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Practice, Not Perfect

By Rev. Dr. Kenji Akahoshi, Resident Minister



Shinran requested to be ordained immediately in the evening because he knew that conditions may change overnight. As the COVID conditions improved in June, we had thoughts of returning to on-site services and activities in September. However, now the virus has spread with 99% of the new infections on those who are unvaccinated. We see by the truth of

interdependence that the unvaccinated affects the lives of everyone. The future is uncertain. Shinran's words guide us to be flexible about our expectations of the reality that we face. We are never able to step into the same river twice. We will not return to what we considered normal in February of 2020.

As Buddhists, we should not be surprised by this situation. The Buddha's Dharma, or truth that helps to guide our lives, prepares us for real life. This is what Buddhist practice is about. The 3 Marks of Existence, the 4 Nobles Truths, the 5 Precepts, the 6 paramitas, the 8-Fold Path are all truths and processes that guide us as we wander through life. How many of us have ignored reliable instructions, only to complain of our misfortune? Have you ever tried to build an Ikea cabinet or Lego toy without the instructions? Who can we blame if we smoke, drink and drive, or not exercise and have a negative result?

The 8-Fold Path instructs us toward a wholesome perspective of life by practicing wholesome meditation, mindfulness, livelihood, effort, conduct, speech, and thought. The 5 precepts to not kill, steal, lie, take intoxicants, nor abuse sex are fundamental to a wholesome life. The 6 Paramitas of charity, patience, discipline, perseverance, meditation and wisdom are additional guides. Following these instructions will build a stable life and not one that may be glued together from the broken pieces of those who have done the opposite.

The precepts, paramitas, and the 8-Fold path all guide us toward awakening to a healthy and wholistic relationship to others and the planet. As ordinary lay people, we admit to our inability to follow them completely. We do witness the difficulties created by ourselves and others when these guides are not followed. The irresponsible response to COVID, the domestic unrest of following untruths, and the climate crisis are major examples. Shinran warns us not to take the poison, just because there is an antidote.

Of course, even following these guides do not insure a trouble-free life. There are so many causes and conditions that deter our desired result. These practices

are guides to become whole by balancing what we consider favorable and unfavorable. This is the idea of the middle path.

Shinran's teachings encourage us to admit to our limitations and failings. Accepting our shortcomings, we begin to realize that most of our lives are actually supported by the "efforts of others." We shift our perspective to realize the importance of working with others. If we can only blame others for the plight of our lives, we suffer like an angry, helpless child. By taking some responsibility, we can manage an outcome that is beneficial for many.

This ability to see reality from the view of wholeness requires a practice. However, this practice is not to achieve any level of spiritual purity. This practice is to hear the Teachings, to receive both the bad and the good aspects, and to appreciate that we are alive to experience it. Respectfully hearing the Dharma, chanting, burning incense to witness impermanence, and bowing with humility are all good practices. They help us to gain the experience of voicing the Nembutsu. A sense of gratitude is the beginning of this wonderful practice. Its full meaning expands with our growth and maturity. With practice, the meaning and experience becomes broader and deeper.

It has been difficult to convey the essence of the experience of the Nembutsu. Just saying the words does not automatically provide a sense of bliss that a person might expect. Namo Amida Butsu can connect us with a deep spiritual experience. Like everything else, an incremental process of steps is necessary. By appreciating the ordinary benefits of life, we begin to appreciate life itself.

We will not go back to what we considered normal. The death of a loved one, the loss of a home, or the effect of war can wake us up. We realize that ordinary life is special, when we lose it. Many parts of the world have never experienced what we consider ordinary. This may be a time when we follow the practices of the Buddha.

We should follow the traditional practices of all Buddhists. Shinran's message was that our inability to fulfill these practices completely, leads us to the realization that the "effort of others," or Amida's compassion, is primary. Namo Amida Butsu is our grateful response.

In Gassho,
Kenji Sensei

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SEPTEMBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

As the Delta variant of the coronavirus continues its upward surge, the temple has re-evaluated its reopening for 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) channel platforms. Please continue to take advantage of such opportunities and share the sessions with individuals who do not have computer internet access. Here is the September calendar (Dates and times are subject to change):

- 1 – Taiko practice, 6:45 pm (parking lot)
Buddhism 1-2-3, 7 pm (Z)
- 2 – Tai Chi, 10 am (Annex Hall)
- 4 - Sutra Chanting Class, 1 pm (Z)
Southern District Jr. YBL Conference, 2 pm (Z)
- 5 - Shotsuki Hoyo monthly memorial and Dharma messages:
English and Japanese (YT), Qigong, 9 am (Z), Taiko practice,
10:45 am (Parking lot), BWA Meeting, 10:30 am (Z)
- 7 – Ways & Means Meeting, 7 pm (Z)
- 8 – Taiko practice, 6:45 pm (Parking lot)
Buddhism 1-2-3, 7 pm (Z)
- 9 – Tai Chi, 10 am (Annex Hall)
Board of Directors Meeting, 7 pm (Z)
- 11 – Sutra chanting class, 1 pm (Z), Book Club, 2 pm (Z)
- 12 – Dharma message (YT), DS Staff Meeting, 9 am (Z),
Qigong, 9am (Z), Dharma School/Family Service, 10am (Z), Jr.
YBA meeting, 11 am (Z), Taiko practice, TBA (parking lot)
- 15 – Taiko, 6:45 pm (parking lot); Buddhism 1-2-3, 7 pm (Z)
- 16 – Tai Chi, 10 am (Annex Hall)
- 18 – Sutra chanting class, 1 pm (Z)
- 19 – **O HIGAN**, 10 am (Z),
Taiko practice, TBA (parking lot)
Memorial Legacy Flag Signing, 11:30 am (parking lot)
- 22 – Taiko practice, 6:45 pm (parking lot)
Buddhism 1-2-3, 7 pm (Z)
- 23 – Tai Chi, 10 am (Annex Hall)
Activities meeting, 7 pm (Z)
- 25 – Sutra chanting class, 1 pm (Z)
- 26 – Dharma message (YT), Qigong, 9 am (Z), Dharma School/
Family service, 10 am (Z), Taiko practice, TBA (parking lot),
BWA English Tea (postponed to spring 2022)
- 29 – Taiko practice, 6:45 pm (parking lot)
Buddhism 1-2-3, 7 pm (Z)
- 30 – Tai Chi, 10 am (Annex Hall)

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 weekends and 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. Email the temple at fo@btsd.net or check the BTSD website <http://www.buddhisttemplesandiego.org> for updates.

ACTIVITIES

The Temple's fundraising partnership with Ichiban Hillcrest ended the last day of August. Thank you to those of you who continue to support the Temple and Temple partners.

The Furniture/Rummage sale held August 7 and 8 was another successful fundraiser. We kept Covid regulations in mind and had no issues with guest wearing masks while they shopped, most preferred to wear it regardless. In conjunction with the sale, there was an Electronics recycle drop off event, which went well. A non-profit veterans group brought the boxes on pallets, we loaded the boxes, and they in turn recycled or repurposed the donated equipment.

The Temple's first in-person religious service in over a year was the Hatsubon Service and Obon Odori held August 22. Our committee and Sensei worked very hard on making this not only a memorable event, but also a safe one for everyone and with our attendees' cooperation, our goal was accomplished. The Obon service (message from Rev. Kodo Umezu) and Odori was a quaint, meaningful and very enjoyable for all of our Sangha in attendance. At the end of the Obon we distributed the Obento for those to enjoy at home. Thank you to all who participated in Obon 2021!

The committee continues to work on the Temple's 95th Anniversary to be held October 10, 2021. With the Covid Delta Variant on the rise, we have decided to forgo the original plans to have a "regular" celebration as we've had in the past. In other words the in-person service and luncheon program will not take place. We are considering a Bento/Akahoshi Farewell Drive Thru event on the 10th. More details will be announced as plans are finalized for the drive thru. We have good ideas to make it a very nice event. The Bento order form is coming out and can be found on the Temple's web site, Temple office and be sent in the mail. The Bento is the same one we were going to enjoy at the in-person luncheon so get your order in now! Our main concern continues to be the health and welfare of everyone.

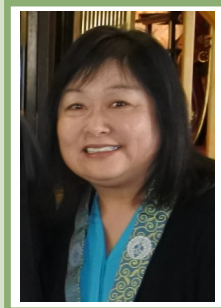
In Gassho, Glenn Torio and Ann Ong

The Dana Group will be running a donation drive in support of Minority Humanitarian Foundation, a non-profit that works to ensure asylum-seekers and refugees a successful transition into the U.S. During the month of September we will be gathering the following items: Diapers (all sizes), wipes, baby formula, men's underwear (new, all sizes), men's clothing (small), and coloring



books.

Please check the Dana Group article on our temple's website for more information.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By LuAnn Lee, Board President

We have been hearing about the increase in Covid-19 cases and that vaccinated people are experiencing breakthroughs. Although it is not common, it did happen to my husband Harold.

In early August, he woke up with a headache, stuffy and runny nose and then a cough that lasted about ten days. No fever or loss of taste/smell but he tested positive. Fortunately, those that he had been in contact with all tested negative and after the ten days, he tested negative 3 times.

Being in quarantine for almost two weeks, I missed helping out at the furniture/houseware sale.

Thank you to all that came to separate and price items, helped move and display merchandise, were cashiers and callers, those that provided dinner, lunch and snacks for the group and kudos to those that posted items on social media and donated towards a newspaper ad.

Special thanks to Nancy Martinez, Ken Muraoka, Glenn Torio and crew for picking up and unloading many pieces of furniture and housewares. Two years' worth of items for sale and we are happy to report, the event was a success.

On August 22nd, it was so nice to see so many familiar faces, or I should say eyes, at the Obon service and Odori. Even though it was outdoors, most had masks on and distance was observed.

We are so grateful to have guest speaker past Bishop Reverend Umezu and wife Janet who drove down to be with us in person. His messages are always on point and well received, joking that he would be friendly but from far away.

Thank you to Kenji Sensei for officiating the services and for his willingness to have an in person Temple Hatsubon/Obon and to all the Minister Assistant's for their participation. We give appreciation to Karen Akahoshi for hosting the Umezu's and for her guidance and support.

Our sincere sympathy goes to all the Hatsubon families. We hope the service was a way to honor your loved ones. To all that have lost family and friends, let's remember them always.

Appreciation to Ralph Honda for chairing the service and to the ushers that helped with flow of the guests in the Hondo. Thank you to Ann and Mike Ong, Glenn Torio, Michael Kinoshita, for their leadership and all the volunteers that worked so hard behind the scenes.

We may not be the largest temple or even the richest, but our Sangha is the best, so supportive, understanding and generous.

Looking forward to sharing the 95th Anniversary together but we have decided to change it to a drive through event. A letter will be mailed out next week with a few more details and a bento form will be in this edition of the newsletter.

In closing, please be safe and take care of 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 on August 12th

1. Condolences to the families of Gladys Imori (July 24) and Diane Tachiki Hutchison (July)
2. The August 22 Hatsubon, Obon and Bon Odori were discussed.
3. The cost of tree removal, tree trimming and other landscape work was approved.
4. The Board ratified the email vote to approve the purchase of a replacement for the main office computer. The computer files were successfully recovered.
5. The Board was updated on the planning for the upcoming flag-signing event and Ohigan service (Sept. 19) and the 95th Anniversary observance and Rev. Akahoshi's retirement celebration (October 10)

FURNITURE SALE

Well, we did it. After some difficult times the temple held a successful 2021 Rummage Sale.

With the help from generous donors and our hard working volunteers, the sale raised about \$4,500 toward meeting our operating expenses.

We truly appreciate everyone's efforts. Thank you to Aki, Amy O, Ann, Arturo, Bill, Breven, Carol, Debbie, Don, Efton, Erik, Floyd, Glenn N, Glenn T, Gregg, Harold, Isaac, Jamie, Janna, Joe, Joyce, Karen A, Karen O, Kaytee, Kenji Sensei, Ken, Kiku, Laura Ya, Laura Yo, Laurine, Linda, Lisa, LuAnn, Mark, Matteo, Michael K, Michael O., Mildred, Nancy, Norman, Ralph, Ron, Roy, Ruby D, Sharon, Shirley O, Shirley U, Suz, and Yasuko. (Apologies if I missed anyone).

A big thank you to Ken Muraoka for his time, for the use of his box truck and truck and trailer, and for coordinating many pick-ups. Jerome's couldn't compete with our furniture stock this year.

BWA NEWS

The next BWA Zoom meeting will be held on Sunday, September 5 at 10:30. We hope enough BWA members will be able to attend to reach a quorum of 15 members. A link to this meeting and the agenda will be emailed out about a week before. If you have any questions about logging onto this Zoom meeting, please contact me at inam4@yahoo.com or text/call me at 619-997-4613. Also, the next BWA Book Club meeting is scheduled on September 11, at 2 pm. There will be a discussion of two previous books, Where the Crawdads Sing by Delia Owens, and Southland by Nina Revoyr. For more information, please contact Sue Moribe, at Suzban-daid@yahoo.com or text/call her at (858) 699-8876.

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Our August virtual Book Club meeting featuring Richard Lederer and his book, The Gift of Age, was a wonderful success. About 20 members and friends participated to hear Richard speak about The Gift of Age, about being an author and about the history of the English language. It was an hour and a half of interesting facts, humorous anecdotes, and thoughtful discussions. Many asked questions or shared their favorite parts of the book during the discussion. It turned out to be a very enjoyable and memorable Book Club meeting. If you are interested in reading more of his books, a Book List is included in a blog about him and his visit on the Temple's website. It includes his telephone number and email address to order books which he will also inscribe and sign. If you do not have access to the internet or have difficulty logging onto our Temple's website, just call me at 619-997-4613 and I can send to you his Book List and contact information.

Thank you for your interest and responses to our lovely English Tea, which was scheduled for September 26, but unfortunately due to the current Covid 19 situation, we regret that the tea will be postponed. Please look forward to future announcements for this event and continue to stay safe.

In Gassho, Mani Ryan

SANGHA TEEN NEWS

Hello Dharma Friends,

We hope all is well with everyone. For the past couple of months, we have been meeting virtually on Zoom for our activities. During our gatherings, we check in on each other and play fun games, courtesy of our Treasurer, Paulina, and Ms. Avis.

We had a good virtual year. We made Spam Musubi and Chilaquiles and played games on Zoom. Thank you to Ms. Avis, Mrs. Lorena, and our parents for all your support!

Hopefully, one day soon, we can all laugh and have fun in person. Until then, Sangha Friends, let's all stay safe and healthy.

In Gassho, Cassidy Muraoka, President,



SCRIP

September has arrived and many students will be returning to school, so if you need supplies to furnish their dorms or clothing for a different climate, order gift cards that can be easily used in person or online.

We are still selling and ordering gift cards. If you need gift cards that we don't keep in stock you have to order them at least 2 weeks prior to when you need them as we don't order unless we need a number of gift cards to make the order profitable. The temple still has not re-opened so call ahead to pick up the cards you have ordered when they are available.

Thanks to my support team of Nancy, Linda, and Aki for keeping the sales in order and filled and to helping me make sure that I have enough money to fill my orders for Great Lakes Scrip Center.

DHARMA SCHOOL NEWS

On behalf of the Dharma School staff, we would like to extend a warm welcome to all returning and new Dharma School students and their families! At the end of August, we kicked off the year with a Dharma School camping event at the San Mateo Campground in San Onofre. Families who attended enjoyed the weekend filled with food, hands-on activities, and fun times at the beach.

Our theme for this year is "I² = Impermanence * Interdependence." For how uncertain the times are right now, we will continue with weekly services and classes via Zoom, starting on September 12. For more information and updates regarding class information, please keep an eye on your emails. In addition, the 2021-22 DS Slate will be announced in the October Bussei Script.

Dharma School is open to children ages 3 through 12th grade, and the registration form can be found on the BTSD website. The purpose of the BTSD Dharma School is to provide students with a Jodo Shinshu Buddhist foundation by teaching concepts such as Compassion, Gratitude, Interdependence, and Mindfulness to help guide them through their daily lives. For those who are new and have questions, or if you and your children would like to attend the first service, please feel free to contact me at lumekubo@gmail.com. We are looking forward to seeing everyone very soon!

In Gassho, Lisa Umekubo

Our lovely English Tea has been postponed.

Thank you so much for your interest and responses. Please watch for Future announcements.

Until then, please Stay Healthy and Safe.





SEPTEMBER SHOTSUKI LIST

The monthly Shotsuki Hoyo (memorial service) will be posted to the temple's YouTube channel on Sunday, September 5. **Rev. Dr. Kenji Akahoshi** will read the names and deliver the English Dharma message. **Yukari Williams** will provide a Japanese message. Families and friends of loved one who passed away in September are urged to watch the video, burn incense at your home O Butsudan and Gassho in gratitude. Please share the video with Sangha members who do not have internet access. If you find an error, wish to add a name to the list or have questions on accessing the YouTube video, please contact the temple at (619) 239-0896 or email info@btsd.net Thank you.

The Buddhist Temple of San Diego offers its sincerest condolences to the families of:

Gladys Imori — July 24, 2021

Diane Tachiki Hutchison— July 30, 2021

DECEASED

FAMILY MEMBER

Kisako Kishi (9-2-1939) Masao Kishi
 Haru Takashima (9-14-1943) Takashima Family
 Fumi Ishizuka (9-9-1951) Kimie Family
 Masao Nimura (9-8-1952) Saburo Nimura
 Rev. Tetsuro Kashima (9-19-1953) Kashima Family
 Kiyono Fujimoto (9-21-1954) Fujimoto Family
 Usaburo Tsuji (9-4-1957) Laura Tsuji
 Isa Kasubuchi (9-12-1968) Naoye Kasubuchi
 Seikichi Moriyama (9-15-1968) Moriyama Family
 Ikuji Oto (9-29-1971) Oto Family
 Uta Sugiyama (9-2-1979) Sugiyama Family
 Midori Nishiuye (9-4-1979) Nishiuye Family
 Yuji Funaki (9-6-1980) Funaki Family
 Ruth Honda (9-12-1980) Amy Honda
 Noboru Tomiyama (9-9-1982) Tomiyama Family
 Tamio Mayumi (9-27-1983) Mitsuko Kawamoto Family
 Michiko Obayashi (9-20-1988) Obayashi Family
 Ko Nakagawa (9-4-1992) Nakagawa Family
 Yasuyuki Sugiyama (9-22-1994) Yukiko Sugiyama
 Shin Araumi (9-14-1995) Shizuka Azuma
 Suzuko Davey (9-29-1996) John Davey
 George Kudo (9-8-1998) Will Kudo
 Kiichiro Osaki (9-26-1998) Tomiyama Family
 Takashi Hamabata (9-16-1999) Hamabata Family
 Takaye Furuya (9-30-2001) George Furuya, Jr.

DECEASED

FAMILY MEMBER

Fujiko Tsujimura (9-5-2002) Roy Tsujimura
 Vyvyanne Owashi (9-16-2002) Bruce Owashi
 Yoshie Yonekura (9-28-2002) Yonekura Family
 Tokihiro Yano (9-11-2003) Michael Yano
 Yaeko Hamabata (9-12-2003) Hamabata Family
 Takeno Hayashi (9-7-2005) George Hayashi
 Takeshi Mike Sonoda (9-22-2005) Takeshi Sonoda
 Katherine Taylor (9-24-2006) Martin Taylor
 Shunsuke Hanaoka (9-25-2006) Kaeko Hanaoka
 Mary Iguchi (9-18-2007) June Hosaka
 Irene Yamamoto (9-21-2008) Sachio Yamamoto
 Mitsuye Hanano (9-29-2009) Gerald Hanano
 Peter Rex Adkins (9-13-2010) Yoshiko Adkins
 So Yamada (9-17-2011) Yamada Family
 Masamitsu Mayekawa (9-7-2012) Ahren Mayekawa
 Yoshiko Ruthenburg (9-29-2012) Andrew Ruthenburg
 Leo Noriyoshi Hagio (9-23-2014) Hagio Family
 Margaret Ikeda (9- 2015) Paul Arakawa
 Shozo Yamashita Emiko Yamashita
 Cynthia Kashiwagi (9-2-17).Kuniyuki & Angeline Kashiwagi
 Tom Yanagihara Sr. (9-3-2017) Yanagihara Family
 Rev. Jim Yanagihara (9-19-2017) Yanagihara Family
 Sumiye Nakashima (9-11-2019) Mikiye Honda
 Sumi Otani Cheeks (9-23-2019) Ricky Cheeks

MEMORIAL SERVICES

Such remembrances 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 or email the temple.

2021 is the memorial year for those who passed away in:

1st Year Memorial	2020	13th Year Memorial	2009	27th Year Memorial	1995
3rd Year Memorial	2019	17th Year Memorial	2005	33rd Year Memorial	1989
7th Year Memorial	2015	25th Year Memorial	1997	50th Year Memorial	1972

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.

BUDDHIST TEMPLE

Schmidt Family—Krisi, Chris, Kendall & Cole
Okuhara, Roy & Karen
Tomiya, Alan
IMO Steven Tomiyama
Hidinger, Holly - Gratitude
Book materials
Yamamoto, June—Gratitude
Book materials
Ryan, Mani
Tanamachi, Jane
Dohner, Julie—Kenji Sensei's Seminar—thank you!
Nakagiri, Karen
July 31 Seminar
Voorhies, Ruth—2021 Special Services and Events
Sakagawa, Gary
Koga, Florence—July
Anonymous
Sasaki, Laverne & Helen—In gratitude for Rev Akahoshi's 7/31 lecture
Ichiban Hillcrest—June sales
Yanagihara, Sumiko—
General Fund
D'Orsi, Ruby
IMO Friends:
IMO Sayoko Tomiyama
IMO Steven Tomiyama
IMO Roy Yonekura
IMO George Yamamoto
Jane Yamamoto
IMO Jeanne Inouye
Morinaka, Ron—Morinaka Family
Kaneshiro, Gale
Fossett, Doug—Charity
Ochi-Fontanott, Janet
Okuhara, Roy & Karen
Wood, Carolyn
Kawasaki, Trace & Mildred—
Obon lantern for
Karen Kawasaki

**COVID-19 2021—
Sharing the Dharma**

Nakamura, Jake K. & Patty -
IMO Kenji & Fumi Shigetomi
IMO Minoru & Yoshiko
Nakamura
Kajita, Timothy & Junko
Morikawa, Kazuhiko
Sasaki, Brian & Lorin
Negoro, Keiko
Isakari, Henry & Marcia
Lee, Harold & LuAnn
Ong, Mike and Ann

DHARMA SCHOOL

Omori, Shirley
Voorhies, Ruth
Estes, Carol
Yanagihara, Sumiko

FLORAL OFFERING

Omori, Shirley
Voorhies, Ruth
Estes, Carol
Tsurudome, Mitsuo &
Tsuneko

GENERAL MAINTENANCE

Omori, Shirley
Negoro, Keiko
Voorhies, Ruth
Estes, Carol

GOLF

3 D's Travel, Inc

HATSUBON SERVICE

Martinez, Nancy & Daniel
IMO Jeanne Inouye
Oto, Amy & Roy—In honor
Of mother, Hatsumi Y. Oto
Liss, Kathryn Moriyama
IMO Chieko Lillian Moriyama
Yonekura, Gregg
Ishihara, Sally
IMO Mits Ishihara
Graeber, Kiku
IMO Yoshiko Wantanabe
Kuwada, Howard Kanji &
Kaneko
IMO Karen Kawasaki
Honda, Dorothy
IMO Yoshiko Honda
Imoto, Julie H
Ned Iguchi
Tomiya, Akie
Tada, Tamiko
Cheeks, Ricky
IMO Sumie Otani Cheeks
Mitchell, Traci N Amano
IMO Nobuko Amano
Yoshida, Laura
IMO Ruby Yoshida
Ogasawara, Michiko
Ohara, Ann
IMO Kisae Ohara
Yamamoto, Ann Miyuki
Schell Family
IMO Jeanne Inouye
Yagura, Ronald & Sheila
IMO Sas Yamamoto
Takeshita, Tim & Pat
Yonekura, Susan
Inouye, Craig & Family
Inouye, Derek T. & Lindsay
Squires, David and
Stacy Yamamoto

Clogston, Michael and
Madeline
IMO Chieko Moriyama
Tomiya, Alan & Aki
Honda, Ralph & Avis
IMO Sumiye Nakashima
Imori, Laverne—With
Gratitude—family of
Gladys Y. Imori

MAP

Omori, Shirley
Negoro, Keiko
Voorhies, Ruth
Estes, Carol

MEMBERSHIP PLEDGES

We thank you for renewals:

Negoro, Keiko
Okuma, Yoshie
Voorhies, Ruth
D'Orsi, Linda
Yamamoto, Sachio
Kiyono, Norman
Tokunaga, Ron T & Kris
Tsurudome, Mitsuo & Tsuneko

OBON

Tsuneoshi, Motoo & Angie
Tsuji, Masako
Honda, Ralph & Avis
Himaka, Norman & Kathy
Aoyama, K. Alice
Nogata, Yuriko & Sumihiro
Hashiguchi, John & Tsune
Nakamura, Jake K. & Patty
Jones, Mikako & Morton
Yamamoto, Jane
Masumoto, Chiyoko
Suyenaga, Irene
Himaka, Michio & Naomi
Otsuji, Dennis & Elaine
Omori, Shirley
Kuwada, Howard Kanji
& Janice
Ogasawara, Michiko
Ohara, Fumiko
Sugiyama, Yukiko
Shigehara, Wilbur & Janice
Yanagihara, Sumiko
D'Orsi, Ruby
Teague, Bill & Joyce
Tomiya, Akie
Tsukamoto, Wayne
Monji, Yoshiko
Negoro, Glenn
Akahoshi, Glenn & Karen
Memorial-Kirk Akahoshi
Tanaka, Kelvin & Lara
Yamada, Patrick
Hendrix, Hiroko
Gladsjo, Julie

Yonekura, Gregg
Morikawa, Kazuhiko
Kida, Katsumi
Graeber, Kiku
Oyama, Candice
Amano, Takeko
Ishizaki, Sheryl
Yamamoto, Koichi & Joyce
Kawamoto, Mitsuko
Kashima, Jeanie
Nakatani, Fred & Nancy
Yoshida, Laura—Sho Yoshida
Yagura, Ronald & Sheila
Yonekura, Susan
Ong, Mike & Ann

SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Omori, Shirley
Voorhies, Ruth
Estes, Carol
Yanagihara, Sumiko

SHOTSUKI HOYO

Terusaki, Steven
IMO William "Bill" Terusaki
(June)

Himaka, Michio & Naomi

IMO Chosuke Himaka
IMO Christine Shimizu
IMO Henry Shimada
IMO Paul Shimizu

Koga, Florence
IMO Toriyo Ishisaki (July)

Ohara, Fumiko
IMO Mitsu Ohara

Ochi-Fontanott, Janet
IMO Kiyoko Ochi—13th Year

Yanagihara, Sumiko
Yamada, Patrick & Diane
IMO Louise Watanabe
August 25, 2020

Yanagihara, Sumiko—August
Kida, Katsumi

IMO Masuyo Fujii
Ryan, Mani

IMO Kahn Nishinaga
IMO Masa Nishinaga
Ishino, Isabel—July
IMO Kosaburo Ishino
IMO Enko Nishiguchi

FOUND: Two sets of keys (one with a ring on it) at our furniture sale, and one artist palate earring was found at Bon Odori. Please call the temple at 619-239-0896

We would like to congratulate the ten scholars receiving Temple scholarships for the coming academic year!

The Temple Scholarship Committee awarded ten academic scholarships to Temple youths - the presentation of these scholarships is still pending, but highlights and photos from the presentation will be featured in the next kaiho.

Honda Memorial High School Graduate Scholarship - This scholarship, in memory of the late and beloved Temple leader Ben Honda, went to Evan Ong, Chad Sasaki, Jenna Sasaki, Zoe Yamamoto, and Emma Yanagihara. More information about these amazing high school grads are as follows:

Evan Ong is a graduate of Point Loma High School, who will be majoring in Mechanical Engineering at Mesa Community College this Fall. Evan's parents are Ann and Mike Ong.

Chad Sasaki, a graduate of Rancho Bernardo High School, will be majoring in Communications at Cal Poly San Luis Obispo. Chad is the son of Brian and Lorin Sasaki.

Jenna Sasaki is also a graduate from Rancho Bernardo High School. Her parents are Brian and Lorin Sasaki. Jenna will be pursuing a degree in Business at the University of California, Riverside in the fall.

Zoe Yamamoto, daughter of Sharon Sasaki and Robert Yamamoto, is a graduate of Westview High School. She will be majoring in Computer Science or Data Science, at the University of California, Irvine.

Emma Yanagihara graduated from Patrick Henry High School. She is the daughter of Tom (Jr.) and Colleen Yanagihara. Emma will be pursuing a degree in Child Development at Boise State University.

Kashima Memorial Continued Higher Education Scholarship - This scholarship, in memory of the late and beloved Temple leader Tetsuyo Kashima, was awarded to Kyle Baker, Sara Matsumoto, Trevor Muraoka, Davis Ong, and Mark Torio. More details on each scholar follows:

Kyle Baker is the son of Mike and Carol Baker, and is a Sophomore at San Diego State University.

Sara Matsumoto, daughter of Richard and Roselinda Matsumoto, will be going into her First Year as a Graduate Student at Northwestern University, majoring in Physical Therapy.

Trevor Muraoka, son of Ken Muraoka and Sharyn Kang, will be a Senior at the University of California, Berkeley, and continues to pursue a degree in Mechanical Engineering.

Davis Ong, son of Ann and Mike Ong, is a Senior at the University of Arizona, majoring in Sociology.

Mark Torio is the son of Glenn and Janet Torio, is a Senior at San Diego State University, and is continuing his path towards getting a degree in Electrical Engineering.

Essay Excerpts. Students applying for the Kashima scholarship wrote an essay using the following prompt: *"How has Buddhism affected the ways you have dealt with the challenges of the pandemic?"* See Excerpts below:

Kyle: COVID-19 has been terrifying at times. With such little information at the beginning, it was hard to know what to trust or what was real. It was scary to not know when you could go outside or see your family and friends. But the Dharma allowed me to be mindful. Being mindful allowed me to calm down and relax, not so much through meditation but more thinking while doing activities I liked. It gave me a greater sense of patience, more than I ever had before. I looked at life with less seriousness and tried to not be so hard on myself in certain situations. It has also changed the way I think about others and how I interact with others.

Sara: My relationship with Buddhism has evolved immensely throughout the last year and half. I know it will always be evolving as I move through each stage in my life, but the pandemic forced me to evaluate my day to day decisions that would change my perspective on the teachings. Where things changed like how I communicated with people or my day to day stress levels, there was one constant that did not change since before the pandemic -my pursuit to get into Physical Therapy school. This ultimate goal put me in challenging positions, but it also became an anchor of purpose that helped bring stability under the unprecedented circumstances.

Trevor: Personally I feel that in my case, while I am certainly not a fan of change, I understand that change is inevitable. You should enjoy the time with your family because once that's up you're not getting it back. Going back to the god realm for a second, you could look at videos and pictures but they won't be the same. I once heard the god realm talked about as being with your friends and having the perfect conversation, full of laughter and joy. Then a few months later trying desperately in vain to recreate that night. It's practically impossible to do so.

Davis: Buddhism was a constant that was not subject to cancelation or postponing. I was able to look at the lessons I learned going through all of the groups as I became older, and implemented them through my life whenever I could. Lessons about compassion, understanding, empathy, were always points that I remembered, subconsciously or otherwise, and would influence how I lived my life. This aspect remained the same.

Mark: During the COVID pandemic I found the Golden Chain to be helpful. Especially the passage, "I will think pure and beautiful thoughts, say pure and beautiful words, and do pure and beautiful deeds". As everyone was going through hard times and were stuck indoors, I found that it was even more important that I thought good thoughts and not let what was happening in the world get me down. I tried to make sure that even if I could not go outside, to relax and not let myself be stressed with bad thoughts. Even if others said and did things that I did not believe in I tried not to get mad and think good thoughts. I knew that letting others determine my thought[s] and well-being would only hurt myself.

We wish you all the best of luck for the coming school year.

SHARING BON ODORI AT BTSD IN THE TIME OF COVID

Photos by Efton Woodford



Japanese WWII Incarceration Memorial Legacy Project Flag Signing



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.

BUDDHIST EDUCATION

Bill Teague, BEC Chair

At the beginning of September, we can look back and forward with equal gratitude.

Looking Back

A Different Obon Observance. In the face of a worsening picture with Covid-19, we were still able to conduct our first live services under careful and restrained protocols. These were the first services in over 17 months. Upwards of 90 Hatsubon family members attended a Hatsubon service that included a record 35 honorees, Temple members and Dharma Friends who had passed away since August 2019. And several hundred attended our Obon Service in the parking lot and stayed for a limited Bon Odori. Special thanks to former Bishop, **Rev. Kodo Umezu, Retired Emeritus** for his Dharma messages at both events, and to key organizers, our own **Rev. Kenji Akahoshi** and operations manager, **Ralph Honda**. While the future of live services remains a question for the immediate future, it was wonderful to see each other again in person.

Looking Ahead

Another Chance to Hear A Favorite Speaker. We can also be grateful that our guest Speaker for this month's Fall Ohigan (Sunday, Sept. 19) will be Kenji Sensei! This means we will not miss an opportunity to hear him share the Dharma as we get closer to his retirement, coming all too soon, in October.

BEC programs like Buddhism 1-2-3 and Buddhism Zero

2021 Temple T- Shirts

Starting at \$20

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The design will be printed on a black soft style T-shirt. The back image will be a color print and the front pocket print will be in red.

Order are due on Sept 19, 2021 at Higan Service and will be available at the 95th Anniversary October 10, 2021

Make checks payable to Buddhist Temple of San Diego.

Buddhist Temple of San Diego
 c/o Ken Muraoka
 2929 Market Street
 San Diego, CA 92102.

The women's cut t-shirt are soft V neck:
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