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November, 2015

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Thanksgiving Service

Sunday, November 15 9:30 a.m.

Guest Minister: Rev. Shinryu Hoshino



All are cordially invited to Daifukuji's Thanksgiving service. Featured will be a Dharma message to be given by the Reverend Shinryu Hoshino of the Soto Mission of Hawaii Betsuin. Rev. Hoshino, who is from Niigata, Japan, has been

serving in Hawaii since November of last year. Please join our sangha in welcoming him.

Light refreshments will be prepared by the Fujinkai members of Team 1. Flowers for the altar are appreciated and may be delivered by November 13. Donations of canned foods for the Hawaii Island Food Basket may be brought to the service. Before and after the service, the temple's gift shop will be open for your holiday shopping.

Wishing you a Happy Thanksgiving!

General Clean Up

Sunday, November 29 8:00 a.m.

Our humble call for help goes out to temple members and temple groups. Please join us in cleaning up our temple, halls, and grounds in preparation for Bodhi Day and the new year.

We will begin this day with a short blessing inside the temple at 8:00 a.m. Please 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 very much appreciated. Questions? Please call our new clean-up day chairperson Shaun Roth at 808-936-9815.



In Memoriam

To the family of the late **Dr. Leslie Yamanaka**, who passed away October 3, 2015 at the age of 97, we express our sincere condolences.



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

Welcome, New Members

The Daifukuji Family Sangha (Sunday School) warmly welcomes **Tomoko, Hina, and Hoku Nanamura.**



New members are always welcome. For membership information, go to http://www.daifukuji.org/membership_brochure.pdf or call the temple office at (808) 322-3524.

Happy Strummers Announcement

The Daifukuji Happy Strummers Ukulele group, under the direction of Henrietta Chee, will be performing for the residents of the Life Care Center of Kona at 9:00 a.m. on November 24. Group members, please meet at Life Care Center at 8:30 a.m.



Kona Coffee Cultural Festival Sushi Bento & Manju Sale

Saturday, November 14

Keauhou Shopping Center

10 a.m. until sold out

The Daifukuji Fujinkai Women's Association will be selling sushi bento (makizushi & inari), sushi rolls, two kinds of manju, and other goodies at the Kona Coffee Cultural Festival on November 14. Their Daifukuji specialities sell out quickly, so plan on being there early.

Rice cookers, please report to the temple kitchen at 4:30 a.m. Other Fujinkai members, including sushi rollers, please plan on arriving at 6:00 a.m. Your kokua is requested. *Onegai shimasu.*

Donations of cooking ingredients, as well as monetary donations to the **Daifukuji Fujinkai**, are appreciated. A sign-up sheet for ingredients is posted in the social hall.

Questions? Please call Joyce at 329-3833 or Rev. Jiko at 322-3524.

Our very own Kona Daifukuji Taiko will be performing that evening in the Keauhou Shopping Center parking lot.

Just for you!



Sushi and manju!



Mini Food Sale for Daifukuji Sangha To Be Held December 13

By Ann Nakamoto

The Daifukuji Fujinkai Women's Association is having a special food sale especially for Daifukuji Temple members and groups on Sunday, December 13. This fundraiser will help with the expenses for the women's yearly UHSSWA conference, field trips and other Fujinkai activities. This will also give the Fujinkai members a chance to learn and experience Daifukuji's making of the maki sushi. Manju, mochi, and pickled vegetables will also be sold. This is a time for members of the temple and temple groups to purchase these delectable and hard-to-get items. The mini food sale will begin after the Bodhi Day Jodo-e service and general membership meeting. It will be held during the potluck lunch in the temple's social hall.

Please come out and support our temple's hardworking women's organization, which is well known for its "super ono" sushi and manju.

For more information, call Ann at 322-2601.



Membership Dues Reminder

First of all, thank you very much to all of you who have sent in your 2015 membership dues and donations. For those who have not yet done so, it's not too late. You may use the form that's on the last page of the January newsletter <http://www.daifukuji.org/newsletter/2015/jan15news.pdf> or drop by the temple office. Your donations are what sustain our temple and we appreciate your generosity very much.

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November Dharma Programs

Dharma Study Classes - Tuesdays, **November 3, 17, & 24** (No class on November 10)

Study classes conducted by Rev. Jiko on the topic of the Four Noble Truths and Eightfold Path are being held on selected Tuesday afternoons from 4:00 - 5:00 p.m. in the temple library. Call Rev. Jiko at 322-3524 for more information.

Dharma Fellowship (A Monthly Dharma Discussion Group)

The next Dharma Fellowship will be held on **Thursday, November 12** at 7:00 p.m. in the Kannon Hall. All are welcome.

Family Sangha Services: Sharing the Dharma with Children - Sundays, **November 1 and 8** at 9:30 a.m.

Zazen (Meditation)

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

* Thursdays, **November 5 & 19** 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, November 7** 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, **November 8** from 7:45 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. Baika workshop with Rev. Keido Suzuki on Tuesday, November 10 from 9 a.m. - 3 p.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: (808) 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.

2016 Las Vegas UHSSWA Conference

Daifukuji Fujinkai members, you will soon be receiving a call from your district representative asking you if you are interested in attending the United Hawaii Soto Shu Women's Association (UHSSWA) Conference which will be held at the Main Street Station Hotel in Las Vegas the weekend of **April 23 - 24, 2016**. You are welcome to invite guests to this conference.

The estimated cost for a 4-night package, which includes Honolulu-to-Vegas round trip airfare, hotel, transfers, and meals, is \$699 based on double occupancy. Kona-to-Honolulu airfare is additional and the Fujinkai is arranging for special group rates. Certain expenses for Fujinkai members only will be paid for by the Fujinkai which is holding fundraisers for this purpose.

The 2016 conference, hosted by the Guzeiji Soto Mission of Molokai's Fujinkai, will be the UHSSWA's 51st annual women's conference. The purpose of the conference is to bring together the ministers, jizoku (ministers' spouses), Fujinkai members and guests from our nine Soto Zen temples throughout Hawai'i for a weekend of Buddhist fellowship, education, and fun. Won't you join us in going to Las Vegas next year? For more information, call Fujinkai president Joyce St. Arnault at 329-3833.

An informational meeting will be scheduled. Fujinkai members, please let your district rep know if you are interested in attending the conference.

51st UHSSWA CONFERENCE

April 23-24, 2016

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

Saturday, April 23, 2016

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| 11:00 a.m. | Registration |
| 12:00 noon | Auditors' Meeting |
| 1:00 p.m. | Opening Service & Memorial Service |
| 2:30 p.m. | General Membership Meeting |
| 3:30 p.m. | Picture Taking |
| | Slot Tournament TBA |
| 5:30 p.m. | Social Hour |
| 6:00 p.m. | Banquet |

Sunday, April 24, 2016

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| 8:00 a.m. | Morning Service |
| 8:45 a.m. | Installation of Officers |
| | Recognition & Presentation of Gifts |
| 10:00 a.m. | Dharma Session |
| 11:30 a.m. | Lunch |
| 1:00 p.m. | Closing |

Thursday Morning Yoga Classes With Ambika Rose: January 7, 14, 21, & 28



Ambika (on right) & her teacher Yogi Amrit Desai

Start the New Year with yoga classes to be taught by Amrit yoga instructor Ambika Jo-an Rose on Thursday mornings throughout the month of January from 7:30 - 8:45 a.m. inside the Kannon Hall. These classes are open to Daifukuji members, as well as the Kona community and are for beginners, as well as experienced yoga practitioners. You may drop in or take the whole series.

Bring: yoga mat, loose clothing, an empty stomach, and a monetary “love offering” or “dana.”

Ambika Jo-an Rose has taught yoga for 30 years. The “style” is Amrit Yoga, an authentic, meditative exploration of pranic energy (chi) through alignment, extension, and intention. Following postures, we pause: relax, breathe, and “let go!” For inquiry, call Ambika at (808) 430-2620.

Sunday Afternoon Yoga Classes: Four Noble Truths and Yoga

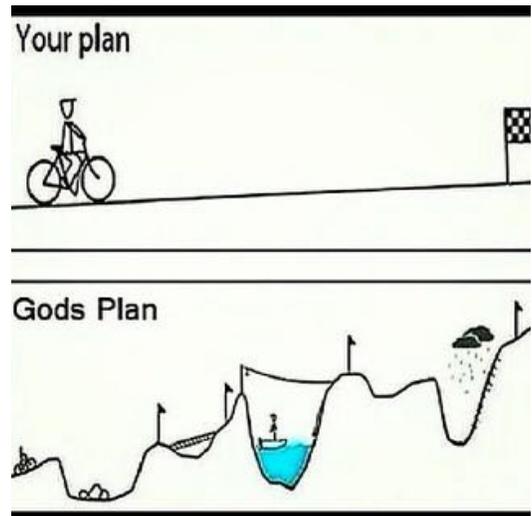
5 Sunday Afternoons: January 3, 10, 17, 24, & 31

4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m

Start the New Year with a 5-week jump-start for your moment-to-moment practice to stay present and eliminate suffering! Learn how to cope with life when it doesn't go by "your plan." Ambika Rose invites you to join her and experience Buddha's Teaching combined with inspiring, practical Yoga spiritual training.

Wear comfortable clothing and be ready to stretch. No previous yoga practice is necessary. In addition, experienced practitioners are encouraged to attend to learn a unique perspective on uniting zen and yoga.

Ambika is a long-time Daifukuji member who began her Soto Zen practice with The San Francisco Zen Center in the 1970's. Recently she has studied meditation with Buddhist nun Pema Chodron at Omega in New York and with renowned Yogi Amrit Desai in Florida. For information and registration call Ambika at 808-430-2620.



Library News

By Clear Englebert



Here are the new arrivals:

The Art of Communicating by Thich Nhat Hanh

Mindful Eating by Jan Chozen Bays.

Buddha Heart, Buddha Mind: Living the Four Noble Truths by the Dalai Lama.

Each Moment is the Universe: Zen and the Way of Being Time is transcriptions of thirty-six of Dainin Katagiri's lectures, many of them concerning Dogen's writings.

The Great Failure: My Unexpected Path to Truth by Natalie Goldberg is a wonderful book about her own life and Zen training under Katagiri Roshi.

Unattended Sorrow: Recovering from Loss and Reviving the Heart by Stephen Levine is about the lingering sorrow that remains after the "period of grieving" has ended.

Buddhism by Bernard Faure is yet another fabulous color picture book. I never get tired of these kinds of books and this one is especially good, with brilliant text by Faure who is a leading Buddhist scholar.

People often ask me what is a good introductory book about Buddhism. *The Naked Buddha* by Adrienne Howley is my new favorite in that category---by far.

The library has two new DVDs and two new CDs. First the DVDs:

Practice is Enlightenment by John Daido Looi is a very clarifying commentary on one of Dogen's Shobogenzo chapters.

Sojo is a gift from Sojiji Monastery. It's about Gasan Joseki, the second abbot of Sojiji. It's in Japanese without English subtitles.

Daifukuji Soto Mission Obon Festival 2009 by Randy Magnus.

Sesshin Talks at Throssel Hole Buddhist Abbey August 2009 is three talks by Daishin Morgan.

Be Vigilant

Please lock your car doors when you park your car on temple grounds and be on the lookout for strangers. Recently, our Jizo shrine was twice vandalized and the Nokotsudo offertory box damaged. Other strange incidents have occurred during daylight hours, as well as at night. We have reason to believe that whoever is responsible is not in a normal state of mind & could become violent. Please immediately inform Rev. Jiko if you see anyone loitering on temple property by calling 322-3524. A description and photo (if it can be taken from a distance) of the person would be helpful. An initial police report has been made. Let's all be vigilant and safe.



Thanksgiving Greetings from Rev. Jiko

Dear Daifukuji members and friends,

The holidays can be a time of gladness for some and sadness for others. During the holidays I especially think about those who are grieving, those who are lonely, and those who are going through hard times. For such folks, even the smallest acts of kindness and generosity can make a difference.

This is why I am happy that Daifukuji Soto Mission will be hosting the 3rd Annual Holiday ‘Ohana Dinner Fundraiser, an inter-faith celebration of local food, music, and art, on December 22nd. Sponsored by the Sanctuary of Mana Ke’a Gardens, Under the Bodhi Tree Restaurant, and other community supporters, this event which is for the community, but especially for families in need, will feature a plant-inspired dinner, entertainment, and take-home gift baskets for going-through-a-rough-spot families. Attendance is by donation. One can volunteer or donate holiday gifts by calling 808-328-0171. Our Fujinkai women’s group and other temple members will be helping at this event which will take place from 3:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Offering our temple’s social hall is our sangha’s way of practicing selfless giving (*dana in Sanskrit; fuisse in Japanese*). We are always blessed and sustained by the support of our community, so it’s nice to have a way to give something back. I was recently touched by an unexpected donation which arrived in the mail. It was a generous monetary donation from the New Thought Center of Hawaii. There was no note enclosed with the check so I wondered if we had received it by mistake. After all, why would another non-profit religious organization send Daifukuji a check? I contacted New Thought Center and received this reply from the organization’s president of the Board of Trustees Priscilla McGregor: *Our Board wanted to honor and support your mission because we appreciate all the good you do in our community. Some of our members also participate in your community, attend your orchid show, etc.* Needless to say, I was deeply moved and humbled. We support others and are in turn supported by others. We give and we receive, nurture and are nurtured. Our lives are intertwined in wondrous ways which show us that we are all connected. Thank you to New Thought Center of Hawaii.

Once again I was reminded of Dogen Zenji’s teachings from the *Shushogi*, chapter 4: *“Giving” means not to covet....Without coveting reward or thanks from others, we simply share our strength with them.* This holiday season, may we all take Dogen Zenji’s words to heart. Have a Happy Thanksgiving!

Thank you for your loving support of the Three Treasures.

In gassho,

Rev. Jiko

Coming Up in December...

December 1 - 8Rohatsu Sesshin

December 9.....Project Dana

December 12.....Shakyo

December 13.....Bodhi Day Service, General Membership Meeting, Mini Food Sale for Sangha

December 16.....Kannonko/Ofudayaki Service

December 27.....Mochitsuki

December 31, January 1...New Year’s Blessing Services

Sangha Photo Gallery



A Little Gecko on Bodhidharma's Shoulder



Dr. Richard Steven's writing class from Hawaii Community College visited our temple.



Gladys & Yoshiko at the Sangha Picnic



Chester picking coffee in the coffee & mac nut field

November 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 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 9:30 AM Family Service ■ 10:00 AM Teen Sangha 	2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 5:00 PM Youth Taiko ■ 7:30 PM Happy Strummers 	3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 4:00 PM Dharma Study ■ 5:00 PM Adult Taiko 	4 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 6:00 AM Zazen ■ 5:00 PM Youth Taiko ■ 7:00 PM Fujinkai Board 	5 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 9:00 AM Tai Chi ■ 5:00 PM Adult Taiko ■ 7:00 PM Evening Zazen 	6 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 7:30 AM Samu ■ 4:30 PM Yoga & Music 	7 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 8:00 AM Shakyo ■ 9:30 AM Youth Taiko
8 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 7:45 AM Baikako ■ 9:30 AM Family Service ■ 10:00 AM Teen Sangha 	9 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 5:00 PM Youth Taiko 	10 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Baika Workshop ■ 5:00 PM Adult Taiko 	11 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Project Dana 8:30 am ■ 6:00 AM Zazen ■ 5:00 PM Youth Taiko ■ 7:00 PM Orchid Club 	12 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 9:00 AM Tai Chi ■ 5:00 PM Adult Taiko ■ 7:00 PM Dharma Fellowship 	13 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 7:30 AM Samu ■ 4:30 PM Yoga & Music ■ 7:00 PM Sangha Sisters 	14 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Coffee Festival ■ Bento Sale
15 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Thanksgiving Service 9:30 a.m. 	16 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 5:00 PM Youth Taiko ■ 7:00 PM Bon Dance Class 	17 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 9:00 AM Bare Bones writers ■ 4:00 PM Dharma Study ■ 5:00 PM Adult Taiko 	18 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Kannonko 10:00 ■ 6:00 AM Zazen ■ 5:00 PM Youth Taiko ■ 7:00 PM Taiko Board 	19 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 9:00 AM Tai Chi ■ 5:00 PM Adult Taiko ■ 7:00 PM Evening Zazen 	20 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 7:30 AM Samu ■ 4:30 PM Yoga & Music 	21 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 9:30 AM Youth Taiko ■ 4:00 PM HSMA Conference
22 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 8:00 AM HSMA Conference 	23 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 5:00 PM Youth Taiko 	24 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 9:00 AM Happy Strummers Performance ■ 4:00 PM Dharma Study ■ 5:00 PM Adult Taiko 	25 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 6:00 AM Zazen ■ 5:00 PM Youth Taiko 	26 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Happy Thanksgiving! 	27 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 4:30 PM Yoga & Music 	28 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 9:30 AM Youth Taiko
29 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 8:00 a.m. ■ Clean-up Day 	30 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 5:00 PM Youth Taiko 	1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 4:00 PM Dharma Study ■ 5:00 PM Adult Taiko 	2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 6:00 AM Zazen ■ 5:00 PM Youth Taiko 	3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 9:00 AM Tai Chi ■ 5:00 PM Adult Taiko 	4 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 4:30 PM Yoga & Music 	5 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 9:30 AM Youth Taiko