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All Will Be Well

Rev. Jundo Gregory Gibbs



In recent issues of the Bussei Script I have expressed concerns about global warming, the proliferation of catastrophic weaponry, and the inevitability, in any case, of death. This month, I want to remind you that, despite all that; - in the long run, all will be well.

You may remember my occasionally stealing Julian of Norwich's phrase, "All will be well, and all will be well, and every manner of thing will be well." T.S. Eliot famously said, "Bad poets borrow. Good poets steal." The same is true for religious teachers, so I am stealing that phrase and making it my own.

The Christian saint was trying to tell us about how things are. Sakyamuni Buddha, Shinran Shonin and I are speaking about how things can be. All is not well just yet. The planet is warming too much too fast. Catastrophic weaponry is being shared among nations whose leaders should know better. We are heading toward a hellish condition and the hand basket we are riding in is unraveling. And yet, I insist, all will be well. We

will make it better. "We" meaning Amida Buddha, the numberless Bodhisattvas flowing out of their realm, and all of us.

If you are a parent, you will remember letting your young children help you with projects that would have gone a lot faster if you had just done them by yourself. That's how it is with liberating all deluded and suffering beings. The Buddha, Kannon Bodhisattva, Dai Sesshi Bosatsu and their Bodhisattva buddies could get the job done a lot faster without my help. But Amida Buddha wants to include us. I will help later, empowered by Amida's inclusion of me in the Unobstructed Light of Wisdom and the expanse of Endless Life.

For now, we are all a bit like Super Grover, from Sesame Street. Super Grover swoops in wearing his superhero cape and proceeds to make everything just a little worse. Nonetheless, we must, even now, try to make things better for ourselves and for others; however clumsy our efforts may be. One day, with our capacities augmented by the Buddha's Light, we will be truly effective in eliminating suffering, extending wisdom and sharing broadly in the reality of compassion. One day, all will be well, and all will be well, and every manner of thing will be well.

MEMORIAL WEEKEND SERVICES



Over the Memorial Day weekend, the temple will conduct and participate in various services. The Sangha is encouraged to take part in the activities and to pause in a moment of reflection honoring deceased loved ones and military personnel who served our country.

Here is the list of remembrances for May 27-29:

BTSD will travel to the Imperial Valley to conduct cemetery services in Calexico (9 a.m.), El Centro (10:30 a.m.) and Brawley (11:30 a.m.) on Saturday, May 27. Rev. Laverne Imori will officiate the services.

This year, the temple invites the Sangha to travel and participate in the services. If you would like to attend the pilgrimage, please contact the temple by May 21 to reserve a spot for

the trip.

The plan is to carpool to the valley, but if the attendance exceeds 20 and there are not enough drivers, a minibus will be chartered. The cost to travel on the minibus will be \$20 per person.

Part of the day-long trip will include a stop for lunch and visiting the Pioneers' Museum in Imperial. Entrance fees to the museum range from \$6 adults and \$2 for children under 12.

A memorial service at Ft. Rosecrans National Cemetery at Point Loma on Sunday, May 28 is pending.

The annual community interfaith service will take place on Monday, May 29 at Mt. Hope Cemetery beginning at 9:30 a.m. at the Japanese-American Veterans Memorial and flagpole. The Pioneer Ocean View United Church of Christ will host this year's remembrance.

Following the Mt. Hope ceremony, Rev. Laverne will officiate the temple's service at Cypress View Mausoleum and Moruary at 11:30 a.m.

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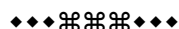
MAY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

With the ordained ministerial team traveling to Japan this month, the Shotsuki Hoyo memorial will be combined with the Gotan-e service on May 21. Gotan-e commemorates the birth of Shinran Shonin, founder of Jodo Shinshu Buddhism. Rev. Gregory Gibbs will officiate.

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 in person or virtually on Zoom (Z).

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

- 3 – Buddhism 1-2-3, 7 p.m. (Zoom), Taiko, 7 p.m. (Annex Hall)
- 4 – Tai Chi, 10 a.m. (AH)
- 7-21 – Buddhist Temple of San Diego Japan Tour.
- 7 – Dharma Service. 10 a.m. (Hondo/Livestream), BWA Meeting, 11:30 a.m. (Sangha Hall), Taiko practice, 11:30 a.m. (AH)
- 9 – Ways and Means meeting, 7 p.m. (Z)
- 10 – 850th/800th Shinran Shonin Joint Celebration at Hongwanji, Kyoto, Japan
 - Buddhism 1-2-3, 7 p.m. (Z)
 - Taiko practice, 7 p.m. (AH)
- 11-12 – 17th Women's Buddhist World Convention, Kyoto, Japan
- 11 – Tai Chi, 10 a.m. (AH)
 - Board of Directors meeting, 7 p.m. (Z)
- 14 – Mother's Day Breakfast hosted by Jr. YBA, 8:30 a.m. (AH), Dharma Service, 10 a.m. (H/L), DS Staff Meeting, 11:30 a.m. (CR), Taiko, 11:30 a.m. (AH), Jr. YBA Meeting, 11:30 a.m. (Rm 1)
- 17 – Buddhism 1-2-3, 7 p.m. (Z)
 - Taiko practice, 7 p.m. (AH)
- 21 – **Gotan-E** and Shotsuki Hoyo service, 10 a.m. (H/L)
 - Taiko practice, 11:30 a.m. (AH)
- 24 – Buddhism 1-2-3, 7 p.m. (Z)
 - Taiko practice, 7 p.m. (AH)
- 25 – Tai Chi, 10 a.m. (AH)
 - Activities Meeting, 7 p.m. (Z)
- 26-29 – Dharma School campout at Joshua Tree
- 26 – Southern District Council Meeting, 7 p.m. (Z)
- 27 – Imperial Valley cemetery services:
 - Calexico, 9 a.m.; El Centro, 10:30 a.m.; Brawley, 11:30 a.m.
- 28 – Introduction to Buddhism, 9 a.m. (Conference Room)
 - Dharma service, 10 a.m. (H/L)
 - Taiko practice, 11:30 a.m. (AH)
- 29 – Community Interfaith service, Mt. Hope Cemetery, 9:30 a.m. Memorial Day service at Cypress View, 11:30 a.m.
- 31 – Buddhism 1-2-3, 7 p.m. (Z)
 - Taiko practice, 7 p.m. (AH)
 - Bussei Script mailing



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 quickly as possible. Email the temple at info@btsd.net or check the BTSD website <http://www.buddhisttemplesandiego.org> for updates.

ACTIVITIES NEWS

I would like to thank everyone who donated non-perishable food items to the Neighbor Helping Neighbors Food Drive, because of your generosity; many less fortunate people were provided meals.

Congratulations to all of the winners at our first Bingo day in several years. As a part of the Bingo Day, yummy tostadas were prepared and served for lunch by our great volunteers. This will help defer costs for the MA's trip to Japan.

Coming up on June 4, 2023 is the Temple Cultural Bazaar. Come out to enjoy your favorite foods, entertainment and visiting with fellow Sangha members. Also on June 25th is the Temple Golf Tournament.

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

Services and Buddhist Education in May

First, many thanks to generous Sangha members for donations to help underwrite the costs of our Minister's Assistants and Reverends to attend the historic joint observation of the 850th Birthday Anniversary of our founder, Shinran Shonin, and the 800th Anniversary of the founding of the Jodo Shinshu tradition. To the lucky travelers (including many Sangha members), bon voyage and itterasshai (come back safely)!

In May, Sunday services continue under the supervision of **Rev. Gregory Gibbs**, who will personally preside over our *Gotan- E* (Shinran Shonin's Birthday Anniversary) service May 21:

May 7: Dharma Service: Bill Teague, Kaytee Sumida, and Kimberly Kruse, Chair.

May 14, Mother's Day: Kaytee, Bill, and Lisa Umekubo, Chair.

May 21, Gotan-E): Rev. Gregory Gibbs, Supervising Minister, providing both youth and adult Dharma talks.

May 28, Memorial Day, Dharma Service (no Dharma School): **Rev. "Smitty" Smith** presides, details TBA.

Thank you, Rev. Gibbs, and thanks to all of you for attending our services!

BEC Programs

Programs continue with **Intro to Buddhism** at 9 a.m. on Sunday, May 28; **Buddhism 1-2-3** Wednesdays at 7 p.m.; and **Buddhism Zero** on demand; see website for details.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By LuAnn Lee, Board President



April brought showers but April also brought fun times watching and rooting for SDSU Men's Basketball in the NCAA finals and Padres games are back.

At the Temple, it brought back our annual Hanamatsuri service. Dharma School led the way to decorate the Hanamido and Gregg Yonekura made the sweet tea to bathe the baby Buddha. Thank you to Ronnie Morinaka for providing the beautiful orchids that framed the Hanamido and arranged in many vases that were displayed in the Hondo.

We appreciate all that donated towards the flowers and volunteered for the many tasks.

It was nice to have guest speaker Blake Honda who is related to Patsy Yanagihara.

He is a Certified Minister Assistant in Fowler and traveled with his brother Travis. He read a book by Kobi Yamada What To Do With An Idea to the Dharma school students. This is a story of one brilliant idea and the child who helps to bring it into the world. Thank you to Reverend Laverne Imori for Officiating the service and for leading the ministerial staff in a special procession. I enjoyed having dinner at La Quinta grill in Chula Vista with the Honda brothers, Reverend Imori and the Rubio family.

As many of you know, many of our Minister Assistants and members are leaving for Japan to attend the Joint Proclamation service in Kyoto. It seemed so far in the future when it was brought up and now some of us will be leaving at the end of April and others the 7th of May.

We thank Doug Ojiri from 3D's Travel Inc. for organizing the trip and Ralph Honda for assisting.

Right after we get back from our Japan trip, the annual Bazaar will be upon us on Sunday, June 4. Please save the date and we will have a volunteer sign-up google sheet and hope you can help us if you are in town. This year, we have a couple of different opportunity drawing prizes. Besides the grand prize of \$1000, 2nd prize is a 2-night stay and dinner at Sycuan Resort and Casino. Third prize is two opening night tickets to Tina Turner, the musical presented by Broadway San Diego. Drawing tickets are available from any member or at the Temple. Donation is \$5 per ticket or 6 for \$25. Please help us spread the word about the Bazaar as it is one of our largest fundraisers of the year.

As I close out my message, I want to thank those that donate to the Temple and give time to volunteer to make our Temple a place to share thoughts, hear the Dharma and so much more.

With Gratitude and In Gassho,
LuAnn Lee

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Board of Directors met on April 13th -

1. Condolences to our Board members Sharon and Brian Sasaki on the passing of their father, Rev. Laverne Sasaki.
2. The recommendation by the Ways & Means Committee to have a cap on COLA for hourly employees was approved.
3. Funding for fencing, exterior and interior painting, flooring replacement, and wood repair at the Bay Leaf property was approved.
4. The Board approved the temple sponsoring of the Japanese Folk club's use of the temple facilities.
5. The Temple Affairs Committee and Executive Board developed a policy on Guest Speakers which was reviewed and approved.
6. An update was provided on the planning for the Tri-temple Seminar, Sept. 30th.
7. The Board approved funds for transportation for the Imperial Valley cemeteries visit, May 27th, if needed.
8. All affiliated organizations and committees provided updates on their activities.

BWA NEWS

An unexpected donation of daikon led to an impromptu takuan making session. The takuan turned out very well thanks to Kimberly Kruse sharing her recipe. This could be a future full BWA fun activity.

Many BWA members helped in the 2-day preparation of daifuku mochi – the first day, to make and freeze all of the an and crunchy peanut butter ball fillings; the second day, to mix, microwave, form and freeze the over 600 daifuku mochi. They all turned out delicious! Thank you to the members who participated in the hard work and fun! Special thanks go out to non-members Nancy Martinez, who set up all the machinery and did all the mixing with Florence Koga, and Michiko Morin. The daifuku was a big hit at our Hanamatsuri bake sale and will be the BWA otoki for the Gotan-ye service.

Some of our members even worked a third day, this time, helping with preparation of the Garden Villa Apartments' teriyaki chicken lunches. Those turned out yummy too!

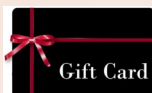
April 18th was the second time the Book Club met at the new meeting time, 7 pm, 3rd Tuesday of the month. We were happy to welcome a new member to our group and had an insightful, engaging discussion of What Makes You Not a Buddhist by Dzongsar Jamyang Khyentse, Chapter 2. We will be skipping our meeting this month since many of our members will be on their trip to Japan, but will resume in June to discuss Chapter 3, so it's not too late to order the book and join! Please text or call Sue if you are interested in getting the link.

FYI: Starting with this month's meeting, our BWA meetings will be held at 11:30 am, first Sunday of the month, but in the Sangha Hall instead of the conference room. Hope to see you soon! Please stay healthy and happy! Gassho.

SCRIP NEWS

We have graduations and Mother's Day in May. If you need gifts, why not buy gift cards to give as presents?

Thank you to all who continue to purchase cards and help the temple. Stay safe, and please stay healthy!



DHARMA SCHOOL NEWS

850TH/800TH JOINT CELEBRATION AND JAPAN TOUR

Dharma School students and staff had a fun and busy April! We had a wonderful time decorating the temple's Hanamido for the Hanamatsuri Service, celebrating the birth of Sakyamuni Buddha. We would like to thank Andrea and Paulina Covarubias, Flynn and Ric Cheeks, Breven and Avis Honda, Angie Basham, Yukari Williams, Sharon Sasaki, and Nancy Martinez for adorning the Hanamido with flowers and making floral arrangements. Thank you, Gregg Yonekura for making the sweet tea, and Nancy and Avis for coordinating this special project. The Hondo looked especially beautiful that day. A huge thank you to Leslie Seymour, Lisa Umekubo, and Junko Kajita for leading the craft activity and egg hunt after the service. Students thoroughly enjoyed designing their own mini hanamidos.

The Pre-K to 3rd grade classroom (Room 3) has been spruced up! Thank you, Fred Nakatani, Junko and Tim Kajita, Ralph, Avis, and Breven Honda, and Nancy Martinez for painting the room and mounting the whiteboard and cork boards.

Four Dharma School representatives virtually attended the SDDSTL Seminar, in which a virtual tour of the Hongwanji in Kyoto was presented. On April 29, five teachers (two in person, three virtually) attended the 2023 FDSTL Conference, "Inside Out Buddhism" at the Palo Alto Buddhist Temple.

In May, we look forward to flora, fauna, and fellowship at our Dharma School camping trip on Memorial Day weekend at Joshua Tree National Park. Thank you, intrepid leaders, Leslie Seymour and Lisa Umekubo! Gassho, Sharon Sasaki

On Wednesday, May 10, 20 BTSD Sangha members will participate in the 850th/800th Joint Celebration, commemorating the birth of Shinran Shonin and the establishment of the Jodo Shinshu teaching, at the Hongwanji in Kyoto, Japan.

Eleven delegates will participate in the 17th World Buddhist Women's Convention May 11-12 in Kyoto.

A total of 30 members and friends will be part of the temple's Japan tour from May 7-21. In addition to the five-night stay in Kyoto, the tour will visit Shikoku Island and the towns of Kochi City and Kotohira.

Throughout the 14-day, 13-night tour, travelers will have a chance to visit Mt. Hiei, Nara, Hiroshima/Miyajima, Osaka and Ise. The group's final three-nights will be in Tokyo.

The group anticipates sharing many pictures and meaningful memories from the visit. Stay tuned!

Recent Fundraisers Benefit MA Program

Expressions of gratitude are extended to the Sangha and friends for supporting two recent fundraisers benefiting the temple's vibrant Minister's Assistants program.

The Panda Express Community Virtual event that took place on March 10 and the Tostada/Bingo Fiesta fundraiser held on April 9, following the Hanamatsuri service, raised approximately \$1,500.

More fundraising opportunities supporting the MA program are planned for later this year. *Gassho.*

2023-2024 Academic Scholarship Applications Coming Soon

It's already that time of year! The Temple is offering two types of scholarships to applicants who are children or grandchildren of Temple members, or dues-paying members themselves.

Two memorial scholarships will be available. They are named after members who helped the Temple grow and thrive in the Post-War period, both of whom passed away far too soon in the mid-1990s.

For students entering college: The Ben Honda Memorial Graduating High School Graduate Scholarship is a one-page online form.

For students beyond freshman year: The Tetsuyo Kashima Memorial Continuing Education Scholarship application includes a one-page online form and an informal essay requirement.

Once forms are available, they can be emailed by a committee member upon request and will also be posted on the Temple's website. The Scholarship Committee will also be contacting likely candidates among the Sangha.

More information to come! Please be on the lookout in next month's newsletter for additional information.

TEMPLE GOLF TOURNAMENT IS JUNE 25

The 27th Annual BTSD Golf Tournament will take place on Sunday, June 25 at Riverwalk Golf Club in Mission Valley.

Players from the temple and community will participate in the four-person team scramble format.

The registration fee is \$125 which includes 18 holes of golf, golf cart, practice range balls, coffee, donuts, post-tournament luncheon and rekindling many friendships. Interested golfers are encouraged to fill out the registration form by contacting the temple or downloading the form found on the temple's website. Registration deadline is June 5.

Golfers and non-golfers are invited to participate in the tournament by considering monetary sponsorships or in-kind donations. Monetary gifts may be donated at various levels. In-kind donations may be in the form of a gift card or merchandise. Donations will be accepted until June 16.

A Panada Express Virtual Community fundraiser will take place on Friday, June 16. Details for the event, which will require ordering your meal online, will appear on the temple's website and June newsletter.

DONATIONS

We are grateful for the 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. For donations for upcoming services, they will be listed in the month of that service. The donation list is through April 25.

BUDDHIST TEMPLE

Teague, Bill & Joyce
Panda Exp. Fundraiser
Mitchell, Jonathan -
March Dana
Teague, Gill & Joyce -
Ruth Voorhies' 100th
Mitchell, Jonathan
Omori, Shirley & Efton
Woodford
IMO Mrs. Okuma
Sasaki, Sharon & Robert
Yamamoto - Where needed
Morinaka, Ron
Kiyono, Norman
Ruth Voorhies' 100th
Tsuneyoshi, Angelina
Ruth Voorhies' 100th
Covarrubias, Lorena - chairs
Matsushita, Koshi
Yamamoto, Ann Miyuki

BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS

Sumida, Floyd

DHARMA SCHOOL

Yamamoto, Sachio
Liss, Kathryn Moriyama
Kajita, Timothy & Junko
Ota, Laurine & Kenneth
Niwa, Yuko
Muraoka, Ken & Sharyn
Yanagihara, Tom Masaru &
Colleen

DS for Hanamatsuri

Covarrubias, Lorraine
Inouye, Derek
Kaneshiro, Gale
Martinez, Nancy
Morinaka, Rom

FLORAL OFFERING

Yamamoto, Sachio
Yamanishi, Miyoko
Liss, Kathryn Moriyama
Kajita, Timothy & Junko
Ota, Laurine & Kenneth
Kida, Katsumi
Yanagihara, Tom Masaru &
Colleen
Muraoka, Ken & Sharyn

GEN. MAINTENANCE

Yamamoto, Sachio
Yamanishi, Miyoko
Liss, Kathryn Moriyama
Kajita, Timothy & Junko
Ota, Laurine & Kenneth
Kida, Katsumi
Yanagihara, Tom Masaru &
Colleen
Muraoka, Ken & Sharyn

GOTAN E

Yamamoto, Ann Miyuki
Morinaka, Ron
Ryan, Mani
Yamaguchi, Laura
Yamamoto, Jane
Ota, Laurine

HANAMATSURI SERVICE

Yamamoto, Jane
Morinaka, Ron
Ryan, Mani
Yamaguchi, Laura
Kuwada, Howard Kanji &
Kaneko
Honda, Ralph & Avis
Hashiguchi, Tsuneko & John
Estes, Carol
Kajita, Timothy & Junko
Torio, Betty
Negoro, Glenn
Yamanishi, Miyoko
Voorhies, Ruth
Kawamoto, Mitsuko
Ong, Ann & Mike
Ogasawara, Michiko
Shiroma, Janet
Lee, LuAnn & Harold
Tsuneyoshi, Angelina
Gladsjo, Julie
Shimizu, Jamie S.
Nakamura, Jake K. & Patty
Aoyama, K. Alice
Honda, Blake
Honda, Mikiye
Yonekura, Susan
Kawasaki, Trace
Hagio, Quimico
Yonekura, Gregg
Baker, Carol & Mike
Yanagihara, Sumiko
Kida, Katsumi
Sumida, Floyd & Kaytee
Masumoto, Chiyoko
Tanaka, Kelvin
Nogata, Yuriko
Suyenaga, Irene
Hendrix, Hiroko
Fuchigami, Lynn S.
Ota, Laurine
Otsuji, Elaine & Dennis
Oyama, Garrick
Morikawa, Kazuhiko
Himaka, Norman
Monji, Yoshiko
Tomiyama, Aki
Spears, Margo
Graeber, Kiku
Teague, Bill & Joyce
Martinez, Nancy
Kawasaki, Kiyoshi & Aileen

Tsukamoto, Wayne
Moribe, Susan
Shigehara, Wilbur & Janice

HO ON KO

Graeber, Kiku
Ota, Laurine

MAP (Ministers Assist.)

Yamamoto, Sachio
Liss, Kathryn Moriyama
Kajita, Timothy & Junko
Ota, Laurine
Honda, Mikiye
Baker, Carol- trip to Japan
Masumoto, Chiyoko - Japan
Ota, Laurine - Japan
Kida, Katsumi
Muraoka, Ken & Sharyn
Yanagihara, Tom Masaru &
Colleen

MEMBERSHIP

Williams, Yukari
Williams, Erika
Yamamoto, Sachio
Bradford, Qamar A.
Sasaki, Sharon & Robert
Yamamoto
Yamamoto, Sachio
Yamanishi, Miyoko
Liss, Kathryn Moriyama
Kajita, Timothy & Junko
Sumida-Johnson, Ann & Ted
Dunbar, Ann P.
Maruyama, Karly
Honda, Ralph & Avis
Ota, Laurine & Kenneth
Niwa, Yuko
Kida, Katsumi
Pullen, Mari
Muraoka, Ken
Yamamoto, June
Yanagihara, Tom Masaru &
Colleen
Muraoka, Ken & Sharyn
Seymour, Leslie & Sean

NIRVANA DAY

Ota, Laurine

OHIGAN

Voorhies, Ruth
Yamanishi, Miyoko
Koga, Florence
Ota, Laurine

SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Yamamoto, Sachio
Yamanishi, Miyoko
Liss, Kathryn Moriyama
Kajita, Timothy & Junko
Ota, Laurine & Kenneth
Yanagihara, Tom Masaru &
Colleen
Muraoka, Ken & Sharyn

SHOTSUKI HOYO

Kawasaki, Kiyoshi & Aileen -
April
Inouye Family
IMO Jeanne Inouye
Kiyono, Norman
IMO Kazuo Kiyono
Honda, Ralph & Avis
Koga, Florence
IMO Emiko Ishisaki
Niwa, Yuko
IMO Phillip Martinez 11/25
IMO Mary Martinez 2/2
Graeber, Kiku
IMO Masao Santohigashi
Tsuneyoshi, Angelina
IMO Iwaguma Tsuneyoshi 4-79
Honda, Mikiye
Tsukamoto, Wayne
IMO S. Tsukamoto - March
Yanagihara, Sumiko
IMO Toyosaburo Yanagihara
IMO Shizuko Yanagihara
Kida, Katsumi
IMO Shinzaeman Fujii
Fuchigami, Lynn S.
IMO Mom
Hagio, Quimico
Takashima, Wilbur



HAPPY
MOTHER'S
DAY

Don't miss the
Mother's Day
Breakfast on
May 14th



MAY SHOTSUKI LIST

This month's memorial service will be offered as an in-person/hybrid in conjunction with the Gotan-e service on Sunday, May 21 at 10:00 a.m. Families and friends of anyone who passed away in May are urged to attend the service, or burn incense at your home O Butsudan and Gassho in memory of your deceased loved one. The service may be accessed virtually on the temple's YouTube page. If you find an error or 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

Rev. Laverne Sasaki ~ March 31, 2023

<u>DECEASED</u>	<u>FAMILY MEMBER</u>
Mary Koba (5-17-1939).....	Duane Koba
Nasuemon Ishizuka (5-26-1942).....	Tachiki Family
Tsuneko Masumoto (5-13-1948).....	Bert Masumoto
Kumataro Kimura (5-30-1949).....	Ochi Family
Jirosuke Nishiuye (5-27-1953).....	Nishiuye Family
Yasukichi Fujimoto (5-16-1956).....	Fujimoto Family
Gohei Tomiyama (5-15-1958).....	Tomiyama Family
Fujiye Oya (5-18-1958).....	Oya Family
Kisaemon Kato (5-18-1964).....	Dennis Otsuji
Yoshimatsu Yagura (5-24-1966).....	Yagura Family
Richard Eejima Jr. (5-31-1969).....	Eejima Family
Osamu Amano (5-19-1970).....	Mikiye Honda
Moritaka Tsuneyoshi (5-29-1971).....	Miki Tsuneyoshi
Yoshi Morimoto (5-31-1971).....	Morimoto Family
Asao Tanaka (5-18-1972).....	Tanaka Family
Hiroshi Mayumi (5-6-1973).....	Mayumi Family
Tamiko Mamiya (5-10-1973).....	Kawamoto Family
Seiko Fujimoto (5-20-1973).....	Fujimoto Family
Shoichi Hamatake (5-17-1974).....	Masako Prestidge
Magotaro Adachi (5-6-1975).....	Yoshioka Family
Tsume Takashima (5-14-1976).....	Wilbur Takashima
Rev. Gikan Nishinaga (5-2-1978).....	Mani Ryan
Mitsuko Iguchi (5-7-1978).....	Iguchi Family
Hatsuko Miyamoto (5-15-1979).....	Fumiko Miyamoto
Shizuye Saito (5-2-1981).....	Saito Family
Kakuye Yamada (5-11-1981).....	Yamada Family
Hisayo Fujimoto (5-29-1982).....	Fujimoto Family
Kuni Higuchi (5-8-1989).....	Yasuko Higuchi
Carl M. Ooka (5-19-1991).....	Valerie & Gerald Pang
Carol James (5- -).....	Etsuko Smith
Hiroko Kitada (5-17-1992).....	Yoshitsugu Kitada
Hisashi Ozaki (5-14-1993).....	Ozaki Family
Shizue Koba (5-15-1994).....	Duane Koba
Morizo Fujimoto (5-30-1994).....	Fujimoto Family
Kazu L. Scott (5-15-1996).....	Lee Scott
Momoyo Amano (5-6-1998).....	Mikiye Honda

<u>DECEASED</u>	<u>FAMILY MEMBER</u>
Yoshio Koike (5-25-1999).....	Kikuko Koike
James Yamaguchi (5-25-1999).....	Fusako Yamaguchi
Ichiye Ochi (5-28-1999).....	Ochi Family
Agnes Masae Kishi (5-9-2000).....	Masao Kishi
Harumi Hokanson (5-9-2001).....	Raymond Hokanson
Mikazu Kaminaka (5-10-2001).....	Kaminaka Family
Paul Yoshimasa Naitoh (5-1-2002).....	Masako Naitoh
Yukie Yagade (5-8-2002).....	Steven Yagade
Roy Morinaka (5-11-2002).....	Barry Morinaka
Tamiko Iwashita (5-13-2002).....	Iwashita Family
George Higuchi (5-25-2002).....	Yasuko Higuchi
Noboru Yamamoto (5-31-2002).....	Yamamoto Family
Sanae Gutzman (5-8-2003).....	Gutzman Family
Matsue Ishino (5-9-2003).....	Hiroko Ishino
Jane Akemi Obayashi (5-19-2003).....	Glenn Obayashi
Katsumi Takashima (5-3-2005).....	Wilbur Takashima
Donald Hamilton Estes (5-7-2005).....	Carol Estes
Misao Nakagawa Moriyama (5-2-2006).....	Moriyama Family
Masako Falk (5-27-2006).....	James F. Falk
Horace Shigeto Koga (5-10-2007).....	Katsuko Koga
Tiffany Wadzinski (5-19-2008).....	Mellissa Wadzinski
Phoebe Wadzinski (5-19-2008).....	Mellissa Wadzinski
John Ernest Benson (5-20-2010).....	Sachiko Kohatsu
Chonja Lee Haruko Bolick (5-8-2011).....	Jack Tetsuo Bolick
George Masato Uda (5-11-2001).....	Georgiana Uda
Arlene Shizue Hirata (5-4-2012).....	Jason Hirata
William Perkinson Jr. (5-6-2014).....	Michiko Perkinson
George Yada (5-18-2014).....	Shinzo Yada
Setsuko Yada (5-18-2014).....	Miyoko Hashiguchi
Jane Kozuye Yagade (5-23-2014).....	Steven Yagade
Peggy Fumiko Tsurudome (5-26-2014).....	Carly Tsurudome
Kuniko Denton (5-27-2014).....	Charles Denton
Leora Chiyeko Hamada (5-2-2016).....	Gary Hamada
Frederick Ichiro Tsuji (5-7-2016).....	Masako Tsuji
Steve Tomiyama (5-7-2021).....	Aki Tomiyama
Motoo Tsuneyoshi (5-8-2022).....	Angie Tsuneyoshi

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 continued influence in our lives. Check on memorial services for a loved one by calling during weekly office hours.

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	1972

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臨終一念の夕(二)

駐在開教使 向嶋裕史

浄土真宗は、「死ぬということがそのまま浄土に生まれることであり、煩惱を断ちきららずして悟りを開かせていただく」という教えであると先月お話しさせていただきました。これは阿弥陀仏の他力本願の救いでしか説かれない究極の教えです。

第八代門主である蓮如上人が記された『信心獲得の章』の最後に「この義は当流一途の所談なるものなり。他流の人に対して、かくのごとく沙汰あるべからざるどころなり」(意識)この教えは、浄土真宗を聞く者でないと分かりません。他の宗派の人に偉そうに話して無用な誤解を受けないように注意が必要です」と述べておられます。つまり、煩惱を抱えたままで仏となるという教えは、親鸞聖人が伝えて下さった他力本願でしか絶対言わない教えであり、聖道門は勿論のこと、他の浄土門の教えてさえもありません。

私達は一生涯煩惱のままに生きて、煩惱を抱えたまま死んでいきます。しかし、阿弥陀仏の本願のおはたらきて煩惱を断ぜずして臨終の一念に私達は悟りを開かせていただきます。世界のどの宗教を探しても、そんなことは決して有り得ません。しかし、そんな有り得ないことが起こるからこそ阿弥陀仏の本願のおはたらきを「不思議」というのです。

ですから私達をご本願に出遇わせたいただきたいという事は、私達の臨終の時、必ず仏の悟りを開く身にさせていたいただきたいことなのです。そのことを

私達はお念仏を称えて喜ばせていただいているのです。これ以上に有難い法義があるでしょうか。死んでみないと分からないという話ではないのです。もう既に私達のいのちは阿弥陀仏のおはたらきの中に修め取られていきます。ご本願に出遇わせたいただきたいことが本堂の意味で安心をいただいたということなのです。私達の人生における最大のミステリー、死んでいくことの問題—その解決が本堂の安心なのです。

お念仏は私の死んでいく問題を解決して下さる教えです。私達人間にとってこれほどの喜びはありません。人生に苦しみや悲しみはつきものですが、たとえ私の身に何が起ころうとも、仏さまにならせていただく人生のだから、今あるいのちを精一杯燃やし尽くして感謝のうちに人のために社会のために生きていくという力強いお念仏の道を歩むことができるのです。

念仏者の人生において最も大切なことは、本願力によって必ずお浄土に参らせていただく正定聚の身にさせてください。臨終の一念にお浄土に往生することを知ることです。臨終の一念にお浄土への旅路であり、他力信心をいただいた者の心は穢土を生きながらもつねにお浄土の光に照らされながら生きることができるとのことです。

浄土とは、煩惱の汚れのない清らかな悟りの世界のことです。愛憎を超え全てのいのちが、かけがえのない尊いものとして光り輝くすばらしい世界のことです。穢土に生きる私達の日常は、いつも自己中心の心から離れられず、自分にとって都合のいいものをむさぼり求め、都合の悪いものを排除し、更に他人を傷つけ、自分をも傷つけて生きています。

しかし、親鸞聖人の教える浄土を目指して生きるといふことは、そのような生き方しできない真の我が身の姿を真摯に見つめながら謙虚に生きるということなのです。阿弥陀仏の智慧の光に照らされて初めて自己の嘘

偽りが見えてきます。その意味で、信心をいただいて我執の心が見えてくる念仏者は、既に自分のはからいを超えた浄土の世界を生きているといえるのです。そして、蓮如上人が「仏法は聴聞にきわまる」と言われたように、絶対他力の信心はお聴聞によって初めていただくことができます。

仏教会にお参りに来られる皆さんは、本堂でお香を焚いてなくても、本堂全体がいつもお香の甘い匂いで満たされていることをご存じでしょうか。それは各法要ごとに毎回お香を焚いているため、心を癒してくれ

るお香の香りが自然と本堂内に染み付いているのです。これと同じように、仏教では何度も同じことを繰り返すことで、自然と物事が身についていたり、その人の人格になるといふ教えを「薫習」といいます。お念仏のみ教

えも繰り返して聴聞を重ねますと、たとえ自力のはからいを捨てきれずいたとしても、いつの間にか阿弥陀仏の温かいお心が自然と私達の心に染み付いて下さいます。これを「聞薫習」といいますが、聴聞によって阿弥陀仏のお心が私の心に至り届いた時、手を合わせている自分が自らのほからいではなく、阿弥陀仏のおはたらきによってお念仏を称える身にならせていただいたのだと気づかされます。この目覚めを他力の信心というのです。

お聴聞を通して、阿弥陀仏のお心をしっかりといただいた真実信心の念仏者は、阿弥陀仏のおはたらきによって、死んでいく問題は解決しています。お念仏は、臨終の一念に必ず仏の悟りを開かせていただく究極の教えです。ですから、親鸞聖人が「念仏者は無碍の一道なり」とおっしゃったように、たとえ人生に何が起ころうとも、真の念仏者は、何ものにも妨げられることなく、喜びと安らぎに満ちたお浄土への旅路を報恩感謝のお念仏を称えつつ力強く歩むことができるのです。何とも頼もしく嬉しく思えてなりません。

May Membership Report

Bill Teague, Membership Chair

New Members! We are already up to eight new members this year, young and old, men and women, families and singles. Since last month's report we add two new members, **Amy Dunbar** and **Mari Pullen**. Amy is now part of our Taiko troupe. Mari attended Dharma School at the Temple when younger and is the daughter of **Gale Kaneshiro** and **Jim Pullen**. The other 2023 new members are Denise Amemiya, Florence Koga, Ronnie Morinaka, Jayson & Mariel Schmidt, and Pat Yamada.

Obutsudan Day Update. The April 23 Obutsudan Day has been rescheduled for this Fall. But in the meanwhile, all members interested in obtaining an Obutsudan are asked to contact the Temple so we can show some available options. Our ability to offer low-cost new or refurbished Obutsudan is one of your benefits as a Temple member.

By the Numbers

Please accept my apologies to several of you not listed in last month's listing of renewals. We will update the full list of new and renewed 2023 members in a future issue. But the numbers – usually collated two weeks before you are reading this – are as follows:

- 113 individual members
- 85 households
- 55% toward our goal.

Easy Renewals, Easy Signups

Please visit the Members section of our website to find **Easy Join** and **Easy Renewal** resources.

Buy More Raffle Tickets Now! *Best Raffle Ever?*

Our **Bazaar on Sunday, June 4** is only a month and a half away, but we can already guarantee that this year's Raffle Drawing is almost certainly the best we have ever offered.

First prize: **\$1000**

Second prize: **Two-night stay at the Sycuan Casino and Resort** for two (and a comped dinner)

Third prize: **Two opening night tickets for two for Tina: The Tina Turner Musical** at Broadway San Diego.

And more: We guarantee over a hundred or more prizes (still coming in).

Vendors have been very generous, and donations that would be in Silent Auction are now in our pool of raffle prizes. (Silent Auction returns in 2024; Bon Again Asian Resale Shop takes its place in the Sangha Hall.)

Don't miss out: Call or email the Temple and we will mail them to you directly or set aside more tickets for you to pick up.

Thanks to **Gregg Yonekura** and **Bill Teague** for soliciting donations and **Doug Ojiri** and **3D's Travel Service** for sponsoring the ticket printing.

Help Us Make the Raffle Even Better. Gregg and Bill welcome your donation of new items or gift cards (if you buy them from the Temple's scrip program we benefit even more).

JR YBA NEWS

Thank you to everyone who purchased a Southern District JrYBL Obon t-shirts! This fundraiser helps offset costs for conference and promotes "Obon hopping," as the dates for each southern district Bon Odori festival are printed on the shirts.

The Southern District JrYBL Religious Retreat was held here at the temple on Saturday, April 22 and was a wonderful success with 19 delegates and 15 chaperones in attendance. Thank you to Reverend Gibbs, Reverend Umezu and Reverend Smitty for leading the workshops. Thank you also to everyone who helped support this event.

Hooray Ava, for taking the lead and organizing.

See you all at Bazaar!

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June 4, 2023, 11am - 4 pm

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