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Obon—Relationships in Life and Death

By Rev. Dr. Kenji Akahoshi, Resident Minister



The summer heat sets the mood. Children chase each other around the dancers. Old friends cheerfully chat with each other. The Japanese music sets the tone for Obon, the “Gathering of Joy.” This annual religious event is a memorial for those who have passed. Why is everyone so happy for a memorial? The message of our departed loved ones is to cherish our relationships with each other in this life.

The Obon service and the accompanying Obon odori (dance) are important religious events. It is also an important fund-raising event where volunteers work to support the temple financially. It is a cherished community event to welcome many to our tradition. And yet, for the past year and half, it has been cancelled.

We see in the news, that some religious organizations stress the necessity of conducting indoor services as a right of religious freedom. There may be some in our community that feel that the temple is being unfair, by not having indoor funerals and services this past year. However, I feel that from a Shin Buddhist perspective, the right religious decision is to not have in-person services. The decision to not have people gather in groups, whether for religious or mundane reasons, is made based on health concerns. The COVID situation is primarily a biological condition. Over 610,000 Americans have died over the last year and a half. That is more than all the soldiers killed in wars from WWI to the recent wars in the Middle-east. The new Delta variant is more contagious and deadly than the previous virus. If we were in a war zone, would we go shopping, dining, or to an entertainment event knowing that death is a possibility by being in public?

Rennyō’s “On White Ashes” is read at every funeral. He reminds us “By so understanding the meaning of death, we come to appreciate the meaning of this life, which is to be treasured because it is unrepeatable.” Obon connects us with our loved ones who have passed on. Their deaths implore us to treasure this life. We are reminded of past Obons, where real joy was experienced as we mingled, worked, and danced with each other. The grief and separation of death is healed by the joy and connections we enjoy in life. That is why Obon is a gathering of joy.

Funerals and services are sacred and important. The rituals, chanting, and services lead us toward hearing the truth of the Nembutsu. The benefit of hearing the Dhar-

ma is that it leads us toward truth. Trusting in truth liberates us from wrongful beliefs. Shinran instructed us not to believe in superstition. Therefore, Shin temples do not sell little objects of “good luck” (omamori), nor do we bless buildings or other objects.

We must be careful not to let rituals or some traditions become superstitions. We must listen to the Dharma to hear its deep message. Shinran tells us that some rituals are secondary to the primary practice of the Nembutsu. Rennyō had the personal experience of losing several children and even had several wives die during childbirth. So, he speaks with the authority of loss, as he reminds us of the precious nature of each life. It is for this reason that funerals and services have been postponed during this COVID crisis.

We miss chanting with other sangha members in our Hondo. The soothing tones prepare us to listen to the Dharma talk. We miss gathering and chatting with friends after the service. We miss working on various fundraising events. We may even miss the meetings of various committees. All these activities were in support of hearing the Shin Dharma. Although shortened versions are available on-line, it is not the same as being together in our Hondo.

The Shin Dharma informs us that our joy in being together is because of our sense of interdependence. We care for each other and find warmth in being together. That concern for each other is what allows us to remain separate for such a long time. How sad it would be if we caused the virus to make someone ill because of our gathering. This has happened in our BCA temples. So, wisdom determines that the conditions of gathering are dictated by medical and health parameters. Fortunately, our practice of the Nembutsu can occur in any condition.

We were at a similar point with this virus last summer. Our lax attitude regarding the virulence of the virus allowed it to overwhelm hospitals and staff. Our unvaccinated children and adults are at great risk. Let us be concerned for each other and encourage safe practices of getting vaccinated and wearing masks. Together, we can defeat the virus so that we may return to enjoy each other’s company without the threat of disease.

In Gassho,
Kenji Sensei

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AUGUST CALENDAR OF EVENTS

As the temple gradually returns to in-person activities, many religious gatherings, social events and meetings will continue to be offered virtually on the temple's Zoom (Z) live and YouTube (YT) pre-recorded video channel platforms. The temple urges everyone to participate in the virtual activities and share the opportunity with individuals who do not have computer internet access. Please be aware that In-person activities are subject to change or cancellation. Here is the August calendar:

- 1 – Shotsuki Hoyo monthly memorial and Dharma messages: English and Japanese (YT)
Qigong, 9 a.m. (Z)
Taiko practice, 10:45 a.m. (parking lot)
- 4 – Taiko practice, 6:30 p.m. (parking lot)
Buddhism 1-2-3, 7 p.m. (Z)
- 5 – Tai Chi, 10 a.m. (Annex Hall)
- 7-8 – Furniture Sale (both days) and Electronics Recycling (Saturday only), 8 a.m. to 12 noon (parking lot)
- 8 - Dharma message (YT)
Qigong, 9 a.m. (Z)
Buddhism Zero: Introduction, 6 p.m. (Z)
- 10 – Ways & Means meeting, 7 p.m. (Z)
- 11 – Taiko practice, 6:30 p.m. (parking lot)
Buddhism 1-2-3, 7 p.m. (Z)
- 12 – Tai Chi, 10 a.m. (Annex Hall)
Board of Directors meeting, 7 p.m. (Z)
- 14 – Sutra chanting, 1 p.m. (Z)
Book Club, 2 p.m. (Z)
- 15 – Dharma message (YT)
Qigong, 9 a.m. (Z)
Bon Odori dance practice, 10 a.m. (parking lot)
- 18 - Bon Odori dance practice, 6:30 p.m. (parking lot)
Buddhism 1-2-3, 7 p.m. (Z)
- 19 – Tai Chi, 10 a.m. (Annex Hall)
95th Anniversary and Activities Meeting, 7 p.m. (Z)
- 21 – Sutra chanting, 1 p.m. (Z)
- 22 – **HATSUBON, O BON SERVICES and BON ODORI.** Guest speaker: Rev. Kodo Umezu (schedule on **page 4**)
Qigong, 9 a.m. (Z)
Buddhism Zero: Introduction, 10 a.m. (Z)
- 25 – Taiko practice, 6:30 p.m. (parking lot)
Buddhism 1-2-3, 7 p.m. (Z)
- 27-28 – Dharma School camping at San Onofre State Beach
- 28 – Sutra chanting, 1 p.m. (Z)
- 29 – Dharma message (YT)
Qigong, 9 a.m. (Z)
BTSD E.A.T Conversation with Kenji Sensei at Kay Ochi. Topic: Anti-Asian Violence World War II and Today, 11 a.m. (Z)

The Spanish-language Dharma message, presented by Arturo Rubio, will be posted on the temple's YouTube channel.

Office hours: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday-Friday. There is limited staff coverage on weekends. The temple is closed on Mondays.

More information: Call the temple at (619) 239-0896. Please leave a message if your call is not answered and staff will respond as quickly as possible. Send an email at info@btsd.net or check the BTSD website <http://www.buddhisttemplesandiego.org> for updates.

GOLF TOURNAMENT'S RETURN A BIG SUCCESS

After a one-year absence, returning to the golf course brought big smiles, rekindling friendships and a day of chasing that little white ball on a beautiful day. What more could you have asked for?

A heartfelt thank you is extended to the 60 players, many sponsors and donors, and volunteers for participating in the Buddhist Temple of San Diego's 25th annual tournament.

The event was held on June 27 at Riverwalk Golf Club and was the temple's first major fundraising event in over 18 months.

Congratulations to the team, individual and contest winners: First place team: Tim Kajita, Toshio Moriuchi, Glenn Negoro and Phil Nguyen; second place team: Ryan Calafata, Chad Yagura, Derek Yagura and Ryan Yamamoto; third place team: Mark Horvath, Gary Inouye, Jim Inouye and Ricky Schlesinger; next lowest team gross: tie, Breven Honda, Ralph Honda, Ryan Tsukamoto and Wayne Tsukamoto and Gary Komo, Doug Masiel, Mike Ong and Ron Tokunaga. Long Drive: Mark Horvath (Men 75-under), Byron Sugiyama (Men 76-over) and Anna Hom (Women). Closest to Pin: Rich Kaneko, Byron Sugiyama and Chad Yagura.

Thank you to our generous sponsors and merchandise donors for their continued support. **Monetary sponsors:** Muraoka Enterprises, Roy, Tad and Ken Muraoka (Birdie sponsor), Colorado Island Express, Setsuo and Jan Iwashita (Beverage Cart), Roy and Karen Okuhara (Long Drive), Miki Honda (Long Drive), Ralph and Avis Honda (Long Drive), Dennis and Elaine Otsuji (Long Drive), Agnes Benson (Closest to Pin), Kenji and Akiko Hiji (Closest to Pin), Sumi Yanagihara (Closest to Pin); Steve Sato (Team); and an anonymous donation in memory of BTSD Sangha members.

Hole Sponsors: California Bank and Trust, downtown San Diego branch; 3D's Travel, Doug Ojiri; MKA Inc, Michael Kinoshita; 1Roof International, Goody Takashima; John and Tsune Hashiguchi; Ron and Holly Hidinger; Ed and Miyo Hill; Richard and Ruth Kaneko; Howard and Kaneko Kuwada; Trace and Mildred Kawasaki; Keiju Terada and family, in memory of Rev. Koju Terada; Alan and Akiko Tomiyama; Motoo and Angie Tsuneyoshi; Ron and Sheila Yagura; Ann Yamamoto; Jane Yamamoto and Susan Yonekura. **Gallery Sponsor:** Chiyoko Masumoto.

Gallery donors: Ichiban Hillcrest, Kanpai Restaurant, Riverwalk Golf Club, Jeff Sakai CMT, Miyo Hill, Avis and Breven Honda and Harold and LuAnn Lee.

Thank you to volunteers Wayne and Bev Yamamoto for checking-in the golfers, Gregg Yonekura for handling the raffle tickets and Avis Honda for hosting the coffee, tea and donuts. Also, thank you to Rich Kaneko for donating the yummy donuts.

It was an exciting day for the temple and community.

Everyone is looking forward to next year's tournament that is planned for Sunday, June 26.

With deepest appreciation and in Gassho, Rich Kaneko, Ron Yagura and Ralph Honda, Golf Committee

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By LuAnn Lee, Board President



I want to start off this month's message with a heartfelt thank you to those that have donated to the Temple already in response to our appeal letter that went out last month. We know it has been a difficult time for some and really appreciate your generosity. The funds will help us cover our expenses as we slowly re-open the temple and resume fundraising efforts.

The Activities group has been planning smaller fundraising events with the golf tournament in June and furniture sale plus the popular Obon Again Shop planned for August. We give thanks to the chairs, volunteers and supporters that make these events a success.

Also in August, we have planned a Temple Hatsubon and O Bon service followed by a short Bon Odori and bento's to go.

In September, we have a Flag signing for former survivors of WWII incarceration.

On October 10, we are planning our 95th Anniversary luncheon in conjunction with Rev. Dr. Kenji and Karen Akahoshi's farewell party.

We have also welcomed back our affiliated and community groups for smaller meetings and practices.

See more details on these upcoming and exciting activities in this article and in next month's newsletter.

Personally, it has been a busy July. Going back full-time to the office has reminded me how much more time I need to prepare. Things like making sure I have work clothes washed and ironed, meals are planned ahead, do I have enough gas in my car and making sure I leave home early enough to avoid traffic. Working from home saved me many hours a week of prep and drive time but it is an adjustment we all make at one time or another. I can say that I'm thankful that I have a job with nice co-workers and a firm that is generous to their employees.

As the temple re-opens, please be mindful that things can change for some of our upcoming planned events. We hope you will understand if more precautions are put in place for the safety of our Sangha members.

In closing, continue to be aware of your surroundings and keep in touch with one another.

If you know of someone in our temple that needs support, please reach out to us.

Call the temple (619) 239-0896 or e-mail at info@btsd.net

Check on our website for updates at <http://www.buddhisttemplesandiego.org/>

In Gassho,
LuAnn Lee

BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

The Board of Directors met via Zoom on July 8th -

1. Memorial services that were postponed due to COVID-19 restrictions are beginning to be scheduled.
2. The Board approved the temple co-sponsoring and hosting a flag-signing event, on Sept. 19th. The flag is being signed by survivors of the Japanese American internment during World War II.
3. The 95th Anniversary capital project - re-painting of the main building - was approved. The work will be scheduled to be completed by the 95th Anniversary celebration on October 10th.
4. Thank you to the Tomiyama and Sasaki families for providing citrus from their gardens that has been delivered to our Senior Sangha members. Thank you to Laurine Ota for making the deliveries of the fruit and other goodies.
5. The elevator annual state certification and testing was completed.
6. All affiliated organizations and standing committees provided the Board with updates on their activities and planning. The Board had no objections to the recommended guidelines from the Re-opening Committee up to September 3rd.

BWA NEWS

The Buddhist Women's Association has been actively involved in organizing, meeting, and preparing for a fun filled gathering in September. We are planning an English Tea, the theme of which is *Honoring our Past and Looking to the Future*. It will be held in the Annex on September 26th from 11:30 and all women are encouraged to attend. Information about this tea and how to sign up for it will be found in the monthly Kaiho newsletter and the Buddhist Temple Website. We hope that you will be able to attend this delightful event. This is a complimentary affair with limited seating, so please sign up before September 10 to reserve your place at this very special occasion. Please RSVP to Junko Kajita at cell: (858)722-9655 or Jkajita@yahoo.com or Sue Moribe: cell: (858)699-8876 or szbandaid@yahoo.com

Richard Lederer is the author of a variety of wonderful books for all ages about language, people, and about humor. A group of our BWA members and friends attended his seminar called "Dancing with Words" at the Santee Senior Center. He and his partner, Bill Shipper, presented an entertaining and informative seminar on word origin and word usage, intertwine with music lyrics and singing. Through this uniquely entertaining presentation, the use of puns, anagrams, homonyms, similes, metaphors, oxymorons and other parts of speech and groups of word usage were cleverly defined and applied in a humorous collection of phrases, lists and anecdotes. One of his many books that I most particularly enjoyed reading is called **The Gift of Age**. It is an entertaining book which celebrates our longevity. In this youth-oriented society, it is refreshing to read a book that describes growing older as a positive and exciting experience: one to be cherished. Another one of his memorable books, A Tribute to Teachers, is a look at how our teachers are really heroes who have inspired, mentored, and sacrificed their time and efforts to support and guide our children to become productive and successful

individuals. For more information about his seminars and books, go to his website: <http://verbivore.com>, to discover all that he has written and when his seminars will be presented. You will be most definitely entertained as well as educated on words in a most unique and creative manner.

Our next book club selection will be Richard's book, **The Gift of Age**. We are privileged and honored to have Richard join us at our next Zoom book club meeting on Sat. August 14 at 2 pm. He will be there to answer questions about this book, about himself as an author, or anything about the English language. Please contact me, Mani Ryan, to receive a link to this book club event.

In gassho, Mani Ryan

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ACTIVITIES

The Temple's fundraising partnership with Ichiban Hillcrest finishes up this month, so hurry and get down there for a delicious meal. Thank you to those of you who continue to support the Temple and Temple partners.

The Temple Golf Tournament on June 27th at the Riverwalk Golf Course in Mission Valley was a huge success. This was our first Temple activity in over a year and all of the participants had a great time and didn't mind the few changes this year to abide by the pandemic guidelines. Thanks also go out to the volunteers who hosted the event.

Keeping in mind the pandemic is still with us to a certain extent, I am listing the upcoming Temple Activities. The Furniture sale is going to be held August 7th and 8th between the hours of 8am – 12 noon on both days. Our main goal is to sell the abundance of furniture collected over the last year and a half by generous Sangha members and friends. Housewares will be sold to a lesser extent as well. NO CLOTHING will be sold. In conjunction with the sale, there will be an electronics drop-off recycling event.

Next is our Temple Hatusbon and Obon Odori to be held August 22. I would like to stress this event is not being advertised or open to the general public. The Hatusbon Service, by INVITATION ONLY, will begin at 2 pm. Hatusbon families will receive an invitation asking for the number of immediate family members that will be attending, please respond to the Temple ASAP. The entire Obon Odori will be a shortened version of the usual event, beginning with the Obon Service. It will be held in the Temple parking lot around the Yagura and dance area beginning at 4:00 pm. The service will consist of a message by Reverend Umezu and gassho at your leisure. The Odori will be between 4:30 and 5:30 without intermission, so make sure you get out there and join the dancing from the beginning! To follow, will be the distribution of the pre-ordered Obento for you to take home and enjoy. The order form will be attached elsewhere in this Kaiho. There will not be any other food available. One last recommendation is to wear Happi Coats as there will not be a dressing room.



The committee continues to work on the Temple's 95th Anniversary to be held October 10, 2021!! The plan is to have a "regular" celebration as we've had in the past, stay tuned! Our main concern continues to be the health and welfare of everyone.

In Gassho, Glenn Torio and Ann Ong

DHARMA SCHOOL NEWS

We hope everyone is enjoying summer while continuing to stay safe. Dharma School has planned a camping trip for families at San Onofre State Beach at the end of this month. We hope those participating will enjoy themselves during that weekend. August also marks one month away from the start of the 2021-22 Dharma School year. We are planning to conduct Dharma School in person, starting in September. More information is forthcoming. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me. Enjoy the rest of your summer!

In Gassho, Lisa Umekubo

Buddhist Education in August Focus on Obon

Live Service Sunday, August 22, 4 p.m.

Special Guest Speaker, Rev. Kodo Umezu, Retired Emeritus

Caution with Covid-19. The live service will be held outdoors in the parking lot with distancing, with attendance restricted to Sangha members.

For this historic service, the Temple welcomes our guest speaker, Rev. Kodo Umezu, Retired Emeritus to address the Sangha. The service will be followed by a short series of dances at 4:30 p.m.



About Bishop Kodo Umezu. Born in Fukuoka, graduated from Ryukoku University and came to the United States in 1973. Served at Fresno Betsuin, Los Angeles Homba Hongwanji, and Buddhist Church of Oakland. Took leave to get an MA from IBS and later for four years in the U.S. Navy to be immersed in English and U.S. culture. In 1996, became Executive

Assistant to Bishop Watanabe and then Bishop Ogui. Next became first director of the BCA Center for Buddhist Education, Berkeley. After two terms as BCA Bishop, retired in 2020. Currently President of the Jodo Shinshu International Office. Married to Janet Teraoka with children Amy, Norio, and Michelle – and granddaughter, Mari.

Buddhism Zero, Buddhism 1-2-3 Continue via Zoom

We're not taking a summer break from our two online education sessions. **Buddhism Zero** meets twice a month the second Sunday night (6 p.m.) and the fourth Saturday morning (10 a.m.) of each month. Sessions run 60 minutes., with no set agenda other than to introduce you to basic ideas and concepts and to answer your questions. **Buddhism 1-2-3** meets each Wednesday night at 7 p.m. to delve more deeply into the Dharma talk on the preceding Sunday. For more information or to join us, email the Temple or Bill Teague, facilitator, at btcomms@cox.net.

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 correction, please call or email the temple 619-239-0896 or info@btsd.net.

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IMO Roy Yonekura
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IMO Kiyoko Kawasaki
IMO Sanroku Kawasaki
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IMO Tome Yamashita
IMO Toshitaro Yamashita
IMO Florence Yamashita
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Mar.—May 2021
Yanagihara, Sumiko
Mother's Day
Father's Day
General Fund
Koga, Florence
Morinaka, Ron & Morinaka
Family
McDonnell, Donna Y
Mem. Serv. For Mike Doi
Doi, Doris S
Mike Doi's Mem. Service
Tomiyama, Akie
IMO Steven Tomiyama
Honda, Ralph & Avis—July
Hornsby, James—Blessings
Yamamoto, Ann Miyuki
IMO Steven Tomiyama
Yoshida, Laura—Taiko

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Moncrief, Mayko
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Sakamoto, Chad
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Uyeji, Masako
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Tsuneyoshi, Motoo & Angie
McDonald, Marianne
Ishino, Isabel
Yagura, Ronald & Sheila
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Seymour, Leslie & Sean
Amemiya, Mary O
Tanaka, Lara & Kelvin
Hashiguchi, John & Tsune
Torio, Betty
Ishizaki, Sheryl
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Jones, Mikako & Morton
Sugiyama, Yukiko
Himaka, Norman & Kathleen
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Kawamoto, Mitsuko
Asamen, Timothy K
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Uchiyama, Tissa & Chris
Sakow, Toshiko
Honda, Ralph & Avis
Hayashi, Kay
Ryan, Mani and
Laura Yamaguchi
Teague, Bill & Joyce
Okuhara, Roy & Karen
Liss-Moriyama, Kathryn
Gladso, Julie
Masumoto, Chiyoko
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Monji, Yoshiko
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IMO Yoshiko Takashima
Sasaki, Brian & Lorin
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Yamamoto, June
Honda, Mikiye
Hasegawa, Gene & Arlene

DANA BACKPACK DRIVE

Anonymous
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Omori, Shirley
Nakatani, Fred & Nancy
Alroy, Evelyn
Smith, Maribeth "Smitty"
Ota, Laurine

BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS

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Kaneshiro, Gale

DHARMA SCHOOL

Yamamoto, Kengo & Mae

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Yoshida, Laura

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Kajita, Timothy
Kajita, Timothy
Kinoshita, Michael

GOTANYE

Kawasaki, Mildred & Trace

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HO-ON-KO SERVICE

Kawasaki, Mildred & Trace

MAP

Kawasaki, Mildred & Trace

MEMBERSHIP PLEDGES

We thank you for renewals:

Yasuhara, Paul & Mildred
Ishihara, Sally
Yamamoto, Kengo & Mae
Monji, Yoshiko
Taira, Yuriko
Kawasaki, Trace & Mildred
Yamamoto, Peggy and Steve
Yoshida, Laura
Sannwald, William & Suzanne
Tanaka, Dr. Terry & Naomi
Tanaka, Dr. Terry & Naomi—
2022 & 2023

NIRVANA DAY

Kawasaki, Mildred & Trace

OBON

Moribe, Susan
Yamanishi, Alan & Karen
Honda, Mikiye
Sumida, Floyd & Kaytee

OHIGAN

Kawasaki, Mildred & Trace

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Kawasaki, Trace & Mildred

SHOTSUKI HOYO

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Takashima, Wilbur
IMO Mitsuo Taniguchi
Yonekura, Susan
IMO Wasa Osaki—July
Hashiguchi, John & Tsune
IMO Fusi Hashiguchi—Aug.
Himaka, Michio & Naomi
IMO Mizue Copple—June
Kawamoto, Mitsuko
IMO Sakayo Kawamoto
Kuwada, Howard Kanji &
Kaneko
Yanagihara, Sumiko—June
IMO Ichiji Ouchi—May
Nakano, Alan & Nakano Family
IMO Tomio Nakano
Kawasaki, Kiyoshi & Aileen—
July
Rubio-Torres, Arturo—
July & August
Masumoto, Jodi
IMO George Masumoto
Yamamoto, June
IMO Steven Yamamoto
McDonnell, Donna Y—July
Honda, Mikiye—July & August

CHECK YOUR MEMBERSHIP! HELP US REACH 80% IN AUGUST

Bill Teague, Membership Chair

Scorecard. In response to our request last month in the Kaiho, many more Temple members have renewed, and while we are over 75% renewed, we need to reach at least 80% in August.

We hope to reach this next milestone with your help. If you are uncertain about membership, just leave word at the Temple or reach out to me any time at btcomms@cox.net or call or text (619) 248-3749.

You can also log into the password-protected Member website (let me know if you need the password).

DATE CHANGE UPDATE

BTSD E.A.T. Conversation with Kenji Sensei and Temple Member Kay Ochi

2020 and 2021 have been extremely challenging years. We've suffered the pandemic and an upsurge in anti-Asian hate and violence.

Please join us for a sharing of thoughts:

Anti-Asian Violence World War II and Today

Sunday, August 29, 2021

11:00 AM to 12:00 noon

Email the Temple Office for
the Zoom link at info@btsd.net.



"Human Nature – Buddha Nature" The Practice of Living Shin Buddhism

July 31, 2021 – 11:00 am-12:30

Zoom Seminar

Rev. Dr. Kenji Akahoshi

Listening to Dharma talks, reading books, and watching videos by Dharma teachers give us a good understanding of Shin Buddhism. However, until it becomes a daily practice, much of it remains a concept. The annual retreats have been a success since 1998 because they provided an "experience" of Shin. This seminar will present the Shin practice of the Nembutsu to become an experience.

Contact the BTSD office to register:
info@btsd.net or call (619) 239-0896.

FURNITURE

SALE

**SATURDAY
Aug. 7 &
SUNDAY
Aug. 8,
8am - 12
noon**

**Furniture for OFFICE,
Bedroom, Living Room,
Dining Room, Plants &
Housewares**

**AND ELECTRONICS RECYCLING
Drop Off Event**



Please save the Date

Sunday, October 10th

Please plan to join us as we celebrate
The Temple's 95th Anniversary
and say Goodbye to
Rev. Kenji & Karen Akahoshi



SCRIP NEWS

Can you believe that it is already August? It seems that time is flying past us. We just put in an order to Great Lakes Scrip Center and so we should be well stocked with the gift cards that are most commonly purchased.

We also received quarterly checks from Kroger so thank you to all of our shoppers who shop at Ralph's and Food 4 Less. I thought I would never say it but I miss going to the grocery store. My son and husband have taken over that chore.

Even though the city has opened up please remain vigil, stay safe and hopefully we will be together soon!

COMMITTEE UNVEILS RECOMMENDATIONS FOR TEMPLE'S RE-OPENING

The following document was presented to the BTSD Board of Directors on July 8 by the Re-Opening Committee. Guidelines are based on information provided by the State of California on June 15 and have been updated as of July 26. Recommendations from the committee are subject to change at anytime based on current state and local requirements.

After June 15, 2021, the State of California fully re-opened the economy and businesses to return to usual operations with the exception of “Mega” outdoor events (over 10,000 attendees) and “Mega” indoor events (over 5,000 attendees). The Re-Opening Committee used the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) and the Center for Disease Control (CDC) Guidelines for developing the Buddhist Temple of San Diego’s re-opening recommendations. The following are the recommendations from the Re-Opening Committee for the period of June 15 until September 3.

1. Affiliated Organizations:

Can meet indoors or outdoors. Social distancing not required but if individuals are more comfortable, individuals can choose to social distance.

A. If meeting outside, if you are fully vaccinated (2 weeks after 2nd dose Pfizer, Moderna) or 1st dose of Johnson & Johnson), face coverings are not required. Unvaccinated individuals, face coverings are required outdoors anytime physical distancing cannot be maintained.

B. If meeting indoors, face coverings are required for unvaccinated individuals and optional for vaccinated individuals.

C. Sanitize per guidelines listed below after use.

2. Tai Chi:

Can meet indoors or outdoors. Social distancing not required but if individuals are more comfortable, individuals can choose to social distance.

A. If meeting outside, if you are fully vaccinated (2 weeks after 2nd dose Pfizer, Moderna) or 1st dose of Johnson & Johnson), face coverings are not required. Unvaccinated individuals, face coverings are required outdoors anytime physical distancing cannot be maintained.

B. If meeting indoors, face coverings are required for unvaccinated individuals and optional for vaccinated individuals.

C. Sanitize per guidelines below after use.

3. Sutra Chanting Class at Hondo:

A. Attendees by invitation only. Limit of 12 attendees. Face coverings are required for unvaccinated individuals and optional for individuals who are vaccinated.

B. Social distancing not required but if individuals are more comfortable, individuals can choose to social distance.

C. Recommend opening windows for ventilation.

D. No incense burning.

E. For unvaccinated individuals, face covering to be worn at all times including chanting.

F. After class, attendees responsible for sanitizing Hondo in areas of use:

G. Spray affected pews (including fabric) with sanitizer provided by BTSD.

4. Obon Dance Practice (August 15 and August 18)

A. Dance practice to be held in the parking lot, outdoors.

B. If you are fully vaccinated (2 weeks after 2nd dose Pfizer, Moderna) or 1st dose of Johnson & Johnson), face coverings are not required. Unvaccinated individuals, face coverings are required outdoors anytime physical distancing cannot be maintained.

The following procedures are for all Temple gatherings on its facility from June 15 through September 3:

1. Have all scheduled meetings/activities attendees review and agree to safety protocol questions. If anybody is showing symptoms, they should not attend the event.

2. Sanitize surfaces and equipment after use. Users are requested to spray or mist soft surfaces (pews and chair cushions) with Hypochlorous Acid (HOCl) cleaner disinfectant and allowed to air dry. Hard surfaces can be sanitized with a pre-moistened sanitizing cloths (such as Lysol wipes), sanitizing spray (such as Microban), or HOCl. HOCl, a non-toxic mist of water and salt, will be available. HOCl can be safely used on hands and is documented in case studies as highly effective for sanitizing any surface that can be misted or sprayed with a water-based solution.

3. Alcohol-based hand sanitizers will be available at facility entry points

4. Recommend providing individual snacks.

5. Room Capacity Limits:

A. Main Building Conference Room: 6 participants

B. Main Building Prep Room: 15 participants

C. Annex: Any gathering over 15 participants

6. Schedule use of Temple with Ralph Honda and Linda Redenbaugh with Temple Calendar.

The Re-Opening Committee will continue to meet and plan for the opening of services in the Hondo and the possible opening of in-person Dharma School for the beginning of September. Those recommendations will be forthcoming.

Gassho — Re-Opening Committee: LuAnn Lee, Ralph Honda, Nancy Martinez, Ken Muraoka, Michael Kinoshita

BTSD VOLUNTEERS HELP KIKU GARDENS PREPARE MEALS FOR GARDEN VILLAS RESIDENTS

On July 3, volunteers from the Buddhist Temple helped Kiku Gardens and Genki Home Care staff prepare 120 meals for the residents of Garden Villas in Chula Vista. Hiro Sawasaki (right), Kiku Gardens chef, is pictured with some of the temple's crew.



2ND ANNUAL
**BCA VIRTUAL
 OBON DANCE**
 SUN 8/15/21 @ 1pm (PST)

Join us on Zoom for an Obon Dance program featuring different temples throughout the BCA

Please register here to receive the zoom link:
<https://tinyurl.com/2j3m73jw>
 questions: cbe@bcahq.org or 510-809-1460

2021 SOUTHERN DISTRICT & SDBWA
 BUDDHIST CONFERENCE

LET'S TALK:
 ONDOBO ONDOGYO
 GOING FORWARD
 話し合おう:
 これからの
 御同朋 御同行

VIA ZOOM
 OCTOBER 9, 2021
SATURDAY
 9am - Noon

**SPECIAL GUEST
 SPEAKER:**
 Rev. Kodo Umezu

REGISTRATION:
 \$25 Per Person
 New Registration Deadline: **August 31st**
 Sign up at: **GARDENABUDDHISTCHURCH.ORG**

FOR DETAILS, PLEASE CONTACT: **SDC2021@GARDENABUDDHISTCHURCH.ORG**
 HOSTED BY GARDENA BUDDHIST CHURCH

Join the Buddhist Churches of America (BCA) for its second annual virtual Bon Odori dance on Sunday, August 15 at 1 p.m. (Pacific time). Odori dances from various temples throughout the BCA will be featured. Register to receive the zoom link.

DIAL THE DHARMA

Listen to weekly Dharma phone messages
 (800) 817-7918
 Press 1 for English or 2 for Japanese

All Interested Ladies Are
 Invited to An English Tea
 Sunday, 26 September 2021
 11:30 am,
 BTSD Annex

Please RSVP ASAP to Sue Moribe:
 858-699-8876 or suzbandaid@yahoo.com
 Or to Junko Kajita: 858-722-9655,
jkajita@yahoo.com

Japanese WWII Incarceration Memorial Legacy Project Flag Signing

Manzanar

Tule Lake

Poston

Gila River

Granada



Heart Mountain

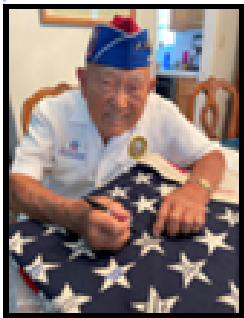
Minidoka

Topaz

Rohwer

Jerome

All former internees are invited to come sign the flag:



Sunday, September 19, 2021

11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Buddhist Temple of San Diego

2929 Market Street, San Diego, CA 92102

Judge Johnny Gogo, a California Superior Court Judge from San Jose in Santa Clara County, is part of the Court's Community Outreach Program. With the intent to recognize surviving Japanese Americans of the WWII incarceration camps for their sacrifice, and to honor their legacy and memory, he obtained a WWII-era 48-star American flag with the intent of having survivors sign the flag. He has travelled at his own expense up and down the West Coast and to Washington, D.C. to obtain these signatures.

Judge Gogo's father served in the military, so Judge Gogo's family has lived in Germany, Japan, Guam, California, Alaska and Kentucky. He attended both Sacramento and Riverside City Colleges. After graduating from U.C. San Diego with a B.A. in Political Science, he received his J.D. from Thomas Jefferson School of Law in San Diego.

The flag will be donated to the Japanese American Museum of San Jose on Fred Korematsu Day, January 30, 2022.

For questions about the September 19th flag-signing event, please email the temple at info@btsd.net, call 619-239-0896, or contact LuAnn Lee at lulee7@gmail.com.

San Diego Buddhist Temple Obon Bento Order Form

Pick-up order: Sun., August 22, 2021, 5:30pm, after Obon Odori at the Buddhist Temple of San Diego
Order & Payment due: Friday, August 6, 2021
Payment options: PayPal, credit card or check



Please submit orders online at the following link by Friday, August 6, 2021.: <https://forms.gle/2ziMt544qTjhCtRX6>

Or send this completed form and payment to the "Buddhist Temple of San Diego, Attn: Obon Bento", 2929 Market St., San Diego, CA 92102. Must be received by August 6, 2021.

Make payment via PayPal.Me at the following link: https://paypal.me/buddhisttemplesd?locale.x=en_US or mail check to Buddhist Temple of San Diego, 2929 Market Street, San Diego, CA 92102. We can match your check up to the online order submitted. **PLEASE SELECT "SEND", NOT THE DEFAULT "REQUEST".**

Name _____	Date _____
Email Address _____	Phone #: _____

Kanpai Restaurant Bento

	<u>Quantity (enter #)</u>	<u>Total</u>
Regular \$15.00	_____	\$ _____
Chicken karaage, mixed tempura, chicken teriyaki, rice		
Vegetarian \$15.00	_____	\$ _____
Vegetarian version of bento (No meat)		
Total order	\$ _____	

If you prefer us to manually run your credit or debit card, please complete this authorization form.	
<input type="checkbox"/> MC <input type="checkbox"/> Visa <input type="checkbox"/> AMEX. Acct # _____	Expires (MM/YY) ____/____
Billing Address: _____ ZIP _____	
Payor's Authorized Signature Required _____	