



Daifukuji Soto Mission

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Treasuring the Past, Embracing the Present

February 2007

Morning of Mindfulness With Therese Fitzgerald

Saturday, February 3 *9 am – 1 pm*
Vegetarian Pot Luck Lunch

Generating True Presence is the theme of this morning of mindfulness with Dharma teacher Therese Fitzgerald. The morning will be a time to explore how to generate presence or intimacy with ourselves and life through the practice of sitting and walking meditation, and a Dharma talk on the Buddhist teachings of impermanence and interconnectedness.

Beginners and experienced meditators are welcome. Please bring a potluck dish to share for mindful eating practice at lunch. Donations will be accepted at the door, the suggested amount being \$20 to the Daifukuji Soto Mission. This Dharma opportunity is being sponsored by the Daifukuji Zazenkaï.

Therese Fitzgerald brings decades of Dharma practice at the San Francisco and Tassajara Zen Centers and then with Vietnamese Zen Master Thich Nhat Hanh, who ordained her as a Dharma teacher in 1994. Therese works as a Dharma Mentor and meditation retreat leader, and offers weekly meditation sessions at the Maui Community Correctional Center. Her meditation sessions at Daifukuji are always well attended.

To sign up or let Jiko Sensei know if you plan to attend this Morning of Mindfulness, please call 322-3524.

Nehan-E Service Pari-Nirvana Day

February 1 *9:30 am*
Pot luck lunch

You are cordially invited to Daifukuji's Nehan-E service at which we will pay homage to our great teacher Shakyamuni Buddha who passed away on February 15 at the age of 80 in the suburb of Kusinara, India almost 2,600 years ago. *Nehan* is the Japanese word for *nirvana*. On Pari-Nirvana Day, a special scroll depicting the reclining Buddha surrounded by mourning people and animals is hung inside the temple.

The Dharma talk will be given by the Reverend Jiko Nakade.

Please bring a dish to share for the pot luck.

Sangha Movie Night "Kundun"

Saturday, February 10, 2007 *7:00 pm*

Please mark your calendars for the February movie night. We will show the beautiful movie, *Kundun*, about the life of His Holiness the Dalai Lama. This stunning movie by Martin Scorsese with music by Philip Glass shows how the child was found at age 2 and grew up to become the current Dalai Lama, a living incarnation of compassion to the Tibetan people. You will love this one! We can learn about the Tibetan people as we prepare for our friend Rabje to come in March. Admission is free. All are invited.



Tomeyo Torioka & Lorraine Tanimoto help at the mochitsuki. The next big fundraiser is the.....

Sushi Sale Coming Up Feb. 17

<i>Rice Cooking</i>	<i>2 am</i>
<i>Sushi Rolling Begins</i>	<i>4 am</i>
<i>Sushi Pick Up Time</i>	<i>8 am – 1 pm</i>

Sushi makers and sushi lovers, get ready for the Daifukuji Fujinkai's annual sushi sale to be held Saturday, February 17. Sushi tickets are available at \$3.00 per futomaki roll. To purchase tickets, please call Renee Kimura at 324-0053 (day) or 329-3457 (evening), or Rev.Jiko at 322-3524.

As usual, help, enthusiasm, and ingredients are needed. Rice cooking will begin at 2 am and sushi rolling at 4 am. Fujinkai members and supporters, your kokua is appreciated.

Thank you to all who have kindly donated ingredients. To find out what is still needed, please call Rev. Jiko at 322-3524.

Monetary donations in the form of checks made payable to the Daifukuji Fujinkai are also gratefully accepted

Any questions? Please call sushi sale co-chairs Renee Kimura (322-0053, 329-3457) or Reiko Sekine (334-1127). Let's make this sushi sale a success. Onegai shimasu.

Fujinkai Hatsumairi Mahalo by Nancy Tanaka

The Daifukuji Fujinkai Hatsumairi was held on January 7, 2007 with 43 Fujinkai members and 4 guests in attendance. We started with a service at the temple, followed by an excellent lunch and fun games at Teshima's. Thank you, Rev. Jiko, for your memorable sermon about the value of expressing gratitude daily. I, for one, appreciate the teachings of the Buddha. Thank you also to Beverly Arai for a generous donation toward our program and temple, to Nancy Kurihara and myself for bringing extra gifts so that everyone would have one, to Joyce for all the goodies, to Elaine for being our service emcee, and to Lorraine for playing the organ. I hope everyone enjoyed the day and thank you all for coming and making our hatsumairi a success. May this hatsumairi be the start of a wonderful year for our Fujinkai.

Mochitsuki Mahalo

Kona Daifukuji Taiko would like to extend a big mahalo to all those who helped with our year-end mochi making. We especially thank Brian and Avis Yamamoto for organizing the event, all our kupuna for teaching us the way, and each and every one who lent their hands and shared their happy, can-do working spirit. We would also like to thank Terri who fixed some of the broken steamer boxes, Mike Nakade who invited his students, and our taiko alumni who return to help with mochi making and also with our taiko classes. Happy New Year to all from Daifukuji Taiko!



Taiko mom Carol Nelson & Alumni Christie Oshiro & LyAnne Asada Run the Mochi Machine



Rev. Konchok Rabje Rabgyal will be joining our Dharma Ohana in March.

Introducing Rabje

by Jill Teiho Wagner

I wish to express my gratitude to Jiko Sensei for inviting me to share information with the Sangha about my friend Rabje, a Tibetan monk who will be coming to Hawaii in March to serve our temple.

I met Rabje last March when I went to India to attend the Dalai Lama's two-week teaching on a text of Shantidevi. Having been a monk since he was a young boy, he escaped his homeland of Tibet to go to Dharamsala, India, the site of the Dalai Lama's Government in Exile so that he could study Tibetan culture and Buddhism. Many Tibetan refugees have gone to India to escape religious persecution. The Chinese invaded Tibet in 1949 under Mao Ze Dong. Over a million and a half Tibetans have died since the invasion. Religion is illegal in China, and now Tibet, thus the Tibetans, who are devout Buddhists, have to leave their homes in order to practice their religion. Tibetans have been practicing *ahimsa*, non-violence for over a thousand years! Under the leadership of the Dalai Lama, they have been trying to negotiate with the Chinese using non-violent methods. Hopefully someday soon they will be able to be in their homeland and live the way they choose. Buddhism in Tibet transformed warring tribal cultures into peaceful people who's highest aspiration is wisdom, compassion for all living beings, non-violence, and enlightenment or awakening to one's highest nature

Tibetan people live their lives practicing the teachings of the Buddha. They are really the most gentle and loving people I have ever seen. I was deeply inspired by being with Tibetan people because I saw that it was not just the monks that were gentle and kind, it was the whole society. Tibetan culture is cultivated out of the great monastic universities. Learning is highly regarded, and truth through self-knowledge and understanding creates a very life affirming society. That was clear to me when I was among the Tibetan people.

In March I will be traveling to India to accompany Rabje to Hawaii. I think that we are very fortunate to have a gentle monk live with us and become a part of our Sangha at Daifukuji. His presence will be a gift to all of us. Rabje is very grateful to be able to come to Hawaii and have the opportunity to learn English, share the Dharma, and be with a loving Sangha. We are all fortunate.

I am especially grateful to Jiko Sensei, Jan Bovard, and the Daifukuji Board for trusting me and being so loving and inclusive to our Tibetan friend. While in Kona, he will be serving our temple in a variety of ways. Please welcome Rabje and get to know him. Your blessings and kind hearts will be a gift to Rabje when he meets you.

In gassho,
Teiho

*If anyone wishes to have prayer flags for their home or mala beads, please let me know. I will bring mala beads for the wrist or long strands for anyone who wants them. I will get them at the Dalai Lama's temple. They are inexpensive and it is my dana to our Sangha.

A note from Rev. Jiko: Teiho is taking financial responsibility for Rabje, but temple friends have asked how they might be able to contribute to his sponsorship. If you interested in helping, please call me at 322-3524.

Message from your Temple President

Dear Members and Friends,

I hope your holiday season was joyful. It's wonderful that we get to start anew every year, resolving and hoping for the best. Remember, smiling is healthy for our hearts.

In our last newsletter, I reported all the things that had taken place in 2006. Some of you may have noticed that our poor wall across the front is crumbling daily. The earthquake took what life was left in it. We are now talking with rock wall builders to begin reconstruction of the wall. The old wall will have to come down, all the way to the ground and be built up in a much more solid form. To do this properly, the estimates are running at a minimum of \$50,000.

Also this year the County of Hawaii is requiring us to change from our cesspool to a septic tank. We know that this will be a very costly and lengthy endeavor. We just don't know how much time or money yet.

These are the big things that will be happening this year, along with our usual maintenance and yearly and monthly bills. Our temple insurance and van insurance alone total nearly \$10,000 a year. Our monthly electric bill is around \$600, and the story goes on. We all know how expensive our lives have become, and keeping a temple such as ours going is a major operation.

In the near future we will be sending to you the 2007 Daifukuji Membership & ijihi form. Please be as generous as is comfortable for you. We are constantly attempting to present the temple and the teachings of the Buddha in a way that is welcoming to all people. The Daifukuji Board works hard to ensure that your donations are wisely spent. We are truly grateful for the support, both financial and physical, of our members. Please join us at our services & events and may all your dreams for 2007 come true.

In gassho, with sincere mahalo,

Jan Bovard



Rev. Jiko & daughter Amy enjoy a happy moment together at the mochitsuki in December

Happy New Year from Jiko Sensei & Family

Dear Members and Friends,

My husband Michael and children, Amy & Ryan, join me in wishing all of you a very happy and fulfilling 2007. We thank you for your kindness, support, and friendship which carry us through the hard and challenging moments of the year and which bring so much love, beauty, and joy to our days. Our wonderful Sangha ohana is the greatest blessing in our lives and we pray that you will have a bright, happy, and peaceful year, living each day in the wisdom-heart of the Buddha.

May our world awaken to compassion, and may all beings be safe, happy, and free.

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

In loving gassho,

Rev. Jiko Nakade



Mochi Pounders Brian Yamamoto & Mike Asada

February 2007

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Zen Taiko Workshop With Kenny Endo 5-7 pm	2 Samu Temple Cleaning 8 am	3 Morning of Mindfulness 9 am – 1 pm
4 Goeika Practice 8 am Family Service 9:30 am	5 Happy Strummers 7:30 pm	6	7 Zazen 6 am Fujinkai Board Meeting 7 pm	8 DAIFUKUJI BOARD MEETING 7 pm	9 Samu 8 am Sangha Sisters 7 pm	10 Sangha Movie Night “Kundun” 7 pm
11 NEHAN-E SERVICE 9:30 am, lunch	12	13	14 Zazen 6 am	15 Evening Zazen 7:30 pm	16 Samu 8 am	17 FUJINKAI SUSHI SALE Ministers Meeting. Honolulu
18 Family Service 9:30 am HSMA Spring Meeting, Honolulu	19 Happy Strummers 7:30 pm	20	21 Zazen 6 am Kannon-ko Service 10 am Youth Taiko Board Meeting 7 pm	22 Evening Zazen 7:30 pm	23 Samu 8 am	24
25 Goeika Practice 8 am Family Service 9:30 am	26	27	28 Zazen 6 am			
Regular Weekly Activities						

Regular Activities:

* Youth Taiko- Mon 3:45 p.m. & Wed. 5p.m.
*** Yoga –Sun. 4 p.m.

** Adult Taiko-Tues. 6:00 p.m.

****Aikido Tues. & Fri. 4:00-5:30 pm

January	1	Monday	New Year Blessing Service
	7	Sunday	Fujinkai Hatsumairi and Luncheon
	14	Sunday	First Family Service of the New Year
	27	Saturday	New Year's Party
February	11	Sunday	Nehan-E Service
	17	Saturday	Fujinkai Annual Sushi Sale
March	18	Sunday	Spring Ohigan and 33 Kannon Service
April	8	Sunday	Hanamatsuri (Buddha's Birthday) Service
	28 & 29	Sat., Sun.	UHSSWA Conference on Molokai
May	20	Sunday	Annual Building Fund Bazaar
	27	Sunday	Memorial Day Service & Baccalaureate
June	9-10	Sat., Sun.	Sangha Camp at Kalopa State Park
	20	Wednesday	Jizo Matsuri & Kannon-ko Service
July	7	Saturday	Summer Temple Clean Up
	14	Saturday	Bon Dance & Bon Memorial Service
September	9	Sunday	Autumn Ohigan & Ryosoki Service, Fujinkai General Membership Meeting
October	7	Sunday	Darumaki & Eitaikyo Service
November	18	Sunday	Thanksgiving Service
December	1-8		Rohatsu Sesshin
	9	Sunday	Bodhi Day Service, General Membership Meeting
	1	Saturday	Year End Temple Clean Up
	16	Sunday	Kannon Ko and Ofudayaki Service
	28	Thursday	Annual Mochitsuki
	31	Monday	New Year's Blessing Service (joya-no-kane)

Weekly and Monthly Services & Activities (times & dates subject to change)

Kannon-ko Service	3 rd Wednesday of the month	10:00 a.m.
Family Services	Sunday mornings	9:30 a.m.
Zazen	Wednesday mornings	6:00 a.m.
	Selected Thursday evenings	7:30 p.m.
Sangha Sisters Women's Circle	2 nd Friday of the month	7:00 p.m.
Ukulele Sessions	1 st and 3 rd Mondays	7:30 p.m.
Taiko Practice	Youth Group- Mon. & Wed. Adult Group- Tues.	
Fujinkai Board Meetings	1 st Wednesday of the month	7:00 p.m.
Temple Board Meetings	2 nd Thursday of even months	7:00 p.m.
Aikido Classes	Tuesdays & Fridays	4:00 p.m.
Yoga Classes	Sundays	4:00 p.m.