



HAKUHO

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FEBRUARY 2017

MINISTER'S MESSAGE

Aloha, Members and Friends of Taishoji,

On January 13, we had a Zen lunch and lecture by Mrs. Naoko Moller. She lectured and demonstrated table manners and cooking techniques. We were able to spend a good time. She shared with us the teachings of Dogen Zenji, 喜心(Kishin), 老心(Roshin), 大心(Daishin). These express the attitude for cooking a meal. Dogen Zenji described it in his Tenzo Kyokun. 喜心(Kishin) is Joyful Mind. It means to appreciate nature's bounty and the joy of cooking a meal. 老心(Roshin) is Nurturing Mind. It means to cook a meal with selfless love like the concern of a mother for her child and to serve a meal with the spirit of hospitality. 大心(Daishin) is Magnanimous Mind. It means to cook a meal with a big heart without prejudice or a fixed idea. It is important that cooking isn't only technique, but also to put our own heart into cooking that. What are you usually thinking when you cook a meal? Daily life itself is practice. Even if we cook something, it is precious practice. We can observe each everyday act as precious and find joy in applying the teachings of the Buddha in those acts. In February, we have "Setsubun" (scatter soy beans to get rid of the "Oni", a demon) and Nehan-e (memorial service for the anniversary of Buddha's Nirvana), 33 Kannon Osuna Fumi (a pilgrimage on a pathway of sand of the 33 Kannon temples), Toba Kuyo Service. I'm looking forward to seeing more of you at temple functions and services. Please join us.

In Gassho,
Rev. Shinsho Hata



Mrs. Naoko Moller



Zen Lunch



Enjoying the Zen Lunch

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Members and Friends,

On Sunday, February 5, 2017, we will be celebrating the New Year with our Kyodan Shinenn Enkai following our Sunday School / Family Service with lunch and BINGO. An Installation Service will not be held this year since officers of the organizations were installed in 2016. Please attend the Sunday School Service at 9:00 am and participate in the Setsubun Festival. This festival is for children and adults of all ages.

At our 2018, Annual General Membership Meeting, (16) Kyodan Board Members will be selected for the 2018-2020 term. The Board elects the officers of our Kyodan. If you are interested in serving on the Board, we will be glad to welcome you on board. This meeting is for all members of Taishoji.

Please send in your temple dues for 2017 with your donation for Nehan-e / Osunafumi / Toba Kuyo Service. The service will be officiated by our 15th resident minister, Rev. Shinsho Hata and assisted by Deacon Juho Kirkpatrick on Sunday, February 19 at 9:30am. Join us on our Pilgrimage on a pathway of sand and see the beautiful refurbished 33 Kannon. A delicious meal will be prepared by our Fujin Kai members.

In Gassho,

Rodney Nishino

SETSUBUN

On **February 5, 2017**, we will be having a **“SETSUBUN” (Bean Tossing Festival)** after Sunday School & Family Service.

“SETSUBUN” means the dividing of the seasons. It refers to the day of the seasons of winter and spring. In other words on the calendar it will be spring from **February 4th**.

We will be making origami boxes to hold your roasted soy beans to throw at the **“Ogre” “Oni” or “Demon”**.

We will toss roasted soy beans at the **“Ogre” “Oni” or “Demon”** while shouting **ONI WA SOTO!** **“FUKU WA UCHI!”** (**“In with Fortune”**) (**“Out with Evil”**) and this will ward off the **“Ogre” “Oni” or “Demon”** by tossing the beans at it, this will bring good fortune to your home.

It is said if you eat the same number of beans as your age, you will enjoy a year of good health.

Please join us for this fun Sunday School Festival.



Tossing Roasted Soy Beans at the “Ogre” “Oni” “Demon”



Origami Boxes

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS THE “BLUE-EYED DOLLS” IN JAPAN

In 1926 a man in America came up with a plan to build friendly relations with Japan by having the children of both countries exchange dolls. Why? Well, in 1920 the Republicans came to power in the U.S. with the election of President Warren G. Harding and his “Return to Normalcy” idea. So, to keep America a nation of white skin and blonde hair northwestern Europeans, they passed the 1924 Immigration Law that limited immigrants from southern and eastern Europe and Jews. And, people from Asia, such as Japanese, Chinese and Filipinos, were totally banned. Feelings were growing hostile, especially with Japan.

So, the U.S. man had 12,000 mostly blue-eyed dolls sent over to Japan’s elementary schools and with passports for each. Japan’s schoolchildren chipped in 1 sen (1/2 cent) each and were able to create 58 fully-kimonoed in silk dolls, each 33 inches tall. They came through Honolulu. During World War II, most of the Blue-Eyed Dolls were destroyed, except for 300.

2017 GARAGE SALE

At our Annual General Membership Meeting, members thought 2017 is the year for a Garage sale. Deacon Juho Kirkpatrick graciously volunteered to be the chairperson. He will need lots of help in selecting the committees. If you have any suggestions or would like to head a committee, please let Deacon Juho know. We thought summer would be a good time for our Garage Sale.

This is an excellent time to do your spring cleaning by cleaning out your closets and home with items that you do not use. Pack those non-perishable items in boxes and bring them to Taishoji. We need those items for our Garage Sale,

In 2005, we held our first KOKORO GARAGE SALE. We chose KOKORO which means from the heart. A SANGHA that gives and works together from the heart. What a nice way of practicing our Zen teachings. KOKORO Garage Sale II was held in 2010, KOKORO Garage III in 2014 and KOKORO Garage Sale IV will be held in 2017. Let's enjoy working together to make this another successful project.

TAISHOJI SOTO MISSION KOKORO GARAGE SALE 2005



BAKED GOODS



CLOTHING



CRAFTS



PRODUCE



CONCESSION

**NISHIME, SEKIHAN
MOCHI, PRESERVES
FURNITURE
HOUSEHOLD
ITEMS
AND MUCH MORE**

EIHEIJI HAND-MADE-SOBA

Eiheiji is known as one of the head temples of Sotoshu, located in Fukui prefecture, Japan. One of the attractions of Eiheiji is its delicious food. Amongst them is the famous Eiheiji Soba and is enjoyed by millions of tourist when they visit Eiheiji.

On February 13 (Monday), we will have Mr. Yamaguchi come and serve us soba. He will begin to prepare the soba. It will be ready to be served around 12 pm. The number of servings are limited so **Please call us to make your reservations by February 10, 2017.**

Information

Date: February 13, 2017 (Monday)

Place: Taishoji Soto Mission

Phone #: (808) 935-8407

Time: Preparing of Soba @ 11:00 AM

Serving of Soba @ 12:00 PM

Suggested Donation: \$7.00 (1 serving)

*This event is open to Taishoji Members and Friends.



Eiheiji Temple



Eiheiji Soba

IKEBANA

The way of flowers is not just a method for arranging flowers, but, also shapes character and opens the heart to the beauty in life . As flower master Bokuyo Takeda said, "Correct handling of flowers refines the personality." As with the other Zen arts, in flower arrangement, technique is secondary to the inward maturation that takes place. By focusing on something beautiful. Such as flowers, you find its beauty reflected within.

Flower arrangement is known as ikebana in Japanese. The word ikebana means to make cut flowers come alive. The masters sensitive attunement helps bring out the true nature of the flowers for all to see.

Flower arranging was first brought to Japan, along with Buddhism, as floral offerings to the Buddha. Later, very simple single flower arrangements became associated with the tea ceremony called "chabana".

Ikebana was a man's art until 1868 when women joined the practice, and helped it to develop into a highly evolved art form.

Arranging is done in meditative silence to allow maximum sensitivity to the flowers themselves. Flowers are handled tenderly and slowly. The road to mastery of this art is an inner experience, one's own discovery of the flowers nature.

"Simple Zen"

WISDOM WORDS

"If you are unable to find the truth right where you are,
Where else do you expect to find it?"

--- Dogen

BUSSHIN KAI NEWS BUDDHA NATURE

When President Barack Obama was still in his mother, Ann Dunham's, stomach, she used to go to sit in quiet solitude on a bench at Hanauma Bay, in eastern O'ahu. She liked to visit the spot which she found sublimely serene. "That's why I'm so calm," she said in recalling her visits years later.

A few weeks ago, two White House staff members, out of gratitude to President Obama for what he has done for the country and for his kindness to his staff, donated a bench in honor of his mother, who died of cancer in 1996.

Serene thinking and loving kindness are what led Cody Kessler (chief speech writer for President Obama) and his wife Kristen Bartoloni to chip in to install the new park bench for people to enjoy.

They had met each other at the White House and got married.

May each one of us find our serene spot and bench, too.

COCONUT KANTEN WITH FRESH STRAWBERRIES

1 stick white kanten
3/4 cup water
1 cup white sugar
1/4 tsp. salt
Two 13.5-oz. cans coconut milk
1/2 tsp. almond extract
**1 cup fresh strawberries, washed, drained, hulled
and halved**

In a medium saucepan, shred kanten in water and let soak for about 15 minutes. Bring to a boil, lower heat to medium, and heat until melted, whisking to prevent sticking. Whisk in sugar. Shake can, add coconut milk (add 2 tablespoons of water to extract thick milk at the bottom of the can). Bring to a boil. Remove from heat and stir in almond extract.

Let cool down from scalding to just hot, but not lukewarm (otherwise, kanten will begin to thicken and take shape in the pot). Pour into 8x8 or 12x6 Pyrex dish (any larger will make pudding too thin to serve well). Do not cover with plastic wrap or condensed steam will create pockmarks all over the pudding and cover the surface with a layer of water.

Chill for at least a couple of hours for best flavor. Arrange strawberry halves, cut side down, to cover the surface of the pudding. To serve, cut into squares between the strawberries. Simple, yummy, pretty to look at and luxurious to eat!



FEBRUARY 2017 TAISHOJI SCHEDULE

4	Sat	7:00 am	Temple Cleaning Group #1
5	Sun	9:00 am	S/S / Family Service
		9:30 am	S/S Setsubun Festival (roasted soy bean throwing on "Oni")
		10:30 am	Kyodan Shinnen Enkai
10	Fri	9:30-11:00 am	Taishoji Healing Arts (Yoga)
11	Sat	7:00 am	Temple Cleaning Group #2
		1:00 pm	Kyodan Meeting
12	Sun	9:00 am	S/S / Family Service
13	Mon	11:00 am	Eiheiji Soba Tasting (Mr. Yamaguchi from Japan)
17	Fri	9:30-11:00 am	Taishoji Healing Arts (Yoga)
18	Sat	7:30 am	Temple Cleaning Group #3
		8:00 am	Set-up 33 Kannon for Sunday. (If able, please help)
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

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 MARCH 2017 TAISHOJI SCHEDULE

4	Sat	7:00 am	Temple Cleaning Group #5
5	Sun	9:00 am	S/S Family Service
		1:00 pm	Fujin Kai Meeting
11	Sat	7:00 am	Temple Cleaning Group #1
		1:00 pm	Kyodan Meeting
12	Sun	9:00 am	S/S Family Service
		10:00 am	Haru No O-Higan / Kannon-ko Service (Fujin Kai)
18	Sat	7:00 am	Temple Cleaning Group #2
19	Sun	9:00 am	S/S Family Service
20	Sun	9:00 am	S/S Family Service
25	Sat	7:30 am	Temple Cleaning Group #3

IN MEMORIUM

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

Mr. Stanley Tadaharu Tanaka
January 25, 1926 - December 27, 2016

Mr. Naokichi Nozaki
May 27, 1922 - January 23, 2017