



HAKUHO



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MINISTER'S MESSAGE

Aloha, Members and Friends of Taishoji,

On August 4 and 5, we held our Bon Dance, O-bon Service, and Toro Nagashi. I really appreciate Taishoji members, Taiko members, and Boy Scout members cooperation. Thanks to their support, we were able to complete these services successfully. I'm also grateful to Rev. Shinryu Hoshino and lay temple assistant Jigaku Takenouchi. Rev. Hoshino from Soto Mission of Hawaii in Oahu attended the services as the guest speaker. He provided a beautiful Dharma message and assisted in all services. Mr. Jigaku Takenouchi started helping as our lay temple assistant since last July. The services were the first time he helped as the assistant. He hit the Bell and Mokugyo (wooden drum) in place of me. since his initiation ceremony will be held on September 9, I'll introduce him at the next newsletter again.



It is said that the spirits of our ancestors return to this world during O-bon season. How did you spend the O-bon season? Did you spend the time with your ancestors? I saw many Taishoji members at these services. But some of the members couldn't join the services, because they couldn't drive. So I visited some members' homes to have the O-bon service. I put my hands together in front of the Butsudan (Buddha's altar) and chanted short sutras with the family. It's a good opportunity for them to show their gratitude to their ancestors. I was very happy, since I haven't seen them for a long time.

I'd like all of you to cherish Buddha and your ancestors. From next year, please feel free to call me if you want me to have an O-bon service for your departed loved ones and ancestors at your home.

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Finally, I'd like to share one of the Bon songs which we sang at the Obon service with my ukulele. The following is the first verse of the song:

We gather together in Buddha's temple bright
Offering incense with joy and gratitude.
Bon is a time to remember our loved ones,
Bon is a time to say "arigato" (thank you or mahalo),
Bon is a time for families and friends to honor life on this earth.

This song is very simple and meaningful. Bon is the time to remember our loved ones and ancestors, Bon is a time to say "arigato." We received so much from our loved ones and our ancestors. We should make time to pray for them and show them our gratitude. Bon is more than just a summer event. Bon is an essential and precious time for us.

On September 9, we are going to start Sunday School / Family Service. On September 16, we will have our annual temple clean up. I look forward to your participation!

In Gassho,
Rev. Shinsho Hata

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The weather was beautiful. Everyone enjoyed the delicious lunch. Beef stew made by Derrick, grilled shrimp, chicken kabobs by Joseph, potato/mac salad, baked beans and other homemade goodies. The once a year hotdogs were so ono, ice shave and watermelon so refreshing.

Bingo!! Come and pick up your prize brought many happy smiles to our members and friends. Thank you, everyone for the wonderful fellowship in our Sangha.

In Gassho,
Rodney Nishino



Undagi for dessert at picnic

BUSSHIN KAI

Please become a permanent disciple of Lord Shakyamuni Buddha. This year by joining our Lay Confirmation Ceremony, You will be able to receive the sixteen precepts of the Buddha and firmly confirm yourself as a Buddhist. According to Soto Zen tradition, lay confirmation ceremony is the most important ceremony in the life of a person.

Walter Tachibana



Lay Confirmation Ceremony

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Welcome, all students, teachers, and adults to Taishoji's Sunday School service beginning again on September 9, 2018 - May 2019.

We will have lots of new faces and ideas and things to do and learn. Our Zen is a wisdom religion. It tells us to think and act kindly and wisely and to follow the principles of science.

Please attend our Taishoji Sunday School / Family Service on September 9, 2018 at 9:00 am.

FUJIN KAI

Aloha members and friends of Fujin Kai,

Thank you for your hard work and support in July and August. We had a busy summer with the un-filled Picnic and Bon dance, as well as with the heartfelt O-bon Service and Toro Nagashi. Thank you very much for your continued support!

The BIBF Ireito Service at Alae Cemetery is on Sunday, August 26th at 2:00 pm. Since Taishoji is the Toban temple this year, the Fujin Kai is responsible for serving refreshments. If you are able to join us, please do! If you have the chance to bring finger food, please bring it to the pavilion in the Cemetery at 1:30 pm. Mahalo!

September Schedule:

9/2 - 9:00 am Zen Cooking “Shojin Ryori” Class by Ms. Naoko Moller (Still a few seats open, please contact Rev. Hata if you are interested in attending.)

9/2 - 1:00 pm - Fujin Kai Meeting

9/9 - 10:00 am - Ryosoki / Aki No Ohigan / Kannon Ko Service

9/16 - 8:00 am - Annual Temple Clean Up

With best wishes in Gassho,
Yoko Gussman

WOODEN FISH MOKUGYO

Hanging above the stairway to the minister’s residence and the temple

According to legends, a Chinese monk on his way to India to collect scriptures was blocked by a flooded river. A large fish appeared and agreed to carry the monk across the river after receiving assurances that the monk would ask the Buddha for help in finding a way for fish to achieve enlightenment. When the monk reached the river on his return trip, the fish appeared again and grew angry when it learned that the monk had forgotten his promise. The fish jumped up and knocked the monk into the river. The scriptures he had been carrying were lost, but he did not drown. Upon returning home, the monk, angry at the fish, made a wooden fish and beat it with a mallet.

Miraculously, every time he beat the fish, the fish spat out a Chinese character, and eventually all the texts the monk had lost were recovered. thereafter, wooden fish were hung in Zen temples and were hit to call monks to practice.



Gyoku (Ho)

Like the vast numbers of scriptures, which preserve diverse teachings., Taishoji displays many aspects of Buddhist practice: meditation, gratitude to the ancestors, pilgrimage, Goeika choral chanting, compassion, and inclusive reverence for many deities, with a hint of Shinto. Tucked into downtown Hilo, the temple is a repository of many facets of Buddhism.

MEMBER’S PARKING DECALS

We have car inside window, non-stick Parking Decals for members. The decal will identify members of our temple authorized to park in the parking area. Call Walter Tachibana at 959-9374 for your decal & leave a message with your name, address & phone number. Speak clearly & slowly (I have hearing loss.). We’ll mail it with your next Hakuho newsletter. Members who receive the Hakuho by email, please stop by Taishoji to pick it up or call Walter Tachibana to make arrangements to receive it.



Parking Decal



Otakiage



Bon Dance Practice



Preparation for Bon Dance



Fukushima Ondo



Performance by Taishoji Taiko at Bon Dance



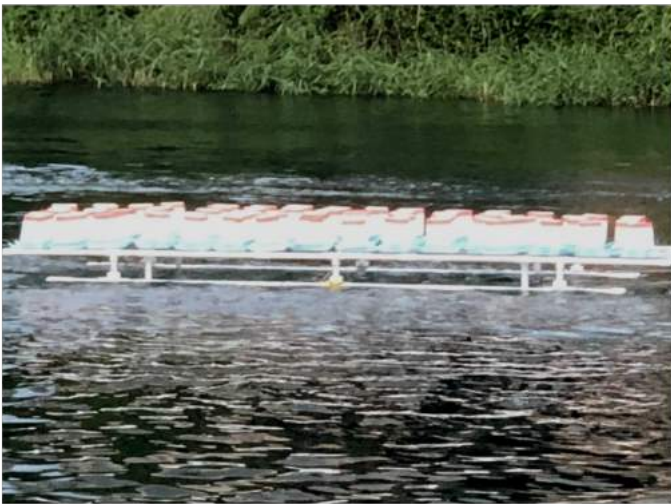
Performance by Taishoji Taiko at Toro Nagashi



Folding Lanterns for Ancestors



Ura Bon-e



“ALOHA”



Ancestors going home to the other shore

SEPTEMBER 2018 SCHEDULE

1	Sat	7:30 am	Temple Cleaning Group # 4
2	Sun	1:00 pm	Fujin Kai Meeting
8	Sat	7:00 am	Temple Cleaning Group # 1
		1:00 pm	Kyodan Meeting
9	Sun	9:00 am	SS / Family Service (RESUMES)
		10:00 am	Ryosoki / Aki No-O-Higan / Kannon Ko Service (Busshin Kai)
15	Sat	7:00 am	Temple Cleaning Group # 2
16	Sun	8:00 am	ANNUAL TEMPLE CLEAN-UP
22	Sat	7:00 am	Temple Cleaning Group # 3
23	Sun	9:45 am	AJA Memorial Day Service / Veterans Cemetery #1 (Taishoji is Toban Temple)
29	Sat	7:00 am	Temple Cleaning Group # 4
30	Sun	9:00 am	SS / Family Service

TAISHOJI ZAZEN / TAIKO / BOY SCOUTS SCHEDULE

Zazen	Mondays	6:30 pm - 7:30 pm
Taiko	Sundays	11:00 am - 1:00 pm
	Tuesday, Thursday, Friday	5:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Boy Scout Troop 95	Wednesday	7:15 pm

TENTATIVE OCTOBER 2018 SCHEDULE

6	Sat	7:00 am	Temple Cleaning Group # 1
7	Sun	10:00 am	Eitaikyo Kannon Ko Service (Kyodan)
13	Sat	7:00 am	Temple Cleaning Group # 2
		1:00 pm	Kyodan Meeting
14	Sun	9:00 am	SS / Family Service
20	Sun	7:00 am	Temple Cleaning Group # 3
21	Sun	9:00 am	SS / Family Service
27	Sat	7:00 am	Temple cleaning Group # 4
28	Sun	9:00 am	SS / Family Service

TAISHOJI WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS TO OUR SANGHA

Aloha and Welcome New Members

Alfred, Annette, Alisa & Kalif Leung

Mr. John Truong

IN MEMORIUM

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

Mrs. Jacklyn Ann Miyasaki
August 26, 1946 - August 3, 2018 (71)

Mrs. Nobuko Tsuchiya
March 7, 1920 - August 17, 2018 (98)