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Memorial Day Service, Blessing of the Graduates, & Gift Shop Grand Opening



Sunday, May 26

9:30 a.m

Guest Speaker: Donna Jien Ryngala, Ph.D.

Prayers for world peace and a remembrance of our fallen soldiers and victims of war will be the focus of Daifukuji's Memorial Day service. The featured speaker will be temple member & psychologist **Dr. Donna Jien Ryngala.** At the end of the service there will be a blessing of the following high school graduates of the Class of 2019:

Megan Abe, daughter of Kathleen Oshima-Abe and Michael Abe

Makana Ioh, daughter of Daisuke Ioh

Mako Yamamoto, daughter of Midori Satoh and Shigeru Yamamoto

Keoki Villasenor Yamane, son of Susie and Jorge Villasenor

If you know of any other graduate whose parents or grandparents belong to our sangha, please inform Rev. Jiko as soon as possible so that an invitation can be sent. (322-3524, info@daifukuji.org)

Following the blessing of the graduates, there will be a blessing of the temple's gift shop.

All are cordially invited to this service and to join the sangha for lunch.

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May Programs



Dharma Study Classes - Tuesdays, May 7, 14, 21, & 28 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. Jiko for information: info@daifukuji.org, (808) 322-3524. All are welcome.

Family Sangha: A Dharma Program for Children - Sundays, May 5 & May 19 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, May 9 & May 23 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, May 4 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, May 19 from 7:45 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.

The Gay Sangha - Friday, May 3 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.

Bon Dance Class — Monday, May 20 7:00 -8:30 p.m. Social Hall

All are welcome to join sensei Winifred Kimura's Bon Dance classes. Bon Dance season is just around the corner.

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, Project Dana, Bare Bones Writers, Sangha Sisters Women's Circle, Soleful Strutters Walking Moai & Kona Daifukuji Orchid Club, please go to: http://www.daifukuji.org/activities.html.

In Memoriam

To the family of the late **Takeshi Kudo**, who passed away on April 6, 2019, we express our sincere condolences.

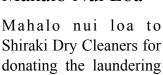
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Temple & Grounds Clean Up

Sunday, June 23 8:00 a.m.

Temple members and groups, please lend a hand. Lunch will be provided. Questions? Call clean-up day chairperson Shaun Roth at (808) 936-9815.

Mahalo Nui Loa





of the 33 Kannon Pilgrimage table cloths and runners.

Thank you to Katsuyuki Tsukahara for donating a lot of shelving to the Daifukuji Gift Shop. Mahalo to Larry, Warren, Chester, Derek, Hoshin, and Houn for transporting the items to the temple.

Arigato to Keith Olson for extending the temple's Wi-Fi to the social hall & donating time & supplies. Hall users just have to click on "Daifukuji Guest" to use the Wi-Fi.

Hanamatsuri Mahalo

by Barbara Shoshin Bosz, Zazenkai President

Our Daifukuji Zazenkai really enjoyed prepping and cooking in the kitchen to prepare for our annual Hanamatsuri luncheon. Since we only do this once a year, we tend to "wing it" and it all turns out to be



more than enough & delicious! Our members brought fruits, vegetables, herbs & flowers from their gardens. I thank the whole group for coming together and putting on a beautiful, healthy, and delicious buffet.

Especially nice was the live harp & flute music performed by members Bernice & Manuel Roberto. Our thanks to them for enhancing our celebration with their serene music.

I must also thank our local CSA, Adaptations, Inc. They donated lettuce, cucumbers, avocados, herbs,



lemons, & the delicious Waimea strawberries, all of it so fresh & locally grown. Arigato to Maureen Datta and her crew. For more information on them, go to http://adaptationsaloha.com/.

A big mahalo to Avis and Brian Yamamoto & Enid Nishida for decorating the Hanamido with flowers provided by Chester Mitamura and to Avis and Brian for putting on the spring egg hunt for the children.

Hope everyone enjoyed Hanamatsuri as much as the Zazenkai did!



Daifukuji Temple Tour

Sunday, May 5 2:00 p.m.

There will be a free tour of Daifukuji Soto Mission on Sunday, May 5. It will begin at 2:00 p.m. and last approximately one hour. The tour will be guided by Rev. Jiko Nakade and Clear Houn Englebert. The history and meaning of the objects in and around the temple will be explained, as well as the architectural features of the building.

Daifukuji was founded in 1914 with the arrival of our first minister, the Reverend Kaiseki Kodama. The main hall was completed in 1921 and expanded in 1936. It is a traditional Japanese-style building with Western elements such as the fan-shaped arches over some of the windows. Daifukuji has been lovingly maintained by temple members over the years.

This tour is an opportunity to ask questions and learn about the unique things found inside the temple. The symbolism of the objects and their design often contain a spiritual lesson.

After the tour the gift shop will be open.



Lauhala Omamori

In the past, lauhala omamori were woven by Daifukuji kupuna and donated to the temple. Reverend Jiko would like to make these uniquely Hawaiian omamori available once again, and this time through the temple's new gift shop. Japanese tourists, in particular, have come to Daifukuji, wanting to buy lauhala omamori to take home as gifts. (Somehow they saw on the internet that Daifukuji had them.)

If you are a weaver who would not mind donating your time & lauhala to make lauhala omamori for the temple, please talk to Rev. Jiko who will provide you with a sample. You may reach her at (808) 322-3524 or rev.jiko@daifukuji.org.

My First UHSSWA Conference

by Sachi Hara-Joesting



Aloha,

My name is Sachi, and I have been a Fujinkai member for about four years. Because I recently attended my very first United Hawaii Soto-Shu Women's Association Conference, I was asked to share my "newbie" experience.

The 54th Annual UHSSWA Conference was held on Oahu the weekend of April 13 & 14. Though I had less sleep than usual and may not have been as alert as I should have been, I have to say that the UHSSWA conference was an educational, inspiring, well-organized event attended by friendly, enthusiastic people of all ages! Mrs. Kazue Tanimoto, a hundred-year-old Hilo Taishoji member, climbed into our bus and refused taking someone's front seat saying she was perfectly capable of making it to the back, but then she noticed an empty third row seat next to Bobby Command and said, "I think I will sit next to this handsome young man!" Now, if that's not inspiring, I don't know what is!

This 54th Annual UHSSWA Conference was dedicated to Faye Komagata, late wife of Bishop Shugen Komagata and Jizoku (Okusan) for the past 48 years. Bishop Komagata presented a heart-wrenching account of his relationship with his beloved late wife, which was, again, inspirational.

The conference theme was "Every Day Is A Precious Day." Our guest speaker, Dr. George Tanabe, who has had multiple life-threatening health issues, has survived to truly appreciate this concept. He presented an inspirational Conference lecture.

We made special purple bead ojuzu bracelets, which were blessed by the Bishop during the Sunday morning service. Mine has been placed on my parents' home shrine in my office. I will always cherish it.

Needless to say, I feel happy and blessed to have attended this special conference. Domo arigato to Reverend Jiko, Amy, Joyce, Elaine, Merle, and Ann for all the planning and hard work you put into making our experience so easy and enjoyable! Thank you very much.

The Daifukuji Fujinkai extends a big mahalo to all who contributed items to the Country Store fundraiser. Thanks to your generosity, our Fujinkai unit was able to take 10 boxes of Kona specialities to Honolulu.

Gift Shop Mahalo

by Clear Houn Englebert

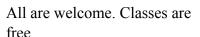


The basement has fresh paint on all surfaces, and the approach to the door is smoother. We gratefully acknowledge the help received from Tyrone, Larry, Derek, Warren, Chester, Stanley, Stephen, Lisa, Kindness, and Hoshin. As I write this, we're about two weeks away from moving the shelving and merchandise into the basement. I'm hoping the basement will be (more or less) ready in time for the Temple Tour on May 5.

Bon Dance Classes

Daifukuji Social Hall 7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

June 17



May 20 July 4

July 2 July 11

Daifukuji's Bon Dance will be held on July 13 from 6:30 p.m. - 10 p.m.

July 9

Questions? Call Sensei Winifred Kimura at 322-3296.

Library News

By Clear Houn Englebert



Here are the new arrivals:

The Platform Sutra translated by Red Pine, who is my favorite translator—scholarly and poetic at the same time. This sutra is by Hui-neng who was the sixth Chinese Zen ancestor. It was compiled (as different from written) between 700 and 720AD, and the reason it's called the Platform Sutra is because he stood on a raised platform to deliver his lectures.

We are fortunate to have two more books by Sylvia Boorstein, who is one of the most accessible of Western teachers: *That's Funny, You Don't Look Buddhist* and *It's Easier Than You Think*.

Diamond Sutra Explained is by Nan Huai-Chin who is well known in Chinese-speaking countries, but this is the first of his many books that we've gotten in our library. His knowledge is obviously very extensive, yet his writing is clear enough for anyone to read.

Money Sex War Karma by David Loy has a flashy title, but is actually a very substantial book. If you start reading it, you probaby won't put it down.

American Sutra by Duncan Ryuken Williams is an important history of the Japanese American internment which was just published this year, and it places the Buddhist dimension in the foreground. Williams will be the keynote speaker at the upcoming Soto Conference in Las Vegas.

We have two colorful new children's books: *The Want Monsters* and *How They Stopped Ruling My World* by Chelo Manchego and The Sweeper by Rebecca Hazell which is about mindfulness.

The Daifukuji Gift Shop's Mission

by Rev. Jikō Nakade

The opening of the temple's expanded gift shop in its new location in the basement is a significant event, so please come and be a part of its blessing on Sunday, May 26 after the Memorial Day service and graduates' blessing.

When the gift shop first came into being in 2010, I imagined it occupying a corner of the small *choba* room located off the temple porch and making available three hard-to-find items in Kona: *ojuzu*, fine incense, and a couple of *zafu* (meditation cushions). I asked temple member Clear Houn Englebert, who had both a passion for the Dharma and retail experience, if he'd help with the



Clear & Tyrone painting the shop

shop and he agreed to volunteer. Our temple board provided startup funds. Without pomp and circumstance, the shop quietly opened. That was nine years ago.

From its simple beginnings, the shop began to grow. And grow some more. Items were ordered and others were donated. Before long, the *choba* wasn't big enough and items began to spill onto the temple porch, requiring gift shop volunteers to arrive at least an hour before any event to set everything up and then to stay at least an hour afterwards to put everything away. This has happened month after month. I bow my head in gratitude to Houn and his faithful gift shop staff for their patience and perseverance over the years.

The time had come, I thought, to look for a bigger space for the shop. The storage room under the temple looked promising, but it was filled with all sorts of things — clothing racks for the bazaar, *toba* stands for O-bon, taiko equipment, tents and tarps, and more. Here was a good chance to clean up, but where would we move all of the things we needed to keep? Larry came to the rescue (Once again, thank you, Larry!) and helped me find alternate storage spaces. With the help of our samu group, a lot of junk was taken away and the needed-to-be-kept items hauled to their new locations. As you can imagine, much hard work has been going on these past few weeks.

In his gift shop mahalo on page 6, Clear expresses his appreciation to all who've lent a hand. I join Clear Houn in expressing great gratitude to the many volunteers — (Houn, this includes you) — who have helped and are continuing to help make this expanded shop a reality. I also wish to thank you, dear sangha, for supporting the Daifukuji Gift Shop since its inception. Your generosity has sustained the shop.

There are several reasons why so much energy is being put into the Daifukuji Gift Shop. First and foremost, it is a valuable vehicle of the Dharma. Through this shop, Buddhist teachings in their myriad forms are going out into our community. Through items such as books, scrolls, cards, art, statuary, altar items, t-shirts and meditation cushions, the Buddha-Dharma is being spread far and wide with the prospect of alleviating suffering and nurturing peace and harmony. Without a doubt, this is the primary mission of the Gift Shop. It is a wondrous Dharma gate.

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Chester & Larry removing the old floor tiles

Next, proceeds from the shop directly support our temple and lending library. Many of the books and videos found in our library are purchased through the gift shop. We've gotten so many books over the years that we've donated boxes of them to other temples and to the Prison Mindfuness Project. The gift shop has also donated altar items such as stick incense and ground incense, which are used regularly at services, to the temple.

With the added space, the gift shop will be able to expand its selection of Bon dance attire such as *happi* coats, *kimonos*, and *obis*. If you have any of these things, which you no longer need, tucked away in your closet, feel free to donate them to the Gift Shop. The same holds true for Japanese platters, trays, and tea sets. All donations benefit the temple and are very much appreciated.

Having an attractive gift shop at Daifukuji will hopefully spark the interest of our community. I envision our shop being a tranquil place to browse, where the focus is on the spiritual rather than the material. During a recent Board meeting, board members were given the opportunity to see the newly painted room. Clear and Tyrone had painted the walls and ceiling, and Larry had painted the floor. Stepping into the room, with its orchid white walls and dark brown trim, a couple of Board members exclaimed, "This feels like Japan!"

There's still a lot of work to be done — shelving and glass cases to be installed, lighting to be added, and a lot of stuff carried from the *choba* to the downstairs room. I am truly grateful for everyone's kokua. Thank you from my heart.

Once the gift shop is in place, volunteers are needed to keep it open during the week. If you'd like some information about volunteering, please call Clear at (808) 328-0329.

I warmly invite everyone to come to the gift shop's blessing and grand opening on May 26.



A Writing Sample from the Bare Bones Writers of Daifukuji

Topic: Being understood...

Sure depends on who you are interacting with. I'm over 50 now; my work is profound to many, but my mother still wants to know when I'll get a real job.

Topic: When my soul lights up with wrath, and turns its attention through me, through my third eye...

I would prefer to be blind. And perhaps when I poke a chopstick in my third eye people will think I'm just trying to be a unicorn.

The Bare Bones Writing Group meets on the 2nd Tuesday of the month from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m in the temple library. All are welcome. For information, contact Kathryn Heller at (808) 345-2976, kathrynpheller@gmail.com.



Hatsubon (First O-Bon)

Throughout the summer season of Obon, Buddhists remember their departed loved ones and family ancestors and offer prayers and toba in their memory. As a Sangha, we gather to offer our love and support to those who are observing their departed family member's first Obon, known as *Hatsubon*.

To date, the following are the names of the departed for whom this will be a first Obon:

Morris Kimura, Gary Akamatsu, Dennis Bangay, Yoshiko Ikeda, Sueno Ii, Takeshi Kudo

All are invited to attend Daifukuji's Obon service on **Sunday, June 30** at 9:30 a.m. The Dharma message will be given by Rev. Shinsho Hata of Taishoji Soto Mission. All are invited to stay for the fellowship luncheon following the service. Please join us.

The Significance of the O-Tōba 大塔婆

At the time of O-Bon, Buddhists offer long wooden memorial tablets called ō-tōba for the benefit of the deceased. The Japanese word "tōba" comes from the Sanskrit word "stupa." In India, the relics of Shakyamuni Buddha were kept in burial mounds called stupas. Over time, the stupa developed into a variety of forms as Buddhism travelled across Asia. Among these forms was the five-storied pagoda.

The top section of the ō-tōba ("O" meaning "large") is cut into a pagoda of five levels with each level depicted by a particular shape. Starting at the bottom, there is a square representing earth, then a circle representing water, followed by a triangle representing fire, a semicircle representing wind, and a jewel of fulfillment at the top representing space. Everything in the universe, including our human bodies, are made up of these five elements, which are constantly changing.

At the O-bon service, the tōba memorial dedications are chanted by the minister and the merit dedicated to the deceased. Departed loved ones and family ancestors are remembered with gratitude. It is our prayer that all be liberated from suffering and brought to great peace. See tōba request form on page 11.

Coming up in June & July

Keauhou O-bon Festival	June 1	Bon Service	June 30
Project Dana	June 12	Daifukuji Bon Dance	July 13
Jizo & Kannon-ko Service	June 19	Daifukuji Taiko's Anniversary	Concerts - July 20 & 21
General Clean Up	June 23	Orchid Show & Sale	July 28
Regency at Hualalai Service	June 26		

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Daifukuji Soto Mission O-Toba and Ko-Toba Request Form Please turn in by June 1, 2019

At Obon, Buddhists express their gratitude to their ancestors by making prayer offerings in the form of TOBA. The names of the deceased will be read by the minister during the Obon Service to which you are invited on **June 30, 2019**. Please send or bring your request form to Daifukuji no later than **June 1** and make checks payable to **Daifukuji Soto Mission**. If you have any questions, please call Rev. Jiko at (808) 322-3524.

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