



# HAKUHO

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**JANUARY 2019**

## MINISTER'S MESSAGE

Aloha, Members and Friends of Taishoji,

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

I hope you all enjoyed a nice, relaxing winter break and are ready for an exciting and successful 2019!

How was 2018 for you? Did you have productive days? For me, I was able to have many fulfilling days last year. The end of the last year, we had BIBF Bodhi day service. I appreciated the people who helped with the service. On that day, more than 200 people came. After the service, Japanese calligrapher, Mr. Koki Takehara gave a live performance and Mrs. Naoko Moller and Taishoji Fujinkai member's provided Zen food. I heard a lot of good comments from the participants. It was really successful. During the calligraphy performance, Mr. Takehara drew the Kanji of “絆 (**Kizuna**).” .

**KIZUNA** means bonds. This **Kizuna** contains three different bonds. The first is ancestor's bonds. Thanks to our ancestors, we are alive. In particular, this year is the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Japanese immigration to Hawaii. We owe what we are to our ancestors. We should remember their effort and cooperation. The second is family bonds. Your family always supports you. We should have a time to convey our feelings to our family. The last is community bonds. There were a lot of disasters all over the world this year. Here on the Big Island, we experienced volcanic eruptions and many people lost their homes. Also in Japan, heavy rain caused a flood, and many people died last summer. (continued on next page)



BIBF Bodhi Day Service  
Calligraphy Performance / Mr. Koki Takehara

We never know what the future holds. That's why we should support each other. In addition, there are many groups who have different languages, cultures, and ways of thinking in Hawaii. But we are all precious Ohana. We should be considerate of someone else's feelings and help each other.

Finally, I'd like to deepen my bonds with you. I would like to spend as much time with everyone and support each other. I wish this year will be filled with peace, good health and happiness.

May Buddha bless you. Namu Kie Butsu. Namu Kie Ho. Namu Kie So.

In Gassho,  
Rev. Shinsho Hata

## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

### **Akemashite Omedeto Gozaimasu! - HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

Thank you everyone for a very memorable and successful 2018. This year was a busy year for Rev. Shinsho Hata and our Taishoji members. As the Toban temple for the BIBF (Big Island Buddhist Federation), we hosted the Hanamatsuri & Jodo-e Services at the Hilo Betsuin Sangha Hall. Both services were very successful.

I am very grateful to everyone for your support and assistance in making Taishoji a temple we can all be proud of. Under the guidance of Rev. Hata and Okusan, Mamiko Hata, we have come together and enjoyed being a part of our great Sangha.

I am looking forward to the New Year. Besides our temple services, we will have yoga sessions, Go classes (Japanese strategy game board) and Zen cooking classes. Of course, everyone loves our Obon weekend with our Bon Dance and Toro Nagashi. Don't forget our annual picnic scheduled for Sunday, October 20, 2019 at the IBEW Hall at Bakers Beach to relax and enjoy the fellowship.

The messages given by Rev. Hata, the Gathas sung accompanied by Sensei's ukulele and the organ music by Okusan at our Sunday School / Family Services, remind us to live our daily lives with the teaching of the Buddha and "MAKING EVERY DAY A GOOD DAY"

Have a HAPPY and HEALTHY NEW YEAR!

In Gassho,  
Rodney Nishino

## **FUJIN KAI**

Aloha members and friends of Fujin Kai. Happy New Year!

I am so grateful for your support and hard work in the year 2018. Thank you for your kindness, thoughtfulness, guidance, and patience throughout the year.

Bodhi Day Services, both BIBF and Taishoji, were wonderful, thank you for your help and prayers for those who attended, and also for those who couldn't attend. Our hearts are together always, near and far.

**Fujin Kai General Membership Meeting / Sokai for 2019** will be held on **Sunday, January 27, at 10:00am** We will have a service for our deceased members in the temple, then the meeting, lunch, fellowship, and bingo in the social hall will follow. We look forward to seeing you there.

Since we have this big meeting in January, we will cancel our usual monthly meeting. (Please note, there will be **No Fujin Kai meeting on January 6 & January 13**)

Thanks again for your support in the year 2018 and Best wishes for the year 2019!

In Gassho,  
Yoko Gussman  
Fujin Kai President

**NEHAN-E / OSUNAFUMI / TOBA KUYO SERVICE**

On Sunday, February 17, 2019 at 9:30 am, we will be observing the death of Shakyamuni Buddha. At the time of his death the Buddha was sleeping on a bed prepared between two Sala trees; his head to the north, his face to the west, and his hand for a pillow. White flowers were blooming on the Sala trees and fell continuously.



**Shakyamuni Buddha**



**33 Kannon**

The Osunafumi is a pilgrimage on a pathway of sand from the 33 Kannon temples in the western part of Japan. We offer our prayers to each Kannon as we walk on our pilgrimage led by Rev. Shinsho Hata. Please join us for this memorable service.

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Member's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Last

First

Donation For: Nehan-e \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Toba \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$2.00 each \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Membership Dues for **(2019)** \$60.00: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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**Hishiryō "non thinking"**  
Calligraphy by **Mr. Koki Takehara** )



**Hishiryō "non thinking"**  
**"ZEN RETREAT"**



**Mr. Koki Takehara**, assisted by Chad Nakagawa of Taishoji Taiko playing the Taiko as a back ground music during the brushing of the character **"Kizuna"** (togetherness, bond)



"Our life will always be bright depending on our way of thinking"  
"Live for as not to regret even if we died"  
Calligraphy by **Mr. Koki Takehara**



**Mrs. Naoko Moller** and Fujin Kai preparing Zen food



**Piano & Flute Recital**  
Ms. Natsuko Uchida on piano & Ms. Yumi Asakawa on flute, provided entertainment during lunch at our Jodo-e Service



Making Ojuzu from Recycled Beads

## **BUSSHIN KAI**

**HAPPY NEW YEAR!** To all you members. You have helped to make the past year the greatest that Taishoji has had. Our temple counts on Busshin Kai to carry on temple activities and services. So, please do your best to help us do all the things we need to do. Please wear your Wagesa with pride, for it is a sign of your total commitment to Lord Shakyamuni Buddha's way of life and that you shall stay healthy, awake and kind to all. Obey your doctors and your daughters when they help you eat, drink and move with safety and for good health. Each member should do something for the good of all of us. Come to temple services, be re-energized in our reality-based religion.

No magic, no miracles, no imaginary stuff. Only wisdom, good hearts and good Zen food! **MAY YOU AND YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS ENJOY OUR NATURAL WORLD TO THE UTMOST IN THE YEAR OF THE BOAR!!!**

You can invite others to become a permanent Soto Zen Buddhist by joining our Lay Member Confirmation Program. Be a Buddhist disciple just as Steve Jobs of Apple, Inc.

Walter Tachibana  
President

## **ONE CREDIT SHORT**

A Farrington High School graduate finally got his diploma at age 82! He was a famous musician, music arranger, composer, and filmmaker.

This young man was drafted into the military in 1945, before he could graduate. After the war, he returned to Farrington, determined to obtain his diploma. Near the end of the semester, however, he was told that he was one credit short. He would have to attend summer school for it.

After his first day in summer school, Eddie Kamae walked away, too bored to continue. He was instrumental in forming the legendary Sons of Hawai'i with Gabby Pahinui, Joe Marshall and David "Feet" Rogers. Their music helped usher in the Hawaiian music renaissance.

With his wife, Myrna, Kamae produced 10 films on various aspects of Hawaiian music.

During the 2009-2010 school year, Kamae was helping Farrington's fledging Hawaiian Academy. When Principal Catherine Payne heard that Eddie had not gotten his degree, she decided that his life work was worth far, far more than one credit. She granted Eddie the one credit he needed for graduation.

She then got permission from the senior class to have Eddie march with them at graduation. On a sunny day in late May in 2010, Eddie Kamae proudly donned the maroon-and-white cap and gown and marched into the amphitheater as a member of the Farrington High School Class of 2010.

Eddie Kamae died in 2017. He is a shining example of our great heroes of "the Greatest Generation" who rose from the Great Depression and then fought to save the freedoms we cherish in World War II. They were decent, dignified and devout defenders of democracy. And Eddie Kamae was one of them, just as your father, uncle, brother or friend who served America so gallantly was.

## **BUDDHISM**

### **The Four Noble Truths:**

1. Human life is full of suffering and sorrow
2. Suffering and sorrow are caused by people's greedy desire for power, pleasure and possessions
3. Suffering and sorrow will end when people overcome their greed = Nirvana = enlightenment
4. People can overcome their greed and uncontrolled desires by adopting the Middle way or Eightfold Path

## JANUARY 2019 SCHEDULE

<b>1</b>	<b>Tue</b>	<b>10:00 am</b>	<b>New Year's Service</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>Sat</b>	<b>8:30 am</b>	<b>Daifukuji Zen Retreat</b>
		7:00 am	Temple Cleaning <b>Group # 2</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>Sun</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>SS / Family Service Ojizo Matsuri (SS)</b>
<b>12</b>	<b>Sat</b>	7:00 am	Temple Cleaning <b>Group # 3</b>
		<b>1:00 pm</b>	<b>Kyodan Meeting</b>
<b>13</b>	<b>Sun</b>	9:00 am	SS / Family Service
		<b>10:00 am</b>	<b>Busshin Kai Meeting &amp; Shinnen Eenkai</b>
<b>19</b>	<b>Sat</b>	7:00 am	Temple Cleaning <b>Group # 4</b>
<b>20</b>	<b>Sun</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>SS / Family Service (Dogen Zenji Birthday (SS))</b>
		<b>10:00 am</b>	<b>Kyodan General Membership Meeting</b>
<b>26</b>	<b>Sat</b>	7:00 am	Temple Cleaning <b>Group # 1</b>
		<b>5:00 pm</b>	<b>BIBF Installation Dinner</b>
<b>27</b>	<b>Sun</b>	9:00 am	SS / Family Service
		<b>10:00 am</b>	<b>Fujin Kai General Membership / Sokai</b>

## TAISHOJI ZAZEN / TAIKO / SCOUTS SCHEDULE

Zazen	Monday	6:30 pm - 7:30 pm
Taiko	Sunday	11:00 am - 1:00 pm
	Tuesday, Thursday, Friday	5:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Cub Scout Troop 95	Wednesday (twice monthly)	6:00 pm - 7:30 pm
Boy Scout Troop 95	Wednesday	7:15 pm

## TENTATIVE TAISHOJI FEBRUARY 2018 SCHEDULE

<b>2</b>	<b>Sat</b>	7:30 am	Temple Cleaning <b>Group # 2</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Sun</b>	9:00 am	SS / Family Service ( <b>Setsubun</b> ) ( <b>Bean throwing</b> )
		<b>10:00 am</b>	<b>Kyodan Installation &amp; Shinnen Enkai</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>Sat</b>	7:00 am	Temple Cleaning <b>Group # 3</b>
		<b>1:00 pm</b>	<b>Kyodan Meeting</b>
<b>10</b>	<b>Sun</b>	9:00 am	SS / Family Service
<b>16</b>	<b>Sat</b>	7:00 am	Temple Cleaning <b>Group # 4</b>
		<b>8:00 am</b>	<b>Prepare / Set-Up for Nehan-e Service</b>
<b>17</b>	<b>Sun</b>	<b>9:30 am</b>	<b>Nehan-e / 33 Kannon / Osuna Fumi / Toba Kuyo Service (Kyodan)</b>
<b>23</b>	<b>Sat</b>	7:00 am	Temple Cleaning <b>Group # 1</b>
<b>23 &amp; 24</b>	<b>Sat &amp; Sun</b>		<b>Minister &amp; HSMA Mtg / Betsuin &amp; Pagoda Hotel</b>

## December 31, 2018 / JOYA NO KANE

**11:30 PM**

On December 31, Buddhist temples all over **Japan ring** their **bells** a total of **108 times** (除夜の鐘 "Joya No Kane" to symbolize the **108** human sins in Buddhist belief, and to get rid of the **108** worldly desires regarding sense and feeling.  
Come and join us to ring our Temple Bell 108 times to celebrate the New Year and receive your Omamori for 2019.