

Daifukuji Soto Mission

1914 - 2014

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



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Celebrating Our Temple's 100th Anniversary



Nehan-e Service & Potluck Lunch

Sunday, February 9 9:30 a.m.

All are cordially invited to attend Daifukuji's Nehan-e Service which will be held on Sunday, February 9 at 9:30 a.m. In observance of the Buddha's passing and entering Nirvana, a scroll depicting the reclining Buddha surrounded by mourning people & animals will be on display inside the temple. This scroll was donated by the Sugai Family.

The Dharma message will be given by Rev. Jiko.

Lunch will be a potluck. Please bring a dish or dessert to share if you can.

Flowers for the altar are appreciated and may be dropped off the morning of Friday, February 7th.



Pancake Breakfast with Plant & Baked Goods Sale

Saturday, February 22 7 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Our Fujinkai ladies are welcoming the Year of the Horse with a Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser. At \$7 apiece, tickets are available in advance through Fujinkai members & the temple office. **Tickets will also be sold at the door.** Each ticket is good for one breakfast platter and coffee, tea, or juice.

A plant and baked goods sale will also be held. Come early for the best selection. Donations of potted plants and cut flowers are appreciated and may be dropped off at the temple Friday morning, February 21. For more information, call Joyce at 329-3833 or Elaine at 322-2084.

Let's all support our Fujinkai Women's Organization's fundraising efforts. Proceeds help to defray conference expenses and fund field trips and educational activities sponsored by the Fujinkai.



Fujinkai Officers & District Representatives
January 5th Hatsumairi

All sang “Happy Birthday” to Sakae who turned 96 on the day of the Hatsumairi.

A New Year’s Message from the Daifukuji Fujinkai President

Akemashite omedeto gozaimasu. A happy new year greeting to all!

The Fujinkai Women’s Association had a busy and productive year in 2013. Besides our successful pancake breakfast and sushi bento fundraisers, we also assisted with preparing & serving refreshments at several funerals. Attending the annual UHSSWA Conference in Hilo was most inspirational and our field trip to Waimea was relaxing and fun.

I’d like to express my heartfelt gratitude to the executive board, district representatives, chairpersons, and team members who faithfully and efficiently performed their responsibilities at our various activities. A great mahalo goes out to our advisor, Rev. Jiko, for her guidance and to our dedicated members for their support, hard work, and generous donations. The Fujinkai has been a vital part of the temple and community throughout the years. Today we are truly appreciative of the knowledge and compassion that has been handed down to us through generations of Fujinkai members and advisors. Thank you to the pioneers.

As we anticipate our centennial year with excitement, we remember our former ministers, families, and ancestors who have blessed us with their many contributions, ideals, and commitments to better our Buddhist heritage. Let us continue in their footsteps to work together in harmony with deep respect and faith in each other. May good health, peace, happiness, and love be with you and your family throughout the year.

In Gassho,
Joyce St. Arnault

Fujinkai Field Trip Coming Up February 8

Daifukuji Fujinkai members who have signed up for the **Saturday, February 8** field trip to Waimea & Laupahoehoe should meet at the temple at **7: 15 a.m.** for a 7:30 a.m. departure. Please be on time. There is no charge for Fujinkai members, whose bus transportation & museum entry fees & lunches will be paid for by the Fujinkai. Lunches will be ordered in advance. Please see Lorraine Tanimoto for lunch menu.

Fujinkai members who are bringing guests: please note that there is a \$15 charge per guest for transportation & museum entry. Please submit payment to Fujinkai treasurer Elaine Fernandez. Lunches for guests are on their own.



In Memoriam

To the family of the late **Bennett Kanichi Ohta**, 78, who passed away October 26, 2013, we offer words of comfort and love.

To the family of the late **Rochelle Ashikawa**, 91, who passed away December 19, 2013, we express our deepest sympathy.

To the family of the late **Momoe Molly Sakata**, 85, who passed away January 13, 2014, we extend our heartfelt condolences.

Namu Daihi Kanzeon Bosatsu.

May the light of compassion bring you peace.



Mahalo

...to the members of the Daifukuji Family Sangha who sewed and donated cheery purple ulu-print zabuton covers to the temple as a centennial gift.

...to Edna Yamane who stitched big & beautiful covers for the zabuton used by the Daifukuji Zazenkai in time for their Rohatsu Sesshin in December.

... to Kusato Okayama for donating his labor to do electrical work for the temple & to Gilbert Kaneko for taking care of the P.A. system.

Mahalo to ALL who contribute to our temple in ways too numerous to mention.

Baby News



Fiona Meiren McDonough gave birth to a beautiful baby boy in November. She's named him Maitri, which in Sanskrit means "loving-kindness" or "universal friendliness." Congratulations, Fiona!

Congratulations also go out from our Sangha to Jaynell (Cantor) & Reid Shibata upon the birth of their baby girl, Callie, and also to Lyanne (Asada) & Drew O'Connell upon the birth of their daughter, Solonie. Congratulations to the babies' proud grandmas and grandpas, too!



Welcome, New Members

We extend a warm welcome to the **Ogi family** -- Gordon, Shari Ann, Derek, and Ryan.

Find Daifukuji on Facebook

Thanks to the efforts of Amy Jikai, our temple now has a Facebook page. Look for DAIFUKUJI SOTO ZEN BUDDHIST TEMPLE or simply click on the Facebook logo that's at the bottom of our website's home page: www.daifukuji.org. Amy's uploaded photos, videos, and Buddhist quotes. Daifukuji's a hundred years old and keeping up with the times! Thank you, Amy.

Library News

By Clear Houn Englebert

There are three amazing new arrivals about stupas. Stupas themselves are amazing. They are reliquaries, things that hold relics, and they are often quite large and intricate.

The Symbolism of the Stupa by Adrian Snodgrass is very thick and has many drawings and black and white photographs enriching what is probably the most extensive treatise on stupas in English. The book has a hidden string attached to my jaw -- every time I open it up, my jaw drops.

Buddhist Stupas in Asia by Joe Cummings, with photography by Bill Wassman is published by Lonely Planet, a company that specializes in travel guides. This is the only book like it that the company has done and it's astonishingly beautiful, but not without a couple of quirks. At regular intervals throughout the book the publisher has included translucent tissue pages which have diagrams printed on them and look as if they are meant to overlay a photograph, but there's never a photograph for them to overlay. The pages seem to be just an odd gimmick, as is the fact that the actual cover of the book (not the dust cover) has no title or author printed anywhere on it. These quirks don't detract from the book; they just make you wonder about the publisher, "What were they thinking?"

Joruriji, Gansenji, Kaijusanji by Masashi Hamashima, Koji Ogawa, Taizo Ogawa, Tomokazu Yazawa, and Yoshio Watanabe is a slender, but oversize, book with many full-page color and black-and-white photographs of these three Japanese temples. Each of the temples has a significant pagoda, which is a type of stupa. The text is written in Japanese, but that shouldn't keep anyone from enjoying the great beauty of this wonderful book.

Library Request

The next time you're in KTA, consider making a small donation to the Daifukuji library. The library needs section dividers, and KTA sells the style of placemat we'd like to use for the purpose. The photograph shows the plastic placemat with white tropical leaves against a frosted background. The placemat will slide between books separating the sections. When the sections are well divided, the library makes more sense and is more approachable.



Donations to the library come in many ways, and usually quite unexpectedly. Recently some kind person left three lovely, excellent, hardback books in the library. Thank you, anonymous person.

Also recently, we had some book donations mailed to us by Dr. Alfred Bloom. That's a first, having donations mailed, and the books are quite substantial and rare. We are extremely grateful to Dr. Bloom.

The last time we received an unsolicited donation of books of this magnitude was around the time that I started as librarian, taking over from the founder, Lorraine Tanimoto. Michael Woodbury donated many books and among them were some rare Dharma gems. Thank you again, Michael.



Santa Bodhi & Elf Jikai delighted children and adults alike on Bodhi Day.

2013 General Membership Meeting Report

Recorded by Board Secretary Judie Myoko Fekete

At the general membership meeting held inside the temple on December 8, 2013, Board of Directors President, Stephen Tanaka, gave the year-end temple report to the membership attendees.

Here is his recap of 2013 and a brief update on 2014, “The year of our centennial.”

Stephen said joining the board and being president has had its ups and downs but has actually been fun. He really had not attended temple very much since being a small boy and said that it is good to be back in the sangha.

Hawaii Soto Mission Association (HSMA) spring meeting was held in Honolulu in February. It was good to hear we’re not alone. All the other temples discussed some of the problems with which they have been dealing.

The Soto Mission of Hawaii Shoboji Betsuin’s 100th Anniversary and Hawaii Soto Mission’s 110th Anniversary of Soto Shu in Hawaii celebrations were held in November on Oahu. Seven from DSM carefully observed, seeing firsthand how they planned and executed their centennial. It will help give us ideas how we want our centennial to be.

The Big Island HAIB (Hawaii Association of International Buddhists) held its first Buddha Day (Hanamatsuri) Celebration in April at the Kona Hongwanji. It was a great success.

Our temple Bazaar fundraiser, which was held in May, went well and we did well financially.

General clean up day in June was safe and productive, and is getting easier as more people show up to kokua.

A golf cart was purchased from the Kona Country Club’s “going out of business” event in July. (Thanks to Michele Abe for notifying us). Myles Ikeda and Steven Tanaka created a garage to store the cart by enclosing a section of the old crematorium.

Our Bon dance was held in July. Bobby Command and Wade Yasuda volunteered as co-chairs and did a great job. They volunteered again as co-chairs for the 2014 Bon dance.

Kona Daifukuji Orchid Club (KDOC) held their annual orchid show in July and it was well attended.

Summer Sangha Picnic was held in August. Ann Nakamoto and Ron Iwamoto were co-chairs for an event that was enjoyed by all who attended. They’ve volunteered again to be co-chairs for the 2014 picnic.

New temple membership grew in 2013 by fifteen new members. Our older members are reducing in numbers, yet we are growing. Congratulations to everyone for making this such an inviting temple, the reason we’re growing. This growth can make up for those members who for a long time took care of the temple but cannot do it any longer. Currently there are 30 individual, separate groups that make up our list of temple activities. We should be very proud of our Reverend Jiko who has a lot to do with this growth and takes care of us all.

Our Centennial theme is *Okagesama de: Thanks to countless beings, we are here today.*

Centennial 2014 is to be celebrated throughout the entire year. All plans for the October 18-19 formal dates are going very well. A lot of kokua is needed and co-chairs will appreciate any time or talents offered. Please contact them to see what is needed: Ron Iwamoto, Joyce St Arnault and Cindy Asada.

Thank you very much to all of our members and supporters for making it possible for Daifukuji Soto Mission to grow and thrive.

February Dharma Programs

Zazen & Chanting

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

* Thursday, Feb. 20 from 7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Shakyo & Shabutsu Meditation (*Mindfully tracing the sutras & pictures of Buddhas in silence*)

Saturday, Feb. 1 from 8 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.

Buddhist Movie Night: A slideshow by Ambika Rose of her pilgrimage to Buddhist sites in China

Thursday, February 13 at 7:00 p.m.

Baikako Plum Blossom Choir Practice

February 2 and February 23 at 7:45 a.m.

For information, call Rev. Jiko at 322-3524.



The Daifukuji Zazenkai & friends are seen here at the end of the Rohatsu Sesshin in December



Centennial Dharma Program to be Held in March

Patricia Mushim Ikeda will be coming to Daifukuji upon the invitation of our temple to offer a number of Dharma talks in March. She is a Buddhist teacher, author, and peace activist based in Oakland, California. Mushim is also a core teacher at East Bay Meditation Center in Oakland. She teaches meditation retreats nationally and online. Her writing has appeared in Buddhist periodicals such as *Tricycle*, *Shambhala Sun*, and *Buddhadharma*, as well as various book anthologies. Please join us.

Thursday, March 13 7 p.m. Dharma Talk “Demystifying the 3 E’s: Enlightenment, Ego, Emptiness”
Open to the public.

Friday, March 14 7 p.m. Dharma Talk “The Four Noble Truths: The Basic Teachings of the Buddha”
Open to the public.

Saturday, March 15 9:00 am - 4:00 pm Silent Zen Retreat with Two Dharma Talks on “The Four Noble Truths.” Registration from 8:30 a.m. Potluck lunch. \$20 suggested donation.

Sunday, March 16 9:30 a.m. Family Service Dharma Talk for Children

Sunday, March 16 1:00 p.m. Dharma talk on “Spiritual Friendship” for members of the Fujinkai Women’s Association. To be followed by yarn lei making for the centennial.

Out of respect for those with chemical sensitivities and asthma, please refrain from wearing fragranced hair, body, and clothing products (including “natural” or aromatherapy products) & avoid the use of perfume and aftershave. Thank you.



Rev. Jiko with baby Callie at the mochitsuki.

Envisioning a Bright Future

by Rev. Jiko Nakade

Over the years, several temple members have said to me, “You know, Sensei. Every time I go to Vegas, I try to win the jackpot so that I can buy the next-door lot and donate it to our temple. That way, we can expand our parking area & people won’t have to risk getting hurt by parking along the highway when there are big services & events.”

Although none of these well-wishers have hit the big one so far, **the spirit of thoughtfulness and generosity** that gives rise to this kind of wish is something that moves me beyond words. It’s clear that beneath the wish to win is a deep love and concern that these members have for our temple and community. This is the vow and practice of the Bodhisattva, the heart of Kannon-sama. This is what I hope people will cultivate. It’s the love and compassion that counts.

It’s from this place of love, compassion, and selflessness that I’m hoping our Sangha will go forth into the future. This is why, in creating the vision board to the right, I placed a picture of Kannon-sama in the center of all of the green bodhi leaves that stand for the groups with which we are connected. In moving forward, we need to take care of everyone, just like a mother takes care her children, tenderly listening to and nurturing each one of them.

This is why I’m holding evening envisioning sessions throughout the year. I’d like to know what you think. I’d like to hear about your ideas. What is your vision for our temple? Your voice is important. I invite you to come to the next session at 7 p.m. on **March 6th** and let your voice be heard. Those present, whether it be two or ten, will be encouraged to listen without criticism or judgment. This is our practice: sitting still, listening deeply, seeing others for who they are, seeing our own views & egos with clarity, speaking from a place of honesty and integrity, and relinquishing attachment to “my way.” In the process, we’ll create a shared vision out of unique individual views, not some pie-in-the-sky vision, but one that clarifies our mission, gives us direction, and leads us to a bright future.



Namu kie butsu. Namu kie ho. Namu kie so.



Fujinkai Team Cooking: A New Approach

Starting this year, the Fujinkai will be trying a new approach to tackling the task of cooking for the Sangha on the days that major services are held. It's called "cooking by team." The Fujinkai roster shows which members belong to teams 1, 2, & 3. The following women have agreed to serve as **team leaders**, who will be

responsible for menu planning, the purchase of ingredients, and being in charge of the cooking.

Team 1: Elaine Fernandez and Merle Uyeda

Team 2: Kellar Deguchi and Jean Ikeda

Team 3: Ella Yasuda and Chris Wada

The cooking advisors for all three teams are Michiko Enomoto and Ann Nakamoto (322-2601, 937-0149).

Fujinkai members, please come out to help on the days that your team is assigned to do the cooking. Seniors with hardships are excused. The schedule is as follows:

February 9	Nehan-e Service	Potluck Lunch	Meeting of all team leaders
March 23	33 Kannon Service	TEAM 1	
April 13	Hanamatsuri Service	Daifukuji Zazenkai	
May 25	Memorial Day/ Baccalaureate	TEAM 2	
June 29	Obon Service	TEAM 3	
July 12	Bon Dance Refreshments	TEAM 1	
August 17	Sangha Picnic	Potluck Lunch	
Sept. 14	Ohigan/Ryosoki Service	Potluck Lunch	
October 5	Daruma-ki Service	TEAM 2	
November 23	Thanksgiving Service	TEAM 3	
December 14	Jodo-e Service	Potluck Lunch	



We bow our heads in gratitude to **Alfreida Fujita** who has been our kitchen head (*tenzo*) for years and years, who has trained countless women in the art of temple cooking, and who, at the venerable age of 86, will now be relieved of this tremendous responsibility, although she'll still be around to give support. Mahalo also to Elsie Mochizuki and Michiko Enomoto who have served as Alfreida's assistants. Special thanks go to Michiko for preparing the "goreizen" food offering trays for our major services.

Domo arigato to all who work in the temple kitchen in service to the Three Treasures.

MARVELOUS MOCHI MAKERS

A big mahalo to all from Daifukuji Y.B.A. & Kona Daifukuji Taiko!



To mochitsuki coordinators Avis & Brian Yamamoto, to the taiko families and alumni, to all who came to help, and to all who purchased mochi, thank you very much!



February 2014

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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

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