

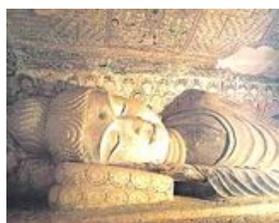


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Nehan-e Service & Potluck Lunch

*Sunday, February 12
9:30 a.m.*

All are invited to Daifukuji's Nehan-e Service. This Nirvana Ceremony commemorates the parinirvana of Shakyamuni Buddha. A scroll showing the reclining Buddha surrounded by followers and animals in mourning will be displayed inside the temple. In his last discourse, the Buddha taught that although the physical body dies, the Dharma is eternal. By living the Dharma and practicing the precepts, we can see that the Buddha is always with us. A Dharma message will be delivered by the **Reverend Kokei Yoshida** of the Soto Zen Buddhism Hawaii Bishop's Office.

Lunch will be a potluck affair, so please bring something to share if you can. During lunch there will be a soba-making demonstration by Mr. Yamaguchi of Japan. (See page 4)

The gift shop will be open. Donations of canned foods for the Hawaii Food Basket are always appreciated.

Pancake Breakfast & Baked Goods Sale

*Saturday, February 18
7:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.*

\$8.00 at the door



Our Fujinkai Women's Association is hosting a Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser on Saturday, February 18. **Tickets may be purchased in advance at \$8 apiece through Fujinkai members & at the temple office. Tickets will be sold at the door.** Each ticket is good for one complete breakfast platter and coffee, tea, or juice. The ever-popular miso soup is included.

A baked goods sale will also be held. Come early since the manju & other goodies sell out quickly.

Let's all support our Fujinkai's fundraising efforts. Proceeds are used to fund conferences, field trips, and educational activities sponsored by the Fujinkai.

Questions? Please call the temple office at (808) 322-3524.

In Memoriam

To the family of the late **Jean Kunimura** who passed away on November 27, 2016 at the age of 94, we send thoughts of comfort and peace.



To the family of the late **Doris Nozaki**, who passed away on January 5, 2017 at the age of 94, we send our deepest sympathy.

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

Welcome, New Members

Our Sangha extends a warm welcome to the following new members:



Lawrence Goff

Pam & Alton Kajikawa

Sharlene Gee, Rune Dahl, & Beatrice Gee

Sharon O'Conner

Ayako & Aiylie Sakuragi

We are always grateful to have new members. For information about temple membership, please see Rev. Jiko or visit our website: http://www.daifukuji.org/membership_brochure.pdf



Welcome, New Ministers

We welcome with aloha the following new ministers & jizoku who arrived in December to serve in Hawaii:

Rev. Koshin Cherin

Resident Minister of the Mantokuji Soto Mission of Paia, Maui

Rev. Shoryu and Mrs. Saeko Fukagawa & son Wahiawa Ryusenji Soto Mission

A Message from Our Temple President



Aloha Sangha members,

It is with deep humbleness that I accept the position of president of the Daifukuji Soto Mission. I appreciate the trust that the board has shown in electing me into this position and I will do my very best to uphold the example of fine leadership shown by past President Stephen Tanaka, and all the other presidents before him. I will always look to the Buddha, the Dharma, and the Sangha for inspiration. Let's continue to grow and serve both physically and spiritually as Daifukuji Soto Mission plays such a vital role in West Hawaii. To all of you, I can only ask for your support — *onegai itashimasu*.

Mahalo,

Bobby Command

Daifukuji Soto Mission Board of Directors 2017 & 2018

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Library News

By Clear Houn Englebert



The library has two new DVDs:

Mindful Living Every Day: Practicing in the Tradition of Thich Nhat Hanh by David Nelson and *Compassion in Action: Dalai Lama Awakening Vol. 2* by Khashyar Darvich.

We also have an excellent new set of CDs by Pema Chodron titled *Bodhisattva Mind*.

The library has two great new children's books. *Shantideva* is by Dominique Townsend with incredibly beautiful illustrations by Tenzin Norbu. It's one of the finest children's books I've ever seen, and as with all great children's books, it's not just for kids.

Charlotte and the Quiet Place is by Deborah Sosin and illustrated by Sara Woolley. It's from the tradition of Thich Nhat Hanh.

The other new arrivals are:

Brush Mind by Kazuaki Tanahashi has 60 ink drawings. Each is on a page with the facing page having his succinct writings, such as "What is obvious is most difficult to see." It's a very enjoyable book to browse through. You'll learn a lot about brush painting, life, and Zen.

Don't Be a Jerk by Brad Warner is a wonderful introduction to Dogen. It's written in lighthearted, everyday language—but very right on. I hope this book gets checked out a lot!

Receiving the Marrow: Teachings on Dogen by Soto Zen Women Priests is edited by Eido Frances Carney. Eleven teachers are represented.

Original Dwelling Place by Robert Aitken is a collection of his writings, talks, lectures, and interviews over a period of 32 years while he was the head of the Diamond Sangha on Oahu.

Awakening to Zen by Philip Kapleau is also a collection of the writings of a great Western Zen teacher from the 70's into the 90's.

Chan and Zen Teaching: First Series by Charles Luk is a treasure and now our library finally has all three volumes of this series. Some of the best and most accessible Zen writings in our whole library are in this three-volume series.

Bodhidharma is a manga cartoon book in Japanese.

Wisdom to Live by Jakucho Setouchi is also in Japanese. It's a commentary on the *Dhammapada* written by a Tendai nun.

Gift Shop News

by Clear Houn Englebert

The gift shop is now donating Buddhist Dharma books to the Prison Mindfulness Institute, who then loan them to prisoners. I confess that I was skeptical when Rev. Jiko showed me the brochure and suggested that we send them some books. I picked out eleven books from the fifty cent and twenty-five cent boxes of used books. Here's what they



wrote back: "Thank you so much for these book donations. They are exactly the kind of books that prisoners request. Your donation helps us reach even more prisoners. Thank you for your generosity." Well, that won my heart and made me realize that they really are doing good work. (Like I said, I was skeptical.) We've just sent our second box of Dharma books (in the photo), and they came from the \$2 and \$1 shelves of used books. We will continue to support their worthy effort.



Eiheiji Soba Maker to Come to Daifukuji February 12

Many of you know of Eiheiji, which is one of our two head Soto Zen monasteries in Japan. But did you know that Eiheiji is also known for its delicious buckwheat noodles called *soba*?

If you would like to see how *soba* is made, come to Mr. Yamaguchi's soba-making demonstration which will be held at lunchtime after our Nehan-e Service on the 12th of February.

Mr. Yamaguchi is donating his time and expense to come to Daifukuji to show us how to make delicious noodles by hand. He will also show us how to make a tasty broth using ingredients that can be purchased locally.

How fortunate we are to have this chance to see a master Japanese noodle maker at work! Come to our Nehan-e service and stay for this lunchtime cooking demonstration.

February Programs



Dharma Study Classes - Tuesdays, February 7 & 14

This month we will be finishing up our study of the book *Living by Vow*. Starting in March, we will be using the book *Zen Living* by Domyo Sater Burk, teacher and director of Bright Way Zen in Portland, Oregon. The Daifukuji Gift Shop is making this book available at a greatly reduced price of \$10 for Dharma class participants. See Rev. Jiko to purchase a copy or buy one at the first class on March 7.

Family Sangha Services: Sharing the Dharma with Children - Sundays, February 5 & 19 at 9:30 a.m. Child-friendly 45-minute services which include yoga, chanting, 1-minute zazen, singing, and a Dharma lesson.

Zazen (Meditation)

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

* Thursdays, February 9 and 16 from 6:30 p.m. to 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 or sign-in table.

Shakyo & Shabutsu Art Meditation - Saturday, February 11 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 Workshop with Special Instructor Rev. Ryuryo Watanabe - Wednesday, February 1 from 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. with testing to follow. For Baikako members only.

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.

For information on any of the programs offered at Daifukuji Soto Mission, please call (808) 322-3524 or send an email to info@daifukuji.org.



3rd Annual Zen Retreat Held

Silence in temple

Gratitude for Zazenkai

Chickens still squawking

~ David Henry ~

‘Alaneo Zendo

At Daifukuji, for the third year in a row, Zazenkai members from Taishoji Soto Mission, ‘Alaneo Zendo, and Daifukuji Soto Mission started a new year together in silence. From 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. on January 7th, this group of 30 plus participants sat in silence, walked in silence, ate in silence, and practiced shakyo, yoga, and t'ai chi in silence. Short Dharma talks on the Four Wisdoms (Giving, Kind Speech, Beneficial Deeds, and Cooperation) found in Chapter Four of the sutra *Shushogi* were given by Rev. Hata of Taishoji Soto Mission, Rev. Kaniumoe of ‘Alaneo Zendo, and Rev. Jiko of Daifukuji Soto Mission with Deacon Jikai Nakade serving as emcee. Rev. Tazawa and Rev. Konno, two monks from Sojiji Monastery who were in Hawaii on a special program, also joined the retreat.

The Daifukuji Zazenkai sends a warm mahalo to their Taishoji and ‘Alaneo Zendo friends for coming all the way over from Hilo to participate in this retreat. Thank you, too, to the members of the Daifukuji Zazenkai for providing the vegetarian dishes for the occasion and for taking care of the set up, kitchen, clean up, and other tasks.

Last Call for 2017 Soto Zen Buddhist Lay Confirmation

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. One goes through a process of study and reflection together with Rev. Jiko and a group of Dharma friends. The sharing of one's life is done in an atmosphere that is gentle, accepting, and compassionate. Many have found their lives illuminated and enriched by this inner journey.



The 2017 Lay Confirmation Ceremony will be held at Daifukuji on the 4th of June. In preparation for this ceremony, weekly classes on the 16 Bodhisattva Precepts will be offered by Rev. Jiko from March through May. Classes will be held from 5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. in the temple library.

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 by the end of February.



Fujinkai Hatsumairi

On the 8th of January, forty members of the Daifukuji Fujinkai Women's Association gathered at the temple for their first service of the year called *hatsumairi*. Following the service, Fujinkai president Joyce St. Arnault gave her New Year's greetings, thanking those who served on the Fujinkai Executive Board, as well as the outgoing and incoming district representatives. Announcements were made regarding the Fujinkai's pancake breakfast fundraiser coming up on February 18 and the 52nd Annual UHSSWA Conference which will be hosted by the Waipahu Taiyoji Fujinkai the weekend of April 22 & 23.

Following the meeting, activities were held in the social hall. Fujinkai historian Amy Nakade shared a slideshow of 2016 activities, followed by an informative talk on Buddhist altars (*Butsudan*) by Rev. Jiko. Lunch consisted of bentos from Teshima's Restaurant, along with a fresh salad and delicious desserts prepared by Merle and Sharen. Several games of the ever-popular bingo provided a fitting climax to a memorable day. Mahalo to all for participating in this year's Hatsumairi.



New Year, New Robe

By Rev. Jiko Nakade

Daifukuji kupuna Michiko Enomoto lovingly sewed me a new *kairyō-e* robe, which I am wearing with a grateful heart. For a number of years, I had been thinking that it would be nice to have a Buddhist priest's robe that contained elements of my beloved Hawaii. My previous robes which I continue to treasure & use with deep reverence are solid black in color & made of polyester fabric. I wear them for memorial services and solemn occasions.

My new cotton robe is teal with a Japanese *shibori* pattern. The teal represents the oceans that surround and sustain our islands. My new robe has a blue & green Hawaiian print collar with a subtle *honu* design. And it has a small pocket in which to store a few Kleenex tissues when I have a runny nose. (How Japanese priests manage to live without pockets in their robes I will never know!) I am using my new robe for Sunday School services and happy occasions. Temple members have commented on how happy this new robe makes them feel.

The robe worn by Buddhist priests has evolved over the centuries, beginning with a simple *kesa* worn by the Buddha Shakyamuni and the monks and nuns of his sangha in India. When Buddhism travelled to China, it adopted the long sleeves of Chinese robes; in Japan, a white kimono was added beneath the black outer robes and *kesa*. Buddhism is now deeply rooted in the Hawaiian Islands, where it is impractical to wear layers upon layers of vestments in our warm climate. To return to a simple cotton robe, locally made, has been a vision of mine. Thanks to Michiko, I now have a robe which affirms to me that Buddhism has made its imprint on Hawaii and Hawaii has made its imprint on Buddhism. I've begun this new year with a new robe and much gratitude. I vow to wear this robe in service to Buddha, Dharma, and Sangha. Thank you, Michiko. In gassho.



Mahalo Nui Loa

A big thank you to samu group members Tyrone Ohta, Shinkaku Marquis, Stanley Oshima, and Julio Fernandez for putting new roofing on the outside women and men's restrooms, as well as over Rev. Jiko's residence steps. Tyrone, thank you for also donating the roofing materials.

Another warm mahalo goes to Shinkaku Marquis for creating an orchid garden just mauka of the outside restrooms. Shinkaku has done wonders with rocks and orchids.

Domo arigato gozaimashita to Larry Yoshiyama for donating his plumbing skills to repair & replace the old pipes underneath the minister's residence and to both Larry and Dale for donating the materials.

Thank you to local stained-glass artist Rick Pugh for donating a one-of-a-kind work of art featuring exquisite lotus plants, which are Buddhist symbols of enlightenment. This piece will be hung in the temple library for all to enjoy.

To everyone, thank you for your generous support of Daifukuji Soto Mission. Thank you, thank you!

Mahalo from Kona Daifukuji Taiko

What a great way to start off the year!

I would like to take a moment to thank everyone who helped to make our Mini Taiko Concert Fundraiser a huge success. To our parents, students, Sensei Kristy, Britney Manago, generous donors, Daifukuji Sangha and our Kona community, thank you for your continuous support and aloha! Here's wishing you all an abundance of blessings in 2017.



Aloha pumehana,
Akemi Iwamoto
Instructor

Thanks to your support, Kona Daifukuji Taiko's performing group will have an opportunity to study taiko in Japan this summer.

Bare Bones Writing

When the moon is full, I am grateful for the dark Kona sky.

In the dark of the moon our tropical days are short, our dusk is brief, and I miss the sun. Here, I have learned to use the bright silver light of the moon. As it wanes, it gives me mornings to go into the yard, go out to the barn. As it waxes, it gives me evenings to stand under the sky as the sunset gives way to stars. And when it's full, one long day golden to silver to golden again, to spend mindful of the sky and the forceful sweep of sun and moon across it.

I am grateful for the dark Kona sky.

(Bare Bones writer)

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

“Maitreya and Other Buddhist Futures”

A Lecture by Jessica Falcone, PhD

Associate Professor of Cultural Anthropology, Kansas State University

Tuesday, February 28 6 p.m. Potluck 7 p.m. Lecture

Daifukuji Social Hall



In this talk, Dr. Falcone will discuss various future goals and "felicities" that are desired by Buddhists in various traditions. Of course, achieving nirvana is an ever-present goal, but there are many other futures that are sought and discussed in Buddhist literatures and social worlds, some of which are seen as more "near future" hopes and dreams as opposed to "distant future" outcomes. For example, one of the future horizons imagined by Buddhists is the coming of the future Buddha, Maitreya.

Please bring something for the potluck if you can. All are welcome.



HAIB Buddha Day Service to be Held at Kona Hongwanji

Sunday, March 12 9:30 a.m

The 5th annual Hawaii Association of International Buddhists (HAIB) Buddha Day Service is going to be held at the Kona Hongwanji Buddhist Temple's Social Hall on the 12th of March. The featured speaker will be the bishop of the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii, Bishop Eric Horaku Matsumoto, who grew up in Kona. Buddhist groups from around the island have been invited to take part in this observance of the Buddha Shakyamuni's birth. Admission is free and all are invited. Donations are welcome.

Flowers for the *hanamido* (flower shrine) are needed & may be dropped off at the Kona Hongwanji the afternoon of March 10th or morning of March 11th. Place flowers in the buckets outside the conference room. Help is needed with the setting up of the social hall. Set up will begin at 8 a.m. on March 11.

Kona Hongwanji Buddhist Temple is located between Bank of Hawaii and First Hawaiian Bank in Kealahou. For more information, please contact Rev. Jiko Nakade at (808) 322-3524 or Rev. Bruce Nakamura at (808) 323-2993.

Coming Up in March...

Project Dana.....	March 8	33 Kannon & Ohigan Service...March 19
HAIB Buddha Day Service.....	March 12	Dharma Study.....March 7, 14, 21, & 28
Kannon-ko Service.....	March 15	

Sangha Photo Gallery

Mochitsuki & Taiko Concert



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