

Daifukuji Soto Mission

Celebrating Our Temple's 100th Anniversary

1914 - 2014

"Okagesama de, we are here today."



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June, 2014

(808) 322-3524 www.daifukuji.org

Temple & Grounds Clean Up

Sunday, June 22 8:00 a.m.

Members and temple groups, please lend us a hand in cleaning our temple and grounds for Obon. Bring rags, buckets, gloves, and garden tools labelled with your name. Refreshments will be provided. We'll begin with a short prayer inside the temple at 8:00 a.m.

Any amount of time that you are able to offer will be appreciated.

Questions? Please call clean-up day chairperson Ron Iwamoto at 322-9147.

Toba Requests Due June 1

The toba request form was attached to the May newsletter. If you need a form, please see or call Rev. Jiko (322-3524) or find it in the May newsletter in the "archives" on the temple website: www.daifukuji.org.

Obon Service

*Sunday, June 29
10:00 a.m.*



Throughout the summer season of Obon, Buddhists remember their departed loved ones and family ancestors with gratitude and offer *toba* and prayers in their memory. As a Sangha, we gather to offer our support to those who are observing their departed family member's first Obon or *hatsubon*.

The following are the names of the departed for whom this will be a first Obon: **Fusano Harai, Beverley Arai, Kimie Masuda, Lester Nakano, Myles Ota, Chirio Miyose, Shizuko Teshima, Rochelle Ashikawa, Bennett Kanichi Ohta, Suelo Sakata, and Momoe Sakata.**

The Dharma message will be delivered by Deacon Thomas Juho Kirkpatrick of the Taishoji Soto Mission of Hilo.

All are invited to attend Daifukuji's Obon service on June 29th. Please join us and plan to stay for the fellowship luncheon following the service.

Baccaulaureate Service

To the list of the names of the high school graduates congratulated in the May newsletter, please add **Kaitlin Koseda**. Kaitlin is the daughter of Corinne and Charles Koseda and the granddaughter of Sakae Oshima. Congratulations, Kaitlin!

All are invited to the Memorial Day service and blessing of the graduates on May 25th at 9:30 a.m.

Mahalo from the Fujinkai

The Daifukuji Fujinkai Women's Association thanks the following individuals for their donations to the UHSSWA Country Store fundraiser which was held on April 19, 2014 at the Soto Mission of Aiea Taiheiji: Fujiko Akamatsu, Sharen Bangay, Christine Coleman & Buddha's Cup Coffee, Taichi Harada, Emmy Okawa, Mitsue Oshima, Sakae Oshima, & Setsuyo Oshima.

Jizo & Kannon-ko Services

Wednesday, June 18 at 10:00 a.m.

Guest speaker: Rev. Kokei Yoshida

Every year in June, a service is held in honor of Jizo Bosatsu, whose great compassion is depicted in the form of the stone bodhisattva which sits outside the temple in a beautiful red shrine. Jizo Bosatsu, or Ojizosama as he is commonly called (Kshitigarbha in Sanskrit), is especially regarded as the protector of travelers, women, and children. Portrayed as a monk, he carries a staff with six rings, symbolizing his travels through the six realms of existence, freeing suffering sentient beings.



The Dharma message will be given by the **Rev. Kokei Yoshida** of the Soto Zen Buddhism Hawaii Office located at the Soto Mission of Hawaii in Honolulu.

Jizo kotoba will be read in memory of deceased children. To offer a prayer for a deceased baby or child, please give his or her name to Rev. Jiko prior to the service.

All are invited to attend this service which will be held in front of the Jizo shrine and followed by a Kannon-ko service inside the temple.



49th UHSSWA Conference Held in Honolulu

On April 19th and 20th, nine Daifukuji members attended the 49th annual United Hawaii Soto Shu Women's Association conference on Oahu. Hosted by the Soto Mission of Aiea Taiheiji Fujinkai, this well-organized event brought together Fujinkai members & friends from the nine Soto Zen temples in Hawaii for a weekend of Dharma fellowship. As part of the conference, a successful "country store" donation drive was held, raising \$ 3,327.60 for the organization. As part of the Fujinkai's mission of charity, the UHSSWA donated \$500 to Hawaii Meals on Wheels, a donation which was matched by the Soto Mission of Aiea Fujinkai which donated \$500 to the Women's Health Center of the Pali Momi Foundation. A big mahalo to Rev. Shuji & Mrs. Jaymie Komagata & the members & volunteers of the Soto Mission of Aiea. Next year's 50th Anniversary UHSSWA Conference will be hosted by the Soto Mission of Hawaii in Nuuanu on April 18 & 19, 2015.



The Gift of Busshin

by Sharen Bangay

(Sharen attended a UHSSWA Conference for the first time.)

April 19, 2014. 4:30 a.m. and we're off to Kona Airport for a journey that was to be of friendships new and old, and of *Busshin* -- being mindful of others with Buddha in our hearts. This gift of peace and happiness begins from our own heart and shines with those with whom we share a greeting, a smile, or a friendly ear. Our Daifukuji "squad" with Rev. Jiko, Stephen Tanaka, Amy Nakade, Joyce St. Arnault, Elaine Fernandez, Ann Nakamoto, Miki Hanato, Eileen Matsumoto, and myself were happy to be with each other and share stories and laughter. The other ministers and members from various Soto temples in Hawaii were exceptionally cool, down to earth, and fun to be with, too. It was so neat to shop for goodies from other Soto temples, and to see people ooh and ah over our Kona avocados, macadamia nuts, coffee, and Mrs. Akamatsu's shoe bags, which were a hit! We thank our Kona sangha members for donating the goodies. Domo arigato!



Obon Home Visits

If you would like to have prayers offered at your family altar during the Obon season, please call Rev. Jiko at 322-3524 to make an appointment. She would be happy to make a visit to your home to dedicate the chanting of the Buddhist sutras to the memory of your family ancestors and departed loved ones & to pray for the health and well being of your family.

Keauhou O-Bon Festival 2014

Dance the night away to the beat of the taiko! Enjoy bon dancing, taiko drumming, and good food.

June 14, 2014

6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Keauhou Shopping Center

(Phase II Parking Lot) Free Admission



Featuring Kona Hongwanji Taiko & Kona Daifukuji Taiko

Sponsored by Kona Hongwanji Buddhist Temple

For more information, please call 323-2993.



Daifukuji Bon Dance

July 12, 2014

6:30 p.m. Opening service in front of yagura

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

Entertainment during intermission

Food Booth -- A Fundraiser for Kona Daifukuji Taiko

Bon Dance Classes

Bon dance classes at Daifukuji are open to everyone. Feel free to invite family & friends. Classes are offered free of charge and held in the Daifukuji Social Hall.



Okinawan Bon Dances with Instructor Linda Asato

Saturday, June 7 & Sunday, June 8 at 1:00 p.m.

Weekly Practice Sessions with Instructor Winifred Kimura

7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

June 3: A class for guys only. For the men & boys out there who would like to learn a few simple dances, this is the class for you. Whether you're a seasoned dancer or a first timer, come out and join the fun.

Tuesday evenings: June 10, 17, & 24 (All welcome)

Tuesday & Thursday evenings: July 1, 3, 8, & 10 (All welcome)

Centennial Open to All

If you would like to bring guests to Daifukuji's 100th anniversary celebration, you are welcome to do so. The Sunday buffet luncheon at the Sheraton Kona on October 19th requires a reservation and advance payment. **Please write the names of your guests on your reservation form.** Call the temple office at 322-3524 to request a form or if you have questions.

Buffet lunch price for Daifukuji members: Adults (ages 13 and up) \$45.00, Children (ages 5-12) \$17.50, Children (ages 4 & under) Free

Buffet lunch price for non members: Adults (ages 13 and up) \$55.00, Children (ages 5 - 12) \$27.50, Children (ages 4 & under) Free

Daifukuji will be paying \$10 toward the cost of each member's luncheon.

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, get club updates at www.facebook.com/orchidsinparadise or phone 808-354-8847.

Coming up in July.....

Project Dana	July 9
Daifukuji Bon Dance	July 12
Kannon-ko Service	July 16
KDOC’s Orchid Show	July 27





KONA DAIFUKUJI YOGA

7 Thursdays, 7:30 - 8:45 am
June 12, 19, 26 July 3, 10, 17, 24

Open to: Members & Kona Community
Beginners & Experienced
Drop in or Whole Series

Bring: Yoga mat, loose clothing, empty stomach & “Dana”= “love offering”

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**

June Dharma Programs

Meditation (Zazen) & Chanting

- * Every Wednesday morning from 6 a.m. to 7:20 a.m.
- * The following two Thursday evenings from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.: **June 12 & June 26**

Buddhist Movie “Oryoki: Formal Monastery Meal”

Thursday, June 19 at 7:00 p.m. in the Kannon Hall

“Oryoki is a very conscious and mindful way of eating, and of relating to our environment.”

Shakyo and Shabutsu (Art meditation done in silence)

Saturday, June 21 from 8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.

Baikako Plum Blossom Choir

June 8 & June 15 from 7:45 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.

Family Sangha to Take Summer Break

Family services will be held on June 1 and June 8 at 9:30 a.m. After that, the family sangha goes on summer break. Family services will begin again on August 10.

Dharma programs are offered free of charge. Offerings may be given.



Library News

by Clear Houn Englebert

Interesting new books continue to pour into our library—something for everyone.

Letting Go: The Story of Zen Master Tosui by Peter Haskell is about Soto Zen master Tosui, who lived in the 1600's and abandoned the religious establishment to help the lowliest of people. He has been called the original hippie. His story is very inspiring and beautifully illustrated.

Buddhism does not teach reincarnation---it teaches the rebirth of karma. Two new books delve into these teachings: *Bardo Teachings: The Way of Death and Rebirth* by Lama Lodo and *Rebirth and the Western Buddhist* by Martin Willson.

The Law of Karma by Phra Rajsuddhinnanamongkol is the perfect book for those who like obake and chicken skin stories. I'm a big fan of this genre and I loved this short book. The ghost stories are true and there are even photographs. Look for it in the Theravada section.



The other new arrivals are:

Happiness by Thich Nhat Hanh

The Essential Dogen edited by Kazuaki Tanahashi and Peter Levitt

You Have to Say Something by Dainin Katagiri

The Cave of Poison Grass: Essays on the Hannya Sutra by Seikan Hasegawa

Appreciate Your Life by Taizan Maezumi

American Zen Bones: Maezumi Roshi Stories by Philomene Long

Jesus and Buddha: The Parallel Sayings by Marcus Borg

An End to Suffering: The Buddha in the World by Pankaj Mishra

Zen and the Art of Gardening by Gill Hale

Breakfast with Buddha, a novel by Roland Merullo

Buddhadhamma: Natural Laws and Values for Life by Prayudh Payutto, translated by Grant Olson

Life's Highest Blessings: The Maha Mangala Sutta translated by R. L. Soni





We are Sangha

by Rev. Jiko

We're good friends on the Path.

**We're here for each other,
sharing our laughter and tears, our strength and support.**

**We're followers of the Buddha Way,
growing together, lifting each other up.**

**We're caretakers of our temple,
working endlessly to keep the light burning.**

**We're kindness and compassion,
sharing our wisdom and love.**

We are Sangha.



Thank you, everyone, for a very successful 2014 building fund bazaar!

Bazaar Mahalo

from bazaar co-chairs Joyce, Bobby, and Wade



We would like to thank each and every one of you for the months, weeks, and hours of preparation that resulted in a most successful 20th annual building and maintenance fund bazaar. Please know that your generous donations are truly appreciated. We are grateful for your continuous hard work, commitment, support, and friendship. The bazaar financial report is being worked on and will appear in an upcoming issue of the newsletter.

Bazaar Evaluation Meeting

Sunday, May 25 after the Baccalaureate Luncheon

Suggestions for improving next year's bazaar are welcome.

Centennial Planning Meeting to be Held June 29

A centennial planning meeting will be held after the Obon service luncheon on Sunday, June 29th in the social hall. Co-chairs, committee heads, and all interested are invited to attend this meeting. Daifukuji's centennial celebration is only five months away!

Relax at the Sheraton Kona October 17 - 19

The weekend of our temple's centennial celebration, Daifukuji members, their families, and temple friends have the opportunity to receive special room rates at the Sheraton Kona, where our celebration service, luncheon, and program will take place on October 19th. The rates below include tax.

Single or double room (1-2 persons) \$ 174.67

Triple room (3 persons) \$ 248.39

Quadruple room (4 persons) \$ 322.12

If you are interested, please call the temple office at 322-3524 to request a hotel reservation form. **To qualify for these special rates, reservations must be made through Daifukuji Soto Mission.**

What a wonderful opportunity to enjoy a family getaway at the Sheraton Kona! The views of Keauhou Bay and Hualalai are stunning. The kids would love swimming in the pool.

<http://www.sheratonkona.com>

Aloha from Rev. Jiko



Dear Sangha members and friends,

The air is thick with moisture for the rains continue to fall on the slopes of Kona day after day. How alive and vibrant the greenery is! Yet, as grateful as I am for this nourishing rain, I do find myself wishing for a warm and sunny day. I can see how easy it is to feel dissatisfied and hope for things to be other than what they are. When it's dry, one wishes for rain; when it rains, one wishes for sun. Our minds are worth observing. When we see how our minds work, constantly grasping for one thing and then another, we can lightheartedly say to our minds, "Oh, there you go again!" and not be pulled this way and that. Instead of becoming a runaway horse that drags us to who knows where, a well-trained mind can stay on the track of equanimity and remain steady and calm.

The bazaar was a success, thanks to everyone's help, hard work, & donations. We had a record number of volunteers setting up on May 3rd. In just half a day, everything was in place. What a blessing that was! Thank you very much.

*We can now begin preparing for our Bon Dance and also give more attention to our centennial celebration which is only five months away. Invitations and forms have been mailed to temple members & given to temple groups. Non members, please know that you are also cordially invited and may put in your reservation by calling the temple office. **Everyone, feel free to invite relatives and friends. Our centennial is open to all.***

It would bring me great joy to see many temple members and friends celebrating Daifukuji's 100th anniversary together. I am especially hoping that our temple seniors will be able to join us. Some of them may need rides or personal assistance to be able to attend. If you can provide such assistance, please reach out to these members and encourage them to come. Our Project Dana and Fujinkai volunteers can help with providing rides, so please let us know if you or someone you know needs a ride on either October 18 or October 19.

On May 14th, the painting of the interior walls of the temple was completed. Next, new carpeting and new drapes will be installed, brightening and beautifying the temple even more. I am humbled by the love, devotion, and care which our temple members provide, making it possible for Daifukuji to continue to be a light in our Kona community. Let us together take refuge in the Buddha, Dharma, and Sangha and try to see a buddha in each person we meet.

With gratitude, in gassho,

Rev. Jiko

June 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
1 9:30 AM Family Service	2 5:00 PM Youth Taiko 7:30 PM Happy Strummers	3 7:00 AM Ke Kama Pono 5:00 PM Zen Taiko 7:00 PM Guys Only Bon Dance	4 6:00 AM Zazen 5:00 PM Youth Taiko 7:00 PM Fujinkai Board	5 9:00 AM Tai Chi 5:00 PM Zen Taiko 7:00 PM Temple Board	6 8:00 AM Samu	7 9:30 AM Youth Taiko 1:00 PM Okinawan Dance
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15 7:45 AM Baikako	16 5:00 PM Youth Taiko	17 7:00 AM Ke Kama Pono 5:00 PM Zen Taiko 7:00 PM Bon dance class	18 Kannon-ko 10 AM 6:00 AM Zazen 5:00 PM Youth Taiko	19 7:30 AM Yoga 9:00 AM Tai Chi 5:00 PM Zen Taiko 7:00 PM Buddhist Movie	20	21 8:00 AM Shakyo 9:30 AM Youth Taiko
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