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MINISTER'S MESSAGE



Aloha, Members and Friends of Taishoji,

There was a big earthquake accompanied by volcanic activity the beginning of May. Is your house all right? Have there been any damage from the earthquake? Fortunately, Taishoji Temple had no major damage, but about 40 structures have been destroyed and nearly 2,000 people have been displaced. I hope you and your family are all safe and the volcanic activity will subside. We should help each other during this time.

I would like to talk about “同事(Doji)”, one of the four kinds of wisdom. This teaching means empathy or cooperation and is called “Ka Pili Me Ke Aloha” in Hawaiian. I learned two things from Doji.

The first thing is “to be considerate of other people's feelings and to live together in harmony.” When I practiced at the monastery, my teacher said to me several times “You only think of your own convenience. You have to be a person who considers the feelings of others.” We tend to be full of ourselves without thinking of others. But in our daily life, it is important to consider others' feelings and to live together in harmony. For example, if you are a teacher at a high school, and say to your student “Please just use this time as free study since you are tired.” Then, how do your students feel? Some students might be happy. But some students who want to learn from you might be disappointed. If you consider the student's feeling, why would you slacken off with lessons? Conversely, if you are a high school student, and you sleep even though your teacher is working hard to teach student. Then, how does your teacher feel? The teacher might be sad since you are sleeping. If you consider the teacher's feeling, why would you sleep during the class? It is not only between teacher and student, but the same is true of others, parent and child, doctor and patient, salesperson and customer and so on. Actually, all the people around you. Even if you are the most clever person, you cannot live together in harmony without considering others' feeling. Last January 2nd, I turned thirty years old. On that day, my parents sent a movie to me. When I watched the movie, my parents, two sisters and my niece were singing Happy birthday to me in the movie.

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I was really impressed. Even though I was not there, they thought about my birthday and sent the movie. I felt their compassionate feeling. But the end of the movie, even though I was not there, they prepared a birthday cake and ate it without me! Anyway, I thought that their compassionate feeling is the practice of Doji. So every time before you act in some way with others, please consider what he needs or what makes him happy. By doing so, you will realize his needs. To be considerate of other people's feelings and to live together in harmony is a precious Buddhist practice.

The second thing is "to act to others with compassion without distinction like the ocean." Dogen, the founder of Soto Zen school said of Doji that "The Ocean receives any water from the river even dirty water without distinction. That's why, the ocean exists as the ocean. Doji is like the ocean." Dogen compared Doji to the ocean. There is a beautiful ocean in Hilo. The ocean does not deny any water and the ocean doesn't choose the water which the ocean likes, the ocean simply exists as ocean. So the ocean does not discriminate. In contrast, we tend to discriminate against others by our thoughts and values. If others thoughts and values are similar to ours, we would easily accept them. But if they are different, we might avoid them. However, people have different ideas, languages and cultures. In our daily life, we cannot live our life avoiding them. That's why, when you see a person who you don't like, please remember Dogen's saying and act with that person with compassion without distinction like the ocean. Please cherish and practice Doji in your daily life. Thank you very much.

In Gassho,
Rev. Shinsho Hata

BUSSHIN KAI NEWS

One hundred years after the First World Buddhist Council met in c. 483 BCE, the Second Council took place. It was another assembly of the Buddha's followers. This council was held at Vesali and 700 arhats came together. (Vesali was an area in eastern India, between Nepal and the Ganges River, and 40 miles north of the First Council's location at Rajagriha, in today's Bihar state.) The Elders of the council felt that certain members of the sangha were taking some of the Ten Precepts too lightly and that there was a general slackening of discipline.

THE FIRST FIVE PRECEPTS:

1. Do not destroy life.
2. Do not steal.
3. Do not commit sexual misconduct.
4. Do not lie.
5. Do not take intoxicating drinks.

THE SECOND FIVE PRECEPTS:

6. Do not take food from noon to the next morning.
7. Do not adorn the body with anything other than the monk's robe.
8. Do not participate in or watch public entertainments.
9. Do not use comfortable beds.
10. Do not use money.

A group of monks put forth a series of changes in the precepts, making them more easy than they had been before. For example, they felt it was acceptable for the members of the sangha to accept money, and they debated the need for the precept that forbade them to use money. The assembly of monks thereby discussed the validity of the Ten Precepts. The disagreeing monks (the Vajjians) were outvoted. They refused to give in, however, and so they quit the group of the council of Elders. Thus, Buddhism became divided into two schools of thought: the Theravada and the Mahayana. The Elders belonged to the Theravada school, and the Vajjian monks split off to create the Mahayana school. Soto Zen is the Mahayana school. We may think while we meditate as Shakamuni Buddha did for 49 days when he developed the Four Noble Truths and the Eightfold Path, or we can just sit without thinking just as Dogen Zenji says. Please be safe and strong...

In gassho,
Walter Tachibana

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

It is summer time for our Sunday School students. Please keep yourself safe and good until we meet again on September 9. Help your family with chores. Participate in Temple activities, such as Obon, Bon dances, Temple Picnic and other nice, helpful learning activities in Hilo.

In gassho,
Walter Tachibana

FUJINKAI NEWS

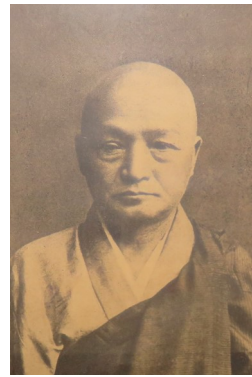
Aloha Fujin Kai members and friends!
We had a nice hospital visit to Hale Anuenue, Yukio Okutsu State Veterans Home, and Life Care Center on May 4th. Thank you Audrey for organizing it! In June, we will have a Kaisanki/Rekijuki/Kannon-ko/Baikako Memorial Service on Sunday the 3rd. We will serve lunch. The preparation will be the day before on the 2nd. We will also have a Fujin Kai meeting on June 3rd at 1 pm. We will discuss the August Bon dance and Obon Service.
Mahalo Nui Loa,
In Gassho,
Yoko Gussman, Taishoji Fujin Kai President



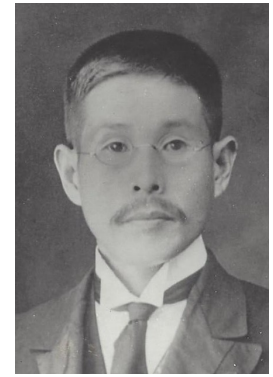
BAIKA-KO NEWS

Kaisanki & Rekiju-Ki / Deceased Baika-Ko Members Memorial Service / Kannon-Ko

Taishoji Baika-ko will be sponsoring the Kaisanki & Rekiju-Ki (Memorial Service for the deceased founder and past ministers of Taishoji) / Deceased Baika-Ko Members Memorial Service / Kannon-Ko **at 10:00am on June 3rd**. The deceased Baika-ko Members Memorial Service honors our 75 deceased members. Their names will be read at the service. Family members and friends are welcome to participate in this service and offer incense to remember and honor them when their names are called.



Archbishop Mokusen Hioki
Honorary Founder
1915



Rev. Hakudo Ezawa
Founder
1916-1919

DONATION FOR THOSE AFFECTED BY THE BIG ISLAND ERUPTIONS

Donations are needed to help those impacted by the lava flow and toxic gases. After the Kaisanki service, we will take the moneys raised from Taishoji members to the American Red Cross which provide shelter and comfort to those affected by the Big Island eruptions. This is a good practice of "DOJI."

DAIFUKUJI O-BON SERVICE

Daifukuji's Bon service will be held at 9:30am on Sunday, June 24. If you want to attend the service but do not have a way, please contact Rev. Hata to make arrangements to catch a ride.

MINDFULNESS & MEDITATION CLASS

On April 28 and May 5, Mr. Clear Houn Englbert had the two Zen (Mindfulness and Meditation) classes. They were very wonderful lessons. He is a member of Daifukuji temple in Kona. He teaches classes there and is the head librarian and gift shop manager. He was a Zen monk in the 1980's and 90's and his teacher trained at Sojiji monastery in Yokohama, which is the same temple where Rev. Hata trained. Since there were some people who couldn't participate the class due to full, he will have the same class again.



JUNE 2018 TAISHOJI SCHEDULE

2	Sat	7:00 am	Temple Cleaning Group # 5
3	Sun	10:00 am	Kaisanki / Rekiju-Ki / Kannon-Ko Srvc (Baikako)
		1:00 pm	Fujin Kai Meeting
9	Sat	7:00 am	Temple Cleaning Group # 1
		1:00 pm	Kyodan Meeting
16	Sat	7:00 am	Temple Cleaning Group # 2
23	Sat	7:30 am	Temple Cleaning Group # 3
24	Sun	7:00 am	Rev. Hata to Daifukuji for O-Bon Service
		9:30 am	Daifukuji O-Bon Service
30	Sat	7:00 am	Temple Cleaning Group # 4

SCHEDULE for ZAZEN / TAIKO / BOY SCOUT TROOP 95

Zazen	Monday	6:30 pm - 7:30 pm
<u>No Sunday Zazen until Sunday, September 9th</u>		
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 JULY 2018 TAISHOJI SCHEDULE

7	Sat	7:00 am	Temple Cleaning Group # 5
			<i>Daifukuji Soto Mission (Bon Dance)</i>
10	Tue	7:00 pm	Bon Dance Practice in the hall with Jane Heit
14	Sat	7:00 am	Temple Cleaning Group # 1
		1:00 pm	Kyodan Meeting
21	Sat	7:00 am	Temple Cleaning Group # 2
22	Sun	8:00am	Move Yagura to front of Temple
			Otakiage (Burning of Religious Items)
24	Tue	7:00 pm	Bon Dance Practice in the hall with Jane Heit
28	Sat	7:30 am	Temple Cleaning Group # 3
29	Sun	9 - 4:00 pm	Taishoji Annual Picnic IBEW Hall (Baker's Beach)
30	Sat	7:00 am	Temple Cleaning Group # 4
31	Tue	7:00 pm	Bon Dance Practice in the hall with Jane Heit

(SCHEDULE CHANGES FOR JULY & AUGUST)

Saturday, August 4th 7:15pm - Bon Dance
Sunday, August 5th 9:30 am - O-Bon / Toba Kuyo / Hatsubon Service
Sunday, August 5th 5:00 pm - Toro Nagashi at the Wailoa Boat

DON'T BRING THE NEWSPAPER

Hawaiian Fresh Products Inc. will not be able to accept our newspapers. The papaya company covers the papaya with white paper instead of newspaper due to sanitary reasons. Please do not leave newspapers at our temple. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

IN MEMORIUM

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

Mr. Scott Hideo Sadanaga	August 23, 1963 - April 16, 2018
Mrs. Hoa T. Tomori	November 25, 1964 - April 25, 2018
Mrs. Gail Emiko Onuma Inoue	July 27, 1951 - May 5, 2018
Mr. Hideo Nagai	March 14, 1931 - May 9, 2018

2018 TAISHOJI O-BON DONATION FORM

Name of Donor: _____
Last First

Donation for: O-Bon Service \$ _____
 Toba @ \$2.00 _____ \$ _____

Total \$ _____

Toba Name (s): Please print

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Summer is **BON DANCE** season. People look forward to attending this event at different temples. Taishoji' Soto Mission's Bon Dance is on **Saturday, August 4th**. A short service at 7:00 pm will precede the Bon Dance. You can feel the excitement when people of all ages arrive at our temple to dance or watch the colorful celebration. The mesmerizing drumming of Taishoji Taiko makes you want to get up and dance. The awesome performance by the Taiko members at **9:00 pm** are always a hit for our Hilo Community.



Dancing to Fukushima Ondo

The O-bon service is on **Sunday, August 5th** at **9:30 am** officiated by **Rev. Shinsho Hata**, 15th resident minister of Taishoji. Rev. Hata will be assisted by **Rev. Shinryu Hoshino of Soto Mission of Hawaii** at our Bon Dance and O-Bon Service. Our guest speaker for the O-Bon Service will be Rev. Shinryu Hoshino.

Everyone is welcome to attend both services. By attending these events you can welcome your ancestral spirits back from their spirit world and dance with them before their departure back to their spirit world during the Toro Nagashi.



O-Bon Service

The memorial service held at O-bon have two meanings. One is to honor the Buddha and show reverence for one's ancestors and others who have died.

The other is to express gratitude to all people to whom we are indebted, including those who are alive such as our parents, relatives, and friends.

Toro Nagashi will be held at the Wailoa Small Boat Harbor at **5:00 pm**.



Performance by Taishoji Taiko

2018 TORO-NAGASHI



Our annual Taishoji Toro-Nagashi (Floating Lantern Service) will take place on **Sunday, August 5, 2018** at the Wailoa River Boat Ramp at **5:00 p.m.**

A limited number of lanterns will be issued for this event on a “first come” basis. A donation of \$25.00 is requested for each lantern. The donor and two (2) names will be written on each lantern.

Each lantern needs a separate **Request Form**.

We shall need your help and cooperation in order to have a very successful Toro Nagashi so we can end our beloved ancestors’ spirits back to their Nirvana Spirit World with “Aloha” after the O-Bon service with either the boat or cow.



All donors are requested to be at the Wailoa River boat ramp by **5:00 p.m.**, or earlier to pick up their lanterns to lovingly assemble it for their loved ones. If you are not able to be at the boat ramp, we will ask others to do it for you.

Egg plant depicting a cow to take our ancestors back to their spirit world

Toro Nagashi Lanterns on Raft
To be transported by Suisan to be released

NOTE: NO PERSONAL LANTERN (S) WILL BE ACCEPTED DUE TO SAFETY CONCERNS.

.....Cut On Line.....

**TAISHOJI SOTO MISSION
2018 TORO NAGASHI LANTERN REQUEST FORM**

Donor’s Name (Print) _____
Last First

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Cell Number: _____

Dedicated to: (Print) _____
Last First

Dedicated to: (Print) _____
Last First

Donation of **\$ 25.00** for each Lantern \$ _____ \$ _____
Make check or cash payable to **Taishoji Busshin Kai** **Check** **Cash**

Please mail or drop of form and donation to the Temple by **Saturday, July 21, 2018**

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