

# Daifukuji Soto Mission

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## O-Bon Service

*Sunday, June 30*

*9:30 a.m*

*Guest Speaker: Rev. Shinsho Hata*

Throughout the summer season of Obon, Buddhists remember their departed loved ones and family ancestors with gratitude and offer prayers and toba in their memory. As a Sangha, we gather to offer our support to those who are observing their departed family member's first Obon or hatsubon.

The following are the names of the departed for whom this will be a first Obon:

**Morris Kimura, Gary Akamatsu, Dennis Bangay, Yoshiko Ikeda, Sueno Ii, Takeshi Kudo**

All are invited to attend Daifukuji's Obon service on June 30th at 9:30 a.m. The Dharma message will be given by Rev. Shinsho Hata of the Hilo Taishoji Soto Mission. Please join us and plan to stay for the fellowship luncheon following the service. If you'd like to help with the cooking, please contact Merle at 323-3553. Donations of desserts are welcome.

Donations of flowers are appreciated. Please drop off flowers by Friday, June 28.

Toba request forms are due June 1. Please see or call Rev. Jiko (322-3524) if you need a form. The form is available on the last page of the May newsletter and on the temple website. Go to [www.daifukuji.org](http://www.daifukuji.org) & click on "archives" to find the May newsletter.

Special Announcement: Tickets for Daifukuji Taiko's 30th anniversary concerts may be purchased by the Daifukuji sangha on Sunday, May 26. See page 3 for details.

## June Programs



### **Dharma Study Classes to begin August 13**

No Dharma study sessions will be held during the months of June and July. A new series of classes will begin on August 13 using the book *A Path With Heart* by Jack Kornfield. Books will be available for purchase. Classes will be held on Tuesday afternoons from 3:30 -5:00 p.m. and will begin with 30 minutes of zazen. All are welcome. For more information, please contact Rev. Jiko at (808) 322-3524 or [info@daifukuji.org](mailto:info@daifukuji.org).

**Family Sangha: A Dharma Program for Children - Sundays, June 2 & 9 at 9:30 a.m.** Child-friendly 45-minute services which include yoga, zazen, chanting, singing, & Dharma lessons. For children of all ages and their parents & grandparents. The Family Sangha will be on summer break during the month of July. Family services resume August 11. Call Rev. Jiko for information: (808) 322-3524.

### **Zazen (Meditation)**

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

\* Thursdays, June 13 and 27 from 6:00 p.m. - 7:20 p.m.

Both morning and evening sessions include 20 minutes of chanting. Donations may be placed in the box on the incense table. All are welcome. Please arrive at least 5 minutes before starting time. Call ahead if you are new to zazen practice. (808) 322-3524

**Shakyo & Shabutsu Art Meditation - Saturday, June 1** from 8:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.

Mindfully tracing the Heart Sutra & pictures of buddhas and bodhisattvas in silence unifies body, breath, and mind. All supplies provided. By donation. Call Rev. Jiko at (808) 322-3524.

**Baikako Plum Blossom Choir Practice - Sunday, June 16** from 7:45 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.

**The Gay Sangha - Friday, June 7 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.**

A Buddhist group open to all, with a particular invitation to gay women and men and their families and friends. Meetings are the first Fridays of each month at 6:00 pm. Meditation and discussion. Call Clear or Steve at (808) 328-0329.

### **T'ai Chi**

Tuesdays at 9 a.m., Wednesdays at 12 noon, Thursdays at 9 a.m. All classes are one hour. \$5.00 per class. No prior experience is necessary. Call instructor Philip Kakuho Hema : (808) 345-1492.

### **Yoga**

Mondays from 8:30 - 9:30 a.m. in the Hisashi Kimura Cultural Hall. No fee, but donations accepted. Bring a mat or towel. Call instructor Liz Aschenbrenner: (808) 345-1270 or [liz217a@hotmail.com](mailto:liz217a@hotmail.com). Note: No class will be held on June 10.

For information on programs such as Taiko, Project Dana, Bare Bones Writers, Sangha Sisters Women's Circle, Soleful Strutters Walking Moai & Kona Daifukuji Orchid Club, please go to: <http://www.daifukuji.org/activities.html> or call (808) 322-3524.

## Welcome, New Members



Our sangha extends a warm aloha to the following new members:

**Adel Kedves**

**Melanie Eccard**

New members are always welcome. For information, see Rev. Jiko or visit our website: [http://www.daifukuji.org/membership\\_brochure.pdf](http://www.daifukuji.org/membership_brochure.pdf).

## In Memoriam



To the family of the late **Mitsue Oshima**, who passed away on May 9 at the age of 83, we express our sincere condolences.

*Namu Daihi Kanzeon Bosatsu*

## Ticket Sales for Kona Daifukuji Taiko's Anniversary Concerts



Announcing Daifukuji Taiko's 30th Anniversary Concert at the Aloha Theater in Kainaliu! Our honored guests/performers will be Sensei Ryuji Tamiya and Noriko Tamiya! **Two shows: Saturday, July 20th at 6 pm and Sunday, July 21st at noon. Tickets are \$20 each, general admission.**

Our taiko group could not exist without the support of Daifukuji. With gratitude to the sangha we are offering ticket sales to Daifukuji members first.

**Ticket sales to the sangha will begin in the social hall right after our Memorial Day-Baccalaureate service on Sunday, May 26th. Ticket sales to members only will continue through our Daifukuji Clean-up Day on June 23rd.**

**We will open ticket sales up to the general public on Monday, June 24th.**

With only 296 seats for each show, we expect to sell out, so please don't wait too long to purchase your tickets. All sales are first come, first serve and are non-refundable.

For information, please contact Kari Kimura, cell 808-987-6146.



## Pancake Breakfast Mahalo

Dear Fujinkai members, Daifukuji sangha, supporters, and friends,

We wish to express a belated thank you for your generous monetary gifts, donation of ingredients, and especially for your time and hard work in making our pancake breakfast fundraiser a huge success. We thank all who came out to support us. Our youth taiko members and families added extra sparkle and enthusiasm to an enjoyable breakfast get-together. We received wonderful comments on how helpful they all were.

Thanks to everyone's support, this fundraiser brought in \$3,493.50 for the Fujinkai. Proceeds will be used to defray expenses for future conferences, educational field trips, and community events.

With much gratitude,

*Fujinkai Team III and Committee Members*

*Daifukuji Fujinkai Women's Association*



**Keauhou Shopping Center**

**Saturday, June 1, 2019**

6:00 pm – 10:00 pm

*Bon Dancing! Great Food!  
Taiko Performances!*

Sponsored by:  
Kona Hongwanji Buddhist Temple

## Bon Dance Classes



Daifukuji Social Hall

7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

All are welcome. Classes are free.

May 20

June 17

July 2 , 4, 9, and 11

**Daifukuji's Bon Dance will be held on July  
13 from 6:30 p.m. - 10 p.m.**

Questions? Call Sensei Winifred Kimura at  
322-3296.

## Temple & Grounds Clean Up

*Sunday, June 23 8:00 a.m.*



Members and temple groups, kindly lend us a hand in cleaning our temple and grounds for O-Bon. We'll begin with a short meditation inside the temple at 8:00 a.m.

Please bring rags, buckets, gloves, and garden tools labelled with your name. Refreshments will be provided by the temple and prepared by the members of Sangha Sisters.

Any amount of time that you are able to offer will be appreciated. These big clean up days are held twice a year and many volunteers are needed. Questions? Call Shaun at 936-9815.

## Zazenkai Potluck Breakfast Meeting



*Wednesday, June 5  
7:30 a.m. after zazen  
Temple Library*

Zazenkai members, please help us plan the next Zen Retreat, which will be held on August 24 and will be open to the public. Many helping hands are needed.

Questions? Contact Zazenkai president Barbara Shoshin Bosz: [barbarainkona@gmail.com](mailto:barbarainkona@gmail.com) or (808) 987-2673.



## Orchid Show and Sale to be Held July 28 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.

The 37th annual Kona Daifukuji Orchid Club (KDOC) show and sale is 8 a.m.-1 p.m. on Sunday, July 28 at the Daifukuji Soto Mission Hall. The free event offers attendees a complimentary orchid boutonniere corsage—while they last.

This year's theme, "Wonderland of Orchids," highlights the wonders of orchids, including their adaptability and historical medicinal uses. View colorful displays of flowering orchid plants; cameras are welcome. Charter member and historian, Carol Zakahi's special display, "Peering Through the Looking Glass of Orchids," will showcase orchid memorabilia and collectibles.

Buy high-quality locally-grown orchid species and hybrids, and if you have any questions – see the "orchid doctor." Taiko drummers will perform at 10 a.m. Take a self-guided tour of the mission's on-site Orchid Grotto to learn ways to harmonize and beautify a challenging space with orchids.

The KDOC is West Hawai'i's oldest orchidaceae organization with a mission to learn and foster orchid culture and promote fellowship among orchid collectors. The club meets the second Wednesday of every month at 6:30 p.m. at the Daifukuji Soto Mission Hall on Hwy. 11 at mile marker 114, just north of Kainaliu. Get club updates at [www.facebook.com/orchidsinparadise](http://www.facebook.com/orchidsinparadise).

## Daifukuji Gift Shop News

by Clear Houn Englebert

The move to the basement is complete. There's lots more "fine tuning" to be done, but the shelf building is done, thanks to Hoshin Mann, Christy & John Ogg, and Horan & Isshin Israel. The heavy cases are moved in, thanks to an amazingly strong samu crew, plus Derek Nakamura. The merchandise is on racks, hooks, and shelves thanks to Kakuho Hema, Myoko Fekete, Lisa Jacob, Rev. Jiko, Amy Jikai, Connie Zahalka, Horan Israel, Keion Hanato, and Shoshin Bosz. Thank you to Warren Ikeda for installing the special lights & lanterns.



Mahalo to Miki Keion for being our first customer. The merchandise really does shine in that nice space.

Note: We now have purple Daifukuji shirts in all styles and sizes: kids shirts, short sleeve t-shirts, v-neck and scoop-neck ladies' shirts, long-sleeve shirts, and Polo shirts. Once again, we thank artist Tina Shoren Cintron for her beautiful drawing of the Hawaii Kannon, the Bodhisattva of Great Compassion, which is on the back of all of our shirts.

## Jizo and Kannon-ko Service

*Wednesday, June 19  
10 a.m.*



Every year in June, a service is held in honor of Jizo Bosatsu whose great compassion is depicted in the form of the stone bodhisattva which sits in the beautiful red shrine outside the temple. Jizo Bosatsu, also known as Ojizosama, is regarded as the protector of travelers and children. Portrayed as a pilgrim monk, he holds in his hand a wish-fulfilling gem. Kotoba will be read in memory of deceased babies and children. To offer a prayer for a deceased baby or child, please give his or her name to Rev. Jiko prior to the service. The Jizo-ko service is held in front of the Jizo shrine outside.

The Jizo-ko service will be followed by the regular monthly Kannon-ko service. All are welcome. Donations of refreshments are appreciated.



24th Annual Building Fund  
Bazaar

Sunday, September 8, 2019

9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Donations of items for the bazaar will be accepted from August 25 to September 5.

Committee heads and interested members, please attend a bazaar planning meeting on Sunday, June 2 at 1:00 p.m. in the Daifukuji Social Hall.

Questions? Call Joyce at 329-3833 or Barbara at 987-2673.



## Daifukuji Soto Mission Legacy Endowment Fund

Aloha Members & Friends of Daifukuji

Thank you for your continued support of our Legacy Endowment Fund. As of March 31st, our Endowment fund has surpassed the 300,000 dollar mark. While immediate milestones are good to achieve, we always keep in mind that the long-term goal of our endowment is to ensure the sustainability of our Temple well into the future to serve our members & our community. Every penny of our endowment stays right here at Daifukuji and will only be used for the upkeep of our Temple. That includes the Nokotsudo, the Daifukuji grounds, the minister's residence, the social & cultural halls and the cemetery.

Recent Donors:

**The Setsuyo Oshima Trust; Lorraine Tanimoto in Memory of Misao, George and Joanne Tanimoto; Betty Sakoda; Nancy Osako in Memory of Juanita Finkenberg; Stanley M. Kimura (2 Donations); Google on behalf of Rune Dahl; The Amazon Smile Foundation.**

Thank you to those of you who shop online using Amazon Smile. Just go to [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com), and choose "Daifukuji Soto Mission" as your charity. It's the same shopping experience & prices, and Amazon donates a small portion of all eligible purchases to Daifukuji.

A small challenge in writing about the Endowment Fund for the newsletter is finding something somewhat meaningful to say about the importance of giving. Recently, our family had a 1-year memorial service for my Uncle Morris Kimura. During the service, Reverend Jiko had us read from the sutra *Shushogi*:

"There are four kinds of wisdom that benefit living beings: giving, kind speech, beneficial deeds, and cooperation. These are the practices of the vow of the bodhisattva. "Giving" means not to covet. In principle, although nothing is truly one's own, this does not prevent us from giving. Do not disdain even a small offering; its giving will surely bear fruit. Therefore, we should give even a line or a verse of the dharma, sowing good seeds for this life and other lives."

"Sowing good seeds for this life and other lives." I thought that was a great way to describe what we are trying to accomplish with our endowment. Knowing that future generations will benefit from our deeds, is in itself a benefit to ourselves today. Once again, as he did throughout his life, Uncle Morris lent a gentle guiding hand to help me out. *Okagesama de*.

Thank you for your continued support of Daifukuji and our Legacy Endowment Fund.

In Gassho,

*Wade Yasuda, Chairman*

Daifukuji Soto Mission Legacy Endowment Fund Board of Trustees

Avis Yamamoto, Brian Yamamoto, Keith Olson, Wade Yasuda

## Library News

By Clear Houn Englebert



Here are the new arrivals:

*Introduction to Shobogenzo* by Kazuo Morimoto is a wonderful new addition to our Japanese Language section.

*A Glossary of Zen Terms* by Hisao Inagaki is a good addition to the Reference section, since it's about "terms" and not just "words" like a dictionary.

*Buddhism Pure and Simple* by Hsing Yun, translated by Tom Graham, is beautifully written and *very* inspiring. It's one of those "grab you" kind of books!

*Jogging the Mind* by Barbara Green is subtitled *How to Use Aerobic Exercise as Meditation*.

*A Mind at Ease* by Spring Liao is a magnificent compilation of her artwork, both in color and black and white. In the preface, written in 1993, she explains that this collection was originally her husband's idea. Spring Liao has been, and continues to be, a great bodhisattva to our temple. We are indeed blessed to have this rare book.

*Blue Zones* is a special publication by National Geographic, introducing the concept of food, lifestyles, and longevity. Daifukuji is a Blue Zones approved faith-based organization.

*Prajnaparamita Heart Sutra* is a lovely small edition of this important scripture, published by Buddha's Light.

*Matsuri!* by Gloria Gonick is a very large, very colorful book, subtitled *Japanese Festival Arts*. Warning—if you pick it up, you're going to want to check it out! The photographs *will* entice you.

*Life of Sakyamuni in Drawing* by Ip Man Yee and Wong Yin Man is published in Hong Kong and is magnificent. It has 30 stories of the Buddha's life with truly great illustrations. The short preface is a gem in itself, containing this quote "If we respect and work for the good of all sentient beings, it is the same as respecting and serving the Buddhas."

*Holy Places of the Buddha* by Dharma Publishing is by far the most comprehensive guide to Buddhist sites in India. There's lots of text (with nice large print), plenty of photographs as well as maps and drawings. It's ideal for someone going on pilgrimage, as well as armchair travelers, like myself.





## Just Sit

by Rev. Jikō Nakade

*This story recently appeared in the column “Chasing the Light,” which is developed and produced by Lynne Johnson and Robin Rohr for the publication MidWeek. <http://www.midweek.com>.*

*Obon is the time of year when memories of my parents and grandparents come floating back to me, carried on the rhythms of the taiko drums, which reverberate through the halls of the temple. Their lives, with its toils and struggles, joy and pain, become vivid once again, allowing me to see how much they loved me and impacted my life.*

Growing old was not easy for my mother, who prided herself on being strong and self-reliant. She struggled making the transitions from walking to using a cane, then a walker, and finally a wheelchair. Being her only child and primary caregiver, I struggled right along with her, feeling the pain of my mother’s decline.

Once, at 2:00 a.m., I heard my mother call out and found her in a predicament. Instead of buzzing me to assist her, she had tried to walk to the bathroom on her own. Her legs had buckled and she was unable to get back up on her feet.

We tried everything we could think of to get her up off the floor, but nothing worked. Her legs were too weak. The effort left her exhausted.

“Just let me sit!” she barked out of frustration.

I plopped down beside her on the floor, not knowing what to do next.

For quite some time we sat there, catching our breath in the middle of the night. Somehow, it was okay.

Mom and I both practiced *zazen*, so we were comfortable sitting in silence. Sit and breathe. Sit and breathe. I could hear our hard breathing settle.

After a while, I looked at Mom and said, “Let’s play hanafuda!”



I ran and got a stack of Japanese playing cards and dealt us each a hand. There we were, sitting on the floor playing hanafuda in the middle of the night. After a few games Mom was ready to try again. This time, she was able to get up.

Sometimes one just has to stop struggling and sit quietly in the midst of what is. Just sit and breathe...and maybe even whip out a pack of hanafuda cards.

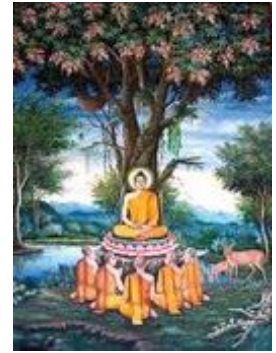


Jiko & her mother Mildred in 2003.

## Soto Zen Buddhist Confirmation Ceremony to Be Held

*Saturday, June 1 at 2:00 p.m.*

Daifukuji members **Melanie Eccard, Mark Kriss, Adel Kedves, and Betsy Morrigan** will be receiving the sixteen precepts along with their Buddhist names in a Soto Zen Buddhist Lay Confirmation Ceremony officiated by Rev. Jiko and assisted by Deacon Jikai Nakade on Saturday, June 1 at 2:00 p.m. Sangha members and friends are cordially invited to attend the ceremony.



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Japanese Conversation & Grammar Classes: June 3 & June 10

4:00 - 5:00 p.m. in the Temple Library By donation

*Sensei: Takako Oxley*

All are welcome to join these classes. The lessons will be conducted according to the needs and interests of those present. A great start for beginners and a good review for advanced students! Bring your questions.

Contact Takako Oxley: [toxley@kuleanaeducation.com](mailto:toxley@kuleanaeducation.com) or (808) 989-8085



Gift Shop  
Blessing &  
Grand Opening  
May 26  
11 a.m.



### Coming up in July...

Project Dana.....July 10

Bon Dance Set Up & Bon Dance.....July 13

Bon Dance Clean Up.....July 14

Kannon-ko Service.....July 17

Taiko Anniversary Concerts....July 20 & 21

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