

ARRIVAL OF OUR FIRST BABY!

by Rev. Yushi Mukojima, Resident Minister

Our long anticipation for first child, Kurumi has arrived on August 24. She is a healthy girl who weighed 7 lbs. 8 oz. and was 19.49 in. long at birth. Now that she has reached one month of age, she sometimes responds with a smile when we speak to her. She is very cute, full of smiles and looks really intelligent. Isn't this how all fond parents describe their baby?

To tell the truth, when Mika became pregnant, I selfishly imagined the baby would be a boy so I called her a boy's name every day for a few months. Then later when we found out we would be having a girl, I was lost in thought about the choice of the name but it was very hard for me to switch to thinking of a girl's name right away.

Though I am ashamed to admit I wished for a boy, my wife and I decided to name the little girl Kurumi after much consideration. There is a word kurumi in Japanese, which means "walnut." So when Japanese hear the name Kurumi, they think of walnuts. But I picked two wonderful kanji (Chinese characters) for Kurumi: kuru means "come" and mi means "truth," so Kurumi means, "comes from the truth" or "truth comes." It has the same meaning as "Tathagata."

Although Kurumi's name has a grand meaning, we gave it to her with our wish that no matter what happens to her, she will create a bright and wonderful life and future with the Nembutsu through the guidance of Tathagata.

When I think back to the day the baby was born, I am very impressed by my wife giving birth to this healthy baby though I know she has felt anxiety and loneliness here in America so far from her parents.

In the early morning of August 23 at about 5:30 a.m., one day before her due date, my wife's labor started. At that time, I was sleeping in the guest room and was having a good dream. But when I heard Mika suddenly calling my name, I almost fell out of the bed in surprise. Although half asleep, I hurried to her. When I looked in the room, she was having a contraction. I went into a panic because she seemed to be giving birth to the baby right there, so we immediately left for Mary Birch Hospital to see the doctor.

However, when we arrived, we were told Mika wasn't ready to deliver yet. She had to walk around the hospital ward in order to induce labor. It was very hard for me to see my wife walking while enduring the pain. After two hours, Mika was sent to the delivery room immediately and had labor induced because her water had broken. The contractions became so severe it was too painful for her to even talk to me. The only thing that I as her husband could do for her was to help her to drink water and give her a massage. Otherwise there was nothing for me to do except watch her attentively.

Now I realize that from the detection of her pregnancy to childbirth, Mika was filled with more anxiety and fear than I imagined. She must have suffered a lot of stress because it was the first pregnancy for her and the



childbirth experience is different in Japan. Furthermore, her parents with whom she is so comfortable and with whom she can discuss anything, were not by her side. Therefore, she would cry before I could even realize why. But when I saw her stroking her belly while speaking to the baby, I realized that pregnant women have a connection with their child that is deep and undeniable.

Although Japan has seen tremendous changes in comparison to the old days, there are still not many couples in which the father is present at the baby's birth like here in the U.S. So I was not planning to be in the birthing room at all. But when I came to realize what Mika had endured so far, and that the only person she has to depend upon is me, I decided I had to support her...even though I was in danger of fainting if I saw blood!

Although we were both full of anxiety during her labor, I squeezed her hand and called out to her, "Leave everything to the doctor." We encouraged each other by saying, "Everything will be fine."

Then, on August 24, 18 hours after we had first arrived at the hospital, Mika gave birth to our bouncing baby girl at 12:43 a.m. Although labor was traumatic and exhausting, Mika, who had sheltered and protected our unborn baby for nine long months, tearfully greeted the baby saying, "Thank you for arriving safely." I will never forget my wife's first words to Kurumi. That moving scene became the best memory of our lives together and one which we will remember forever.

Soon after, the doctor encouraged me to cut the umbilical cord. I felt really embarrassed that I dropped the scissors because I was so nervous. But a month later, this too has become a good memory.

Although labor took a long time, both Mika and the baby were doing fine and we were able to go home the next day. Now the baby's powerful cry echoes throughout the house.

Though as I mentioned earlier I had at first wished for a boy, but when we were in the birthing room, I didn't care if it was a boy or girl; I just wished the baby would arrive safely. I truly realized again that wanting a boy or a girl is the parent's wishful thinking, but that nothing is more gratifying than the baby being born healthy.

It was a rewarding experience for me to be present during Mika's labor because I learned many important things through it. Seeing my wife enduring so much and overcoming her fears for the sake of the baby, I was able to realize again that mothers are our greatest support.

Furthermore, I was aware of the life which developed from the precious moment we learned Mika was pregnant. My wife talking tenderly to the unborn baby in her womb and Amida Buddha who calls me seem one and the same. Even though babies are still in the womb, they are given names and talked to by their parents who wish for their safety, and who wish for their future and who always tell them, "Everything will be all right. So don't worry," even before they are born into this world. I realize that I am just like little Kurumi because I am also being called by Amida Buddha who assures me everything will be okay and who has always wished for my birth in the Pure Land. The relationship between a baby and its parents and Amida and myself are the same.

The words of Mr. Masao Tsuduku, "Although there are 100 million mothers for 100 million people, there are no mothers who are superior to my mother," echo deeply in my heart. Thanks to the huge challenge which we met together, Mika and I strengthened our bond and promised ourselves we will

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| BTSD OCTOBER 2008 CALENDAR | | | | |
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| DATE | | EVENT | TIME | PLACE |
| 10/1 | Wed | <i>Minyo Group Practice - 民謡クラス</i> | Noon | Annex 1.2 |
| 10/3 | Fri | Buddhist Study Class A with Rev. Mukojima | 9:30 | Conf. Room |
| 10/4 | Sat | Food & Music Festival Prep. | 9:00 a.m. | |
| 10/5 | Sun | FOOD & MUSIC FESTIVAL / No service | 11 a.m.-4 p.m. | Temple |
| 10/6 | Mon | Ways & Means Committee Mtg. | 7:00 p.m. | Conf. Room |
| 10/7 | Tue | <i>Shigin practice - 詩吟</i> | 1:00 p.m. | Annex 1.2 |
| 10/8 | Wed | <i>Minyo Group Practice - 民謡クラス</i> | Noon | Annex 1.2 |
| 10/9 | Thu | Board of Directors Mtg. | 6:30 p.m. | Conf. Room |
| 10/11 | Sat | JAHSSD Annual Mtg. (co-sponsored by BTSD) | 11:00 a.m. | Annex Hall |
| 10/12 | Sun | Dharma School Staff Mtg. | 9:00 a.m. | Conf. Room |
| | | FAMILY SERVICE / Dharma School 一日囉礼拝 | 10:00 a.m. | Hondo |
| | | October Shotsuki Hoyo (Monthly Memorial Service) - 10月祥月法要 | | |
| | | Jr. YBA Mtg. | 11:30 a.m. | Conf. Room |
| | | BWA (Fujinkai) Mtg | Noon | Conf. Room |
| | | SDAFF screening: "Always Sunset on 3rd Street-1" co-presented by BTSD | | Ultrastar Cinema-Hazard Ctr. |
| 10/13 | Mon | <i>Bussei Script</i> Deadline | | |
| | | SDAFF screening: "Passing Poston" co-presented by BTSD | 5:30 p.m. | Ultrastar Cinema-Hazard Ctr. |
| | | SDAFF screening: "Always Sunset on 3rd Street-2" co-presented by BTSD | | Ultrastar Cinema-Hazard Ctr. |
| | | Free reception to follow in lobby | | |
| 10/14 | Tue | <i>Shigin practice - 詩吟</i> | 1:00 p.m. | Annex |
| | | So. District Ministers Mtg. | 10:00 a.m. | L.A. Betsuin |
| 10/15 | Wed | <i>Minyo Group Practice - 民謡クラス</i> | Noon | Annex 1.2 |
| 10/16 | Tue | GOMEINICHI (monthly Japanese service) - ご命日法要 | 10:00 a.m. | Hondo |
| 10/17 | Fri | Buddhist Study Class B with Rev. Yanagihara | 9:30 a.m. | Conf. Room |
| 10/18 | Sat | Southern District Dharma School Mini-Workshop | 9 a.m.-3p.m. | Temple |
| 10/19 | Sun | FAMILY SERVICE / Dharma School 日囉礼拝 | 10:00 a.m. | Hondo |
| | | Special screening of anime "Shinran Sama" [free; everyone welcome] | 10:30 a.m. | Annex Hall |
| | | Dharma School Luncheon and "Kurumi-chan" welcome | 12:00 p.m. | Annex Hall |
| 10/21 | Tue | <i>Shigin practice - 詩吟</i> | 1:00 p.m. | Annex 1.2 |
| 10/22 | Wed | <i>Minyo Group Practice - 民謡クラス</i> | Noon | Annex 1.2 |
| 10/25 | Sat | FAMILY SERVICE and Dharma School Halloween Party | 5:00 p.m. | Hondo, Annex Hall |
| | | <i>Koto Practice - お琴教室</i> | 10:00 a.m. | Sangha Hall |
| 10/26 | Sun | Fourth Sunday Intro to Buddhism Class | 9:00 a.m. | Sangha Hall |
| | | FAMILY SERVICE / Dharma School 一日囉礼拝 | 10:00 a.m. | Hondo |
| 10/29 | Wed | <i>Minyo Group Practice - 民謡クラス</i> | Noon | Annex 1.2 |
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| | | NOVEMBER HIGHLIGHTS | | |
| 11/1 | Sat | BTSD Salmon Bake Dinner | 4:30-6 p.m. | Annex Hall |
| | | VFW Bingo | 6-9 p.m. | Annex Hall |
| 11/2 | Sun | DS/Family Service and Shotsuki Hoyo (Monthly Memorial) | 10:00 a.m. | Hondo |
| 11/9 | Sun | EITAIKYO SERVICE | 10:00 a.m. | Hondo |

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raise Kurumi with loving care. I believe that our baby has brought us closer together.

From the time we announced my wife's pregnancy, we have really appreciated all the Sangha members who gave us many words of encouragement, hosted the wonderful baby showers, and sent us oiwai and many wonderful gifts. That we are able to hold our baby safely here in America is due entirely to your warm support and thoughtfulness. I would like to take this opportunity to express our deep gratitude to each of you for your kindness.

We will never forget that we are able to be here together because of our family and the many people who support and lead us. We wish to nurture Kurumi whom we have received from Amida Buddha with loving care and the Nembutsu of gratitude. Although we are still inexperienced as parents, please be patient and gentle with us as we try to grow along with our baby. In Gassho.

BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

On Sept. 11, 2008, the Board of Directors met and the following items were discussed:

1. Rev. Mukojima announced the birth of his daughter Kurumi on Aug. 24 and expressed appreciation for his two-week family leave and for the baby gift from board members.
2. Sensei and Ralph are updating the Funeral Guide and hope to have it ready by Eitaikyo Service.
3. Board authorized koden to be sent to the families of the late Rev. Kyogyo Miura (Gardena Buddhist Temple) and the late Shirley Kodani, wife of Rev. Mas Kodani (Senshin).
4. Rummage Sale was successful. Board thanked Leslie Moribe, Glenn Torio and Susan Moribe for co-chairing the event.
5. Golf Tournament was also successful. Eastlake Country Club has already been booked for next year. Board thanked Ralph Honda and Ron Yagura for co-chairing.
6. An additional \$1,500 to come out of Improvements Fund was approved for landscaping associated with the New Heights project.
7. BTSD will co-sponsor the annual meeting of the Japanese American Historical Society of San Diego on Oct. 11 in the Annex Hall.
8. Board authorized reimbursement of registration, travel and lodging costs for those attending the M.A.P. Seminar in October.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Joyce Teague

This is being written just a few days following Ohigan and the wonderful New Heights dedication service, ribbon cutting ceremony and luncheon on September 21.

The celebration marked the completion of Phases I & II of what many of us have often referred to as the Elevator Project. But of course, in addition to the useful exterior elevator, it includes the elevated walkway, new stairways, accessways and lobby areas, the relocated offices, the enclosure and security of the Hondo, and the beautiful refurbishment of the precious Onaijin.

Thank you to all those contributed to the project in some way, from idea to completion, including guidance from our ministers; architects Jim Shimozone and Michael Kinoshita; our New Heights committee members (especially Tommy Yanagihara for his encouragement early on); and to everyone who has made a pledge, gift, and even multiple gifts to make the early plans become the delightful changes we now wonder how we ever lived without.

Thank you to everyone who made the celebration itself a great event,

especially Mukojima Sensei, co-chairs Ralph Honda, Michael Kinoshita and Ken Muraoka, and the committee members and friends behind the scenes who made the activities transpire so smoothly. In particular I call out Rev. Jim Yanagihara for serving as BEC lecturer Sept. 20 and guest speaker at the Ohigan Service. He recognized that the spiritual center of our temple deserved the same attention given its exterior. Rev. Jim made the Onaijin restoration happen.

I apologize there were omissions of donor names in the dedication program and for that I take full responsibility. The bleary-eyed person who copied, transferred and laid out the groups of names into the program and who did not notice that some got dropped in the process was none other than yours truly. A complete listing of our generous donors is included in this issue.

Improvements to Come

The temple will see more improvements over the next several months as we continue to rethink our use of precious available space. Volunteers are sorting and reevaluate old materials, records, unused equipment, and so on. This process will be ongoing and many hands are needed to make it work, so please let me know if you can spare a few hours each month to help us move it along.

In particular, the energetic Improvements Committee can use a bigger pool of people to meet regularly to help change out light bulbs and make minor repairs. If you can climb a ladder, bang a hammer, or are in the least bit handy and willing, please let Nancy Martinez or Michael Kinoshita know of your availability. Recent problems addressed include the door jamb, lighting and exhaust fan in the temple ladies room, broken fixtures in the Annex and Sangha Hall restrooms, and leaky sprinkler heads and underground pipes.

Ongoing Campaign

Although each of us can now enjoy the fruits of much effort, we can't rest on our laurels quite yet. Fundraising must continue till we reach our goal. That's right—we are still several thousands of dollars short of paying for Phase II, so the invitation is still out to encourage especially the 40% of our membership who have not yet contributed to help us pay for these improvements.

Personally a multi-year pledge is a big stretch for us and simply impossible for others. But this is one of those times our leadership has made a bold commitment to step forward, much as our predecessors did in building this temple during the Great Depression...in re-establishing the fragmented Sangha after World War II...in building the Annex to accommodate the boomer generation...and in transforming the former minister's residence into a multi-use facility. In order to best serve our Sangha, our facilities must reflect its changing needs. The Buddha said life is change. He also said change is difficult. Let's face it, more often than not, change takes money. Only the timeless teachings of the Buddha remain constant and true.

If you have not yet contributed to the campaign, a gift in any amount will help us reach our goal. Make your contribution in memory of a loved one...in honor of a family member, young or old, who will most benefit from the improvements...or simply with an awareness that the secure future of the temple depends not on chance but on change and on a mindful dedication by all its members.

Our temple exists as a place to listen to and share the Buddha's great wisdom. It is here as the spiritual home for those who embrace these teachings. It is also where we come together comfortably as a community to live the teachings in gratitude and joy. Therefore each donation that perpetuates these aspects of the temple is meaningful and to be deeply appreciated. The amount is never as important as the expression of sincere support. Gassho.

WE ARE LOOKING FOR A PERSON

Two months ago, a wonderful bouncing chair was sent to our house. This is a Baby Bjorn item and the color is black and red. This is the very thing we have wanted for the baby. We had registered it at the BabiesRUs online so we think whoever bought it for us did so online and sent it to our baby. However there was no gift card included.

We sincerely want to send our thank you card and express our gratitude for this person's kindness. So please let us know who sent us, if you read this. Onegaishimasu! ~Rev. Yushi and Mika Mukojima

ABA NEWS

September started out with a breakfast meeting at Jimmy's Restaurant in Chula Vista on the 6th. We all enjoyed it very much.

On Sept. 21, we all attended the elevator dedication. We are so pleased it turned out so nice, and our group will be looking forward to many years of use.

Oct. 5 will be the Temple Food & Music Festival. We hope all of us can help on Saturday as well as Sunday.

Our next breakfast meeting will be on Nov. 1, at Jimmy's Restaurant in Chula Vista at 9:00 a.m. Hope to see you there!

BWA MEETING

Fumiko Ohara thanked members for helping at the Temple cleanup and omigaki on July 20. Thank you also to Miyoko Yamanishi and Katsumi Kida for purchasing supplies and helping Mika Mukojima with the preparation of somen for the Obon Service Otoki on July 27.

Welfare: Sayoko Tomiyama, Asako Morinaka, Fumiko Ohara and Chieko Moriyama visited Shizue Yamamoto and Yoshiko Kawato in Bonita. Fumiko also visited Mary Itami. Mary sent her thank you and "hello" to everyone. Rev. Mukojima visited Ritsu Nabeta at her home and also traveled to Carlsbad to visit Earl Osaki.

The BWA will send Koden to the family of Rev. Kyogyo Miura of the Gardena Buddhist Temple.

Sept. 13: Food Handlers Class. Fumiko Ohara, Miyoko Yamanishi, Katsumi Kida, Betty Torio and Susan Moribe will attend from BWA.

Rev. Mukojima and Fumiko Ohara scheduled the BWA meetings and activities for the 2009 Temple calendar.

Food & Music Festival is Oct. 5, 2008. We will determine how many boxes of sushi to prepare after the sushi orders have been taken. Miyoko Yamanishi and Katsumi Kida will chair the Sushi preparation.

Sushi Preparation Schedule:

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| Oct. 4 (Saturday) | Oct. 5 (Sunday) |
| 9 a.m. - Choribu | 5 a.m. - Rice cookers |
| 12 noon - Members | 6 a.m. - Members |

Thank you Group "A" for the delicious refreshments. The next meeting will be on Oct. 12, 2008 at 12 noon. Group "B" will be responsible for the refreshments.

DHARMA SCHOOL NEWS

Twenty two Dharma School students participated in the Chigo parade for the New Heights Dedication Service on Sept. 21. Kyle Baker, Jude Flores, Julianna Henschen, Breven Honda, Erika and Trent Johnson, Jenna and Tyler Masuda, Davis and Evan Ong, Cassidy and Trevor Muraoka, Trina Muraoka, Hailey Sasaki, Dusty Schraeder, Sean Tokunaga, Ava and Zoe Yamamoto, Jill Yamanishi, and Ellie and Emma Yanagihara led the parade as the temple officially dedicated the newly constructed elevator and terrace walkway. Thank you to the parents and teachers for helping the children get dressed and ready early that morning.

During the Ohigan service, the children made a special craft for Rev. and Mrs. Mukojima and their new daughter, Kurumi-chan!

The installation of officers was held during the service. Thank you to Nancy Martinez for serving as Superintendent. Special thanks to outgoing superintendent Avis Honda for her dedication and hard work this past year!

Dharma School thanks the teachers and support staff for volunteering their time for the students and program.

During the Family Service, please use our beautiful new laminated cards located on the tables in the Quiet Room at the back of the Hondo. Thank you to Amy Masuda for creating them and making it easy for the children and Sangha to access Ju Sei Ge, Three Treasures and The Golden Chain.

We will host the Southern District Dharma School Teachers League Mini Workshop on Saturday, Oct. 18, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The theme is, "Don't Waste Anything-Thinking Beyond Ourselves." Rev. Mukojima will deliver the keynote sermon. About 35 teachers are expected to attend.

The annual Dharma School Halloween party will be held on Saturday, Oct. 25 starting at 5 p.m. A Family Service will precede the activities. Dinner will be served by the parents. Jr. YBA and YBA members will conduct games and costume contests. It will be FUN! There will be no Dharma School classes on Sunday, Oct. 26.

The next staff meeting is scheduled for Sunday, Oct. 12, starting at 9 a.m.

Gassho,

Ann Ong, Assistant Superintendent

BARONA CASINO TRIP IS OCT. 8

Just a reminder for those of you who are going on our fun trip to Barona to beat the Temple around 8:45 am. We will be loading as soon as the bus is here and leaving by 9:00 a.m.

Everyone should be getting onto the bus by 2:45 p.m. for the return trip because we will leave the casino around 3:00 p.m. We should arrive back at the Temple by 4:00 p.m.

It should be a fun trip, and hopefully lucky too. Thank you for supporting the Temple by participating. Any questions, you can call Tsune or John Hashiguchi at (858) 259-5412. See you there!

NEW HEIGHTS DEDICATION CELEBRATION

by Ralph Honda, General Chairman

Approximately 200 temple members, Dharma School students and community friends gathered for the New Heights Dedication Celebration on Sunday, Sept. 21. The dedication was held in conjunction with the Fall Ohigan Service.

The festivities began with a group photo taken in front of the elevator tower and walkway. Rev. Mukojima, along with Rev. Hata and Rev. Yanagihara, conducted a short service. During sutra chanting, the temple's organizations burned incense. Rev. Mukojima, Joyce Teague, temple president, and Michael Kinoshita, project facilities coordinator, participated in the ceremonial ribbon cutting.

The ministers led a processional around the newly constructed areas. Joene Marx and Ami, Lea and Jared Sanders served as scout color guards carrying the American and Buddhist flags. Children in chigo costumes followed the color guard. The Sangha followed the processional to the Hondo.

Congratulatory messages were expressed to the Sangha by Joyce Teague and Rev. Mukojima.

Following the Higan Service, everyone gathered in the Annex Hall for the luncheon program. Master of Ceremonies Michael Kinoshita introduced our special guests including Jim Shimozono, the project's original architect, and his wife Jeanne; Dr. Michael Inoue, Honorary Consul General of Japan in San Diego; and Mr. and Mrs. Tony Pizarro of the Filipino American VFW Hall.

The Jr. YBA recognized the Keiro Kai, our temple members 80-years-young and older, with a gift bag.

Dennis Otsuji, a member of the New Heights committee, shared a meaningful talk on how important this project is to the temple, now and for the future. He focused on the importance of continuing to support the project.

Hanging from the ceiling were large origami cranes with smaller cranes dangling strips of paper written with the names of all the New Heights donors. A number of story boards displaying photos of the Onajin and elevator

projects were displayed. A slide show on the history of the project and photos comparing the temple, then and now, was screened throughout the luncheon.

There are many individuals and groups to thank for staging a wonderful dedication.

Thank you to photographer Ken Blum for taking the group photo and other photos from the day's activities, and to Jeff Sakai for assisting him. Ichiban Hillcrest Restaurant catered the event and provided delicious bento lunches for both adults and children. Thank you, Ichiban. LuAnn Lee provided two delicious cakes.

Celebration donations included the BWA, ABA, Dharma School, Jr. YBA, MKA Inc, Paper Pushers Editorial Services, Wilbur and Iris Takashima, plus numerous Sangha members and friends. A more complete list can be found on the donations page.

I wish to thank the committee members and organizations involved with the dedication: Rev. Mukojima, John Hashiguchi, Avis Honda, Junko and Tim Kajita, Michael Kinoshita, LuAnn Lee, Nancy Martinez, Ken Muraoka, Glenn and Keiko Negoro, Fumiko Ohara, Karen Okuhara, Mike Ong, Jeff Sakai, Joyce Teague, Ron Tokunaga, Aki Tomiyama, George Yamamoto, Miyoko Yamanishi, and the BWA, ABA, Dharma School, Jr. YBA, YBA and YABA.

It was a memorable day enjoyed by everyone!

Fundraising

With construction and payments complete, fundraising for the New Heights project continues. The campaign is in its third year and will end in December 2010.

Many donors are pledging their gifts monthly up to a five-year period. The temple will actively solicit gifts for the next two years.

Check out the New Heights banner that is hanging at the temple.

Gifts in any amount are accepted with the sincerest amount of gratitude. Gassho.

ANIME "SHINRAN-SAMA" SCREENED OCTOBER 19

by Rev. Yushi Mukojima

The Japanese anime, "Shinran-sama, Wish and Light," was completed this spring and Hongwanji has released it in memory of Shinran's 750th Anniversary.

The animated film about Shinran's life is very appealing because it is told from Shinran's point of view. It is a drama which describes his 90 years of encounters with and separation from people during his eventful life. His message transcends the passage of 750 years.

The film has English subtitles so this will be an enjoyable and meaningful film for both children and adults.

We will show "Shinran-sama" in the Annex Hall on October 19, at 10:30 a.m. I hope that many of you will join us for our screening! We will begin upstairs with sutra chanting at 10:00 a.m. so please come up to the Hondo as usual that Sunday.

GOLF TOURNAMENT A SUCCESS

No, Tiger Woods was not in attendance. The throng of spectators consisted mostly of rabbits and birds.

Still, there is no doubt the BTSD version of the U.S. Open was a huge success. Excellent weather and ideal conditions brought together 68 golfers for the Temple's 13th annual tournament held Aug. 24 at Eastlake Country Club in Chula Vista.

All of the participants had a wonderful day, enjoying the hospitality of the golf course and ending the afternoon with a barbecue luncheon and awards ceremony.

We appreciate everyone for their participation in the fundraiser. Special thanks to the staff at Eastlake CC for hosting a great tournament.

Congratulations to the following team winners:

1st Place: Derek Yagura, Kyle Young, T.J. Menvielle, Ryan Calafata;
2nd Place: Josh Rembolt, Ryan Young, Chad Yagura, Darrin Yamamoto;
3rd Place: Steve Sato, Norm Naito, Margie Glover, Suzy Sato; 4th place: Tom Yanagihara, Jr., Steve Schraeder, Milt Moss, Bob Sagat.

Other winners include:

Low front nine team: Motoo Tsuneyoshi, John Hashiguchi, Mich Himaka, So Yamada; Low back nine team (tie): Ron Yagura, Glenn Obayashi, John Yamano, Gerald Hosaka; Rick Shimada, David Hill, Lawrence Tanaka, Devon Tanaka; Closest to the Pin: Jamie Pokojski and Wayne Tsukamoto; Long Drive: Tosh Honda (over 70), Margie Glover (women) and Chad Yagura (men).

We sincerely thank the following businesses and individuals for their generous donations to the tournament:

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| 3D's Travel | Tom & Sumi Yanagihara |
| California Bank & Trust | Motoo & Angie Tsuneyoshi |
| Eastlake Country Club | Miki Honda |
| Ichiban of Hillcrest | Howard & Kaneko Kuwada |
| Ichiro's Restaurant | Rick Shimada |
| Kanpai Restaurant | Avis and Breven Honda |
| MKA Inc. | Trace & Mildred Kawasaki |
| Muraoka Enterprises | Roy & Susan Yonekura |
| Murphy Mechanical | Mako Mizuki |
| ONA Inc. | Keiju Terada |
| RTA International | Harold and LuAnn Lee |
| Surfside Sushi | Yuki and Gail Iwashita |
| Yasuda Landscaping | BTSD Obon Again Shop |
| Coronado Island Express | Anonymous |

Thank you to co-chairs Ron Yagura, Ralph Honda and their committee for staging another wonderful tournament.

Next year's tournament is set for Sunday, August 23, again at Eastlake CC.

FOOD HANDLERS SEMINAR

Twenty temple members participated in a Food Handlers Workshop on September 13 in the Sangha Hall. Veronica Gonzalez of the Family Health Services Training Center taught the three-hour class which focused on proper food handling procedures and preparation, and personal hygiene.

The session included a lecture on safe food handling procedures, two videos, a question-and-answer period and a brief test. It was very informative because so many of our temple's events involve preparing food.

All participants passed the test with flying colors and received a Food Handler's certificate good for three years.

Thank you to representatives from the Board of Directors, BWA, ABA, Dharma School, Jr. YBA, YABA and Sangha for participating.

OCT. 13 "PASSING POSTON" TICKETS FOR SALE

Zenbu is selling tickets for the documentary, "Passing Poston," about four former internees of Poston Internment Camp. The film will be screened Oct. 13 at 5:15 pm at the upcoming S.D. Asian Film Festival. BTSD is a community co-presenter of this film as well as the warm-hearted family films, "Always Sunset on Third Street," Parts 1 & 2 being screened Oct. 12 and Oct. 16.

Tickets for "Passing Poston" and "ASOTS, Part I" are \$8. Tickets for "ASOTS, Part 2" are \$10. A portion of the proceeds will benefit the Poston Restoration Project. To reserve tickets and get show times, e-mail zenbu@cox.net or call Joyce Teague at 619/527-7855.

Hatsumairi

Celebration of the first visit to the Temple

Makai Ledesma

Tony & Kerry Ledesma

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

Mrs. Irene Sumie Yamamoto

(Nov. 3, 1933 ~ Sep. 21, 2008)

SHOTSUKI HOYO LIST FOR OCTOBER

The October Shotsuki Hoyo will be held Sunday October 12, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. Families and friends are urged to attend and offer incense. If there are any errors in the list, please notify the temple at (619) 239-0896.

| DECEASED | FAMILY MEMBER | DECEASED | FAMILY MEMBER |
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| Toyo Shindo (10-4-1927) | Fujimoto Family | Chosuke Baba (10-25-1977) | Friends |
| Munetake Torimaru (10-4-1917) | Torimaru Family | Ume Tsurudome (10-1-1979) | Tamio Tsurudome |
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SUPPORT THE FOOD & MUSIC FESTIVAL!

Mildred Kawasaki, LuAnn Lee and Ken Muraoka are coordinating this year's Food & Music Festival which will take place Sunday, Oct. 5 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. We invite your participation and support.

Members and friends were mailed raffle tickets to purchase or sell for the festival, and forms to take reservations and payment for three food items in advance so we know how much of those items to prepare. The sale of additional food items, plus Taiyaki, Bakery and soft drinks will be ongoing till sold out. Food items which require reservations are the Chicken Teriyaki Bowl (\$5), famous Chow Mein (\$6) and Sushi (\$6). Those who have reserved these items in advance will pick up their tickets at the reservation table. There will be some extra made to sell on a first-come, first-served basis. Food items which we will offer till sold out include Beef Curry (\$5), Won Tons (\$5), Somen Salad (\$5) and a tasty new item, baked Chashu Bao (2 for \$5).

We ask everyone who enjoys baking to bring your packaged goodies to the Bakery (in the Annex Hall) Saturday during the morning festival preparation or early on Sunday.

Music Concert Is Free

There is no charge to the public for the music concert this year. The schedule of performers is as follows:

12:30 - San Diego Taiko and Naruwan Taiko

1:10 - San Diego Japan Mixed Chorus

1:50 - Koto Ensemble

2:30 - Shamisen Ensemble

3:00 - Shakuhachi and Koto with Mary Lu Brandwein and Yuki Easter

Silent Auction, Benefit Raffle

A silent auction will be ongoing in the Annex Hall, taking bids from 11 a.m. till closing at 3 p.m. It will feature a variety of special items including dinners, services, and vintage Japanese wares and Hakata dolls. Like last year, proceeds from the auction will benefit the New Heights Project. Please let your friends who enjoy "the thrill of the hunt" about the silent auction. We will gladly accept donations of gift certificates and other items suitable for the sale through Saturday, Oct. 4.

Be sure to turn in your raffle stubs, receipts and all unsold tickets to the Ticket Booth prior to the raffle by 3:30 p.m. The drawing for cash prizes will take place at 4 p.m. Proceeds will benefit the General Fund.

Parking

The lot will be reserved for handicapped patrons, musical performers and short-term pick-up. We also have the use of the Filipino Senior Center lot on Market St. across from the temple. Those working in the booths are asked to keep available spaces open for guests and pick-up.