

Daifukuji Soto Mission

1914 - 2014

Okagesama de, thanks to countless beings, we are here today.



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August, 2014

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FUN!



FELLOWSHIP!

You are invited to Daifukuji's annual

SANGHA PICNIC

Sunday, August 17

Old Airport Picnic Grounds, Pavilion #3

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

- * Bring pupus, salads, side dishes, desserts, and snacks to share. Temple will provide burgers, hot dogs, drinks, and paper goods.
- * Bring beach chairs if you have them.
- * Carpooling can be arranged. If you need a ride, please call 322-3524.
- * Donations of prizes for kids and adults are needed. Please drop off prizes at Daifukuji by August 10.

Please join us!



Welcome, New Members

With much joy and aloha, we welcome the following new members to our sangha:

Lester and Jeanne Nakamoto

Christopher McCullough

Together, may we walk the path of compassion.



Offertory Chests Donated by Kadooka Family

Our sangha extends a big mahalo to the family of the late Tamotsu Tom Kadooka for their generous centennial donation of two exquisite koa offertory chests to Daifukuji — one for the temple and a second one for the newer section of the columbarium. The chests were designed, crafted, and donated by Pat Kadooka of Designs by Kadooka (www.patkadooka.com) who flew over from Honolulu with his wife Leigh and nephew Cameron to install the boxes.

Pat and his siblings grew up in Kainaliu where their parents operated an orchid nursery for many years. They grew up attending our temple's Sunday School, Y.B.A., and Boy Scout programs. It is their wish to honor their deceased parents and the temple at this time of Daifukuji's 100th anniversary.

Both offertory chests are inscribed with the two Soto Zen crests, one on either side of the kanji characters 淨心, meaning “purifying heart and mind” or “pure heart” which were found on the original box. It is with sincere gratitude that we thank the members of the Kadooka family for their generous and loving gifts to our temple.



Mokugyo cushion cover made by Michiko

More Mahalos

When you come to the temple, you will surely notice the improvements being made to the cloth items used on the altars. Due to wear and tear, many of the cloth covers were faded, frayed, and losing their wadding. As their centennial gift to our temple, the Daifukuji Fujinkai Women's Association has donated a variety of new cloth items, among

them new drapes, new zabuton covers, and new altar cloths. Michiko Enomoto has been working hard sewing the covers for the *mokugyo* cushions for which she's had to make her own patterns, as well as zabuton covers for the zabuton used by the ministers and temple assistants. Thank you, Michiko! Thank you to Winifred and Brian Kimura of H.Kimura Store for donating the fabric. Little by little, worn-out objects are being replaced by handmade objects of beauty.



New drapes donated by the Fujinkai

The members of the Daifukuji Baikako Plum Blossom Choir convey their *arigato* to Bob Shozan Bowman for his handiwork in improving the surfaces of three of their goeika tables. Thank you also to Jill Teiho Wagner for donating the wood pieces.

To the ladies of Fujinkai Team III, headed by Ella Yasuda and Chris Wada, thank you very much for preparing a fabulous Obon lunch which was enjoyed by all. The *nishime* was out of this world yummy!

General clean-up day chairperson Ron Iwamoto extends a big mahalo for the terrific work done by many volunteers on June 22. The temple, social hall, cultural hall, and grounds were spruced up in time for Obon, thanks to everyone's wholehearted *kokua*. Thank you to the Fujinkai for providing delicious refreshments for all. The next general clean up will be held on September 28.





Library News

by Clear Houn Englebert

We have three wonderful new books written in Japanese: *Kore Bussho Nari (This is Buddha Nature)* by Suigan Yogo, *Dogen Zen Volume 3* by Kanji Akiyama, and *Random Acts of Kindness & Senseless Acts of Beauty* by Anne Herbert, illustrated and inscribed by Mayumi Oda.

The Buddha Speaks edited by Anne Bancroft is comprised of excerpts from the scriptures arranged into eleven chapters with titles such as: Clarity, Truth, Wisdom. This is a marvelous way to dip into the beauty of the Buddhist scriptures.

The Buddhist Pilgrimage by Duncan Forbes allows us to follow the author on his pilgrimage to a dozen Buddhist sites in India. He gives full description, plenty of background, and site maps for each place. You can read this excellent book, be an armchair traveler, and save yourself time, trouble, expense, and possibly dysentery.

Paintings of the Lotus Sutra by Willa Tanabe is a wowie zowie book with plenty of full-page color pictures. The Lotus Scripture was often illustrated with gold ink on a black or blue background and the effect is similar to having a vision.

Here are the other new arrivals.

The Making of a Savior Bodhisattva by Zhiru is a one-of-a-kind book on Jizo. The author traces Jizo's development in China from the sixth to the tenth century. It's very eye-opening. *Basic Buddhist Concepts* by Kogen Mizuno is scholarly and thorough without being the least bit dry. It takes someone of the caliber of Prof. Mizuno to pull that off. *The Bodhisattva Ideal: Essays on the Emergence of Mahayana* is from the Buddhist Publication Society in Ceylon. It's interesting to see a book on Mahayana from a Theravada publishing company. *Planting Dharma Seeds: The Emergence of Buddhism in Africa* by Bhikku Buddharakkhita is also something you don't see every day. It's short, charming, personal, and fascinating. *The Wonder of Presence and the Way of Meditative Inquiry* is by Toni Packer who was a student of Philip Kapleau. *Mindful Eating* by Jan Chozen Bays comes with a CD. *You Are Not Here and Other Works of Buddhist Fiction* edited by Keith Kachtick has a wide variety of stories---something for everyone. *Pruning the Bodhi Tree: The Storm Over Critical Buddhism* edited by Jamie Hubbard and Paul Swanson is scholarly and quite over my head. If it doesn't get checked out, it may find a new home. *Wise Heart* by Jack Kornfield is the opposite kind of book---delightful and accessible to anyone.

August Dharma Programs

Zazen (meditation)

- * Every Wednesday morning from 6:00 a.m. - 7:20 a.m.
 - * Evening zazen from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. on August 14 & August 21
- Both morning and evening sessions include 20 minutes of chanting.



Shakyo -- Saturday, August 9 8:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.

* Mindfully tracing the Heart Sutra & pictures of buddhas and bodhisattvas in silence unifies body, breath, and mind and brings one into a state of harmony with the universe. All supplies provided.

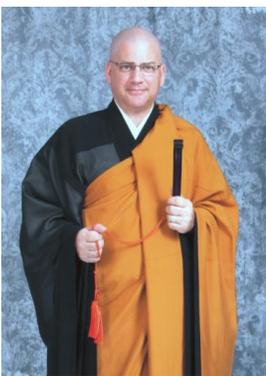
Baikako Choir Practice: August 10 & August 24

- * Practice sessions for Daifukuji's Baikako Plum Blossom Choir run from 7:45 a.m. until 9:00 a.m.

Family Services/Dharma School

- * Family services begin August 10th at 9:30 a.m. (Please see p.8 for more information.)

Dharma Classes: Hannya Shingyo Study with Rev. John Myoshin Lang



3 Saturdays from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.: August 23, August 30, and September 6 (Daifukuji Kannon Hall)

Rev. John Myoshin Lang of the 'Alaneo Zendo of Hilo will be teaching a series of 3 classes on the *Hannya Shingyo* or Heart of Great Perfect Wisdom Sutra. Here is an opportunity to discover the deeper meaning of the Hannya Shingyo and to appreciate the importance of this chant in our practice. Classes will be informal in nature so that questions may be asked in a non threatening format to foster dialog and understanding about this fundamental scripture. Rev. Lang will discuss the development of this sutra from its origins to the present and explain its meaning line by line. All are welcome. Donations of refreshments are also welcome.

Dharma programs are offered free of charge and are open to all.

Monetary offerings are gratefully accepted.



Got Poha?

Poha (gooseberry) is needed to make poha jam for next year's bazaar. If you grow poha and have berries to spare, please peel and freeze them for the next jam-making session. Mahalo!

Bazaar Report Correction

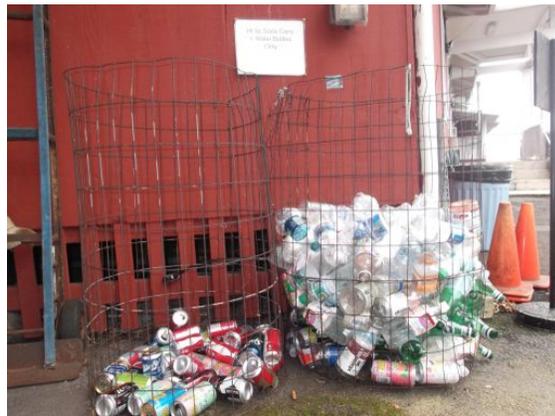
Please note the following corrections to the bazaar report which was included in the July, 2014 newsletter. In regard to the food & produce department, the expenses amounted to \$509.66, bringing the total sales in that department to \$6,962.14 and the adjusted bazaar sub-total to \$16,057.68. Subtracting other expenses totaling \$1,135.21, the adjusted total becomes \$14,922.47. Adding on \$1,725 in cash donations, the total revenue generated by the bazaar was \$16,647.47. Once again, thank you to all who helped make the bazaar a success.

Recycling: Stepping Up One Notch at a Time

Thanks to the efforts of Ann Nakamoto, Judie Fekete, Elaine Fernandez, and Kris Yamauchi, there are now bins for mixed recyclables for temple use.

Soda & juice cans and plastic water bottles may be dropped off to benefit Kona Daifukuji Taiko, the temple's youth taiko group.

Everyone, let's make efforts to recycle as much as possible!



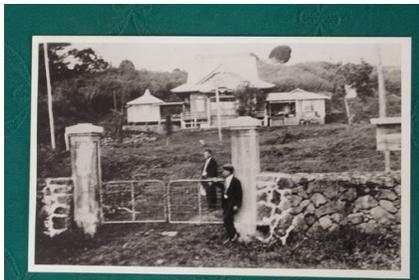
The Centennial

A celebration of survival
one hundred years of life and living day by
day
moment by moment
sitting in zazen
watching the breath.

Life going in and life going out
birthing, living, passing,
cremating and then remembering.

Cooking, laughing,
being joyful and of service to others,
one hundred years of life and living day by
day.

War years leaving their fingerprints on glass
windows
leaving scars on memories
bon dancing and honoring those who carried
the scars
from long ago.



Sitting early mornings, cold and dark,
in silence within the single walled
incense filled Kannon Hall
mindful sitting, mindful mindfulness
of those hands who labored long and hard
to build a temple far from home.

Writing with bare bones
scratching out thoughts
searching out well placed words
and sentiments that express
what has transpired these last
one hundred years of life and living day by
day.

*Written with introspection of the Centennial
Celebration of Daifukuji Soto Mission by
Patricia Missler, 2014.*



Kathryn Heller & Patricia Missler are members of the Bare Bones Writers group that meets the 2nd Tuesday of the month. For information, call Kathryn at 345-2976.

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Anniversary

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Okagesama de
Thanks to countless beings,
we are here today.

Centennial News

Want to come to the celebration, but haven't signed up yet? Don't worry — we are still accepting reservations for both the Oct. 18 and Oct.19 services and luncheons, as well as hotel reservations for a stay at the Sheraton Kona at Keauhou Bay. Please call the temple office at 322-3524 if you'd like to attend. The more, the merrier!

Thank you to those who have turned in reservation forms and payment. A general headcount was needed for planning purposes.

A new batch of centennial t-shirts has just arrived. We now have short-sleeve and long-sleeve shirts in various sizes. Please call the temple office at 322-3524 to have shirts reserved in your name or drop

by to purchase them. Seeing folks wearing these beautiful purple shirts gets us all into the centennial celebration spirit!



An Invitation to Join the Family Sangha

Parents and grandparents, please bring your children/grandchildren to the temple for family services on Sunday mornings. Led by Rev. Jiko, services begin at 9:30 a.m. inside the Kannon Hall and last about 45 minutes. Children are introduced to the teachings of the Buddha through songs, chants, and stories. They learn to sit quietly in meditation (for a minute or so) and listen to Dharma lessons given by Dharma School teacher Gentei Richard Diedrichs. (See page 9 for one of Gentei sensei's lessons.)

The fall Dharma School program begins on August 10th. Please join us. ALL are welcome.

For more information, call Rev. Jiko at 322-3524. See service schedule on page 12.



The Sum of the Whole

by Gentei Diedrichs, Daifukuji Dharma School Teacher

I borrowed my friend’s new bike. I went up on his porch, rolled it down the steps, across his lawn, on to the sidewalk, and rode it home. The problem was that I didn’t tell him. He did not know that I borrowed his bike. When he walked up the block looking for it, he peeked into my backyard and saw it there.

He rang my doorbell and told my father that I stole it.

My father talked to me about it. I tried to convince him that I was only borrowing the bike. He told me, “Okay, you know the difference between right and wrong.” I did. I can’t remember what I was thinking when I decided to take the bike. I must have known that I wasn’t really borrowing it. And I must have known that I would face consequences. I would be caught because I lived only a few houses away from my friend. I would make him mad. I would get in trouble with my parents. I would feel bad about it afterward. And I took it anyway.

I didn’t begin to practice Buddha’s teachings until later. Then I learned that wanting my friend’s new bike was unwholesome. Taking my friend’s bike was unwholesome. Lying to my father was unwholesome. I learned through practice to see this. I also learned through my understanding and through my experience that unwholesome thoughts, words, and actions lead to trouble, pain, and misery.

When I straightened my view, and practiced the wholesome with all my heart and mind—not coveting, not stealing, not lying--I put an end to this kind of trouble in my life. I was free from it.

(From Gentei’s blog “I Can See Clearly Now: Basic Buddhist Teachings for Children and Adults”)

<http://richarddiedrichs.blogspot.com>

Coming up in September...

September 6 Shakyō 8 a.m.

September 7 Temple Tour 2 p.m.

September 10 Project Dana

September 12 & 13 Memorial Service for Gasan Zenji & Study Tour, Oahu

September 14 Autumn Higan/Ryosoki Services & Fujinkai Gen. Membership Meeting

September 17 Kannon-ko Service 10 a.m.

September 27 Japanese Cultural Show featuring *rakugo* storytelling and *kamikiri* paper-cutting art. Centennial gift of Saifukuji temple in Yokohama, Japan. 10 a.m. More information in next month’s newsletter.

September 28 General clean up for centennial



Flowers for Our Ancestors

By Rev. Jiko Nakade

If you've visited the Daifukuji cemetery in recent months, you may have noticed that flowers have been planted everywhere. Along the road that winds its way up to the cemetery, you'll see irises blooming in the sunshine. Inside the cemetery, you'll find patches of blue agapanthus, sprays of blooming orchids, and succulents planted on abandoned plots. The entire cemetery is being transformed into a lovely garden.

Who's behind this magic? As far as I know, the beautification of the cemetery was started by temple member Nancy Kurihara and her two nieces, Dale and Gerry, who planted flowers on abandoned plots quite a number of years ago. More recently, a temple member who says he wishes to remain anonymous has taken on this project as a labor of love.

Mr. X, as I'll call him, has singlehandedly planted hundreds of orchids and flowering plants which he's collected from gardener friends around the island. He's also contributed many plants from his own garden. You may run into him working under the hot sun on your visit to the cemetery one of these days.

This is his centennial gift to our temple. He is originally from the mainland and does not have family members buried in Daifukuji's cemetery, but wishes to beautify the cemetery in honor of all of the people whose graves are there. "The flowers are for the ancestors of this temple," he's said. "They are also for all who visit them."

Your ancestors and mine. How fortunate they are to be honored in this way! Mr. X, thank you for your special centennial gift to Daifukuji.



Have freezer space?

We are looking for freezer space for the mochi which will be made in September by our youth taiko group and Fujinkai for the mochimaki (mochi tossing) to held at our temple's centennial celebration in October. If you can provide us with some freezer space for a month, we would be most grateful. Please call Rev. Jiko at 322-3524.



Something new is starting August 1st!
Meditation, Music & Yoga
Daifukuji Soto Mission Kannon Hall
Fridays from 4:30 - 6:00 p.m.
August 1 - September 5
By donation

Relax, unwind, and reduce your stress using meditation, music, and yoga. Bring a yoga mat or towel for 45 minutes of gentle stretching. Explore ways to boost your health and sense of well being and inner peace.

For more information, call Ryan at 895-0784.



Ryan Jigaku Nakade, a certified instructor of Ananda Yoga and meditation, taught yoga for three years in California and Oregon and now teaches at the Big Island Yoga Center in Kealahou. He has also taught classes in Kirtan music and Eastern Psychology at the Ananda College of Living Wisdom. As his gift to our temple, he's held Soul Friends yoga classes at Daifukuji, which he's now developing to include meditation and music. He invites you to join him on Friday afternoons beginning August 1st.

"If there is a medical magic bullet, other than exercise, to help people over 50, it is meditation," says Costco member Dr. Jon Lieff, a geriatric psychiatrist whose website, www.searchingforthemind.com, explains the science behind the practice. "Meditation increases memory and immune function; decreases stress, anxiety, depression, pain, inflammation; and is effective with cardiac disorders." The American Heart Association maintains that meditation can lower blood pressure, reducing the risk of heart attack and stroke." From "Mindful Matters: Meditation as Medicine" by Sally Abrahms. *The Costco Connection*, July 2014, Volume 29, No. 7

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- Youth Taiko
- Adult Taiko
- Family Service
- Major Service
- US Holidays
- Fujinkai
- Kannon-ko Service
- Project Dana
- Zazen
- Sangha Sisters
- Baikako Practice
- Dharma Study
- Happy Strummers
- Temple Board and 9 more...

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 ORCHID SHOW 8 am - 2 pm	28 5:00 PM Youth Taiko	29 7:00 AM Ke Kama Pono 5:00 PM Zen Taiko	30 6:00 AM Zazen 5:00 PM Youth Taiko	31 9:00 AM Tai Chi 5:00 PM Zen Taiko 7:00 PM Evening Zazen	1 8:00 AM Samu 4:30 PM Meditation, Music & Yoga	2 9:30 AM Youth Taiko 7:00 PM Taishoji Bon Dance
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