



Daifukuji Soto Mission

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Treasuring the Past, Embracing the Present

June 2007



We will welcome Obon with a new yagura, thanks to the hard work of Myles, Jean, Chester, Steve, and Carlo.

Bon Dance & Bon Memorial Service to Be Held July 14

8:00 a.m. Yagura Set Up, Cooking, and Preparation for Bon Dance & Service

3:30 p.m. Bon Memorial & O-toba Services

5:00 p.m. Fellowship Dinner with Taishoji Dharma friends & hatsuon families. Members invited.

7:30 p.m. – 10:30 p.m. Bon Dance

For O-TOBA & KO-TOBA requests, please fill in the enclosed form and return to Daifukuji as soon as possible. The deadline for toba requests is June 30.

Memorial Day Service & Baccalaureate Luncheon

Sunday, May 27

9:30 a.m.

Bazaar Evaluation Meeting at 1 pm for unit chairpersons

Congratulations to the following high school graduates of our Sangha and/or taiko group whom we bless & honor: LeAnna Dahl, Chauntelle Guy, Liana Hanato-Smith, Renkio Hanato-Wells, Kaitlin Kimura, Britney Manago, & Terra Weigelt.

Summer Temple Clean Up Day

Saturday, July 7

8 a.m.

In preparation for our Obon festival, we'll be cleaning our temple, social hall, cultural hall, and yard. Many helping hands are needed. Please bring rags, buckets, and gardening tools, all labeled with your name. Refreshments will be provided. *Members & temple groups, we would appreciate your kokua very much. Onegai shimasu.*

A gentle reminder that your 2007 membership dues...

are due by June 1, 2007. If you haven't already done so, please support the temple by turning in your 2007 membership form, dues, ijihi donation, and applicable cemetery and columbarium fees. We sincerely thank you for your generous support.



Guzeiji Soto Mission of Moloka'i in Kaunakakai

UHSSWA Moloka'i Conference

Rev. Jiko, Ven. Rabje, and 13 Fujinkai members represented Daifukuji at the 42nd United Hawaii Soto Shu Women's Association Conference held April 28 & 29 on the island of Moloka'i. The opening service, meeting, & country store took place at the Guzeiji Soto Mission. (Mahalo to all who donated items for the country store fundraiser.)

From Guzeiji the conference moved to the Beach Village at Moloka'i Ranch where folks were assigned to tentalows (fancy tents) which had solar-powered showers that released water at the pull of a string. The Saturday night banquet and Sunday morning breakfast, service, and Dharma sessions were held in a large beach front pavilion.

Conference attendees were treated to the warm aloha of the friendly Guzeiji members & their friends from the community who had worked incredibly hard in hosting this year's conference. Everyone had a wonderful time.

The 43rd UHSSWA conference will be hosted by the Waipahu Soto Zen Temple Taiyoji on April 19-20, 2008. In 2009 it will be our turn to host the conference.



The Daifukuji bunch on the beach at the Moloka'i Ranch



Nancy, Reiko, and Joyce at the conference banquet



Here we are at the Kalaupapa Lookout.

Obon Home Visitations

If you are unable to attend the Bon Memorial service and wish to have Rev. Jiko pray in front of your home altar (butsudan) for the continual happiness of your departed love ones, please call her at 322-3524 to schedule an appointment

O-Bon Festival 2007

Saturday, June 16 6:00 pm – 10:00 pm
Keauhou Shopping Center

Let's dance the night away to the beat of the taiko drums at the 4th Annual Obon Festival at the Keauhou Shopping Center. This festival brings our community together in a dancing circle of friendship. Admission is free.

Bon Dance Practice Sessions

Dancers of all ages are invited to join the Bon Dance practice sessions at Daifukuji on the following dates:

July 3 (Tues.) & 5 (Thur.)
July 10 (Tues.) & 12 (Thur.)

All sessions will begin at 7:30 p.m. Bring your family and friends! Beginners are welcome.

Summer Break for the Kids & Teen Sanghas

The Kids and Teen Sanghas will be on summer break from June 17 to August 5 so there will be no Sunday morning family services during this period. Family services will start up again on August 12. Everyone, please enjoy the slow and lazy days of summer, but be sure to come to the bon dance practices, clean-up day, and Bon Memorial service and Bon Dance!



Mrs. Shizuko Teshima & Rev. Jiko With the Kodama Family

Founding Minister's Family Visits Daifukuji

The family of our founding minister, the Reverend Kaiseki Kodama who established Daifukuji in 1914, visited our temple on March 31, 2007 and were delighted to meet Mrs. Shizuko Teshima of Teshima's Restaurant who was able to share her memories of Kodama Sensei. Mr. and Mrs. Kodama expressed their feelings of gratitude to our members for protecting and maintaining Daifukuji over the years.



Mrs. Kodama, Mrs. Teshima, Ms. Fumi Ow, & Rev. Jiko at Teshima's Restaurant in Honolulu

Sangha Photo Album
Fujinkai Community Service, Mother's Day, & Bazaar
Thank you, everyone, for making our 14th Annual Bazaar a great success!
 (More about the bazaar in the next newsletter)



In April the Fujinkai donated bibs made by Nancy Kurihara to the residents of the Life Care Center of Kona. Pictured are Elaine Fernandez, Joyce St. Arnault, and Ann Fukunaga.



Eileen, Alfreida, Thelma, & Kikue Making Jams & Jellies



Smiling Faces at the Mother's Day Service on May 13



It took many volunteers to raise the tents.



Break Time for These Hardworking Ladies



Mac, Sumiko, Tomeyo, & Hideko in Their Aprons



Michiko, Alfreida, & Elsie led the kitchen crew.



Taiko Group Snack Shop Crew



Nancy & Sets Among the Hundreds of Sushi Rolls



Bazaar Cashiers Renee & Nika



Kids Sangha Game Booth Team



Washing the Produce Donated by Waimea Farmers



Kohtaro, Mako, & Justin Play With Star



Sonya & Kellie in the Cultural Hall Clothing Shop

Jizo Matsuri and Kannon-ko Service

Wednesday, June 20

10:00 am

Please join us for a morning of meditation and prayer as we pay homage to Ojizosama & Kannonsama and offer prayers to alleviate the pain and suffering in the world. The Jizo Matsuri will take place outside in front of the Ojizosama. Jizo Kotoba will be read in memory of deceased children. Please contact Jiko Sensei for kotoba requests (prayers for family members who died in childhood) prior to the service. The Dharma message will be given by Jill Teiho Wagner & Ven. Rabje.

Mainland-Hawaii Soto Conference To be Held Oct. 20-21 in Las Vegas

“Soto-Shu – Today and Tomorrow” is the theme of the Mainland-Hawaii Soto Conference which will be held Oct. 20-21, 2007 at the Plaza Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas. Hosted by Sokoji Soto Mission of San Francisco, this conference will begin with a welcome banquet at the Plaza Hotel on Oct. 20 and lead into a full day of activities on Oct. 21. The keynote speaker will be the Dr. Rev. Duncan Ryuken Williams, associate professor of Japanese Buddhism at the University of California at Berkeley.

The conference fee of \$100 per person includes the registration fee, welcome banquet, Sunday luncheon & refreshments, and all taxes & tips. **The Daifukuji Fujinkai is looking into the possibility of offering our members a group tour package for this conference. Details will be announced in the next newsletter so please be thinking about combining your next Vegas trip with this special opportunity.** You may also go on your own.

Writes Bishop Machida in his letter of invitation to all members and friends, “This will be a unique opportunity for all of us to join and experience the

Conference, and to renew old friendships and to build camaraderie with mainland Soto Buddhists.”

Bazaar Mahalo from Jiko Sensei

Dear Members and Friends,

I am writing this on the day after our bazaar and my heart is brimming with gratitude. I know that many of you are nursing sore legs and sore backs today because you worked so hard in preparation for the bazaar and also on bazaar day. Not only did our Sangha pull together to make this annual event a successful one, but friends & relatives of members also offered their kokua & donations of goods and services. Thank you to all of you. *Gokurosama deshita.*

I'd like to extend a special mahalo to bazaar chair Alfreida Fujita, to her assistants Bernard and Avis, and to all unit chairpersons and committee members. Thank you for your wholehearted dedication to our temple and Sangha.

I realize that the tremendous work that goes into putting on such a bazaar is a strain on some of our dear members. You were brought up to value hard work and you give of yourselves more than a hundred percent, but please take care of your health now and in the future and don't work until you hurt. I can't emphasize this more. If you know that you are overworking, please cut back and let others help carry the load. It is the *kuleana* of the next generation of Sangha members to say “Please, let us help you. Please rest if you are tired. We are here.”

Once a year the bazaar brings us all together to work for a common goal: the continuance of our temple. Without you, Daifukuji would not be here. Thank you, dear members & friends, for your love, dedication, and commitment to our temple. *Namu Kie Butsu, Namu Kie Ho, Namu Kie So. Gassho, Rev. Jiko*

O-Toba and Ko-Toba Request Form

Daifukuji Soto Mission, P.O. Box 55,
Kealakekua, HI 96750
Please submit by June 30, 2007

YOUR NAME _____

PHONE NUMBER _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

At the time of Obon, it is proper to express one's gratitude to one's ancestors by making prayer offerings in the form of TOBA. The names will be read by the minister during the Bon Memorial Service on July 14, 2007 so please plan on attending the service together with your family.

Please send or bring your request form to Daifukuji as soon as possible but no later than **June 30** and make checks payable to **Daifukuji Soto Mission**. If you have any questions, please call Rev. Jiko at 322-3524.

O-TOBA Requests: O-toba Donation \$5.00 per request

O-TOBA (wooden toba) are offered in remembrance of (1) family members or friends who passed away after the 2005 Bon service and for whom this is a *hatsubon* or first Obon, and (2) family ancestors (Senzo Dai Dai) on both your & your spouse's sides of the family. For example: The _____ Family Ancestors.
(PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

KO-TOBA Requests:

Ko-toba Donation \$2.00 per request

The KO-TOBA, written on special paper, may be offered in memory of **individual** friends and family members.

(PLEASE PRINT THEIR NAMES CLEARLY.)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

Your Name _____

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Samu Temple Cleaning 8 am	2
3 Goeika Practice 8 am Family Service 9:30	4 Happy Strummers 7:30 pm	5	6 Zazen 6 am Fujinkai Board Meeting 7 pm	7 Daifukuji Board Meeting 7:00 p.m. (No evening zazen)	8 Samu 8 am Sangha Sisters Circle 7:00 pm	9 Kalopa Summer Buddhist Family Camp
10 Kalopa Summer Camp	11	12	13 Zazen 6 am Youth Taiko Board Meeting 7 pm	14 No Evening Zazen (Rev. Jiko at Ryusenji Soto Mission)	15 Samu 8 am	16 4th Annual Obon Festival at Keauhou Shopping Center 6 pm – 10 pm
17 Goeika Practice 8 am No Family Service Until August 12	18 Happy Strummers 7:30 pm	19	20 Zazen 6 am Kannonko & Jizo Matsuri 10 am	21 Evening Zazen 7:00 pm	22 Samu 8 am	23
24 No Family Service	25	26	27 Zazen 6 am	28 Evening Zazen 7:00 pm	29 Samu 8 am	30

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