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January, 2019

(808) 322-3524 [www.daifukuji.org](http://www.daifukuji.org)

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## New Year's Day Blessing



*Tuesday, January 1*

*10:00 a.m.*

Start the new year with a blessing for you & your family's health and safety. Rev. Jiko will be giving individual blessings during the service. Attendees may ring the temple bell and enjoy hot soba noodles.

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. Omamori for dogs and cats will also be available for \$5.00.

All are invited and welcome to attend.

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## New Year's Party & General Membership Meeting



*Sunday, January 27*

*10:30 a.m.*

Temple members, supporters, and temple groups are invited to join our Sangha in celebrating the Year of the Boar.

Daifukuji's New Year's party on January 27th will be a fun-filled luncheon with delicious food made by our Fujinkai chefs. Entertainment will be provided by our various temple groups. (Food prep will begin at 1 p.m. on January 26. Help is appreciated. Questions? Call Ann at 937-0149.)

Donations of lucky number prizes are appreciated. If you'd like to donate a prize, please deliver it to Daifukuji by January 20. To attend, please fill out the form on page 10 and return it with payment by January 13. We hope that you and your family will join us in celebrating the New Year.

**Party Set Up January 26 9:00 a.m.**

We'll be setting up tables and chairs starting at 9 a.m. on Saturday, January 26. Any kokua you can offer will be appreciated. Questions? Call party co-chairs Bobby 895-2416 or Stephen 938-4617.

## January Programs



**Dharma Study Classes - Tuesdays, January 8, 15, 22, & 29**      **3:30 - 5:00 p.m.**      **Kannon Hall**  
*Zen Mind, Beginners Mind* by Shunryu Suzuki Roshi is the subject of study. All sessions begin at 3:30 p.m. with 30 minutes of zazen followed by an hour of Dharma sharing. Please plan on arriving before 3:30. Late arrivals, please do your zazen in the pews outside the meditation room. One may purchase a book for \$8.50. Contact Rev. Jiko for information: [info@daifukuji.org](mailto:info@daifukuji.org), (808) 322-3524. All are welcome.

**Family Sangha: A Dharma Program for Children - Sundays, January 13 & 20**      **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)**

\* Every Wednesday morning from 6 a.m. - 7:20 a.m.

\* Thursdays, January 10 & 24 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, January 12** 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, January 20** from 7:45 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. Beginners classes on January 3, 10, 17, 24, & 31 from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. Call Rev. Jiko at 322-3524 for information.

**The Gay Sangha - Friday, January 4**      **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.

**Japanese Conversation & Song Class**      **January 28**      **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](mailto: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**

Mondays from 8:30 - 9:30 a.m. in the Hisashi Kimura Cultural Hall. No fee, but donations accepted. Bring a mat or towel. Call instructor Liz Aschenbrenner: (808) 345-1270 or [Liz217a@hotmail.com](mailto:Liz217a@hotmail.com).

## Fujinkai Hatsumairi & Luncheon

Sunday, January 6 10:00 a.m.



The first service of the new year (hatsumairi) for the members of the **Daifukuji Fujinkai Women's Association** will be held on Sunday, January 6 at 10:00 a.m. A brief meeting will follow the service. Pancake breakfast tickets will be distributed. Sign ups will be taken for the 54th UHSSWA Conference which will be hosted by the Soto Mission of Hawaii Fujinkai the weekend of April 13 & 14, 2019. The conference will be held at the Betsuin and at the Sheraton Waikiki.

After the Hatsumairi meeting, a luncheon will be held at the Hong Kong Chop Suey restaurant in Captain Cook. **There is no fee for Fujinkai members. Caregivers of Fujinkai members may attend at a cost of \$18.** District representatives will be calling members for a headcount.

Women age 18 and up are welcome to join the Daifukuji Fujinkai. Annual dues are \$10 & will be collected at the hatsumairi service. Dues will not be collected from members 85 years old and above. To join, call Joyce at 329-3833 or Merle at 323-3553.



### 2019 Meal Preparation Leaders

- 1/27/19 New Year's Party (Michiko, Merle, Ann)
- 2/10/19 Nehan-e Service (potluck)
- 3/17/19 Spring Higan & 33 Kannon Services (Jessica, Dale Yoshiyama)
- 4/7/19 Buddha Day Service (Zazenkai)
- 5/26/19 Memorial Day Service/ Graduates' Blessing (Lorraine, Kelly D.)
- 6/30/19 Bon Service (Merle, Dale Kabei, Ayako)
- 7/13/19 Bon Dance (Michiko, Ann, Mona)
- 9/15/19 Autumn Higan & Eitaikyo Services (Chris W., Sachi, Jean)
- 10/13/19 Daruma-ki & Kannonko Services (potluck)
- 11/24/19 Thanksgiving Service (Sharen, Elaine)
- 12/15/19 Bodhi Day Service (potluck)



### Soleful Strutters Blue Zones Walking Moai Potluck

**January 22, 2019**

**8:30 a.m.**

T'ai Chi Warm Up

Walking & Talking

Healthy Vegetarian Potluck

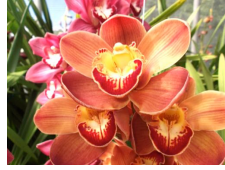
Our Blue Zones community lead  
Kirstin Kahaloa will be joining us.

New walkers are always welcome.  
Join us on Tuesdays at 8:30 a.m.  
Call Hannah at (408) 421-8845 or  
Rev. Jiko at (808) 322-3524.

## Mochi Pick Up

Saturday, December 29 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.  
Questions? Call 322-3524.

## Welcome, New Members



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

### Mark Kriss

New members are always welcome. For information, see Rev. Jiko or visit our website: [http://www.dai Fukuji.org/membership\\_brochure.pdf](http://www.dai Fukuji.org/membership_brochure.pdf).

## Strategic Planning Meeting

*Envisioning a Bright Tomorrow for  
Dai Fukuji Soto Mission*

January 16, 2019

Temple Library 6:30 p.m.

All are welcome. All ideas are welcome.

## KTA Points & Fish

Mahalo to all who've given their KTA receipt points to the temple. We are still collecting them to get items for our New Year's Party, so please continue to drop off your points if you don't need them.

Also, if you're able to donate fish (for baking) for the New Year's party, please call Ann at (808) 937-0149.



Rev. Tamiya &  
Rev. Jiko



Rev. Ryuji Tamiya & Group

## Mahalo from Rev. Tamiya

*Dear Rev. Jiko & Dai Fukuji members,*

*Thank you very much for greeting my group with so much aloha when we arrived at Dai Fukuji on November 1st. After traveling for almost twenty hours, we were quite exhausted. However, upon seeing your beautiful smiles, we perked up and had a wonderful visit at Dai Fukuji. The lunch, musubis, salad, fresh fruits, and the delicious pie were all so wonderful.*

*Since our visit was short, I didn't have enough time to catch up with all of you, but it felt so good just being there at Dai Fukuji.*

*During our stay in Honolulu, we got to visit Taiheiji, the Betsuin, and some tourist spots around town. The ceremonies & the celebration for Taiheiji were also very nice.*

*Thank you again, and may you all be well and safe. Until we meet again, aloha!*

*Love and gassho,*

*Rev. Ryuji Tamiya &  
Friends*

## New Year's Eve Meditation and Potluck



*Monday, December 31, 2018*

*Zazen 6:00 p.m. - 7:15 p.m.*

*Potluck 7:15 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.*

*All are welcome. Contact Rev. Jiko for more information (808) 322-3524 or [info@daifukuji.org](mailto:info@daifukuji.org).*

## New Year's Message from Your Temple President

by Bobby Command

We'd like for things to stay as they are, for friends and family to forever be there, for familiar places to always be the same. But that's not how this life works. Paradoxically, the only thing that we can count on is change. I've been around Daifukuji for a while now, and what it was when I first showed up is no longer what it is today, But paradoxically, no matter how much Daifukuji has changed, it remains the same, something that makes our community -- our sangha -- a better place for all. On behalf of the Daifukuji Soto Mission, I wish you all a prosperous new year.

## Proposed Bylaws Change

by Bobby Command

Our board is finding it increasingly difficult to retain a minimum number of directors on the board, which according to our bylaws should consist of 12 to 15 members. In order to carry on the business of Daifukuji, our board is asking the membership to allow the board to amend the bylaws and lower the minimum number of directors to nine. This proposed change must be given in writing 30 days prior to a general membership meeting, which we will call briefly during our annual new year's party. We humbly ask you to consider this amendment to our bylaws. Should you have any questions or comments, please feel free to call temple president, Bobby Command, at 895-2416.

The current bylaws read, "The number of directors shall be not less than 12 and will not exceed 15 including directors and officers." If passed by a vote of the general membership, the bylaws would read, "The number of directors shall be not less than 9 and will not exceed 15 including directors and officers."



Daifukuji Happy Strummers



Daifukuji Zazenkai & Friends

Rohatsu Sesshin 2018

Aloha from Rev. Jikō

Dear sangha members and friends of Daifukuji,

Best wishes for a happy holiday season & a peaceful 2019! Thank you very much for your love and support throughout the year.

As our temple president Bobby expressed in his message, we may at times want things to remain the same, and yet, change is inevitable and often beneficial. At a recent meeting, I proposed to our temple Board that we eliminate the New Year's Eve midnight blessing service, which has been a tradition at Daifukuji. Over the years, the number of people who have been coming to the midnight service has been steadily decreasing, while more and more folks have been coming to the 10 a.m. service on New Year's Day. It seems that not just the older folks, but people, in general, don't wish to be on the road late at night. Personally, I worry about New Year's Eve drunk drivers and the risks they pose to others on the road, so by not holding the midnight service, I have more peace of mind.

Our dear and faithful Fujinkai members have reassured me that they will still show up on December 31 to make lots of delicious soba (buckwheat noodles in broth), which we'll serve on New Year's Day after the morning service, so please join us on January 1st for blessings, soba, and sangha togetherness.

I have thought about what I could offer on New Year's Eve in place of the midnight service, and have decided to offer zazen from 6:00 p.m. to 7:15 p.m., after which we'll enjoy the refreshments that people bring, ending around 8:30 p.m. I am looking forward to sitting in silence with whoever comes to the temple on the last evening of the year.

I am also looking forward to seeing many temple members and friends at our mochitsuki, our New Year's Day Blessing Service, and our New Year's party. The theme which I've chosen for 2019, which can be found on the top of the first page of this newsletter, is "*Daifukuji Soto Mission, Creating a Bright World.*" By studying and practicing the Dharma, by living with compassion and kindness, and by helping one another, we will create a bright world for ourselves and all beings.

May you a very happy New Year. Namu kie butsu. Namu kie hō. Namu kie sō. Let us take refuge in Buddha, Dharma, and Sangha & support each other on this most wondrous path.

Deep bows of gratitude,

Rev. Jikō

## Clean-Up Mahalo

Mahalo to everyone who helped with the November 25 temple cleanup. Clear skies seem to have attracted the early birds. We had plenty of volunteers at the temple right from the start. An abundance of youthful energy kept everyone awake and entertained.

Thank you to the Family Sangha for preparing the lunch.

Aloha,

Shaun Roth, Cleanup Chair



## Coming up in February...

Nehan-e Service.....February 10

Project Dana.....February 13

Baika Workshop.....February 16 - 17

Kannon-ko Service.....February 20

Regency at Hualalai Service.....February 27

(Pancake Breakfast.....March 24)

# January 2019

| December 2018 |    |    |    |    |    |    | January 2019 |    |    |    |    |    |    | February 2019 |    |    |    |    |    |    |   |
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- Major Service
- Home
- Work
- Work
- Work
- Zazen
- Sangha Sisters
- Youth Taiko
- Adult Taiko
- Family Service
- Happy Strummers
- Temple Board
- Fujinkai
- Kannon-ko Service
- Project Dana
- Orchid Club
- Samu
- Special Events
- Baikako Practice
- Dharma Study
- Found in Apps
- Offsite Backup
- Bon Dance Group
- Teen Sangha

| Sunday  | Monday  | Tuesday   | Wednesday   | Thursday   | Friday                                       | Saturday  |
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| 30<br>New Year's Eve... Potluck 6pm<br>8:30 AM Yoga   | 31<br>New Year's Blessing<br>10:00 a.m.                             | 1<br>6:00 AM Zazen<br>12:00 PM T'ai chi<br>5:00 PM Youth Taiko  | 2<br>9:00 AM T'ai chi<br>9:00 AM Beg. Baika<br>5:30 PM Zen Taiko                        | 3<br>7:30 AM Samu<br>6:00 PM Gay Sangha  | 4<br>Zen Retreat                             | 5   |
| 6<br>Fujinkai Hatsumairi<br>10:00 a.m.                | 7<br>8:30 AM Yoga<br>5:00 PM Youth Taiko<br>7:30 PM Happy Strummers | 8<br>8:30 AM Walking Moai<br>9:00 AM Bare Bones<br>9:00 AM T'ai chi<br>3:30 PM Dharma<br>5:30 PM Zen Taiko    | 9<br>Project Dana 9:00 am<br>6:00 AM Zazen<br>12:00 PM T'ai chi<br>5:00 PM Youth Taiko  | 10<br>9:00 AM T'ai chi<br>9:00 AM Beg. Baika<br>5:30 PM Zen Taiko<br>6:00 PM Zazen | 11<br>7:30 AM Samu<br>7:00 PM Sangha Sisters | 12<br>8:00 AM Shakyo<br>9:30 AM Youth Taiko       |
| 13<br>9:30 AM Family Sangha                           | 14<br>8:30 AM Yoga<br>5:00 PM Youth Taiko                           | 15<br>8:30 AM Walking Moai<br>9:00 AM T'ai chi<br>3:30 PM Dharma Study & Zazen<br>5:30 PM Zen Taiko           | 16<br>Kannon-ko 10 am<br>6:00 AM Zazen<br>12:00 PM T'ai chi<br>5:00 PM Youth Taiko      | 17<br>9:00 AM T'ai chi<br>9:00 AM Beg. Baika<br>5:30 PM Zen Taiko                  | 18<br>7:30 AM Samu                           | 19<br>9:30 AM Youth Taiko                         |
| 20<br>7:45 AM Baika Practice<br>9:30 AM Family Sangha | 21<br>8:30 AM Yoga<br>5:00 PM Youth Taiko                           | 22<br>8:30 AM Walking Moai & Potluck<br>9:00 AM T'ai chi<br>3:30 PM Dharma Study & Zazen<br>5:30 PM Zen Taiko | 23<br>Regency Service 9 am<br>6:00 AM Zazen<br>12:00 PM T'ai chi<br>5:00 PM Youth Taiko | 24<br>9:00 AM T'ai chi<br>9:00 AM Beg. Baika<br>5:30 PM Zen Taiko<br>6:00 PM Zazen | 25<br>7:30 AM Samu                           | 26<br>9:00 AM Party Set Up<br>9:30 AM Youth Taiko |
| 27<br>New Year's Party<br>10:30 a.m.                  | 28<br>8:30 AM Yoga<br>5:00 PM Youth Taiko<br>7:00 PM Japanese Class | 29<br>8:30 AM Walking Moai<br>9:00 AM T'ai chi<br>3:30 PM Dharma Study & Zazen<br>5:30 PM Zen Taiko           | 30<br>6:00 AM Zazen<br>12:00 PM T'ai chi<br>5:00 PM Youth Taiko                         | 31<br>9:00 AM T'ai chi<br>9:00 AM Beg. Baika<br>5:30 PM Zen Taiko                  | 1<br>7:30 AM Samu<br>6:00 PM Gay Sangha      | 2<br>9:30 AM Youth Taiko                          |



## Daifukuji Soto Mission 2019 Annual Membership Form

Please check one of the following:

Membership renewal

New member

(Non-members only) Wish to be a supporter of the temple. Enclosed is my donation.

Please remove my name from your mailing list. Name \_\_\_\_\_

**\*Permission** to use photos of your family taken at temple activities in newsletter. (Please initial.)

Please list the members of your household who are considered members of Daifukuji Soto Mission:

|    |           |            |               |            |
|----|-----------|------------|---------------|------------|
| 1. |           |            |               |            |
|    | Last Name | First Name | Year of Birth | Occupation |
| 2. |           |            |               |            |
|    | Last Name | First Name | Year of Birth | Occupation |
| 3. |           |            |               |            |
|    | Last Name | First Name | Year of Birth | Occupation |
| 4. |           |            |               |            |
|    | Last Name | First Name | Year of Birth | Occupation |
| 5. |           |            |               |            |
|    | Last Name | First Name | Year of Birth | Occupation |

(Please add names on a separate sheet if necessary.)

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address (if different from mailing address) \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Number \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_ Check if you would like to receive your newsletter by email.

**\*2019 Annual Membership Dues**

**\$60.00 per household**                      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**\* Temple Operation**

**Fund Donation (ijihi)**                      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

To help with cemetery and nokotsudo maintenance, utilities, insurance, minister's salary, office equipment, basic maintenance, altar & kitchen supplies, newsletter, etc.

**\*Annual Sunday Services Donation**                      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

(Gobutsuzen)

**TOTAL ENCLOSED**                      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Please make checks payable to: Daifukuji Soto Mission . Kindly turn in by June 1, 2019.**

Membership forms and donations may be dropped off at the temple office or mailed to:

**Daifukuji Soto Mission, P.O. Box 55, Kealakekua, HI 96750.**

*Your donations sustain our temple. Whatever amount you can donate beyond the membership dues is greatly appreciated. Thank you very much for your generosity & support. In Gassho*



**Daifukuji Soto Mission  
New Year's Party  
Sunday, January 27, 2019  
10:30 a.m.**

**Return Form With Payment by January 13, 2019**

We hope you'll join us in celebrating the Year of the Boar. There will be great food, entertainment, and prizes. If you would like to donate pupus, non-alcoholic beverages, desserts, or menu ingredients, please call Ann Nakamoto (937-0149) or Merle Uyeda (323-3553) by January 13. If you have any questions, please call Rev. Jiko at 322-3524.

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone no.** \_\_\_\_\_  
**E-mail Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**Daifukuji Members & Members of Temple Groups (\$10.00 per person)**

**No.** \_\_\_\_\_ **X \$10.00 =** \_\_\_\_\_

**Names** 1. \_\_\_\_\_ 4. \_\_\_\_\_  
2. \_\_\_\_\_ 5. \_\_\_\_\_  
3. \_\_\_\_\_ 6. \_\_\_\_\_

**Non-members/guests (\$15 per person)**

**No.** \_\_\_\_\_ **X \$15.00 =** \_\_\_\_\_

**Names** 1. \_\_\_\_\_ 3. \_\_\_\_\_  
2. \_\_\_\_\_ 4. \_\_\_\_\_

**Children under 5 (Free)** **No.** \_\_\_\_\_ **Names** \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Enclosed \$** \_\_\_\_\_

Please fill out and enclose payment. **Make check payable to Daifukuji Soto Mission.**

Please give to Rev. Jiko or mail to:

**Daifukuji Soto Mission  
Attn: New Year's Party  
79-7241 Mamalahoa Hwy  
Kealahou, HI 96750**

***Kindly RSVP by January 13, 2019***

No tickets will be sent to you. Your name and record of payment will be available at the door. Our hope is that this prepayment system will simplify your entrance. You do **not** need to bring a door prize/gift to the party. However, if you'd like to donate a prize, please drop it off at the temple by January 20. Donations are appreciated.