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(808) 322-3524 [www.daifukuji.org](http://www.daifukuji.org) (See "archives" on our website for previous newsletters.)

## Sangha Family Fun Day Sunday, August 21

10:00 AM - 1:00 PM Daifukuji Social Hall



Did you know that our temple is home to 21 different groups? At our first ever Sangha Family Fun Day, these groups will be sharing displays, activities, games, demos, entertainment, and refreshments for all to enjoy. Come and see what everyone's doing at Daifukuji. You'll surely discover something new and interesting. Bring family and friends. The event is free. Daifukuji Soto Mission will be providing a simple lunch for everyone.

For more information call Rev. Jiko at (808) 322-3524 or Sangha Fun Day Co-chairs Joyce (329-3833) or Stephen (938-4617).



### Come and meet our temple groups:

Baikako Choir, Bare Bones Writers, Bon Dance Group, Daifukuji Zen Taiko for Adults, Dharma Study, DSM Board of Directors, Family Sangha Sunday School, Fujinkai Women's Association, Gay Sangha, Gift Shop, Happy Strummers, Japanese Singing Group, Kona Daifukuji Orchid Club, Kona Daifukuji Youth Taiko, Lending Library, Project Dana Kupuna Program, Samu Temple Cleaning Group, Sangha Sisters, Shakyo and Shabutsu Art Meditation Group, T'ai Chi Group, and Zazen Meditation Group



## Welcome, New Member

With grateful hearts, our sangha warmly welcomes new member **Teri Hollowell**. Thank you, Teri for joining our Daifukuji family.

New members are always welcome. For information, see Rev. Jiko or visit [http://www.daifukuji.org/membership\\_brochure.pdf](http://www.daifukuji.org/membership_brochure.pdf).

## Fujinkai News

### General Membership Meeting

The Daifukuji Fujinkai Women's Association's annual General Membership Meeting will be held on **Sunday, September 11** after the Autumn Higan & Ryosoki Service and potluck lunch. Ladies, we'd be honored by your presence.

### Autumn Field Trip

Fujinkai members, please mark your calendars. You won't want to miss this year's Autumn Field Trip. The date is **Saturday, October 8**. We will be visiting the historic H.N. Greenwell Store Museum in Kealakekua and Mike and Mildred Iwamuro's garden in Captain Cook. We'll have lunch at the Manago Hotel & listen to Dwight Manago tell us about the hotel's history. Ladies, please read upcoming newsletters & come to the Fujinkai meeting on September 11 for more information.

**Announcement:** The current Fujinkai culinary advisors are Ann Nakamoto, Merle Uyeda, and Sharen Bangay. The group's honorary culinary advisor is Alfreida Fujita.



H.N. Greenwell Store Museum

## A New Dharma School Year Begins

The Daifukuji Family Sangha will be starting a new Dharma school year on Sunday, August 7th and invites all who wish to give their children the precious gift of the Buddha's Teachings. Family Services for children and their parents/grandparents begin at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday mornings several times a month. Led by Rev. Jiko and Deacon Amy Jikai, these child-friendly services offer meditation, chanting, stories, singing and yoga. Dharma lessons are given by Sensei Gentei Diedrichs and kids yoga led by Midori Satoh. Please visit [http://www.daifukuji.org/service/2016\\_Family\\_Service.pdf](http://www.daifukuji.org/service/2016_Family_Service.pdf) for the family service schedule or call (808) 322-3524 for more information.



Gentei Sensei's Dharma lesson

# Mahalo

Mahalo to everyone who helped with the June 12th temple clean up. It looked like it was going to be a wet day but the sky cleared and many volunteers turned out ready to go. We didn't have quite as many people as last time but those who showed up really worked hard. A couple of the young men, Ron & Gordon, were even able to dig up all the elephant grass above the columbarium. The crew was able to pretty much get through the entire list of chores by 11:30 a.m. Kona Daifukuji Fujinkai provided another great lunch. Thank you to Joyce for hauling those delicious watermelons.



Aloha,  
*Shaun Roth*  
Clean Up Day Chair





## Temple Tour to Be Held September 18

Rev. Jiko and Clear Houn Englebert cordially invite you to their next “Temple Tour” on **Sunday, September 18 at 2:00 p.m.**

Open to the public, this ever-popular tour will cover the history and significance of the temple, as well as the interesting and unusual Buddhist objects found inside its doors.

If you’ve ever wondered about the meaning of the Buddhist images on the altars or the pictures and calligraphy on the walls, this is your chance to gain some knowledge and understanding about Daifukuji Soto Mission. You’ll also learn a few things about Buddhism and Zen.

The architectural features of our historic temple, which has been well maintained by temple members over the decades, will be pointed out. You’ll even have a chance to step up onto the altar platform to take a closer look at things, something that is normally not permitted.

This tour is free and open to the public. For more information, call (808) 322-3524.



## Bon Dance Mahalo

Aloha Daifukuji Sangha,

Thank you very much for your help at this year’s Bon Dance. Your hard work was reflected in the joy of the many members of our community who look forward to this wonderful event each year.

Your helping hands made the setup and breakdown easy and quick, and your dedication to Daifukuji helps to perpetuate an important and long-standing cultural event in Kona.

Special mahalos go to Kona Daifukuji Taiko, whose strong young members continue to donate so much of the necessary manpower, and the Fujinkai ladies who provided *oishii tabemono* (delicious food) for our workers and dancers before, during and after our odori. We are also grateful that nature also cooperated with us once again, ceasing heavy rains at precisely 6:30 p.m. just as our event began.

Japanese people say, “Gokurosama deshita,” which has no literal translation, but really means, “Well done!” or “Thank you for working so hard.” And it is so appropriate here.

Mahalo

*Bobby Command and Wade Yasuda*

Bon Dance co-chairs



## August Dharma Programs



### **Dharma Study Classes** - Tuesdays, **August 2, 9, 16, 23** 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Study sessions based on the book *Living By Vow* by Rev. Shohaku Okumura, a Soto Zen priest and scholar, are being held each Tuesday afternoon from 4:00 -5:00 p.m. in the temple library. All are welcome. Call Rev. Jiko at 808-322-3524 for information.

### **Family Sangha Services** Sundays, **August 7, 14, 28** 9:30 a.m.

Sharing the Dharma with children - singing, meditation, kids yoga, and stories. Child-friendly 45-minute services. New families welcome.

### **Buddhist Movie Night** - Thursday, **August 18** 7:00 p.m.

Join us for a relaxing movie night at the temple. Buddhist teachers Joseph Goldstein and Ajahn Amaro are interviewed in the documentary *Eastern Mystics*. Bring your own mug for tea.

### **Zazen (Meditation)**

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

\* Thursday, **August 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, **August 6** 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 attunes one to the Buddha's teachings. All supplies provided. By donation.

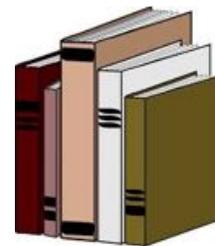
### **Baikako Plum Blossom Choir Practice** - Sunday, **August 14** 7:45 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.

### **T'ai Chi**

Every Tuesday & Thursday from 9:00 - 10:00 a.m. & Wednesday from 12:00 - 1 p.m. in the Hisashi Kimura Cultural Hall. All are welcome. \$5 drop in or \$20/month. Call instructor Philip Kakuho Hema for information: (808) 345-1492.

## Library News

By Clear Houn Englebert



Here are the latest new arrivals:

*Way of Zen* by Tenshin Fletcher and David Scott is a nice overview of Zen, both Rinzai and Soto, with many illustrations.

*An Open Heart: Practicing Compassion in Everyday Life* is by the Dalai Lama.

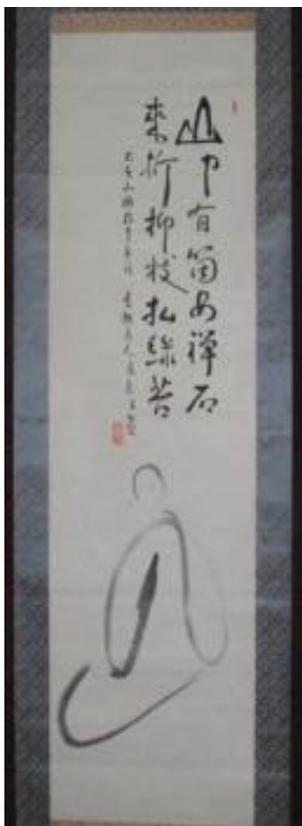
*Japanland* by Karin Muller is a new DVD.

*Buddha's Book of Sleep* by Joseph Emet is about getting better sleep using mindfulness meditation, with a forward by Thich Nhat Hanh.

We have two extraordinary new children's books by Susan Tidwell: *Little Lotus and the Loving-Kindness Cup* and *Three Virtuous Brothers*. Tidwell is a graduate of the University of Hawaii and has a wonderful ability to convey Buddhist teachings in story form. In the first book, Little Lotus gets some advice from the great bodhisattva Fugen (Samantabhadra). In the latter book, the three brothers represent Right Speech, Right Action, and Right Thought. These books are cute, clever, and fun.

## Gift Shop News

By Clear Houn Englebert



The shop has gotten another old scroll from Japan, and this time the artist is from Sojiji Temple. It's a sumie of a monk in zazen and there's a poem at the top. "Found a rock good for practicing zazen in the mountains. Swept away the moss grown on the rock with a broken-off willow-twig for sitting." The artist is Rev. Yohsetsu who was the supervisor at Sojiji about 30 or 40 years ago. It's \$100.

## Membership Dues

Thank you very much to all who've submitted their 2016 Daifukuji membership dues.

If you'd like to renew your membership or join the membership and are in need of a form, please call (808) 322-3524 or drop by the temple office. You may also find the membership form on p.10 of the January 2016 newsletter: <http://www.daifukuji.org/newsletter/2016/jan16news.pdf>.

## Japanese Singing Group Starting August 3



Want to learn Japanese? Enjoy singing? Starting August 3rd, Daifukuji member Takako Oxley will be offering the singing of Japanese songs on the first Wednesday of the month from **9:00**

**a.m. to 10:00 a.m.** in the social hall. Each month the group will learn the first verses of popular Japanese songs, their meanings, and some of the words/lines that are found in the songs. Examples of songs include enka (such as Misora Hibari songs), Bon Dance songs, children's songs, and today's popular songs.

These sessions will be held until December (5 classes) and possibly continued if there's enough interest. Takako, who is a member of the Daifukuji Zazenkai, is also a professional interpreter and Japanese language teacher at Kuleana Education school. You may reach her at 989-8085 or email her at [oxleyj002@hotmail.com](mailto:oxleyj002@hotmail.com). Come out and join the fun!

## Gay Sangha Starting at Daifukuji      *Friday, August 5      7:00 p.m.*

by Clear Houn Englebert

Daifukuji is blessed with diversity and is rich in groups. On Friday, August 5 at 7:00 pm yet another group will have its initial gathering—the Daifukuji Gay Sangha. Gay women and men in our sangha are welcome to attend. The August meeting will be approximately one hour and will start with 20 minutes of silent meditation, so if you are not yet a meditator, please arrive at least 10 minutes early for meditation instructions. If you are already a meditator, arrive quietly and have a seat on a zafu or chair facing the wall—the bell to start will ring at 7:00 p.m., so please be seated by that time.

During the first meetings we will address things such as:

- Length, time, and frequency of meetings
- Format (I will propose starting with silent meditation, followed with discussion, with alternating moderators, on the model of Sangha Sisters.)
- Finances (I will propose not to have a bank account, nor to handle funds except to accumulate donations to the Temple.)
- Service (How the group might serve the Temple.)

Rev. Jiko will be our spiritual advisor, and welcome to attend meetings. Meetings will probably be monthly (except September because of fumigation), on the first Friday evening.



## Greetings from Rev. Jiko

Dear Daifukuji members and friends,

Greetings to all of you from Daifukuji. I am relishing the long, warm days of summer & hope that you are enjoying them, too.



As I write this message, double lines of pink and white chochin are drying in the afternoon sun. Strung across the temple porch from one end to the other, they are a cheery sight. They are also a reminder of the rain that fell in torrents and ran down the temple driveway in rivers the afternoon of the Bon Dance, forcing us to hold the opening service and taiko performance inside the social hall. Amazingly, the rain stopped completely, as if on cue, just when the taiko ended, so everyone happily headed outside to enjoy a night of dancing in the coolness that follows a downpour. The moon rose and it turned out to be a perfectly clear night after all. Thank you to all who helped with the set up, cooking, parking, towel booth, gift shop, snack shop, entertainment, & clean up. Special thanks to Winifred Kimura and Ruriko Hayashi for leading the dancing, to Bobby and Wade for co-chairing the event, to Gilbert for handling the P.A. system, and to Kona Daifukuji Taiko, Daifukuji Zen Taiko, Kona Hongwanji Taiko, and Randal Smith and Susie Villasenor for their contributions of taiko and zumba. And to everyone who came, my sincerest mahalo!

On **August 21st from 10 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.** we'll be having a **Sangha Family Fun Day**. I warmly invite you to bring your family and friends to this event at which you'll get to meet the many groups that make up our temple family. Each group brings to our community an art, purpose, or practice that is positive, benevolent, and life-enhancing. 21 groups, all aspiring to create a better, brighter world. You'll be able to sit and chat, sample a variety of goodies, do some hands-on activities, & enjoy some entertainment. It'll be fun, so please join us.



The recent episodes of gun violence in our country have been tragic and unnerving. We are made aware time and time again of the depth of people's ignorance, prejudice, and hatred. As Buddhists, let us vow to look deeply into ourselves. We need to first see our own prejudices, ignorance, and fears, so that we may face them with compassion and understanding. The Buddha-Dharma is the light that illuminates our hearts and minds, freeing our hearts & minds from bondage. From this place of freedom, we can be of service to others.

In these troubling times, it has become increasingly apparent that nurturing a strong sense of community is a matter of great importance. Through events such as the Bon Dance, Orchid Show, and Sangha Family Fun Day, our sangha, as well as our greater community, are strengthened. May we continue to foster harmony and peace in all that we do by taking our Buddhist practice of non-violence, universal friendliness, & equanimity out into the world. Thank you for your love and support. *Namu kie butsu. Namu kie ho. Namu kie so.*

With aloha in gassho,

*Rev. Jiko*

## Coming up in September....

Dharma Study.....Sept. 6, 13, 20, 27  
Japanese Singing Group..September 7  
Project Dana.....September 14  
Kannon-ko Service..... September 21  
Temple Tour..... September 18, 2 p.m.

## Fumigation

From August 29 - September 1, Daifukuji Soto Mission will be closed for fumigation. This includes the temple, nokotsudo (columbarium), social hall, cultural hall, and possibly access to the cemetery. We ask for your understanding and cooperation.

## Kimono Wearing Class

Thank you to Mrs. Irie Nagai (holding flowers) for her kind instruction.



# August 2016

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31 9:00 AM Taishoji Bon Service	1 5:00 PM Youth Taiko 7:30 PM Happy Strummers	2 9:00 AM T'ai Chi 4:00 PM Dharma Study 5:30 PM Zen Taiko	3 6:00 AM Zazen 9:00 AM Japanese Singing 12:00 PM T'ai Chi 5:00 PM Youth Taiko 7:00 PM Fujinkai	4 9:00 AM T'ai Chi 5:30 PM Zen Taiko 7:00 PM Temple Board	5 7:30 AM Samu 7:00 PM Gay Sangha	6 8:00 AM Shakyo 9:30 AM Youth Taiko
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