

HAKUHO



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JANUARY 2020

MINISTER'S MESSAGE



Sunday School Children

Aloha, Members and Friends of Taishoji,
Hau'oli Makahiki Hou! Happy New Year! Akemashite Omedeto Gozaimasu!
Thank you very much for your generous kind support last year. Thanks to everyone, 2019 was both full and fulfilling! In 2020, how do you want to spend your time? In order to live a more meaningful and fulfilling life, I'd like to introduce this Zen word to you. It is **Chudo** (中道) in Japanese. It means the Middle Way. The Middle Way is to keep impartial balance. It is an important teaching in our daily life. To live with the middle way is "to live considering one's and other's happiness." For example, when I prepare my sermon, I always think about what story should I provide for everyone to enjoy and be

satisfied. It is not good that only some participants enjoy. I'd like to give my Dharma talk so that all the participants enjoy. It is important that we create a comfortable atmosphere for each other. The other day, I saw some Taishoji members who made an effort to create a comfortable atmosphere. A person attended Taishoji Sunday service for the first time, the members went to the person and talked kindly to the person. Then, the person was happy and enjoyed the service thanks to the members. When I saw the member's behavior, I was happy too. It was the practice of middle way. If everyone acts with such compassionate behavior to others, everyone feels comfortable and we will be able to walk the path to Buddha together. In order to live the middle way, I recommend learning Buddhist teachings at Taishoji! The middle way is a precious teaching to unite our hearts.

Finally, I would like to spend as much time with everyone and support each other from now on. I wish you this year 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

JANUARY 2020 SCHEDULE

1	Wed	10:00 am	New Year's Day Service
4	Sat	7:00 am	Temple Cleaning Group # 2
			Daifukuji Zazen Retreat
5	Sun	9:00 am	SS / Family Service / Ojizo Matsuri
		10:30 am	Kyodan Meeting
11	Sat	7:00 am	Temple Cleaning Group # 3
12	Sun	9:00 am	SS / Family Service
		10:00 am	Busshin Kai Meeting & Shinnen Kai
18	Sat	7:00 am	Temple Cleaning Group # 4
19	Sun	9:00 am	SS / Family Service (Dogen Zenji Birthday
		10:00 am	Fujin Kai General Membership Meeting / Sokai
25	Sat	7:00 am	Temple Cleaning Group #1
26	Sun	9:00 am	SS / Family Service
		10:00 am	Kyodan General Membership Meeting

TAISHOJI YOGA / ZAZEN / TAIKO / SCOUTS & GO SCHEDULE

Yoga & Zazen	Monday	5:30 pm - 7:30 pm
	3 rd 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

TENTATIVE TAISHOJI FEBRUARY 2020 SCHEDULE

1	Sat	7:00 am	Temple Cleaning Group #2
2	Sun	9:00 am	SS / S Family Service
3	Sun	10:00 am	KYODAN SHINNEN ENKAI (NEW YEAR PARTY)
8	Sat	7:00 am	Temple Cleaning Group # 3
9	Sun	9:00 am	SS / Family Service
		10:00 am	Kyodan Meeting
15	Sat	7:00 am	Temple Cleaning Group # 4
		8:00 am	Prepare / Set-Up for Nehan-e Service
16	Sun	9:30 am	Nehan-e / 33 Kannon / Osuna Fumi /
			Toba Kuyo Service (Kyodan)
22	Sat	7:00 am	Temple Cleaning Group # 1
23 & 24	Sat & Sun		Minister & HSMA Mtg / Betsuin & Pagoda Hotel
29	Sat	7:00 am	Temple cleaning Group # 2

IN MEMORIUM

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

Reverend Shingo Honda

February 21, 1944 - December 4, 2019 (75)

Mrs. Tomoe Tetsuka

February 28, 1920 - December 14, 2019 (99)

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Shinnen Akemashite Omedeto Gozaimasu! - HAPPY NEW YEAR!

I would like to wish everyone a “**Happy New Year**”. May this year be a very good year for all of you. Thank you for your support and understanding through my years as Kyodan President. I appreciate all the help and cooperation from everyone. I am grateful for the members and friends who came when help was needed. Some projects were time consuming and took a lot of effort but we all worked together to complete our projects. This was truly our Sangha working together.

In Gassho,
Rodney Nishino

FUJIN KAI

Happy New Year Taishoji Fujin Kai members and friends! Thank you very much for your hard work and good wishes & prayers throughout the year 2019. I am wishing you good health, peace, and happiness in the year 2020. In January, Annual Fujin Kai General Membership Meeting / Sokai will be held on **Sunday, 1/19/20, at 10 am**. Hope to see you there! We also have **Busshin Kai Meeting & Shinnen Kai on 1/12**, and **Kyodan General Membership Meeting on 1/26**. Thank you very much for your support for Fujin Kai. Our hearts are together always, near and far. (If you have any questions, please call me at 808-345-1765)

With gratitude in Gassho,
Yoko Gussman

BUSSHIN KAI

SHINNEN AKEMASHITE OMEDETŌ GOZAIMASU! HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL! May every Temple member have a most beautiful year ahead! 2020 is the Year of the Rat in the Chinese/Japanese zodiac. We thank you all for being such wonderful members of Hakuōzan Taishō-ji Sōtō Zen Temple and for contributing your time and doing so much hard-work for the strength of our movement to bring peace and happiness to all people here and around the world.

Taishō-ji is now 104 years old and growing. We are so happy to see many new faces of people who have recently joined our Sangha. Let's all work jointly to learn more about Zen Buddhism from Rev. Shinsho Hata's sermons and the audio-visual presentations via power-point and the handy ukelele.

Spread the word that Zen is the closest instrument to a philosophical, human secular religion around and that it unites us with nature and is guided by science. We are thankful for the blessings we have in this life.

Shakyamuni Buddha was a great person, who was wise and who developed a logical system of overcoming suffering and sorrow in our daily lives: the Four Noble Truths and the Eightfold Path to Happiness. To be awake and alert to all things and events, and to sit in meditation to think or not to think with eyes half-closed are important teachings. All things in Zen are experienced — they are not fanciful imaginations. Come and visit us!

Walter Tachibana, President

Aloha and Happy New Year!

As most of us are aware, this is the year of the rat. The rat being cunning and smart this is a great year for many beginnings. Did you also know that the Chinese Zodiac also has corresponding elements? This is not only the year of the rat, it is the year of the metal rat. It is a great year to start new projects and goals. Metal is a durable substance and will influence our coming year. What are some of your goals for 2020? I look forward to seeing you at Taishoji and learning what everyone is up to.

In Gassho,
Deacon Jigaku Takenouchi



**TAISHOJI SOTO MISSION MEMORIAL SERVICES
2020**

1st Year (2019)

2/2 Fuse, Yoshiharu
 2/25 Yamaoka, Eiko
 3/2 Kuniyoshi, Alfred Seishi
 4/19 Aoki, Futoshi "Fred"
 7/18 Shiigi, Glenn Hideyuki
 10/17 Leung, Chun Hung (Mr.)
 11/7 Masuhara, John Tadashi
 11/7 Sato, Melvyn Masaichi
 12/4 Honda, Shingo, Reverend
 12/14 Tetsuka, Tomoe

3rd Year (2018)

1/10 Yamashita, Henry Tetsuo
 2/2 Suezaki, Ichiko Sandra
 4/16 Sadanaga, Scott Hideo
 4/25 Tomori, Hoa T.
 5/5 Inoue, Gail Emiko Onuma
 5/9 Nagai, Hideo
 5/30 Sato, Shigeo
 6/23 Oba, Koichi
 8/3 Miyasaki, Jacklyn Ann
 8/17 Tsuchiya, Nobuko
 11/18 Shimizu, Tsuyuko

7th Year (2014)

3/4 Sasabe, Stella Shimizu
 3/11 Yamaoka Toshiyuki
 3/21 Sanekane, Toshimi
 4/13 Kawaoka, Hiroko
 4/23 Sadanaga, Shizuno
 7/10 Eguchi, Takeko "Ella"
 7/20 Tachibana, Mitsuo "Benty"
 8/6 Hirata, Takeyo
 11/4 Asano, Shizuko (Dtr. Gail)

13th Year (2008)

1/30 Mikami, Sumiko
 2/3 Watanabe, Asae
 2/9 Sato, Doris Fusako
 2/26 Sugai, Tetsuo
 3/30 Yasutomi, Richard Ichiro
 4/17 Inaba, Yoshio
 6/1 Sasaki, Ayato
 6/5 Omoto, Lillian Yayoko
 6/7 Hinomiya, Toshiko
 6/25 Onuma, Miyoshi
 8/8 Sugawara, Shizu
 10/17 Sato, Shinobu
 10/18 Asano, Shizuko (Dtr. Diana)
 11/20 Sakai, Russel Tsuneo
 12/26 Suzuki, Susumu

17th Year (2004)

1/3 Fukuda, Sueko
 3/28 Kobatake, Tazuko
 6/2 Hirota, Minoru
 6/4 Kajiwara, Yukiko
 6/14 Shishido, Ayako
 6/23 Miyasaki, Rikio
 6/29 Mellon, Shigeo
 6/30 Ishida, Nobuyuki
 7/18 Endo, Hanami
 7/31 Wakakuwa, Eiji
 9/6 Miyamoto, Yoshihisa
 10/19 Wakakuwa, Susumu Robert
 10/25 Watanabe, Takeo
 10/27 Sakai, Mieko
 11/16 Hirata, Masato
 11/18 Kiryo, Heizo
 12/20 Haga, Helen Yasuko
 12/31 Endo, Donald

23rd Year (1998)

1/4 Oyama, Toshio
 1/20 Kawahara, Minoru
 2/6 Narimatsu, Teruko
 3/5 Kawaoka, Gunichi
 4/3 Desaki, Misuo "Howard"
 4/14 Sadanaga, Takio
 5/11 Sugawara, Shuhei
 6/28 Fukano, Tomi
 9/3 Haga, Tokushichi
 9/17 Wakakuwa, Harue
 11/6 Soga, Tamiko
 11/13 Fukuda, Momoyo
 11/18 Ushijima, Haruko
 12/13 Nagai, Hisashi

27th Year (1994)

2/2 Suzuki, Kizo
 5/17 Amano, Sumiko
 5/18 Kawaoka, Kikumi
 6/11 Tsukano, Kenichi
 11/27 Higa, Saburo
 12/7 Sato, Denichi James

33rd Year (1988)

1/7 Ogata, Shizuko
 3/26 Wakakuwa, Masu
 4/19 Kawahara, Matsue
 5/17 Ochiai, Satoru
 7/7 Miura, Tsuyuko
 7/13 Toma, Minato
 12/6 Suzuki, Nobu (Mrs.)
 12/27 Kuniyoshi, Shika

37th Year (1984)

1/11 Saito, Harold Rosaku
 1/14 Omoto, Umataro
 1/17 Sakaki, Ichi
 1/21 Okino, Yoshio
 2/16 Sato, Takashi
 3/17 Soga, Misae
 3/18 Fukuda, Yoshizo
 3/23 Enomoto, Yae (Mrs.)
 5/16 Shinoda, Ima
 6/12 Hagino, Fusa (Mrs.)
 8/15 Kogasaka, Miyoshi
 8/21 Meguro, Takeshi
 9/1 Mine, Yoshie (Mrs.)

50th Year (1971)

2/20 Kiryu, Yoshio
 2/24 Kawachika, Kaoru
 3/11 Kobayashi, Sukeju
 4/18 Ochiai, Katsuko
 5/9 Taniguchi, Elsie Fusako
 5/15 Watanabe, Chiyono
 6/2 Onishi, Kinayo
 8/27 Kogasaka, Sukeju (Mr.)
 9/4 Sueoka, Hedekichi
 9/7 Sato, Harumi
 11/16 Murakami, Minoru
 12/3 Kikuchi, Yae (Mrs.)
 12/29 Inoue, Natsu

Please call Taishoji Soto Mission
 808-935-8407 to schedule your
 Memorial Service for
 2020
 In Gassho, Taishoji Soto Mission

Happy New Year Taishoji!

Well, another year has passed. Hopefully it has been a fruitful one for all of us. And as last year, we will start again with the ringing of the densho bell, 108 times for the 108 defilements, or human imperfections, like anger, hatred, jealousy, lust, etc., leaving them behind and going forward.

This is a wonderful tradition, which helps us to reflect on the past year, and create new hopes for the coming one.

In America, New Years is a time for making resolutions. People plan to lose weight, quit smoking, join a gym, start a yoga or tai chi class, maybe learn a new language, many different things. These are all with the purpose of improving some phase of their lives.

In our daily lives, sometimes we experience worry, tension, anxiety, or stress. Buddhism teaches us that these things are forms of mental suffering. It also teaches us that we do not have to have them.

Why not make a New Years resolution to follow more closely the teachings of the Buddha, and rid ourselves of these forms of suffering.

I am sure that living without stress would make many peoples lives more enjoyable.

Deacon Juho

DAIHANNYA OFUDA

Taishoji will start selling *Daihannya Ofuda* from January 1, 2020. Daihannya Ofuda will protect your family and house by Buddha's blessings and his spiritual power. Daihannya Ofuda will be blessed by Rev. Hata during the New Year's Eve on December 31, 2019 at 11:30 pm and New Year Service on January 1, 2020. After the services you can purchase one for \$5.00 each. The Ofuda will be placed on the inside wall above the main entrance to to your home or business. If you cannot put it above the door, please put it in your family Butsudan.



Daihannya Ofuda



Lay Confirmation Service 2019



Taishoji Goeika



Goeika Work Shop



2 Beautiful Dancers Ms. Takako Kaneto & Ms. Kozumi Kitai



Taishoji Taiko



TAISHOJI SOTO MISSION CALENDAR (2020)

JANUARY

- 1 10:00 am New Year's Day Srvc
- 4 Daifukuji Zen Retreat
- 5 9:00 am S/S Ojizo Matsuri
- 10:30 am Kyodan Meeting
- 12 9:00 am S/S / Family Service
- 10:00 am Busshin Kai Mtg & Shinnen Enkai
- 19 9:00 am S/S / Family Service
- Dogen Zenji Birthday
- 10:00 am Fujin Kai / General Membership Mtg / Sokai
- 26 9:00 am S/S / Family Service
- 10:00 am Kyodan General Membership Meeting

FEBRUARY

- 2 9:00 am S/S / Family Service
- 10:00 am Kyodan Shinnen Enkai / New Year Party
- 9 9:00 am S/S / Family Service
- 10:00 am Kyodan Meeting
- 1:00 pm Fujin Kai Meeting
- 16 9:30 am Nehan-e / 33 Kannon / Osunafumi / Toba Kuyo Srvc (Kyodan)
- 22 & 23 Minister & HSMA Mtg Betsuin & Pagoda Hotel

MARCH

- 1 9:00 am S/S / Family Service
- 8 9:00 am S/S / Family Service
- 10:00 am Kyodan Meeting
- 1:00 pm Fujin Kai Meeting
- 15 10:00 am Haru No O-Higan / Kannon-ko Srvc (Fujin Kai)
- 22 9:00 am S/S / Family Service
- 29 9:00 am S/S / Family Service

APRIL

- 5 9:30 am BIBF Hanamatsuri Higashi Hongwanji / Toban
- 12 9:30 am Taishoji Hanamatsuri Kannon-ko Toba Kuyo Srvc (Kyodan)
- 10:00 am Kyodan Mtg cancelled
- 18 & 19 UHSSWA Conference (Maui Mantokuji)
- 26 9:00 am S/S / Family Service

MAY

- 1 9:30 am Fujin Kai Hospital Visitation
- 3 9:00 am S/S / Family Service
- 10 9:00 am S/S / Family Service
- Children's Day
- 10:00 am Kyodan Meeting
- 1:00 pm Fujin Kai Meeting
- 17 9:00 am S/S / Family Service
- 24 9:00 am S/S / Family Service
- 25 9:45 am BIBF Memorial Day Service (Veterans Cemetery #1)
- 31 9:00 am S/S / Family Service

JUNE

- 7 10:00 am Kaisanki / Rekiju-ki Kannon-ko Srvc (Baikako)
- 14 10:00 am Kyodan Meeting
- 1:00 pm Fujin Kai Meeting
- 21 8:00 am Otakiage (Burning of religious articles)
- 28 Daifukuji O-Bon Service

JULY

- 11 Daifukuji Bon Dance
- 12 10:00 am Kyodan Meeting
- 1:00 pm Fujin Kai Meeting
- 26 8:00 am Move Yagura to Front of temple

AUGUST

- 1 7-10:30 pm Bon Dance
- 2 9:00 am O-Bon, Toba Kuyo / Hatsubon Service
- 7:30 am Move Yagura back To parking area
- 5:00 pm Toro Nagashi (Wailoa Boat Ramp) (Busshin Kai)
- 9 10:00 am Kyodan Meeting
- 1:00 pm Fujin Kai Meeting
- 30 9:00 am S/S / Family Service
- 2:00 pm Ireisai Service Alae Cemetery Higashi Hongwanji / Toban

SEPTEMBER

- 6 9:00 am S/S / Family Service
- 10:00 am Kyodan Meeting
- 1:00 pm Fujin Kai Meeting
- 13 10:00 am Autumn O-Higan Kannon-ko Service (Busshin Kai)
- 19 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM **TAISHOJI GARAGE SALE**
- 27 9:45 am AJA Memorial Day Service Veterans Cemetery #1

OCTOBER

- 4 10:00 am Darumaki / Eitaikyo Kannon-ko Srvc
- 11 8:00AM ANNUAL TEMPLE CLEAN-UP
- 18 9 AM - 4 PM TAISHOJI PICNIC IBEW HALL (BAKERS BEACH)
- 25 9:00 am S/S / Family Service

NOVEMBER

- 1 9:00 am S/S / Family Service
- 6 9:30 am Fujin Kai Hospital Visitation
- 8 9:00 am S/S / Family Service
- 10:00 am Kyodan Meeting
- 1:00 pm Fujin Kai Meeting
- 11 11:00 am Veterans Day Srvc Veterans Cemetery #1
- 15 9:00 am S/S / Family Service
- Keizan Zenji Birthday
- 22 9:00 am S/S / Family Service
- 29 9:00 am S/S / Family Service

DECEMBER

- 1- 8 6:30-7:30 am Rohatsu Sesshin (Zazen Session)
- 6 9:00 am BIBF Bodhi Day Srvc
- 13 9:30 am Jodo-e / Kannon Ko Toba Kuyo Service
- 10:00 am Kyodan Mtg Cancelled
- 29 8:00 am Kadomatsu Day
- 30 8:00 am Mochi Tsuki
- 31 11:30 pm New Year's Eve Joya no Kane Service
- Ringing of Temple Bell 108 Times

TAISHOJI YOGA / ZAZEN / TAIKO / SCOUTS / GO

Yoga & Zazen	Monday	5:30 pm - 7:30 pm
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