulents, even Night Blooming Jasmine, in the barren strip below the columbarium, thinking that it would be nice to beautify the view seen from the Kannon Hall where services and zazen sessions are held. Nothing grew. With no time to water & haul in soil, that rocky, barren strip remained rocky and barren. Yet, I hoped that one day I would look out those windows and have my gaze met by a burst of colorful flowers Bon dancing in the breeze. How lovely a sight that would be, one that would surely delight both members and visitors alike! To keep that vision alive, I asked that a beautiful stone lantern that was being donated in memory of the late Ruth Nishida be placed there as a symbol of light.



Needless to say, I was more than pleasantly surprised when at the beginning of the year, Sarah Fogelstrom, the president of the Kona Daifukuji Orchid Club called and said that the club members were interested in offering the temple an orchid garden as a Centennial gift. Apparently, Shinkaku, who belonged to both the Friday samu team and the orchid club, had mentioned his idea of creating an orchid garden in that very spot. We had mused about it one day. "An orchid grotto," I had said, looking at what was at one time a small pond right outside the back door, "would be nice."

I did not expect that idea to blossom as it did. Touched deeply by KDOC's generous offer, I voiced my appreciation to Sarah. An orchid garden! Imagine that! Before long, a group of orchid club folks gathered at the temple to look at the site of the garden. "Ugly," someone said. "Rocky," commented another. But, being the gardening enthusiasts that they are, they immediately began visualizing orchids everywhere. Not only orchids, but also stepping stones, a bamboo fence, even a lotus plant in a large ceramic container sitting in the lifeless dry pond. My heart sang! I thought of all of the people who come to our temple and all who visit the columbarium and of how much joy an orchid garden would bring.

At the last Board meeting, club member Dick Kuehner presented a model that he had made of the garden, explaining that the Club would not only plant the garden, but also maintain it. They hope to have it ready in time for their annual Orchid Show in July.

*To be continued in next month's newsletter...*

## March Dharma Programs



The following programs will be held in Daifukuji Soto Mission's Kannon Hall.

### **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.: March 14 and March 21
- \* The following four Saturday mornings from 7:00 a.m. to 7:30 a.m.: March 2, March 16, March 23, & March 30 (before Precepts Study Sessions)

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.

**Zazenkai Potluck Breakfast Meeting: March 20. 6 a.m. Zazen. 6:30 a.m. meeting.**  
**Topic: Hanamatsuri Lunch Planning**

### **Precepts Study Sessions**

- \* Saturday, March 2 from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.
- \* Saturday, March 16 from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.
- \* Saturday, March 23 from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.
- \* Saturday, March 30 from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.

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.

### **Shakyo & Shabutsu: Tracing the Sutras & Pictures of Buddhas & Bodhisattvas**

On Saturday, March 23, there will be a shakyo session from 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. in the Kannon Hall. Mindfully tracing the Heart Sutra and pictures of buddhas and bodhisattvas harmonizes body, breath, and mind. A meditative activity done in silence. All materials are supplied.

*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](mailto:rev.jiko@daifukuji.org) for more information.*

# Scenes from Our New Year's Party

January 27, 2013

*Mahalo to Aki Imai, Barbara Bosz, & Rev. Jiko for these photos!*

*Mahalo to the Fujinkai for a fabulous lunch & to all who worked so hard to make this party possible.*



# March 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
24 7:45 AM Baikako Practice 9:30 AM Family Service	25 5:00 PM Youth Taiko	26 9:00 AM Writing Workshop 5:00 PM Zen Taiko	27 6:00 AM Zazen 5:00 PM Youth Taiko 7:00 PM Taiko Board meeting	28 9:00 AM Tai Chi 5:00 PM Zen Taiko 7:00 PM Evening zazen	1 8:00 AM Samu	2 7:00 AM Zazen 8:00 AM Precepts Study 9:30 AM Beginners Youth Taiko
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10 Rev. Dai-En's Talk 2 pm Potluck Supper 9:30 AM Family Service	11 5:00 PM Youth Taiko	12 9:00 AM Writing Workshop 5:00 PM Zen Taiko	13 Project Dana 8:30 am 6:00 AM Zazen 5:00 PM Youth Taiko 7:00 PM Orchid Club	14 9:00 AM Tai Chi 5:00 PM Zen Taiko 7:00 PM Evening Zazen	15 7:30 AM 33 Kannon Set Up 8:00 AM Samu	16 7:00 AM Zazen 8:00 AM Precepts Study 9:30 AM Beginners Youth Taiko
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