



79-7241 Mamalahoa Hwy., Kealahou, HI 96750

January, 2016

(808) 322-3524 www.daifukuji.org (See "archives" on our website for previous newsletters.)



New Year's Blessing Services

December 31 11:45 p.m.

January 1 10:00 a.m.

Start the new year with the blessings of the Three Treasures — Buddha, Dharma, and Sangha. Those who attend the midnight service may ring the temple bell and enjoy hot soba noodles.

Hawaii Kannon omamori (Buddhist charms for one's purse and vehicle) and ofuda (blessing cards for home and office) will be available at both services for a donation of \$5 per omamori and \$2 per ofuda.

Together, let's start the new year with prayers and blessings for everyone's health, safety, and happiness. All are welcome!

A New Year's Eve meditation & kirtan will be held from 10:30 - 11:30 p.m. prior to the Blessing Service. See page 7 for more information.

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New Year's Party

Sunday, January 24

10:30 a.m.

Temple members, supporters, and temple groups are invited to join our Sangha in celebrating the Year of the Monkey.

Daifukuji's New Year's party on January 24th will be a fun-filled luncheon with delicious food made by our Fujinkai chefs. Entertainment will be provided by our various temple groups. (Food prep will begin at 1 p.m. on January 23. Help is appreciated. Questions? Call Alfreida at 329-3457 or Ann at 322-2601.)

Lucky number prizes are needed. If you'd like to donate a prize, please deliver it to Daifukuji by January 17. You are not required to bring a prize to the party.

To attend, please fill out the form on page 11 and return it with payment by January 10. We hope that you and your family will join us in celebrating the start of 2016!

Party Set Up January 23

We'll be setting up tables and benches starting at 8 a.m. on Saturday, January 23. Any kokua you can offer will be appreciated. *Onegai shimasu.*



Fujinkai Hatsumairi

Sunday, January 3 at 10:00 a.m.

The first service of the new year (*hatsumairi*) for the members of the Daifukuji Fujinkai Women's Association will be held on Sunday, January 3 at 10:00 a.m. A meeting will follow the service. Lunch and activities will then take place in the social hall.

This event is for Fujinkai members only. There is no fee for lunch. Caregivers of Fujinkai members may attend at a cost of \$15. District representatives will be calling members for a headcount.

Ladies, please bring a \$5.00 grab bag. Let's welcome the Year of the Monkey with joyful hearts.

Women age 18 and up are welcome to join the Daifukuji Fujinkai. Annual dues are \$5.00. To join, call Joyce at 329-3833 or Merle at 323-3553.

Fujinkai Team Cooking Schedule for 2016

Fujinkai members, if you are able to help with the cooking, we humbly ask for your kokua.

Team leaders

Team 1: Elaine Fernandez & Merle Uyeda

Team 2: Kellear Deguchi & Lorraine Tanimoto

Team 3: Ella Yasuda & Chris Wada

Advisors: Michiko Enomoto & Ann Nakamoto

Honorary advisor: Alfreida Fujita



January 24	New Year's Party	Everyone (led by advisors)
February 14	Nehan-e Service	Potluck Lunch
March 13	33 Kannon Service	Team 2
April 10	Hanamatsuri Service	Zazenkai
May 29	Baccalaureate/Memorial Day Service	Team 3
June 26	Obon Service	Team 1
July 9	Bon Dance	Everyone (led by advisors)
Sept. 11	Ohigan Service	Potluck Lunch
Oct. 2	Daruma-ki Service	(To be confirmed)
Nov. 20	Thanksgiving Service	Sharen Bangay, Head
Dec. 11	Jodo-e Service	Potluck Lunch

Although the cooking is assigned to specific teams for certain occasions, help from other team members is always appreciated.



Fujinkai Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser, Plant & Bake Sale

Saturday, February 27, 2016

7:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Daifukuji Social Hall

Tickets \$7.00

(available after January 3rd
through Fujinkai members & the
temple office)

Donations of plants appreciated

2016 Soto Zen Buddhist Lay Confirmation

Receiving the precepts & one's Buddhist name and formally becoming a disciple of the Buddha is an important event in the life of a Soto Zen Buddhist.

The 2016 Lay Confirmation Ceremony will be held at Daifukuji on June 5. In preparation for this ceremony, classes on the 16 Bodhisattva Precepts will be offered by Rev. Jiko from March through May.

If you are interested in signing up for these classes or learning more about what Lay Confirmation entails, please contact Rev. Jiko at (808) 322-3524 or email her at info@daifukuji.org.



Welcome

Our sangha extends a warm welcome to new member **Akiko McAfee**.

We welcome to Hawaii the Reverend Shinsho and Mrs. Mamiko Hata, the new resident minister & jizoku of the Taishoji Soto Mission of Hilo.



Serving Our Hawaii Soto Mission Temples

Front row (left to right): Mrs. Kokuzo, Rev. Kokuzo (Waipahu), Bishop Komagata (Betsuin, Bishop's Office), Mrs. Komagata, Rev. Nakade (Kona)

Second row: Mrs. Inamura, Rev. Inamura (Maui), Rev. Lang (Hilo), Shoken Kokuzo (Waipahu), Rev. Hoshino (Betsuin)

Third row: Rev. Hata (Hilo), Mrs. Hata, Deacon Loomis (Betsuin), Rev. Shuji Komagata (Aiea, Bishop's Office), Rev. Ishii (Betsuin), Rev. Yoshida (Bishop's Office)



January Programs

New! Dharma Study Classes Begin January 26

A new series of classes on Buddhism based on the book *Buddha* by Karen Armstrong will begin January 26 and will be held on Tuesday afternoons from 4:00 - 5:00 p.m. in the temple library. All are welcome. If interested, please contact Rev. Jiko (808-322-3524).

Buddhist Movie Night — Thursday, January 14 at 7:00 p.m.

Un Buda: A Journey of Discovery and Love, filmed on location in Argentina and directed by Argentinian Zen teacher Diego Rafecas, is a story about two brothers who find themselves at a rural Zen center. (1 hr. 50 min.) Join us for a relaxing movie night at the temple. Tea and popcorn provided. Please bring your own mug.

Family Services: Sharing the Dharma with Our Keiki - Sundays, **January 10, 17, & 31 at 9:30 a.m.** 45-minute child-friendly services for children. New families are always welcome.

Zazen (Meditation)

* Every Wednesday morning from 6 a.m. - 7:20 a.m.

* Thursday, **January 7 & 21** from 7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Both morning and evening sessions include 20 minutes of chanting. Donations may be placed in the box on the incense table.

Baikako Plum Blossom Choir Practice - Sunday, **January 17** from 7:45 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.

NEW! T'ai Chi Classes for Beginners (Starting January 5)

Every Tuesday from 9:00 - 10:00 a.m. in the Hisashi Kimura Cultural Hall. \$5 drop in or \$20/month. Call instructor Philip Kakuho Hema for information: 345-1492. T'ai Chi classes for intermediate/advanced practitioners will continue to meet from 9:00 -10:00 a.m. on Thursdays.

Yoga, Music, & Meditation

Led by yoga instructor Ryan Jigaku Nakade, these gentle yoga sessions followed by group singing and a brief meditation are held every Friday afternoon from 4:30 - 6:00 p.m. in the Kannon Hall. Classes by donation. Call Ryan Jigaku for information: 895-0784. **Note: No class will be held on January 1.**

NEW! Yoga Classes by Ambika — A series of Sunday afternoon and Thursday morning yoga classes will be offered by Ambika Jo-an Rose during the month of January. Please see page 6 for more information.

Taiko Down Home Concert Fundraiser

Saturday, January 2 1:00 p.m.



Start the year off with a bang! A Taiko Down Home Concert by Kona Daifukuji Youth Taiko and Sensei Kristy Oshiro of Sacramento Taiko Dan, with a guest appearance by Dawn Nakamura, will be held on Saturday, January 2, 2016 at 1:00 p.m. in the Social Hall. This concert will be a benefit fundraiser for the group. At the door, admission is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children under 18. Snacks and drinks will be sold. Please come and support Kona Daifukuji Taiko. This event is open to the public.



Questions? Please call Akemi at 989-8194 or the temple office, 322-3524.



Clean-up Day Mahalo

from Shaun Roth, Cleanup Chair

Mahalo to everyone who helped with the November 29th temple cleanup. Plenty of workers showed up and got right to the tasks. Even with visiting and a few water breaks, the crew was able to knock out the entire list of chores by 11:30 a.m. This was a great example of “many hands make light work.” Everyone went home with happy full stomachs after the tasty lunch provided by Kona Daifukuji Fujinkai.





Start the New Year with Yoga

Two new series of yoga classes:

Thursday mornings: January 7, 14, 21, & 28 7:30 - 8:45 a.m.

Sunday afternoons: January 3, 10, 17, 24, & 31 4:00 - 5:30 p.m.

Four Noble Truths and Yoga - Ambika invites you to experience Buddha's Teachings combined with inspiring, practical yoga spiritual training.

Bring: yoga mat, loose clothing, an empty stomach, and a monetary "love offering" or "dana."

Classes will be taught in the Kannon Hall at Daifukuji by Amrit yoga teacher Ambika Jo-an Rose. Call (808) 430-2620 for information.

Library News

by Clear Houn Englebert



We have a new DVD, *Asoka*, a Bollywood film from India. Some words at the beginning and end of the film let you know that Asoka became a Buddhist, but the movie doesn't cover that part of his life. What is covered is his life as a Hindu prince, and there's dancing galore---if you've never seen a Bollywood film, now's your chance. Zumba lovers will especially appreciate the third musical number. There's also a good bit of violence---Asoka's early life was something he regretted later.

You can read more about Asoka in these two new arrivals: *The Edicts of King Asoka* translated by Dhammika and *King Asoka and Buddhism: Historical and Literary Studies* edited by Anuradha Seneviratna.

Here are more new arrivals:

Invoking Reality by John Daido Looi is a wonderful and very readable book about the sixteen precepts---highly recommended.

A New Zen Reader edited by Nelson Foster and Jack Shoemaker has a great introduction by Robert Aitken in which he compares the paucity of good Zen literature when he was first learning to the great wealth of material that is available today.

An example of that great wealth of material is *The Princeton Dictionary of Buddhism* by Robert Buswell and Donald Lopez. It was just published last year and it's a humdinger of a book---over two inches thick. Mushim Ikeda recommended it for our library.

Another book that just came out last year is *Returning to Stillness* by Meiten McGuire. It's the third of her books that we have and they are very inspirational.

Insights by Hsuan Hua is one of my favorite kinds of books---question and answer. It's so easy to read that it practically reads itself. Much of this material is not covered elsewhere that I know of---for instance he explains the difference between ghosts and spirits. Before reading that I thought they were just two words for the same thing. He's shockingly to the point, such as when he's asked the difference between Buddhism and theistic religions. His answer is, "One is ultimate while the other is not."

Another interesting new book is *The Great Compassion: Buddhism and Animal Rights* by Norm Phelps.

Going Beyond Buddha by Dae Gak is an excellent Korean Zen book.

Sitting Still Like a Frog: Mindfulness Exercises for Kids by Eline Snel includes a CD.



A Message from Rev. Jiko

Dear Daifukuji members and friends,

My family joins me in wishing you a bright and peaceful new year. I am very grateful for your kindness and friendship and for your loving support of Daifukuji Soto Mission. Our at-home Sangha, as well as our extended Sangha around the world, are precious indeed. Being part of a spiritual community that's based on the Buddha's teachings of wisdom and compassion is something which I truly treasure. Thank you to all for making our temple a place of harmony, friendship, and peace.

May 2016 be a year of further flourishing of the Dharma. In January, new classes in Buddhist study, yoga, and T'ai Chi are starting. Let us continue to cultivate mindfulness and peace through various forms of practice. Let's vow to create a brighter world.

With hands in gassho, I pray for the good health, happiness, and well being of you and your loved ones. I look forward to seeing many of you at Daifukuji's New Year's blessing services, taiko concert, Hatsumairi, and New Year's party.

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

With love and gratitude, in gassho,

Rev. Jiko



The Nakade family — Michael, Jiko, Ryan, & Amy — wish you a happy 2016.



A Message from Our Temple President

Hi everyone,

As I prepare to enter the New Year, I've looked back at the past year, thought about how we can do things better, and realized that every year we do do things better. This is because of you, our temple members. I am so proud of being a part of Daifukuji Soto Mission and being in contact with all of you. I'm looking forward to seeing more of you at temple functions and services. Please join us. Have a happy New Year !!!

In gassho,

Stephen Tanaka

New! New Year's Eve Meditation & Kirtan

Rev. Jiko and her son Ryan Jigaku will be offering a New Year's Eve Meditation & Kirtan that will lead into the New Year's Eve Blessing Service. **Bring light pupus & non-alcoholic beverages** to share at 9:30 p.m. The kirtan (spiritual group singing) will begin at 10:30 p.m. & be followed by a period of meditation which will end around 11:30 p.m. The New Year's Blessing Service will begin at 11:45 p.m.

What's New on the 2016 Membership Form

There's a new category for contributions on the 2016 membership form which says "Annual Sunday Services Donation (Gobutsuzen)." You can now send in a lump sum donation for major services rather than make a donation each time you attend a Sunday service. This will give you a receipt which the IRS requires if you are ever audited. Please see the membership form on page 10.



Baikako members with Rev. Keido Suzuki (center)



Happy Strummers with their instructor Henrietta Chee tune up at the Life Care Center of Kona



Fujiko & Rev. Suzuki



Coffee Festival Booth



Manju makers Yuki & Chris

Coming Up in February...

- Project Dana.....February 10
- Kannon-ko.....February 17
- Nehan-e Service.....February 21
- Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser.....February 27

Pick up your pre-ordered MOCHI
Sunday, December 27
9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
Questions? Call Avis & Brian at
322-3167.

January 2016

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 Pick up 9:30-2:30 MOCHITSUKI	28 5:00 PM Youth Taiko	29 8:30 AM Taiko Workshop	30 6:00 AM Zazen 8:30 AM Taiko Workshop	31 Blessing Service 11:45 9:00 AM Tai Chi	1 10 am Blessing Service	2 Taiko Concert 1 pm
3 10 am Fujinkai Hatsumairi 4:00 PM Yoga	4 5:00 PM Youth Taiko 7:30 PM Happy Strummers	5 9:00 AM Beginners T'ai Chi	6 6:00 AM Zazen 5:00 PM Youth Taiko 7:00 PM Fujinkai Board	7 7:30 AM Yoga 9:00 AM T'ai Chi 7:00 PM Evening Zazen	8 7:30 AM Samu 4:30 PM Yoga & Music	9 8:30 AM Zen Retreat
10 9:30 AM Family Service 4:00 PM Yoga	11 5:00 PM Youth Taiko	12 9:00 AM Bare Bones Writers 9:00 AM Beginners T'ai Chi 1:20 PM Library Staff	13 Project Dana 8:30 am 6:00 AM Zazen 5:00 PM Youth Taiko 7:00 PM Orchid Club	14 7:30 AM Yoga 9:00 AM T'ai Chi 7:00 PM Buddhist Movie	15 7:30 AM Samu 4:30 PM Yoga & Music 7:00 PM Sangha Sisters	16
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24 New Year's Party 10:30 am 4:00 PM Yoga	25 5:00 PM Youth Taiko	26 9:00 AM Beginners T'ai Chi 4:00 PM Dharma Study	27 6:00 AM Zazen 5:00 PM Youth Taiko 7:00 PM Taiko Board	28 7:30 AM Yoga 9:00 AM T'ai Chi	29 7:30 AM Samu 4:30 PM Yoga & Music	30
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Daifukuji Soto Mission 2016 Annual Membership Form

Please check one of the following:

Membership renewal

New member

(Non-members only) Wish to be a supporter of the temple. Enclosed is my donation.

Please remove my name from your mailing list. Name _____

***Permission** to use photos of your family taken at temple activities in newsletter. (Please initial.)

Please list the members of your household who are considered members of the Daifukuji Soto Mission:

1.				
	Last Name	First Name	Date of Birth	Occupation
2.				
	Last Name	First Name	Date of Birth	Occupation
3.				
	Last Name	First Name	Date of Birth	Occupation
4.				
	Last Name	First Name	Date of Birth	Occupation
5.				
	Last Name	First Name	Date of Birth	Occupation

(Please add names on a separate sheet if necessary.)

Mailing Address _____

Street Address (if different from mailing address) _____

Phone Number _____ Cell Number _____

E-mail Address _____ Check if you would like to receive your newsletter by email.

***2016 Annual Membership Dues**

\$40.00 per household \$ _____

***Annual Temple Operating**

Fund Donation (Ijihi) \$ _____

For utilities, insurance, minister's salary, office equip, basic maintenance, altar & kitchen supplies, newsletter, etc.

***Annual Sunday Services Donation** \$ _____
(Gobutsuzen)

***Cemetery Fee: \$5 per plot**
(if applicable) \$ _____

*Annual Nokotsudo Maintenance	Family Name on
Fee: \$10 per niche (if applicable) \$ _____	Niche(s) _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

Please make checks payable to Daifukuji Soto Mission . Kindly turn in by June 1, 2016.

Membership forms and donations may be dropped off at the temple office or mailed to:

Daifukuji Soto Mission, P.O. Box 55, Kealakekua, HI 96750.

Thank you very much. Your generous donations sustain our temple.



Daifukuji Soto Mission
New Year's Party
Sunday, January 24, 2016
10:30 a.m.

Return Form With Payment by January 10, 2016

We hope you'll join us in celebrating the Year of the Monkey. There will be great food, entertainment, and prizes. If you would like to donate pupus, non-alcoholic beverages, desserts, or menu ingredients, please call Ann Nakamoto (322-2601) or Alfreida Fujita (329-3457) by January 10. If you have any questions, please call Joyce St. Arnault at 329-3833 or Rev. Jiko at 322-3524.

NAME: _____ **Phone no.** _____
E-mail Address _____

Daifukuji Members & Members of Temple Groups (\$5.00 per person)

No. _____ **X \$5.00 =** _____

Names

1.	_____	4.	_____
2.	_____	5.	_____
3.	_____	6.	_____

Non-members/guests (\$10 per person)

No. _____ **X \$10.00 =** _____

Names

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

Children under 5 (Free) **No.** _____ **Names** _____

Total Enclosed \$ _____

Please fill out and enclose payment. **Make check payable to Daifukuji Soto Mission.** Please give to Rev. Jiko or mail to:

Daifukuji Soto Mission
Attn: New Year's Party
79-7241 Mamalahoa Hwy
Kealahou, HI 96750

Kindly RSVP by January 10, 2016.

No tickets will be sent to you. Your name and record of payment will be available at the door. Our hope is that this prepayment system will simplify your entrance. You do **not** need to bring a door prize/gift to the party. However, if you'd like to donate a prize, please drop it off at the temple by January 17. Donations are appreciated.



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KONA DAIFUKUJI YOGA:

4 Thurs. 7:30 - 8:45am Jan. 7, 14, 21, 28

YOGA & "The FOUR NOBLE TRUTHS:"

5 Sun. 4 - 5:30pm Jan 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

**Open to: Members & Kona Community
Beginners [Chair is OK] & Experienced
Drop in or Whole Series**

**Bring: Yoga mat [Thurs. only], loose clothing
Empty stomach, & "Dana" = "love" offering**

Held in: KANNON HALL, as available



Instructor: Ambika "Joo-An" Rose

I have been teaching yoga for some 35 years. The "Style" is Amrit Yoga, an authentic, meditative exploration of pranic [Chi] energy through alignment, extension, and intention. Following postures we pause: relax, breathe, and "let go!" We "alleviate suffering." **For inquiry call: (808) 430-2620**

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T'ai Chi Classes for Beginners

Starting January 5, 2016

Tuesdays 9 a.m. - 10 a.m.

Daifukuji Soto Mission

79-7241 Mamalahoa Hwy

(next to Teshima's)

No experience required. All ages welcome.

\$5 drop in or \$20/month donation

For further information, call instructor Philip Kakuho

at (808) 345-1492.