

# BUSSEI SCRIPT

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## Becoming Everyone The Truth about the World

Rev. Jundo Gregory Gibbs

Last month I spoke with you about trusting in the Buddha's promise to make us fellow Buddhas. The month before I spoke about becoming our foolish selves, and the humility that this involves. Writing for the August edition of the Bussei Script I want to speak with you about becoming, ... everyone.

To see yourself in others, is, to an extent, to become them. Who else should I become besides the guy from Fresno I remember myself as being; some guy from Fresno? Well, everybody else or nobody else. .... Not some finite number of lives qualitatively similar to mine.

I believe that the Buddha and his most adept students saw everyone they met as their other selves. I never liked the modern Buddhist diminutives "Dharma Brother" and "Dharma Sister". We are closer to others than picturing them as siblings actually honors. For a Buddhist each person we meet is our other self. We are each subjectivities whereby the universe knows itself. Processes through which life sees itself. You are the homeless man vomiting on the street. You are the squirrels playing their mating

games in the trees. You are the brown bear lumbering down the path. However, give the brown bear space, as he may not see it that way yet.

A Buddha sees you as his/her/their other self. This seeing-as-oneself is what I am, here, calling - becoming the other person. With thorough Awakening we will, indeed, see everyone as our other-self, as intimately part of our own life.

The old Carl Sagan version of the universe is close to the multidimensional universe Buddhists have usually imagined. Either we are awakening subjectivities of this universe, as Carl saw it, or not. If we are, then we are everyone. Including people with different political and social commitments. Including people who have a different aesthetic sense. But this is the only multiverse, or multidimensionality of our world that a Buddhist could accept. A complex, multi-dimensioned world where, as John Lennon put it, "you are he, as I am he, as you are me, as we are altogether." The truth, as we come to see it is that as we grow in wisdom and compassion, - We become everyone.



## RUMMAGE SALE

Our hard working volunteers and generous donors have made our Rummage Sales successful fundraisers throughout the years. Due to a number of reasons, this year's sale is planned to be our last.

If you can volunteer to help, please see the sign up sheet linked to the temple website or sign up in the office.

You can read a little of the Rummage Sale history on the website and see a flashback photo posted on the temple hallway bulletin board.

Thank you and please continue to support the Obon Again Shop (Scholarship), Silent Auction (Improvements), White Elephant shop (General Fund) and the Dana Groups outreach efforts to a number of community organizations.

Rev. Mukojima's Japanese article  
will return in September.



**This year  
the BCA  
Virtual Obon Dance**  
will be broadcast on the  
CBE YouTube Channel on  
**August  
14th @ 2pm (PT):**

[https://www.youtube.com/c/  
BCACenterforBuddhistEducation/videos](https://www.youtube.com/c/BCACenterforBuddhistEducation/videos)

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## AUGUST CALENDAR OF EVENTS

In-person activities will include the Ladies' English Tea on Sunday, August 7 and Parking Lot Rummage Sale on August 20 and 21. Sunday services will not be held this month and will resume in September.

All other activities will continue to be offered in-person and virtually on the temple's Zoom (Z) and YouTube (YT) channel platforms. Here is the August calendar (activities and times subject to change):

- 3 – Taiko practice, 6:45 pm, Annex Hall
- 4 – Tai Chi, 10 am, AH
- 6 – Sutra Chanting, 1 pm, Z
- 7 – Dharma Message, YouTube  
Ladies' English Tea, POSTPONED
- 9 – Ways & Means, 7 pm, Z
- 10 – Taiko practice, 6:45 pm, AH
- 11 – Tai Chi, 10 am, AH  
Board of Directors Meeting, 7 pm, Z
- 13 – Sutra Chanting, 1 pm, Z  
Book Club at (Lindbergh Park)
- 14 – Dharma Message, YouTube
- 17 – Taiko practice, 6:45 pm, AH
- 18 – Tai Chi, 10 am, AH
- 20 – PARKING LOT RUMMAGE SALE, 8 am to 12 noon
- 21 – Dharma Message, YouTube  
PARKING LOT RUMMAGE SALE, 8 am to 12 noon  
(last chance)
- 24 – Taiko practice, 6:45 pm, AH
- 25 – Tai Chi, 10 am, AH
- 27 – Sutra Chanting, 1 pm, Z
- 28 – Dharma Message, YouTube
- 31 – Taiko practice, 6:45 pm, AH

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

Office hours: 9 am to 4 pm 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. Email the temple at [info@btsd.net](mailto:info@btsd.net) or check the BTSD website <http://www.buddhisttemplesandiego.org> for updates.

## ACTIVITIES

The Bingo committee continues to work details to reinstate the Temple Bingo nights. More information will be announced when the date is finalized.

Thank you to the golfers out there who participated in the Temple Golf Tournament, once again a tremendous success!

The Temple Obon is scheduled for Sunday, July 31<sup>st</sup>. The day will be much like last year with the Obon and Hatsuobon service held together beginning at 2:00pm. The Obon Odori will begin at 5:00pm with a brief message and presentation to start off the celebration. This year we will have outside food vendors on site supplying food for us to purchase, they will be open for sales at 3:30pm. We will also have a Temple/BWA "snack bar" selling hot dogs and drinking water. There will be more dancing into the evening as well. As a reminder, there will not be a Balboa Park Obon this year.

August 20-21<sup>st</sup> will bring the Rummage Sale back one last time, yes, this will be final Temple Rummage Sale. All items will set out for sale to include, clothing, housewares, electronics, miscellaneous items and stored furniture from past sales. The committee is looking for volunteers to help sort, price and work the two day event. In Gassho, Activities Committee

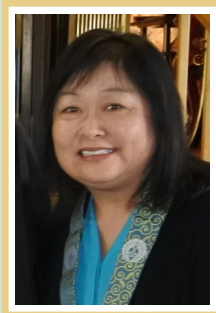
### BTSD Taiko Workshops

Are you curious about what it feels like to hit the big taiko drum? Are you in need of a good workout for your body and mind? Are you ready to form wonderful friendships and have fun? Great! Then these taiko workshops are for you!

Buddhist Temple of San Diego Taiko is planning a series of six Beginning Taiko Workshops. The workshops are free to temple members and \$10 per session for non-members. We are proposing separate workshops for 4-8 year olds, 9-13 year olds, and 14 years+ and adults. The tentative dates are: Aug. 28: 10:00 - 10:30 (4-8 year-olds), 10:45 - 11:15 (9-13-year-olds), 11:30 - 12:30 (14 years+ and adults)  
Sept. 11, 25 9:15 - 9:45 (4-8 year-olds), 11:45 - 12:15 (9-13 year-olds), 12:30 - 1:30 (14 years+ and adults)  
Oct. 2, 9, 16 Same times as in Sept.

If you would like to register for these workshops or have any questions, then please contact Junko at [kajita@yahoo.com](mailto:kajita@yahoo.com) or 858-722-9655





## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By LuAnn Lee, Board President

At the end of June, Reverend Gibbs, Reverend Smitty, Mani Ryan and I attended the Southern District Buddhist Conference at OCBC. It was a 4 hour in person event and a few of our members attended virtually by zoom. It was nice to see the representatives from other Temples and catching up on the past couple of years. We enjoyed listening to Keynote Speaker Bishop Umezu. He revisited his Dharma talk "Peace, Harmony, Co-Existence" that he gave to the United Nations in 2011. We also attended a workshop that had a panel/audience discussion on the spirit of diversity in American Jodo Shinshu. Thank you to Orange County Sangha for hosting and planning a safe, informative gathering and presenting a theme that is still relevant in 2022.

Due to a work summer picnic, I missed greeting the participants of the Temple's Golf Tournament. I heard there were golfers from Orange County, Oxnard, Vista and other areas as well.

Thank you to Rich Kaneko, Ronnie Yagura and Ralph Honda for leading the way to another successful event enjoyed by all. Appreciation to all the volunteers that helped on the day of the tournament, donors of gift cards, monetary gifts, sponsors and to the many golfers for taking time out of their busy lives to support BTSD.

The Temple Affairs Committee which consists of all past President's and the Executive Board met last month on a Saturday morning to assess the upgrades needed at our Minister's Residence in Chula Vista. The committee found many items that need to be repaired and we feel it is the best time to have the work done while we are between Ministers. With these repairs that include replacing the entire patio covering, fencing on both sides of the home, flooring replacement and painting to name a few, we felt that we need to ask for monetary help from the Sangha. An appeal letter will be going out this week so if you are able to donate any amount, we would deeply appreciate it. A very special thank you to Kenji Sensei and Karen Akahoshi for maintaining the home as their own, installing air conditioning and even donating the new modern furniture they purchased so it is ready to go for us to have Reverend Gibbs stay when he is in town.

Since the beginning of Covid-19 in 2020, we have lost many Temple members and friends. In person funerals, memorial services and regular services came to a screeching halt and have resumed slowly but in the last

few months, requests have increased exponentially. We thank the many families that waited patiently to have a service for their loved one.

Appreciation to Reverend Gibbs and all our Minister Assistants for filling in while we await a Resident Minister. Special thanks to Sensei Laverne Imori for performing many of the recent funeral/memorial services and organizing the upcoming Obon service program. Also, thank you to Ralph Honda and the funeral committee for working with the families as they plan their services. We want to acknowledge and thank Bill Teague for being the person to connect information to the Board of Director's and the Ministerial team. He also works on the website, virtual video edits along with many other tasks, too many to list.

There are so many more people to thank and want you to know that whatever time you give or monies you donate, it is appreciated as this is what the Temple needs to thrive.

As of now, we are moving forward with plans to have a Temple Hatsuobon and Obon service and Odori to follow. Please know we understand if you are not comfortable with being around larger crowds. As always, our ultimate concern is to keep our Sangha safe while keeping the option to meet in person at the Temple for those that chose to. Continue to respect others that may feel more comfortable wearing a mask at all times.

In Gassho,  
LuAnn Lee

## BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

The Board of Directors met on July 14th

1. A donation was approved to the Idaho-Oregon Buddhist Temple to help with their recovery from a fire on July 8th.
2. Condolences to the families of Joanna Rogers and Toshiko Ogata.
3. The Board approved a Youth Protection Policy as the temple works toward compliance with AB 506.
4. The Temple Affairs (Committee of past Board Presidents) and the Executive Board met at the Bay Leaf property to assess its condition and needed repairs to ready the residence for a resident minister (once assigned by the BCA). The Board approved revisions to the donation appeal letter, that will be sent to Sangha members and friends, toward covering expenses of required maintenance and upgrades.
5. All affiliated organizations and standing committees provided updates on their activities.

## DHARMA SCHOOL NEWS

We hope everyone is enjoying summer while continuing to stay safe.

Congratulations to this year's college graduates:

Davis Ong graduated from the University of Arizona with a BA in Sociology and a minor in Music

Trevor Muraoka graduated from UC Berkeley with a BS in Mechanical Engineering

Tyler Masuda graduated from the University of Oregon with a BA in Advertising and a double minor in Business Administration and sports business.

August is one month away from the 2022-23 Dharma School year. We are planning to conduct Dharma School in person, starting on September 11. More information is forthcoming.

If you have any questions or if you are interested in enrolling your children in Dharma School, please contact us at [btsd.dharmaschool@gmail.com](mailto:btsd.dharmaschool@gmail.com). Enjoy the rest of your summer break!

In gassho, Lisa Umekubo

### Scholarship Committee

#### TEMPLE SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED AT BON ODORI ON JULY 31st

The Temple Scholarships are named to honor two important temple leaders through the 1990s, Ben Honda and Tets Kashima. These two scholarships are paid for through the generous donations of temple members each year, and by the support of temple members and friends at the O Bon Again resale shop.

This year's awardees included undergraduate and graduate students continuing their studies.

Last month, the Temple's Scholarship Committee met to review the scholarship applications that were submitted by eight wonderful applicants. The scholarship awards were presented prior to the Temple's Bon Odori on Sunday, July 31st. It was a great way to start the Temple's "Gathering of Joy" – awardees in attendance were presented with their scholarship award, a certificate, and a small gift to congratulate their hard work and continued studies.

Full names and details of the scholars receiving the awards will be published in the September Bussei Script.

## Our Wonderful Members New and Old

Bill Teague, Membership Chair

During August, as we take a summer break of sorts for Temple services, it's a great time to celebrate the strength of our Temple members. And this includes not only our existing members but **more new members joining us every month.**

Just over halfway through 2022, I'd like to list *all the new members* to join us so far this year:

**Erin Hamada & Matt Bigelow, Karen Copeland, Megan Dixon & Phillip Kao, Hanae Hara, Jeffrey Malmgren, Kat Moriyama-Liss, Garrick Oyama, Bob & Yoko Shultz, and Erika Williams.** Also, I apologize that because a computer crash, **Hanae Hara** – who applied for 2021 – had to wait until 2022 to be included. This was our error, not hers. Welcome all.

**Good News:** Despite the pandemic, as we go into August we have over a 70% renewal, and we are catching up fast.

### Why Membership Matters

**Your Temple Is Worth Supporting.** In these unsettling times, the Buddha's teachings are more important than ever, and our Temple continues to provide many opportunities to benefit from the Dharma and Jodo Shinshu rituals.

**Membership Dues Provide Stability.** While donations vary from year to year, often driven by the vagaries of life events or random timing, member dues allow the Temple to plan for the future.

**The BCA Is Worth Supporting.** Your membership is not just in the San Diego Temple but also our national organization, the Buddhist Churches of America. The BCA is uniquely positioned and qualified to further and grow the Buddhadharma for our American future. Your dues also help provide support and structure to the more than 60 national temples, and smaller sanghas with the potential to become full temples. Nationally we are meeting the future with the guidance of the dynamic Bishop, **Rev. Marvin Harada**, and San Diego's own **Terri Omori** as BCA President.

**Your Membership Now Helps Us Build for Our Next 100 Years.** Our 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary is only a few years away, in 2026, and Temple leaders are focused on how we can build for the next 100 years. Joining now allows you to have a more active role in imagining that future and making it a reality.

**Membership Discounts and Accommodations.** Members receive discounts on Temple services (such as funerals and memorial services) and rental of Temple facilities; free, special Members-only events; and accommodation of your spiritual and religious needs.

**It Feels Good.** It feels good for those of us who are members to know we are keeping our Temple strong at the core.

# 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](mailto:info@btsd.net).

## BUDDHIST TEMPLE

Okuhara, Roy & Karen  
Yonekura, Susan - 49 Day  
Serv. IMO Asako Morinaka  
Honda, Ralph & Avis  
Gladsjo, Julie  
Hamada, Gary  
Sasaki, Brian & Lorin  
D'Orsi, Ruby - June & July  
Mori, Darryl  
IMO Motoo Tsuneyoshi  
Bull, Gregory - In Gratitude  
Dr. Tanaka's Seminar  
Ryan, Mani  
Smith, Maribeth "Smitty"  
Because I'm not eating  
Panda Express tonight  
Teague, Bill - In Gratitude to  
Jr. YBA's Bazaar contribution  
Anthony-Tabar, Noreen  
Morinaka, Ron  
Estes, Carol  
Masumoto, Chiyoko  
IMO Motoo Tsuneyoshi  
Koga, Florence  
Omori, Shirley  
Sasaki, Sharon & Robert  
Yamamoto - most needed  
Yamamoto, Ann Miyuki -  
49 Day Service  
Yamada, Patrick & Diane - 3  
Yr. Serv. Yoshiko Watanabe  
Program Print  
Burial Donation  
Annex Use Donation  
Yoshiko Watanabe Service  
Yanagihara, Sumiko  
IMO Katsu Tanizaki  
IMO Kengo Ochi  
Tsuneyoshi Family - Use of  
Annex Honorarium  
Ohara, Fumiko  
IMO Motoo Tsuneyoshi  
IMO Yoshiko Watanabe  
Mitchell, Jonathan  
Inouye, Craig  
IMO Louise Watanabe

## BAZAAR

Nakamura, Wendy  
Kawasaki, Mildred  
Kawasaki, Mildred

## BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS

Kaneshiro, Gale

## COVID - 19

Sasaki, Brian & Lorin

## DHARMA SCHOOL

Ota, Laurine & Kenneth

Tsuji, Masako  
Bigelow, Erin Hamada &  
Matthew

## FLORAL OFFERING

Ota, Laurine & Kenneth  
Tsuji, Masako

## GENERAL MAINTENIENCE

Ota, Laurine & Kenneth  
Tsuji, Masako  
Anonymous

## GOLF

Takashima, Goodwin  
Kaneko, Richard - supplies  
Yamamoto, Ann Miyuki  
Yamamoto, Jane  
Kawasaki, Mildred  
Yanagihara, Tom Masaru  
Muraoka Enterprises  
Ojiri, Doug  
Honda, Ralph & Avis

## GOTANYE

Tomiyama, Aki  
Graeber, Kiku

## HATSUBON SERVICE

Family of Mary Amemiya

## MAP

Tokunaga, Ron T.  
Ota, Laurine & Kenneth  
Tsuji, Masako

## MEMBERSHIP PLEDGES

*We thank you for renewals:*  
Ota, Laurine & Kenneth  
Tsuji, Masako  
Bigelow, Erin Hamada &  
Mathew

## NIRVANA DAY

Graeber, Kiku

## OBON

Ryan, Mani  
Yamaguchi, Laura  
Anonymous  
Jones, Mikako  
Masumoto, Chiyoko  
Nogata, Yuriko & Sumihiro  
Suyenaga, Irene  
Otsuji, Dennis & Elaine  
Kuwada, Howard Kanji &  
Kaneko  
Shigehara, Wilbur & Janice  
Aoyama, K. Alice  
Honda, Mikiye  
Morikawa, Kazuhiko  
Honda, Ralph & Avis

Hashiguchi, John & Tsune  
Yanagihara, Sumiko  
Gladsjo, Julie  
Yamamoto, Jane  
Tanaka, Kelvin & Lara  
Moncrief, Mayko  
Omori, Shirley &  
Efton Woodford  
Yamamoto, Koichi & Joyce  
Martinez, Nancy  
Ohara, Fumiko  
Yamamoto, June  
Kuwada, Howard Kanji &  
Kaneko  
Yamada, Patrick & Diane  
Okuhara, Roy & Karen  
Amano, Takeko  
Tsukamoto, Wayne  
Spears, Margo  
Kawasaki, Kiyoshi & Itsuko  
Tomiyama, Aki  
Yamanishi, Alan

## OHIGAN

Graeber, Kiku

## SCHOLARSHIP

Ota, Laurine & Kenneth  
Tsuji, Masako

## SHOTSUKI HOYO

Honda, Mikiye - June  
Rubio Family - July  
IHO Jonathan Herrera  
IHO Margarita Rodriguez  
Takashima, Wilbur  
IMO Mitsuo Taniguchi  
Teague, Bill - June  
IMO Richard Teague  
Suyenaga, Irene  
Koga, Florence  
IMO Ronnie Ishisaki  
Kawasaki, Kiyoshi & Aileen -  
July

Honda, Mikiye  
IMO Ben Honda  
IMO Hachiro &  
Fumino Honda  
IMO Shigeo &  
Momoyo Amano  
IMO Osamu Amano  
IMO Sumiye Nakashima  
Hashiguchi, John & Tsune  
IMO Fuji  
Ohara, Fumiko  
Ryan, Mani  
IMO Masa Nishinaga  
IMO Kahn Nishinaga  
Lee, Luann & Harold  
IMO Christine Shimizu  
Shimizu, Donald & Debbie  
IMO Christine Shimizu  
Yamamoto, June  
IMO Steven Yamamoto  
Kuwada, Howard Kanji &  
Kaneko  
IMO Kohichi Kuwada  
Kawasaki, Mildred  
IMO Sanroku Kawasaki  
IMO Toshitaro Yamashita  
IMO Florence Yamashita  
Himaka, Michio & Naomi  
IMO Chosuke Himaka  
IMO Christine Shimizu  
IMO Saul Shimizu  
IMO Henry Shimada  
Teague, Joyce & Bill  
IMO Genshichi Nabeta  
Torio, Betty  
IMO Christine Shimizu  
Yonekura, Susan  
IMO Wasa Osaki



## SCRIP NEWS

We have many kinds of scrip on hand, if you're looking for a gift that's just the right size and color. Give us a call or stop by the office when you're at the temple to see if we have what you need. With advance notice, we can order what you need if it isn't in stock.

## FOOD DRIVE FOR INTERFAITH COMMUNITY

The temple will be participating in an effort of the Interfaith community on August 20th, Saturday.

Food will be collected to benefit the San Diego Food Bank, <https://www.sandiego.foodbank.org>

The collection date is the same day as the first day of our two-day Rummage Sale so besides browsing the rummage sale for special treasures, you can drop off canned goods or boxed foods for the Food Drive.

If you are not able to stop by on the 20th, you can drop off your donations during the week during normal business hours or bring them on our scheduled Rummage Sale sorting days.

### San Diego Food Bank List:

#### MOST NEEDED FOOD DRIVE ITEMS

- Canned Meats (Tuna, Chicken, Ham)
- Dry or Canned Beans
- Cereal and Oatmeal
- Rice
- Peanut Butter
- Canned Soup
- Canned Fruit
- Canned Vegetables
- Powdered Milk
- Pasta
- Infant Formula
- No Glass Jars, Please
- Think about what you would like to eat

#### HEALTHY ALTERNATIVE FOOD DRIVE ITEMS

- Tuna in water
- Black, Pinto, Kidney, Low Sodium
- Low Sugar, Whole Grain or Bran
- Brown, Wild Rice
- Almonds, Unsalted, Flax seeds
- No Sugar Added
- Low Sodium, Low Fat
- Packed in water or own juice
- Low Sodium or No Salt Added
- Low or Non-Fat Whole Grain

**Parking Lot**

**RUMMAGE**

**SALE**

**SATURDAY, Aug. 20 & SUNDAY Aug. 21,  
8am - 12 noon**

**Plants & Housewares,  
Clothing, Books,  
Tapes, DVD's,  
Luggage, Shoes,  
Sporting Goods, etc.  
And ELECTRONIC  
RECYCLING DRIVE UP**

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2929 Market Street  
San Diego, CA 92102

**TEMPLE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**  
For Information call  
619-239-0896



## FORE! GOLF TOURNAMENT PROVES TO BE ANOTHER SUCCESS; THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Picturesque San Diego weather welcomed 58 golfers for a day of handshakes, hugs and friendly competition at the temple's 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Tournament. The event was held on June 26 at Riverwalk Golf Club in Mission Valley.

The committee wishes to extend a heartfelt thank you to the golfers from San Diego County and from Arizona, the Bay Area, Las Vegas, and the Los Angeles, Orange County and Oxnard regions for their participation.

In addition, a tremendous thank you to the many generous sponsors and donors for their support. Everyone's participation was truly appreciated.

Here are the results from the day's event:

**Top team winners (scramble format)** - First place: Gio Donofrio, Chad Yagura, Ryan Yamamoto, Kevin Yoneda; Second place: Mark Horvath, Gary Inouye, Jim Inouye, Ricky Schlesinger; Third place: Roy Asaki, Yoshi Migita, Eric Morisako, George Ozaki, Garrick Tomiyama; Low gross: Ryan Calafata, TJ Menvielle, Derek Yagura, Bret Yamamoto.

**Individual contest winners** - Men's Long Drive (75-and-younger): Giovanni Donofrio; Men's Long Drive (76-and-older): Roy Asaki (92 years young!); Women's Long Drive: Jeanine Chan; Closest to Pin: Warren Yoshida, Eric Morisako, Derek Yagura

**Raffle Opportunity Drawing** - Through the generosity of many donors the tournament was able to hand out 37 wonderful prizes. The top three Opportunity Drawing winners included: First prize (Sycuan golf for two and a one-night hotel stay): Raul Cordero; Second prize (Enagic Golf Club golf package for two players: Dianne Doi; Third prize (HALLS Family Wine Gift Basket package): Norman Kiyono

### Thank You Generous Donors

The committee wishes to thank all of the sponsors and donors for their wonderful support. The tournament continues to benefit from the generous contributions from each donor. Here is a list of this year's donors:

**Hole-in-one sponsor:** Hiji Family (Kenji and Akiko Hiji);

**Birdie Sponsor:** Muraoka Enterprises (Roy, Tad and Ken Muraoka);

**Beverage Cart Sponsors:** Setsuo and Jan Iwashita, Dennis and Elaine Otsuji, Steve Sato;

**Closest to pin Sponsor:** Sumi Yanagihara;

**Long Drive Sponsors:** Miki Honda, Ralph and Avis Honda, Richard and Ruth Kaneko, Roy Okuhara and Karen Tom;

**Hole Sponsors:** 3D's Travel (Doug Ojiri), California Bank & Trust, MKA Inc (Michael Kinoshita), 1Roof International (Goody Takashima), John and Tsune Hashiguchi, Ron and Holly Hidinger, Howard and Kaneko Kuwada, Susan Yonekura, Trace and Mildred Kawasaki, Jane Yamamoto, Terada Family (in memory of Rev. Koju and Yukiye Terada), Ron and Sheila Yagura, Ed Hill, Alan and Akiko Tomiyama, Ann Yamamoto, Tom Yanagihara, Special (IMO Sangha members);

**Gallery Sponsors:** Chiyoko Masumoto, Ralph, Avis and Breven Honda, Rev. Maribeth Smith, Harold and LuAnn Lee, Ron and Sheila Yagura, Richard and Ruth Kaneko, Fusako Yokotobi;

**Golf and Hotel Sponsors:** Riverwalk Golf Club, Sycuan Resort and Casino, Enagic Golf Club at Eastlake, Harrah's Resort Southern California; **Restaurant Sponsors:** Ichiban Restaurant Hillcrest, Hanaoka Restaurant; **Corporate Sponsors:** San Diego State University, HALLS Family Wine Gift Basket (Erin Hamada), BellyUp, New Vintage Arts.

**Thank You Volunteers** - Many thanks to Nancy Nakatani and Beverly Yamamoto for checking in golfers, Wayne Yamamoto for selling the tournament extras package, Gregg Yonekura for handling the raffle tickets/drawing and Avis Honda for filling up the golfers on coffee and donuts.

**Next year's Tournament Date Set** – Circle Sunday, June 25, 2023, on your calendar for the 27<sup>th</sup> Annual BTSD Tournament at Riverwalk. We look forward to your participation.

In Gassho, Ralph Honda, Rich Kaneko and Ron Yagura  
2022 Tournament Co-chairs

## BWA

BWA Kaiho Newsletter August, 2022 The Hatsubon and Obon services were very well attended, and we thank all of you for supporting and participating in this important Buddhist Temple event. This year's Hatsubon (first Obon memorial) remembered four of our BWA members who had passed away since last summer. They were Miyo Hill, Tomiyo Ota, Mary Amemiya and Asako Morinaka. Their lives and dedicated support for our Temple and the BWA will forever be appreciated and cherished. Namu Amida Butsu

Because of the current rise in the Covid 19 infection rate due to the BA.5 variant, the Ladies English Tea committee has decided to cancel the August 7 tea and to reschedule it sometime in the Spring of 2023. We have contacted those who had confirmed their attendance to notify them of this change. We look forward to having this special event take place at a time that is safer for our Temple membership and friends.

Laurine Ota, who is the BWA/Temple Well Care Chairperson, continues to be busy helping those who are alone, isolated or in need of attention. She thanks her assistant, Angi Basham, for sending out get well cards and to those who have donated items for her Well Care Baskets that she has presented to those in need of care. Thank you, Laurine, for all you do to support our membership.

Lastly, our BWA book club is held the 2nd Saturday of each month. In July, they had a discussion of the Jane Austen book, Persuasion. A Netflix adaptation of Persuasion is out and will be followed and discussed by the book club. To Kill a Mockingbird by Harper Lee will be the August selection for the book club. The August meeting will be held outdoor at Lindbergh Park in Claremont. If you are interested in this activity, please contact Sue Moribe: [suzbandaid@yahoo.com](mailto:suzbandaid@yahoo.com). In gassho, Mani Ryan

## LATE-BREAKING DETAILS FOR JULY 31 O BON ACTIVITIES

Rev. Gregory Gibbs, BTSD's supervising minister and resident minister of the Pasadena Buddhist Temple, and Rev. Maribeth Smith, invite the Sangha and friends to participate in the Hatsubon/O Bon service and Bon Odori. Festivities will take place this coming Sunday, July 31, on the temple grounds.

Here is a schedule of the day's activities.

- 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. – Parking lot setup of poles, lanterns, yagura (stage), canopies, tables and chairs. Many volunteers are asked to come out and lend a helping hand.
- 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. - Hatsubon families are invited to make lanterns in memory of loved ones who passed away since O Bon 2021. Lantern-making will take place in the dining room. A light lunch will be served to the families.
- 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. – Rev. Gibbs will officiate and Rev. Maribeth Smith will co-officiate the O Bon/Hatsubon service. The hondo will be limited to 100 attendees. Hatsubon families will be given first opportunity to attend in-person, followed by the Sangha. Make your reservation on the temple's website or call the office. Mask wearing is required and there will be no incense burning. A livestream video of the service will be offered.
- 3:30 p.m. – Food sales will begin in the parking lot. Local vendors selling their delectable delights include Sushi On A Roll, Onigiri House and Yatai. BWA will sell scrumptious hot dogs and the temple will offer taiyaki and bottled water. O Bon Again Shop will be open for business in Sangha Hall. Sales support the temple's scholarship fund.
- 5:00 p.m. - Rev. Gibbs will open the Bon Odori activities in the parking lot with a brief explanation of the tradition, followed by Nembutsu Gassho.
- 5:15 p.m. – Recognition of 2022 college graduates and announcement of continuing education scholarship recipients.
- 5:30 p.m. – Processional to odori circle led by Rev. Gibbs, followed by Hatsubon families and display of the Hatsubon lanterns, and dancers.
- 6:15 p.m. – Intermission and performance by BTSD Taiko
- 6:30 p.m. - Odori resumes
- 7:15 p.m. - End of 2022 BTSD Bon Odori. Cleanup of grounds.

Parking will be available along Market, 29<sup>th</sup> and Dodson streets and Island Avenue. The following businesses on Market Street will allow parking: Carpet Cushion Company, Ballpark Collision, Lutz Tires, United Fasteners and American Backflow.

## Buddhist Education in August

Informal outreach to potential new members continues by way of informal Zoom sessions even while **Buddhism 1-2-3** and **Intro to Buddhism** break until September.

**Buddhism Zero on Demand.** Buddhism Zero is our informal Zoom session for your questions, or questions from people interested in getting deeper into Buddhism, with several members of the Buddhist Education Committee including one or more Minister's Assistants.

**Did you Know?** In addition to two scheduled sessions in August (Sunday Aug. 14 at 6 pm and Saturday Aug. 27 at 10 am), you can reach out to the Temple to schedule a session that works around your schedule. Contact the Temple for more information.

### Our Robust Video Program

**Looking for more Dharma opportunities in August?** Our website's Video link provides access to some 150 videos on a wide variety of Dharma topics and from our entire

ministerial staff. This includes Supervising Minister **Rev. Gregory Gibbs**, retired Resident Minister **Rev. Kenji Akahoshi**, ordained Minister's Assistants **Rev. Laverne Imori**, **Rev. Noriko Kawai**, and **Rev. Maribeth Smith**, and all other Minister's Assistants: **Arturo Rubio**, **Sharon Sasaki**, **Kaytee Sumida**, **Bill Teague**, and **Yukari Williams**.

BTSD BWA Cordially Invites You to a Complimentary  
**Ladies' English Tea**  
 "Honoring the Past & Looking  
 Sunday, August 7, 2022  
 11:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.

**CANCELLED**

**So Sorry!**  
 Due to the rise in  
 Covid, this is scheduled  
 for Spring of next year.