



Daifukuji Soto Mission

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Treasuring the Past, Embracing the Present

September 2006

Ohigan & Ryosoki Services Fujinkai General Membership Meeting and Potluck Luncheon

Sunday, September 10 9:30 a.m.

Members and friends are cordially invited to the Ohigan & Ryosoki services to be held September 10 at 9:30 a.m. At the time of the autumnal equinox when the weather is mild and pleasant, Buddhists observe Ohigan by visiting family graves and reflecting upon the six paramitas. September is also the month during which we observe the memorial services for the two founders of our Soto tradition, Dogen Zenji and Keizan Zenji. "Ryoso" means "both founders."

The Dharma talk will be given by Daifukuji member Clear Englebert. Clear was ordained as a lay Soto Zen Buddhist in 1976 at Shasta Abbey in northern California. The abess of the monastery was Rev. Jiyu Kennett, who trained at Sojiji Monastery in Japan, becoming Dharma Heir of the abbot Keido Chisan Koho Zenji. Rev. Jiyu ordained Clear as a monk in 1984. He is now a lay Buddhist, meditator, feng shui consultant, and author. His latest book Feng Shui for Hawaii will be published this winter by Bess Press in Honolulu. Clear will be giving a presentation on Feng Shui following a potluck lunch in the social hall. A Fujinkai general membership meeting will also be held. *Please bring a dish to share.*

Daifukuji Aikido Club Starts September 8

Fridays 3:30 - 5:00 p.m.
Saturdays 9:00 - 10:30 a.m.

Aikido sensei and Daifukuji member Hans-Peter Mothes will be starting the Daifukuji Aikido Club on September 8 in the Hisashi Kimura Cultural Hall. The classes will be open to students ages 12 and up. There's a monthly fee of \$40 for students ages 12-18 and \$50 for students ages 19 and older. This monthly fee covers any number of classes per month. For families enrolling 2 or more members, there is a monthly family fee of \$70. Please wear loose-fitting long pants such as sweat pants (no shorts) and a t-shirt. Long hair should be tied back. Bring a bottle of water.

Mothes Sensei, currently the 7th-8th grade teacher at the Kona Pacific Waldorf School in Kealakekua, was the director of the Dept. of Aikido at the University of Mannheim, Germany from 1988-2005. He holds a 3rd degree black belt. He and his wife Christiane are members of the Daifukuji Zen Taiko group and they have two children, Philip and Laura.

As aikido instructor, Mothes Sensei will be volunteering his time for the benefit of our youth & community. For information, please call him at 324-1214.

Warm Mahalo from Jan

Dear Members & Friends,

We did it again. Sunday, August 20th was cemetery clean up. I hope those of you that go up to the cemetery from time to time will notice how clean and free of trash it is now. Many people joined in for the clean up. There was the whirrrr of chainsaws, the scrape, scrape and tap tap of tools beings used to take the moss off the grave sites, the hum of the blower, and the folks talking back and forth. Some people were enjoying seeing the results so much that it was hard to get them to take a break. All the trees along the north wall were cut back and the big tree on the makai bottom was trimmed way back. It had been shading some of the graves. The Board is trying to decide on what to put on the pathways.



Hardworking Minoru Hanato takes a break.

We are hoping to make it a little safer. These times when we can work together brings the heart into the Buddha's teaching. We have a common goal and there is no separation –we are truly one family.

To all of you that came on Sunday, thank you so much. We can see the fruits of our labor. I am going to try to thank all of you by name. Of course, it is not only me doing the thanking but the whole membership. Mahalo to: Taichi Harada, Masa Oga, Reiko Sekine, Joyce St. Arnault, Brian and Avis Yamamoto, Mikie, Renkio, and Kitao Hanato-Wells, Minoru Hanato, Himeo Hanato, Wynn Hanato, Banyan and Sherry Hanato, Stanley and Sandra Oshima, Shirlene Yoneyama, Michele Abe and Sailor

Scouts 4-H Club members Alexandra Aoki, Kacey Kim, Megan Delaries, and Kellie and Amanda Abe. Mahalo to all!

Much aloha,
Jan Bovard

Anybody Need a Lean-To?

The little cottage on the slope behind the minister's residence will be moved to a new location in Captain Cook. Known as "the coffin house" by some and "the nun's house" by others, this structure was our original Kannon-do, according to Fujiko Akamatsu. It was moved to its present location when a larger Kannon hall was built and has, over the years, served as the residence of a nun, a storage room for coffins and urns when the temple operated the crematorium, and a general storeroom after that. Termites and rats have taken over the little cottage and it's fallen into a dilapidated state. The temple board has decided to give the building to the Historic Hawaii Foundation which will move it and restore it in the near future.

SO....does anyone have use for a lean-to? Attached to this cottage is a lean-to that will have to come down. The temple is offering it to anyone who could use the corrugated metal roofing material. Please contact Rev. Jiko at 322-3524 if you are interested.



The Original Kannon-do With Lean-To

Welcome, New Members

We warmly welcome these new members:

Eileen Michiko Higa, mother of Grace Miyata

Jane, Carlo, & D'Marco Mireles

Congratulations!

Into our hearts and into our sangha, we welcome these precious babies:

Keoni Kimura Roth, son of Kari Kimura & Shaun Roth

Brandon Thanongdeth Sayphone, son of Patsy (Kawakami) and Kevin Sayphone

Expressions of Sympathy

We extend our condolences to the families of the late Hanayo Mitamura and the late Goro Inaba. May they be surrounded by the compassion of the Buddha and the love of the Sangha. We also express our sympathy to Rev. and Mrs. Shugen Komagata and family. On Aug.5 Rev. Komagata was involved in a car accident in Niigata, Japan that resulted in the deaths of Sensei's mother, Teiko Komagata, and brother-in-law, Nobuo Matsuda. Rev. Komagata and his sister Chiyono Matsuda sustained serious injuries and were hospitalized. Sensei will soon be returning to Hawaii to recuperate. To the Komagata family, we send our love and heartfelt sympathy.



Kids Sangha families bid farewell to the Kito family.

Zen Taiko Book Sale

Zen Taiko, our Tuesday night adult taiko group, is selling copies of The Way of Taiko by Heidi Varian and Grand Master Seiichi Tanaka. This splendid book is wonderfully written, thoroughly researched, and beautifully designed. It is also a wonderful addition to any taiko collection.

Copies are available on Tuesday evenings from 6:30 – 8:00, during the Zen Taiko session. Drop by, listen, watch, and pick up your copy for only \$15.00 (almost \$4.00 off the cover price). Or if you can't make Tuesday nights, feel free to contact Rob Rothrock by phone (756-4343) to make arrangements for payment and pick up.



Annual Orchid Show

September 17 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Get hooked on the fascination of growing orchids at the annual Kona Daifukuji Orchid Show. In its 24th year, the club presents its annual show and sale on September 17 in our social hall. New educational exhibits will illustrate how and where to grow orchids. Interactive fun includes a guessing game and club members will demonstrate their tested techniques for maintaining healthy orchids. Attendees are invited to bring problem plants to the show for examination by Dr. Janice Uchida, associate professor and plant pathologist at UH Manoa. The doctor is in for the duration of the show.

Kona Daifukuji Taiko will be performing at 10:00 a.m.

The Kona Daifukuji Orchid Club meets at the temple on the second Wednesday of every month. For information, call Ellen at 328-8131.

Sangha Movie Night Coming Up September 23

“Eiheiji Shugyo No Shiki”
The 4 Seasons of Training at Eiheiji
Daifukuji Social Hall 7:00 p.m.

The training of the Zen monks at the great monastery of Eiheiji, one of the two head monasteries of our Soto Zen tradition, will be featured in the Japanese movie “Eiheiji Shugyo No Shiki” which will be shown in the social hall using our temple’s new Lumi projector. Rev. Jiko will be providing English translation so don’t worry if you don’t understand Japanese. Admission is free.

Chairs will be provided, but feel free to bring your own comfortable folding chair, blanket, and cushion. Popcorn will be provided by the Teen Sangha. It’s Saturday night at the movies! Invite your friends for some great Zen entertainment.



Mrs. Tatsuko Akita’s Ikebana Class - August 12



Rev. Akita’s Goeika Workshop – August 12

Lotus Rapture CD

Henrietta Chee, the gracious and beloved instructor of the Daifukuji Happy Strummers, has produced a CD which is available for \$10 through Rev. Jiko. Says Henrietta, whose artist name is Kim Len: *“With our lives filled with activity each day, coping with all of it can be overwhelming. When this occurs, a little “time-out” may be helpful. Music can provide this pause that rejuvenates one’s self, restoring a sense of balance. This music was composed specifically for this purpose. Lotus Rapture was inspired by the beautiful lotus flowers and flowing streams of Waipio Valley. The magic of a starlit sky is musically expressed in Starlight Enchantment, the vibrant color of a Kona sunset portrayed in the music of Sunset Serenade. With these warm, soothing sounds created with a Korg keyboard and a Musser vibraphone, it is this musical artist’s wish that harmony, joy and peace will be experienced by the listener.”*

Home is Where the Zen Is

How do you bring Zen into your home?

Keep it simple

Keep it clean

Keep it useful

Keep it in perspective

Each of these points isn’t important in itself. Cultivating these qualities in your home is simply a way to remind yourself how to be mindful. Living simply helps counteract materialistic impulses. Cleanliness can help you feel more clearheaded and less overwhelmed, and getting your house clean provides plenty of opportunities for mindfulness practice. The point of a Zen home is to help you keep a perspective on what is important in your life; the being and the doing, not the having and the holding.

Taken from: *The Complete Idiot’s Guide to Zen Living*

The Art of Peace

By Jiko Sensei

Four years ago at Borders Bookstore, a little book entitled *The Art of Peace: Teachings of the Founder of Aikido* caught my eye as I was walking to the checkout counter. I picked it up and added it to my pile. Thus was I introduced to the teachings of Morihei Ueshiba, the founder of Aikido, the Japanese martial art which Mothes Sensei will begin teaching at Daifukuji in September.

This little book, translated by Zen scholar and Aikido instructor John Stevens, is a gem. It sits on an old pear crate turned toilet-side-table in the bathroom, a special place where I place little books that I would like my family to read. (We moms have our ways.)

According to this book, Morihei Ueshiba (1883-1969) was history's greatest martial artist. He could, even as an old man of eighty, disarm any foe, down any number of attackers, and pin an opponent with a single finger. He had extraordinary ability as a warrior, and yet he detested violence, fighting, and war. His life was transformed by three visions which resulted in his commitment to living a life of peace and to teaching the art of peace to others through Aikido.

Here are some selections from *The Art of Peace*:

"The Art of Peace begins with you. Work on yourself and your appointed task in the Art of Peace. Everyone has a spirit that can be refined, a body that can be trained in some manner, a suitable path to follow. You are here for no other purpose than to realize your inner divinity and manifest your innate enlightenment. Foster peace in your own life and then apply the Art to all that you encounter."

"The Art of Peace is a form of prayer that generates light and heat. Forget about your little self, detach yourself from objects, and you will radiate light and warmth. Light is wisdom; warmth is compassion."

"Daily training in the Art of Peace allows your inner divinity to shine brighter and brighter. Do not concern yourself with the right and wrong of others. Do not be calculating or act unnaturally. Keep your mind set on the Art of Peace, and do not criticize other teachers or traditions. The Art of Peace never restrains, restricts, or shackles anything. It embraces all and purifies everything."

I am deeply grateful to Mothes Sensei for offering to start the Daifukuji Aikido Club and to our temple board of directors for supporting this program. With the addition of aikido, we will have 15 groups that meet and practice the art of peace at Daifukuji. Among them are our Kids Sangha, Teen Sangha, Baikako, Fujinkai, Zazenkai, Sangha Sisters, Youth & Adult Taiko Groups, Orchid Club, Yoga Club, and Happy Strummers. We have dreams of developing our Caring Circle program for seniors and starting a sutra study group and Japanese language class. Little by little, in as many ways as possible, we at Daifukuji are offering, studying, and practicing the art of peace. This is our gift to ourselves, to our community, and to our Earth.

Our Sunday family service program has gotten off to a good start. Aunty Taura's been teaching the song "Teaching Peace" to the children & adults and everyone's having a jolly time marching and twirling and clapping their hands to its beat. The Teen Sangha's involved in a Bodhi tree planting project and will be having their annual welcome ceremony & luncheon on September 3rd. And we're kicking off our monthly Sangha movie nights with the showing of a video on monk training at Eiheiji.

Wouldn't you say that Daifukuji is a wonderful place to be? Thank YOU for making it a place of happiness and peace.

I warmly invite you and your family to our Ohigan & Ryosoki services on September 10.

May you be happy and safe.

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

September 2006

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Samu Temple Clean Up 8 a.m	2
3 Goeika 8 a.m Family Service 9:30 a.m. Teen Luncheon	4 Happy Strummers 7:30 p.m.	5	6 Zazen 6 a.m. Youth Taiko Meeting 7 p.m. Fujinkai Board Meeting 7 p.m.	7 Zazen & Dharma Study 7:30 p.m.	8 Samu 8 a.m. Aikido 3:30 p.m. Sangha Sisters 7:00 p.m.	9 Aikido 9:00 a.m.
10 Ohigan & Ryosoki Services 9:30 a.m. Fujinkai General Membership Meeting, Potluck	11	12	13 Zazen 6 a.m.	14 Zazen & Dharma Study 7:30 p.m.	15 Samu 8 a.m. Aikido 3:30 p.m.	16 Aikido 9:00 a.m.
17 No family service Kona Daifukuji Orchid Show 8:30 am – 2 p.m.	18 Happy Strummers 7:30 p.m.	19	20 Zazen 6 a.m. Kannonko Service 10 a.m.	21 Zazen & Dharma Study 7:30 p.m.	22 Samu 8 a.m. Aikido 3:30	23 Aikido 9:00 a.m. Free Movie “The 4 Seasons of Training at Eiheiiji” 7:00 p.m.
24 Goeika Practice 8 a.m. Family Service 9:30 a.m.	25	26	27 Zazen 6 a.m.	28 No Evening Zazen	29 Samu 8 a.m. Taiko Group Leaves for Japan Aikido 3:30 p.m.	30 Aikido 9:00 a.m.

Regular Activities:

* Youth Taiko- Mon. 3:45 p.m. & Wed. 5p.m.

*** Yoga –Sun. 4 p.m.

** Adult Taiko-Tues. 6:30 p.m.

****Aikido Fri. 3:30 p.m. & Sat. 9:00 a.m