

Daifukuji Soto Mission

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33 Kannon Pilgrimage & Spring Higan Service

Sunday, March 17 9:30 a.m

Speaker: Tina Shōren Cintron

Please join us on a "pilgrimage" to the 33 Kannon temples of western Japan. 33 statuettes of Kannon-sama, the Bodhisattva of Compassion, will be displayed in the Kannon Hall. While the sutras are chanted, the "pilgrims" circulate the hall, stepping onto small packets of earth brought to Kona many years ago from each of the temples. This service has been held annually at Daifukuji since 1948.

It is a practice to offer a coin to each Kannon-sama. There are a total of 35.

A spring Higan service will also be held. All are invited to stay for lunch. The gift shop will be open.

From March 17 - 21, you may come to the temple to do the pilgrimage on your own. Feel free to bring along family members and friends. To ensure that the temple is open, it is best to call ahead (808-322-3524).

Kannon Set Up: Saturday March 16 at 8:00 a.m.

Clean Up: Friday, March 22 at 7:30 a.m.

Help is very much appreciated.

Pancake Breakfast



Saturday, March 23

7 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Tickets \$8.00

Our Fujinkai Women's Association is hosting a Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser on Saturday, March 23. Tickets may be purchased in advance at \$8 apiece through Fujinkai members & the temple office. Tickets will also be sold at the door. Each ticket is good for one complete breakfast platter and coffee, tea, or juice. The ever-popular miso soup is included.

Let's all support our Fujinkai's fundraising efforts. Proceeds are used to fund conferences, field trips, and educational activities sponsored by the Fujinkai.

Questions? Please call the temple office at (808) 322-3524.



March Programs

Dharma Study Classes - Tuesdays, March 5, 12, 19, & 26 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 sitting in the pews & remain outside the meditation room. One may purchase a book for \$8.50. Contact Rev. Jikō for information: info@daifukuji.org, (808) 322-3524. All are welcome.

Family Sangha: A Dharma Program for Children - Sundays, March 3, 24, & 31 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. Jikō for information: (808) 322-3524.

Zazen (Meditation)

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

* Thursdays, March 14 & 28 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, March 2 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. Jikō at (808) 322-3524.

Baikako Plum Blossom Choir Practice - Sundays, March 3 & March 31 from 7:45 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.

Bon Dance Class - Monday, March 18 7:00 -8:30 p.m. in the Social Hall

Open to all. Beginners welcome. Free. Call instructor Winifred Kimura at (808) 322-3296 for information.

The Gay Sangha - Friday, March 1 6:00 - 8:00 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. 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.

For information on programs such as taiko, Bare Bones Writers, Sangha Sisters, & Kona Daifukuji Orchid Club, please go to: <http://www.daifukuji.org/activities.html>.

7th Annual HAIB Buddha Day Service

Sunday, March 10 9:30 a.m.

Kona Hongwanji Social Hall, Kealahou

Guest Speaker: George Tanabe, Ph.D.



The Hawaii Association of International Buddhists (HAIB) cordially invites all Buddhists on Hawaii Island to this annual gathering held in observance of Shakyamuni Buddha's birth. The purpose of HAIB is to foster friendships and understanding among Buddhist groups and to organize programs for the achievement of peace and harmony for all humankind. Admission is free and all are invited. Donations to HAIB are welcome.

The guest speaker, **Dr. George Tanabe**, is emeritus professor of the Department of Religion at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa. He is a specialist on the religions of Japan, especially Buddhism. Currently, he is president of Bukkyō Dendō Kyōkai Hawaii. He and his wife Willa Tanabe, Ph.D., co-authored the book *Japanese Buddhist Temples in Hawaii: An Illustrated Guide*, which will be available for purchase at the event.

Flowers for the hanamido (flower shrine) are needed. If you are able to donate flowers for this event, please contact Rev. Jikō at (808) 322-3524 or rev.jiko@daifukuji.org.

Help setting up the Hongwanji social hall is needed. Set up will begin at 8 a.m. on Saturday, March 9th. Help is also needed putting away chairs at the end of the event. Please let Rev. Jiko know if you are able to help.

Kona Hongwanji Buddhist Temple is located between Bank of Hawaii and First Hawaiian Bank in Kealahou. One may park in the lot in back of the Bank of Hawaii. Parking is ample. For more information, please contact Hawai'i Island HAIB coordinator Rev. Jikō Nakade at (808) 322-3524.



Mahalo to all who contributed to the success of Daifukuji's New Year's party, which was held on the 27th of January & attended by about 200 people. The Year of the Boar has gotten off to a great start.

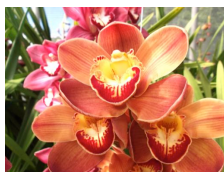


September 8, 2019

This year's Building Fund Bazaar will be held on Sunday, September 8. Items will be accepted starting two weeks prior to the event.

For now, please save the date.

Welcome, New Members



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

Kolin Wong

The **Daifukuji Baikako Plum Blossom Choir** warmly welcomes three new members: **Mikie Keion Hanato, Sharen Seiren Bangay, & Yukiko Hogetsu Tomidokoro.**

For information on temple membership, see Rev. Jiko or visit our website: http://www.daifukuji.org/membership_brochure.pdf.

In Memoriam

Our heartfelt sympathy is extended to the family of the late **Yoshiko Ikeda**, who passed away on January 29 at the age of 96.

Namu daihi Kanzeon Bosatsu.

Congratulations

Our sangha warmly congratulates Pam Kishin and Alton Daishin Kajikawa upon the occasion of their Soto Zen Buddhist Lay Confirmation Ceremony which was held on the 20th of January.



The Journey of Discovering Ourselves

by Daishin (Alton) and Kishin (Pam) Kajikawa

What did the precepts classes do for us? The classes gave us a greater understanding of the teachings of Buddha, as well as the awareness of wanting to live better lives by realizing the Buddha Way. We both had to feel that we were ready and willing, with open minds and open hearts, to do these sessions with Rev. Jikō. Once we began the classes, our lives were enriched with much joy and peace. We are truly grateful to Rev. Jikō for her time, guidance, and dedication.

The Confirmation Ceremony was a big undertaking for the both of us. Going through the Repentance and Purification part of it felt like starting a new life. To us, receiving the Soto Zen *wagesa* meant making a commitment to a sacred path. In accepting the precepts and our Dharma names *Kishin* (Joyful Heart-Mind) and *Daishin* (Magnanimous Heart-Mind), we could not help but feel a sense of compassion and love for the Three Treasures — the Buddha, Dharma, and Sangha.

Our fondest mahalo goes to our family and Dharma friends who supported us at our ceremony. A special thanks goes to Mr. Aki Imai for the lovely photos he so kindly gifted us — a true treasure for us to keep and reflect back on.

We both felt that the precepts classes and Confirmation Ceremony brought our Buddha Nature “home!”



2019 Precepts Classes Beginning March 1 Fridays from 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Receiving the precepts & one's Buddhist name and formally becoming a disciple of the Buddha is an important event in the life of a Soto Zen Buddhist. One goes through a process of study and reflection together with Rev. Jikō and a group of Dharma friends. The sharing of one's life is done in an atmosphere that is gentle, accepting, and compassionate. Many have found their lives illuminated and enriched by this inner journey.

The 2019 Lay Confirmation Ceremony will be held at Daifukuji on the 1st of June. In preparation for this ceremony, classes on the 16 Bodhisattva Precepts will be offered by Rev. Jikō from March through May. **Classes will be held weekly on Friday afternoons from 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.**

If you are interested in signing up for these classes or learning more about what Lay Confirmation entails, please contact Rev. Jikō at (808) 322-3524 or email her at info@daifukuji.org by February 22.



Daifukuji Zazenkai Donates to Legacy Endowment Fund

The Daifukuji Zazenkai meditation group presented a donation of \$1,000 to the temple's Legacy Endowment Fund at the Bodhi Day service held on December 9, 2018. Zazenkai president Barbara Shoshin Bosz made the presentation to Brian and Avis Yamamoto, members of the Endowment Fund committee, and encouraged other temple groups to consider donating to the Fund. A big mahalo to the Daifukuji Zazenkai!

Fund information: <http://www.daifukuji.org/endowment/>

Join Us at the Next Strategic Planning Meeting

Date: Tuesday, March 26

Time: 7:00 p.m. Temple Library

Strategic planning meetings are brainstorming sessions at which temple members and interested persons gather to contribute ideas on how to sustain the temple in the years to come. All are welcome and all ideas are welcome.

If you'd like to receive the notes from any of the meetings, please contact Rev. Jikō. If you have ideas, but cannot attend the meetings, please send them to rev.jiko@daifukuji.org.

Library News

By Clear Houn Englebert



Here are the new arrivals:

Opening the Heart of the Cosmos by Thich Nhat Hanh is subtitled *Insights on the Lotus Sutra*. He explains that “What Siddhartha achieved, all of us can also achieve. Everyone can become a Buddha.”

Horse Thief by Tian Zhuangzhuang is a new DVD. It’s a Chinese film (with English subtitles, although there’s very little dialogue) taking place in Tibet. It was made in 1986, and it’s one of the best films I’ve ever seen—period. Warning—it starts out with a long sequence of a “heavenly burial” which caused some people to leave the theatre when I first saw it. China eventually banned this powerful film.

Moment by Moment by Jerry Braza is a very nice, small book about mindfulness, with a foreword by Thich Nhat Hanh.

Heaven and Earth are Flowers by Joan Stamm is subtitled *Reflections on Ikebana and Buddhism*. It has been described as “a joy to read” and is illustrated with color photographs. I must say that although the arrangements look “interesting”, some of them also look just plain strange.

There are two new children’s books:

Wabi Sabi by Mark Reibstein and illustrated by Ed Young with intricate paper collage. It’s about a little cat in Kyoto named Wabi Sabi, and she sets out to discover the meaning of her name.

Bodh Gaya by Mandy Ross is one of the best Buddhist children’s books I’ve seen. It explains the importance of the place where Prince Siddhartha became enlightened. The color photos are wonderful and so is the text.

Red & Green Coleslaw (Keeps for 5 Days)

Many requested the recipe for this delicious coleslaw, which was served after Pam Kishin and Alton Daishin’s precepts ceremony.

Cabbage Mixture: Combine 1 cup dried cranberries or Craisins, 2 cups thinly sliced red cabbage, 2 cups thinly sliced green cabbage, and 1/4 cup thinly sliced red onion.

Dressing: 1/3 cup cider vinegar, 1/3 cup vegetable oil, 1/3 cup sugar, 1 tsp. celery seeds

Combine all ingredients for the dressing. Add to cabbage mixture and toss.

Daifukuji Soto Mission Board of Directors 2019 & 2020

The following officers and directors were installed at Daifukuji's New Year's party on January 27, 2019.

Officers

President	Bobby Command
Vice President	Stephen Tanaka
Recording Secretary	Judie Myoko Fekete
Correspondence Sec.	Steve Hoshin Mann
Treasurer	Joyce Yuko St. Arnault

Directors

Michele Abe
Barbara Shoshin Bosz
Jan Jyonin Bovard
Kellie Sugai-Dahl
Tony Gyokuho Takai

A big mahalo is extended to newly retired board members Elaine Fernandez, Ann Nakamoto, and Renee Kimura for their years of dedicated service to Daifukuji Soto Mission.

Zazenkai Meeting on March 17

It's time to plan the Hanamatsuri lunch.

by Barbara Shoshin Bosz, Zazenkai President



Aloha Zazenkai!

Let's get together on Sunday, March 17 after the Spring Higan and 33 Kannon Service to plan our Hanamatsuri luncheon for the sangha. This year, Hanamatsuri will be celebrated on Sunday, April 7. We will have three weeks to prepare. The menu we've had in the past will be just fine and I have notes from last year on what we need. We will meet March 17 in the social hall after lunch around noon. It goes so smoothly when we have everyone's participation, so please, if you can, be there.

Questions or Comments? Send me an email at barbarainkona@gmail.com, text or call (808)987-2673.

Rev. Jikō's Gardening Notes



The temple's front yard always looks nice, thanks to our faithful samu group volunteers who weekly sweep, rake, mow, trim, and weed. The backside of the temple has, in the past, not received as much attention and has at times looked wild and untended, with the exception of the areas that have been well maintained by folks like Chester Mitamura & the Kona Daifukuji Orchid Club.

However, changes are happening, again thanks to our dedicated samu group. I invite you to come over and see how the areas mauka of the temple are being beautified.

First of all, the laundry room is no longer an eyesore. The brand new structure blends in nicely with the main temple building and minister's residence. Arigato to Larry, Chester, and Warren. I can't thank them enough.

Furthermore, flower gardens are being put in. Shinkaku has created an anthurium patch beneath the lychee tree and Ann is helping with the watering. We will be able to pick small anthuriums for our altars from this patch. The magnificent brown anthuriums which you've been admiring inside the temple are donated monthly by Larry and Dale Yoshiyama. These *obake* anthurium flowers come from Hilo.

Mauka of the columbarium, Shinkaku and I are putting in a butterfly garden with crown flower cuttings donated by the Iwamuro family & plants originally set in the ground by Alton Daishin. We plan to add other kinds of flowers that attract pollinators such as butterflies and bees. Amy Jikai and I have taken on the *kuleana* of being caterpillar nannies, which has been both delightful and heartbreaking since caterpillars are delicate creatures that have to overcome many obstacles on the way to becoming butterflies. We do our best to watch over them, shield the chrysalises from predators, and release the newly-emerged butterflies from beneath a piece of netting, which was gifted to us by Cynthia Milani.

In the beds behind the temple, Shinkaku and I have also put in tea plants which we received from Andrea at the Extension Office in Kainaliu. In the photo above, you can see little Michi checking out one of the tea plants with its small white blossoms that resemble camellia flowers. Tea leaves, I have learned, come from plants called *Camellia sinensis*. At this point, the tea plants are there solely for their beauty and novelty, but, who knows? The day may come when Daifukuji Tea is born.

Then there are the dahlias, which I began planting a couple of years ago after I received some lovely blossoms from June, a former member of the adult taiko group. I am very fond of dahlias and hope the tubers I recently planted will sprout and produce some glorious blooms for everyone to enjoy in the spring and summer. How thankful I am for recent rains, as well as for sunshine, soil, clean air, and our Daifukuji volunteers!

We can always use the help of more volunteers. Please feel free to join us on Friday mornings for *samu* 作務, the Zen word for physical work that's performed with mindfulness. Our temple is as beautiful as it is, thanks to all who lovingly contribute to its maintenance and care.



Old Structure Being Torn Down

Laundry Room Rebuilt

The termite-eaten laundry room with its rusty roof & rotting walls in back of the minister's residence was badly in need of sprucing up. Noticing this, temple member Larry Yoshiyama, a dedicated member of the Friday samu group, offered to rebuild the aged structure. Upon receiving the Board's approval for funding, Larry promptly recruited Chester Mitamura and Warren Ikeda, also members of the samu group, and the three got to work on the project.

Week after week on Fridays, and sometimes other days of the week as well, Larry, Chester, and Warren could be seen working tirelessly under the hot sun, volunteering their expertise and labor to complete the project. Both Larry and Warren very generously donated some of the materials needed. In addition to rebuilding the structure, Larry also rebuilt the fence and installed a handrail and gate using old pipes which he found beneath the temple.

Rev. Jikō is very grateful for this new-and-improved laundry room and expresses her heartfelt mahalo to Larry, Chester, and Warren, to the Daifukuji Board, to HPM, and to the sangha. It's because of our annual bazaars & your support that the temple has a Building & Maintenance Fund for improvements such as this one.



Chester, Warren, & Larry



Newly Completed Laundry Room

Coming up in April...

Hanamatsuri Buddha Day Service.....April 7
 Project Dana.....April 10
 UHSSWA Conference.....April 13 & 14
 Kannon-ko Service.....April 17
 Regency at Hualalai Service.....April 24

Project Dana Potluck Lunch

In celebration of Girl's Day, Daifukuji's Project Dana Kupuna group will be having a potluck lunch on **March 13**. Temple seniors age 60 and up are warmly invited to attend Project Dana gatherings on the 2nd Wednesday of each month starting at 9:00 a.m. in the social hall.

March 2019

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