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Aloha from Rev. Jiko

Dear Members and Friends of Daifukuji,

Welcome back to the members of Liz's yoga group and the Daifukuji Zazenkai, who have returned, full of joy and enthusiasm! Of late, there's been an increase in activity on temple grounds with our youth taiko students drumming, yoga students stretching, meditators sitting, and volunteers cleaning, weeding, building, painting, gardening, and fire-ant controlling. To those groups who are still meeting on Zoom and being attentive to the needs and wishes of group members, please keep up the good work. Thank you, everyone, for doing your best to keep each other safe. May we dwell in the heart of the Buddha, living each day in harmony and peace.

With warm aloha in gassho,

Rev. Jikō



Blessing of the High School Graduates

An in-person blessing of the high school graduates of the Class of 2021 will be held on Sunday, May 30. We will be honoring those graduates who are the children and grandchildren of Daifukuji members. If you have a graduate in your family, please inform Rev. Jiko by sending an email to rev.jiko@daifukuji.org or calling (808) 322-3524. We would appreciate hearing from you as soon as possible so that an invitation may be sent to the graduates and their 'ohana.

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” or “great”) 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.



Toba Memorial Dedications for Obon

Due to seating capacity limitations, only Hatsubon families will be invited to a private Obon service on June 27. We ask for everyone’s understanding during this time when Covid restrictions are still in place.

This service will be recorded and put on Daifukuji’s YouTube channel and also live streamed. (This information will be available in next month’s newsletter.) The Dharma message will be given by Reverend Shinsho Hata from Hilo Taishoji Soto Mission.

Once again this year, Rev. Jiko will be preparing an o-toba (large toba) for each of the Hatsubon deceased. Daifukuji members and friends are invited to submit requests for ko- toba or small toba., which are done on paper. A donation of \$5 per ko-toba is requested.

Please see toba order form on page 9 for making memorial dedications for your departed family members and friends.

This Obon, our sangha will be honoring the memory of the late:

Yaeko Hakoda

Tsuru Arakaki

Larry Sasaki

Sachiko Harai

Yayoko Inaba

Charles Chuck Koseda

Ernest Teshima

John McLaughlin

Naoko Ide

Morris Ota

Amy Nishimoto

Sadly, this will be another year without a Daifukuji Bon Dance.

In Memoriam



To the family of the late Morris Ota, who passed away on March 27 at the age of 89, we send our loving thoughts and heartfelt sympathy.

To the family of the late Amy Nishimoto, who passed away on April 15 at the age of 90, we express our sincere condolences.

Namu Daihi Kanzeon Bosatsu

Welcome, New Members



With warm aloha, our sangha welcomes the following new members:

Ronald and Ann Fuke

Christopher Diani & Stephen McCallion

New members are always welcome. For membership information, please visit our website http://www.daifukuji.org/membership_brochure.pdf. or send an email to info@daifukuji.org.



Little Fire Ant Training and Treatment Schedule

by Steve Hoshin Mann

April 2, and again April 9, we hosted Extension Agent Kiyoshi Adachi for practical training in Little Fire Ant control. About two dozen people representing Daifukuji and several of our neighboring properties attended, appreciating Kiyoshi's knowledge and his lively presentation style. Together, we

prepared and applied both gel and granular baits, with the promise that the ants can be kept under close control and locally eliminated with sparing applications spread four to six weeks apart. Barbara Shoshin Bosz shopped for supplies. Judie Myoko Fekete has prepared a summary of the training information and assembled a full kit of supplies for the preparation and application of the baits.

Volunteers Eliana Jisho Sattler and Tony Gyokuho Takai will do the next application on Wednesday, May 5, at 9:00, with Kiyoshi on hand to advise. The other volunteers who will carry the treatments forward are Mike Keller, Hannah Horan Israel, Tina Shoren Cintron, Philip Kakuho Hema, Raymond Baltero, Verna Chang, Rune Dahl, and Ambika Rose.

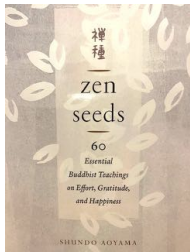
For further information on the treatment program you may contact coordinator Steve Hoshin Mann at (808) 492-9835, steve@oldwaysfarm.com.



May Programs Being Offered Online Via ZOOM

Zazen - Wednesday morning zazen and service is being offered both in-person and via Zoom from 6 a.m. - 7:20 a.m. Participants are requested to arrive at 5:45 a.m. Masks are required.

The twice-a-month Thursday evening service and zazen (May 13 & May 27) will continue to only be offered via Zoom from 6 p.m. - 7:20 p.m. until further notice. Contact Rev. Jiko to receive the ZOOM link, (808) 322-3524, info@daifukuji.org.



Zoom Dharma Study: Zen Seeds

We are reading the book *Zen Seeds: 60 Essential Buddhist Teachings on Effort, Gratitude, and Happiness* by Shundo Aoyama Roshi. Facilitated by Rev. Jikō, these weekly Dharma sessions offer participants a chance to read the material and share their thoughts, reflections, and life experiences in an online atmosphere that is kind, respectful, and compassionate.

One may register for either group 1 or group 2.

Group 1: Tuesdays from 3:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Group 2: Saturdays from 8:00 - 9:00 a.m.

Books are available through the Daifukuji Gift Shop at the special price of \$10 for class participants. Those living outside Kona may order the book online. For more information or to register, please contact Rev. Jikō at (808) 322-3524, rev.jiko@daifukuji.org. Donations to Daifukuji Soto Mission are appreciated and may be given through the temple's website: <http://www.daifukuji.org/donation/index.html> or mailed to Daifukuji Soto Mission, P.O. Box 55, Kealakekua, HI 96750.

Sangha Sister's Women's Spirituality Circle - Meetings are held on the second Friday of the month at 7:00 p.m. Call Susie at (808) 936-5817 for information.

Bare Bones Writers Group - Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the month at 9:00 a.m. Call Kathryn at (808) 345-2976 for information.

Daifukuji Yoga - Please see page5 for information on both in-person yoga and yoga by Zoom.

Kona Daifukuji “ZOOM” Yoga

6 Thursdays 8-9 am HST April 29 May 6,13,20,27 June 3

- 7:45 – 8 am HST Welcome Warmup
- 8:00 – 9 am “ZOOM” YOGA!
- 9:00 – 9:20am Chat (optional)
- 1:45 – 2 pm EST
- 2:00 – 3 pm
- 3:00 – 3:20 pm

Open to: Members, Kona Community and ALL Beginners & Experienced WELCOME!

Drop in or Whole Series

Energy is our focus, so move to your body! Consciously Crossing over to the Inner Source of Self!

What’s needed: Yoga mat, loose clothing, water, towel, empty stomach

“Dana”=Temple Offering by mail or at: <http://www.daifukuji.org/donation/index.html>

Suggested Sliding Scale for 6 classes: \$60 to \$120, as a “Love Offering” from your heart.



Email for REGISTRATION & Link: ambikarose@hawaiiantel.net

Instructor: Ambika “Jō-An” Rose

I have taught yoga for 44 years. The “Style” is Amrit Yoga, an authentic, meditative exploration of Shakti (Chi) Energy through intention, breath, alignment, extension & movement. Following postures, we pause: relax, breathe, and “let go!” We EXPLORE ENERGY! For inquiry: 808-430-2620



In-person Yoga at Daifukuji

Hatha Yoga by donation offered Mondays 8:30-9:30 am. Please bring yoga mat, blanket, water, and any other props you like to use. Mask, temperature check, & social distancing required. Arrive 10 minutes early to sign in and complete a waiver. Call or text questions to Liz, 808-345-1127.

Mahalo Nui Loa

Daifukuji’s WiFi has been extended to the temple library and Kannon Hall, thanks to the efforts & generosity of Keith Olson and Warren Ikeda. (All who come to the temple are welcome to use our guest WiFi.) The gift shop has a new gate and hand rail, thanks to Dan Gordon and Tony Takai.





Looking for Volunteers to Help With Temple Cleaning

Do you enjoy sweeping, vacuuming, and cleaning in general? Do you enjoy volunteering your services and helping your community? Do you have time on Friday mornings? If you've answered "yes" to all three questions, please consider joining the Daifukuji Samu group.

"Samu" (作務) is a Japanese Zen term which refers to the cleaning and maintenance of a temple or monastery. Samu is performed mindfully and is an expression of generosity and devotion to Buddha, Dharma, and Sangha. Over the years, our temple and grounds have been beautifully maintained, thanks to a dedicated crew of volunteers, the majority of whom are retired seniors.

We are looking for a few more volunteers to help with various tasks on Friday mornings. If you would like to help, please get in touch with Rev. Jiko at (808) 322-3524, rev.jiko@daifukuji.org.

Another Area Adopted

Mahalo to Christopher Schmidt for adopting the pathway beneath the lychee tree and the walkway that connects the temple and columbarium. Chris trimmed back the plants along the steps, swept the walkway, and pruned the overhanging branches of the lychee tree. Domo arigato to Chris!

Invite to Zoom Narrated Talk on Vietnam

Part Two, S.E. Asia Photo Tour with Betsy Kairen Morrigan

Saturday, May 8, 2021 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.



Please continue the trip with me and experience the ancient sites, modern cities, nature, and the people, places, and food of Vietnam. In February 2020, I traveled to S.E. Asia for the first time. Vietnam continually surprised me in its religious and geographic variety as I travelled 1500 miles north from Ho Chi Minh City (previously Saigon) to Hanoi by bus and sleeper train. I went to Vietnam partly to do penance for the atrocities our country committed there during the twenty year Vietnam War.

I'd like to invite you to join me on this trip through a narrated Zoom presentation of my photos lasting one hour on Saturday, May 8 at 1:00 PM. There will be some time for your questions and responses.

Reverend Jiko will send you a Zoom link and all you have to do is click on it to enter and see this world. To sign up, please send an email to rev.jiko@daifukuji.org.



May We Gather: A Virtual National Buddhist Memorial Ceremony for Asian American Ancestors

Tuesday, May 4, 2021 1:00 - 2:00 p.m. Hawaii Time

Anti-Asian violence has been on the rise in the United States and many are hurting. When people are hurting, there is a longing to gather in community, to mourn together and heal together with others. As Buddhists, we turn to our sanghas, where we know we can give and receive love, compassion, and understanding.

On May 4th at 1 p.m. Hawaii time, all are welcome to join “May We Gather.” An hourlong ceremony will be live-streamed from the Higashi Honganji Buddhist Temple in Los Angeles, a site of recent vandalism and arson. Sutras will be chanted and Dharma perspectives from leading Asian American Buddhists on repairing our country’s racial karma shared. Visit <https://www.maywegather.org>.



Harold Jiho checking the placement of the plaque.

Our New Plaque

Daifukuji Soto Mission has been on the National Register of Historic Places since 1994, but only recently was a plaque ordered showing this designation. We thank Dr. Harold Jiho Hall, a director on the Daifukuji board, for doing the research, kindly aided by Michelle Kiczek of the Historic Hawai'i Foundation (<https://historichawaii.org/2014/01/27/daifukuji-soto-zen-mission/>). Mahalo to the Daifukuji Board for their support of this project and mahalo to Tyrone Ohta for affixing the plaque to the exterior wall of the temple near the entrance. Please take a look at it on your next visit to Daifukuji.

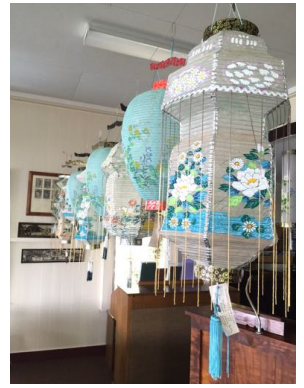
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- Adult Taiko
- Family Service
- Major Service
- Home
- Work
- Kannon-ko Service
- Project Dana
- Zazen
- Sangha Sisters
- Youth Taiko
- Baikako Practice
- Dharma Study
- Happy Strummers
- Temple Board
- Fujinkai
- Bon Dance Group
- Teen Sangha
- Orchid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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25 5:00 PM Youth Taiko	26 3:00 PM Zoom Dharma Study	27 6:00 AM In-person & Zoom Zazen 5:00 PM Youth Taiko	28 8:00 AM Zoom Yoga with Ambika 6:00 PM Zoom Zazen	29 8:00 AM Samu	30 8:00 AM Zoom Dharma Study 9:00 AM Youth Taiko	1 8:00 AM Zoom Dharma Study 9:00 AM Youth Taiko
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Daifukuji Soto Mission Ko-Toba Request Form



At Obon, Buddhists express their gratitude to their ancestors by making memorial prayer offerings in the form of TOBA. The names of the deceased are recited by the minister during the Obon Service. Due to COVID restrictions, the service on June 27, 2021 will be open only to Hatsubon families. We apologize for being unable to invite everyone and ask for your understanding. The service will be live streamed and also recorded and put on Daifukuji's YouTube channel.

Rev. Jiko will be preparing an O-toba for each of the Hatsubon deceased. All are invited to submit requests for ko-toba (small toba) memorial dedications only.

Please make checks payable to **Daifukuji Soto Mission** and mail this form to:

DAIFUKUJI SOTO MISSION

P.O. BOX 55

KEALAKEKUA, HI 96750

If you have any questions, please call Rev. Jiko at (808) 322-3524 or send an email to rev.jiko@daifukuji.org.

Please submit this form by June 6, 2021.

NAME _____

PHONE NUMBER _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

KO-TOBA Memorial Requests..... Suggested donation \$5.00 per request

Please PRINT the names of the deceased **individuals** or **group of family ancestors** to whom you would like the merit of the Obon prayers dedicated.

Example of individual: The late Mildred Oshima Example of family group: Oshima Family Ancestors

1. _____ 6. _____

2. _____ 7. _____

3. _____ 8. _____

4. _____ 9. _____

5. _____ 10. _____

(Optional) Total amount for Ko-toba \$ _____
O-Bon Service donation \$ _____
Total amount enclosed \$ _____