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What the World needs now is Love

Rev. Jundo Gregory Gibbs

Despite all the hardships we face, I do believe that: "What the world needs now is love," Press about the Beatles is endless, and an old controversy that recently surfaced was Donald Fagan (of Steely Dan) having dismissed the John Lennon song, "All you Need Is Love", basically, as naïve to the point of stupidity.

Well neither Jackie DeShannon nor I ever said that ALL you need is love. She urged us to realize that Love is what there is just too little of. Not necessarily the only thing there is too little of. We yearn for cleaner water and gasp for purer air. The composers David and Bacharach probably realized we need food and shelter too. They didn't get too much blowback on their guileless positivity. But John Lennon was made to pay for every positive word he spoke.

Yes, John told us that ALL we need is love. Was he a fool to believe that? Well, Jackie and I are both senior citizens now, and I'm not sure how she sees this matter these days, but

I, for one, still believe that there is an important sense in which love is the most urgent thing we need.

We need to stop destroying our environment. Who will work to do this? Persons with love in their hearts already are. We need to curb the Military-Industrial complex's insatiable craving to develop catastrophic weaponry. Who will organize to do this? People with love in their hearts alone will do this. Who will struggle to eliminate racism, sexism, homophobia, ... ? Only persons filled with love will endure the prolonged brawl that this will involve. What do we want more of in this world? People with love in their hearts.

I recently advised violent homophobes "We have the back of all marginalized persons; - and we will not step down." Those were my words, but they are also the Buddha's words to all of us. Sometimes love must be stated strongly. 'The Buddha embraces us, just as we are.' Yes, indeed. But also, The Buddha has our backs, and they will not step down.



Buddhist Education in June

In June in reviewing our opportunities for Buddhist Education we wanted to focus on our Sunday services. Most services at the Temple start at 10 a.m.

June 4. While there are no services during the **Bazaar**, one or more of our ministerial assistants will conduct an Intro to Buddhism at 11:45 a.m. in the Hondo.

June 11. Rev. Hōkai "Smitty" Smith will preside over our **Shotsuki Hoyo** service memorial service for June. We will also acknowledge June, July, and August birthdays.

June 18. Arturo Rubio and Sharon Sasaki, both Certified Minister's Assistants, will provide a short, informal service on **Father's Day Service** preceding our **Temple Picnic** at Rohr Park.

June 25. This will be a Dharma Service for young and old (Dharma School resumes in September, so families will sit together), to be conducted by our Minister's Assistant.

For June 25, don't forget our "last Sunday" **Intro to Buddhism**, an hour-long class at the Temple prior to the service as offered by Kaytee Sumida, Minister's Assistant. The informative session starts at 9 a.m.

In June, **Buddhism 1-2-3 Programs** on Wednesday nights via

Zoom, we will hear from members of our Ministerial staff on what they learned in their trip to Kyoto Japan for the Commemoration service.

It's not too early to firm up your calendar for July – here are a few notes.

July 2. The Temple will be closed for the July 4 weekend and there will be no service.

July 9. Rev. Shidou Laverne Imori will preside over this **Shotsuki Hoyo** (monthly memorial service) for both July and August.

July 16. One of our Minister's Assistants will lead this informal Dharma Service.

July 23. For our **Obon Service**, our guest speaker will be **Rev. Vonn Magnin, of the Arizona Buddhist Temple.**

Note: This year, our Hatsubon service, followed by the Bon Odori. Will take place on the following Saturday.

Saturday, July 29. Hatsubon Service. Tentatively, we hope to welcome our Supervising Minister, Rev. Gregory Gibbs. The service will start at 2 p.m., to be followed by our Bon Odori at 5 p.m.

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JUNE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

The annual Cultural Bazaar, BTSD’s biggest fundraising event, will highlight activities for the month of June. It will be followed by the temple picnic and golf tournament later in the month.

Sunday services will be livestreamed on the temple’s YouTube page for those who are unable 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):

- 1 – Tai Chi, 10 am (Annex Hall)
- 2-3 – Cultural Bazaar preparations, all day
- 4 – Cultural Bazaar, 11 am to 4 pm
- 6 – Ways and Means meeting, 7 pm (Zoom)
- 7 – Buddhism 1-2-3, 7 pm (Z), Taiko practice, 7 pm (AH)
- 8 – Tai Chi, 10 am (AH), Board of Directors meeting, 7 pm (Z)
- 10 – Dharma School activity: Feeding San Diego, 9-11 am
- 11 – Sutra Chanting, 9:15 am (Hondo), Dharma Service and Shotsuki Hoyo, 10 am (Hondo/Livestream), DS staff meeting, 11:30 am (Conference Room), Jr.YBA meeting, 11:30 a.m. (Rm 1), Taiko practice, 11:30 am (AH)
- 14 – Buddhism 1-2-3, 7 pm (Z), Taiko practice, 7 pm (AH)
- 15 – Tai Chi, 10 am (AH)
- 16 – Panda Express Virtual Community Fundraiser (nationwide), all day (Special code: **914920**)
- 18 – Temple Picnic at Rohr Park, Chula Vista, 10 am
- 20 – Book Club, 7 pm (Z)
- 21 – Buddhism 1-2-3, 7 pm (Z), Taiko practice, 7 pm (AH)
- 22 – Tai Chi, 10 am (AH), Activities Meeting, 7 pm (Z)
- 25 – 27th Annual Golf Tournament at Riverwalk Golf Course, 8 am, Introduction to Buddhism, 9am (SH), Sutra Chanting, 9:15 am (H), Dharma Serv., 10am (H/L), Taiko pract., 11:30am (AH)
- 28 – Kaiho mailing, Bud. 1-2-3, 7pm (Z), Taiko pract., 7pm (AH)
- 29 – Tai Chi, 10 am (AH)



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

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

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

ACTIVITIES UPDATE

Coming up on Sunday, June 4, 2023 is the Annual Temple Cultural Bazaar. Come out to enjoy your favorite foods, entertainment and visiting with fellow Sangha members. The Friday and Saturday before Bazaar, volunteers will be prepping and setting up, if you have some time, your help will be greatly appreciated.

June 25th is the Temple Golf Tournament, time to dust off your clubs and hit the links. In conjunction with the tournament, on Friday, June 16 will be another Panda Express fundraiser. The details will be shared as the day nears.

The Temple Obon service will be held on Sunday, July 23, 2023. The Temple Obon 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

SUPPORT THE GOLF TOURNAMENT WITH FUNDRAISER AND DONATIONS

Golfers will tee-it-up for the 27th annual BTSD Golf Tournament on Sunday, June 25 at Riverwalk Golf Club in Mission Valley.

The tournament expects 14 foursome teams to participate. There are a few openings for golfers who wish to take part in the four-person scramble event. Golfers of all skill levels are encouraged to play. Registration fee is \$125.

For non-golfers who wish to support the tournament, monetary hole sponsorships and in-kind donations may be donated. Donations are being accepted until June 16. Please contact the temple if you wish to contribute.

A Panda Express Virtual Community Fundraiser, benefiting the golf tournament, will be held on Friday, June 16. To support the event, customers will be required to order their meal online. The special code specific to the Buddhist Temple of San Diego is **914920**. Please see page 5 in this edition of the Bussei Script for details. The fundraiser is an all-day event at over 2,000 stores nationwide. Support the effort by sharing the opportunity with family and friends.

Co-chairs, Ralph Honda, Rich Kaneko and Ron Yagura look forward to participation from the Sangha and community friends.





PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By LuAnn Lee

May was a whirlwind of a month for many of us that traveled to Japan to attend the 850th/800th Joint Celebration.

At the end of April, Harold and I joined the group from Vista to tour the Northern part of Japan before meeting the San Diego group in Kyoto. After a couple of flights and a couple of bus rides and many hours, we arrived in Hokkaido. It was all worth it as we toured the Sapporo vicinity which included the beer museum, Buddha Statue designed by the famous architect Tadao Ando, Nikka Whiskey Distillery and ate in Ramen Alley.

We visited the port town of Otaru and even went to a Costco. We tried the Bulgogi bake that replaces the Chicken bake and it was yummy. All the food in Japan is so delicious, even the 7-11's and other mini marts have so many amazing things to eat. As you can tell, we ate a lot!

On our way down to Kyoto, we made our way to the Hot Springs town of Noboribetsu and experienced the onsen spa, so relaxing. Then on to the port town of Hakodate and walked the fresh fish market and went up a tower to see the star shaped Goryokoku Fort that has a history similar to the Last Samurai story. We visited Hirosaki Castle/Aomori area where we saw more Cherry Blossoms and ate apple tarts and ice cream. We also hiked around the Orase river/Gorge Towada lake. Harold took this beautiful picture of the mountain there.



After a couple of days in Tokyo with some of our family, we made it to Kyoto.

The service for the proclamation was filled to capacity and very organized. They had TV screens to show the Onajin and the participating Ministers. The Gomonsu gave a message that was both relevant and optimistic. Many BCA temples were in attendance and it was nice to be part of this memorable event.

As our Japan trip came to the end, it was time to focus on the annual Bazaar on Sunday, June 4. If you get this edition of the

Kaiho, please spread the word about our biggest fundraiser of the year.

As I close out my message, I want to thank Reverend Gibbs, Bill Teague, Nancy Martinez, Kaytee Sumida, Linda Redenbaugh and all of you that helped keep the Temple open and continued to prep and lead the services. We appreciate your donations, volunteering time and moral support to the Sangha and Temple. It is a special place to share the Dharma.

With Gratitude and In Gassho,
LuAnn Lee

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Hello - the Board meeting in May was cancelled as there were no pressing issues that required action and a quorum would have been difficult.

When last I checked (day if meeting) no organizational reports had been submitted.

BWA NEWS

With the help of a generous donation to our BWA from the Morinaka family and earmarked for the purpose of attending conventions and conferences, eight of our members benefited from this donation and journeyed to Kyoto, Japan to attend the World Buddhist Women's Convention. The convention coincided with the celebration of Shinran Shonin's 850th birthday and the 800th anniversary of the founding of our sect of Buddhism, Jodo Shinshu. We are grateful to them for representing us at these momentous events and can't wait to hear about their experiences.

On the day of our Gotan-e Service, we were happy to host Rev. Gibbs by serving a healthy, light breakfast and later a lunch for Sensei and CMA, Bill Teague. As an otoki following the service, we distributed our daifuku manju to all in attendance. For the kids, we passed out packages of Cheez-it crackers and packages of Motts' fruit snacks. We also hosted hospitality that day with several of our members contributing homemade goodies.

Our Book Club meeting was cancelled in May, but will resume on June 20, the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7:00 PM via Zoom. We continue with Chapter 3 of [What Makes You Not a Buddhist](#) by Dsongzar Jamyang Khyentse. Join us in our deeply reflective discussions by contacting Sue Moribe for the Zoom link.

There will be no meeting in June, as we will be busy preparing makizushi and inarizushi to benefit the temple at the Bazaar on June 4. We are requesting the help of all available members on Saturday, June 3 from 9:00 AM and on Sunday, June 4 from 7:00 AM. Making sushi is one of the ways that we can express our Dana to the temple and Sangha. Gassho.

A hearty thank you to our Mother's Day Breakfast helpers. It was wonderful to see everyone enjoying this annual event.

It's bazaar season and we look forward to playing games with you at the Jr YBA game booth at the temple's Japanese Cultural Bazaar on June 4, then again at the Temple's year-end picnic at Rohr Park on June 18.

Lastly, get excited to win great prizes as you help our Jrs with their biggest fundraiser, the Obon Opportunity Drawing. More information coming soon!

DHARMA SCHOOL NEWS

The last weekend in April, two teachers were able to attend the Federation of Dharma School Teachers League conference in Palo Alto. Through Dharma talks and workshops on "Inside Out Buddhism", teachers learned how to help students see that Buddhism has the ability to transform emotions through awareness, appreciation, and authenticity.

Thank you to the Jr. YBA, their parents and supporters for the delicious Mother's Day breakfast and Bill Teague, CMA for sharing his Dharma talk about his mom on Mother's Day.

At the May 21st Gotan-E service, Rev. Gibbs read and explained the book "We are all alike---We are all different" to the students.

At the end of the month, DS families enjoyed our annual camping trip to Joshua Tree.

Thank you to the students, families, and staff for helping with the Snack Bar at the Bazaar, June 4th.

The end of the 2022-23 Dharma School year is quickly approaching. This month, as we close the year, our last DS service will be on Father's Day, June 18th at Rohr Park. DS families as well as the Sangha are invited to enjoy the service followed by a potluck lunch, and the Jr. YBA will conduct fun games for all. We will recognize all of the hard work everyone has put into this year. **Please note** - this year we will be at **PICNIC SITE AREA 'A'**, a little closer to the playground for our young ones.

We hope everyone enjoys their summer break and we look forward to seeing you when Dharma School on Sept. 10th!

Bon Odori practice schedule:



Wednesdays from 7:00 - 9:00 PM on

July 5, 12, 19, and 26

Sundays from 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM on
July 9, 16, and 23

2023-2024 Academic Scholarship Applications are due July 1st!

The Temple's Academic Scholarship Applications are now available to those who are children or grandchildren of Temple members, or dues-paying members themselves.

For Students Entering College: The Ben Honda Memorial Graduating High School Graduate Scholarship is a one-page online Google Form.

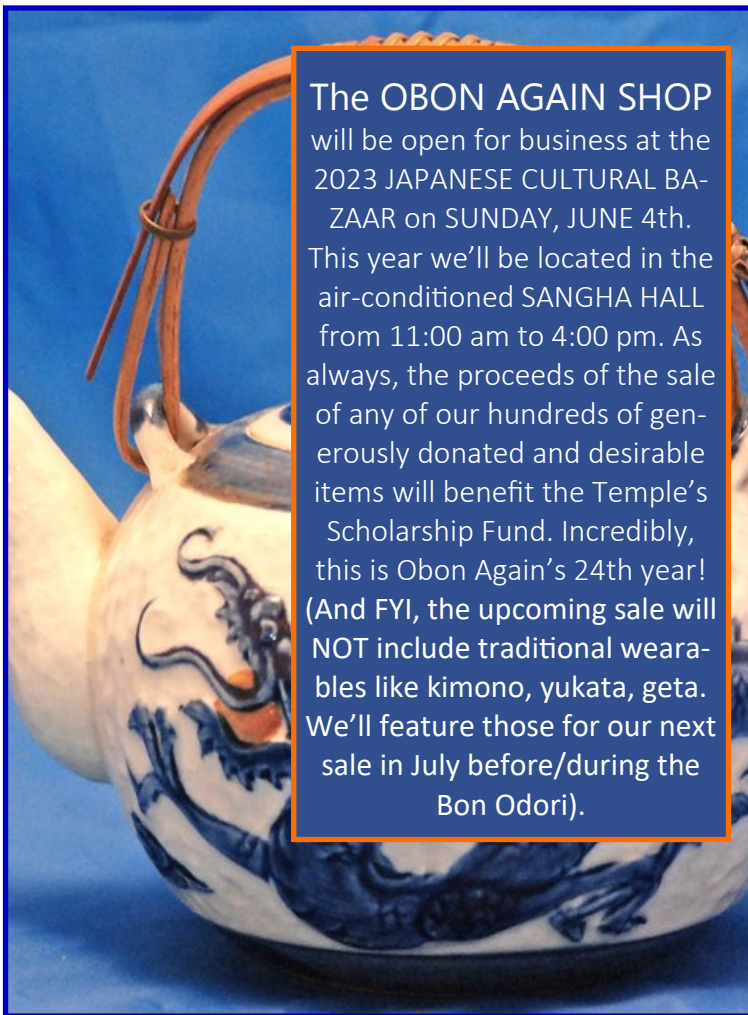
For Students Beyond Freshman Year: The Tetsuyo Kashima Memorial Continuing Education Scholarship application includes both a one-page online Google Form and an informal essay requirement.

Applications are due on **July 1st**, and have been posted on the Temple's website - likely candidates were also contacted towards the end of May. If you are unable to locate the application forms on the website, or if you need the application in a different format (hard copy, electronic PDF, etc.), please contact the Temple, and one of the committee members will assist you.

The scholarship awards will be presented during the Temple's Obon Service on Sunday, July 23rd.

The OBON AGAIN SHOP

will be open for business at the 2023 JAPANESE CULTURAL BAZAAR on SUNDAY, JUNE 4th. This year we'll be located in the air-conditioned SANGHA HALL from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm. As always, the proceeds of the sale of any of our hundreds of generously donated and desirable items will benefit the Temple's Scholarship Fund. Incredibly, this is Obon Again's 24th year! (And FYI, the upcoming sale will NOT include traditional wearables like kimono, yukata, geta. We'll feature those for our next sale in July before/during the Bon Odori).



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 inform our secretary at (619) 239-0896 or info@btsd.net.

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Yamamoto - where needed
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In honor of Rev L. Sasaki
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Yamamoto, Ann Miyuki
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Sasaki, Brian & Lorin - IMO
Rev LaVerne Senyo Sasaki
Masumoto, Chiyoko - Bazaar
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Morinaka, Ron
Omori, Shirley & Efton
Woodford
Otsuji, Dennis & Elaine
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DHARMA SCHOOL

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Hashiguchi, Tsuneko & John
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GOTAN-E SERVICE

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Teague, Bill & Joyce
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Kuwada, Howard Kanji &
Kaneko
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Nogata, Yuriko & Sumihiro
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Sumida, Floyd & Kaytee

Hamada, Gary
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Otsuji, Dennis & Elaine
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Hendrix, Hiroko
Hashiguchi, Tsuneko & John

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Koga, Florence
Jensen, Richard
Omori, Shirley
Uyeji, Masako
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Amemiya, Denise
Kashima, Jeanie

MAP

Shigehara, Wilbur & Janice
Japan Trip
Honda, Ralph & Avis

MEMBERSHIP PLEDGES

Mac Alpine, John
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Haseyama, Jeanette
Oyama, Garrick
Oyama, Candace
Monji, Yoshiko
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Kashima, Jeanie

O HIGAN

Koga, Florence
Tanaka, Kelvin
Yamamoto, Koichi & Joyce

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IMO Saburo Sugiyama
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IMO Kuzo Sugiyama
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IMO Kottie Uyeji
Yagura, Ron
IMO Zenmatsu Yagura
Estes, Carol
IMO Don Estes
IMO John Benson
Honda, Ralph & Avis - May
Kawasaki, Kiyoshi & Aileen -
May
Hamada, Gary
IMO Leora Hamada
Otsuji, Dennis & Elaine
IMO Kisaemon Kato

Shimizu, Arlene
IMO Motoo Tsuneyoshi
Tsuneyoshi, Angelina
IMO Motoo Tsuneyoshi
Kawamoto, Mitsuko
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Aoyama, K. Alice
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IMO Ichiye Ochi
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Spread the word to family members, neighbors and friends. Panda Express has over 2,000 stores nationwide.



JUNE SHOTSUKI LIST

This month's memorial service will be offered on Sunday, June 11 at 10:00 a.m. Families and friends of anyone who passed away in June 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.

The Temple and Sangha offers sincere condolences to the family and friends of

Jeanette Dutton ~ May 7, 2023

Fumiko Ohara ~ May 20, 2023

DECEASED

FAMILY MEMBER

Mika Sato (6-9-1908) Takashima Family
 Masami Ito (6-26-1925) Ito Family
 Nobuko Ito (6-10-1935) Ito Family
 Akito Matsui (6-23-1935) Curtis Family
 Minetaro Hosaka (6-23-1943) Hosaka Family
 Hajime Yonekura (6-18-1951) Yonekura Family
 Toichi Kodama (6-20-1954) Kodama Family
 Isano Sugioka (6-20-1957) Sugioka Family
 Goichiro Haseyama (6-13-1958) Noboru Haseyama
 Hideo Iwata (6-17-1959) Iwata Family
 Matsue Morita (6-16-1963) Morita Family
 Shigeyuki Furuya (6-3-1965) Furuya Family
 Shizu Moriyama (6-8-1966) Moriyama Family
 Yukino Sameshima (6-15-1966) Takeshi Sameshima
 Shojiro Sameshima (6-25-1966) Takeshi Sameshima
 Ju-kichi Yamanishi (6-28-1966) Miyoko Yamanishi
 Rokuichi Hanano (6-10-1967) Gerald Hanano
 Yozo Kawato (6-10-1967) Nancy Nakatani
 Toshiko Yamada (6-9-1969) Yamada Family
 Shigeo Fujimoto (6-14-1969) Fujimoto Family
 Tsune Tsubota (6-28-1974) Isami Tsubota
 Kikuyo Kawasaki (6-14-1975) Ohara Family
 Toichi Okamura (6-22-1975) Mitsuo Tsurudome
 Gitaro Hatauye (6-28-1975) Inouye Family
 Midori Morimoto (6-6-1976) Morimoto Family
 Yuka Yamanokuchi (6-9-1977) Otsuji Family
 Tamotsu Ojiri (6-28-1977) Doug Ojiri
 Yuru Shiraishi (6-30-1977) Shiraishi Family
 Kiyoji Ohtomo (6-3-1978) Watanabe Family
 Kuni Shimada (6-1978) Sharon Shimada
 Ichiji Ouchi (6-4-1981) Yanagihara Family

DECEASED

FAMILY MEMBER

Tamotsu Matsumoto (6-28-1982) Troy Matsumoto
 Seiichi Shimizu (6-28-1983) Gordon Shimizu
 Frank Yamada (6-3-1986) Yamada Family
 Richard Shizuo Watanabe (6-15-1986) Diane Yamada
 Emi Fujimoto (6-2-1989) Fujimoto Family
 Kiyoshi Shinsato (6-21-1990) Michiko Shinsato
 Fumiko Shironaka (6-11-1991) Howard Shironaka
 Sandra Sachiko Takashima (6-25-1992) ... Ronald Takashima
 Naoye Yagura (6-3-1993) Yagura Family
 George Yano (6-6-1993) Irene Bogner
 Eijiro Yamashita (6-27-1993) Mildred Kawasaki
 J. Richard Teague (6-28-1995) Teague Family
 Chieko Kida (6-9-1996) Kida Family
 Ronnie Ishisaki (6-9-1996) Loretta Ishisaki
 Tom Masakatsu Yonekura (6-10-1996) Yonekura Family
 Toshiko Mori (6-8-1997) Takeko Davis
 Makiko Ishizu (6-3-1998) Setsuko Toyama
 Sadae Kohara (6-15-1998) Sayo Fujiwara
 Mizue Copple (6-23-1998) Himaka Family
 Miyoshi Tanaka (no date) Yoko Ozawa
 Minoru Nakamura (6-28-2000) Nakamura Family
 Masako Lawrence (6-11-2002) Alexander Lawrence
 Tokio Hayashi (6-19-2003) Kikue Hayashi
 Shigeharu Nakamura (6-4-2008) Wendy Nakamura
 Ronald Iguchi (6-30-2010) Iguchi Family
 George Shuichi Tsubakihara (6-27-2012) .. Kent Tsubakihara
 Haru Girard (6-4-2013) Roxanne Girard
 Tomio Nakano (6-10-2013) Nakano Family
 George Hiroshi Masumoto (6-25-2013) Chiyoko Masumoto
 Bob Nobuo Ito (6-12-2014) Suzanne Ito
 James Kida (6-28-2019) Katsumi Kida
 Toshiko Ogata (6-16-2022) Hiroshi Ogata

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.

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

1st Year Memorial	2022	13th Year Memorial	2011	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

Japan Trip 2023



Rev. Laverne Imori and Ralph Honda stroll through the Bamboo Grove forest in Arashiyama near Kyoto.

The Buddhist Temple of San Diego

Japanese Cultural Bazaar

JUNE



4TH

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2929 MARKET STREET, SAN DIEGO

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June 4, 2023, 11am - 4 pm

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- Seated from left:
Susan Yonekura
Robert Yamamoto
Sharon Sasaki
Sue Moribe
Rev. Laverne Imori
Rev. Maribeth Smith
Aki Tomiyama
Alan Tomiyama
Ann Yamamoto
Standing from left:
Erin Hamada
Matthew Bigelow
Avis Honda
Gregg Yonekura
Alissa Tomiyama
LuAnn Lee
Harold Lee
Arturo Rubio
Ralph Honda



850
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800

親鸞聖人御誕生850年 立教開宗800年慶讃法要 参拝記念

Japan Trip 2023



Everyone is dressed in their yukatas (summer kimono) after enjoying a beautiful and delicious kaiseki dinner at Kotosankaku Hotel in Kotohira on Shikoku Island. The Ryokan (Japanese-style inn) provided the group an experience to sleep on the tatami mats with futons. Well, except for Smitty Sensei. She enjoyed her room in the comfort of a bed!

Rev. Laverne Imori rings the bonsho (large bell) at Enryakuji on Mt. Hiei. The group spent the day visiting the birthplace of Japanese Buddhism.

Many eminent monks, including Shinran Shonin, were educated in this region and went on to establish various sects of what constitutes Japanese Buddhism to this day.

Mt. Hiei overlooks Lake Biwa, Japan's largest lake, to the east, Kyoto to the west.



A happy group poses for a photo after a rigorous and entertaining udon making class at Nakano Udon School in Kotohira. The chefs had a great time learning how to knead, pound and roll the dough, and cut the noodles. Some of the chefs got a little crazy by stomping on blocks of dough to upbeat hip hop an disco music sounds. Of course, everyone had a chance to eat the final product. It was *Oishii* (tasted so good)! BTSD now has udon-making experts.