



## Daifukuji Soto Mission

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*Treasuring the Past,  
Embracing the Present*

*May, 2008*

## Mother's Day Service

*Sunday, May 11 9:30 a.m.*

On Mother's Day, let us gather to express our gratitude for the mothers, grandmothers, and other wise women in our lives. You may bring photos of these wonderful women to place on the altar.

Happy Mother's Day!

## 15th Annual Building Fund Bazaar Coming Up May 18!

*Sunday, May 18 9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.*

May 18th is the big day and everyone's kokua is needed. Items for the bazaar may be dropped off beginning May 1st.

Bazaar set up will take place on Saturday, May 17 at 8:00 a.m. We will be carrying tables and benches and need the help of our young & strong members. Please come out to help us.

See page 4 for bazaar guidelines.

*Please invite your family and friends to Daifukuji's 15th annual bazaar!*

## Memorial Day Service & Blessing of the Graduates

*Sunday, May 25 9:30 a.m.*

Dr. Tim Freeman will be the guest speaker at this year's Memorial Day service. A blessing of the high school graduates by Rev. Jiko and



our sangha will follow the service. All are invited to stay for a baccalaureate luncheon in the social hall, which will be prepared by the Fujinkai. Please join us for a morning of prayers and blessings. Flowers are needed for the altars.

Congratulations to the following high school graduates who are members of our sangha and/or taiko group:

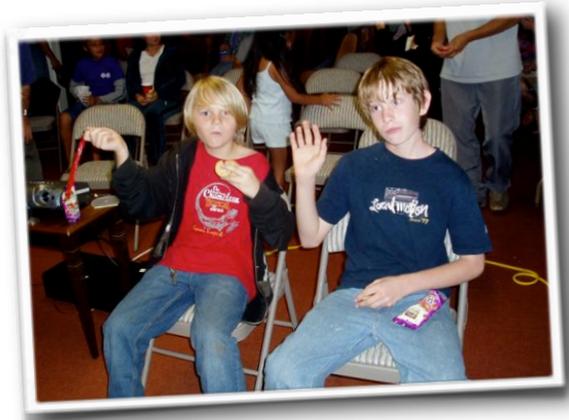
Alyssa Luiz	Dustin Omori
Ryan Nakade	Christopher
Katherine Medler	Sugai
Dayton Omori	

(Have we missed anyone? Please call Jiko Sensei ASAP. An invitation will be sent.)

## Hannya Shingyo Class

*Saturday, May 24 1:00-3:00 p.m.*

Have you ever wondered about the meaning of our most frequently chanted sutra, the Heart Sutra? Please join us for a special class given by Dr. Tim Freeman, from the University of Hawaii at Hilo, Philosophy Department. Dr. Freeman is an expert on Asian Philosophy, and is a Buddhist scholar. Appreciate the meaning of one of the most profound Buddhist sutras. Dr. Freeman is great at making ideas clear



and understandable. Please call Rev. Jiko at 322-3524 if you plan to attend.

## Teen Sangha News

*by Jill Teiho Wagner*

The teen sangha had a very special stargazing evening on April 4, a new moon. We started the evening with an Astronomy film called, "What's up in the Universe." We enjoyed popcorn and juice as we were mesmerized by the film. Then we went up to the cemetery where it was dark, but the skies were clear. There were many stars to be seen. The film was very thought

provoking. It combined art with science as a way to teach astronomical concepts.

We were able to



see paintings and photos of other planets in our solar system such as the dry, cavernous Mars, and the dusty Moon, which gives us our seasons. They also showed incredible photos of the sun. The scientists talked about the qualities of the planets and what criteria are necessary to sustain life. They discussed the possibility of other life in our solar system, or life in another solar system. They think there may be a possibility of other life somewhere, but they said that the possibility of intelligent life, such as human life, is less likely.

I wish to give special thanks to Bob Trubel for bringing his telescope and Shigeru Yamamoto for teaching us about the stars. We learned a lot and it was so much fun. I would also like to thank Lutz Hoffman for sharing his knowledge. It was especially exciting to see Saturn up close! We could see the rings of Saturn and even Saturn's moons. We learned how to find stars and constellations.

I think the evening was special to me because I was able to learn how the

Earth fits in our solar system. And there are so many galaxies and solar systems! We are living on the Earth, which floats in the vast blackness of the Universe. The film changed my perspective because it made me realize how amazing life is, and that the circumstances of the life on Earth are so unique, and precious. We expanded our awareness by looking at the solar system as a whole. I am totally amazed to think that there is only the thin Earth atmosphere between us and space. The Earth is our home. I felt a deep sense of gratitude for my life and for all life on Earth. It is important to contemplate the sacredness of our lives.

I'd like to share this poem by David Ignatow:

*And now I will pray and perform a ritual  
of my devotion to the Sun.  
I will bow and sing beneath my breath,  
then perform the dance of farewell  
and my confidence in the sun's return.  
All is dance; the sun glides along the  
horizon; now the leaves sway; now the  
earth spins.*

***Furusato no Aji "Minyo"***  
**Concert of Japanese Folk  
Songs by Naoyuki Harada**  
***Saturday, June 28 2pm - 4pm***

*Hawaii Japanese Center & Hawaii-Shima  
Fukushima Kenjin Kai presents:* a  
concert of Japanese folk songs at the  
University of Hawaii-Hilo Theatre. It will  
be the celebration of the 110th  
Anniversary of Fukushima-Ken  
Immigrants to Hawaii. This is a rare  
concert by Harada-san, a Japanese Minyo  
Master.

Tickets are \$40. (Rev. Jiko has a few tickets for sale) For tickets or more info, call Walter Tachibana of Hilo Taishoji Mission, 959-9374.

***Letter of Gratitude from  
Vivian Ontai***

Aloha Reverend Jiko,

I pray all is well at the temple. I am still in awe of the many blessings I have received from our temple members. I truly understand the words *sangha* and *dana*.

Please relay to our temple members my gratitude. Let them know I am well. They tell me I will be able to return to Kona in June. My house is being renovated. My brother is refinishing my old cabin so it will be safe. I have so many blessings. I can massage still.

So everyone take care. Watch your blood pressure. The aloha is overwhelming.

Namu Shakamuni Butsu  
Namu Shakamuni Butsu  
Namu Shakamuni Butsu

Aloha pumehana,  
Vivian Ontai



## Guidelines for 15th Annual Daifukuji Soto Mission Building Fund Bazaar

***Sunday, May 18 9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.***

1. **Donations** may be dropped off at the Daifukuji Social Hall **after May 1st**. Place items inside the hall with the donor's name and address. No old computers or heavy equipment please.
2. Please have all rummage items cleaned. Clothing should be washed.
3. Donation of vegetables, fruits, plants and other perishables may be dropped off Saturday, May 17th by 2pm.
4. Donation of baked goods and food items may be dropped off **Sunday, May 18th before 7am**.
5. All Bazaar sale items are final; no refunds.
6. All members please refrain from purchasing items until 11am.
7. All members please wear your Daifukuji T-shirts. See Rev. Jiko to purchase shirts.
8. The Snack Shop will open at 8:30am 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.
11. Auction items will be selected from the donated items.

## 43rd UHSSWA Conference *Saturday & Sunday, April 19 and 20*

The Waipahu Taiyoji Mission Fujinkai hosted this years UHSSWA Conference. The conference was a great experience. Sanghas from eight of Hawaii's Soto Shu Temples met at Taiyoji Temple for breakfast and opening service. All of Hawaii's Soto Shu Ministers were present for the service. Even the past minister of Taiyoji Temple, Rev. Oyama and his wife flew in from Japan to be present. Then there was the big "Country Store," in which each of the temple sanghas made crafts or brought vegetables and food items from their islands. Our Kona coffee, mac nuts, herbs, and vegetables were a hit! We sold out! The country store is a fund raiser for UHSSWA.

That evening we had a delicious banquet dinner at the Ala Moana Hotel. There was a perplexing magic show for entertainment. The highlight of the evening was keynote speaker, Rev. Ryugen Ogasawara from Japan. Rev. Ogasawara is an Emeritus Professor and chief priest of Kotakuji. He talked about living in harmony with the Buddhist Precepts, which was the theme of the conference.

The next day we had a dharma session that began with talks given by Rev. Kenji Oyama of Maui Mantokuji, Rev. Shuji Komagata of Taiheiji, and our Rev. Jiko. It was special to hear the dharma from each of the Reverends, and to consider their points about living with the precepts. The conference ended with a big Chinese lunch and a shopping trip to Marukai. Thanks to Waipahu Taiyoji Mission for hosting a lovely conference. Kona Daifukuji looks forward to hosting the conference in 2009!

## In Memoriam

We express our deepest sympathy to the family of the late Tsugito Akazawa who passed away on March 24, 2008 at the age of 86.

We also extend our loving thoughts to the family of the late Asako Nakamoto, who passed away on April 7, 2008 at the age of 84.

## Temple Lending Library *by Clear Englebert*

Here are some of the latest additions to the Daifukuji Lending Library. Borrowing of these books and audio is allowed for Temple Congregation Members, as well as Members of Temple Groups. Please put your contact information (phone number or e-mail) on the checkout card, as well as your name and the date. Books may be checked out for up to one month.

Zen in the Martial Arts by Hyams

The Life of the Precepts (audio CD) by Rev. Daishin Morgan

Essays in Zen Buddhism: Third Series by D. T. Suzuki

The Meaning of Life by the Dalai Lama

Healing Anger: The Power of Patience from a Buddhist Perspective by the Dalai Lama

Anger Wisdom for Cooling the Flames by Thich Nhat Hanh

Turning Toward Happiness: Conversations with a Zen Teacher and

Her Students - Edited by Sara Jenkins

Just Live!: On Becoming Buddhist by Ruth Tabrah

Longing for Certainty: Reflections on the Buddhist Life by Bhikkhu Nyanasobhano

The Japanese Bon Dance in Hawaii by Judy Van Zile

Shobogenzo Zuimonki: An Introduction to Soto Zen Buddhism by Dogen, translated by Genkai Shoyu. This book is rare and is kept in the office. To see it, please ask.

Kona is fortunate to have two used bookstores with excellent Buddhist sections. Daifukuji library will accept donations of *any* used books and take them to those two stores and trade them for Buddhist books for our lending library. Donations of books can be left at Daifukuji.

***Mahalo to Lisa Jacob for serving our temple as Clear's library assistant.***

***Thanks to Clear and Lisa, and also to our previous librarian Lorraine, the temple lending library is in perfect order and has a growing selection of excellent books.***



## Golden Chain

*I am a link in Lord Buddha's golden chain of love that stretches around the world. I must keep my link bright and strong.*

*I will try to be kind and gentle to every living thing, and protect all who are weaker than myself.*

*I will try to think pure and beautiful thoughts, to say pure and beautiful words, and to do pure and beautiful deeds, knowing that on what I do now depends my happiness or misery.*

*May every link in Lord Buddha's golden chain of love become bright and strong, and may we all attain Perfect Peace.*

Many of us who grew up attending services at Buddhist temples in Hawai'i are familiar with the Golden Chain of Love. Some are able to recite it by heart. Made up of only four paragraphs, it is a simple prayer, one which can be recited in just a few minutes each day.

The four paragraphs of the Golden Chain capture the essence of our Buddhist practice. They begin with an acknowledgement of our place in the world, an acknowledgement that each person is a link in a great chain of life and love. Next, the verse points out that it is each person's responsibility to keep his or her link bright and strong. Our link, however small, is important, for all life is interdependent. Each one of us makes a difference.

The second and third paragraphs tell us how to do this: we must be mindful of our

thoughts, our words, and our actions; we must be kind and gentle to every living thing, including ourselves, and we must protect and stand up for those who are weak and unable to protect themselves. "Knowing that on what I do now depends my happiness or misery" refers to the universal law of karma. Good actions lead us to happiness; bad ones to misery.

The last paragraph expresses our wish for the well being and happiness of all. I know a child who recites the "Golden Chain" every night at bedtime. Imagine what a safe and beautiful world we would have if more people were to recite and take to heart the words of this simple prayer.

In this newsletter, I offer these verses to you. May we all be happy, healthy, and safe, and may we all attain Perfect Peace.

Namu Kie Butsu,  
I take refuge in the Buddha.

Namu Kie Ho,  
I take refuge in the Dharma.

Namu Kie So,  
I take refuge in the Sangha.

Gassho,  
Rev. Jiko



# May Picture Board- Project Dana



Friends and crafts



April Birthdays



Begin with exercise



Craft animals



Reiko offers massage to Ryan

# May 2008

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- Youth Taiko
- Adult Taiko
- Yoga
- Family Service
- Major Service
- Kannon-ko Service
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- Zazen
- Sangha Sisters
- Aikido
- Japan Tour
- Dharma Study
- Happy Strummers
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