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## New Year's Blessing Services

December 31 11:45 p.m.

January 1 10:00 a.m.



Start the new year with the blessings of the Three Treasures -- Buddha, Dharma, & Sangha. Those who attend the midnight service may ring the temple bell & enjoy bowls of hot soba noodles.

Hawaii Kannon *omamori* (Buddhist charms for one's purse & vehicle) and *ofuda* (blessing cards for home & office) will be available for a donation of \$5 per *omamori* and \$2 per *ofuda*.

Together, let's start the new year with prayers and blessings for everyone's health, safety, and happiness. Attendees will be individually blessed by the minister. All are welcome.

**New Year's Party Form.....p. 9**

**2015 Temple Membership Form.....p. 10**

New members are always welcome.

## New Year's Party

*Sunday, January 18 at 11:00 a.m.*

Temple members, supporters, & groups are invited to join our Sangha in celebrating the Year of the Sheep. Daifukuji's new year's party on January 18 will be a fun-filled luncheon with delicious food made by our Fujinkai chefs. Entertainment will be provided by our various temple groups.

Lucky number prizes are needed. If you'd like to donate one or more prizes, please deliver them to Daifukuji by January 10. You are not required to bring a prize to the party.

Help in the kitchen is needed starting at 6 a.m. on the day of the party. Questions? Call Ann at 322-2601.

**To attend, please fill out the form on page 9 and return it with payment by January 4.**

## Party Set Up January 17

We'll be setting up tables & benches starting at 8 a.m. on Saturday, January 17. Any kokua you can offer will be appreciated. *Onegai shimasu.*

## Fujinkai Hatsumairi & 100th Anniversary Celebration

*Sunday, January 4 at 10:00 a.m.*

2015 is a special year for the Daifukuji Fujinkai Women's Association which was founded 100 years ago in 1915 by the Reverend Kaiseki Kodama, the founding minister of Daifukuji. Congratulations to the wonderful ladies of the Fujinkai who have over the years worked tirelessly to sustain the temple & nourish our sangha.



This special group of ladies will be holding their *hatsumairi* or first service of the new year on January 4 at 10:00 a.m., which will be followed by a meeting and also lunch at Teshima's Restaurant. **This luncheon is for Fujinkai members only and there is no charge.** District representatives will be calling members for a headcount.

Ladies, let's welcome the Year of the Sheep with hugs and smiles. Any woman age 18 and up is welcome to join the Fujinkai. Annual dues are \$5. Call Joyce at 329-3833 if you have questions.

## Fujinkai Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser & Plant & Bake Sale



*Saturday, February 21, 2015*

*7:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.*

*Daifukuji Social Hall*

*Tickets \$7 (available after January 4th)*

*Donations of plants appreciated.*



## Welcome, New Member

Our sangha extends a warm welcome to Tina Cintron.

## Fujinkai Team Cooking Schedule

Fujinkai members, if you are able to help with the cooking, we humbly ask for your kokua.

Team leaders:

Team 1: Elaine Fernandez and Merle Uyeda

Team 2: Kellee Deguchi and Jean Ikeda

Team 3: Ella Yasuda and Chris Wada

Advisors: Michiko Enomoto and Ann Nakamoto

January 18	New Year's Party	Everyone
February 8	Nehan-e Service	Potluck Lunch
March 15	33 Kannon Service	Team 2
April 5	Hanamatsuri Service	Zazenkai
May	No service	
June 7	Baccalaureate/Memorial Day	Team 3
June 28	Obon Service	Team 1
July 11	Bon Dance	Team 2
August 16	Sangha Picnic	Potluck Lunch
Sept. 13	Ohigan/Ryosoki Service	Potluck Lunch
Oct. 4	Darumaki/Eitaikyo Service	Team 3
Nov. 22	Thanksgiving Service	Team 1
Dec. 13	Jodo-e Service	Potluck Lunch



## Message from Our Temple President

Hi everyone,

Happy new year! We had a great 2014 centennial year that was full of ups and downs, but the spirit of *okagesama de* carried us through and the centennial was a great success. Now we are starting a new year which I know will again have its ups and downs, but I am confident that our sangha will pull us through the good and bad. Daifukuji has a lot of events coming up. I hope to see you at these events, especially the New Year's Party on January 18.

Happy holidays!

In gassho,

*Stephen Tanaka*

Daifukuji Board President

## Year-end Report by President Stephen Tanaka

The following is the year-end temple report given by Board President Stephen Tanaka & recorded by acting secretary Michele Abe at the general membership meeting held on December 14, 2014 at Daifukuji Soto Mission.

**CALL TO ORDER:** President Stephen Tanaka called the meeting to order at 11:02 a.m. He welcomed everyone and gave a recap of the year's temple activities.

- In January there was a January 1<sup>st</sup> service to start off the centennial year and our annual New Year's party.
- In February there was a Nehan Service, the Fujinkai pancake breakfast and the HSMA meeting.
- In March there was a Dharma session led by Rev. Jiko's cousin, Patricia Mushim Ikeda and the spring Ohigan service & 33 Kannon service.
- In April there was a Hanamatsuri service, a Buddha Day celebration at the Kona Hongwanji and a UHSSWA conference.
- In May a Baccalaureate and Memorial Day service was held and the annual Bazaar.
- In June there was a general clean up day for Obon and the Obon service.
- In July the Bon dance was held with Bobby Command and Wade Yasuda as co-chairs. They have agreed to co-chair again next year. The orchid show was put on by the Orchid club.
- In August there was the Sangha picnic & Rev. Lang's classes on the Hannya Shingyo. A Yoga, Meditation, and Music class was started by Ryan Nakade.

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- In September there was the Ohigan service, the Fujinkai general membership meeting and the Gasan Joseki Zenji memorial service that was attended by Rev. Jiko and Stephen Tanaka.
- In October there was the Darumaki & Eitaikyo service and our Centennial celebration.
- In November there was a Thanksgiving service.
- In December we had the Bodhi Day service today. Ryan has started another series of his meditation and yoga classes starting this month and the Mochitsuki is coming up.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS: President Stephen said that the selected nominations committee made up of Ann Nakamoto, Renee Kimura and Wade Yasuda worked hard on the new slate of officers and directors. Ron Iwamoto and Jan Bovard have stepped down and Kellie Sugai-Dahl was nominated to fill a director position.

The proposed slate of officers and directors for 2015 and 2016 are as follows:

President: Stephen Tanaka

Vice-President: Myles Ikeda

Recording Secretary: Judie Fekete

Treasurer: Joyce St. Arnault

Assistant Treasurer: Elaine Fernandez

Directors: Renee Kimura, Clyde Ikeda, Bob Bowman, Ann Nakamoto, Wade Yasuda, Michele Abe, Bobby Command, Kellie Sugai-Dahl

The proposed slate of officers and directors was accepted and approved by the general membership and will be installed at the Daifukuji New Year's party on January 18, 2015.

President Stephen thanked Makana Ioh for doing such a good job as MC for the service.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Michele Abe*

Acting Secretary



## Library News

*By Clear Houn Englebert*

Sekito Kisen lived in China from 700 to 790 AD. His Chinese pinyin name is Shitou Xiqian and he's the author of "Sandokai", a scriptural poem which is recited every morning in Soto monasteries. He is one of three early Soto ancestors to be featured in a wonderful new book, *Soto Zen Ancestors in China* by James Mitchell. My favorite quote in the book is from "Song of the Grass Shack" by Sekito Kisen: "...whatever people will tell you, my real job is to wake folks up."

*Living Buddha Zen* by Lex Hixon also covers these three Soto ancestors, as well as 49 others, from Shakyamuni through Dogen. The book is Hixon's translation of Keizan's most famous work, *Denkoroku: The Transmission of the Light*.

King Ajatasattu asked Shakyamuni Buddha why should we give up the satisfactions of worldly life and devote ourselves to meditation. The Buddha's answer is the Samannaphala Sutra, one of the most important scriptures of the Pali canon. *Visible Here & Now: The Buddha's Teachings on the Rewards of Spiritual Practice* is Ayya Khema's commentary on that scripture. It's clearly written, easy to read, and highly recommended.

For a book that's a bit more challenging, you could try *Majjhimapannasa* which is U Htin Fatt's translation of *The Medium Length Discourses of the Buddha*. They're readable, but ponderous. Frankly, it could use someone like Ayya Khema to put it in modern language.

The Buddha is a refreshingly small hardback that should be in a category by itself: "Darling Little Books". Most of this charming book is full-page color pictures with some text explaining various Buddhist terms and symbols, such as: lotus and bodhi tree.

It's hard to pick a favorite from all these great new arrivals, but I have one: *Zen Word, Zen Calligraphy*. It consists of 76 beautiful calligraphies by Kogetsu Tani with a short commentary on the facing page by Eido Tai Shimano. This book is like eating delicious chocolate, but without the cavities or calories. Two of my favorites are: "Every day is a good day" which is a famous Zen saying that is much deeper than it seems, and "Watch your step" which is referring to constant mindfulness rather than a floor level change. That last calligraphy is found outside the entrance of Zen monasteries.

The other new arrivals are:

Two new books by John Daido Looi: *The Zen of Creativity: Cultivating Your Artistic Life* and *Cave of Tigers: Modern Zen Encounters*.

*Sangha Talk: Advanced Level (Book 3)* by Stephen Powell and Francis Huang, which is Dharma textbook for young adults.

*Lectures on the Dhammapada No. 49* is a pamphlet from Japan in the 1960's and is in English.

*One Dharma: The Emerging Western Buddhism* by Joseph Goldstein

*Taking the Leap: Freeing Ourselves from Old Habits and Fears* by Pema Chodron has ten short chapters which can be read independently.

## Pick Up Your Pre-ordered Mochi in the Daifukuji Social Hall

Sunday, December 28

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

Help is needed starting at 5:00 a.m. and throughout the morning.

If you'd like to order mochi, please submit your order and payment as soon as possible. Orders are being taken on a first-come-first-served basis. Forms were attached to the December newsletter. You may also pick up a form at the temple office.



## January Project Dana

*A Monthly Activity Program for Temple Seniors*

January 14, 2015

8:30 a.m. to Noon

Tina Cintron will be showing us how to make Year of the Ram t-shirts and scrolls. Please bring a dark-colored plain t-shirt if you'd like to make a Year of the Ram t-shirt. Supplies for the scrolls will be provided.

Temple seniors age 60 and above are invited to join Project Dana. Volunteers are also welcome. For information, call Joyce at 329-3833 or Rev. Jiko at 322-3524. We invite you to join the fun!

## Coming Up in February...

February 7.....Shakyo & Shabutsu Art Meditation Session

February 8.....Nehan-e Service, Guest Speaker: Rev. Bruce Nakamura, Kona Hongwanji

February 11..... Project Dana

February 18.....Kannon-ko Service

February 21.....Fujinkai's Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser

## New Year's Greeting from Rev. Jiko

*Dear Daifukuji members and friends,*

*To you I send my warmest wishes for a bright, peaceful, & happy New Year! I humbly ask for your continued support of Daifukuji Soto Mission. ことしもどうぞよろしくおねがいいたします。*

*Now that our temple's centennial has been properly conducted, we can truly move forward with compassion and mindful planning to find skillful ways to nurture our beautiful Sangha and to ensure that Daifukuji will be here for the generations to follow. I will be working closely with the dedicated members of our temple board, who will be installed at the New Year's party. We are fortunate to have President Stephen Tanaka and a group of hardworking board members who are sincerely concerned about the welfare of our temple community.*

*I would also like to start a new series of classes on the 16 precepts & basic Buddhist teachings which will culminate in the receiving of a Buddhist name in a Soto Zen Buddhist Lay Confirmation Ceremony. If you are interested in doing this, please contact me at 322-3524 or [rev.jiko@daifukuji.org](mailto:rev.jiko@daifukuji.org). Once I know how many are interested, I will put together a class schedule.*

*May 2015 be a year of peace, harmony, and steady practice of the Way of the Buddha.  
Namu kie butsu. Namu kie ho. Namu kie so.*

*With prayers for your safety, happiness, and well-being throughout the New Year...*

*In gassho,*

*Rev. Jiko Nakade*



## January Dharma Programs

### Zazen (Meditation)

- \* Every Wednesday morning from 6 a.m. to 7:20 a.m.
- \* The following Thursday evenings from 7 - 8:30 p.m.: January 8 and January 22

Please arrive 5-10 minutes early. Beginners are welcome. Call Rev. Jiko at 322-3524 to arrange an appointment for basic instruction. **The Daifukuji Zazenkai will be holding a potluck breakfast meeting at 6:30 a.m. on January 7 after 30 minutes of zazen beginning at 6:00 a.m.**

### Shakyo & Shabutsu — Saturday, January 10 from 8 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.

Mindfully tracing the sutras and pictures of the the buddhas harmonizes body, breath, and mind and brings peace and clarity into one's life. Brushes, ink, and other materials are provided.

### Family Services to Begin January 11

Families with children are invited to join the Family Sangha on Sundays from 9:30 - 10:30 a.m. (See calendar on page 8 for schedule.) **January 11th Art Project - Bring a plain dark-colored t-shirt for each child and adult. We will be making Year of the Ram t-shirts.**

**For taiko, tai chi, and yoga class information, please call the temple office at 322-3524.**



# January 2015

- 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...

December 2014							January 2015							February 2015						
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 Mochitsuki Help Needed	29	30	31 New Year's Blessing 6:00 AM Zazen 11:45 PM Service	1 10:00 AM Blessing Service New Year's Day ... Service	2 8:00 AM Samu 4:30 PM Yoga & Music	3 9:00 AM Taiko Workshop
4 100th Anniversary Fujinkai Hatsumairi 10:00 AM 12:00 AM Taiko Workshop	5 5:00 PM Youth Taiko 7:30 PM Happy Strummers	6 5:00 PM Adult Taiko	7 6:00 AM Zazen 6:30 AM Zazenkai meeting 5:00 PM Youth Taiko 7:00 PM Fujinkai Board	8 9:00 AM Tai Chi 5:00 PM Adult Taiko 7:00 PM Evening Zazen	9 8:00 AM Samu 4:30 PM Yoga & Music 7:00 PM Sangha Sisters	10 8:00 AM Shakyo 9:30 AM Youth Taiko
11 7:45 AM Baika Practice 9:30 AM Family Service	12 5:00 PM Youth Taiko	13 5:00 PM Adult Taiko	14 Project Dana 8:30 am 6:00 AM Zazen 5:00 PM Youth Taiko 7:00 PM Orchid Club	15 9:00 AM Tai Chi 5:00 PM Adult Taiko	16 8:00 AM Samu 4:30 PM Yoga & Music	17 8:00 AM Party Set Up 9:30 AM Youth Taiko
18 11:00 AM New Year's Party	19 Martin Lu...ng, Jr. Day 5:00 PM Youth Taiko 7:00 PM Bon Dance Class	20 5:00 PM Adult Taiko	21 Kannon-ko 10 AM 6:00 AM Zazen 5:00 PM Youth Taiko 7:00 PM Taiko Board	22 9:00 AM Tai Chi 5:00 PM Adult Taiko 7:00 PM Evening Zazen	23 8:00 AM Samu 4:30 PM Yoga & Music	24 9:30 AM Youth Taiko
25 7:45 AM Baika Practice 9:30 AM Family Service	26 5:00 PM Youth Taiko	27 5:00 PM Adult Taiko	28 6:00 AM Zazen 5:00 PM Youth Taiko	29 9:00 AM Tai Chi 5:00 PM Adult Taiko	30 8:00 AM Samu 4:30 PM Yoga & Music	31 9:30 AM Youth Taiko



***Daifukuji Soto Mission***  
***New Year's Party***  
***Sunday, January 18, 2015***  
***11:00 a.m.***

**Return Form With Payment by January 4, 2015**

We hope you'll join us in celebrating the Year of the Sheep. There will be great food, entertainment, and prizes. If you would like to donate pupus, non-alcoholic beverages, desserts, or menu ingredients, please call Ann Nakamoto at 322-2601 by January 4. If you have any questions, please call Joyce St. Arnault at 329-3833 or Rev. Jiko at 322-3524.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone no. \_\_\_\_\_  
 E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

**Daifukuji Members & Members of Temple Groups (\$5.00 per person)**

No. \_\_\_\_\_ X \$5.00 = \_\_\_\_\_  
 Names  
 1. \_\_\_\_\_ 4. \_\_\_\_\_  
 2. \_\_\_\_\_ 5. \_\_\_\_\_  
 3. \_\_\_\_\_ 6. \_\_\_\_\_

**Non-members/guests (\$10 per person)**

No. \_\_\_\_\_ X \$10.00 = \_\_\_\_\_  
 Names  
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 2. \_\_\_\_\_ 4. \_\_\_\_\_

**Children under 5 (Free)** No. \_\_\_\_\_ Names \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

Please fill out and enclose payment. **Make check payable to Daifukuji Soto Mission.** Please give to Rev. Jiko or mail to:

**Daifukuji Soto Mission**  
**Attn: New Year's Party**  
**79-7241 Mamalahoa Hwy**  
**Kealakekua, HI 96750**

***Kindly RSVP by January 4, 2015.***

No tickets will be sent to you. Your name and record of payment will be available at the door. Our hope is that this prepayment system will simplify your entrance. You do **not** need to bring a door prize/gift to the party. However, if you'd like to donate a prize, please drop it off at the temple by January 10. Donations are appreciated.

