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Trust the Buddha, Trust the World, and Love One Another Rev. Jundo Gregory Gibbs

We live amidst a wondrous multi-verse. Reality is dazzling and elusive at the same time. Being medium-sized apes on a small planet in the middle of this enormous universe, sometimes we must remind ourselves not to take ourselves, our individual selves, too seriously.

Of course, we have important work to do: oppose racism and sexism, stop careless degradation of our environment, diffuse the atmosphere of permissibility for violence which covers our country. Even as we take our values and our responsibilities seriously, we must remember that thing about being medium-sized apes. We must do what we can to help goodness to manifest, but sometimes there is nothing to do.

The sun is going to begin running out of hydrogen which will destroy life on earth; ... in about 5 billion years. What are we going to do about it? Well, nothing, just now. In fact, nothing ever. That is out of the hands of monkeys, apes and whales, no matter how smart we think we are.

What can you do when you can't do anything? In 1965 Shin-ichi Hisamatsu considered that a koan. A couple of years earlier the Hollies thought it was a good song refrain; - "what can I do when there's nothing I can do?" ("Here I go again"). The answer is: be good to one another and other living things. The only thing to do is to keep our immediate surroundings as healthy as we can and keep our relations with others as warm as we can.



Is what I'm talking about; - relying on the Buddha, our fellow humans and therefore coming to trust life itself a bit more – no more than 'rearranging the deck chairs on the Titanic?' In 5 billion years it will be. That's a long time. Right now, we could actually change things. We could, "Take a sad song and make it better" as someone once put it.

It is this world that produced Sakyamuni Buddha. It is this world in which the compassion of Amida Buddha has become manifest. So, we can see that this world longs to be good, kind and nurturing. What more can we do than to trust the Buddha, Trust the world, and love one another?

Buddhist Education in July

Two programs go on summer break: Last Sunday Intro to Buddhism with Kaytee Sumida, MA, and Buddhism 1-2-3 on Wednesday nights, with various Minister's Assistants. These programs return in September.

NEW Tuesday Zoom Discussion Class. For July and August only we offer an open Zoom discussion class on the basics of Buddhism and the Shin Perspective. Sessions will take place every Tuesday at 7 p.m. Details to come on our Website.

Quick Reminders on Services in July - Sundays: There will be no services on July 2 and 30. July 9 is our Shotsuki Hoyo (Monthly Memorial), with Rev. Shidou Laverne Imori and Yukari Williams, CMA. July 16 is a low-key Dharma Service. July 23 is our Obon Service with Rev. Vonnn Magnin. All are at 10 a.m. Saturday, July 29, we observe Hatsubon at 3 p.m. with Rev. Hōkai "Smitty" Smith. This will be followed by our Bon Odori at 6:30 p.m.

BTSD Welcomes Rev. Magnin

Rev. Vonn Magnin is a Minister's Assistant at the Arizona Buddhist Temple, where he and his family have been members for more than 15 years.

Rev Vonn received his Tokudo Ordination in Kyoto in 2014 and his Kyoshi certification in 2022. He is currently working on his Master of Arts in Buddhist Studies at IBS. Upon graduation and his wife's retirement as a kindergarten teacher, he hopes to serve BCA as a Kaikvoshi minister.

Vonn Sensei grew up in Phoenix, Arizona and graduated with a



Bachelor of Social Work as well as a Master of Public Administration degree from Arizona State University. He works a full-time job as an operations manager for a national company and is also a US Marine veteran. Rev Vonn and his wife, Karen, have been married for 26 years and have two adult sons and two dogs. When not at the Arizona Temple, studying at IBS, and working his full-time

job, he enjoys swimming in his pool, reading

science-fiction books, and binge-watching "Midnight Diner: To-kyo" on Netflix – as well as many other shows. He is a huge fan of both Star Wars and Star Trek. Please don't ask him which one he likes more as he might suffer from a small headache trying to decide!

Rev. Mukojima is on vacation. His article will return in September. We thank him for writing the Japanese articles for the BTSD Bussei Script and wish him a healthy & safe vacation.

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JULY CALENDAR

O Bon will highlight activities for this month. The O Bon service will be on July 23 starting at 10 am The Hatsubon service will be held in conjunction with the colorful Bon Odori on July 29. Also, seven odori dance practices will take place in July.

Sunday services will be livestreamed on the temple's YouTube page for those not able to attend in-person. Meetings and activities will be conducted either in person or virtually on Zoom (Z).

Here is this month's calendar (activities and times subject to change):

- 2 No service (Temple closed); BWA Meeting, 11:45 a.m. (CR)
- 4— HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY (Office closed)
- 5 Odori dance practice., 7 pm (Annex Hall)
- 6 Tai Chi, 10 am (AH)
- 9 Sutra chanting, 9:15 am (Hondo), Dharma Service and Shotsuki Hoyo for July and August, 10 am (Hondo/Livestream) Odori dance practice, 11 am (AH), Taiko practice, 2 pm (AH)
- 11 Dharma School meeting, 6:30 p.m. (Conference Room); Ways & Means meeting, 7 pm (Z)
- 12 Odori dance practice, 7 pm (AH)
- 13 Tai Chi, 10 am (AH), Board of Directors meet., 7 pm (CR)
- 14-15 Tri-State/Denver YBA visit to San Diego
- 16 Sutra chanting, 9:15 am (H), Dharma service, 10 am (H/L), Odori practice., 11 am (AH), Taiko practice, 2 pm (AH)
- 19 Odori dance practice, 7 pm (AH)
- 20 Tai Chi, 10 am (AH)
- 23 Sutra Chanting, 9:15 am (H), O BON SERVICE, 10 am (H/L). Guest speaker: Rev. Vonn Magnin (Arizona Buddhist Temple), Odori practice., 11:30 am (AH), Taiko practice, 2:30 pm (AH)
- 26 Odori dance practice, 7 pm (AH), Bussei Script mailing
- 27 Tai Chi, 10 am (AH)
- 29 HATSUBON SERVICE, 3 pm (H/L), BON ODORI FESTIVAL, 6:30 pm (parking lot)
- 30 No service (Temple closed)

The Spanish-language Dharma message will be posted on the temple's YouTube page.

Office hours: 9 am to 4 pm Tuesday-Friday. There is limited staff on weekends. The temple is closed on Mondays.

More information: Call the temple at 619-239-0896. Leave a message if your call is not answered, staff will respond as soon as possible. Email the temple at info@btsd.net or check the BTSD website http://www.buddhisttemplesandiego.org for updates.

BUS EXCURISON TO LOS ANGELES SET FOR AUG. 5

The temple is chartering a bus to L.A.'s Little Tokyo on Aug 5 to participate in the Ireicho Stamping Project at the Japanese American National Museum. In the afternoon travelers will see the musical Peace On Your Wings at the JACCC Aratani Theatre.

The bus trip plans to take part in the Gardena Buddhist Church O Bon Odori, with the hope to dance the first half.

The bus departs BTSD at 7 a.m. and returns around 9:15 p.m. Currently, there is a waiting list for the bus.

For more information about the outing, contact the temple office (619) 239-0896/email: info@btsd.net or Ralph Honda at (619) 885-3788/email: rkhonda205@gmail.com

ACTIVITIES NEWS

Many thanks to all who were able to attend the annual Temple Bazaar! It was so nice to so many Sangha members and friends enjoying the day eating their favorite food, watching the entertainment and visiting with everyone! Also thank you to all of our great volunteers who helped prep and set up on the days leading up to the Bazaar and for those who volunteered on Bazaar Day.

The Panda Express fundraiser held in conjunction with the Temple Golf Tournament was once again a success. The event raised \$344.18. It's a great way to take a day off from the kitchen and enjoy some Chinese food.

The Temple Obon service will be held on Sunday, July 23, 2023. The Temple Bon Odori will be held in conjunction with the annual Hatsubon service the following Saturday, July 29, 2023. The Odori/Hatsubon day's schedule is tentatively set to begin with the service in the late morning early afternoon with the Odori to follow. Details will be published in the near future.

In Gassho, Activities Committee

DHARMA SCHOOL NEWS

Hope everyone is staying cool while basking in summer! Thanks to the efforts and dedication of our teachers and staff, the 2022-23 Dharma School year produced wonderful learnings and memories. We also appreciate Leslie Seymour and Lisa Umekubo, who led our annual camping trip, enjoyed by eight families this year in Joshua Tree National Park.

Thank you to the Dharma School families who helped run the Snack Booth and Games at the Bazaar. It was also great to volunteer at Feeding San Diego; this time, we sorted avocados and oranges (photo below).

Norman Kiyono and Junko Kajita led a spirited all-Dharma School Obon explanation and Odori practice. We concluded the year with our end-of-year service and Father's Day Picnic at Rohr Park, fueled by delicious grilled burgers, hot dogs, and tacos. Thank you, Jr. YBA for planning and leading the games! The water balloon toss is always a highlight.

In the next two months, we will be planning for our 2023-24 Dharma School year which will begin on September 10, 2023. If you know children who may be interested in attending Dharma School, please email us at btsd.dharmaschool@gmail.com.

Thank you to our Sangha for supporting Dharma School all year long. We look forward to seeing you at the Obon Service

Odori! Gassho. Sharon





PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE By LuAnn Lee, Board President

At the end of May, we celebrated our grandson's first birthday and a couple of weeks ago in June, we celebrated our grand-daughters third birthday. She just performed in her first preschool show with a fancy costume and dancing with her class to Disney songs. In a week, it will be 4th of July and soon we will see Halloween decorations out. A friend emailed me a few years ago and said "tempus fugit" in the text. I looked up to see what it meant and saw it was a synonym for time flies, the hours fly by

so make the most of your time while you have it. This is made easier when you have a loving supportive family and treasured friends that become part of your daily lives and lift you up in a positive way. I am grateful that I have these people in my life and keep meeting more along the way. Thank you to my family, friends and Temple Sangha!

I'm glad our Temple makes the effort to continue the tradition of remembering our Imperial Valley friends that have passed on Memorial Day weekend. We thank Sensei Laverne Imori and many temple members for their time to go to Imperial Valley Cemeteries to host services in Calexico, Brawley and El Centro. Even though there may not be too many in attendance, it is for the pioneers that lived there and will not be forgotten.

Thank you to Reverend Imori for representing the Temple at the Community Inter-Faith Memorial service at Mt. Hope and also officiating at the Cypress View Memorial Day Service. The Community Memorial Service with POVUCC, SDJCC, JAHSSD, JACL, JCC and VFW is always a meaningful event. Names of friends in the community that passed away from June 2022 through May 2023 are recited and honored.

After a busy Memorial weekend, we had our annual Temple Bazaar on June 4. So glad to report it was a success, thanks to all of our chair people, volunteers and friends for supporting the event. It's always nice to chat with long-time friends and meet new ones. This year, we had the return of a couple of bazaar favorites Taco's and Strawberry Mochi! Thanks to the Shimizu/Himaka families, Mildred and I are so thankful to each and every person that helped make this a very meaningful and special time, a real team effort from all involved. See a more detailed thank you letter later in this newsletter.

Dharma school along with the Temple finished the school year with our annual Father's Day picnic. It is always a fun filled day that includes good food, fun games and great company. We thank Arturo Rubio and Sharon Sasaki for both officiating the service and special thanks to Superintendent Nancy Martinez and the staff for keeping the Dharma school relevant and welcoming all returning and new families. Thank you to the Dad's for grilling and Karen Okuhara for organizing the supplies and food.

We look forward to some upcoming events. On July 14 and 15, the Junior YBA and Temple will host the Denver Junior YBA as they visit San Diego on their Sunshine tour. They will start their tour in Salt Lake City on July 6 and end in Richmond, UT on July $17^{\rm th}$. Also, we will have our annual Obon service on Sunday, July 23 and on Saturday, July $29^{\rm th}$, we will have the Hatsubon service followed by the Odori dancing.

On August 5th, we are going on a field trip to Los Angeles (Little Tokyo, Peace of your Wings) and Gardena Bon Odori. Look for more details in this newsletter! Hope to see you at these events and around the temple soon.

In Gassho, LuAnn Lee

BOD NEWS

The Board of Directors met on June 8th -

- 1. Updates on the work by the ad-hoc Strategic Planning Committee and the Youth Protection Policy committees were provided.
- 2. Times for the Hatsubon service and Obon Odori on July 29th were confirmed.
- 3. Funds to cover registration, lodging, and transportation costs were approved for the Certified Minister's Assistants to attend required training.
- 4. Funds to subsidize bus rental for a sangha outing on August 5th were approved.
- 5. The ministerial team, temple committees and affiliated organizations updated the Board on their activities.

Thank You Donors of Bazaar Prizes and Silent Auction Treasures

3D Travel Antique Row Café Aquarius / Edgewater Hotels Aunt Fannie Vinegar Wipes Baggu Belly Up Belmont Park **Burning Beard** California Fish Grill Casa De Bandini Cheesecake Factory Chipotle Cygnet Theatre Company Del Mar Thoroughbred Club Diversionary Theatre Dr. Bronner's All-In-One Soap Fish Market Corporate Office Five Guys Enterprises Fleet Science Center Gaslamp Murder Mysteries Hanaoka's Restaurant Hanae Sushi (Anonymous Donor) Ike's Sandwiches In-N-Out Burgers Corporate Office Jan & Sets Iwashita Japanese American Citizens League Japanese Friendship Garden of SD Kanpai Japanese Restaurant **Kyocera Ceramics Division** La Jolla Playhouse Mac Japanese Knives Mingei International Museum Mission Restaurant Group Moonlight Amphitheatre Morongo Casino Resort & Spa Jake and Patty Nakamura Napoleone Pizza House Natural History Museum of San Diego New Village Arts Theatre North Coast Repertory Theatre Pala Casino Spa Resort Parkhouse Eatery Ponce's Mexican Restaurant Safu Sake Sammy's San Diego Air and Space Museum San Diego Automotive Museum San Diego Botanic Gardens San Diego Museum of Art San Diego Repertory Theatre Save Our Heritage Organization Senor Grubby's Setting Sun Sake Soapy Joe's Stanley Steamer Sushi Deli Sycuan Resort and Casino Bill & Joyce Teague Urbane Café USS Midway Museum Veggilish Viejas Casino Resort Sherry Kataoka Chiyo Masumoto

> Janice Shigehara Sheila Yagura

Bazaar Report, June 2023

Thank you to all who contributed to another successful Bazaar! Preliminary numbers show our profits are at or exceeded the totals of Bazaar 2022. We want to thank our underwriters, groups and individuals that donated towards the expenses as this will help our bottom line.

Please thank these individuals and groups when you see them.

TICKET SPONSOR — 3D's TRAVEL (DOUG OJIRI)

UNDERWRITER — RUTH VOORHIES (CHICKEN BOOTH)

UNDERWRITER — SAN DIEGO JUNIOR YBA (GAME PRIZES AND SUPPLIES)

UNDERWRITER – GALE KANESHIRO (STRAWBERRY MOCHI)

BEER/SAKE GARDEN DONATIONS — BURNING BEARD BREWING, CREATIVE CREATURE BREWING, SAKE HIGH! SAKE AND SANJO SPARKLING WATER, CAROL BAKER, ISAAC MARTINEZ AND NANCY MARTINEZ BAKERY SUPPLIES — MILDRED KAWASAKI AND THANK YOU TO ALL THAT DONATED BAKED GOODS

SOCIAL MEDIA/FACEBOOK FEE – BILL TEAGUE
LUNCH DONATION – MILDRED KAWASAKI AND LUANN LEE
TOFU TACO – JAIME BROWN, TOFU SALAD DONATION – LAURA YOSHIDA

Thank you to Donors - Carol Estes, Chiyo Masumoto and Hanaoka Enterprises

We could not have put on such a wonderful event without our Chair People and our many Volunteers.

Thank You to these dedicated people and to all that attended and supported the Bazaar!

Special Thanks to Our Chair People and Groups

Bakery – Patti Nakamura, Beer Garden – Isaac Martinez Bookstore – Doreen Kamada-Fujii, Arturo Rubio Intro to Buddhism – Arturo Rubio, Sharon Sasaki Treasurers - Nancy Martinez, Glenn Negoro

Chicken Teriyaki - Jeff Sakai, Floyd Sumida, Roy and Karen Okuhara

Cabbage - Tsune Hashiguchi and crew, Rice - Roy & Karen Okuhara, Nancy Martinez, Norman Kiyono, Ralph Honda

Chow Mein - Tad Muraoka, LuAnn Lee and Advisor Ann Ong

Credit Card/PayPal – Kimberly Kruse

Entertainment – Junko Kajita and Entertainment Announcer – Trina Muraoka

Food Prep Leads - Carol Baker, Laura Yoshida, LuAnn Lee

Games – Junior YBA, General Arrangement – Mike Ong and Crew

Kitchen Schedule and Site Layout – Michael Kinoshita

Master of Ceremonies – Peter Masuda, Nursery – Laurine Ota,

Obon Again Shop – Joyce Teague and Crew

Opportunity Drawing - Bill Teague and Gregg Yonekura and Postcards - Linda Redenbaugh

Sound System – Qamar Bradford and Tim Kajita

Silent Auction – Lori Torio, Debbie Shimizu, Bill Teague and to all that donated items

Snack Shack – Sangha Teens and Signage – Ken Muraoka, Glenn Torio and Linda Redenbaugh

Sushi – BWA, Supplies – Glenn Negoro, Ralph Honda, Michael Kinoshita, Security – Ralph Honda

Taco Booth – Gordon and Arlene Shimizu and family, Tofu Taco – Jaime Brown

Tofu Salad – Laura Yoshida, Nancy Martinez,

Volunteer Coordinator – Keiko Negoro, White Elephant – Kaytee Sumida

Appreciation to the Community groups Genki, Kiku, JACL, JAHSSD and Yokohama Group
Performers – Matsumae Kai (Shamisen), Matsumae Kai (Koto), Edo Kotobuko Jishi, Kamishibai, San Diego Taiko,
Shofukan Kendo Dojo, Wendy Nakamura (Sumi-e), Ballet Folklorico, BTSD Taiko,
Introduction to Buddhism, Sharon Sasaki and Arturo Rubio CMA's



The July and August memorials will be combined as one service and will be conducted on Sunday, July 9 at 10 a.m. Families and friends of anyone who passed away in July and August are urged to attend the service or burn incense at your home O Butsudan and gassho in memory of your deceased loved one. If you are unable to attend in-person, the service will be live streamed on the temple's YouTube page and accessed on the BTSD website under the "Video" tab. If you find an error in the listing below, wish to add a name to the list, Please contact the temple at (619) 239-0896 or email info@btsd.net *Gassho*.

JULY SHOTSUKI LIST

| DECEASED | FAMILY MEMBER |
|---------------------------------|------------------|
| Kinosuke Tsuneyoshi (7-13-1937) | Miki Tsuneyoshi |
| Takeo Okuma (7-31-1941) | |
| Fumino Honda (7-13-1946) | Honda Family |
| Kohichi Kuwada (7-3-1947) | Kanji Kuwada |
| Hidekichi Doi (7-24-1948) | • |
| Tsune Hayashi (7-10-1950) | |
| Haru Hayashi (7-15-1950) | |
| Mitsu Iwata (7-26-1953) | |
| Kazue Murakami (7-23-1958) | |
| Kikujiro Shinoda (7-28-1958) | Hamada Family |
| Chosuke Himaka (7-12-1959) | |
| Sharon Yamaguchi (7-12-1959) | |
| Mine Ogata (7-16-1967) | |
| Tari Otomo (7-1-1969) | |
| Jiro Muraoka (7-12-1969) | Roy Muraoka |
| Masakazu Ishizu (7-19-1969) | |
| Kichinaga Iwasaki (7-28-1970) | |
| Kijiro Kinoshita (7-17-1972) | |
| Sanroku Kawasaki (7-24-1973) | |
| Kosaburo Ishino (7-29-1973) | |
| Zenichi Ogawa (7-18-1974) | |
| Chie Kyutoku (7-14-1975) | |
| Kingo Ouchi (7-14-1975) | |
| Toshitaro Yamashita (7-17-75) | Mildred Kawasaki |
| Hideo Suyenaga (7-28-1975) | |
| Shigeo Yamanishi (7-5-1976) | |
| Noboru Sakaguchi (7-19-1977) | |
| Katsu Tanizaki (7-28-1981) | |
| Fujino Shimizu (7-2-1982) | |
| Yutaka Takasugi (7-24-1983) | Wayne Takasugi |
| Yukiye Shiosaki (7-28-1983) | |
| Torio Ishisaki (7-1-1985) | _ |
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| DECEASED | FAMILY MEMBER |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------|
| Matsu Ito (7-12-1985) | |
| Wasa Osaki (7-7-1987) | . Tomiyama Family |
| Fusako Inouye (7-30-1988) | |
| Toshiyo Hashimoto (7-6-1990) | Chitose Oyama |
| Harry Kawamoto (7-4-1991) | .Kawamoto Family |
| Michiko Koba (7-8-1992) | Duane Koba |
| Tom Itsumi Hayashi (7-23-1993) | |
| Sakayo Kawamoto (7-28-1994) | Kawamoto Family |
| Komeno Sakamoto (7-3-1995) | Amano Family |
| Kurume Doi (7-28-1996) | |
| Kazukiyo Oto (7-9-1998) | Oto Family |
| Christine Shimizu (7-18-1998) | Donald Shimizu |
| Eugene Terada (7-7-1999) | |
| Don Morimoto (7-29-1999) | Morimoto Family |
| Jim Doi (7-30-1999) | Doi Family |
| Tamio Okano (7-31-1999) | Osuye Okano |
| Tsuneji Suda (7-21-2000) | |
| Keizo Ida (7-24-2000) | |
| En Nishiguchi (7-26-2001) | Silvia Nishiguchi |
| Chie Ito (7-18-2004) | |
| Hideo Ochi (7-21-2005)Ja | |
| Jack Takeguchi (7-4-2006) | |
| Yoshiko lwataki (7-15-2006) | - |
| Naganori Uchiyama(7-2-2012) | • |
| Henry Shimada (7-18-2013) | |
| Dr. Y. Miyamoto (7-2-2014) | • |
| Haruko Nakatani (7-2-2014) | |
| Yuruko Hagio (7-29-2015) | |
| Akitoshi Inoue (7-28-2018) | |
| Gladys Yoshiko Imori (7-24-21) | |
| Diane Tachiki Hutchison (7-30-21) |)Tom Hutchison |

MEMORIAL SERVICES

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

2023 is the memorial year for those who passed away in:

| 1st Year Memorial | 2022 | 13th Year Memorial | 2010 | 27th Year Memorial | 1997 |
|-------------------|------|--------------------|------|--------------------|------|
| 3rd Year Memorial | 2021 | 17th Year Memorial | 2007 | 33rd Year Memorial | 1991 |
| 7th Year Memorial | 2017 | 25th Year Memorial | 1999 | 50th Year Memorial | 1974 |

AUGUST SHOTSUKI MEMORIAL LIST

DECEASED

| DECEASED | FAMILY MEMBER |
|------------------------------|----------------------|
| Mitsuo Taniguchi (8-10-1945) | Takashima Family |
| Tadao Kiyono (8-18-1945) | Kiyono Family |
| Haruo Otsuji (8-16-1948) | Otsuji Family |
| Kuni Yonekura (8-10-1955) | Yonekura Family |
| Taka Yamashita (8-20-????) | Chiyo Yamashita |
| Genshichi Nabeta (8-1-1960) | Joyce Teague |
| Toku Matsumoto (8-30-1964) | Shintaro Matsumoto |
| Hatsuko Takasugi (8-2-1968) | Wayne Takasugi |
| Mitsu Ohara (8-30-1969) | Ohara Family |
| Kanichi Tsuji (8-5-1970) | Sei Tsuji |
| Kinjiro Nakamura (8-20-1972) | Nakamura Family |
| Mina Murata (8-4-1976) | Kashima Family |
| Denichi Kawasaki (8-5-1976) | Ted Kawasaki |
| Misao Taniguchi (8-25-1977) | Robert Taniguchi |
| Masahide Kuroye (8-4-1978) | Kiyono Family |
| Kahn Nishinaga (8-9-1978) | Mani Ryan |
| Onoye Ito (8-28-1979) | lto family |
| Fuji Hashiguchi (8-24-1980) | Hashiguchi Family |
| Masuyo Fujii (8-20-1982) | Katsumi Kida |
| Hatsuye Kobayashi (8-8-1983) | James Kobayashi |
| Saburo Muraoka (8-17-1983) | Muraoka Family |
| Michiko Kitagawa (8-31-1984) | Kitagawa Family |
| Kitoji Ninomiya (8-11-1985) | Ninomiya Family |
| James Balou (8-25-1987) | Janice Balou |
| Paul Shimizu (8-9-1988) | Gordon Shimizu |
| Janet Takeguchi (8-19-1988) | Takeguchi Family |
| Toyoichi Tanaka (8-30-1988) | |
| Tomeno Kinoshita (8-6-1990) | Masako Wilson |

| DECEASED | FAMILY MEMBER |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Sakaru Ralph Goya (8-13-1991) | Alan Seiji Goya |
| Steven Yamamoto (8-20-1993) | June Yamamoto |
| Roy Nakatani (8-3-1994) | |
| Mitsu Hachisu (8-18-1994) | |
| Kiyoko Nakamura (8-19-2000) | Michael Brock |
| Hisatoshi Ueji (8-1-2001) | Chitose Oyama |
| Tetsu Yamasaki (8-4-2001) | • |
| Margarita Rodriguez (8-9-2002) | Rubio Family |
| Michiko Kishimoto (8-13-2002) | |
| Hisako Helen Mathews (8-13-2003) | Dan Mathews Jr |
| Yukie Hayashi (8-22-2003) | • |
| Fusae Akiyama (8-22-2004) | Alan Akiyama |
| Rodney Furuya (8-10-2006) | • |
| Masa Nishinaga (8-10-2006) | |
| Jaki Newcomber (8-23-2007) | |
| Takashi Furukawa (8-1-2009) | |
| Kiyoko Ochi (8-11-2009)Ja | |
| Florence Tsuyako Mizuki (8-24-200 | - |
| Florence F. Yamashita (8-29-2010). | |
| Lillian Atsuko Sekishiro (8-31-2013) | |
| Kiyoko Omori (8-14-2014) | - |
| Kaname Ken Nakamura (8-20-2014 | • |
| Betty Tsuneko Yano (8-24-15) | |
| Yachie Motobu (8-30-2015) | |
| Yoshiko Watanabe (8-24-2020) | |
| Miyoshi Horiuchi (8-3-2022) | |
| Jeff Malmgren (8-26-2022) | Bill Teague |

FAMILY MEMBER

BWA NEWS

In these past few years, BWA has lost many of our beloved senior members. Each time it happens, we are saddened and sometimes surprised, but we can still remember their personalities and how we interacted with them and feel grateful for having known them. This time, as many of you already know, we have lost a member who was especially dear to me, Fumi Ohara. She was a real mentor and taught me so much! Fumi had a remarkable memory and could always be counted on for information and details of all sorts. Her knowledge of the temple's and BWA's histories was incomparable. I often said that I would be happy to remember half of whatever she told me. Fumi was always generous with her gentle counseling and advice to me. I truly miss her! According to her wishes, there will be no memorial service, but as friends of, and members who were led for so many years by Fumi, we will be celebrating and remembering her life on Saturday, July 22nd at 11 am in the temple annex. Please sign up in the office so that we can prepare enough lunches for all who attend. If you have any pictures of Fumi that we could borrow, we would

appreciate you sending them to the temple. We hope that whether you are in the BWA or not, if she touched your lives, you will join us to remember her.

Thank you to our fabulous volunteers who helped in any way, to prepare the 300 boxes of sushi BWA produced for the temple bazaar. We appreciate all who bought the sushi and the many nice comments we received.

Several of us are already signed up to board the bus on August 5th for the musical in LA and Bon odori at Gardena Buddhist Church. Please call Sue (858) 699-8876, if you are interested and to check for ticket and space availability. Stay cool and healthy! Gassho, Sue Moribe



Bon Odori practice in the Annex Hall

Wednesdays—July 5, 12, 19 and 26 at 7 p.m. and

Sundays—July 9, 16 and 23 at 11 a.m.

DONATIONS

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The design will be printed on a blue T-shirt. The image will be a full color print. Limited sizes will be sold at the Bon Odori. Order to guarantee your size. Women cut t-shirt are premium v neck.

Make checks payable to Buddhist Temple of San Diego. Order are due on Sunday July 16, 2023* and will be available for pick up starting hopefully July 26, 2023 at the Wednesdays practice.

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July Membership Report Bill Teague, Membership Chair

Membership by the Numbers

Well, in general we are doing just okay. While we wish we were even further caught up, we are roughly current with historical patterns of renewal. The numbers — usually compiled two weeks before you read this — are as follows: 135 individual members (representing an estimated 100 households), or 65% toward our goal. Last year our membership remained stable with 203 members, at a time when many Temples in our national organization are seeing membership declines.

For easy renewals or signups, please contact the Temple or visit the Members section of our website to find Easy Join and Easy Renewal resources.

Wouldn't You Like a Home Altar?

While we will schedule an Obutsudan event this fall, we encourage any members interested in a home altar to contact the Temple. We have options for any budget, and a selection of some new or lovingly refurbished Obutsudan, with all the items that go in it (*obutsugu*). We will schedule a showing of options for you to review at the Temple.

Member Benefit. Our ability to offer low-cost new or refurbished Obutsudan is one of your benefits as a Temple member. We also received two new donations, well-cared for *Obutsudan* from a family in Encinitas, one medium and one medium tall.

Start Small, Trade Up. You can start a home altar with just four items, without the cabinet style Obutsudan, and over time trade in your items for a fuller shrine.