



## Daifukuji Soto Mission

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*Treasuring the Past,  
Embracing the Present*

*May, 2011*



### DAIFUKUJI BAZAAR

SUNDAY, MAY 15, 2011

9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Items for bazaar may be  
dropped off May 1 - May 13.  
(See guidelines on pages 6 - 8.)

Set up will take place on  
Saturday, May 14 at 8:00 a.m.  
Help is needed.

Questions? Call a bazaar co-chair:  
Raymond Baltero (430-3355), Joyce  
St. Arnault (329-3833), Renee  
Kimura (329-3457).

*This bazaar benefits our building  
fund. Come out and enjoy the fun  
and fellowship!*



## Memorial Day Service & The Blessing of Our Graduates

*Sunday, May 29*

*9:30 a.m.*

Prayers for world peace and a blessing of our sangha ohana's high school graduates will be the focus of Daifukuji's Memorial Day service and baccalaureate ceremony to be held May 29 at 9:30 a.m. Guest speaker will be our temple president, **Dr. Julia Crawford**. A luncheon to honor the graduates will follow the service. All are invited.

We congratulate the following young men and women who will be graduating in May: Amanda Abe, Nicolas Cetraro, Kepa Command, Thea Hanato-Smith, Blaine Luiz, Rachel Miyata, Jacqueline Moctezuma, Taylor Nakamoto, Randal Smith, and Cody Sugai.

If you know of any other graduate whose family belongs to our sangha, please inform Rev. Jiko as soon as possible so that an invitation can be sent. We are proud of all of our graduates. *Omedeto gozaimasu!*



## In Memoriam

To the family of the late Sueno Honda, 83, who passed away April 1, 2011, we extend our sincere sympathy. We encircle you with our love in this time of sorrow.

*Namu Shakamuni Butsu.*



Dear Sangha Ohana,

We are very grateful for the generous time, effort, and donations dedicated to supporting our taiko fundraiser. Thanks to all of you, our taiko garage sale was a great success. We are one step closer to reaching our goal of traveling to California this summer. On behalf of the entire Daifukuji Taiko Youth Group, we would like to express our sincere appreciation for your continual support of our group.

With much love and aloha,  
Kona Daifukuji Taiko Group



## Thursday Evening Zen

**May 5 & May 12      7 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.**

There will be two Thursday evening zazen and Dharma sessions during the month of May. These sessions will include Buddhist chanting, Zen

meditation, and Dharma study using the book "All of Us Beset by Birth, Decay, and Death" by Sister Ayya Khema, of which we have 10 copies. (Thanks to the generosity of the Vipassana Fellowship, this gem of a Dharma book can also be read online at <http://www.vipassana.com/meditation/khema/allofus/index.php>.) On May 5, we will be sharing our reflections on Chapter 10; on May 12, chapter 11.

Newcomers and beginning practitioners are always welcome.

Zazen is also offered every Wednesday morning at 6:00 a.m. Please call Rev. Jiko at 322-3524 for more information.

## Mahalo for Your Compassion



Dear Members and Friends,

At a special prayer service held on March 13, 2011 for victims of the March 11th tsunami, our sangha collected over \$800 which was given locally to the Red Cross. In a separate

donation drive being conducted by the Hawaii Soto Mission Bishop's Office in conjunction with the Hawaii Soto Mission Association, Daifukuji has to date collected over \$15,395 from sangha members and friends which will be sent to Japan for tsunami relief efforts. Our temple board has appropriated a donation of \$1,000 from Daifukuji Soto Mission. Other temple groups have also made donations. We will continue to accept donations for this cause. Everyone, thank you very much for your care, compassion, and generosity.

In gassho,  
Rev. Jiko



## The Kabocha Vine

by Rev. Jiko

In the bleak days following Japan's devastating earthquake and tsunami, I looked out my bedroom window and noticed a kabocha plant growing out of my compost pile. Its leaves were huge and robust; its stalky vine, thick and strong. It was crawling all over the place -- along the ground, up shrubs and trees -- and heading straight for the road leading up to the cemetery. Its vigorous growth amazed me and I found myself walking out to the compost pile to admire it. At a time when I needed hope and strength, this kabocha vine gave me just that. If a plant can emerge from a pile of rotting compost with this much spirit, I thought, surely Japan will be able to emerge from the rubble and make a fresh start. In a word, this healthy vine became, to me, a symbol of hope.

As the days went by, my sense of hope grew brighter as yellow flowers began to appear and bloom along the ever-spreading vine which had branched out in all directions. Someday, I thought, there will be kabocha pumpkins sitting there like Daruma-sama, steadfast and unshakable!

The news coming from Japan continued to fill me with worry and fear, but I knew

that every morning I could look out my window and draw strength and hope from the thriving kabocha vine and its limitless life energy. To my delight, the vine was now growing straight up the trunk of a papaya tree. In my heart I cheered it on. *Go, go, go.....gambatte!* I looked forward each day to seeing how far the vine had travelled.

One day last week I picked up my container of kitchen waste as I usually did and happily headed outside to the compost pile. This time, however, the sight that met my eyes made me stop dead in my tracks. I shook my head in disbelief. Instead of a beautiful, flourishing kabocha vine, what I saw before me was utter destruction. The plant had been brutally yanked out of the ground and its beautiful trailing stalks were dying. Staring at the scene, I could feel my life energy leave my body.

Okay, I thought, who did this and why? A wave of anger arose within me and I dumped my kitchen scraps onto the pile and headed inside. When my husband Mike came home, I immediately told him what had happened. "Who in the world would destroy such a beautiful vine?" I asked. My husband looked at me sheepishly. "I saw that thing crawling all over the place," he said, "and pulled it up, thinking it was a nuisance. I didn't know it meant so much to you."

A nuisance? That lovely, beautiful, flourishing vine was anything but a nuisance to me, but, to Mike, it had been perceived as "an uninvited, invasive guest that no one had planted." As you might imagine, I was not happy with my husband's actions and had to step back,

sit, and think about our great differences in perception.

In my mind, that kabocha vine had clearly become the Ultraman of vines, the Bodhidharma of the plant world, a symbol of hope and promise that the Japanese people could recover, rise up out of the rubble, and start anew. In Mike's mind, the vine was simply a meandering nuisance, creeping up trees and running amok. He thought he was doing our little garden a favor by pulling it up and adding it to the compost heap. I found our differences in perception quite interesting and was fascinated by what my mind had created, while the truth is that the kabocha vine was just being a kabocha vine and doing what kabocha vines do -- grow, leaf, flower, and produce kabocha. It was **my mind** that had turned it into a symbol of resilience and hope which I had gotten attached to in the days following the tsunami.

It took me a few days to truly let go of *my* beautiful kabocha vine, but after Mike helped me weed the area and plant beautiful flowers next to the decaying vine, now lying like an old rope on the compost heap, I was able to let it go and, with it, my suffering.

Writes Sister Ayya Khema, whose wisdom my Dharma group is gleaning at our Thursday evening zen sessions: *"Our own mind can make us happy -- or unhappy. There is no person or thing in the whole world that will do this for us. All happenings act as triggers for us, which constantly catch us unawares. Therefore we need to develop strong awareness of our own mind states."*

Having a meditation practice has been such a gift in my life, as much a gift as having a sangha with whom I can practice and having the Dharma, a source of true wisdom.

As for the kabocha plant? It is resilient. On my last trip to the compost pile, I discovered a survivor, a piece of it that was still growing and putting out new leaves.

## Flowers for the Temple



After the Family Service on April 3rd, the children of the Family Sangha gathered outside, filled some old cement pots with soil, and planted some beautiful flowers, their offering to the temple and sangha in

time for Hanamatsuri, the Buddha's birth. They watered the flowers and, with hands in gassho, blessed them, saying "May you be strong and healthy." The children also decided to



donate \$50 from their Sunday School fund to give to the Japan tsunami relief fund.

Thank you, dear children, for your beautiful offerings.



**Kids Summer Dharma Fun  
For Busy Families  
Starting June 18  
Saturday Mornings  
9:30 a.m. - 9:50 a.m.  
Music, Meditation, Stories  
Call Rev. Jiko, 322-3524**

## Meet Our Temple Board

In the last two newsletters we have been introducing you to the fifteen officers and directors who diligently serve on our temple board. This month please meet the final five directors.



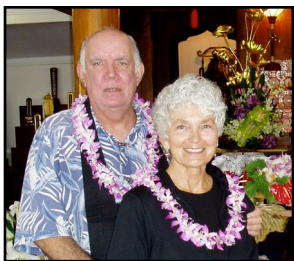
**Clyde Ikeda**, the owner of an interior potted plants leasing company, says that he enjoys working with Daifukuji members at temple functions. He loves growing plants and listening to music. Clyde also makes spectacular

floral arrangements for our New Year's parties.



**Ann Nakamoto**, a retired teacher, volunteers a lot of time at Daifukuji. Not only does she clean our temple as a member of the samu crew every Friday, she's also an active Project Dana volunteer and

Fujinkai member. Ann, whose hobbies are bowling, traveling, mah jong, and shoreline fishing, says that she enjoys fellowship and "anything that's fun!"



**Bob Bowman**, whose Buddhist name is Shozan & whose occupation is in real estate, enjoys zazen, Dharma study, and travel. A member of the Daifukuji Zazenkai, Bob

supports zazenkai activities and his wife, Coral, who is the current Zazenkai president. On the Board, Bob is in charge of cemetery and parking improvements.



**George Harai** has headed a number of temple projects during his many years of service on our temple board. George specializes in insurance and is also an avid golfer.



**Raymond Baltero**, who retired from Hawaii Electric Light Company after 27 years, enjoys golfing, bowling, travel, and playing the ukulele.

Raymond attends family services with his daughter Rayne (in photo) and is group manager of the Daifukuji Happy Strummers. What does he enjoy at Daifukuji? In particular, Raymond says that he enjoys the New Year's service, mochi making, bazaar, clean-up days, bon dance, and family sangha picnics.

## Coming Up in June...

Bon Dance Practice	June 7, 14, 21, 28, 30
Project Dana.....	June 8
Keauhou Obon Festival.....	June 11
General Clean Up.....	June 12
Jizo Matsuri/Kannon-ko.....	June 15
Obon Service.....	June 26

Due to our temple bazaar, **PROJECT DANA** will not be held on May 11. The next Project Dana gathering will be held on June 8.

Daifukuji Soto Mission

2011 Bazaar Donation Guidelines

1. Donations may be dropped off at the Daifukuji Hall from **May 1 to May 13, 2011**. **Please remember to include the Donor's name and address.**
  - a. Place items inside the hall.
  - b. If the hall doors are closed, please leave the items near the door, and we will place the items in the hall for you.
2. Please have all rummage items cleaned. Clothing should be washed.
3. Donation of vegetables, fruits and other perishables may be dropped off Saturday May 14th by 4:00p.m.
4. Donation of baked goods and food items may be dropped off Sunday, May 15th by 7:00a.m.
5. Sorry, but we **CANNOT** accept any old computers, heavy equipment, or items that do not work.

Thank you for your donation.  
Please join us for our Bazaar on  
Sunday, May 15, 2011  
9:00a.m. - 1:00p.m.

*Daifukuji Soto Mission Bazaar*  
Sunday May 15, 2011, 9:00a.m. - 1:00p.m.

Guidelines for the Bazaar:

1. Donations may be dropped off at the Daifukuji Hall from May 1<sup>st</sup> to May 13, 2011. Place items inside the hall with the donor's name and address. **We are NOT 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 Saturday May 14<sup>th</sup> and by 7:00am Sunday May 15<sup>th</sup>.
4. Donation of vegetables, fruits and other perishables may be dropped off Saturday May 14<sup>th</sup> by 4:00p.m.
5. Donation of baked goods and food items may be dropped off Sunday May 15<sup>th</sup> 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 and Temple Gift Shop will open at 8:00a.m. on the day of the bazaar. All other units will open at 9:00a.m.
10. Workers/members' vehicles should be parked at the cemetery area. Car Pool if possible.
11. Lunch will be provided to all workers. Meal tickets will be issued to each unit Chair by Avis Yamamoto.

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 15, 2011, 9:00am - 1:00pm

**BAZAAR CHAIRPERSONS:** Raymond Baltero (430-3355)  
Renee Kimura (329-3457)  
Joyce St. Arnault (329-3833)  
**Secretary:** Avis Yamamoto (322-3167)  
**Advisor:** Rev. Jiko Nakade (322-3524)

**BAZAAR COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS:**

<b>Publicity &amp; Signs</b>	Brian Yamamoto (322-3167), Mike Asada ((323-9747)
<b>Finance</b>	Joyce St. Arnault (329-3833)
<b>Program</b>	Jill Wagner (325-2377), Rev. Jiko (322-3524)
<b>Food</b>	Michiko Enomoto (329-2055), Ann Nakamoto (322-2601)
<b>Produce</b>	Jack Tabata (322-3173)
<b>Garden Shop</b>	Lorraine Tanimoto (unlisted), Hilda Sugai (322-2958)
<b>Clothing</b>	Elaine Fernandez (322-2084)
<b>Household &amp; Misc.</b>	Kay Sugai (322-3297), Kay Ushijima (322-9964)
<b>Books &amp; Toys</b>	Barbara Bosz (325-3171)
<b>Crafts &amp; White Elephant</b>	Jean Ikeda (322-4058), Mayo Chinn (329-8078)
<b>Children's Activities</b>	Midori Satoh (325-1787)
<b>Massage Center</b>	Derek Nakamura (322-3176)
<b>Auction</b>	Jan Bovard (322-2167)
<b>Snack Shop</b>	Akemi Iwamoto (322-9147)
<b>Set-up</b>	Myles Ikeda (322-4058)
<b>Electrical/PA System</b>	Kusato Okayama (329-4346)
<b>Security/Parking</b>	Julio Fernandez (322-2084), Raymond Baltero (430-3355)
<b>First Aid</b>	Dr. Julia Crawford (329-0527)
<b>Holding Area</b>	Brian & Avis Yamamoto (322-3167)
<b>Workers' Lunch</b>	Alfreida Fujita (329-3457)
<b>Clean Up</b>	Mike Asada (323-9747) ALL MEMBERS

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



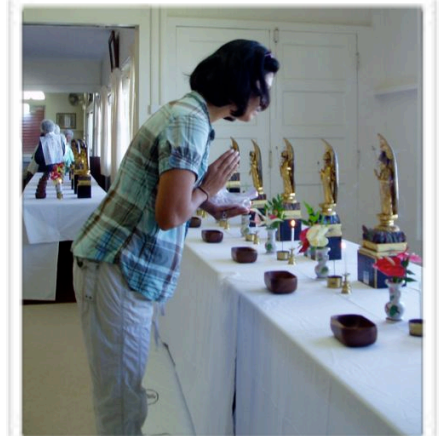
# Sangha Photo Gallery



Miyeko helps Justin and Kainoa put on their pilgrim vests for the 33 Kannon Osunafumi Pilgrimage



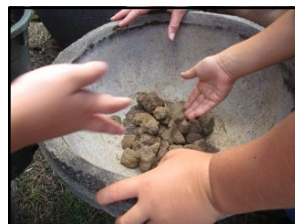
*Namu kanzeon bosatsu...namu kanzeon bosatsu...namu kanzeon bosatsu...*



Angy bows to the Bodhisattvas of Compassion



Thank you to the volunteers who set up the 33 Kannon Bodhisattvas.



A springtime gift from the children of the Family Sangha to our temple community



# May 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
1 Bazaar items accepted 8:00 AM Baikako practice 9:30 AM Family Service	2 Bazaar items accepted 5:00 PM Youth Taiko 7:30 PM Happy Strummers	3 Bazaar items accepted 6:00 PM Adult Taiko	4 Bazaar items accepted 6:00 AM Zazen 5:00 PM Youth Taiko 7:00 PM Fujinkai Board	5 Bazaar items accepted Happy Boy's Day! 9:00 AM Tai Chi Practice 7:00 PM Zazen & Dharma	6 Bazaar items accepted 8:00 AM Samu 6:00 PM Adult Taiko	7 Bazaar items accepted
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15 BAZAAR 9 am-1 pm	16 5:00 PM Youth Taiko 7:30 PM Happy Strummers	17 6:00 PM Adult Taiko	18 Kannon-ko 10 AM 6:00 AM Zazen 5:00 PM Youth Taiko 7:00 PM Orchid Club	19 9:00 AM Tai Chi Practice	20 8:00 AM Samu 6:00 PM Adult Taiko	21
22	23 5:00 PM Youth Taiko	24 6:00 PM Adult Taiko	25 6:00 AM Zazen 5:00 PM Youth Taiko	26	27 8:00 AM Samu 6:00 PM Adult Taiko	28 8:30 AM Shakyō (Sutra Tracing)
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 7:00 PM Temple Board	3 8:00 AM Samu 6:00 PM Adult Taiko	4