

Daifukuji Soto Mission

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Treasuring the Past, Embracing the Present May, 2010

Bazaar Coming Up

Sunday, May 2 9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Temple members are getting ready for this year's grand bazaar, which is being coordinated by Alfreida Fujita (329-3457) and Mike Asada (323-9747). Items for the bazaar may be dropped off at the social hall beginning **April 18**. Whether you are able to help or not, we hope you'll come out to the bazaar to enjoy the event & fellowship.

Set up will happen on Sat., May 1 at 8:00 a.m. We need our young & ablebodied members to carry tables & put up the tents. Please see p. 5 for bazaar guidelines and committees.

Kannon-ko Service Changed to May 26

This month's Kannon-ko service will be held on the 4th Wednesday, May 26, at 10:00 a.m. We always dedicate the merit & energy of loving-kindness that arise from these Kannon services to the well being of all Daifukuji members & friends. If you have a dedication request for a family member or friend who is ill, please call Rev. Jiko prior to the service.

Memorial Day Service & The Blessing of Our Graduates

Sunday, May 30

9:30 a.m.

Prayers for peace and a blessing of our sangha's high school graduates will be the focus of Daifukuji's Memorial Day service and baccalaureate ceremony to be held May 30 at 9:30 a.m. Guest speaker will be temple member **Bobby Command**, who is one of four executive assistants to Mayor Billy Kenoi and who worked as a newspaper reporter for 25 years at West Hawaii Today.

A luncheon to honor the graduates will follow the service. All are invited. We congratulate the following students who will be graduating in June:

Kellie Abe, daughter of Michele Oshima-Abe & Nathan Abe

Lindsay Dahl, daughter of Kellie Sugai-Dahl and Curtis Dahl

Scott Koseda, son of Corinne Oshima-Koseda & Charles Koseda

If you know of any other graduate, please inform Rev. Jiko as soon as possible so that an invitation can be sent.

Mother's Day Service Sunday, May 9

9:30 a.m.

Happy Mother's Day!

All are invited to join the family sangha in honoring mothers and grandmothers on Mother's Day. You may bring photos of the special women in your life to the service which will be held in the Kannon Hall.



Jane Okano was one of the many volunteers who helped to set up the 33 Kannon.

Library News by Clear Englebert

The newest new arrivals are:

"Unwrinkling Plays" and "Zen Telegrams" by Paul Reps

"The Beginnings of Buddhism" by Kogen Mizuno

"Journey to the West, Volume 3" translated by Anthony Yu

"Sacred Biography in the Buddhist Traditions of South and Southeast Asia" edited by Juliane Schober

"Calming Your Anxious Mind" by Jeffrey Brantley

"Taking Our Places" by Norman Fischer
"Essentials of Buddhism" by Kogen
Mizuno

"Siddhartha" by Hermann Hesse
"It's Easier Than You Think: The Buddhist
Way to Happiness" by Sylvia Boorstein

"Taming the Monkey Mind" by Thubten Chodron

"The Zen of Living and Dying: A Practical and Spiritual Guide" by Phillip Kapleau "Ten Lives of the Buddha: Siamese Temple Paintings and Jataka Tales" by Elizabeth Wray and Clare Rosenfield "The World of Buddhism" edited by Heinz Bechart & Richard Gombrich "Eternal Energy" a taiko CD by Kenny Endo

"Mt. Equity Zendo Jihoji: Abbess Installation & Shuso Hossenshiki Ceremonies" a DVD

"Sesshu's Long Scroll: A Zen Landscape Journey" by Sesshu, commentary by Reiko Chiba (a long foldout scroll)

"Seigan Ni Ikiru (Buddhist Vows to Live By)" by Soto Shu Shumucho, in Japanese "Buddha Recognizes Buddha" by Daishin Morgan (Chapter 18 is a splendid commentary on Dogen's "Fukanzazenji" and is recommended for every meditator.)

"In the Buddha's Words: An Anthology of Discourses from the Pali Canon" edited by Bhikkhu Bodhi

"A Pocketfull of Buddhist Statues: Vol. 1 & Vol. 2" by Jumon Bishin (These books are in 3D stereo, and include the glasses for viewing.)

Mahalo Nui

Thank you very much to Shiraki Dry Cleaners for donating the laundering of the table covers used in the 33 Kannon Osunafumi pilgrimage.

Arigato to the Daifukuji zazenkai for preparing the Hanamatsuri lunch, to the temple teens & advisors for decorating the flower shrine, and to the family sangha for a delightful Buddha Day skit.



Rev. John Myoshin Lang of the Taishoji Soto Mission in Hilo welcomed our group with aloha. Thank you, Taishoji dharma friends!

Family Sangha Field Trip

On March 28, our family sangha journeyed to Hilo to attend the 9 a.m. service at the Taishoji Soto Mission, where we were warmly welcomed by Rev. Myoshin Lang and members of his temple. After enjoying some delicious snacks and delightful fellowship at our sister temple, our group went on to visit the 'Imiloa Astronomy Center and to have lunch in the center's packed Sky Garden Restaurant.

For information on joining the family sangha, please call Rev. Jiko (322-3524) or Jill Teiho (325-2377).

Temple Board Report

The Daifukuji Board, under the leadership of president Walter Kimura, discussed the following items at its April 1st meeting.

The cemetery improvement committee is working on a project to build a paved wheelchair path to the nokotsudo, create more parking spaces along the road leading to the cemetery, & add a safe walkway to the cemetery pavilion that would extend into the center of the cemetery.

Daifukuji will be hosting the autumn meeting of the Hawaii Soto Mission Association the weekend of Oct. 23 -24.

An aloha committee of temple greeters whose job is to welcome newcomers is being formed. (To volunteer, see Rev. liko.)

At big events, we request that our ablebodied members park "up mauka," leaving the parking spaces in our temple yard & lot for our temple seniors. Mahalo!



Fujinkai Workshop

Mrs. Ryusetsu Kokuzo's April 4th workshop on zen art was a s e r e n e experience for

the many Fujinkai members and friends who experienced the practice of copying a picture of Kannon-sama and also the Enmei Jikku Kannongyo sutra. A warm mahalo is extended to Mrs. Kokuzo for her gracious instruction and to Reiko Sekine for her kind assistance. Thank you

also to the UHSSWA for sponsoring this workshop.

Inspired by Mrs. Kokuzo, Rev. Jiko hopes to make the practice of zen art, especially shakyo (copying of the sutras) and shabutsu



(tracing a picture of a buddha), available to all members. Such practices bring tranquility to body, mind, and spirit, and as Mrs. Kokuzo explained, "awaken the Buddha within."



Pancake Breakfast a Success

At the April 7th Fujinkai board meeting, Hilda Sugai reported that the pancake breakfast, baked goods, and plant sale held on Feb. 27 brought in a net profit of \$3,717.02, surpassing the net profit of previous sushi sales. Thank you again to chairpersons Mayo Chinn and Ella Yasuda and to all Fujinkai members and supporters for a very successful Fujinkai pancake breakfast fundraiser. These funds are used for Fujinkai activities, such as the recent workshops and the field trip being planned for August.



In chapter four of the "Shushogi," a scripture containing the writings of Dogen Zenji, are these words:

"Kind speech" means, when meeting living beings, to think kindly of them and offer them affectionate words. To speak with a feeling of tenderness toward living beings, as if they were one's own infant, is what is meant by kind speech. We should praise the virtuous and pity the virtueless. Kind speech is fundamental to mollifying one's enemies and fostering harmony among one's friends. Hearing kind speech to one's face brightens one's countenance and pleases one's heart. Hearing kind speech indirectly leaves a deep impression. We should realize that kind speech has the power to **move the heavens."** (from "Soto School Scriptures for Daily Services and Practice")

Speaking kindly to others, regardless of circumstance, is an important practice for Buddhists. We all know that is easy to demonstrate kindness when we are happy, pleased, and well rested. Harder is it to utter kind words when we are tired, irritable, angered, or frustrated. Thus, we practice, apologize when necessary, and, with compassion for ourselves and others, take refuge, time and time again, in the Buddha, in our teachings, and in our spiritual community.

We must be ever mindful of the great harm that can be inflicted upon a fellow human being, be it a family member, friend, or acquaintance, when anger takes control of us and we utter harsh words that scar the heart of another. Decades after such an incident occurs, the eyes of those who suffer still become moist with tears whenever those harsh words are recollected.

Our Buddhist practices of mindfulness, meditation, reflection, and repentance help us cultivate the virtues that lead to happiness, harmony, and peace.

To help us in our practice of mindful speech, my husband, Michael Nakade, will be offering a free communication workshop on Thursday, June 24 at 7 p.m. in the temple's cultural hall.

Let us remember Dogen Zenji's teaching that "kind speech has the power to move the heavens."

Coming Up in June

Keauhou O-Bon Festival June 5 6 p.m. General Temple Clean Up June 13 Family Sangha Picnic June 20 Obon Memorial Service June 27 Bon Dance Sessions Every Tues. 7 p.m.

Daifukuji Soto Mission Bazaar Sunday May 2, 2010, 9:30a.m. - 1:30p.m.

Guidelines for the Bazaar:

- 1. **Donations** may be dropped off at the Daifukuji Hall <u>from April 18 to April 29, 2010</u>. Place items inside the hall with the donor's name and address. We are <u>NOT</u> able to accept old computers, large electronic equipment, exercise equipment or appliances.
- 2. Please have all rummage items cleaned. Clothing should be washed.
- 3. Donation of live plants may be dropped off from Friday, April 30th to 7:00am on May 2nd.
- 4. Donation of vegetables, fruits and other perishables may be dropped off Saturday May 1st by 4:00p.m. or Sunday May 2nd by 7:00a.m.
- 5. Donation of baked goods and food items may be dropped off Sunday May 2nd by 7:00a.m. Please label all food items and also include donor's name.
- 6. All Bazaar sale items are final; no refunds.
- 7. All members please refrain from purchasing items until 11:00am.
- 8. All members please wear your Daifukuji T-shirts. See Rev. Jiko to purchase shirts.
- 9. The Snack Shop will open at 8:30a.m. on the day of the bazaar. All other units will open at 9:30a.m.
- 10. Workers/members' vehicles should be parked at the cemetery area. Check with Chester Mitamura. Car Pool if possible.
- 11. Lunch will be provided to all workers. Meal tickets will be issued to each unit Chair by Avis Yamamoto.
- 12. At closing, each unit is responsible for cleaning their respective areas. Please check with Mike Asada before leaving premises.

Daifukuji Soto Mission Bazaar

Sunday May 2, 2010, 9:30am - 1:30pm

BAZAAR CHAIRPERSON: Alfreida Fujita (329-3457, 324-0053)

Co-Chairperson: Mike Asada (323-9747)

Secretary: Avis Yamamoto

Advisor: Rev. Jiko Nakade, Walter Kimura

BAZAAR COMMITTEES:

Publicity & Signs *Brian Yamamoto (322-3167), Mike Asada, Avis Yamamoto Finance *Joyce St. Arnault (329-3833), Renee Kimura, Myles Ota

Program *Jill Wagner (325-2377), Walter Kimura

Security *Julio Fernandez (322-2084), Stanley Oshima, Morris Kimura,

Masanobu Oga, Cristo Izumi

Produce *Jack Tabata, Tadao Sugai, Neal Sugai, Bernard Mochizuki,

James Okimoto

Garden Shop *Lorraine Tanimoto, Hilda Sugai, Take Matsumoto and Orchid Club

volunteers

RUMMAGE:

Clothing * Elaine Fernandez (322-2084), Sonya Nakamura, Merle Uyeda

Household & Misc. *Kay Ushijima (322-9964), *Kay Sugai, Jean Ikeda Books & Toys *Barbara Bosz (325-3171), Judy Fekete, Evelyn Tabata

Crafts & White Elephant *Jan Bovard, Nancy Osako, Bev. Arai, Ella Yasuda, Annette Sato

Children's Activities *Carlo Mireles (333-9338), Lisa Jacob

Massage Center *Reiko Sekine (334-1127), Velvet Repogle

FOOD: *Elsie Mochizuki (329-3316), Michiko Enomoto, Kellear Deguchi,

Akemi Iwamoto, Ann Nakamoto, Rowena Inaba, Gladys Arase,

Mac & Sumiko Morihara

Kitchen Assistants Julia Crawford, ... and all available members, please volunteer

Preserves *Kay Sugai (322-3297), Matsue Ikeda, Alfreida Fujita

Snack Shop *Ronald Iwamoto, Kay Tokumura

Facility Set up *Myles Ikeda, Clyde Ikeda, Masaru Deguchi

Electrical/PA System *Kusato Okayama

Parking *Chester Mitamura, Taichi Harada, Raymond Baltero

First Aid *Joyce St. Arnault (329-3833)

Workers' Lunch *Alfreida Fujita (329-3457), Chizuko Kudo, Karen Yamaguchi-Hall,

Thelma Matsumoto

Live Auction *Jan Bovard (322-2167)

(will take place only if we have items)

Holding Area *Brian & Avis Yamamoto (322-3167), Clyde Ikeda Clean Up Alfreida Fujita, Mike Asada, ALL MEMBERS

NOTES:

- * denotes Committee Chairpersons
- Additional help is needed and would be greatly appreciated by the various committees. Please feel free to volunteer with a committee of your choice.

Sangha Photo Gallery



33 Kannon Pilgrimage Service



Mrs. Kokuzo painting a cherry blossom branch



Fujinkai members and friends gathered for an afternoon of zen art, taught by Mrs. Ryusetsu Kokuzo of the Waipahu Soto Zen Temple Taiyoji.



Miyeko tracing the Jikku Kannongyo sutra



Family Sangha at the 'Imiloa Astronomy Center

May 2010

Sangha Sisters Temple Board Samu Youth Taiko Fujinkai Special Events Adult Taiko Kannon-ko Service Baikako Practice Bon Dance Group Family Service Project Dana Dharma Study Teen Sangha Major Service Zazen Happy Strummers Orchid Club

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