



May 2017

Dates to Remember

May 28 / 10:30am
Memorial Day & Eitaikuyo Service

July 7-8
Mantokuji O-Bon

President's Message

This year, it's been great to see the return of some familiar faces joining in on some of our services and activities, and helping out around the temple grounds. We've also been blessed with the addition of a few new friends as well. Members of our dedicated nisei and sansei generations, the children and grandchildren of our founding members, are especially grateful for their presence. Cleaning and maintaining the temple grounds and facilities, keeping the temple office running smoothly, fundraising, and putting together this Mangan are all hard work and we're not as young and energetic as we used to be. Please know that all of your monetary donations, your donations of goods and services, and your presence at any of our services or activities are all very much appreciated.

The busy summer O-Bon season is approaching and we look forward to seeing more of you, old and new faces alike, here at Mantokuji alongside the rest of us. We welcome your fellowship and support. See you soon.

Sincerely,

Eric Moto
President Mantokuji Kyodan



Hanamatsuri service at
Paia Rinzai Zen Mission,
April 2.

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Dharma Notes from Rev. Koshin

This month I would like to discuss the Three Marks of Existence, which was mentioned briefly in a previous article about the Four Noble Truths.

THE THREE MARKS OF EXISTENCE

1. Duhkha (Pali, dukkha) - unsatisfactoriness
2. Anitya (Pali, anicca) - impermanence
3. Anatman (Pali, anatta) - no self

The first Mark of Existence is Duhkha, which is the same as the first Noble Truth, Duhkha means suffering. To review the second Noble Truth is Samudaya, the arising or origin of Duhka. The third is Nirodha, the cessation of Duhkha and the fourth Noble Truth is Magga, that is the way leading to the cessation of Duhkha which is the Eightfold Noble Path, as discussed in February's Mangan.

Duhkha has to do with the seemingly flawed nature of all that exists, its inability to give lasting satisfaction or provide us with stability and security. This unsatisfactoriness causes us to suffer. Anitya, on the other hand, points out a world that is in flux; things stay for a while and then perish, this is true of everything, the life of the Buddha, the teachings (dharma) and our very lives. This is also a cause of our suffering.

The third mark of existence, anatman, being probably the most profound discovery that can be made through meditation (zazen), is that there is actually no such thing as "the self". As said in the Maka Hannya Haramitta Shingyo (The Heart Sutra), there is no body, no mind, no thoughts, no feelings, for they are dukkha and anitya, unsatisfactory and impermanent.

When we can see the validity of these teachings and realize them for ourselves we can see more widely and deeply. It unlocks our preconceptions, and opens us up to a freedom and liberation from suffering. We have room to grow and explore and thereby we are able to encourage others to be liberated.

THE HEART SUTRA

Avolokiteshvara Bodhisattva
When deeply practicing the prajna-paramita
Perceived that all five skandas are empty
And was saved from all suffering and distress

"O'Sariputra, form does not differ from emptiness;
Emptiness does not differ from form.
That which is form is emptiness;
That which is emptiness, form.
The same is true of feelings, perceptions, impulses,
and consciousness.

"O'Sariputra, all dharmas are marked with emptiness;
They do not appear or disappear,
Are neither tainted nor pure,
Do not increase or decrease.

"Therefore in emptiness, no form,
No feelings, no perception, no impulse, no
consciousness;

No eyes, no ears, no nose, no tongue, no body, no
mind;
No color, no sound, no smell, no taste, no touch, no
object of mind;
No realm of eyes and so forth until no realm of mind
consciousness;
No ignorance and also no extinction of it, and so
forth until
no old age and death and also no extinction of them;

No suffering, no origination, no stopping, no path;
No cognition, no attainment.

With nothing to attain
The bodhisattva depends on prajna-paramita
And the mind is no hinderance.
Without any hinderance no fears exist;
Far apart from every perverted view the bodhisttva
dwells in nirvana.

"In the three worlds all buddha's depend on prajna-
paramita
And attain unsurpassed, complete, perfect
enlightenment.

"Therefore know the prajna-paramita
Is the great transcendent mantra,
Is the great bright mantra,
Is the supreme mantra,
Which is able to relieve all suffering
And is true, not false.
So proclaim the the prajna-paramita mantra,
Proclaim the mantra that says;
Gate, gate, paragate, parasamgate! Bodhi svaha!

*Translation of the Mahaprajna Paramita Hrdaya Sutra
in Living By Vow,
By Shohaku Okumura Roshi*

Fujinkai News

The Fujinkai will be having their monthly meeting and clean up as follows:

May 7, 2017 at 8:00am

June 11, 2017 at 8:00am

Thank you very much to the Fujinkai ladies and friends who came on Sunday, March 12th to clean the nokotsudo, temple and yard: **Tokuko Abe, Bobbie Arita, Kathleen Davis, Kay Hanano, Chester Kakiuchi, Shirley Ann Kimizuka, Rev Koshin, Judith Matoi, Carol Moto, Cathy Murayama, Bernice Nagato, Isabelle Scholl, Sachie Toyota, Michie Tamane, and Misa Umetsu.**

Mantokuji enjoyed Hanamatsuri at Paia Rinzai Zen Mission on Sunday, April 2nd. We contributed our famous nishime for the luncheon. Mahalo to the Fujinkai ladies who came to prepare the vegetables for the nishime on Saturday, April 1st: **Tokuko Abe, Bobbie Arita, Yuriko Fukagawa, Kay Hanano, Rev Koshin and Cathy Murayama.** A big MAHALO to our nishime chef, **Eric Moto**, for coming to cook the nishime on Sunday morning. There to support the chef were **Bobbie Arita, Yuriko Fukagawa, and Isabelle Scholl.** Thank you very much.

And thank you again to the Fujinkai ladies and friends who came on Sunday, April 9th to clean the nokotsudo, temple and yard: **Tokuko Abe, Bobbie Arita, Reegan Casio, Kathleen Davis, Kay Hanano, Chester Kakiuchi, Rev Koshin, Judith Matoi, Carol Moto, Cathy Murayama, Bernice Nagato, Isabelle Scholl, Naomi Takahashi, Setsuko Takahashi, Michie Tamane, Sachie Toyota, Misa Umetsu, Neil Watanabe, and Betty Yamashiro.**

Your dedicated help is invaluable to Mantokuji.

Fujinkai Luncheon

The hard working Fujinkai ladies will be taking some time to relax and enjoy the brunch at Kaanapali Beach Hotel on **Sunday, June 4, 2017.** If you are a Fujinkai member and would like to attend the luncheon, please contact Rev Koshin at 579-8051 by May 26th.



Hanamatsuri service at Paia Rinzai Zen Mission, April 2.

Kyodan Meeting Report

The Kyodan meeting was held on April 9, 2017.

Below are some of the things that were discussed at the meeting.

- Erosion committee is exploring options available to keep the temple at the present sight or to look into relocation
 - Bob & Carol Suzuki are sponsoring a workshop with Linda Morgan, an organizational development and marketing consultant to help us organize and develop a plan for the preservation of Mantokuji
- Renovation of minister's residence:
 - Window coverings and new screens almost complete
 - Furniture purchased
 - Rev Koshin expressed sincere gratitude to Mantokuji Kyodan for her bed and Sally Yoshina for funding the purchase of the furniture for the residence
- Report on the success of the 40th Annual Bazaar on Sunday, May 5th
 - President Eric Moto thanked everyone for their support
- Sushi Sale on Saturday, April 15th is an extension of the Bazaar
- Rev Yoshida of Hawaii Soto Mission of Hawaii will be on Maui June 27th-30th to assist with O-Bon preparations
- Rev Shinsho Hata of Hilo Taishoji will join Rev Koshin for our O-Bon services on July 7th & 8th as part of the Minister Exchange Program sponsored by Hawaii Soto Mission Association
- Purchased a riding mower to keep lawn manicured
- Rev Koshin gave an update on sunshades for the house
- Alarm systems for the facilities will be upgraded through Alert Alarm Hawaii
- Next Kyodan meeting will be on Sunday, June 11, 2017

Please join us for the next meeting.

Maui Veterans Council Annual Candlelight Memorial Service

April 30, 2017 at 5:00pm at the War Memorial Gym Pavilion in Wailuku

Every year for the last several years the minister has been asked to participate in a candlelight memorial service ceremony to honor our Fallen Heroes that died in the Vietnam War. In the ceremony they honor and remember the 42 young men who never came home to Maui from that War. The program consists of prayers, reading of the names, songs, explanation of the POW/MIA empty table ceremony, lighting and placing of the candles, 21 gun salute and taps. The event is open to the public. This year they will be having a dinner from 5:00 - 6:00pm.

Reverend Koshin will be attending as a representative of the Buddhist Community and will offer prayers. Please join if you are able.

Memorial Day and Eitaikuyo Services

You are cordially invited to attend the Memorial Day and Eitaikuyo (Perpetual Memorial) Services to be held on:

Sunday, May 28, 2017 at 10:30am

The Memorial Day Service is observed to honor our veterans and victims of all past wars and to pray for peace and understanding in our world so that we can live in harmony with one another.

At the same time, we will be holding the Eitaikuyo or perpetual memorial service to remember those who have passed away, but have no family member left to visit them. As their extended family, let us join together to offer incense and prayer for them.

Please come and join us for this occasion. We will have light refreshments following the service.

Recipe of the Month



One of the favorite dishes that the kitchen crew prepares for many of our lunches after our services is Eggplant with the Eggplant Sauce. The late Clara Sodetani, who used to be one of the chief cooks in the kitchen, created this recipe. Everyone who has tasted the Eggplant Sauce always wants the recipe and looks forward to seeing it on the buffet. This recipe was included in our Centennial cookbook, Our Collection of FAVORITE RECIPES (blue cover) on page 103. If you don't have the cookbook and would like to purchase one (\$10), please call Mantokuji at 579-8051.

Preparation

Put all ingredients, except green onions, into a saucepan and cook until the sugar and salt have dissolved and sauce thickens a little. Add green onions and remove from heat. Note: This recipe has been quadrupled from the one in the cookbook. Any leftover sauce will keep in the refrigerator.

Cut long eggplants on a slant about 3/8" thick. Salt lightly. Dredge eggplant in flour and fry in about a 1/4" of oil until lightly browned on both sides. Drain on paper towel. Arrange on a platter and serve with Eggplant Sauce.

Eggplant Sauce

by Clara Sodetani

Ingredients

1/4 cup vinegar
1/2 cup sugar
1/2 teaspoon salt
2 tablespoons shoyu
1/4 cup oil
4 cloves garlic, minced
2-3 stalks green onion, chopped

Quiz of the Month

What is the prescription that leads to the end of suffering?

Find the answer in the May Mangan.

Last month's answer:

"The service where church goes form a big circle and pass around a big o-juzu while the minister chants the Heart Sutra is called O-Juzu Mawashi."

Donations made in February

We would like to sincerely thank you for your very generous donations.

General Donations

Masako Abe, Miyoko Gusukuma, Calvin & Sharon Higuchi, Edith Hiraga, Mitsuru Hirano & Juaneva Smith, Thelma Kasai, Dennis & Linda Kawachi, David Langille, Craig Nihei, Susan Oshiro, Betsy Ouchi, Mildred Tamayose, Gertrude Ueoka, Meyer Leigh & Sharon Ueoka, Paul & Gwen Ueoka, Ron & Vivian Ueoka, Pamela Umetsu, Wayne & Ann Uradomo, Sally Yoshina, Stanley Yumen.

Edith Hiraga	New Year's donation
Dr. Seiya Ohata	In Memory of Seiichi & Hisa Ohata & Kiyoko Ohata
Elton & Sandra Wada	In Memory of Barbara Yanagihara
Louis & Jean Wada	In Memory of Haruo & Fusae Wada & Sandra E Nakagawa

Donations received for the Spring O-Higan & Kaisan Rekijyu-ki Service on March 19th

Tokuko Abe, Howard & Bobbie Arita, Yuriko Fukagawa, Akio & Kay Hanano, Donald & Shirley Ann Kimizuka, Gary & Judith Matoi, Carol Moto, Allan & Cathy Murayama, Gladys Nagata, Bernice Nagato, Mark & Lois Sato, Bob & Carol Suzuki, Michie Tamane, Sachie & Eric Toyota, Misa Umetsu, Ed & Hideko Zwick.

HanaHou Sale on Saturday, March 11th

Thank you to all who helped with the HanaHou Sale (Bazaar Discount Sale) on March 11th by picking up additional furniture to cashiering and cleaning up on March 16th.

Howard & Bobbie Arita, Kathleen Davis, Yuriko Fukagawa, Kay Hanano, Shirley Ann Kimizuka, Rev Koshin, Gary & Judith Matoi, Allan & Cathy Murayama, and Sachie Toyota.

Special Thanks

Scott Hanano for mowing the temple lawn

Raymond Pinheiro for weed eating the grounds and lawn

Sachie Toyota for sewing curtains for the minister's residence

Neil Watanabe for making screens for the minister's residence

A Special Thanks To

Barbara Huntley for donation of fabric for curtains in the minister's residence



Hanamatsuri service at Paia Rinzai Zen Mission, April 2.

In Memoriam

We express our heartfelt sympathy to the families of:

Mitsuko Abe, 97, who passed away on March 6, 2017. Her 98th birthday was to be on March 9th.

Hideko Zwick, 83, who passed away on April 8, 2017.

We pray for them and give our love and support to their families in this time of their great loss.

Namu Kie Butsu, Namu Kie Ho, Namu Kie So

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	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wed.	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
May		1 5:00-6:00pm Taiko	2 Shorinji Kempo 3:30-5pm Kids	3	4 Shorinji Kempo 3:30-5pm Kids	5	6 7:00am Zazen
	7 7:00am Baika-ko practice 8:00am Cleanup, Fujinkai meeting 5:00pm Zazen	8 5:00-6:00pm Taiko	9 Shorinji Kempo 3:30-5pm Kids	10	11 Shorinji Kempo 3:30-5pm Kids	12	13 7:00am-12:30pm Zazenkai
	14	15 5:00-6:00pm Taiko	16 Shorinji Kempo 3:30-5pm Kids	17	18 Shorinji Kempo 3:30-5pm Kids	19	20 7:00am Zazen
	21 Fujinkai: Newsletter folding O-Bon: fold towels, Committee Meeting 5:00 pm Zazen	22 5:00-6:00pm Taiko	23 Shorinji Kempo 3:30-5pm Kids	24	25 Shorinji Kempo 3:30-5pm Kids	26	27 7:00 am Zazen
	28 10:30am Memorial Day & Eitaikuyo Services 5:00 pm Zazen	29 5:00-6:00pm Taiko	30 Shorinji Kempo 3:30-5pm Kids	31			

Coming up in June (tentative Schedule)	
Sunday 4	Fujinkai Luncheon
Saturday 10	Zazenkai
Sunday 11	Fujinkai & Kyodan Meetings & cleanup
Sunday 25	Yagura construction & cleanup day O-Bon Committee Meeting

Hospital and Hale Makua
Visitations are scheduled during
the month.