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MINISTER'S MESSAGE

Aloha, Members and Friends of Taishoji,

Happy New Year! Akemashite Omedeto Gozaimasu! Hau'oli Makahiki Hou!



Thank you very much for your generous kind support last year. Thanks to everyone, 2017 was both full and fulfilling. We had the garage sale, lay confirmation ceremony, Zen food class, calligraphy performance and so on. Through these activities, we had great experiences and a wonderful encounter. In 2018, how do you want to spend your time? Whatever you do, I recommend you to do zazen before you do what you want. In November, Japanese calligraphy teacher, **Mr. Koki Takehara** came to Taishoji and gave a live performance. I made a request to him to draw Zen words for our Zazen Session and for our Jodo-e Service. The words are called “**非思量 (Hishiryō)**” which means non-thinking or beyond thinking. It is one of the most important words used to describe zazen and its concepts. I will display his work on the wall in the main hall from December 1st as encouragement and inspiration for Zazen. “**Hishiryō**” means non-thinking, but it is not to be in a state of daydreaming without thinking. It is just doing what we do now. According to the research of neurologists in the US, human beings think about 15 thousand to 50 thousand things a day. They say 80% of this thought is about fear. We are usually thinking about a lot of things and feel fear. That's why, Soto Zen Buddhist try to do Zazen. By adjusting our posture and harmonizing our breath, our mind will naturally calm down and this will help you to act with compassion to others. Even 5 minutes or 10 minutes a day is OK. Please set aside time that you will sit and calm your mind. Zazen is a precious Buddhist practice that we should cherish. Finally, I'd like to spend as much time with you and for us to support each other from now on. May this New Year bring happiness and joy for you and your family.



非思量 (Hishiryō)

In Gassho,
 Rev. Shinsho Hata

Japanese Calligraphy Performance

On November 24th, Japanese calligraphy artist, Mr. Koki Takehara wrote the Chinese character, 龍(Ryu) which means dragon. His work was completed by participants' hand stamp!



Mr. Koki Takehara



Brush used for calligraphy

ZEN LUNCH & LECTURE



Mrs. Naoko Moller
and participants

On December 1st and 2nd, Mrs. Naoko Moller lectured and demonstrated for us the table manners and cooking techniques. Eating is the most basic activity for us in order to sustain our life. Nowadays we use many kinds of chemicals to enhance the productivity of the land, and raise vegetables and livestock in disregard of season and location. If we keep eating such food for a long time, will it not cause health problems? Since we receive the precious lives of animals and plants as food, we should eat in a way that we can make the very best use of them. We eat not only to satisfy our hunger but also to recognize our own life and the lives of others.



Zen Lunch

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

“Akemashite Omedetou Gozaimasu”

Wishing our members and friends of Taishoji a Happy & Prosperous New Year in 2018 and many more. 2017 was a year that brought our members, friends and sangha together preparing and having our Kokoro Garage Sale IV in October. Everyone came together as one by working and helping each other for our sale which was a huge success. I thank all the people who gave their precious time and labor to come out for this event which was a huge success.

In Gassho,
Rodney Nishino

FUJIN KAI NEW YEAR'S MESSAGE

On behalf of our Fujin Kai ladies I would like to wish everyone a happy, healthy, 2018. It was a rough time for us losing our sitting President, Sachiko Murazane, in 2016 and having almost completed her term, I look forward to moving forward in the New Year with new beginnings for us. May I humbly ask for everyone's continued help and support for the ladies who do so much and give so much of their time and energy to make our temple great. Thank you! Members please stay safe and healthy—we need and cherish all of you.

In Gassho,
Linda Matsushita

New Years Taishoji

Well, another year has passed. Hopefully it has been fruitful for all of us. And as last year, we start again with the ringing of the Densho Bell 108 times, for the 108 defilements, or human imperfections, like anger, hatred, jealousy, lust, etc., leaving them behind and going forward.

This is a wonderful tradition that helps us to reflect on last year, and create new hopes for the new one.

In America, New Years is also usually a time for making resolutions. People plan to lose weight, quit smoking, join a gym, start doing yoga or tai chi, maybe learn a new language. Many different things, but they are all with the purpose of improving some phase of their lives.

In our daily lives, sometimes we experience worry, tension, anxiety, or stress. Buddhism teaches us that these are forms of mental suffering. It also teaches that we do not have to have them. Why not make a new years resolution to follow more closely Buddha's teachings, thereby ridding ourselves of these forms of suffering.

I am sure that living without stress would also make many peoples lives more enjoyable.

In Gassho,
Deacon Juho

BUSSHIN KAI NEW YEAR'S MESSAGE

“HAPPY NEW YEAR!” May we all have a most pleasant and successful and healthy year in this Year of the Dog --- 2018! I hope everyone can remain the staunch pillars of Taishoji for these 365 days of the Soto Zen pathway.

Please partake in our 4 main religious memorial services: Nehan-e, Hanamatsuri, O-Bon and Jodo-e.

And if your feet are good, please come to our other services: Ojizo Matsuri, Dogen Zenji Birthday Celebration, Haru-no Ohigan & Aki-no Ohigan, Children's Day, Kaisanki, Ireisai Service (1st immigrants), Darumaki, Keizan Zenji Birthday, Joya-no Kane (New Year's Eve Service). Other events during the year are: Bon Dance, Toro Nagashi, Annual Taishoji Picnic & Rohatsu Session (Zazen).

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEW YEAR'S MESSAGE

Happy New Year to all Sunday School students and parents! May we all have a great and wonderful year in this Year of the Puppy! May you always be obedient and honest to your parents and family. And do your best daily.

In Gassho,
Walter Tachibana



**TAISHOJI SOTO MISSION MEMORIAL SERVICES
2018**

1ST YEAR (2017)

1/23 Naokichi Nozaki
2/19 Fumiko "Helen" Takahashi
3/8 Kyle Onuma
3/15 Carin Nobuko Seki
4/8 Matsue Nishiura
4/27 Tsuruko Daimaru
7/16 Kiyoko Shiigi
8/1 Kikuko Marumoto

3RD YEAR (2016)

1/31 Vernon Tadashi Fujioka
2/8 Yoichi Sato
2/22 Takeo Miyasaki
3/18 Nobuko Tokeshi
7/2 Akiko Ito
7/26 Toshio Hashimoto
9/22 Sachiko Murazane
10/9 Gavin Seichi Yasutomi
11/28 Ronald Shuichi Yamamoto
12/6 Reyoko Marion Nakamura
12/27 Stanley Tanaka

7TH YEAR (2012)

2/27 Shigeko Yabe
3/2 Eugene Minoru Eguchi
3/20 Stanley S. Watanabe
4/28 Sunao Nakahara
5/21 Thomas K. Masu
6/3 Mitsuaki Ushijima
8/12 Take Yazaki
8/18 Janet Onuma
9/12 Shigeru Shimizu
10/17 Tsugio "Peco" Shishido
10/22 Misaye Takata
10/30 Nobue Watanabe
11/17 Kiyomi Omoto

13TH YEAR (2006)

4/17 Takeshi Hayakawa
6/18 Atsushi Sasaki
6/28 Mitsuko Hasegawa
7/2 Nobuko Tomori
7/5 Sakae Asari
7/12 Sueko Kimoto
11/12 Masako Matsuura
12/3 Shigeo Nishiura
12/18 Motoyoshi Abe

17TH YEAR (2002)

1/8 Kazuo Kawaoka
2/9 Utako Kaya
4/27 Tomiji Togashi
4/30 Tokuyoshi Yoshizawa
5/7 Joan Kawaguchi
7/25 Masao Tsunoda
7/29 Tomomi Saigo
8/6 Natsue Namba
9/12 Mitsuo Wagatsuma
9/21 Yukie Desaki
11/28 Torajiro Yoshimura
12/5 Hatsue Kinro
12/7 Gerald Shiraishi

23RD YEAR (1996)

1/6 Kenji Kim
1/27 Tozo Shibuya
2/7 Kenji Abe
2/23 Chikako Takata
3/16 Robert Imai
4/11 Sue Fukuda
4/30 Hatsue Torikai
6/26 Minoru Kikuchi
6/27 Yoichi (Robert) Sueoka
7/3 Kimi Honma
8/18 Miyo Fuse
12/6 Mitsuno Ogata

27TH YEAR (1992)

2/7 Tazuko Shintani
2/10 Rikio Takeuchi
3/18 Nobue Matsushita
4/9 Hisayo Sasaki
5/13 Hanayo Suzuki
6/18 Yutaka Yabe
7/5 Tsuneo Takeuchi
8/6 Mura Taniguchi
9/14 Yasuji Sasaki
9/19 Hisako Ito
11/29 Tsurue Tsunoda
12/1 Fusako Tachibana
12/9 Masakazu Seki

33RD YEAR (1986)

1/20 Kiyono Shimizu
1/24 Kameyo Takahashi
2/14 Tsuyo Matsumoto
4/22 Akiyo Sato
6/9 Yae Kon
7/6 Fuki Murakami
8/19 Toshio Tamane
8/24 Hina Okita
11/26 Itsumi Saigo
12/15 Hideo Namba

37TH YEAR (1982)

1/7 Chiyoko Wada
3/31 Chikato Ushijima
4/2 Yoshiko Sugai
5/28 Keishi Yukio Marakami
6/13 Hiroshi Sato
7/31 Sue Watanabe
10/25 Kuniko Shimazu
11/9 Charles Sato
11/11 Ichiro Takahashi
12/21 Masaru Fukuda

50TH YEAR (1969)

1/5 Chomatsu Takahashi
1/26 Shuhei Tetsuka
2/27 Masano Tanji
4/4 Jusaku Tsukano
8/20 Shinkichi Miyashita
10/3 Shime Mikami
11/5 Hatsuno Yamauchi
12/21 Sumiko Takeuchi

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TAISHOJI SOTO MISSION - 2018 CALENDAR

JANUARY

- 1 10:00 am New Year's Service
- 7 9:00 am SS / Family Service
Ojizo Matsuri - S/S
- 13 1:00 pm Kyodan Meeting
- 14 9:00 am SS / Family Service
10:00 am Busshin Kai Mtg & Shinnen Kai
- 21 9:00 am SS / Family Service
Dogen Zenji Birthday Svc
10:00 am Kyodan General Membership Meeting
- 28 9:00 am SS / Family Service
10:00 am Fujin Kai General Membership / Sokai

FEBRUARY

- 4 9:00 am SS / Family Service
10:00 am Kyodan Installation & Shinnen Kai
- 10 1:00 pm Kyodan Meeting
- 11 9:00 am SS / Family Service
- 18 9:30 am Nehan-e /
33 Kannon / Osunafumi /
Toba Kuyo Svc (Kyodan)
- 24 & 25 Minister & HSMA Mtg
Betsuin & Pagoda Hotel

MARCH

- 4 9:00 am SS / Family Service
1:00 pm Fujin Kai Meeting
- 10 1:00 pm Kyodan Meeting
- 11 10:00 am Haru No O-Higan /
Kannon-ko Svc (Fujin Kai)
- 18 9:00 am SS / Family Service
- 25 9:00 am SS / Family Service

APRIL

- 1 9:00 am BIBF Hanamatsuri
Service
- 8 9:30 am Taishoji
Hanamatsuri / Kannon-ko
Toba Kuyo Service
- 14 1:00 pm Kyodan Meeting
- 14 & 15 UHSSWA Conference
(Daifukuji & King Kam Hotel)
- 22 9:00 am SS / Family Service
- 29 9:00 am SS / Family Service

MAY

- 4 9:30 am Fujin Kai
Hospital Visitation
- 6 9:00 am SS / Family Service
Children's Day / S/S
1:00 pm Fujin Kai Meeting
- 12 1:00 pm Kyodan Meeting
- 13 9:00 am SS / Family Service
- 20 9:00 am SS / Family Service
- 27 9:00 am SS / Family Service
- 28 9:45 am BIBF
Memorial Day Service
Veterans Cemetery #1
Taishoji is Toban

JUNE

- 3 10:00 am Kaisanki /
Rekiju-ki / Kannon-ko Svc
- 9 1:00 pm Kyodan Meeting
- 24 Daifukuji O-Bon Service

JULY

- 1 8:00 am Otakiage
(Burning of religious articles)
- 7 1:00 pm Kyodan Meeting
Daifukuji Bon Dance
- 28 7-10:30 pm Bon Dance
- 29 9:00 am O-Bon, Toba Kuyo
Hatsubon Service
5:00 pm Toro Nagashi
Wailoa Boat Ramp

AUGUST

- 5 9 am- 4:00 pm Taishoji
Picnic
IBEW Hall
(Bakers Beach)
- 11 1:00 pm Kyodan Meeting
- 26 2:00 pm Ireisai Service
Alae Cemetery Taishoji is
Toban

SEPTEMBER

- 2 9:00 am SS / Family Service
- 8 1:00 pm Kyodan Meeting
- 9 10:00 am O-Higan / Kannon-ko
- 16 8:00 am Annual Temple
Clean-Up
- 23 9:45 am AJA Memorial Srv
Veterans Cemetery #1
Taishoji is Toban
- 30 9:00 am SS / Family Service

OCTOBER

- 7 10:00 am Darumaki /
Eitaikyo / Kannon-ko Svc
- 13 1:00 pm Kyodan Meeting
- 14 9:00 am SS / Family Service
- 21 9:00 am SS / Family Service
- 28 9:00 am SS / Family Service

NOVEMBER

- 2 9:30 am Fujin Kai Hospital
Visitation
- 3 & 4 Aiea Taiheiji 100th
Anniversary Celebration
- 10 1:00 pm Kyodan Meeting
- 11 9:00 am SS / Family Service
11:00 am Veterans Day Srv
Veterans Cemetery #1
Taishoji is Toban
- 18 9:00 am SS / Family Service
Keizan Zenji' Birthday
- 25 9:00 am SS / Family Service

DECEMBER

- 1- 8 6:30-7:30 am Rohatsu
Sesshin (Zazen Session)
- 2 9:00 am BIBF Bodhi Day
Service
- 8 1:00 pm Kyodan Meeting
- 9 9:30 am Jodo-e / Kannon Ko
Toba Kuyo Service (Kyodan)
- 16 9:00 am SS / Family Service
- 29 8:00 am Kadomatsu Day
- 30 8:00 am Mochi Making
- 31 11:30 pm New Year's Eve
Joya no Kane Service
Ringing of Temple Bell 108 Times

SCHEDULE for ZAZEN, TAIKO & BOY SCOUT TROOP 95

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

TAISHOJI JANUARY 2018 SCHEDULE

1	Mon	10:00 am	NEW YEAR SERVICE BLESSING & (Omamori)
6	Sat	7:00 am	Temple Cleaning Group #4
7	Sun	9:00 am	SS / Family Service / Ojizo Matsuri - (S/S)
13	Sat	7:00 am	Temple Cleaning Group #5
		1:00 pm	Kyodan Meeting
14	Sun	9:00 am	SS / Family Service
		10:00 am	Busshin Kai Meeting / Shinnen Kai
20	Sat	7:00 am	Temple Cleaning Group #1
21	Sun	9:00 am	SS / Family Service / Dogen Zenji Birthday
		10:00 am	Kyodan General Membership Meeting
27	Sat	7:00 am	Temple Cleaning Group #2
28	Sun	9:00 am	SS / Family Service
		10:00 am	Fujin Kai General Membership / Sokai

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 FEBRUARY 2018 SCHEDULE

3	Sat	7:30 am	Temple Cleaning Group #3
4	Sun	9:00 am	SS / Family Service
		10:00 am	Kyodan Installation & Shinnen Kai
10	Sat	7:00 am	Temple Cleaning Group #4
		1:00 pm	Kyodan Meeting
11	Sun	9:00 am	SS / Family Service
17	Sat	7:00 am	Temple Cleaning Group #5
		8:00 am	Prepare / Set-Up for Nehan-e Service
18	Sun	9:30 am	Nehan-e / 33 Kannon / Osuna Fumi / Toba Kuyo Service (Kyodan)
24	Sat	7:00 am	Temple Cleaning Group #1
24 & 25	Sat & Sun		Minister & HSMA Mtg / Betsuin & Pagoda Hotel