



79-7241 Mamalahoa Hwy., Kealahou, HI 96750

June, 2015

(808) 322-3524 www.daifukuji.org

Memorial Day Service and Blessing of our High School Graduates

Sunday, June 7 9:30 a.m.

Prayers for world peace and a remembrance of our fallen soldiers and victims of war will be the focus of Daifukuji's Memorial Day service. Following the service there will be a blessing of the high school graduates who are the children and grandchildren of temple members and a luncheon in honor of them. All are cordially invited to attend.

The featured speaker will be Daifukuji member **Keith Olson**, who is the chief science officer at NELHA.

We congratulate the following graduates of the Class of 2015: **Malia Command** and **Gabrielle Ewing**. If you know of any other graduate whose parents or grandparents belong to our sangha, please inform Rev. Jiko as soon as possible so that an invitation can be sent.

Congratulations to our graduates and their families! *Omedeto gozaimasu!*

Obon Service

Sunday, June 28 9:30 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:

Rose Myochi Obana, Etsuko Yamaguchi, Irene Izumi, Richard Ushijima, Emily Kudo, Taichi Harada, and Hideo Maruyama.

All are invited to attend Daifukuji's Obon service on June 28th at 9:30 a.m. The Dharma message will be given by Rev. Jiko. Please join us and plan to stay for the fellowship luncheon following the service.

Donations of flowers are appreciated. Please drop off flowers by Friday, June 26.

Temple & Grounds Clean Up

Sunday, June 14 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? Call clean-up day chairperson Ron Iwamoto at 322-9147.



Jizo & Kannon-ko Services

Wednesday, June 17 10:00 a.m.

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 in a beautiful red shrine outside. Jizo Bosatsu, also known as Ojizosama, is regarded as the protector of travelers and children. Portrayed as a monk, he carries a staff with six rings, symbolizing his travels through the six realms of existence, freeing sentient beings from their suffering. 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. The Jizo service will be followed by the regular monthly Kannon-ko service. All are welcome.

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 at 322-3524 or find it in the May newsletter in the "archives" on the temple website: www.daifukuji.org.

Mahalo from the Fujinkai

The Daifukuji Fujinkai Women's Association thanks the following individuals & businesses for their generous donations to the UHSSWA Country Store fundraiser which was held on April 18, 2015 at the Soto Mission of Hawaii Betsuin: Fujiko Akamatsu, K. Oue Ltd., Ann Nakamoto, Sakae Oshima, Setsuyo Oshima, Mitsue Oshima, Christine Coleman and Buddha's Cup Coffee, Janet Ota, Mike and Mildred Iwamuro, and Jack and Evelyn Tabata. *Domo arigato gozaimashita!*

Bazaar Mahalo

To our dear Sangha family and friends,

Our heartfelt gratitude and appreciation in making our annual Building and Maintenance Fund Bazaar a great success. Without the countless weeks, days and hours of preparation and your generous monetary donations, items and precious time, this event would not have been possible.

Your participation, dedication, commitment and enthusiasm made it a fun, happy and memorable event.

Thank you very much from the bottom of our hearts.

With love and aloha,
Stephen and Joyce
Bazaar Co-chairs



BAZAAR EVALUATION MEETING
Sunday, June 14
12:00 noon
Suggestions for improving next year's bazaar are welcome. If you cannot attend, you may give your suggestions to Rev. Jiko, co-chairs Stephen or Joyce, or your bazaar department chairperson.



Gift Shop News

By Clear Houn Englebert

The shop has a beautiful stained glass Dharma Wheel for \$250. The one in the shop is actually a sample and the local artist Rick Pugh will make them on order in two to four weeks. Rick said he can customize the colors any way you want, although I can't imagine it looking better than it already does. It's eighteen inches square with a mahogany frame.

Lotus stickers are our most popular sticker—by far. We were out of stock and had many request, so I'm glad to announce that we've got them back in stock. It's a slightly different design, but our original sticker maker on Oahu stopped making stickers (he became a father for the first time, so I figure he got busy with that). The best news is that they're a dollar cheaper—only \$4 now and available in many colors.



Library staff from left to right:
Clear Houn, Kindness, & Lisa

Library News

By Clear Houn Englebert

The children's books are now in a bench with a clear front. The lid raises to access the books. It was built by Kindness Israel and donated to the temple. Now the whole library looks better because the books are spread out more and no books are sitting on top of other books. The Thich Nhat Hanh books moved over (and got alphabetized in the process) and that allowed all the Japanese and Chinese Zen books to be together. Having those two sections together is appropriate because Japanese Zen came directly from China. Come by and enjoy the new look at the library, and have a seat on the bench—it's very strong and sturdy.



Dear Mr. Israel,

We love our new book bench. Thank you very much from all of us!

The Children of the Family Sangha

Together in Silence: 2015 Zen Retreat

The power of Sangha was palpable during the daylong silent retreat held jointly between the Daifukuji Soto Mission Zazenkai and the 'Alaneo Zendo Zazenkai on March 7, 2015 at Daifukuji. Rev. Myoshin Lang and several members of his group drove from Hilo to Kona at the break of dawn to make it in time for the 8:30 a.m. retreat check in. Upon arrival, they were greeted with ti-leaf leis and given cloth name tags on which were written their names and the words "In Silence," name tags which were worn by the nineteen retreat participants who were to spend a day together in silence, mindfully moving from one activity to another.



This retreat, the first of its kind held jointly between the two Zazen groups, consisted of a morning service, four periods of zen meditation, a shakyo & shabutsu session, a vegetarian lunch, and a Tai Chi session led by Daifukuji Zazenkai president Kakuho Hema. A Dharma talk was given by Rev. Lang in the morning, and another talk given by Rev. Jiko in the afternoon. The day flowed smoothly and seamlessly with participants gliding from one room to another in silence from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. after which they gathered on the temple porch for tea and conversation before heading home.

Here are the comments received from some of the retreat participants:

I slept well but in segments the night before I left for Daifukuji from my house in Hilo. After one spell of wakefulness at 3:30 am or so, I went back to sleep and had a piercingly clear dream about my grandmother. I hadn't dreamt of her in years.

It was dark when I drove onto the Hilo part of Saddle Road. The heavy truck that pulled in front of me at the top of Kaumana drove much faster than I expected, coursing through the curves above Kaumana City like a sports car.

As the dawn lifted shadows from the cinder cones, my anticipation of sitting at a new zendo added to the joy of being up very early. The world is so much quieter at 6:30 am.

My plan to be sure of Daifukuji's location worked better than I expected: I got to the temple at 8 am —time enough to have breakfast before the sesshin began. I parked at Teshima's and checked out the menu but the breakfasts with eggs all included meat. I got back in my car to try another place down the road. As I walked to the car, I noticed two signs: the sign identifying Daifukuji Temple affixed to the gate across from Teshima's. It said "Soto Zen Temple". At the corner of Teshima's another sign — this one for an alarm company — said "Soto Alarm".

Sitting in Daifukuji's zendo, I got a new level of realization of how powerful it is to sit with a sangha. After some of my mind's housekeeping chores — processing the morning drive and the car that passed me at 85 mph ("cop bait" I thought at the time), and reliving the clear vision of my grandmother — I was able to see one of the most amazing sights of all: the patch of white wall directly in front of me. To be alive and conscious of this great wonder, with the breeze blowing the curtains in and out like breath, other people merging their own awareness in the cloud hall — our backs facing the center of the room, our individual quiet gathering into a great stillness.

This was a beautiful gift.

Thank you

(Randal McEndree, 'Alaneo Zendo)

("Together in Silence: Zen Retreat" continued from page 5)



At the sound of the third bell and the start of zazen comes a slow easing into sitting and being still. I know this, to sit in silence for 25 minutes, Shozan to my right. Soon the familiar arrives, hearing the traffic, the coquis, breathing in, breathing out. Suddenly I feel a breeze and raise my gaze to see the curtains blowing in, blowing out. Eventually comes the slowly emerging sense of all 19 of us sitting in silent stillness, apart but together in the Kannon Hall. Ease and the familiar arrive with each of the retreat day's sits until the fourth and final one, when, increasingly, discomfort sets in. What is this intensifying sensation in my legs and feet? Are they falling asleep? Have I made a big mistake sitting for several sessions 3 weeks after 2 hospitalizations? Sit with it, stay, notice, pay attention, breath in, breath out, feel the discomfort in the legs, realize this is temporary, know "This too shall pass." What do I do? Get up and walk outside? You know what you do. You stay. You experience what you are experiencing. You feel your legs hurt. Sense the sangha's presence. They are here with you. At the bell to end the sit, I gassho, stretch my legs out in front of me, welcome the relief from suffering. One thing for certain, this fourth sit was not full of ease. Inexplicably comes a smile and with it, ever so slightly, joy: at the wonder that everything changes, everything is temporary, all is impermanent.

(Coral Jinen Mack, Daifukuji Zazenkai)

Thank you for the wonderful sesshin on Saturday, March 7th. We had a great time and really felt the support and aloha from the members of the Daifukuji Zazenkai, from the welcoming greeting to going first through the lunch line, and Daifukuji Zazenkai's gift to our sangha. As a vegetarian I really appreciated the all vegetarian lunch and excellent ingredient labeling which took all the guesswork over choosing what to put on my plate to eat. This was the third time my husband and I have attended the March sesshin and every one has been a little bit different and all good.

Mahalo nui loa.

(Kate Burroughs, 'Alaneo Zendo)

It was such a treasure to have a day of zazen with a supportive sangha. The day was well-organized and the spirit of the event was strong. Thank you.

(Gentei Diedrichs, Daifukuji Zazenkai)

I really enjoyed the Zen retreat on the 7th. The day was filled with activities and it went by very fast. Engaging in activities in silence was something very special and the lunch was tasty and well-balanced! Everyone worked very hard to make this day possible. It was very nice to get to meet with other Sangha members from Daifukuji and members from the zendo in Hilo. I am looking forward to our next Zazen get-together!

Thank you very much.

(Takako Oxley, Daifukuji Zazenkai)

The retreat on March 7th was a great experience. I always look forward to the yearly day of silence with the sangha and always come away refreshed and renewed. The afternoon sittings were a little more difficult than the morning ones as there was so much good food at the luncheon that it was easy to be lulled into a dream state within all the pervading peace that surrounded me. I persevered though and look forward to the next one. In gassho

(Velvet Replogle, Daifukuji Zazenkai)

(“Together in Silence: Zen Retreat” continued from page 6)



After my move south to Opi’ihale just north of Miloli’i a year ago, I became a hermit of sorts sitting in meditation alone due to the half-hour commute to the Daifukuji Temple and one-hour commute to COSTCO. I have been feeling the isolation and missed the support of the other Daifukuji Zazenkai members. So I attended the recent Zen retreat to “recharge my batteries”. The powerful purposiveness of sitting with others was wonderful. I felt the reality of the refuge offered by the Sangha, Dharma and Buddha. The visitors from Hilo were evidently a dedicated group of meditators. My batteries were definitely refilled.

(Kaleopono Norris, Daifukuji Zazenkai)

The silent retreat with the Zazenkai was easier than I thought! I was a bit nervous about sitting more than I ever had in one day. The time went by fast and it was so peaceful. The rain came and went, and I found many quiet moments of joy. It was also my first time to do shakyo, tracing with paint, beautiful images of the Buddha. Arm in arm we huddled under an umbrella to move in the pouring rain. The Dharma talks were enriching, silent cooperation flowed, and stretching during tai chi felt so good at the end of the day. Mahalo to all involved. I am ready to sign up for the next one!

In gassho,

(Barbara Shoshin Bosz, Daifukuji Zazenkai)



Arigato from Rev. Jiko

Dear Members and Friends,

In the days following the bazaar, when all was quiet once more, I paused to integrate the whole experience of this incredible fundraising event. All kinds of images arose in my mind — folks delivering bazaar donations; volunteers sorting, washing, and pricing those items day after day; farmers giving us produce from their fields; ladies and men laboring in the kitchen, cooking and baking, standing for hours; children and kupuna standing side by side putting up the tents; coordinators and committee heads making sure that their departments were organized and ready; a long line of volunteers passing items from one person to the next to move them from the hall to the tents; a solitary volunteer patrolling the temple grounds throughout the night, watching over the items; donations of food being delivered from home kitchens; the serenity of the massage room; the thundering taiko & mellow songs of the entertainer; the clean up, exhaustion written on the faces of many; the laughter, the aloha, the joy. Every year our sangha, together with our community, makes the bazaar happen — not one person alone, but many, many persons, each contributing what he/she is able. Everyone sets aside their own agendas and work is done for the sake of the sangha. On a deep level, this annual bazaar has become our Buddhist field of cultivation, an opportunity to practice kindness, patience, tolerance, and perseverance in the midst of great activity. How truly grateful I am for all of you, the members of our sangha & community! Thank you very much for all that you do for Daifukuji Soto Mission. *Gokurosama deshita.*

In deep gassho,

Rev. Jiko

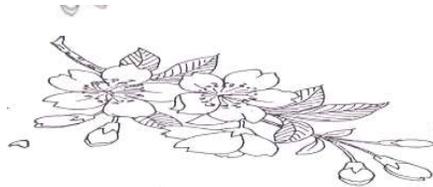
Bon Dance Practice Sessions

Bon Dance practice sessions will be led by sensei Winifred Kimura every Tuesday evening in June from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. in the Daifukuji Social Hall. In July the sessions will be held on July 2, 7, and 9. All are welcome! Refreshment contributions are welcome, too.

Daifukuji's Bon Dance will be held on Saturday, July 11.

6:30 p.m. Opening Service

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



O-Bon Festival 2015

*DANCE THE NIGHT AWAY
TO THE BEAT OF TAIKO DRUMS*

JUNE 13, 2015

*6:00 P.M. - 10:00 P.M.
KEAUHOU SHOPPING CENTER
(PHASE II PARKING LOT)*



*FEATURING:
KONA HONGWANJI TAIKO GROUP*



FREE ADMISSION

**FREE BON DANCE TOWELS (while supplies last)*
*BON DANCING *FOOD *LOTS OF FUN**

*SPONSORED BY: KONA HONGWANJI BUDDHIST TEMPLE
FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL 323-2993*

June Dharma Programs



Dharma Fellowship (A Monthly Dharma Discussion Group)

The next Dharma Fellowship will be held on **Thursday, June 18** at 7:00 p.m. in the temple library.

Zazen (Meditation)

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

* Thursday, June 11 & 25 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, June 13 from 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 - Sunday, June 21 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.



Coming up in July...

July 2, 7 & 9.....Bon Dance Practice Sessions

July 8.....Project Dana

July 11.....Daifukuji's Bon Dance

July 12....Bon Dance Clean Up

July 15...Kannon-ko Service

July 19...Kona Daifukuji Orchid Club's Annual Orchid Show & Sale

July 25...Kona Hongwanji's Bon Dance

June 2015

May 2015							June 2015							July 2015								
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S		
					1	2	7	8	9	10	11	12	13						1	2	3	4
3	4	5	6	7	8	9	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	5	6	7	8	9	10	11		
10	11	12	13	14	15	16	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	12	13	14	15	16	17	18		
17	18	19	20	21	22	23	28	29	30					19	20	21	22	23	24	25		
24	25	26	27	28	29	30								26	27	28	29	30	31			
31																						

- Adult Taiko
- Family Service
- Major Service
- Home
- Work
- Temple Board
- Fujinkai
- Zazen
- Sangha Sisters
- Youth Taiko
- Kannon-ko Service
- Project Dana
- Baikako Practice
- Dharma Study
- Happy Strummers
- Bon Dance Group
- Teen Sangha
- Orchid Club
- Samu
- Special Events
- Work
- Offsite Backup

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31 9:30 AM Family Service	1 5:00 PM Youth Taiko 7:30 PM Happy Strummers	2 5:00 PM Adult Taiko 7:00 PM Bon dance class	3 6:00 AM Zazen 5:00 PM Youth Taiko 7:00 PM Fujinkai Board	4 9:00 AM Tai Chi 5:00 PM Adult Taiko 7:00 PM Temple Board	5 7:30 AM Samu 3:30 PM Ke Kama Pono 4:30 PM Yoga & Music	6
7 Memorial Day Service Blessing of Graduates	8 5:00 PM Youth Taiko	9 9:00 AM Bare Bones Writers 5:00 PM Adult Taiko 7:00 PM Bon dance class	10 Project Dana 8:30 am 6:00 AM Zazen 5:00 PM Youth Taiko 7:00 PM Orchid Club	11 9:00 AM Tai Chi 5:00 PM Adult Taiko 7:00 PM Zazen	12 3:30 PM Ke Kama Pono 4:30 PM Yoga & Music 7:00 PM Sangha Sisters	13 Keauhou Bon Festival 8:00 AM Shakyo
14 General Clean Up 12:00 PM Bazaar Evaluation Meeting	15 5:00 PM Youth Taiko	16 5:00 PM Adult Taiko 7:00 PM Bon dance class	17 Jizo & Kannon-ko 6:00 AM Zazen 5:00 PM Youth Taiko 7:00 PM Taiko Board	18 9:00 AM Tai Chi 5:00 PM Adult Taiko 7:00 PM Dharma Fellowshipship	19 7:30 AM Samu 3:30 PM Ke Kama Pono 4:30 PM Yoga & Music	20
21 Happy Father's Day! 7:45 AM Baikako	22 5:00 PM Youth Taiko	23 5:00 PM Adult Taiko 7:00 PM Bon dance class	24 6:00 AM Zazen 5:00 PM Youth Taiko	25 9:00 AM Tai Chi 5:00 PM Adult Taiko 7:00 PM Zazen	26 7:30 AM Samu 3:30 PM Ke Kama Pono 4:30 PM Yoga & Music	27
28 Obon Service 9:30	29 5:00 PM Youth Taiko	30 5:00 PM Adult Taiko 7:00 PM Bon dance class	1 6:00 AM Zazen 5:00 PM Youth Taiko	2 9:00 AM Tai Chi 5:00 PM Adult Taiko	3 7:30 AM Samu 3:30 PM Ke Kama Pono 4:30 PM Yoga & Music	4