



Daifukuji Soto Mission

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*Treasuring the Past,
Embracing the Present*
September, 2009

Ohigan & Founders Service *Fujinkai General Membership Meeting* September 13 9:30 a.m.

Members and friends are invited to Daifukuji's autumn Ohigan and Founders (Ryosoki) service to be held on September 13. Our guest speaker will be Daifukuji member **Bill Lundquist**, who enjoys studying the teachings, practicing zazen, and bon dancing.

The autumnal equinox is a good time to reflect upon the Buddha's teachings, the lives of the founders of our Soto tradition, and the blessings received through our ancestors.

There will be a potluck lunch following the service. A Fujinkai general membership meeting will be held and the continuation of a documentary on the life of Mrs. Shizuko Teshima shown. Featured in this documentary are not only Mrs. Teshima and her family, but also the Kunitake coffee farm, Manago Hotel, Oshima Store, the Mutsumi-kai, Cafe 100, and Rev. Jiko and members of our temple.

Join us for an enjoyable morning at Daifukuji.

Zen Adventure Silent Retreat September 5

**9 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.,
with tea and sign-in
at 8:30 a.m.**



The Daifukuji Zazenkaï is offering members and friends a day to focus inward and feed the spirit, a day of silent zen adventures that include meditation, tai chi, copying sutras, Dharma, a tea ceremony, and yoga.

To register call Jan at 322-2167 by August 31. You may offer an optional donation of \$10 & bring something for our potluck lunch that day. Wear loose, comfortable clothes and bring a beach towel or mat for yoga.

Give yourself the gift of a Zen Adventure. Invite a friend. See page 5.

For Teens Only...

Being a teenager is not always easy, and it helps to have a place where you can go to think about your life and share with others in a way that you'll be supported. Teen Sangha meetings, held once a month at the temple, are an opportunity to reflect, share, and enjoy new friends. See page 6.



Library News by Clear Englebert

A few monks ago, five Tibetan monks made two sand mandalas at Paleaku Gardens in South Kona. Thanks to Randy Magnus, that brief moment in time is captured on DVD and available for checkout. (One week checkout time for DVDs.) Another new arrival is “The Wheel of Time Sand Mandala: Visual Scripture of Tibetan Buddhism” by Bryant, which is a perfect companion to the DVD. It unravels the complex symbolism of the mandala, so that the visual dharma of the art can be understood and deepen our spiritual lives. Another new Tibetan book is quite unique: “Medicine and Compassion: A Tibetan Lama’s Guidance for Caretakers” by Nyima and Shlim.

Four new Dogen books have arrived, two in his own words and two scholarly books about Dogen. “Beyond Thinking: A Guide to Zen Meditation” and “Enlightenment Unfolds: The Essential Teaching of Zen Master Dogen” are both edited by Kazuaki Tanahashi. These marvelous books let the Great Master’s words come right into our hearts and minds. The two Dogen books that speak more to our minds are “Dogen on

Meditation and Thinking: A Reflection on His View of Zen” by Kim and “Dogen Zen and Its Relevance for Our Time.” The latter is the proceedings of a symposium at Stanford University in 1999.

“The Wild, White Goose: The Diary of a Female Zen Priest” by Jiyu-Kennett is her chronicle of her years at Sojiji as a disciple of Koho Zenji, who was the abbot there. It is immensely readable, and I’ve recommended it to many people over the years as a view into sincere, diligent Buddhist training.

There are two new children’s books. “The Dolls’ Day for Yoshiko” by Ishii and “I am Buddhist” by Quinn.

We have also received an excellently illustrated book, “The Essence of Aikido: The Non-Aggressive Art of Self-Defense” by Sosa and Robbins.

The new arrivals this month cover a wide spectrum, with something of interest to everyone.

Welcome!

With much aloha, we welcome Hirotsugu Takeishi into our Daifukuji sangha ohana. Thank you for joining, Hiro!

Peace Day at Paleaku Gardens Peace Sanctuary

September 19 10 a.m. - noon
Painted Church Road www.paleaku.com

Sponsored by HAIB, this Peace Day event will feature speakers, a poetry reading, group meditation, a Tibetan chant, a calligraphy table, & a garden tour. Carpooling is encouraged and donations welcome. Join us in celebrating Peace Day!

Fujinkai News

On the 9th of August, Fujinkai members enjoyed a special luau appreciation luncheon in temple's social hall. Conference co-chairs Joyce St. Arnault (also Fujinkai president) and Alfreida Fujita thanked everyone for a very successful UHSSWA conference



Asada. Orchid plants were presented to Jan Bovard, Kay Sugai, Nancy Kurihara, and Yoshiko Ikeda for their special contributions to the conference. Everyone received fresh ti-leaf leis made by Gladys Arase and Ann Nakamoto and enjoyed games, good food, conference photos taken by Julia Crawford, a hula performance by Reiko Sekine, and a documentary film about Shizuko Teshima and her family. (The second half of this documentary will be shown after the Fujinkai general membership meeting on September 13, so be sure to come!)

Mahalo to event planners Joyce, Elaine, & Reiko, and to ALL of the Fujinkai members who participated in this appreciation luncheon and brought delicious desserts.



The next Fujinkai activity will be a Fujinkai general membership meeting and potluck lunch following the Ohigan service on September 13. The Fujinkai welcomes new members. To join, please call Yoshiko at 322-3533.

which was hosted by the Daifukuji Fujinkai in April of this year. Rev. Jiko also expressed her appreciation and acknowledged the three conference co-chairs -- Joyce, Alfreida, and Cindy



Helping Hands

Would you like to volunteer your services to help a sangha member or family? We are looking for members with special skills -- auto mechanics, carpenters, plumbers, and gardeners, to name a few -- who are willing to help a fellow sangha member/family when a need arises. Please call Rev. Jiko at 322-3524 for more information.

Mahalo to all who've put food into our food basket. The food goes to members in need & to the HI Island Food Basket.



Offerings

by
Jiko Sensei

Dear Members and Friends,

You've filled our temple calabash with your offerings, and I'm hoping that the bowl of your heart is being filled in return. At Daifukuji we are trying to offer a variety of programs, hoping that at least one of them will call to you & enrich your life in some way.

Please look at the various program offerings and take the time to fill your calabash with Dharma blessings.

The Zen Adventure Day retreat on September 5 is going to be wonderful. In silence, we will be able to experience the present moment in its fullness.

The Ohigan & Ryosoki service on September 13, with Bill Lundquist as guest speaker, is also going to be delightful. (You'll surely enjoy the documentary about dear Mrs. Teshima during an ono pot luck lunch.)

On September 20, the Family Sangha will be going on a field trip to Mayumi Oda's Ginger Hill Farm. Mayumi, a Dharma teacher, artist, hula practitioner, and farmer, has the most amazing organic vegetable garden. (She's also an amazing woman!) If you'd like to join the family sangha's field trip, please give me a call.

Another treat this month is the Peace Day event at the Paleaku Gardens Peace Sanctuary on September 19. Friends from around the island will be gathering for a morning of peaceful Buddhist activities &

fellowship.

And, if you have a teenager in your life, please tell him or her about the "For Teens Only" meeting on September 27th.

To further fill your bowl, Dharma sessions will be held every Thursday evening this month from 7 p.m. to 8:20 p.m. (or 8:45, if you choose to stay for the last period of zazen). For early risers, there's always Wednesday morning zazen at 6 a.m.

Have you found something that will nourish your spirit? Perhaps you already have, be it taiko or ukulele, Baika, Fujinkai, or Project Dana, zazen or Kannon-ko service or family service, or just knowing that your temple and sangha are here and that your life is blessed by The Three Treasures of the Buddha, Dharma, and Sangha.

May the month of September be a peaceful one for you and your loved ones. May it be a peaceful one for all beings.

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

*In gassho, with gratitude,
Rev. Jiko*



Coming Up in October...

October 4 Daruma-ki, Eitaikyo Service
October 14 Project Dana's 2nd Anniv.
October 25 Teen Sangha Meeting

Zen adventure



silent retreat day at Daifukuji Soto Mission

Saturday, September 5, from 9:00 to 3:00, with tea and sign-in at 8:30.

Join us for meditation and dharma, copying sutras, tai chi and yoga, and the Japanese tea ceremony, under the leadership of Rev. Jiko Nakade, Jill Teiho Wagner, Bob Yokomoto, Keith Olson, and Masao Sasai.

All are welcome. To register call Jan at 322-2167 by August 31. You may offer an optional donation of \$10. Wear loose, comfortable clothes, and bring something for our potluck lunch.

Daifukuji is in Honalo, next to Teshima's Restaurant. For information: www.daifukuji.org, 322-3524.

FOR TEENS ONLY

**Teen Sangha
Meetings**

“Reflecting on the Themes of Your Life”



ONCE A MONTH

Sundays 10:30 am
Daifukuji Cultural Hall

September 27
October 25
November 15
December 27-28 (Mochitsuki)

Teen Topics
Games
Friends welcome

For more info. call Rev. Jiko (322-3524)
Jill Teiho (325-2377)
Ryan Nakade (895-0784)



Sangha Photo Gallery



Yoshie Tanaka Welcomes Visitors



Carol Shows Orchid Jewelry at Show



Special Recognition of Fujinkai Members



Entertaining the Crowd



Rev. Jiko & Aunties Enjoy Orchid Show

September 2009

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- Aikido
- Youth Taiko
- Adult Taiko
- Family Service
- Major Service
- Fujinkai
- Kannon-ko Service
- Project Dana
- Zazen
- Sangha Sisters
- Special Events
- Baikako Practice
- Dharma Study
- Happy Strummers
- Temple Board
- Bon Dance Group
- Teen Sangha
- Orchid Club
- Samu

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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