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Assistant Ministers – Sharing the Dharma

By Rev. Dr. Kenji Akahoshi, Resident Minister

When Shinran was exiled from Kyoto, he continued to share the Dharma with the people of Echigo. He stated that he was neither a monk nor a layperson. He felt strongly that the Nembutsu Dharma was appropriate for everyone. His daughter, Kakushini, preserved his legacy by initiating a lineage that continues today in the person of Monshu Kojun Ohtani. From a modest beginning, Jodo Shinshu has become the largest sect of Buddhism in Japan, possibly because the Shin teachings are so appropriate for the common person.

Shinran did not establish temples in Echigo or the Kanto area. The *monto* or followers met in homes and were known as *kō*. The lay leaders were not ordained monks. When Shinran returned to Kyoto, they communicated with him through letters and even traveled to Kyoto to clarify the teachings. Former *Shōchō* (Bishop) Ogui initiated a facsimile of this system by creating the Minister’s Assistant (MA) program. This provided an opportunity for lay Shin Buddhists to participate actively to support the temple and minister in the expansion of religious services.

Like any new program, the MA program has undergone changes. Recently, significant changes were made regarding the structure and requirements. A minister may appoint an assistant to help in various duties. They may become a certified MA by taking the BCA-BEC Correspondence Course. A new category and designation of Assistant Minister or *Kaikyoshi-ho* has been created. Anyone seeking to be ordained in the *Tokudo* ordination, is expected to continue to obtain the *Kyoshi* certification. This involves completing 4 Shin courses at IBS for the *Tokudo* and 8 specific courses for the *Kyoshi* certification. These requirements assure the proper educational background.

We are very fortunate at BTSD to have 4 members involved in this program. Yukari Williams is a minister’s assistant who is enrolled in the Correspondence course on a path to become a certified MA. Our three certified MA’s are now on the Assistant Minister’s tract. Laverne Imori received her *Tokudo* ordination in 2014 while at the Ekoji Buddhist Temple. She is taking online courses at IBS in pursuit of the *Kyoshi* certification. Smitty (Maribeth) Smith just received her *Tokudo* ordination in Kyoto in July. She has completed most of her IBS classes on route to her *Kyoshi* certification. Noriko Kawai is seeking her *Tokudo* ordination and will be taking IBS courses. She quit the corporate world a few years ago to earn a Master of Divinity degree in chaplaincy. She now works at Sojourn Hospice and also at Sharp

Hospitals.

All four ladies have been instrumental in expanding our outreach. They have represented BTSD at interfaith and community events, help Bill Teague and Kaytee Sumida with Buddhism 1-2-3 on Wednesday evenings, lead Marine Corps Recruitment Depot (MCRD) with their Sunday services, and are giving Dharma talks at temple and community events. They help Kenji Sensei in setting up and closing the Onajin for services and funerals. Much of their involvement is in preparation to conduct services and share the Shin Dharma according to the lineage of Shin Buddhism. We are grateful for their sacrifice of personal time and their commitment to expand the religious content that our temple provides.

Education at this post-graduate level does come at some expense. The Correspondence Course, MAP program, and especially the IBS classes are comparable to any post-graduate school. Two MAP sessions are required per year and may cost about \$500 per person per session. This expense includes tuition, room & board, and travel to Berkeley. A 3-unit course at IBS cost \$2,340. Tuition for an MBS degree may be close to \$40,000. This does not include books, travel, and other expenses. Tuition may seem high, but the instructors and staff of IBS are of the highest quality and receive salaries much less than other universities. So, the Dharma we receive are gifts from dedicated individuals who are concerned for the benefit of the sangha.

I share this information regarding the practical aspects of receiving the Dharma to highlight the value of human and financial costs involved. However, it is not the financial costs that makes the Dharma valuable. The Dharma enhances our lives. It can affect every aspect of human experience, relationship, and spirituality. As we listen to the Dharma and take part in temple activities, let us be reminded that we receive this because of the dedication, commitment, and sacrifice of so many people who have gained insight into the joy of life, because of the Truth of the Shin Dharma. You can be a part of this by contributing generously to the temple, the MA fund, and by participating in the fund-raising and other activities.

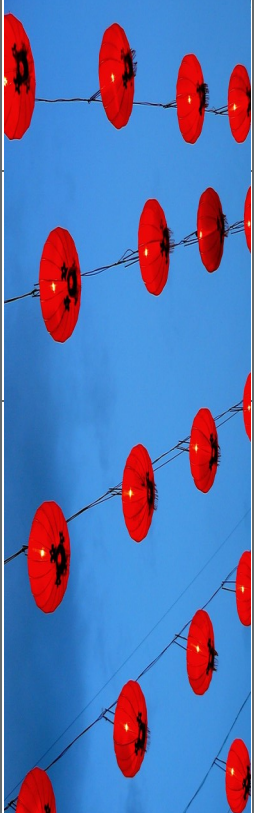
Each of us can benefit the lives of others, by sharing the benefits of the Shin Dharma. We **live the Dharma** to enhance our lives and we **share the Dharma** to enhance the lives of others.

Gassho

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August 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
4 Nagasaki Kenjinkai Memorial Service	5 OFFICE CLOSED	6 OFFICE CLOSED	7 Crafts, 10 am Minyo, 12 noon, SH Shigin, 1 pm, CR	8 Tai Chi, 10 am, AH BOD Mtg., 7 pm	9 Toro Nagashi, Balboa Park	10 BTSD/VFW Bingo, 6 p
11 No Services	12 OFFICE CLOSED	13 OFFICE CLOSED	14 Bus Trip to Sycuan, 7:45 Minyo, 12 noon, SH Shigin, 1 pm, CR Taiko, 6:30 pm, AH	15 Tai Chi, 10 am, AH Rummage Sale Sorting	16 Rummage Sale Set Up, 3-9 pm	17 RUMMAGE SALE 8 am - 2 pm
18 No Services RUMMAGE SALE 8 am to 12 noon	19 OFFICE CLOSED	20 OFFICE CLOSED	21 Crafts, 10 am Minyo, 12 noon, SH Shigin, 1 pm, CR Taiko, 6:30 pm, AH	22 Tai Chi, 10 am, AH	23 Tai Chi, 10 am, AH	24 SD Jr. YBL Conference At Venice
25 No Services SD Jr. YBL Conference At Venice Minister's Fuken	26 OFFICE CLOSED M. Fuken	27 OFFICE CLOSED M. Fuken	28 Minyo, 12 noon, SH Shigin, 1 pm, CR Taiko, 6:30 pm, AH M. Fuken	29 Tai Chi, 10 am, AH Activities Mtg, 7 p	30 World BWA Conference at San Francisco	31 World BWA Conference at San Francisco



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By LuAnn Lee, Board President



Even though summers official start date this year was June 21st, the warm weather has been pretty mild. Although I know it will be hot in the near future, compared to other parts of the country, we are extremely lucky to live in San Diego.

On June 23, my brother Glenn and I attended the annual Matsumae Kai luncheon. The San Diego branch celebrated their 30th Anniversary. The entertainment was filled with groups from Japan, Los Angeles and of course the talented local group that practices at the temple. Many of our temple members were there to enjoy the sounds of the shamisen, electric guitar and singing. We thank the Matsumae Kai for the invitation to share their special occasion.

At the end of the month, many of our members and friends gathered for golf at the Eastlake Golf Course. It was a very successful event and thanks to the many out of town and local golfers who took time out of their busy schedules to support the temple.

Thank you to Ralph Honda, Rich Kaneko and Ron Yagura for heading up the tournament and appreciation to all that volunteered, donated prizes and to our generous sponsors. It was truly a team effort.

BTSD members and friends were received with clapping and positive shouts of support as they made their way down the road during the 2019 Pride Parade. Picture Kenji Sensei driving the truck that pulled the trailer featuring members from San Diego Taiko and BTSD Taiko. Many members walking along side passing out Obon Odori postcards and I heard Kiyo and Aileen Kawasaki were giving high fives to onlookers. Sue Moribe even provided rides to and from temple as parking was limited. Thank you to Laverne Imori for heading up this important event.

With Obon coming up in a few days, we had our annual temple clean up. There were many dedicated helpers doing the many tasks. I saw the hard working BWA ladies with Nancy Martinez cleaning out the Convection oven and the refrigerator. These are two areas that we all use so they needed extra elbow cleaning. We will be requesting that groups that use these areas during the year, should help in cleaning them as well. Thank you to all that came out and cleaned till the windows and temple sparkled.

This time of year is special when we remember our loved ones that have passed and to celebrate their lives.

So, hoping you will come out and enjoy the sunshine at the upcoming Obon Odori on August 3 at Balboa Park and at the rummage prep and or sale on August 17 and 18.

Be good to one another and see you soon.

In Gassho,

LuAnn

BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

The Board of Directors met on July 11th -

1. The Board approved funds for Rev. Akahoshi's lodging and meal expense for a BCA Minister's event associated with the Gomonsu's visit in September.
2. Reports were provided about the JSSDT Gala, June 13th and the JFG Gala, June 20th. Fred Nakatani accepted an award on behalf of the Takedas, Hogetsu Bakery.
3. The Board was given updates on the Japanese Cultural Bazaar, June 2nd and a report on the Golf Tournament, June 30th.
4. The temple's insurance premiums will be increasing.
5. The Board was updated on the activities of the affiliated organizations and the standing committees.
6. Condolences to the family of James Kida.

BWA NEWS

The BWA held their annual New Member luncheon on June 22. We welcome Ruth Voorhies and Mary Amemiya. Lunch was a delicious bento from Ichiban. Lovely floral arrangements by Naomi Himaka were set for our two new members. It was a very interactive day with the new members sharing their history with everyone in attendance. Thank you to Laverne Imori for arranging the luncheon and providing a goodie bag, too. We have added two lively new members!

The craft group will have a booth at the Balboa Park Obon at the Japanese Friendship Garden. Please stop by and peruse our creations, led by a Ruby Hara. We meet every first and third Wednesday's of the month. We start out our craft sessions with a coffee break and craft some, then enjoy a delicious potluck lunch.

There will be 12 of our members attending the World Conference in San Francisco August 30-September 1. We are anxiously awaiting our travel to San Francisco. There will be two keynote speakers and various breakout sessions. One of the keynote speakers will be Rev. Motoyoshi, who was our guest speaker for the BWA memorial service in February.

Special BEC Speaker, Rev. Dr. Kenneth Tanaka

Friday, Sept. 20, 2019 – 7:00 pm

The temple is fortunate to have **Rev. Dr. Kenneth Tanaka** in a special evening talk entitled "Introduction to the Essence and Practice of Shin Buddhism," a Path of Naturalness for Greater Joy and Meaning in Our Daily Lives." He is a popular author and speaker on Shin Buddhism. Two of his well-known books ([Oceans](#) and [Buddhism on Air](#)) provide the essence of Shin in a very accessible manner. He will also be answering any questions and signing his books.

DHARMA SCHOOL NEWS

Dharma School teachers and staff have been enjoying their time off, but are looking forward to the upcoming 2019-20 year! We would like to welcome Lorena Covarrubias to the Dharma School teaching staff. Teachers and staff had a productive planning meeting last month to help prepare for the upcoming year, which will begin on September 8, 2019.

Our theme for the 2019-20 year will be *Gratitude*, a fundamental Buddhist concept that students will learn about throughout the year.

We look forward to seeing all returning students, and we welcome new students (pre-K through 12th grade) and families on September 8th. Please fill out the online [Dharma School registration form](https://forms.gle/oDbPXncF1gQfsBAL6) (https://forms.gle/oDbPXncF1gQfsBAL6) for your child(ren) as soon as you can. If you need help accessing the form, please feel free to contact me.

We understand that parent involvement leads to student success. We highly encourage parents to volunteer to help in their child's classroom or to help with special projects throughout the year. Please make sure to put your email address on the [Dharma School registration form](#) so we can email you information about class assignments and parent volunteering opportunities prior to September 8th.

The Dharma School is looking for volunteers to help us sort/price toys and games for the rummage sale this month. If you can spare an hour or two, please come by and help us on August 10 or 11 at 9 am; August 15 from 4-9 pm; or August 16 from 3-9 pm. The rummage sale will be held on August 17 and 18.

Enjoy the rest of your summer, and we look forward to seeing everyone on September 8th! If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at lumeku-bo@gmail.com.

Gassho,

Lisa Umekubo

JR. YBA NEWS

Happy August!!

July was a busy and exciting month! Zoe Yamamoto and I attended the Buddhist Churches of America's Buddhist Youth Retreat. This retreat was in Berkeley, California at the Jodo Shinshu Center. For one week, we and 12 other participants studied important Buddhist teachings and learned so much! We are truly so grateful to have been able to attend and hope more Jrs will want to attend next year!

This month, Jr. YBA has some big upcoming events!! On August 3, we will be running the snack booth at the Balboa Park Obon! We will be selling beverages, snacks, and other treats! Please stop by and grab some refreshments! On August 24, four members will be attending the Southern District Jr YBA Conference! This year, the Venice Hongwanji Buddhist Temple and the Senshin Buddhist Temple will be co-hosting. The theme of this year's conference is "Buddha in Your Backpack" and we are so excited! This conference is two days long and we are staying in the UCLA dorms!

The Jr. YBA would like to thank the Sangha for purchasing raffle tickets for our annual Opportunity Drawing at the temple Obon!

We have sold so many tickets and it wouldn't have been possible without BTSD's generous Sangha so thank you! Some of the proceeds will help pay for us to attend this month's Southern District Conference! We are looking forward to next year's Obon Odori!

In Gassho, Jenna Sasaki

Congratulations to Our Scholarship Recipients

On July 28, during the Obon Service, students were recognized with academic scholarships as provided by the Temple under the auspices of the Scholarship Committee.

Patty Nakamura, retired educator, presented the scholarships with **Resident Minister Kenji Akahoshi**. Recipients included:

Charles Baker will be in his final year of a three-year program at the USD School of Law.

Breven Honda will be a Junior majoring in Journalism at San Diego State University.

Sara E. Matsumoto will be doing post-graduate work in Prerequisites for Physical Therapy Program at Palomar College.

Trevor Muraoka will be a Sophomore majoring in Mechanical Engineering at the University of California, Berkeley.

Trina Muraoka will be continuing her studies at Grossmont College.

Davis T. Ong will be a Sophomore majoring in Biology at the University of Arizona.

Hailey Sasaki will be a Sophomore majoring in Cognitive Science (Neuroscience Emphasis) at the University of California, Davis.

Mark Torio will be a Senior majoring in Electrical Engineering at San Diego State University.

Each student received a cash award and a copy of a recent book, *Learning the Wisdom of Enlightenment* (Moraga, CA: BDK America, 2019). Awards to all recipients are under the **Tetsuyo Kashima Memorial Continuing Education Scholarship**. The Temple maintains two academic scholarships, honoring two pillars of the Temple who passed away too soon in the mid-1990s, **Tets Kashima**, and **Ben Honda**. Mr. Honda is namesake of the **Ben Honda High School Graduate Scholarship**. As soon as next year we will once again have graduating high school students eligible to apply for the latter award.

Source of Scholarship Funds. Thanks to all the Temple members who donate to the scholarship funds through check-off donations with their membership or by patronizing the **Bon Again Resale Shop** that pops up at the Temple and Balboa Park for the Temple's and the public Obon festivals in recent years.

The fund was formally initiated thanks to the donation by the **Tanizaki Family Memorial Scholarship Fund**. Other significant donations came several decades ago from the **K. J. Takashima** and **Matsui** families. With everyone's generosity we have been able to continue the program even in years like 2019 with multiple worthy applicants.

We wish all the best wishes to the many scholars honored at the Obon service in their academic careers, and thank them for making us proud family, friends, and Temple members.

Maribeth "Smitty" Smith, Sensei MAP

I'm writing this as I sit at Kansai airport, waiting for my flight home from Japan. I had originally intended to tell you all about my experience at the tokudo training center at Nishiyama Betsuin. The problem is that I'm still processing those eleven days, which incidentally were preceded by three days of training at the Hongwanji International Center. It hasn't all sunk in. But I'm not the only one feeling that way. I had dinner last night with some cohorts who expressed the same feelings. So, I will owe you an essay on my tokudo ordination experience.

Instead, I would like to share some thoughts about the days following my ordination. You see, I foolishly thought I had made it to the final part of the tokudo training process through my own grit and determination. By memorizing Shoshinge and other things, by practicing ritual and required skills. But nothing could be further from the truth. I made it to this initial step of the path through the support of others.

I was reminded of my foolishness when I was moving from the accommodations at the Monbou Kaikan in Kyoto to my nearby hotel. Google maps said that it was only an eight-minute walk. Although I had two LARGE suitcases with me, I figured that I could make it. Friends asked if I was taking a taxi, but I said no, it wasn't that far away. So, I set out under my own power for Hotel Live Max. The first half-block wasn't too bad. I struggled with my "baggage," but pressed on. The next half-block seemed far longer than the first. Was it this hot and humid when I started the trek? I began a new approach of dragging my baggage about 100 yards and then resting. After two attempts at the 100-yard struggle, I began another new approach of moving 50 yards and resting. This lasted two attempts before the new and improved 25 yard move and rest. As I continued, time spent moving decreased

and time spent resting increased. And my baggage seemed to be growing heavier. Maybe Google maps made a mistake. It was really an eight-mile hike, not an eight-minute walk.

As I was contemplating the mess I had put myself in (during one of my frequent rest breaks), a woman on a bicycle passed me and went into her house. She was maybe 10 or 20 years older than I am, yet moved with ease compared to my laborious struggle. A few minutes later she appeared again, this time with an icy cold bottle of water which she offered to me. After thanking her profusely, I explained in my poor Japanese that I was going to the nearby hotel. She wished me well and disappeared into her home. I greedily drank the water and resumed my long, hot battle with my baggage.

If it wasn't for the compassion of this stranger, the support of power other than my own, I would probably still be on my way to the hotel, moving two inches and resting for two hours each time. My stubborn ego self said that I could get there

under my own power, without the support of Other power. The truth is that every step of the way I am supported by others. I would like to thank all who have been on this continuing journey with me, supporting me all along the way. Thank you to those who have encouraged me and wished me well. Those who chanted Shoshinge with me when you would have rather chanted something shorter. Those who have picked up the slack, taking on additional tasks when I was unavailable and focused on myself. Those who have fed me at the temple and have sent me home with meals and snacks. Those who have given me gifts, no matter how small it seemed to you, to help with expenses of ordination. Those who have shared the dharma with me through your actions as much as your words. Those who have helped or enabled me to study, learn, and grow. Those who taught me more things than I have ever taught you. And those who have welcomed me into the BTSD sangha as though I am a member of your family. Thank you to all of my fellow travelers, supporting me on the Nembutsu path. Namo Amida Butsu!

Buddhist Education in August – and September

Bill Teague, Buddhist Education Committee

August: Programs on Summer Break

September Programs Resume and Special Lecture

- Buddhism 1-2-3 resumes with Kenji Sensei on Wednesday, Sept. 11 at 7 p.m. and continues Wednesdays into December.
- Fourth Sunday's Introduction to Buddhism with Kaytee Sumida resumes on Sunday, Sept. 22 at 9 a.m., and continues on fourth Sundays through November.
- Special BEC Lecture with Rev. Dr. Kenneth Tanaka on Friday, Sept. 20 at 7:00 p.m.

Congratulations to Maribeth Smith Sensei!

We hope to congratulate Smitty Sensei in person having returned from the final stage of earning the Tokudo certification at the Nishi Hongwanji Temple in Kyoto in July. Way to go, Smitty Sensei!

Crafts & a
Pot-Luck
Wednesday's,
August 7 & 21
10 am-2 pm



SCRIP NEWS

August is the month that temple is on vacation. If you need gift cards, you can still order them at the rummage sale or you can call Linda and she will relay your order to me.

A little early, but not too early to start thinking about the holiday season. Spread your spending out so it's not too hard on your wallet.

With the new banking rules-as it gets closer to December - all orders will have to be paid for when the order is received.

Hope all of you are having a great summer!



LGBT Pride Parade

Thank You for showing support and well wishes to the local LGBTQ+ Community by participating in the San Diego LGBT Pride Parade for the fourth year in a row. And a special thanks to our Board of Directors, who continue

to give their support to this event; to Ken Muraoka, who loaned his pickup truck and trailer that served as our float; to Kenji Sensei, who drove the float; to BTSD Taiko, who drummed the entire parade route; to all of the BTSD marchers, who smiled, waved, passed out Bon Odori postcards, and connected with the crowds as representatives of our temple; and to those who couldn't join us in the parade, but gave of themselves to support our contingent just the same.

BTSD HOLDS FUN AND SUCCESSFUL GOLF TOURNAMENT

Blue skies, wide smiles, beautiful course conditions and a friendly day of competition brought together 52 golfers for the 24th annual BTSD Golf Tournament. The event was held on Sunday, June 30 at Eastlake Country Club in Chula Vista.

On behalf of the committee, Ron, Rich and Ralph, we wish to thank everyone for your support. The tournament was successful with your participation and generous donations. Thank you to Eastlake CC as the host site.

Many of the golfers were from the San Diego region, while others traveled from Oxnard, Los Angeles, San Jose and Las Vegas to participate.

Golfers began arriving at 6:30 a.m. for check-in and filling their stomachs with a continental breakfast. After warming up on the practice tees and taking part in the putting contest, it was off to the links for an 8 a.m. shotgun start in the four-player team scramble. While on the course, golfers had the opportunity to compete in long-drive and closest-to-the-pin contests and enjoy cold beverages compliments of the beverage cart sponsors.

Following play, everyone enjoyed a BBQ lunch followed by the awards ceremony and opportunity drawing.

Congratulations are extended to the following winners and thank you to the tournament sponsors and donors:

Team net winners: First place: Rip Fleming, Gary Inouye, Jim Inouye and Ricky Schlesinger; Second place: Bruce Fujinami, Peter Umekubo, Derek Yagura and Wayne Yamamoto; Third place: Chad Yagura, Bret Yamamoto, Ryan Yamamoto and Kevin Yoneda.

Team low gross winner: Glen Obayashi, Don Ueno, Ron Yagura and Sheila Yagura.

Contest winners: Long Drive Men (under 75): Chad Yagura; Long Drive Men (76-over): Don Ueno; Long Drive Women: Emilie Yanagi; Long Drive Juniors (15-under): Ryan Yamamoto; Closest-to-Pin: Peter Umekubo, Matt Bigelow, Chad Yagura; Putting Contest: Emilie Yanagi.

Tournament Upper-tier sponsors: Kenji and Akiko Hiji (Hole-in-One); Muraoka Enterprises: Roy, Tad and Ken Muraoka (Birdie); Coronado Island Express - Zembei Corp Inc.:

Setsuo and Jan Iwashita (Beverage Cart); Miki, Ralph and Avis Honda (Beverage Cart). Sycuan Casino Resort (Closest-to-Pin); Sumiko Yanagihara (Closest-to-Pin); In Memory of Friends of BTSD (Closest-to-Pin); Agent Benson (Long Drive); Dennis and Elaine Otsuji (Long Drive); Roy Okuhara and Karen Tom (Long Drive).

Hole Sponsors: Finest City Sweet Treats (Tom Yanagihara), Gimzo Technologies (Goody Takashima), MKA Inc. (Michael Kinoshita), 3Ds Travel (Doug Ojiri), John and Tsune Hashiguchi, Ed and Miyo Hill, Ron and Holly Hiding, Richard and Ruth Kaneko, Trace and Mildred Kawasaki, Howard and Kaneko Kuwada, Steve Sato, Keiju Terada (in memory of Rev. Koju Terada), Alan and Akiko Tomiyama, Wayne Tsukamoto, Motoo and Angie Tsuneyoshi, Ronnie and Sheila Yagura, Ann Yamamoto, Hisashi and Jane Yamamoto and Roy and Susan Yonekura.

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Opportunity Drawing: The always-popular "chance-to-win" drawing was held with 47 prizes going to lucky winners. The top three winners included, first prize Don Ueno (Sycuan golf package, hotel lodging and dinner for two – a \$550 value), second prize: Mako Mizuki (43-inch flat screen television) and third prize: Barry Morinaka (golf package for four at Rams Hills Golf Club in Borrego Springs – a \$600 value). Congratulations to all the winners!

Thank You Volunteers: The committee wishes to thank the individuals who took time from their busy schedules to help. The included: Avis Honda, Breven Honda, Trace and Mildred Kawasaki, Fred and Nancy Nakatani, Chad Yagura, Derek Yagura, Bret Yamamoto, Kevin Yoneda and Gregg Yonekura. Your efforts were greatly appreciated!

Proceeds netted over \$9,500 for the temple.

We hope that all the golfers and supporters enjoyed the event and are looking forward to 25th anniversary in 2020.

In Gassho,
Ralph Honda, Ron Yagura and Rich Kaneko,
2019 Golf Tournament chairmen



Ready to tee-off (L-R): Steve Arata, Duane Koba, Ronnie Morinaka and Barry Morinaka at the BTSD Golf Tournament.

CLEANING DAY THANK YOU

A heartfelt thank you is extended to the volunteers who spent a few hours on Sunday, July 21 to clean the temple. Your efforts of tidying up the facilities and making it sparkle was greatly appreciated.

Volunteers concentrated on cleaning the hondo, kitchen, conference room and other areas in preparation for the O Bon service and Odori.

The next cleaning day is scheduled for Sunday, December 29. The temple hopes that you will be able to help with the year-end cleaning as it prepares to ring in the New Year.

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The Buddhist Temple of San Diego is grateful to the following individuals and organizations for their recent donations to the Temple and its affiliated organizations. "IMO" means "In memory of." For a correction, please inform the admin. assistant (619) 239-0896 or info@btsd.net.

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Aila's 1st Birthday

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Oyama, Candice
IMO H. Uyeji

Voorhies, Ruth
IMO Florence Yamashita
Hill, Miyo
IMO Kinjiro Nakamura
Lee, Harold and LuAnn
IMO Christine Shimizu
D'Orsi, Ruby
IMO George Yamamoto
IMO Florence Yamashita
IMO Tom Yanagihara
IMO Leora Hamada
IMO June Hamada
Moriyama, Chieko
IMO Betty Tsuneko Yano -
Chieko Moriyama, Madeline
Clogston, Michael Clogston

SPECIAL DONATION

Tanaka, Terry - Dana Group
Okuhara, Roy - Dana Group
Graeber, Kiku - Dana Group

ANNUAL RUMMAGE SALE - AUGUST 17-18 Recycling * Re-Purposing * Re-Thinking

The EcoSangha Committee is chairing this year's sale but is asking for the help of all affiliated organizations and our Sangha friends.

DONATION DROP OFFS and PICK UPS

Our Rummage Sale fundraiser is made possible by your donations of gently-used discards and the efforts of our hard-working volunteers. Clothing, books, furniture, household goods, toys and most other items are welcomed. **PLEASE – no CRT TVs or MONITORS, no MATTRESSES, and all electronics, appliances and computer equipment must be in working order.**

If possible, please hold your items until after August 3 – temple volunteers will be busy with the Obon Odori.

SORTING AND PRICING DAYS

August 10, Saturday from 8:30 a.m. – 2 p.m.
August 11, Sunday from 8:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.
August 15, Thursday from 4 p.m. – 9 p.m.
August 16, Friday, 3 p.m. – 9 p.m. - Friday is our set-up day (Pricing & sorting continues)

SALE DAYS ■ Saturday, August 17, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.
■ Sunday, August 18, 8 a.m. to noon.

*Thank you in advance for your support and hard work.
Your 2019 Rummage Sale Committee*

BINGO UPDATE

**Join BTSD and the VFW for a Night of
Bingo on August 10 at 6 p.m.
Buy-in \$10 for 12 games
Enjoy VFW's Delicious Hot Dogs!**

The 2019 Bon Odori at Balboa Park will take place on Saturday August 3 from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. at the Japanese Friendship Garden (JFG) and the Spreckels Organ Pavilion. For the fourth year, the temple will be teaming with the JFG staging a day full of activities leading up to the evening Bon Odori. From 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., your paid admission gives you access to the upper and lower gardens. *Temple members have free admission but must enter through the side volunteer gate.*

At 4 p.m. the JFG lower garden will close and admission to the upper garden will be free to the public. During this time the Spreckels Organ Pavilion will begin activities which will include live entertainment, community group booths, and craft vendors.

Throughout the day the temple will offer food for sale including chicken skewers, somen salad, rice and taiyaki (pastries with sweet red bean filling). Water, iced green tea, shaved ice, and sodas will also be sold.

The O Bon Again Shop will also be selling beautiful gently used Japanese clothing, art, and other items. Proceeds from the O Bon Again Shop benefit the temple's scholarship fund.

Entertainment will be provided throughout the day by numerous taiko groups, including our own temple troupe. A number of community organizations will be participating in the day's festivities, selling food, crafts and conducting games for kids.

The dancing portion, Bon Odori, will begin at 6:30 p.m. in the Spreckels Organ Pavilion. The colorful fun

dancing is free and open to the public.

On Friday, August 2, 2019, the JFG will have their 4th annual Toro Nagashi "Floating of Lanterns." The JFG will have events and entertainment throughout the day. The Temple will not be participating in this as a fundraiser, but Dr. Reverend Akahoshi will be explaining the im-

portance of Buddhism at both of the celebrations around 6:45 p.m. The official releasing of the lanterns in the JFG lower pond area will begin at 7:00 p.m. This event requires paid admission to enter the JFG by all attendees. The JFG will be selling lantern kits for \$10.

Help needed / Volunteers wanted

Every year the Bon Odori in Balboa Park continues to grow in attendance. We need help in many different areas throughout the entire weekend to make this event a success.

Friday, Aug. 2 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. – Food prep at the Temple.

Friday 5:00 – 6:30 p.m. – Bench moving at Balboa Park.

Saturday, Aug. 3 - Throughout the day – At the garden volunteers will be needed to help with

general arrangements and to sell food and drinks. The critical time for food and drink service will be between 3 p.m. and 8 p.m.

Saturday 9 p.m. – Moving benches back, moving cookware back to the Temple to clean.

Sunday, Aug. 4 9 a.m. – 11 a.m. - Move supplies back to the temple, final clean up.



GOMONSHU KOJUN OHTANI TO VISIT BTSD ON SEPTEMBER 4th

The Buddhist Temple of San Diego (BTSD) will have the honored privilege of hosting a very special guest to the temple in September.

On Wednesday, September 4, BTSD will host his eminence,
Monshu Kojun Ohtani of the Hongwanji Ha in Kyoto, Japan.

The Gomonshu is the 25th head priest of our Jodo Shinshu tradition and is a direct descendant of Shinran Shonin, the founder of Shin Buddhism.

To mark this historic occasion, a welcome dinner and “meet-and-greet” with the Gomonshu will take place at the temple and all BTSD members and Sangha friends are encouraged to participate. Gomonshu will be accompanied by other head priests from Kyoto, along with Bishop Rev. Umezu of the Buddhist Churches of America (BCA).

The welcome dinner will be a “Mexican-themed” cuisine featuring Angie’s tacos, tamales, rice and beans all prepared by our temple volunteers. The committee chose this menu as it brings back the time when the Gomonshu and his wife lived in San Diego 10 years ago and learned to make Mexican food taught by temple volunteers.

Due to the unique status of the Gomonshu, the Hongwanji requests certain protocol. The following is the timeline of the Gomonshu’s visit:

5:30 p.m. – Sangha members and friends are asked to gather prior to the Gomonshu’s arrival. Elders and individuals with physical limitations may be seated in the hondo in advance.

6:00 p.m. – Greet the Gomonshu upon his arrival in the parking lot. As the Gomonshu is escorted to the waiting area, everyone is to be seated in the Hondo.

6:10 p.m. – Gomonshu and entourage will enter the hondo for incense offering, introduction of guests and brief temple history. Gomonshu will address the Sangha with a brief message.

6:30 p.m. – Group photo.

6:45 p.m. – Dinner in Annex Hall

7:45 p.m. – Gomonshu leaves dinner followed by the sangha to say farewell at the parking lot.

8:00 p.m. – Gomonshu’s departure from BTSD

MAKE YOUR RESERVATION TO ATTEND THIS EVENT

In order to account for the number of guests attending the Gomonshu’s welcome event, the temple will be accepting reservations. Please contact the temple at 619-239-0896 or email info@btsd.net to make your reservation. The deadline is **August 14**. Seating for welcome dinner is limited. Therefore, reservations will not be accepted after the deadline.

With this being a very historic occasion, there is no fee being charged. Attendees are welcome to offer a donation to the temple. From now until the day of the event the temple will be busy preparing for the Gomonshu’s visit. If you wish to offer your assistance with preparations, please contact the temple.

Prior to his San Diego visit, Gomonshu will attend the 13th World Buddhist Women’s Association in San Francisco, Aug. 30-September 1. He will then visit BCA temples in the Pacific Northwest before arriving in San Diego. Following his overnight stay, the Gomonshu will leave San Diego on Thursday, Sept. 5 and visit Southern District temples in Southern California.

Gomonshu will be involved with various events associated with the Los Angeles Homba Hongwanji Temple Betsuin (Nishi) the weekend of September 7 and 8.

For more information regarding the Gomonshu’s visit to San Diego and other activities, please contact the temple.

