



October 2017

Dates to Remember

October 1

Daruma-ki Service &
Daruma-sama Picnic

November 11

Nishime Sale
(tickets on sale October 1)

November 19

Family services &
Shichi-Go-San Ceremony



Paia Mantokuji Soto Mission

P.O. Box 790207,
Paia, HI 96779

Tel: (808) 579 - 8051
E-mail: info@paiamantokuji.org
Web: www.paiamantokuji.org
Facebook: www.facebook.com/Mantokuji/

Mangan Team

Bobbie, Cathy, Isabelle & Rev. Koshin

Minister's Message

Autumn Greetings Everyone,

It is hard to believe it is already autumn by the time you will receive this newsletter. I started here as Mantokuji's resident minister almost one year ago. Coming into a new situation one of course has high hopes and aspirations to be a positive influence, however we never really know how things are going to be until we are actually in a situation with various factors. Many kind people in the beginning asked how I liked Maui, but I could not answer as taking care of the temple took almost all of my time. After three months on the job I could finally come up for air. I could see how things worked within the relationships here and the larger picture.

We all make mistakes, but one of the most important teachings in Buddhism is that of compassion. Having compassion for ourselves and for others, means giving people space to find out and learn for themselves. While I believe people generally have the "right intention," I have learned that being supportive and respectful of each other is the most skillful means of "helping" others. When we are able to think about our actions and words before actually executing them, is a sign of spiritual maturity. Being true to yourself is also important, and only each of us ones knows what that is for ourselves. As Buddhist we try not to intentionally cause harm or suffering to anyone or anything, of course this is not easy, but this is what a person with bodhi-mind does. Bodhi-mind being the awakened mind and the mind of enlightenment. This is very important when we think of ourselves as Buddhists.

"Sangha" is the Buddhist community, which means working together for in our case Mantokuji. Each and everyone is part of the larger whole and is intimately connected. Of course each person in the sangha has something different to offer. The important point is to find the positive in each and every person, if you cannot see anything positive in someone else then it is good to look deeper into yourself. We each have a choice in any given situation, taking the right path, the way of being awake is what we strive to do as Buddhists. In the end of having forgiveness for our own shortcomings and the shortcomings of others is compassion. May we continue to practice living a life of virtue with bodhi-mind.

Take good care.

Yours In the Dharma,

Rev. Koshin

In this Issue...

Minister's Message	1
Reports	2
Announcements	3,4
Recipe	5
Donations	5
Calendar	6

Fujinkai News

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

October 15, 2017 at 8:00am
November 12, 2017 at 8:00am

Thank you to the Fujinkai ladies and gentlemen who came on Sunday, August 13 to help with clean up:

Bobbie Arita, Kathleen Davis, Yuriko Fukagawa, Kay Hanano, Scott Hanano, Chester Kakiuchi, Shirley Ann Kimizuka, Rev Koshin, Judith Matoi, Carol Moto, Eric Moto, Cathy Murayama, Bernice Nagato, Isabelle Scholl, Sachie Toyota, Misa Umetsu and Neil Watanabe.

Thank you also for those who came to help prepare for the Furniture Sale on Friday, August 18 and who came to support the sale on Saturday, August 19:

Bobbie Arita, Yuriko Fukagawa, Kay Hanano, Donald & Shirley Ann Kimizuka, Rev Koshin, Grant Matoi, Judith Matoi, Ross Matoi, Carol Moto, Cathy Murayama, Isabelle Scholl, Sachie Toyota and Neil Watanabe.



Happy Birthday!

Our Fujinkai member Bernice Nagato celebrated her 90th birthday (June 11th) on July 19th.

Strategic Planning and Shore Erosion Study

Since June this year, we have begun a Strategic Planning process under the guidance of a consultant. We expect the planning process to evolve over the next six months and beyond. The board members and Rev Koshin have already met twice with the consultant. Topics such as our mission statement, current assessment, improvements within our internal organization, future visions and directions are discussed.



Aerial photo taken in April 2017.



We will write more about this process and its results in the upcoming Mangans.

In parallel, we have started an erosion study and are looking for options to slow down the erosion process.

Daruma-ki Service & Thank You Picnic



Sunday, October 1, 2017 10:00 am – 2:00 pm

The Daruma-ki Service and Picnic will be held on Sunday, October 1 from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm. This event gives the members of Mantokuji a chance to thank our friends who come to help Mantokuji throughout the year. Their generosity and kindness are invaluable.

We will start with a service at 10:00 am in honor of Daruma-sama, or Bodhidharma, the patriarch of Zen Buddhism, followed by games at 11:00 am for children and adults, and lunch will be served at noon.

Please come and enjoy the fellowship, food and fun!

Please RSVP to Rev Koshin @ 579-8051 by September 25 to let the committee know if you will attend so we can plan accordingly.

Nishime Sale

Sunday, November 11, 2017 10:00 am – 2:00 pm

Pick up @ Mantokuji 8:00 am – 10:00 am
or Ah Fook's 10:00am – 12:00 noon

Tickets will go on sale Sunday, October 1 at the Daruma-sama Picnic.

For tickets contact: Cathy Murayama @ 283-6125 or cmurayama@hawaii.rr.com



Minister Out of the Office

Please note Rev. Koshin will be away from September 18th-24th and October 11th -30th. If you need any assistance during these periods please contact: Eric Moto, Kyodan President at (808) 280-8429.

Opportunity to restore fallen gravestones with the generous help of the Japanese Cultural Society of Maui

November 4th from 9am to noon, followed by lunch

Over the years several gravestones have been displaced due to the erosion of our coastline. We have received a very kind and generous offer to relocate the displaced gravestones on the beach to a safe resting place. Please grab your work gloves to help restore these gravestones. If you have any questions, please contact Rev. Koshin at 579-8051.

Family Service and Shichi-Go-San Ceremony

We will have a family service together with the Shichi-Go-San Ceremony on **Sunday, November 19 at 9:00 am.**

If you have children, grandchildren or great grandchildren who have become or will be ages 3, 5, and 7 this year, please bring them for the Shichi-Go-San Ceremony to pray for their well-being. Please call Rev Koshin at 579-8051 by November 1 to sign up for this ceremony.

The family service is a gathering for the whole family to participate in.

Services are conducted in English. Everyone is welcomed to join us.



IKEBANA Classes

2nd Saturday of each month

Ikebana classes will be offered at the Paia Mantokuji Mission beginning in October, 2017. Classes will be held on the second Saturday of each month, beginning on **October 14 at 9:30 am** and will run for 2 ½ hours.

The classes will be taught by Kay Hanano following the styles and techniques of the Ikenobo School of Ikebana. Headquartered in Kyoto, Japan, the Ikenobo School is considered the oldest ikebana school among more than 2000 registered in Japan, alone.

For the first session, arrangement materials will be provided. Vases and kenzans will be available for borrowing. You will need to take to class a pair of garden shears or scissors that will work with plant materials.

Regarding fees, a nominal amount of \$3.00 per session will be assessed each participant who is a church member. Nonmembers will be assessed \$5.00 per class. The fees collected will be used to purchase floral materials.

The class size will be limited to 12 participants. If you are interested, please text or call Kay at 269-8176. Call by October 7, 2017 so an adequate supply of materials can be made available. The first 12 to sign on will be accepted.

Here is just a brief note on Kay. Since her retirement from the DOE, Kay has been a student of the Ikenobo School of Ikebana for 22 years. She studied under the late Evelyn Sano and the late Hideko Zwick. During the course of these 22 years, Kay has participated in the 2001 and 2005 two week study tours at the Ikenobo Headquarters in Kyoto.



Free style



Shoka style



Free style



Shoka style



Free style

Taiko Classes

Mondays 4:30-6:00pm

Mantokuji offers taiko practice every Monday. There are three regular members that would happily welcome anyone interested in taiko, even if for a short time.

Last year a family from Sendai (who spent a year on Maui) joined our weekly practice. The 5 and 12 year old boys and their parents played taiko for the first time here on Maui! Now back in Japan, they continue to sing the "kuchishouga" (don don don kara ka ka ... the words that describe the sticking patterns that help us remember the songs) of the songs they learned and want to continue learning taiko in Japan.

For the second consecutive summer, we also welcomed grandchildren of a temple member who visit from the mainland every summer. One of them has continued practicing taiko back home and shared some new moves with us! And, we also welcome past members whenever they visit Maui.

Three adults and one child have recently joined our group and we all practice together. However, if more children join us, we would arrange separate practices.

Taiko is a great musical and physical activity for everyone of any age. It is energizing! So children, young adults and seniors please come and practice taiko with us.



Happy summer practice times!



Donations made in August

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

General Donations

Wesley Mukoyama, Mark & Lois Sato, Robert & Carol Suzuki.

Allan T Hasegawa	Obon Donation – In Memory of Saburo & Kisono Hasegawa
Masuye Hew	Obon Service
Patricia S Kasahara	Obon Donation
Kiyoe & Wesley Kumasaka & Carol Yamanuha	In Memory of Hiroshi Bob Kumasaka
Tom & Krystene Lam	Obon Donation
Bernice Nagato	In Memory of Susumu Nagato - 13 th year
Dr Seiya Ohata	In Memory of Dr. & Mrs. Seichi & Hisa Ohata & Kiyoko Ohata
Michael & Thelma Okada	In Memory of Frayon Nihei
Rose M Ono	Obon Service – In Memory of Genichi & Kiyoko Ono
Clyde Suzuki	In Memory of Aunty Frayon Nihei – 17 th year Memorial Service
Satoshi & Kiyoko Suzuki	17 th year Memorial Service for Frayon Nihei

Reminder: Annual dues and fees for 2017

Please double check to see if you have paid your membership dues and columbarium (nokotsudo) and cemetery fees for 2017.

Membership Dues	\$50/household
Nokotsudo Fees	\$40/niche
Cemetery Fees	\$40/plot

When sending in payment, please note what the check is for and the name or the person or niche number for whom payment is being made. We ask for your cooperation and promptness. Thank you very much

Special Thanks

Iris Aguinaldo for donating furniture for our sale on August 19th

Kathleen Davis for help in general maintenance

Scott Hanano for mowing the grass

Kay Hanano for donating plants for our sale on August 19th

Chester Kakiuchi for helping to maintain grounds

Gladys and Norman Nagata for donating maintenance supplies and eggplant

Billy Pacheco for building the shelves in the containers

Neil Watanabe for helping to install air conditioning unit in residence

Edward Zwick for donating Ikebana materials

Recipe of the Month

During a short visit to Maui in May by Glenda & Albert Ujiie, Mantokuji's second minister's daughter, she celebrated her brother Baron Ueoka's 82nd birthday. She made grape flavored Layered Cream Jello to share at lunch. The jello was enjoyed by all and was very refreshing. We asked Glenda to share the recipe with us so we could pass on this simple, refreshing delight for the hot summer months to you all. She so graciously did saying the recipe for Layered Cream Jello was shared with her by her good friend, Bobbie Mizuno, originally from Molokai. Thank you to Bobbie and Glenda for sharing the recipe.



Layered Cream Jello

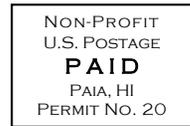
*by Glenda Ujiie
(California)*

Ingredients

- 4 pkgs. Knox gelatin (unflavored)
- 1 c. water
- 3 small (3 oz.) pkgs. flavored gelatin, any flavor
- 1 c. sugar
- 4 c. boiling water
- 1 c. heavy whipping cream

Preparation

Soften 4 packages of unflavored gelatin in 1 cup of tap water. Set aside. In a mixing bowl, put the 3 small packages of flavored gelatin and 1 cup of sugar. Mix well. Add 4 cups of boiling water and mix until sugar and gelatin are dissolved. Add the softened gelatin and mix until dissolved. Add heavy whipping cream and mix very well until mixture looks creamy. Be sure there are no traces of the whipping cream. Pour into a 9"x12" baking pan and cool. Watch the "magic" happen! (As the mixture cools, it separates into two layers.) Refrigerate until set. Use a plastic knife to cut. Serve cold.



October 2017

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wed.	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
October	1 10:00am Daruma-ki Service 11:00 Daruma-sama Picnic 5:30 pm Zazen	2	3 Shorinji Kempo 4:00-5:30pm Kids & Adults	4	5 Shorinji Kempo 4:00-5:30pm Kids & Adults	6	7 7:00 am Zazen
	8 5:30 pm Zazen	9 4:30-6:00pm Taiko	10 Shorinji Kempo 4:00-5:30pm Kids & Adults	11	12 Shorinji Kempo 4:00-5:30pm Kids & Adults	13	14 9:30am-12pm Ikebana class
	15 8:00am Cleanup 10:00 Fujinkai meeting	16 4:30-6:00pm Taiko	17 Shorinji Kempo 4:00-5:30pm Kids & Adults	18	19 Shorinji Kempo 4:00-5:30pm Kids & Adults	20	21
	22	23 4:30-6:00pm Taiko	24 Shorinji Kempo 4:00-5:30pm Kids & Adults	25	26 Shorinji Kempo 4:00-5:30pm Kids & Adults	27	28
	29	30 4:30-6:00pm Taiko	31				

Coming up in November (tentative Schedule)	
Sunday 12	Fujinkai & Kyodan meetings & cleanup
Sunday 19	Family service – Shichi Go San (7-5-3) Ceremony

Hospital and Hale Makua
Visitations are scheduled during
the month.