



Daifukuji Soto Mission

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Treasuring the Past, Embracing the Present

May 2007

14th Annual Building Fund Bazaar Coming Up May 20!

May 20th is the big day and everyone's kokua is needed. Items for the bazaar may be dropped off beginning **May 7th (new date)**. See pages 4 and 5 for detailed information.

Memorial Day Service & Baccalaureate Luncheon

Sunday, May 27, 2007 9:30 a.m.
Speaker: Reverend Jiko Nakade

A Memorial Day service will be held in memory of the people who lost their lives as a result of the many wars that have been fought throughout human history. Let us gather to pray for world peace and to renew our personal vows as Buddhists to live in peace and harmony with others and with the natural world. A blessing of the high school graduates by Jiko Sensei and our Sangha will take place immediately after the Memorial Day service. All are invited to stay for a special luncheon in the social hall, prepared by the Fujinkai in honor of the graduates and their families. Please join us for a morning of prayers and blessings. Flowers are needed for the altars.

*Please invite your family and friends to
Daifukuji's 14th Annual Bazaar.*



Congratulations to & blessings upon the following high school seniors who will be graduating in June. They are members of our Sangha and/or taiko group:

LeAnna Dahl, daughter of Kellie & Curtis Dahl
Chauntelle Guy, daughter of Glendora Guy
Renkio Hanato-Wells, son of Mikie and Napua Hanato-Wells
Britney Manago, daughter of Cheryl & Dwight Manago
Terra Weigelt, daughter of Dr. Kurt & Kana Weigelt

Sangha Movie Night "Japanland" (Part 2)

Saturday, May 26 7:00 p.m.

The first part of "Japanland" was shown at the April movie night. Our journey with the adventurous Karin Muller who travels into the heart of Japan continues this month. Please join us. This is a very entertaining movie. Admission is free.

Honoring Our Graduates

Baccalaureate Luncheon on May 27

Every year the Daifukuji Sangha honors high school graduates who are the children and grandchildren of our members at a Baccalaureate ceremony and luncheon. We also invite graduating seniors who are members of the Teen Sangha and youth taiko groups. If you know of a graduating senior whose name was not mentioned on page 1 or who would like to take part in this blessing, please give his or her name and address to Rev. Jiko as soon as possible by calling 322-3524. We are proud of all of our graduates and would not want to miss anyone.



2008 Japan Trip

Rev. Jiko has begun planning a 2008 Japan Tour which will be open to Daifukuji members and friends. This 12-day tour will depart Kona on May 28, 2008 and return on June 9, 2008. We will be visiting the Tamiya family at their temple Kogenji in Niigata city and going to unforgettable places such as Eiheiiji Monastery in Fukui, the ancient capital of Kyoto with its many lovely temples, the famous Japanese garden called Korakuen in Kanazawa, the site of the great Buddha statue in Nara, and the historic island of Sado. Details of the tour, including cost, will be announced when available. The itinerary is subject to change. Please inform Rev. Jiko if you might be interested in joining this Sangha tour to Japan. So far about 20 members have signed up!

Dear Members and Friends,

Now, more than ever, let us take refuge in the Buddha, Dharma, and Sangha and send waves of wisdom, kindness, and love out into our troubled world. For there to be peace, we ourselves must live peacefully. Gassho,

Jiko Sensei

Sangha Summer Camp

June 9 – 10, 2007

Kalopa State Recreation Area, Honokaa

Calling all Sangha campers! An overnight summer camp at the beautiful Kalopa State Recreation Area in Honokaa is being planned for the weekend of June 9-10. This will be a fun, relaxing Dharma family camp that will include a potluck dinner, Dharma activities, a nature walk, meditation, and music. Check-in will be at 2 pm on June 9th and check-out at 10 am the next day. The 4 cabins can accommodate up to 32 campers.

Please call Jiko Sensei at 322-3524 to reserve a space for you and your family. Children are welcome. There will be a \$10.00 fee per adult. \$5.00 per child. Carpooling is encouraged.



“Flower Girls” Thelma Matsumoto & Elaine Fernandez take care of the altar arrangements every Friday. Mahalo!

Mahalo Nui

Domo arigato to Chef John Replogle and the Zazenkai for a fabulous Buddha Day lunch, to the Teen Sangha for decorating the hanamido, to the Kids Sangha families for a great skit, & to Barbara for sharing the taiko group's Japan trip photos.

Warm thanks to Coral Mack and Bob Bowman for contributing to the West Hawaii Today Church Directory temple ad fund. Everyone, have you see our new ad in Saturday's paper?

A big mahalo to Myles and Jean Ikeda and Chester Mitamura for working on the temple's new yagura (musicians stand) for this summer's Bon Dance.

Mahalo to the following members and friends who donated lovely flowers for Buddha Day: Yoshimi and Kiyoshi Deguchi, Fujiko Akamatsu, Yaeko & Gilbert Hakoda, Gail & Hideo Maruyama, Miyeko Miyose, Norma & George Nakamoto, Velvet Replogle, Grace Miyamoto, Evelyn Tabata, Chris Coleman & Manuel Ochoa, & Chester Mitamura.

To all of our dedicated and hardworking temple volunteers, thank you very much. Everyone, thank you for your generous monetary donations and for turning in your 2007 membership dues and ijihi.

Congratulations

We extend our congratulations to Rev. Shuji Komagata who has become a police chaplain for the Honolulu Police Department. Rev. Shuji is also the resident minister of the Soto Mission of Aiea Taiheiji.

Photos in Color

To enjoy the photos found in this newsletter in color, please go to our temple website at www.daifukuji.org and click on the calendar-newsletter link.



Boy Scouts Volunteer for Clean-up Duty by Julia Crawford

Every Monday Boy Scout Troop 26 meets at the Holualoa Elementary School Cafeteria. The rest of the week they have busy lives as students, athletes, artists, and just kids. But on Sat., April 7th, the boys put aside their Game Boys, Play Stations, and tennis rackets to meet at the temple.

As part of the Boy Scout commitment to community service Troop 26 volunteered their Saturday morning to clean the cemetery grounds at Daifukuji. They gathered with leaders Earl Miyabara and Sharon Albrecht and marched up to the cemetery grounds.

Under the morning sun the boy scouts emptied and cleaned flower containers, raked leaves, pulled weeds, and cleared walkways of debris. When a visitor to a family gravesite was injured, she was quickly attended to by troop members.

Volunteers included leaders Earl Miyabara & Sharon Albrecht, Sharon's daughter Sarah, and Scouts Will Albrecht, Jason Fornanack, Daniel Trevithick, Abraham Andl, and Michael Andl. The boys enjoyed snacks and meeting some temple members after the clean-up activity.

Sangha Photo Album

Buddha Day & Sangha Sisters Anniversary



Jill Teiho introduced Rabje Sensei from Tibet.



The children hunted for eggs in the temple garden.



Zazenkai friends prepared a delicious pasta lunch. Mahalo!



A flower mandala was created by the Sangha Sisters.



Sangha Sisters 7th Anniversary Celebration Potluck

May our temple be a place where smiles are shared and laughter heard, where warm hearts meet and greet one another, and where loving-kindness and gentle aloha are practiced effortlessly.

14th Annual Daifukuji Soto Mission Bazaar
Sunday May 20, 2007, 9:30am - 1:30pm

We thank all of you for your many years of support and for your generous donations. We humbly ask for your help again. "Yoroshiku onegai shimasu."

The following is a list of Committee Co-Chairs for the various units. Please volunteer for the unit of your choice by calling the committee chair. (Please call Jiko Sensei or Alfreida Fujita for his or her phone number.) Your participation is very important. If you are unable to help, please make every effort to join us at the Bazaar for fellowship.

BAZAAR CHAIR:

Alfreida Fujita Phone 329-3457, 324-0053

Assistants:

Bernard Mochizuki, Avis Yamamoto

BAZAAR COMMITTEES:

Publicity

Brian Yamamoto, Velvet Replogle

Posters, Banners, Signs, etc

Michael Asada, Avis Yamamoto

Finance

Joyce St. Arnault, Renee Kimura, Tyrone Ohta

Program

Jan Bovard

Security

Richard Nakano, Morris Kimura

Produce

Tadao Sugai, Jack Tabata

Garden Shop

Lorraine Tanimoto, Hilda Sugai

RUMMAGE:

Clothing

Joyce St. Arnault, Elaine Fernandez

Household & Misc.

Kay Ushijima, Kay Sugai

Books & Toys

Barbara Bosz-Burczyk, Evelyn Tabata

Crafts & White Elephant

Beverly Arai, Ella Yasuda

Children's Activities

Kelly Dahl, Kids Sangha Families

Lomi Center

Vivian Ontai, Reiko Sekine

FOOD:

Elsie Mochizuki, Michiko Enomoto, Nancy Tanaka

Kitchen Assistants

Miyeko Miyose, Gladys Arase, Tomeyo Torioka, Toshie Hanato, Thelma Matsumoto, Yoshiko Ikeda

Snack Shop

Michael Asada

Facility Set up

Bernard Mochizuki, Masaru Deguchi

Electrical/PA System

Volunteers Needed

Parking

Taichi Harada, Michael Nakade

First Aid

Joyce St. Arnault

Workers' Lunch

Alfreida Fujita, Chizuko Kudo, Karen Hall

Clean Up

Bernard Mochizuki, Alfreida Fujita, all members

14th Annual Daifukuji Soto Mission Bazaar

Sunday May 20, 2007 9:30am - 1:30pm

We will have a Bazaar Meeting on Wednesday April 25th, 7:30pm at the Daifukuji Hall. All Committee Chairpersons please have your report available. We will discuss our Policies, Guidelines and Set up.

Some Guidelines for the Bazaar:

1. **Donations** may be dropped off at the Daifukuji Social Hall **after May 7th**. Place items inside the hall with the donor's name and address. No old computers, please.
2. Please have all rummage items cleaned. Clothing should be washed.
3. Donation of vegetables, fruits and other perishables may be dropped off Saturday May 19th by 4:00pm.
4. Donation of baked goods and food items may be dropped off Sunday May 20th before 7:00am.
5. All Bazaar sale items are final; no refunds.
6. All members please refrain from purchasing items until 11:00am.
7. All members please wear your Daifukuji T-shirts. See Rev. Jiko to purchase shirts.
8. The Snack Shop will open at 8:30 on the day of the bazaar. All other units will open at 9:30am.
9. Workers/members' vehicles should be parked at the cemetery area. Check with Mike Nakade.
10. Lunch will be provided to all workers. Meal tickets will be issued to each unit Chair by Alfreida Fujita.

Message from Our Temple President

Dear Member and Friends,

Just a little update on temple happenings.... Our stonewall is complete and is everything we had hoped for. We can now see the traffic much better and we are safer. Our sidewalk to Teshima's is once again clear and can be used. I would like to encourage all of our members to use the temple parking lot when going to Teshima's to eat. This way we will be able to help with the limited parking for the restaurant. It is safe and convenient for you to use our lot and we will be helping other members of the community to more easily have a place for their cars at the restaurant and make their eating experience more comfortable.

Once again I want to thank all of you who so generously donated to our stonewall fund. I hope that it is as pleasing to you as it is to those of us that have been overseeing its construction for a month. We will now be working on the landscaping.

Our annual bazaar is coming up in May. It is an event that many in the community look forward to every year. I was told by more than one person that they mark their calendar at the beginning of the year to watch for our bazaar in May. Please join us in whatever way works for you. Please come out and enjoy being part of our wonderful Sangha community.

Much aloha, gassho,
Jan Bovard

Recycling Tips

The Daifukuji Taiko youth group has been accepting donations of soda cans and water bottles for recycling and requests the following:

- * Containers must say "HI5cents" or "Hawaii 5cents."
(Please check cans or bottles for this label.)
- * All caps must be removed from containers.
- * Containers must be free of liquid and debris.
- * Only plastic water bottles & aluminum soda cans are being accepted. (No glass or canned food cans, please)
- * Please separate your cans and plastic bottles, put them into sturdy bags, and place them neatly on the pile on the makai side of the women's restroom.

Mahalo nui from Daifukuji Taiko for your cooperation and support!

Welcome, New Members!

With great joy and appreciation, we welcome the following new members to our Sangha:

Yayo Inaba
Rowena Inaba
Leonard Ota

We also truly appreciate our continuing members and supporters.

Coming Up This Summer ...

June 9 Sangha Summer Camp
June 16 4th Annual Obon Festival at Keauhou Shopping Center
July 14 Daifukuji Bon Service & Bon Dance
July 22 Kona Daifukuji Orchid Club's Annual Orchid Show

MAY 2007

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 Zazen 6 am Fujinkai Board Meeting 7 pm	3 No Evening Zazen	4 Samu Temple Cleaning 8 am	5
6 Goeika Practice 8 am Family Service 9:30 Yoga 4 pm	7 Bazaar Items Accepted as of Today Happy Strummers 7:30 pm	8	9 Zazen 6 am	10 Evening Zazen 7:30 pm	11 Samu 8 am Sangha Sisters Circle 7:00 pm	12
13 Mother's Day Family Service 9:30 am (no yoga)	14	15	16 Zazen 6 am Kannon-ko Service 10 am Taiko Board 7 pm	17 Evening Zazen 7:30 pm	18 Samu 8 am	19 Bazaar Prep And Set Up 8 am Volunteers Needed!
20 3 am Sushi Making, etc. BAZAAR 9:30 am – 1:30 pm (no yoga)	21 Happy Strummers 7:30 pm	22	23 Zazen 6 am	24 Evening Zazen 7:30 pm	25 Samu 8 am	26 Sangha Movie Night "Japanland –part 2" 7:00 p.m.
27 MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE AND BACCALAUREATE LUNCHEON 9:30 am Yoga 4 pm	28	29	30 Zazen 6 am	31 No Evening Zazen		

<p>Regular Activities:</p> <p>* Youth Taiko- Mon 3:45 p.m. & Wed. 5p.m. *** Yoga –Sun. 4 p.m.</p>	<p>** Adult Taiko-Tues. 6:00 p.m. ****Aikido Tues. & Fri. 4:00-5:30 pm</p>
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