# **Daifukuji Soto Mission**

#### **Practicing the Four Kinds of Wisdom**

Giving, Kind Speech, Beneficial Deeds, Empathy



79-7241 Mamalahoa Hwy., Kealakekua, HI 96750

September, 2018

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See "archives" on our website for previous newsletters.



#### **Bazaar Donations**

From August 26 - September 7, items for the bazaar may be dropped off inside the Social Hall. If you would like to receive a letter for tax purposes, please write your name and address on the sheet provided inside the hall. See page 2 for donation guidelines.

### Bazaar Set Up

We'll begin at 8 a.m. on Saturday, September 8. We humbly ask for your kokua. Much help is needed to set up tents, tables, benches, & the bazaar items

#### Questions?

Please contact one of our bazaar cochairs below or call the temple office at 322-3524.

Joyce (808) 329-3833 Stephen (808) 322-2543

### Daifukuji Bazaar Guidelines



1. Donations may be dropped off at the Daifukuji Hall from August 26 - September 7. Place items inside the hall. Write the donor's name and address on the

To purchase the ingredients needed for the food that will be made for the bazaar, the food committee is requesting monetary donations. Please make checks payable to <u>Daifukuji Soto Mission</u> & write "Bazaar Food Dept." on the memo line. Please mail donations to: Daifukuji Soto Mission, 79-7241 Mamalahoa Hwy, Kealakekua, HI 96750. Mahalo for your support.

donation sheet. We are NOT able to accept old computers, large electronic equipment, exercise equipment or large appliances or funiture.

- 2. Please have all rummage items cleaned. Clothing should be washed.
- 3. Donation of live plants may be dropped off on Saturday, September 8 or by 7:00 a.m. on Sunday, September 9.
- 4. Donation of vegetables and other perishables may be dropped off Saturday, September 8 by 4:00 p.m. Donations of avocados, bananas, citrus, coffee, mac nuts, string beans, etc. are requested.
- 5. Donation of baked goods and food items may be dropped off Sunday, September 9 by 7:00 a.m. Please label all food items and also include the donor's name.
- 6. All bazaar sale items are final: no refunds, returns or credits.
- 7. All members, please wear your Daifukuji T-shirts. See Rev. Jiko to purchase shirts. Shirts are available in children's and adult sizes in a variety of styles.
- 8. The Snack Shop and Temple Gift Shop will open at 8:00 a.m. on the day of the bazaar. All other units will open at 9:00 a.m.
- 9. Workers/members' vehicles should be parked in the cemetery area. Carpool if possible. If you need your car parked, please fill out and attach an identification tag to your keys for our parking staff. Key identification tags will be provided.
- 10. Lunch will be provided to all workers. Meal tickets will be issued to each Unit Chair by Avis Yamamoto.
- 11. At closing, each unit is responsible for cleaning its respective areas. Please assist other units as needed.

If you would like to volunteer or have questions, please contact bazaar co-chairs Joyce St. Arnault at 329-3833 or Stephen Tanaka at 938-4617. You may also call Rev. Jiko at 322-3524. Mahalo for your support.



# O- Higan & Soto Zen Founders Service - September 23 9:30 a.m. Lunch to Follow

All are invited to Daifukuji's autumn Ohigan and Ryosoki service on September 23. Ohigan (お彼岸), a Buddhist holiday observed in Japan at the time of the spring and autumnal equinoxes, is considered the perfect time to strengthen one's practice of the Buddha's teachings of the Six Perfections of the Heart — the Six Paramitas — which are: generosity, observation of the precepts, patience, vigor, meditation, and wisdom. It is also a time to pay homage to Dogen Zenji, the eminent founder of our Soto Zen tradition and Keizan Zenji, the eminent propagator of the Soto Zen teachings. Deacon Amy Jikai Nakade will be giving the Dharma message.

Donations of canned foods to the Hawaii Island Food Basket may be brought to the service. The Fujinkai continually delivers food to the Food Basket as its community service project, thanks to the help of Sachi & Ken Joesting.

All are invited to stay for lunch in the social hall.

Note: There will be a meeting of the Daifukuji Zazenkai in the library at noon. (See announcement below.)

## Zazenkai Meeting to Be Held September 23



**Daifukuji Zazenkai members,** you are invited to attend a meeting on Sunday, September 23 at noon in the temple library. The meeting will be conducted by Zazenkai president Barbara Shoshin Bosz.

Topics to be discussed include:

Zen Cooking Presentation by Naoko Moller

Rohatsu Sesshin (December 1 - 8)

January 5, 2019 Zen Retreat

Election of Zazenkai Officers

Questions? Contact Barbara Shoshin at 987-2673 or <u>barbarainkona@gmail.com</u>.







# Gay Sangha Celebration

October 5 Arrive by 6:00 p.m.

Friday, October 5th will be a special meeting of the Gay Sangha. It will be the second birthday of the group and, to celebrate, there will be three meditation sessions (with kinhin between sessions) that evening, instead of two---to commemorate moving into our third year. Philip Kakuho Hema will be the guest of honor. He is the tai chi instructor and was instrumental in forming the Gay Sangha. After meditation there will be tea served. Everyone is invited. You don't have to be gay---you just need to like to meditate. The bell to start meditation rings at 6:00 p.m., so please arrive early. For information, call Clear or Steve at (808) 328-0329.



Shaka!

### Dear Sangha

Dear sangha members and friends,

The temple's 23rd annual bazaar is coming up fast. Being that the bazaar is the temple's only fundraiser, with proceeds designated for building maintenance, it is, without a doubt, an important event. Its importance lies not only in the proceeds raised, but also in the spirit of effervescent camaraderie that makes the event special. It's all about sangha —about working together, getting to know each other better, & giving one's time and energy for a common cause.

Every year I mention this and I am going to say it again, first in pidgin English like I heard it growing up in Kona. "No make *muri*, okay?" *Muri* is a Japanese word that means to overwork or overstrain oneself. Everyone, please help if you can, but please don't overexert yourself. Your health and safety is most important. Let's make our bazaar both a fundraiser and a fun-raiser. In other words, we ought to have fun raising funds!

The older I get, the more aware I become of my physical limitations and mental limitations, too. (Now where was I?) Anyway, it is to good take care of oneself. Please rest when needed and ask for help when needed. And if, for whatever reason you can't volunteer, that's okay. Please come to the bazaar, shop, buy lunch at the snack shop, and enjoy the taiko performance and fellowship! A bazaar is truly a community event.

Thank you so much for supporting Daifukuji Soto Mission. You, our members and supporters, are the ones who make Daifukuji's existence possible. May the Buddha, Dharma, and Sangha shine like jewels in our lives, opening our hearts and minds. Namu kie butsu. Namu kie hō. Namu kie sō.

Warm aloha, in gassho,

Rev. Jiko

## September Dharma Programs



#### Dharma Study Classes - Tuesdays, September 4, 18 & 25 Temple Library & Kannon Hall

September 4 4:00 - 5:00 p.m. Final chapter of the book *Mindfulness* by Domyo Sater Burk Sensei September 18 3:30 - 5:15 p.m. Zazen, followed by the film *One Particle of Dust* September 25 3:30 - 5:00 p.m. Zazen, followed by *Zen Mind*, *Beginners Mind* class All are welcome. See page 7 for more information.

Family Sangha: A Dharma Program for Children - Sundays, September 2 & 16 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. The Family Sangha will be going on a field trip to Kona Koyasan Daishiji Mission on September 30. Call Rev. Jiko for information: (808) 322-3524.

#### **Zazen** (Meditation)

- \* Every Wednesday morning from 6 a.m. 7:20 a.m.
- \* Thursdays, **September 13 and 27** 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 5-10 minutes before starting time. Call ahead if you are new to zazen practice. (808) 322-3524

#### Shakyo & Shabutsu Art Meditation - Saturday, September 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.

Baikako Plum Blossom Choir Practice - Sunday, September 16 from 7:45 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.

#### The Gay Sangha - Friday, September 7 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

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.

#### 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. T'ai chi "flow" is about moving gently and naturally, exercising mind and body with no martial arts emphasis. Call instructor Philip Kakuho Hema: (808) 345-1492.

### Welcome, New Members



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

#### Eleanor Mirikitani & Joe Florendo

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

#### Mahalo Nui Loa

Keep out, feral pigs! An impressive fence made of donated roof iron now runs along the temple's mauka property lines, thanks to the generous folks to whom we extend a big, big mahalo:

Melvin Kobayakawa & Russell Yamashita for the roof iron,

Stanley Kimura for contacting Melvin & removing the many screws from the roof iron pieces,

Judie Fekete, Chester Mitamura, Shinkaku Marquis, & Larry Yoshiyama for picking up the roofing material,

the Teshima family for permission to extend the fence onto their property,

and Larry Yoshiyama for single-handedly building the fence.

With this fence in place, we'd be able to expand our mauka garden without having to worry about the pigs digging up everything. Mahalo!



### Congratulations!

Congratulations to temple members Jessica Myōju Falcone and Tina Shōren Cintron whose Soto Zen Buddhist Lay Confirmation Ceremony was held on July 21.

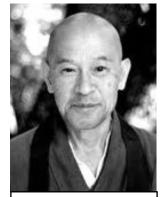
Congratulations to Michael and Sandra Keller upon their marriage.



# Story & Clark Piano

Solid, 1960s, one-owner Story & Clark piano with bench to sangha member. Needs tuning which, among others, is done by Rev. Myoshin K a n i u m o e o f 'Alaneo Zendo (myoshin.alaneozendo@gmail.com; phone 640-6544). It will have to be picked up at my house at 59-228 Kanaloa Drive, Kamuela (4 miles past Kawaihae and 4 miles up hill).

Suggested donation of \$175 - \$250 (you decide) with check written to **Daifukuji Soto Mission Legacy Endowment Fund**. Call Jiho
Hall for details 315-7341 or email pisca88@icloud.com.



Shunryu Suzuki Roshi

# Zen Mind, Beginner's Mind Classes to Begin September 18 Tuesday afternoons from 3:30 - 5:00 p.m. in the Kannon Meditation Hall

All are welcome to attend a new series of classes on Soto Zen. Classes will begin at 3:30 p.m. with 30 minutes of zazen. Please arrive a few minutes early to be seated. If you are late, please sit in the pews and not enter the meditation hall after the starting bell is rung at 3:30 p.m.

The first session on September 18 will end at 5:15 p.m. At this session the film *One Particle of Dust*, which is about the life of Shunryu Suzuki Roshi, will be shown. There is no fee for the Dharma, but donations to Daifukuji Soto Mission are welcome. Books are available through Rev. Jiko or the Gift Shop. (See article below.)

For more information, please contact Rev. Jiko: (808) 322-3524 or info@daifukuji.org.

## Daifukuji Gift Shop News

by Clear Houn Englebert



It's impossible to overstate the importance of the book *Zen Mind, Beginner's Mind* by Shunryu Suzuki. It's a delight to read, it conveys the true reality of what Zen training is all about, and at the Daifukuji gift shop —it's affordable! We get a great discount from the publisher (and get this —no shipping charge) and we pass that along to customers. The marked retail price is \$16.95 for the paperback and it's available at the gift shop for \$12.75. If you are attending the Dharma Study Group and would like to buy a copy, it's available at cost—\$8.50. Also, we have a few used copies, both paperback and hardback. And, if you'd like to read it for free — it's in the Daifukuji library (we have several copies). In addition, the library has the book in Japanese, and the gift shop has it in Spanish.

## Coming up in October...

Project Dana.....October 10 Fujinkai General Membership Meeting...Oct. 20

Daruma-ki/Eitaikyo Service...October 14 Fujinkai Field Trip......October 27

Kannon-ko Service......October 17 (Baika Classes for Beginners — Oct. 4)

### Envisioning a Bright Future for Daifukuji

### **Temple Members Invited to a Strategic Planning Meeting**

Thursday, September 20 7:00 p.m. Temple Library



Although the temple's operation is currently going smoothly and the Legacy Endowment Fund is growing, there is still the reality of continuously rising operational costs. Unlike some temples which have various sources of income, Daifukuji Soto Mission operates 100% on donations. Down the road, donations may not be enough to sustain the temple. Putting on fundraisers such as bazaars will become increasingly challenging for our aging members. Rev. Jiko has asked the Board of Directors to work on a ten-year strategic plan for Daifukuji and expressed the importance of opening these planning sessions to temple members. If you are interested, please join us on Thursday, September 20 at 7:00 p.m. inside the temple.



# Japanese Song Classes

Monday, September 24

7:00 p.m. Temple Library

Enjoy singing for fun? Want to learn Japanese? Starting Monday, September 24, Takako Oxley Sensei will be offering a monthly evening song class at 7:00 p.m. in the temple library. Every month she'll select a variety of Japanese songs and explain their lyrics while teaching the song. You'll learn Japanese words, phrases, and concepts along the way. Bring family and friends. For more information, contact Takako sensei at (808) 325-5271 or send an email to oxleyj002@gmail.com.

Note: Please disregard the date given in the July newsletter. The new date is September 24.

### **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. We will have more information on our website soon.

### Bon Dance Mahalo

by Bobby Command, Bon dance co-chair and temple president

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all of our members and friends who helped with our Obon celebration last month. Rather than single out anyone, I will just say that everyone's help was deeply appreciated and was instrumental in conducting an event that was appreciated by



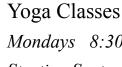
our ever-growing sangha. I've been lending a hand to this event with co-chair Wade Yasuda for about a decade and I have to say that each Bon dance is little different. But as I look down from the yagura and see the joy in the faces of the participants, I realize the priceless dividends of the investment of toil by those who give up their weekends to make this Bon odori a success. Sangha... community, is one of the three jewels of Buddhism. Without it, we are in darkness. With it, we illuminate the path to enlightenment not just for ourselves, but for our entire community. As always, I will end with an appropriate Japanese saying: "Okage Sama De," which means "Because of you, I am successful."

Mahalo nui loa from both Wade Yasuda and myself.









Mondays 8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. Cultural Hall Starting September 10

Daifukuji member and Hatha yoga instructor Liz Aschenbrenner will be offering Monday morning classes from 8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. starting September 10. These classes, which will be held in the Hisashi Kimura Cultural Hall, are open to temple members, as well as the general community.

No fees will be charged. However, monetary donations to both the instructor and the temple may be given. Students will be asked to sign a waiver at their first class.

Bring a yoga mat or towel.

For more information, contact Liz at 345-1270 or Liz217a@hotmail.com.

### Daifukuji Fujinkai Women's Association News



Fujinkai members, please save the dates below:

Saturday, October 20 at 10 a.m. - Fujinkai General Membership Meeting & Potluck Lunch All Fujinkai members are invited to this annual meeting. Important topics will be discussed.

#### Saturday, October 27 - Autumn Field Trip

This year, our Fujinkai will be heading out to Honokaa to take a farm tour of **Mauna Kea Tea**, an organic tea farm founded by Taka and Kimberly Ino. Also on the itinerary is a visit to the monument of Katsu Goto, a sugar cane plantation labor advocate known as the "Honokaa Hero." (At the general membership meeting on October 20, a video on the legacy of Katsu Goto will be shown.) Lunch will be at Sushi Shiono at the Mauna Lani Resort Golf Clubhouse. Transportation will be by private cars and vans. Carpooling will be arranged.

The field trip, including lunch, is free for Fujinkai members. Fujinkai members may invite guests for a fee of \$30 which includes lunch and the tea farm tour. **District representatives will be calling Fujinkai members by October 1 for a headcount.** 

Questions? Please ask field trip coordinator Lorraine Tanimoto or Rev. Jiko. Be sure to come to the general membership meeting for updated field trip information.

Women ages 18 and up are welcome to join the Fujinkai. Call Merle at 323-3553 for information on membership.



### Project Dana News

9:00 a.m. is the new 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. Not an early riser? Not a problem. Seniors are welcome to mosey in after 9 a.m. It's perfectly okay! Just let Rev. Jiko know that you'll be coming.

Project Dana is a program for temple members that's funded by Daifukuji Soto Mission. There is no charge.

Volunteers prepare nutritious snacks and lunches, help with activities such as chair exercises, bingo, 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.

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



Velvet's pickled veggies demo was awesome!

### Library News

By Clear Houn Englebert



We have three new books by Thich Nhat Hanh: *Touching the Earth, Good Citizens*, and *Buddha Mind*, *Buddha Body*.

We have two new children's books:

Han Shan and Shi De by Zhou Wenjing and Joseph Janeti has black and white drawings.

When the Buddha Was an Elephant by Mark McGinnis has 32 Jataka tales with full color illustrations.

#### The new DVDs are:

A Zen Life (about D.T. Suzuki) by Michael Goldberg

Kona Daifukuji Annual Bazaar: May 7, 2017 by Akinori Imai

*Tsurayuki Dojoji* by Takamasa Fujima This traditional Japanese dance was performed at Daifukuji last year.

#### The new audio CDs are:

*Understanding Japan: A Cultural History*, Volume 1 of 2 by Mark Revina. Even though we only have volume one, it has six discs.

Samadhi Bhavana by Anan Akincano

Way of Clarity by Patrick Kearney

The other new arrivals are:

The Nature of Buddhist Ethics by Damien Keown

The Cow in the Parking Lot: A Zen Approach to Overcoming Anger by Leonard Scheff and Susan Edmiston

The Lotus Still Blooms by Joan Gattuso

Dharma Teacher's Handbook by Grace McLeod

The Buddhist Concepts of Karma and Rebirth by Sunthorn Na-Rangsi

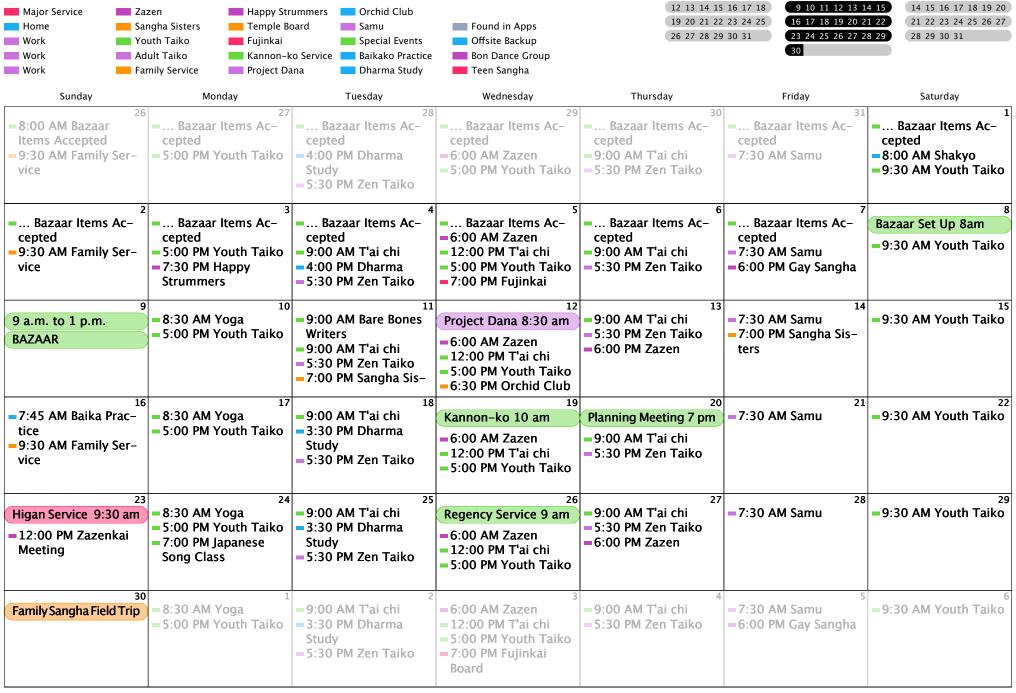
The Wisdom of Forgiveness by the Dalai Lama

Zen: Paths from One Point by Takuzo Igarashi, translated by Diann Schultz

The Lost Temple of Java by Phil Grabsky

Art in Japanese Esoteric Buddhism by Takaaki Sawa

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