# Daifukuji Soto Mission

In the Light of the Hawai'i Kannon







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All are cordially invited to Daifukuji's

# Bodhi Day Service 成道会 (Jodo-e)

Sunday, December 11 10:00 a.m.

Commemorating the great awakening of Shakyamuni Buddha, the Bodhi Day service is perhaps the most important service of the year. We are fortunate to have Ms. Chenxing Han, a writer and chaplaincy-trained educator who lives in California, as our guest speaker. (Chenxing will also be offering a lecture and book signing on December 10. See page 3 for details.)

Music will be provided by the Daifukuji Baikako and Daifukuji Happy Strummers. Lunch will be prepared by the members of the Daifukuji Sangha Sisters group. The gift shop will be open. Canned and packaged food will be collected for the Hawai'i Island Food Basket.

Together, let us celebrate the Buddha's day of enlightenment. All are welcome.



We're having a New Year's party! Form on page 11. Deadline to sign up is December 15.

2023 Memorial Services Chart on page 9.

#### In Memoriam



To the family of the late Ginger Peck who passed away on October 25 at the age of 14, we express our deepest sympathy. We surround you with our love.

Namu daihi Kanzeon Bosatsu. Homage to the bodhisattva Kannon of Great Compassion.

## Welcome, New Members

We warmly welcome Aimee and Aiyanna Disharoon into our sangha and thank them for joining the membership.

The Daifukuji Fujinkai welcomes new member Aaron Wolfe.

New members are always welcome. Contact Rev. Jiko for a membership form.



## Bodhi Day Greetings from Reverend Jikō

Aloha Daifukuji members and friends,

Bodhi Day is quickly approaching, along with the eight mornings and evenings of zazen that lead up to the 8th of December, the day of Shakyamuni Buddha's great awakening 2,600 years ago. This is a special time of year for Zen Buddhists, a time when we sit daily in meditation together with our sangha friends. Outside, the stars twinkle; inside, the golden glow of the Buddha and bodhisattvas lead us to our cushions and chairs. The air of a December morning is cold and crisp. The silence is thick and rich, like a blanket which enfolds us. With confidence in the Buddha's teachings, we sit in stillness, listening to our breathing, supported by not only our human sangha, but by the sangha which is the whole universe made up of myriad beings. Our vow is to awaken — shujō to tomo ni 荣生

と友に — to awaken together with all beings, to carry the Buddha in our hearts and to see the seed of awakening in every person.

After experiencing awakening beneath the Bodhi tree, the Buddha looked with eyes of compassion upon a suffering world and slowly rose from his seat, ready to begin a life of service to humanity. After awakening, he continued to wear a simple monk's robe and to carry a humble begging bowl, a practice which he continued for the rest of his life. His kind heart, his radiant glow, his wise teachings, and his peaceful presence inspired the people of his time and continue to inspire the people of our time. There are millions of people around the world who take refuge in this great teacher, in his teachings, and in the sangha. We at Daifukuji are among them. May we practice steadily and strongly, supporting one another with love, kindness, and aloha.

Dear sangha friends, I wish you a peaceful Bodhi Day and a safe and happy holiday season. I thank the Daifukuji Board, under the leadership of president Stephen Shōdō, for guiding our temple operations. And I thank all of you for your kindness, friendship, and kōkua throughout the year.

With warm aloha, in gasshō,

Jíkō Nakade

## Daifukuji Fujinkai's 2023 Conference Information Session

Sunday, November 27th at 12:30 p.m. (following the temple and grounds clean up)

Fujinkai members, please join us for a UHSSWA conference information session on November 27 at 12:30.

The Wahiawa Ryusenji Soto Mission Fujinkai invites Fujinkai members, ministers, and *jizoku* (ministers' spouses) to attend the 56th United Hawaii Soto Shu Women's Association (UHSSWA) conference which will be held on April 22 and 23, 2023 at Wahiawa Ryusenji Soto Mission and the Ala Moana Hotel.

This annual conference provides an opportunity for Fujinkai members and guests from the various Soto Zen temples throughout Hawai'i to gather in unity at a different temple each spring. A tentative schedule will be shared at this information meeting and sign-ups taken. A tentative attendee count needs to be submitted to the host temple by December 14.





## Project Dana News

Aloha Project Dana members,

At our monthly gathering on December 14, please come dressed in holiday colors and bring a wrapped gift (about \$10 in value) for our gift exchange.

Project Dana meetings are open to Daifukuji members age 60 and above. Should you be interested in learning more about this kupuna activity program, please contact Joyce at (808) 329-3833 or Rev. Jiko at (808) 322-3524.

#### Kainaliu Kalikimaka

The Daifukuji Gift Shop will have a booth in front of the H. Kimura Store at the Kainaliu Kalikimaka holiday event on Saturday, December 17 from 5:00 - 8:30 p.m. Stop by and say hi!



## Jam and Jelly Sale

The Daifukuji Fujinkai is holding an inhouse sale featuring a variety of jams and jellies. The price is \$7 for an 8-oz jar, except for the poha jam which will be sold for \$9 (available on December 11). Cookbooks will also be sold. These items make great holiday gifts.

The sale will be held in the social hall on the following days:

November 20 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

December 11 11 a.m. - Noon

Checks and cash only. Please make your check payable to: <u>Daifukuji Fujinkai.</u>

## Report from the Board

by Steve Hoshin Mann, secretary

The Daifukuji Board of Directors met Thursday, November 3, via Zoom.

Barb Shoshin Bosz gave a preliminary report about the online auction, which earned nearly \$20,000, with 200 bidders and 1,376 bids.

The painting of the roof is underway, and we've received half of the Historic Hawaii Foundation grant, the rest to be sent when the work is finished. And we'll probably be featured in Preservation magazine - they'll interview Teri Jigen Hollowell and Rev. Jiko.

We've started planning the January 29th New Year's party and the annual membership meeting.

We talked at some length about how Daifukuji might respond to the needs created by a possible Mauna Loa eruption. One idea is to shelter displaced sangha members in the social hall. We'll continue to study this.



## Rohatsu Sesshin to Be Held December 1 - 8

Morning zazen (Dec. 1-8) 6:00 a.m. - 7:20 a.m.

Evening zazen (Dec.1-7) 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

The Rohatsu Sesshin is a period of meditation that honors the Buddha Shakyamuni's enlightenment, which in Japanese Buddhism, is observed on the 8th of December as Bodhi Day. Rohatsu means "the 8th day of the 12th month." In Zen, a *sesshin* is a period of intensive meditation. At Daifukuji, we'll be sitting in the morning and again in the evening. One is welcome to come to any number of sessions.

During this period of meditation which is held annually from December 1- 8, zazen & morning service will be held each morning from 6:00 a.m. to 7:20 a.m. Donations to the <u>Daifukuji Zazenkai</u> will be accepted.

Zazen only will be held each evening from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. from December 1 through December 7. Zafu (cushions) and chairs will be provided.

Please keep the following points in mind: plan on arriving at least 10 minutes early and be seated before the starting time. Should you arrive late, it is best to sit on a pew & join the group during kinhin (walking meditation). Please do not bring food, drinks, or electronic devices into the meditation hall. Please do not wear shorts or tank tops. Socks, head coverings, and lap blankets are okay.

The sesshin will end after morning service on December 8th and will be followed by breakfast. Questions? Please contact Rev. Jiko at (808) 322-3524 or rev.jiko@daifukuji.org.



## **December Programs**

**Shakyo (Tracing the Sutras)** & **Shabutsu (tracing pictures of buddhas)** - Saturday, December 17 from 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. in the Social Hall. All are welcome. By donation.

**Zazen and Chanting** - Zazen is offered in person and via Zoom on Wednesdays and Fridays from 6:00 a.m. - 7:00 a.m. The Wednesday session is followed by 20 minutes of chanting. Practitioners are asked to arrive at 5:45 a.m. Contact Rev. Jiko at <a href="rev.jiko@daifukuji.org">rev.jiko@daifukuji.org</a> to receive the Zoom link for zazen sessions.

**Project Dana** - Second Wednesday of the month at 9:30 a.m. An activity program for temple *kupuna*. For information, call Joyce at (808) 329-3833 or Rev. Jiko at (808) 322-3524.

**Daifukuji Gay Sangha** - 1st Friday of the month at 5:30 p.m. Meditation and discussion. For information, call Clear Houn at (808) 328-0329.

**Sangha Sisters Women's Spirituality Circle** - Meetings are held on the second Friday of the month at 6:00 p.m. Call Susie at (808) 936-5817 for information.

**T'ai Chi** - Tuesdays - Beginners, Wednesdays - Intermediate, Thursdays - Advanced. All classes are one hour and start at 9:00 a.m. inside the Hisashi Kimura Cultural Hall. \$5.00 per class. Call instructor Philip Kakuho Hema: (808) 345-1492.

**Soleful Strutters** - T'ai Chi warm-up and walking on temple grounds at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesdays. For information, please contact Hannah Israel at (408) 421-8845 or Reverend Jiko at (808) 322-3524.

**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.

**Yoga via Zoom** — (New series: December 22 - January 26) Thursdays from 8:00 - 9:00 a.m. HST. Welcome and Warm-up from 7:45 - 8 a.m. HST. ZOOM Yoga from 8:00 - 9:00 a.m. HST. Optional Chat from 9:00- 9:20 a.m. Drop in or whole series. 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. Instructor: Ambika "Jō-An" Rose, (808) 430-2620. Email for Registration & Zoom Link: ambikarose@hawaiiantel.net.

#### Online Auction Mahalo

by Barb Shoshin Bosz, Auction co-chair

Auction 2022! Temple Kokua!

What a success! What fun! Big mahalo to all our donors, bidders, volunteers, and supporters! We have stories to tell about this year's auction, which



seems like a whirlwind now. My crew this year included the following people: my co-chair Joyce St. Arnault, Merle Uyeda, Gail Ching-Lee & Sid Nakamoto, Jeri Hall, Nancy Osako, Cheryl Pennell, Wende Kumara, Susie Weaver, Cherokee Shaner, Sharlene Gee, Jiko Sensei, Amy Jikai, Midori Satoh, Betsy Morrigan, Emilia Parrish, Hannah Israel, Teri Hollowell, Jean Ikeda, Jessica Yamasawa, and Stephen Tanaka. These fantastic folks helped with the auction and rummage sale. Merle, Rev. Jiko, Amy, and Jes Yamasawa made our lunches. A big crew of all rock stars! An auction cannot be done without the help of dedicated volunteers. Deep bows to you all.

Donors, we cannot thank you enough for your generosity. Sangha members, supporters, and businesses all contributed a splendid variety of auction items, gift certificates, and monetary donations.

Here's some auction trivia. Item with the most bids – Hakata Dolls. Item with the highest bid – glass float with netting. Item we forgot to send home with winner – a Butsudan! (We delivered it.) We had 200 bidders sign up this year. That's 75 more than last year. We had 360 + items put up on our site. Our financial report will be in next month's newsletter — we are close to our \$20,000 goal. Thank you to all. Banzai! Banzai! Banzai!



## General Membership Meeting Scheduled for January 29, 2023

A general membership meeting will be held at 11:00 a.m. at the start of Daifukuji's New Year's party on Sunday, January 29, 2023. All temple members are invited to attend this brief meeting.

The nomination committee for the board of the Daifukuji Soto Mission has recommended that members Betsy Kairen Morrigan and Travis Hosshin Marsh be nominated to the board of directors. "We're very pleased and humbled that Betsy and Travis have offered their time to serve the sangha," said committee member Bobby Command.

The new slate of directors will be introduced during the annual membership meeting that takes place just before the New Year's party at 11 a.m. on Sunday, January 29 at the social hall. At that time, the membership will vote on nominations. There is still room for a few more board members. Nominees must be dues-paying members of the Daifukuji Soto Mission in good standing. Please contact the nomination committee by the end of 2022 of a nomination or self-nomination. Please feel free to contact Bobby Command at (808) 895-2416, Barb Shoshin Bosz at (808) 987-2673 or Stephen Shodo Tanaka at (808) 938-4617.



## Ofudayaki: The Burning of Sacred Objects

Wednesday, December 21 10:00 a.m.

On Wednesday, December 21 at 10 a.m. an *ofudayaki* ceremony will be held in conjunction with our December Kannon-ko service. You may bring your old *omamori* and *ofuda* to the temple prior to December 21 or when you attend the ceremony on December 21. Sacred burnable altar objects (no metal or plastic) which are no longer needed may also be burned at this time.

All are welcome to attend the Kannon-ko service and ofudayaki and invited to stay for tea after the ceremony. Bring a snack to share. Questions? Call Rev. Jiko at (808) 322-3524.

#### 2023 California Buddhist Study Tour Friday, May 26, 2023 to Friday, June 2, 2023

The Hawaii Soto Mission Bishop's Office is currently putting together a Buddhist Study Tour that will travel to Los Angeles and the San Francisco area in May 2023. We invite you to join the tour for the opportunity to visit a variety of temples and Zen Centers, as well as enjoy a bit of sightseeing. Pricing is still being worked on, but we hope to keep the cost at around \$2300 per person. Registration for tour will open in November 2022. If you are interested in getting more information, please call or text Rev. Shuji Komagata directly at 808-224-2584, or email him at 7676shuji@gmail.com.

#### **Tentative Destinations and Activities**

#### Los Angeles:

Los Angeles Zenshuji Soto Mission's 100th Anniversary Celebration Service and Banquet, Zen Center of Los Angeles, Hsi Lai Buddhist Temple, Japanese American National Museum, Little Tokyo.



Sokoji Soto Mission, San Francisco Zen Center, Green Gulch Farm Zen Center, Buddhist Churches of America Headquarters, Golden Gate Park, Japanese Tea Garden, Golden Gate Bridge, Fisherman's Wharf, Japantown. More destinations and activities to be added...





Hsi Lai Buddhist Temple



Sokoji Temple



San Francisco Zen Center



Green Gulch Farm Zen Center

#### A friendly reminder...

Thanksgiving Service at 10:00 a.m. on November 20.

A half-day temple and grounds clean up starting at 8:00 a.m. on November 27. Many helping hands are needed. Refreshments will be provided. Questions? Call clean-up day chairperson Shaun Roth at (808) 936-9815.

For Fujinkai members: Conference Information Session at 12:30 p.m. following the general clean up on November 27.

## Year-end Giving

Looking for ways to make a contribution to Daifukuji? Please go to www.daifukuji.org and click on "Giving" or "Endowment." Mahalo!



Dear Friends of Holualoa,

I hope this letter finds you well. As we pull through this pandemic we would love to share what Pūlama has in the works to accomplish our vision for preserving Hōlualoa village as a culturally reflective wahi pana (a sense of legend or historical place) area.

We are asking for your financial support today for the 1925 monument restoration and historic signage project. The monument restoration is aiming for completion by 2023. We received a \$10,000 Historic Hawaii Foundation Grant for the monument restoration work at the entrance of Kona Koyasan Daishiji Mission. Kona Koyasan Daishiji Mission is the project's primary sponsor with Pūlama īa Kona as a partner. To fulfill this mission we are to fundraise for the rest of the estimated cost to ensure our vision is fulfilled.

Please consider supporting through a monetary donation and or volunteering to help us preserve our history here in our community. Pūlama īa Kona Heritage Preservation Council is a 501(c)3 organization recognized by the IRS #99-0323867. Your charitable giving may qualify for a tax deduction.



July 1925 - Shikoku 88 Temples Pilgrimage Sign

Mahalo for your time and consideration, Antu Harvey, President & Maki Morinoue, Vice President **Our total fundraising goal is \$30,000.** We have raised \$14,000 so far with \$16,000 to go. This fundraising goal will support the restoration itself, as well as create an informational sign to bring relevance and continuity to this project in relation to Hōlualoa village. To sustain our mission we will be hiring a project manager to oversee this project to fruition.

#### Why is this monument worth restoring?

On February 19th, 1942, Executive Order 9066 was issued by President Franklin D. Roosevelt. The United States viewed anyone of Japanese ancestry as an enemy and it became a crime to speak Japanese, be Japanese, to gather as a community and have any cultural practices. Over 30 monuments that used to be present along Mamalahoa Hwy from South to North Kona were destroyed by the U.S. Military with Executive Order 9066. For some reason, this last monument remains standing along Mamalahoa Hwy and many of our next generation do not know it exists nor the weight of its symbolism. It currently sits with corroded metal protruding out of the monument and about to break the historic concrete mix used back then even further. We are working on quotes and the restoration process now.

Your generous contributions help Pūlama complete these projects that benefit our community! <a href="www.pulama.org">www.pulama.org</a> - info@pulama.org</a> - P.O. Box 768, Hōlualoa, HI 96725 501c3 charitable organization (EIN #99-0323867)

# 2023 Memorial Services Chart (as of 11/14/22)

To arrange a memorial service, please call Rev. Jiko at (808) 322-3524 or send an email to rev.jiko@daifukuji.org.

#### **One Year Memorial Service (2022)**

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Nancy Kurihara	Jan. 17
Roy Torioka	Feb. 24
Leonard Ota	March 26
Setsuyo Oshima	April 15
Itsuo Ohta	June 20
Lorin Hopkins Hanato	June 21
Ray Horiuchi	July 12
James Ota	July 30
Nathan Sasaki	Sept. 16
Makoto Morihara	Sept. 21
Ginger Peck	Oct. 25

#### 3rd Year Memorial Service (2021)

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Addison Harrison	March 9
Naoko Ide	March 16
Morris Ota	March 27
Amy Nishimoto	April 16
Toshio Ushijima	June 8
John Carlstrom	July 25
Miyoko Sakamoto	August 11

#### 7th Year Memorial Service (2017)

Doris Nozaki	Jan. 5
Ayako Iwamuro	Jan. 23
Rowena Inaba	March 2
Sharon Ikeda	April 25
Ernest Kawakami	May 4
Alfreida Fujita	July 16
Grace Miyamoto	Aug. 23
Kaneyasu Enomoto	Sept. 25
Susumu Oshima	Sept. 25
Miyeko Miyose	Sept. 28
Chizuko Kudo	Oct. 20
Schayle Kigen Hanato-Wells	Nov. 8
Howard Araki	Nov. 26
Gilbert Ashikawa	Dec. 8

### 13th Year Memorial Service (2011)

Joann Tanimoto	Feb. 5
Fumi Wakamiya Nakamoto	Feb. 18
Sueno Honda	April 1
Sumie Jane Inaba	May 27
Bernard Mochizuki	Aug. 4

#### 17th Year Memorial Service (2007)

Christine Hanato	Jan. 22
Tsutomu Yamaguchi	March 10
Glenn Kimura	May 17
Allan Don	June 18
Shigeto Larry Tanaka	July 18
Tadao Miyamoto	Oct. 26
Dale Gomes	Nov 16
Nancy Watanabe	Nov. 23
Allan Don Shigeto Larry Tanaka Tadao Miyamoto Dale Gomes	June 18 July 18 Oct. 26 Nov 16

#### 23rd Year Memorial Service (2001)

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Robert Asada	Jan.3
Wayne Peternel	Jan. 25
Fujie Tanima	April 1
Joanne Ota	April 18
Carl Matsumoto	April 23
Frank Nishimoto	Aug. 26
Takeo Wakida	May 31
Hansa Miyata	July 27
Yoshio Asada	Nov. 24
Masaki Fukunaga	Dec. 7

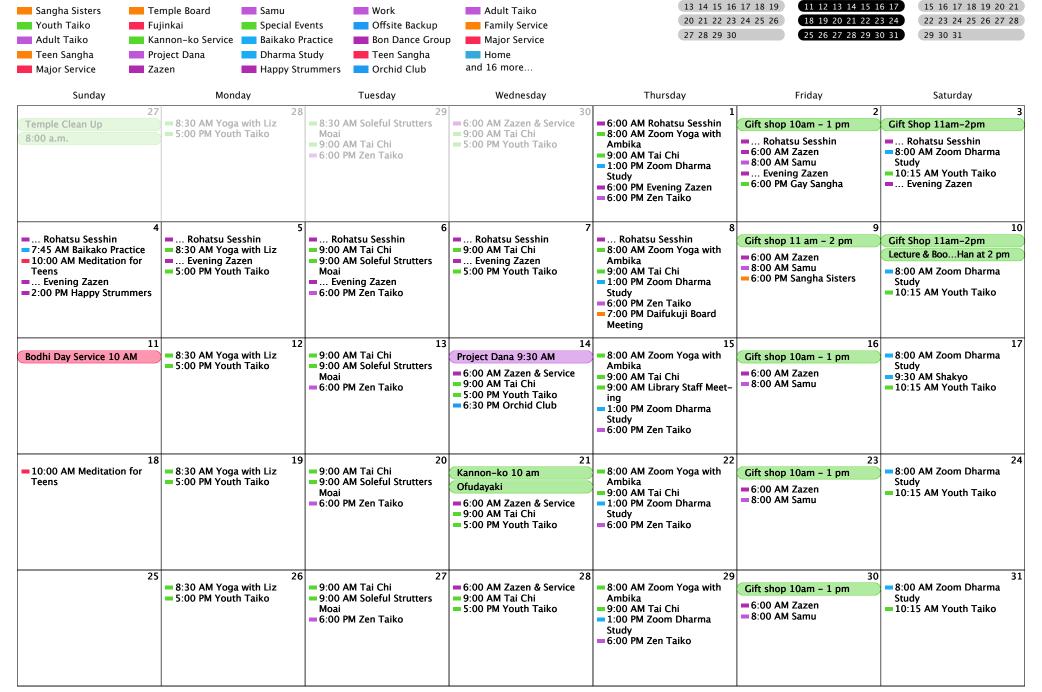
#### 27th Year Memorial Service (1997)

Ayame Sugai	Jan. 11
Kikuichi Torioka	March 1
Raymond Nakamura	April 15
Fumio Teshima	April 21
Clement Hamasaki	June 15
Chitose Abe	July 3
Minoru Akamatsu	Sept. 21
Ronald Kurihara	Dec. 1

#### 33rd Year Memorial Service (1991)

Noboru Sugai	Jan.15
Chester Nishida	Feb. 9
Sakuichi Arai	March 6
Francis Ota	March 14
Amy Harada	Nov. 14

## December 2022



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# Daifukuji's New Year's Party

Sunday, January 29, 2023 11 a.m. Social Hall

## Please return form with payment by December 15, 2022.

We hope you'll join us in celebrating the Year of the Rabbit. There is going to be good food, entertainment, and prizes. If you would like to donate pupus, desserts, or fruits, please call Ann Nakamoto (808-937-0149) or Merle Uyeda (808-323-3553). If you have any questions about the party, please call Rev. Jiko at 808-322-3524. Should you wish to donate a prize, please deliver it to Daifukuji by January 20, 2023.

NAME:	Phone no. & email address	
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M = Temple members & members of temple groups \$15.00

G = Guests who are not members \$20.00

S = Students \$10.00

C = Children under age 5 - Free

Name	Code (M, G, S or C)		Fee
1			\$
2			
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		Total Enclosed	\$

Please enclose payment. Make check payable to <u>Daifukuji Soto Mission</u>.

Please give to Rev. Jiko or mail to:

Daifukuji Soto Mission

P.O. Box 55

Kealakekua, HI 96750

No tickets will be sent to you. Your name and record of payment will be available at the door.