



79-7241 Mamalahoa Hwy., Kealahou, HI 96750

May, 2016

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(See "archives" on our website for previous newsletters.)

**Produce
Orchids
Plants**

**Household items
Crafts
Clothing
Massage**

**Food
Preserves
Baked Goods**

**Entertainment
by
Daifukuji Taiko**

Bazaar

Daifukuji Soto Mission
Sunday May 15, 2016
9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
79-7241 Mamalahola Hwy
*located in Honalo next to
Teshima's Restaurant*

A fundraiser for the Daifukuji Soto Mission Building Fund
For more information, call 322-3524
www.daifukuji.org

Bazaar Donations

From May 1 - May 13, items may be dropped off inside the social hall. Please see page 2 for guidelines.

Bazaar Set Up

We'll begin at 8 a.m. on Saturday, May 14. Much help is needed. Your kokua would be greatly appreciated.

Questions?

Please contact one of our bazaar co-chairs:

Joyce (808) 329-3833

Stephen (808) 322-2543

Toba Request Form

Deadline for Obon toba requests is June 1. See page 11.

Memorial Day Service & Blessing of Graduates

See page 3.

Guidelines for the Bazaar



1. From May 1 - May 13, donations may be dropped off. Place items inside the hall. Write donor's name & address on donation sheet. We are NOT able to accept old computers, large electronic equipment, exercise equipment, or large furniture or appliances.
2. Please have all rummage items cleaned. Clothing should be washed.
3. Live plants drop off — May 14 or by 7 a.m. on May 15.
4. Vegetables & other perishables drop off — May 14 by 4:00 p.m.
5. Baked goods & food items - May 15 by 7:00 a.m. Label all food items; include donor's name.
6. All bazaar sale items are final: no refunds, returns or credits.
7. All members, please refrain from purchasing items until 11:00 a.m.
8. All members working at the bazaar, please wear your Daifukuji t-shirts. See Rev. Jiko to purchase shirts. (See new design on page 3.)
9. The Snack Shop, Temple Gift Shop, & Massage Room will open at 8:00 a.m. on the day of the bazaar. All other units will open at 9:00 a.m.
10. Workers/members' vehicles should be parked in the cemetery area. Carpool if possible. If you need your car parked, please fill out and attach an identification tag to your keys for our parking staff. Key identification tags will be provided.
11. Lunch will be provided to all workers. Meal tickets will be issued to each Unit Chair by Avis Yamamoto.
12. At closing, each unit is responsible for cleaning its respective area. Please assist other units as needed.
13. Monetary donations to the bazaar building fund may be mailed to: Daifukuji Soto Mission, P.O. Box 55, Kealakekua, HI 96750.

Thank you very much to all who make this bazaar possible.



Memorial Day Service and Blessing of our High School Graduates

Sunday, May 29 9:30 a.m.

Guest Speaker: Dr. Richard Stevens

Prayers for world peace and a remembrance of our fallen soldiers and victims of war will be the focus of Daifukuji's Memorial Day service. At the end of the service there will be a blessing of the high school graduates who are the children and grandchildren of temple members. Graduates belonging to our taiko group will also be honored.

Our featured speaker will be **Dr. Richard Stevens**, history professor at Hawaii Community College, Vietnam War veteran, trail expert, and author.

We congratulate the following graduates of the Class of 2016: **Danny Arase, Jr., Corben Breonimann, & Derek Ogi**. If you know of any other graduate whose parents or grandparents belong to our sangha, please inform Rev. Jiko as soon as possible so that an invitation can be sent. Call (808) 322-3524 or send an email to info@daifukuji.org.

All are cordially invited to this service and to stay for the baccalaureate luncheon following the service. Thank you in advance to Fujinkai Team 3 members and volunteers.



New Daifukuji Shirts For Sale

Temple member and professional artist Tina Cintron has donated her time and talent to create a new shirt design that is stunningly beautiful. Our new purple shirts highlight the statue of the Hawaii Kannon which graces our meditation hall at Daifukuji. The Hawaii Kannon, the Bodhisattva of Great Compassion which was created by master Japanese sculptor Sosaku Miki, is unique to Daifukuji Soto Mission.

Our new shirts portray Kannon's energy of compassion which comforts, heals, and brings joy to the hearts of many.

We have ordered t-shirts, polo shirts, long-sleeve adult shirts, and children's shirts in a variety of sizes. They are available for purchase at the temple's gift shop at the time of major services and events. You may also purchase them through Rev. Jiko when the gift shop is closed. Adult short-sleeve tees and ladies scoop-neck shirts are \$15. Long-sleeve tees and polo shirts are \$20. Children's shirts are \$10. Make checks payable to : Daifukuji Gift Shop.

Thank you very much to Tina for her artistic contribution.

Taishoji Soto Mission Centennial — October 16, 2016

Please contact Rev. Jiko at 322-3524 by May 8th if you are interested. See page 5 of the April newsletter for details: <http://www.daifukuji.org/newsletter/2016/apr16news.pdf>.



In Memoriam

To the family of the late **Kazuo Iwamuro**, 93, who passed away on April 12, we send thoughts of comfort and peace.

To the family of the late **Sirinee Sugai**, 52, who passed away on April 18 we express our heartfelt sympathy.

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



Welcome, New Members

With joy and gratitude, our sangha warmly welcomes the following new members:

Charles Brown

Liz Mihelich

The Bennett Family —Stuart, Enjoli, Apollo, Brayden, and Carter

Mahalo Nui Loa

- * To Shiraki Dry Cleaners for donating the cleaning of our 33 Kannon table cloths and runners.
- * To Merle and Kenneth Uyeda for donating a new coffee maker for the hall kitchen.
- * To H. Kimura Store for donating fabric for new curtains for our library bookcase; to Hannah Horan and Kindness Isshin Israel for sewing the curtains and installing the necessary hardware.
- * To all who've contributed to the purchase of our new tables for the bazaar & to Shinkaku Marquis for his donation of a shed in which to store the tables.
- * To all who've contributed to our temple in so many different ways. Thank you for all that you do.

Special Thanks



Bob & Coral

At Daifukuji, our dream of “going solar” has been fulfilled, thanks to temple members Bob Shozan Bowman and Coral Jinen Mack, whose generosity has made possible the installation of 30 solar panels on the roof of the Cultural Hall by Alternative Energy Resources, Inc. We look forward to seeing a big reduction in our monthly electricity bill and are grateful that Daifukuji has taken a big step forward in “going green.”

Bob Shozan and Coral Jinen, thank you very, very much.





May & June Dharma Programs

Dharma Study Classes - New series to begin June 7th

A new series of classes based on the book *Living by Vow* by the Reverend Shohaku Okumura, a Soto Zen priest and scholar, will begin in June. Classes will be held in the temple library on Tuesday afternoons from 4:00 -5:00 p.m. If interested, please inform Rev. Jiko.

Buddhist Movie Night—Thursday, June 16 at 7:00 p.m.

Dalai Lama Renaissance, an 82-minute film by Khashyar Darvich, will be shown in the Kannon Hall. Tea and snacks will be provided. Bring your own mug and join us for a relaxing movie night at the temple.

Family Sangha Services: Sharing the Dharma with Our Children - Sundays, **May 8, 22 & June 5** at 9:30 a.m. Singing, meditation, yoga, chanting, & stories. New families are welcome. **There will be no service on May 1.**

Zazen (Meditation)

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

* Thursdays, **May 5 & 12, June 9 & 23** 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, **May 7 & June 4** 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 & connects one with the Buddha-Dharma. All supplies provided. By donation.

Baikako Plum Blossom Choir Practice - Sunday, **May 22, June 5 & 19** from 7:45 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.

Tai Chi

Every Thursday & 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.

Yoga, Music, & Meditation

Led by Ananda Yoga instructor Ryan Jigaku Nakade, these gentle yoga sessions followed by group “kirtan” singing and a brief meditation are held every Friday afternoon from 4:30 - 6:00 p.m. & every Sunday afternoon from 4:00 - 5:30 p.m. in the Kannon Hall. Bring a yoga mat or towel. Classes by donation. Call Ryan for information: (808) 895-0784.

Library News

By Clear Houn Englebert



We have two new art books with similar titles: *Buddhist Art: An Historical and Cultural Journey* by Gilles Beguin and *Buddhist Art: An Illustrated Introduction* by Charles Chicarelli. The easiest way to tell them apart is that the Beguin book is about four times larger than the Chicarelli book. Two other new art books are: *Drawing On Faith: Ink paintings for Korean Buddhist Icons* by the Dongguk University Museum, and *Buddhas* by Nancy Tingley.

Here are the other new arrivals:

A Taste of Heaven and Earth by Bettina Vitell is subtitled *A Zen Approach to Cooking and Eating* with 150 Satisfying Vegetarian Recipes. I'm getting hungry already.

The Monastic Office by Hubert Nearman, edited by Jiyu Kennett is a complete English translation for all the Soto ceremonies.

Call Me By My True Names is the title of the collected poems of Thich Nhat Hanh.

Another poetry book is *Bone of Space* by Korean master Seung Sahn.

Mindful Politics edited by Melvin McLeod has proven to be popular already at Daifukuji as the national election gets noisier and noisier.

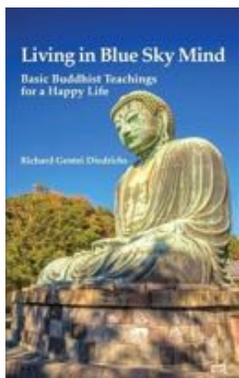
Evolving Dharma by Jay Michaelson is subtitled *Meditation, Buddhism, and the Next Generation of Enlightenment*.

Buddhist Voices from Metta is a collection of articles from Metta magazine including one by Rev. Jiko titled "The Street People".

Wide Awake: A Buddhist Guide for Teens by Diana Winston has a forward by Noah Levine.

Finding Joe by Patrick Solomon is a DVD which comes highly recommended and includes Buddhist stories.

Sacred Chants of Buddha by Craig Pruess is subtitled *Music for Meditation* which is a bit of an oxymoron.



Living in Blue Sky Mind

Richard Gentei Diedrich's latest book *Living in Blue Sky Mind: Basic Buddhist Teachings for a Happy Life* is available for \$13 in the Daifukuji Gift Shop. It's an easy-to-read book that's based on the numerous talks given by Gentei Sensei at our Family Services from 2012 to 2015. Gentei has kindly dedicated this book to the families of Daifukuji. Please see Rev. Jiko if you'd like to purchase a book. It makes a great gift.



Soto Zen Buddhist Lay Confirmation Ceremony to be Held June 5

Four members of Daifukuji Soto Mission will be receiving the precepts along with their Buddhist names in a Buddhist confirmation ceremony to be held on Sunday, June 5 at 2:00 p.m. Receiving the 16 Bodhisattva precepts are: **Avis and Brian Yamamoto, Charles Brown, and Liz Mihelich.**

Sangha members and friends are cordially invited to be present to witness and bless their ceremony.

When help is needed.....

May we call you when help is needed setting up tables and chairs in the social hall for a special service or event or when “people power” is needed for some other purpose? We would like to put together a list of volunteers whom we may contact when help is needed. As they say in Hawaii, “If can, can. If no can, no can.” We understand.

Our kupuna have worked long and hard. We are hoping that our younger members will step forward to take their place, especially when muscle power is needed. Kindly call Rev. Jiko (322-3524) or Judie Fekete (325-7817) if you would like to be included on our volunteer list.



Coming Up in June...

- June 5.....Lay Confirmation Ceremony
- June 7.....Dharma Study Classes Begin
- June 8.....Project Dana
- June 12..... Clean Up of Temple & Grounds
- June 15.....Kannon-ko & Jizo-ko Services
- June 26.....Bon Service

Due to the bazaar, there will be no Project Dana, Kannon-ko service, or Orchid Club meeting during the month of May. Regular activities will resume in June.



A Message from Rev. Jiko: Soto Zen's Green Plan

Dear Daifukuji members and friends,

I am writing to you on April 22. Today is Earth Day, a day on which we honor the Earth and renew our vows to protect our planet home. Did you know that Soto Zen has a Green Plan? Here is a quote from *A Western Soto Zen Buddhist Statement on the Climate Crisis* which was recently issued by the Soto Zen Buddhist Association together with the Association of Soto Zen Buddhists.

Since the 1990s the Japanese Soto Zen School (Sotoshu) has maintained a clear focus on environmental concerns. In Japan, Soto Zen's Green Plan has reached a network of more than fifteen thousand temples, encouraging study, conservation, reforestation, and sustainability in energy use and agriculture. "Five Principles of Green Life" provide a basis for these efforts:

- *Protect the green of the earth; the earth is the home of life.*
- *Do not waste water; it is the source of life.*
- *Do not waste fuel or electricity; they are the energy of life.*
- *Keep the air clean; it is the plaza of life.*
- *Co-exist with nature; it is the embodiment of Buddha.*

You may read the entire text here: <http://szba.org/a-western-soto-zen-buddhist-statement-on-the-climate-crisis/>

At Daifukuji, thanks to the generosity of temple members Bob Shozan and Coral Jinen, we have been able to take a big step forward in "going green" by having solar panels installed. (See page 4.) I deeply thank Shozan and Jinen on behalf of our entire sangha.

In recent years, we have had energy-efficient light bulbs installed in all of our buildings and have stepped up our efforts to recycle and compost. Thanks to the efforts of temple members and groups, we have been making strides. Let us continue to move in this direction, becoming increasingly mindful of how we use electricity and water, how we live, and what we consume. As Soto Zen Buddhists, let us strive to protect our natural environment by living consciously.

In my vision for Daifukuji, I see us planting more fruit trees and putting in more organic vegetable gardens, which will provide food for our sangha. If you have ideas, please share them with me. Together, we'll create a Green Plan for our temple.

Our temple's next big event is our bazaar on May 15. Once again, let's all join hands and work together in harmony, sharing our love and respect for each other as we prepare for this annual fundraiser. Everyone, please rest when needed and ask for help when needed. I humbly ask for your kokua. *Onegai shimasu.*

With warm aloha, in gassho,

Rev. Jiko

Sangha Photo Gallery



May 2016

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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 9:00 AM Bazaar items accepted 4:00 PM Yoga & Music	2 ... Bazaar items accepted 5:00 PM Youth Taiko	3 ... Bazaar items accepted 9:00 AM Beginners T'ai Chi 9:00 AM Bare Bones 5:00 PM Zen Taiko	4 ... Bazaar items accepted 6:00 AM Zazen 5:00 PM Youth Taiko	5 ... Bazaar items accepted 9:00 AM T'ai Chi 5:00 PM Zen Taiko 7:00 PM Evening Zazen	6 ... Bazaar items accepted 7:30 AM Samu 4:30 PM Yoga & Music	7 ... Bazaar items accepted 9:30 AM Youth Taiko
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Daifukuji Soto Mission O-Toba and Ko-Toba Request Form
Please turn in by June 1, 2016

YOUR NAME _____

At Obon, Buddhists express their gratitude to their ancestors by making prayer offerings in the form of TOBA. The names of the deceased will be read by the minister during the Obon Service to which you are invited on June 26, 2016. Please send or bring your request form to Daifukuji as soon as possible and no later than **June 1** and make checks payable to **Daifukuji Soto Mission**. If you have any questions, please call Rev. Jiko at 322-3524.

PHONE NUMBER _____ **E-MAIL ADDRESS** _____

O-TOBA (written on wooden boards)..... Donation \$10.00 per request

O-TOBA are offered in remembrance of:

1. Your family ancestors as a group (example: The Nakade Family Ancestors)
2. A deceased family member or friend for whom this is a first Obon (hatsubon)

PLEASE PRINT NAMES CLEARLY.

I dedicate the merit of these prayers to.....

1. _____
 2. _____
 3. _____
 4. _____
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KO-TOBA (written on paper)..... Donation \$2.00 per request

KO-TOBA are similar to Otoba, but are written on paper instead of wood and are a second option. Please print names clearly. *I dedicate the merit of these prayers to.....*

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Your Name _____

Total enclosed _____