



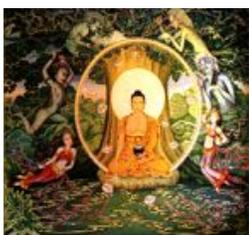
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December, 2016

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Bodhi Day Service, General Membership Meeting, & Potluck Lunch



Sunday, December 11 9:30 a.m.

Bodhi Day or Jodo-e, the day of Shakyamuni Buddha's supreme enlightenment, will be observed on the 11th of December. A Dharma message will be delivered by Rev. Jiko Nakade.

A general membership meeting conducted by board president Stephen Tanaka and a potluck lunch will follow the service. Daifukuji members, please make an effort to attend this annual meeting at which the board of directors for the 2017 & 2018 term will be elected.

The Daifukuji Gift Shop will be open for your holiday shopping.

Mochi Orders

Orders for mochi will be taken by Avis and Brian Yamamoto after the Bodhi Day Service on Dec. 11. You may also place your order using the form on page 11. Orders will be processed on a first-come-first-served basis.

Eight Mornings of Zazen

December 1-8 6 a.m. - 7:20 a.m.

The Daifukuji Zazenkai invites you to join them for this December's Rohatsu Sesshin, a period of eight mornings of zazen practice that begins December 1st and culminates December 8th, the day of the Buddha's enlightenment over 2,500 years ago.

You may come for any number of mornings during the sesshin. Everyone arrives in silence before 6 a.m. and selects either a chair or cushion (zafu). At 6 a.m. the starting bells are rung. All is silent. After 25 minutes of zazen, there is 10 minutes of walking meditation called kinhin, followed by another 25-minute period of zazen. A morning service is held from 7 a.m. to 7:20 a.m.

All are welcome. Loose-fitting clothing in subdued colors is recommended. Please, no shorts or tank tops. For more information, call Rev. Jiko at 322-3524.

The Zazenkai's annual sesshin breakfast will be held at Teshima's Restaurant on Thursday, December 8 following the morning service.

Kannon-ko & Ofudayaki Services

Wednesday, December 21 10:00 a.m.

Ofudayaki, the ceremonial burning of sacred objects, will be held together with the last Kannon-ko service of the year at 10:00 a.m. on December 21. Please bring your old omamori (Buddhist charms), ofuda (house blessing cards), and other old burnable altar objects to the temple before December 21 or on the morning of the service.

The Hannya Shingyo (Heart of Great Perfect Wisdom Sutra) will be chanted while the objects are burned in the purifying flames. If you wish, you may toss into the flames a list of those things (negative thoughts, words, and actions) which you do not wish to carry into the new year.

May all obstructions to awakening be purified. New ofuda and omamori will be available at the New Year's Blessing Services.

Donations of refreshments are welcome.



Fujinkai News

Hatsumairi

All Fujinkai members are invited to Daifukuji Fujinkai Women's Association's first gathering of the New Year (*Hatsumairi*), which will be held on Sunday, January 8 at 10:00 a.m. Annual membership dues will be \$10 as of 2017. Dues will not be collected from members who are 85 years old and above.

UHSSWA Conference — April 22 & 23, 2017

The 52nd United Hawaii Soto Shu Women's Association (UHSSWA) Conference will be hosted by the Waipahu Soto Zen Temple Taiyoji Fujinkai. The conference will be held at Taiyoji and also at the Ala Moana Hotel.

The Daifukuji Fujinkai will pay the plane fare for those Fujinkai members who attend the conference. Members are responsible for the following: Registration \$10, Saturday bento \$15, Saturday night banquet \$60, Sunday farewell luncheon \$40, Bus fare \$20, and photo (optional) \$10.

Special group rates at the Ala Moana Hotel are as follows: Single or double (1 king or 2 double beds) \$185; Triple \$235. These rates do not include portorage charges (\$8.99 per person), G.E. tax (4.17%), and transient accommodations tax (9.25%, subject to change).

Ladies, you may register for the conference at the Hatsumairi or by calling your district representative. Questions? Call Joyce at 329-3833.



Mahalo Nui Loa

Arigato gozaimashita to Kris Yamauchi for sharing his delightful Daruma-sama collection during our Daruma-ki Service lunch on October 2. Adults and children alike enjoyed Kris' interesting display and stories about each Daruma doll.



The seniors and volunteers of Project Dana extend a warm mahalo to Darren Ide for the ono-licious lunch which he prepared and very generously donated in honor of his mother's October birthday. Chef Darren's cooking was a special treat, especially his fancy and tasty sushi. Thank you, Darren! (*Darren runs a catering business called Primo Sushi. 808-782-2407*)

A big mahalo to Gilbert Kaneko, Stephen Tanaka, Noel Kimura, Shinkaku Marquis, and Eric Jaeger for volunteering their time to install the temple's new P.A. system speakers. Thank you, Gilbert, for always taking care of our P.A. needs.

December Movie: The Burmese Harp (*Biruma no Tategato*)

Thursday, December 15 7:00 p.m. Kannon Hall Free

Kon Ichikawa's *The Burmese Harp* is a movie which I highly recommend. Even when I first watched it as a young child, I was deeply moved by its stunning imagery and sensitive message. In beautiful black and white, this two-hour Japanese movie with English subtitles tells the story of a young soldier in the Japanese Imperial Army which surrenders to British forces in Burma at the end of World War II. This is the kind of movie that stirs the heart and lingers in one's consciousness for a very long time. I warmly invite you to join us in watching this very special film. Bring a mug for tea. All are welcome.

Rev. Jiko



DAIFUKUJI TAIKO FUNDRAISER CONCERT

Monday, January 2, 2017

11am Food Concession & Silent Auction Open

Noon Taiko Concert

with guest performer **Sensei Kristy Oshiro**

Cost: \$10 adult / \$5 child - Purchase tickets at the door

Daifukuji Soto Mission 79-7241 Mamalahoa Hwy, next to Teshima's (808)-322-3524



In Memoriam

Bob Shozan Bowman passed away on November 9 at the age of 74. He was a director on the Daifukuji Board of Directors, as well as a member of both the Daifukuji Zazenkaï and T'ai Chi groups. We extend our love and deepest sympathy to Coral Jinen and family.

Namu Shakamuni Butsu

Yoga Classes to Be Offered in January

Ambika "Jo-an" Rose will be teaching Thursday morning and Sunday afternoon yoga classes during the month of January. Ambika has been teaching yoga for over 30 years. The "style" is Amrit Yoga, an authentic, meditative exploration of prana (Chi) energy through alignment, extension, and intention.

Yoga classes will be held inside the Daifukuji Kannon Hall on the following dates:

Thursdays, January 5, 12, 19, and 26 from 8:00 a.m. - 9:15 a.m.

Sundays, January 8, 15, 22, and 29 from 4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Open to: Temple members and Kona community, Beginners & Experienced, Drop in or whole series

Bring: Yoga mat, loose clothing, empty stomach, & "Dana" (donation)

For inquiry, call Ambika at (808) 430-2620



Bare Bones Writing

By Marilyn Utz

Writing topic: "Identify stress. Do you have stress in your life? If yes, how do you manage it? If no, how come you are so fortunate? Do you believe stress can make you ill?"

Stress is a state of mind that can certainly lead to a state of body, emotion and soul. Oh, thoughts! When I watch what I think, I can choose to be amused or run down the rabbit hole of despair. And, what is amazing is not what happens around us, but our thoughts, interpretations and the stories we make up about it! Oh the liberation when I am able to see my judgements of "you done me wrong" undone. What fun to figure out that what somebody does or says has absolutely nothing to do with me and absolutely everything to do with them and their state.

So, if I can "go with the flow" that what someone else thinks is absolutely none of my business, I can stay in the enjoyment of now - curious, conscious, committed to being alive and engaged. A happy place of no worries which certainly can translate to lower blood pressure and general physical and emotional ease.

'Cause truly what has worry every accomplished anyway? Other than a sleepless night and high anxiety?

And, seriously, who needs it? All you need is love! Love is all you need! So where does the habit of stress, anxiety and worry come from? Perhaps from the realm of self-judgement? Not doing it perfectly?

So is that the shift? The shift to self-love and self-acceptance that allows the stress and worry to melt back into the nothingness that it is? Let go, give in and simply be happy. All is well!

The Bare Bones Writers meet on the second Tuesday of the month from 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. in the temple library. New members are welcome. Call Kathryn at (808) 345-2976 or Jien at (509) 951-5557 for information.

Fumigation Completed

On October 24th & 25th, Veteran Termite and Pest Control fumigated the temple, minister's residence, and Jizo shrine, thus completing the fumigation of all of our temple buildings at a cost of \$20,781.32. Payment was drawn from the temple's building-maintenance fund. Our annual bazaars make such projects possible. Thank you, everyone, for your hard work and contributions to the Building & Maintenance Fund.



Daifukuji in its striped pajamas

Family Sangha News

The Daifukuji Family Sangha (Sunday School) warmly welcomes Jie Hua, Austin, Aaron, and Alvin Li, and also Yuko, Yunami, and Hanon Asano.

Library News

by Clear Englebert



Burton Ito donated three extraordinary books to the temple. *The Path of the Buddha* edited by Kenneth Morgan is from 1956, and *The Message of Buddhism* by Bhikkhu Subhadra is even older—1926! There weren't many books being published in English on Buddhism at that time, and this book is actually very good. It's an adaption of an 1888 book. The third book is *Coffinman* by Shinmon Aoki. It's subtitled *The Journal of a Buddhist Mortician*. You certainly don't see books like that every day.

Another book that surprised me was *The Roof in Japanese Buddhist Architecture* by Mary Parent. It is well illustrated with drawings and photos.

We usually ask that people return CDs and DVDs in a week, but we'll have to make an exception for *Noble Heart* by Pema Chodron, donated by Susie Dorian. It's a 12-disk CD set subtitled *A Self-Guided Retreat on Befriending Your Obstacles*.

We have two new books by our most checked-out author, Thich Nhat Hanh: *Moments of Mindfulness*, a small book of inspirational quotes, and *Fear: Essential Wisdom for Getting Through The Storm*.

The other new arrivals are:

The Buddha: His Life Retold by Robert Mitchell which has a preface by Philip Kapleau.

How to Be Compassionate by the Dalai Lama.

Chan Buddhism by Peter Herschock.

An Introduction to the Buddhist Canon by R. W. Giegel is a welcome addition. It's easy to be intimidated by the enormity of Buddhist scriptures. This book guides us through 139 scriptures, composed in India, China, and Japan.

Releasing Life by Stephen Powell

Shobogenzo: Zen Essays by Dogen is translated by Thomas Cleary and contains thirteen chapters. Each chapter begins with an introduction and has explanatory notes.

Freeing The Body, Freeing the Mind edited by Michael Stone is subtitled *Writings on the Connections Between Yoga & Buddhism*. There are over a dozen writers represented in this unique and excellent anthology.

December Programs



Dharma Study Classes - There will be no Dharma study classes in December. Please see the January newsletter for 2017 Dharma class information.

Learn Japanese Songs Wednesday, December 7 9 a.m. - 10 a.m.

Takako Oxley teaches Japanese through the singing of popular Japanese songs. This class meets in the social hall. All are welcome. Call Takako at (808) 989-8085 or send her an email oxleyj002@hotmail.com.

Family Sangha Services: Sharing the Dharma with Our Children - The last family service of 2016 will be held on December 4 at 9:30 a.m. Family services will begin January 15, 2017.

Zazen (Meditation)

* Every Wednesday morning from 6 a.m. - 7:20 a.m. **except December 28 (mochitsuki)**

* Thursday, **December 22** 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. Contact Rev. Jiko at (808) 322-3524 for more information.

Shakyo & Shabutsu Art Meditation - Saturday, December 10 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 attunes one to the Buddha's teachings. All supplies provided. By donation.

Baikako Plum Blossom Choir Practice - Sunday, December 4 from 7:45 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.

The Gay Sangha Friday, December 2 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. Kannon Hall/Temple Library

A Buddhist group open to all, with a particular invitation to gay women and men and their families and friends. Meditation and discussion. Call (808) 328-0329 for information.

T'ai Chi

Tuesdays & Thursdays from 9:00 - 10:00 a.m. & Wednesdays from noon to 1:00 p.m. in the Hisashi Kimura Cultural Hall. Call instructor Philip Kakuho Hema for information: (808) 345-1492.

2017 Precepts Study and Buddhist Confirmation Ceremony

Receiving the precepts & one's Buddhist name and formally becoming a disciple of the Buddha is an important event in the life of a Soto Zen Buddhist.

The 2017 Lay Confirmation Ceremony will be held at Daifukuji in June (date to be decided). In preparation for this ceremony, classes on the 16 Bodhisattva Precepts will be offered by Rev. Jiko from March through May.

If you are interested in signing up for these classes or learning more about what Lay Confirmation entails, please contact Rev. Jiko at (808) 322-3524 or email her at info@daifukuji.org.

The Sixteen Precepts

Taking refuge in the Buddha

Taking refuge in the Dharma

Taking refuge in the Sangha

Ceasing from evil

Doing all that is good

Living for the benefit of others

Affirming life — not killing

Respecting the property of others — not stealing

Honoring relationships — not misusing one's sexuality

Manifesting truth — not lying

Proceeding clearly — not clouding the mind with harmful substances

Being mindful of one's speech — not speaking of the faults of others

Realizing self and other as one — not elevating oneself while blaming others

Giving generously — not sparing the Dharma assets

Dwelling in equanimity — not giving way to anger

Experiencing the Oneness of all life — not defiling the Three Treasures (Buddha, Dharma, & Sangha)



2016 Buddhist Confirmation Group

Zazenkai News

The Daifukuji Zazenkai has invited the Taishoji Soto Mission Zazenkai and 'Alaneo Zendo group to a joint one-day retreat to be held on January 7.

The Daifukuji Zazenkai will be hosting an evening lecture by Dr. Jessica Falcone, Ph.D. on Tuesday, January 17 at 7 p.m. A potluck dinner will precede the lecture at 6 p.m. The public is invited. More information to follow in the January newsletter.



May We Be a Light

Dear Daifukuji members and friends,

My family joins me in wishing you, the dear members of our sangha, a very happy and peaceful holiday season. The kokua you've given and the kindness and generosity you've shown have sustained our temple throughout the year, and we can look forward to continuing to serve our community with love and compassion in the year to come. In fact, a slogan for the year 2017 just came to me. *Daifukuji Soto Mission: Being a Light in Our Community*. You'll see this line on the heading of our monthly newsletters starting January.

Think of the warm glow of a candle in a window on a dark winter night. The glow is seen by neighbors and passersby. A single candle, comforting, warm, and inviting. This image came to me yesterday when a visitor remarked that he feels the energy of compassion emanating strongly from Daifukuji every time he drives pass the temple.

May we be a light, a light unto ourselves, unto our families, unto our community. May we be a warm, caring, and all-embracing light, a Buddha light, a Kannon light, a Sangha light. May we sustain this light by taking care of it and sharing it, passing it from heart to heart and from mind to mind.

Shakyamuni Buddha's enlightenment under the Bodhi Tree 2,600 years ago in the faraway land of India is a testament to the awakening that is possible for each one of us. Let us remember this always—but especially now, as Bodhi Day approaches.

Daifukuji is only as strong as our sangha is strong. While we are fortunate to have many good folks who endlessly give their time and resources, without the participation of all of our members, now and in the years to come, our community will not be sustainable. Please show your support by attending our December 11th Bodhi Day service & general membership meeting. I wish to thank outgoing president Stephen Tanaka for his leadership over the past four years, and all of the members of the temple Board for their time and dedication. And to all of the members and supporters of Daifukuji, my warmest mahalo for helping us be a light in our community.

With deep gratitude in gassho,
Rev. Jiko

Coming up in January....

- New Year's Blessing Services..Dec. 31, Jan. 1
- Fujinkai's Hatsumairi..... January 8
- Project Dana.....January 11
- Family Services Begin.....January 15
- Kannon-ko Service.....January 18
- New Year's Party.....January 29

New Year's Party

Please save the date. Daifukuji's New Year's Party will be held on **Sunday, January 29, 2017**.

You will find the party form in the January newsletter.

December 2016

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 8:00 a.m. Clean-up Day	28 5:00 PM Youth Taiko	29 9:00 AM T'ai Chi 4:00 PM Dharma Study 5:30 PM Zen Taiko	30 6:00 AM Zazen 12:00 PM T'ai Chi 5:00 PM Youth Taiko	1 Rohatsu Sesshin 9:00 AM T'ai Chi 5:30 PM Zen Taiko 7:00 PM Temple Board	2 7:30 AM Samu 6:00 PM Gay Sangha	3 9:30 AM Youth Taiko
4 Rohatsu Sesshin 7:45 AM Baikako 9:30 AM Family Service	5 5:00 PM Youth Taiko	6 9:00 AM T'ai Chi 5:30 PM Zen Taiko 7:00 PM Fujinkai Board	7 6:00 AM Zazen 9:00 AM Japanese 12:00 PM T'ai Chi 5:00 PM Youth Taiko 7:00 PM Taiko Board	8 9:00 AM T'ai Chi 5:30 PM Zen Taiko	9 7:30 AM Samu 7:00 PM Sangha Sisters	10 8:00 AM Shakyo 9:30 AM Youth Taiko
11 Potluck Lunch BodhiDayService9:30am Membership Meeting	12 5:00 PM Youth Taiko	13 9:00 AM Bare Bones Writers 9:00 AM T'ai Chi 5:30 PM Zen Taiko	14 Project Dana 8:30 am 6:00 AM Zazen 12:00 PM T'ai Chi 5:00 PM Youth Taiko	15 Buddhist Movie 7 pm 9:00 AM T'ai Chi 10:00 AM Library Staff 5:30 PM Zen Taiko	16 7:30 AM Samu	17 9:30 AM Youth Taiko
18	19 5:00 PM Youth Taiko 7:00 PM Bon Dance Class	20 9:00 AM T'ai Chi	21 Kannon-ko 10 am Ofudayaki 6:00 AM Zazen 12:00 PM T'ai Chi 5:00 PM Youth Taiko	22 9:00 AM T'ai Chi 7:00 PM Evening Zazen	23 7:30 AM Samu	24 9:30 AM Youth Taiko
25 Christmas Day	26 5:00 PM Youth Taiko	27 8:00 AM Mochitsuki Prep 9:00 AM T'ai Chi	28 MOCHITSUKI 12:00 PM T'ai Chi	29 9:00 AM T'ai Chi	30 7:30 AM Samu	31 Blessing Service 11:45 9:30 AM Youth Taiko

2016 Daifukuji Mochi Order Form

A fundraiser for the Youth Taiko Group & Youth Activities

Mochi Tsuki is scheduled for : Wednesday, December 28, 2016

Pick up from 9:30.a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

We will be taking orders and payment at the Jodo-E service. You can also complete the information below and pre-pay. Please call the temple, 322-3524, with any questions.

While every effort will be made to accommodate our members and long-time customers, we will process orders on a first come first served basis. Once we are sold out, names will be added to a Wait List. Once we determine that we have extra mochi, we will call individuals from this list.

We enjoy being a part of your New Year tradition, and we truly appreciate your support!

We humbly ask for volunteers to help with our Mochi Tsuki. It has been said that Mochi Tsuki helps to keep everyone together because the mochi is so sticky. Although we will be starting at 5:00 a.m., we would welcome help throughout the day. Please stop by and join us.

Name: _____ Phone #: _____

Quantity Ordered	Item	Price	Total
	 Kagami Mochi	\$7.00 per set	\$

	Ko Mochi	\$7.00 tray of 10	\$
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Grand Total	\$
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Return form to: Daifukuji Soto Mission
 79-7241 Mamalahoa Hwy.
 Kealakekua, HI 96750
 ATTN: Mochi Order

Please make checks out to: Daifukuji YBA