



## Daifukuji Soto Mission

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### New Year's Blessing Services

*Sunday, December 31* 11:45 pm  
*Monday, January 1* 10:00 am

Let's begin 2007 with prayers for peace, happiness, good health, and safety. At the midnight service you may participate in the ringing of the temple bell (joza no kane) and enjoy hot soba noodles. Tea and sweets will be served after the morning service on New Year's Day.

Hawaii Kannon lauhala omamori and ofuda will be available at both services and throughout the month of January. Omamori are Buddhist charms that invite the blessings of safety, happiness, and peace. They can be hung in one's car or boat or carried in one's bag. Lovingly made by members of the Daifukuji Fujinkai, these lauhala omamori are very special and found only at our temple. Woven from the leaves of the hala tree, they are fragrant and biodegradable. Ofuda are prayer cards that one hangs in one's house, shop, or office to invite the blessings of the buddhas and bodhisattvas. The 2007 ofuda features a line drawing of the Kannon-sama that graces our temple, along with the words "May you be safe. May you be happy. May you live in peace. Namu Kanzeon Bosatsu." A donation of \$5 per omamori and \$2 per ofuda is requested.

Abundant blessings will be bestowed upon all. May we greet the new year 2007 with clear minds and calm hearts.

## Treasuring the Past, Embracing the Present

January 2007

### Fujinkai Hatsumairi

January 7, 2007 10:00 am

Fujinkai members are cordially invited to the Fujinkai's first service of the new year called the *hatsumairi*, which will be followed by a meeting & luncheon at Teshima's restaurant. Sushi tickets will be distributed & information about the 2007 UHSSWA Conference on Molokai announced, if available. Please bring a grab bag (\$10 or less) for the present exchange and some canned foods for the Hawaii Island Food Bank. Ladies, let's enjoy a lovely morning together. The Fujinkai is the temple's wonderful women's group which is in its 91<sup>st</sup> year. New members are always welcome. For information, call Joyce at 329-3833 or Yoshiko at 322-3533.



The Happy Strummers will entertain you at the New Year's party.

### New Year's Party Daifukuji Social Hall

January 27, 2007 Saturday

Everyone's invited to the temple new year's party to be held on January 27. Party details will be sent out in the next newsletter. For now, please mark your calendar and include the temple party among your new year celebrations.



Baikako & Sunday School Families Sing the “Kannonsama Prayer” at the Thanksgiving Eve Interfaith Service at the Kona Hongwanji Mission on Nov. 22, 2006

### HAIB Meeting & Movie

**Saturday, January 6 Meeting at 2:00 pm**  
**Movie “A Zen Life” 4:00 pm**

Our temple will be hosting the 1<sup>st</sup> Hawai’i Island meeting of the Hawaii Association of International Buddhists on January 6.

The mission of HAIB is to promote friendship and understanding among Buddhists from the various traditions throughout our state. Rev. Jiko has been asked to serve as the vice president for the HI Island HAIB. Dr. Poranee Natadecha-Sponsel, Dr. Leslie Sponsel, & Dr. Alfred Bloom of the Oahu HAIB will be assisting our group in getting started. A presentation on “Natural Wisdom: Meditation on Buddhist Ecology” will be given by Dr. Leslie Sponsel during the meeting. At 4 pm the movie “A Zen Life” will be shown.

Please call Rev. Jiko at 322-3524 if you are interested in attending the meeting. Members and friends are also invited to the movie at 4 pm. Admission is free.

More information about HAIB can be found at the HAIB website: [www.hihaib.org](http://www.hihaib.org).

#### **Need an Extra Refrigerator or Freezer?**

**If you are interested in taking home our old hall kitchen refrigerator or freezer, please call Rev. Jiko at 322-3254 for details.**



Bodhi Spiral Walk Dec. 2, 2006

### Mahalo Nui

Thank you, everyone, for pitching in at the year-end temple clean up on December 9, 2006. Your help was greatly appreciated. *Gokurosama deshita.*

Arigato to Bob Bowman for his generous donation of a DVD player, VCR, a set of small speakers, and cable and for his technical assistance at our Sangha movie nights.

Many thanks to Curtis Dahl for making and donating a set of two cabinets to house our new sound system & to both Curtis & Myles Ikeda for installing the speakers. Thank you to Ku Okayama and Masaru Deguchi for doing the electrical work.

Mahalo nui to Steve Mann for volunteering to be the temple’s handyman.

How truly grateful we are for all of you who give from your hearts for the benefit of all! Thank you for the gifts of flowers, incense, food, and money that you kindly offer throughout the year. *Domo arigato gozaimashita.*



Miyeko & Alfreida Cleaning Up the Kitchen

## **This Month's Featured Movie: "A Zen Life"**

*Saturday, January 6, 2007 4:00 pm*

This new documentary by Michael Goldberg explores the life of Japanese Buddhist author and scholar Daisetz Teitaro Suzuki and contains vintage footage of Suzuki, as well as interviews with more than a dozen people who knew him closely, people such as Robert Aitken Roshi, Donald Richie, and Gary Snyder.

D.T. Suzuki is credited with having transmitted Zen to the West through numerous books and essays and countless lectures until his death in 1966.

This film was shown at the Hawaii International Film Festival in 2006. Due to the kindness of Buddhist scholar Dr. Alfred Bloom, we are able to show this film at our temple.

Ever wonder what Zen is and how it came to the United States? Come to "A Zen Life" and bring your friends. Admission is free.

## **Goeika Practice in January**

Baikako members, please attend the goeika practice sessions on January 14 and January 21 at 8 am. The purpose of these sessions is to practice the new song "Magokoro Ni Ikiru" which the Baikako will sing at the New Year's party on January 27, 2007.

## **Change in Aikido Schedule**

The Daifukuji Aikido Club now meets on Tuesday and Friday afternoons from 4:00-5:30 pm. in the Hisashi Kimura Cultural Hall. New members ages 12 and older are welcome. The art of peace, aikido teaches self-confidence, self-defense, and awareness. Monthly fees are \$40 for students ages 12-18, \$50 for students ages 19 and up, and \$70 for families. Please call Mothes Sensei at 324-1214 for more information.

## **Sutra Book Making Workshop**

*Saturday, January 20 10 am – 4 pm  
Potluck Lunch Suggested donation \$10*

We are very happy to begin 2007 with a new sutra-writing class. The class will begin on Jan. 20 with a book-making class from 10 am-4pm. We are fortunate to have Marilyn Wold, a master paper maker and book binder, offer to teach us how to make our own accordion-style sutra books. After this initial workshop, we will meet for 2 hours each month to write sutras in English, Japanese, or any script that is special to you. Bring a special pen. We will also have some different writing implements to try. Sutra writing is a sacred meditative practice that generates peace and joy within one's heart which radiate to all beings everywhere. To sign up, please call Rev. Jiko at 322-3524 before Jan. 13.

## **Morning of Mindfulness with Therese Fitzgerald**

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

Upon the invitation of the Daifukuji Zazenkai, Dharma teacher Therese Fitzgerald of Dharma Friends on Maui will be leading a Morning of Mindfulness on February 3 from 9 am to 1 pm.

Therese Sensei is a warm and loving Buddhist teacher whose meditation & Dharma sessions at Daifukuji are always well attended.

Won't you join us for a peaceful morning of Buddhist practice? Beginning meditators are welcome. Donations will be gratefully accepted. Please bring a vegetarian potluck dish. For information call Jiko Sensei at 322-3524.

Zazenkai members, your help on this day would be appreciated. Please see Jiko Sensei to sign up for a job.



**Hideo Maruyama & Taichi Harada  
beautified the yard on clean up day.**

## **Greeting the New Year**

by Jiko Sensei

Dear Members and Friends,

I wish you all a very joyous holiday season and invite you to the New Year's blessing services at which we'll come together to receive the blessings of the Buddhas and bodhisattvas and pray for the health and well being of our families and friends.

You've all contributed to the strength and well being of the Daifukuji Sangha and I am truly grateful for each one of you. We are a growing Buddhist ohana currently made up of 186 families. Since the majority of our dear and faithful members are in their golden senior years, it is time for our younger members to help at services and temples activities, as well as in the weekly cleaning and maintenance of our beautiful temple. So much of what we offer the community depends upon the help and commitment of our members.

I am concerned about the future of Daifukuji. Many Buddhist temples throughout the state are struggling, and while we are faring well overall, thanks to all of you and a terrific temple board, we also have our struggles. We are noticing that fewer families are taking the time on Sunday mornings to bring their children to our weekly family services. In order for our Sunday School and Teen Sangha to continue, we need your support and participation. Fathers and mothers and grandparents, please bring your children and grandchildren to the temple to learn the teachings of the compassionate Buddha.

My assistant, Jill Teiho Wagner, has been such a blessing. She is currently working with the children to put on a Hanamatsuri skit and helping with the planning of an overnight Sangha camp at the Kalopa State Part in June. Teiho will be traveling to India in March to bring to us a young Tibetan monk named Rabje, who will be serving our temple in various ways and helping with our youth program. Together we are working on programs which we hope will enrich your life and the lives of your children and grandchildren. Please support us by bringing your family to the temple on Sundays and making Buddhist practice a daily part of your family life.

The kupunas of our temple have worked hard for many years to keep the Buddha's light shining brightly and we owe them a debt of gratitude. This is called "O-n" in Japanese. I'm thinking of the late Mrs. Yoshiko Tanaka, who recently passed away. Throughout her long life of 97 years, Mrs. Tanaka dedicated herself to our temple. She took care of the ministers and members, helped the Fujinkai, cleaned the columbarium, and watched over our temple from her house across the street. She enjoyed walking around the neighborhood and whenever she walked by the temple, she stopped, faced the temple, placed her hands in gassho, and bowed deeply, oblivious to the cars whizzing pass her. Tears fill my eyes as I remember our dear Tanaka, Yoshiko-san who for so many years was one of the strongest pillars of our Sangha. Mrs. Tanaka, gokurosama deshita. Thank you so much.

Yoshiko Tanaka was just one of our many faithful members who put heart and soul into caring for our temple and Sangha. We are grateful for all of our members and Dharma ancestors and must promise to live as they did, gratefully & fully, immersed in the light and teachings of the Buddha.

As your minister, I promise to continue to do my best to serve all of you. I wish to listen to your stories and to your suggestions. My door is always open. The Buddha's gate is also always open and filled with light. Namu Kie Butsu. Namu Kie Ho. Namu Kie So. Happy new year!

## More Pictures of Our Daifukuji Sangha Ohana



*Taiko Students Recycling Cans*



*Zazenkai Breakfast*



*Myles & Masaru At Work*

## 2006 Temple Report from Your Temple President

Aloha, dear members and friends. It's hard to believe that a whole year has passed. The time has gone by quickly and we have had many good things happen, along with a few surprises.

Before listing the happenings of the year, I would like to say "the largest MAHALO" to all of you that came out for the end-of-the-year clean up on Dec. 9. What was accomplished was unbelievable. This year's clean up team was awesome. Our taiko and aikido groups cleaned the Cultural Hall from top to bottom. The Fujinkai ladies in the kitchen were so into it that they cleaned every crack and corner with a shopvac. Ku Okayama installed our new state-of-the-art sound system with Masaru Deguchi as his right hand man. The new sound cabinets made by Curtis Dahl are beautiful, and all of this is now in place for our New Year's party.

Thanks to George Harai, Stanley Oshima, and Richard Nakano, the debris from the coffin house was hauled to the dump. Hopefully we'll be able to create some parking spaces where the cottage once stood. Our temple crew was hard at work polishing, dusting, and mopping, and thanks to Clear Englebert, our windows are sparkly clean.

The old wooden benches were put into storage by Myles Ikeda and Carlo Mireles and crew, and now we can use our new hall benches, which are stable and safe to sit on. Elaine Fernandez, Thelma Matsumoto, and the rest of the nokotsudo crew cleaned all of the niches and window glass. Up at the cemetery, weeds were pulled and foliage trimmed, and in the kitchen, Alfreida Fujita and all of the hardworking ladies kept up our energy with good food and drinks, while doing their own cleaning. I cannot express how wonderful it was to see us all working together, laughing together, and caring for each other. I have not mentioned all of your names but please know that I am grateful for all that you do for our temple and our Sangha. Thank you very much.

In chronological order I will report the larger happenings at the temple as they happened throughout the year. The Cultural Hall was completed in February and dedicated in March in honor of the late Mr. Hisashi Kimura who served Daifukuji for many, many years. The hall is now being used by our youth and adult taiko groups, the new Daifukuji Aikido Club, and Daifukuji Yoga Club. All of the instructors of these groups are members of our temple.

The Board of Directors created new guidelines for the use of the social hall, cultural hall, and nokotsudo. Rev. Jiko has these guidelines if you wish to use these facilities.

We had another very successful bazaar this year, thanks to everyone's hard work. And our Cultural Day and Temple Open House in February was a big success, thanks to chairperson Nancy Osako.

The new sound system for the social hall was purchased and is in place. Parts of it were donated by Masa Oga and Gilbert Kaneko, and the cabinets were made by Curtis Dahl. This sound system will be used at temple events, including the next Bon Dance.

The Board voted to raise our annual membership dues this year to \$40, which is still the lowest among Soto temples in the State.

A Daifukuji website, created by Keith Olson, is being visited by folks around the world.

The By-Laws have been revised by the Board of Directors and approved by the members. The last revision was done in 1973.

The Board voted to invite a Tibetan monk from India to serve our temple as youth program coordinator in the spring of 2007. Rev. Konchok Rabgyal will be financially sponsored by Jill Teiho Wagner, a Zen student who has been assisting Rev. Jiko in a variety of ways throughout the year.

We had a cemetery clean up day in September, after which the big earthquake did much damage to the headstones, etc. With volunteer labor from members, we are rebuilding the cemetery pavilion. Nancy Tanaka, Richard Nakano, and others have worked hard on the cemetery map.

The Board voted to fund a temporary part-time office assistant for Rev. Jiko and member Mary Park took on the job of updating and computerizing our files. Mary also created a Daifukuji and also a Zazenkai brochure which have been popular among our visitors.

Two new refrigerators have been ordered for the kitchen to replace the one that broke down and a second that is old.

Meditation and Dharma classes continued on Thursday evenings throughout the year.

A monthly Sangha Movie night was started, thanks to the help of Jill Wagner, Julia Crawford, and the Teen Sangha.

Boy Scout Troop 14 has joined up with the St. John's Boy Scout Troop. We wish them well.

There are some grave repair options that I would like to mention.

1. Do your own repairs if possible.
2. Have a professional do the repairs. Rev. Jiko has this information.
3. Disinter your family grave and place the remains in the nokotsudo.  
(There are guidelines for disinterment & use of the columbarium.)

Richard Iwamuro and Robert Woosley voluntarily straightened the dislodged headstones and we thank them for their kindness and thoughtfulness.

*I want to thank ALL of you for working so hard for the benefit of our temple and our Sangha. Thank you so much. My wish for you is a joyous, peaceful, and loving holiday season.*

Gassho,  
Jan Bovard

**January 2007**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31 11:45 pm New Year's blessing service and joya-no- kane	1 10:00 am New Year's Blessing Service	2	3 Zazen 6 am  Fujinkai Board Meeting 7 pm	4	5 Samu Temple Cleaning 8 am	6 HAIB meeting 2 pm  Movie "A Zen Life" 4 pm
7 Fujinkai Hatsumairi 10 am  No Family Service	8  Happy Strummers 7:30 pm	9	10 Zazen 6 am	11  Evening Zazen 7:30 pm	12 Samu 8 am  Sangha Sisters 7 pm	13
14 Goeika Practice 8 am  Family Service 9:30 am	15	16	17 Zazen 6 am  Kannonko 10 am	18	19 Samu 8 am	20 Sutra Book Making Workshop 10 am – 4 pm Potluck Lunch
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28  No Family Service	29	30	31 Zazen 6 am	1 February	2 Samu 8 am	3 Morning of Mindfulness with Therese Sensei  9 am – 1 pm

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

## DAIFUKUJI 2007 MEMORIAL SERVICES CHART

### One Year Memorial (2006)

Katherine Shimizu	Jan. 22
Mildred Mitamura	July 26
Goro Inaba	Aug. 14
Stanley Shimizu	Aug. 27
Momoe Furuuchi	Sept. 6
Yasuno Sugamoto	Sept. 14
Mildred Murata	Oct. 13
Yoshiko Tanaka	Dec. 2

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Year Memorial (2005)

Harold K. Fujita	Feb. 8
Tsuruyo Kimura	April 20
Susan Miyata	July 8
Mae Clay	July 13
Harue Matsumoto	July 9
Sueann Hoffman	Sept. 5
Gilbert Fukumitsu	Oct. 28
Yumi Brown	Oct. 27

### 7<sup>th</sup> Year Memorial (2001)

Manji Asada	Jan. 3
Wayne Peternel	Jan. 25
Fujie Tanima	April 1
Joanne Ota	April 18
Carl Matsumoto	April 23
Frank Nishimoto	Aug. 26
Takeo Wakida	May 31
Hansa Miyata	July 27
Yoshio Asada	Nov. 24
Masaki Fukunaga	Dec. 7

### 13th Year Memorial (1995)

Minoru Nakamoto	Sept. 14
Hisaharu Ikeda	Sept. 23
Toshiko Seo	Oct. 12
Bessie Kanehiro	Oct. 31
Judith Nakamura	Nov. 2

### 17<sup>th</sup> Year Memorial (1991)

Noboru Sugai	Jan. 15
Chester Nishida	Feb. 9
Sakuichi Arai	March 6
Francis Ota	March 14
Amy Harada	Nov. 14

### 23<sup>rd</sup> Year Memorial (1985)

Rui Kadota	Sept. 23
Yutaka Murata	Oct. 5
Kiyoshi Sakumoto	Oct. 21

### 27<sup>th</sup> Year Memorial (1981)

Kishi Morihara	June 13
Miyuki Sasaki	Aug. 25
Itsuko Sasaki	Oct. 26
Hatsu Nakagome	Nov. 7
Tamae Tsuru	Oct. 25
Moto Ashikawa	Nov. 1
Amy Umeno Sumida	Dec. 7

### 33rd Year Memorial (1975)

Soichi Kimura	March 5
Koichi Sasaki	April 20
Hikojiro Kunii	July 11
Eikichi Shigemura	Aug. 6
Katsu Miyata	Aug. 12
Jitsue Ide	Dec. 5

**Please contact Rev. Nakade at 322-3524 to arrange a memorial service.** The names listed here are found in the Daifukuji Record Book. Please inform Sensei of any errors.