



HAKUHO

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MINISTER'S MESSAGE

Aloha, Members and Friends of Taishoji,

“Fall down seven times, stand up eight times!”

We had the Darumaki service, the Eitaikyo service and the Kannon-ko service in October. During the service, I talked about Bodhidharma.

Bodhidharma, also called Daruma in Japanese is the 28th Indian patriarch in a direct line of transmission from the Buddha. He is the first patriarch of Zen and spread the teachings of Buddha further into China.

I showed all participants a Bodhidharma' T-shirt. An expressive Bodhidharma is printed on the T-shirt I received from one of our members. There is a Japanese Proverb on the T-shirt. It is “七転八起 Nana korobi Yaoki”. It means never give up. I'd like to explain each character. “七転 Nana korobi ” means fall down seven times or failed seven times. “八起 Yaoki” means stand up eight or try eight times. So this is a message of encouragement to keep on trying and not give up. This proverb expresses daruma's personality. Because, it is said that he sat in zazen for nine years facing the wall of a cave to spread the teachings of Buddha further into China. In addition, this proverb has another meaning. What is that? “七転八起 Nana korobi Yaoki” means fall down seven times, stand up eight times. But normally, if we fall seven times, we will stand up eight times. The number of standing is one more than the number of falling.



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Why is the proverb fall down seven times, stand up eight times? The reason is strongly related to our childhood. When we were a baby, we couldn't do anything. We grew up supported by our parents, relatives and others. We received much affection from them. We were stood up one time by them before we fell down for the first time. So when we stand up after we fall down seven times, it is the eighth time to stand up.

We can recognize this compassion and importance through the proverb. Even Bodhidharma was also stood up one time by his parents and his relatives. That's why Bodhidharma and we have the responsibility to support others with compassion. Finally, through the proverb, we are able to learn the value of not giving up and to remember the people who support us in our life. Thank you very much.

In Gassho,
Rev. Shinsho Hata

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Aloha Everyone,

MAHALO and THANK YOU for a very successful Garage Sale. BIG MAHALO to Rev. Shinsho Hata and Edith Nishino who were the chairpersons for this event, committee members, Taishoji Taiko, Boy Scout Troop 95 and friends.

Thank you for your time and effort in the preparation of this even. Thank you for a job well done. time and effort in the preparation and final days of this event. Thank you for a job well done. Rev. Hata mentioned before the start of the sale, **KOKORO** means **OUR HEART or OUR SINCERE HEART**. This was evident throughout the day.

In the October Hakuho, I mentioned, at our Taishoji Annual Membership Meeting in January, we will be electing our Board of Directors for the year 2018 to 2020. The board members will elect the officers of the Board of Directors in a special meeting. Due to the importance of this meeting, please attend and voice your selection for the board members. These are the members that govern the temple. Other items of Temple interest will also be discussed. We will have a light lunch following the meeting. The meeting will be held on Sunday, **January 21, 2018 at 10:00 am**. in the social hall. Please keep this date open.

Annual Temple Clean-Up to be held on November 19th at 8:00 am. We are asking for help to prepare our temple for the New Year. Since the temple and residence will be termite treated a week before, we need to have a good clean-up. I am asking all members and friends to please come and kokua and join in the fellowship with the rest of the helpers. A light lunch will be prepared for all to enjoy.

In Gassho,
Rodney Nishino

THE DHARMAPADA (from the green book)

If one dwells upon the faults of others. one's own passions will grow, and one is far from the destruction of passions.

The faults of others is easily perceived, but that of one's self is difficult to perceive.

My teacher would say that it is easy to see the faults of others, but not the faults of ourselves.

Why? Because if we do something wrong, it is easy to forgive ourselves. Then we move on. But if another person does something wrong, even the same thing we have done, we are not so quick to forgive.

When we do not forgive people or governments for past actions, then our minds are full of hatred or dislike. Then every time we see something or someone that reminds us of past problems, we feel bad. That is not a happy, peaceful way to live. Better to learn how to put things behind us. Maybe think of it as a lesson learned , and go forward.

In Gassho,
Juho

BUSSHIN KAI NEWS

On November, 18, Saturday at 10:00 am., seven Zen followers will take part in Taishoji's Lay Confirmation Ceremony, which will make them permanent followers of Shakyamuni Buddha. They will receive a Buddhist name (Kaimyo) now in this life to be used in the Spirit World of Nirvana. They will receive their own sacred cloth ornament (Wagesa) to drape over their neck and shoulders. And they will be eligible to join our Taishoji Busshin Kai (Pure Hearts Society) so that the temple and Shakyamuni Buddha's teachings will be strengthened and passed on to others, younger and elsewhere, for a more peaceful life and world.

Family members and friends are welcomed to attend this ceremony. A pot luck lunch will follow after the ceremony.

In Gassho,
Walter Tachibana

SUNDAY SCHOOL

On November 12, Sunday, at 9:00 am, we are going to commemorate and honor our great Soto-Zen patriarch, Keizan Zenji. Why? He spread the teachings of Soto Zen and made it useful and popular with the common people, because he focused on the mercy of the Bodhisattva Kannon-Samma (the Goddess of Mercy) Prayers to Kannon-Samma were helpful to the common people, who were busy working out in the fields and didn't have time to meditate in Zazen as Dogen Zenji and his people did at Eiheiji Temple. Keizan Zenji's Sojiji temple is located in busy Yokohama City, in Kanagawa Prefecture, while Dogen's remote Eiheiji Temple is situated deep in the forests and hills of Fukui Prefecture. That is why, in Soto Zen, we have two patriarchs (or founders). Without Keizan Zenji's efforts, Soto Zen Buddhism would have been a very small Buddhist sect.

In Gassho
Walter Tachibana

BAIKA WORKSHOP 2017

Taishoji is grateful to Rev. Shonen & Mrs. Junko Kuga of Homyoji temple in Miyazaki prefecture. Rev. Kuga held a Baika workshop for our Baikako on October 9. He taught us Jodo Gowasan, Jodo Goeika and new song Sumiwataru Sora." We learned a lot since his guidance was very easy to understand.

Mahalo nui loa



Taishoji Goeika Members with Rev. Shonen and Junko Kuga and
Rev. Shinsho and Mamiko Hata

JAPANESE CALLIGRAPHY PERFORMOMANCE

Japanese Calligraphy Artist, Mr. Koki Takehara will give a live Calligraphy performance. After the performance, he will write a calligraphy on a Japanese paper fan and give it to you.

Date Friday November 24, 2017

Time 10:00am – 11:00 am

Cost is Free (no charge)

Place: Taishoji Soto Mission

Mr. Koki Takehara

Born in Okayama prefecture, Japan in 1975. Mr. Takehara began calligraphy classes at age four and received the highest award from the Japanese national exhibition in 1989 and 1990. In 2009, he began his career as a professional calligrapher. In 2016, he performed at a Japanese culture exhibition and temples in Hawaii.

Official Website: <http://sho.ob6.info/index.html>



Mr. Koki Takehara



Paper fans with Calligraphy

KOKORO GARAGE SALE IV

Dear Members and Friends,

To our Family Sangha, Taiko and Boy Scouts, We are grateful for your tremendous help. "Kokoro" means our heart or our sincere heart. Since we could work together with a sincere heart, we were able to complete our **KOKORO GARAGE SALE** successfully! It was a great opportunity to cultivate our own Buddha mind and spirit of oneness and love.

Thanks to all of you, our **KOKORO GARAGE SALE IV** was a huge success. Yes, we did achieve our goal of raising funds for our temple while practicing the Dharma teachings of **DANA** or giving. Members and friends donated all sorts of items and their time to prepare for the sale. The laughter and camaraderie were very catching. We were truly a **SANGHA** working together.

The anxious crowd stood in the light rain waiting for the gong to signal the start of the sale. The happiness and smiles we received were very gratifying. There were so many positive comments that made our many long hours of preparation for the garage sale worthwhile. The fellowship and energy of our **SANGHA** will always remain in our hearts.



In Gassho,

Rev. Shinsho Hata
Edith Nishino



Religious Items



Housewares



Clothing



Crafts & Beddings



Miscellaneous & Furniture



Produce & Plants



Barazushi, Sekihan, Nishime,
Baked Goods & Preserves



Andagi



Concession



Lunch & Fellowship

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
		10:00 am	Rehearsal for Lay Confirmation Ceremony
7	Tue	8:30 am	Prep Temple for Fumigation
8	Wed	7:00 am	Tent Temple & Residence for Fumigation (Hilo Termite)
9	Thu		Can not enter building until Friday 11/10/2017 in the morning
10	Fri	8:30 am	Unpack items
11	Sat	7:00 am	Temple Cleaning Group #1
		11:00 am	Veterans Day Service / Veterans Cemetery #1
		1:00 pm	Kyodan Meeting
12	Sun	9:00 am	SS / Family Service / Keizan Zenji Birthday (S/S)
18	Sat	7:00 am	Temple Cleaning Group #2
		10:00 am	Confirmation Ceremony / Rev. Shinsho Hata
19	Sun	8:00 am	Annual Temple Clean-Up
		9:00 am	SS / Family Service (Cancelled)
23	Thu		THANKSGIVING DAY
24	Fri	10:00 am	Japanese Calligraphy Performance (Sensei Koki Takehara)
25	Sat	7:00 am	Temple Cleaning Group #3
26	Sun	9:00 am	SS / Family Service

TAISHOJI ZAZEN / TAIKO / BOY SCOUT TROOP 95 SCHEDULE

Zazen	Monday	6:30 pm - 7:30 pm
Morning Zazen	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 DECEMBER 2017 SCHEDULE

1-8	Fri-Fri	6:30 am	Zazen - Rohatsu Sesshin
1	Fri	9:30-am-1:30pm	Tentative Zen Lunch & Lecture (Mrs. Naoko Moller)
2	Sat	7:00 am	Temple Cleaning Group # 4
		9:30-am-1:30pm	Zen Lunch & Lecture (Mrs. Naoko Moller)
3	Sun	9:00 am	S/S Family Service
9	Sat	7:00 am	Temple Cleaning Group #5
		1:00 pm	Kyodan Meeting
10	Sun	9:30 am	Jodo-e / Kannon Ko / Toba Kuyo Service
16	Sat	7:00 am	Temple Cleaning Group #1
17	Sun	9:00 am	S/S Family Service
23	Sat	7:00 am	Temple Cleaning Group #2
30	Sat	7:30 am	Temple Cleaning Group #3

TAISHOJI WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS TO OUR SANGHA

Let us give a warm Aloha and Welcome our New Members

Mrs. Nelda Kay Harmon & son Joshua Harmon

Introduce yourselves to our new members and welcome them to our Sangha for activities and fellowship