

Daifukuji Soto Mission

Celebrating Our Temple's 100th Anniversary

1914 - 2014

"Okagesama de, we are here today."



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March, 2014

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33 Kannon Pilgrimage & Ohigan Service

Sunday, March 23

9:30 a.m.

Every March at Daifukuji you can become a Buddhist pilgrim and feel as if you are visiting the 33 Kannon temples of western Japan. 33 statuettes of Kannon, the Bodhisattva of Compassion, are taken down from the top recesses of the Kannon altar and displayed in the Kannon Hall. The pilgrims circulate the hall, stepping on small packets of earth brought to Kona many years ago from each of the temples, and bow to each Kannon-sama while the sutras are being chanted. It is a practice at our temple to offer a coin to each of the 33 Kannon plus two more. **Please bring 35 coins to this service.**

The Dharma message will be given by the Reverend John Myoshin Lang of the 'Alaneo Zendo of Hilo.

A simple lunch will follow the service.

From March 22 - March 27, you are welcome to come to the temple to do the pilgrimage on your own. Feel free to bring along family members & friends. It is best to call the temple at 322-3524 before coming.

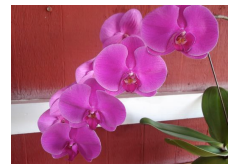


33 Kannon Set Up: Friday, March 21 at 7:30 a.m.

33 Kannon Clean Up: Friday, March 28 at 7:30 a.m.

We humbly ask for your kokua. Flowers are also needed. Please deliver flowers the morning of March 21 or the day before.

No Kannon-ko Service
in March



Because of the 33 Kannon service on March 23rd, no monthly Kannon-ko service will be held on March 19.

The Buddha's first and most essential teaching was the **Four Noble Truths**

life is full of **dissatisfaction** and **suffering** mental and physical

the cause of this suffering is **craving** aversion and **ignorance**

there is a path to liberation peace and **happiness**

this is called the **Eightfold Path**

right understanding
right attitude
right speech
right action
right livelihood
right effort
awareness
meditation

Thursday March 13 at 7 pm
free Dharma talk:
**Demystifying the Three E's:
Ego, Emptiness,
& Enlightenment**

Friday March 14 at 7 pm
free Dharma talk:

**The Four
Noble Truths**

At Daifukuji Soto Mission,
Honalo (next to Teshima's)
www.daifukuji.org 322-3524

Mushim Ikeda

Our guest speaker Patricia Mushim Ikeda is a Buddhist teacher, author, and peace activist based in Oakland, California. Mushim is a core teacher at East Bay Meditation Center in Oakland, and she teaches meditation retreats nationally and online. Her writing has appeared in Buddhist periodicals such as *Tricycle*, *Shambhala Sun*, and *Buddhadharma*, as well as various book anthologies.



Fragrance-free events Out of respect for those with chemical sensitivities and asthma, please refrain from wearing fragranced hair, body, and clothing products (including "natural" or aromatherapy products) and avoid the use of perfume and aftershave.

Special Dharma Talks on Sunday, March 16

9:30 a.m. Family Service: Children of all ages are especially welcome & should be accompanied by an adult.

12:30 p.m. Fujinkai Group Picture-Taking for the Centennial Booklet

1:00 p.m. Fujinkai Gathering: Mushim will be speaking on the topic of "Spiritual Friendship" to the ladies of the Fujinkai Women's Association. A yarn lei-making session will follow her talk.

Zen retreat

Saturday, March 15, 2014
Sign-in 8:30am to 9:00am
through closing circle at 4pm

Daifukuji Soto Mission
Honalo, by Teshima's www.daifukuji.org

All are welcome. Wear loose clothes for meditation and yoga, and avoid fragrance. Bring something for our vegetarian potluck lunch. Suggested donation \$20. To register, call 322-3524 by March 10.

**a day
of silence
and Dharma**

Our special guest teacher
Mushim Ikeda of the
East Bay Meditation Center
will bring our focus to the
Four Noble Truths



100 Years of Buddha-Dharma



To commemorate Daifukuji Soto Mission's 100th year of offering the teachings of the Buddha and Soto Zen practice to the Kona community, we have invited Buddhist teacher Patricia Mushim Ikeda of Oakland, California to offer a series of Dharma talks. We are truly privileged to have her come to our temple.

This is a golden opportunity to listen to the teachings of the Buddha. Please join us.



March 15th Zen Retreat

Attendance requires a full-day commitment from beginning to end of retreat. Register by March 10: 322-3524 or info@daifukuji.org.

- 8:30 a.m. Registration. Receiving potluck contributions
- 9:00 Opening Circle in Main Hall
- 9:10 Basic instructions for zazen
- 9:20 Zazen
- 9:50 Break
- 10:00 Dharma Talk "The Four Noble Truths" by Mushim Ikeda
- 11:00 Shakyō & Shabutsu (brushwork) to live shakuhachi music
- 12:00 Potluck Lunch in silence
- 1:00 Zazen
- 1:30 Kinhin (walking meditation)
- 1:45 Dharma Talk
- 2:45 Break
- 3:00 Yoga
- 4:00 Closing Circle

Optional tea & conversation time in the Social Hall. Gift shop will be open.

Note: There is a suggested donation of \$20 for this retreat. However, any amount given will be appreciated.



Memorial Service for the late Molly Momoe Sakata

A memorial service for the late Molly Momoe Sakata will be held at Daifukuji Soto Mission on Saturday, March 29, 2014. Although this service will not be open to the general public, Daifukuji members are welcome to attend.

Visitation 3:30 p.m.

Service 4:30 p.m.

Welcome, New Members

Our Sangha extends a warm welcome to the following new members:

Warren and Joni Nakamoto

Howard and Patrice Araki

Mona & Thomas Gurrobat

Jasmine Kalas

The Fujinkai thanks Mona & Jasmine for joining the Fujinkai, as well.

New members are always welcome. For information on temple membership, please visit the Daifukuji website: http://www.daifukuji.org/membership_brochure.pdf

Country Store Donations Needed

The 49th annual United Hawaii Soto Shu Women's Association (UHSSWA) Conference will be held on April 19 & 20 with Soto Mission of Aiea Taiheiji hosting this year's event on Oahu. Rev. Jiko & members of the Daifukuji Fujinkai Women's Association will be attending this conference and taking items to sell at the UHSSWA's Country Store Fundraiser.

Donations of avocados, Kona Coffee, and mac nuts are being sought. If you'd like to contribute any of these items, please call Joyce at 329-3833 or Rev. Jiko at 322-3524 by April 16. Thank you.



Congratulations to Kijun

Our sincere congratulations go out to temple member Will Cape whose Soto Zen Buddhist Confirmation Ceremony was held on January 26. In the presence of friends, Will vowed to honor the 16 precepts in his life in a ceremony officiated by Rev. Jiko and assisted by Jill Teiho and Amy Jikai. Will received the Buddhist name *Kijun* which means "Joyful & Pure."



Library News

by Clear Houn Englebert

The Stories of the Lotus Sutra by Gene Reeves is a standout. It doesn't attempt to simplify the Lotus Sutra, which is probably impossible, but it does make it readable and understandable. The first four pages of the chapter on Kannon (Chapter 26) should be read by everyone. They are succinct and excellent. When I first showed this book to Rev. Jiko, she said, "I'd like to be the first one to check it out." I expect this book to be quite popular in our library. You can be next in line.

The next two books are extremely rare. The circulating copies we have in the library are excellent photocopies. *The Standpoints of Dogen and Keizan in Zen Buddhism* by Keido Chisan Koho is in English published by Sojiji Monastery when Koho Zenji was the abbot. It's a very understandable, four-page pamphlet, and was probably written before he came to visit Daifukuji.

History of Zen by Y. H. Ku has benefited from the photocopying because the print is enlarged from the original. The book starts with the first Chinese Zen master, Hui-neng (638-713), and gives a person-by-person genealogy of all the Zen lines of transmission. Nothing like it has ever been published.



There are also many lovely new children's books, some of which have double-page illustrations, which are shown in the accompanying photographs.

The Loyal Cat by Lensey Namioka

Buddha and His Friends by S. Dhammika and Susan Harner

Buddhist Stories by Anita Ganeri

The Girl Who Wanted a Song by Steve Sanfield

The All-Seeing Boy and the Blue Sky of Happiness by Nick Kettles

The Buddha's Apprentice by Dharmachari Nagaraja

Buddha in the Garden by David Pouchard with extraordinarily beautiful paintings by Zhong-Yang Huang

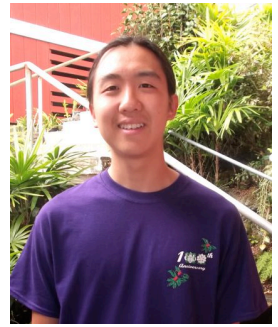
Buddhist Children's Stories, Vol. 3 by Honpa Honganji

Essentials of Buddhism by Ronald Lin





Daifukuji centennial t-shirts are in!
 Stop by to purchase shirts
 for you & your 'ohana.
 Please make checks payable to:
 Daifukuji Soto Mission.



Youth Shirts	\$ 8.00
Adult Shirts (S, M, L, XL) - Short sleeve	\$12.00
Adult Shirts (L, XL only) - Long sleeve	\$15.00
Adult XXL -- Short sleeve	\$15.00
Adult XXL -- Long sleeve	\$17.00



We wish to thank Mike Asada for designing this shirt & Chris Cantor of CrossPoly Nation for printing the shirts at special prices & donating the shipping cost. Mahalo, Mike & Chris!

Soul Friends Yoga Classes

Flow into your weekend with gentle, relaxing yoga.

Fridays from 4:30 - 6:00 p.m.

March 7, 14, 21, & 28 April 4 & 11

Hisashi Kimura Cultural Hall at Daifukuji

Wear loose, comfortable clothing and bring a yoga mat or towel. Beginners are welcome.

Donations received will be given to Daifukuji Soto Mission as Ryan's centennial gift to the temple.



Ryan Jigaku Nakade is a certified Ananda Yoga instructor. His style is gentle, meditative, and life-affirming. Jigaku has been teaching yoga for three years and is completing his certification as a yoga therapist. He is a graduate of the Ananda College of Living Wisdom in Oregon.

For more information, call Jigaku at 895-0784, or email him at greenteaji108@gmail.com.



Fujinkai Field Trip

by Lorraine Jitoku Tanimoto

On a crisp, sunny Saturday morning on February 8, thirty-five Fujinkai members and guests set out on a yellow school bus to the Hamakua side of the island. Along the way, we stopped to view the cherry blossoms at Church Row in Waimea. Admiring the deep pinkish flowering trees branching out toward the clear, blue sky was the perfect start of our outing. At the Laupahoehoe Train Museum, we took in some local island history. This small heritage museum is housed at the former station agent's home on the site of the former Laupahoehoe Train Station. The railroad history is depicted in photos, models of various scales, artifacts and a video show taking us back in time. At the 50's Highway Restaurant, we ate lunch surrounded by memorabilia of the bebop era with Elvis crooning from the jukebox. After lunch, we rode down the winding road to Laupahoehoe Point. In a short service conducted by Rev. Jiko, we offered prayers and incense at the monument erected at the park. The monument was etched with the names and ages of the twenty-four victims who perished in the 1946 tsunami. The last stop homeward bound was the Waimea Parker Ranch Center. It was truly a day of learning experiences mixed with fun and relaxation.





Calling All Fujinkai Members

There will be a picture-taking session for all Fujinkai members on Sunday, March 16 at 12:30 p.m. Photographer Brian Yamamoto will be taking a group photo of the Fujinkai for the centennial booklet. All Fujinkai members are encouraged to be present & are invited to stay for the 1 p.m. Dharma talk and lei-making session to follow. Fujinkai members, please call Rev. Jiko at 322-3524 if you need a ride. We would like to have as many Fujinkai members as possible included in this photo.



Greetings from Rev. Jiko

The spring cleaning of our temple is happening on a very big scale this year. We've hired Roof-Brite Hawaii to soft wash the roofs and walls of all of the buildings in our temple complex. Mold, mildew, and stains are being removed from the building exteriors & gutters are being cleaned out day after day, leaving our buildings bright and clean. Thanks to your donations, to the building fund bazaars of the past, and to the help of the volunteers who've been taking 4-hour or longer shifts to watch for interior leakage while the washing is being done, this bathing of the temple has been made possible. In the months to follow, the interior of the temple will be painted, after which new carpeting and new drapes will be installed. I thank all of our temple groups for their patience and understanding during this period of shifting schedules and class, zazen, & service cancellations.

Being inside the temple, listening to the rumbling of machinery hour after hour as powerful sprays of water hit the roof and cascaded in dirty streams down the walls and windows gave me the feeling of being tossed about like a piece of clothing inside a washing machine. It takes scrubbing and a certain amount of agitation to loosen the mold and mildew. During this period, my heart has been touched by those who've volunteered to watch over and protect the temple from interior water damage. With rags and mops in hand, they have run around, alerting the crew at the first sight of leakage and sopping up cleaning solution that penetrated the roofs and walls. Their love & dedication have kept our temple safe. *Gokurosama deshita.*

The late Mrs. Teshima used to tell me that we go to the temple to purify our hearts and minds. Listening to the teachings and practicing the Way of the Buddha, our hearts and minds are softly washed over time. We are bathed in the compassion & wisdom of the Buddha. Please come to Daifukuji in March to join me in listening to Mushim Ikeda's Dharma talks & paying homage to the 33 Kannon Bodhisattvas. Spring cleaning for our hearts & minds! Thank you for your support. *Namu kie butsu, namu kie ho, namu kie so.*



Daifukuji New Year's Party

January 19, 2014



Coming Up in April...

April 6 9:30 a.m. HAIB Buddha Day Celebration at Kona Hongwanji Buddhist Temple

April 13 9:30 am. Daifukuji's Hanamatsuri Service (Spring egg hunt for the children)

April 19 & 20 UHSSWA Conference on Oahu

April 21 - May 2 Bazaar items may be dropped off (BAZAAR TO BE HELD ON MAY 4th)

