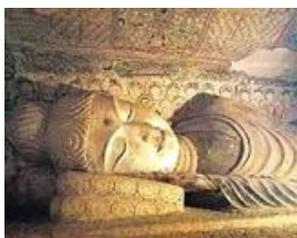




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## Nehan-e Service & Potluck Lunch

*Sunday, February 8 9:30 a.m.*

All are cordially invited to attend Daifukuji's Nehan-e Service which will be held on Sunday, February 8 at 9:30 a.m. In observance of the Buddha's passing and entering Nirvana, a scroll, donated by the Sugai family, which depicts the reclining Buddha surrounded by mourning people and animals, will be on display inside the temple.

The Dharma message will be given by **Rev. Bruce Nakamura** of Kona Hongwanji Buddhist Temple.

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 6th. Donations of canned food for the Food Basket are always welcome.

## Pancake Breakfast with Plant & Baked Goods Sale

*Saturday, February 21  
7 a.m. to 11 a.m.*



Our Fujinkai Women's Association is hosting a Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser on Saturday, February 21st. Tickets are available in advance at \$7 apiece 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 on Friday morning, February 20th. For more information, call Joyce at 329-3833.

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.

## Welcome, New Members



We extend a warm welcome with much aloha to the following new members:

**Marisa and Andrew Boyle**

**Takako Oxley**

**Arthur and Joy Kawakami**

The members of the Fujinkai happily welcome new member **Tina Cintron**.

New members are always welcome. For information on temple membership, please visit the Daifukuji website: [http://www.daifukuji.org/membership\\_brochure.pdf](http://www.daifukuji.org/membership_brochure.pdf).

## Kannon-sama Pendants

There are only two 14-karat gold-plated Kannon-sama pendants left. Each pendant is being sold for \$60, including tax, and does not come with a chain. To purchase a pendant, please contact Rev. Jiko at 322-3524.

## In Memoriam



To the family of the late **Irene Izumi** who passed away on December 20, 2014 at the age of 82, we extend our heartfelt condolences.

To the family of the late **Itsuko Sakamoto** who passed away on December 28, 2014 at the age of 81, we send our loving thoughts.

To the family of the late **Randy Magnus** who passed away on December 31, 2014 at the age of 59, we express our deep sympathy.

To the family of the late **Richard Ushijima** who passed away on January 13, 2015 at the age of 79, we send thoughts of comfort and peace.

*Namu Kie Butsu. Namu Kie Ho. Namu Kie So.*

## Donations Wanted for Bazaar Jam and Jelly Making

A Jam and Jelly making for the annual building fund bazaar will be held on **Tuesday, April 14**. Donations will be greatly appreciated for the following items:

8 oz. Jam/Jelly Jars (5 cases)

Sugar (5 lbs.)

Certo Liquid Pectin (7 boxes)

Poha berries for Jam

If you'd like to donate any of these items, please contact Ann at 322-2601.

**The Annual Building Fund Bazaar will be held on Sunday, May 3rd.**



## When Writers Get Together...

*By Patricia Missler*

When the Bare Bones Writers get together it is a challenge to actually START writing since we have just as much fun catching up with each other's lives as we do writing.

We share what we've been doing, how we spent the summer, challenges, losses, fears, close calls with losing a loved one, dodging hurricanes, hoping to dodge more hurricanes, & books. There is laughter and the undercurrent of love and acceptance.

Once we spend time catching up with recent developments we begin to write in earnest. I can honestly say that writing with like-minded persons is the best medicine for me.

I write and paint all the time, but when you join with others who are heart-centered, you cross the boundaries of the ordinary everyday events and begin to walk along... on a cloud.

What do we write about, you might ask? Well, whatever the spirit moves us to write about. We've had so many topics over the space of...how long has it been since we've been an official group? I know it has been a while and though some of us come and go, others hang on to write together, as long as there are two in attendance, the music goes on.

I am a fan of writing about something I have seen and let my imagination get the better of me. However, I know that when I paint I am always influenced by music, so that might be something fun to try one of these days. Actually, music also stirs my writing thoughts and I often have to pull over to write down a song I just heard so I won't forget how it made me feel, just in case I want to tap in to that when I write a story, or perhaps incorporate it into a story I am currently working on.

Speaking of which, I really need to start back up on book number two and my novel. Progress has been a bit slower than I am used to. I seem to have become possessed by watercolors and have not been able to stop painting for several months now. I am of the opinion that whenever you are on fire, you just need to follow that flame wherever it leads you and if it is to paint, then keep the brush wet. Sometimes my fingers are the ones that need to type on my computer so that becomes the drive for getting back into a story.

Reading all of our ramblings are another highlight with a wonderful group of people...the Bare Bones Writers...we can appreciate each other's stories and words without any fear of judgment. That is a rare and special gift in a world that sometimes judges too quickly.

Freedom to be yourself is always something to be treasured. I say that because all too often, though some might think they are "being themselves," in reality they are acting out on someone's expectations.

**Until the end of May, the Bare Bones Writers are meeting every Tuesday from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. in the temple library. New members are always welcome.**

## Library News

*By Clear Houn Englebert*

We have a wonderful new book by Pema Chodron, *Living Beautifully with Uncertainty and Change*. We also now have the book that Mushim Ikeda recommended highly when she spoke at Daifukuji, *Mindfulness in Plain English* by Bhante Gunaratana.

There are two new children's books: *Anh's Anger* by Gail Silver, which was donated by Mushim Ikeda, and *Little Panka Sweeps the Mind by Fa Ze*. There's also a new young adult book called *The Buddha's Apprentices* edited by Sumi Loundon.

Mr. Aki Imai filmed and donated a couple of new DVDs: *Kona Daifukuji New Year's Party 2014* and *HAIB Buddha Day Celebration 2014*.

There are two new items by Thich Nhat Hanh: *Fragrant Palm Leaves: Journals 1962-1966* and *The Ultimate Dimension*. The latter is a 6-disk audio set discussing two very important scriptures: the Avatamsaka and Lotus Sutras. Another audio set is *Buddhism* by Malcolm Eckel, which is part of The Great Courses series from The Teaching Company. It's a whopping 12-disk set.

Two beautiful art books have arrived: *Japanese Ink Painting: Early Zen Masters* by Hiroshi Kanazawa and *Buddhist Cave Paintings at Tun-Huang* by Basil Gray.

There are a couple of new psychology books: *The Mindful Brain* by Daniel Siegel and *The Mindful Way Through Depression* by several authors, including Jon Kabat-Zinn.

The other new arrivals are:

*The Best Buddhist Writing 2013* edited by Melvin McLeod.

*Buddhist Acts of Compassion* edited by Pamela Bloom.

*The Big Bang, the Buddha, and the Baby Boom* by Wes Scoop Nisker who is the editor of the Buddhist journal *Inquiring Mind*.

*Zen Buddhism* by O. B. Duane is a small, beautiful book which very clearly introduces Zen and the text is accompanied with full-page color pictures.

*A Sure Sign of the Dharma* by Hsuan Hua is a lucid commentary on the Surangama Scripture.

*The Sacred Art of Bowing* by Andi Young is from the Korean Zen tradition.

*Living in the Face of Death* by Glenn Mullin is from the Tibetan tradition.



## February Programs

### **NEW! Dharma Fellowship (A Monthly Dharma Discussion Group)**

A new monthly Buddhist discussion group called the Dharma Fellowship begins **Thursday, February 19** at 7:00 p.m. in the temple library. Please come with ideas for discussion topics.



### **Zazen (Meditation)**

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

\* Thursday, Feb. 12 & 26 from 7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Both morning and evening sessions include 20 minutes of chanting. Donations may be placed in the box on the incense table.

**Shakyo & Shabutsu Art Meditation** - Saturday, February 7      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 can bring one into a state of harmony with the universe. All supplies provided. By donation.

**Baikako Plum Blossom Choir Practice** - February 1 and February 22 from 7:45 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.

### **Tai Chi**

Every Thursday from 9:00 - 10:00 a.m. in the Hisashi Kimura Cultural Hall. Classes by donation. Call instructor Philip Kakuho Hema for information: 345-1492.

### **Yoga, Music, & Meditation**

Led by Ananda Yoga instructor Ryan Jigaku Nakade, these gentle yoga sessions followed by group singing and a brief meditation are held every Friday afternoon from 4:30 - 6:00 p.m. in the Kannon Hall. Bring a yoga mat or towel. Classes by donation. Call Ryan Jigaku for information: 895-0784.

**This year's Soto Zen Buddhist Lay Confirmation Ceremony will be held on May 23. For those considering taking part in this ceremony & receiving a Buddhist name, a series of 12 weekly study sessions will be held every Tuesday afternoon from 4:15 - 5:15 pm starting March 3. Please let Rev. Jiko know if you are interested in attending these sessions.**

*For information on taiko classes, Project Dana, or the Kona Daifukuji Orchid Club, visit <http://www.daifukuji.org/activities.html>. or call 322-3524.*



Rev. Jiko presented new Fujinkai members Tina Cintron & Mona Gurrobat with ojuzu.

## Aloha from Rev. Jiko

Dear Daifukuji members and friends,

Made-from-scratch country cooking, festive decorations, superb entertainment, & joyful Sangha fellowship marked our recent New Year's party on the 18th of January. Thank you to party co-chairs Joyce, Wade, Michele, and Clyde, to the incredible Fujinkai cooking team, to emcee Walter Kimura, to the various temple groups that provided entertainment, and to all who attended and who contributed to the party's success.

A new year means new beginnings. At the New Year's party, the Board officers and directors were installed for the 2015 & 2016 term. I am looking forward to working with this enthusiastic and dedicated group led by president Stephen Tanaka. Also in January, the volunteers of Project Dana were recognized at a Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon which was held jointly with the volunteers of Kona Hongwanji Buddhist Temple's Project Dana. Mahalo to our Big Island coordinator Woody Kita of Hilo for organizing the luncheon.

In February, two new programs will be started at Daifukuji: a monthly Dharma Fellowship evening discussion group which is open to everyone, and a weekly art/meditation program for youth at risk. The former will be a means for seekers of the Way to connect, share perspectives, & have their questions on Buddhism addressed. I hope you'll join us!

On February 21st, please support the Fujinkai Women's Association's annual pancake breakfast fundraiser. This event is a happy gathering of the community. Plan on coming early if you'd like to purchase sushi, manju, plants, and other goodies. Those items disappear quickly!

Before closing, I'd like to tell you about a pajama-clad child who came up to me with her mother right after the midnight New Year's Blessing Service. With her hands in gassho, this little girl of Thai descent said in a soft voice, "Namo tassa bhagavato arahato samma-sambuddhassa." I immediately recognized her uttering the opening line of the "Vandana Ti-Sarana" in Pali, which means "Homage to Him, the Exalted One, the Enlightened One, the Supremely Awakened One." How surprised I was to hear this Pali verse recited by such a young child! I felt that I had received a beautiful blessing on the first day of the year. A few days later I ran into the little girl's mother in Kealakekua. She told me that she has been teaching her daughter to take refuge in the Buddha.

The Buddha, Dharma, and Sangha are our precious jewels, which, carried in our hearts and minds daily, bring peace, happiness, and stability to ourselves, our families, and our communities. A little girl helped me remember this on the first day of the year.

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

With warm aloha, in gassho,  
*Rev. Jiko*

## Understanding the Hannya Shingyo

The *Hannya Shingyo* (short for *Maka Hannya Haramitta Shingyo*), known as the Heart of Great Perfect Wisdom Sutra or, simply, the Heart Sutra, is the most frequently chanted scripture at Daifukuji. There are two versions of this sutra, the one we chant and a longer version which gives more information about the sutra's setting.

In this sutra, Avalokitesvara (Kannon) is speaking to the Venerable Shariputra, who was one of the Buddha's ten greatest disciples. In the longer version, Shariputra, through the Buddha's might, asked Avalokitesvara this question: "How should a son or daughter of good family train themselves if they want to aspire to a deep perfection of wisdom?" The *Hannya Shingyo* is Avalokitesvara's reply to the Venerable Shariputra's question. Yet, all of this takes place within the Buddha's samadhi. In his book *Living By Vow*, Rev. Shohaku Okumura writes: *This is a description of the Buddha's zazen and of ours. This teaching in the Heart Sutra is not a philosophical discussion between the Buddha's disciple Sariputra and a bodhisattva about the philosophy of emptiness in Mahayana Buddhism. It is about our practice of zazen.*

## Mahalo!

...to Bob Shozan Bowman and Coral Jinen Mack for their generous donation of a new office computer, and to Keith Olson for spending many hours helping to set it up.



...to Kris Yamauchi for all his years of trash removal and lawn maintenance, and to Stephen Tanaka for taking over.



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

## Columbarium (Nokotsudo) To Be Closed for Cleaning

February 23 & 24

*We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause you.*

## Coming up in March...

March 1.....Family Sangha Field Trip

March 7.....Zazenkai Retreat

March 11.....Project Dana

March 14....33 Kannon Set Up

March 15...33 Kannon/Spring Higan Service

March 19...Dharma Fellowship

March 21... 33 Kannon Clean Up

March 29...Hawaii Association of International Buddhists (HAIB) Buddha Day Celebration at Kona Hongwanji Buddhist Temple

# Sangha Photo Gallery



NEIGHBOR ISLAND TOUR!

# PEACE ON YOUR WINGS

AN ORIGINAL MUSICAL  
INSPIRED BY THE LIFE OF  
SADAKO SASAKI.

Music by Jenny Taira, Lyrics by Laurie Rubin  
Book by Jenny Taira & Laurie Rubin  
Directed by Cari Lee



## KAUAI

January 25, 2015, 2:00 PM

Performing Arts Center

Kauai Community College

[KauaiPeaceOnYourWings.BrownPaperTickets.com](http://KauaiPeaceOnYourWings.BrownPaperTickets.com)

## MAUI

February 8, 2015, 2:00 PM

Kamehameha Schools Maui

Keopuolani Hale

[MauiPeaceOnYourWings.BrownPaperTickets.com](http://MauiPeaceOnYourWings.BrownPaperTickets.com)

## HAWAII ISLAND

February 22, 2015, 2:00 PM

Kahilu Theatre

Waimea

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# February 2015

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- Adult Taiko
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- Major Service
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- Fujinkai
- Zazen
- Sangha Sisters
- Youth Taiko
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- Baikako Practice
- Dharma Study
- Happy Strummers
- Bon Dance Group
- Teen Sangha
- Orchid Club
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