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## VALUE THE ANGRY FACE OF A GOOD FRIEND

By Rev. Yushi Mukojima, Resident Minister

### Happy New Year!

Thank you all very much for your friendship and continued support in the past year. My wife and I would like to thank all the Sangha members for your ongoing thoughtfulness. We sincerely hope you to avail ourselves to your kindness again in the coming year.

There is a Japanese proverb, "Value the angry face of a good friend above the smiling face of a bad friend." Have you ever heard of this proverb? It comes from a Buddhist idea and has deep meaning.

The proverb teaches us how important our choice of friends is. A bad friend – although he behaves in a friendly way while flattering with a smile – will betray us at a critical moment, or abandon us when we need their help the most. But though a good friend may remind us of our shortcomings so often that we feel exasperated, it is he who in the end will support us no matter what.

What sort of friend is the kind you like to be around? I think that it might be one who always praises you, does what you want, and even though you may express a bad idea or do something wrong, he doesn't blame you for it, but may even be pleased by it. Certainly, if such a friend is always at our side, we feel comfortable and compatible. But isn't a friend like this dangerous because he doesn't take us very seriously? A friend who doesn't call us out for our bad speech or behavior but is instead tolerant of it is a poor companion. As we are taught, "Like attracts like," so those who have misguided ideas often hang out together. But when things turn bad, such friends are quick to abandon us.

A false friend is one who is usually on good terms with us, but who sometimes fails to give us needed advice when we are on the verge of making poor choices. Therefore, trusting our friend's silence, we are likely to push our luck, and have a bitter experience because of it. So we have to be careful.

If you think about it, a friend who constantly reprimands us is actually someone who takes us seriously. In my childhood, I was often scolded by my father. Back then, his pet phrase was, "I wouldn't say anything if you were a complete stranger. But I am telling you this because you are important to me."

This is different from a friend who simply praises anything we do. Of course, it's much easier to hear compliments than to be with someone who is constantly pointing out our shortcomings. After a while, we tend to stay away from a nagging friend. But

with no one around us to point out our faults, how can we be sure we are doing the right thing? Even if we are annoyed by them, like having a flea in your ear, we should treasure any friend who treats us seriously.

In Buddhist Scriptures, there is the "Paying Homage to the Six Directions Sutra." In this Sutra, Shakyamuni Buddha teaches Sigalaka, the son of a wealthy man, in detail how to choose friends.

First, he gives four examples of those with whom you should not keep company:

- (1) A friend who takes everything.
- (2) A friend who is a great talker.
- (3) A friend who is a flatterer.
- (4) A friend who is a fellow-wastrel.

To put it more concretely:

- (1) A friend who takes everything is one who makes maneuvers only for his own benefit and gain.
- (2) A friend who is a great talker is one who mouths empty phrases of good will. Though on friendly terms outwardly, when times get tough, he will leave you.
- (3) A friend who is a flatterer is one who condones bad actions, avoids good behavior, praises us to our face, but disparages us behind our back.
- (4) A friend who is a fellow-wastrel is one who is a companion only when we indulge in strong drink and gambling.

Although these four kinds of people may seem close friends, in fact, they are bad and even dangerous influences. Therefore, as we might avoid any kind of danger, we should keep away from them. Shakyamuni Buddha teaches us to refuse to deal with such people because they are surely an enemy in our lives.

Next, the Buddha shows us in the following examples what kind of people are true friends:

- (1) A reliable friend.
- (2) A friend who accepts others' joy and sorrow.
- (3) A friend who points out what is good for us.
- (4) A friend who has a good mind and is sympathetic.

To explain more in detail:

- (1) A reliable friend is one who looks after us when we are down. When we are lacking something, he gives us twice what we need.

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<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
					<b>1</b> 10 a.m. – 修正会 NEW YEAR'S DAY SERVICE @Hondo	<b>2</b>
<b>3</b> 9 a.m. – Dharma School Staff Mtg. @Conf. Rm. 10 a.m. – DS/FAMILY SERVICE 日曜礼拝 JANUARY SHOTSUKI 1月祥月法要 (Monthly Memorial) 11:30 a.m. – Jr. YBA Mtg. @Annex 1-2 11:30 a.m. – TAIKO @Annex Hall	<b>4</b> Temple Closed	<b>5</b> 1 p.m. – Shigin 詩吟 @Annex 1.2	<b>6</b> 12 Noon – Minyo Group 民謡 @Annex 1.2	<b>7</b> 12 p.m. – IRC Mtg @Islamic Center  6:30 p.m. – Buddhist Study Class A with Rev. Mukojima @Conf. Rm.	<b>8</b> 12 p.m. – BTSD/KIKU GARDEN Sr. Lunch Program @Kiku Garden	<b>9</b> 10 a.m. – Koto Class 琴教室 @Annex 1.2
<b>10</b> 10 a.m. – DS/FAMILY SERVICE 日曜礼拝 11:30 a.m. – TAIKO @Annex Hall *Rev. Mukojima guest speaker for HO-ONKO @LA Betsuin	<b>11</b> Temple Closed  7 p.m. – W&M Committee Mtg. @Conf. Rm.	<b>12</b> 1 p.m. – Shigin 詩吟 @Annex 1.2 10:30 a.m. – SD Minister's Mtg. @LA Betsuin	<b>13</b> 12 Noon – Minyo Group 民謡 @Annex 1.2	<b>14</b> 6:30 pm – Board of Directors Mtg. @Conf. Rm.	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> 10 a.m. – 宗祖御命日 GOMEINICHI @Hondo
<b>17</b> 9 a.m. – Sutra Chanting Class @Hondo 10 a.m. – HO-ONKO 御正忌報恩講 Guest Speaker: Rev. Marvin Harada from Orange County Buddhist Church 12 p.m. – BTSD New Year Party @Annex Hall	<b>18</b> Temple Closed	<b>19</b> 1 p.m. – Shigin 詩吟 @Annex 1.2	<b>20</b> 12 Noon – Minyo Group 民謡 @Annex 1.2	<b>21</b> 6:30 p.m. – Buddhist Study Class B with Rev. Yanagihara @Conf. Rm.	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 10 a.m. – Koto Class 琴教室 @Annex 1.2  6-9 p.m. – BTSD/VFW BINGO @Annex Hall
<b>24</b> 9 a.m. – INTRO. TO BUDDHISM @Sangha Hall 10 a.m. – DS SERVICE 日曜礼拝 10:45 a.m. – Special Screening of Movie "DEPARTURE" @Annex Hall *Free, everyone welcome! 11:30 a.m. – TAIKO @Annex Hall	<b>25</b> Temple Closed	<b>26</b> 1 p.m. – Shigin 詩吟 @Annex 1.2	<b>27</b> 12 Noon – Minyo Group 民謡 @Annex 1.2	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>
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*"VALUE THE ANGRY FACE OF A GOOD FRIEND" continued*

(2) A friend who accepts others' joy and sorrow is one who tells us his secrets and who guards our secrets. He won't abandon us, and would even sacrifice his life for us.

(3) A friend who points out what is good for us is one who keeps us from wrongdoing, supports us in doing good, tells us what we may be unaware of, and points out the path to the way of the truth.

(4) A friend who has a good mind and is sympathetic is one who doesn't rejoice in our misfortune, but who rejoices in our good fortune. He stops others who speak against us, and commends others who speak in praise of us.

Buddha teaches us that we should treasure these four kinds of people because they are our true friends.

As you all know, friends have great power of influence over us. It is not exaggeration to say that the kind of friends we have can determine the course of our lives. Our friends teach us so many things we may not have known. By sharing everything, the very course of our lives is shaped. We learn, we rejoice, we feel sorrow, we feel sympathy in the company of our friends. Having good friends who respect one another, who support one another, and who understand one another, creates a great power which helps guide us in the direction we should take in our lives. But having false friends can cause us to take a wrong direction and lose precious fortunes in our lives.

Although Shakyamuni Buddha emphasizes how important it is to choose friends wisely, he also admonishes that we should strive to be good friends ourselves.

A friend who helps us, a friend who is steadfast in both joyful and trying times, a friend who tells us what is good for us, and a friend who is sympathetic...all of these are our real best friends.

So let us, while hailing in the New Year, in the teaching of the Nembutsu, renew our efforts to cultivate our minds and to seriously consider our friendships. Are there any friends around you who really scold and nag you?

In Gassho,

## NEW YEAR GREETINGS

By Joyce Teague, Outgoing President

As I have gotten grayer, all the often repeated adages about time—passing swiftly, flying like an arrow, waiting for no one, and so on—no longer sound like tired homilies uttered without thinking, but instead have become profound observations that always give me pause. This particularly true at the funeral of a friend.

Maybe it is true that we become wiser with age. Nonetheless one of the simplest yet most difficult lessons to live by is not to take life for granted. Probably we first have to suffer the loss of someone we deeply love to truly appreciate the brevity of life. This is one of the reasons why Rennyo Shonin's "Epistle on

White Ashes" is so affecting each time it is read, regardless how many times we have heard it. *Nothing is more fleeting in this world than the life of man... Cherish this life because it is unrepeatable.* These are my thoughts as I express sincere condolences to our members who have recently lost someone dear to them.

## A Happy New Year

Some of you will understand immediately when I say that no one could be happier than I am 2010 has arrived. My one-year-which-became-two-year term as Board President ends at the February Board meeting. But though I am certainly glad to pass the gavel over to Michael Kinoshita's very capable hands, it doesn't mean that I didn't enjoy the tasks I was undertaking. They were never burdensome. Sometimes I guided, but mostly others guided me. There were challenges and some of them are ongoing. But it was never meant for one person to shoulder all the responsibilities to maintain this temple. It takes a good and sincere minister, a devoted board, and a supportive Sangha to make the temple a place our community cannot be without. Together a team of selfless volunteers tackled tasks and solved problems. Personally, it was seldom the task itself but *remembering* the task that was the biggest challenge!

I am grateful to all my compadres for their hard work and advice, grateful to work with and support Sensei, a patient teacher of the Dharma. Heck, I'm even grateful for "nattering nabobs of negativism" that Sensei refers to in his Dharma message this month as "the angry face of a good friend." To have worked among such a selfless and compatible group for the benefit of the temple has been a privilege and a joy. Namu Amida Butsu!

As we embrace a New Year, let's each take to heart those familiar phrases about the passage of time...not as admonishments, but as reality. Then—most difficult of all—behave accordingly. To paraphrase sentiments expressed in this space last year: As Sangha members, we have each made a commitment to treat the temple as our own space, caring for it and supporting it so we will always have a place to gather to hear and practice the Nembutsu teachings and enjoy one another's company. Let us continue to learn and grow together in the New Year, ever children in the Dharma.

Many thanks in gassho....

## BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

*On December 10, 2009, the Board of Directors met and the following items were discussed or acted upon:*

1. The Board ratified all actions taken at the November 12, 2009, Board of Directors meeting which lacked a quorum.

2. Proposed by-law changes will be presented for approval at the General Membership meeting rescheduled for January 31. A meeting announcement with the proposed changes will be sent out in a separate mailing.
3. Logistics for Mochitsuki, Temple Clean-up and the Year-End Service were discussed.
4. Effective January 2010, the Buddhist study classes will change from Friday mornings to the first and third Thursday evenings, 6:30 p.m.
5. Sutra chanting class will be held at 9:00 a.m. on third Sundays.
6. The BTSD 2010 calendar of events was presented
7. The Service Book committee will reconvene in 2010.
8. Tickets for the 50/50 Raffle are available for sale with a maximum 500 tickets to be offered at \$20 each. Drawing to be held March 27, 2010.
9. A presentation will be scheduled for Dharma School student Will Coppock who obtained his Eagle Scout rank.
10. The Temple's New Year Party, scheduled for Jan. 17, will be co-chaired by Joyce Teague and LuAnn Lee.

## ABA NEWS

December started out with a breakfast meeting at Island Style Cafe on Dec. 5. Those that went enjoyed the breakfast.

On Dec. 6, some of us had the Jr. YBA Chow Mein after Bodhi Day Service. *Oishii, oishii!*

On Dec. 13, we helped with the Mochi Day. It was a very successful day.

Our next breakfast will be February 6 at Jimmy's Restaurant in Chula Vista at 9:00 am. If you would like to join us, please let Motoo Tsuneyoshi know.

ABA wishes everyone a Happy New Year.

## BWA REPORT

### Highlights of December Meeting

Fumiko Ohara welcomed three new members: Gale Kaneshiro, Junko Kajita and Kikue Graeber. A very welcome addition indeed! We are also looking forward to more young matrons joining us in the near future!

Fumiko expressed our deepest sympathies to the families of the late Mr. Masao Morinaka and the late Mr. Kasuke Oga-ta. She thanked Miyoko Yamanishi, Katsumi Kida, and Naomi Himaka for chairing and having such a successful sushi sale after the Eitai-kyo Service. She received a thank you letter from Rev. Kuwahara for the sushi rolls he received.

Fujinkai will donate \$100 to the temple for mochigome.

A reminder to come out to help Dec. 27 for omigaki and clean-up.

Fundraiser: Fujinkai is selling almond brittle packages and will also sell the candy at Mochitsuki. Large package \$12, small package \$5.

Leora Hamada reported the results of the nomination meeting for the 2010 Executive Council. Junko Kajita made a motion to accept the entire slate, seconded by Betty Torio. Accepted.

## 2010 BWA Executive Council

Chair(s): Fumiko Ohara, Susan Moribe (contact person), Miyoko Yamanishi, Katsumi Kida

Recording Secretary: Chieko Moriyama

Corresponding Secretary: Kiyoko Omori

Co-Treasurers: Betty Torio, Akie Tomiyama

Religious Chairperson: Naomi Himaka

Advisors: Rev. Yushi and Mika Mukojima, Kikuko Takashima, Mary Yagura, Leora Hamada, Mary Suyenaga

The BWA Executive Council installation will occur on Ho-Onko day, January 17, 2010. Rev. Marvin Harada will be guest speaker. There will also be a Temple New Year Party after the service.

## Southern District Report

1. Monto Shikisho (report from Nov. 7): Mrs. Masada will mail forms to each chapter requesting the number of Sunday School teachers with 10 years of service or more.
2. Handling communications under emergency circumstances. Tabled, more study required.
3. Next representatives meeting and officer installation will be on Jan. 23, 2010, 1:00 p.m. at Senshin Buddhist Temple.
4. Senshin will host the 2010 Southern District Conference on June 12, 2010.

## Sensei's Report

1. Rev. Mukojima supplied printed itineraries for the 2011 Shinnan Shonin Memorial Service in Kyoto and discussed the overall information with interested members. He also answered questions to further help in understanding the day to day schedules. So far, there are approximately seven BWA members planning to go on the trip.
2. Rev. Mukojima reminded everyone of the Year-end Service starting at 7:30 p.m. Dec. 31. Sensei and Mika-san will serve toshikoshi soba to everyone that attends. He also reminds us that the ceremony at Shelter Island Friendship Bell has been cancelled.
3. 2010 Obon Service: Rev. Kakahara will be the Japanese speaker.

## Bonenkai

The following guest list is for the Bonenkai lunch on Dec. 20: Rev. and Mika Mukojima and Kurumi-chan, Rev. Akira Hata, Rev.

Jim Yanagihara and Boku, Rev. Jeanette Shin, Bill and Joyce Teague, and Mai Kawaguchi.

There will be no meeting in the month of January. The next meeting will be Feb. 7, 2010. Thank you Group "B" for the delicious dessert. Group "C" will be responsible for the refreshments in February.

## DHARMA SCHOOL NEWS

Thank you to Kris Tokunaga and Avis Honda for organizing and co-chairing the Dharma School Bowling activity on November 29 at Kearny Mesa Bowl. Over 20 Dharma School students and parents participated. It was fun watching the kids cheer each other on and having a great time together!

At the Bodhi Day Service on December 6, the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade class chaired service and presented "The Life of the Buddha." The Sangha enjoyed the twist of having Hailey Sasaki play the Buddha, or Princess Siddhartha. Thank you to Nancy Martinez for the delicious "Putra the Panda" cookies the Dharma School kids decorated for their Bodhi Day craft. And thank you to the Jr. YBA for the delicious chow mein lunch.

On December 13, Dharma School students helped at the temple's annual Mochitsuki. Some students also attended the Year-End Service on Thursday, December 31 and the New Year's Day Service on Friday, January 1.

Regular Family Service and Dharma School will resume on January 3. The Ho-Onko Service and temple New Year Party will be held on Sunday, January 17.

There will be an informational meeting on Sunday, January 24 regarding the tentative trip to the Jodo Shinshu Center (JSC) in Berkeley on July 9-11, 2010. Ralph Honda has sent out flyers to gauge interest.

Thank you to the Sangha, Rev. Mukojima, Rev. Hata, Rev. Yangihara, organist Doreen Kamada-Fujii, and the Dharma School teachers, staff, parents, and grandparents for supporting the Dharma School in 2009. Your efforts benefit all of our children.

### Happy New Year!

Gassho,  
Ann Ong, Assistant Superintendent

## YABA NEWS

It was a family affair as members and their children all helped out with the temple Mochitsuki on December 13. While the dads were helping with cooking, grinding and pounding, the moms were helping with cutting, shaping and bagging the mochi. The kids were helping out in all areas. Thanks for everyone's efforts.

YABA will help coordinate the Kiku Gardens Senior Luncheon on Friday, January 8. The featured menu item is Spaghetti. All senior citizens are invited to attend the luncheon which runs from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Donation is \$3. Kiku Gardens is located at 1260 Third Avenue in Chula Vista. Thank you to Shelley Sanders, Sharon Sasaki and Ralph Honda for chairing the event.

The big fundraiser for 2010 will be the Spring Chow Mein Luncheon that will be held on Sunday, March 14, following

the Ohigan service. Tickets for the luncheon will go on sale towards the end of January. YABA members will be approaching volunteers to help with the luncheon. After many years of providing a great luncheon to the Sangha and community, the ABA has passed the cooking duties and secrets to the YABA. We look forward to continuing the delicious tradition handed down to us by the ABA group.

## 2010 MAJOR SERVICES CALENDAR

The following is a list of major services, including guest speaker, that BTSD will observe in 2010. Rev. Mukojima encourages everyone to attend both the weekly Dharma School/Family Service and our major services.

Jan. 17:	Ho-Onko (Rev. Marvin Harada, Orange County Buddhist Church).
Feb. 14:	Nirvana Day (Rev. Akio Miyaji, Orange County Buddhist Church).
Mar. 14:	Spring Ohigan (Rev. William Briones, Los Angeles Betsuin).
Apr. 11:	Hanamatsuri (Rev. Kodo Umezu, Center for Buddhist Education, Jodo Shinshu Center).
May 16:	Gotan-E (Rev. Kosho Yukawa, Tacoma Buddhist Church).
Jul. 25:	Obon (to be announced).
Sep. 19:	Fall Ohigan (Rev. Naomi Nakano, Gardena Buddhist Church).
Nov. 14:	Eitai-kyo (Rev. Patricia Usuki, San Fernando Buddhist Temple)

The Shotuski Hoyo (monthly memorial) services will be generally held on the first Sunday of the month (except for June 13, July 11, July 25, Sept. 12 and Oct. 10).

The Gomeinichi (Shinran Shonin's memorial), a Japanese service, will be held on the sixteenth of each month.

Please check the calendar each month for updates.

## TEMPLE NEW YEAR TRADITION

Start the New Year right by welcoming in the Year of the Tiger at the Temple's New Year Party. Following our Ho-Onko Service on January 17, we will meet in the Annex Hall at noon to toast the New Year and enjoy a great lunch together.

We will also welcome and honor both our Temple elders and our newest members. Those who have reached the auspicious age of 88 years or better, as well as those who have joined the temple over the last year, will be our special guests.

Our toast to the New Year will be with both sake and sparkling cider. We will also hear the traditional recitation of a classical poem in the Shigin style. This type of singing style traces its origins to China. Individual songs called "gin" are often sung at Buddhist ceremonies. We have a little entertainment planned and a fun raffle.

For the luncheon, choose from a delicious Japanese Bento (regular or vegetarian) or Child's Bento. Please send in the reservation form included with this issue by January 11 with your payment to secure a place at the party with your fellow Temple members and friends. Sensei, Mika and Kurumi-chan hope to see you there!

## TEMPLE MEMBERSHIP ANNUAL MEETING JANUARY 31

Rev. Yushi Mukojima and Board President Joyce Teague invite all Temple members to the 2010 General Membership Meeting which will be held in the Annex Hall on Sunday, Jan. 31, at 12 noon.

Our bylaws require that a letter announcing the annual meeting is received by members at least 10 days prior to the meeting. Agenda items changes to the bylaws, reports on our 2009 activities, the fiscal year, New Heights Project fundraising, and approval of the 2010 Board of Directors slate. The 2010 calendar of events and activities will also be distributed.

We'll enjoy a potluck luncheon during the meeting. Please bring a favorite side dish to share. Board members will provide the main dishes. Contact Operations chair Ralph Honda ([rkhavh@aol.com](mailto:rkhavh@aol.com)) or call the office if you have any questions. **We look forward to your participation.**

## MAKING YOUR 2010 MEMBERSHIP PLEDGE

BTSD is accepting membership dues for 2010. We encourage current members and those who have been considering membership to help the temple by submitting dues either in full or in partial payment sooner, as opposed to later, in the New Year.

Why act now? When the temple receives your pledge, the money goes to work immediately. It helps pay for the temple's daily operational costs (utilities and maintenance), salaries for our paid staff, dues to the BCA, and insurance coverage.

If you have been attending services or our activities frequently, or have a child enrolled in Dharma School classes though you yourself are not yet a member, we encourage you to finally make a commitment to the temple! Your pledge supports the temple's many services and programs.

Please fill out the pledge form included in this issue, indicate the level at which you wish to contribute, and send it to the office along with your payment.

Benefits include the temple's monthly newsletter as well as *Wheel of Dharma*, the monthly publication of the Buddhist Churches of America. Membership also allows you to make use of the temple's facilities for private functions. But most importantly, by pledging your support of the temple, you help assure the spiritual legacy of the Jodo Shinshu Buddhist tradition in San Diego.

Recently our Membership Committee has begun making use of new software to record pledge payments and maintain membership information. They are also rectifying membership records and very much appreciate your patience as recordkeeping continues to improve. Report any oversights to Ron Tokunaga by leaving a message for him at the office.

## "DEPARTURES" TO BE SCREENED FOR ADULTS ON JAN. 24

The Temple will present a special screening of the award-winning Japanese film *DEPARTURES* on Sunday, Jan. 24, at 10:45 a.m. following the Family Service Dharma talk. The film will be shown in the Annex Hall in lieu of an Adult Lecture which normally is given while Dharma School is in session. Rev. Mukojima will conduct a brief Q&A after the screening.

*DEPARTURES* (in Japanese: *OKURIBITO*) earned a host of awards including a Best Foreign Film Oscar in 2009. An unlikely subject for a full-length movie, it is loosely based on the book *COFFINMAN* by Shimon Aoki, the autobiography of a Buddhist man who stumbles into what society deems a distasteful job choice, preparing the dead for cremation. The film does an admirable job of transferring an unlikely and even taboo topic to the big screen with considerable humor and dignity.

On reviewer wrote, "There's naturally a lot of death, but *Departures* is also about the circle of life, family relationships, pride in one's purpose, and all the messiness those things can bring."

Though the film is not rated, the subject matter is obviously not suitable for young children. Because it is a little over two hours long, so Zenbu will provide some refreshments during the presentation.

If you are interested in reading *COFFINMAN*, the BEC Bookstore has copies in stock and will make them available at the screening. It is translated by the noted Jodo Shinshu scholar, Taitetsu Unno. "In this spiritual autobiography, Aoki chronicles his progression from repulsion to a gradual realization of the tranquility that accompanies death. He assists the uninitiated in gaining an understanding of the basic principles of Shin Buddhism and its concepts of death and dying."

Film trailer and more info: <http://www.departures-themovie.com/>

## 2010 BINGO DATES ARE SET

BTSD and Asian Pacific VFW Post 4851 will stage its fourth year of Saturday night BINGO in the Annex Hall.

Here are the dates: **Jan. 23, Feb. 27, March 27, April 24, May 22, June 26, July 24, Aug. 28, Sept. 25, Oct. 30 and Nov. 27.**

BINGO starts promptly at 6 p.m. Yet to be scheduled are a handful of benefit dinners to be held in conjunction with BINGO. We'll announce the dates early next year.

## 50/50 RAFFLE TIX ARE \$20 THIS YEAR

Board members are now selling tickets for the annual 50/50 drawing fundraiser. The lucky winner will take home half of the total proceeds (potentially a \$5,000 prize) from ticket sales. The other half will help the temple fund its daily operations.

# 2010 TEMPLE NEW YEAR CELEBRATION

January 1, 2010

## HAPPY NEW YEAR!

The Buddhist Temple of San Diego and the Mukojima Family cordially invite our members and friends to attend the Temple's 2009 New Year Party following the Ho-Onko Service on Sunday, January 17, at 12 noon in the Annex Hall. Our theme will be THE YEAR OF THE TIGER.

You may reserve a Bento lunch (regular or vegetarian, \$15) or a Child's Bento (\$6). Our program will include music, a slide show of 2009 temple highlights, a fun raffle and a few surprises.

We would like to provide a complimentary Bento for our ministers; all temple members who have attained (or who will attain this year) the venerable age of 88; and to any new individual or family members who have joined the temple in the last year. We will have reserved seating for our honorees and their families at the center tables with colored tablecloths. Though no payment is necessary, we do ask that our honorees turn in a reservation if you plan to attend.

We sincerely hope you will be able to join us at the celebration. Please fill out and return the form below, or call the office at 619/239-0896 to RSVP by Monday, Jan. 11.

Yours truly in gassho,

LuAnn Lee and Joyce Teague  
Co-chairs, 2010 New Year Party

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## 2010 "YEAR of the TIGER" LUNCH RESERVATION

*Please fill out and mail this form with payment in the enclosed envelope **by Monday, January 11**. All orders must be paid for in advance.*

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Please reserve: \_\_\_ regular bento (\$15) \_\_\_ vegetarian bento (\$15) \_\_\_ child's bento (\$6)

Total bentos ordered: \_\_\_ Total enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ I am "88 & Great!" and will attend, so please reserve a complimentary bento for me.

\_\_\_ I/we became new members in 2009 and will attend the party, so please reserve the complimentary bento(s) indicated above.

This year, the donation for the drawing is just \$20 per ticket. Only 500 tickets have been printed, so depending on total sales, each purchase has at least a one-in-500 chance of being the winning ticket!

Raffle chair is Ken Muraoka with the assistance of Steve Marx and Nancy Martinez. Sales will continue until March 27, 2010, during the BTSD/VFW Bingo Night halftime.

## MOCHITSUKI REPORT

Co-chair Glenn Negoro and I wish to thank all of the Sangha and friends who participated and supported the annual Mochitsuki on Sunday, Dec. 13.

Mochitsuki is the single temple event that brings together people of all ages to take part in a day of hard work and great socializing while producing the traditional Japanese New Years treat, mochi.

The crew washed and cooked 800 pounds of mochigome (sweet rice), producing approximately 1,200 pounds.

After a hard day's work all of the volunteers were treated to a delicious lunch provided by the volunteers who prepared and brought their tasty favorite dish to share.

The temple is very grateful to the families and friends who gave a monetary donation for the purchase of mochitsuki supplies. Among these were: BTSD ABA, BTSD Dharma School, Anonymous Donor, Holly Hiding, Avis and Breven Honda, Miki Honda, Gale Kaneshiro, Michael and Yasuko Kinoshita, Toshiko Koshigoe, Harold and LuAnn Lee, Michael Moribe, Ken Muraoka and Sharyn Kang-Muraoka, George and Chiyo Masumoto, Asako Morinaka, Glenn and Keiko Negoro, Janet Ochi-Fontanott (in memory of Hideo and Kiyoko Ochi), Jeff and Kathy Sakai, Wilbur and Janice Shigehara, Kelvin Tanaka and Lara Dean, Bill and Joyce Teague, Steven and Akie Tomiyama, Motoo and Angie Tsuneyoshi, Ruth Voorhies, Susan and Lee Moribe, and Tom and Sumi Yanagihara. Our gratitude for these generous donations.

Last month's event did have an unexpected problem: we came up short on orders. To accommodate those whose orders we were not able to fulfill as promised, a "Mini Mochitsuki" was held the following Sunday, Dec. 20. We appreciate everyone's efforts in volunteering their time on such short notice. We steamed 150 pounds of mochigome and produced 225 pounds of mochi. All of the back orders were filled, making our customers very happy.

Combining the two events, 950 pounds of mochigome produced 1,425 pounds of mochi. Despite double work, the mochitsuki was very successful.

Thank you very much for helping out and patronizing the BTSD Mochitsuki.

Gassho,  
Ralph Honda and Glenn Negoro

## OSEIBO APPRECIATION

In Japan, a customary year-end expression of thank you for services rendered known as *Oseibo* is often given. The Temple wishes to acknowledge the Sangha and friends—listed elsewhere in this issue—for their thoughtful donations received for the temple's year-end Oseibo.

In December, Oseibo gifts were presented to Rev. Yushi Mukojima and office secretary Ms. Mai Kawaguchi who maintain the daily operations of the temple. Gifts were also presented to associate ministers Rev. Akira Hata and Rev. Jim Yanagihara as well as Mr. Masanobu Kinjo and Mr. Masa Ozaki who take care of garden maintenance at the temple and the minister's residence respectively.

Benson, John  
Cheeks, Sumie  
D'Orsi, Ruby  
Dean, Lara  
Dutton, Jeanette  
Easter, Yuki  
Estes, Carol  
Guiang, Cynthia  
Hagio, Leo  
Hashiguchi, John  
Hatada, Kengo  
Hendrix, Hiroko  
Hidinger, Holly  
Honda, Mikiye  
Honda, Ralph  
Honda, Yoshiko  
Ishino, Isabel  
Jensen, Richard  
Kaneshiro, Gale  
Kashima, Jeanie  
Kasubuchi, Naoye  
Katsuda, Jo Ann Akiko  
Kawamoto, Yukio  
Kawasaki, Toshiko  
Kawasaki, Trace  
Kida, James  
Kirby, Keiko  
Kiyono, Kazuo  
Nogata, Sumihiro  
Ochi, K. Kay  
Ochi, Kayoko  
Ochi-Watson, Shirley  
Ochi-Fontanott, Janet  
Ong, Mike  
Osaki, Earl  
Otsuji, Ayako  
Otsuji, Dennis  
Oyama, Rodney  
Sakai, Jeffery  
Schraeder, Susan  
Sekishiro, Ben  
Seymour, Leslie  
Stivers-Liong, Teresa

Sugiyama, Yukiko  
 Sumida, Floyd  
 Suyenaga, Mary  
 Takashima, Wilbur  
 Tanaka, Sallie  
 Tanizaki, Mary  
 Teague, Bill  
 Tomiyama, Sayoko  
 Tomiyama, Steve  
 Torio, Betty  
 Tsubakihara, George  
 Tsuji, FrederickO  
 Tsuneyoshi, Motoo  
 Tsurudome, Peggy  
 Yagade, Jane  
 Yagi, Chiyeiko  
 Yamamoto, June  
 Yamamoto, Koichi  
 Yamamoto, Sachio  
 Yamanishi, Miyoko  
 Yanagihara, Tom  
 Yoshioka, Adele

## NEW HEIGHTS FUNDRAISING

Last month, the New Heights fundraising campaign entered its final year of solicitation.

I would like to take the opportunity to thank all of the donors who have contributed over the past four years to making this project a reality. Your support is truly appreciated. And I ask Sangha members and friends who have yet to contribute to please consider making a gift and joining the effort.

In last month's *Bussei Script*, I presented a letter to the Sangha, asking for your considerations of donations before 2009 drew to a close.

The response was positive. The temple received over \$3,000 in new gifts from participating and new donors.

I would like to acknowledge the newest donors to the New Heights Campaign:

**Ben and Lillian Sekishiro**  
**So Yamada**  
**Family of Mrs. Yoshiko Nakamura**  
**(in memory of Mrs. Yoshiko Nakamura)**

During January, year-end statements will be sent to donors who contributed in 2009. Also, a comprehensive report will be available to the Sangha at the General Membership Meeting on Sunday, January 31.

Thank you very much for your continued support as the temple ascends to New Heights.

Gassho,  
 Ralph Honda, General Chairman

## BTSD'S SPRING 2011 JAPAN TOUR

As announced earlier, Rev. Mukojima is coordinating with Kintetsu Travel Agency to arrange our Sangha's participation in Shinran Shonin's 750<sup>th</sup> Memorial Service in Kyoto. The ten-day trip is set for May 13-22, 2011. Tour leaders will be Rev. Mukojima and Rev. and Mrs. Miyaji, and traveling companions will be members of the Vista Buddhist Temple and the Orange County Buddhist Church.

The trip includes airfare, double-occupancy hotel accommodations, ground transportation, English-speaking tour guide, memorial service registration, all entrance fees listed in the itinerary, and most meals. Besides the memorial and accompanying ceremonies, stops will include visits to renowned sights in Kyoto, Nara, the Kii Peninsula (Wakayama area), Shirahama and Osaka. Some tour members plan to extend their visit in Japan once the tour is completed and Kintetsu can make all these arrangements.

Though a tentative itinerary is now available, not all details are firmed up yet. According to Miyaji Sensei, Kintetsu is still working to reduce costs by adjusting the number of set meals, for instance. So the final cost of the trip has not yet been set and will be determined in part by the dollar-yen ratio and the number of participants.

It is not too late to sign up for the trip! You do not actually have to make a commitment until a travel deposit is requested sometime in 2010! Rev. Mukojima suggests this is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity and is encouraging as many as possible to make a special effort to participate. Please contact Sensei for details, (619) 239-0896 or [yushi\\_mukojima@btsd.net](mailto:yushi_mukojima@btsd.net).

Dear Sangha and Zenbu Friends,

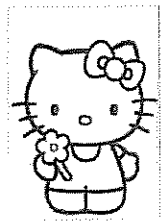
I may have accidentally donated a family heirloom to Obon Again Shop—a *haori* (jacket) which had belonged to my husband's grandmother. It is black silk, formal, with a *mon* (family crest) of a stylized butterfly. If I recall correctly, the butterfly was made with folding fans.

If you purchased this, know somebody who may have purchased it, or even remember seeing it, please let me know. I would like to buy it back, or trade for another *haori*.

Thank you!  
 Gassho, Kaytee Sumida



To the Entire Sangha Members  
 Thank you very much for your friendship and support in the past year.  
 Wishing you and your loved ones the best for a wonderful 2010!  
 Namo Amida Butsu  
 Rev. Yushi, Mika and Kurumi Mukojima

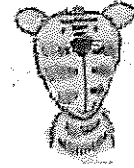


## NEW YEAR GREETINGS



To our Sangha members and Dharma friends:  
 Happy New Year and the best of health for 2010.  
 We are thankful for all of your friendships throughout the n  
 Please take care of yourselves and try to stay health!  
 In Gassho, John and Tsune Hashiguchi

TIGERS



**MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR**  
 from the members of Asian Pacific VFW Post 4851



THE  
TIGER

Dear Sangha members and Dharma friends,  
**HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

Thank you for always sharing your kindness and friendships.  
 We hope that 2010 continues to be very meaningful  
 in the true spirit and compassion of Amida Buddha.  
 Gassho, Ralph, Avis and Breven Honda



Wishing everyone a roaring Tiger year!



Gratefully in gassho,  
 Bill & Joyce Teague

Happy New Year!

Glad to see the dawn of another year.  
 Grateful for the kindness of my minister, family and friends.  
 In gassho, Ritsuko Nabeta

Best Wishes for a Fruitful Year!  
 We appreciate your ongoing support.

Board of Directors  
 Japanese American Historical Society of San Diego



*Wishing everyone  
 a prosperous and healthy  
 year of the Tiger  
 KANPAI,  
 Rev. Jim and Boku*

# BUDDHIST TEMPLE OF SAN DIEGO

## Membership Pledge for 2010

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ BIRTH DATE \_\_\_\_\_  
 SPOUSE NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ BIRTH DATE \_\_\_\_\_  
 ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATES: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_  
 PHONE: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ CELL PHONE: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_  
 E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_ OCCUPATION \_\_\_\_\_

**Membership Pledge:** The temple has an annual campaign to raise funds that go towards the Operating Budget. This budget pays for ministerial salary, programs, utilities, maintenance and the day-to-day expenses of running the temple. This tiered membership offers members the opportunity to choose their level of donation.

	Sustaining Member	Dana Member	Wisteria Member	Bodhi Member
Individual/Senior/Youth (All ages)	\$250.00	\$350.00	\$500.00	\$ _____
Couple / Family	\$400.00	\$800.00	\$1000.00	\$ _____
Optional: Senior Reduced Cost (75 yrs and older)	\$125.00			
Optional: Youth Reduced Cost (30 yrs and younger)	\$125.00			\$ _____

**Recommended Annual Donations (Optional):**

- FLORAL OFFERING FUND** (Suggested annual donation of \$30) \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 The fund helps defray cost of regular fresh flowers for the onajiin (altar).
- GENERAL MAINTENANCE FUND** (Suggested annual donation of \$30) \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 The fund helps provide upkeep of the Temple properties.
- SCHOLARSHIP FUND** (Suggested annual donation of \$20) \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 The fund rewards members' deserving high school graduates and college students.
- DHARMA SCHOOL** (Suggested annual donation of \$20) \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 This fund helps the Dharma School, which does not conduct fundraisers, to sustain its activities.
- Total amount** \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Amount enclosed** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate payment schedule:  
 \_\_\_ Annually \_\_\_ Semi annually \_\_\_ Quarterly \_\_\_ Monthly

To use credit card:  
 \_\_\_ Visa \_\_\_ Mastercard Acot#: \_\_\_\_\_ Expires (MM/YY): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Authorized signature (if charging): \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Billing address if different from above: \_\_\_\_\_

Please make your check payable to the Buddhist Temple of San Diego. A percentage of your dues supports the Buddhist Churches of America and is remitted annually to the BCA via the Temple. Benefits include a year's subscription to the BCA publication Wheel of Dharma and our own monthly newsletter, Bussei Script.

THANK YOU! Mailing Address To Send Your Pledges: Buddhist Temple of San Diego  
 2929 Market Street  
 San Diego, California 92102

For any questions about membership, please call the Temple at 619-239-0896 or send inquires to the Membership Chair at [info@btsd.net](mailto:info@btsd.net).



The Temple and Sangha offers sincere condolences to the family and friends of  
*Mr. Dennis Masao Morinaka (June 15, 1945~ November 30, 2009)*

*Mr. Kasuke Ogata (November 1, 1928 ~ December 3, 2009)*

## SHOTSUKI HOYO LIST FOR JANUARY

The January Shotsuki Hoyo (MEMORIAL SERVICE) will be held Sunday, January 3, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. in conjunction with the Family Service. Families and friends OF ANYONE WHO PASSED AWAY DURING THE MONTH OF January are urged to attend and offer incense. If there are any errors in the list, please notify the temple at (619) 239-0896 or e-mail info@btsd.net

1月祥月法要は1月3日、午前10時から日曜礼拝と一緒にいきます。先亡者の施主、ご家族の方々は法要、ご焼香をいたしましょう。  
 名簿に間違いがある場合、仏教会まで連絡をしてください。(619) 239-0896. または、info@btsd.net

### DECEASED                      FAMILY MEMBER

Kotake Kondo (1-14-1923)..... Fumiko Yamashita  
 Mitsuko Kuwada (1-28-1938)..... Kanji Kuwada  
 Sutematsu Iwata (1-4-1941)..... Teruko Iwata  
 Tsunekichi Higuchi (1-7-1942)..... Higuchi Family  
 Jiro Niizawa (1-13-1942)..... Kazuo Kiyono  
 Cho-saburo Yamashita (1-27-1954)..... Emiko Yamashita  
 Tayo Ouchi (1-8-1956)..... Hiroko Ouchi  
 Bill Koga (1-22-1956)..... Irene Koga  
 Matsuno Fujimoto (1-5-1957)..... Mitsuru Amano  
 Chiyono Tomiyama (1-15-1957)..... Sayoko Tomiyama  
 Hisaichi Taniguchi (1-31-1959)..... Wilbur Takashima  
 Mitsuyoshi Shindo (1-14-1959)..... Jimmy Kimura  
 Teiichiro Miyoshi (1-4-1960)..... Miyoshi Family  
 Usaburo Ito (1-26-1961)..... Masako Nagata  
 Shokichi Kodama (1-21-1961)..... Masako Uyeji  
 Nobuo Hagio (1-6-1961)..... Leo Hagio  
 Harue Okumura (1-19-1962)..... Fumie Yamashita  
 Shigeko Takeguchi (1-24-1962)..... Masashige Takeguchi  
 Satoru Hata (1-25-1963)..... Leora Hamada  
 Masakichi Saito (1-30-1964)..... Takashi Saito  
 Hashio Yonekura (1-4-1969)..... Yonekura Family  
 Toshiko Funaki (1-18-1971)..... Funaki Family  
 Nui Monji (1-25-1939)..... Kiyoshi Monji  
 Sojiro Torimaru (1-18-1973)..... Otsuka Family  
 Kiyotaka Kusumoto (1-9-1973)..... Yoshiko Kusumoto  
 Shinichi Kawamoto (1-16-1974)..... Umeko Kawamoto  
 Hisayo Ogawa (1-22-1975)..... Jane Yagade  
 Hachiro Honda (1-5-1976)..... Honda Family  
 Motoo Kobayashi (1-16-1976)..... Wayne Takuya  
 Mitsutaro Shimizu (1-25-1976)..... Setsuko Yada  
 Mitsuyo Urata (1-2-1977)..... Edward Urata  
 Kuni Kawamoto (1-12-1978)..... Kiku Koga  
 Saye Tsurudome (1-28-1978)..... Mitsuo Tsurudome  
 Seki Kawasaki (1-30-1943)..... Kisaye Ohara  
 Kiyo Muraoka (1-10-1979)..... Yoko Shinohara  
 Ryu Yonekura (1-9-1980)..... Yonekura Family  
 Harry Matsumoto (1-9-1982)..... Suyeno Matsumoto  
 Claude Holt (1-30-1981)..... John Holt

### DECEASED                      FAMILY MEMBER

Tomo Sawasaki (1-14-1983)..... Takashi Sawasaki  
 Jon Konishi (1-19-1983)..... Steven Konishi  
 Nobuo Honda (1-31-1984)..... Amy Honda  
 Ikuyo Takeshita (1-5-1985)..... Akira Takeshita  
 Oshie Shimizu (1-1-1988)..... Setsuko Yada  
 Shizuko Shimizu (1-11-1989)..... Shimizu Family  
 Shigeru Tabata (1-20-1989)..... Takako Tabata  
 Harry Shiotani (1-24-1991)..... Steven Shiotani  
 Toshizo Ozaki (1-3-1992)..... Ozaki Family  
 Noboru Nakada (1-18-1993)..... Ted Nakada  
 Elaine Matsumoto Barrett (1-26-1993)..... Lisa Miller  
 Setsuko Uchida (1-24-1992)..... Kashima Family  
 Masako Nadahara (1-12-1994)..... Madoka Nadahara  
 Frank T. Torio (1-6-1995)..... Juliana M. Torio  
 Chieno Okuma Moribe (1-20-1995)..... Lee Moribe  
 Tetsuyo Kashima (1-4-1996)..... Jeanie Kashima  
 Frank Akira Kajita (1-6-1996)..... Mariko Kajita  
 Kesao Muraoka (1-29-1997)..... Yoshiko Muraoka  
 Kiyoko Santohigashi (1-3-1998)..... Santohigashi Family  
 Haruko Iguchi (1-15-1998)..... Ned Iguchi  
 George Furuya (1-16-1998)..... George Furuya Jr.  
 Yukiko Wutzke (1-14-1999)..... Steven Wutzke  
 Miwako Kosaka (1-19-1999)..... Emi Killeri  
 Kazumi Yamada (1-20-1999)..... Kathy Olsen  
 Robbie Jon Nishiguchi (1-5-2001)..... Nishiguchi Family  
 Seiji Saito (1-7-2001)..... Ayako Saito  
 Takenori Ohara (1-28-2001)..... Fumiko Ohara  
 Sumiko Kendall (1-1-2003)..... Bennie P. Kendall  
 Mitsuko Kodama (1-11-2004)..... Saburo Kodama  
 Yoshiko N. Kusumoto (1-31-2004)..... Chiyo Nakagawa  
 Sumiko Tsubakihara (1-31-2005)..... George Shuichi Tsubakihara  
 Harry Yamada (1-8-2006)..... Yamada Family  
 Kimie Fukamizu (1-18-2006)..... Rochelle Carroll  
 Pro Takanori Nimura (1-28-2006)..... Saburo Nimura  
 Isen Iguchi (1-05-2007)..... Ned Iguchi  
 Yoshinobu Sueyoshi (1-02-2008)..... Annie Yumiko Gristina  
 Osao Himaka (1-31-2008)..... Setsuko Himaka

二〇一〇年一月 会報  
サンデーエゴム教会

# 信心正因

## 善友の怒り顔

住職 向嶋 謙史

新年明けましておめでとうございます。旧年中はご門徒の皆様が多なるご厚意と、温かいご支援ご協力を賜りました事、心から御礼申し上げます。本年も家族共々直しくお願い申し上げます。

さて、日本のことわざに「悪友の笑顔より善友の怒り顔」といふものがあります。これは仏教の思想から来ているものですが、大変奥深い意味を持っています。皆さんは耳にしたことがあるでしょうか。

その真意というのは、悪い友人を持つことが機嫌取りに笑顔を浮かべ、甘い言葉をきかされていとも親しげに振舞ってきますが、肝心なところで裏切られたり、見捨てられたりします。その一方で、善い友人というのは、自分の悪いところを戒め怒ることがあるので、不愉快に思うことがあります。結局はその忠告が自分にとって大変有難い教訓になるという事です。ですから、人生に於いて友人を選ぶことは大変重要な事です。

皆さんにとって良い友人というのは一体どんな友人でしょうか。自分を常に褒めてくれて、言いつても何でも聞いて

くれる、たとえ自分が間違った考え方や行いをして、咎めることなく、そのような行為をも共に喜んでくれる友人ではないでしょうか。確かに自分の隣にそんな友がいてくれると居心地がいいかもしれませんが、よくよく考えてみると、実はそのような友人こそ大変危険な存在なのです。なぜなら、そういう友人こそ相手のことを真剣に考えていないからです。悪い言動を咎めないで、一緒に共感できるというのが、その友人も同じように間違えた心を持った人間であって、「類は友を呼ぶ」といふように、誤った考えの持った者同士が集まって、その空間を染み込んでいくだけにすぎず、何か都合の悪いことでも起きたら友人を裏切つてもすぐ逃げ去ってしまうのです。

また、悪友というのは、口頃は仲がいいですが、時に相手を陥れるために何も忠告しないことがあります。ですから、友人が何も言わないことをいい事にあまり調子に乗っていると、足をすくわれてとんでもない事態に見舞われることがあります。本心に気を付けなくてはなりません。

一方、本気で叱ってくれる友人ほど私達のことを真剣に考えてくれているのではないのでしょうか。私は幼少の頃、よく父親から叱られました。その時の父の口癖は、「どうでもいい人には何も言わない。だから、お前が大切な存在だから真剣に叱っているんだ」というものでした。何でも褒めてくれる友人と違って、自分の欠点や性格の悪い部分を指摘してくる厳しい友人は、一緒にいてもあまり面白くはありませんし、居心地が悪いものです。ですから口うるさい友人とはいつい距離をおきがちになってしまうのですが、周りに自分の悪いところを指摘してくれる人がいなければ、一体誰が私達を正しい道へと導いてくれるのでしょうか。少々叱られようとも、耳が痛かろうとも、自分のことを真剣に考えてくれる友人は大事にすべきだと思います。

『六方礼経』という仏教經典の中で、お釈迦さまは資産家の息子であるシカウに友人の選び方について丁寧に教える論じています。

まず、実際してはいけない人として以下の四つを例に挙げています。(一)何でも取ってゆく友 (二)言葉だけの友 (三)甘言を語る友 (四)遊蕩の友。

もっと具体的に言いますと、(一)自分の利益や損得だけで立ち回るような人間 (二)表面では調子よく親しげに友情を装っているが、いざという時や都合の悪いことが起きると友を裏切つても逃げてしまう人間 (三)悪事には賛成するが、善事には同意しない、相手の面前ではつらつらとおだてあげるが、その人のいないところでは悪口を言う二枚舌の人間 (四)常に酒盛りで、カシノや競馬等といった賭け事の大好きな遊び人間。

これらの四者は、見た目こそ仲のいい友人に似ていますが、本当は私達の人生に悪影響を及ぼす危険な存在であり、正しく人生の敵であるというのです。ですから、危険な道を選ばないように、彼らを遠ざけなくてはならない。決して相手にしてはならないと教えて下さっています。

次にお釈迦さまは、真の友とはどういふ人かというのを以下の四つを挙げて教えておられます。(一)頼りになる友 (二)苦楽をともにする友 (三)利益になることを教えてくれる友 (四)良い心の持ち主で思いやりのある友。

更に詳しく述べますと、(一)友が無気力に陥っているときに力となって、友になすべき事がきた時には、友の必要とする二倍の財を与えてくれる人間、(二)共に

秘密を打ち明け、友の秘密を隠し、どんなことがあっても友を見捨てず、友の為にあれば生命を犠牲にする人間、

(三) 悪を防いで、善に入らしめ、いまだ聞いていない尊い話を聞かせ、真実に至る道を教えてくれる人間、(四) 友の不幸を喜びず、友の成功を喜び、友を誘う人を阻んで、友を褒める人を広めてくれる人間、これらの四者は何よりも大切にしなければならぬ親友であると教えて下さっています。

皆さんも存知のように、友人の影響力というのはとても大きく、人の人生を左右するほどの力を持っています。どんな友人を持つているかで、その人の人生が決まってしまう過言ではありません。友を持つというところは、友からいろいろなことを学び、友からいろいろな影響を受け、人生の道を共に歩みながら互いに自己を形成させてゆくという事です。ですから、友と一緒に何を学んで、何に喜び、何に悲しみ、何に共感していくかということが重要なのです。善き友と付き合うことで、互いに敬う、互いに助け合う、そして互いに認め合うという精神が培われ、その精神が常に人生の大きな力となって、私達の進むべき道を示してくれれます。しかし、悪友と交わることで、歩むべき道を踏み外し、私達の培った尊い財産を全て失ってしまうのです。

このように、お釈迦さまは、友人を選ぶことの大切さを詳しく教せて下さっています。そして、それと同時に、私達自身が模範となるような善友になれるように努めなむことも戒めておられるのです。

助けてくれる友、苦しい時にも楽しい時にも友人でいてくれる友、自分のためを思って話をしてくれる友、思いやりのある友、これが本当の友人です。

新年を迎えるに当たり、周りの友人を真剣に考え、あげられる心を今一度お念仏のみ教えを通して養って

きたいと思えます。皆さんの周りに自分の事を真剣に叱ってくれる善友はいますか？

合掌

### 理事会レポート

十二月十日(木曜日)、仏教会に於いて理事会会議が開かれ、次のことが協議されました。

一、理事会は理事会会議で話し合われた決定事項を全て承認しました。

二、仏教会内規改革の議案は一月三十一日(日)に開かれる総会で承認を待たずして提出されます。総会の日時と改進黨の案内は後日別紙で発送させていただきます。

三、餅つき大会、仏教会入場除、除夜会での軽食支給についての討議がありました。

四、仏教勉強会は第一、第三木曜日の午後六時半に改進黨になりました。

五、一月から議案は第二日曜日の午前九時より行われることになりました。

六、二〇一〇年度の年間予定表が完成しました。

七、日曜礼拝聖曲委員会が今年からの再開します。

八、二月二十七日(日)に開かれる五〇〇五〇ラッフル抽選会のチケットの販売が始まりました。最高五百枚・一枚二〇円とさせていただきます。

### ABAレポート

九、コック・ウィル君がインクルスアウトの階級を修得した。後日、階級授式が行われます。

新年明けましておめでとうといっています。会員の皆様、下として輝かす年であることを願う。年頭の挨拶とさせていただきます。

十二月五日(土)、マイランドスクールカフェに於いて朝食会議が開かれました。出席者全員、美しのある時間をお過ごしください。

十二月六日(日)、成道会終了後、仏教青少年会主催のチヤウ麵屋食会に参加しました。

十二月十三日(日)、毎年恒例の餅つき大会が開催されたい賑わいました。

次回の朝食会議は、月六日(土)午前九時より、チユラメのミーティングルームにて開かれます。会員の参加を予定されている方は、担当の電話までご連絡ください。

### 婦人会レポート

十二月六日(日)正午より、カンファレンスルームに於いて婦人会会議が開かれました。

金城フル夫人、梶田順子夫人、グレイバー菊夫人の三名が新年のサンディエゴ婦人会会員と交わりました。

大原会長より歓迎の挨拶が述べられ、当婦人会の若返りにたいして期待してと語りかけました。お三方ようこそ当婦人会へ！

大原会長より森中正夫氏と緒方佳典氏が先月にくなわれたと報告がありました。遺族の皆様に対しては、婦人会一同、謹んでお悔やみ申し上げます。

永代経法要後に行われた善き善司セルは全て完了し、大成功をおさめました。大原会長より、共同委員長を務めて下さった山西美世子夫人、木田勝美夫人、日圓賀

直業夫人にお礼が述べられました。永代経生並の講誦としてお禮して頂いた教員諸先生からお礼状が贈られました。

ちび米購入の際の資金援助として仏教会入百下を寄付する事が承認されました。

十一月十七日(日)午前九時より、仏教会大掃除が行われました。当日は仏会のお慶喜を拍子上げました。その後、本館の台所を清掃しました。

十一月十二日(日)開催される餅つき大会で、募金活動の一環として、アーク・アクト・アクト・アクトを販売致し、お金のサポートをいたします。\*大袋十二下、小袋五下を販売いたします。

浜田リョウ夫人より、二〇一〇年度の役員を選出する役員推薦委員会の結果が報告されました。梶田順子夫人が候補者候補の動議を出し、島尾ヘティ夫人がそれに賛成して役員候補者が承認され、正式に役員が決定しました。

二〇一〇年度役員メンバー(婦人公益委員会)

\*共同会長・大原文子夫人、森部スザン夫人、山西美世子夫人、木田勝美夫人\*書記・守山千恵子夫人\*通信書記・大森清子夫人\*共同会計・島尾ヘティ夫人、富山秋枝夫人\*法務司・日園直実夫人\*相談役・向嶋裕史先生、向嶋美香夫人、高田孝子夫人、矢倉メリー夫人、浜田リョウ夫人、末永メリー夫人

婦人会役員就任式は十一月十七日(日)の報告で行われました。講師はドレミシカワティム教会の原田マドリ先生が来てくださいます。尚、法務後新年会が予定されています。

十一月十日(日)に南無阿彌陀仏会代表者会議が開かれ、次の事が協議されました。(一)門徒式章を送る方の正式の事が協議されました。(二)門徒式章を送る方の正式の事が協議されました。(三)門徒式章を送る方の正式の事が協議されました。(四)門徒式章を送る方の正式の事が協議されました。

知事様より、仏教会が要請の手紙が送られました。(一)要請の連絡方法に関して、再協議が必要の為、お返事が送られました。(二)次回代表者会議並に役員就任式は十一月二十三日(日)午後一時より、洗心仏教会で行われます。(三)今年の六月十二日(土)に開催される南無阿彌陀仏信徒大会は洗心仏教会が主催します。

向嶋先生より、二〇一一年に京都で開催される親鸞聖人七五〇回大遠征法要に参加する為の日本旅行の日程表が配り、滞在中の計画を説明されました。現時点で、婦人会からは、日本旅行に参加する予定です。十一月二十一日(木)、七時三十分より、除夜会が仏教会にて開催されます。法務後、向嶋先生と妻が、年越しそばを振舞われます。このご会員の皆様へ家族、お友達を誘い合わせの上、お参り下さい。尚、シタル・アマン・アマンの除夜の鐘は中止となります。今年の手廻り会長の日本語講師は、羅府別院の植原興業先生をお招きする予定です。

十二月二十日(日)午後十一時より、婦人会の忘年会が開かれます。以下の方々に厚食会にお招きします。向嶋先生、家族、波多素亮先生、柳原ジミ先生、家族、シヤネット信先生、ティーク夫妻、川口舞子、婦人

軽食を用意して下さるグループBの皆様、有難うございました。一戸の婦人会会議が予定されています。次回の会議は十一月十日(日)に正午よりカンパムスルームで行われます。軽食の準備はグループCが担当いたします。

「おくりびと」上映会のお知らせ

来る十一月二十四日(日)午前十時四十五分より、本館で「おくりびと」の上映会を開催致します。当作品は二〇〇九年度カンパムス賞で外国語映画賞を受賞した話題の作品です。

ひびきとが遺体を抱下納める納棺師となった男が、仕事を通して触れた人間関係様々上司の影響を受けながら成長していく姿を描いた感動作です。

原作者の日本とアメリカとをまた納棺夫日記の著者、青木新門氏です。青木氏は浄土真宗の門徒の家歴の年々、納棺夫としての現場下は、おくりびとを生きた人間の意識として死と生との意識を親鸞聖人のみ教えを通して見出し、いかになりました。

英語の字幕が添付されます。お楽しみください。尚、日曜礼拝のお勤めは午前十時から行われます。通常通り本堂にお参り下さい。

- \* 仏教会への意見や質問等がございましたら、仏教会事務局員川口舞子(0-9)6300-0000までご連絡下さい。
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## HAPPY NEW YEAR! HO-ONKO SERVICE, NEW YEAR PARTY ARE JANUARY 17

Our Ho-Onko Service will be held on Sunday, Jan. 17, 2009, at 10:00 a.m. Ho-Onko, "a gathering to express our gratitude," is a special service in memory of the founder of Jodo Shinshu, Shinran Shonin, who died Jan. 16, 1262. As followers of Shinran's teachings, we gather each January to express our thanks that we are able to receive and share the Wisdom and Compassion of Amida Buddha. The guest speaker for the service will be Rev. Marvin Harada of the Orange County Buddhist Church.

[Please note that the January Shotsuki Hoyo (Memorial Service) will be held Sunday, January 3, in conjunction with the Family Service.]

Our annual New Year Party will be held immediately following the Ho-Onko Service. Let's all get together to usher in the New Year! A delicious bento lunch (regular or vegetarian) is available for \$15 per person. Like last year, we also offer a child's chicken bento for \$6. Lunches must be reserved and paid for in advance. Please use the reservation form included with this issue. Deadline for reservations is Sunday, January 10.

We welcome each and every one of you to the special service and the New Year Party. For your convenience, envelopes for a Ho-Onko offering and your New Year Party reservation are included with this mailing.