

HAKUHO



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MINISTER'S MESSAGE



Aloha, Members and Friends of Taishoji,

“Zen and Sound”

One of the Taishoji members asked me about the relationship between Buddhism and Sound. In Buddhism, there are three different uses of sound.

First, Buddhist monks use sound as a starting signal.

What is the starting signal for the Sunday service? What do we use at the beginning of the service? It is the starting bell which a Busshin Kai a member hits outside of the building. In the Soto Zen Monastery, monks hit a bell for different situations. For example, when monks get up, sit in zazen, eat breakfast and so on. Every morning, a monk runs around the monastery ringing the bell to wake up all the monks. This practice is called **“Shinrei”** in Japanese. We usually wake up by an alarm clock, right? But monks cannot use an alarm clock. When I practiced at the monastery, I used to be in charge of **“Shinrei.”** I had to wake up at 1:30am. After I woke up, I had to open all the gates, turn on the floor lights and start running at exactly 3:30am to wake all the monks. Actually, the bell was very, very noisy. You might want to cover your ears! Even now, I sometimes hear the noisy sound in a dream and wake up at 3:30am.

Second, Buddhist monks use sound to chant Sutras at the same speed.

When monks chant Sutras, some chant very fast. Some chant very slow. We need to adjust the speed. So everyone chants at the same speed. That's why, we use a wooden drum which is called **“Mokugyo”** in Japanese. **“Moku”** means wood. **“Gyo”** means fish. As fish do not blink their eyes, it is said that the Mokugyo symbolizes wakefulness and the monk's strict training with little sleep. Thus, the sound of this Mokugyo reminds monks in training to avoid laziness.

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Mokugyo also reminds the monks to avoid selfishness and thinking only of oneself. Recently, the design of Mokugyo has changed. Actually, Taishoji's Mokugyo is the shape of a dragon. Most of the current Mokugyos are dragons. When I practiced at the monastery, I used a very huge Mokugyo. That one was 5 times as large as the Taishoji Mokugyo. When I hit the huge Mokugyo, a very beautiful sound echoed through the hall.

Last, Buddhist monks use sound to purify a place and our mind.

The sound of the bell spreads through the main hall. When people listen to the sound of the bell, they stop talking and calm their mind. They are ready to pray for Buddha.

In our daily life, we listen to a lot of different sounds. Our mind is changing depending on the sound types. For example, if we listen to the sound of an ukulele, we will feel happy. If we listen to someone's angry voice, we might feel distressed. The sound of the temple bell has power to make our mind calm. We can listen to a healing sound at the temple.

In Gassho,
Rev. Shinsho Hata



Mokugyo

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Sunday, July 28th move the Yagura to the front of the temple (8:00am)

August 4th move the Yagura to the back of the parking lot after lunch. (about 1 or 1:30pm after most of the cars have cleared the parking area)

If you are able to help in anyway, please come to the temple & the boat ramp at the listed times. Your assistance is needed to make our Bon Dance, O-bon & Toro Nagashi successful events on August 3 & 4.



Saturday, August 3rd set up the temple for the O-Bon / Hatsubon Service & decorate the Yagura for our Bon Dance. (8:00am)



Set up tent at the Wailoa Boat Ramp for Toro Nagashi (4:00pm)



Load items in truck for Toro Nagashi at Wailoa Boat Ramp (after moving yagura)

KYODAN BOARD MEMBERS

It was requested and agreed we change the day and time of our Board Meetings to a Sunday to accommodate members who could not attend on Saturday's. The change is from the second **Saturday** to the second **Sunday** of the month. Our new meeting date will start from **Sunday, June 9th at 10:00am.**

In Gassho,
Rodney Nishino

FUJIN KAI

Aloha all Fujin Kai members and friends!

On **Sunday, June 2nd, at 10:00am**, we will have our Kaisanki / Rekijuki / Kannon-ko Service sponsored by Taishoji Baika-ko. We hope to see you all then! Both men and women are welcome to be members of Fujin Kai. Please join us!

There will be no Fujin Kai meeting in June. Our next meeting will be on **Sunday, July 14th, at 1 p.m. (not at 10 a.m.)** Thank you for your continuous support from near and far. Wishing you all the best, good health and spirit. Take care.

With gratitude, in Gassho,
Yoko Gussman



Fujin Kai Hospital Visitation

BUSSHIN KAI MESSAGE THE SPREAD OF BUDDHISM

Buddhism spread quickly within India as the Buddha and his disciples traveled around the country introducing the teachings to the population. The power of his message and the proof of its value were evident as thousands joined him on the path to enlightenment. It didn't take long, however, before Buddhism was to spread beyond the borders of India, moving into Southeastern Asia and the Indian subcontinent, and then beyond.

Mahayana Buddhism was spreading northward from India as Theravada was spreading throughout the south and southeast. Mahayana Buddhism was welcomed in China, Japan, and Korea.

Walter Tachibana

Anatta

Anatta in Pali means non-self.

It is a common characteristic of both Theravada and Mahayana Buddhism.

Every day in Zen centers all around the world, the Heart Sutra is chanted. In the first line, Avalokiteshvara found the five aggregates (Skandhas) to be empty of self. These Skandhas are what makes up a human being, according to the Buddha.

When he saw that he was empty of self, he passed beyond all suffering, i.e. he realized Nirvana. And he did not die. The Buddha Shakyamuni also realized Nirvana in his lifetime, and did not die. Also the Buddha had brought some of his followers to this realization.

I would like you to consider this teaching of the venerable Thich Nhat Hanh; " A wave on the ocean has a beginning and an end, a birth and death. But Avalokitesvara tells us that the wave is empty. The wave is full of water, but empty of a separate self. A wave is a form which has been made possible thanks to the existence of wind and water. If a wave only sees its form, with its beginning and end, it will be afraid of birth and death. But if the wave sees that it is water, then it will be emancipated from birth and death. Each wave is born and going to die, but the water is free from birth and death. When Avalokitesvara, was able to see the nature of emptiness, he overcame all fear and pain.

I have seen people die very peacefully, with a smile, because they see that birth and death are only a wave on the surface of the ocean."

You do not have to wait until you are on your death bed to realize this.

Deacon Juho

BAIKAKO

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 2nd. The deceased Baika-Ko Members Memorial Service honors our 76 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 our deceased ancestors



Taishoji Ground-breaking Ceremony
February 10, 1918

BIBF “KIZUNA” T-SHIRT FUNDRAISER

BIBF (Big Island Buddhist Federation) will sell a “KIZUNA (絆)” T-shirt as a fundraising. KIZUNA means bonding. At the Bodhi day service 2018, a Japanese calligrapher, Mr. Koki Takehara drew the character of KIZUNA on the huge canvas to deepen our bonds with ancestors, family and community which we have to cherish. The cost is \$20. If you buy one, \$5 will be donated to BIBF. The size is S to XL. The color is only dark blue. The deadline is on August 1st.



BIBF “KIZUNA” T-SHIRT FUNDRAISER

Size	Price	Total Amount
S	\$20	
M	\$20	
L	\$20	
XL	\$20	
Total Order		

Name _____ Phone Number _____

Please make checks payable to: Tatsunori Hata
275 Kinoole Street Hilo HI 96720

TAISHOJI JUNE 2019 SCHEDULE

1	Sat	7:00 am	Temple Cleaning Group # 3
2	Sun	10:00 am	Kaisanki / Rekiju-ki / Kannon-ko Service
	(Baikako)		(Honoring the deceased members of the Baikako)
8	Sat	7:00 am	Temple Cleaning Group # 4
9	Sun	10:00 am	Kyodan Meeting (<u>NEW DATE & TIME</u>)
15	Sat	7:00 am	Temple Cleaning Group # 1
22	Sat	7:00 am	Temple Cleaning Group # 2
23	Sun	10:00 am	Basic Buddhism Class (Deacon Juho Kirkpatrick)
29	Sat	7:00 am	Temple Cleaning Group # 3
30	Sun	9:30 am	Rev. Hata to Daifukuji for O-Bon Service

TAISHOJI ZAZEN / TAIKO / SCOUTS SCHEDULE

Yoga	Monday	5:30 pm - 6:00 pm
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
Troop 95	Wednesday	7:15 pm
Pack 95	Wednesday (twice monthly)	6:00 pm - 7:30 pm
Go Class	Thursday	5:30 pm - 7:00 pm

TENTATIVE TAISHOJI JULY 2019 SCHEDULE

2	Tue	7 - 8:30 pm	Bon Dance Practice (Jane Heit)
6	Sat	7:00 am	Temple Cleaning Group # 4
12-14	Fri-Sat		Rev. Hata to Mantokuji for O-Bon Service
13	Sat	7:00 am	Temple Cleaning Group # 1
			Daifukuji Bon Dance
14	Sun	10:00 am	Kyodan Meeting
		1:00 pm	Fujin Kai Meeting
16	Tue	7 - 8:30 pm	Bon Dance Practice (Jane Heit)
20	Sat	7:00 am	Temple Cleaning Group # 2
27	Sat	7:00 am	Temple Cleaning Group # 3
28	Sun	8:00 am	Move Yagura to Front of Temple (Help Needed)
30	Tue	7 - 8:30 pm	Bon Dance Practice (Jane Heit)

DAIFUKUJI O-BON SERVICE

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

IN MEMORIUM

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

Mr. Futoshi "Fred" Aoki

May 23, 1927 - April 19, 2019

CHILDRENS DAY



Making Samurai Helmet



Kei & Hayato Seto, Patricia, Thomas & Harry Fuke, Rev. Hata



Kei Seto sails Kamaboko Board Boat

BACCALAUREATE SERVICE



Chad Nakagawa / Guest Speaker



2019 Waiakea High School Graduate
Meghan Nagai & Rev. Hata



Proud parents Michael & Sylvia Nagai with
Meghan & Rev. Hata



May 18, 2019 Zen Retreat



Mrs. Mamiko Hata demonstrating the Tea Ceremony
for participants of the Zen Retreat



Rev. Hata's Dharma Message