



## Daifukuji Soto Mission

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*Treasuring the Past,  
Embracing the Present*

November, 2008

## Thanksgiving Service & Ceremony for Jill Teiho

Special Guest: Bishop Shugen Komagata  
**Sunday, November 23 10:00 a.m.**

*Dear Members and Friends,*

*You are cordially invited to a special Thanksgiving service & tokudo ceremony to be held at 10 a.m. on November 23. We are honored to have the new bishop of Hawaii Soto Shu and former minister of Daifukuji, Bishop Shugen Komagata, joining us that morning to take part in a precepts ceremony for Jill Teiho Wagner, who will be formally inducted into the Hawaii Soto Shu Ministers Training Program. Please come out to greet & congratulate Bishop Komagata & Teiho.*

*Rev. Jiko asks that you bring to this service some canned goods for the Hawaii Island Food Basket. Flowers for the altar may be dropped off by Nov. 21.*

*A luncheon prepared by the Fujinkai will be held following the service. All are invited to stay for lunch and fellowship.*

**Happy Thanksgiving!**

## Temple & Grounds Clean Up

**Sunday, November 30 8:00 a.m.**

Twice a year we humbly ask our members & temple groups to help us clean our temple and grounds. Our next general clean up will take place on Sunday, November 30 starting at 8 a.m. We will start the clean up with a prayer inside the temple.

Please bring rags, garden tools, and buckets. It's best to label your things. Refreshments will be provided.

Daifukuji is our spiritual home. Let's take pride in keeping it beautiful. Please [kokuu](#).



**Happy Halloween  
from Spiderman  
Chirio!**

**View photos in color on the Daifukuji Website [www.daifukuji.org](http://www.daifukuji.org) (newsletter link-Nov.) You may also request to receive your newsletter via e-mail.**



**Fujinkai Lunch at Puuopelu Historic Home in Waimea, September 20**

## **From the desk of our temple president...**

Dear Members and Friends,

The holiday season is just around the corner. We are so blessed to live in the islands, where nearly all the time it is so beautiful.....summer or winter. As the season heats up & life gets busier, let's think of slowing down and taking time to be with our family and friends. This is the most important thing we can do. Gift giving is a nice thing but a hug is such a good thing for the heart. Giving love is the greatest gift we have to give.

Many of you have seen that the Jizo-do is finished. We had the blessing. For those of you that have not had an opportunity to look closely at it, I invite you to do so. The Jizo-do has been reconstructed as an exact replica of the original, except for the copper roof. The original roof was wrought iron. You will notice that the ceiling inside is now as it was in the beginning. We are hoping that this building will last at least fifty years and beyond. Many thanks to the people who



made special donations for its reconstruction.

I also want to inform you that we will be installing a septic tank in the temple yard to replace our cesspool. This is required by the EPA. When construction starts there will be some inconvenience with parking. I ask for your patience and understanding during this time.

Keep joy in your heart and send aloha from your lips.

Gassho,  
Jan Bovard



**Bonnie Barnes Presents Certificate to Tatsuki Kusunoki at Project Dana Celebration, October 8**



Quite the pair! Jean & Myles Ikeda at Aiea Taiheiji's 90th Anniversary Celebration in Waikiki, Oct. 12

## Coffee Festival News

**Nov. 13 Manju Making 7:00 a.m.**  
**Nov. 15 Bento Making 3:00 a.m.**

The 38th annual Kona Coffee Cultural Festival is coming up, and once again, our Fujinkai will be selling their famous bentos and manju at the Hale Halawai on November 15. Fujinkai members, if you are able to help, please kokua in baking manju on Nov. 13 at 7 a.m. and in making *oishii obento* on Nov. 15 starting at 3 a.m.

Those who signed up to donate ingredients, please drop off your items no later than Nov. 12. Monetary donations to the Fujinkai for purchasing ingredients are also being accepted.

Questions? Please call Michiko at 329-2055.

Let's all celebrate our rich Kona Coffee heritage!

## In Memoriam

To the family of the late Takao Ide, 86, who passed away in Honolulu on October 10, 2008, we express our deepest sympathy. We are grateful for all that Takao did for Daifukuji.

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

## Domo Arigato

Our warmest mahalo to the Daifukuji Sanzenkai (Zazenkai) for donating the cleaning of the meditation room carpet! (The carpet in the main hall was professionally cleaned at the same time.)

## Mantokuji Japan Tour 2009

Our sister temple on Maui, the Mantokuji Soto Mission of Paia, is inviting interested persons to join their 2009 Japan tour.

When: March 23 - April 5, 2009

Cost: Approximately \$4,500 (decreases if more people go)

Where: Osaka, Kyoto, Awara Onsen, Eiheiji, Wajima, Toyama, Gero Onsen, Hakone, Sojiji, Tokyo

Deadline: Need to commit by Nov. 30

If interested, call Rev. Oyama at (808) 579-8051.



Candles for Peace Lighting Up Our World  
 HAIB Peace Service, September 27



**Project Dana Costume Contest Judges**  
 Anna Kaku, Myra Ikeda, Vivian Ontai, & Rev. Jiko

## **Library News**

*by Clear Englebert*

The Dewey Decimal System has been used in libraries since about the 1870's. I have the 11th edition (1979) of the classification manual and in it are close to 200 entries for Christianity and only one for Buddhism (#294.3). Most librarians weren't Buddhist and weren't aware of the vast store of Buddhist literature. And it is only recently that some of the richness of Buddhist knowledge is being written in English. Daifukuji has joined the trend of Buddhist libraries to reflect the many traditions and categories of Buddhist writing. All that is to say --- the books are now in order by subject and the subjects are labeled on the shelves. Browsing was never so much fun, and we are very thankful to the libraries at Shasta Abbey and the San Francisco Zen Center for giving us a clue as to how to proceed. The 294 part of the cataloguing number stands for Religions of Indic Origin and the .3 denotes Buddhism. To simplify the organizing we are moving toward call numbers for the

Buddhist books that just begin with .3. All the other categories (Japanese culture and the Japanese experience in Hawaii and Kona) will continue to have their full Dewey Decimal numbers.

The latest new arrivals are:

“Awakening the Buddha Within” by Surya Das

“A Buddhist Bible” by Dwight Goddard

“The Buddhist World” by Anne Bancroft

“The Diamond Sutra and The Sutra of Hui Neng” translated by A. F. Price and Wong Mou-Lam

“The Four Noble Truths” a set of four audio tapes by the Dalai Lama

“A Hawaii Japanese New Year with Yuki-chan” a delightful children's book translated by Tokie Ching and illustrated by Kerina Salazar

“Heart of Serene Reflection Meditation” by Jiyu Kennett, a CD lecture on the Shobogenzo

“The Journey to the West, Volume 1” translated by Wu Anthony Yu. This novel is commonly known as “Monkey”. It is the world's oldest novel and it is Buddhist, based on Hsuan-tsang's famous pilgrimage to India to obtain Buddhist scriptures to bring back to China. The library now has three translations of this enchanting book. The translation I read was by Arthur Waley and I could hardly put it down!

“Kindness: A Treasury of Buddhist Wisdom for Children and Parents” a very

wonderful children's book by Sarah Conover

"No Death, No Fear: Comforting Wisdom for Life" by Thich Nhat Hanh

"Prince of Dharma: The Illustrated Life of the Buddha" a beautiful large-format book by Ranchor Prime and illustrated by B. G. Sharma

"Psychotherapy East & West" by Alan W. Watts

"Sayings of Buddha" by Boyd Hanna

"The World's Great Religions, Volume 1: Religions of the East" by Life Magazine Editors

"Zen and the Beat Way" by Alan W. Watts

"Zen: Tradition & Transition" edited by Kenneth Kraft

## **A Prayer for Peace** *by Rev. Reiju Suzie Dorian of Holualoa*

(Rev. Reiju, a student of Rev. Joshin of the Zen Community of Oak Park, wrote this prayer for the HAIB Peace Service held at Daifukuji in September.)

As we come together this evening to pray for Peace in our world, we begin by cultivating Peace in our own hearts. We understand through the wisdom of the Buddha's words and our individual experience that there can be no lasting Peace out there, without cultivating Peace in here.

For our families: may we extend love and understanding to those closest to us...may we be willing to do the most difficult work of allowing others to be other. May we respect both our children and our elders; may we aspire to listen to what is alive in their hearts

without judgment or fear. May we be a source of support and kindness to them throughout all space and time.

In this year of the Presidential Campaign: may we remain steadfast in our discernment of those entrusted with the leadership of this great nation. May they and each of their advisors find calmness in the face of storms, encouragement in the face of frustration, and humility in the face of triumph.

As people of these United States of America: may this good and generous country be a blessing to all the nations of the world. Let us continue to work together for the closing of the prison at Guantanamo Bay and all such detention centers of terror and torture in every corner of the globe. May we fulfill the hopes of our founding fathers by coming together in service of the collective highest good.

As people of the World: may our sincere efforts to effect climate change protect the planet for all the eons to come.

For those in the extremity of death and disease, loss and suffering: may we expand the human heart to hear your cries and respond with wise compassion. From cyclones and earthquakes, to hurricanes, landslides, and wildfires, may the survivors find kinship and closeness within the wake of devastation and despair. May they be restored to wholeness with the courage and strength to begin anew.

We dedicate tonight's Service for Peace here at Daifukuji Soto Mission to all beings in the various realms--to the countless spiritual beings who are starved for the Dharma, to those in the lower realms of existence, and to all those who hinder the Way. May they be satisfied with our offering of the Dharma, cultivate right wisdom, liberate all beings, and allow the seed of wisdom to flourish forevermore.

Guess who's behind the mask. Give up? It's Yaeko Hakoda, being dressed up by Nancy Kurihara.



## Thanksgiving Greetings

*from Rev. Jiko Nakade*

Happy Thanksgiving to all of you, dear members and Dharma friends!

Looking at the photos scattered throughout this newsletter, I realize how much fun we have as a sangha. We not only gather for services and meditation, we also go *holo holo*, celebrate special occasions, and enjoy Dharma fellowship in all its many forms. As Jan wrote in her message, giving love is the greatest gift we have to give. The life of our Sangha reflects this great spirit of loving and giving.

Thanksgiving is coming up and I am feeling tremendously thankful for all of you. You continuously share your light and love with all of us at Daifukuji & make our temple the bright lamp that it is in our Kona community. Thank you, dear members and friends, for contributing to the collective happiness of our sangha.

We all know that life is a bumpy road, strewn with potholes and debris, hills to climb, and rivers to cross. As Buddhists, we also know that there is a path out of

suffering and that, as we walk this Noble Eightfold Path together, we find that our suffering diminishes and our sense of peace and joy increases.

This Path, as taught by the Buddha Shakyamuni, is precious beyond words. I invite you to come out and learn. Starting January 2009, I will be sharing with you a DVD series called "Mutually Sustaining Life: A Buddhist Call to a Troubled World" at Dharma study & meditation sessions on Thursday evenings. Information about this will be available in next month's newsletter.

Life is like the stock market: impermanent. Life is like our global economy: interdependent. When we don't understand the changing nature of life, we suffer. Always, we are being offered opportunities to awaken.

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving! I hope to see many of you at the temple on November 23rd.

In gassho, with love and aloha,  
Jiko Sensei



### COMING UP IN DECEMBER

Rohatsu Sesshin      Dec. 1-8  
 Bodhi Day Jodo-e Service    Dec. 7  
 Ofudayaki & Kannon-ko    Dec. 17  
 Mochitsuki    Dec. 28  
 New Year's Blessing Service    Dec. 31

# Sangha Photo Gallery



HAIB Peace Service, Sept. 27



Project Dana Kupunas



Waimea Field Trip, Sept. 20



Project Dana Volunteers



Offering Their Gift of Hula & Chant

# November 2008

| October 2008 |    |    |    |    |    |    | November 2008 |    |    |    |    |    |    | December 2008 |    |    |    |    |    |    |   |
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- Aikido
- Youth Taiko
- Adult Taiko
- Family Service
- Major Service
- Fujinkai
- Kannon-ko Service
- Project Dana
- Zazen
- Sangha Sisters
- Special Events
- Baikako Practice
- Dharma Study
- Happy Strummers
- Temple Board
- Untitled
- Teen Sangha
- calendar
- Orchid Club
- Samu

| Sunday  | Monday  | Tuesday                                     | Wednesday  | Thursday   | Friday  | Saturday                                     |
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| 26<br>9:30 AM Family Service                            | 27<br>5:00 PM Youth Taiko                               | 28<br>5:00 PM Aikido<br>6:30 PM Adult Taiko | 29<br>6:00 AM Zazen<br>3:00 PM Youth Taiko for Beginners<br>5:00 PM Youth Taiko                                    | 30<br>6:00 PM Aikido   | 31<br>8:00 AM Samu<br>6:00 PM Adult Taiko                           | 1  |
| 2<br>8:00 AM Zazen<br>9:30 AM Family Service            | 3<br>5:00 PM Youth Taiko<br>7:30 PM Happy Strummers     | 4<br>5:00 PM Aikido<br>6:30 PM Adult Taiko  | 5<br>6:00 AM Zazen<br>3:00 PM Youth Taiko for Beginners<br>5:00 PM Youth Taiko<br>8:00 PM Fujinkai                 | 6<br>6:00 PM Aikido  | 7<br>8:00 AM Samu<br>6:00 PM Adult Taiko                            | 8  |
| 9<br>8:00 AM Baikako Practice<br>9:30 AM Family Service | 10<br>5:00 PM Youth Taiko<br>7:00 PM Bon Dance Practice | 11<br>5:00 PM Aikido<br>6:30 PM Adult Taiko | 12<br>Project Dana 8:30 A.M.<br>6:00 AM Zazen<br>3:00 PM Youth Taiko<br>5:00 PM Youth Taiko<br>7:00 PM Orchid Club | 13<br>Manju Making 7 A.M.<br>6:00 PM Aikido<br>7:00 PM Evening Zazen | 14<br>8:00 AM Samu<br>6:00 PM Adult Taiko<br>7:00 PM Sangha Sisters | 15<br>BENTO MAKING 3 A.M.<br>COFFEE FESTIVAL |
| 16<br>9:30 AM Family Service                            | 17<br>5:00 PM Youth Taiko<br>7:30 PM Happy Strummers    | 18<br>5:00 PM Aikido<br>6:30 PM Adult Taiko | 19<br>Kannon-ko 10 A.M.<br>6:00 AM Zazen<br>3:00 PM Youth Taiko for Beginners<br>5:00 PM Youth Taiko               | 20<br>6:00 PM Aikido<br>7:00 PM Evening Zazen                        | 21<br>8:00 AM Samu<br>6:00 PM Adult Taiko                           | 22   |
| 23<br>TOKUDO SHIKI 10 A.M.<br>THANKSG...G SERVICE       | 24<br>5:00 PM Youth Taiko                               | 25<br>5:00 PM Aikido<br>6:30 PM Adult Taiko | 26<br>6:00 AM Zazen<br>3:00 PM Youth Taiko for Beginners<br>5:00 PM Youth Taiko                                    | 27<br>HAPPY THANKSGIVING!<br>6:00 PM Aikido                          | 28<br>6:00 PM Adult Taiko   | 29   |
| 30<br>KOKUA NEEDED<br>CLEAN UP DAY 8 A.M.               | 1<br>5:00 PM Youth Taiko<br>7:30 PM Happy Strummers     | 2<br>5:00 PM Aikido<br>6:30 PM Adult Taiko  | 3<br>6:00 AM Zazen<br>3:00 PM Youth Taiko for Beginners<br>5:00 PM Youth Taiko<br>8:00 PM Fujinkai                 | 4<br>6:00 PM Aikido<br>8:00 PM Temple Board                          | 5<br>8:00 AM Samu<br>6:00 PM Adult Taiko                            | 6  |