



HAKUHO

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MINISTER'S MESSAGE

Aloha, Members and Friends of Taishoji,



New Sunday services started from last month! During the first Sunday service, I talked about three treasures. There are three important treasures in Buddhism. They are Buddha, Dharma and Sangha.

“Buddha” is Shakyamuni Buddha. Our main statue. About 2600 years ago, he was born in Nepal. Since then, many people have been saved by his teachings. “Dharma” is the teachings of Buddha and his disciples. The Heart Sutra, the Daihishin Darani and the Sutras written in our green book are part of the Dharma. “Sangha” is the Buddhist community. In a narrow sense the Sangha consists of monks, nuns, and novices. In a wider sense the Sangha also includes lay followers. So we cherish the three treasures, Buddha, Dharma and Sangha.

I'd like to explain how the three treasures can be compared to an outrigger canoe. Last June, I tried to paddle an outrigger canoe with my wife and my English classmates. Then I realized that the three treasures and an outrigger canoe are similar. First, the canoe is Buddha. Because Buddha always watches over us so we will not drown in the voyage of life. Next do you know what is Dharma in an outrigger canoe? Dharma is the right direction in which we should travel. There are a lot of fun times in our life, but there are a lot of hard times too. When we are depressed, we may lose our way. We are not sure which way we should go. That's why, we need to learn Buddhist teachings and try to live a life free from suffering. Dharma is like a guide book which shows us the right direction in our life. Lastly, do you know what is the sangha in an outrigger canoe? Sangha is the people who paddle the canoe. We cannot move the canoe forward without paddling. To paddle the canoe is to practice Buddhist teachings. It doesn't make sense to just listen to Buddhist teachings. By practicing the teachings in our daily life, we can realize the true meaning. So the people who paddle the canoe, the people who practice Buddhist teachings are the Sangha.

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In short, we live supported by Buddha, we realize the right direction through Buddhist teachings, and by practicing the teachings, we can live a life free from suffering! Can we achieve our goal without a canoe? Can we paddle the canoe without knowing the right direction? How do we achieve our goal without the people who paddle the canoe? That's why, we have to cherish the three treasures, Buddha, Dharma and Sangha. I'd like you to cherish the three treasures from now on. In this session, I'll talk about basic Buddhist teachings and Dogen's teachings.



Through our Sunday service, I'd like to paddle the canoe with you in the voyage of life. So please feel free to come to our Sunday service. Because you are our precious family Sangha!!

In Gassho,
Rev. Shinsho Hata

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Aloha Everyone,

At our General Membership Meeting in January 2018, an election of the Kyodan Board of Directors will be held for term 2018-2020. This important meeting is for all Taishoji members. You will be selecting the members of the Board. Hopefully, more people will want to be actively involved in our temple.

Everyone enjoyed our Annual Picnic at the IBEW Hall on August 6th. A tent was set up to accommodate those that wished to stay outside in the lawn area to catch the cool breeze on a beautiful day. The turtles swimming in the water gave us a joy and made us think how fortunate we are to be part of Taishoji's Sangha. The hotdogs, shaved ice, beef stew, miso chicken, salad and other goodies were delicious. Thank you for the many yummy desserts. Of course, everyone enjoyed the BINGO games with lots of prizes. What a great day of fellowship with our many friends.

A projector and screen were purchased for use in the temple. It was initiated at our O-Bon Service with Rev. Shinsho Hata and Rev. Jiko Nakade playing the ukulele while the congregation sang "Magokoro no Ikiru". The visual effect really enhances our services, especially with Rev. Shinsho Hata's ukulele accompaniment.



Rev. Shinsho Hata during our O-Higan Service

In Gassho, Rodney Nishino

" Zen (Buddhism) is about living our life in a joyful positive manner with wisdom, stability and peace."

Thich Nhat Hanh

" The essence of Buddhist practice is inner cultivation, not external ritual."- - -Dogen Zenji

" Peace only comes from within ourselves."- - - The Dalai Lama

Do we have peace of mind? Are we enjoying our lives, or do we still have worries, tensions, anxieties or stress? Of course, we all have appointments to keep, things to do, and laws to obey, but we do not have to worry about them. These are simple forms of sufferings that the Buddha taught us we do not have to have. If we still have them, maybe we should look a little more deeply into the Buddha's teachings. What is Right action? What is Right understanding? Do we know and put the Teachings into practice in our daily lives?

The Buddha's teachings have been here for more than 2500 years, because they work. We can trust in them.

Coming to the church is a good place to learn, but if we do not practice, it is like going to the gym, but not exercising.

In Gassho, Juho

Taishoji Soto Zen Buddhist
Lay Confirmation Ceremony
“Jukai-e”

September 9, 2017
Proposed by: Rev. Shinsho Hata

Schedule: Sunday’s 10am - 11am (Dharma Lesson)

Day 1: 10/8 (Sun) About the Jukai ceremony, sixteen precepts, Buddhist Name

Day 2: 10/15 (Sun) About Basic Buddhism

Day 3: 10/22 (Sun) About Soto Zen Buddhism

Day 4: 11/5 (Sun) Rehearsal for Jukai Ceremony

Day 5: 11/18 (Sat) Jukai Ceremony (Please invite your family), Potluck lunch
after the ceremony

Place: Taishoji Soto Mission

Participants: 6 members

Mr. Dennis Nagai, Mr. Michael Nagai, Mrs. Yuko Tsukamoto, Mr. Blake Shiigi
Mr. Tom Callis, Mr. Joseph Takenouchi
Ms. Yoko Gussman (observer)

Cost: \$150

Receive:

Rakusu: a sacred collar worn as a symbol of your commitment to Buddha’s teachings, to be worn at all services.

Materials for Study: Basic Buddhism, Soto Zen

A Buddhist name: a positive description of your qualities or of the moral virtues that you may nourish and cherish as you walk in the path of Buddhahood.

KOKORO GARAGE SALE

October 21, 2017

8:00 am - 12:00 pm

Our committee chairpersons and their members are meeting at the temple to prepare for our Kokoro Garage Sale every Tuesday from 8:30-11:00 am. Any help at this time will be gratefully appreciated.

We need many volunteers for different departments of our garage sale. If you are able to help in any department please contact Edith Nishino at 959-7898.

On Saturday, October 21 the day of the Kokoro Garage Sale, everyone involved in the event are to report at Taishoji at 4:30 am to prepare for a very busy day by setting things out under the tents, putting out items on the front stairway, setting up the hall for the craft items, religious items, preserves and food items. There are lots of things to be done in preparation before the ringing of the opening bell at 8:00 am.

Let our Sangha come together to make it a very successful **KOKORO GARAGE SALE**.

KOKORO GARAGE SALE

TAISHOJI SOTO MISSION

275 KINOOLE ST.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2017

8:00 AM - 12:00 PM



SEKIHAN & NISHIME



CRAFTS



CLOTHING



HOUSEWARES



PLANTS



MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

Produce
Preserves
Baked Goods
Andagi
Barazushi
Books
Shoes
Toys
Furniture
Piano
Religious Items
&
MUCH
MORE

DARUMAKI / EITAIKYO / KANNON-KO SERVICE

Please attend our **Sunday, October 1st Daruma-ki / Eitaikyo / Kannon-ko Service at 10:00 am**

Bodhidharma brought Zen (or Chan) to China in 520 C.E. He had learned that previous Buddhism in China were too much into studies and confusion. He brought Buddhism back to focus on the impermanence of all things, the interrelations of all things in nature, and self-discipline via Zazen.

At the same time, as he journeyed from India to China by land and sea, he created the martial art of kung-fu to protect himself from attackers. He brought these martial skills to the Shaolin temple in central China. Today kung-fu is being taught to young Afghanistan girls and women for self-defense against street urchins and to assert their equal rights. Kabul's Shaolin Wushu Club has been training these female Kung-fu fighters since 2015. Thus, Bodhidharma still helps people around the world.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Welcome back from Sunday School vacation! Let us continue to learn and be amazed by the good "news" of Zen Buddhism. Wisdom, compassion, knowledge and self-discipline are good to learn and put into practice.

Our Zen religion has had two very famous members in its long history. Bodhidharma (or, Daruma-san), the founder of Zen (Chan in Chinese) in China, also created the martial arts skills of Kung-fu. He developed Kung-fu to defend himself from attackers when he migrated from India to China in 520 C.E. The other great and famous Zen member is the late Steve Jobs of Apple, Inc., who helped to invent the Apple computers and i-phones 1 to 5. He passed away at age 56 on October 5, 2011, just around the day we celebrate.

FUMIGATION OF RESIDENCE AND TEMPLE BY TENTING FOR TERMITES

Help is needed for preparation for tenting at 8:30 am on **Tuesday, November 7th** for packing all food items from both the residence and kitchen area cabinets, refrigerator, freezer and all other loose food items that are not properly sealed in plastic bags to be packed in heavy duty plastic bags to either store in another building, to take home for storing or pack in the freezer or refrigerator. This will also be a good time to do the annual cleaning of the kitchen and residence area since the annual clean-up will be on Sunday, November 19th, 10 days after fumigation.

Wednesday, November 8, 2017 the residence & temple area will be fumigated for termites by tenting.

Thursday, November 9 at 2:00 pm the tent will be removed but we will not be able to go in to around 4:00 pm. I suggest we wait until Friday morning to go into the building for safety.

Friday, November 10th help will be needed again to return all items to their proper places on **Sunday, November 19.**

ANNUAL TEMPLE CLEAN-UP

Sunday, November 19, 2017

8:00 am

The annual temple clean-up that was scheduled for September 17 is rescheduled to Sunday, November 19 due to the temple being tented for fumigation on Wednesday, November 8.

All organizations of our Sangha are asked to participate in cleaning our temple to prepare for the New Year. Mr. Naoshi Watanabe and Mr. Derrick Izumo will be co-chairs for this event. Let us put our whole effort in this cleaning since it was fumigated about 10 days before this annual clean-up.

TAISHOJI OCTOBER 2017 SCHEDULE

1	Sun	9:00 am 10:00 am	SS / Family Service Darumaki / Eitai-kyo / Kannon Ko / Srv. (Kyodan)
3	Tue	8:30-11:00 am	Garage Sale Preparation
7	Sat	7:00 am	Temple Cleaning Group #1
8	Sun	9:00 am 1:00 pm	SS / Family Service Fujin Kai Meeting
10	Tue	8:30-11:00 am	Garage Sale Preparation
14	Sat	7:00 am 1:00 pm	Temple Cleaning Group #2 Kyodan Meeting
15	Sun	9:00 am	SS / Family Service
17	Tue	8:30 am	<u>GARAGE SALE PREPARATION</u>
19	Thu	7:30 am	Temple Cleaning Group #3
21	Sat	4:30 am 8:00 am-12:00 pm	<u>SET-UP FOR GARAGE SALE OPENING</u> <u>KOKORO GARAGE SALE</u>
22	Sun	9:00 am	SS / Family Service
28	Sat	7:00 am	Temple Cleaning Group #4
27-29	Fri—Sun		Minister Mtg, Membership Committee Mtg, HSMA Mtg at Waipahu Taiyoji & Pagoda Hotel

TAISHOJI ZAZEN / TAIKO / BOY SCOUT TROOP 95 SCHEDULE

Zazen	Monday	6:30 pm - 7:30 pm
Morning Zazen started September 10	Sunday	8:00 am - 8:35 am
Taiko	Sunday	11:00 am - 1:00 pm
	Tuesday, Thursday, Friday	5:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Boy Scout Troop 95	Wednesday	7:15 pm

TENTATIVE TAISHOJI NOVEMBER 2017 SCHEDULE

3	Fri	9:30 am	Fujin Kai Hospital Visitation
4	Sat	7:00 am	Temple Cleaning Group #5
5	Sun	9:00 am	SS / Family Service
7	Tue	8:00 am	Prep Temple for Fumigation
8	Wed	7:00 am	Termite Tent Fumigation (Hilo Tremite)
9	Sat	7:00 am 11:00 am 1:00 pm	Temple Cleaning Group #1 Veterans Day Service / Veterans Cemetery #1 Kyodan Meeting
12	Sun	8:00-8:35 am 9:00 am	Zazen SS / Family Service / Keizan Zenji Birthday (S/S)
18	Sat	7:00 am	Temple Cleaning Group #2
19	Sun	8:00 am 9:00 am	Annual Temple Clean-Up SS / Family Service (Cancelled)
25	Sat	7:00 am	Temple Cleaning Group #3
26	Sun	8:00-8:35 am 9:00 am	Zazen SS / Family Service

IN MEMORIUM

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

Mrs. Kiyoko Shiigi
August 19, 1927 - July 16, 2017 (89)