



Daifukuji Soto Mission

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Treasuring the Past, Embracing the Present

March 2007

Spring Ohigan & 33 Kannon Osunafumi Service

Sunday, March 18 9:30 a.m.
Guest Speaker: Reverend Kotoku Yoshida

Ohigan is the time of the spring equinox, a time to pay respects to one's ancestors and to reflect upon the **six paramitas** or **perfections of the heart**. At the same time we will hold the Kannon Osunafumi service which is dedicated to the 33 Kannon (Kwan Yin), the bodhisattvas of compassion.

Please join our mock pilgrimage to the 33 Kannon temples in the western region of Japan. *Osunafumi* means "stepping on sand." As you walk mindfully from one Kannon to the next, you will be stepping on packets of sand or soil that were collected from the grounds of the 33 temples. **It is our practice at Daifukuji to make an offering of coins to each of the 33 Kannon plus two more, so please bring 35 coins to this service.**

All are invited to stay for lunch which will be prepared by the Fujinkai. **Fujinkai** members who are able to help with the cooking, please gather at **6:00 am** in the hall kitchen on the 18th.

The 33 kannon will be set up on March 17 at 8 a.m. and put away on March 24 at 8 a.m. We humbly ask for your kokua and for donations of flowers, which may be delivered on the morning of March 17 or the day before.

Zazen, Dharma, & Reflection: A Morning of Zen Practice

Saturday, March 10 8:00 – 10:00 am

Rev. Jiko will be leading a morning of zen practice and all are welcome. The schedule is as follows:

- 8:00 - 8:30 Zazen (Sitting Meditation on floor or chair)
- 8:30 – 8:40 Kinhin (Walking Meditation)
- 8:40 – 9:15 Sitting & Listening to the Teachings
- 9:15-10:00 Time for Silent Reflection, Journal Writing, Copying the Sutras, or Meeting with Sensei
- 10:00 a.m. Tea and Closing

Beginning meditators are welcome.

Please arrive at least 5 minutes before 8:00 am. Call Rev. Jiko at 322-3524 for more information. Those who made their own sutra books at the workshop in January are invited to work on their books. Donations gratefully accepted.

Sangha Movie Night "One Particle of Dust: Shunryu Suzuki Roshi in America"

Saturday, March 10, 2007 7:00 pm

This film is about Shunryu Suzuki Roshi (1905-1971) who came to America in 1959 and was so impressed by the open, beginner's mind of American students of Zen that he made his home in San Francisco. His book, Zen Mind, Beginner's Mind, has over the years drawn many people to the study and practice of Zen. Admission is free. All are welcome.



Taiko-playing pigs in colorful happi coats adorn the 2007 Year of the Boar banner painted by Mike Asada.

New Year's Party Mahalo

Party coordinator Joyce St. Arnault extends her fondest mahalo nui loa for a terrific new year's party held on January 27, 2007 to celebrate The Year of the Boar.

Thank you to the temple chefs. Food committee members Alfreida Fujita, Elsie Mochizuki, & Michiko Enomoto wish to thank the following ladies who worked long and hard in the hot kitchen: Mary Nakagawa, Aiko Kimura, Ella Yasuda, Bev Arai, Thelma Matsumoto, Tomeyo Torioka, Yoshiko Ikeda, Kay Ushijima, Lorraine Tanimoto, Kay Sugai, Miyeko Miyose, Chizuko Kudo, Karen Hall, Jean Okayama, Toshie Hanato, Kelly Deguchi, Reiko Sekine, & Vivian Ontai. Mahalo nui to Chester Mitamura and his helpers for taking care of the parking; artist Mike Asada for yet another masterpiece banner; Avis & Brian Yamamoto & Clyde Ikeda for the festive decorations; Walter Kimura, our great emcee; George Harai, Joyce, Elaine, & Lorraine for the keirosha gifts; Myles Ikeda and crew for set up; Henrietta Chee and the Daifukuji Happy Strummers; Kona Daifukuji Taiko and Daifukuji Zen Taiko groups; our sweet Baikako; Jean & Cindy & helpers with the lucky number prizes, and Nancy Osako for helping Rev. Jiko with the program. A big mahalo to all of you (too numerous to mention by name) who so kindly donated pupus, produce, special dishes, & desserts which were enjoyed by more than 200 members and guests. Thank you also for your generous monetary donations. Mahalo, mahalo to all for a wonderful New Year's Party!



Kids & Teen Sangha families sang the "Kannonsama Prayer."



Outgoing board members Walter Kimura, Bernard Mochizuki, Nancy Tanaka, & Michele Abe were thanked by board president Jan Bovard.



Daifukuji Taiko put on an awesome performance!



Those born in the Year of the Boar were decked with macadamia nut leis & treated to a special surprise by the Daifukuji Zen Taiko group.

Flowers Needed for Altars

Each week cut flowers are needed for the temple altars. In order to avoid having to purchase them, we are asking you to please share the lovely flowers that grow in your home gardens. Anthuriums, protea, mums, and orchids are especially good. We avoid using flowers that have thorns or sticky sap. Please gently remove ants and other little creatures from the flowers. Your offerings of flowers to the Buddha will bring joy to many.

Can You Be A Sponsor?

We would like to advertise in the Church Directory of the West Hawaii Today newspaper. Church ads run once a week on Saturdays and cost \$11.13 a week for 1-14 lines. We would like to be listed with other churches in Kona so that people interested in Buddhism, Zen practice, taiko, orchids, or aikido would be able to find us. The monthly cost is approximately \$45. We are looking for a sponsor for 4-6 months or longer. Would you consider sponsoring this ad? Please call Jiko Sensei at 322-3524.

Look at what we made!

A group of ladies had a wonderful time at the sutra book making workshop taught by master paper maker Marily Wold and her assistant Lee Messenger on Jan. 20. Look at the lovely books that these ladies made.



In Memoriam

To the family of the late Christine Marie Hanato who passed away on January 22, 2007 at the age of 51, we extend our deepest sympathy. Namu Kie Butsu. Namu Kie Ho. Namu Kie So.



Stonewall Update

Dear Members and Friends,
IT HAS BEGUN! The stonewall replacement began today. As you drive by you will see the crew hard at work. We are so happy to be able to have our poor, tumbling down stonewall removed. The new wall will be moved back about a foot and a half so it will now be easier and safer to enter and leave the temple parking lot. I also want to tell you that due to one of our new board members, Jill Wagner, we were able to locate a builder that is giving us a very good price for the new wall. We were looking at having to spend up to \$50,000 for the wall. With this builder the price will be a bit less than \$30,000. We very much appreciate those of you that have already designated part of your donation to the temple for the stonewall. Thank you so much and please keep an eye on the progress.

Aloha,
Jan Bovard
Temple President

Meet The Temple Board of Directors



The first 2007 meeting of the Daifukuji Soto Mission Board of Directors was held on February 8.
Back Row: Stanley Oshima, Masa Oga, George Harai, Jan Bovard, Myles Ikeda, Clyde Ikeda, Elaine Fernandez
Front Row: Renee Kimura, Velvet Replogle, Joyce St. Arnault, Rev. Jiko Nakade, Jill Wagner, Vivian Ontai, Alfreida Fujita, (Christo Izumi & Julia Crawford not present)

Jan Bovard, temple president, has been a member since 1978. An artist & farmer, she loves making pottery, playing tennis, and reading. “What I love about Daifukuji Soto Mission is the teachings of the Buddha.” Jan has been a longtime member of the Daifukuji Zazenkai. She devotes her time to many temple projects such as building & grounds improvement. Jan has also been cleaning all nine of our temple toilets each week.

Myles Ikeda, vice-president, has been a member since he was born. An auto mechanic, he loves drag racing and bowling. “What I love about DSM is the Sangha.” Myles is also an avid bon dancer. He is right there to offer his help at all temple events.

Joyce St. Arnault, treasurer, has been a member since childhood. A nurse by profession, Joyce loves bowling & spending time with family and friends. She’s Fujinkai president & a member of the Baikako & Happy Strummers. “What I love about DSM is our minister, members, and the Dharma.”

Elaine Fernandez, assistant treasurer, has been a member since she was a baby. A retired school health aide, Elaine loves to read and do puzzles. “What I love about DSM is the minister & the wonderful caring members. The temple is such a peaceful place.” Elaine is also serves on the Fujinkai Executive Board & cleans the temple every Friday morning.

Jill Wagner, recording secretary, has been a member since 2005. A horticulturist, Jill enjoys oil painting, reading, & poetry. “What I love about DSM are Rev. Jiko, the Daifukuji Sangha, Fujinkai, the elders of the temple, the temple altars, the Nakade family & Star, the Baikako, the food at our events – everything!” Jill Teiho assists Rev. Jiko at services, helps with the youth & movie night programs at the temple, cleans the temple weekly, & is a member of the Fujinkai and Zazenkai.

Vivian Ontai, corresponding secretary, has been a member since 2004. A lomilomi practitioner, Vivian loves to swim and tend to her bonsai. She also is a member of the Daifukuji Zen Taiko & Fujinkai. “What I love about DSM is the Sangha and its community spirit.”

Continue to Meet the Daifukuji Board of Directors.....

Alfreida Fujita, director, has been a member for a long, long time. She's worked for Hawaiian Airlines and presently helps at her family store, The Kimura Lauhala Shop. Head of the temple kitchen & member of the baikako, fujinkai, & ukulele groups, Alfreida enjoys gardening & helping to preserve Kona's history. She loves the fellowship with the temple members.

George Harai, director, is an insurance agent whose favorite pastimes are fishing and golf. "What I love about DSM is the new leadership and direction under this leadership."

Masanobu Oga, director, has been a board member since 2004. Masa is a farmer who loves playing golf. "What I love about DSM are our nice minister and friendly members."

Renee R. Kimura has been a member since 1988. She is self-employed and her favorite pastimes are being with friends, sports, quiet times, and meditation. Renee belongs to the Fujinkai and Happy Strummers and helps the Daifukuji Taiko group as its treasurer. "What I love about DSM are the people – the fellowship, the compassion, and the 'ohana' feeling."

Clyde Ikeda, director, has been a member since 1961. He is an interior potted plant designer who enjoys watching sports and working with plants. "What I love about DSM are the teachings, church functions, and the members."

Stanley Oshima, director and new to the board, has been a member since he was born. He is currently a cart attendant at the Makalei Golf Club and his favorite pastime is golfing. "What I love about DSM is Rev. Jiko and the members." Stanley vacuums the temple with Chirio & beautifies the temple grounds every Friday.

Christo Yoshiyuki Izumi, also new to the board this year, retired from the Dept. of Water Supply in 1986. His interests are golf and bowling, and because he is unable to participate in a lot of sports activities, he loves attending his grandchildren's activities. "Daifukuji has been the family church for generations so I like to see it looking nice for people to come and

be proud of their church. That is why I have volunteered to keep the hedges looking nice."

Velvet Replogle, director, has been a member for the past 13 years. A massage therapist, Velvet enjoys gardening and reading. She is a member of the Zazenkai and Sangha Sisters groups. "What I love about DSM is the sense of peace & belonging to a Sangha. I am proud of the beauty of our temple and how it has evolved over the time I have been here. I

feel blessed to have had the counsel of Ryuji Tamiya Sensei and now Jiko Sensei. I love our women's circle which has been gathering monthly for the past 7 years.

Julia Crawford, director, joined the Sangha in 2001. She is a physician who loves gardening, hiking, and playing the ukulele. Dr. Julia is a fujinkai member. She and her husband Dr. Stephen Andl and their sons attend the family service every Sunday. "What I love about DSM are the generous hearts, hardworking hands, and warm smiles."

Rev. Jiko Nakade serves as honorary advisor to the board. She loves Daifukuji and has great respect for the temple board. She loves being with our members, and at the end of the day, spending time with her family and pets. She enjoys playing the piano and ukulele, and someday would like to play the taiko.



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Board Installation Ceremony at New Year's Party
Pictured are Clyde Ikeda, Masa Oga, Julia Crawford, George Harai, Stanley Oshima, Christo Izumi, & Rev. Jiko

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2 Samu Temple Cleaning 8 am	3
4 Family Service 9:30 am	5 Happy Strummers 7:30 pm	6	7 Zazen 6 am Fujinkai Board Meeting 7 pm	8	9 Samu 8 am Sangha Sisters 7 pm	10 Morning of Zen Practice 8 am – 10 am Sangha Movie Nite 7 pm
11 Goeika Practice. 8 am Family Service 9:30 am	12	13	14 Zazen 6 am	15 Evening Zazen 7:30 pm	16 Samu 8 am	17 33 Kannon Set Up 8:00 am
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Regular Activities: * Youth Taiko- Mon 3:45 p.m. & Wed. 5p.m. ** Adult Taiko-Tues. 6:00 p.m.
 *** Yoga –Sun. 4 p.m. **** Aikido Tues. & Fri. 4:00-5:30 pm