

# HAKUHO



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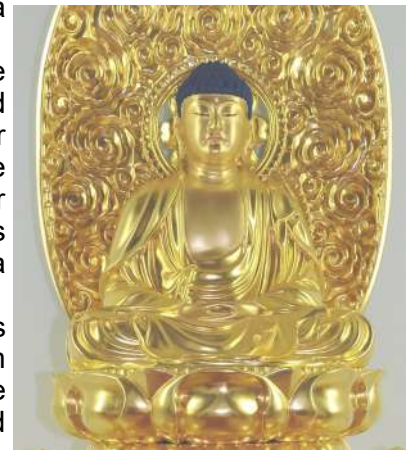
## MINISTER'S MESSAGE



Aloha, Members and Friends of Taishoji,

On April 11, we held our Hanamatsuri Service. The service was held both in person and live streaming. Hanamatsuri Service is very meaningful to me, because when I first came to Hawaii 7 years ago in 2014, I joined the Hanamatsuri Service. At that time, I was not the minister of Taishoji. I just came from Japan as a visitor. Since Taishoji had no resident minister, Reverend Yoshida helped with the service. When I joined the service, I couldn't speak English at all, but Taishoji members were so kind. Everybody shook hands with me, gave me a hug and a smile and tried to speak to me in Japanese. It warmed my heart, and I was impressed by the generous spirit. At the end of the service, we sang the song "Magokoro ni Ikiru." I was so happy, because it

**Rev. Shinsho Hata** is my favorite song. It made me want to become a Taishoji minister. Now that I am, I can sing "Magokoro ni Ikiru" with everyone. I feel very honored to perform the Taishoji Hanamatsuri Service as Taishoji's resident minister! During the Hanamatsuri Service, we poured sweet tea over Baby Buddha's head to recreate that action in our Hanamatsuri Service, called the flower festival in English. The name "Hanamatsuri" originated because Buddha was born in the Lumbini flower garden. Buddha and flowers are closely related to each other. Buddha sits on a pedestal in a Lotus Flower. Buddha really likes the lotus, because a lotus blooms only in the mud. A lotus cannot bloom in clean water. It desperately needs mud. Buddha said, "Just as the pure and fragrant lotus flower grows out of the mud of a swamp rather than out of the clean loam of an upland field, so from the muck of worldly passions springs the pure Enlightenment of Buddhahood. Even the mistaken views of heretics and the delusions of worldly passions may be the seeds for Buddhahood."



Taishoji Buddha Statue

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Buddha compared mud to painful or sad experiences in our life and compared the blooming lotus to our growth. A lotus lives, supported by the mud in the water. In the same way, we can grow through our painful or sad experiences. When I was a child, I was bullied. Through that painful experience, I came to know the feelings of those being bullied and learned that I must not bully others. When I caught a cold or injured my leg, I understood the importance of health. The painful or sad experiences became precious memories for me to learn. How do you view your painful or sad experiences? Are you worried? Do you have lingering regret? No matter how hard our situation becomes, we can change them into positive energy. We have to pay attention to that. I hope that I, too, can overcome all difficult things and come to grow with everyone.

In Gassho,  
Rev. Shinsho Hata

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Aloha Members and Friends,

Although the majority of us has taken both of our vaccine shots, we are not out of the woods yet so we should still follow the CDC guide lines. At Taishoji, we are live streaming our services on Facebook, and we also have live audience. We follow the CDC guidelines. Our services are taped to be viewed on YouTube in the afternoon for those that can not attend the services in person in the morning.

This month we are holding a very auspicious ceremony for Rev. Shinsho Hata and Deacon Jigaku Takenouchi. (**Shinsanshiki and Hossenshiki Services**). Unfortunately, due to COVID 19, there will be limited audience participation with Ministers and Deacons from Honolulu and Hawaii Island and Taishoji Board Members only. More on this ceremony will be explained in the June Hakuho (newsletter). These services can not be shown live on Facebook. However, you will be able to view it on YouTube several days later.

From **June 27<sup>th</sup> to October 3<sup>rd</sup>** our **Sunday School / Family Services** will not be in session. It resume again on **Sunday, October 10<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am**. At this time you will be able to attend in person again for the rest of the year. Services will be live streamed on Facebook and viewed on YouTube in the afternoon.

In Gassho,  
Rodney Nishino

## FUJIN KAI MESSAGE

Dear Members, Friends and Families of Fujin Kai! "Happy Spring"

May is a lovely month that holds "**Children's Day**" and "**Mother's Day**". Happy early Mother's Day! Although many members have received the COVID vaccines, we will not resume our Fujin Kai meeting in May. If you have any questions or suggestions about our Fujin Kai, please let me know.

How are you, the members at the care homes? The hospital visit is planned for this May, but it will only be a drop off, of the blankets at the doors of the care homes. Only Hata sensei and I will go on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of May. Please take care.

Thank you, members, and friends for the donations of blankets and other sewing goods. Your loving products are greatly appreciated.

Our Fujin Kai always welcome new members.  
(Tel / Text: 808-345-1765. Email: [hilo1989@gmail.com](mailto:hilo1989@gmail.com))

With Gratitude in Gassho,  
Yoko Gussman



**Beautiful Sakura Blossom in Tokyo**

## BUSSHIN KAI MESSAGE

May is a month to honor all boys, young and old, because March 5 is still Boys' Day in Hawaii (Tango-no-Sekku).

The following is to honor all grandsons:

I believe you're special  
And it's really no surprise,  
You've earned my Grandma Heart  
And put a sparkle in my eyes.

You've given me such pleasure  
So I wanted you to know,  
As a Grandson you're a Treasure,  
Which is why I love you so.

Grampa & Grandma

Please get your vaccination shot (s) and live strong, long, healthy, and happy with Zen Buddhism to guide you.

Walter Tachibana, President

## DEVELOPEMENT

Last month I wrote about the morality in the Noble Eight Fold Path, as it is basic to the practice of Buddhas teachings. If we lie, cheat and steal, our lives will be full of problems. We know that. If we follow the Buddhas teachings, our lives will be much easier. We know that too, but how do we practice? Following the morality is a beginning.

The rest of the Eight Fold Path, has to do with development. That is with mental disciplines, and cultivating wisdom. The mental disciplines, Right effort, Right mindfulness, and Right concentration, are practices that teach us about ourselves, how to control our emotions, and develop peace of mind. Meditation is part of that. It is taught freely here at the Taishoji. You would be wise to join into this practice.

Practicing Buddhism is a lot like learning to swim. Just listening to the philosophy and reading books, shows you what to do. You must do what the teachings say. If you only read books on swimming and never go in the water, you never know swimming. Only about swimming. You have to jump in the water to know swimming.

The same goes for Buddhism, if you do not practice, you never know Buddhism. You only know about Buddhism. Let us all practice together.

In Gassho,  
Deacon Juho

## BACCALAUREATE SERVICE

A Baccalaureate Service honoring high school graduates will be held on Sunday, May 23, 2019 at 10:00 am. **Kalif Leung** will be graduating from **Hilo High School**. If there are any graduates who would like to participate in this service, please call Rev. Shinsho Hata at 808-935-8407.





**HANAMATSURU - APRIL 11, 2021**



**Barbara Fujimoto, Mamiko Hata w/Shogo  
Kathleen Fujioka**



**Magokoro ni Ikiru accompanied  
by Rev. Hata on ukulele**



**MC Gregory Morrical**



**Live Streaming on Facebook & viewed on YouTube**

**HAPPY 100<sup>th</sup> BIRTHDAY  
Congratulations!! Hau'oli La Hanau!**



**Mrs. Tomiko Yoshimura**



**Mr. Tadato Shimooka**



**KAKUMA SALE**

Thanks to Hiram Hagio, members harvested kakuma on April 17th and 19th at the Hagio Farm in Volcano. The weather was beautiful on both days. The kakuma was cooked and peeled at the temple. Everyone enjoyed the fellowship while working together preparing the kakuma. The kakuma was weighed and bagged and sold out in no time. Thank you members for helping with our presale Garage Sale. It was truly our Sangha working together.



**Hiram, Derrick & Alan**



**Audrey & Derrick**



**Fresh Kakuma Curls**



**Ken, Hiromu & Harold**



**Ken, Rev. Hata, Audrey, Yoko G, Elaine & Larry**



**Linda, Yaeko, Kinue, Carol,  
Yoko S & Kei**



**Hayato**



**"Itadakimasu"**

### MAY 2021 TAISHOJI SCHEDULE

1	Sat	7:00 am	Temple Cleaning Group # 3
2	Sun	9:00 am	SS / Family Service / <b>Children's Day (S/S)</b>
8	Sat	7:00 am	Temple Cleaning Group # 4
9	Sun	9:00 am	SS / Family Service
15	Sat	7:00 am	Temple Cleaning Group # 1
16	Sun		<b>Shinsanshiki and Hossenshiki Service</b> <b>(no audience or live stream)</b> <b>(can be viewed on YouTube later)</b>
22	Sat	7:00 am	Temple Cleaning Group # 2
23	Sun	9:00 am	SS / Family Service
		10:00 am	<b>Baccalaureate Service</b>
		<b>10:30 am</b>	<b>Kyodan Meeting</b>
29	Sat	7:00 am	Temple Cleaning Group # 3
30	Sun	9:00 am	SS / Family Service
31	Mon	9:45 am	<b>BIBF Memorial Day Svc at Veterans Cemetery #1</b>

### SUNDAY SCHOOL / FAMILY SERVICE

Facebook Link - <https://www.facebook.com/Taishoji-Soto-Mission-121688031174831/>

YouTube Link - [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCSQ4EVugUml\\_rGhb1c-8RQQ](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCSQ4EVugUml_rGhb1c-8RQQ)

### TENTATIVE TAISHOJI JUNE 2021 SCHEDULE

5	Sat	7:00 am	Temple Cleaning Group # 4
6	Sun	10:00 am	<b>(Audience participation) Kaisanki / Rekiju-ki / Kannon-ko Service (Honoring the deceased members of the Baikako)</b>
12	Sat	7:00 am	Temple Cleaning Group # 1
13	Sun	9:00 am	SS / Family Service
19	Sat	7:00 am	Temple Cleaning Group # 2
20	Sun	9:00 am	<b>SS / Family Service (last SS / Family Service)</b>
26	Sat	7:00 am	Temple Cleaning Group # 3
27	Sun		<b>Daifukuji O-Bon Service</b>

### TAISHOJI ZAZEN / YOGA / TAIKO / TROOP 95 / GO SCHEDULE

Yoga & Zazen	Monday	5:30 pm - 7:30 pm
<b>ZAZEN</b>	<b>SUNDAY'S / BEFORE SUNDAY SCHOOL</b>	<b>8:00 am - 8:35 am</b>
Taiko	Thursday, Friday	5:00 pm - 6:30 pm
Troop 95	Wednesday	7:15 pm
Go Class	Thursday	5:30 pm - 7:00 pm

### IN MEMORIUM

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

**MRS. SATSUE YOSHIKAWA**  
**NOVEMBER 22, 1931 - MARCH 27, 2021**

**MRS. MILDRED TORAYO SATO**  
**NOVEMBER 9, 1926 - APRIL 8, 2021**