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BCA

Rev. Dr. Kenji Akahoshi, Resident Minister
The BCA (Buddhist Churches of America) National Council Meeting is held each year at this time of year. Two delegates and a minister represent each temple of the BCA. Some people think that the BCA is like a corporate office in the San Francisco Bay area. It actually has only a handful of paid staff. All the rest is supported by dedicated volunteers from all the temples. A BCA board and many committees, made up of volunteers from all temples, meet several times a year to work on issues. All the representatives at the Council Meeting vote on these issues and therefore, each of us is BCA. This is similar to our responsibility as a citizen of the USA. What becomes evident at these meetings is that the whole structure of BCA is maintained mostly by unpaid volunteers.

A common question is asked about what temple members get from BCA. The most obvious answer is that a temple gets a minister. That may sound simple enough, but it is much more involved. The Institute of Buddhist Studies (IBS) provides the academic qualifications. The funding of this institute is partially supported by BCA. It is also necessary to have an organizational structure to have a substantial connection to the main Jodo Shinshu Temple (*Honzan*) in Kyoto. Without a proper education and ordination process, ministers would not be able to provide Shinran's teachings correctly. The Jodo Shinshu Center (JSC) houses the IBS and has been significant for its growth. The Center for Buddhist Education (BEC) and other organizations also maintain a presence there. The JSC and Headquarters building in San Francisco are all necessary to have the BCA function properly.

BCA is also able to provide conferences, workshops, lectures, books, educational materials, online information, and events of spiritual guidance. Although a small paid staff and ministers oversee these functions, much of the work is conducted by volunteers. This is also true of each temple. The board, committee members, chairpersons of events, and workers are all volunteers. Helping to support the temple and BCA is a life of Nembutsu.

I encourage all who hear the Dharma at our temple reflect on the words, "rare, difficult and wondrous is it to hear the Teachings of the Buddha. Now we hear it." We hear it now because of the efforts of all those at our local temple, all other temples, and all those at the BCA Council Meeting. We must also recognize that it is because of the

efforts of all those past members who volunteered at our local temple and at the district and national level that we are able to have a temple building to hear the Teachings. People who take an active part at our local temple or at the district or national level have realized the gift that we have received from past generations of Shin Buddhists.

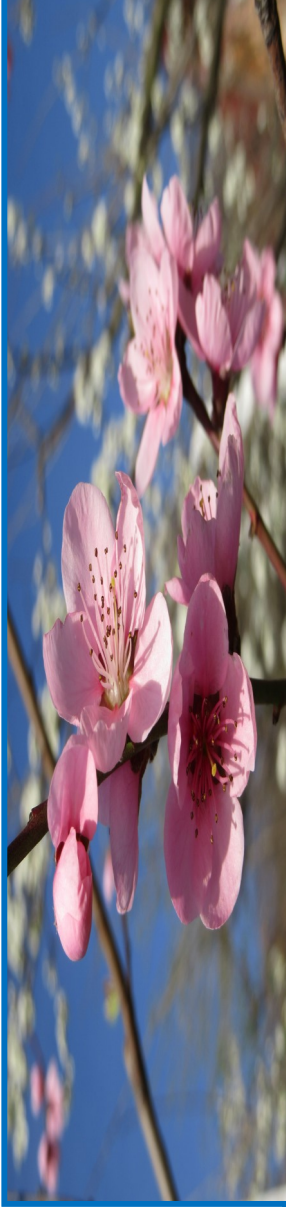
The theme for this year is to share the Shin Dharma in order to bring peace to the world. We do this by first bringing peace to our own hearts. This happens when we can truly experience the wisdom and compassion of the Nembutsu. We do this, not only by understanding the words, but by the exchange of human kindness. We can realize that we have received the truth of the Dharma because of the kindness of many unseen Bodhisattvas (fellow beings). The feeling of gratitude can evoke a spirit of *dana* (sharing my joy).

The teachings are a gift that has the key to resolving all of life's problems. This truth has sustained this community through the struggles of immigration, racial prejudice, and WWII incarceration. As we appreciate what we have received from past efforts, we might feel an inspiration to pass this gift on to the younger generation who may face greater challenges. As Rev. Harada has said, our attitude changes from "I have to do this work" to "I get to do this work." If you have questions on how this attitude change occurs, please ask at services, Buddhism 1-2-3, or any time you see me.

Any gathering of Shin Buddhists is a spiritual experience. As Shin practitioners, we realize that Shin values are not only expressed by Dharma talks and discussions, but also by being in this atmosphere of compassion. We realize that individually, we may fall far short of demonstrating these characteristics of wisdom and compassion. But invariably, our failed self-effort is supported by the efforts of others. We realized that thousands of people over 120 years in America and hundreds of years in Japan have made it possible for me to hear the Shin Dharma. As each of us joins more actively in sharing and expressing the Shin Dharma, we deepen our own experience. Come join the Nembutsu journey and share and feel the joy.

Gassho

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MARCH 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 DS/FS/Shotsuki Serv., 10 am BWA Mtg., 11:45 am, CR Taiko, Noon, AH	2 Office Closed	3 Election Day Polling in the Sangha Hall 7am-8pm	4 Crafts, 10 a.m. DR Minyo, Noon, SH Taiko, 6:30 pm, AH Buddhism 1-2-3, 7 pm, SH	5 Tai Chi, 10 am	6 SD Jr. YBA Seminar 2 Set-up	7 SD Jr. YBL Seminar 2 at BTSD, 1-9 pm
8 Daylight Savings DS Staff Mtg, 9 a.m., CR DS/Family Serv., 10 am Taiko, Noon, AH	9 Office Closed Ways & Means	10 SD Ministers L.A. Betsuin	11 Minyo, Noon, SH Taiko, 6:30 pm, AH Buddhism 1-2-3, 7 pm, SH	12 Tai Chi, 10 am BOD Mtg., 7 pm	13 Tai Chi, 10 am	14 BTSD Bingo 6 pm
15 New Members Breakfast HIGAN Ministers Assistants Jr. YBA Karagee Luncheon Sangha Teens Mtg.	16 Office Closed Articles Due	17 St. Patrick's Day	18 Crafts, 10 am, DR Minyo, Noon, SH Taiko, 6:30 pm, AH Buddhism 1-2-3, 7 pm, SH	19 Tai Chi, 10 am	20 Vernal Equinox Japanese Friend- ship Garden's Cherry Blossom Festival, Balboa Park	21 JFG Cherry 10am-6p Blossom Festival
22 Intro to Buddhism, 9 am, SH DS/Family Service, 10 am Jr. YBA Mtg., 11:30 am JFG Cherry Blossom Festival 10am - 5pm	23 Office Closed	24	25 Minyo, Noon, SH Taiko, 6:30 pm, AH Buddhism 1-2-3, 7 pm, SH Kaiho Mailing	26 Tai Chi, 10 am Activities Mtg, 7 pm	27 Tai Chi, 10 am	28
29 DS/Family Service, 10 am Butsudan Day, Hondo, 11:30 Sangha Teens Spam Musubi Fundraiser	30 Office Closed	31				
Looking Ahead to April 11 — BEC Lecture with Rev. Henry Adams (San Mateo Buddhist Temple) 12 — Hanamatsuri, 10 a.m. and Sangha Potluck luncheon 18 — BINGO, 6 p.m. 24-26 — FDSTL Conference at Orange County Buddhist Church						



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The Board of Director's would like to thank the members that attended the Temple's General Meeting on January 26. A quorum of 25 was easily met, and business approved for another year. We were grateful for your generous donations throughout the year that helped the temple end 2019 financially in the black. Appreciation goes to all that helped with setting up, serving food and tea and cleaning up. Everyone enjoyed the potluck lunch as it was delicious and plentiful.

There are really no words that can express my deepest appreciation to the Board members. Along with attending meetings, many of them spend their days and evenings coming to the temple to change a light bulb, meet contractors, fix the sink, clean up the closet, paint the wall, prep the area for a storage container, work on the website, count monies, clean and pick up trash, wash or put away a few dishes without getting upset who left it there, just too many other things to mention and so many things we don't see or hear about.

This is not limited to board members; it is the behind the scenes people that see things around the temple and they just do whatever needs to be done. These are true acts of dana without any thought of receiving anything in return. I think this is what makes the Buddhist Temple San Diego special and a welcoming place to be.

On Tuesday, February 4, the temple sponsored a couple of workshops. Under the leadership of Chelsea Koga and her connection with Eien Hunter-Ishikawa, they offered a Japanese Knife Sharpening class and Natto Demonstration (Lecture, Tasting, Q & A). Eien was born in Japan and is currently living in Portland, Oregon. He is a well-known musician and educator specializing in Taiko, Percussion and Shinobue (flute). Even though music is his main focus, he is so knowledgeable on knife sharpening and passionate about making Natto. The knife sharpening class filled to the max of 15 people and there is a waiting list of nine for when he possibly returns in the summer. The Natto class was well attended with over 30 people. I have never tried natto and was pleasantly surprised how good it tasted. Eien shared many ideas on ways to eat the superfood. To me, the slime was more like thin strands around the bean that could be twirled on the spoon and eaten very easily. I hope we can sponsor more of these types of workshops/demonstrations. Please pass along any ideas for other get togethers.

We welcomed Reverend Diana Thompson from the Tri-State Buddhist temple in Denver, Colorado as our guest speaker for Nirvana Day and BWA Memorial Service. Her BEC message was interesting. She talked about the self and no self and about impermanence. During her adult message, she told a story about an actress that was a young leading lady

working with many handsome leading men. As she grew older, she was asked to play a mother and even later, a grandmother. In her mind, she saw herself as this young glamorous movie star and could not accept her age. She stayed home watching old movies of herself and always feeling depressed. When visited by a man that acted with her many years before, she could not accept that he had grown old. Although Sensei Thompson said the ending of the story was unclear, I felt the message was clear. When we are attached to things or people, we don't want change, so the more we understand there is no permanence, we may be able to handle our suffering better.

In closing, as we start the year, I hope to see you at our many fundraisers and services. Please know that we are always looking for volunteers to help. We are grateful on whatever time you can give or any donations (items or monetary). It's because of you that our temple succeeds.

In Gassho, LuAnn Lee

BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

The Board of Directors met on February 13th -

1. A Shinran Memorial Service is held every 16th of the month - everyone is welcome to join the chanting of the Sho Shin Ge.
2. Funds were approved to purchase a large non-glass mirror for the Tai Chi class. The mirror can also be used for other groups/purposes.
3. The parking lot lighting will be upgraded based on a photometric study done for lighting coverage.
4. The re-activation and use of a dormant account for the Taiko group was approved.
5. A Donation Tree (wall art) will be located in the main building hallway.
6. Funds were approved to purchase a TV with stand as a visual aid in the Hondo and for use in meetings or other events.
7. Committees will be formed to begin planning for the temple's 95th (2021) and 100th (2026) Anniversaries.
8. Monies were allocated for the repair and repainting of the exterior walkway wood trellis and rails.
9. Recommendations were given to our delegates regarding motions to be voted upon at the 2020 National Council Meeting.
10. The Eien Hunter-Ishikawa workshops were well-received by the community. Thank you to Chelsea Koga for coordinating the successful events.
11. The Executive Board slate was approved as presented.
12. The Board was updated on the activities and planning of the temple's affiliated organizations and standing committees.

BWA NEWS

February was a busy short month for the BWA members. It all started with three birthday celebrations: Junko's on Feb. 2, Aki's on Feb. 12 and, Kiku's on Feb. 14. Happy Birthday to you all. We hope you had a wonderful time celebrating your very special day.

On February 8, Bingo Night was a packed house with many BWA members enjoying the excitement of the game. The food presented was delicious with a scrumptious split pea soup that warmed the many participants on a cold winter night. The following day, extras of the split pea soup were enjoyed at our Hospitality after the service.

The Nirvana Day and BWA Memorial Service was conducted by guest minister Rev. Diana Thompson from the Tri State Buddhist Temple in Denver. She delivered an inspiring message about Lady Takeko Kujo, founder of the Buddhist Women's Association. Lady Kujo was instrumental in the building of the Asoka Hospital, one of Japan's first modern medical centers after the Great Tokyo Earthquake. She was also the founder of the Kyoto Women's School or Kyoto Joshi Gakuen. Lady Kujo wrote beautiful poetry which expressed her deep appreciation of the Nembutsu. In 1928, at the young age of 42, she passed away. To honor her undying contributions to the temple and community, a Kisaragiki Memorial Service is held every February. She was an amazing woman.

After the service, we enjoyed a delicious lunch at Kanpai Restaurant in Chula Vista (photos on page 8). Margo and Junko organized the luncheon which was enjoyed by a group of over 30 Temple members including our guest minister, Rev. Thompson. It was a wonderful way to end a very memorable service honoring past members of the BWA.

Our next BWA meeting will be held on Sunday, March 1 at 11:45 am. Toban Group C will provide lunch. To learn more about our organization, please be sure to go online at <http://www.buddhisttemplesandiego.org/>

Respectfully submitted,

Mani Ryan



DHARMA SCHOOL NEWS

Students had fun eating lunch together and bowling with Sangha friends at Kearny Mesa Bowl! Many parents joined in, as well as Breven and our Sangha friend, Fred Nakatani. Here is picture of our bowlers (thank you, Kimberly!).

The pre-k through 4th grade class would like to thank the Sangha for their donations for our "LITTLE KIDS CAN DO BIG THINGS!" game drive for Ronald McDonald House.

The high school students have started a new segment called, "Active Mindful Meditation" where they do a 15-minute one-on-one exercise with Sara. She individualizes the sessions to each student's strengths and weaknesses. Active meditation helps to calm the mind and create better awareness of the world and themselves.

The Odori group will be performing at the Cherry Blossom Festival at the end of March and may also be performing at the UCSD Matsuri in April.

JR. YBA NEWS

Hello Everyone! The San Diego Jr. YBA has exciting events in the upcoming month of March! On March 7, the San Diego and Vista Jr. YBAs will co-host the Southern District Jr. YBL's Seminar 2! This is our first time hosting a Jr. YBA event! Our theme is Impermanence vs I'm Permanent. We thought choosing this topic would help our fellow Jr. YBA peers appreciate the time and becoming more mindful in the present. We have been busy planning for months now and we are excited to teach our peers about what impermanence means to us.

On March 15, the Jr. YBA will be hosting our annual Chicken Karaage Luncheon fundraiser. We will start serving lunch right after service! Tickets are \$8 each and comes with chicken karaage, rice and broccoli. Please find any Jr. YBA member to purchase tickets in advance or on the day of the luncheon!

We would like to thank our parents, advisors, and the Sangha for helping our plan our events! Our Jr. YBA events would not be nearly as successful without the support from our Sangha so thank you! We are super excited for this month and we hope to see you at our Chicken Karaage Fundraiser on March 15.

In Gassho,
Jenna

JR. YBA Chicken Kaarage LUNCHEON FUNDRAISER

Sunday, March 15, 2020

Time: 11:30 am- 1pm Donation: \$8.00

*Purchase tickets from any Jr. YBA member
or call/email the temple to make
your reservation.*

Thank you for supporting the fundraiser!



SCRIP NEWS

Once again, thank you to everyone who buys

gift cards to support the temple. Those of you who buy Amazon gift cards and are part of the "smile" program are doing double duty. We appreciate your support!

I'm going to feature a local restaurant this month as I just discovered that they have a vegetarian chopped salad. We now have on hand Rubio's gift cards. Rubio's is famous for their fish tacos, but they also run daily specials. Their chicken chopped salads are one of their daily specials. If you like fish tacos or steak tacos, check out a Rubio's near you and buy gift cards at the temple

Looking forward to spring break and traveling? Don't forget to get some restaurant gift cards. We have on hand Denny's, Olive Garden, Chili's, IHOP, and Panera's, but there are many others that can be ordered. Just check the retailer's list.

Please place your order with the temple office or on Sundays when attending service.

Gassho,
Miyo Hill

BTSD PART OF ELECTION DAY ACTIVITY ON MARCH 3

On Tuesday, March 3, the temple will be part of the Super Tuesday Presidential Primary Election.

BTSD has been chosen as a polling site for the neighborhood's precinct. The Sangha Hall will serve as the polling site from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

If you visit the temple on this day, please do not disturb the polling area. It will be greatly appreciated.

SILVER ANNIVERSARY GOLF TOURNAMENT SET FOR JUNE 28

The 25th annual BTSD Golf Tournament will take place on Sunday, June 28 at Enagic Golf Club at Eastlake n Chula Vista (formerly Eastlake Golf Club).

With this being a milestone event for the temple, the committee invites Sangha members and community friends to participate in the festivities.

There will be various opportunities for you and your family to be a part of the tournament either as a player and or tournament supporter. Registration forms will be emailed to golfers and solicitation letters mailed to prospective donors. Forms are also available in the temple office or you may request a form electronically if you have not received one.

Net proceeds from the event assists the temple's various programs.

In 2019, 52 golfers participated in the four-person scramble and the event raised over \$9,000. This year, we look to raise the bar with an increase number of golfers and higher monetary and merchandise donations.

Stay tuned for more information regarding the tournament and thank you, in advance, for your continued support.

Gassho.
Ralph Honda, Rich Kaneko and Roy Yagura, co-chairs



GET READY TO YELL BINGO! NEXT SESSION IS MARCH 14

Following a successful February session which drew 85 players, patrons are looking forward to March and spring BINGO! The next BINGO night will be on Saturday, March 14.

Doors will open at 4:30 p.m. and the first game begins promptly at 6 p.m. Bring out family and friends, join the fun and have a chance to yell BINGO!

A 12-game package costs \$10. There is a first place and consolation winner for every game. Extra BINGO sheets may be purchased for \$.50 apiece. Try your luck at the Pull tabs with a chance to win money. Midway through the session, players will have the opportunity to win prizes during the BINGO Drawing. Players must be 18 years old and up.

Build up your appetite and choose your favorite food item as the March dinner menu will include Chili/Rice, Chili, Hot Dogs, Chili Dogs, soup and donuts. Beverages of water, coffee and hot tea will also be sold.

Additional sessions have been added to the schedule. Here is the current update for 2020: April 18, May 9, June 13, September 12 and December 5. Keep your eyes and ears open as there could be more dates announced for July, August, October and November.

Thank you very much for supporting the temple's BINGO and spread the word!



BTSD Tai Chi

Our Tai Chi instructor is easy to follow and patient, so come and check it out. **Thursdays, March 5, 12, 19 & 26, 10-11 a.m. in the Annex Hall**



Craft Days

1st & 3rd
WEDNESDAYS,
10am-2 pm, BTSD Dining Room

Join us for some crafty fun,
Good conversation and
great memories!

Bring a dish to share for lunch!



DONATIONS

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 corrections or questions, please contact the temple office at (619) 239-0896 or info@btsd.net. Beginning with this issue, we will not list individual amounts.

BTSD

Murakami, Ron and Karen -
Jan. 12 Visitation
Driscoll, Christine - Thank You
For Your Kindness
IMO Chiyeko Yagi Family
Asamen, Timothy K.
IMO Kirk Akahoshi
Masuda, Todd - In name of
Peter and Amy Masuda Family
Schraeder, Susan - Gen. Fund
Matsumoto, Richard - Dana
Yamamoto, Ann Miyuki - 1st Yr.
IMO George Yamamoto
Yano, Michael -
Toki Yano Estate
Teague, Bill - Gratitude
For help with tax mailing
Fujii, Michiko & Family
IMO Doeï Fujii
Araki-Kawaguchi, Corinne
Offering - Jan-Feb-March
Honda, Ralph & Avis
Hara, Ruby
Hara, Ruby
Hiener, Doug - Service for
Mrs. Yukie Ebina Hiener
Tomiya, Akie & Steve
IMO George Yamamoto
Tomiya, Alan & Aki
IMO George Yamamoto
Moriyama, Chieko - 1 Yr. Serv
Madeline Clogston, -
Michael Clogston -
IMO George Yamamoto
Kawasaki, Trace & Mildred
IMO George Yamamoto
Nicho, Leslie
IMO George Yamamoto
Squires, David and Stacy
IMO George Yamamoto
Yamamoto, Kengo & Mae
IMO George Yamamoto
Yamamoto, Darrin
IMO George Yamamoto
Yamamoto, Jane
IMO George Yamamoto
Yonekura, Roy & Susan -
1 Year Service -
IMO George Yamamoto
Yamamoto, Kevin - 1 Yr. Serv.
IMO George Yamamoto
Lantz, Robin
In Honor of Yuki Ebina

Driscoll, Christine - 49th Day
Service - Chiyeko Yagi
Hara, Ruby
Nishii, Toyo
Tomiya, Sayoko
IMO George Yamamoto
Yamamoto, Koichi & Joyce
One Year Mem. Serv.
IMO George Yamamoto
Yamamoto, Jeffrey- 1 Yr Serv
IMO George Yamamoto

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Yamamoto, Ann Miyuki
Spears, Margo
Iwashita, Setsuo and Jan
Iwashita, David & Katie
Ohara, Ann
Ota, Laurine

AUSTRALIAN WILDFIRE RELIEF

Sasaki, Sharon
Akahoshi, Karen & Rev Kenji
Martinez, Nancy
Sumida, Kathleen
Graeber, Kiku
Rubio-Torres, Arturo
Nakamura, Jake K.
Hill, Miyo
Okuhara, Roy & Karen
Voorhies, Ruth
Ochi, K Kay
Kawasaki, Kiyoshi & Itsuko
Anonymous
Lee, LuAnn

DHARMA SCHOOL

Sugiyama, Yukiko
Kuwada, Howard Kanji
Yonekura, Roy
Yanagihara, Sumiko
Kawamoto, Yukio and Mitsu
Hashiguchi, John
Asakawa, Masato (Bruce)
Spears, Margo
Yamamoto, Ann Miyuki
Tomiya, Sayoko
Yamamoto, Koichi
Masumoto, Chiyoko
Nakatani, Fred & Nancy
Spears, Margo
Coppock, Roger
Iwashita, Setsuo and Jan
Iwashita, David & Katie

Hill, Miyo
Ohara, Ann
Okuhara, Roy
Baker, Michael

EITAIKYO FUND (In Memory of)

Copeland, Karen Matsumoto
IMO Dorothy Suyeno
Matsumoto - Mother
IMO Harry Tokio Matsumoto
Father
IMO Elaine Tatsuko Barrett
Sister
Yamamoto, Ann Miyuki
IMO George Yamamoto

EITAIKYO SERVICE

Yamamoto, Kengo
Spears, Margo
Ohara, Ann
Ota, Laurine

END OF YEAR (JOYA-E)

Spears, Margo
Moribe, Lee
Baker, Michael
Kaneshiro, Gale
Yamamoto, Ann Miyuki
Spears, Margo
Iwashita, Setsuo and Jan
Iwashita, David & Katie
Ota, Laurine

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Kawasaki, Kiyoshi & Itsuko
Kuwada, Howard Kanji
Yonekura, Roy
Ohara, Fumiko
Yanagihara, Sumiko
Yamamoto, Jane
Torio, Betty
Yamanishi, Miyoko
Kawamoto, Yukio and Mitsu
Hashiguchi, John
Asakawa, Masato (Bruce)
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Tomiya, Sayoko
Yamamoto, Koichi
Nakano, Minako
Masumoto, Chiyoko
Kida, Katsumi
Ohara, Ann
Okuhara, Roy
Baker, Michael

GOLF TOURNEMENT

Yamamoto, Ann Miyuki

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Yonekura, Roy
Ohara, Fumiko
Yanagihara, Sumiko
Yamamoto, Jane
Yamamoto, June
Tsuneyoshi, Motoo
Torio, Betty
Nakatani, Fred & Nancy
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Iwashita, David & Katie
Hill, Miyo
Ohara, Ann
Okuhara, Roy
Baker, Michael

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Tanaka, Kelvin & Lara
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Sakai, Jeffery
Iwashita, Setsuo and Jan
Iwashita, David & Katie
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Shigehara, Wilbur
Suyenaga, Irene
Monji, Yoshiko
Masumoto, Chiyoko
Nishii, Toyo
Sugiyama, Yukiko
Yamamoto, Kengo
Ong, Mike & Ann
Negoro, Glenn
Hashiguchi, John & Tsune
Kawasaki, Kiyoshi & Itsuko
Martinez, Nancy
Hill, Miyo
Graeber, Kiku
Inouye, Jeanne M.
Honda, Mikiye
Kida, Katsumi
Yamanishi, Miyoko
Torio, Betty
Morinaka, Asako
Ogasawara, Arikazu
Yanagihara, Sumiko

Hagio, Quimico
 Aoyama, K. Alice
 Morinaka, Ron
 Voorhies, Ruth
 Tomoi, Irene
 Matsumoto, Akiko and Ken
 Ochi, K Kay
 Tomiyama, Sayoko
 Yonekura, Roy & Susan
 Ohara, Fumiko
 Kawamoto, Yukio & Mits
 Nakatani, Fred & Nancy
 Nakamura, Jake K. & Patty
 Honda, Ralph & Avis
 Okuhara, Roy & Karen
 Kajita, Tim & Junko
 Himaka, Michio & Naomi
 Kawasaki, Trace & Mildred
 Moncrief, Mayko
 Tsukamoto, Wayne
 Yamamoto, Ann Miyuki
 Koga, Florence
 Ohara, Ann
 Ota, Laurine

MAP (Minister's Assist)

Tanaka, Kelvin & Lara
 Sugiyama, Yukiko
 Kawasaki, Kiyoshi & Itsuko
 Kuwada, Howard Kanji
 Yonekura, Roy
 Yanagihara, Sumiko
 Yamamoto, Jane
 Tsuneyoshi, Motoo
 Torio, Betty
 Kawamoto, Yukio and Mits
 Hashiguchi, John
 Asakawa, Masato (Bruce)
 Nakatani, Fred & Nancy
 Spears, Margo
 Coppock, Roger
 Iwashita, Setsuo and Jan
 Iwashita, David & Katie
 Hill, Miyo
 Yamamoto, Ann Miyuki
 Tomiyama, Sayoko
 Yamamoto, Koichi
 Masumoto, Chiyoko
 Ohara, Ann
 Okuhara, Roy
 Baker, Michael

MEMBERSHIP 2019

Nakano, Minako
 Kawai, Noriko
 Hirae-Reese, Lorna
 Negoro, Glenn
 Azuma, Adam

Covarrubias, L
 Sakai, Jeffery
 Rubio-Torres, Arturo
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 Honda, Mikiye
 Sugiyama, Yukiko
 Kawasaki, Kiyoshi & Itsuko
 Kuwada, Howard Kanji
 Yonekura, Roy & Susan
 Hendrix, Hiroko
 Ohara, Fumiko
 Yamamoto, Jane
 Tsuneyoshi, Motoo
 Torio, Betty
 Yamanishi, Miyoko
 Kawamoto, Yukio and Mits
 Kaneshiro, Gale
 Ochi, K Kay
 Maruyama, Karly
 Seymour, Leslie & Sean
 Asakawa, Masato (Bruce)
 Yamamoto, June
 Yamamoto, Ann Miyuki
 Williams, Yukari
 Tomiyama, Sayoko
 Niwa, Yuko
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 Nakano, Minako
 Masumoto, Chiyoko
 Kida, Katsumi
 Kaneshiro, Gale
 Ochi K Kay
 Maruyama, Karly
 Seymour, Leslie & Sean
 Yamamoto, June
 Sakai, Jeffery & Kathy
 Hemmati, Sadra
 Nakatani, Fred & Nancy
 Kiyono, Norman
 Spears, Margo
 Watson, Julie & Greg Bull
 Tanaka, Kelvin & Lara
 Coppock, Roger
 Iwashita, Setsuo and Jan
 Iwashita, David & Katie
 Yamada, Jean
 Shigehara, Wilbur & Janice
 Hill, Miyo
 Kamada-Fujii, Doreen
 Yasuhara, Paul & Mildred
 Ohara, Ann
 Yonekura, Gregg

OTHER
 Yanagihara, Sumiko
 Ogasawara, Arikazu
 Hashiguchi, John & Tsune
 Okuhara, Roy

NEW YEAR'S DAY -SHUSHO-E
 Ochi-Watson, Shirley
 Sasaki, Laverne
 Kiuchi, Motoko - the Bingers
 Matsumoto, Richard
 Tsukamoto, Wayne
 Yamamoto, Ann Miyuki
 Ota, Laurine

NIRVANA DAY

Yamamoto, Ann Miyuki
 Shigehara, Wilbur
 Sumida, Floyd
 Martinez, Nancy
 Tsuji, Masako
 Tsukamoto, Wayne
 Spears, Margo
 Yamamoto, Koichi & Joyce
 Otsuji, Dennis & Elaine
 Jones, Mikako
 Sakai, Jeffery
 Hendrix, Hiroko
 Moriyama, Chieko
 Iwashita, Setsuo and Jan
 Iwashita, David & Katie
 Moncrief, Mayko
 Gladsjo, Julie
 Honda, Ralph
 Suyenaga, Irene
 Morinaka, Asako
 Nogata, Yuriko
 Negoro, Glenn
 Driscoll, Christine
 Hashiguchi, John
 Nakamura, Gene
 Yonekura, Susan
 Yanagihara, Sumiko
 Tomiyama, Akie
 Hagio, Quimico
 Lee, Harold and LuAnn
 Kawasaki, Kiyoshi & Itsuko
 Kida, Katsumi
 Yamanishi, Miyoko
 Voorhies, Ruth
 Honda, Mikiye
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 Matsumoto, Akiko
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 IMO Elaine Tatsuko Barrett
 Yamamoto, Kengo
 IMO Harry Matsumoto 1-9-82
 IMO Dorothy Matsumoto 01-10-12
 IMO Noburo Yamamoto 5-31-12
 IMO Shizue Yamamoto 12-15-11
 IMO Sachiye Yamamoto 11-13-07
 Yamamoto, Ann Miyuki
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 IMO Hisashi Yamamoto - August
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 IMO Shizue Yamamoto - Dec **Cont. 9**

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 IMO Koyoshi Nakamura
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 IMO Patsy Yanagihara
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 IMO Patsy Yanagihara
 IMO Suna Shimada
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 at Kanpai
 Restaurant**

Laverne Imori,
 Rev. Diana Thompson and Rev. Kenji
 Akahoshi

Kenji Sensei, Naomi
 Himaka, Harold Lee,
 Michio Himaka,
 Tim and Junko Kajita,
 LuAnn Lee and
 Karen Akahoshi



Left: Ghean Maksimow, Laurine Ota,
 Margo Spears and
 Tomiyo Ota

Below:
 Asako Morinaka,
 Ruth Voorhies,

Irene Tomoi, Betty Torio, Miyoko Yamanishi, Katsumi Kida,
 Alice Aoyama, Akiko Matsumoto and Ann Yamamoto





MARCH SHOTSUKI LIST

The March Shotsuki Hoyo (MEMORIAL SERVICE) will be held Sunday, March 1, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. in conjunction with the Family Service. Families and friends of anyone who passed away during the month of March are urged to attend and offer incense.

DECEASED

FAMILY MEMBER

Tsugiyō Ishisaki (3-16-1913)..... Florence Koga
 Tomiye Torimaru (3-18-1923) Torimaru Family
 Sadao Kinoshita (3-28-1923) Kinoshita Family
 Senkichi Yanagihara (3-12-1924) Yanagihara Family
 Iwakichi Okumura (3-23-1934)..... Yamashita Family
 Matsu Yamanishi (3-26-1945)..... Miyoko Yamanishi
 Yonekichi Tsubakihara (3-27-1959) Kent Tsubakihara
 Mizuno Nakano (3-28-1959) Minako Nakano
 Shina Shindo (3-28-1959)Friends
 Tokumatsu Shiosaki (3-14-1960) Iwata Family
 Yoshigoro Mamiya (3-8-1961)David Kawamoto
 Kura Hashimoto (3-16-1961) Kuko Mayeda
 Dennis Suyenaga (3-24-1961) Suyenaga Family
 Sawa Yamanishi (3-18-1962) Miyoko Yamanishi
 Taiki Ikemi (3-22-1964) Charles Ikemi
 Ichinosuke Kiyono (3-7-1965) Norman Kiyono
 Tsune Haseyama (3-5-1966) Noboru Haseyama
 Fude Hirai (3-9-1967)..... Dorothy Mansfield
 Shuji Kaneko (3-17-1967) Kaneko Family
 Zenkichi Iwashita (3-8-1968)..... Iwashita Family
 Yoshito Yamamoto (3-9-1969) Kanji Kuwada
 Akira Date (3-18-1969) Shirley Umekubo
 Fusamatsu Morimoto (3-19-1971) Morimoto Family
 Motono Oto (3-22-1972) Oto Family
 Matsu Higuchi (3-26-1972) Yasuko Higuchi
 Shina Nishiuye (3-18-1975) Yoshiro Nishiuye
 Shimeno Nabeta (3-30-1975) Joyce Teague
 Shunzo Sakamoto (3-29-1976) Nobuko Amano
 Buyemon Ohara (3-1-1977) Ohara Family
 Roy Yamada (3-10-1977) Kimi Yamada
 Teru Kiyono (3-27-1978)Kiyono Family
 Kiyotaro Osaki (3-13-1979) Sayoko Tomiyama
 Yuku Hosaka (3-20-1980) Hosaka Family
 Masaaki Tanizaki (3-25-1981) Friends
 Hanano Matsui (3-11-1983)Imori & Curtis Family
 Tets Tachiki (3-18-1983) Tachiki Family
 Masaru Yanagihara (3-9-1984)..... Yanagihara Family
 Suna Torio (3-24-1985) Betty Torio
 Haruhiko Otsuji (3-3-1986) Otsuji Family
 Sukeichi Yamada (3-16-1986) Keisuke Yamada

DECEASED

FAMILY MEMBER

Grace Hosaka (3-6-1987) Hosaka Family
 Kimi Terada (3-24-1987) Etsuko Smith
 Shiro Takahashi (3-19-1988) Sugioka Family
 Susumu Yagi (3-23-1989).....Yagi Family
 Zenpachi Kubota (3-28-1989)..... Chiyoe Kubota
 Tsune Yamasaki Atsuko Thomas
 Hideo B. Watamura (3-10-1990) Elizabeth Takasaki
 Hisaji Taniguchi (3-15-1993) Robert Taniguchi
 Miyuki Takanashi (3-31-1994) Minoru Takanashi
 Thomas Yonekura (3-1-1995) Roy Yonekura
 Haruki Koba (3-25-1995) Duane Koba
 Mieko Holt (3-29-1995) Joe Holt
 Masaru Niwata (3-29-1995) Joe Niwata
 Shoichi Nomura (3-28-1997) Kiyoko Nomura
 Chisato Kuroye (3-18-1998) Roy Kuroye
 Kiyō Kawasaki (3-22-1998) Trace Kawasaki
 Rosie Yamada (3-4-2001) Laurence Yamada
 Fumie A. Martin (3-23-2001) Tazuno Lowell
 Masahito Iwanaga (3-6-2002) Masami Iwanaga
 Kiyoko Hazel Baker (3-10-2002) Miyo Tanaka
 Michael S. Kawamoto (3-13-2003) Yukio Kawamoto
 Misao Kawasaki (3-5-2005)Kawasaki Family
 Mark Isao Kasubuchi (3-27-2005) Naoye Kasubuchi
 Rui Nemoto (3-11-2007) Fumiko Hayashi
 Fred Nabeta (3-14-2007) Joyce Teague
 Sam Amano (3-6-2008) Takeko Amano
 Yoshiko Kawato (3-28-2009) Nancy Nakatani
 Susumu Kawato (3-22-2010) Nancy Nakatani
 Tadami Maruyama (3-12-2011) Michi Maruyama
 Katie Tomoe Krause (3-28-2011) Pamela Lopez
 Shizuko Tsukamoto (3-3-2012) Wayne Tsukamoto
 Mary Haruko Yagura (3-5-2013) Ron Yagura
 Ben Shizuto Sekishiro (3-30-2013) Victor Sekishiro
 Bruce Ryou Moriyama (3-24-2014) Chieko Moriyama
 Gilbert Shuji Wakisaka (3-27-2015)..... Gail Susan Wakisaka
 Tohoru Hidutsu Shimizu (3-1-2016).....Paula Shimizu
 Richard Iwao Ito Sr. (3-21-2016).....Richard Ito
 Ayako Otsuji (3-27-2017).....Otsuji Family
 Emiko Ishisaki (3-12-19).....Florence Koga

MEMORIAL SERVICES

MEMORIAL SERVICES allow us to pay homage to loved ones who have passed away. In our Jodo Shinshu tradition, family members hold a service at certain intervals following a relative's death to express gratitude for and acknowledge their continuing influence in our lives.

If you wish to schedule a memorial service for a loved one, please call during weekly office hours.

2020 is the memorial year for those who passed away in:

1st Year Memorial	2019	13th Year Memorial	2008	27th Year Memorial	1994
3rd Year Memorial	2018	17th Year Memorial	2004	33rd Year Memorial	1988
7th Year Memorial	2014	25th Year Memorial	1996	50th Year Memorial	1971

Membership News: Our Members Are the Best!

Bill Teague, Membership Chair

As of Mid-February over 40% of members had already renewed their membership using printed forms and that's not counting those of you with ongoing credit card payments that continue into 2020 for this year's membership fee.

March Is Membership Month

In Spring, the season of renewal, we ask each member to renew their commitment to the Temple by inviting a friend or relative to join the Buddhist Temple of San Diego. Our Temple only exists because the poor first generation of Japanese immigrants still saw the Temple as important enough to pledge a small membership amount and otherwise contribute to a building fund.

Members Get Their Own Website Menu Item

We've updated the Temple Website (buddhisttemplesandiego.org) so you can find answers to all your membership questions from the top line menu.

Membership Forms on Web. We post membership forms on the website and the changes in the website make them easier to find than ever.

New Members' Breakfast is March 15

We invite all new members from 2019 and 2020 so far to join the Temple Board on **Sunday, March 15, at 9 a.m.**, as it hosts the **New Members' Breakfast**. Please don't bring anything, as the Board will supply the fruit, pastries, and hot dishes, including vegetarian options. Let us know if you will be attending and if we can meet dietary preferences with vegan or gluten-free dishes. Following the breakfast we will all attend the **Spring Equinox (Ohigan)** service together at **10 a.m.**

Members' Obutsudan Day Is March 29

Our members also get the first chance to purchase a shrine (Obutsudan) for home worship following the Temple service on Sunday, March 29, at 11:30 a.m. Many refurbished or new shrines are available for cost or less. For just starting out and alternatives to maintaining a formal home shrine, we also provide recommendations on easy and informal options. After all, our religion is about the Buddha and his teachings, and not about furniture!

Next Obutsudan Day to Be Scheduled. If you miss March 29, or are not currently a member, we will be scheduling a second Obutsudan Day later in the year. Please stay tuned.

Membership Good News: Rates Stay the Same

There's no increase in rates this year. The only change in membership is that we tweaked one of the optional donations on the form to improve support for our hard-working and unpaid Minister's Assistants, who are volunteers for the Temple. We can support them in two ways: Defraying some expenses and Year-End Gift (Oseibo).

Defray Minister's Assistants' Expenses in Training.

While you can (and some of you do) send unprompted donations to defray the costs of the Minister's Assistants in attending mandatory training events through the year, we encourage this behavior by having an optional check box on the Membership form. This year the Membership form suggested donation increased to \$40 per year or any fraction there of as possible by the donor.

Oseibo (Year-End Gift). While collecting the Oseibo is not part of Membership activities, many members and some Dharma friends supply a monetary year-end thank you gift for the Temple to distribute to our Minister, administrator, Minister's Assistants, cleaning crew, and gardener.



Members Andrea, Cassidy, Anika, Arturo, and Paulina enjoy their lunch at the "golden arches" (left photo), then hold their sweet treats at Somi Somi prior to the Dharma School bowling activity.

SANGHA TEENS NEWS

On February 9, we celebrated our Installation of officers with lunch at McDonalds and Somi Somi ice cream. After filling up on sugar, we joined the other Dharma School Students for two hours of bowling at Kearny Mesa Bowl.

Our next activity is our Spam Musubi Fundraiser, on Sunday, March 29. We will be selling them after Dharma School and service in the Dining Room. Hope you can support our fundraiser. The funds raised will be used for our upcoming activities. Our advisors, Ms. Avis, Mrs. Lorena, and Mrs. Julie are helping us in the planning of the fundraiser.

In Gassho,
Andrea, Sangha Teen President

まくらびぎょう いぎ

枕経の意義

駐在開教使 向嶋裕史

私が米国に開教使として赴任して以来、たくさんのご門徒方を見送ってきました。共にお念仏のみ教えを喜ばせていただいた法友を失うことは大変悲しい限りです。

これまで数多くの枕経を勤めてまいりましたが、枕経は開教使として最も大切すべき法縁であり、また、葬儀以上に大変難しいものであると考えています。

一般に枕経は臨終に際して行うのが習わしとなっており、僧侶や家族が亡き人の代わりに、永年お育てにあずかったご本尊に対するお礼の勤行だといわれています。ですので、私も長い間、ご門徒が亡くなった後に、枕経を勤めてまいりました。しかし、私がサンディエゴ仏教会に駐在していた頃、今は亡き柳原先生の奥さま、パッツイさんが危篤状態であった時、先生から枕経をしてほしいと連絡がありました。今まで、生前の枕経を経験したことなかった私は少し戸惑ったのですが、すぐに病室に駆け付けました。

パッツイさんが私の顔を見るなり「先生、来てくれてありがとうございます。お勤めしてもらえますか？」とおっしゃいました。お勤めを始めると、息を切らしながらもパッツイさんは重誓偈と一緒に「お勤めされ、その後、「先生お世話になりました。ありがとうございます。またお浄土でお会いしましょう」といってニコリと微笑まれました。

その瞬間、枕経の本来のあり方とは、臨終を迎える本人が行う生涯最後のお勤めであり、必ず浄土に導きこの上ない覚りの身にさせてみせようという阿弥陀仏のご本願に対してお礼をする大切な法縁であ

り、また、愛する家族の前で浄土での再会を約束する尊い場でなければならぬと気づかされました。

私は、パッツイさんの手を取り「はい、またお浄土でお会いいたします」と言いつて、一緒に涙ながらにお念仏を称えさせていただきました。その二日後、パッツイさんは安らかにお浄土へと往生されました。

それ以来、私はご門徒方に枕経は亡くなる前に勤めるようにお願いしています。その甲斐あって、多くのご門徒が生前に枕経をして、愛するご家族と生涯最後のお勤めをし、浄土での再会を約束しながら感謝のうちに「お念仏と共に亡くなっていかれました。もちろん中には、昏睡状態の方もおられました。耳は最後まで聞こえると言われているので、リンの音、慣れ親しんだお経、そして、ご家族のお念仏の声を通して、何があっても阿弥陀仏がそばにいて下さるというお慈悲のはたらきを安堵の中で感じておられたことだと思えます。また、枕経の後、半年ほど存命された方もおられました。枕経のお陰で、残りの数カ月を安らかに過ごされたご遺族の方が大変感謝しておられました。とは言うものの、ご家族にとって枕経を生前にするということは、愛する人の死というものを覚悟しなければならぬ大変つらい決断でもありますので、枕経のあり方はあくまでもご家族の意思を尊重して勤めることにしています。

昨年十二月、当仏教会のみならず、永年にわたりBCA始めIBSの発展に多大な貢献をされた遠藤リチャード氏がお亡くなりになりました。遠藤氏が亡くなる十一日前、枕経をしたいというご本人の希望でご家族と共に「お勤めをいたしました。遠藤氏は大分衰弱され、話すことも難しい状態でしたが、共に重誓偈をあげられ、皆で涙と共に「お念仏を称えさせてくださいました。お孫さんが泣きじゃくる姿を見るのは胸が張りさける思いでしたが、遠藤氏は枕経を通して、

阿弥陀仏のお慈悲により、この世のいのちが終わっても必ず仏となって会える世界、浄土があることを示し、お孫さんが彼の死をただ悲しみて終わらせるのではなく、お浄土で再会できるという喜びと希望を最後にしっかりと教えられました。

また、遠藤氏が白血病と診断されてから亡くなるまでの二カ月間、ご家族は共に苦しみながらも懸命に闘病生活を支えられました。特に娘さん二人が献身的に看病されたのですが、日に日に衰えていく最愛の父親の姿を見るのは大変つらかったことだと思えます。遠藤氏は娘達の父親を失う悲しみと不安を気づかれました。娘達を安心させるためにも枕経でもって、俱会一処の世界を改めて教えられたのです。

お勤めの際、遠藤氏の目から絶え間なく涙がこぼれていました。彼の涙には二つの意味があります。一つは、愛する家族と別れなければならぬという悲しみの涙。お孫さんの成長をもっと見届けたいことだと思えます。愛する家族と幸せな時間をもっと過ごしたかったことと思えます。しかし、もう一つの涙の意味は、お浄土に仏として生まれさせていだだける身にならせていただいた阿弥陀仏のご本願に対する感謝の涙です。「涙、涙、涙のゆえに みほとけは 清きみくにを 建てたまひけり」という詩があるように、遠藤氏の悲しみの涙は、お浄土で必ずまた再会できるという喜びと感謝に満ちた涙でもありました。

遠藤氏は、臨終の前に、枕経を通して、念仏者の人生は浄土への旅路であることを私達に明確に示してくださいました。真の念仏者でした。愛する方が亡くなる前に、お浄土での再会を楽しみに、感謝と喜びの心でもってこの無常の世界をお念仏と共に力強く生きて行こうと約束できる尊いご縁を枕経で結ばせていただきました。と切に願っております。

BUDDHIST EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES IN MARCH

Spring Equinox (Ohigan). We observe a pleasant and meaningful event in March, one that involves the solar system and the Bodhisattva path. Twice a year the equinox in Spring and Fall mark the balance of night and day, in which it neither too hot nor too cold, to remind us the importance of the Bodhisattva path of equanimity and balance.

While there will be no BEC lecture this month, we encourage everyone to attend the Ohigan observance on Sunday, March 15. Dharma messages will be provided at that time by our own Ministers' Assistants.

Other BEC programs continue in March:

Introduction to Buddhism (Fourth Sunday). When the month starts on a Sunday, the fourth Sunday always seems to come early! **Kaytee Sumida** will meet with interested parties on **Sunday, March 22 at 9 a.m.** in the Sangha Hall. The one-hour, one-session introduction covers the development of Buddhism around the world and the creation of our San Diego Temple, and Temple etiquette.

Buddhism 1-2-3. The Wednesday night program continues through March, with **Kenji Sensei** providing guidance for some sessions and Temple lay speakers or Minister's Assistant for the others.



Spring Ohigan

Sunday, March 15, 10 a.m.

The Temple cordially invites you to the **Spring Ohigan Service**. The word "*higan*" literally means "the other shore," a Buddhist metaphor for Nirvana. In contrast, the world in which we live in is called "this shore" or Samsara, the transient world of suffering and pain. The observance of Spring Ohigan allows the Sangha to express gratitude toward Amida Buddha for his infinite Wisdom and Compassion. The Dharma Message will be provided by one of our Minister's Assistants.

An envelope is enclosed if you would like to make an Ohigan offering. For those who subscribe to the Bussei Script online, we invite your Ohigan donation. As always, the Temple looks forward to your participation and is very grateful for your support.

The Japanese Friendship Garden CHERRY BLOSSOM FESTIVAL MARCH 21 & 22

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Saturday, March 21, 10 a.m. — 6 p.m.
Clean Up, 6 p.m. — 8 p.m.
Sunday, March 22, 10 a.m. — 5 p.m.
Clean Up, 4 p.m. — 6 p.m.

Check out Google Docs to Sign UP
or call the office to put your name on the list.
Thank YOU