

# Daifukuji Soto Mission

*Celebrating Our Temple's 100th Anniversary*

# 1914 - 2014

*"Okagesama de, we are here today."*



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## Buddha Day Celebration

*Bringing Together Buddhists from All Traditions*

Sunday, April 6 9:30 a.m.

Social Hall at Kona Hongwanji

**Speaker: Dr. Kurt Weigelt**  
**Hawaii International Hope Foundation**

Free admission

Sponsored by the Hawaii Association of  
International Buddhists (HAIB)

*The Daifukuji Baikako, Family Sangha, & Youth  
Taiko groups will be participating in this event.*

**All are welcome.**

Flowers are needed for the *hanamido* and may be delivered to the Kona Hongwanji on Saturday, April 5 by 5 p.m. Please place flowers in the buckets outside the conference room.



## Daifukuji's Hanamatsuri Service

*Honoring the Buddha's Birth*

Sunday, April 13 9:30 a.m.

**Speaker: Ryan Jigaku Nakade**

*Spring Egg Hunt for the Children*

*Musical performance during lunch by*

***Manuel & Bernice Roberto & Jill Teiho Wagner***

Please join us in pouring sweet heavenly tea over the baby Buddha as we joyfully celebrate his birth 2,600 years ago in India (present-day Nepal). Plan to stay for lunch which will be prepared by the Daifukuji Zazenkai.

Flowers are needed for the altars & *hanamido* flower shrine & may be dropped off on Friday, April 11.



## Mahalo from the Daifukuji Fujinkai

*By Joyce St. Arnault, Fujinkai President*

The Daifukuji Fujinkai Women's Association would like to thank all who supported their pancake breakfast fundraiser on January 22nd. Thanks are also extended to those who generously made monetary contributions and donated ingredients and plants which lent to the success of the event. Everyone's participation, as well as hard work and dedication, are greatly appreciated.

Special thanks go out to Kona Daifukuji Taiko, Family Sangha, Kona Daifukuji Orchid Club, temple, & community members.

To the Friday manju bakers, Saturday early bird riser rice cookers and prep workers, sushi and breakfast chefs, food servers, plants and bake goods salespeople, ticket sellers and collectors, and traffic controllers, the Fujinkai extends a heartfelt mahalo for a job well done.

Proceeds from this fundraiser will be used to defray conference expenses and fund Fujinkai field trips, educational programs, and temple and community activities and events.



**The Fujinkai is seeking donations of 4-ply worsted yarn (however, not baby yarn) of various colors. Partially used skeins are okay. The yarn will be used to make leis for our centennial celebration & may be dropped off at the temple.**

## Welcome, New Members

With joy and gratitude, our sangha warmly welcomes the following new members:



Randal Smith

Marian Mark

Larry, Dale, & Tyler Yoshiyama

Robert Kobzi

New members are always welcome. For membership information, please go to [http://www.daifukuji.org/membership\\_brochure.pdf](http://www.daifukuji.org/membership_brochure.pdf). Membership forms can be found on the brochure rack inside the temple or obtained from Rev. Jiko.

## Bazaar Planning Meeting to be Held April 13

Daifukuji's annual building fund bazaar is coming up on Sunday, May 4th. A planning meeting will be held on Sunday, April 13 after the Hanamatsuri lunch. Committee leaders, members, and interested individuals are invited to attend this meeting. Lots of kokua is needed.

Donations of bazaar items may be dropped off at the social hall from April 21 - May 2.

Set up for the bazaar will take place on Saturday, May 3.

Please help us make this year's bazaar a success. *Onegai shimasu!*

## Request for Tree Trimmer

The Daifukuji samu group, which cleans the temple every Friday, is in need of a volunteer who would be able to regularly trim the Bottlebrush tree that's growing in the courtyard between the temple and minister's residence. This job need not be done on a Friday, but can be done at the volunteer's convenience.

Volunteers are also needed to help with the cleaning of the temple, as well as grounds maintenance, on Friday mornings.

The samu group is a fun group with whom to work, a group that enjoys delicious refreshments and happy fellowship and even an occasional outing together. For information, please contact Rev. Jiko at 322-3524.

*In joy, we serve.*



Mahalo nui to the volunteers who set up the 33 Kannon & cleaned the temple for our Ohigan service on March 23.



## Library News

By Clear Houn Englebert

We have three new books by Thich Nhat Hanh: *The Energy of Prayer: How to Deepen Your Spiritual Practice*, *You Are Here: Discovering the Magic of the Present Moment*, and *Mindful Movements: Ten Exercises for Well-Being*. The last one includes a

DVD and is appropriate for children or adults. We also have two more DVDs: *A Constant Pilgrim* by Joan Halifax and *Instructions to the Cook* by Christof Wolf and Bernie Glassman.

Here are the other new arrivals.

*A Guide to Buddhist Kingdoms* by Fa-Hien is a book I read decades ago. I highly recommend it. It's the story of a Chinese monk who journeyed for fourteen years to India and Ceylon around 400 A.D.

*Snow in the Summer* by Sayadaw U Jotika, a Burmese monk, is a compilation of extracts from letters he wrote to friends and students. It has these refreshing words on its Contents page: "You can open this book and read any page – no need to read it in any particular order."

*101 Key Ideas Buddhism* by Mel Thompson is another book that you can pick up and read in any order. It's part of a "Teach Yourself" series from a British educational publisher. Each alphabetical entry is just one page so the book has 101 pages. Warning: This book is so fascinating, it's almost addicting. It's impossible to read just one page.

*The Buddha in the Attic* by Julie Otsuka is an award-winning novel about a group of picture brides brought from Japan to San Francisco.

*Warm Smiles from Cold Mountains: Dharma Talks on Zen Meditation* is by Reb Anderson, a former abbot at the San Francisco Center.

*Zen Seeds: Reflections of a Female Priest* by Aoyama Shundo was translated by Daien Bennage.

*Love in Buddhism* by Walpola Piyananda Thera is a slender book about lovingkindness.

*Cool Water: Alcoholism, Mindfulness, and Ordinary Recovery* is by William Alexander.

*Japanese Death Poems: Written by Zen Monks and Haiku Poets on the Verge of Death* was compiled by Yoel Hoffmann.

*Who Is My Self?* by Ayya Khema is excellent. Anything by Ayya Khema is excellent!

*Food of Bodhisattvas: Buddhist Teachings on Abstaining from Meat* is by Shabkar, a renowned Tibetan teacher who lived from 1781 to 1851. It is an impassioned work (actually two works in one volume) and includes the importance of developing compassion for animals.

*Buddhist Faith in America* by Michael Burgan is part of the Faith in America series published by Facts on File. It's written for young adults and is well illustrated.



## I Didn't Think I Could Do It

*By Gail Ching-Lee Nakamoto*

Seven hours of silence during a retreat is a tall order. I didn't know what to expect and feared going and making a commitment. Yet, I so wanted to go because I had always been curious about silent retreats.

On March 15, I attended the Zen retreat at Daifukuji and it was simply amazing. I, along with over 30 retreat participants, moved through a structured day all in silence. Two 30-minute zazen sessions in silence, eating lunch in silence, walking in silence, listening to two Dharma talks in silence, and practicing yoga in silence. In the beginning, the silence felt unnatural and then it felt liberating and soothing -- a relief from not having to be social.

When I ate, I tasted every morsel. When I sat still and was quiet, I could hear all sounds, including trucks passing on the highway, and chickens and turkeys in the Teshima's yard. I could even hear the quietness of all of us together.



Mushim Sensei



Silent yoga led by Ambika Rose

Most importantly, I listened to guest teacher Mushim Ikeda's Dharma talks on the Four Noble Truths. "All beings want to be happy," she said. At day's end, I went home tired and a "happy camper." Thank you, Mushim Sensei, for coming to Daifukuji.

*Warm thanks go out to the Daifukuji Zazenkai for sponsoring this Zen retreat. A special mahalo is extended to visiting sensei Mushim Ikeda from Oakland, California. The evening Dharma talks on March*



## Field Trip to Kawanui Farm

On a sunny Sunday morning on the 9th of March, the members of the Daifukuji Family Sangha went on a field trip to Kawanui Farm in Honalo, where farm owners Nancy Redfeather and Gerry Herbert welcomed them and took them on a tour of their amazing organic garden. As part of their tour, Nancy led them to a Kannon-sama statue standing in a Jabotocava grove, where the group chanted the *Enmei Jikku Kannongyo* sutra. After learning about flowers, vegetables, and trees, everyone enjoyed juice & fruit prepared by Nancy and Gerry, as well as the snacks they brought.

*Mahalo nui loa* to Nancy and Gerry for their warm hospitality and for sharing their knowledge.



### Cracked *Usu*

The temple's stone *usu* which is used for the traditional mochi pounding that starts off each year's *mochitsuki* is cracked. It is in need of repair or replacement. If you know how to repair an *usu* or if you have an *usu* that you no longer use and wish to donate to the temple, please see Rev. Jiko.

Being able to continue the pounding of the mochi in the traditional way is important since our hope is to perpetuate our Japanese cultural heritage.



# BAZAAR -- SUNDAY, MAY 4th



Mushim Sensei led a workshop on the topic of mindful leadership for the Daifukuji Board.



Here she is with the Family Sangha with whom she shared a story called *Ahn's Anger*, a book which she has donated to the temple's lending library.

## Buddha Day Greetings from Rev. Jiko

Spring is here. Orchids and Dharma have burst into bloom at Daifukuji. The orchid grotto is a sight to behold with blossoms of all colors cascading down the rock wall in a waterfall of springtime splendor. Be sure to look out the mauka windows of the Kannon Hall or view the orchid garden from the nokotsudo steps the next time you're at Daifukuji.

Our weeklong series of Dharma talks by visiting sensei Mushim Ikeda went very well, thanks to her careful consideration of the needs and interests of our various groups -- the Board, the general public, the meditators, the Fujinkai, and the children. Her presence gave a "Buddha boost" to our centennial celebration. Thanks so much, Mushim Sensei.

On March 6th, the third evening envisioning session was held. Everyone had something valuable to share; that is, everyone from 22-year-old Jigaku to 80-year-old Harold. So, what are some of the things that our members would like to see happen at our temple? Here are some of the suggestions that people had: music that's more spiritually uplifting, gatherings for young adults in their 20's and 30's, the use of social media to attract the younger generation, the utilization of solar energy & more ways of "going green," having the gift shop open every day, projects for young people, the formation of a Dharma music band, more paid staff and more volunteers to be able to provide more services to our members, more Dharma study and yet more Dharma study. I hear what our members are saying, am excited by the prospects, and will do my best to carry our temple forward in a direction that will bring benefit to all. With everyone's support, kokua, and sincere practice of the Dharma, the Three Treasures will surely bloom as colorfully and as fragrantly as the orchids. Please join our next envisioning session on May 1.

I wish you a very happy *Hanamatsuri* and invite you to take part in the two Buddha Day services that will be held in April. Please join me in honoring the birth of our great teacher Shakyamuni Buddha.

*Taking refuge in the Three Treasures: Namu Kie Butsu. Namu Kie Ho. Namu Kie So.*

## April Dharma Programs



### **Zazen (seated meditation)**

- \* Every Wednesday morning from 6:00 a.m. - 7:20 a.m.
- \* The following two Thursday evenings: April 10 and April 24 from 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

### **Shakyo and Shabutsu (tracing the sutras and pictures of buddhas in meditative silence)**

- \* Saturday, April 12 from 8 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.

### **Buddhist Movie “Jesus & Buddha: Practicing Across Traditions”**

- \* Thursday, April 17 at 7:00 p.m. in the Kannon Hall
- \* Three leading figures in today’s Buddhist-Christian dialogue share their personal journeys.
- \* 44 minutes

*Dharma programs are open to all at no charge.*

*Offerings may be placed in the wooden donation box.*



### **Corn Salsa**

*A recipe from Mildred Kaneko*

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| 1 can corn, drained                   | 1/2 round onion, chopped  |
| 1 can black beans, rinsed and drained | 1/2 red pepper, chopped   |
| 1 tomato, chopped                     | 1/2 green pepper, chopped |
| 1 cucumber, seeded and chopped        | 1 bottle salsa            |

Combine ingredients and chill. Serve with chips.

*Note: Spoonfuls of this hearty salsa can be wrapped in lettuce leaves or corn tortillas for a healthy treat. Chopped olives, green onions, & cilantro are good additions.*

## 650th Preliminary Memorial Service for Gasan Jyoseki Zenji & Buddhist Study Tour



*September 12 & 13, 2014 on the island of Oahu*

On September 12 & 13, we will be observing the 650th Preliminary Memorial Service for the Second Abbot of Daihonzan Sojiji, Gasan Jyoseki Zenji. We will have the Memorial Service on the 12th and 13th at Betsuin in Honolulu. After the service on the 13th, we will go on a Buddhist study tour, going to the following sites: Kawaihoa Ryusenji, Kawaihoa Cemetery, Waiialua Kemo'o Cemetery, to pay our respect to our ancestors and learn about the history of the Soto Sect and the first immigrants.

### Schedule

September 12, 2014 (Friday)

- 3:30 p.m. 650th Preliminary Eve Memorial Service
- 4:00 Dharma Talk (1 hr.)
- 5:30 Fellowship Dinner

September 13, 2014 (Saturday)

- 9:30 a.m. 650th Preliminary Memorial Service (Group Photo To Follow)
- 10:30 Oahu Buddhist Study Tour
- 11:15 Waiialua Kemo'o Cemetery (Short Memorial Service)
- 12:00 Lunch
- 1:00 Kawaihoa Ryusenji
- 1:30 Kawaihoa Cemetery
- 3:30 Return to Betsuin (via airport)

Registration Deadline: July 31, 2014

Fee: \$15.00 (for Lunch)

Please see Rev. Jiko if you are interested.



Rev. Jiko and Ryan Jigaku are looking for a harmonium, which they'd like to personally purchase to develop the music program at the temple. If you know of anyone on the island who may have one for sale, please let them know. (322-3524)

### Coming up in May...

- Envisioning Session.....May 1
- Set up for bazaar.....May 3
- Bazaar.....May 4
- Bon Dance classes with instructor Ruriko Hayashi.....May 17 & 18 at 1:00 p.m.
- Memorial Day Service, Blessing of the Graduates, & Baccalaureate Luncheon.....May 25

# April 2014

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- Zazen
- Sangha Sisters
- Youth Taiko
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- Family Service
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- Temple Board
- Fujinkai
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- Project Dana
- Orchid Club
- Samu
- Special Events
- Baikako Practice
- Dharma Study
- Mail To Do
- Offsite Backup
- Bon Dance Group
- Teen Sangha

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 9:30 AM Family Service	31 5:00 PM Youth Taiko	1 7:00 AM Ke Kama Pono 9:00 AM Bare Bones Writers 5:00 PM Zen Taiko	2 6:00 AM Zazen 5:00 PM Youth Taiko 6:00 PM Fujinkai Board	3 9:00 AM Tai Chi 5:00 PM Zen Taiko 7:00 PM Temple Board	4 8:00 AM Samu 4:30 PM Soul Friends Yoga	5 Yarn Lei Making 9 am 8:00 AM Buddha Day set up 9:30 AM Beginners Youth Taiko
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13 9:30 a.m. Daifukuji Hanamatsuri Service	14 5:00 PM Youth Taiko	15 7:00 AM Ke Kama Pono 9:00 AM Bare Bones Writers 5:00 PM Zen Taiko	16 Kannon-ko 10 AM 6:00 AM Zazen 5:00 PM Youth Taiko	17 9:00 AM Tai Chi 5:00 PM Zen Taiko 7:00 PM Movie "Jesus & Buddha"	18 8:00 AM Samu	19 9:00 AM UHSSWA Conference 9:30 AM Beginners Youth Taiko
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