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MINISTER'S MESSAGE

Happy New Year! Akemashite Omedeto Gozaimasu!

I hope you all enjoyed a nice, relaxing winter break and are ready for an exciting and successful 2017! In Japan, we call the New Year's season Oshogatsu in Japanese. We eat special dishes called Osechi and enjoy reading New Year's cards from friends, family and acquaintances. How do you celebrate the New Year?.

At the last Sunday School / Family Service in December, I had the opportunity to teach some of the members Japanese calligraphy for the first time. I taught them how to write some characters, “心” (KOKORO: Heart), “仏” (HOTOKE: Buddha) and “酉” (TORI: Rooster, Chinese Zodiac of 2017) . We were able to make wonderful memories. I would be happy if they became a little interested in Japanese culture!



We are going to have a great New Year's Service, Ojizo Matsuri (Service for the guardian deity of travelers, children, pregnant women), Dogen Zenji Birthday service and a lot of Shinnen Kai (New Year Party) in January. Come and visit us, by all means!!

For me, Taishoji members are not only just members, but also my valuable family. I would like to spend as much time with everyone and support each other from now on. I wish the New Year will be filled with peace, good health and happiness for all of you.

May Buddha bless you. Namu Kie Butsu. Namu Kie Ho. Namu Kie So.

In Gassho,

Rev. Shinsho Hata

FUJIN KAI NEW YEAR'S MESSAGE

Taishoji Fujin Kai would like to wish everyone a safe, healthy and happy 2017. We have a great Fujin Kai Membership. Taishoji Soto Mission and the ladies are aware of and appreciate all of the kindness, help and support you give us.

Losing our sitting President, Sachiko Murazane, affected all of us but we got through it by all working together as a unit. We look forward to the new year and to expanding our membership and finding young ladies to participate and take part in all temple activities. Our greatest wish is that the Roster will bring nothing but happiness and satisfaction for all of us.

Linda Matsushita
Fujin Kai President

BUSSHIN KAI NEWS

We wish each one of you Busshin Kai members a most Happy New Year in 2017, the Year of the Rooster or Chicken or Bird or Niwatori or Tori! Shinnen Akemashite Omedeto Gozaimasu!

Roosters are people born in 1909, 1921, 1933, 1945, 1957, 1969, 1981, 1993, 2003, and 2017.

The rooster represents "kindness" and "hospitality".

People born in the Year of the Rooster are quick-witted, efficient, and confident. They thrive on challenge and change, and are devoted to work. On the negative side, they have a suspicious nature and can be quite aggressive to others.

You can identify a rooster if they:

- Bite off more than they can chew.
- Do not think before they speak.
- Always have a packed schedule

Please attend all our great Taishoji activities this year. We look forward to seeing your face and smile. Let our Temple be your source of comfort and friends and real-world knowledge that Zen Buddhism teaches.

Come to ring the Temple bell (Joya No Kane) 108 times to get rid all 108 evils in life. On January 1st, please come to greet the New Year and old and new friends in worship and good feeling. See the beautiful, fresh Kadomatsu displays (Plum, Bamboo and Pine) that the Temple men created. And, admire the pink and white Mochi offerings on the Temple altar that the Taishoji women hand-made. Then, gaze at the colorful bulletin board decorations in the main Temple hall that the Sunday School students helped to make.

So, may you and your loved ones experience Good Health, Much Wealth and Great Happiness for 365 days!!

Walter Tachibana
Busshin Kai President

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Please enjoy another beautiful year in 2017 as our Sunday School starts the Year of the Rooster with the New Year Service on January 1st. Come for your free Omamori (Good Luck Charm) to use in for a Good Life in 2017 --- and Good Grades!. You can learn and appreciate Monkiri (paper crest-cutting), etc. to beautify our Temple bulletin board and our World. And please join us and learn to sing our understandable and morally good English and Japanese Gathas out loud and joyfully. Happy New Year!

UNDERSTANDING ZEN

Understanding Zen is not a matter of book learning, but of personal experience . In Zen, some of the sutras are read and studied, such as the Diamond sutra and the Lankavatara sutra . And every day in Zen monasteries around the world, the Heart Sutra is chanted. But in Zen, the sutras are not the truth, but only guides to the truth. We regard the Buddha's teaching as a finger pointing to the moon. The truth, or Nirvana , is the moon; the Buddha's teaching is the finger. We only use the finger as a guide to find the direction of the moon. But the finger is too short to reach the moon. If we wish to see the moon , we must leave the finger behind and look directly at the moon . And once the moon is seen, the finger is no longer needed.

The same principle applies to the role of Buddha's teaching in Zen Buddhism. The scriptures only point out the direction of the truth , but once we know the direction we have to leave the scriptures behind and experience the truth for ourselves. The Scriptures are no substitute for our own experience. In Zen Buddhism experience counts for everything. And to achieve experience, that is, to attain enlightenment and realize Nirvana , practice is necessary .We cannot get anywhere without practice.

"Zen Philosophy, Zen Practice"

OSECHI RYORI FOR THE NEW YEAR

One of the many ways we celebrate the New Year is with festive dishes for good health, good fortune, and gratitude for what we have. Other osechi ryori dishes are ozoni (mochi soup), kazunoko (herring roe), daikon and carrot namasu, sushi, sekihan (sweet rice with azuki), konbumaki (rolled kelp), datemaki (sweet rolled omelette), tai (sea bream), nishime (vegetable stew), umami (vegetable stew with meat), kuromame (black beans with sweet chestnuts and konbu), kurikinton (sweet chestnuts and sweet potatoes), kanten, and yokan.

GOMAME OR TAZUKURI (CANDIED IRIKO)

Based on original recipe by Namiko Chen of [Just One Cookbook](#).

- 1 cup dried iriko (Japanese anchovies)**
- 1 tbsp. white sesame seeds**
- 2 tbsp. sake**
- 1 tbsp. sugar**
- 1 tbsp. shoyu**
- 1 tbsp. honey**
- 1/8 tsp. oil**
- 1 red Hawaiian chili pepper, seeds removed, and chopped (optional)**



Toast iriko and sesame seeds in frying pan on low heat, stirring continuously for 10-15 minutes, until brittle. Spread on a plate to cool.

In the same pan, mix together sake, sugar, soy sauce, honey, oil, and chili pepper (if used) over medium heat; bring to a boil. Reduce heat to a simmer, cooking until sauce is thickened. Return iriko

THE KEY TO SOTO ZEN DOCTRINES

Religion is not something confined to the temple or monastery. Nor is it limited to invoking the name of the Buddha or doing meditation. It must be revealed in the work we are doing at present. When we assume that each action undertaken in our daily life rests on a basis of original enlightenment, each act is in itself the act of a Buddha. The Fourth Ancestor, Tao-hsin (J. Daii Doshin), and the Fifth Ancestor, Hung-jen (J. Daiman Konin), each had assemblies of more than 500 monks. Since they did not receive any aid from the government, the necessary work for the maintenance of the monastery had to be divided among the monks: some doing the cooking, others the farming and the sweeping. The value of this work was held to be fully equal to that of formal seated meditation. Any work which is based upon the Buddha Nature is said to be radiant. All words and actions which emerge from religious training are a concrete expression of our faith and gratitude. The Gyoji-no-Maki by Dogen says, "One's daily actions express one's gratitude for the great benevolence of the Ancestors." Each day, too, is sacred and can never come again. Takeko Kujo wrote in a poem, "Do you not see that the flower which scatters on the morn, so long as it has strength, will bloom?" Who can be sure of their life tomorrow? We must therefore seek the Way without hesitation and help others as much as possible as long as we are alive. Great Master Pai-chang (J. Hyakujo), even in his old age, continued to sweep the garden every morning along with his young disciples. One day his disciples, unable to bear the sight of their old master doing physical work, hid the broom. Hyakujo responded by saying, "If I do not work one day, I shall not eat that day," and declined all food.

Shakyamuni Buddha is the source from which our ideals are derived, his Life transmitted through an unbroken line of Ancestors (Ministers) becomes our Life. Serene reflection meditation in which training and enlightenment are one is our fundamental religious practice.

The Very Reverend Keido Chisan Koho Zenji, Abbot of Soji-ji
Archbishop of the Kanto Plains in Soto Zen, c. 2000.

JANUARY 2017 TAISHOJI SCHEDULE

1	Sun	10:00 am	New Year's Service
7	Sat	7:00 am	Temple Cleaning Group #2
8	Sun	9:00 am	SS / Family Service Ojizo Matsuri - (S/S)
13	Fri	10:00 am-1:00 pm	Fujin Kai Zen Lunch (Naoko Moller)
14	Sat	7:30 am	Temple Cleaning Group #3
		1:00 pm	Kyodan Meeting
15	Sun	9:00 am	SS / Family Service
		10:00 am	Busshin Kai Meeting (Shinnen Kai)
20	Fri	9:30 - 11:00 am	Taishoji Healing Arts (Yoga)
21	Sat	7:00 am	Temple Cleaning Group #4
22	Sun	9:00 am	SS / Family Service (Dogen Zenji Birthday)
		10:00 am	Kyodan General Membership Meeting
27	Fri	9:30 - 11:00 am	Taishoji Healing Arts (Yoga)
28	Sat	7:00 am	Temple Cleaning Group #5
29	Sun	9:00 am	SS / Family Service
		10:00 am	Fujin Kai General Membership / Sokai

TEMPLE CLEANING GROUP

*Thank you Mr. Blake Shiigi & Mrs. Yoko Gussman for joining our Temple Cleaning Group.
We are truly grateful for your help.*

WEEKLY SCHEDULE FOR TAISHOJI ZAZEN, TAIKO & BOY SCOUTS

Zazen	Mondays	6:30 pm - 7:30 pm
Zazen Before S/S / Family Service	Sundays	8:00 am - 8:35 am
Taiko	Tuesday, Thursday, Friday	5:00 pm - 7:00 pm
	Sundays	11:00 am - 1:00 pm
Boy Scout Troop 95	Wednesday	7:15 pm

TENTATIVE FEBRUARY 2017 TAISHOJI SCHEDULE

4	Sat	7:00 am	Temple Cleaning Group #1
5	Sun	9:00 am	S/S / Family Service
		10:00 am	Kyodan Installation & Shinnen Kai
11	Sat	7:00 am	Temple cleaning Group #2
		1:00 pm	Kyodan Meeting
12	Sun	9:00 am	S/S / Family Service
18	Sat	7:30 am	Temple Cleaning Group #3
19	Sun	9:30 am	Nehan-e / 33 Kannon Osunafumi / Toba Kuyo Service
25	Sat	7:00 am	Temple cleaning Group #4
25 & 26 Sat			Minister & HSMA Meeting (Betsuin & Pagoda Hotel)
26	Sun		(CANCELLED) S/S FAMILY SERVICE

IN MEMORIUM

Our Deepest Sympathy and Condolences to the Family and Relatives of the late:

**Mr. Toshio Hashimoto
September 13, 1929 - July 26, 2016**

**Mr. Gavin Seichi Yasutomi
(son of Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth & Ann Yasutomi)
March 17, 1977 - October 9, 2016**

**Mrs. Marion Reyoko Nakamura
July 28, 1932 - December 6, 2016**



Taishoji's 1st Resident Minister, Rev. Hakudo Ezawa's great grandson from Baltimore, Maryland visited our temple on December 20, 2016. It was an honor to welcome Rev. Genshi, his wife Cara and son Jyudai Ezawa at a potluck luncheon. Rev. Genshi Ezawa is the son of Rev. Shoshi Ezawa at Tougenji in Yamaguchi, Japan.



Ojizo Matsuri



General Membership Meeting



Setsubun



Kannon Ko



Lunch Preparation



Otakiage



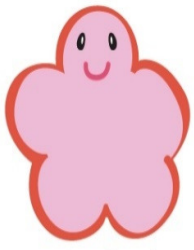
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Annual Temple Clean Up



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65th

Baikaryu Eisanka National Convention Tour

May 21 (Sun) - 24 (Wed), 2017
<4 days>

Tour Price \$905~ /Per Person

* Double occupancy (2 people in 1 room)

INCLUDED:

- Three nights accommodation
- Meals: Daily breakfast, two lunches & two dinners
- Chartered Motor Coach
- Guide (English-speaking)
- Admissions as per itinerary
- JTB Handling Fee

NOT INCLUDED:

- International flights to Japan
- Travel Insurance
- Any items not mentioned in the itinerary
- Drinks and additional menu



Daihonzan Eiheiji



Sundome Fukui

Please fill out the application form,
and send it with \$200 deposit to the
address in the contact information.

Registration Due by: January 31, 2017

Deposit Due by: January 31, 2017

Full Payment Due by: March 31, 2017

*Deposit can be fully refunded
if canceled by March 22, 2017

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	DATE	TIME	SCHEDULE	ACCOMMODATIONS	MEALS		
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1	May 21 (Sun)	Evening	Check in hotel in Kyoto on your own	Kyoto			
			Dinner will be free at your leisure				
2	May 22 (Mon)	Morning	Leave for Fukui	Awara Onsen Fukui (Japanese style room)	○	○	○
			- Enryakuji Temple				
			- Hikone Castle				
		Evening	Arrive at hotel				
3	May 23 (Tue)	Morning	Depart from hotel	Awara Onsen Fukui (Japanese style room)	○	○	○
			- Daihonzan Eiheiji				
			- Singing a Baika song at the Dharma Hall				
		Afternoon	Depart from Eiheiji				
			- Hokyoji Temple				
			- Tojinbo				
		Evening	Arrive at hotel				
4	May 24 (Wed)	Morning	Depart from hotel		○		
			- Attending the 65th Baikaryu Eisanka National Convention at Sundome Fukui				
		Around Noon	Depart from Sundome Fukui to Kyoto Station via Sabae Station				
			Tour ends upon arrival at Kyoto Station				

Tour Details

TOUR COST (Land Only) *Per person

\$ 905	(40 - 45 participants)
\$ 945	(30 - 39 participants)
\$ 1,085	(20 - 29 participants)
\$ 1,240	(15 - 19 participants)

- * Minimum number of people for this tour is 15.
- * The tour cost is based on **double occupancy** (2 people in 1 room).
- * Single supplement is \$150 per person for three nights.
- * The itinerary and tour price is subject to change due to exchange rate.

CANCELLATION

- * 45 days before tour date (on/after April 6): 10%
- * 30 days before tour date (on/after April 21): 30%
- * 15 days before tour date (on/after May 6): 50%
- * 7 days before tour date (on/after May 14): 100%

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