

# Daifukuji Soto Mission

*Celebrating Our Temple's 100th Anniversary*

# 1914 - 2014

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



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July, 2014

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## Daifukuji Bon Dance

### Saturday, July 12



6:30 p.m. Opening Service

7:00 - 10:00 p.m. Bon Dance

*Featuring taiko performances by Kona Daifukuji Taiko and Kona Hongwanji Taiko and Japanese & Okinawan dance solos by special guest instructors during intermission.*

#### **Snack shop to benefit Kona Daifukuji Taiko**

Curry stew and rice, deluxe teri burgers, hot dogs and manju are some of the menu items. Please support this fund raiser for the youth taiko group whose performing group members will be traveling to L.A. in July to attend and also perform at the World Taiko Conference.

## BON DANCE SET UP

Saturday, July 12

8:00 a.m.

Volunteers are needed to set up the yagura and hall.

*Onegai shimasu. We humbly request your kokua*



## BON DANCE CLEAN UP

Sunday, July 13

8:00 a.m.

Volunteers are needed to dismantle the yagura and to put things away.

*Onegai shimasu.*



## BON DANCE PRACTICE SESSIONS

Daifukuji Social Hall

7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

June 10, 17, & 24 (Tuesdays)

July 1, 3, 8, & 10 (Tuesdays & Thursdays)



*Domo arigato to Bon dance instructors Winifred Kimura & Ruriko Hayashi*

Dance instructor Winifred Kimura, with the help of some of Daifukuji's seasoned Bon dancers, will be leading free practice sessions in the temple's social hall. All are welcome. Beginners are encouraged to join the circle. No previous dancing experience required.

## Celebrate With Orchids

*By Fern Gavelek*

“Celebrate with Orchids” at the 32nd annual Kona Daifukuji Orchid Club (KDOC) show and sale Sunday, July 27 at the Daifukuji Soto Mission Hall.

This year’s celebratory theme is in conjunction with the mission’s 100th anniversary year. The free event offers attendees complimentary refreshments, plus an orchid boutonniere corsage—while they last. Time is 8 a.m.-2 p.m. with the Daifukuji Taiko Drummers performing at 10 a.m.

Enjoy an elaborate and colorful display of live blooming cattleya, cymbidium, dendrobium, phalaenopsis, miltonia, vanda and more. Cameras are welcome. In addition this year’s show will have a display of orchid-themed vases and a sampling of ways to integrate the plants into lanai décor. Amid orchids, relax on benches while browsing through orchid-themed magazines and books.

Got growing questions? Veteran members will staff a Question and Answer Booth where attendees can get expert advice on caring for orchids. The club boasts eight charter members who each have been growing orchids at least 30 years at different Kona elevations.

In addition to the other displays, the annual event offers an outdoor sale of high-quality orchid species and hybrids.

The Kona Daifukuji Orchid Club is West Hawai‘i’s oldest orchidaceae organization with a mission to learn and foster orchid culture and promote fellowship among orchid collectors. The club meets the second Wednesday of every month at the Daifukuji Soto Mission Hall on Hwy. 11 at mile marker 114, just north of Kainaliu. For information, visit [www.kdoc.us](http://www.kdoc.us), get club updates at [www.facebook.com/orchidsinparadise](https://www.facebook.com/orchidsinparadise) or phone 808-354-8847.



### Welcome, New Members

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

Paul Araki

Kindness & Hannah Israel

### Letter for Bazaar Donations

A thank you letter that includes a section for tax purposes will be mailed over the next few weeks to those who wrote their names & addresses on the bazaar donation sign-in sheet. If you do not receive a letter by the end of June & need one for your tax purposes, please contact the temple office at 322-3524 in July.



## Congratulations, graduates!

Brandon Awa, Rayne Baltero, Pookela Hanato-Smith, Kaitlin Koseda, Royce Torres-Torioka, & Evyn Yamaguchi were the high school graduates honored at this year’s baccalaureate service and luncheon held on May 25, 2014.

These fine young men and women of the Class of 2014 received the light of the Buddha and many blessings & leis from Rev. Jiko and members of the



Daifukuji Sangha. Following the service, all gathered in the social hall for a delicious lasagna lunch prepared by Team 2 of the Fujinkai Women’s Association. Thank you, ladies. A warm mahalo is also extended to Avis and Brian Yamamoto for decorating the hall and putting together a program in honor of the graduates. The hearty *banzais*, a Daifukuji tradition, and singing of *Hawaii Aloha* at the end as everyone stood in a circle around the hall revealed the love and all-embracing aloha of our Daifukuji Sangha ‘ohana.

## KONA DAIFUKUJI YOGA

**6 Thursdays, 7:30 - 8:45 am**

**June 12, 19, 26 July 3, 10, & 17**

**Open to: Members & Kona Community**

**Beginners & Experienced**

**Drop in or Whole Series**

**Bring:** Yoga mat, loose clothing, empty stomach & “Dana”= “love offering”  
*Ambika donates all offerings to Daifukuji Soto Mission.*

**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**

Library News  
by Clear Englebert



**There are a wide variety of new arrivals:**

*Receiving the Buddhist Precepts* printed by Shasta Abbey is a succinct 24-page pamphlet which is very appropriate for anyone who has taken the Precepts or is considering doing so. “The keeping of the Precepts leads to peace within the heart, which leads to true joy, which leads to gratitude which is unbounded, which gives birth to generosity of spirit and generosity of spirit gives birth to absolute trust.”

*The Buddhahasita Dasabhadra Karmamarga* is a very short sermon given by Shakyamuni Buddha, and is apparently the original basis of the Precepts.

*The Six Perfections* by Dale Wright is a book that goes hand-in-hand with the Precepts.

*Tassajara Moments* by Tova Green is a delightful 48-page book of poems and musings of her time before becoming ordained as a priest at Tassajara in 2003. It is dedicated to Mayumi Oda, and one of the acknowledgements is to Mushim Ikeda-Nash.

There are two interesting new books in the Death section: *Sleeping, Dreaming, and Dying* by the Dalai Lama, and *Loving and Dying* by Visuddhacara.

**The new DVDs are:**

*North Hawaii Hospice Lantern Float Ceremony 2013* by Aki Imai

*Daijukuji Soto Mission Obon Festival 2013* by Randy Magnus

**The other new arrivals are:**

*Beyond the Self: Teachings on the Middle Way* by Thich Nhat Hanh

*Be an Island: the Buddhist Practice of Inner Peace*, another wonderful book by Ayya Khema.

*Wild Ways: Zen Poems of Ikkyu* is translated by John Stevens.

*Balance of Body / Balance of Mind: A Rolfer's Vision of Buddhist Practice in the West* by Will Johnson is certainly a one-of-a-kind book. The poet Ikkyu is quoted in this book, “To harden into a Buddha is wrong.”

*Seeing Through Zen* by John McRae, a unique book concerning the Chan lineages.

*Tun-Huang*, a historical novel by Yasushi Inoue, translated by Jean Oda Moy

*The Joy of Living* is a five-disc audio set by Yongey Mingyur Rinpoche

*Utsukushiki Hito Ni (To A Beautiful Person)* by Abbess Shundo Aoyama is in Japanese.

*At Home in Muddy Water* by Ezra Bayda, which is subtitled A Guide to Finding Peace within Everyday Chaos.

*The Life of Shakyamuni Buddha*, a vintage children's book by Honpa Hongwanji Dept. of Sunday Schools.



KONA DAIFUKUJI SOTO MISSION  
 19<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL BUILDING AND MAINTENANCE FUNDRAISER BAZAAR  
 MAY 4, 2014

	<u>SALES</u>	<u>EXPENSES</u>	<u>TOTAL SALES</u>
AUCTION	\$853.00	0	\$853.00
BOOKS/TOYS	937.49	0	937.49
CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES	86.40	0	86.40
CRAFTS/HOUSEHOLD	2,107.74	0	2,107.74
FOOD/PRODUCE	7,471.80	1,195.47	6,276.33
GARDEN SHOP	1,313.00	0	1,313.00
MASSAGE	645.00	0	645.00
RUMMAGE	2,217.91	0	2,217.91
SNACK SHOP	<u>935.50</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>935.00</u>
SUB-TOTALS	\$16,567.84	\$1,195.47	\$15,372.37

OTHER EXPENSES:

CAR GAS TO WAIMEA PICK-UP	20.00
KONA COFFEE - WAIMEA FARMS	60.00
ENTERTAINMENT - ERROL ISHIMINE	100.00
WEST HAWAII TODAY - 3 ADS	292.50
G.E. TAXES	<u>662.71</u>
SUB-TOTAL	\$1,135.21

TOTAL \$14,237.16

CASH DONATIONS 2,225.00

TOTAL REVENUE \$16,462.16

**Mahalo to all for a successful bazaar!**

Thanks to your support, our temple's building & maintenance fund has been replenished.



Mahalo to (L-R in photo) Shaun Roth, Philip Hema, Wade Yasuda, Stanley Oshima, Bob Bowman, Tyrone Ohta, Chester Mitamura, Mana, & Antony Savvis & also to Don Erway, Mune Morichika, & Bobby Command.

### New Carpet Installed

On May 27th a beautiful brown carpet was installed in the temple's main hall. Those who have seen it and walked upon it have remarked, "Oh, this is nice!" So far everyone seems pleased with the natural tone and weave of the carpet, as well as the feeling of freshness that a new carpet brings. One young man walked into the temple and exclaimed, "Wow, this new carpet has completely changed the energy of the temple! I think I'll be coming here more often."

The installation of the carpet was made possible through the generous donations of our temple members and supporters over the years. Thank you very much. We also thank the volunteers who responded to our call for help. A crew of volunteers came on May 25th to move ALL of the pews, the organ, and other furniture out of the main hall; another crew came on May 28th to move everything back. What a job that was! Whoever donated the "Moving Men" furniture sliders, thank you very much. They worked as shown on T.V. To any volunteer whose name was inadvertently missed, our warmest mahalo.

### Mahalo to the Friday Samu Group

To all of the members of the Friday samu temple-cleaning group, thank you very much for preparing the interior of the temple for painting by moving everything on and along the walls to the center of the room so that the walls could be painted and also for putting everything back after the painting was done. This is a group that goes above and beyond the weekly cleaning of the temple and maintenance of the grounds.



*Project Dana's Circle of Friends*

## July - August Dharma Programs

### **Zazen**

- \* Every Wednesday morning from 6:00 a.m. - 7:20 a.m.
  - \* Evening zazen from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. on July 17, July 31, 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: July 6, July 26, August 10, & August 24**

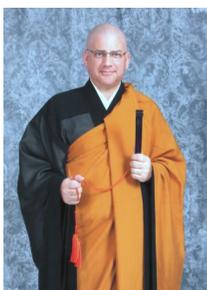
- \* Practice sessions for Daifukuji's Baikako Plum Blossom Choir run from 7:45 a.m. until 9:00 a.m.
- \* For information, call Michiko Enomoto at 329-2055.

### **Family Services**

- \* There are no family services during the month of July. Services begin August 10th at 9:30 a.m.

### **Dharma Study: 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 welcome.

*Dharma programs are offered free of charge and are open to all. Monetary offerings are gratefully accepted. Donations may be placed in the small wooden box.*

KONA DAIFUKUJI  
SOTO MISSION



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Anniversary  
1914-2014  
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Okagesama de  
Thanks to countless beings,  
we are here today.

## Centennial Reservations

Mahalo to those of you who have turned in your attendance forms and payment for the weekend of October 18 & 19. If you have not yet turned in your form, please turn it in as soon as possible. **Reservations are still being accepted.** Need a form? Just stop by the temple office or call 322-3524. We'd love to have you join us.

We realize that October is still a few months away. However, a general headcount helps in the planning of this big event.

Many honored guests are coming from near and far. Among them are some of our former ministers & their families: Rev. and Mrs. Hakudo Sato, Rev. and Mrs. Ryuji Tamiya, Bishop and Mrs. Shugen Komagata. Also joining us will be the children of former ministers such as the son & family of our founding minister Rev. Kaiseki Kodama & the children of the late Bishop and Mrs. Gyokuei Matsuura. We are also looking forward to welcoming ministers & members of our sister Soto Zen temples from around the state of Hawai'i, and welcoming "home" from the mainland Daifukuji members & children of members.

**Local members, please join us in welcoming all of our guests with Kona-style aloha. We humbly ask for your participation and support of this momentous occasion.**

**Hotel rooms at the Sheraton Kona for the weekend of Oct. 18 & 19 are still available at special rates. If you are interested, please see, call, or email Rev. Jiko for a hotel form. ([rev.jiko@daifukuji.org](mailto:rev.jiko@daifukuji.org)) Reservations must be made through Daifukuji Soto Mission to qualify for the special room rates.**

# PICNIC



All are invited to Daifukuji's annual

## SANGHA PICNIC

Sunday, August 17

Old Airport Beach Park, Pavilion # 3

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

(More information to follow in August newsletter)

## Coming Up in August

- Taishoji Soto Mission Bon Dance, Bon Service, Toro Nagashi (Hilo).....August 2 & 3
- Family Services Begin.....August 10
- Project Dana.....August 13
- Sangha Picnic.....August 17
- Kannon-ko Service.....August 20
- Hannya Shingyo Study Classes.....August 23 & 30, September 6





Mahalo to Aric Tanimoto, Okinawan dance sensei Linda Asato, & Daifukuji's bon dance sensei Winifred Kimura



Members of the "Guys Only" Bon Dance class with instructor Winifred Kimura & assistants Jean & Amy



Stanley Oshima, Chester Mitamura, Julio Fernandez, & Tyrone Ohta shave the o-toba boards for Obon

### Mahalo to Toba Team

A big mahalo goes out to Stanley Oshima, Tyrone Ohta, Julio Fernandez, and Chester Mitamura for shaving a large number of o-toba boards for this year's Obon. Thank you also to Richard Iwamuro and Robert Woolsey for making and donating new toba boards to replace the brittle ones.

Every year the toba boards are recycled. The writing is shaved off using a planer and the shavings are used as mulch in the temple garden.



Daifukuji Fujinkai with Rev. Hozui Nakayama, 1937



Daifukuji Baikako with Rev. & Mrs. Hakudo Sato, Hisashi Kimura, & visiting ministers, 1960's

## Summer Greetings from Rev. Jiko



Dear Daifukuji members and friends,

I send you my Obon greetings with best wishes for your health and happiness. Summer is here with its delightful brightness, enveloping warmth, and playful energy. At Daifukuji, I'm enjoying listening to the taiko groups practicing their Bon Dance song "Matsuri" and watching the bon dancers hone their dancing skills for the upcoming season. It's nice to see that quite a few men have joined the circle. The dance workshops taught by Ruriko Hayashi and Linda Asato were well attended. People were excited to learn some new dances. In the weeks to come, dance instructor Winifred Kimura will be reviewing all of the dances, so if bon dancing is your thing or if it's something you've been wanting to try, come out and join the fun.

Inside the temple, I am enjoying the usual sweet fragrance of incense and flowers, along with the crisp smell of new carpet and the woodsy scent of freshly shaven toba boards, which, for me, is the fragrance of Obon. Over the years I've seen how Obon is important on many levels. On a personal level, Obon is about remembering one's departed loved ones and ancestors and saying thank you to them. On the family level, it's about strengthening one's 'ohana through prayer, ritual, and the recognition of shared roots. On the sangha level, it's about supporting the hatsubon families (those who lost a loved one within the past year) who still may be grieving. On the community level, it's about people from all walks of life coming together for an evening of dancing, taiko, and fellowship. And on what may be its deepest spiritual level, Obon is about feeding the hungry spirits, including our own hungry spirit which yearns for peace & happiness. I love the sutra *Kanromon (Ambrosia Gate sutra)* which is recited at the Obon service. In it, one finds these lines:

*We pray that every one of you, having received this food of ours, offers it in turn to all buddhas, holy ones, and sentient beings throughout all realms of empty space, that all may be satisfied. We also pray that your bodies, conveyed by the dharani-food, may leave suffering behind and gain liberation; that you may attain the joy of birth in heavens; that you may, in accordance with your wishes, be delivered to one of the pure lands in the ten directions; that you may give rise to the thought of awakening, practice the path to awakening, and in the future become buddhas; that you may never backslide; and that whoever first attains the way may vow to lead the others to liberation as well. We also pray that day and night without cease you shall protect us and completely answer our prayers. (From Sutras & Gathas: In Harmony With Buddha)*

On whatever level Obon speaks to you, may yours be a summer of peace, healing, and awakening.

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

*We take refuge in the Buddha. We take refuge in the Dharma. We take refuge in the Sangha.*

With aloha, in gassho,

Rev. Jiko

# July 2014

June 2014							July 2014							August 2014						
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- Adult Taiko
- Family Service
- Major Service
- US Holidays
- Birthdays
- Kannon-ko Service
- Project Dana
- Zazen
- Sangha Sisters
- Youth Taiko
- Dharma Study
- Happy Strummers
- Temple Board
- Fujinkai and 10 more...

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 Obon Service 10 am	30 5:00 PM Youth Taiko	1 7:00 AM Ke Kama Pono 5:00 PM Zen Taiko 7:00 PM Bon dance class	2 6:00 AM Zazen 5:00 PM Youth Taiko 7:00 PM Fujinkai Board	3 7:30 AM Yoga 9:00 AM Tai Chi 5:00 PM Zen Taiko 7:00 PM Bon dance class 7:00 PM Board Meet-	4 Independence Day 8:00 AM Samu	5 9:30 AM Youth Taiko
6 7:45 AM Baikako	7 5:00 PM Youth Taiko 7:30 PM Happy Strummers	8 7:00 AM Ke Kama Pono 9:00 AM Bare Bones Writers 5:00 PM Zen Taiko 7:00 PM Bon dance	9 Project Dana 8:30 am 6:00 AM Zazen 5:00 PM Youth Taiko 7:00 PM Orchid Club	10 7:30 AM Yoga 9:00 AM Tai Chi 5:00 PM Zen Taiko 7:00 PM Bon dance class	11 8:00 AM Samu 7:00 PM Sangha Sisters	12 6:30 - 10 pm BON DANCE
13 8 a.m. Bon dance clean up	14 5:00 PM Youth Taiko	15 7:00 AM Ke Kama Pono 5:00 PM Zen Taiko	16 Kannon-ko 10 AM 6:00 AM Zazen 5:00 PM Youth Taiko	17 7:30 AM Yoga 9:00 AM Tai Chi 5:00 PM Zen Taiko 7:00 PM Evening Zazen	18 8:00 AM Samu	19 9:30 AM Youth Taiko
20	21 5:00 PM Youth Taiko	22 7:00 AM Ke Kama Pono 5:00 PM Zen Taiko	23 6:00 AM Zazen 5:00 PM Youth Taiko	24 9:00 AM Tai Chi 5:00 PM Zen Taiko	25 8:00 AM Samu	26 7:45 AM Baikako 9:30 AM Youth Taiko 7:00 PM Kona Hongwanji Bon Dance
27 8 am - 2 pm ORCHID SHOW	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	2 9:30 AM Youth Taiko