



Daifukuji Soto Mission

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Treasuring the Past, Embracing the Present

November 2007

Thanksgiving Service

Sunday, November 18 **9:30 a.m.**

Sangha members and friends, each one of us has so much for which to be grateful – our lives, our families, our friends and neighbors, and our Buddhist faith. Let us all come together on November 18 to celebrate the life that we share and to offer prayers of thanksgiving.

The busy harvest and holiday season is here. As a Sangha, let us make time for serene meditation and reflection. May we open ourselves to the abundance of life and to the joys of living and working together in community.

Light refreshments will be served following the service.

Please deliver flowers for the altars by the morning of Friday, Nov.16.

Did you know that November is also the month of Zen Master Keizan's birthday? Born on November 21, 1268, Keizan Jokin is, after Dogen Zenji, the most important Zen master of the Soto School of Japan. It is due to the compassionate efforts of Keizan Zenji that the Soto Sect has grown to become the largest branch of Zen Buddhism in Japan.

Year End Temple Clean Up

Sunday, November 25 **8:00 a.m.**

Our temple's annual year-end general clean up will be held on **Sunday, November 25** and will begin with a prayer inside the temple at 8:00 a.m.

We will be cleaning the temple, halls, nokotsudo, and yard and humbly request the help of our members and of the various groups that use our facilities on a regular basis. With everyone's help we will be able to complete our tasks in just a few hours.

If there are enough volunteers, we will even be able to beautify our cemetery and the road leading up to it.

Please bring rags, buckets, and garden tools, all labelled with your name.

Refreshments will be provided.

Daifukuji is our spiritual home and each member is its steward. We are the caretakers, the keepers of our beautiful temple, and it is up to each one of us to insure its continuance into the future. May our temple be a shining Dharma light in the Kona community for generations to come.

Hawaii Island



Twenty seniors and eleven volunteers had a great time on October 10, the opening day of Project Dana "Lei Wili O Na Kupuna." The seniors exercised, played games, won prizes, received massages, made beautiful cards, and enjoyed a delicious and nutritious spaghetti lunch with lots of fruits and veggies. Already folks are looking forward to the next gathering on November 14. Mahalo to those who participated and all who helped make it an enjoyable day for all. For information about Project Dana, call Vivian Ontai at 322-0942 or Reiko Sekine at 334-1127.

Taiko News

The Daifukuji Taiko group invites temple members and supporters to walk with them in the Kona Coffee Cultural Festival Lantern Parade on Friday, Nov. 2. Please wear a happi coat or your Daifukuji shirt and meet at the Kailua Pier at 5:30 pm. The Lantern Parade, which starts at 6:30 pm, will end up at the Hale Halawai, where there will be a taiko performance.

Kona Daifukuji Taiko is also entering the coffee festival grand parade float competition and is looking for people to help with float construction on Friday, Nov. 9 at HPM in Kailua-Kona. If you can lend them a hand, please call Mike Asada at 936-0060. Following the grand parade on Nov. 10, there will be a taiko performance at the Hale Halawai at 11:45 am.

Have you seen our steamer?

A golden three-tiered steamer that is used for steaming mochi rice at the mochitsuki is missing from the temple storeroom. If you know where it is, please inform Rev. Jiko. If you've borrowed it, we'd appreciate its return. Mochi-making time is just around the corner.

Fujinkai Coffee Festival Bento Sale

Manju Making	Thursday, Nov. 8	7 a.m.
Bento Making	Saturday, Nov. 10	3 a.m.

Who makes the best manju and bento in town? Why, the Daifukuji Fujinkai does! And with the 37th annual Kona Coffee Cultural Festival coming up, it's time to start bakin' and cookin'. Fujinkai members, if you are able to help in the kitchen, please kokua in baking manju on November 8 at 7 a.m. and in putting together 250 bentos and making spam musubis on Nov. 10th starting at 3 a.m. These items will be sold at the Daifukuji Fujinkai booth at the Hale Halawai on Nov. 10th. The grand parade will start at 9:30 am at the Kailua Gym and proceed to the Royal Kona Resort. Let's all celebrate Kona Coffee and its tradition of excellence.

2008 UHSSWA Conference

To all Soto-Shu Ministers, Jizoku, and Fujinkai Members,

It is with great pleasure that Waipahu Taiyoji Fujinkai invites you to attend the 43rd UHSSWA Conference which will be held on April 19 and 20, 2008 at the Waipahu Soto Zen Taiyoji Temple and at the Ala Moana Hotel.

We are fortunate to have the participation of all the neighbor island temples at our conference and most recently at the Molokai Guzeiji Soto Mission. It is wonderful that every temple has its own unique charm.

Our foremost goal is to promote the Buddha's teachings and camaraderie among all the temple members.

We sincerely wish to make the 43rd UHSSWA Conference most memorable to everyone. Please take care and we will meet again in Waipahu.

In Gassho,

Carol Oyama, President

Waipahu Taiyoji Fujinkai

Welcome, New Members

The Daifukuji Sangha warmly welcomes the following new members:

Joan and Casey McCarty
Robert and Eleanor Yokomoto
Derek Nakamura and Tomoko Hirai

Blood Drive to Be Held at Daifukuji Mission Social Hall

Friday, November 9, 2007 7:30 am – 4:00 pm

For appointments or information, contact Blood Bank of Hawaii at 1-800-372-9966. Bring a valid photo ID with birthdate. Give the gift of life.

Mahalo from the Teen Sangha

Every year the funds raised through the mochi sale in December benefit the temple's youth programs—namely, the youth taiko group and the Teen Sangha. Using those funds, the Daifukuji Teen Sangha took an overnight trip to Maui to visit Buddhist temples in Paia. Accompanied by Rev. Jiko, Jill Teiho, Ven. Rabjee, and Christine and Raymond Baltero, Teen Sangha members Ryan Nakade, Katherine Medler, Rayne Izumi-Baltero, Abraham and Michael Andl, Brian Hoffman, and Samantha Wierenga were able to visit the Paia Rinzai Mission, the Maui Dharma Center, and Mantokuji Soto Mission on October 2, 2007. The Teen Sangha extends their warmest mahalo to temple members and supporters. *Okagesama de* (thanks to everyone's support), such an educational trip to Maui was made possible. (See photos on the next page.)

2008 Japan Trip: Rev. Jiko will be meeting with travel agent Mayumi Ota of Kobayashi Travel on Nov. 17th for an update on plans for the Daifukuji Japan Tour. Information will be available in the December newsletter. Thank you for your patience.

A Message from Your Temple President

Dear Members and Friends,

I would like to inform you that there is access work being done at the Nokotsudo. The parking lot at the top will be receiving leveling and new black top where the cement had been badly cracked as a result of the earthquake last year. Please use the entrance from the temple building.

On another issue... As I am going about my daily life I am seeing that our world is becoming more and more complex and human beings are becoming overwhelmed and suffering from various levels of anxiety. TIME has become a big issue and along with that we have lost our "human connection." With cell phones and internet we have added another level of activity.

As we head into the holiday season and beyond, I would like to suggest that we use a couple of different mantras. One is universal: "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you." This is easy to say and easy to forget. Once words are spoken and actions taken, it is not possible to erase the memory of the other person, even with an apology. The other mantra is "do not criticize." Nothing positive happens to your spirit or to theirs when a person is criticized. We cannot know what it is like to walk in their shoes.

These suggestions are ways that we can bring our Buddhist practice into everyday life. By developing compassion and connection to all living beings and infusing loving kindness into all of our actions we may alleviate some of the suffering around us.

May your heart be filled with joy for the blessing of Life.

Gassho,

Jan Bovard

Sangha Photo Album: HAIB and Teen Sangha Maui Trip



Buddhist friends from various traditions met at the Hawaii Association of International Buddhist (HAIB) meeting at Daifukuji on September 29, 2007.



Rev. Seiichi Toshinari gave the Teen Sangha a tour of the Rinzai Zen Mission of Paia on October 2, 2007.



Teen Sangha members enjoyed a visit with the Ven. Lama Gyaltzen of the Maui Dharma Center in Paia, Maui.



The Temple Bell at the Mantokuji Soto Mission of Paia



Rev. & Mrs. Kenji Oyama and the Mantokuji Fujinkai prepared a delicious lunch for our group and welcomed us warmly.

More Sangha Photos: Goeika Workshop 2007



Rev. Tomoo Fujiwara of Yamagata, Japan taught a new Buddhist hymn to the members of the Daifukuji Baikako.



Rev. Fujiwara, Rev. Jiko, and Baika members enjoyed a bento lunch and Michiko's exquisite Japanese sweets.



Oct. 11, 2007 Goeika Workshop (from left to right, back to front): Nancy Kurihara, Michiko Enomoto, Joyce St. Arnault, Fujiko Akamatsu, Kimie Masuda, Yoshiko Ikeda, Reverend Tomoo Fujiwara, and Kazuyo Sasaki

A Thanksgiving Blessing from Jiko Sensei

The precious lives we live today
have come to us from all beings,
the natural world that holds us
in its web of infinite life.
Grateful are our hearts
for the blessings we've received,
for the blessings we've received.

Deep is our responsibility
to care for our sacred land and sea,
to nurture our communities,
to live in wise and skillful ways,
benefiting all people
and all forms of life.

Let us pray that all be blessed
with health, vitality, and peace
and that we, our children,
and children's children may learn
to live in harmony
with the land and with each other.

May the wisdom of the Buddhas
shine brightly within our hearts and minds;
may the gentle bodhisattvas
guide us along wholesome paths.
May we practice wholeheartedly,
cultivating good and ceasing from evil,
and may the merit that is generated
from our practice at Daifukuji
go out into our community
and into the world beyond,
cultivating peace and happiness
and alleviating suffering,
everywhere.

How grateful we are for the Buddha!
How grateful we are for the Dharma!
How grateful we are for the Sangha!

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

Happy Thanksgiving

November 2007									
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday			
				1 Evening Zazen 7 pm	2 Samu 8 am International Lantern Parade, Alii Dr 6:30 pm	3 Hawaii Soto Mission Association Meeting, Honolulu			
4 No Family Service HSMA Meeting, Honolulu	5 Happy Strummers 7:30 pm	6	7 Zazen 6 am Fujinkai Board Meeting 7:00 pm	8 Fujinkai Manju Making 7 a.m. No Evening Zazen	9 Samu 8 am Blood Drive at Daifukuji, 7:30-4:00 Sangha Sisters 7 pm	10 Fujinkai Bento Making 3 am Kona Coffee Cultural Festival Parade 9:30 a.m.			
11 Goeika Practice 8 am Family Service 9:30	12	13	14 Zazen 6 am Project Dana Kupuna Morning 8:30 am - noon	15 Evening Zazen 7 pm	16 Samu 8 am	17			
18 Thanksgiving Service 9:30 am	19 Happy Strummers 7:30 pm	20	21 Zazen 6 am Kannon-ko 10 am Thanksgiving Eve Interfaith Service	22 Happy Thanksgiving! No Evening Zazen	23 No Samu due to Temple Clean Up On Nov. 25	24			
25 YEAR END TEMPLE CLEAN UP DAY 8:00 a.m. (No family service) Please kokua!	26	27	28 Zazen 6 am Youth Taiko Board Meeting 7 pm	29 Evening Zazen 7 pm	30 Samu 8 am	Coming Up in Dec.: Dec. 1-8 Rohatsu Sesshin Dec. 9 Jodo-EService Dec. 16 Ofudayaki Dec. 28 Mochitsuki Dec. 31 New Year's Blessing Service			
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