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## Aloha from Rev. Jiko

Dear Daifukuji members and friends,

I am truly grateful for all that summer has brought — for evening showers, green grass, blooming flowers, summertime visitors, and Daifukuji's O-bon service and Bon Dance. Temple members are still talking about the delightful Dharma talk given by Rev. Hata of Taishoji Soto Mission at Daifukuji's O-bon service. He said that when he first arrived in Hawaii, he noticed people saying "shaka" and waving the "shaka" sign. Not knowing "shaka" to be a local form of greeting, he thought that those people were all Buddhists. (Get it? "Shaka" as in "*Shakamuni Buddha*" or "*Namu Shakamuni Butsu.*") Anyway, thank you, Rev. Hata and Mrs. Hata and the members of Taishoji, for gracing our service with your presence. Now, whenever we make the "shaka" sign, we'll be thinking of Shakamuni Buddha.

The season of O-bon is always a busy time. Many preparations are made for the services and Bon Dance, much cooking goes on in the social hall kitchen, and the temple becomes a beehive of activity. Thank you, dear sangha, for all that you do to make so much possible for our temple & community. You all work very hard. Seeing sensei Winifred Kimura coming to Bon Dance practice sessions in her wheelchair twice a week to instruct the dancers truly touched my heart. Wini, may you be back on your feet soon. Brian, thank you for transporting Wini to the temple.

On July 21 we'll be welcoming back our Kona Daifukuji Taiko youth group from their Japan trip. On July 23, from 8 a.m. - 2 p.m., the Kona Daifukuji Orchid Club will be offering its annual orchid show and sale. Weekly Sunday family services and Dharma study sessions start up in August. And on August 20 from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m., we'll be hosting a Temple Open House, an event which is being spearheaded by Board members Barbara Shoshin Bosz and Mitch Tam. Everyone, please join us and bring your family and friends. (See flyer and lunch coupon on page 2.)

Day and night, let us take refuge in Buddha, Dharma, and Sangha and practice the Buddha's teachings.  
Remember to SHAKA!

Warm aloha, in gassho,  
Rev. Jiko



# **PUBLIC WELCOME Historic Daifukuji Buddhist Temple Open House**

**Sunday, August 20  
10 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.  
Daifukuji Social Hall  
Honalo (next to Teshima's)**

*Displays & demos by various groups  
Games, crafts, meditation, activities  
Temple tours, Entertainment  
Door prizes  
Snack Shop*

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We had so much fun at last year's Sangha Fun Day that we decided to invite the public to this year's event and call it a Temple Open House.

Mini temple tours, shakyo art meditation, & z a z e n instruction will be offered inside the temple. Other activities & entertainment will be held inside the social hall.

Join us for lunch.

We'll be looking forward to seeing you!

## **Complimentary Lunch Coupon for Members of Daifukuji Soto Mission**

**Present this coupon at the Daifukuji Open House to receive free burgers, drinks, and shaved ice for you and your family.**

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 20, 2017**

**10 a.m. - 1 p.m.**

**Name \_\_\_\_\_**

## Integration of Neuropsychology & Buddhism

A Presentation by Dr. Harold Hall,  
Neuropsychologist (ret)

Tuesday, August 15 at 4:00 p.m.

Temple Library

All are welcome.



## In Memoriam

To the family of the late **Jasmine Kalas** who passed away on April 24 at the age of 91, we send thoughts of comfort and peace.

To the family of the late **Alfreida Fujita** who passed away on July 16 at the age of 90, we express our deepest sympathy.

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

## Welcome, New Members

Our sangha extends a warm aloha to the following new members:

**Elizabeth Aschenbrenner & David Hill**

**David Fiedler**

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



## Kannon-ko Service

*Wednesday, August 16  
10 a.m.*



All are welcome to attend this traditional Buddhist service, held monthly to bring to mind the Bodhisattva Kannon (Kannon-sama), whose great wisdom and compassion relieve the suffering of beings experiencing anxiety, sorrow, and pain. One is welcome to submit the names of those for whom one wishes the merit to be dedicated. It is requested that offerings to Daifukuji Soto Mission be placed inside an envelope on which one's name is written.

Kannon-ko services are held every third Wednesday of the month at 10:00 a.m. Please join us for a morning of chanting, Baika music, and fellowship. Tea is served after the service. Donations of refreshments are welcome.

## Introducing Michi

はじめまして。美智です



Hello, my name is Michi. I was adopted by the Nakade family and am learning to be a temple dog. Rev. Jiko and Amy Jikai say that they are going to raise me to become a service dog, so maybe this means that I'll have to learn to chant the Hannya Shingyo. I must also learn to be quiet during services. I love to play, explore, chew on things, hang out in the temple office, run off with slippers and socks, & make new friends. Gassho,

*Michi*

## Fujinkai Autumn Field Trip — October 14

by Lorraine Jitoku Tanimoto, Field Trip Coordinator



**When:** Saturday, October 14

**Time:** Be at Daifukuji by 8:00 a.m. We will carpool and leave the temple at 8:30 a.m.

**What and where:** Visit “The Kona Coffee Story: Along the Hawaii Belt Road” photo exhibit at Kona Historical Society’s H.N. Greenwell Store. See photos and read about the lives of the Japanese immigrants who worked on coffee farms. Also, learn all about bees at the Big Island Bees beekeeping museum and gift shop on Napoopoo Road. The field trip will end with lunch at the Beijing Restaurant in Kealakekua.

**Deadline: Sign up by Sunday, September 10.** A headcount is needed. Please see Lorraine Tanimoto or call Rev. Jiko at 322-3524.

**Fujinkai members may bring guests. Fujinkai members are free, but guests will be charged for the photo exhibit admission and lunch.**

## Library News

By Clear Houn Englebert



There are two new cartoon books (for all ages): *Wind and Rain* by Miao You with art by Yan Kaixin and *The Patriarch of Chan* by Wang Meizhi with art by Guo Haoyun. The first book is about the Japanese Zen master & poet Ikkyu and the latter is about Bodhidharma.

Artwork is also a major part of *Chan Heart, Chan Art* by Hsing Yun, which includes 100 full page, original, color paintings to go with the stories. It’s an amazingly beautiful book. In fact, it’s one of the most beautiful books I’ve EVER seen--no joke! Hsing Yun is the author of two other new books: *Four Insights for Finding Fulfillment* (a guide to the Diamond Sutra) and *The Universal Gate*, which is a translation and commentary of one of the most studied chapters of the Lotus Sutra.

Our latest DVD is *Kona Daifukuji Bon Dance 2016* by Akinori Imai. Our latest audio is a three-disc set of the classic *The Way of the Bodhisattva* by Shantideva. Consider checking it out to listen to when you’re going on a long drive.

There are three more new arrivals:

*Zen Words for the Heart* is a Rinzai book. It’s Hakuin’s commentary on the Heart Sutra, translated by Norman Waddell. Hakuin was one of Japan’s most important Zen masters.

*A Treasury of Buddhist Stories From the Dhammapada Commentary* by E.W. Burlingame has background stories that go with The Dhammapada.

*The Search for the Buddha* by Charles Allen is very readable and also very fascinating. This is the story of how western civilization discovered the Indian roots of Buddhism. When the British colonized India, none of the western world had yet realized that the Buddha that was worshiped in most Asian countries was at one time an actual person who lived in India. Most of the Indians didn’t even know that, because Buddhism had been forced out of India long ago and the ancient Buddhist sites were totally covered over. This book is a fabulous page-turner!

## August Dharma Programs



**Dharma Study Classes** - Tuesdays, **August 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29**      **4:00 - 5:00 p.m**      **Temple Library**

We will continue our study of the book *Zen Living* by Domyo Sater Burk, which can be ordered through a local bookstore or online. **On August 15, Harold Hall will be giving a presentation on the integration of neuropsychology & Buddhism. All are welcome.** Call Rev. Jiko at 322-3524 for information.

**Family Sangha Services:** Sharing the Dharma with Children - **Sundays, August 6, 13, & 27** at 9:30 a.m. Child-friendly 45-minute services which include yoga, zazen, chanting, singing, & Dharma lessons. For children of all ages and their parents & grandparents.

**Regency at Hualalai Service** — Wednesday, August 23 from 9:00 - 10:00 a.m., 4th Floor Sunset Room. A Buddhist service for the residents of the Regency at Hualalai Retirement Community located at 75-181 Hualalai Road in Kailua-Kona. Sangha members & friends are welcome to attend.

### **Zazen (Meditation)**

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

\* Thursdays, **August 10 & 24** from 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Both morning and evening sessions include 20 minutes of chanting. Donations may be placed in the box on the incense table. Call Rev. Jiko at (808) 322-3524 for further information.

**Shakyo & Shabutsu Art Meditation - Saturday, August 5** 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. All supplies provided. By donation.

**Baikako Plum Blossom Choir Practice** - Sunday, **August 6** from 7:45 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.

**The Gay Sangha - Friday, August 4**      **6:00 - 7:30 p.m.**

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**

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



## A New Dharma School Year to Begin

*by Richard Gentei Diedrichs, Dharma School sensei*

On August 6, I begin my sixth year of teaching the Dharma to the children (and parents and grandparents) at our Sunday Family Services at Daifukuji. I started teaching Dharma Sunday School after I asked Jiko Sensei back in 2012 how I could best serve the temple community. Knowing that I am a Zen priest and was a teacher in public elementary schools around the San Francisco Bay Area for fifteen years, she suggested that I join the Children's Program. In the beginning of August, 2012, I gave my first talk.

I teach lessons based on the expansive and enlightened field of Buddha's teachings. I have presented everything from the Four Noble Truths and Noble Eightfold Path, to the Five Marks of Existence to the Four Heavenly Abodes, as well as many other topics within the buddhadharma canon. I have tried to keep the children as my focus. I have presented the basics, in simple, plain language, with, as often as possible, examples and experiences from my own childhood, as I learned (and sometimes struggled) to come up in the world as sanely and lovingly as I could. For the youngest children at the Family Services, I read picture books that ideally follow the same theme as my talks.

I realize that some of the young children do not understand every word and concept that I present. Jiko Sensei and I have had discussions about how we are planting seeds. As the children listen and comprehend in their own ways, the essence of the talks (and Buddha's teachings) will blossom in their hearts and minds as they grow older.

Presenting the talks has been a blessing for me. I love being with the children. It has been a wonderful extension after retiring from teaching the middle elementary grades and then Kindergarten. Offering Buddha's teachings requires that I be present, open and available.

I also have the opportunity to delve deeply into the Buddhist sutras. I try to find Buddha's words explaining any concept that I present. A Zen teacher of mine once said, "Stay with the Sutras." Teaching at the Family Services gives me the chance to do that.

If the children and families at Dharma Sunday School get as much out of participating as I do, I feel I have served the temple community, as I had hoped.

**The Daifukuji Family Sangha invites new families to come to family services on Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m. See the schedule on the temple's website: [http://www.daifukuji.org/service/2017\\_Family\\_Service\\_b.pdf](http://www.daifukuji.org/service/2017_Family_Service_b.pdf). For more information, call Rev. Jiko at (808) 322-3524.**





## Bon Dance Mahalo

Minasama (everyone),

Together with Bon Dance co-chairman Wade Yasuda, I, Bobby Command, would like to extend my heartfelt thank you to all who helped and participated in the 2017 Dafukuji Bon Dance. I've been around this wonderful temple for more than a decade and I have to say that this is probably the best attended dance since I've been here. Despite threatening weather and the annual Relay for Life which was scheduled for that weekend, people flocked to the dance and crowded around the yagura to dance the night away and honor departed ancestors.

Such an event doesn't just happen. Wade Yasuda, Myles Ikeda and Stephen Tanaka began set up on Thursday. On Saturday, our friends appeared at 7:30 a.m. and things began happening. Many of us who have been setting up the Bon Dance over the last decade or so know exactly where to go and what to do. Lights are strung, chochin and teruteru bozu hung, benches are gathered and set up, a little gossip is shared, snack bar and the towel booth are erected, and we are ready. We trust that Gilbert Kaneko will be there later to "produce" our show, George Harai will head up the towel booth, the taiko group will open the show and sell ono kaukau, and that MC Walter Kimura will be there to entertain us with his one liners. Then the people show up, seemingly out of nowhere, wearing yukata and kimono and ready to dance. Little do most people know that many of our dancers have spent hours learning the dances with Winifred Kimura.



Then, as quickly as it is set up, it disappears on Sunday, with the only remnants being the chochins on the porch of the temple, and another year of memories.

Certainly we have challenges: parking and access continue to be a problem, and to help us this year, we hired an off-duty policeman — Kona boy Officer Jeff Hirai — to keep everyone safe on the highway. We're also thinking of further restricting parking to make more room, and to set up more light at the makai side of the yagura. But these are good problems to try to solve as we look into the future and many more dances.

There are so many people to thank and I don't want to single anyone out in fear of leaving someone out. To all of you who participated and helped, I bow deeply with gratitude. However, I would like to extend one special thanks to the Kona Daifukuji Taiko Group, which lent a hand to set up and take down despite the fact that they were leaving for a trip to Japan on Sunday afternoon. *Otsukaresama deshita.*

We're always trying to think of ways to make this a better event. If you have any ideas or suggestions, feel free to let me know. I can be reached at [rhcommand@gmail.com](mailto:rhcommand@gmail.com).

Finally, the Japanese saying "Okage Sama De" is never so appropriate. It is translated as "I am who I am because of you."

In Gassho,  
Bobby Command & Wade Yasuda, co-chairs

## Daifukuji Soto Mission Legacy Endowment Fund

Aloha Members & Friends of Daifukuji

Once again, thank you for your continued and overwhelming support of our Legacy Endowment Fund. As of July 10th, we have received over \$54,000 in donations. Our Endowment will only use the earnings on these donations, and then only for the maintenance & preservation of the Daifukuji Temple, buildings & grounds.

**Donors April 25, 2017 – July 10, 2017**

**Lorraine S. Kunishima in Memory of Gunichi & Teruko Yamanaka, Elaine & Julio Fernandez in Memory of Tristan James “TJ” Fernandez, George & Elaine Harai in Memory of Hajime & Hagino Harai, Marilyn Utz, Carol Macatiag in Memory of Ethel Yasuyo Sasaki, Charles A. Brown, Judie Fekete, Walter & Aiko Kimura, The Nakamoto Family Reunion 2017 in Memory of Sadanoshin & Ichi Nakamoto**

Thank you very much to all of our donors, and to current & former Board members Judie Fekete, Elaine Fernandez, Walter Kimura and George Harai. Current Board member Ann Nakamoto coordinated contributions at their recent Nakamoto Family Reunion and pooled their donations in memory of Ann’s grandparents Sadanoshin & Ichi Nakamoto. Sadanoshin was a member of the very first Board of Directors when Daifukuji became a registered corporation in the Territory of Hawaii in June 1930. His hard work & the work of countless others are a big part of why Daifukuji has endured for over 100 years. As we all continue their work for future generations, as they did for us, it is a great reminder of our part in this wonderful continuum.

In Gassho,

Daifukuji Soto Mission Legacy Endowment Fund Board of Trustees

Avis Yamamoto, Brian Yamamoto, Keith Olson, Wade Yasuda



Mahalo to Rev. and Mrs. Hata and members of the Taishoji Soto Mission Baikako for taking part in Daifukuji’s O-bon service. Thank you also to the Hatsubon families.



## Daifukuji Temple Tour

September 17 2:00 p.m.

There will be a free tour of Daifukuji Buddhist Temple on Sunday, September 17. It will begin at 2:00 p.m. and last approximately one hour. The tour will be guided by Rev. Jiko Nakade and Clear Englebert. The history and meaning of the objects in and around the temple will be explained, as well as the architectural features of the building.

Daifukuji was founded in 1914 with the arrival of our first minister, the Reverend Kaiseki Kodama. The main hall was completed in 1921 and expanded in 1936. It is a traditional Japanese-style building with Western elements such as the fan-shaped arches over some of the windows. It has been lovingly maintained, most recently with the addition of an orchid garden donated by the Kona Daifukuji Orchid Club.

This is an opportunity to ask questions and learn about the unique things the temple contains. The symbolism of the objects and their design is often a reminder of a spiritual lesson. Those lessons will be explained in the tour so that being at the temple can be more meaningful. After the tour the gift shop will be open.

## New Videos on Soto Zen Buddhism

“Soto Zen Buddhism in Hawaii: The Legacy of the Pioneer Ministers and Temple Members” is a new video which can be viewed online: <https://vimeo.com/218729819>. Produced by the Soto Zen Buddhism Hawaii Office, this entertaining video highlights the ways in which our temples in Hawaii serve their respective communities. The Daifukuji segment features our 2016 Baccalaureate ceremony & luncheon, Kona Daifukuji Taiko, and Rev. Jiko visiting temple kupuna Yoshiko Ikeda & Miyeko Miyose.

Go to <http://global.sotozen-net.or.jp/eng/> to watch a video about Soto Zen Buddhism in North America titled “Soto Zen as a New Style of Living.”

## Coming Up in September...

Project Dana.....	September 13
Autumn Higan Service & Potluck Lunch...	September 10
Kannon-ko Service.....	September 20
Temple Tour.....	September 17
Regency at Hualalai Service.....	September 27

## *Hawaii-style Zen*

*Our practice is to take off our rubba slippas at the front door & straighten them. Doing so, we straighten ourselves, putting our bodies & minds in order. Shaka!*

# August 2017

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