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Daifukuji Soto Mission Bon Dance

“Celebrating Community and Honoring Ancestors”

Saturday, July 8, 2023

3:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

We invite you to join our Obon festivities and enjoy the dancing, taiko drumming, and fellowship. During the intermission, there will be taiko performances and zumba.

The temple’s gift shop will be open. You may purchase snacks, drinks, and dinner at Kona Daifukuji Taiko’s food booth. On the menu is yakisoba (fried noodles) and hot dogs.

Those who plan on arriving early and staying until the end of the event are asked to please park along the road leading to the cemetery.

Help is needed setting up for the Bon Dance. Set up starts at 8:00 a.m. the morning of the dance. Help is also needed after the dance to clean up and the next morning at 9 a.m.

Bon Dance co-chairs are Barb Bosz (808) 987-2673 and Kai Ioh (808) 936-6148.

Summer Greetings from Reverend Jikō: The Story of the Broken Cup



Aloha dear Sangha and friends,

I wish you a happy Obon season and look forward to seeing many of you at Daifukuji's Bon Dance on the 8th of July. The theme of our Bon Dance is "celebrating community and honoring ancestors."

Our ancestors.....there are times when they whisper in our ears and remind us of what's important in life.

Not long ago I opened the temple's gift shop for a couple visiting from the mainland. The woman took her time looking around the shop and after a while came to the counter with an item marked \$1. She held out to me a tiny decorated cup. Painted on the inside was a picture of an Asian woman wearing a kimono surrounded by plum blossoms; there were flowers painted on the outside, too. Upon close inspection, I noticed that this little cup was not only chipped, it had once broken apart and been glued back together. Why, I wondered, did this woman wish to purchase a broken cup when there were so many beautiful things in the shop?

She held it gingerly and looked at it with a loving expression. "Of all of the things in this shop, this little cup called to me," she said. "My father, when escaping Nazi Germany, carried a cup on which a prayer was inscribed. The cup broke along the way, but when he got to safety he glued it back together and repaired it once a year. He treasured it. My brother is now the owner of this cup and takes care of it, now that our father is no longer here. Perhaps this is why this little cup called to me. It needed someone to take care of it."

Her words touched me deeply and helped me see beyond the cracked and chipped little cup to the significance that it held for this woman, whose beloved father had escaped with his life, holding a cup that was precious and sacred to him. Too often we look only at the surface of things and make judgments about them. "That's a piece of junk. It's of no value. It's worthless. Throw it away."

My encounter with this woman contained a beautiful teaching. She helped me to see a cracked cup with new eyes. In her hands, the glued-back-together cup became something remarkable, exquisite, special — a treasure — only because she had the eyes with which to see its beauty, the ears with which to hear its call, and the heart that continued to love and honor her departed father and the values that he had held dear. She helped me see that something broken could be, in its as-is-ness, perfect and beautiful.

Later, I learned that it was Clear Hōun, our volunteer gift shop manager, who, out of his patience and wisdom, had taken the time to glue the pieces of this little cup back together, thinking that someday someone might come along who would appreciate it. Someone did.

During Obon, let us remember and honor our ancestors, offering them the merit generated through our practice of the Buddha Way. Let's dance for them at our temple on July 8th and at other temples throughout this special season we call Obon and express gratitude for the lives they've given us.

With warm aloha, in gassho,

Jikō Nakade



In Memoriam

We express our sincere condolences to the families of the late:

Chase Matsumoto *May 20* *Age 23*

Kenichi Komeno *May 21* *Age 79*

Fusao Sugai *May 22* *Age 89*

Chiyoko Nakamoto *May 28* *Age 95*

Kimiko Ikeda *June 5* *Age 99*

Namu daihi Kanzeon Bosatsu.

Welcome, Supporters

With gratitude and warm aloha, we thank *Masako and Tomozo Hayano* for becoming supporters of Daifukuji.

Membership and supporter information may be found at: https://www.daifukuji.org/membership_brochure.pdf. Please contact Rev. Jiko for an application.



Gift Shop News

The shop recently received two large orders of ojuzu, and the selection has never been better. Of particular interest are some ojuzu for children in gift boxes that are only \$8. We also have some new Thich Nhat Hanh books with very beautiful covers.

Schedule of Bon Dances and Practice Sessions (Kona Temples)

Daifukuji Soto Mission, Honalo — Saturday, July 8 from 3 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Practice sessions from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. Tuesdays - June 6, 13, 20, 27 and July 4; Thursdays — June 29 and July 6

Kona Hongwanji Buddhist Temple, Kealakekua — Saturday, July 22 from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Practice sessions from 7:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. on July 10, 13, 17, and 20

Kona Koyasan Daishiji Mission, Holualoa — Saturday, August 12 from 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

No practice sessions.

Fujinkai News

Presentation on Buddhist Woodblocks by Faith Stone

Saturday, August 26 at 2:00 p.m. (Inside Temple) All are welcome.

“I am on a mission to preserve and revive Buddha woodblocks. I carve Buddhas and Bodhisattvas in the tradition from pre-Ukiyoe in Japan, and Tibetan Buddhist woodblocks prior to the communist invasion of Tibet. The art form has been almost lost but I do not believe it will be hard to bring back. There are so many good carvers. *Mokuhanga* is now flourishing across the globe. Buddhism also is gaining greater recognition. I hope to inspire others with my work in this pursuit. Rev. Jiko has asked me to share a little about my journey.

My most recent woodblock describes Daifukuji as the wonderful sacred space it is with the Hawaii Kannon and 100-year-old temple. A protective dragon soars above the temple and two cranes dance in front. A non-historical pathway leading visitors to the temple is complete with a local rooster. Rev. Jiko and Deacon Jikai stand ready to welcome visitors with their dog, Michi. It's a bit of storytelling about Daifukuji.” *All are welcome to attend Faith's presentation. One need not be a Fujinkai member.*

Autumn Field Trip for Fujinkai Members and Their Guests

by Lorraine Jitoku Tanimoto, field trip coordinator - September 23

After a long hiatus due to the Coronavirus, the Fujinkai will finally go on a field trip that was planned three years ago — a visitation to the Hilo Daijingu Shinto shrine, lunch at Miyo's Restaurant, and a stop at Big Island Candies.

Since time is of essence, all Miyo's Restaurant meals will be preordered. Fujinkai members and their guests are asked to make a selection from these two special bentos:

- 1) Shrimp and vegetable tempura, rice, miso soup, chicken katsu, & beef teriyaki bento (\$33, including hot tea and tip)
- 2) Tofu and vegetable tempura with rice and miso soup bento (\$25, including hot tea and tip)

The field trip is set for Saturday, September 23. **The deadline to sign up is Friday, September 1.** If you are interested in joining this excursion, please call Lorraine at 808-333-5550 or Rev. Jiko at 808-322-3524. There will be no charge for Fujinkai members. However, guests of Fujinkai members are requested to pay for their meals in advance of the field trip. We will be using Roberts bus transportation and the cost will be handled by the Fujinkai (thanks to our pancake breakfast fundraising event). More details will be announced in the August newsletter.

Fujinkai members, please note that next year's UHSSWA conference is going to be hosted by the Taishoji Soto Mission Fujinkai. It will be held in Hilo the weekend of April 27 - 28, 2024. Please mark your calendars.

For information on joining the Fujinkai, visit https://www.daifukuji.org/activities/Fujinkai_Brochure_2022.pdf or call (808) 322-3524. New members are welcome.

July Activities

Shakyo (Tracing the Sutras) & Shabutsu (tracing pictures of buddhas) - Saturday, July 1 from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. in the Social Hall. All are welcome. By donation.

Zazen and Chanting - Zazen is offered in person and via Zoom every Wednesday and Friday from 6:00 a.m. - 7:00 a.m. Wednesday zazen is followed by 20 minutes of chanting. Practitioners are asked to arrive at 5:45 a.m. Contact Rev. Jiko at rev.jiko@daifukuji.org to receive the Zoom link for zazen sessions.

Daifukuji Gay Sangha - First 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 5:30 p.m. Call Susie at (808) 936-5817 for information.

T'ai Chi - All classes are one hour and held inside the Hisashi Kimura Cultural Hall. \$5.00 per class. Call instructor Philip Kakuho Hema for schedule and other information: (808) 345-1492.

Soleful Strutters - T'ai Chi warm-up & 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.

Samu Fridays - Volunteers gather on Friday mornings from 8 a.m. - 10 a.m. for temple cleaning and grounds maintenance. Coffee hour & fellowship follows. Bring a snack to share.

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 (June 29 - August 3)

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, who has been teaching yoga for 46 years. For inquiry about this series and future yoga classes: (808) 430-2620. Email for Registration & Zoom Link: ambikarose@hawaiiantel.net.



Dharma Keiki

Buddhist Teachings for Children
Through Music, Movement, and Stories
(Preschoolers - 3rd Graders & Their Parents)

Sunday Mornings at 9:30 a.m.
Twice a Month



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From left to right: Charlie Kuwada, Xavier Marshall-Nakasone, Natalie Ii

Congratulations, graduates!

High school graduates Charlie Kuwada, Xavier Marshall-Nakasone, and Natalie Ii received the blessings of the Three Treasures after the Memorial Day service on May 28. Mahalo to Deacon Amy Jikai for performing the blessing in place of Rev. Jiko, to Ryan Nakade for his Dharma message, to Avis Taijun and Brian Taijo Yamamoto for handling the decorations, photography and program, and to Ayako Sasaki, Ann Nakamoto and their crew of kitchen helpers for preparing a delicious lunch for all.

Graduates, we congratulate you and want you to know that your Daifukuji sangha 'ohana is always here to support you. May you go forth into the world with confidence, curiosity, and aloha!

Meditation for Teens

July 2 and July 16

11 a.m. - Noon

Aloha Teenagers,

Feeling stressed? Need a break from rushing around from one activity to another? You can stop and breathe and enjoy being where you are, just as you are. The secret is Zen meditation, a practice which you can learn and carry with you wherever you go.

Meditation for teens will be held on the following Sundays from 11 a.m. to noon in the temple's meditation hall: July 2, and July 16.

Join us for an hour of peace and quiet. Invite a friend. All teenagers are welcome. (Your parents are also welcome to tag along if you don't mind.)

This program is free. For more information, please call Rev. Jiko at (808) 322-3524, or send an email to rev.jiko@daifukuji.org.

Zazenkai Potluck Breakfast Meeting & Presentation on Plum Village by Spencer Kelly

Wednesday, July 26

7:15 a.m. in the social hall (Zazen from 6 a.m. - 7 a.m.)

Zazenkai members and interested persons are warmly invited to a potluck breakfast meeting at 7:00 a.m. following zazen on Wednesday, July 26. Zazenkai member Spencer Kelly will be offering a presentation on his trip to Plum Village, the community of the late Venerable Thich Nhat Hanh. In addition, plans for the Zazenkai's one-day autumn retreat will be discussed. Please bring your *o-ryoki*, your own reusable plate, mug, and utensils.



Zazen Has No End

By Michael Keller

When I began to read Buddhist commentary, years ago, I encountered the idea that you could reach a point in meditation when the insight you had acquired no longer had to be maintained. I may have encountered this idea in one of Chogyam Trungpa's talks, but I cannot find the reference now. In any event, I took the idea to mean that if you became enlightened, you no longer had any need to meditate.

Enlightenment is the dropping of the sense of "I" and the consequent experience of non-separateness. This event may occur within zazen or another sort of meditation, or outside of it. Also, the event may be more or less profound for the experiencer. It may slip from his or her awareness eventually, or he may encounter all sorts of difficulties as he tries to adjust to it. A good source for the experience of a person after enlightenment is Adyashanti's *The End of Your World*.

Enlightenment aside, the practice of zazen itself brings a growing sense of non-separateness. Kosho Uchiyama, in *Opening the Hand of Thought*, says that deepening the sense of non-separateness is an ongoing process in the experience of a zazen practitioner. Uchiyama says of himself, ". . . The longer I practice, the clearer it becomes to me that nothing is separated from me."

So in truth, as the title of this essay says, zazen has no end. The sense of non-separateness continues to deepen as one persists in the practice.

To read more essays by Michael Keller, visit his website <https://www.zazenessays.com/>.





Orchid Show

Sunday, August 27

8:00 a.m. to Noon

The 38th annual Kona Daifukuji Orchid Club show and sale will be at 8 a.m.-12 p.m. on Sunday, August 27 at the Daifukuji Soto Mission Hall.

This year's theme, "Back to Our Orchid Roots," highlights the original orchids native to Hawaii and the history of how the Big Island became the Orchid Isle. This also reflects our club's journey to return to our roots and reshape our club.

View colorful displays of flowering orchid plants; cameras are welcome. Buy high-quality locally-grown orchid species and hybrids, and if you have any questions – see the "orchid doctor." Demonstrations about orchid-gami and how to care for your orchids will occur every half hour, beginning at 9 a.m. Taiko drummers will perform at 10 a.m. Take a self-guided tour of the mission's on-site Orchid Grotto to learn ways to harmonize and beautify a challenging space with orchids.

Get club updates at www.facebook.com/orchidsinparadise.

Mahalo to all who pitched in on clean-up day!

Around fifty people, representing many groups, showed up for the temple cleanup on June 11. Mahalo to everyone who helped.

One of the big jobs that was accomplished was pulling elephant grass from the mauka side of the temple and residence.

The Marshall-Nakasone family, representing the Daifukuji Teen Meditation group, prepared and donated plenty of hand-made refreshments for this big group of volunteers. We thank them for their generosity.

Aloha,

Shaun Roth, Cleanup Chair





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KONA DAIFUKUJI "ZOOM" YOGA^{5.3.23}

6 Thurs. 8-9am HST June 29 Jul.6,13,20,27 Aug.3

- 7:45 – 8 am HST Welcome Warm-up
- 8:00 – 9 am "ZOOM" YOGA!
- 9:00 – 9:20am Chat (optional)
- 1:45 – 2 pm EST, DLS
- 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!

Part 3: Crossing-over with Niyamas = How to nurture the Self!

Bring: Yoga mat, loose clothing, H2O, & towel, empty stomach

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

Email for REGISTRATION & Link: ambikarose@hawaiiantel.net



Instructor: Ambika "Jō-An" Rose

I have taught yoga for 46 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 5.3.23

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