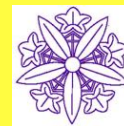


Daifukuji Soto Mission

Where Compassion Blooms



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June, 2024

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See "archives" on our website for previous newsletters.

From June 13 - June 18, Daifukuji will be closed and all services, activities, and programs cancelled due to the complete resurfacing of the Daifukuji parking lot. There will be no access to the cemetery and columbarium. We will reopen on June 19. Questions? Call (808) 322-3524.



Rev. Jigaku & Mr. Brent Takenouchi, Rev. Jiko, & Deacon Jikai

Obon Service: Honoring Our Ancestors

Sunday, June 30, 2024

10:00 a.m.

All are invited to attend Daifukuji's Obon service. Toba dedications will be recited by the minister in memory of departed loved ones and family ancestors, and a Dharma message will be given by Rev. Jigaku Takenouchi of Taishoji Soto Mission.

As a Sangha, we will gather to offer our love and support to those who are observing their departed family member's first Obon, known as Hatsubon. The following are the names of the departed for whom this will be a first Obon:

Chase Matsumoto, Fusao Sugai, Chiyoko Nakamoto, Kimiko Ikeda, Judie Fekete, Kenichi Komeno, Yasuo Nakamoto, Aaron Wolfe, Michael Asada, Yoshiko Faye Osako, Joyce Hirano, Sakae Oshima, Stanley Harai, and Fujiko Akamatsu.

The toba request form for memorial dedications was sent out in the May newsletter and is available online: <https://www.daifukuji.org/newsletter/2024/may24news.pdf>. You may also pick up a form at Daifukuji or request that one be sent to you. **The deadline for toba requests is May 31.**

Following the Obon service all are invited to stay for the fellowship luncheon. Please join us. By bringing your own plate, utensils, and mug, you will be helping our planet.

Donations of flowers are appreciated and may be delivered to the temple by Friday, June 28. If you are able to donate flowers, please inform Rev. Jiko (808-322-3524, rev.jiko@daifukuji.org). The Gift Shop will be open for an hour before and after the service.



Warm Aloha from Reverend Jikō

Aloha Sangha members and friends,

On Mother's Day, thanks to Reiko's good instruction, I enjoyed making a ti-leaf lei for the first time. Looking around the room at Barb Shōshin showing others how to string flower leis using a variety of colorful, fragrant blossoms, I thought of the line "Our sangha is a lei" from our Daifukuji Centennial Song. Our sangha is truly a lei of beautiful hearts.

There will be many opportunities this summer for our sangha to gather in joyful harmony — the Obon service, Orchid Show, Bon Dance practice sessions, and the Bon Dances themselves — many of them, all around our island. Summer is the season when our energies flow outward and blend together like the warm colors of a Kona sunset. We celebrate being together in community.

I look forward to seeing you and, perhaps, dancing beside you. This year, we have a new dance to share which is a Daifukuji original — a lively, upbeat Japanese song composed and sung by our very own Kai Ioh and set to dance steps by our very own choreographer Randal Smith. The title of the song? It is "Sumairu" in Japanese, meaning "Smile" in English. I'm sure that it will make you "sumairu!"

Namu kie butsu. Namu kie hō. Namu kie sō.

In gasshō,

Jikō Nakade



Kannon-ko Service and Talk on "Bishop Mitsumyo Tottori Memorial Notebooks" by Professor Jessica Falcone

Wednesday, June 19 10 a.m. Service 11 a.m. Talk Refreshments

Dr. Jess Falcone, our sangha member who is Professor of Anthropology at Kansas State University, will be giving an educational lecture about Bishop Mitsumyo Tottori, a Buddhist priest in Hawaii who was not interned during WWII. She will share what she learned about him through her research at the Smithsonian.

You may come for both the Kannon service and her talk, or just for her talk. All are invited to stay for tea. Donations of refreshments are appreciated.

Kona Daifukuji Orchid Club's 39th Annual Show & Sale

June 9, 2024
Sunday 8:00 am - 12:00 pm

FREE ADMISSION

Daifukuji Soto Mission Hall
79-7241 Mamalahoa Hwy.
(next to Teshima's in Honalo)



BUY LOCALLY-GROWN ORCHIDS
DISPLAYS OF BLOOMING ORCHIDS

"HANGING AROUND WITH ORCHIDS"



- Demonstrations to begin at 9:30 am, including...

HOW TO MOUNT ON CORK

- Taiko drummers perform at 10:00 am.



Sunset Meditation

Monday evenings (Except June 17)

6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Open to all.

Daifukuji Kannon Meditation Hall

Led by members of the Zazenkai. <https://www.daifukuji.org/zazen.html>

Zazen is also offered on Wednesday & Friday mornings — with the exception of June 14 — from 6 a.m. - 7 a.m. both in person and via Zoom. Contact Rev. Jikō for the Zoom link. (808) 322-3524, rev.jiko@daifukuji.org

Kona Bon Dances



Obon Festival 2024 at Old
Airport Maka'e County
Pavilion June 15 5 - 9 pm

Daifukuji Bon Dance, Honalo
July 13 3:00 pm - 6:30 pm

Keei Hongwanji Bon Dance
July 20 6:00 pm

Kona Hongwanji Bon Dance
Kealahou July 27
6:00 pm - 10:00 pm

Kona Koyasan Daishiji Bon
Dance, Holualoa
August 10 6:30 p.m.



Kōkua Requested for Temple & Grounds Clean Up

Sunday, June 23 8:00 a.m.

Sangha members, friends, and temple groups, kindly lend us a hand cleaning our temple and grounds for O-Bon. We'll begin with a short meditation inside the temple at 8:00 a.m.

Please bring rags, buckets, gloves, and garden tools labelled with your name. Refreshments will be provided by the temple. Please bring your own water bottle, plate, and utensils to help us reduce landfill waste.

Any amount of time that you are able to offer will be appreciated. These big clean up days are held twice a year and many volunteers are needed. Questions? Call Shaun at (808) 936-9815.



Daifukuji Zen Taiko News

Congratulations to Kai and Kumiko Ioh, Sharlene Gee, Cheryl Obana, Etsuko Miller, and John Hamm for completing Daifukuji Zen Taiko's introductory classes. After showing their families and friends what they had learned, students were given certificates from sensei Amy Nakade and senpai Lori Uchimura.

An adult taiko group, Daifukuji Zen Taiko meets on Tuesday and Thursday evenings in the Hisashi Kimura Cultural Hall. For information, contact Lori at (808) 895-8565 uchimuralori@gmail.com.



Project Dana's May Gathering

Kupuna and volunteers of Daifukuji's Project Dana senior activity program observed Boy's Day, also known as Children's Day in Japan, at their May 8th gathering. Reiko Sekine taught the seniors how to fold samurai "kabuto" helmets out of newspaper; Amy Nakade, with the help of Ann Nakamoto, demonstrated taiko drum patterns for the seniors to drum on their laps. Clyde Ikeda made sure that everyone went home with a lovely orchid plant as a bingo prize.

Temple members ages 60 and above are welcome to join Project Dana's monthly activity days for seniors. For information, please call Joyce at (808) 329-3833 or Rev. Jiko at (808) 322-3524.

We will set up for our Bon Dance at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, July 13. Clean up will take place on Sunday, July 14 at 9:00 a.m. Help is appreciated.



Daifukuji Soto Mission Bon Dance

“Celebrating Community & Honoring Ancestors”

Saturday, July 13, 2024
3:00 PM - 6:30 PM

Public Welcome

Free Admission

We invite you to join our Obon festivities and enjoy the dancing, taiko drumming, Zumba, and fellowship. The temple's gift shop will be open. Purchase snacks and drinks at Kona Daifukuji Taiko's food booth.

Free Bon Dance practice sessions from 7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. will be offered by sensei Winnie Kimura in the Social Hall. Beginners are welcome.

Practice Sessions

June 4, 11 & 25 (No practice on June 18)

July 2, 4, 9, & 11

79-7241 Mamalahoa Hwy next to Teshima's Restaurant in Honalo.

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June Activities (More activities listed at <https://www.daifukuji.org/activities.html>)

Dharma Keiki - Sunday, June 2 from 9:30 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. - both in person and via Zoom. The June 16th meeting is cancelled. A Dharma program for children of preschool age to grade 3 and their parents. Siblings welcome. By donation. Bring a healthy snack to share. For information and to register, see flyer on page 7.

Zazen (Meditation) - Zazen is offered in person and via Zoom every Wednesday and Friday from 6:00 a.m. - 7:00 a.m. Wednesday zazen is followed by 20 minutes of chanting. Sunset meditation is held on Monday evenings from 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Practitioners are asked to arrive 10-15 minutes prior to the starting time. Contact Rev. Jiko at rev.jiko@daifukuji.org to receive the Zoom link for morning zazen sessions. **No zazen to be held on June 14 and June 17.**

Shakyo (Tracing the Sutras) & Shabutsu (tracing pictures of buddhas) - **Saturday, June 1** from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. in the Social Hall. All are welcome. By donation.

Daifukuji Gay Sangha - Not meeting in June. Next meeting on July 5 at 5:30 p.m. For information, call Clear Hōun at (808) 328-0329.

Sangha Sisters Women's Spirituality Circle - Call Susie at (808) 936-5817 for information.

T'ai Chi - All classes are one hour and held inside the Hisashi Kimura Cultural Hall. \$5.00 per class. Call instructor Philip Kakuho Hema for schedule and other information: (808) 345-1492.

Soleful Strutters - T'ai Chi warm-up & walking on temple grounds at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesdays. **No meeting on June 18.** For information, please contact Hannah Israel at (408) 421-8845 or Reverend Jiko at (808) 322-3524.

Samu Fridays - Volunteers may join us for temple cleaning and grounds maintenance on Friday mornings from 8 a.m. - 10 a.m. Coffee hour & fellowship follows. Bring a snack to share. **Please note that the group will not meet on June 14 and June 21.**

Yoga — Every Monday from 8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. in the Hisashi Kimura Cultural Hall. No fee, but donations accepted. Bring a mat or towel. Call instructor Liz Aschenbrenner: (808) 345-1270 or liz217a@hotmail.com. **No yoga class on June 17.**



DHARMA KEIKI

BUDDHIST TEACHINGS FOR KIDS & THE YOUNG AT HEART

Supported by the Hawaii Soto Mission Association and administered by the
Hawaii Soto Mission Head Office

First Sunday of the Month

9:30 a.m. HST - 10:15 a.m. HST

**Via ZOOM at Your Local Hawai'i Soto Zen Buddhist Temple
or From Your Home**

- Registration is required and must be done online.
- A waiver and release of liability form must be signed.
- Adult participation is required. Zoom sessions will not be recorded by the host. Participants must agree to not record nor screenshot any part of the program or its participants.
- Children learn Buddhist teachings through music, meditation, songs, stories and mindful movement.
- Material is presented by experienced teachers.
- In support of this program, a donation may be given to one's local Hawai'i Soto Zen Temple.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT REVEREND JIKO. Call (808) 322-3524 or
send an email to: rev.jiko@daifukuji.org.**

TO REGISTER, PLEASE GO TO: <https://forms.gle/Azubjv2fbmEHUJZk6>



Our Weaver Farm mangoes were popular.



Our Kona Daifukuji Group



Selling Kona avocados at the Country Store fundraiser.

Mahalo to Taishoji for Hosting the 57th UHSSWA Conference

Mahalo from Barbara Shoshin Bosz

How marvelous to be around such people as all who attended the conference the weekend of April 27-28! Taishoji's hospitality was so heartwarming, their taiko was heart pounding, and the food delicious. I loved the services, remembrances, talks, the sharing of meals, and seeing everyone, especially Bishop Shugen Komagata, who, by the way, announced his retirement. My heart is filled with love for all who attended and made the whole weekend go smoothly. Even Hilo's rain was lovely!

With Aloha from Susie Seien Weaver

The breakfast at the temple was divine. The bylaws committee had worked very hard on the changes and deserve all of our acknowledgment. Everyone was so kind and lighthearted. The talk by Rev. Paul Ananda Normann and breakout session on Sunday was spot-on engaged Buddhism. So many beautiful offerings of art and crafts were shared at the country store fundraiser. Thank you to all who donated items for our group to take to the conference. The whole conference reflected hours of time and love.

With Gratitude from Lorraine Jitoku Tanimoto

One of the key highlights at the 57th UHSSWA conference was the fellowship — reconnecting with acquaintances and making new friends from other temples.

I would like to share an act of kindness I experienced. At Nani Mau Gardens we were given assigned tables for dinner. At my table was a gentleman from Taishoji. I asked him about a member who was always tirelessly helping the church. He didn't know this person because she had died before he became a member. Back then, she always attended our Kona Obon services and sang in the Baikako.

The following day, at the Sunday service, this man and I did not sit at the same table, but he managed to find me. He gave me the telephone number of the woman's daughter, whom I later called. Here are some things that I learned about her mother: she died at 101 years of age during the pandemic; what's more, she didn't stop driving until she reached 100 years of age. Although she and I were not related, we shared the same last name — Tanimoto. Perhaps some of our members remember her — Mrs. Kay Kazue Tanimoto. Thanks to the kindness of Mr. Albert Watanabe, I am now able to have closure about my friend Kay.

For information about the Daifukuji Fujinkai, please visit <https://www.daifukuji.org/activities/>



Renee & Bishop Shugen Komagata



Results of Awakening

by Michael Keller

In *Genjo Koan*, Dogen says, “To carry yourself forward and experience myriad things is delusion. That myriad things come forth and experience themselves is awakening.” This is the core of Soto Zen Buddhism in a nutshell.

The main aim of Soto Zen, in my understanding, is to eliminate the sense of personal self in one’s daily life. Dogen’s “to carry yourself forward” is to experience life from the standpoint of personal self. From this standpoint, a person throws a mantle of self over everything, so to speak, and supposes himself or herself to be involved in or in control of everything. This is a fictional world. In reality, Dogen says, things “come forth and experience themselves.” Experience comes at you. You don’t influence or control it.

There are important implications for us if we awaken to the truth that we don’t influence or control experience. Ramana Maharshi, a great spiritual teacher from the Hindu tradition, says,

Since the supreme power of God makes all things move, why should we, without submitting ourselves to it, constantly worry ourselves with thoughts as to what should be done and how, and what should not be done and how not? We know that the train carries all loads, so after getting on it why should we carry our small luggage on our head to our discomfort, instead of putting it down in the train and feeling at ease?

If we realize Dogen’s truth that experience comes at us, that we are not a mover of it, we can travel at ease and just watch things go by.

To read more essays by Michael Keller, visit his website <https://www.zazenessays.com/>.

Library News

by Clear Hōun Englebert

Here are the new arrivals:

Zen Wisdom for the Anxious by Shinsuke Hosokawa is a neat little book with illustrations by Ayako Taniyama. It’s Rinzai but some of the best Zen books are.

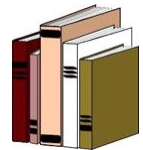
We have two wonderful books on Japanese food fermentation:

A Beginner’s Guide to Japanese Fermentation by Hiroko Shirasaki and *Nukazuke* by Nami Yamada.

The Monkey King is a beautiful children’s book by David Seow with illustrations by L.K. Tay Audouard.

Bhikkhu is a large-format book written and photographed by Kristiaan Inwood. It shows and discusses the practices of Theravada monks in Thailand.

A Sense of Something Greater by Les Kaye and Teresa Bouza is subtitled *Zen and the Search for Balance in Silicon Valley*.



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Major Service
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Samu

Special Events

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- Youth Taiko

Adult Taiko

Family Service

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