

Daifukuji Soto Mission

Treasuring the Past, Embracing the Present Looking forward to our 2014 centennial celebration!



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Nehan-E Service and Potluck *Sunday, February 12 9:30 a.m.*

All are warmly invited to Daifukuji's Nehan-e Service which will be held on Sunday, February 12 at 9:30 a.m. In observance of the Buddha's passing and entering Nirvana, a scroll depicting the reclining Buddha surrounded by mourning people and animals will be on display inside the temple.

The Dharma talk will be given by Rev. Lee Tao Dana whose Buddhist name is Shodo Jishin. Rev. Shodo is an American Zen priest in the Order of the Boundless Way who recently moved to Kona with his wife Hana. We welcome them to Daifukuji.

Lunch will be a potluck, so please bring something to share. Flowers for the altar may be dropped off by the morning of Friday, February 10.

Fujinkai Pancake Breakfast, Plant & Baked Goods Sale

Saturday, February 25 7 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Our Fujinkai ladies are starting the Year of the Dragon with a Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser.

Tickets (\$7.00 each) are available in advance through Fujinkai members and the temple office. Payment can also be made at the door. Each ticket is good for one (1) breakfast platter.



There will also be a plant sale and a baked goods sale. Come early for the best selection. (Donations of potted plants and cut flowers are appreciated. Call Joyce at 329-3833.)

Let's all support our Fujinkai's fundraising efforts and enjoy their ono-licious breakfast. Proceeds help to defray conference expenses and are also used for field trips and educational activities sponsored by the Fujinkai.



The Ladies of the Kona Daifukuji Fujinkai

Forty-one members and guests of the Fujinkai gathered at the temple on January 8 for their *hatsumairi* or first service of the new year. In her Dharma message, Rev. Jiko thanked president Joyce St. Arnault and the hardworking officers. She talked about Daifukuji's centennial celebration which will be held in 2014 and expressed her wish that everyone remain strong and healthy. She also went over the objectives of the organization as stated in the constitution and bylaws of the Kona Daifukuji Fujinkai: (a) to foster and promote a better understanding of Soto Zen Buddhism, (b) to promote the spiritual, educational, social, and intellectual development of its members, and (c) to promote the general welfare of the community through religious and charitable works and activities. She talked about how the word "Fujinkai" conjures up images of mature women wearing aprons and working in the temple kitchen, especially for those who came to the temple in their youth, and said that while the Fujinkai does prepare delicious meals for the sangha, something that is appreciated by everyone, it is a group that does many other activities, as well. Said Rev. Jiko, "With the 100th anniversary of Daifukuji approaching, it's important that we strengthen our practice as Soto Zen Buddhists by deepening our understanding of the Dharma, by looking into our temple's past and seeing the work done by the pioneers, by serving our community, and by creating a bright vision for our temple's future. By adding a bit of sparkle to the name "Fujinkai," we will be able to brighten our group's image as we welcome new members and go forward as Buddhist women of today."

Rev. Jiko presented ojuzus to two new members: Ayako Sasaki and Mary Ellen Desrosiers. The Fujinkai hopes to welcome many new members this year.

President Joyce St. Arnault thanked everyone for their support and hard work and talked about this year's Fujinkai activities, including the Girl's Day tea party in March. Molly Sakata, Yoshiko Ikeda, and Miyeko Miyose, outgoing district representatives, were acknowledged for their years of dedicated service.



Thanks to Lorraine Tanimoto's careful planning, the group was able to enjoy lunch and fellowship at the Royal Thai Cafe.

Fujinkai members are looking forward to a year of Dharma fellowship and enrichment, as well as service to our temple and community. Thank you, ladies, for all that you do.





“Crane and Pine Tree” -- created for Project Dana by Nancy Tanaka

Fujinkai Girl’s Day Tea Party & Talk on Japanese Family Crests
Sunday, March 4 1:00 p.m.

Fujinkai members and women interested in learning more about the Fujinkai are invited to a Girl’s Day Tea Party on Sunday, March 4 at 1:00 p.m. at the temple. This fun event “just for girls” will feature Amy Nakade’s set of Japanese Girl’s Day dolls, a demonstration on making fancy tea-party mochi by Michiko Enomoto, and an informative talk on *Kamon* (Japanese family crests) by Walter Tachibana of Hilo.

Ladies, you are warmly invited to learn about the history, meaning, historical ties, and the folding and cutting of Japanese family crests. Known as KAMON, family crests are beautiful works of art and strong family heritage symbols that every family or clan with Japanese roots can use to help preserve its heritage for the generations yet to come. Walter Tachibana will present a general history, display some of the most famous kamon in Japanese history, and will gather information from your own family (families) to create your own family’s kamon record, if desired. If interested, you will be asked to fill out a worksheet form. Bring a good photocopy or sketch of your kamon(s). In a few weeks, Mr. Tachibana

will send you a Kamon Research Report(s) for framing. It could contain the name of your family crest design, the kanji for your family name, the hometown in Japan, the immigrant ancestors who came to Hawai‘i, and other famous families who used similar crest designs.

For those who wish to learn to fold, draw and cut kamon designs (MON-KIRI), please bring a pair of sharp small scissors (such as, small sewing scissors) and a supply of thin colored square sheets of paper such as origami paper. (The Fujinkai will have some paper prepared, but you may bring your own.) Once you learn how to measure, fold, draw and cut the six popular designs, you will be able to duplicate some very beautiful designs and create your own original designs. Have an empty box to keep all your cuttings under control.

Ladies, let’s all celebrate Girl’s Day together. See you on March 4th!

Walter Tachibana has generously offered to do KAMON research for any Daifukuji member. If interested, please see Rev. Jiko for a worksheet to which you will need to attach a good photocopy or sketch of your family crest. He is not charging for his services. Thank you very much, Walter!

Walter is the temple president of our sister Soto Zen temple on this island, the Taishoji Soto Mission in Hilo.



Fujinkai Officers & District Representatives



In Memoriam

To the family of the late Tadao Sugai, who passed away on January 5, we express our condolences and offer our love and support.

To the family of the late Akinori Ota, who passed away on January 18, we extend our deepest sympathy.

Namu Shakamuni Butsu

Welcome, New Members

With warm aloha and joy, we welcome the following new members to our sangha:



Anne Naomi Nakano, Wade Matsuoka, Jesse Matsuoka, & Brad Matsuoka

Manuel Roberto

Christopher Au

Mary Ellen Desrosiers

Thank you for joining our membership!



Mochitsuki Mahalo

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28, 2011. A special mahalo goes out to Brian and Avis Yamamoto for coordinating this annual event.

To view Bobby Command's album of mochitsuki photos, go to:

<http://www.flickr.com/photos/commandfamily/sets/>



Library News

by Clear Englebert

“Buddhist Sutras: Origin, Development, Transmission” by Kogen Mizuno is a very welcome new arrival. Every Buddhist wonders about their scriptures, and this book explains the history of the scriptures better than any other book I know. It is extremely readable and very eye-opening.

Another new arrival that also readable and eye-opening is “The Handy Religion Answer Book: Buddhism Chapter” by John Renard. The whole book is too thick to justify its inclusion in our small space, but the Buddhism is too fabulous to be left out. (The part of the book we didn’t use found a worthy home via the Keauhou Reuse Center.) The Buddhism chapter is only 56 pages and poses such questions as: What has the swastika got to do with Buddhism? Is there such a thing as a Buddhist saint? Do Buddhists believe in angels? Are dreams and visions important to Buddhist tradition?

The new arrivals are:

“The Sutta-Nipata” translated by Saddhatissa. This wonderful scripture is from the same section of scriptures as the well-known Dhammapada.

“Cultivating the Empty Field” by Hongzhi, a twelfth-century Chinese Zen master who was a predecessor of Dogen.

“Sun at Midnight: Poems and Sermons” by Muso Soseki, a thirteenth-century Zen roshi and father of the Japanese rock garden.

“Unsui: A Diary of Zen Monastic Life” by Eshin Mishimura and illustrated by Giei Sato

“Sweeping Changes: Discovering the Joy of Zen in Everyday Tasks” by Gary Thorp

“Zen in the American Grain; Discovering the Teachings at Home” by Kyogen Carlson

“Buddhism in China” by Kenneth Chen

“Buddhism in America” compiled by Al Rapaport

“Buddhism and American Thinkers” edited by Kenneth Inada and Nolan Jacobson

“Vinegar into Honey: Seven Steps to Understanding and Transforming Anger, Aggression, and Violence” by Ron Leifer



2012 Gift Shop Schedule

Sun., Feb. 12 8:30–9:30 am & 10:30 am–11:30 (O-nehana)

Sat., Feb. 25 8:00 am – 11:00 am Pancake Breakfast

Sun., Mar. 18 8:30–9:30 am & 10:30 am–11:30 (33 Kannon)

Sun., April 8 8:30–9:30 am & 10:30 am–11:30 (Hanamatsuri)

Sun., May 6 8:30 am – 11:00 am. Bazaar

Sun., May 27 8:30–9:30 am & 10:30 am–11:30 (Memorial Day)

Sun., June 24 9:00–10:00am & 11:30 am–12:30 (O-Bon)

Sat., July 14 6:00 pm – 10:00 pm. Bon Dance

Sun., July 22 8:00 am – 2:00 pm. Orchid Show

Sun., Sept. 9 8:30–9:30 am & 10:30 am–11:30 am (O-higan)

Sun., Oct. 7 8:30–9:30 am & 10:30 am–11:30 (Daruma-ki)

Sun., Nov. 18 9:00–10:00am & 11:30 am–12:30 (Thanksgiving)

Sun., Dec. 9 8:30–9:30 am & 10:30 am–11:30 (Bodhi Day)

The Gift Shop can be opened upon request. Please call Rev. Jiko if there is something that you’d like to buy from the shop.

Tai Chi

Thursday morning Tai Chi practice will begin on February 2. Sessions are held from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. in the Hisashi Kimura Cultural Hall and will continue for 12 weeks. For more information, please call Philip Hema at 989-7167.



Last Call for Buddhist Confirmation Ceremony Applicants

If you've been thinking about participating in the **Soto Zen Buddhist Confirmation Ceremony**, you can still sign up, but please do so as soon as possible.

This ceremony, which will be conducted by the Bishop Shugen Komagata, will be held on Saturday, March 24 at 2:00 p.m. **Those who have not been able to attend the Saturday morning precepts study sessions are encouraged to attend two evening sessions on Tuesday, February 7 and Tuesday, February 21 from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. in the Kannon Hall.** Rev. Jiko will be presenting an overview of the sixteen precepts.

In February, Saturday morning precepts study sessions will be held as follows:

February 4 from 11 a.m. to noon (**Shakyo** - the tracing of the sutras and pictures of buddhas-- will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.)

February 11 from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call Rev. Jiko at 322-3524.

Mottainai

by Rev. Jiko

Mottainai! Mottainai! Have you heard this Japanese expression? My grandparents taught it to my parents who taught it to me. *Mottainai* means that something is precious, much too precious to waste. While growing up, I watched my elders carefully eat every grain of the precious rice in their bowls, wash plastic bags for reuse, and save remnants of fabric which were later stitched together to make a quilt. If they noticed something being thrown away that could still be used for some purpose, they remarked "*Mottainai!*" Even the smallest scrap of uneaten food was carefully wrapped and saved to be eaten later. The concept of *mottainai* awakened in me a sense of sacredness in ordinary things -- food, paper, cloth, soap, string. I can still see my *Obaachan* (Grandma) washing and hanging all of her saved plastic bags on the clothesline.

In today's world of "use once and throw away," it seems as though the spirit of *mottainai* has been lost. I myself am guilty of wasting many things. My mother, for example, saved small bits of bar soap and when she had enough pieces, she put them inside a nylon anklet stocking, tied a knot, then tied the bag of soap to the laundry room faucet for use when we washed our hands. I don't do that, but I find it hard to throw away even a tiny bit of food even if it's old. With the world awakening to the importance of recycling, however, I think that people will try to waste less and reuse things more. We must do so; otherwise we will all be in dire straits.

At Daifukuji, I've been working with the altar repair committee to determine which altar pieces need to be repaired and which ones need to be replaced in time for our centennial celebration. Important questions have been raised in the process. Do we want to spend a substantial amount of temple savings to replace altar pieces that are old and worn? Do we need an altar that looks shiny and new? What is the best use of the money donated by our members and allocated by the temple board for this purpose? Where do our values lie? What are our priorities? What is it that really matters?

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It didn't take much deliberation for the committee members to conclude that a new shiny altar is not needed and that the old and well-used altar furnishings carry about them an air of quiet dignity and character. Embedded in the very grain of their wood are the prayers of thousands of people over a period of almost a hundred years.

The committee decided to only repair what is termite eaten and restore the items that are significantly damaged. They also decided to use the services of local woodworkers and temple members, using local woods whenever possible. Moreover, a couple of woodworkers have offered to make and donate some much-needed items for the centennial. We are tremendously grateful.

In the process of examining the altar furnishings, we discovered a treasure. Beneath a thick brocade, we found a heavily damaged altar table with gold lotus carvings and intricate woodwork. On the back of the table are written all of the names of the sangha members who donated the piece in 1952. Even though the expense will be great, this is one piece that I feel should be restored since it was donated by many temple families. To restore this piece is to honor and respect their offering. *Mottainai*. How precious! How grateful! Therefore, not to be wasted.

Our altars are a symbolic representation of the Buddha's teachings and every item is handled with great care and respect. What is old is still beautiful, deepened by the passage of time and reverent use. *Mono o daiji ni suru* -- to take good care of things. This is what our parents and grandparents taught us along with the value of *mottainai*.

Please rest assured that at Daifukuji we are using our funds very carefully. Our board members understand that people matter more than things and that an elaborate & ostentatious altar is not needed to convey the Buddha's teachings. Our greatest treasure is the Dharma. That which leads us out of suffering to peace and enlightenment is certainly our most prized asset. How truly precious is the Dharma! This is what needs to be passed on to future generations.

NAMU KIE BUTSU. NAMU KIE HO. NAMU KIE SO.

Visitors Seeking the Dharma

Visitors from all over the world come to our temple. They find out about Daifukuji in guidebooks and on the internet. They pull off the road and into our driveway, struck by the beauty of the temple. Some come looking for a place to practice meditation and a sangha with whom to sit in zazen while they are vacationing here. Others tell me that they have read about zazen, but need instruction in starting a daily practice. Recently, a couple from Vancouver made an appointment to see me. They had discovered Soto Zen and had wished to begin our practice. I spent part of a Sunday afternoon with them in the Kannon Hall. From our temple gift shop, they purchased a copy of the book "Sitting Buddha," which is an excellent guide to zazen. As they were leaving, they thanked me & I noticed tears in the young woman's eyes. I bowed deeply.

ZAZEN

Every Wednesday morning from 6:00 a.m. to 7:15 a.m.

Evening zazen on the following Thursdays:

February 9, February 16, & February 23

7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

(Chanting, Zazen, Listening to the Dharma)

PRECEPTS STUDY

February 4 11:00 a.m. - noon

February 11 9:00 a.m. - noon

Feb. 7 & Feb. 21 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

SHAKYO & SHABUTSU (Tracing the Sutras & Pictures of Buddhas and Bodhisattvas)

February 4 9:30 - 10:45 a.m.

All of the above take place in the Kannon Hall.
Please call Rev. Jiko at 322-3524 for more
information.

SPINACH CASSEROLE

A Recipe from Amy Nakade

(Amy made this casserole for a Project Dana gathering
and received several requests
for the recipe.)

2 pkg. frozen chopped spinach

1 can cream of mushroom
soup

1 cup grated cheddar cheese

1/2 cup chopped onion

2 eggs

1 cup mayonnaise

bread crumbs (panko)

Cook spinach as directed. Squeeze out the liquid. In a
large mixing bowl, mix together soup, eggs, mayonnaise,
1/2 cup grated cheese, and onion. Mix in spinach.

Transfer mixture into an 8" X 8" baking pan. Sprinkle
remaining cheese and bread crumbs on top. Bake at 350
degrees for 45 minutes until the cheese melts and the top
has slightly browned.



Meal Blessing

Keihatsu No Ge

Jō bun san bō chū bun shion
gekyū roku dō kai dō kuyō.

Ik-ku-idan is-sai aku niku ishu is-sai zen
sanku ido shoshu jō kaigu jō butsu dō.

First, this meal is for the Three Treasures –
Buddha, Dharma, and Sangha;
next, for the four benefactors – parents,
teachers, friends, and homeland;
finally, for the beings in the six realms.
May all be equally nourished.

The first portion is to end all evil;
the second is to cultivate every good;
the third is to free all beings.
May everyone realize the Buddha Way.

ITADAKIMASU.
(I humbly receive.)

Coming up in March....

March 4 Fujinkai's Girl's Day
Tea Party

March 10 - 11 U.S. Soto
Conference, Honolulu

March 14 Project Dana

March 18 Spring Higan & 33
Kannon Pilgrimage

March 24 Buddhist Confirmation
Ceremony

The 2012 Memorial Services chart that went out in the Dec.2011 newsletter contained errors. Here is the corrected chart. My apologies.
Rev. Jiko

CORRECTED

2012 Memorial Services Chart

One Year Memorial Service (2011)

Joann Tanimoto	Feb. 5
Sueno Honda	April 1
Fumi Nakamoto	May 23
Sumie Inaba	May 27
Bernard Mochizuki	Aug. 4

3rd Year Memorial Service (2010)

Gilbert Hakoda	March 2
Kikuno Kimura	April 10
Shoji Yamane	Aug. 12
Toshiko Kimura	Oct. 4
Vernon Chang	Nov. 30
Takeo Sasaki	Dec. 1

7th Year Memorial Service (2006)

Katherine Shimizu	Jan. 22
Mildred Mitamura	July 26
Goro Inaba	Aug. 14
Stanley Shimizu	Aug. 27
Momoe Furuuchi	Sept. 6
Yasuno Sugamoto	Sept. 14
Mildred Murata	Oct. 13
Yoshiko Tanaka	Dec. 2

13th Year Memorial Service (2000)

Nelson Sakata	Jan. 17
Effie Yanagawa	Feb. 18
Fumi Inaba	April 25
Lorin Sakata	June 12
Shigeru Akamatsu	June 20
Yoshino Murata	Aug. 2
Teruko Yamanaka	Aug. 19
Morito Miyose	Aug. 25
Linda Ashikawa	Dec. 28

17th Year Memorial Service (1996)

Yaeko Araki	June 16
John Raynon	July 30
Kazo Tanima	Sept. 16
Harry Arase	Oct. 14
Tamao Hanato	Nov. 21

23rd Year Memorial Service (1990)

Puninani Smith	Jan. 6
Tameyo Sakumoto	Jan. 26
Harold Wada	Feb. 2
Usaku Morihara	March 23
Isamu Oshima	April 9
Kume Tomono	Aug. 22
Kaoru Akamatsu	Dec. 26

27th Year Memorial Service (1986)

Namiko Ota	Feb. 8
Ishitaro Ishizawa	March 27
Minoru Nakamoto	Oct. 25
Hisayo Ota	Nov. 22

33rd Year Memorial Service (1980)

Gunichi Yamanaka	Feb. 3
Bunsaku Sato	April 27
Seki Sugai	May 1
Shigeru Nakamura	May 9
Sadao Sumida	June 2
Yoshito Fukuda	July 27
Tane Miyose	Nov. 18
Isamu Ota	Nov. 22
Minoru Harai	Dec. 2
Masayoshi Horiuchi	Dec. 9

To arrange a memorial service, please call Rev. Jiko at 322-3524. Services may be held at the temple or at your home. The names on this list are from the Daifukuji Record Book. Please inform Rev. Jiko of any errors. Thank you.

February 2012

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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
- Offsite Backup
- Bon Dance Group
- Teen Sangha
- Orchid Club

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 9:30 AM Family Service	30 5:00 PM Youth Taiko	31 6:00 PM Zen Taiko	1 6:00 AM Zazen 5:00 PM Youth Taiko 7:00 PM Fujinkai Board	2 9:00 AM Tai Chi Practice 5:00 PM Zen Taiko 7:00 PM Temple Board	3 8:00 AM Samu	4 9:30 AM Shakyo 10:00 AM Beginners youth taiko 11:00 AM Precepts Study
5 8:00 AM Baikako Practice 9:30 AM Family Service	6 5:00 PM Youth Taiko 7:30 PM Happy Strummers	7 6:00 PM Zen Taiko 7:00 PM Precepts Study	8 Project Dana 8:30 am 6:00 AM Zazen 5:00 PM Youth Taiko 7:00 PM Orchid Club	9 9:00 AM Tai Chi Practice 5:00 PM Zen Taiko 7:00 PM Evening Zazen	10 8:00 AM Samu 7:00 PM Sangha Sisters	11 10:00 AM Beginners youth taiko
12 Potluck Lunch Nehan-E 9:30 am	13 5:00 PM Youth Taiko	14 6:00 PM Zen Taiko	15 Kannon-ko 10 AM 6:00 AM Zazen 5:00 PM Youth Taiko	16 9:00 AM Tai Chi Practice 5:00 PM Zen Taiko 7:00 PM Evening Zazen	17 8:00 AM Samu	18 9:00 AM Ministers Meeting 10:00 AM Beginners youth taiko
19 9:30 AM HSMA Meeting	20 5:00 PM Youth Taiko	21 6:00 PM Zen Taiko 7:00 PM Precepts Study	22 6:00 AM Zazen 5:00 PM Youth Taiko	23 9:00 AM Tai Chi Practice 5:00 PM Zen Taiko 7:00 PM Evening Zazen	24 8:00 AM Samu	25 PANCAKE BREAKFAST 7 am to 11 am 10:00 AM Beginners youth taiko
26 9:30 AM Family Service	27 5:00 PM Youth Taiko	28 6:00 PM Zen Taiko 7:00 PM Beg. Baikako	29 6:00 AM Zazen 5:00 PM Youth Taiko	1 9:00 AM Tai Chi Practice 5:00 PM Zen Taiko	2 8:00 AM Samu	3 10:00 AM Beginners youth taiko