



Daifukuji Soto Mission

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*Treasuring the Past,
Embracing the Present*

June, 2011

Temple & Grounds Clean Up Day



Sunday, June 12

8:00 a.m.

Please lend us a hand in cleaning our temple & grounds for Obon. Bring rags, buckets, gloves, & garden tools. Refreshments will be provided.

Questions? Call Ron Iwamoto at 322-0147.
Your kokua is appreciated.

Daifukuji Obon Service

Sunday, June 26 10:00 a.m.

Guest Minister: Rev. Myoshin Lang,
Hilo Taishoji Soto Mission

At Obon, ancestors and departed loved ones are remembered with love and gratitude, and family and community ties are strengthened. Love & support are extended to those observing their departed loved ones' first Obon or *hatsubon*. Please join us & plan to stay for the fellowship luncheon following the service.

Daifukuji Bon Dance

Saturday, July 9



8:00 a.m. Yagura set up, hall set up, & festival preparations. We humbly ask for your kokua.

6:00 p.m. Opening service in front of yagura.

6:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. Bon Dance, Taiko Performances, Delicious Food

10:00 p.m. Bon Dance ends. Clean up.

Sunday, July 10 at 8:00 a.m. Yagura dismantling and clean up. Help needed. Onegai shimasu.

Toba Requests

Please fill out the Toba request form on the last page of this newsletter and mail or deliver it to Daifukuji Soto Mission no later than June 5.

Bon Dance Practice Sessions

It's time to brush up on those Bon dance steps! Dance instructor Winifred Kimura will be leading practice sessions in the social hall from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. on the following dates:

June 7, 14, 21, 28, 30

July 5, 7

New to bon dancing? Beginners and folks of all ages are welcome. We just do our best and have fun. Perfection is not required.

Obon Home Visits (Tanagyo)

Please call Rev. Jiko at 322-3524 if you would like to have prayers offered at your home altar during the Obon season.

Hatsubon (First Obon)

We surround with love those families who are observing their departed loved ones' first Obon, known as *hatsubon*. We send our loving thoughts to the families of the late:

Shoji "George" Yamane
Toshiko Kimura
Vernon Chang
Taketo "Papa" Sasaki
Joann Tanimoto
Fumie Nakamoto
Sueno Honda



Akemi instructing her class of beginners

O-Bon Festival 2011 at the Keauhou Shopping Center

Dance the night away to the beat of taiko drums!

June 11, 2011

6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
Keauhou Shopping Center
(Phase II Parking Lot)

Featuring:
Kona Daifukuji Taiko
Kona Hongwanji Taiko Group

Free Admission
Bon Dance, Taiko, Food, & Fun

Sponsored by Kona Hongwanji Mission
For more information, please call 323-2993.



The instructors & students of Kona Daifukuji Taiko

Jizo Prayer & Kannon-ko Service

Wednesday, June 15

10:00 a.m.



Every June a special service is held in honor of Jizo Bosatsu, the stone bodhisattva who sits outside in his beautiful red shrine.

Jizo Bosatsu, or Ojizosama as he is affectionately called (Kshitigarbha, in Sanskrit), is regarded as a protector of travelers and deceased children. Portrayed as a monk, his attributes are a wish-fulfilling gem and, sometimes, a monk's staff with six rings. Ojizosama's compassion is so great that he even descends into the hell realms to save suffering beings. The Ojizosama at Daifukuji wears a red bib-like garment called a rakusu and a purple hat.

Jizo Kotoba will be read in memory of deceased children. To offer a prayer for a child, please give his or her name to Rev. Jiko prior to the service. (Suggested donation: \$2 per kotoba)

From Your Temple President

Hello Members and Friends of Daifukuji. My last message came to you at the New Year, now long passed. With this message we are enjoying spring and preparation for summer events. Thank you all for participating in the recent Hanamatsuri and Ohigan services. After the Hanamatsuri service a temple member said to me, "This place just keeps getting better." I agree.

I take pleasure in knowing that we have a choice to continue "getting better." We

lose loved ones and friends, we suffer loses, we suffer wear and tear of our physical structure and of ourselves. Suffering is inevitable, but we can face our suffering with kindness, compassion and generosity. We can suffer together and we can rejoice together.

I hope that you will join us at the upcoming Memorial Day and baccalaureate services. I hope that your lives and our temple will continue to get better together. Thank you for all that you do for our temple and sangha.

In gassho,
Julia Crawford

Domo Arigato

Thank you very much to the members of the Daifukuji Zazenkaï for a heavenly Hanamatsuri lunch. A special mahalo to Manuel and Bernice Roberto for leading the way. We also thank kitchen head Alfreida Fujita and the many hardworking members of the Daifukuji Fujinkai who prepare many delicious meals for our sangha throughout the year.

To the Daifukuji Fujinkai, *domo arigato* for donating a 50-cup gas rice cooker to the temple.

Mahalo nui to Tyrone Ohta for volunteering his time to refurbish the columbarium niches & to Wayne Fukunaga of Hilo for repairing our leaky hall kitchen roof & ceiling. How truly blessed we are to have such giving members & friends! *Domo arigato to all!*



UHSSWA Conference

Rev. Jiko, Jill Teiho, and fourteen members of the Daifukuji Fujinkai attended the 47th annual United Hawaii Soto Shu Women's Association Conference on Maui the weekend of April 16 and 17. Hosted by the Mantokuji Soto Mission of Paia Fujinkai, the conference brought together Fujinkai groups from all nine of our Soto Zen temples throughout Hawai'i for a weekend of services, meetings, Buddhist education, and fellowship. Keynote speaker Brian Moto addressed the conference theme "Open Mind, Open Heart" with warmth and clarity. Our Kona group put on a skit, "The Usagi (Rabbit) in the Moon" which brought smiles to people's faces. We all send a big mahalo to Rev. and Mrs. Kenji Oyama and their sangha for their wonderful hospitality and thank those who donated items for the Country Store fundraiser. We came home feeling connected to our Dharma friends from other temples.

Library News *by Clear Englebert*

We have one new Thich Nhat Hanh book, "True Love: A Practice for Awakening the Heart," and two new books by Ayya Khema, "When the Iron Eagle

Flies: Buddhism for the West" and "Being Nobody, Going Nowhere: Meditations on the Buddhist Path." Sister Khema is profound and readable, and highly recommended. We have one new DVD, "The Buddha," the recent PBS documentary narrated by Richard Gere. Our new children's book is "Buddhism for Youth: Part Two: The Teaching of Buddha" by the Buddhist School Dept. of the Buddhist Churches of America (Jodo) in 1965.

The other new arrivals are:

"Essentials and Symbols of the Buddhist Faith" by Shinkaku Hunt came from Honolulu in 1952, and it's a little treasure. In its 70 small pages, the booklet covers the very basic Buddhist symbols, such as gassho and manji (the Buddhist swastika). The entry on Buddhist Ceremony applies exactly to the ceremonies at Daifukuji and is very instructive.

"Zen Buddhism: Volume 2: Japan" by Heinrich Dumoulin is a very substantial book, and covers all kinds of Zen, not just Soto.

"The Surangama Sutra" translated by Charles Luk is one of the basic Zen scriptures, known as the Ryogonkyo in Japanese. It's a large-print edition, so can easily be appreciated by young and old.

"The Dhammapada" translated by the Venerable Balangoda Ananda Maitreya, with revisions to update the language by Rose Kramer.

The wording is careful and beautiful.

"How to Grow a Lotus Blossom" by Roshi Jiyu Kennett is a record of her visions during her third kensho in 1976.

"Kuan Yin: Accessing the Power of the Divine Feminine" by Daniela Schenker has 33 full-page color pictures of Kannon, as well as a CD.

"Buddhism, Virtue and Environment" by David Cooper and Simon James is from England in 2005.

"Walking with the Buddha: Buddhist Pilgrimages in India" by Swati Mitra was published with support from the Indian Dept. of Tourism. It's filled with color photos, as well as maps, directions, and much more.



The Sixteen Soto Zen Precepts for Living Wisely in the World

1. I vow to take refuge in the Buddha, the fully Enlightened One
2. I vow to take refuge in the Dharma, teachings of great wisdom.
3. I vow to take refuge in the Sangha, my community of spiritual friends.
4. I vow to not create evil.
5. I vow to practice all that is good.
6. I vow to actualize compassion for all beings.
7. I vow to respect all life.
8. I vow to respect the property of others.
9. I vow to remain faithful in my relationships.
10. I vow to speak the truth.
11. I vow to avoid substances that cloud my mind.
12. I vow to abstain from gossip and false speech.
13. I vow to refrain from elevating myself and blaming others.
14. I vow to practice generosity & freely share the Dharma.
15. I vow to be aware of anger and the suffering that can result.
16. I vow to hold the Three Treasures in my heart, and to always protect the Buddha, Dharma, and Sangha.

In March of next year, Bishop Komagata will be coming to Daifukuji to officiate a Buddhist Confirmation Ceremony which involves taking the precepts and receiving a Buddhist name. I'd like to encourage all Daifukuji members to consider taking part in this life-enriching ceremony. A registration form will soon be available. Please contact me if you have any questions.

*Gassho,
Rev. Jiko*

Living With the Precepts by Shinkaku



My life was packed with stress and tension. Anger would often raise its ugly head. I needed to erase those things from my life if I were going to be happy and healthy. I had an idea of how I might change the way I lived but my idea lacked any structure. It was the body of an idea with no bones. When I discovered the Precepts I knew that I had found the bones. For me, those clearly stated, simply written guidelines have given me a basis upon which to judge the actions I take every day of my life. The guidance those principles have given me makes my life so much richer and relieves so many of life's pressures. Since I have begun this path my life has become so much more peaceful. I hope that I have become more kind and compassionate. I know that I am much more calm and at peace with all things that surround me. I am not certain whether I found the Precepts or they found me. I am certain that my life's path and the events along the way gently led me in this direction. I am very happy to be on this path.

Also, I believe that the Precepts are just the beginning of a long and increasingly rewarding journey. The many bits of knowledge that have come to me from multitudinous sources not only amplify the Precepts but serve as a beacon lighting the way along the path to a much more enjoyable life. Certainly, each of the Precepts can be and often is interpreted in different ways. Finding the interpretation that resonates with you is the cornerstone to living a

harmonious life. However, having the foundation built upon the Precepts has led me along the path toward a wonderful life.



**Summer Dharma Fun for Children:
An Introduction to the Teachings of the
Buddha Through
Music, Meditation, Yoga, & Stories**

Place: Daifukuji Soto Mission

Time: 9:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. (Taiko students will be excused at 9:50 a.m.)

**Dates: June 18, June 25, July 2,
July 16, July 23**

Classes will be led by Rev. Jiko Nakade & Ryan Jigaku Nakade. Children of all ages and their parents are welcome.

There is no class fee. Your child is welcome to place a small offering in the offertory box.

To register, please call Rev. Jiko at 322-3524 or send an e-mail to rev.jiko@daifukuji.org.

For a growing child, the practice of mindfulness, meditation, & peaceful living is a precious gift in today's busy world.

Summer Greetings *from Rev. Jiko*

Dear Members and Friends,

Although holding a bazaar involves many hours of work, every year I look forward to the deep sense of community that the bazaar brings. Committees are formed, the banner is raised, members and friends start dropping off boxes of donated items, and the air is filled with the sweet, fruity aroma of jellies and jams and baked goods made right here in the temple kitchen. Everyone happily pitches in and contributes what they can. Being part of this annual event never fails to humble me and fill me with gratitude for our dedicated sangha. Everyone, thank you very much.

The bazaar also brings on its heels a baccalaureate ceremony for the graduates and a Memorial Day service, the family sangha's Father's Day picnic, temple clean-up day, and the start of the summer Obon season, all in quick succession. There will be a flurry of good things happening.

Especially delightful are the children's programs. Taiko instructors Akemi Iwamoto and Justin Fernandez recently completed their first series of taiko classes for beginners. The children performed for their adoring parents and grandparents and everyone enjoyed a potluck lunch on the temple porch. It was a joyful culmination of a three-month taiko program, which, after a month's rest, will begin again in June. The energy of Daifukuji's dedicated taiko instructors and their student assistants is truly amazing. Thanks to everyone's support, Daifukuji Taiko's

performing group will be going on an educational taiko trip to California in July.



I am looking forward to offering a series of 30-minute classes for children on Saturday mornings over the summer. My son Ryan, who'll be back from college, has agreed to assist me. We will be introducing the Buddha's teachings through music, meditation, stories, and yoga. The classes will be short and fun. Parents and grandparents, please bring your children & grandchildren. You are also welcome to come to the family services on selected Sunday mornings. (Please check the calendar.)

With programs for young and old and everyone in between, the temple is where goodness is cultivated and hearts and minds planted with seeds of mindfulness, love, and peace.

Everyone, please take care and have a safe and wonderful summer. I look forward to seeing you at Daifukuji's summer services and events.

Namu kie butsu. Namu kie ho. Namu kie so.

With love & gratitude, in gassho,
Rev. Jiko

Thursday Evening Zen

The following sessions begin at 7 p.m. and are open to everyone.

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| June 9 | Buddhist chanting, zazen, & Dharma circle |
| June 16 | Movie: "Amongst White Clouds: Buddhist Hermit Masters of China's Zhongnan Mountains" |
| June 23 | Chanting, Zazen, Dharma |

Father's Day Potluck Picnic

Sunday, June 19



All are invited to the Family Sangha's Father's Day potluck picnic to be held at the Puuhonua O Honaunau Place of Refuge picnic grounds on Sunday, June 19. We'll be meeting at 10 a.m. so come on down. Please bring food, drinks, and beach chairs. Guests are welcome. Happy Father's Day to all the dads!

Coming Up in July...

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| July 9 | Daifukuji Bon Dance |
| July 13 | Project Dana |
| July 17 | Orchid Show (8 am-2pm) |
| July 20 | Kannon-ko Service |
| July 30 | Hilo Taishoji Bon Dance |

June 2011

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 Baccalaureate 9:30 am Memorial Day Service	30 5:00 PM Youth Taiko	31 6:00 PM Adult Taiko	1 6:00 AM Zazen 5:00 PM Youth Taiko 7:00 PM Fujinkai Board	2 9:00 AM Tai Chi Session 7:00 PM Temple Board	3 8:00 AM Samu 6:00 PM Adult Taiko	4
5 8:00 AM Goeika Practice 9:30 AM Family Service	6 5:00 PM Youth Taiko 7:30 PM Happy Strummers	7 5:00 PM Adult Taiko 7:00 PM Bon dance practice	8 Project Dana 8:30 am 6:00 AM Zazen 5:00 PM Youth Taiko 7:00 PM Orchid Club	9 9:00 AM Tai Chi Session 7:00 PM Zazen & Dharma	10 8:00 AM Samu 6:00 PM Adult Taiko 7:00 PM Sangha Sisters	11 10:00 AM Youth taiko-beginners 6:00 PM Keauhou Obon Festival
12 General Clean Up 8 am	13 5:00 PM Youth Taiko	14 5:00 PM Adult Taiko 7:00 PM Bon dance practice	15 Kannon-ko 10 AM Jizo Service 6:00 AM Zazen 5:00 PM Youth Taiko	16 9:00 AM Tai Chi Session 7:00 PM Movie Night	17 8:00 AM Samu 6:00 PM Adult Taiko	18 9:30 AM Kids Dharma Fun 10:00 AM Youth taiko-beginners
19 Happy Father's Day! 10:00 AM Potluck Picnic, Honaunau	20 5:00 PM Youth Taiko 7:30 PM Happy Strummers	21 5:00 PM Adult Taiko 7:00 PM Bon dance practice	22 6:00 AM Zazen 5:00 PM Youth Taiko	23 9:00 AM Tai Chi Session 7:00 PM Zazen & Dharma	24 8:00 AM Samu 6:00 PM Adult Taiko	25 9:30 AM Kids Dharma Fun 10:00 AM Youth taiko-beginners
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Sangha Photo Gallery



Miyeko is declared the egg fight champion by Ann.



Project Dana Springtime Fun



Hat contest winners and judges



Fujinkai members put on the skit "The Usagi in the Moon" at the UHSSWA conference.



Zazenkai members prepared a heavenly Hanamatsuri lunch.



Beginners taiko group plays for parents



Baikako at the Life Care Center of Kona

Daifukuji Soto Mission O-Toba and Ko-Toba Request Form

Please turn in by June 5, 2011

YOUR NAME _____

PHONE NUMBER _____ E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

At Obon, Buddhists express their gratitude to their ancestors by making prayer offerings in the form of TOBA. The names of the deceased will be read by the minister during the Obon Service to which you are invited on June 26, 2011. Please send or bring your request form to Daifukuji as soon as possible and no later than June 5 and make checks payable to **Daifukuji Soto Mission**. If you have any questions, please call Rev. Jiko at 322-3524.

O-TOBA (written on wood)..... Donation \$5.00 per request

O-TOBA are offered in remembrance of :

1. Your family ancestors as a group (example: The Nakade Family Ancestors)
2. A family member or friend for whom this is a first Obon (hatsubon)

Please print names clearly.

I dedicate the merits of these prayers to.....

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

KO-TOBA (written on paper)..... Donation \$2.00 per request

KO-TOBA are similar to O-toba, but are written on paper instead of wood and are a second option. Please print names clearly.

I dedicate the merits of these prayers to.....

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

Your Name _____
Total enclosed _____