

# Daifukuji Soto Mission

Celebrating Our Temple's 100th Anniversary

# 1914 - 2014

"Okagesama de, we are here today."



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December, 2014

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## Bodhi Day Service, General Membership Meeting, & Potluck Lunch

*Sunday, December 14*                      *9:30 a.m.*

Bodhi Day or *Jodo-e*, the day of Shakyamuni Buddha's supreme enlightenment, will be observed on the 14th of December. A Dharma message will be delivered by Ryan Jigaku Nakade.

A general membership meeting conducted by board president Stephen Tanaka and a potluck lunch will follow the service. Daifukuji members, please make an effort to attend this annual meeting at which the directors for the 2015 & 2016 term will be elected.

## Mochi Orders

Orders for mochi will be taken by Avis and Brian Yamamoto after the Bodhi Day Service on Dec. 14. You may also place your order using the form on page 11. Orders will be processed on a first-come-first-served basis.



## Eight Mornings of Zazen

*December 1-8*  
*6 a.m. - 7:20 a.m.*

The Daifukuji Zazenkai invites you to join them for this December's *Rohatsu Sesshin*, a period of eight mornings of zazen practice that begins December 1st and culminates December 8th, the day of the Buddha's enlightenment over 2,500 years ago.

You may come for any number of mornings during the *sesshin*. Everyone arrives in silence before 6 a.m. and selects either a chair or cushion called a *zafu*. At 6 a.m. the starting bells are rung. All is silent. After 25 minutes of zazen, there is 10 minutes of walking meditation called *kinhin*, followed by another 25-minute period of zazen. A morning service is held from 7 a.m. to 7:20 a.m.

All are welcome. Loose-fitting clothing in subdued colors is recommended. Please, no shorts or tank tops. For more information, call Rev. Jiko at 322-3524.

The Zazenkai's annual *sesshin* breakfast will be held at Teshima's Restaurant on Monday, December 8 following the morning service.

## Kannon-ko & Ofudayaki Services

Wednesday, December 17                      10:00 a.m.

*Ofudayaki*, the ceremonial burning of sacred objects, will be held together with the last Kannon-ko service of the year at 10:00 a.m. on December 17. Please bring your old *omamori* (Buddhist charms), *ofuda* (house blessing cards), and other old burnable altar objects to the temple before December 18 or on the morning of the service.



The *Hannya Shingyo* (Heart of Great Perfect Wisdom Sutra) will be chanted while the objects are burned in the purifying flames. If you wish, you may toss into the flames a list of those things (negative thoughts, words, and actions) which you do not wish to carry into the new year.

May all obstructions to enlightenment be purified. New *ofuda* and *omamori* will be available at the New Year's Blessing Services.

Donations of refreshments are welcome.

## Gold Kannon-sama Pendants



Orders are being taken for 14-karat gold plated Kannon-sama pendants that are made in Japan. The image of Kannon-sama featured on these pendants was designed by the late Bishop Gyokuei Matsuura, who was a former minister of

Daifukuji Soto Mission. Each pendant is being sold for \$60, including tax, and does **not** come with a chain.

To order a pendant, please contact Rev. Jiko at 322-3524 by December 31. No extra pendants will be purchased by Daifukuji, so it is important that you pre-order your pendant. Please make checks payable to: Bishop Shugen Komagata.



## Three Refuges Prayer

*Sanki Rai Mon*

I take refuge in the Buddha.  
May all beings embody the great Way,  
resolving to awaken.

I take refuge in the Dharma.  
May all beings deeply enter the sutras,  
wisdom like an ocean.

I take refuge in the Sangha.  
May all beings support harmony in the  
community, free from hindrance.

- *Sutras and Gathas: In Harmony With Buddha* -

## Reflections Upon the Centennial

by *Chris Jien McLaughlin*



I truly enjoyed the Centennial celebration. I loved the chocolate cake and the coconut dessert. Everyone was busy visiting, reconnecting, and celebrating the 100th-year anniversary. It was so heartfelt to see Amy become a deacon after so many years of preparation. Her mom must be so proud. The monk who did a yoyo demonstration, even though he was nervous, did an extraordinary job. So many people volunteered to do whatever was needed to make this event a success. Even the hurricane could not dampen the spirit of all the Daifukji members. And no

matter what happened, Rev. Jiko cheerfully and peacefully led us all forward.

But what moved me the most were the words in our Centennial Song “Okagesama De.” I keep replaying the words over and over in my head, words that tell how Reverend Kaiseki Kodama walked from town to town, carrying his black umbrella & raising funds for the construction of a temple. He made many sacrifices. I wonder how many shoes he must have worn out, all because he had a vision, a dream to build a temple for all on this island. I wonder about all the ministers who came after our founding minister and how they continued with this vision. And about all the members who generously gave to this vision. About the hardworking coffee farmers working from sun up to sun down, working in rocky soil and the sacrifices they made. About all the women who spent countless hours cooking and cleaning for this vision, whose names and faces we will never know. The Sangha before us worked so very hard because they believed in the vision of carrying out the Dharma.

Today, we are so very blessed by all those of the past who sacrificed. We today reap all the benefits of this special place we call Daifukuji. I thought it was auspicious that on the day of this celebration it was raining and many of us, just like Reverend Kaiseki Kodama, carried an umbrella in our hand.

## Centennial Gifts

**Daifukuji members, if you have not yet received your Centennial bag and booklets, please see Rev. Jiko.**

Mahalo nui to Avis and Brian Yamamoto for designing the Centennial booklet containing photographs of temple groups taken by Brian. Mahalo also to Steve Hoshin Mann for putting together the “Tour of Daifukuji” booklet based on the temple tours given by Clear Houn Englebert and Rev. Jiko. Hoshin photographed the temple objects found in the tour booklet. The Centennial bags & the goodies they contained were put together by Michele Abe, Kellie Sugai-Dahl, and their committee members. Thank you to all who worked hard to make our Centennial celebration a special one.

## Centennial DVDs

Thanks to Kona videographer Randy Magnus, the Saturday, October 18 centennial service at the Sheraton Kona Kaleiopapa Convention Center was shown on channel 54 after the event. Randy's 58-minute DVD is available for purchase for \$20. It contains beautiful video clips of the service, featuring the Baikako choirs, as well as still photos taken at Daifukuji. It is a video of the Saturday event only. Please call Rev. Jiko at 322-3524 if you'd like to purchase a copy. Please make checks payable to: Randy Magnus.

## Dharma Book Sale

Stock up on great Dharma books on Dec. 14. On that day there will be a one-time sale of the used books in the gift shop. All used books will be half the marked price. Dharma books never get old or go bad like fresh produce. They can sit on your shelf and wait for you. In time of need, there they will be, ready with words of wisdom. Everyone's personal library could use a few more Dharma books, and the selection in the gift shop is excellent.

## 2015 Gift Shop Schedule

Sun.	Jan. 4	9:15 am – 10:00 am
Sun.	Feb. 8	8:30–9:30 am & 10:30 am–11:30
Sat.	Feb. 2	8:00 am – 11:00 am. <i>Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser</i>
Sun.	Mar. 15	8:30–9:30 am & 11:00 am–12:00
Sun.	Apr. 5	8:30–9:30 am & 10:30 am–11:30
Sun.	May 3	8:30 am – 11:00 am. Bazaar
Sun.	May 24	8:30–9:30 am & 10:30 am–11:30
Sun.	June 28	9:00–10 am & 11:30 am–12:30
Sat.	July 11	6:00 pm – 10:00 pm. Bon Dance
Sun.	July 19	8:00 am – 2:00 pm. Orchid Show
Sun.	Sept 13	8:30–9:30 am & 10:30 am–11:30
Sun.	Oct. 4	8:30–9:30 am & 10:30 am–11:30
Sun.	Nov. 22	Exact time to be announced
Sun.	Dec. 13	8:30–9:30 am & 10:30 am–11:30

## Keirosha Gifts

At their October meeting, the Daifukuji Board of Directors decided that because our keirosha (temple elders) were honored at the recent Centennial Celebration with special handmade tea cups, gifts will not be awarded at the 2015 New Year's party in January.

For 2016 and subsequent years, gifts will be given at the annual New Year's party to temple members who are or will be turning 88 during that particular year.

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According to Japanese tradition, one's 88th year (known as *beiju* in Japanese) is a particularly auspicious year.

Gift Shop News by *Clear Houn Englebert*



The gift shop is offering an old makuri painting---a painting without the scroll. It's from the Edo Period, so well over 100 years old. It shows holy Monju Bodhisattva, the bodhisattva of great wisdom, in a Dharma Cloud. In his hand is the Hannyashingyo and way down below is the beast (representing the self) offering a flower. Most images show Monju riding the beast, and this is the only one I've ever seen like it. It's only \$40 but needs framing.



The gift shop also has two exquisite new Japanese Kannon images---one a statue and the other a scroll. The statue is solid bronze and 18 inches high. It's circa 1960s and has a beautiful patina and wonderful detail. The eyes are quite similar to the eyes of the large Hawaii Kannon in the Kannon-do. It's a whopping \$300 so it probably won't sell anytime soon, hopefully giving everyone a chance to come by and see it. The scroll is a bit more affordable at \$160. In my opinion, it's the most beautiful Kannon image we've ever had in the gift shop. It's Kannon with a basket of limu. Usually, with this type of Kannon, the basket has fish but this time it's seaweed. I call it the vegetarian Kannon.



## December Programs



### Zazen (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.:  
December 11 & December 18
- \* Rohatsu Sesshin — Zazen every morning at 6 a.m. from December 1 - December 8 (See p.1)

Please arrive a few minutes early to be seated. Beginners are welcome.

### Shakyo & Shabutsu Art Meditation — Saturday, Dec. 13 at 8 a.m.

Mindfully tracing the Heart Sutra and pictures of buddhas and bodhisattvas harmonizes body, breath, and mind. Brushes, ink, and other materials are provided. This 90-minute session begins with the chanting of the *Heart Sutra* and the *Four Bodhisattva Vows* and ends with the chanting of the *Universal Transference of Merit*.

### Family Services

The last Family Service of 2014 will be held on December 7 from 9:30 - 10:15 a.m. The Family Sangha will be on winter break starting December 21 and will meet for their first service of the new year on January 11.

### Bon Dance Class

Join instructor Winifred Kimura for an evening of Bon Dance practice on Monday, December 15 from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. in the Social Hall.

### Bare Bones Writers

The Bare Bones writing group will meet on Tuesday, December 9 from 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. in the library area of the temple. For information, call Kathryn at 345-2976.

*The above sessions are offered at no charge and all are welcome.*

*You may make “pure heart offerings” in support of the temple and its programs.*

## Season's Greetings from Rev. Jiko

*Dear Daifukuji members and friends,*

*The members of my family — Michael, Amy Jikai, and Ryan Jigaku — join me in wishing you a happy Bodhi Day and a joyous holiday season. We are truly grateful for Daifukuji's Sangha 'ohana and for the kindness and aloha which you've extended to us throughout the year. Thank you very much for your loving support.*



*As our temple's centennial year approaches its end, we could not be more grateful for all that this momentous year has brought. While the Centennial Celebration itself was an unforgettable experience, it was the work that led up to it that brought many of us together and strengthened the bonds among us. At the celebration itself, many of us realized how our individual lives and the groups to which we belong are woven into the tapestry of a much bigger Sangha which sustains us all. From the children to the kupuna, from the Family Sangha to the Baikako to the Taiko groups and Orchid Club, we are all part of the greater Daifukuji community. Through our respective practices, may we aspire to create a bright and peaceful community for everyone.*

*May your holiday season sparkle with merriment and peaceful joy. I hope to see you at our Bodhi Day Service & general membership meeting on December 14th.*

*With warm aloha, in gassho,*

*Rev. Jiko*



## Project Dana's December Gathering

**December 10, 2014**

**8:30 a.m. - Noon**

**Please bring a \$5 wrapped gift.**

**Holiday attire suggested.**

**To join Project Dana, our monthly activity program for temple seniors, call Joyce at 329-3833.**

## Welcoming Rev. Shinryu Hoshino

Our sangha extends a warm welcome to Rev. Hoshino of Niigata, Japan, who is a new minister at the Soto Mission of Hawaii.

## Coming up in January...

New Year's Blessing Services

December 31 11:45 p.m.

January 1 10:00 a.m.

Fujinkai Hatsumairi.....January 4

Family Service.....January 11

Project Dana..... January 14

Daifukuji New Year's Party....January 18

Kannon-ko Service.....January 21

## Fun Times at Project Dana



Daifukuji Baikako With Baika Instructor Rev. Shuten Murakami



Merle Uyeda receiving Baika instruction



Rev. Jiko receives "Great Harmony" art from Rev. and Mrs. Zenpo Hirao

## **2015 Memorial Services Chart**

### **One Year Memorial Service (2014)**

Momoe Sakata	Jan. 13
Etsuko Yamaguchi	Aug. 30

### **3rd Year Memorial Service (2013)**

Betty Abe	Jan. 14
Herbert & Jane Okano	March 13
Mitsugi Inaba	March 27
Colbert Nozaki	April 26
Fusano Harai	June 28
Beverley Arai	July 29
Kimie Masuda	Aug. 9
Lester Nakano	Aug. 13
Myles Ota	Aug. 23
Chirio Miyose	Oct. 16
Shizuko Teshima	Oct. 22
Rochelle Ashikawa	Dec. 19

### **7th Year Memorial Service (2009)**

Charles Sasaki	Jan. 15
Kiyoshi Deguchi	Feb. 4
Yoshie Kawasaki	April 21
Sally Deguchi	May 21
Kazuko Sato	June 19
Kay-Ann Asada	Oct. 2
Tomomi Matsumoto	Oct. 4
Sadaki Kusunoki	Dec. 19

### **13th Year Memorial Service (2003)**

Cynthia Bennett	Jan. 31
Mabel Jenkins	Feb. 22
Hiroko Corpuz	Feb. 24
Hagino Harai	Feb. 27
Takashi Harai	March 16
Mildred Oshima	March 27
Hideo Matsuo	April 14
Jesse Hanato	Aug. 9
Stanley Yamauchi	Sept. 23
Hisashi Kimura	Oct. 17
Takashi Oda	Nov. 12
Masako Fujitani	Dec. 11
Hisashi Araki	Dec. 26

### **17th Year Memorial Service (1999)**

Tsuichi Masuda	Jan. 24
Kimie Ota	March 1
Hisa Matsuo	April 9
Kazuo Seo	June 15
George Sasaki	June 14

### **23rd Year Memorial Service (1993)**

Nobuyo Kawakami	Feb. 1
Paul Murata	April 19
Tetsuo Maruyama	May 18
Harumi Nakano	Aug. 20
Mitsue Nakamura	Oct. 24
Hideko Seo	Nov. 11

### **27th Year Memorial Service (1989)**

Thelma Victor	Jan. 3
Charles Yamaguchi	Jan. 18
Sute Akazawa	Feb. 12
Tadashi Oka	March 31
Kazuma Asada	April 19
Isao Kurozawa	June 1
Kenichi Sumida	June 6
Dorothie McMurphey	July 24

### **33rd Year Memorial Service (1983)**

James MacKay	Jan. 17
Thomas Mitamura	Feb. 21
Chiyo Fujii	March 12
Fude Yokoyama	April 2
Kuma Sasaki	Dec. 30

**To arrange a memorial service, please call Rev. Jiko at 322-3524. Services may be held at the temple or at your home. The names on this list are from the Daifukuji Record Book. Please inform Rev. Jiko of any errors. Thank you.**

# December 2014

- 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...

November 2014							December 2014							January 2015								
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 9:30 AM Family Service	1 6:00 AM Rohatsu Sesshin 5:00 PM Youth Taiko 7:30 PM Happy Strummers	2 ... Rohatsu Sesshin 5:00 PM Adult Taiko	3 ... Rohatsu Sesshin 5:00 PM Youth Taiko 7:00 PM Fujinkai Board	4 ... Rohatsu Sesshin 7:30 AM Yoga Class 9:00 AM Tai Chi 5:00 PM Adult Taiko 7:00 PM Temple Board	5 ... Rohatsu Sesshin 8:00 AM Samu	6 ... Rohatsu Sesshin 9:30 AM Youth Taiko
7 ... Rohatsu Sesshin 7:45 AM Baikako Practice 9:30 AM Family Service	8 ... Rohatsu Sesshin 5:00 PM Youth Taiko	9 9:00 AM Bare Bones Writers 5:00 PM Adult 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 Class 9:00 AM Tai Chi 5:00 PM Adult Taiko 7:00 PM Evening zazen	12 8:00 AM Samu 7:00 PM Sangha Sisters	13 9:30 AM Youth Taiko
14 Jodo-e Service Membership Meeting Potluck Lunch	15 5:00 PM Youth Taiko 7:00 PM Bon Dance Class	16 5:00 PM Adult Taiko	17 Kannon-ko 10 AM 6:00 AM Zazen 5:00 PM Youth Taiko	18 7:30 AM Yoga Class 9:00 AM Tai Chi 5:00 PM Adult Taiko 7:00 PM Evening zazen	19 8:00 AM Samu	20 9:30 AM Youth Taiko
21 5:00 PM Youth Taiko	22 5:00 PM Youth Taiko	23 5:00 PM Adult Taiko	24 6:00 AM Zazen 5:00 PM Youth Taiko	25 Christmas Day	26 8:00 AM Samu	27 8:00 AM Mochitsuki Prep
28 Mochitsuki Help Needed	29 5:00 PM Youth Taiko	30 5:00 PM Adult Taiko	31 New Year's Blessing 6:00 AM Zazen 11:45 PM Service	1 New Year's Day 10:00 AM Blessing Service ... Service	2 8:00 AM Samu	3 9:30 AM Youth Taiko

## 2014 Daifukuji Mochi Order Form

Mochi Tsuki is scheduled for **Sunday, December 28, 2014**

**pick up from 9:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.**

*A fundraiser for the Daifukuji Soto Mission Teen Sangha & Taiko Group*

If you are not able to place your order at the Jodo-E service, please complete the information and return promptly along with your payment (*please make checks out to Daifukuji YBA*). While every effort will be made to accommodate our members and long-time customers, we will process orders on a first-come-first-served basis. Once we are sold out, names will be added to a Wait List. Once we determine that we have extra mochi, we will call individuals from this list.

We enjoy being a part of your New Year tradition and truly appreciate your support!

*We humbly ask for volunteers to help with our Mochi Tsuki. It has been said that Mochi Tsuki helps to keep everyone together because the mochi is so sticky. Although we will be starting at 5:00 a.m., we would welcome help throughout the day. Please stop by and join us.*

Please call the temple, 322-3524, with any questions.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Quantity Ordered	Item	Price	Total
	 Kagami Mochi	\$5.00 per set	

	Ko Mochi	\$5.00 tray of 10	
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<b>Grand Total</b>	
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Return form to: Daifukuji Soto Mission  
 79-7241 Mamalahoa Hwy.  
 Kealahou, HI 96750  
 ATTN: Mochi Order

Make checks payable to: Daifukuji Y.B.A.