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ATTAINING NINETY

By Rev. Akira Hata, Emeritus, Retired

On Bodhi Day last December, I went to the Family Service and then to the Jr. YBA chow mein luncheon which followed. During the luncheon, a 90th-year birthday party was held in my honor. I had no inkling at all that this was going to happen. What a surprise!

There was a very large sheet cake baked by LuAnn Lee (best I've eaten) and a slide presentation of my life put together by my granddaughter, Lauren Uchiyama. A birthday honorarium was also presented to me. Watching the slide show, I thought, "Now I can die in peace."

My daughter, Tissa, and Lauren had earlier gathered all the pictures secretly and I didn't suspect a thing. My past life was on display and it was pretty accurate.

General Douglas MacArthur once said that old generals don't die, they just fade away. That would be me. I continue to come and sit in the onajin on Sundays but giving fewer Dharma talks. I am aware that my eyesight, hearing and thinking are diminishing, unlike my hair.

Right now, three main things keep me going.

One is the Uchiyama family whom I live with. I thank them for putting up with me these past ten years. I'm sure that they wanted to evict me many times.

Another is the Buddhist Temple and you, its members, who have taken me in and made me feel at home.

The third is Kaiser Hospital where I go every week for a Procrit shot that treats my anemia. And of course there are many, many other things that I am grateful for.

Our temple is dedicated to Amida Buddha and his Primal Vow (Hongan). Its main essence is the Nembutsu. It is said that Amida works in mysterious ways, leading us to salvation and the Pure Land. *Okage sama de*, I see this in my life.

Reflections

As I look back and reflect on my ninety years, Amida Buddha's love and compassion made me what I am today.

When I think of my parents, I could never do what they did, coming to a strange country and raising nine children. Had they stayed in Japan, I would have ended up a dead soldier on some lonely Pacific Island during World War II.

My father came to the U.S. in 1913 as one of the earliest priests in the BCA. He served San Francisco and then Vacaville. In 1918, he returned to Japan, got married, and I was born in 1920.

In 1923, our family of three went to the Oakland Buddhist Church. In 1926, my father was terminated by Oakland, the BCA and the Nishi Honganji for being a heretic. The main reason was that he was spreading the teachings of Rev. Akegarasu who was a

leading Higashi Honganji minister. Nishi [Hongwanji] certainly didn't like that, so he was expelled.

He set up a small mission church called the Kyudoshu three blocks away from the Oakland temple. In 1948, he was again united with BCA as minister of the Richmond area. This was under Bishop Shigefuji. My father was offered a position at Enmanji. He had to refuse because his wife and children would not go with him to Sebastopol.

In 1949, the BCA had its 50th Anniversary and father was given a trophy cup for being one of the two oldest ministers. Today, when you look at the BCA memorial pillar at the Colma Cemetery, his name is there as a sign of acceptance.

Life's Enjoyment

So here I am, still living and, *okage sama de*, still mobile at 90. I thank those around me who are assisting me to live, to enjoy life in what time I have left.

When we hear Amida's call, we respond and say Namu Amida Butsu.

Namu is the lost and confused me

Seeking a direction home and

Amida Butsu is the Buddha of Immeasurable Light and Life.

The two become one in my Namu Amida Butsu.

In gassho...

BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

On May 12, 2011, the Board of Directors met and the following items were discussed:

1. Sincere condolences to the families and friends of Setsuko Himaka (Apr 24), Chonja Haruko Bolick (May 1), Katie Krause (May 5) and George Uda (May 11).

2. Eight members of the temple, along with Rev. Mukojima, are scheduled to attend the 750th Shinran Shonin Memorial observance in Kyoto, Japan, May 13-22.

3. The Temple will decline participation in the U.S. Navy's Asian Heritage Month event on May 20.

4. The Board approved co-sponsorship of a screening of the movie "The Tale of Mari and Three Puppies" as a fundraiser for Japan Relief Aid. The showing may be scheduled possibly in July, depending on the Annex Hall availability.

5. The Board approved the re-naming of this year's Nov. 6 fundraiser from Fall Food & Music Festival to the BTSD Asian Food and Craft Fair.

6. The Board asked the Temple Affairs Committee to determine possible compensation for temporary office staff coverage for our secretary during her maternity leave.

ABA NEWS

May started out with breakfast at Jimmy's on the 7th. We all enjoyed the delicious food, and it was especially good as everyone was treated for both Mother's Day and Father's Day.

On the 8th, we enjoyed another breakfast at the Temple on Mother's Day put on by the Jr. YBA. It was very delicious, and we thank them.

June 5th will be the Temple Bazaar, and most of us will be helping in one way or another.

Our next meeting will be an early dinner at the Island Style Cafe in Tierrasanta at 4:30 p.m., on Saturday, July 2nd. Let Motoo know if you would like to go.

BWA REPORT

Fumiko thanked everyone for attending the meeting. She also thanked members for their support of the Hanamatsuri bake sale and a special thank you to Kikue Graeber and her helpers for putting together the luncheon and baby shower for Mai Wang.

With great sadness we report the loss of our member Mrs. Setsuko Himaka. Our deepest sympathy and condolences to the Himaka family.

Welfare: Fumiko Ohara and Betty T. Torio visited Setsuko Himaka on April 22, 2011.

Sensei's report: (1) Mrs. Setsuko Himaka passed away on April 24, 2011. (2) Sensei will in Japan May 13-22 for the Shinran Shonin 750th Anniversary and 14th World Buddhist Womens Conference in Kyoto. (3) May 28: Imperial Valley Gravesite Memorial Services. Sensei, Fumiko Ohara and Mr. and Mrs. Michael Kinoshita will attend. (4) May 30: Memorial Day Service at Cypress View Mausoleum at 8:30 a.m. Trichurch service will be held at the Mt. Hope Cemetery at 9:30 a.m. Memorial Day service at Rosecrans at 11:30 a.m. (5) So. District Buddhists Conference hosted by West L.A. is June 4. Rev. Mukojima will be the Japanese speaker at the Conference.

BWA Activities:

1. Fumiko Ohara and Betty T. Torio attended the 85th Anniversary and Kieshiki meeting on April 17. The BTSD 85th Anniversary celebration will be held on Oct. 16. Socho Koshin Ogui will be arriving on Oct. 15. Socho Koshin Ogui will preside over the Kieshiki, present a message to the Dharma School children and another message to the adults. Next meeting is June 12.

2. Fumiko Ohara and Miyoko Yamanishi attended the Bazaar meeting on April 27. We will make 350 boxes of sushi and 50 packages of Chirashi. Next meeting is May 25.

3. June 5, Bazaar cooking schedule:

June 4 (Sat): Kumicho 9 a.m., all others 12 noon

June 5 (Sun): Rice cookers 5a.m., all others 6 a.m.

Keiko Negoro will be coordinating helpers and volunteers for Sushi preparation.

4. June 18 (Sat), 12 noon. A welcome luncheon for new members will be held in the Sangha Hall. We will have a short service prior to the luncheon. Fumiko Ohara will order the food, members will have the Hall set up for the luncheon. We will order a cake from Luann Lee. New members are Akiko Matsumoto and Betty Santohigashi who will be presented with an ojuzu and montoshikisho.

5. Birthday cake was served to celebrate the 90th birthday of members in the year 2011. There are three members though only one was able to attend. Celebrants are Mary Yagura (Feb.), Kayoko Ochi (Dec.) and Ayako Otsuji (May). Happy birthday to all the ladies!!!

Thank you Group "A" for the delicious refreshments. There is no meeting in June. Next meeting is July 10 at 12 noon. Group "B" will be responsible for the refreshments.

JR. YBA REPORT

We would like to thank all of the mothers and their guests for attending the breakfast on Mother's Day. It was well attended with over 80 diners.

We would like to acknowledge our generous monetary donors and they include Miki Honda, Ralph Honda family, Betty Torio and a couple of other folks who told us to "keep the change". Thanks to Ralph Honda family for the bag of oranges and to all the parents, juniors and past advisors and parents for making this breakfast a success.

Our members will be attending Seminar 3 on June 11 hosted by West Los Angeles Junior YBA.

The group will be providing the games at the annual Bazaar on June 5. Hope to see you there.

We are looking for any new students who would like to join San Diego Junior YBA. The age of this group is 14-19. Please see any current member or advisor or contact the Buddhist Temple of San Diego.

DHARMA SCHOOL NEWS

On May 8, Gotan-e was observed with the sutra chanting led by the 5th-12th grade students. Their practice sessions with Rev. Mukojima paid off as they confidently led the Sangha in chanting Ju Sei Ge. The preschool-5th grade classes had the choice of making tea cup cards for Mother's Day (to go along with our Bazaar theme this year), Davis' pop-up Mother's Day cards, and mini-Springtime flower baskets donated by Alice Matsumoto. Thank you for your donation, Alice. All mothers received boxes of tea and hand sanitizer from Dharma School.

Dharma School students will help in various booths at our Bazaar on June 5, and Dharma School will run the children's craft booth.

On June 19, we will hold the last Dharma School service of the school year at the All-Temple Picnic at Rohr Park in Chula Vista at 10 a.m. We will celebrate Father's Day, present attendance and participation awards, and recognize high school and college graduates. Our honored guests, the fathers, will be grilling hot dogs and hamburgers, and the rest of the Sangha can bring side dishes and desserts! We hope you can make it as it is always a lot of fun! This year's high school graduates are Brent Yamanishi and Nikki Furuya. Graduating from college is Jamie Shimizu. Congratulations!

On June 26, our Dharma School will make a visit to the Gardena Buddhist Church, followed by a trip to Knott's Berry Farm. There is no charge for registered Dharma School students and \$30 for adults and other Sangha members who would like to attend. This includes transportation by bus and admission to Knott's Berry Farm. Please sign up on the Dharma School bulletin board, with your Dharma School teacher, or with me at mikeannong@yahoo.com.

Nancy Martinez is leading a committee to continue work on a new Service Book to be completed by the BTSD 85th Anniversary on October 16, 2011. Rev. Mukojima will be the advisor. The second meeting was held on May 15. If you are interested in helping with this project, please contact Nancy Martinez at dnmartinez@yahoo.com.

Regular Dharma School and Family Service will be held on June 12.

Our Temple has received applications for the LABCC Summer Camp to be held on August 6-13, 2011 at Camp Morningstar in the San Bernardino Mountains. It is for Buddhist youths ages 8-12 (and returning 13-year-olds).

This will be the 4th year for Breven, Sean, Trevor, and Davis, and they have many great memories from past summers! My son, Evan, may not even be able to carry his own sleeping bag, but he can't wait to join the big boys at camp this year! For an application or for more information about the camp program, please contact Avis Honda. The deadline for registration is June 30, 2011.

In Gassho, Ann Ong, Assistant Superintendent

COME OUT FOR BAZAAR JUNE 5!

We invite all of you to the Temple's annual Japanese Cultural Bazaar. It will be held Sunday, June 5 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. (There will be no service that day.)

This year our theme is TEA. The featured theme displays will include special occasion teas and a tea ceremony as tea tasting throughout the day in the Hondo.

Entertainment/presentations include manga artist Billy Martinez, Introduction to Buddhism, Koto Music, Suzuki Strings and Taiko drums.

Please come and enjoy the delicious food while shopping at our crafts and treasures booth, checking out the goodies in the bakery, putting in a bid at the silent auction and trying your luck by purchasing a ticket for our opportunity drawing.

The Temple will offer our traditional food specialties. They include Chow Mein, Chicken Teriyaki plate, Strawberry Mochi, Sushi, Tacos, Tofu Tacos and a refreshing Tofu Salad.

Kids and grandkids will enjoy the games, crafts, Kids' Silent Auction, and the Snack Shack. Adults will have the opportunity to bid on many quality items during the Silent Auction.

Don't forget about the Raffle Drawing. Grand prize is \$1,000 plus many other valuable prizes. Donation is \$5 per ticket or six for \$25.00. Winners need not be present for the main drawing.

Volunteers are requested to help with Saturday (June 4) preparations and on the day of the event. Please contact the temple if you have any free time to help at (619) 239-0896.

Please Help Us Solicit Prizes

We are asking for your help in requesting donations for our Raffle and Silent Auction. It would be great if you could solicit donations from a business that you frequent or invite personal donations such as gift cards, zoo tickets, unused sporting event tickets, and so on. Please label who they are from and drop them off at the temple office or call LuAnn Lee at (619) 993-6497 if a pick-up is required. All donations will be acknowledged in the July newsletter.

We have a lot of beautiful postcards to help spread the word about our biggest fundraiser of the year. Be sure to pick some up and help us distribute them to family, friends, colleagues, and the community.

See you there!

~Bazaar Committee

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS DUE JULY 1

The BTSD Scholarship Committee invites all graduating high school seniors and full-time college undergraduates to apply for a 2011 temple scholarship. To apply for the award, the student or his parent(s) or guardian must be a current BTSD member.

Applications should be requested by e-mail from info@btsd.net or from committee co-chair Bill Teague at btpub@cox.net. The completed application can be submitted electronically (preferred) to either of the above addresses, or a hard copy mailed to BTSD, Attn: Scholarship Committee, 2929 Market St., San Diego, CA 92102.

DEADLINE IS JULY 1. If the committee doesn't acknowledge your application within 48 hours, please call (619) 239-0896 or (619) 527-7855 to confirm receipt. Late applications will not be accepted.

Awards will be announced and presented by Mukojima Sensei at the Obon Service on Sunday, July 24. Last year, the Committee gave out awards totaling \$4,500. These awards are made possible thanks to members' annual donations to the BTSD Scholarship Fund. All proceeds from Obon Again Shop sales also benefit the fund.

Obon Again Shop is always seeking to replenish its unique stock, so please set aside your unused or unwanted Japanese things, clothing, books, dishes and so on, rather than "goodwill" or discard them. Especially popular are cookbooks, kokeshi dolls and children's kimono and yukata.

GOT DADS & GRADS? THINK SCRIP!

Wondering what to get the father who already has too many ties, or the graduating senior who would probably prefer to pick out her own gift? The Temple's scrip program offers gift cards for so many great merchants and services.

Call Ruth at (858) 452-0990 and make a scrip order today. Order by Monday and receive your order by Friday. Solve all your June gifting problems and help BTSD at the same time!

2011 TEMPLE MEMBERSHIP PLEDGES

The following members have renewed their membership for 2011 since our listing in the May issue of the *Bussei Script*. Thank you!!! The list is current as of May 15:

Cynthia and Orlando Guiang, Quimico Hagio, Mitsuo and Sally Ishihara, Toshiko Koshigoe, Akiko (Alice) Matsumoto, Yoshie Okuma, Leslie and Sean Seymour, and Fumie Yamashita.

The listing in the May issue failed to include Asako Morinaka. We apologize for the error.

OBON DANCE PRACTICE DATES SET

This year's Bon Odori will be held Saturday, July 30, 5- to 9 p.m.

BTSD has announced the practice schedule for the month of July. All practices are free and open to the public. Please mark your calendars, inform your family and friends, and plan to join:

GENERAL ODORI PRACTICE:

Sundays (11 am-1 pm): July 3, 10, 17

Wednesdays (7-9 pm): July 6, 13, 20, 27

KIDS' ODORI PRACTICE:

Mondays (6:30-8 pm): July 11, 18, 25

UPDATING BUSSEI SCRIPT MAILING LIST

Because of the recent increase in postal bulk mail rates, it now costs more to mail the monthly *Bussei Script* to our readers.

The Temple mails approximately 340 copies by USPS bulk mail each month.

To help offset increasing postage costs, the temple has been offering readers the option of receiving the monthly newsletter via e-mail. This has been a much-appreciated convenience for nearly 50 recipients. If you'd like to receive the *Bussei Script* electronically, please notify the temple.

The newsletter staff will also attempt to reduce the numbers mailed by removing inactive readers from the mail list. During June and July, we will be reducing the number of *Bussei Script* we send by bulk mail.

We are always grateful for non-members who enjoy receiving our newsletter and make an annual donation to offset postage costs.

If you feel that you would like to change from hard copy to electronic or if you would like to be completely removed from the *Bussei Script* mail list, please contact the temple office.

BINGO UPDATE

By Tsune Hashiguchi

Bingo was held April 30, and there were only six Temple members participating. Remember, the Temple gets 50% of the proceeds so we need to support this fundraiser.

Next Bingo is June 25. Bingo starts at 6 p.m. and ends around 8:30. The cost is \$10 for one package of cards, and includes a fun raffle at half-time. Pull tabs are also available.

If there is no benefit dinner scheduled for the evening, the VFW provides tasty hot dogs and chili dogs for just \$1.00.

On July 23, the VFW will prepare a delicious Prime Rib dinner for \$12. Tickets are on sale now. Hope to see more Temple members participate.

BCA JAPAN RELIEF FUND FINAL REPORT

The Buddhist Temple of San Diego is grateful to the many individuals and organizations who made heartfelt contributions to the BCA Japan Earthquake and Tsunami Relief Fund.

Beginning with our special memorial service on March 12 and up to the April 18 deadline, the temple received \$37,800 in donations to help the Japanese disaster victims. The money was sent to the BCA in April. Our temple's contribution was part of \$1,150,000 collected by the BCA to be presented to the Hongwanji during the Shinran Shonin 750th Commemoration in May in Kyoto.

Below is a complete list of donors which includes the Temple and its affiliated organizations. Members please note that unless your donation was given anonymously, acknowledgment of your contribution will be included in your year-end statement from the temple. Nonmembers for whom we had contact information were mailed an acknowledgment and receipt from the Temple. We note that some individuals gave more than one gift but are listed here once. May these kind gestures relieve suffering. *Gassho.*

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CONGRATULATIONS

On Tuesday, May 24, temple secretary Mai Kawaguchi-Wang, and her husband Mark Wang become proud parents. Juniper Yuuki Wang was born at 9:25 a.m. Juniper weighed 6 pounds, 8 ounces and measured 20 inches in length. Mom, dad and baby Juniper are doing great!

WELCOME

During Mai's maternity leave, Jamie Shimizu will work as office secretary. Jamie, who will be in the office Tuesday through Friday, is the daughter of temple members Gordon and Arlene Shimizu. Please stop by and welcome Jamie to the temple staff.

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.

2011 is the memorial year for those who passed away in:

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| 1st Year Memorial | 2010 | 3rd Year Memorial | 2009 | 7th Year Memorial | 2005 |
| 13th Year Memorial | 1999 | 17th Year Memorial | 1995 | 25th Year Memorial | 1987 |
| 27th Year Memorial | 1985 | 33rd Year Memorial | 1979 | 50th Year Memorial | 1962 |



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"The river current never stops flowing, and its water keeps changing."

ANNUAL BTSD PICNIC IS ON FATHER'S DAY

The annual All-Temple Picnic hosted by Dharma School will be held on Sunday, June 20, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Rohr Park near Chula Vista. The picnic will be held under the large gazebo at the park's east end.

Rohr Park is located off 805 at 4548 Sweetwater Rd. in Bonita. All our members and friends are invited to enjoy a fun get-together to mark the end of Dharma School and the beginning of another great San Diego summer. Last year, approximately 100 people attended the picnic.

Rev. Mukojima will conduct a service and give a special Dharma message. Attendance and participation awards will be handed out to students. We'll recognize our graduating high school and college students, as well as our 2010-11 Dharma School teacher and staff volunteers. The Jr. YBA and Dharma School staff will provide games for the children. And of course, there will be a special treat for all fathers in attendance on their special day.

Dharma School will provide a BBQ lunch. Participating families and friends are asked to bring a side dish, salad or dessert to share. Please call the office if you have any questions about the picnic or its location.

Due to Mukojima-sensei's participation at the Shinran Shonin 750th Memorial Commemoration in Kyoto, Japan last month, there is no Japanese section in this issue. Sensei's English Dharma message and the Japanese section will resume in July.