



## Daifukuji Soto Mission

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*Treasuring the Past, Embracing the Present*

*August 2006*

### **Sunday Family Program to Begin August 6**

Sunday Mornings 9:30 a.m.

Rev. Jiko and Jill Teiho Wagner warmly invite families to join the Sunday family program beginning August 6. The services, which are child friendly, begin at 9:30 a.m. and include a one-minute meditation, chanting, dharma songs, and a dharma talk. Children will be introduced to the teachings of the Buddha in gentle ways and held with love and respect.

Fun activities follow the services. There will be arts and crafts, games, creative movement, and music. Field trips, picnics, and a family peace camp are also being planned.

All members of the family, including babies, are welcome. In order to practice generosity (dana), we encourage each family member to bring an offering. It can be a small coin or other monetary offering. Flowers for the altar and snacks can also be given. A \$15 annual family registration fee is requested, and will be used to purchase refreshments and supplies.

For more information, please call Rev. Jiko at 322-3524 or Jill Teiho at 325-2377.

*Love & peace begin at home.*

### **Daifukuji Teen Sangha Looking for New Members**

Pre-teens and teenagers in grades 7-12 are invited to join the Daifukuji Teen Sangha which meets on Sunday mornings following the family services. In addition to learning the teachings of Buddhism, the students will have fun assisting in services, mentoring the kids Sangha, and doing temple and community service. In a wholesome temple environment, Teen Sangha members will plan fun activities throughout the year. The religious advisors to the Teen Sangha are Rev. Jiko and Jill Teiho Wagner.

The group will also be guided by Avis & Brian Yamamoto, Aunty Taura, Jeera Rattangkoon, & parents of the teens.

A Teen Sangha welcome ceremony & luncheon will be held on September 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Students may sign up for the Teen Sangha after the family service on August 6.

For more information, please call Rev. Jiko at 322-3524 or Jill Teiho at 325-2377.

*Our world needs young people who understand that with compassion they can make a difference.*

## Warm Mahalo from Jan

Dear Members & Friends,

We had a very successful Obon celebration this year. It started with the cleaning of the temple and grounds the Saturday before Obon. With our new Cultural Hall and nokotsudo, a considerable amount of work has been added to our general clean up days, yet our faithful members came out, some having done this for 30-50 years. We were happy to have the help of the youth taiko drummers & their families & instructors, and everyone worked together to get the jobs done. The ladies in the kitchen cleaned and made delicious snacks for everyone.

On the day of Obon the setting up of the yagura, lights, and sound system, which started at eight a.m., took until two in the afternoon and then we all rushed home to change our clothes and get back for dinner at four. A fantastic dinner was prepared by the Fujinkai. There must have been twenty ladies working hard in the kitchen that day – a sight to behold. It was a joy to have Rev. & Mrs. Akita, friends from Taishoji, and the Hatsubon families present at the dinner. Everyone enjoyed watching a slide show of the Daifukuji Sangha in action that was presented by Michael Nakade using the new Lumi projector that was recently purchased using the funds donated to the temple by the Fujinkai.

So many people came to the Bon memorial service that people were sitting outside on the temple porch. It felt good to have that many members & friends present. At the Bon Dance that followed the service, there were so many people dancing around the yagura that there weren't even proper lines. We were like a school of fish all swimming to the beat of the taiko.

The Daifukuji and Hongwanji taiko groups were fantastic. A large audience was captivated by the music.

As in the past, the work involved to assure a successful day was awe-inspiring. I do not feel that I can adequately express my appreciation for all of you that came out to put this event together.

I would love to mention all your names but surely I would forget someone and I would hate to do that. So, I am simply thanking all of you. Each one of you had a very important part in the creation of a very happy occasion. Mahalo and arigato gozaimashita.

Much aloha and gassho,  
Jan Bovard



Barbara, Makiko, & Mary busily at work in the kitchen



Arigato to our yagura set-up team!



## Goeika and Ikebana Workshops To Be Held August 12

The information went out in the July newsletter, but this is just a friendly reminder inviting you to sign up for the beginners goeika (Buddhist hymns) workshop and/or the ikebana (Japanese flower arrangement) class if you are interested by calling Jiko Sensei at 322-3524. We thank Rev. and Mrs. Shinryu Akita of the Hilo Taishoji Mission for giving our Sangha this golden opportunity to study the Zen arts of goeika and ikebana



## Kohala Field Trip Coming Up August 27

*Gathering Time at Daifukuji 7:15 a.m.*

Information about the Fujinkai and Kids & Teen Sangha Field trip to Kohala has gone out through the groups' phone trees. If you've signed up, please meet at Daifukuji at 7:15 a.m. We will be leaving at 7:30 a.m. If you'd like to sign up, please call Nancy Tanaka at 322-3205 right away.

## Flower Petals

30-minute DVDs of the Daifukuji Obon Festival are available for \$20. Once again Randy Magnus of Art TV Hawai'i has done a magnificent job filming and editing scenes from our Bon service, fellowship dinner, and Bon dance. Please see Rev. Jiko if you are interested in purchasing a DVD. Mahalo, Randy!

Do you have old photos of Daifukuji that you could share with us? Dr. Julia Crawford has offered to help expand our temple archives by scanning your photos and saving them. If you have old photos that the temple could either have or borrow, please drop them off. If possible, please write a picture title and date on the back of the photo, along with your name.

Members, if you have not yet picked up your centennial copy of the book Gokurosama, please drop by. The books are in a box on a table in the Kannon-do. Don't miss getting your free copy. Gokurosama is filled with interesting essays written by members and senseis from the various Soto Shu temples in Hawai'i.



## Our Lineage, Our Strength

by Rev. Jiko

Recently my Oshima family celebrated the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Oshima Store in Kainaliu. Much to my regret, temple duties prevented me from attending the event, but in my heart I offered a blessing and reflected upon my family lineage. My grandparents Kanesaburo and Matsu Oshima, who founded the store, passed away before I was born, but I grew up looking at their pictures on the living room wall and wondering what their lives had been like. I knew that they, like all isseis, had toiled day and night and struggled to make a living and support their large family. My father Noboru was the eldest of the Oshima children. He died when I was nine years old, but I clearly remember the lines of worry that marked his face. He had felt responsible for the propriety and well being of the Oshima family and had depended upon my mother Mildred for her support in holding the family together.

My family lineage strengthens me. In my daily life I draw upon the wisdom and energy of my ancestors. They were strong, hardy, and kind people who cared about their neighbors and their community. By watching my parents, from an early age I learned the values of perseverance, cooperation, and honesty. More importantly, in times of hardship, I draw upon their strength. They worked seven days a week in running a store, and here I am, working seven days a week, but in a temple instead. It makes me laugh. I've even picked up their work habits!

But not everyone has a strong family lineage in which to take refuge. A woman I know was raised first in an orphanage and later in a number of foster homes. She told me that when the Dalai Lama compares the compassion of the Buddha to the boundless love of a mother's heart, she is overcome by sadness. Her mother had abandoned her. Yet, she is herself a strong, resilient, and compassionate woman of great integrity and kindness. She has taken refuge in the Buddha, Dharma, and Sangha and found strength and wisdom in the Three Treasures.

My teacher once pointed out to me that we each have two lineages – our familial lineage of biological ancestors and our spiritual lineage that goes back to Shakamuni Buddha. Both lineages support us like the strong intertwining roots of a tree. Powerful winds cannot topple a tree with deep roots.

In Soto Zen monasteries and temples in Japan, priests remember their lineage by chanting the names of the Buddhas and patriarchs. In American Zen centers, people have asked “What about the women?” They've searched and discovered a strong, hidden stream of women teachers and laity who have practiced through the ages, also keeping the lamp of the Dharma burning. Today in many Zen centers in this country, the names of both male and female teachers are chanted. Our lineage has grown fuller, stronger, & brighter.

Please remember that you have two lineages and that in challenging times, you can draw upon their strength. Trace those lineages to their farthest points and you will find the whole universe supporting your existence. There are infinite threads binding the life around us and the life within us. If we can only remember this, we will be okay.

Our lineages are our strength.

Namu Kie Butsu. Namu Kie Ho. Namu Kie So.

## Taiko Group Says Arigato

We, the members of the Kona Daifukuji Taiko group, wish to express our sincere appreciation for all the help and support we received with our Golf Tournament held on June 24, 2006. This was a fundraiser for our upcoming trip to Japan at the end of September. It was the first time that we held such an event and it was a big success!

We express a very special mahalo to Curtis Dahl who chaired the event along with Michele Abe and Peggy Ciriako of the Kona Country Club. We received many donations and many wonderful prizes for the golfers, and had a variety of sponsors from temple members, the community, and even visitors from afar. Arigato to all of you.

From our hearts we thank our families and Daifukuji Sangha for their hard work, encouragement, and love.

A special mahalo goes to Michiko Enomoto for sewing new purple happi uniforms for us. The uniforms are stunningly beautiful.

Mahalo nui from the members of Kona Daifukuji Taiko!



## Congratulations!



Congratulations to Lutz and Anlyn Hoffman who were married at Daifukuji on June 26, 2006. We wish the Hoffman family much happiness!

*“In your lives together, may there be oneness, may there be space. Ever mindful of human imperfection, may you have compassion for each other and for yourselves, and greet each challenge with a broad and expansive heart. So that, in those challenging moments, when the mind says ‘this is too much,’ the heart simply responds ‘...and this, too.’”*

*(Words from marriage ceremony performed by Rev. Jiko)*

## Help Needed for Cemetery Clean Up

**Sunday, August 20 8 a.m. – noon**

Have you been up to the Daifukuji cemetery lately? Surely you’ve noticed that the weeds are tall and moss is covering the uneven paths between the graves. The trees and bushes need to be cut back and the Department of Health has asked us to turn over all unused flower containers that serve as mosquito breeding grounds. Our cemetery needs work and we need the help of our members. We would especially like to request the help of those members who have family graves in our cemetery.

A cemetery clean up day has been set for Sunday, August 20 from 8 a.m. – noon. There will be a list of tasks from which to choose. Please bring hand tools labelled with your name. If you are skilled in using a chainsaw, please bring it with your protective equipment. With everyone’s help, we’ll be able to beautify our cemetery and make it a safer place for people to visit. Refreshments will be provided, but additional donations of snacks are always welcome.

August 2006						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Youth Taiko: Mondays & Wednesdays	Adult Taiko: Tuesday Evenings	1  Zen Taiko Meeting 7:40 pm	2 Zazen 6 a.m.  Fujinkai Board 7 p.m.	3  Zazen & Dharma Study 7:30 p.m.	4  Samu Temple Clean Up 8 a.m.	5
6  Family Services Begin 9:30 a.m.  Yoga 4 p.m.	7  Happy Strummers 7:30 p.m.	8	Zazen 6 a.m.	10  Daifukuji Board Meeting 7 p.m.	11 Samu 8 a.m.  Sangha Sisters 7:00 p.m.	12  Goeika & Ikebana Workshops
13 Family Service 9:30 a.m. Omamori Making 1 p.m. Yoga 4 p.m.	14	15	16 Zazen 6 a.m.  Kannon-ko 10:00 a.m.	17  Zazen & Dharma Study 7:30 p.m.	18  Samu 8 a.m.	19
20 Goeika 8 a.m. Family Service Cemetery Clean Up 8 a.m. Yoga 4 p.m.	21  Happy Strummers 7:30p.m.	22	23 Zazen 6 a.m.  Youth Taiko Board Meeting 7 p.m.	24  Zazen & Dharma Study 7:30 p.m.	25  Samu 8 a.m.	26
27 Fujinkai & Sunday School Field Trip 7:30 a.m.  Yoga 4 p.m.	28	29	30  Zazen 6 a.m.	31		