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March, 2015

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## 33 Kannon Pilgrimage & Ohigan Service

*Sunday, March 15*

*9:30 a.m.*



Every March at Daifukuji you can become a Buddhist Pilgrim and feel as if you are visiting the 33 Kannon temples of western Japan. 33 statuettes of Kannon, the Bodhisattva of Compassion, are taken down from the top recesses of the Kannon altar and displayed in the Kannon Hall. The pilgrims circulate the hall, stepping on small packets of earth brought to Kona many years ago from each of the temples, and bow to each Kannon-sama while the sutras are being chanted. It is a practice at our temple to offer a coin to each of the 33 Kannon plus two more. **Please bring 35 coins to this service.**

The Dharma message will be given by Amy Jikai Nakade.

A simple lunch prepared by Fujinkai Team 2 and volunteers will follow the service.

From March 15 - March 20, you are welcome to come to the temple to do the pilgrimage on your own. Feel free to bring along family members & friends. It is best to call the temple at 322-3524 before coming.

33 Kannon Set Up: Saturday, March 14 at 8:00 a.m.

33 Kannon Clean Up: Saturday, March 21 at 8:00 a.m.

We humbly ask for your kokua. Flowers are also needed. Please deliver flowers the morning of March 14 or the day before.

## No Kannon-ko Service in March

Because of the 33 Kannon-service on March 15, no monthly Kannon-ko service will be held on March 18.





**FUNDRAISER FOR  
14-YEAR-OLD  
TRISTAN "TJ"  
FERNANDEZ  
WHO IS BATTLING AN  
INOPERABLE BRAIN  
TUMOR**

Please join us in supporting the Fernandez family. TJ is the son of Jaret and Jocelyn Fernandez, and grandson of Elaine and Julio Fernandez.

**SUNDAY, MARCH 1, 2015**

**DAIFUKUJI SOTO MISSION SOCIAL HALL**

**79-7241 Mamalahoa Hwy, Honalo (Next to Teshima's Restaurant)**

**11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.**

**SHOYU CHICKEN PLATE \$10**

**SILENT AUCTION**

**ENTERTAINMENT BY KONA DAIFUKUJI TAIKO**

**DONATIONS ARE ALSO WELCOME ON TJ'S ONLINE FUNDRAISER:**

**[www.giveforward.com](http://www.giveforward.com) (TJ's fundraiser)**

**<http://gfwd.at/18Jrwuh>**

**Call 322-3524 for more information.**

## Library News

By Clear Houn Englebert



We have two new books with exactly the same title: *Practical Buddhism*. One of the books is subtitled *The Legacy of Buddhadasa Bhikkhu* and it's a compilation of his writings. Buddhadasa was a great master in the Thai Buddhist tradition and a leader in the quest for world peace. He was not afraid to use the "G" word, and he considered "God" and "Dharma" to be interchangeable words.

The other book titled *Practical Buddhism* is by Charles Luk and is a marvelous collection of Luk's writings and translations, the most substantial being Han Shan's autobiography. Han Shan lived from 1546 to 1623 in China and is best known today as the author of *Cold Mountain Poems*. His jailing by the emperor is a perfect example of why Dogen cautioned monks to stay far away from emperors and politics.

During Han Shan's time on Cold Mountain one of his closest Dharma friends was Shih-te, who was the cook and janitor of a nearby monastery. They are often depicted together, Han Shan with a bit of paper and Shih-te with a broom. Shih-te is the inspiration for a new book in our poetry section by Eric Shaffer (a Hawaii resident) called *Living in the Monastery, Working in the Kitchen*.

Back to Charles Luk---he was a Chinese Buddhist monk born in 1898. One of his masters was Xu Yun (sometimes written Hsu Ysu Yun) whose name means empty cloud. Luk translated Empty Cloud's autobiography which is simply titled *Empty Cloud*. It's one of our most special new arrivals and it's one of the very few books I've read twice. Empty Cloud died in 1959 at the age of 120. His life story is incredibly inspiring and I highly recommend this book to everyone. Being in diary form, it's very easy to read.

The other new arrivals are:

*First You Shave Your Head* which is Geri Larkin's account of her tour through Korean monasteries and *Being Bodies: Buddhist Women on the Paradox of Embodiment* which is edited by Lenore Friedman and Susan Moon.

We also have a wonderful new edition of the *Dhammapada* translated by Peter Feldmeier which includes his excellent commentary.

## March Programs

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

The next Dharma Fellowship will be held on **Thursday, March 19** at 7:00 p.m. in the temple library. This is a group based upon the principles of mindful speech, deep listening, rotation of facilitator, & confidentiality. All are welcome.



### **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.

**Baikako Plum Blossom Choir Practice** - March 8 and March 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.

### **Precepts Study Sessions (see page 7)**

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

## Aloha from Rev. Jiko

Dear Daifukuji members and friends,

I'd like to thank all who supported the Daifukuji Fujinkai Women's Association's recent pancake breakfast fundraiser. As usual, it was heartwarming to see the members of our community greeting each other and talking story over breakfast. Smiles and laughter filled the hall. Folks told me how good everything tasted and what a bargain it was to get a full breakfast including miso soup and fruits for just \$7.00. Visitors from the mainland, who noticed the sign on the stonewall and drove in, commented on how warmly they were greeted and said that they'll be back next year. Everyone's hard work, generous donations, and giving hearts created an event that not only benefitted the Fujinkai, but at the same time strengthened our community and brought happiness to many. Acts that are truly good benefit both self and others. My warmest mahalo to all for supporting the Daifukuji Fujinkai, a group which has been helping our temple for 100 years!



Spring is coming. The white coffee blossoms in the coffee field, the pink blossoms on the sakura tree in the front yard, and the new blooms in the orchid garden are lovely reminders of nature's ability to rise up and out of the dormancy of winter. Such strength is also present in each of us. There are times when we wonder if we will be able to endure the winters of our lives — the pain, the sorrows, the loss of someone or something that we hold dear — those times when we are stripped bare, exposed to the harsh winds of change. At such times we may think that our lives will henceforth be an endless winter.

Rest assured that spring will come. A green shoot pokes its way through the frozen ground. Buds appear on a branch once bare. Within one's heart, one starts to feel the first stirrings of hope and renewal. A fresh beginning is possible.

Through all of the seasons of our lives, we are embraced by the Buddha's boundless compassion. The light of the Dharma is ever present. Our only part is to turn toward it, like a sprout that turns its head toward the sun.

I am looking forward to reflecting upon each of the 16 bodhisattva precepts with those who will take this journey with me this year. From my previous years' experience, I know that this inner journey shared among friends is a sacred one that is life enhancing and profound. The precepts are an important part of our lives as Buddhists. They point the way, like a strong beacon of light from a lighthouse. I invite you to deepen your study and commitment as a Soto Zen Buddhist.

May the arrival of spring bring you fresh energy, vibrant health, and pure joy.

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

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

## Precepts Study Sessions

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 weekly study sessions will be held as follows starting the first week of March:

Tuesday afternoons from 4:15 - 5:15 pm

Thursday mornings from 9:15 - 10:15 a.m.

Please let Rev. Jiko know if you are interested in signing up for either the Tuesday afternoon or Thursday morning sessions. 322-3524

## Coming up in April...



April 5.....Hanamatsuri Service/Spring Egg Hunt

April 8.....Project Dana

April 15.....Kannon-ko

April 16....Dharma Fellowship

April 18-19...UHSSWA Conference

April 20...Bon Dance Class



## The Sixteen Precepts

Taking refuge in the Buddha

Taking refuge in the Dharma

Taking refuge in the Sangha

Do not create evil

Practice good

Actualize compassion for all beings

Have respect for all life – do not kill

Have respect for the property of others – do not steal

Honor the body, honor relationships – do not misuse sexuality

Manifest truth – do not lie

Live with clarity – do not cloud the mind with harmful substances

Look & listen deeply – do not speak of the faults of others

Realize self and other as one – do not elevate yourself while blaming others

Give generously – do not spare the Dharma assets

Recognize the seeds of anger – do not let anger take control of you

Experience the Oneness of all life –do not defile the Three Treasures (Buddha, Dharma, & Sangha)



We are also visiting...



Temple where Bishop was Born and Raised  
Minami-Uonuma, Niigata

Rev. Kotoku Yoshida's  
Beautiful view of  
Mt. Fuji!!!



And Not Least, Onsen! Everyone's  
Favorite ☆\*:... o(≧▽≦)o ...:\*☆  
Sponsored by HSMA and Bishop's Office  
Please sign up at any Soto Temple.



The approximate cost of this tour is \$3,000, including roundtrip airfare between Hawaii and Japan. There will be an overnight stay at Sojiji Monastery in Tsurumi. Sightseeing will be by bus.

For more information or to sign up, see Rev. Jiko.

# Fujinkai Breakfast Fundraiser

A big mahalo to all!



# March 2015

| February 2015 |    |    |    |    |    |    | March 2015 |    |    |    |    |    |    | April 2015 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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- 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                       |
|---|-------------------------------|---|---|---|---|--------------------------------|
| 1<br>11:00 AM Fundraiser for T.J.   | 2<br>7:30 PM Happy Strummers  | 3<br>4:15 PM Precepts Study<br>5:00 PM Adult Taiko                                | 4<br>6:00 AM Zazen<br>6:30 AM Zazenkai Meeting<br>5:00 PM Youth Taiko<br>7:00 PM Fujinkai Board | 5<br>9:00 AM Tai Chi<br>9:15 AM Precepts Study<br>5:00 PM Adult Taiko                               | 6<br>7:30 AM Samu<br>3:30 PM Ke Kama Pono<br>4:30 PM Yoga & Music<br>6:00 PM Retreat set  | 7<br>8:30 AM Zen Retreat       |
| 8<br>7:45 AM Baikako Practice<br>9:30 AM Family Service<br>5:30 PM Youth Taiko  | 9                             | 10<br>9:00 AM Bare Bones Writers<br>4:15 PM Precepts Study<br>5:00 PM Adult Taiko | 11<br>Project Dana 8:30 am<br>6:00 AM Zazen<br>5:00 PM Youth Taiko<br>7:00 PM Orchid Club       | 12<br>9:00 AM Tai Chi<br>9:15 AM Precepts Study<br>5:00 PM Adult Taiko<br>7:00 PM Zazen             | 13<br>7:30 AM Samu<br>3:30 PM Ke Kama Pono<br>4:30 PM Yoga & Music<br>7:00 PM Sangha Sis- | 14<br>8:00 AM Set up 33 Kannon |
| 15<br>33 Kannon 9:30<br>5:30 PM Youth Taiko                                     | 16<br>7:00 PM Bon Dance Class | 17<br>4:15 PM Precepts Study<br>5:00 PM Adult Taiko                               | 18<br>6:00 AM Zazen<br>5:00 PM Youth Taiko<br>7:00 PM Taiko Board                               | 19<br>9:00 AM Tai Chi<br>9:15 AM Precepts Study<br>5:00 PM Adult Taiko<br>7:00 PM Dharma Fellowship | 20<br>7:30 AM Samu<br>3:30 PM Ke Kama Pono<br>4:30 PM Yoga & Music                        | 21<br>8:00 AM Put away Kannon  |
| 22<br>7:45 AM Baikako Practice<br>9:30 AM Family Service<br>5:30 PM Youth Taiko | 23                            | 24<br>4:15 PM Precepts Study<br>5:00 PM Adult Taiko                               | 25<br>6:00 AM Zazen<br>6:30 AM Zazenkai Meeting<br>5:00 PM Youth Taiko                          | 26<br>9:00 AM Tai Chi<br>9:15 AM Precepts Study<br>5:00 PM Adult Taiko<br>7:00 PM Zazen             | 27<br>7:30 AM Samu<br>3:30 PM Ke Kama Pono<br>4:30 PM Yoga & Music                        | 28<br>8:00 AM Jam Making       |
| 29<br>HAIB Buddha Day<br>5:30 PM Youth Taiko                                    | 30                            | 31<br>4:15 PM Precepts Study<br>5:00 PM Adult Taiko                               | 1<br>6:00 AM Zazen<br>5:00 PM Youth Taiko   | 2<br>9:00 AM Tai Chi<br>9:15 AM Precepts Study<br>5:00 PM Adult Taiko                               | 3<br>7:30 AM Samu<br>3:30 PM Ke Kama Pono<br>4:30 PM Yoga & Music                         | 4<br>7:00 PM Fujinkai Board    |