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Eitaikyo Service

On November 13, 9:30 AM we will be observing our eitaikyo service. This is a service dedicated to our members who requested a perpetual care of their loved ones or themselves to be prayed through annual memorial service. Many of the members who do not have a family to take care of them after their death or those who wish not to burden their family may choose to have the temple take care of them.

We offer two types of perpetual care currently:

- 1) Eitaikyo (Perpetual) Service = Minimum donation of \$300 to have your name in the Eitaikyo Chronicle Book, and ministers will offer prayers on this annual Eitaikyo Service.
- 2) Nokotsudo Perpetual Care = Minimum donation of \$3000, where the ministers offer prayers every morning: You will also reserve a nitch in our columbarium or nokotsudo.

*Perpetual care means unending; ministers will offer prayers daily so long as the temple is in existence.

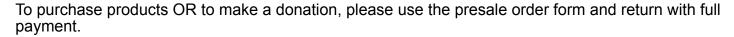


Kala Kokua Fundraiser - PRESALE

On December 4, we will be having our annual fundraiser, partnering again with Kala Kokua. This year, we have chosen three products for our fundraiser: **Smoked meat, Chicken Portuguese Sausage, and Jumbo Arabiki Sausage.** The price per item is \$11.00. Each item is fully cooked, frozen, and vacuum packed.

To help reach our minimum sales requirement, we humbly ask that you purchase a minimum of 6 items. (For example, you can order 2 smoked meats, 2 chicken Portuguese

sausages, and 2 Arabiki sausages, or you can order 5 smoked meats and 1 Arabiki sausage. And of course, you can order more than a total of 6 items!)



Thank you for your kokua. Your participation will allow us to repair and maintain our temple facilities. If you have any questions, please contact our temple office at 808-537-9409.





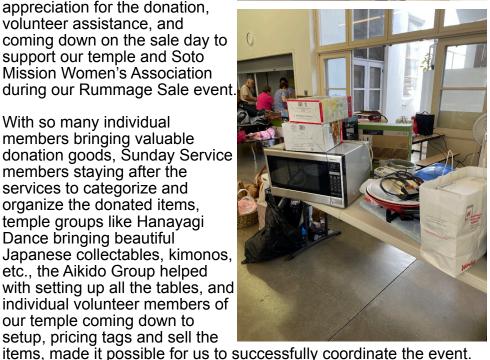


Rummage Sale

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our Rummage Sale. We had a great turn around with people helping to sort, display, and sell the goods and with the public waiting for the doors to open. The first few people started to line up at 6:30 AM just as we opened our gates on Nuuanu. All in all, this was a great success and we thank everyone who donated, came down to help setup, and shopped.

On behalf of the Soto Mission Women's Association (Fujinkai), we extend our sincerest appreciation for the donation. volunteer assistance, and coming down on the sale day to support our temple and Soto Mission Women's Association during our Rummage Sale event.

With so many individual members bringing valuable donation goods, Sunday Service members staying after the services to categorize and organize the donated items, temple groups like Hanayagi Dance bringing beautiful Japanese collectables, kimonos, etc., the Aikido Group helped with setting up all the tables, and individual volunteer members of our temple coming down to setup, pricing tags and sell the







Once again, we thank everyone for your continued support of the temple and Soto Mission Women's Association.

Zen Short Story: LIVING IN THE HERE AND NOW

Tenzo Kyokun was compiled by Dogen Zenji when he was thirty-eight and was living at Koshoji in Uji. This is a book of instruction for the "Tenzo", who is the monk in charge of preparing meals in a Zen temple.

When Dogen Zenji was twenty-four years of age, he crossed over to Song China in the company of another monk, Myozen, in order to search out the true Buddhist teachings.

Dogen wrote, "The name of Buddhism has been heard in Japan for many long years now, but as for correctly preparing food for those undergoing training in the Monks' Hall, it has never been written about, nor has anyone ever taught me about it."

Just as he writes in Tenzo Kyokun, Dogen Zenji went to Song China, and from his meeting with different kinds of people came to realize that the work of a Tenzo is not that different from the practice of zazen.

The following is an experience Dogen Zenji had while staying at Keitokuji temple in Chekiang Province in China. On the way to visit his traveling companion, Myozen, who was recuperating from an illness in the infirmary, Dogen Zenji passed the Buddha Hall. There he saw an old monk whose back

was bent like a bow and whose eyebrows were as white as the feathers of a crane. The old monk was drying mushrooms one by one on the tiles which paved the courtyard.

In a large temple great quantities of mushrooms are consumed, therefore, many are dried in the hottest part of the summer and put away for future use. The old monk, Yung Osho, supported himself with a bamboo staff, and in spite of the heat wore no hat, so he was drenched with sweat. He was totally absorbed in his task. In the

scorching sun the paving tiles were as hot as an oven.

This sort of duty on such a day would not have been easy even for a young person, and for an old monk nearing seventy it must have been especially trying.

The young monk, Dogen, seeing this, felt pity and walking up to the old man asked, "How old are you?"

Yung Tenzo stayed his busy hand long enough to answer, "This year I'll be sixty-eight."

"A person of your age shouldn't be doing this kind of work; why don't you get someone else to do it?" Dogen suggested with concern.

"Other people are not me," Yung Tenzo replied sharply. Dogen must have felt as though he had been stabbed in the chest.

"Yes, that's true, but why don't you just rest for a while? You shouldn't overtax your body," caringly objected Dogen.

Yung Tenzo firmly responded, "And just what other time should I wait for?" and kept on at his task.

This second arrow went into Dogen even more deeply than the first; these words were truly precious gems, and each word resounded within him. Having been spoken to



this way, Dogen felt helpless to say anything more.

Later he wrote, "I gave up. But while walking down the corridor I secretly realized what an important function this work has."

"Other people are not me." This statement defines the spatial location of "here." "And just what other time should I wait for" defines the temporal position of "now." Not somebody else – me (here); not later – now. Reality is the place where this "here" and this "now" cross.

There has never been an age in which the ups and downs of life have been so violent as those of today.

If this expression seems trite, let me revise it and say that there has never been a period of social change and development as extreme as that of today.

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Announcements

Upcoming Events

November 13 Eitaikyo Service

December 4 Annual Kala Kokua Fundraiser December 18 Year-End Temple Cleanup

December 31 Joya-no-kane

Temple Hour Changes

October 30 Temple close for 5th Sunday

November 11 Temple close at noon in observance of Veteran's Day November 24 Temple close at noon in observance of Thanksgiving

Acknowledgement of Donations

Thank you very much for your generous donations during the month of September.

Charities Aid Foundation America Donation

Frank Childs Service - Autumn Higan

Family of Robert H. Inouye Service - Funeral for Robert Hideo Inouye

Family of the Late Alice Iwamoto Service - Makuragyo

Family of Yoshimitsu Mizuno Service - 3rd Yr. Memorial for Yoshimitsu Mizuno

Akiyo Fujioka Service - Inurnment for George Fujioka

Akiyo Fujioka Service - Autumn Higan Miyeko Hashimoto Service - Autumn Higan Masae Hayashi Service - Autumn Higan Katherine Higuchi Service - Autumn Higan

Honolulu Fukushima Kenjin Kai Donation - In Memory of Toshiko Abe

Tammy Horiuchi Service - Funeral for Frances Midori Kobayashi

Herbert Ishikawa Donation

Thomas & Chiye Itagaki Service - July, August Kannon-ko

Thomas & Chiye Itagaki Service - Autumn Higan

Neal Kamikawa Service - Funeral for Miyoko Kamikawa

Eric Kanda Service - August Kannon-ko

Kasahara Family Donation

Keiko Kawagishi Service - July, August Kannon-ko

Keiko Kawagishi Service - Autumn Higan Gertrude Kihara Service - Autumn Higan

Kinuye Terada Survivor's Trust Donation Clayton Kirio Donation George Koide Donation

Bernice Koike Service - July, August Kannon-ko

Bernice Koike Service - Autumn Higan Pualani Kondo Donation - Building Fund

Susan Kurata Service - In Memory of David Kurata Gentaro Kurihara Service - Funeral for Toshimasa Kurihara

Arden & Mary Loomis Service - July, August Kannon-ko

Arden & Mary Loomis Service - Autumn Higan

Dara Luangphinith Donation

Jean Maekawa Service - July, August Kannon-ko

Jean Maekawa Service - Autumn Higan

Mae Matsumoto Donation - Disposal of Butsudan

Annette Matsumoto Donation
Toni Matsuo Donation
Rajakumary Muthukumary Donation

Gary Nakamura Service - Autumn Higan

Ellen Nishimura Donation

Bryan Nishimura Service - In Memory of Ruth & Charles Nishimura

Ellen Nishimura Service - August Kannon-ko

Ellen Nishimura Donation

Dorothy Nishimura Donation - In Memory of Torakichi & Sumino Nishi & Family

Ellen Nishimura Service - July Kannonko

Ellen Nishimura Service - Autumn Higan in Memory of Russell & Sandy Azuma

Ellen Nishimura Service - Autumn Higan

Sally Nozaki Service - July, August Kannon-ko

Sally Nozaki Service - Autumn Higan

Kurt Nunokawa Service - Funeral for Michael Mitsuru Nunokawa

Dennis K. Oshiyama Service - In Memory of Yoshinaka Oshiyama & Vivian Isobe

Leslie Ozawa Service - Autumn Higan

Jamie Peterson Service - July, August Kannon-ko

Jamie Peterson Service - Autumn Higan

Dean Sakaue Donation Michiko Sasaki Donation

Michiko Sasaki Service - August Kannon-ko

Kanrad Sasaki Family Donation - Bon

James Sato Service - Autumn Higan

Mona Sawai Service - July, August Kannon-ko

Mona Sawai Service - Autumn Higan

Jean Shibuya Donation
Gary Shibuya Donation
Naomi Shimomi Donation
Mark Shuken Donation

Isamu Takahashi Service - Inurnment for Isamu Takahashi

Helen Tsuchiya Service - Autumn Higan

Linda Unten Service - July, August Kannon-ko

Linda Unten Service - Autumn Higan
Wayne & Ann Uradomo Service - August Kannon-ko
Wayne & Ann Uradomo Service - Autumn Higan

Wayne Warashina Service - 13th Memorial for Pansy K. Warashina, Bert Warashina,

Howard Warashina

Wayne Warashina Service - Autumn Higan

Toshio Watanabe Service - Funeral for Lisa Tokuko Watanabe

Ethel Watanabe Service - Autumn Higan Ann Yakuma Service - Memorial