



Daifukuji Soto Mission

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*Treasuring the Past,
Embracing the Present*

February, 2010

Pari-Nirvana Nehan-E Service & Potluck Lunch

Sunday, February 14 9:30 a.m.



“Seeking the way, you must exert yourselves and strive with diligence. It is not enough to have seen me. Walk as I have advised you. Free yourselves from the tangled net of sorrow.

Walk in the path with steadfast aim.”

After saying these words, Shakyamuni Buddha passed away on the 15th of February at the age of 80 in the Sala grove near the Badha River in the suburb of Kusinara, India.

A Pari-Nirvana Nehan-e service will be held on **Sunday, February 14 at 9:30 a.m.** In observance of the Buddha’s passing, a scroll depicting the reclining Buddha surrounded by mourning people and animals will be hung inside the temple. The Dharma talk will be given by the Reverend Jiko Nakade. A potluck lunch will follow the service. All are invited to attend.



Fujinkai Pancake Breakfast, Plant & Baked Goods Sale

Saturday, Feb. 27

7 a.m. to 11 a.m.

The Fujinkai ladies are ready to start the Year of the Tiger with a gourmet breakfast. Tickets (\$5.00 each) are available in advance at the temple office or you may pay at the door. Each ticket is good for one (1) breakfast platter.

Here’s the menu:

Pancakes, Scrambled Eggs, Breakfast Meat, Rice, Fruit, Pickled Cabbage, Miso Soup, and Coffee, Tea, or Juice

In addition, we will have a plant sale and a baked goods sale. Come early to enjoy all the goodies. Please support our fundraising effort.

For additional information, feel free to call chairpersons Mayo Chinn 329-8078, Ella Yasuda 322-8806, or our consultant, Joyce St. Arnault 329-3833.

In Memoriam

To the family of the late Sadaki Kusunoki, 88, who passed away December 19, 2009 in Hilo, we express our deepest sympathy. Namu Kie Butsu. Namu Kie Ho. Namu Kie So.

Library News

by Clear Englebert

We have two more Dogen books: "The Heart of Dogen's Shobogenzo" and "Refining Your Life: From Zen Kitchen to Enlightenment". We also have "The Record of Tung-shan" which is about one of our Chinese ancestors who greatly influenced Dogen.

We also have one new book by each of the Suzuki's, Shunryu and D. T. "Branching Streams Flow in the Darkness: Zen Talks on the Sandokai" is by the former, and "Sengai: The Zen Master" is by the latter. The Sandokai is a profound and somewhat mystifying poem that is recited daily in Zen monasteries. Sengai (1750-1837) was not only a Zen Master, he was also one of Japan's greatest ink painters, and the book contains 127 of his wonderful scrolls.

The poetry section has three new additions: "The Clouds Should Know Me By Now: Buddhist Poet Monks of China" translated by Red Pine and Mike O'Connor, "Zen Poems of the Five Mountains" by David Pollack, and "A Zen Wave: Basho's Haiku and Zen" by Robert Aitken.

Allan Badiner edited "Tricycle" magazine and has also edited many books. Two of them that have recently arrived are: "Mindfulness in the Marketplace: Compassionate Responses to Consumerism" and "Zig Zag Zen: Buddhism and Psychedelics". The latter book is mostly writings by lay people and could be described as how to justify breaking a precept.



"The Awakening of Faith" by Asvaghosha and translated by Yoshito Hakeda is a short scripture from India. In the old Chinese Tripitaka (the equivalent of the Buddhist Bible,) it was only nine pages long. It's a short, but comprehensive summary of the essentials of Mahayana Buddhism and is considered basic.

We have 3 very special photography books from Sotoshu in Japan: "Sojiji", "Eiheiji", and "The Four Seasons of Eiheiji". The text is mostly in Japanese, but the pictures speak to all of us.

All the rest of the new books are interesting, but two stand out particularly: "Offerings: Buddhist Wisdom for Everyday" by Follmi is a thick book with quotes on one page and color photos on the facing page. "Jing Si Aphorisms" by Cheng Yen is a delightful boxed set of 6 board books for young children.

Other new arrivals are:

"The Kindness of Others" by Geshe Jampa Tegchok

"The Joy of Compassion" by Lama Zopa

"The Autobiography of Phra Ajaan Lee" by Phra Ajaan Lee

"The Fear Book: Facing Fear Once and for All" by Cheri Huber

"Zen Shiatsu: How to Harmonize Yin and Yang for Better Health" by Shizuto Masunaga and Wataru Ohashi

"The Zen of Eating: Ancient Answers to Modern Weight Problems" by Ronna Kabatznick

"A Mind on Wheels: The Inner Journey" by Jesse Daikan McKinney

“The Places That Scare You: A Guide to Fearlessness in Difficult Times” by Pema Chodron
“Dragon-King Sutra Stanzas” by C. M. Chen
“Buddhist Wisdom Books: The Diamond Sutra and the Heart Sutra” translated by Edward Conze.

Temple Gift Shop *by Clear Englebert*

The Light of the Buddha’s Dharma increases in brilliance. A gift shop will be opened in the choba (the room between the temple and the residence). It will only function to the extent that there are volunteer cashiers. I’m the volunteer manager, but I sure can’t be there every time a sale needs to be made---no one person can. It’s going to take a team of cashiers. The rest of this article is to lure you into volunteering---call me (328-0329) or Rev. Jiko (322-3524) for this great opportunity.

Encountering the Buddha - Dharma is a rare thing---something to be strived for and cherished. The gift shop will sell Dharma items in many forms---beads (ojuzu or mala), books (including rare ones), altar furnishings and images, incense, meditation cushions (zafu), as well as the shirts, cards, and other items produced by the temples’ groups. Whoever volunteers as a cashier will learn more of the history, teachings, and practice of our great Buddhist tradition. You can’t be around Buddhist goods and not learn! And you will enjoy learning, because cashiering involves a delightful interaction with others (while hopefully fulfilling their shopping needs). One of the joys of cashiering is the satisfaction that you’ve helped in the noble act of letting the Dharma move along a bit more.

No one is too old to cashier and it’s a good skill for youth to learn. A well-trained cashier is a blessing to the world (and if you’ve ever had a badly-trained cashier, you’ll know what I mean). Good cashiering and sincere Buddhist training go hand-in-hand. Both require mindfulness and a bright attitude.

The shop will be open after major services and at occasional other times (such as by appointment). Volunteering need not take up too much of your time. You will enjoy it---guaranteed!



The Happy January Birthday Group

The Teaching of Buddha

“After my death, the Dharma shall be your teacher. Follow the Dharma and you will be true to me.”

わたしの亡き後は、わたしの説き遺した法がおまえたちの師である。この法を保ちつづけてわたしに仕えるようにするがよい。

(Free copies of the book The Teaching of Buddha published by Bukkyo Dendo Kyokai may be picked up at Daifukuji.)

Fujinkai News

The Fujinkai (temple women's association) started 2010 with their traditional *hatsumairi* or first service of the year on January 10. The temple was filled with the joyful voices of Fujinkai members and friends greeting each other and wishing each other a happy new year. The executive board & district representatives were recognized. Rev. Jiko and Fujinkai president Joyce St. Arnault gave their new year's messages and asked everyone for their wholehearted support. The group enjoyed a slideshow put together by historian Julia Crawford before heading over to Ocean Seafood Restaurant for a delicious buffet luncheon and some fun games.



Fujinkai Board & District Representatives



Jean, Myles, & Hilda collect dues and distribute pancake breakfast tickets.



Mayo shows Nancy & Thelma the sign-up sheets for the pancake breakfast.

The 45th United Hawaii Soto Shu Women's Association (UHSSWA) Conference will be held April 24-25, 2010 at the Soto Mission of HI (Betsuin) and the Ala Moana Hotel. A Dharma Day Seminar is being planned for April 23, the day before the start of the conference. Information regarding conference costs and registration will go out to Fujinkai members through the district reps.

Fujinkai members can look forward to a year of fun and educational activities. Arrangements are being made for a sumi-e painting workshop and also a shojin ryori (temple vegetarian cooking) workshop.

Women interested in joining the Daifukuji Fujinkai may call Yoshiko at 322-3533. Annual dues are \$5.00.

Mosquito Control

Those who place flowers on graves in the temple cemetery are kindly asked to put a drop or two of Dawn dishwashing liquid, which will be available next to the sink, into each vase. This prevents the breeding of mosquitos that carry disease. Mahalo.



**Tomeyo
Torioka
expertly
shapes the
Buddha's
mochi.**



Preparing for 2014

by Jiko Sensei



At Daifukuji, we began the new year with mochi, soba, sparkling cider, the ringing of the temple bell, and many, many prayers & blessings for the safety and happiness of our members, friends, and sentient beings. The chanting of the *Shosaimyo Kichijo Dharani* by our sangha was strong and clear as, one by one, people payed homage to the Buddha and came forward to receive their new year's blessing. A young woman who was at one time a Sunday School student and who is now attending college on the mainland chanted effortlessly as she stood in line and blessed me with the sincerity and naturalness of her chanting. I felt very grateful -- very *arigatai* -- for having had the privilege of greeting the new year with my sangha and thought that to be an *obosan* (a Buddhist minister) in this life is truly a great blessing indeed.

In just four years (we all know how quickly time flies), our sangha will be celebrating Daifukuji Soto Mission's 100th anniversary. Little by little, we will be preparing for this auspicious occasion which will be held in **2014**.

Over the past 96 years, the 11 successive ministers of Daifukuji (I am no.12), together with many dedicated members, have given our temple great love and care.

The future of Daifukuji depends upon the strength, support, and devotion of our members & supporters. Our kupuna (for many of us, this means our parents, grandparents, & great-grandparents) have done their part, and now it is time for the next generation to assume responsibility for the continuance of Daifukuji & for the continued offering of the Buddha's teachings & practice.

I humbly ask for everyone's support and kokua at temple services, fundraisers, and events. Please come to Sunday services. Invite your family members & friends. Let us strengthen our faith in the Three Treasures & strengthen our sangha as we approach Daifukuji's **100th anniversary celebration**.

Thursday Evening Sessions

Feb. 11 Zazen & Dharma Study

Feb. 18 Buddhist Movie Night

"The Gatekeeper of Enmyoin" (A creative detective documentary about a 95-year-old female Buddhist priest & her mysterious successor.)

February 25 Zazen & Dharma Study

Sessions begin at 7:00 p.m. in the Kannon Hall. All are welcome to attend.

Coming Up in March

March 21
Spring Higan & 33 Kannon Service

Daifukuji Family Service Schedule 2010 (Jan. - June)

All services begin at 9:30 a.m. unless indicated otherwise. Please arrive a few minutes early.

Major Services and Special events are bolded. Teen Sangha meetings begin at 10:30 a.m. in the Cultural hall.

January

Jan. 3 No Service
 Jan. 10 No Service
 Jan. 17 Family Service, Teen Sangha Meeting
Jan. 24 New Year's Party 11 a.m.
 Jan. 31 Family Service



February

Feb. 7 Family Service, Teen Sangha Meeting
 Feb. 14 **Nehan-E Service (Buddha's Passing & Entering Nirvana)**
 Feb. 21 No Service
 Feb. 28 Family Service



March

March 7 Family Service, Teen Sangha Meeting
 March 14 Family Service
March 21 Spring Higan & 33 Kannon Service (bring 35 coins for pilgrimage)
 March 28 Spring Field Trip (details TBA)

April

April 4 Family Service, Teen Sangha Meeting
April 11 Buddha Day Service celebrating Buddha's birth
 April 18 Family Service, bazaar items accepted
 April 25 No Service



May

May 2 Temple Bazaar (no family service)
 May 9 Mother's Day Family Service
 May 16 No Service
 May 23 Family Service, Teen Sangha Meeting
May 30 Memorial Day Service, Baccalaureate Luncheon

June

June 6 Family Service, Teen Sangha Meeting
June 13 Temple & Grounds Clean Up Day 8:00 a.m.
 June 20 Father's Day Family Picnic (place and time to be announced)
June 27 Obon Service

Summer Break: There are no services in July. However, please come to the Daifukuji Bon Dance the evening of July 10. Family services resume August 15, 2010.

Sangha Photo Gallery



Mochi Making the Traditional Way



Mochitsuki Coordinators Avis & Brian



Mahalo for supporting the mochitsuki!



Polishing the Mochi to Perfection



Tai Chi Sensei Bob with Philip & Mary

February 2010

January 2010							February 2010							March 2010						
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- Sangha Sisters
- Youth Taiko
- Adult Taiko
- Family Service
- Major Service
- Temple Board
- Fujinkai
- Kannon-ko Service
- Project Dana
- Zazen
- Samu
- Special Events
- Baikako Practice
- Dharma Study
- Happy Strummers
- Bon Dance Group
- Teen Sangha
- Orchid Club

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31 9:30 AM Family Service	1 5:00 PM Youth Taiko 7:30 PM Happy Strummers	2 6:30 PM Adult Taiko	3 6:00 AM Zazen 5:00 PM Youth Taiko 7:00 PM Fujinkai Board	4 7:00 PM Temple Board	5 8:00 AM Samu 6:00 PM Adult Taiko	6
7 8:00 AM Goeika Practice 9:30 AM Family Service 10:30 AM Just for Teens	8 5:00 PM Youth Taiko	9 6:30 PM Adult Taiko	10 Project Dana 8:30 am 6:00 AM Zazen 5:00 PM Youth Taiko 7:00 PM Orchid Club	11 7:00 PM Dharma Study	12 8:00 AM Samu 6:00 PM Adult Taiko 7:00 PM Sangha Sisters	13
14 Nehan-e 9:30 am Potluck Lunch	15 5:00 PM Youth Taiko 7:30 PM Happy Strummers	16 6:30 PM Adult Taiko	17 Kannon-ko 10 AM 6:00 AM Zazen 5:00 PM Youth Taiko	18 Gatekeep...f Enmyoin 7:00 PM Movie Night	19 8:00 AM Samu 6:00 PM Adult Taiko	20 9:30 AM Ministers Meeting
21 9:30 AM HSMA Meeting	22 5:00 PM Youth Taiko	23 6:30 PM Adult Taiko	24 6:00 AM Zazen 5:00 PM Youth Taiko	25 7:00 PM Dharma Study	26 Pancake Sale Prep 8:00 AM Samu 6:00 PM Adult Taiko	27 Plants & Baked Goods Pancake Breakfast 7 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
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