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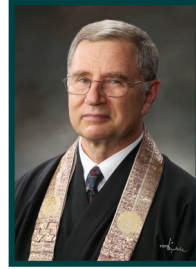
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The Hope for Equality Rev. Jundo Gregory Gibbs



In the Buddha-dharma we revere all forms of life. As Buddhists in the Pure Land stream of Mahayana Buddhism we share a vision of the equality of all-in-all. This perspective of true Oneness can become realized in our social lives as well.

When I was little, when I was bullied, I thought to myself, "I'm just as good as they are." It is natural, I think, for a little boy to reassure himself that way. Now that I am 74, I might need to remind myself, more often, that "they are just as good as I am."

Nice people of various religious backgrounds and nice people without religious backgrounds, as well, treat other people as equals. I have been treated graciously and as an equal by my fellow Buddhists, by Christians, by Atheists; ... by pretty much; ... you name it. There are nice people wherever you go.

It is not hard to treat people as equals when they are nice, articulate and of at least one's own educational level. Buddhists, Muslims, Christians and Atheist-humanists are moved by their fundamental principles to try to extend that respect to those less than demonstratively articulate, less edu-

cated, and even, when possible, less than totally nice. This is good. However, the reasons we give may be something like, "Well, they are still human, ..."

Of the many thousands of religious traditions on this planet only a handful encourage us to treat other animals as equally worthy. Some Native American traditions do this. Jainism certainly encourages reverence for all life. Buddhism sees other animals as our brothers and sisters living on the earth together. The hungry coyotes, their dinner, feral cats, the cats' breakfast, birds, ... 'they are just as good as I am'. Some of them are, to all appearances, better than I am, at least some of the time.

Every living thing is an aspect of Reality awakening to itself. Everything has Buddha-nature. However, instead of "... after all. He/she/they are human ..." or even, "... after all, they have Buddha-nature, ..." we would do well to think, "After all, they feel pleasure and pain." We don't need to give them a vote in the general election, but feral cats and wild dogs have feelings that are equally as important as ours. Amida is the Buddha of Equality. Those other forms of life are also embraced by the Buddha's Promise of Endless life and sharing in Goodness.

As 2024 continues to unfold, let's resolve to treat everyone as our equal. All people, all animals, ... most insects. [Temporary exemptions for mosquitos, cockroaches and Black Widow Spiders].

Welcome Rev. Etsuko Mikame

We welcome Rev. Mikame, of the San Jose Buddhist Church Betsuin, to San Diego for the February 11, 2024 **Buddhist Women's Association and Lady Kujo Memorial Service**. At this special service we honor San Diego BWA members who have passed away and **Lady Takeko Kujo**, who founded what became a global organization of women Buddhists.

About Reverend Etsuko Mikame joined the ministerial staff of the San Jose Betsuin in August, 2019. An appreciation of her service to the San Jose Betsuin stresses her sense of curiosity and enthusiasm. These qualities served her well through not just a new culture but also in meeting the challenges of the Covid pandemic and conducting virtual services in an empty Hondo (main hall).

Originally from Oda, in Shimane Prefecture, Japan, she comes from a Temple family which has shared the Nembutsu for over 300 years. Beyond Oda, She has served temples in Chiba, (outside of Tokyo), as well as

the Hongwanji (in Kyoto). Mikame Sense's interests and expertise include Buddhist liturgy, music and education. She is a popular speaker at BCA Temples due to insights and clear explanation of Jodo Shinshu Buddhism.

She graduated from Waseda University with a double major, worked at a prosthetic company, studied abroad, worked at a Baskin-Robbins ice cream shop, and trained others at the Hongwanji's seminary and received *Fukyoshi* certification.



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FEBRUARY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

The BWA and Lady Takeko Kujo memorials (Feb. 11) and Nirvana Day (Feb. 18) will highlight the special services this month. The Shotsuki Hoyo will be on Feb. 4.

Sunday Dharma Family services are held in-person with everyone encouraged to attend. Services will be livestreamed on the temple's YouTube page. Meetings and activities will be conducted either in person or virtually on Zoom (Z).

(Activities and times subject to change):

- 1 – Tai Chi, 10 a.m. (Annex Hall)
- 4 – Sutra Chanting, 9 a.m. (Hondo), Odori practice for Cherry Blossom, 9 a.m. (Annex Hall), Shotsuki Hoyo/Dharma Family Service, 10 a.m. (H/Livestream), BWA meeting, 11:30 a.m. (Conference Room), Sangha Teens meeting, 11:30 a.m. (Rooms 6-7), Taiko practice, 11:30 a.m. (AH)
- 7 – Taiko practice, 6:45 p.m. (AH), Buddhism 1-2-3, 7 p.m. (Z)
- 8 – Tai Chi, 10 a.m. (AH), Board of Directors meeting, 7 pm (Z)
- 9 – Southern District Council meeting, 7 p.m. (Z)
- 11 – Sutra chanting, 9 a.m. (H), Odori practice, 9 a.m. (AH), **BWA/Lady Takeko Kujo Memorial** (H/LS). Guest speaker: Rev. Etsuko Mikame, San Jose Buddhist Church Betsuin; Dharma school staff meeting, 11:30 am (CR); Taiko 11:30 a.m., AH
- 13 – Ways & Means meeting, 7 p.m. (Z)
- 14 – Taiko practice, 6:45 p.m. (AH), Buddhism 1-2-3, 7 pm (Z)
- 15 – Tai Chi, 10 a.m. (AH)
- 16 – Gomeinchi service, 10 a.m. (H), BCA Ministers Association meeting (Z)
- 17 – BCA National Council Meeting Workshops (Z)
- 18 – Sutra chanting, 9 a.m. (H); Odori practice, 9 a.m. (AH); **NIRVANA DAY**/Dharma Family Service, 10 a.m. (H/LS); Southern District Conference meeting, 11:30 a.m. (CR); Jr. YBA meeting, 11:30 am (Room 1); Taiko 11:30 a.m. (AH)
- 21- Taiko practice, 6:45 pm (AH), Buddhism 1-2-3, 7 p.m. (Z)
- 22 – Tai Chi, 10 a.m. (AH), Activities meeting, 7 p.m. (Z)
- 23-24 – BCA National Council meetings at Sacramento
- 23 – BTSD Kiku Bento toban at Villa Gardens
- 24 – IBS Symposium, “The Making of American Buddhism” with Dr. Scott Mitchell and Rev. Takashi Miyaji, 3 p.m. (Z)
- 25 – Sutra chanting, 9 am (H); Intro. to Buddhism, 9 am (CR); Odori practice, 9 am; Dharma Family service, 10 am (H/LS); BCA National Eitai-kyo service, 10 am (Z); Okinawa Kenjinkai New Year's party, noon (AH)
- 26 – Ministerial Team meeting, 7 p.m. (Z)
- 28 – Bussei Script mailing, 9:30 a.m. (Dining room); Taiko practice, 6:45 p.m. (AH); Buddhism 1-2-3, 7 p.m. (Z)
- 29 – Tai Chi, 10 a.m. (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. Email the temple at info@btsd.net or check the BTSD website <http://www.buddhisttemplesandiego.org> for updates.

ACTIVITIES

It was so nice to see so many of our Sangha members out for the 2024 Temple New Years Party! The lunch was made up of Japanese Bento, KFC and celebratory cakes for dessert. Our own Taiko Group and Dharma School provided the fantastic entertainment to close out the day. Many thanks go out to all of those who lent a helping hand during the event from cutting and passing out the cake to making the clean up a breeze!! Special thanks to Ruth Voorhees who led us in our traditional “KANPAI” to get the party started! A personal thank you to Laura Y and Ann O who took on the task of taking, organizing and distributing the lunch orders!

Our committee will be looking into a variety of new activities for all to enjoy in addition to the larger events like Bazaar, Obon and Mochitsuki. We invite any suggestions for other activities you and others might be interested in.

In Gassho,
Activities Committee

TEMPLE SURVIVES TORRENTIAL RAINS, FLOODING THAT HIT REGION IN JANUARY

The Buddhist Temple of San Diego hopes everyone in the Sangha made it through last month's rain unscathed or at least with minor damage to property when a torrential storm and flooding hit the region on January 22.

Assessment of damage for BTSD was minor. The temple's entrance encountered a water entering the building from a nearby drainage overflow which affected the carpet. Some ceiling tiles in the Annex Hall were loosened or fell. There were several leaks in the roof in the Sangha Hall. The temple, which was closed on the day of the storm, lost power for approximately two hours. Fortunately, there was no water damage to the hondo, onajin, and classrooms.

Rough calculations from meteorological sources reported that more than 150 billion gallons of water fell on San Diego over three days, much of it in a three-to-six hour period. It was the rainiest day ever in January according to records dating to 1850.

if you know of families who were affected by the storm, and need assistance, please contact the temple office.

We have two items that were found at the temple.
A chain that was lost during the year-end cleaning
and a delicate ring that was found in the women's
restroom after the January 21st service.

We have also lost a purple Ojuzu.
Please return to the office if you found it.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By LuAnn Lee, Board President

Celebration at BTSD!

Our annual New Year's party was a fun event and a mini reunion with Kenji Sensei and Karen Akahoshi. We thank them for making time to come back to San Diego to be our Guest Speaker for the Ho-Onko service honoring Shinran Shonin.

We enjoyed Kenji Sensei's seminar on Saturday and his Dharma talks on Sunday. He talked to the Dharma school about playing with Legos and how would it be if we only had one piece to create or build things. It would be more fun to have lots of pieces and other people to work with to make something more substantial.

The one piece we had could be part of the foundation or be the top of the project to finish it off.

The message that I took away that day is how we are connected and interdependent to each other. The ME to the WE.

If you have ever go to Legoland, you will see how many people it took working together to build the many displays and buildings.

Sensei also talked from the heart about his time going through his surgery and the loss of his son. He appreciated the Sangha in San Diego for being so supportive of Karen and himself.

I feel we will always be there for each other and look forward to their next visit.

I want to thank all of you who attended the general meeting on January 28 as we made our quorum and completed the business of BTSD for another year.

Thanks to Laura Yoshida and Karen Okuhara for organizing the lunch, the Board of Directors for contributing towards the main dishes and to all that brought food to share. Special thanks to Michael Kinoshita who put the packets together. Appreciation to the technical team and to those that set-up, served tea and stayed to clean up.

We presented a lot of information so if you would like to see more details, please call the office to get a copy of the packet or ask one of our board members.

Appreciation to our Administrative Assistant Linda Redenbaugh for her support and knowing she will take care of the newsletter, mailings and being there in the office for the Sangha during the week.

I appreciate the opportunity to represent the Temple and to be a part of the Board of Directors including the representatives of the affiliated groups and to our strategic planning group. The board and the representative's give up their time to attend the monthly meetings, some have meeting in between plus all the volunteering to take care of the many tasks that keep the Temple running smooth. Thank you to all of them for the support they give so generously.

We are starting the planning of our one hundred year celebration in 2026 and would like everyone to help in some way.

Looking forward to 2024 and all that we can accomplish together.

Thank you for all your generous donations and support of the Temple.

Gasho,
LuAnn

BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

The Board of Directors met on January 11th -

1. The Ways & Means Committee recommendation for Oseibo (appreciation) for 2023 was approved. Oseibo will be presented at the temple New Year party.
2. Funds for appreciation gifts for the 2023 high donors were approved.
3. A donation was approved to help the Seattle Betsuin as it recovers from a December 31st arson fire.
4. The Ministerial team, affiliated organizations and standing committees updated the Board on their activities.

BWA NEWS

February is a very important month. It is when we observe Kisaragi, to honor and remember Lady Takeko Kujo, and also BWA members who have passed away. This year Rev. Mikame from San Jose will be our guest speaker, while Rev. Gibbs will be officiating the service. Rev.

Mikame will deliver both English and Japanese messages and we will be singing the gatha we have been practicing at our meetings, "With Gassho From the Heart." After the service, we will enjoy a bento lunch with Rev. Mikami and Rev. and Mrs. Gibbs. The bentos will be about \$15. Please let Susan (619 252-5808) know if you would like to purchase a bento.

Hope you saw our flyer and order form in this month's Kaiho. Everyone is invited to taste some savory as well as sweet dishes at the English Tea, which will be held in the Annex on Saturday, April 20, 2024 from 11:30 am to 2 pm. There will be 6 seats at each table. Please let us know if you would like to sit with friends or family. The cost is \$35 and will benefit a sister temple in Hawaii, the Lahaina

Mission Hongwanji and BWA. Payment can be made by Paypal, credit card, or check. Don't forget to reserve your seat for fun, entertainment and raffles! Please contact Junko 858-722-9655 Jkajita@yahoo.com, or Aki 858-722-5449 tomisanto@gmail.com for more information.

Our yearly BWA dues of \$15 can be paid to Susan at our February 4th meeting, on Sunday at 11:45 am.

Our book club had a lively discussion on the second half of The Diamond Eye by Kate Quinn. Everyone enjoyed the story line, knowing also that it closely followed the facts of the remarkable heroine of the story. Pictures of the real characters at the end of the book brought the whole story to life.

Happy Birthday to our February members: Junko (2nd), Aki (12th), and Ruth, who celebrates her 101st this year! Health, happiness, and long life!

DHARMA SCHOOL

Dharma School welcomed 2024 in melody and harmony at our temple New Year Party. After only a few rehearsals, the students sang *Shinran Sama* and *It's a Wonderful World* like pros! At our Ho-Onko service, we appreciated the "homecoming" message of our former resident minister Rev. Kenji Akahoshi. Sensei talked about building with Legos - playing with just one piece is not so fun, but when we build with many, we can create something great.

In March, the Pre-K through 3rd grade class will do our annual "Little Kids Can Do Big Things" collection for Ronald McDonald House, which is a "home-away-from-home" for families with children being treated for serious conditions at local hospitals. We will appreciate donations of brand new games, jigsaw puzzles, crayons, markers, coloring books, word search books, puzzle books, and crossword puzzle books.

GOMEINICHI SERVICE REMEMBERS SHINRAN SHONIN EACH MONTH

Shinran Shonin, the founder of the Jodo Shinshu school of Buddhism passed away on January 16, 1263, in Kyoto, Japan.

To commemorate Shinran's passing, Shin Buddhist temples throughout Japan and the world conduct a service on the 16th of each month.

On January 16, the Buddhist Temple of San Diego resumed the Gomeinichi (anniversary of death) service with chanting Shoshinge in the hondo. Rev. Laverne Imori and Certified Minister's Assistant Yukari Williams conducted the service.

Rev. Laverne, along with the ministerial team, encourages the Sangha to attend the service and chant Shoshinge in appreciation of Shinran and embrace the Nembutsu. The February service, along with future monthly gatherings, will start at 10 a.m.

Following the service, please join the participants for light refreshments in the dining room. Hope you can attend. *In Gassho.*

BTSD WILL HOST 2024 SOUTHERN DISTRICT BUDDHIST CONFERENCE

On Saturday, October 19, it will be the Buddhist Temple of San Diego's (BTSD) turn to host the Southern District Buddhist Conference.

Delegates from throughout the Southern District temples will meet at BTSD for a day of listening to the Dharma and reconnecting and establishing new friendships.

The conference theme is Save The Date "For the Nembutsu".

Rev. Marvin Harada, Bishop of the Buddhist Churches of America (BCA) will deliver the keynote message in English. The Japanese message will be given by Rev. Hibiki Murakami of the Los Angeles Homba Hongwanji Buddhist Temple (Nishi Betsuin).

Activities will include opening and closing services, Dharma messages, workshops and lunch. The BTSD Dharma School will support the activities requested by the Southern District Dharma School Teachers League. The BTSD BWA, which is serving as the Southern District BWA (SDBWA) cabinet this year, will support conference by promoting the event with other SDBWA chapters.

BTSD is one of 13 temples that comprise the Southern District Council of the BCA. Other temples and churches include Arizona, Gardena, Nishi, Pasadena, Orange County, Oxnard, San Fernando, Santa Barbara, Senshin, Venice, Vista and West Los Angeles. Our own Lu Ann Lee is serving as chairperson for the Southern District Council for 2024.

The BTSD conference committee is in full gear ramping up preparing for this year's event. Sangha members are taking on responsibilities with various sub-groups. More Sangha members will be asked to support the sub-groups. If you would like to be a part of the committee, please contact co-chairs Ralph Honda (rk honda205@gmail.com) or Junko Kajita (jkajita@yahoo.com) for more information.

The conference committee hopes that the San Diego Sangha will be excited to host this year's conference and will Save the Date "For the Nembutsu".

In Gassho,
Ralph Honda and Junko Kajita, 2024 Conference Co-chairs

Please Join Us for
the BWA English Tea on
To Be Announced, Annex Hall

Fee: \$35 to Benefit the
Lahaina Buddhist Temple BWA
Payable by cash, check or PayPal
More info: buddhisttemplesandiego.org

Please let us know if you have
preferred seating. Aki Tomiyama
858-722-5449 or Junko Kajita
858-722-9655

Everyone is welcome



FEBRUARY SHOTSUKI LIST

The monthly memorial service will take place on February 4 at 10 a.m. in the hondo. Shotsuki Hoyo honors the memory of loved ones who passed away during the month. If you are unable to attend in-person, the service can be livestreamed on the temple's YouTube page. Access the livestream on the temple's website under the "Video" tab. Please share the service with family members and friends who do not have access to the internet. If you find an error in the Shotsuki listing or wish to add a name, please contact the temple at (619) 239-0896 or email info@btsd.net *Gassho*.

DECEASED

FAMILY MEMBER

Kisouyemon Sato (2-21-1906)..... Wilbur Takashima
 Bunshiro Takashima (2-6-1927)..... Wilbur Takashima
 Naminosuke Tachiki (2-13-1932)..... Tachiki Family
 Rino Yanagihara (2-21-1948)..... Yanagihara Family
 Same Odawara (2-27-1949)..... Higuchi Family
 Michi Hanano (2-3-1956)..... Gerald Hanano
 Eikichi Ishisaki (2-12-1956)..... Florence Koga
 Toyo Furusho (2-24-1958)..... Saito Family
 Naminosuke Date (2-8-1959)..... Date Family
 Yukino Kodama (2-14-1959)..... Vivianne Jones
 Ichigoro Imai (2-9-1960)..... Ohara Family
 Kotaro Shimizu (2-4-1960)..... Dorothy Kimura
 Mine Iwataki (2-6-1961)..... Iwataki Family
 Hatsue Kimura (2-16-1961)..... Ochi Family
 Sada Takasugi (2-22-1966)..... Wayne Takasugi
 Sada Tsuneyoshi (2-1-1967)..... Tsuneyoshi Family
 Don Sadao Takeshita (2-6-1968)..... Takeshita Family
 Yujiro Nakano (2-21-1970)..... Nakano Family
 Yaeno Amano (2-2-1971)..... Amano Family
 Natsue Shinohara (2-13-1972)..... Shinohara Family
 Tome Morimoto (2-14-1974)..... Morimoto Family
 Tome Yamashita (2-17-1976)..... Mildred Kawasaki
 Suma Shimada (2-3-1978)..... Sharon Shimada
 Masanori Koba (2-21-1979)..... Duane Koba
 Fred Yamaguchi (2-2-1981)..... Yamaguchi Family
 Fumiko Yoshihara (2-1-1982)..... Kubota Family
 Megumi Torimaru (2-2-1983)..... Torimaru Family
 Masano Hirata (2-8-1984)..... Hirata Family
 Yuki Masumoto (2-26-1986)..... Chiyoko Masumoto
 Shima Fudo (2-13-1988)..... Miyoko Yamanishi
 Miki Moriyama (2-17-1988)..... Kat Moriyama-Liss
 Sada Sameshima (2-1-1989)..... Ricardo Y. Sameshima
 Eda Asamen (2-24-1989)..... Masako Uyeji
 Misao Sugiyama (2-5-1992)..... Sugiyama Family
 George Hoshizaki (2-9-1993)..... Carolyn Jackson

DECEASED

FAMILY MEMBER

James Nicklas Link (2-27-1993)..Kathryn Moriyama Liss
 Mary Sugimoto (2-15-1994)..... Florence Koga
 Yajuro Nemoto (2-25-1994)..... Nemoto Family
 Koyoshi Nakamura (2-19-1995)..... Nakamura Family
 Otomatsu Yoshihara (2-23-1995)..... Hiroko Kubota
 Iwao Yagura (2-2-1998)..... Yagura Family
 Fumiko Momita (2-18-2001)..... Gary Asao Momita
 Mary Hoshizaki (2-27-2001)..... Carolyn Jackson
 Satoshi Jack Takagi (2-2-2002)..... Takagi Family
 Shie Hagio (2-13-2002)..... Hagio Family
 Carol Inouye (2-3-2004)..... Craig Inouye
 Masami Honda (2-8-2005)..... Amy Honda
 Fred Hashiguchi (2-17-2006)..... Miyoko Hashiguchi
 Joseph S. Shiraishi (2-22-2006)..... Shiraishi Family
 Bette Torio (2-16-2007)..... Wesley Torio
 Patsy Harue Yanagihara (2-1-2008)... Yanagihara Family
 Shigeru Moriyama (2-4-2008)..... Kat Moriyama-Liss
 Suzy Shizuko Yamada (2-25-2008)..... Bert Masumoto
 Doris Miyashiro (2-7-2009)..... Amy Sato
 Tsuneo Niwa (2-9-2014)..... Niwa Family
 Toshiharu Glenn Yonekura (2-21-11)... Takashima Family
 Ronald Nishinaga (2-27-2012)..... Mani Ryan
 Yoshinobu Wakabayashi (2-6-2013)..... Yoshiko White
 Rose Watamura (2-1-2014)..... Elizabeth Takasaki
 Mary Grijalva Martinez (2-2-2014)..... Yuko Niwa
 Fumie Yamashita (2-13-2014)..... Friends
 Mary Matsumoto (2-24-2014)..... Kay DeFord
 Mariko Tanizaki (2-25-2014)..... Gary Tanizaki
 Hideko Okada Smith (2-17-2016)..... James E. Smith
 George Yamamoto (2-11-2019)..... Ann Yamamoto
 Michael Mitsuo Doi (2-8-2020)..... Doi Family
 Hatsumi Oto 2-2-2021..... Amy Oto
 Ruby Yoshida (2-3-2021)..... Laura Yoshida
 Miyeko Kinoshita (2-17-2021)..... Michael Kinoshita
 Nobuko Amano (2-20-2021)..... Mike Amano
 Minako Nakano (2-20-2021)..... Alan Nakano

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 for and acknowledge their continuing influence in our lives. If you wish to schedule a memorial service for a loved one, please call during weekly office hours.

2024 is the memorial year for those who passed away in:

1st Year Memorial	2023	13th Year Memorial	2012	27th Year Memorial	1998
3rd Year Memorial	2022	17th Year Memorial	2008	33rd Year Memorial	1992
7th Year Memorial	2018	25th Year Memorial	2000	50th Year Memorial	1975

Membership Update

Bill Teague, Membership Chair

A Strong Finish and a Strong Start

A Strong Finish (2023). For 2023 we were within one or two memberships of our 2022 rate. This is all due to you, our members. And counter-balancing the passing of beloved members, or moves from San Diego, we had a dozen or so new or returning members to keep us steady in membership count.

A Strong Start (2024). Within the first three weeks in January, we are already **renewed at over 25%**! That is, we have 53 renewed members so far. The 2024 confirmed members are as follows; we expect to report more new members before the month is out.

Roger Coppock, Kiku Graeber, Quimico Hagio, Ruby Hara, John & Tsune Hashiguchi, Sally Ishihara, Gale Kaneshiro, Itsuko & Kiyoshi Kawasaki, John MacAlpine, Nancy Martinez, Chiyoko Masumoto, **Lauren Matsumoto**, Lee & Susan Moribe, Ron Morinaka, Kathy Moriyama-Liss, Fred & Nancy Nakatani, Michiko Ogasawara, Shirley Omori, Ken & Laurine Ota, Mani Ryan, Jeff & Kathy Sakai, Toshiko Sakow, **Shunichi & Betty Santohigashi**, Brian & Lorin Sasaki, Susan Schraeder, Robert & Yoko Shultz, Floyd & Kaytee Sumida, Kelvin & Lara Tanaka, Akie Tomiyama, Wayne Tsukamoto, Erika Williams, Yukari Williams, Ron & Sheila Yagura, Jean Yamada, Laura Yamaguchi, Ann Yamamoto, Peggy Yamamoto, Alan & Karen Yamanishi, Curt Yasuhara, Gregg Yonekura, and Susan Yonekura.

Names in bold are for new members or members returning after a significant absence.

Help Us Keep the Momentum!

Please renew in January. It helps the Temple plan its fiscal year and make sure it can meet its budget to keep our doors open. Forms are available in the office, or online, or call or email the office so we can send it out to you.

~ Bill Teague, Membership Chair

info@btsd.net or btcomms@cox.net

IN FEBRUARY Learn More about Nirvana and the Basics of Buddhism

For the **Intro to Buddhism class** on Sunday, February 25, please join **Kaytee Sumida** at 9 a.m. in the Sangha Hall. Kaytee will provide more background on the historical Buddha and his entry into Nirvana, as well as an overview of how Buddhism developed.

The class, open to all, lasts one hour. It is popular with Temple members, visitors, and college students on assignment to experience a faith different than their own.

BUDDHIST CHURCHES OF AMERICA FEDERATION OF DHARMA SCHOOL TEACHERS' LEAGUES FRED AND HELEN NITTA SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship was established through the generous donation of Fred and Helen Nitta of Watsonville, California to commemorate their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary in 1964. It is to honor and give recognition to an outstanding Buddhist youth.

1. Those eligible will be members of a BCA Sr. YBA or a BCA Jr. YBA for at least two years. In the event the local temple does not have a Sr. or Jr. YBA, participation for two years in; alternate youth activities with the district, CBE youth programs such as the Buddhist Youth Retreat (BYR), temple Buddhist education programs and temple service activities such as with the Dharma School, completion of a minister-directed project requiring demonstration of leadership over the course of their junior or senior year, or completion of the requirements for the Dharma Award or if enrolled in a Scouts BSA or Girl Scout unit, the Sangha Award (2nd Stage) or Padma Award (Ambassador level which is the high school version) and all prerequisites under the guidance of their local minister or supervising minister or designee. Prospective applicants are highly encouraged to discuss alternate requirements prior to their senior year with the Nitta Scholarship Program Chair.

2. Must be a graduating high school senior or one who will be graduating in the particular year and who plans to continue with higher education.

3. Financial need will not be considered.

4. Recipient will receive a cash award Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$750.00).

5. Application forms are available through your Dharma School Superintendent, the Federation of Dharma School Teachers' Leagues, or on the Fred and Helen Nitta Scholarship website <https://sites.google.com/view/nitta-scholarship>.

BCA MINISTERS & NATIONAL COUNCIL MTGS.

The annual BCA National Council Meeting (NCM) will take place February 23 and 24 in Sacramento and will be held in-person and virtually. The Northern District will serve as host.

Supervising Minister, Rev. Gregory Gibbs, President Lu Ann Lee and Third Vice President Bill Teague will represent BTSD.

The BCA Ministers' Association will hold its meeting on Feb. 16. The NCM workshops will be on Feb. 17 virtually via Zoom.

On February 24, the Institute of Buddhist Studies will host a symposium "The Making of American Buddhism" with Dr. Scott Mitchell and Rev. Takashi Miyaji, 3 p.m.

The national Eitaikyo service will take place on Feb. 25 at 10 a.m. and will be offered via Zoom for the Sangha.

Zoom links for all NCM activities will be available on the temple's website.

DONATIONS

The Buddhist Temple of San Diego is grateful to the following individuals and organizations for their donations to the Temple and its affiliated organizations. "IMO" means "In memory of." For a corrections or questions, please contact the temple at 619-239-0896 or info@btsd.net.

BTSD
 Barsoom, Juli
 IMO Asako Takusagawa
 Hamada, Gary
 Tsukamoto, Wayne -
 General Fund
 Abe, Kazuko - Thank
 you for activities
 Tomiyama, Aki
 Sasaki, Brian & Lorin
 Yonekura, Susan - Where
 needed
 Sasaki, Sharon & Robert
 Yamamoto - Where needed
 Estate of Toyo Nishi
 Yonekura, Susan
 Naoto Mori
 Ota, Kenneth & Laurine
 Rome, Lyford
 Yamamoto, Ann Miyuki
 Morinaka, Ron
 Anonymous - where needed
 Dean, Colleen H
 Yamamoto, June & Kathy
 Clenney
 Yamamoto, June & Kathy
 Clenney
 Inouye, Craig
 Wade Watanabe Memorial
 Yamada, Diane & Pat
 Wade Watanabe - 1 year

BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS
 Sumida, Floyd & Kaytee
 Tomiyama, Aki
 Sasaki, Sharon - most needed
 Yonekura, Susan - most need

DHARMA SCHOOL
 Tsukamoto, Wayne
 Liss, Kathryn Moriyama
 Yonekura, Susan
 Sumida, Floyd & Kaytee
 Yamamoto, Peggy
 Kawasaki, Kiyoshi & Aileen
 Estes, Carol
 Hashiguchi, Tsuneko & John

EITAIKYO FUND
 Liss, Kathryn Moriyama
 IMO James Niklos Link

END OF YEAR - JOYA-E
 Sumida, Floyd & Kaytee
 Kawasaki, Kiyoshi & Aileen
 Kajita, Timothy & Junko
 Kawasaki, Kiyoshi & Aileen
 Kajita, Timothy & Junko

FLORAL FUND
 Tsukamoto, Wayne
 Liss, Kathryn Moriyama
 Yonekura, Susan
 Sumida, Floyd & Kaytee

Yamamoto, Peggy
 Kawasaki, Kiyoshi & Aileen
 Estes, Carol
 Hashiguchi, Tsuneko & John

GENERAL MAINTENANCE
 Tsukamoto, Wayne
 Liss, Kathryn Moriyama
 Yonekura, Susan
 Sumida, Floyd & Kaytee
 Yamamoto, Peggy
 Tanaka, Kelvin & Lara
 Kawasaki, Kiyoshi & Aileen
 Estes, Carol
 Hashiguchi, Tsuneko & John

HO ONKO SERVICE
 Honda, Ralph & Avis
 Sumida, Floyd & Kaytee
 Tanaka, Kelvin & Lara
 Monji, Yoshiko
 Nogata, Yuriko & Sumihiro
 Suyenaga, Irene
 Hashiguchi, Tsuneko & John
 Otsuji, Dennis & Elaine

MAP
 Tsukamoto, Wayne
 Yonekura, Susan
 Yonekura, Susan
 Sumida, Floyd & Kaytee
 Yamamoto, Peggy
 Tanaka, Kelvin & Lara
 Kawasaki, Kiyoshi & Aileen
 Estes, Carol
 Hashiguchi, Tsuneko & John

MEMBERSHIP DUES 23 & 24
 Ryan, Mani
 Yamaguchi, Laura
 Tsukamoto, Wayne
 Yasuhara, Curt
 Tomiyama, Aki
 Liss, Kathryn Moriyama
 Yonekura, Susan
 Yonekura, Gregg
 Tomiyama, Aki
 Smith, Maribeth "Smitty"
 Jones, Jami
 Yamada, Jean
 Sumida, Floyd & Kaytee
 Yamamoto, Peggy
 Ishihara, Sally
 Tanaka, Kelvin & Lara -
 Wisteria
 Kawasaki, Kiyoshi & Aileen
 Wisteria
 Hashiguchi, Tsuneko & John
 Schraeder, Susan - Wisteria
 Omori, Shirley

MOCHI GOME
 Tomiyama, Aki

NEW YEAR'S DAY
 Sumida, Floyd & Kaytee

OSEIBO
 Kawasaki, Mildred & Trace
 Tanaka, Kelvin
 Yamada, Patrick & Diane
 Liss, Kathryn Moriyama
 Hamada, Gary
 Nakamura, Jake K. & Patty
 Gladsjo, Julie
 Hasegawa, Arlene & Eugene
 Kawamoto, Mitsuko
 Kawasaki, Kiyoshi & Aileen
 Koga, Florence
 Himaka, Norman & Kathy
 Negoro, Glenn
 D'Orsi, Ruby
 Tomiyama, Aki
 Kawamoto, Mitsuko
 Kawasaki, Kiyoshi & Aileen
 Koga, Florence
 Himaka, Norman
 Negoro, Glenn

SCHOLARSHIP
 Tsukamoto, Wayne
 Liss, Kathryn Moriyama
 Yonekura, Susan
 Tomiyama, Aki
 Sumida, Floyd & Kaytee
 Yamamoto, Peggy
 Kawasaki, Kiyoshi & Aileen
 Hashiguchi, Tsuneko & John

SHOTSUKI HOYO
 Kajita, Timothy & Junko
 IMO Frank Kajita
 Negoro, Glenn
 IMO Yoshie Okuma
 Nakagawa, Mami
 IMO Nobuo Nadahara - Dec

Hamada, Gary
 IMO George Hamada
 IMO Leora Hamada
 IMO Pat Heyamoto
 IMO Sen Watanabe
 IMO Tatsu Hata
 IMO Satoru Hata
 Tsukamoto, Wayne
 IMO B. Tsukamoto - Dec
 Koga, Florence
 Tomiyama, Aki
 IMO Steven Tomiyama
 IMO Sayoko Tomiyama
 IMO Noboru Tomiyama
 IMO Taiji Santohigashi
 IMO Sachiko Santohigashi
 Kashima, Sara
 IMO Tets Kashima - Jan.
 IMO Ben Honda - Dec.
 Koga, Florence
 IMO Irene Koga
 Honda, Ralph & Avis
 IMO Hachiro Honda
 IMO Tetsuyo Kashima
 Voorhies, Ruth
 IMO Kotake Kondo - 1-14-23
 Negoro, Keiko
 IMO GMa Yoshie Okuma
 IMO Kei Okuma - Dec.
 Yamashita, Emiko
 IMO Chozaburo Yamashita
 Nakagawa, Mami
 IMO Masako Nadahara - Jan
 Ong, Mike & Ann - Jan.
 Kajita, Gary
 IMO Frank Kajita
 Himaka, Michio & Naomi
 IMO Osao Himaka
 IMO Shizuko Shimizu
 Estes, Carol

JR YBA NEWS

Hello Dharma Friends,
 Recently our Jr. YBA traveled by bus to Arizona Buddhist Temple for Seminar 1. It was a long journey with plenty of hours spent napping and looking outside, but in the end, the destination was worth it. Arizona Jr. YBA put together an amazing "Survivor" (reality TV show) themed seminar and we had a great time. Our Jr. YBA members even tried something new: Top Golf! We had a great time trying new things and watching our very own Anika Bull discover her hidden talent for Top Golf-ing.

Besides our in-person activities, we have also been meeting online with our Vista Jr. YBA counterparts for Conference 2024 "Wheel of Dharma" planning meetings! We are very excited to meet with them in-person this coming month, and make even more progress. Until then, we will continue learning more about Buddhism in our weekly Dharma School classes.
 Gassho,
 Cassidy Muraoka, BTSD Jr. YBA Vice President



HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Ruth Voorhies wished us all kampa while LuAnn Lee and Rev. Imori look on, The Dharma School lead in the sangha in the songs "Shinran Sama" and "A Beautiful World" and the Taiko Group performed.



Photos by Efton Woodford and Greg Bull Thank You!

