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## Daruma-ki, Eitaikyo, & Kannon Blessing Service

*Sunday, October 8*

*9:30 a.m*

All are invited to join our Sangha in observing Daruma-ki in remembrance of Bodhidharma, the 28th patriarch in our lineage. Also known as Bodai Daruma Daishi, this 6th-century Indian Buddhist monk transmitted Zen from India to China. We honor him on the day of his memorial. The Dharma message will be delivered by Rev. Jiko.

Following the Daruma-ki service, an Eitaikyo service will be held in memory of those whose names are recorded in the Daifukuji Eitaikyo record book. The word eitaikyo means "chanting the sutras in perpetuity." This annual service ensures that prayers are offered for the departed, even when family members of the deceased cannot be present for the service. If you are interested in having an individual or family's name entered into Daifukuji's Eitaikyo record book, please contact Rev. Jiko (322-3524) to submit the name(s), along with a one-time donation of \$250 per request.

There will also be a blessing of a Kannon-sama statue that's been donated to the temple by Nancy Kurihara. Our sangha is truly grateful to be the recipient of such an exquisite expression of compassion. Thank you very much to Nancy.

All are invited to stay for lunch which will be prepared by Jessica Yamasawa & friends. **Donations of desserts and sliced fruits are appreciated.** One may also bring canned food donations for the Hawaii Food Basket.

(Our October 19th movie night will feature a movie about Bodhidharma. See page 4.)



## In Memoriam

To the family of the late **Grace Miyamoto** who passed away on August 23 at the age of 82, we send thoughts of comfort and peace.

To Bob Yokomoto, whose wife **Eleanor Yokomoto** passed away on August 31 at the age of 92, we express our sincere sympathy.

To Mrs. Takako Sato and family, we send our condolences upon the passing of **Reverend Hakudo Sato** on September 4 in Toyama, Japan. Rev. Sato, who served as Daifukuji's 7th minister, was 85 years of age.

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

## Fujinkai News



### Autumn Field Trip — Saturday, October 14

The Daifukuji Fujinkai Women's Association's autumn field trip is coming up on Saturday, October 14. Those who signed up should be at Daifukuji by 8:00 a.m. We will carpool and leave the temple at 8:30 a.m. Questions? Call Rev. Jiko at 322-3524.

### Kona Coffee Cultural Festival Ho'olaule'a Bento Sale —Saturday, November 11

This year's manju and bento sale at the Makaeo County Pavilion at the Old Airport is scheduled for Saturday, November 11. Please support this Fujinkai fundraiser. More info to come in the November newsletter.

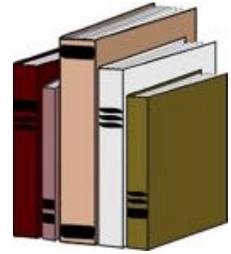
### UHSSWA Conference April 14 & 15, 2018

Ladies, please mark your calendars. We're gearing up to host the 2018 United Hawaii Soto Shu Women's Association conference, which will be held at Daifukuji and also at the Courtyard King Kamehameha's Kona Beach Hotel. Conference co-chairs are Cindy Asada, Elaine Fernandez, and Joyce St. Arnault.

Women 18 and older are invited to join the Fujinkai. Annual dues are \$10. For information on membership, call Merle at 323-3553 or Joyce at 329-3833.

## Library News

By Clear Houn Englebert



The first two sections in the library are Basic and Introductory, and three of the newest books are in those sections:

*Introducing Buddhism* by Charles Prebish and Damien Keown is a modern college textbook. *Essential Buddhism* by Jacky Sach is much more simplified, but also more readable. *The Buddhist Handbook* by John Snelling is a happy medium between the other two.

We have two new Thich Nhat Hanh books: *Joyfully Together: the Art of Building a Harmonious Community* and *Cultivating the Mind of Love*. The latter book is an excellent introduction to several of the most important Mahayana scriptures.

The other new arrivals are:

*The Art of Japanese Calligraphy* by Yujiro Nakata is very beautiful and authoritative.

*Xuanzang's Journey to India* by Chang Zheng is in both English & Chinese. It's a somewhat simplified retelling of Xuanzang's arduous, seventeen-year journey to get Buddhist scriptures in the seventh century AD.

*Cold Mountain* is the famous book of Zen poetry by Han-Shan, translated by Burton Watson.

*Phra Farang: an English Monk in Thailand* by Peter Pannapadipo is a Theravada autobiography, and it's interesting to note that Huang Po (the great Chinese Zen master) is a profound inspiration to the author.

## Weeds, weeds, weeds everywhere!

How lucky we are for having so much rain! And yet, with all this rain, the temple gardens are being overtaken by weeds. There are weeds in the makai gardens, weeds in the side garden (behind the restrooms) and weeds in the mauka gardens (vegetable and flower beds), and weeds everywhere else, including the cemetery. If weeding is your thing, we'd love to have your help, either at our weekly Friday morning samu clean up or any other time that's convenient for you. Please call Rev. Jiko at 322-3524 if you'd like to volunteer.



Our volunteers share an ono lunch every Friday after "samu" work is pau.



## October Dharma Programs

**Dharma Study Classes** - Tuesdays, **October 10, 17, 24, & 31** 4:00 p.m to 5:00 p.m.

We will continue our study of the book *Zen Living* by Domyo Sater Burk. All are welcome. Call Rev. Jiko at (808) 322-3524 for further information.

**Family Sangha Services:** Sharing the Dharma with Children - **Sundays, October 15, 22, & 29** at 9:30 a.m. Child-friendly 45-minute services which include yoga, zazen, chanting, singing, & Dharma lessons. Field trip to Tibetan Buddhist temple on November 5. For children of all ages and their parents & grandparents.

### **Zazen (Meditation)**

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

\* Thursdays, **October 12 & 26** 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.

**Shakyo & Shabutsu Art Meditation** - **Saturday, October 7** 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.

**Buddhist Movie Night** — **Thursday, October 19** at 7:00 p.m. in the Kannon Hall. “Master of Zen,” the story of Bodhidharma’s life, will be featured. In Chinese with English subtitles. 95 minutes. Bring a mug for tea.

**Baikako Plum Blossom Choir Practice** - Sunday, **October 1** from 7:45 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.

**The Gay Sangha** - **Friday, October 6** 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.



## Open House Mahalo

from Barbara Shoshin Bosz and Mitch Tam, Open House Co-chairs

Our Temple Open House, which was held on August 20, was a success, thanks to all of our temple groups, members, friends & family, and our community. The Open House was an invitation for all to come in and see the temple, be greeted by our sangha & learn what goes on. You were all so friendly & welcoming!

The displays, demos, games, & entertainment showed off the many ways people are & can be involved. The hilarious musical chairs, the thunderous taiko, the beautiful orchids, the antique Japanese shave ice machine in action, our gift shop treasures, & all our other groups, will only be found together here at Daifukuji Soto Mission. It's special because of our sangha.... well done, everyone!

We extend an arigato gozaimashita to all who helped, participated and came out for the event. All efforts, big and small, were needed and are appreciated.

We give special thanks to Janet Ota from California who mailed boxes of school supplies and prizes to us. How unexpected & thoughtful! They mixed well with the gift certificates from Choice Mart and Gypsea Gelato. It made for a wide variety of gifts to select from. Thank you for supporting us.



We also had generous donations of Kona Coffee, pickled mangos, kabocha pumpkins and lemons from Dale & Larry Yoshiyama. Abundant sharing of abundance. Mahalo nui loa!

Rev. Jiko said that the Open House fulfilled its purpose and more. Yay! We want our temple to grow and thrive. We all play a part in making that happen.

Your comments or suggestions for making it better next year are always welcome.



## Mahalo Nui Loa

A big mahalo to Geoffrey Hand and the scouts of SNI Boy Scout Troop 15 for repairing & painting our women's restroom ramp & handrail and installing grab bars inside the stalls. The scouts, their parents, and scout leaders also power washed the steps of our temple, columbarium, and social hall and repainted all of the faded yellow safety strips. Geoffrey, who is also a member of Kona Daifukuji Taiko, coordinated this Eagle Scout project, saying that this was a way for him to express his gratitude to Daifukuji for the support that the temple community has given him over the years.



We send our warmest mahalo to Geoffrey, who's headed off to college, and to the members of SNI Troop 15. Thanks are also extended to Kurt Meguro, manager of Ace Hardware in the Kealahou Ranch Center, for the shop's donation of all of the needed supplies for this project.



We also express our heartfelt appreciation to artist & sangha member Tina Cintron for donating her time and expertise toward the repair and restoration of some of our temple's precious 33 Kannon figures. Tina has been driving all the way to Kona from her residence in Puna to work on this project, which she has embraced with joy and devotion. Thank you, Tina!

## Thank You to My Dharma Teachers

by Rev. Jiko Nakade



In the span of just two weeks I received news of the passing of two Buddhist teachers who had made a profound impact upon my life: Dr. Alfred Bloom, who passed away on August 25th in Honolulu, and Rev. Hakudo Sato, who passed away on September 4th in Toyama, Japan. I think of the both of them with great gratitude, cherish their teachings, and send thoughts of sympathy and comfort to their families.

Dr. Alfred Bloom was one of my professors in the Department of Religion at the University of Hawaii at Manoa. In the 80's I took his Japanese Religions class and New Religions class, and spent a semester working on the translation of several chapters of the *Shobogenzo* under his guidance. I was always impressed by his amazing intellect and passion for the study of religion and by the fact that he was also an ordained Shin Buddhist teacher. Dr. Bloom was a scholar, a theologian, and a humble man of sincere faith. To my husband Michael and myself, Al Sensei was also what the Buddha called a *kalyana mitta*, a loving, caring spiritual friend who was also our mentor and advisor. When we got married at the Soto Mission of Hawaii, Al Sensei and his wife Dorothy were our marriage witnesses. When they moved to Berkeley where sensei became Dean of the Institute of Buddhist Studies, we followed and lived in Berkeley, too. There, Mike pursued an M.A. in the philosophy of religion and I had the privilege of working for Al Sensei, who had developed a correspondence course on Shin Buddhism. At all of the key points in our lives, Al Sensei and Dot were there for the two of us and our children. Even when my *shuso hossenshiki* ceremony was held here at Daifukuji, they flew over from Oahu to witness this important milestone in my priest training. *Al Sensei, okagesama de, thanks to you, I am here today. From my heart, I thank you for the guidance, encouragement, love, and support that you've given my family over the years. Namo Amida Butsu.*



I was four years old when Rev. Hakudo Sato and his wife Takako arrived at Daifukuji in 1965. As Daifukuji's 7th minister, Rev. Sato served our sangha for 11 years before returning to Japan. The three Sato children, Faye, Ray, and Glenn, were all born in Hawaii. Rev. Sato was a Soto Zen teacher of tremendous zeal. I remember him chanting the sutras with great energy and wiping the perspiration that dripped off his face. As a child in the Daifukuji Sunday School, I looked up at this powerful sensei in awe. He taught the children to chant the *Hannya Shingyo* and to say "We follow the teachings of the Buddha" in Japanese. He and Mrs. Sato, a gracious and kind *okusan* (minister's wife), also taught Japanese Language School, along with the Japanese cultural arts. Together, they taught the Dharma and built up the Daifukuji Baikako choir and membership.

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It was under Rev. Sato's tenure that the Daifukuji columbarium was constructed, the road paved with asphalt, and the 60th anniversary of Daifukuji celebrated. In 2014 when we celebrated Daifukuji's 100th anniversary, Rev. and Mrs. Sato and their daughter Faye came. They had held our temple and sangha dear to their hearts for many years and, for many of our members, it was a tearful reunion. How fortunate we were to have had Sato Sensei officiate one of our centennial services! When he and Mrs. Sato spoke, their warmth enveloped us all. *Sato Sensei, okagesama de, we are here today. On behalf of the members of Daifukuji Soto Mission, I thank you for your great Dharma work, teachings, and guidance. Namu Shakamuni Butsu.*

## A Thousand Arms of Compassion



“Wow, is that a new statue?” people say when noticing the exquisite white thousand-armed Kannon-sama which now illuminates what was once a dark corner of our main hall. Thanks to the generosity of temple member Nancy Kurihara, Daifukuji is the recipient of a very fine porcelain Bodhisattva of Compassion. Her presence in the main hall, which has until now been occupied solely by male Dharma figures — Shakyamuni Buddha, Dogen Zenji, Keizan Zenji, Bodhidharma, and Daigen Shuri Bosatsu — “balances the energy of the temple,” according to one member who was immediately drawn to the gentle feminine energy that this statue exudes.

When you have a chance, look closely at the figures that are at the base of the statue. They are the characters in the famous Chinese novel *Journey to the West*, otherwise known as *Monkey*. This is a story about the legendary pilgrimage of the Buddhist monk Zuanzang who travelled to Central Asia and India to get Buddhist sutras and returned to China after encountering much hardship along the way. You can find this novel in our temple library. (See page 3.)

Please join us for a blessing of this Kannon-sama statue on Sunday, October 8 following the morning's Daruma-ki and Eitaikyo service. We thank Nancy Kurihara for this precious gift.

## Addressing Homelessness in Our Community

*Last year 104 families were homeless on Hawai'i Island. Through a community-wide effort 50% of those families were housed, but the work isn't finished. Faith groups hold a key role in ending family homelessness.*

These words were taken from a flyer sent to Daifukuji from the Office of the Governor along with an invitation to attend the West Hawaii Faith-based Summit to End Family Homelessness. This event, to be held on September 27 at the Old Airport Pavilion, will be a gathering of the faith-based community with the non-profit sector to address family homelessness.

We are looking for a member who's interested in this area of service and who'd be willing to represent Daifukuji at future Summits & report back to us. If you would like to do this, please inform Rev. Jiko.

For more information on the Summit to End Family Homelessness, please visit [www.konafbs.com](http://www.konafbs.com).



## Project Dana Program for Temple Seniors

Kupuna and volunteers, a Halloween costume parade will be held at our October 11th Project Dana gathering.

Daifukuji seniors age 60 & above are invited to join Project Dana. Call Joyce at (808) 329-3833 or Rev. Jiko at 322-3524.



## Coming up in November.....

November 5.....Family Sangha Field Trip

November 8..... Project Dana

November 15.....Kannon-ko Service

November 19.....Thanksgiving Service

Zazenkai Meeting

November 22.....Regency at Hualalai

Service

November 26....General Clean Up

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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
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- 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
1 7:45 AM Baikako Practice 9:30 AM Family Service	2 5:00 PM Youth Taiko 7:30 PM Happy Strummers	3 9:00 AM T'ai Chi 4:00 PM Dharma Study 5:30 PM Zen Taiko	4 6:00 AM Zazen 9:00 AM Japanese song class 12:00 PM T'ai Chi 5:00 PM Youth Taiko 7:00 PM Fujinkai	5 9:00 AM T'ai Chi 5:30 PM Zen Taiko 7:00 PM Temple Board	6 7:30 AM Samu 6:00 PM Gay Sangha	7 8:00 AM Shakyo 9:30 AM Youth Taiko
8 Daruma-ki Kannon Blessing 9:30AM Eitaikyo Service	9 Columbus Day 5:00 PM Youth Taiko	10 9:00 AM Bare Bones Writers 9:00 AM T'ai Chi 4:00 PM Dharma Study 5:30 PM Zen Taiko	11 Project Dana 8:30 am 6:00 AM Zazen 12:00 PM T'ai Chi 5:00 PM Youth Taiko 7:00 PM Orchid Club	12 9:00 AM T'ai Chi 5:30 PM Zen Taiko 6:30 PM Evening Zazen	13 7:30 AM Samu 7:00 PM Sangha Sisters	14 9:30 AM Youth Taiko
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