

Daifukuji Soto Mission

Treasuring the Past, Embracing the Present

Looking forward to our 2014 centennial celebration!



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November, 2012

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A Thanksgiving Service: Gathering in Gratitude

Sunday, November 18

9:30 a.m.

Dear Sangha, let us gather at the temple in the spirit of thanksgiving and bow our heads before the Buddha with our hands in *gassho*. In the midst of life's challenges and sufferings, there is so much for which to be grateful.

Akinori Imai will be the featured speaker at this service. Aki is known in Kona for having been a public school teacher for twenty-five years, an electrical contractor for twenty-five years, and a Lay Minister of his church, the SNI Truth of Life Movement. In his retirement, Aki has devoted his time to writing a book on his family's history, *Our Nostalgic Heritage: Growing Up in a Place Once Called Ola'a*, which he has generously donated to our temple library. His grandsons, Derek and Ryan Ogi, are members of Kona Daifukuji Taiko and Aki is a dedicated supporter of our taiko group.

Light refreshments will be served following the service. Flowers for the altar are always appreciated and should be delivered by November 16. Canned foods for the Hawaii Island Food Basket may be brought to the service. For your holiday shopping, the temple gift shop, which has beautiful 2013 calendars, will be open.

Please join us and invite family and friends to this Thanksgiving Service.

May you have a very happy Thanksgiving!

Fujinkai News



The Kona Coffee Cultural Festival is coming up and our Fujinkai women's group will be selling sushi and manju at their food booth at the Makaeo County Pavilion at the Old Airport Park on Saturday, November 10 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Monetary donations to the Fujinkai for the purchase of ingredients and supplies are appreciated. Please make checks payable to the **Daifukuji Fujinkai**.

Kokua is needed. Fujinkai members, as well as those who wish to help with the sushi rolling, please gather in the temple's social hall at 5 a.m. on Saturday, November 10.

The Daifukuji Fujinkai is happy to welcome **Rosanne Hayakawa** as a new member. Thank you for joining, Rosanne!

New members are always welcome. For information, please call Fujinkai president, Joyce St. Arnault, at 329-3833.

Welcome, New Member



Our Sangha extends a warm welcome to our newest member, **Joanne Scribner**. We are truly grateful for the growth of our temple ohana and for the loving bonds that hold us all together.



Fujinkai members only, if you did not vote at the Fujinkai's general membership meeting in September, please vote and mail your ballot to: **Daifukuji Fujinkai, P.O. Box 55, Kealakekua, HI 96750 by December 1, 2012.**

The official name of our group, **Daifukuji Fujinkai**, will not change. As we step into the future, we'd like to add a few words that will give our group's name a little sparkle.

Please choose ONE of the following names.

- Daifukuji Fujinkai, Jewels of the Buddha
- Daifukuji Fujinkai Kona Soto Zen Women's Association
- Daifukuji Fujinkai Women's Association
- Daifukuji Fujinkai, Daughters of the Buddha
- Daifukuji Fujinkai Lotus Ladies
- Daifukuji Fujinkai Lotus Jewels
- Daifukuji Fujinkai Lotus Blossoms

Kokua Needed: General Clean-up Day

Sunday, November 25 8:00 a.m.

Daifukuji members and temple groups, we humbly request your kokua at our year-end temple clean up. Please bring rags, buckets, gloves, and garden tools, labelled with your name. Refreshments will be provided.



Let us beautify our temple and grounds in time for Bodhi Day, the day of the Buddha's enlightenment. Many helping hands are needed. We will begin at 8:00 a.m. with a prayer for everyone's safety inside the temple.

Questions? Please call Ron Iwamoto, clean-up day chairperson, at 322-9147.

In Memoriam

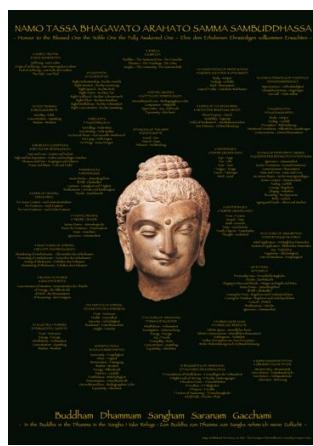
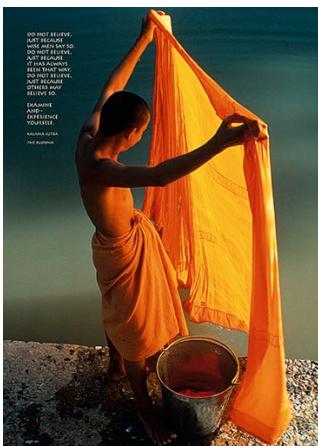


To the family of the late **Bryan Terutoshi Hanato**, 55, who passed away October 20, 2012, we express our deepest sympathy.

*Namu kie butsu. Namu kie ho. Namu kie so.
We surround you with our love.*

Daifukuji Coffee Field for Lease

Daifukuji's coffee field, located mauka of the temple, will be available for lease beginning January 1, 2013. We would like to put this out to our members first, before looking outside our membership for a responsible lessee. Lessee must secure liability insurance and name Daifukuji Soto Mission as additional insured. If interested, please call Rev. Jiko at 322-3524 for more information.



Gift Shop News by Clear Houn Englebert

The gift shop now has three new Buddhist posters. Two of them are also available in a smaller size as cards. The third poster is a unique teaching poster, explaining Buddhist words and doctrines.



Library News by Clear Houn Englebert

We have two new DVDs.

“The Tibetan Book of the Dead” is powerfully narrated by poet Leonard Cohen. A fabulous bonus on this disk is the documentary “The Trap” about applying Buddhist teachings in a Nova Scotian fishing village.

“The Cup: An Inspiring True Story,” which is about four young Tibetan Buddhist monks who catch soccer fever, is a DVD that has English subtitles. It’s extremely well made and acted, and also very funny.

“The Art of Power” is our latest Thich Nhat Hanh book.



“Sojiji” by Sotoshu Shumuchō is a large book with hundreds of beautiful photographs of the great Soto temple, its grounds, and its daily life. I’ve heard about this magnificent monastery for over forty years, but now thanks to this book, I feel like I’ve actually been there. The text is in Japanese and if anyone would like to translate some of the captions, please let me know.

“Pay Attention for Goodness’ Sake” is Sylvia Boorstein’s book on the Ten Paramitas: Generosity, Morality, Renunciation, Wisdom, Energy, Patience, Truthfulness, Determination, Loving-Kindness, and Equanimity. Each Paramita has a separate chapter.

“Karma Kids: Answering Everyday Parenting Questions with Buddhist Wisdom” is an excellent, one-of-a-kind book by Greg Holden.

Baika Workshops November 12 & 13

Reverend Kenryu Yoshikawa of Kyoto, Japan will be conducting two Baika workshops for members of the Daifukuji Baikako Plum Blossom Choir on November 12 & 13.



Monday, November 12

Workshop for Beginners

6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

This workshop is open to those who are relatively new to the practice of Baika, as well as to anyone who is interested in joining the Baikako or learning what Baikaryu Eisanka is all about. First timers, please contact Rev. Jiko at 322-3524 by Nov. 4 to register for this workshop. There is no registration fee.

Tuesday, November 13

Workshop for all Baikako members

9:00 a.m. to noon

Zen Retreat Day 2012 by Coral Jinen Mack



Rev. Jiko greets retreat participants

breakfast meeting to discuss a retreat in 2012.

Initially, Silence is Golden came to mind, a proverbial saying, “often used in circumstances where it is thought that saying nothing is preferable to speaking” (www.phrases.org.uk). As a former English teacher, I also remembered that an English poet voiced the value of silence:

“... do thou thyself but hold thy tongue for one day; on the morrow, how much clearer are thy purpose and duties” (Thomas Carlyle, with thanks to google).

The benefits of the retreat day, attended by 35 people, became apparent in participants' written responses:

“Doing all the activities in silence was wonderful”

“The whole day, the silence, the fellowship was refreshing and energizing . . . I enjoyed the heck out of it.”

“We appreciate[d] being able to participate”

“Wonderful day . . . it was bliss”

“I really enjoyed the day”

“A powerful, and smoothly conducted, event”

“I felt at peace . . . the whole day was such a joy for me”

“Thank you so much, everyone, for giving the gift of Zen Day to our community and beyond.”

On Saturday September 29, Zen Retreat Day 2012 was held at our temple, sponsored by the Zazenkai. Flyers had announced An Adventure in Silence, a silent day of meditation and dharma, brushwork, Tai Chi and Yoga.

Why offer a third Zen Day, previously held in 2009 and 2010, to our Daifukuji members and dharma friends, not only in Kona but also across the Big Island of Hawai'i? I asked myself this very question a month earlier, as the Zazenkai gathered for a



Shakyo (tracing the English translation of the Hannya Shingyo) to music by Manuel & Bernice Roberto



Tai Chi: Moving With the Flow (Instructed by Philip Kakuhō Hema)



Silent Yoga (Instructor: Keith Olson)

I, too, had a joyful experience that day. Readyng food for the potluck lunch with members of the Zazenkai took me back to being in the kitchen with the women of my family, preparing food together, cooking for the holidays (but let me assure you, we did lots of talking!). My mother, who was an excellent cook, died 14 years ago on November 1st. Even though Mom never visited Hawai'i, she often comes to mind when I am at Daifukuji, since Mom was born in 1914, the year Daifukuji Soto Mission was established. In the kitchen with the sangha on Zen Day, I felt Mom's presence, grateful to be using food preparation skills she had taught me.

As Zen Day reminded us, being in silence with others and participating in activities together can heighten our awareness of our interrelatedness, our connection with one other. In this place at this time with no talking--no cellphones, no Muzak, no stories, no chitchat--we can not only feel our connection with the other people attending but also perhaps with all others, maybe even with "all the living and the dead" (James Joyce, with thanks to google).

Next year the Zazenkai will once again sponsor Zen Retreat Day at our temple, offering the gift of a day spent in shared silence.



Closing Circle: Mahalo to all for a day of tranquility



INCENSE

by Manuel Roberto

Flame

Silence

Incense

Sandalwood

Love

My heart

Listens to

Jizo Bodhisattva

At Sunrise

Life burns

Like incense

In the Air

Sometimes

in flames

Sometimes

Slowly

Creating fragrance

Dreams

Fantasy

Zen

November Programs & Services

Zen Meditation (zazen) and Chanting

* Every Wednesday morning from 6 a.m. to 7:15 a.m. in the Kannon Hall

* The following two Thursday evenings from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the Kannon Hall: **November 8 and November 15**

Please arrive a few minutes early. Beginners are welcome. Call Rev. Jiko at 322-3524 for further information or to arrange an appointment for instruction.

Shakyo and Shabutsu: Tracing the Sutras and Pictures of Buddhas

On Saturday, November 24, a shakyo session will be held in the Kannon Hall from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Done in silence, shakyo is a meditation that brings one into the present moment. Brushes, ink, and paper are provided. Join us for an activity that brings tranquility to body and mind.

Family Services

Child-friendly family services will be held on **November 4 and November 11** from 9:30 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. At these services, children learn the Dharma through songs, chants, stories, and a short meditation. New families are always welcome. Refreshments are shared on the temple porch following the services.

Project Dana Kupuna Activity Morning

The temple seniors and volunteers will be celebrating Thanksgiving at this month's Project Dana gathering on Wednesday, November 14 from 8:30 a.m. to noon. Project Dana is open to all temple seniors age 60 and older. Please join us for fellowship and fun. To join, please call Joyce at 329-3833 or Elaine at 322-2084.

Kannon-ko Service

The monthly Kannon-ko service will be held on Wednesday, November 21 at 10:00 a.m. Prayers are offered for those in need of Kannon-sama's healing energy of compassion.



The Family Sangha's Visit to Gingerhill Farm &
Mayumi Oda's Art Studio

Touring the Temple by Barbara Shoshin Bosz



On Sunday, October 21, a nice-sized group of about fifty members and visitors attended the temple tour hosted by Rev. Jiko and Clear Houn Englebert. While the temple bell was being rung, we all got seated in the hondo (main hall) and settled in. They started with the past ministers and went around the room talking about the art, calligraphy, group photos, the ceiling and lamp, revolving stupa, ihai tablets, statues, Soto Zen crests (mon), altar bells, altar table, and significant shapes that are repeated throughout the temple. The history, origin, symbolic features and stories were all shared. We were invited to walk across the altar platform before moving into the Kannon Hall.

There again, the art, calligraphy and statues were pointed out along with what the room is used for. Rev. Jiko gave a demonstration on how to offer granulated incense and why it's done. There is a crematorium (free ovens available since this is no longer in use), columbarium, and cemetery above the temple. Our library collection and its use for members and temple groups were mentioned and the fact that all are welcome to browse and read while inside. Again, we

were invited up on the altar platform for a closer look before we headed outside.

The shrine and statue of Jizo, rock garden, Bodhi tree, Sensei's residence, temple hall & Hisashi Kimura Cultural Hall were all touched upon. The variety of groups who use the buildings were mentioned with an invitation to join should anyone be interested. After that we were treated to refreshments. A short clip from the DVD "Soto Zen Buddhism in Hawaii" was shown.

A number of stories touched my heart. It amazed me to hear how Mrs. Teshima has known all of the previous ministers and that Rev. Jiko is her 12th minister. The first minister walked around the island twice collecting donations for the building. That is hard for me to imagine! He was from a temple in Japan called Daifukuji and so the new one was named Daifukuji. A small carved wooden statue of Kannon Bosatsu was carved in an internment camp and gifted to Daifukuji. The beautiful statue of the Hawaii Kannon was donated, in part, by the Prime Minister of Japan in 1936. His brother was traveling & passed away in Kona; his grave is in the Daifukuji cemetery. The scrolling and curly cues represent Dharma clouds and are a reminder that "awakening" or "enlightenment" can rain down at any time. What a lovely thought!

And last, I end with the fact that aside from Bishop Komagata, Bishop Matsuura, and Rev. Ichimura, all former ministers were from Japan and returned to Japan. It's heartwarming to know Rev. Jiko was born here, that Daifukuji is her home temple, and that she will not be leaving us to return to Japan. That makes me smile....

The tour was an enriching experience! I just touched on a few of the interesting things I learned. It was time well spent and I'd encourage anyone to take the tour when it's offered again.



Thanksgiving Blessings

Dear Daifukuji Members and Friends,

This is the time of year when many of our temple members are hard at work in their coffee fields. On the rocky slopes of Kona, the coffee trees are laden with boughs of red, yellow, and green coffee cherries ripening in the sun. At this time of Thanksgiving, I'd like to share with you the words of a blessing which I gave at the Kona Historical Society's Kona Coffee Living History Farm's Open House on October 20.

(In gassho) Let us reflect upon our Kona Coffee legacy and the toils of the pioneer coffee farmers and their families. With heads bowed, let us express gratitude to our spiritual teachers and ancestors and to our familial ancestors, all who built the strong foundation upon which we stand and gave us roots and strength. To the earth, air, water, plants, and animals, and to our human community, which weaves us together as one, we are infinitely thankful. May all be blessed with safety, happiness, and peace, and may we offer the merits of this gathering to all peoples and all beings throughout the universe....Namu Kie Butsu. Namu Kie Ho. Namu Kie So.

Whether you celebrate Thanksgiving in a grand or simple way, please put your hands together in gassho and offer a blessing from your heart. I will be thinking of you, the dear members and friends of my Sangha, with much gratitude on Thanksgiving Day. In the midst of our sufferings and struggles, let us remember to give thanks for the tiniest of blessings, such as the raindrops that fall upon the land and the drops of Dharma Rain that fall upon our hearts & minds, bringing us compassion, clarity, and peace. Wishing you a happy Thanksgiving

In gassho, with warm aloha,

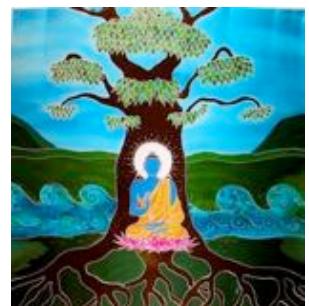
Rev. Jiko



Project Dana Halloween Costume Contest

Coming up in December...

Rohatsu Sesshin (8 mornings of meditation)	December 1 - 8
Jodo-e Bodhi Day Service & General Membership Meeting	December 9
Project Dana Activity Morning for Kupuna	December 12
Shakyo and Shabutsu	December 15
Kannon-ko and Ofudayaki Services	December 19
Mochi-making Day (mochitsuki)	December 28
New Year's Blessing Service (11:45 p.m.)	December 31



November 2012

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

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 ■ 9:30 AM Family Service	29 ■ 5:00 PM Youth Taiko	30 ■ 8:00 AM Interfaith Ministers Meeting ■ 5:00 PM Zen Taiko	31 ■ 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 ■ 9:30 AM Beginners Youth Taiko
4 ■ 7:45 AM Baikako Practice ■ 9:30 AM Family Service	5 ■ 5:00 PM Youth Taiko ■ 7:30 PM Happy Strummers	6 ■ 5:00 PM Zen Taiko	7 ■ 6:00 AM Zazen ■ 5:00 PM Youth Taiko ■ 7:00 PM Fujinkai Board	8 ■ 9:00 AM Tai Chi Practice ■ 5:00 PM Zen Taiko ■ 7:00 PM Evening Zazen	9 ■ 8:00 AM Samu ■ 7:00 PM Sangha Sisters	10 ■ 5:00 AM Fujinkai Sushi Making ■ 9:00 AM Coffee Festival Booth ■ 5:30 PM Festival Parade
11 ■ 9:30 AM Family Service	12 ■ Baika Work. 6:30pm ■ 5:00 PM Youth Taiko	13 ■ Baika Workshop 9 am ■ 5:00 PM Zen Taiko	14 ■ Project Dana 8:30 am ■ 6:00 AM Zazen ■ 5:00 PM Youth Taiko ■ 7:00 PM Orchid Club	15 ■ 9:00 AM Tai Chi Practice ■ 5:00 PM Zen Taiko ■ 7:00 PM Evening Zazen	16 ■ 8:00 AM Samu	17 ■ 9:30 AM Beginners Youth Taiko
18 ■ 9:30 am Thanksgiving Service	19 ■ 5:00 PM Youth Taiko	20 ■ 5:00 PM Zen Taiko	21 ■ Kannon-ko 10 AM ■ 6:00 AM Zazen ■ 5:00 PM Youth Taiko	22 ■ Happy Thanksgiving	23 ■ 9:00 AM Shakyo ■ 9:30 AM Beginners Youth Taiko	24
25 ■ General Clean Up 8 am	26 ■ 5:00 PM Youth Taiko	27 ■ 5:00 PM Zen Taiko	28 ■ 6:00 AM Zazen ■ 5:00 PM Youth Taiko	29 ■ 9:00 AM Tai Chi Practice ■ 5:00 PM Zen Taiko	30 ■ 8:00 AM Samu	1 ■ 6:00 AM Rohatsu Sesshin ■ 9:30 AM Beginners Youth Taiko