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Ohigan and Ryosoki Service

Sunday, September 13 *9:30 a.m.*

Potluck Lunch

All are invited to Daifukuji's autumn Ohigan and Ryosoki service on September 13. The autumnal equinox is considered the perfect time to reflect upon the Buddha's teachings of the Six Perfections of the Heart, as well as the teachings of the eminent founder Dogen Zenji and the eminent propagator Keizan Zenji of our Soto Zen tradition. A Dharma talk will be given by Rev. Jiko Nakade.

Lunch will be a potluck affair, so please bring something to share if you can. The Fujinkai Women's Association will be holding their general membership meeting after lunch.

We invite you to join us for a morning of meditation and fellowship.

Fujinkai General Membership Meeting

Sunday, September 13

The annual general membership meeting of the Daifukuji Fujinkai Women's Association will be held right after lunch on Sunday, September 13. The following topics will be discussed: (1) 2016 UHSSWA Conference in Las Vegas, (2) Kona Coffee Cultural Festival Food Booth, (3) activities & community service projects, and (4) field trip.

Daifukuji Fujinkai members are encouraged to attend this meeting.

The women of the Fujinkai have always been the backbone of the temple. Our sangha is grateful for all that they do. Thank you, Fujinkai!

The group's mission is to foster an understanding of Soto Zen Buddhism, promote the spiritual, educational, and intellectual development of their members, and promote the general welfare of the community through religious & charitable works. Annual dues are \$5. For information on membership, call Joyce at 329-3833 or Merle at 323-3553.

In Memoriam

To the family of the late **Sanji Matsumoto** who passed away on July 4, 2015 at the age of 90, we send thoughts of comfort and peace.



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

Mahalo Nui

Mahalo nui loa to Richard Watanabe for sharpening all of our kitchen knives. The Fujinkai chefs are very grateful.

We also extend a warm mahalo to Shiraki Dry Cleaners for donating the cleaning of our yagura skirt.

Domo arigatougozaimasu to all for your generous contributions to our temple.

Happy Strummers Announcement



In September only, the Happy Strummers Ukulele group will be meeting on the second Monday, **September 14** at 7:30 p.m. Practice will begin for a Life Care Center performance on November 24.

Old Tables for Giveaway

Tables are still available for giveaway. Please call Rev. Jiko at 322-3524 if interested.

Fujinkai Field Trip Update

By Lorraine Jitoku
Tanimoto



To the 44 going on this outing:

On September 19, the bus will promptly leave Daifukuji at 7:00 a.m. so participants must be at the temple by 6:45 a.m. A \$2.00 tip will be collected for the bus driver that morning. A word of caution — the Mushroom Farm requests all guests to come free of illness, such as colds or coughs, to protect their delicate mushroom ecosystem. Anyone with a cold who presents a risk may be denied entry to the farm. If you plan to buy mushrooms or other perishables, please bring your own small cooler or share one with a friend. Ice will be provided.

Bon Dance Classes to Begin

Winifred Kimura will be re-starting monthly Bon dance classes on **Monday, September 21** from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. in the social hall. Thereafter, the class will meet on the 3rd Monday of each month. All are welcome.

From the Dhammapada...

As a fletcher makes straight an arrow, so the wise one straightens one's fickle and unsteady thoughts, which are difficult to guard and difficult to guide.

Hard to control, unstable is the mind, ever in quest of delight. Good it is to calm the mind. A calm mind brings happiness.

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.

Mahalo to our Project Dana kupuna and volunteers for folding the Bon Dance towels.





September Dharma Programs

Dharma Study Classes - Tuesdays, September 15 and 29

A new series of classes on basic Buddhism will begin on September 15. This introduction to Buddhism will be held on selected Tuesday afternoons from 4:00 - 5:00 p.m. in the temple library. See page 6.

Dharma Fellowship (A Monthly Dharma Discussion Group)

The next Dharma Fellowship will be held on **Thursday, September 17** at 7:00 p.m. in the Kannon Hall.

Family Sangha Services: Sharing the Dharma with Our Children - Sundays, September 6, 20 and 27 at 9:30 a.m.

Zazen (Meditation)

- * Every Wednesday morning from 6 a.m. - 7:20 a.m.
- * Thursday, **September 10 & 24** 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, September 12 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, September 6 and 27 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. **Note: No class will be held on September 4.**

51st Annual UHSSWA Conference To Be Held in Las Vegas

Daifukuji Fujinkai Women's Association members, next year's United Hawaii Soto Shu Women's Association Conference, to be hosted by the Guzeiji Soto Mission of Molokai's Fujinkai, is going to be held on April 23 & 24 in Las Vegas. Please see the tentative schedule below.

Why Las Vegas? Molokai does not have the facilities to host a conference of this size, so the conference site is being moved to Las Vegas, a city known to the Hawaii locals as "Hawaii's 9th Island." It will be held at the Main Street Station Hotel.

Fujinkai members, for information on the conference and other activities, please attend the **Fujinkai's General Membership Meeting on September 13** which will be held at lunchtime following the Ohigan & Ryosoki Services.

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 |



Just for Teens

Teenagers, would you like to learn about Buddhism and have fun with other teens at the same time? If so, the Daifukuji Teen Sangha might be just your thing. A new Teen Sangha group is being formed and you are invited to check it out.

Here's the plan. Come to the temple on Sunday mornings by 9:30 a.m. whenever family

services are held. (Check calendar on temple website: <http://www.daifukuji.org/calendar/calendar.pdf>) Attend the first part of the service with everyone. Then go to the social hall with your fellow teens for a Teen Sangha meeting with your group advisor Ryan Nakade. As a group you'll be planning fun activities. We know that you're busy on weekends so meetings will last no more than an hour.

Questions? Call Ryan at 895-0784 or drop by on a Sunday morning to find out what the Daifukuji teens are up to.



Pau Hana Dharma Classes To Be Held September 15 & 29

Starting next month, Rev. Jiko will be offering a series of study classes which will focus on the Four Noble Truths and the Eightfold Path, which are the fundamental teachings of Shakyamuni Buddha. Material will be drawn from the book *What the Buddha Taught* by Waipola Rahula. The temple has copies which you may borrow.

This series of *Pau Hana* Dharma Classes will be held on certain Tuesday afternoons from 4:00 - 5:00 p.m. in the temple library. Please see calendar for schedule. Classes are free. Donations may be placed in the offertory box.

For more information or to sign up for these classes, please contact Rev. Jiko at 322-3524 or write to her at info@daifukuji.org.

Coming Up in October...

October 4...Daruma-ki and Eitaikyo Service

October 6, 13, 20, and 27...Dharma Study Classes

October 10...Shakyo

October 14...Project Dana (Halloween)

October 15...Dharma Fellowship

October 19...Bon Dance Class

October 21...Kannon-Ko Service





Upon Receiving a Gift

By Rev. Jiko Nakade

Last month twenty members of the Daifukuji Family Sangha went on a summer field trip to the Kona Coffee Living History Farm in Captain Cook to learn what life was like for the early Japanese immigrants during the period 1920-1945. Upon arrival, we were

warmly welcomed by the farm staff and split into two groups for the tour.

Before entering the Uchida family's house, my group was greeted outside by Etsuko Miller, the historical interpreter in charge of the house tour. In her hands Etsuko held a gift wrapped in a beautiful piece of cloth called a *furoshiki*, a traditional eco-bag that has been in use by the Japanese for centuries. Etsuko explained that in the days of the Uchidas, whenever a gift was received by the family, it was always respectfully placed upon the family's Buddhist altar (*butsudan*). "The *omiyage* or gift was not opened until later," she said.

Etsuko's words carried me back to my childhood when my mother always first placed a gift received upon our *butsudan*. Gifts of food such as cakes and manju which we received from relatives and friends were first offered to the Buddha before we got to taste them. Also placed on the altar were things such as letters bearing the sad news of a friend's passing, special occasion cards, school report cards, and the first slice of banana bread or apple pie that came out of our oven. Before the Buddha and ancestors, we expressed our thanks for the kindness bestowed upon our family and for the gift of life itself.

When I became a mother of two children, it was natural for me to carry on my mother's tradition of placing gifts received upon the altar before opening or consuming them. When my children received gifts and were eager to open them, I told them to first offer their gifts to the Buddha and to reflect upon the kindness and generosity of the giver. My children are now adults and I grin when I occasionally see the things which they place upon the home altar — among them, paychecks from their jobs, cards from friends, monetary gifts, rocks, crystals, and ojuzu.

Upon receiving any kind of gift, especially something yummy that we'd like to pop into our mouths right away, it's a good practice to first offer it to the Buddha even for a few minutes. By delaying our gratification, we give ourselves the opportunity to reflect upon the giver and to appreciate everything that the giver went through to make, buy, wrap, mail or deliver the gift.

Etsuko's tour was in itself a beautiful gift to our Family Sangha at the Kona Coffee Living History Farm. She took us into the Uchida family's house and showed us how simply they lived. My son Ryan, who was working as the farm interpreter that day, showed us the *hoshidana* and *kuriba*. After our tour, we planted seedlings and sang in the vegetable garden, sampled the Kona coffee, and admired Charlie, the donkey. Visit our Daifukuji Facebook page & scroll down to view a video of us singing "The Garden Song." <https://www.facebook.com/konadaifukujitemple> It was a fun and educational morning spent at Kona Historical Society's Kona Coffee Living History Farm.

New families are always welcome to join the Daifukuji Family Sangha.



Beginners Taiko Classes for Youth

Saturdays, September 12 - December 12

9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Hisashi Kimura Cultural Hall

DON DON DON! Taiko instructor Akemi Iwamoto will be offering a 3-month introductory class in which participants will learn the art of taiko in a fun setting. All participants will leave the class having learned two songs. The monthly donation to Kona Daifukuji Taiko is \$15 per student plus an additional \$15 for the bachis (drum sticks).

The class size will be limited to 10 students, so please contact sensei Akemi as soon as possible if you have a child who's interested. Youth ages 9 - 15 may register for the series. For more information or to sign up, please call Akemi Sensei at 989-8194.

Please note that introductory taiko classes for youth are offered only once every few years, so don't miss this great opportunity.

Soto Zen Monastery Being Built in California

The first Soto Zen Monastery in North America is being constructed in Lower Lake, California, thanks to the vision of Rev. Gengo Akiba, the current Director of Soto Zen Buddhism North America office, who realized the importance of having a center in the U.S. where Soto Zen trainees & laity could study and practice in English. On June 13th, Bishop Shugen Komagata and Rev. Kokei Yoshida attended the Framework Raising Ceremony for the meditation hall of the Tenpyozan Zendo Project.

The construction of the main monastery buildings is expected to be completed in 2018. Having such a monastery in California will be of great benefit to our local temples, which would be able to send Hawaii trainees to Tenpyozan for formal training that's conducted in English.

The Hawaii Bishop's Office & HSMA Ministerial Training Program Committee humbly ask for your support. Financial help is needed. Please make checks payable to the **Soto Mission of Hawaii Bishop's Office** and write "Tenpyozan Building Fund" on the memo line. Checks may be given to Rev. Jiko or mailed to: **Soto Zen Buddhism Hawaii Office, c/o Soto Mission of Hawaii, 1708 Nuuanu Ave., Honolulu, Hawaii 96817.** Visit <http://tenpyozan.org> for more information on the project.

Sangha Photo Gallery

Kona Coffee Living History Farm & KDOC Orchid Show



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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
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