

# Daifukuji Soto Mission

1914 - 2014

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



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## Ohigan & Ryosoki Service

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

*Potluck Lunch*

All are invited to Daifukuji's autumn Ohigan and Ryosoki service on September 14. The autumnal equinox is considered the perfect time to reflect upon the Buddha's teachings of the Six Perfections of the Heart, as well as the teachings of the eminent founder Dogen Zenji and the eminent propagator Keizan Zenji of our Soto Zen tradition. A Dharma talk will be given by Rev. Jiko Nakade.

Lunch will be a potluck affair, so please bring something to share if you can. The Fujinkai Women's Association will be holding their general membership meeting after lunch.

We invite you to join us for a morning of meditation, reflection, and fellowship.

## Fujinkai General Membership Meeting

*Sunday, September 14*

The annual general membership meeting of the Daifukuji Fujinkai Women's Association will be held right after lunch on Sunday, September 14. The following topics will be discussed: (1) Centennial, (2) 2015 UHSSWA Conference, (3) Japanese Cultural Show, (4) Kona Coffee Cultural Festival Food Booth, and (5) community service projects.

Daifukuji Fujinkai members are encouraged to attend this meeting.

The women of the Fujinkai have always been the backbone of the temple. Our sangha is grateful for all that they do. Thank you, Fujinkai!

The group's mission is to foster an understanding of Soto Zen Buddhism, promote the spiritual, educational, and intellectual development of their members, and promote the general welfare of the community through religious & charitable works. Annual dues are \$5. For information on membership, call Joyce at 329-3833 or Merle at 323-3553.



## Mahalo Nui

*Domo arigato gozaimasu* to the following temple groups for donating the funds needed to upgrade the photos of our previous ministers: Daifukuji Baikako, Daifukuji Happy Strummers, Daifukuji Project Dana, and Daifukuji Zen Taiko. Each photo was retouched, converted to the canvas type, and reframed.

A big mahalo goes out to **Richard Watanabe** for sharpening all of our kitchen knives. Thank you, Richard.

## Welcome, New Member

With joy and aloha, our sangha welcomes **Marta Miri**.

*Together, we walk the path of wisdom and compassion.*

## Bon Dance DVDs

Kona videographer Randy Magnus has once again produced a high quality 30-minute DVD of the Daifukuji Bon Dance which was aired on the Big Island cable channel 54 shortly after the event. The DVD features the opening service, dancing, and taiko performance.

DVDs are available for purchase for \$10. Stop by the temple office to get your copy.

If you've reserved a DVD, please stop by soon to pick it up.



Leigh Ann & Pat Kadooka & Duane Uchida

## Please excuse us...

We'd like to correct an error made in last month's newsletter. The nephew of Leigh Ann and Pat Kadooka who came with them from Honolulu to help install the koa offertory boxes made by Pat Kadooka and donated by the Kadooka family was **Duane Uchida**. Thank you once more to the Kadooka 'ohana. Thank you to Duane.



Committee for the  
8<sup>th</sup> Annual United Nations  
International Peace Day Parade  
Presents:

## Practical Mindfulness in Our Daily Life

Saturday, Sept. 13, 2014, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.  
at Hamakua Jodo Mission, Pa'auhau Mauka

### PROGRAM:

- 9:00 a.m. Pre-registrants sign-in at Temple Hall
- 9:30 a.m. Large-group Session at Main Temple Hall  
Introduction of four mindfulness topics, each followed by  
participant questions and comments.
- 11:00 a.m. Coffee break
- 11:15 a.m. Moderated Panel  
Topic presenters will answer questions and comments.
- 12:00 noon Vegetarian Lunch
- 1:00 p.m. Break-out Sessions  
Participants, having chosen a topic of priority interest,  
will break into groups for guided practice and discussions focusing on  
practical, every-day applications of mindfulness.
- 2:30 p.m. Workshop Wrap-up  
Participants gather at the Temple Hall for dharma sharing.
- 3:00 p.m. Pau

### MINDFULNESS TOPICS AND PRESENTERS:

- Practicing Mindfulness with Children**  
*Jody Manabe Kobayashi, Teacher, Writer, Poet*
- Art of Living and Dying Mindfully**  
*Katherine Werner, Executive Director, North Hawaii Hospice*
- Mindfulness and Transformation in Daily Life**  
*Gregory Poi, PhD, Meditation Instructor*
- Practicing Mindful Body and Mind**  
*Ryan Jigaku Nakade, Ananda Yoga Instructor*  
(See details on back.)

*Due to space limitations, registration will be limited to 48 participants with a maximum of 12 participants registered in each of four afternoon topic sessions. Participation will be on a first-come first-served basis. We cannot guarantee placement for late/walk-in registrations.*

*We are what we think.  
All that we are  
arises with our thoughts.  
With our thoughts  
we make the world.  
Speak or act with a pure mind  
And happiness will follow you  
As your shadow, unshakable.*

*The Buddha*



### Practical Mindfulness in Our Daily Life

A one-day workshop on practical  
applications of mindfulness

Saturday, Sept. 13, 2014  
Hamakua Jodo Mission, Pa'auhau  
Mauka, Big Island  
(near Honoka'a Town)

**Pre-registration Deadline:**  
**Friday, September 5, 2014**

\$29 includes a vegetarian lunch  
For information and online  
registration form go to:  
[www.peacedayparade.org](http://www.peacedayparade.org)

(For more information or to register  
by phone, call 775-1064.)



## Library News

by Clear Houn Englebert

Generosity has been raining down on our library. Here are some recent donations, and I can't resist acknowledging the donors.

*Traditional Japanese Family Crests* by Isao Honda was donated by Walter Tachibana of the Taishoji temple in Hilo. The crests are explained and instructions are included for reproducing the crests on such things as banners, lanterns, and drums.

*The Wheel, Vol. III* from the Buddhist Publication Society was donated by the Friends of the Library Kona (FOLK). As a member of FOLK, I'm the person who does the special pricing for the book sales. I was shown three hardback volumes of the collected issues of *The Wheel*, which is an excellent series of Dharma pamphlets, some of which can be seen in the revolving rack next to the free items on the table by the front windows. The cover bindings were separated from the pages, so they all needed repair. The question was, "What should we do with these?" I quickly answered, "Give them to the Daifukuji library." And they unhesitatingly did so. As our library staff has had time, we've been repairing the books and this is the first one to enter into circulation.

*Warm Hands* by Miki Onosaki (and translated by Koji Shidara) was donated by Rev. Daitso Onosaki from Miyagi, Japan. It's a collection of poems by the minister's wife at Dogen-in Soto temple in Ishinomaki, which was home to 300 evacuees after the 2011 earthquake. I highly recommend this to everyone!

Rev. Jiko donated a new CD, *Buddhism* by Jack Kornfield, as well as a book (in both English and Japanese) she brought back from her trip to Japan last year. *Who is Dogen Zenji?* is an accordion-fold booklet which has beautiful color pictures on every page.

*Eiheiji* is a large-format paperback filled with stunning pictures of this great temple and the treasures it contains. This book came from our head monastery itself.

Several books were donated by Michael Woodbury and Mary Park:

*The Blue Cliff Record* is a collection of tradition koans---spiritual questions such as, "What is the sound of one hand clapping?" Soto rarely uses these in the teaching of individual students, but this collection was particularly valued by Dogen. He brought a copy back from China and referred to its stories extensively in his writings. It's in three volumes translated by Thomas & J. C. Cleary.

Two books on creative writing by Gail Sher: *One Continuous Mistake: Four Noble Truths for Writers* and *The Intuitive Writer: Listening to Your Own Voice*.

*The Zen Environment* by Marian Mountain.

In an earlier issue of the newsletter, I expressed gratitude to Dr. Alfred Bloom for mailing us some book donations. Here are some of those books, now ready for checkout:

*Socially Engaged Spirituality* edited by David Chappell

*The Lion's Roar of Queen Srimala* translated by Hideko and Alex Wayman

*The Awakening of Faith*. This has long been one of my favorite scriptures---what a great title!



## Japanese Cultural Program featuring the traditional arts of storytelling and paper cutting



Daifukuji Soto Mission Social Hall  
Saturday, September 27, 2014  
9:30 a.m. Doors Open (Free admission)  
10 a.m. Performance

Master rakugo artist Utasuke Katsura & master freehand paper-cutting artist Hana Hayashi will be offering a performance at Daifukuji as a centennial gift to the temple, thanks to Rev. Shuko Nishiumi & the members of Saifukuji Soto Zen Temple of Yokohama, Japan. For information, call (808) 322-3524. ALL ARE WELCOME.



## Daifukuji Bon Dance Mahalo

*from Bobby Command and Wade Yasuda, Bon Dance Co-chairs*

Aloha Sangha members and friends,

We humbly extend our gratitude to everyone who assisted in setting up the annual Bon Dance and cleaning up afterwards. The hard work invested by you each year is returned in the form of a wonderful night of culture and remembrance of our ancestors whose sacrifice and toil made better lives for all of us today. Just as importantly, the time we spend together creates a stronger and kinder Kona community, a place where we all thrive and prosper. There are so many people who work very hard to make this annual event a success and so instead of trying to single out anyone we will simply say in Japanese, "Issho ni yatta!" or "Hurray, we did it together!"



## SEPTEMBER DHARMA PROGRAMS AT DAIFUKUJI

### Zazen (meditation)

- \* Every Wednesday morning from 6:00 a.m. - 7:20 a.m.
  - \* Evening zazen from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. on September 11 and September 25
- Both morning and evening sessions include 20 minutes of chanting.



### Shakyo & Shabutsu: Saturday, September 6 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.

### Buddhist Movie “Practice is Enlightenment” September 18, 7:00 p.m.

What is the relationship between practice and enlightenment? If all sentient beings are Buddha, why must we practice? These questions are addressed in this Dharma discourse given by the late John Daido Looi Roshi of Zen Mountain Monastery.

### Baikako Choir Practice: September 7 and September 21

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

### Family Services: September 7 and September 21

- \* Family services are offered as part of Daifukuji’s Dharma School Buddhist education program for children and their parents/grandparents. Services begin at 9:30 a.m. and include zazen (1 minute), singing, chanting, yoga, and a Dharma lesson. All are welcome to attend.

### 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 teachings 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. 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.*



## Temple Tour to be Held September 7 at 2 p.m.

Rev. Jiko and Clear Houn Englebert cordially invite you to their next “Temple Tour” on Sunday, September 7th at 2:00 p.m.

Open to the public, this ever-popular tour will cover the history and significance of the temple, as well as the interesting and unusual Buddhist objects found inside its doors.

If you’ve ever wondered about the meaning of the Buddhist images on the altars or the pictures and calligraphy on the walls, this is your chance to gain some knowledge and understanding about Daifukuji Soto Mission. You’ll also learn a few things about Buddhism and Zen.

The architectural features of our historic temple, which has been well maintained by temple members over the decades, will be pointed out. You’ll even have a chance to step up onto the altar platform to take a closer look at things, something that is normally not permitted.

This tour is open to the public. For more information, call 322-3524.

KONA DAIFUKUJI  
SOTO MISSION

1<sup>th</sup>  
Anniversary

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## Centennial Update

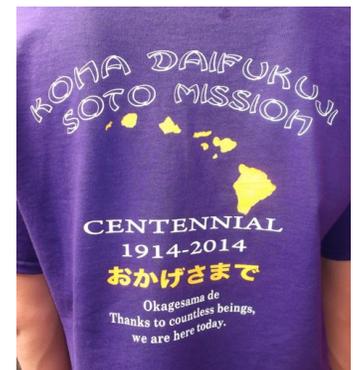
The BIG weekend of our temple’s 100th anniversary celebration is quickly approaching and soon it will be here. Have you sent in your lunch reservation form? Have you purchased your centennial t-shirt?

This celebration is for YOU, all of the members and friends of Daifukuji. While we will take the time to honor the memory of temple members and ministers of the past, we will at the same time gather in the spirit of

gratitude and celebrate our lives together. *Okagesama de, thanks to countless beings, we are here today.* We have the good fortune of being here at this time in history to celebrate Daifukuji’s 100th anniversary & to receive the blessings generated by such an occasion.

Included in the services to be held at Daifukuji on October 18 will be a short ceremony conducted by Bishop Komagata, marking Amy Jikai Nakade’s completion of the Hawaii Soto Mission Association’s lay temple assistant training program which she began under her mother Rev. Jiko’s guidance in January, 2009.

Thank you, everyone, for your tremendous support!



## Kona Daifukuji Taiko Travels to L.A.

The Kona Daifukuji Taiko Group traveled to Little Tokyo, Los Angeles on Thursday, July 17th to attend the 1st Annual World Taiko Gathering. Taiko senseis, along with taiko enthusiasts from around the world, flooded Little Tokyo to share their love and enthusiasm for the art of taiko.

Though the trip was short, each day was bursting with activities and excitement, from attending workshops from world renowned taiko senseis, to attending taiko performances and of course, shopping at the Taiko Marketplace where one could find anything and everything relating to taiko!



One of the highlights of the trip was our performance for the Lunar Jam, one of two public performances held during the conference. After weeks of practice, just as they were about to burst from excitement, Kona Daifukuji Taiko Group stepped on stage along with their extended taiko ohana — Chad Nakagawa & Kaycie Jyo (Hilo Taishoji Taiko Group), Brandi Antonio & Fred Visaya (Puna Taiko Group), and alumna, Ciara Cetraro — to perform *Dancing Dragons*, and *Tonde, Tonde, Tonde* (Jump, Jump, Jump) written by Chad Nakagawa of Hilo Taishoji Taiko Group. The performance was AWESOME! Our group made Kona proud! See us on YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k16HhYSxLNc>

Thank you to our taiko students and families for your dedication and continued support! Thank you also to our temple sangha and numerous friends for your generosity and support! Thank you to our Fujinkai ladies for always supporting everything we do and for all the ono-licious manju which you baked for us to sell during Obon. Finally, thank you to our Kona Daifukuji Soto Mission for your most generous donation to our group!

Aloha Pumehana, in gassho,

Akemi Iwamoto and the Kona Daifukuji Taiko Group



## General Clean Up for Centennial

Sunday, September 28

8:00 a.m.

All hands on deck! Our humble call for help goes out to temple members and temple groups. Three weeks prior to our centennial celebration, we will be giving our temple and grounds a thorough cleaning and sprucing up. We'll start at 8 a.m. with a short blessing inside the temple. Bring rags, buckets, garden tools and gloves, all labelled with your name. Refreshments will be provided.

Any amount of time you can contribute would be greatly appreciated. Questions? Call Ron at 322-9147.

## We're loosening up!

The Friday afternoon yoga, meditation, and music classes being offered by Ryan Jigaku Nakade have been a fun addition to our summer program. Join us from 4:30 - 6:00 p.m. in the Kannon Hall for an hour of yoga, a period of singing spiritual songs from around the world, and a short period of meditation. Bring a yoga mat or towel. This series of classes ends on September 5th. Call Ryan at 895-0784 for more information.



## Can you sign?

Rev. Jiko is looking for a volunteer American sign language interpreter for major services. She's been contacted by a hearing-impaired person who would like to attend temple services if there is someone who knows basic sign language. Please contact Rev. Jiko at 322-3524 or [rev.jiko@daifukuji.org](mailto:rev.jiko@daifukuji.org) if you are interested in volunteering your services.

## Coming up in October...

Darumaki & Eitaikyo Services.....October 5  
Project Dana.....October 8  
Kannon-ko Service.....October 15  
DAIFUKUJI CENTENNIAL.....October 18 & 19  
Ambika's yoga classes begin.....October 23





Aloha from Rev. Jiko

Dear Sangha members and friends,

As Hurricanes Iselle and Julio were spinning toward Hawai'i, one behind the other, all kinds of thoughts raced through my mind. Should we board up the windows? Should I pack the Buddha statues in the van in case we needed to evacuate? Did we have enough water and food to last a few days?

In the midst of trying to figure out what to do, my heart was lifted by the kindness of others. A friend came by with a basket of tangerines. Members of the Board dropped in to ask if help was needed in

securing the temple. My husband, daughter, and son carried benches, tables, garbage cans, and other outside objects inside. They took down the chochin and centennial banner and helped me cover certain things with plastic covers. One Board member stopped by with cases of water, giving me a case to deliver to an elderly member living alone.

“Okay,” I thought, “we’ve done what we can. If the roof of this 93-year-old building flies off, there is nothing we can do. *Shikata ga nai. No can help.* We will make do and hold our services and centennial celebration under a tent. With or without a building, we can strongly continue our Buddhist practice, taking refuge in Buddha, Dharma, and Sangha. Buddha is not a statue or a building. Buddha is our original, true, enlightened nature. Dharma are the teachings which we carry in our hearts and live by. Sangha is our wonderful spiritual community of kind and loving members and friends. Even if a hurricane carries away this temple building on its 100th birthday, we’ll be sad, but we’ll continue living the Way of Buddha.” As my faith in the Three Treasures of Buddha, Dharma, and Sangha increased, my anxiety and fear decreased. *I take refuge in the Buddha. I take refuge in the Dharma. I take refuge in the Sangha.* Praying for the safety of all, I went to bed with the hurricanes swirling toward Hawai'i.

Upon waking up, my first thought was, “*Did I sleep through the fierce winds and pounding rain?*” The humidity was high, but there was still no wind and no rain. It was then that I remembered the words of a Hawaiian friend whom I had run into at the post office a couple of days prior. “*No worry,*” he had told me, “*Pele going protect us.*” His words rang true. There had been an earthquake the day before as the two hurricanes were coming. I uttered a thank you to Pele and a thank you for all of the causes and conditions in the universe that lessened the impact of Hurricane Iselle and that led Hurricane Julio away from our island chain. To those whose lives were impacted on the Puna side of the island, our sangha sends loving thoughts. *May everyone be safe and happy. May all beings live in security and in peace.*

*With love and gratitude, in gassho,*

*Rev. Jiko*

# September 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...

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7 Temple Tour 2 pm 7:45 AM Baikako 9:30 AM Family Service	8 5:00 PM Youth Taiko	9 7:00 AM Ke Kama Pono 5:00 PM Zen Taiko	10 <b>Project Dana 8:30 am</b> 6:00 AM Zazen 5:00 PM Youth Taiko 7:00 PM Orchid Club	11 9:00 AM Tai Chi 5:00 PM Zen Taiko 7:00 PM Evening Zazen	12 8:00 AM Samu 9:00 AM HI Ministers Meeting 7:00 PM Sangha Sisters	13 9:30 AM Youth Taiko 9:30 AM Study Tour, Oahu
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