

# Daifukuji Soto Mission

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



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December, 2013

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## Bodhi Day Service, General Membership Meeting, & Potluck



*Sunday, December 8  
9:30 a.m.*

Bodhi Day or *Jodo-e*, the day of Shakyamuni Buddha's supreme enlightenment, will be observed on the 8th of December. A Dharma message will be delivered by Rev. Jiko Nakade.

A general membership meeting conducted by board president Stephen Tanaka and potluck lunch will follow the service. Daifukuji members, please make an effort to attend this annual meeting and show your support.

## Eight Mornings of Zazen



*December 1-8 6 a.m. - 7:20 a.m.*

The Daifukuji Zazenkai invites you to join them for this December's *Rohatsu Sesshin*, a period of eight mornings of zazen that begins December 1st and culminates December 8th, the day of the Buddha's enlightenment over 2,500 years ago.

You may come for any number of mornings during the *sesshin*. Everyone arrives in silence before 6 a.m. and selects either a chair or cushion called a *zafu*. At 6 a.m. the starting bells are rung. All is silent. After 25 minutes of zazen, there is 10 minutes of walking meditation called *kinhin*, followed by another 25-minute period of zazen. A morning service is held from 7 a.m. to 7:20 a.m.

All are welcome. Loose-fitting clothing in subdued colors is recommended. Please, no shorts or tank tops. For more information, call Rev. Jiko at 322-3524 or send her an email: [rev.jiko@daifukuji.org](mailto:rev.jiko@daifukuji.org).

The Zazenkai's annual *sesshin* breakfast will be held at Teshima's Restaurant on Saturday, December 7 following the morning service.



## Mochi Orders

Orders for mochi will be taken by Avis and Brian Yamamoto after the Bodhi Day Service on Dec. 8. You may also place your order using the form on page 9. Orders will be processed on a first-come-first-serve basis. See page 9 for *mochitsuki* details.

## In Memoriam

To the family of the late **Shizuko Mary Teshima**, 106, who passed away October 22, 2013, we express our sincere condolences.



We will always remember Shizuko Teshima for her kind and gracious manner, altruism, and noble heart. As one who grew up in Honalo and lived in this town all her life, she witnessed the growth of Daifukuji from its earliest beginnings in 1914 and often remarked that the Buddha's teachings were the foundation of her life. We miss her and extend our sympathy and loving support to her family.

*Namu Daihi Kanzeon Bosatsu.*

## Signs Posted at Cemetery



“No Trespassing” signs were recently posted at the cemetery pavilion and crematorium. Temple members have been noticing a group of teenagers hanging out in those areas.

If you notice any unusual or suspicious activity on temple grounds, please immediately inform Rev. Jiko (322-3524) or temple president Stephen Tanaka (322-2543).

## Kannon-ko & Ofudayaki Services

*Wednesday, December 18 10:00 a.m.*



*Ofudayaki*, the ceremonial burning of sacred objects, will be held together with the last Kannon-ko service of the year at 10 a.m. on December 18. Please bring your old *omamori* (Buddhist charms), *ofuda* (house blessing cards), and other old burnable altar objects to the temple before December 18 or on the morning of the service.

The *Hannya Shingyo* (Heart of Great Perfect Wisdom Sutra) will be chanted while the objects are burned in the purifying flames. If you wish, you may toss into the flames a list of those things (negative thoughts, words, and actions) which you do not wish to carry into the new year.

May all obstructions to enlightenment be purified. New *ofuda* and *omamori* will be available at the New Year's Blessing Services.



## Writing Class Visits Daifukuji

On October 25th, Dr. Richard Stevens of the Hawaii Community College visited our temple with a group of his students. They met with Rev. Jiko, practiced zazen in the meditation hall, and even did some weeding “to give back” before they left. What an awesome group!



## Start the New Year With Yoga

Amrit Yoga teacher Ambika “Jo-an” Rose will be offering a series of yoga classes beginning January 2, 2014. Kona Daifukuji Yoga will be meeting on 8 Thursdays from 7:30 a.m. to 8:45 a.m. in the Hisashi Kimura Cultural Hall. Classes are open to temple members and the Kona community. One may drop in or attend the whole series. Bring a yoga mat, loose clothing, empty stomach, and *dana* (“love offering”).

The dates are: January 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30; February 6, 13, & 20.

Ambika has been teaching yoga for some 30 years. The “Style” is Amrit Yoga, an authentic, meditative exploration of pranic (Chi) energy through alignment, extension, and intention. Questions? Call (808) 430-2620.

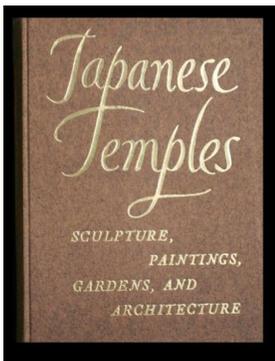
## Library News

*By Clear Houn Englebert*

All the new arrivals are about Japanese Buddhist art.

*Buddhist Art in Its Relation to Buddhist Ideals with Special Reference to Buddhism in Japan* by M. Anesaki is the oldest of the new books. The copy we have was published in 1915, so it’s almost as old as Daifukuji. All the pictures inside are black and white, but there’s a unique color print pasted in the front by the publishers. It’s of extremely fine quality. I’ve never seen anything like it in over 40 years of professional book experience. It’s a three-part picture with Amida Buddha in the middle, Kannon Bodhisattva on one side, and Seishi Bodhisattva on the other side. (Seishi is one of the bodhisattvas of wisdom and looks very similar to Kannon.) The print was very respectfully made with the two bodhisattva images folding in so that they perfectly cover the larger Amida image, just as if they were shrine doors. Amida is rising over the landscape like the full moon. It’s breathtaking, and the rest of the book is excellent as well. The commentary on each image is extremely informative, yet very concise, so you get bite-size amounts of information. No one will get bogged down with this book.

It IS possible to get bogged down in the next book, *Faith and Power in Japanese Buddhist Art 1600-2005* by Patricia Graham, from the University of Hawaii Press. I’m currently trying to read it; it’s academic, so I’m plodding along---slow going, but worth it if you’re into it.



*Japanese Temples: Sculpture, Paintings, Gardens, and Architecture* by Edward Kidder is quite a treat. One of the things that make this book immediately impressive is the extravagantly beautiful gold and black silk used on the cover of the book. This magnificent book is one of those rare books that you CAN judge by its cover, and you have my permission to pull back the plastic dust cover and touch the silk. The book itself is truly huge. It is filled with full-page photos, and it’s even in a slipcase to protect it. This magnificent book is the next best thing to actually going to these fourteen incredible temples.

*Visiting Images of Buddha* is in Japanese and is written for young adults. It has plenty of detail and is interestingly illustrated with many full-page cartoons.

## Fujinkai Mahalo

By Lorraine Jitoku Tanimoto



The Daifukuji Fujinkai Women's Association would like to extend a very sincere mahalo to all who helped make our annual fund raiser at the Kona Coffee Cultural Festival a success. We are extremely grateful for the monetary and food donations received and for everyone who helped prepare the food in the days leading up to this event. Thank you very much to all.



## Aloha from Bill Chigen

*(Dharma friend Bill Chigen Lundquist, who resides in Oregon, sent Rev. Jiko this message in response to her story "The Time I Swallowed a Gnat" that appeared in the November, 2013 newsletter.)*



*I enjoyed your story of the day you swallowed a bug, and the Dharma lesson you learned from the experience. We truly learn the Dharma from everything we do, if we pay attention. Before meals, I not only place my hands together in gassho and express gratitude for the food, I take a few moments to visualize what the food looked like when it was growing, like a field of corn if I am eating corn flakes. There is life in everything we consume, and in turn, other living things consume parts of us, like the skin cells we shed every day. I look at the beautiful blooming orchid in our window box and blow it a little carbon dioxide in return for the oxygen it gives me. If we think, "Oh, I have to eat so I deprived this living thing of its life so that mine might go on," it is really our ego talking. There is really only life, not individuals. We all give and we all take. We are all one in the vast ocean of life that never dies. Like it or not, that gnat merged with your life as your life will merge with all others. In "The Lion King" they called it The Circle of Life. I like that because circles have no beginning or end.*

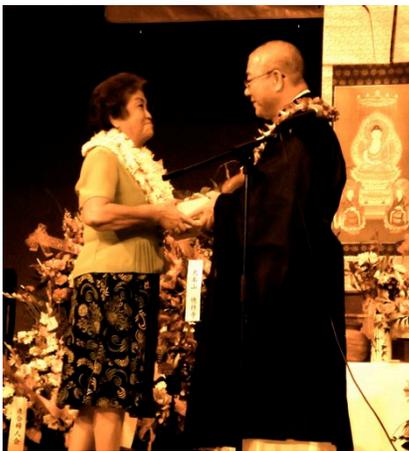


## Soto Mission of Hawaii's 100th Anniversary & Hawaii Soto Mission's 110th Anniversary Celebrations

Congratulations to Bishop and Mrs. Komagata and the ministers, jizoku, and members of the Soto Mission of Hawaii Betsuin! On November 9 & 10, 2013, Rev. Jiko, Jill Teiho, Amy Jikai, Stephen Tanaka, Joyce St. Arnault, and Elaine and Julio Fernandez from Daifukuji joined more than 700 guests from Hawaii, the mainland, South America, Europe, and Japan who attended the weekend services and festivities that were held at the Betsuin and the Sheraton Waikiki. All were honored by the presence of Egawa Shinzan Zenji, abbot of Daihonzan Sojiji, and other distinguished priests.

On Saturday, November 9th, a lecture on "The Meanings of Temple Art and Architecture" was delivered by Dr. Willa Jane Tanabe. Her lecture was followed by memorial services for deceased members and ministers of Hawaii Sotoshu Temples, after which there was a blessing service for the unveiling of six new Ojizosama statues in the temple garden. A welcome dinner was held at the Betsuin that evening.

On Sunday, November 10th, celebratory services were held at the Sheraton Waikiki, followed by an Aloha Luncheon Banquet. Members from our nine Soto Zen temples throughout the state received Outstanding Member awards in recognition of their outstanding service to their respective temples over the past 10 years. Joyce Yuko St. Arnault was the award recipient from Daifukuji. We extend our warmest congratulations to Joyce & thank her for her true dedication to our temple.



Bishop Shugen Komagata presenting an Outstanding Member Award to Joyce St. Arnault



Bishop Shugen Komagata recognizing Rev. Jiko for her 10 years of service as a Soto Zen minister in Hawaii



## December Dharma Programs

### Zen Meditation (Zazen)

\* Every Wednesday morning from 6 a.m. to 7:20 a.m. **except** December 25 and January 1.

\* The following Thursday evenings from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.: December 12 & December 19.

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

\* Rohatsu Sesshin: Zazen will be held every morning at 6 a.m. from December 1 - 8. (See page 1 for more information.)

### Shakyo and Shabutsu -- Saturday, December 14 from 8 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.

Mindfully tracing the sutras and pictures of buddhas and bodhisattvas harmonizes body, breath, and mind and brings peace and clarity into one's life. Brushes, ink, and other materials are provided. This session begins with the chanting of the Heart Sutra and the Four Bodhisattva Vows.

### Family Services

Families with children, as well as interested individuals, are invited to join the Family Sangha for child-friendly Buddhist services that are held in the Kannon Hall on Sunday mornings from 9:30 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. (see calendar on page 8 for schedule). The family sangha will be on winter break starting December 22nd and will meet for their first service of the new year on January 12.

### Baikako Choir Practice -- December 1 and December 22

The Daifukuji Baikako Plum Blossom Choir will hold its practice sessions on December 1 and December 22 at 7:45 a.m.

*The gift of Dharma is offered at no charge and all are welcome.*

*A small wooden box will be placed on the table for "pure heart offerings"*

*in support of the temple and its programs.*



The Nakade family wishes you a bright holiday season!

## Season's Greetings

*Dear temple members and friends,*

*My family joins me in wishing you a happy Bodhi Day & a peaceful holiday season. We sincerely appreciate the love and kindness that you've extended to us throughout the year. Our Daifukuji sangha always takes very good care of us and we couldn't be more grateful. You are our Dharma o'hana & we deeply cherish the loving bonds that hold us together. As we approach our temple's 100th anniversary, let us maintain the strong foundation upon which our temple is built and strive to create a bright future for Daifukuji, keeping the bodhisattva vow -- the vow to benefit all living beings -- as the foundation for all that we do. If we go forth carrying Kannon'sama in our hearts and minds & strongly continue our Buddhist practice, we will be able to act from a place of wisdom and compassion.*

*May your holiday season sparkle with joy and peace. Our centennial year begins with the New Year's blessing services and new year's party. I hope you'll join us.*

*In Gassho,*

*Rev. Jiko*



## Project Dana's December Gathering

December 11, 2013

8:30 a.m. - Noon

Please bring a \$5 gift and something for the potluck lunch.

Holiday attire suggested.

For information about Project Dana, our monthly activity program for temple seniors, call Joyce at 329-3833.



## Coming Up in January...

New Year's Blessing Services.....Dec. 31 at 11:45 p.m. &  
January 1 at 10:00 a.m.

Yoga Series to be taught by Ambika Rose: January 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30;  
Feb. 6, 13, & 20

Fujinkai Hatsumairi & Luncheon.....January 5

Project Dana.....January 8

Kannon-ko Service.....January 15

Daifukuji New Year's Party.....January 19

Zazen Meeting and Potluck Breakfast.....January 22



Members of the Family Sangha start their centennial sewing project.

# December 2013

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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
1 Rohatsu Sesshin 6 a.m. 7:45 AM Baikako practice 9:30 AM Family Service	2 5:00 PM Youth Taiko 7:30 PM Happy Strummers	3 9:00 AM Bare Bones Writers	4 5:00 PM Youth Taiko 7:00 PM Fujinkai Board	5 9:00 AM Tai Chi 7:00 PM Temple Board	6 8:00 AM Samu	7 7:30 AM Zazenkaikai Breakfast 9:30 AM Beginners Youth Taiko
8 Rohatsu S...hin 6 a.m. JODO-E SERVICE 9:30 Happy Bodhi Day! 11:00 AM Membership Meeting	9 5:00 PM Youth Taiko	10 9:00 AM Bare Bones Writers	11 Project Dana 8:30 am 6:00 AM Zazen 5:00 PM Youth Taiko 7:00 PM Orchid Club	12 9:00 AM Tai Chi	13 8:00 AM Samu 7:00 PM Sangha Sisters	14 SHAKYO 8 a.m. 9:30 AM Beginners Youth Taiko
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22 7:45 AM Baikako practice	23	24	25	26 9:00 AM Tai Chi	27 8:00 AM Samu 8:00 AM Mochitsuki Prep	28 MOCHITSUKI Pick up 9:30-2:00
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## 2013 Daifukuji Mochi Order Form

Mochi Tsuki is scheduled for **Saturday, December 28, 2013**

**pick up from 9:30.a.m. – 2:00.p.m.**

*A fundraiser for the Daifukuji Soto Mission's Teen Sangha & Taiko Group*

We will be taking orders and payment at the Jodo-E service. You can also complete the information below and pre-pay. Please call the temple, 322-3524, with any questions.

While every effort will be made to accommodate our members and long-time customers, we will process orders on a first-come-first-serve basis. Once we are sold out, names will be added to a Wait List. Once we determine that we have extra mochi, we will call individuals from this list.

We enjoy being a part of your New Year tradition and truly appreciate your support!

*We humbly ask for volunteers to help with our Mochi Tsuki. It has been said that Mochi Tsuki helps to keep everyone together because the mochi is so sticky. Although we will be starting at 5:00 a.m., we would welcome help throughout the day. Please stop by and join us.*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Quantity Ordered	Item	Price	Total
	 Kagami Mochi	\$5.00 per set	

	Ko Mochi	\$5.00 tray of 10	
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<b>Grand Total</b>	
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Return form to: Daifukuji Soto Mission  
 79-7241 Mamalahoa Hwy.  
 Kealahou, HI 96750  
 ATTN: Mochi Order

***Please make checks out to: Daifukuji YBA***