# **Daifukuji Soto Mission**

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# Bodhi Day Service 成道会

Sunday, December 9 Potluck Lunch

9:30 a.m



Mayumi Oda

All are cordially invited to attend Daifukuji's Bodhi Day service which will be held on Sunday, December 9 at 9:30 a.m. This service, known also as *Jodo-e*, commemorates the enlightenment of Shakyamuni Buddha.

Our featured speaker will be **Mayumi Oda**, local artist, global activist, gardener, and teacher. Mayumi's books & prints of Kannon-sama grace our temple. The service will be followed by a potluck lunch and fellowship.

The Daifukuji Gift Shop, featuring an array of Buddhist items, will be open for your holiday shopping.

# Mochitsuki December 29 Pick up from 9:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Orders for mochi will be taken by Avis and Brian Yamamoto after the Bodhi Day Service on December 9. You may also place your order by calling the temple office (322-3524) or using the form which was included in the November newsletter: <a href="http://www.daifukuji.org/newsletter/2018/nov18news.pdf">http://www.daifukuji.org/newsletter/2018/nov18news.pdf</a>. Orders will be processed on a first-come-first-served basis. **Volunteers are needed for the mochitsuki on Saturday, December 29.** Although we will be starting at 5:00 a.m., we would welcome help throughout the morning. Please stop by and join us. Questions? Call (808) 322-3524.

# **December Programs**



**Dharma Study Classes - There will be no classes during the month of December.** Our study of *Zen Mind, Beginners Mind* by Shunryu Suzuki Roshi will resume on January 8 at 3:30 p.m.. All are welcome. Contact Rev. Jiko for information: <u>info@daifukuji.org</u>, (808) 322-3524.

Family Sangha: A Dharma Program for Children - Sunday, December 2 at 9:30 a.m. Child-friendly 45-minute services which include yoga, zazen, chanting, singing, & Dharma lessons. For children of all ages and their parents & grandparents. Call Rev. Jiko for information: (808) 322-3524.

#### Zazen (Meditation)

- \* Rohatsu Sesshin (December 1 8) see schedule on page 3.
- \* Every Wednesday morning from 6 a.m. 7:20 a.m.
- \* Thursday, December 20 from 6:00 p.m. 7:20 p.m.

Both morning and evening sessions include 20 minutes of chanting. Donations may be placed in the box on the incense table. All are welcome. Please arrive at least 5 minutes before starting time. Call ahead if you are new to zazen practice. (808) 322-3524

#### Shakyo & Shabutsu Art Meditation - Saturday, December 1 from 8:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.

Mindfully tracing the Heart Sutra & pictures of buddhas and bodhisattvas in silence unifies body, breath, and mind. All supplies provided. By donation. Call Rev. Jiko at (808) 322-3524.

**Baikako Plum Blossom Choir Practice -** Sunday, **December 2** from 7:45 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. Beginners classes on December 6, 13, and 20 from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. Call Rev. Jiko at 322-3524 for information.

#### The Gay Sangha - Friday, December 7 6:00 p.m. (Part of the Rohatsu Sesshin)

A Buddhist group open to all, with a particular invitation to gay women and men and their families and friends. Meetings are the first Fridays of each month at 6:00 pm. Meditation and discussion. Call Clear or Steve at (808) 328-0329.

#### Japanese Conversation/Song Class - January 28 (no class in December) 7:00 - 7:50 p.m. Temple Library

A fun way to learn Japanese. All are welcome. Contact Takako sensei: (808) 989-8085, oxleyj002@gmail.com.

#### T'ai Chi

Tuesdays at 9 a.m., Wednesdays at 12 noon, Thursdays at 9 a.m. All classes are one hour. \$5.00 per class. No prior experience is necessary. Call instructor Philip Kakuho Hema: (808) 345-1492.

#### Yoga

Every Monday from 8:30 - 9:30 a.m. in the Hisashi Kimura Cultural Hall. Contact Liz Aschenbrenner: (808) 345-1270 or <a href="mailto:liz217a@hotmail.com">liz217a@hotmail.com</a>. Note: There will be no class on December 10.

Sundays, Dec. 2, 9, 16 from 4:30 - 6 p.m. & Thursdays, Dec. 6 & 13 from 7:30 -8:30 a.m. inside the temple. Call Ambika Rose: (808) 430-2620 or ambika@amrityoga.org.

## Rohatsu Sesshin December 1 - 8

Morning zazen (Dec. 1-8) 6:00 a.m. - 7:20 a.m. Evening zazen (Dec.1-7) 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.



The Rohatsu Sesshin is a period of meditation that honors the Buddha Shakyamuni's enlightenment, which in Japanese Buddhism, is observed on the 8th of December as Bodhi Day. Rohatsu means "the 8th day of the 12th month." In Zen, a sesshin is a period of intensive meditation. At Daifukuji, we'll be sitting in the morning and again in the evening. One is welcome to come to any number of sessions.

During this period of meditation which is held annually from December 1- 8, zazen & morning service will be held each morning from 6:00 a.m. to 7:20 a.m.

Zazen only will be held each evening from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. from December 1 through December 7.

Zafu (cushions) and chairs will be provided.

Please keep the following points in mind:

Plan on arriving at least a few minutes early and be seated before the starting time. Should you arrive late, it is best to sit on a pew & join the group during kinhin (walking meditation).

Please do not bring food, drinks, or electronic devices into the meditation hall.

Please do not wear shorts or tank tops. Socks are okay.

The sesshin will end after morning service on December 8th and be followed by a Zen breakfast prepared by Naoko Moller and sponsored by the Daifukuji Zazenkai.

Questions? Please contact Rev. Jiko: (808) 322-3524 or info@daifukuji.org.



# Project Dana News

9:00 a.m. is the starting time for Project Dana, Daifukuji's monthly activity program for temple seniors age 60 and up, which is held on the 2nd Wednesday of the month. There is no charge. Volunteers prepare nutritious snacks and lunches, help with activities such as chair exercises, bingo, presentations, and seasonal

celebrations, pick up and drop off seniors who need transportation, give massages and haircuts, and clean up after everything is *pau* around noon. On December 12, we'll be having a holiday celebration, so please dress in red and green, and bring a \$5.00 grab bag.

Seniors, we invite you to give Project Dana a try. Join us for fun, exercise, yummy meals, and fellowship. Need a ride or more information? Call Rev. Jiko (322-3524).

#### Mindfulness Class

Saturday, December 1 1:00 - 2:30 p.m. Kannon Hall

Clear Houn Englebert will offer a free class on mindfulness on Saturday, Dec. 1 from 1:00 PM to 2:30 PM. Mindfulness is the simple, repetitive effort of bringing one's attention back to the task at hand throughout the day. Although it's simple to define, doing one thing at a time is difficult to practice. The class will include: suggestions for recentering oneself, being mindful in difficult situations, and dealing with bothersome thoughts. There will be practice in walking meditation. Pre-registration is required. Please call 328-0329 to register or email clearengle@aol.com.



Next Strategic Planning Meeting to Be Held Wednesday, January 16 6:30 p.m. Temple Library All are welcome and all

ideas are welcome!

Our collection of ideas on how to sustain our temple continues to grow. Here is the list of ideas generated at the November 13th meeting:

Look at present assets for income, Camping retreat on land, Gift Shop – open for tourists who like to spend money, Promote Daifukuji as a tourist destination, Balance capitalization to support spiritual integrity of temple, Fees v.s. donations – make clear, Grants to produce video — for online, for hotels, Business manager for temple, Thrift shop (like St. James Episcopal Church in Waimea), Nucleus of volunteers, temple sitters, etc., Catchment System: tent platforms ("Glamping" glamorous camping), Big Roof: necessary for catchment system; use as 'open hall' meeting space, Utilize current 501(c) (3) status to form entities; use HI tax revenue bonds; dif...loan requirements??, Business Plan, create one, Website: add DONATE NOW option.

We'd like to hear what your ideas and dreams are for Daifukuji Soto Mission. Please join us on **January 16!** 



#### **Announcements**

Daifukuji's walking *moai*, the Soleful Strutters, will not be gathering on December 25 and January 1. Walking will resume on January 8.

Monday yoga classes will be held on December 24 & December 31 at 8:30 a.m.

# A Message from Rev. Jikō

#### Happy holidays to all!

Those of you who've recently joined our sangha may be wondering what the strategic planning meetings are all about and why they are being held. Allow me to give you a bit of background information.

This year I proposed to the Daifukuji Board that we begin holding 10-year strategic planning meetings for the purpose of exploring ways to build a



sustainable income for Daifukuji's future. Even with new members entering the sangha, the reality is that our long-time members, who've been steady supporters of the temple & are significant in number, are aging and passing away. There is also the fact that fewer memorial services are being requested today compared to the past, thus bringing in less donation income for the temple. With Daifukuji Soto Mission's income coming 100% from donations, it is clear that we will encounter financial difficulties down the line if other sources of income are not created.

The Legacy Endowment Fund was established to be used for the "preservation, maintenance and capital improvement of the Temple and its surrounding buildings and grounds." Thanks to your generosity, this fund is growing. In addition to growing this fund over time, we must also find ways to build the temple's operational or general fund, which is used for office, altar, & kitchen supplies, the minister's salary & health insurance, auto insurance & maintenance, temple insurance, utilities, and so forth. Your annual donation to this fund (*ijihi*), along with your membership dues, is always appreciated.

A temple is unlike a business in that our purpose is not to maximize profit. However, there is definitely a business aspect to running a temple. We always have bills to pay, a minister to support, & buildings to maintain & insure. A certain amount is needed each month in order for Daifukuji to continue to serve our community & offer the most precious gift that we have to offer: the Buddha's teachings.

Upholding the spiritual integrity of the temple and maintaining it as a peaceful place of Buddhist practice where compassion and wisdom are cultivated and everyone is treated with respect and kindness is at the core of who we are. In the process of raising funds to sustain our temple, we must always remember who we are, why we are here, & how much is enough.

May we be guided by the 16 precepts. May our intentions always be pure and sincere. May we follow the Noble Eightfold Path, & practice the Four Kinds of Wisdom and Six Paramitas. May the Buddhas and bodhisattvas support our efforts.

Thank you for your support throughout 2018. I wish for you a safe and happy holiday season and a peaceful New Year.

In loving gassho,

Rev. Jikō

# Welcome, New Members



Our sangha extends a warm aloha to the following new members:

#### Jay Toriano & Setsuko Toriano

#### **Betsy Morrigan**

New members are always welcome. For information, see Rev. Jiko or visit our website:http://www.daifukuji.org/membership\_brochure.pdf.

# Our Sympathy



To the family of the late

**Joanne Jisen Scribner** who passed away on October 6, 2018, we send thoughts of comfort and peace.

To the family of the late **Dennis Bangay** who passed away on October 25, 2018, we express our sincere condolences.

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



#### In Memoriam

Mrs. Faye Komagata passed away in Honolulu on November 5 at the age of 72. A most

energetic, kind, giving, and resourceful "okusan," Mrs. Komagata worked alongside her husband, serving our Daifukuji sangha from 1976 - 1981. She dedicated her life to serving our Hawaii temples.

We extend our sincere condolences to the Komagata and Watanabe families.

A funeral service will be held at the Soto Mission of Hawaii Betsuin at 1708 Nuuanu Avenue at 10:30 a.m. on December 15. The public is welcome to attend the service.

Expressions of sympathy to Bishop Komagata and family may be mailed to:

Bishop Shugen Komagata & Family 1708 Nuuanu Avenue Honolulu, HI 96817

Namu Daihi Kanzeon Bosatsu

# Congratulations....

To Deacon Frank Shinko Childs upon completing the lay temple assistant program at the Soto Mission of Hawaii.

To Rev. Shuji and Mrs. Jaymie Komagata & Sangha upon the 100th Anniversary Celebration of the Soto Mission of Aiea Taiheiji.

To Reigen Komagata, son of Rev. & Mrs. Shuji Komagata, whose tokudo ceremony, was held at the Soto Mission of Hawaii in October.

# Kainaliu's Mele Kalikimaka

Kainaliu Town's Mele Kalikimaka is coming on Saturday, December 15, from 5:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Our Daifukuji Gift Shop will set up a booth for this 2nd annual event. Tell your friends about it and come "buy" and say "hi!" There will be food trucks, children's activities, live music, raffle tickets at the shops for great giveaways, and Santa!

# Library News

By Clear Houn Englebert



Here are our new arrivals:

There's a lovely new children's book: *Obon* by Ruth Suyenaga with illustrations by Yoshi Miyake.

We have two new audios: *The Teachings of Zen Master Dogen* by Kazuaki Tanahashi with the famous poet Gary Snyder as the reader, and *The Way of Zen* by Alan Watts with Ralph Blum reading.

We also have a new video: Soto Zen Buddhism in Hawaii by Hawaii Soto-Shu. Barb Shoshin had this to say about the video: "I could not help being delighted and smiling while watching this DVD. It gives a brief history of the temples being established in Hawaii, personal sangha memories of events during Pearl Harbor & WWII, then recent times and events at different temples. They filmed Bon Dances, Fujinkai gatherings, Rev. Komagata who is also a police chaplain on Oahu, and at Daifukuji, the Memorial service and Blessing of the Graduates & party after. The film crew also follows Rev Jiko as she visits kupuna who cannot always come to Daifukuji anymore. It filled my heart."

There are two new novels, both by David Michie: *The Dalai Lama's Cat* and *The Dalai Lama's Cat and the Art of Purring*.

The Wisdom of the Buddha by Jean Boisselier is a small paperback, but lushly illustrated from the famous art publisher Abrams. It's one of the most enticing introductions to Buddhism that I've ever seen.

*Hakuin on Kensho* by Hakuin is edited by Albert Low. It's a Rinzai book, but on an important and often misunderstood subject---the enlightenment experience.

Turning the Wheel by Charles Johnson is subtitled Essays on Buddhism and Writing.

The Monks and Me by Mary Paterson is subtitled How 40 Days at Thich Nhat Hanh's French Monastery Guided Me Home.

*Unlearning the Basics* by Rishi Sativihari is a unique psychological approach to Buddhism.

Thunderous Silence by Dosung Yoo is a guide to the Heart Sutra based on Korean Zen.

Sutra on the Medicine Buddha by Hsing Yun contains a wonderful translation of this short scripture along with extensive notes, commentary, and prayers.



## **Amazon Smile**

For those of you who shop online at Amazon.com, we have recently registered Daifukuji's Legacy Endowment Fund in the Amazon Smile program. You can help support our endowment by going to smile.amazon.com to shop. Same products, same prices, same service and 0.5% of eligible purchases are donated to the Daifukuji Legacy Endowment Fund. <a href="http://www.daifukuji.org/endowment/index.html">http://www.daifukuji.org/endowment/index.html</a>



# Daifukuji Fujinkai Women's Association Autumn Field Trip

by Lorraine Jitoku Tanimoto

It was a gorgeous fall morning with azure skies tainted with orange streaks when 31 Fujinkai members and guests left Daifukuji and travelled northward on October 27. After a short stop in Waimea, our first destination was the Mauna Kea Tea Farm at Ahualoa. Nestled in the cool Hamakua coast on the old Mamalahoa Highway sits this 5-acre organic farm. Take and Kimberly Ino's family farm is pesticide free. The hour-and-a-half guided tour experience was hands on, starting with a walk in the tea fields, to the picking of tea leaves, the tasting of several types of tea in the tea room, and the practice of tea serving. It was an informal environment which reflected Hawaii's rural life style. Since we were in the vicinity of Honokaa, we visited the Katsu Goto memorial. Katsu Goto, an advocate for human rights during the early years when the Japanese immigrants came to work on the sugar plantations, was killed for helping the plantation laborers. He is referred to as the "Honokaa Hero."

The field trip ended at Shiono Mauna Lani Restaurant where we lunched overlooking the peaceful golf course.

Okagesama de, the outing turned out very well. It was informative, educational, and relaxing, and everyone travelled in safety.

# New Year's Party



Temple members, supporters, and groups are invited to a New Year's

party on **Sunday, January 27**. The party will start with a brief general membership meeting. A party form will appear in the January, 2019 newsletter.

For now, please save the date!

# Coming up in January...

January 1.....New Year's Blessing Service

January 5.....Joint Zen Retreat

January 6.....Fujinkai's Hatsumairi & Lunch

January 9......Project Dana

January 16..... Kannon-ko Service

January 23......Regency at Hualalai Service

January 26...... Party Set up

January 27.....New Year's Party



# Kannon-ko & Ofudayaki

Wednesday, December 19 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 10:00 a.m. on December 19. Please bring your old omamori (Buddhist charms), ofuda (house blessing cards), and other old burnable altar objects to the temple before December 19 or on the morning of the service.

All are welcome to attend this ceremony which is annually held in December. Contributions of refreshments are welcome.

# New Year's Blessing Service January 1, 2019



January 1, 2019 10:00 a.m.

Join us on New Year's
Day. Start 2019 with the blessings of the
Three Treasures — Buddha, Dharma, and
Sangha. Individual blessings will be given by
Rev. Jiko during the chanting.

Hawaii Kannon omamori (Buddhist charms for one's purse and vehicle) and ofuda (blessing cards for home and office) will be available at both services for \$5 per omamori and \$2 per ofuda. Pet omamori for dogs and cats will be available for \$5.00.

Together, let's start the new year with prayers and blessings for everyone's health, safety, and happiness. Bring family and friends. All are welcome.

Please note that the midnight service has been discontinued.

# 2019 Soto Shu Calendars

Temple members, you may pick up your 2019 calendars at the mochitsuki and New Year's blessing service. The 2019 calendar features photos of Soto Zen sanghas throughout Hawaii & the teachings of the Buddha. You may drop by the temple in January to pick up your calendar.

Out-of-town temple members, please let us know if you would like to have a calendar mailed to you. (808) 322-3524 or rev.jiko@daifukuji.org. Due to the cost of mailing, we will only mail calendars to those who request them.

# Figs & Poha Wanted



The jam-making crew is already planning for next year's bazaar.

Figs & poha that can be picked, frozen, and saved are needed for the next "Jam & Jelly" project which will take place some time in the spring.

Thank you for your help.

Questions? Call Ann at (808) 937-0149.

# Sangha Photo Gallery





















# 2019 Memorial Services Chart (as of 11/23/18)

To arrange a memorial service, please call Rev. Jiko at (808) 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.

#### **One Year Memorial Service (2018)**

| Vivian Ontai   | Feb. 11 |
|----------------|---------|
| Tomeyo Torioka | March 7 |
| Morris Kimura  | May 23  |
| Gary Akamatsu  | June 3  |
| Dennis Bangay  | Oct. 25 |

## 3rd Year Memorial Service (2017)

| 3rd Year Memorial Service  | ( <u>2017)</u> |
|----------------------------|----------------|
| Doris Nozaki               | Jan. 5         |
| Ayako Iwamuro              | Jan.23         |
| Rowena Inaba               | March 2        |
| Sharon Ikeda               | April 24       |
| Ernest Kawakami            | May 4          |
| Ethel Sasaki               | May 13         |
| Alfreida Fujita            | July 16        |
| Kaneyasu Enomoto           | Sept. 25       |
| Susumu Oshima              | Sept. 25       |
| Miyeko Miyose              | Sept. 28       |
| Chizuko Kudo               | Oct. 20        |
| Schayle Kigen Hanato-Wells | Nov. 8         |
| Howard Araki               | Nov. 26        |
| Gilbert Ashikawa           | Dec. 8         |
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#### 7th Year Memorial Service (2013)

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|-------------------|--------------|
| Betty Abe         | Jan.14       |
| Herbert Okano     | March 13     |
| Jane Okano        | March 13     |
| Mitsugi Inaba     | March 27     |
| Colbert Nozaki    | April 26     |
| Fusano Harai      | June 28      |
| Beverley Arai     | July 29      |
| Kimie Masuda      | Aug. 9       |
| Lester Nakano     | Aug. 13      |
| Myles Ota         | Aug. 23      |
| Chirio Miyose     | Oct. 16      |
| Shizuko Teshima   | Oct. 22      |
| Bennett Ohta      | Oct. 26      |
| Rochelle Ashikawa | Dec. 19      |
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#### 13th Year Memorial Service (2007)

| Christine Hanato  | Jan. 22  |
|-------------------|----------|
| Tsutomu Yamaguchi | March 10 |
| Glenn Kimura      | May 17   |
| Allan Don         | June 18  |
| Shigeto Tanaka    | July 18  |
| Leatrice Miyasato | Oct. 26  |
| Dale Gomes        | Nov. 16  |
| Nancy Watanabe    | Nov. 23  |
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#### 17th Year Memorial Service (2003)

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| Cynthia Bennett           | Jan. 31     |
| Mabel Jenkins             | Feb. 22     |
| Hiroko Corpuz             | Feb. 24     |
| Hagino Harai              | Feb. 27     |
| Takashi Harai             | March 16    |
| Mildred Oshima            | March 27    |
| Hideo Matsuo              | April 14    |
| Jesse Hanato              | Aug. 9      |
| Stanley Yamauchi          | Sept. 23    |
| Hisashi Kimura            | Oct. 17     |
| Paul Takashi Oda          | Nov. 12     |
| Masako Fujitani           | Dec. 11     |
| Hisashi Araki             | Dec. 26     |

#### 23rd Year Memorial Service (1997)

| Jan. 11  |
|----------|
| March 1  |
| April 15 |
| April 30 |
| April 21 |
| June 15  |
| July 3   |
| Sept. 21 |
| Dec. 1   |
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#### 27th Year Memorial Service (1993)

| Nobuyo Kawakami | Feb. 1   |
|-----------------|----------|
| Paul Murata     | April 19 |
| Tetsuo Maruyama | May 18   |
| Harumi Nakano   | Aug. 20  |
| Mitsue Nakamura | Oct. 24  |
| Hideko Seo      | Nov. 11  |
|                 |          |

#### 33rd Year Memorial Service (1987)

| Fukie Enomoto   | Aug. 1   |
|-----------------|----------|
| Kotaro Yokoyama | Aug. 26  |
| Kumahiko Honda  | Sept. 19 |
| Kimi Yamamoto   | Dec. 22  |

# December 2018



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