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In honor of our ancestors

Daifukuji Bon Dance

Saturday, July 9

6:00 p.m. Snack Shop Opens

6:30 p.m. Opening Ceremony

7:00 - 10:00 p.m. Bon Dance



Featuring Kona Daifukuji Taiko, Daifukuji Zen Taiko, and Kona Hongwanji Taiko

Bon Dance Snack Shop

Kona Daifukuji Taiko will be selling teri burgers, veggie burgers, hot dogs, chili with rice, pickled mango, and assorted drinks. Please support this fundraiser for our temple's youth taiko group.

Volunteers Needed (Onegai shimasu)

Bon Dance Set Up - July 9 at 8 a.m.

Clean Up - July 10 at 8 a.m.

Questions? Please call Bon Dance chairpersons Wade (808-315-2364) or Bobby (808-895-2416).

A **kimono-wearing class** will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, June 24 in the Hisashi Kimura Cultural Hall. Mrs. Irie Nagai will be demonstrating how to properly wear a kimono/yukata and how to tie an obi. Those attending should bring their own kimono, sashes, and obi. For information, call Winifred at (808) 322-3296.

Bon dance classes led by Sensei Winifred Kimura will be held on June 28 & 30 & July 5 & 7 from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. in the social hall. No classes will be held on July 18 & August 15. Classes will resume on September 19 & held on the 3rd Monday of the month thereafter.

Orchid Club Hosts Annual Orchid Show

July 17 8 a.m. - 2 p.m.

By Fern Gavelek



It's an "Eruption of Orchids" at the 34th annual Kona Daifukuji Orchid Club (KDOC) show and sale Sunday, July 17 at the Daifukuji Soto Mission Hall. This year's theme salutes the centennial of Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park with a central blooming display backdropped by a volcano.

The free event offers attendees complimentary refreshments, plus an orchid boutonniere corsage—while they last. Time is 8 a.m.-2 p.m. with the Daifukuji Taiko Drummers performing at 10 a.m.

Enjoy an elaborate and colorful display of live blooming cattleya, cymbidium, dendrobium, phalaenopsis, miltonia, vanda and more. Cameras are welcome. In addition this year's show will have a display of orchids appearing on "Plates, Platters and Plaques."

Got growing questions? Veteran members will staff a Question and Answer Booth where attendees can get expert advice on caring for orchids. The club boasts eight charter members who each have been growing orchids at least 30 years at different Kona elevations.

In addition to the other displays, the annual event offers an outdoor sale of high-quality orchid species and hybrids grown by club members and Big Isle commercial growers.

The Kona Daifukuji Orchid Club is West Hawai'i's oldest orchidaceae organization with a mission to learn and foster orchid culture and promote fellowship among orchid collectors. The club meets the second Wednesday of every month at the Daifukuji Soto Mission Hall. For information, visit www.kdoc.us, get club updates at www.facebook.com/orchidsinparadise or phone 808-325-3261.

Kona Daifukuji Orchid Club Receives Orchid Isle Award

KDOC has been involved in an Orchid Isle Project in conjunction with the Hilo Orchid Society. The goal of the project is to place orchids in nature around Hawai'i Island for all to enjoy. The Daifukuji orchid grotto is included. Other places KDOC has placed orchids are Greenwell's Coffee Farm, the Outrigger Kanaloa Resort, and Kona Community Hospital. The majority of the orchids used in these later projects were donated by nurseries in Hilo. For their "outstanding work," KDOC was chosen as the 2016 recipient of the Orchid Isle Award which the club was presented at the Hilo Orchid Society's orchid show and sale on June 3. Congratulations, KDOC!



Bazaar Mahalo

Dear temple members and friends,

Our heartfelt appreciation goes out to all of you for a most successful 21st Bazaar which brought over \$20,000 into our temple's Building Maintenance Fund. We are very grateful for your donations, support, commitment, and dedication and for the giving of your precious time over the months, weeks, and days of preparation leading up to the bazaar.

The rain at the beginning of the event did not dampen our spirits. It was exciting to see hundreds of people waiting for the bazaar to open.

Unsold items were given to the King's Daughters Ministry Thrift Store in Kainaliu. (Thank you to the samu group for transporting the boxes.)

A **bazaar evaluation meeting** will be held after the Obon service lunch on June 26. Committee heads, members, and all who are interested are invited to attend. Suggestions for improving next year's bazaar are welcome.

Each year the teamwork and camaraderie shown by our sangha members is priceless. Thank you very much to all for making this year's bazaar a great success.

In gassho and love,

Stephen Tanaka & Joyce St. Arnault

Bazaar Co-chairs



From the Bazaar Food Department Chairs

Thank you to members and friends who made donations and helped out to make the 2016 bazaar a huge success.

Michiko Enomoto and Ann Nakamoto

Fujinkai News

Welcome

The Daifukuji Fujinkai Women's Association extends a warm welcome to new member Takako Fujio-White. Thank you for joining, Takako!

General Membership Meeting

The Fujinkai's annual General Membership Meeting will be held on **Sunday, September 11** after the Autumn Higan & Ryosoki Service and 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 Kealahou 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.



Greenwell Store Museum

Team Cooking Schedule

There have been requests for the Fujinkai Team Cooking schedule for the rest of this year, so here it is:

Team leaders:

Team 1: Elaine Fernandez and Merle Uyeda

Team 2: Kellear Deguchi and Lorraine Tanimoto

Team 3: Ella Yasuda and Chris Wada

Advisors: Michiko Enomoto and Ann Nakamoto

Honorary Advisor: Alfreida Fujita

June 26	Obon Service	Team 1
July 9	Bon Dance	Everyone (led by advisors)
Sept. 11	Ohigan/Ryosoki Service	Potluck Lunch
Oct. 2	Darumaki/Eitaikyo Service	Don Sasaki, Head
Nov. 20	Thanksgiving Service	Sharen Bangay, Head
Dec. 11	Jodo-e Service	Potluck Lunch

Although the cooking is assigned to specific teams for certain occasions, help from members of other teams is always appreciated. Ladies, thank you for all that you do for our temple and sangha!

New Chairs for Our Social Hall

From now on everyone attending events held in our social hall will be able to sit in comfort, thanks to the many individuals and organizations who have generously contributed to the purchase of 125 padded folding chairs from Costco.

We sincerely thank: Masaru Deguchi, George Harai, Richard Hiraishi, Ron Hirata, Jerry Hirata, Ronald Iwamoto, Gilbert Kaneko, Mike Kaneko, Morris Kimura, Walter Kimura, Walter Kunitake, Nathan & Cheryl Kurashige, Masa Oga, Charlie Onaka, Kenneth Sugiyama, Tony Takai, Stanley Tokunaga, Dennis Umeno, Albert Watanabe, the Fukuoka Kenjinkai, the Hiroshima Kenjinkai, the Kona Okinawa Kenjinkai, the Yamaguchi Kenjinkai, and the Kona Daifukuji Orchid Club.

Special thanks go out to Gilbert Kaneko for coordinating the project, to Wendell Shibata for donating time and labor to weld the chair storage racks, to Gilbert and Mildred Kaneko for painting the racks, to Roy Onaka for allowing us the use of his storage facility and for delivering the chairs, to Ernie Sasaki for building new shelving inside the storage room, to all who helped transport the chairs from place to place, and to those who moved the benches & the 18 bazaar tables into the storage shed. It took many generous hearts and helping hands to make this project possible. A big mahalo is extended to all.

Our Summer Garden

Vegetables are growing in our temple garden beds, thanks to the efforts of Ryan, Shinkaku, Myoko, Larry, and Dale. We also thank Larry for doing the plumbing work to extend the water pipe to the garden area. We have one more bed to plant. If you have any vegetable starts that you'd like to contribute, please call Rev. Jiko. Help weeding in and around the beds is always welcome. These veggies will keep our Friday samu volunteers strong and healthy.



Larry & Dale Yoshiyama's bamboo string bean trellis





Soto Zen Buddhist Confirmation Ceremony Held at Daifukuji

One of the most light-filled and serenely joyful ceremonies held at our temple each year is the Soto Zen Buddhist Lay Confirmation Ceremony. On June 5, a group of four sangha members accepted the precepts in a ceremony officiated by Rev. Jiko Nakade. Formally becoming disciples of the Buddha, these members were presented their Buddhist names, wagersa, and certificates.

Our Sangha warmly congratulates:

Charles Brown — Taihei (Peaceful and Equanimous)

Liz Mihelich — Tairen (Peaceful Lotus)

Avis Yamamoto — Taijun (Peaceful and Pure)

Brian Yamamoto — Taijo (Eternally Peaceful)

This ceremony was the culmination of a period of study and reflection on the sixteen bodhisattva precepts which provide a strong, stable foundation in the life of a Soto Zen Buddhist.

Congratulations to Taihei, Tairen, Taijun, and Taijo!



Know of someone who has not been getting newsletters in the mail?

About two months ago Daifukuji's office computer suffered a sudden malfunction which resulted in the disappearance of our mailing list and membership list in the computer's address book. Since then, we've done our best to reconstruct the lists, but several members have informed us that they have not been receiving their monthly newsletters. If you know of anyone in this situation, PLEASE call or ask him/her to call the temple office at (808) 322-3524 to inform us. We truly apologize for any inconvenience this glitch may have caused.



July Dharma Programs

Dharma Study Classes - Tuesdays, July 5, 12, 19, & 26 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. **Michael Nakade** will be giving presentations on Buddhism and Shintoism on July 5 & July 12. All are welcome. Call Rev. Jiko at 808-322-3524 for information.

Family Sangha Services: Sharing the Dharma with Our Children - The Family Sangha is on summer break. Family services will resume August 7. New families are always welcome.

Zazen (Meditation)

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

* Thursday, **July 14 & 28** 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.



Gentei Sensei's Dharma lesson

Shakyo & Shabutsu Art Meditation - Saturday, July 2 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, July 3 from 7:45 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.

T'ai Chi

Every Tuesday & Thursday from 9:00 - 10:00 a.m. in the Hisashi Kimura Cultural Hall. Tuesday classes are for beginners; Thursday classes are for intermediate/advanced students. \$5 drop in or \$20/month. Call instructor Philip Kakuho Hema for information: (808) 345-1492.

Library News

By Clear Houn Englebert



Shinkaku has donated two beautiful books from Japan to our library: *Kyoto no Butsu* (Buddhist Statues of Kyoto) and *Gutto kuru Butsu* (Awe-Inspiring Buddhist Statues). These are large paperbacks lavishly illustrated with color photographs. Even though the text is in Japanese, anyone will enjoy these books because the pictures are large and the reproduction quality is excellent.

The other new books are:

An Introduction to the Tradition of Serene Reflection Meditation by Shasta Abbey in Northern California. Some of the most basic Soto teachings are very clearly explained in this short booklet.

Buddha in Blue Jeans by Tai Sheridan is also very short. Its subtitle is *An Extremely Short Simple Zen Guide to Sitting Quietly and Being Buddha*. In its 20 pages are some very wise and understandable words, and also a lot of white space befitting a book of its kind.

Yet another short book is *Why Buddhism* by Saneh Dhammavaro. This book from Thailand is subtitled *War, Love and Peace* and there's a cute little sticker on the front cover that says "Monk Chat". Many of the library's books come to us second hand and that's part of their delightfulness.

Roar of the Tigress: The Oral Teachings of Rev. Master Jiyu-Kennett: Western Woman and Zen Master, Volume 2 by Jiyu Kennett is a companion volume to one the library has had for awhile. Some of the chapters in this very readable book are: *The Deeper Meaning of the Precepts, How to Read the Scriptures, and Always Becoming Buddha*.

Buddhism Through American Women's Eyes edited by Karma Tsomo has a chapter by Ayya Khema titled "Dealing with Stress."

The Record of Linji by Linji is translated by Ruth Sasaki with a extensive commentary by her. It is technically a Rinzai book, as different from Soto, but Mrs. Sasaki's commentary is so extraordinary that this ninth century Zen master gets a place of honor in our Chinese Zen section. I especially recommend page 219 as very illuminating about the Sandokai, one of Soto's more puzzling scriptures.

We have four new CDs. *Shakuhachi Zen* by John Singer and *Music for Zen Meditation* by Tony Scott are music CDs, and, since the latter title is misleading and music is not recommended during zazen, enjoy it while you drive. *Tibet: The Heart of the Dharma* produced by Jeffery Charno is Tibetan ritual music together with a small book. *Full Morning Service* from Shasta Abbey is a highly recommended breath of fresh air: Soto scriptures chanted in English to the beautiful rhythms of Gregorian chants. They are my favorite mele and are nicely etched in my memory. When I feel myself wanting to sing aloud, I love to sing the Hannyashingyo or The Scripture of Kannon Bosatsu in Gregorian.

Aki Imai has done it again! He has produced and donated *Big Island Taiko Festival 2015*, so enjoy this energizing performance.

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. 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, 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.

Obon Greetings from Rev. Jiko

Dear Daifukuji members and friends,

The summer season of Obon has arrived and I think of each one of your families as I write the toba memorial dedications in memory of your family ancestors. At Daifukuji's Memorial Day service at the end of May, our guest speaker Dr. Richard Stevens talked about how our ancestors survived tremendous hardships such as wars, plagues, famines, and various other catastrophes in order to have been able to pass on their DNA to the next generation. Generation after generation, our ancestors persevered, making it possible for each of us to have received the gift of human life, which, in Buddhism, is considered a rare and precious opportunity to awaken and transcend the cycles of suffering.



The Tamiya Family in Niigata

At Obon, we take the time to honor all of our ancestors, not just the recently departed. We visit their graves and columbarium with flowers and incense, offer toba in their memory, and attend Bon services and Bon dances to be with them in spirit. These spiritual traditions bring healing and peace to our hearts. The Bon dances strengthen our community.

In May, I had a chance to go to Niigata, Japan to attend some special ceremonies at an ancient temple called Untoan, a temple with a history of 1,300 years as a Buddhist temple & 600 years as specifically a Soto Zen temple. My daughter Amy Jikai and I went there to honor our sensei, Rev. Ryuji Tamiya, the previous minister of Daifukuji of whom I am a disciple, who was installed as the 47th minister of Untoan in an elaborate ceremony called a *shinsanshiki*. I was given the honor and privilege of serving as one of Rev. Tamiya's five attendants, which gave me an up-close experience of the ceremony from beginning to end. I was deeply moved during the *mondo*, when Rev. Tamiya ascended the altar and, in traditional Zen fashion, gave spontaneous answers to questions that were presented to him by various priests. Spontaneity, humility, formality, and naturalness were all woven together in the *shinsanshiki*. In my bones I felt tremendous gratitude for the Buddha Way & for my sensei. Sitting in Untoan's *zazendo* (meditation hall) early in the morning with Rev. Tamiya and Jikai, I felt the presence of the ancestors and the sacredness of the Three Treasures.

After a week in Japan, Jikai and I returned to Kona to prepare for services held at Daifukuji. At the June meeting of the Daifukuji Board, I expressed my wish that Daifukuji be a safe and nurturing place where people always feel welcomed and accepted. The members of the Board agreed. We are truly fortunate to have a diverse and loving community of open-hearted members. I look forward to the starting of two new groups in August: Takako's Japanese song group and the Daifukuji Gay Sangha. Please join me in blessing & supporting these new groups, which once begun, will bring the number of our temple groups to twenty in all. Each group has its purpose; each contributes to our spiritual ohana which we call "Daifukuji."

With prayers for your health and happiness and the health and happiness of your family, I wish you a happy Obon season and thank you for your kindness, generosity, and aloha.

With deep gratitude in gassho,

Rev. Jiko

Coming up in August....



Dharma Study.....August
2, 9, 16, & 23

Family services begin.....August 7

Project Dana.....August 10

Kannon-ko Service.....August 17

Daifukuji Sangha Day Event....August 21

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.

Sangha Photo Gallery: 2016 Bazaar



July 2016

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