

# HAKUHO



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## MINISTER'S MESSAGE



Aloha, Members and Friends of Taishoji,

In January, it rained a lot in Hawaii. How did you spend your time during the rainy days? While I was sleeping, I was waken by the sound of the rain. It was very loud. It was raining cats and dogs. Do you like rain? Some people like it and some people don't. In this Hakuho, I'd like to introduce you to a Zen phrase about rain.

It is “一雨潤千山 (**Ichu Senzan wo Uruosu**).” It means that rain moistens a thousand mountains. I'd like you to learn two things from this Zen phrase.

1. “Rain is one of the treasures of nature. Have a stable mind, a Zen mind.” Although we hope for a sunny day, it's a rainy day. Then, we might feel sad. But who makes you sad? It's yourself. But if we are calm and see rain, it is just raining. It doesn't mean the rain will bother you. Rain creates a beautiful Hawaii nature. When it rains, don't feel sad. We need to have a stable mind that can't be moved by anything. This is a Zen mind. **Teru Teru Bōzu** is made of white paper or cloth. This is made by Taishoji Taiko members before we have a bon dance in August. Most Japanese hang it in a window or from the roof to pray for good weather. Do you know why we call it **Teru Teru Bōzu**? **Teru** means **Sunshine**. **Bōzu** means **Buddhist Monk**. **Teru Teru Bōzu** originally came from a girl who has a broom called **So-Chin-Nyan** (掃晴娘) in Chinese. If we put her paper cutting art on the wall of the entrance and wish for good weather, she will sweep the clouds out. And in Japan, a Buddhist monk used to pray for good weather since ancient times.



**Teru Teru Bozu**

Both of the cultures mixed and we started hanging Teru Teru Bōzu since the Edo era in Japan. This is thought to be the origin of Teru Teru Bōzu. However, even if we hang a Teru Teru Bōzu, we sometimes have rain. Then, we might feel sad. So when you make a Teru Teru Bōzu, please don't pray only for good weather, but please pray to be sunny in your and others' heart. Regardless of sun or rain, let's create a positive atmosphere.

2. “Buddhist teachings are given to all of us without distinction like rain makes all plants moist and grow.”

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Does a cloud come above our heads and rain only on us? No, if a cloud comes above our heads, it will rain all around. And the rain will moisten the earth and create beautiful nature. In the same way, Buddhism provides compassionate teachings to all of us without distinction. Everyone can understand the teachings. But just one person cannot tell the teachings to all of us like clouds cannot cover the entire world. That's why, each of us is like a drop of rain. We need to spread the teachings to as many people as possible and create a wonderful world like rain creates beautiful nature. Next time, when it rains and you feel sad, please remember these teachings. Please keep a calm mind, enjoy the scene and the sound of rain. Because it is the way of Zen life.

In Gassho,  
Rev. Shinsho Hata

### FUJIN KAI

Aloha Fujin Kai members & friends! How are you doing? I hope you had nice holidays and some good rest after. We have couple of events in February. The Kyodan Shinnen Enkai will be on Sunday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>. Hope to see you there to have a good time! Our February Fujin Kai meeting is planned to be held at 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, February 9<sup>th</sup>. The Nehan-e / Osunafumi / Toba Kuyo Service will be on Sunday, February 16<sup>th</sup>. In March, Niigata Fundraiser Luncheon will be on Saturday March 7<sup>th</sup>. (The preparation will be done on the day before, Friday March 6<sup>th</sup>.) Thank you very much for your support and prayers near and far. Wishing health and happiness for each of you. Take care.

With Gratitude in Gassho,  
Yoko Gussman

### BUSSHIN KAI

Best Wishes for a great Spring Season ahead. May your days be full of good activities and memories.

We wish to thank temple members and friends who helped to create the Taishoji Kadomatsu decorations and making the temple's delicious mochi. During the mochi pounding, it was so touching to see the little children and others pick up the cherrywood kani to help soften the balls of rice. Thank you to the many ladies and gentlemen who shaped the mochi cakes with their loving hands.

Then in March let us think of our girls and ladies and wish them a Happy Girls Day on March 3 (3/3). They beautify our world and make life so cheerful. It's called Peach Flower Festival (Momo-No-Sekku), and also Dolls Festival (Hina-Matsuri). May all the girls grow up healthy and strong and, please help them enjoy their girlhood years while they're still young and so precious.

We welcome the new Lay Confirmation members who received their Wagesa, to join our Busshin Kai, or Pure Earths Society. You are now permanent disciples of Buddha via the unbroken chain of Zen Masters from Lord Shakyamuni Buddha, Mahakasyapa, Bodhidharma. You can make our Zen circle stronger by joining the Busshin Kai for \$1.00 a year. Please help out faithfully in Taishoji's many services, activities and projects. Vice President Tom Callis will help you around.

For adults with young adult children, please invite them to visit our services and events. Even the late Steve Jobs (Apple, Inc.) was a Soto-Zen member all his adult life.

Walter Tachibana

### SETSUBUN FESTIVAL / S/S FAMILY SERVICE / FEBRUARY 2<sup>nd</sup> at 9:00 am

Setsubun is a fun Japanese festival celebrated the day before spring (on February 3<sup>rd</sup>). Families celebrate by throwing roasted soy beans outside the door of their house to chase out the "ONI" (naughty "Orgres" or spirits) or even more fun throwing roasted soybeans at the "ONI". When the beans are throw, the children and adults shout, **Oni wa soto! Fuku a uchi!** Which means **ONI out! Happiness in!**



"ONI"

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■ **NEHAN-E SERVICE PREPARATION / SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15<sup>th</sup> at 8:00am** ■  
■ **VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED** ■

■ If you are able and can help to set up the hondo with tables and the 33 Kannon Sama it will be greatly ■  
■ appreciated. We also need help in the kitchen to prep for the lunch following the service. Please come ■  
■ and join other members and friends working together in fellowship. Thank You ■  
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NEHAN-E / OSUNAFUMI / TOBA KUYO SERVICE



SHAKYAMUNI BUDDHA



33 KANNON



OSUNAFUMI PILGRAMIGE

On **Sunday, February 16, 2020 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.

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.

=====CUT ON LINE=====

Member's Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First

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

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

2020 Taishoji Membership Dues \$60.00: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Please return donation form by Monday, February 10, 2020**  
**To Taishoji Soto Mission, 275 Kinoole St., Hilo, HI 96720**

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**KADOMATSU**



**Mrs. Mamiko Hata adding Matsu (pine) to KADOMATSU**



**Receiving the Dai Hannya Kyo Wisdom Wind**



**Deacons Juho & Jigaku Selling Omamori & Ofuda**



**Ken Callis  
Sets the pace  
for Mochi  
Pounding**



**Mochi Pounding**



**Panaewa Zoo gets new CYCAD garden courtesy of volunteers from Troop 95.  
Troop 95 is an organization of Taishoji Soto Mission**



**CYCAD can be used for medicinal purposes**

Aloha and Happy February,

It has been an incredible few months full of holiday cheer and merriment. I hope everyone has enjoyed the New Year so far and is enjoying the year of the Rat. February is an important month for us as we celebrate Nehan-e; in which we celebrate Buddha's death. It is said that men, and animals gathered around the Buddha as he moved on. Even as he rested between the Sala trees the Buddha gave one last lesson on impermanence to those in attendance. I look forward to celebrating this important holiday with all of you.

As I mentioned last month, this is the year of the Metal Rat; in which long lasting projects should be undertaken. That being said, I want to invite you all to share with me your ideas and opinions about things you would like to experience when you come to Taishoji. We currently offer; Zazen, Yoga, Goeika, (Silver Bells) Taiko, and Scout Troops. With our busy lives it isn't always easy to make time to come to the temple or connect with others outside of our immediate household. Taishoji is a place for fellowship and community and as such, I want to know what my fellow community is interested in or would like to have included. You can write to me at Taishoji, and simply address it to Jigaku. I have heard interests in having more vegetarian options offered during gatherings. If you have any recipes you might be interested in sharing we are always looking for adventurers in the kitchen who want to share their creations.

In Humblest Gassho,  
Jigaku

### SAYINGS

The bliss of a religious life is attainable by everyone who walks in the Noble Eightfold path. Those who cling to wealth had best cast it away than allow their heart to be poisoned by it; but those who do not cling to wealth, and possessing riches, uses them wisely, will be a blessing unto his fellows. It is not wealth and power that enslave people, but the clinging to wealth and power.

The monk who retires from the world in order to lead a life of leisure will have no gain, for a life of indolence is an abomination, and lack of energy is to be despised.

The way of the Tathagata does not require a person to enter into homelessness or to resign the world, but the way of the Tathagata requires everyone to free themselves from the illusion of self, to cleanse their heart, to give up their thirst for pleasure, and lead a life of righteousness.

And whatever people do, let them be diligent and energetic. Let them live in a world, not a life of selfhood, but a life of truth, then surely joy, peace, and happiness will dwell in their minds.

"Sayings of Buddha "

### **KOKORO GARAGE SALE / SEPTEMBER 19, 2020 / 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM**

Our **2020 KOKORO GARAGE SALE** is set for **September 19<sup>th</sup>** from **8:00 am to 12:00 noon**. Please call Rev. Shinsho Hata at 935-8407 to bring your useable items for sale. If you need help in transporting the items, we will arrange to have them picked.

Chairperson Derrick Izumo has energetic and fresh ideas for making this an exciting event. A Garage Sale meeting is scheduled for February 9<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am. Committee members and volunteers please attend this very important meeting. The proceeds will be used to upgrade our men's bathroom and shower facilities downstairs.

Kokoro Garage Sale Committee



HOUSEWARES



PRODUCE



BAKED GOODS



CRAFTS / BEDDINGS



### TAISHOJI FEBRUARY 2020 SCHEDULE

1	Sat	7:00 am	Temple Cleaning Group # 2
2	Sun	9:00 am	SS / Family Service ( <b>Setsubun</b> ) ( <b>Bean throwing</b> )
		10:00 am	<b>KYODAN SHINNEN ENKAI (NEW YEAR PARTY)</b>
8	Sat	7:00 am	Temple Cleaning Group # 3
9	Sun	9:00 am	SS / Family Service
		10:00 am	<b>Kyodan Meeting</b>
		1:00 pm	<b>Fujin Kai Meeting</b>
15	Sat	7:00 am	Temple Cleaning Group # 4
		8:00 am	<b>Prepare / Set-Up for Nehan-e Service</b> (Volunteer help is needed)
16	Sun	9:30 am	<b>Nehan-e / 33 Kannon / Osuna Fumi / Toba Kuyo Service (Kyodan)</b>
22	Sat	7:00 am	Temple Cleaning Group # 1
22 & 23	Sat & Sun		<b>Minister &amp; HSMA Mtg / Betsuin &amp; Pagoda Hotel</b>
29	Sat	7:00 am	Temple Cleaning Group # 2

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

Yoga & Zazen	Monday	5:30 pm - 7:30 pm
Zazen	3 <sup>rd</sup> Saturday of Month	6:00 pm - 7:00 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	Friday, Hilo Union School Library	6:00 pm
Go Class	Thursday	5:30 pm - 7:00 pm

### TENATATIVE MARCH 2020 SCHEDULE

1	Sun	9:00 am	SS / Family Service
7	Sat	7:00 am	Temple cleaning Group # 3
8	Sun	9:00 am	SS / Family Service
		10:00 am	<b>Kyodan Meeting</b>
		1:00 pm	<b>Fujin Kai Meeting</b>
14	Sat	7:00 am	Temple Cleaning Group # 4
15	Sun	10:00 am	<b>Haru No Ohigan / Kannon-ko Service (Fujin Kai)</b>
21		7:00 am	Temple Cleaning Group # 1
22	Sun	9:00 am	SS /Family Service
28	Sat	7:00 am	Temple Cleaning Group # 2
29	Sun	9:00 am	SS / Family Service

### WE WELCOME NEW MEMBERS TO OUR SANGHA

**Ms. Awahoshi Kavan**  
**Ms. Janel Masuhara**  
**Ms. Cora Sakai**  
**Ms. Sheila McKenna**

You and your family are welcome to join in our activities and events at the temple through the year and are also welcome to be a member of the Organizations of Taishoji. There is a Brochure at the entrance to the Hondo about Taishoji and its activities and events held during the year and the different organizations of Taishoji.

Thank you for becoming a member of Taishoji Soto Mission. A Zen Temple