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MINISTER'S MESSAGE

Aloha, Members and Friends of Taishoji,

From January 5 to 8, we had a guest trainee monk from Sojiji monastery, Rev. Bunryu Yanai, who stayed at Taishoji as one of his overseas training programs. He helped with our Zazen and Jizo Matsuri Service. Just before he left Hilo, he gave us a towel. One of the Zen words is written on the towel. The Zen word is called “我逢人Gaho-jin” in Japanese. The kanji was written by our archbishop, Shinzan Egawa. This is Rev. Egawa's favorite Zen word. “我ga” means “I”. “逢hou” means meet. “人jin” means others. So it means “Every encounter is precious.” This Zen word originally came from the Soto Zen founder, Dogen. When Dogen was 24 years old, he went to China to solve the riddle of Buddhism. He had sought the answer for 5 years.

Finally, through a meeting with Nyojo Zenji, he was able to solve the riddle and attain enlightenment. Dogen would not have established a Soto Zen school in Japan without Nyojo Zenji. So Dogen left us the Zen word through the encounter. This Zen word is very important in our daily life. We can learn new ideas and new ways of thinking through each encounter. We might figure out what we want to do with our life through our encounters.



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How about you? Did you have a great encounter that made you grow? As for me, I believe that an encounter has power, because I couldn't have become a Taishoji minister without meeting with my senior monk in Osaka. And my teacher said to me, "Regardless of age or sex, please cherish all the people as your teacher who enriches your life." So I'm cherishing each of my encounters. In addition, I was able to learn a lot of things from all of you since I came to Hawaii. Hawaii has enriched my life.

Every encounter is precious for us. Even if we meet a bad person who always talks badly about others, we can think of the person as an example of how not to behave. We would have the experience to grow.

I'd like you to cherish every encounter, especially the encounter with Buddha and Taishoji members to enrich your life! Let us cherish Gaho-jin. Thank you very much.

In Gassho,

Rev. Shinsho Hata

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Aloha Everyone,

My sincere **THANK YOU** to Rev. Shinsho Hata, Mrs. Mamiko Hata, Board of Directors of Taishoji Kyodan and Komon (advisors) for the cooperation and guidance in 2018. Since the members of the Board of Directors and the organizations serve a two year term of office, let us all "**BOND**" together by following the calligraphy "**絆 KIZUNA**" to make 2019 a successful year like 2018. This year, please welcome **Pack 95** with Mr. Jon Gorman as their Scout Master as an additional affiliate organization to Taishoji. Taishoji is very grateful for your wholehearted support and assistance.

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FUJIN KAI

Aloha members and friends of Fujin Kai.

I hope you had a good holiday season. In February, we will have 2 luncheons. The Kyodan Shinnen Enkai on Sunday, February 3rd, and the Nehan-e / Osunafumi / Toba Kuyo Service on Sunday, February 17th. Hoping we can meet and have a good time together. Please come to help if you can with the preparation and serving. Thank you very much for your support and warm energy. Mahalo nui loa.

In Gassho,
Yoko Gussman
President, Fujin Kai

BUSSHIN KAI

We had a nice New Year Party on January 13 in our YBA hall. Thank you to all who came and enjoyed all the fun and fellowship of our Pure Hearts Society.

Sensei Shinsho Hata, Mrs. Mamiko Hata, Patricia Fuke, Linda Matsushita, Kimie Watanabe, Thomas Fuke, and other helping hands really helped in the service, meeting, luncheon, and Bingo games. Thank you.

For people who believe in Lord Shakyamuni Buddha, please consider enrolling in our next Lay Confirmation Workshop to receive your Buddhist name (Kaimyo). After receiving your Buddhist name, you will be able to join our Busshin Kai and become a member of our organization. Call Rev. Hata at 935-8407.

Like the Cathars of olden times in Europe (who were Buddhists), those who are regular members of Taishoji are called Listeners. Those who really believe in Buddhism are called Believers, or Pure Hearts (Busshin). All are invited to move one step higher by becoming "Believers." for this life and beyond. (You will already have your Buddhist name (Kaimyo) for the Spirit World now before death.)

In gassho,
Walter Tachibana

SUNDAY SCHOOL

WELCOME, TO NEW AND OLD SUNDAY SCHOOL STUDENTS!

On February 3rd we shall have SS / Family Service and a special activity: **Setsubun**, in which we ask for good luck and happiness by casting beans at bad luck demons, or happenings. Come and see the action!

Please come to Sunday School on **February 10th**.

There will be no Sunday School on **February 17th** (Nehan-e) and **February 24th** (Ministers and Hawaii Soto Mission Association meeting in Honolulu)

Sunday School offers children a calm setting to learn good behavior and thoughts through our songs, sermons, and bonding. Please help your children grow up straight and strong.



Setsubun (Bad Luck Demons)

Manjushri Bodhisattva (文殊舍利菩薩)

Taishoji Zazen Kai donated the new Manjushri statue on December 8, 2018. This statue was made by a Japanese craftsman. This Manjushri is the Bodhisattva of wisdom. Manjushri means “Gentle Glory.” Bodhisattva is the person who seeks enlightenment through vows to save all beings. He has a sword in his right hand and a sutra book in his left hand. Both things symbolize wisdom. He is not hurting anyone by using the sword. He cuts through the ignorance which binds all beings to a cycle of suffering and unhappiness. He always tries to convey Buddhist teachings and guide us on the right path. He sits in Zazen in full lotus position. The Manjushri is sitting on the golden lotus, and the big lions supporting the Manjushri from below. The lion has a special force in Buddhism and is believed to be a guardian deity which eats someone’s evil thoughts. It is also said that the lion symbolizes wisdom. The Manjushri is a “precious knowledge” Bodhisattva statue which we have to cherish. The Manjushri is also famous for academic achievement. If you want to improve your academic work, please pray to the Manjushri.



Manjushri Kannon



Zazen Kai

2019 THE YEAR OF THE BOAR

We all wish for a good and glorious 365 days in the coming New Year of 2019. The honored animal will be the Boar and all its meanings for long life and happiness.

For boys and men, the Boar Year people are optimistic and gentle. They are quiet and treat everyone warmly.

For girls and women born in a Boar Year (1923, 1935, 1947, 1959, 1971, 1983, 1995, 2007 and 2019) they are full of excitement, attend social events and treat everyone genuinely. Combines with their easy going personality, they gain everyone’s trust. They have good fortune with wealth, are highly organized, and love children and playing with them brings great joy.

Good Luck and Best Wishes to Everyone in 2019!

WALKING WITH GRANDPA

I like to walk with Grandpa / His steps are short like mine.
He doesn’t say, “Now hurry up” / He always takes his time.

I like to walk with Grandpa / His eyes see things like mine;
A birdie bright, a funny cloud / A penny that really shines.

Most people are in a hurry / They do not stop and see;
I’m glad that Nature made Grandpa unrushed,
And almost as young as me.



Taishoji Board of Directors



Taishoji Fujin Kai



Taishoji Busshin Kai



Taishoji Sunday School



Joya No Kane



Hatsukito (New Year Blessing Service)



Ojizo Matsuri



Nehan-e (33 Kannon / Osuna Fumi)

TAISHOJI FEBRUARY 2019 SCHEDULE

2	Sat	7:30 am	Temple Cleaning Group # 2
3	Sun	9:00 am	SS / Family Service (Setsubun) (Bean throwing)
		10:00 am	KYODAN SHINNEN ENKAI (NEW YEAR PARTY)
9	Sat	7:00 am	Temple Cleaning Group # 3
		1:00 pm	<u>KYODAN MEETING (CANCELLED)</u>
			<u>(MOVED TO February 16)</u>
10	Sun	9:00 am	SS / Family Service
16	Sat	7:00 am	Temple Cleaning Group # 4
		8:00 am	Prepare / Set-Up for Nehan-e Service
		1:00 pm	<u>KYODAN MEETING (Rescheduled from 2/9)</u>
17	Sun	9:30 am	Nehan-e / 33 Kannon / Osuna Fumi / Toba Kuyo Service (Kyodan)
23	Sat	7:00 am	Temple Cleaning Group # 1
23 & 24	Sat & Sun		Minister & HSMA Mtg / Betsuin & Pagoda Hotel

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
Go Class	Thursday	5:30 pm - 7:00 pm

TENATATIVE MARCH 2019 SCHEDULE

2	Sat	7:00am	Temple Cleaning Group # 2
3	Sun	9:00am	SS / Family Service
		1:00pm	Fujin Kai Meeting
9	Sat	7:00am	Temple cleaning Group # 3
		1:00pm	<u>KYODAN MEETING CANCELLED FOR MARCH</u>
10	Sun	9:00am	HAIB Buddha Day Service at (Kona Hongwanji)
16	Sat	7:00am	Temple Cleaning Group # 4
17	Sun	10:00am	Haru No Ohigan / Kannon-ko Service (Fujin Kai)
23	Sat	7:00am	Temple Cleaning Group # 1
24	Sun	9:00am	SS /Family Service
30	Sat	7:00am	Temple Cleaning Group # 2
31	Sun	9:00am	SS / Family Service



NEHAN-E / 33 KANNON OSUNA FUMI / TOBA KUYO SERVICE FEBRUARY 17, 2019 9:30am

The Osuna Fumi 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.