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WHAT IS YOUR NAME?

By Rev. Dr. Kenji Akahoshi, Resident Minister



In the 18th Vow, Amida Buddha states that we sentient beings should call his Name, as we are assured of birth in the Pure Realm. Thus, we recite the Name, Namu Amida Butsu. Although the meaning of this recitation has been explained by scholars and priests for centuries, words are insufficient to describe its sacred experience. And so, like many great truths, it seems to be just beyond our reach. Yet this is true for every human experience we have had.

My new grandson, is just 1 year old. With each new step, he is experiencing something new, beyond his previous reach. This curiosity, sense of adventure, and aspiration for truth are sometimes diminished as we coast into adulthood. As adults, we may settle into thoughts of “been there, done that.” This complacency may hinder our ability to discover new aspects of truth that are necessary in our journey to wholeness. How do we know we are on the right path? Shinran tells us that the experience of **joy** is our guiding light. (CWS p.18)

In addition to our family name, many of us have been given a first and a middle name. In our growth process, we grow accustomed to being identified by one of them or a nickname. Our names may reflect the aspirations of our parents, more than our own personality.

We now have an opportunity to select a new name for ourselves. As part of our 90th anniversary service, Bishop Kodo Umezu will be conducting a *Kieshiki* ceremony, which affirms us as followers of the Buddha, and includes the granting of a Buddhist name. The first part of the *homyo*, or Buddhist Name, is *Shaku*, which denotes that we are declaring ourselves as disciples of Shakyamuni Buddha. We may then select one of the two following names, which are Chinese characters from the sutras. The selection of your own name should reflect your thoughts of a name that represents a core part of you.

Shinran selected his own name from two of the patriarchs that he admired. When he was exiled, he took on the name, Gutoku, which meant the “stubble-haired foolish one.” This was not an act of modesty, but instead,

expressed his honesty about his personal identification. This name was a guiding reminder of his limited ego. However, he was aware that because he had this identity, he could also accept another Name, Namu Amida Butsu.

The Name, Amida Buddha, is also our name. But it is not achieved or taken as a sign of sacred superiority. It has been given to us by our spiritual parent. It holds the aspiration of our highest, most profound experience. It may seem to be just beyond our reach. But so has every other experience we have had as humans. I hope my grandson has many of the experiences that I have had. I know that he will have many more and different experiences than I have had. But the most significant experience that he or I can have is the Name, Namu Amida Butsu. That experience is unique and personal, yet universal. Each of us can have that Name as we recite it.

As is true with many things in our life, the experience of our true Name may not be what we might think it would be. The experience of our first encounter with a sport, music, school, or a new job may be different as we became familiar with it. After tasting a variety of the world’s cuisines, we may admit that the best meal is not a five course French dinner. What satisfies us most may be a home-cooked meatloaf or a bowl of *ochazuke* with *umeboshi* (rice with tea and pickled plum).

We may have thoughts that voicing Namu Amida Butsu, will result in spiritual ecstasy. In reality, it may be the taste of *ochazuke*. I think my grandson is beginning to associate the sound of his name, Cory, to himself. As he grows, he will probably have pleasure in hearing his name and being recognized will bring him joy. Dreams that were just beyond his reach will become real experiences. My aspiration for him will be to know his personal name and then to expand his world by experiencing his universal Name. Every human experience can be recognized by Namu Amida Butsu.

Gutoku Shinran reminds us that acknowledging our foolish, limited self is helpful in receiving our True Name, Namu Amida Butsu. Namu has always been within Amida Butsu. ME has always been within the WE. Every little “**thank you**,” is recognizing that we are constantly **receiving** gifts of Amida’s Compassion. Finding **joy** in the simple play of everyday life, is our guide that we are on the right path. What is your Name?

Gassho

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>NO SUNDAY SERVICES and FOURTH SUNDAY INTRO to BUDDHISM IN AUGUST</p>	<p>1</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3 10 a.m. – Craft Day, @Dining Room 12 p.m. – Minyo Group @ S.H. 1 p.m. – Shigin @ C.R. 6:30 p.m. – Taiko Practice @ Annex Hall</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6  BON ODORI @Balboa Park Japanese Friend-ship Garden 10 a.m. – 9 p.m.</p>
<p>7 BON FESTIVAL  @Balboa Park JFG 10 a.m. – 8 p.m. 11 a.m. – Nagasaki Kenjinkai Obon Service @ Hondo (not open to public)</p>	<p>8 Temple Closed 7 p.m.—Ways & Means</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10 12 p.m. – Minyo Group @S.H. 1 p.m. – Shigin @ C.R. 6:30 p.m. – Taiko Practice @ Annex Hall</p>	<p>11 6:30 p.m. – Board of Directors Mtg. @ C.R.</p>	<p>12 12 p.m. – Villa Gardens Senior Lunch program (Rev. Kenji out of town through August 18)</p>	<p>13 RUMMAGE SALE Prep 9-1</p>
<p>14 RUMMAGE SALE Prep 9-1 11:30 a.m.–Taiko Practice @ Annex Hall</p>	<p>15 Temple Closed</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17 10 a.m. – Craft Day, @ D.R. 12 p.m. – Minyo Group @ S.H. 1 p.m. – Shigin @ C.R. 6:30 p.m.– Taiko Practice @ A.H.</p>	<p>18 4-9 p.m. – RUMMAGE SALE Prep</p>	<p>19 3:30-9 p.m. – RUMMAGE SALE Prep & Set-up</p>	<p>20 8 a.m. – 2 p.m. RUMMAGE SALE</p>
<p>21 8 a.m. – 12 p.m. RUMMAGE SALE</p>	<p>22 Temple Closed</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24 **Mail Kaiho 12 p.m. – Minyo Group @ S.H. 1 p.m. – Shigin @ C.R. 6:30 p.m. – Taiko Practice @A.H</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27 10 a.m. – Koto BINGO is Cancelled</p>
<p>28 8 a.m. – BTSD Golf Tournament @ Eastlake Country Club, Chula Vista 11:30 a.m. – Taiko Practice-AH</p>	<p>29 Temple Closed</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31 12 p.m. – Minyo Group @S.H. 1 p.m. – Shigin @ C.R. 6:30 p.m. – Taiko Practice @ Annex Hall</p>	<p>Kenji Sensei will be on vacation Aug. 22-31. (Please call the temple in the event of an emergency requiring minister's assistance)</p>		

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By LuAnn Lee, Board President

Summer is upon us and so are many Obon Festivals. It's a great time to visit other temples to see what food they have to offer, play games, watch the entertainment, shop and partake in the Odori dance.

On July 9 and 10, I visited San Jose Buddhist Temple Betsuin with my family. Kenji Sensei, Karen Akahoshi and other temple members and friends had talked about how many people attended San Jose's Obon and how much food they offer. They were not kidding.

There were two large areas of food and drinks with wall to wall people. The one thing that was hard to believe was that the Odori dance music was performed Live! It sounded just like the recordings that we dance to. It was a true group effort that reminded me of our Obon festival at Balboa Park last year. Our event was much smaller but had the same community feel to it.

In July and August, the temple is going to celebrate two Obons: The first one is on Sunday, July 31. It will be at the Buddhist Temple of San Diego with the Obon service starting at 2 pm followed by Obon Odori dancing. Limited food items will be available for purchase. The second one will be held at Balboa Park in conjunction with the Japanese Friendship Garden on August 6. There will be many food and drink choices, Opportunity Drawing, Odori Dancing and much more. I invite you all to attend and enjoy both events.

On a personal note, the reason why I was in the San Jose area was to support my husband Harold. He decided on a goal to run/walk a Marathon (26 miles) in San Francisco and had been working out for a couple of years. It was a coastal trail run with many uneven surfaces, lots of hills with long steady grades but he made it! He really showed how mind over matter can work. Our family and friends are very proud of him.

I would also like to Congratulate two high school graduates, Kenji Martinez and Joene Marx. Thank you both for supporting the temple by volunteering.

I hope to see your smiling faces around the temple in the near future.

In Gassho,
LuAnn Lee

BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

1. The Board approved the registration costs for Ministerial assistant Lavern Imori and Ministerial assistant candidate Noriko Kawai to attend the August 19-21 seminar at the Jodo Shin Shu Center.
2. The Board approved \$500 for consulting services fees with the Wilkinson Mazzeo law firm regarding labor and employment matters.
3. The Board authorized the payment for the candles ordered for the Shinran and Rennyo shrines in the Onaijin.
4. The cost of replacing fencing between the minister's residence and adjacent property owners was discussed. The Board requested more information before determining approval the sharing of costs.
5. The Board authorized moving ahead with the cost of fumigating the minister's residence so that work can be done

during the Akahoshi's scheduled vacation. Recent termite damage and active swarming was observed at the property.

6. The Board authorized payment for landscaping work to be done on the 29th Street side yard slope. The area will be extensively pruned and trimmed to lessen the potential for trespassing. Most of the expense will be covered by several generous donations.

7. The Board was updated on the Pride Festival participation, Obon service and Odori activities, and the 90th Anniversary celebration.

8. Dr. Terry Tanaka will be honored at this year's Nisei Week celebration in Los Angeles. The Board authorized covering the expenses of at least two members to attend the program.

9. Rev. Dr. Kenji Akahoshi was elected the Interreligious Council Vice President for the upcoming term. Kaytee Sumida was elected to serve as secretary.

BWA NEWS

Thanks so much for the last minute help to prepare the Mexican Brunch breakfast for the visiting Tri-State (Denver) YBA group on July 17th. It was all delicious and much appreciated by our visitors.

Thank you also to Group A for hosting the hospitality room after the July 10th family service.

The New Member Luncheon on Saturday July 23, was a fun and lively event. The Ichiban bentos were delicious, and it was great to become better acquainted with the new members, Laverne, Evelyn, Marcia, and Emily, in our sisterhood.

The craft group has been meeting every Wednesday for the past few months, but will return to the first and third Wednesdays of the month schedule, beginning in August. The crafters have been having fun creating items, enjoying each other's company, and sharing yummy potluck lunches. Drop in sometime and check it out! Items will be for sale at the Obon and Odori at Balboa Park on Saturday, August 6.

Thank you to everyone who came out to help on Clean-Up day, Sunday, July 24. We did a spiffy job doing general hon-do cleaning to get ready for the Obon service.

Rev. Katsuya Kusunoki from the Buddhist Church of Lodi used his special certification knowledge to do a very interesting and informative workshop on "Shin Buddhist Ritual and Chanting" on Saturday, July 30, and a wonderful message for the Obon/Hatsubon service on Sunday, July 31. Bon Odori at temple this year brought back fond memories of past events when the gatherings were more intimate.

If you haven't signed up for the 44th FBWA Conference to be held in Bellevue, WA, near Seattle, at the Westin Hotel on Oct 7-9, 2016, it's not too late. There are many fine speakers scheduled. Please check out the conference info at the buddhistchurchesofamerica.org website, and let your group leader or Sue Moribe (858) 565-6594 know if you are interested in attending.

There are two ways to get to the BWA website: southerndistrictbwa.weebly.com/, or through the direct link from the website for the temple at btsd.net. Please take a peek to see what we've been doing.

Thank you to Group C for hosting our July meeting. Reminder: there will be NO AUGUST MEETING.

DHARMA SCHOOL NEWS

As the Dharma school students enjoyed the summer with their families, the teachers and staff met on July 25 to plan for the upcoming 2016-17 term that will begin in September.

First off, I wish to extend a heartfelt welcome to Laverne Imori who is joining the Dharma School staff.

Activities that were discussed included welcoming the students and Sangha at its first service of the new term scheduled for September 11, the Halloween Service and Party, Turkey Bowl bowling day and possibly offering a bus field trip towards the end of the term. Stay tuned for more information on the activities mentioned.

Congratulations to former Dharma School students Christina Guiang and Mark Torio who received scholarships for college continuing education, and to former member and recent high school graduate, Joene Marx. The scholarships were awarded at the O Bon service.

We look forward to welcoming returning students and encourage new students to join us when the new term begins next month.

The Dharma School program is offered to children of all ages. two-years-old, elementary, middle school and high school students. Each Sunday, students receive meaningful Dharma messages from Kenji Sensei and helpful guidance from the teaching staff. If your child is new and would like to take part, please contact me at (619) 885-8363 or by email at seharu25@aol.com

The next teacher and staff meeting will be on Sunday, September 11, at 9:00 a.m.

Gassho,

Avis Honda, Superintendent



SCRIP NEWS

Thank you to everyone who shops at Ralph's Grocery Store. We recently received a quarterly (I think it was at least 2 quarters) community rewards check from them for a little over \$60. Remember that September is right around the corner and it will be time to once again submit those letters to Ralph's. You can pick them up in the temple office.

Although it is summer, we have been selling scrip. If you need to place an order, just call the temple office since there will be no services in August. You can get scrip at the rummage sale.

Looking ahead to the beginning of school, you can order scrip for various stores to buy back to school clothes such as Kohl's, Target, the Gap, Walmart, Macy's, Nordstrom's, Ross, and Sears. Gift cards can also be bought for school supplies at Staples, Office Depot, as well as Target and Walmart.

THANK YOU to everyone who is buying and using scrip and a special thanks to all the folks who shop at Ralph's. Domo Arigato!

JR. YBA NEWS

In July we hosted the Tri-State (Denver) Buddhist Temple Jr. YBA during the final days of their 14-day Sunshine Tour of visiting various temples throughout California.

Sixteen YBA members and three adult chaperones arrived on July 15 and were greeted by our members, parents, Kenji Sensei and a few Sangha members. The guests were treated to a delicious potluck dinner. Following dinner, we all were able to mingle and make new friends. On Saturday, a few of the San Diego members and parents prepared a pancake and sausage breakfast. A short service was held with Rev. Thompson, from Denver, leading the Ju Sei Ge. Six of our members traveled with the Denver group to Little Tokyo in Los Angeles for sightseeing, lunch and shopping. Later that evening we all danced at the Orange County Buddhist Church O Bon. After the O Bon, the bus headed back to San Diego. On Sunday, everyone enjoyed a delicious breakfast prepared by the BWA. After breakfast everyone attended the Sunday service. Then, it was time for our new friends to pack up, clean up and board the bus. It was hard to say goodbye to our new friends. We all had a great time!

We wish to thank the parents, Sangha members and BWA ladies for their help with helping host the Denver YBA.

PURCHASE YOUR O BON DRAWING TICKETS!

Members have been selling tickets for the annual **O Bon Opportunity Drawing**. Donation is \$2 per ticket or \$20 for a book of 11. The drawing will be held on August 6 following the Bon Odori at the Organ Pavilion in Balboa Park. First prize is \$800. Second prize is \$500. Plus, many more prizes. Net proceeds benefit the club's activities, including the upcoming Southern District Conference. More on the drawing in the September issue. Support the fundraiser!

Speaking of conference, Nishi will serve as the host chapter for the event that will take place September 3 and 4 at the Los Angeles Betsuin and Doubletree Hotel in Little Tokyo. The theme is "Back to the Basics: Before Anything Else." We are all looking forward to attending the conference.

65TH JR. YBA REUNION IS COMING UP

We hope that many alumni and temple members are planning to attend the San Diego Jr. YBA 65th Year Reunion. The event will take place on Saturday October 15, and will be held in conjunction with the temple's 90th anniversary. The theme is "Turn Back the Clock" and will include bowling from noon to 3 p.m. at Kearny Mesa Bowl. A banquet dinner will be held from 5:00 to 10 p.m. at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Mission Valley.

An informational flier and registration materials were emailed to many former members. Similar information can be found in this month's Bussei Script.

Current members, Hailey Sasaki, Trevor Muraoka and I are serving as reunion chair people.

For more information or questions regarding the reunion please contact our advisor, Ralph Honda, at (619) 885-3788 or by email at rkhonda205@gmail.com

We hope that many of you are saving the date and planning to attend the reunion to reconnect with friends and reminisce on the good ol' days of the San Diego Jr. YBA.

Our next meeting is scheduled for August 14 at 11 a.m.

In Gassho,

Breven Honda, 1st Vice President

ANNUAL PARKING LOT RUMMAGE SALE-AUGUST 20-21

*Recycling * Re-Purposing * Re-Thinking*

The temple's annual Rummage Sale will be held August 20 and 21. This important fundraiser is made possible by your donations of gently-used discards and the efforts of our hardworking volunteers. Clothing, books, furniture, household goods, toys and most other items are welcomed. **PLEASE – no CRT TVs or MONITORS. Any electronics, appliances and computer equipment must be in working order – it can cost the temple to discard or recycle non-functioning equipment. Used children's car seats are not allowed to be re-sold.**

Please call or email our temple secretary to make sure someone is available to receive your items. If you have large pieces that require pickup, you can request pickup from our volunteers – we will try our best to accommodate you. It is helpful if an inventory of items to be picked up is provided, so we can make arrangements. Receipts for your tax records are available.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! We've had many generous donations this year which means we need volunteers to assist with donation pick-ups but mostly for pre-sale sorting and pricing and on sale days. Sorting and pricing days are:

- *August 13 (Saturday), from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.
- *August 14 (Sunday), from 9 a.m.- 1 p.m.
- *August 18 (Thursday), from 4 p.m. – 9 p.m.
- *August 19 (Friday), 3:30 p.m. – 9 p.m. (Friday is our set-up day; pricing & sorting continues.)

Sale days are:

- *Saturday, August 20, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. and on
- *Sunday, August 21, 8 a.m. to noon.

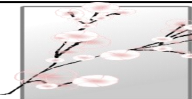
On Saturday sale day, a set-up crew is needed at 6:30 a.m., and 7:30 a.m. Sunday. A breakdown crew is needed 11:30 a.m., Sunday until completion.

Light refreshments will be provided for our volunteers on August 13 and 14; dinner will be provided for our volunteers on August 18 and 19. There will be a lunch on Saturday, and a pot-luck on Sunday for our Sale Days Volunteers.

Sign-up lists are posted in the office. Please contact the temple office if you can help out – please leave your name and a way to contact you (phone or e-mail).

Thank you in advance for your support and hard work.

Your 2016 Rummage Sale Committee



VOLUNTEERS HELP OUT AT TEMPLE CLEAN UP

Thank you to the temple members and friends who came out to spruce up the temple on Clean Up Day held on Sunday, July 24.

The hondo was cleaned, windows washed and the offices, conference room, kitchen and dining room cleaned in preparation for O Bon.

The year-end Clean Up Day is scheduled for Sunday, December 18 which will include "Omigaki" or cleaning of the Onaijin (Altar) furniture.

SUMMER BUS EXCURSION TO L.A.'s LITTLE TOKYO AND O BON A BIG HIT

On Saturday, July 9, 24 temple members and friends ventured to Los Angeles and visited Little Tokyo and participated in the Los Angeles Betsuin's (Nishi) Bon Odori.

The bus excursion began with departure from the temple at 10 a.m. and arriving in Little Tokyo around 12:15 p.m. Travelers had lunch, visited Japanese gardens, toured the Japanese American National Museum (JANM) and did some shopping. Kenji-sensei provided a special walking tour of a few Buddhist temples in the district including the Higashi Hongwanji, Koyasan, Jodoshu and Zenshuji.

There was a special moment at JANM for Miki Honda and her son Ralph, when they were able to shake hands and have a brief conversation with actor George Takei. Mr. Takei was at JANM to attend a meeting and give a personal tour of the museum for a family.

Following the visit to Little Tokyo, everyone traveled a few blocks to the Nishi temple for dinner and the Bon Odori.

The day's event ended around 10 p.m. with the bus returning to the temple. Travelers on the excursion truly enjoyed the outing and are looking forward to the next trip and hope that more temple members join in for the relaxing and enjoyable outing. Stay tuned!

GOLFERS READY TO TEE IT UP ON AUGUST 28



Golfers of all ages will tee it up at the 21st annual BTSD Golf Tournament that will take place on Sunday, August 28 at Eastlake Country Club in Chula Vista.

The tournament format will be a four-person scramble with all golfers beginning play at 8 a.m.

The registration fee is \$115 per adult golfer and \$95 for juniors 15-years-old and under. Registration forms are available at the temple or it can be down-loaded electronically from the temple's website (www.btsd.net). Registration will continue to be accepted until the August 8 deadline.

Fees include 18 holes of golf, golf cart, continental breakfast, three mulligans, five raffle tickets, Bar BQ luncheon and a lot of fun both on the course and with friends.

There will be a 50/50 putting contest. The entry fee to try your luck to drain six putts is \$5.

Non golfers will have the opportunity to be a part of the tournament by being a hole sponsor or merchandise donor.

Hole sponsorships are available in the following categories: Hole-in-One (\$1,000), Eagle (\$750), Birdie (\$625), Beverage Cart (\$500), Closest-to-the-Pin (\$325), Longest Drive (\$250), Hole (\$125) and Gallery (under \$125).

Donors are welcome to donate merchandise. Suggested items include: gift cards, bags of rice, appliances, golf supplies, and more. The deadline for donations will be August 21.

Please contact tournament chairs Ralph Honda, Ron Yagura or Rich Kaneko or the temple for more information.


BINGO UPDATE
**NO BINGO IN AUGUST; BENEFIT DINNER
FEATURED PRIOR TO SEPTEMBER SESSION**

Due to a scheduling conflict, the August BINGO has been canceled. The session will resume on Saturday, September 24 starting at 6 p.m.

The temple will hold a benefit Chicken Katsu dinner prior to next month's session. Donation will be \$8.00 for a plate of panko fried chicken katsu, gohan (rice), vegetable, salad and dessert. The dinner will be from 4:30 to 5:45 p.m. Tickets may be purchased through the temple office.

Buy-in for BINGO is \$10 for the 12-game session.

Support the temple's final benefit dinner of the year, and then enjoy an evening of BINGO.

ACTIVITIES REPORT

Happy Summer Time, hope you are all enjoying your summer vacation! This year we are having two Obon Odori's, this note may make it to you before the first of the two. The first will be have a schedule like the "old days" with service beginning at two, having something to eat, grab your favorite spot around the Odori circles, and enjoy the Odori to begin soon afterwards. We plan to be finished before dark falls upon us. One of our goals is for everyone to be able to participate in the event, not have to work booths and watch from afar.

The second Obon will be held the following weekend with our friends at the Japanese Friendship Garden and Organ Pavilion in Balboa Park. This will be a two-day event with Odori only on Saturday.

Come on out to our summer rummage sale August 20 and 21. We are accepting donations from now until the sale. Pre-sale sorting dates are set for August 13 – 14, 18, 19 then the sale. We are always in need of help on any of the days listed so come on out, invite your friends and families to join us, it's a great time for catching up on old times or just hanging out with new and old friends alike!


**2016 TEMPLE
SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS**

Bill Teague, Membership Co-chair

The Temple's scholarship committee is happy to announce awards to three deserving young people.

As this issue is readied for publication, we plan on providing the scholarship awards at the Obon July 31. Congratulations go to the following scholars: Ben Honda Memorial Graduating High School Graduate Scholarship:

Joene Marx, accepted at San Diego State University
Tetsuyo Kashima Memorial Continuing Education Scholarship:

Christina T. Guiang, Portland State University, Senior
Mark Torio, San Diego State University, Sophomore

Applicants who are continuing their college studies are asked to write a brief essay. This year the essay prompt was "Specifically, what Buddhist teachings/tenets/ideals have had the biggest influence on the way you choose to live your life?" Christina and Mark both wrote thoughtful essays, and a brief excerpt follows:

Christina: "Buddhism has very much influenced my personal philosophy and continues to guide my way of life. Respect for all living things is a teaching that has especially influenced how I choose to treat others and encourages me to stay positive. Buddhist teachings have also provided guidance for me in my goals for my future, leading me to aspire toward a career that involves helping others."

Mark: "The Golden Chain is greatly influencing how I want to live my life. The six paramitas have also been the greatest influence on the way I live my life... Although ... hard to achieve ... [I] will continue to try to live my life following the six paramitas."

Announcement for August 2016

Trina Muraoka has won 2nd place in a city-wide, teen poetry contest, "Equality Is For Every Person." She will read her poem and will be awarded a certificate on Saturday, August 20, 2016 from 3:00 to 5:00 pm at the Malcolm X Library, 5148 Market St., which is not far from our temple. Jim Hornsby Moreno was instrumental in teaching poetry to our students and submitting their poems to this contest. It would be nice to support her in this presentation.

仏婦 2015年8月会報

- 1) 7月17日(日) 朝食にメキシカン料理をデンバーから訪問されたYBAの皆様にご用意。大変美味しいとお礼をいただきました。
- 2) 7月23日(土) 新人会員昼食会は午前11時半に仏教会で開催されます。新人会員はラバーン、エブリン、マーシャ、エメリーです。皆様、楽しく過ごしましょう。
- 3) 8月から毎月第1と3の水曜日 クラフト会員は民芸品を作りながら大変楽しい時間を過ごしています。皆様もどうぞ。時間は朝10時から午後2時までです。
- 4) 7月24日(日) 本堂の掃除をしました。皆様ありがとうございました。
- 5) 7月23日(土) K. KUSUNOKI先生(LODI仏教会)から大変良いお盆と初盆のお話をいただきました。先生は又お盆にいらつしやいます。

- 6) 7月31日(日) 仏教会で盆踊りを盛大に行なうそうです。
- 7) 8月6日(土) バルボア(BALBOA)公園でも盆踊りがあります。詳しい事はBTSD.netでお願い致します。
- 8) 10月7-9日 44周年FBWA CONFERENCE 会議はベレブア(Westin Hotel in Bellevue. WA)であります。もしもこの会議に出席をご希望でしたら bddhistchurchofamerica.org ウェブサイトをお願いいたします。会議にご出席の希望があるさいはグループリーダー又はSUZ MORIBE(858-565-6594)の方にお知らせ下さい。
- 9) グループ-Cの皆様7月当番はありがとう御座いました。
- 10) 8月中 婦人会員会議は8月にはありません。

Getting to the Bon Odori in Balboa Park

August 6, 2016 from 10am-9pm

Dancing will begin at 6:30 pm

Shuttle service will run from the Temple to the Japanese Friendship Garden from 4pm - Last shuttle will leave Balboa Park at 9:30. Pick up will be in the temple parking lot and drop off will be at the front entrance of the Japanese Friendship Garden. The shuttle will be pick up every 30-40 minutes.

Balboa Park Shuttle (Green Trams) will run through the park until 8 pm, drop off will be 100 yards from Japanese Friendship Garden front entrance.

There will be a Bon Odori shuttle for Balboa Park that will run through Balboa Park from 5:30-9:30pm. Drop off will be at the front entrance of the Japanese Friendship Garden.

The Bon Odori weekend is August 6-7

August 6

10 am – 4 pm Obon Festival in the Japanese Friendship Garden – members of the temple can enter through the side volunteer gate at no charge.

4 pm – 9 pm in Bon Odori the upper Japanese Friendship Garden and the Spreckles Organ Pavilion – Dancing starts at 6:30 pm – Free for everyone

August 7

10 am – 8 pm “Toro Nagashi – Floating Lanterns” Obon Festival continues (No dancing) – members of the temple can enter through the side volunteer gate at no charge. Make a floating lantern to be released in the lower garden pool Sunday evening.



90th Anniversary & Jr. YBA Reunion

Our **Temples 90th Anniversary Celebration** is just a few months away, it will be held October 16, 2016. The committee will be disbursing more information to fill you in on details of the event. Bishop Umezu will be in attendance to participate in the service and will perform the Kieshiki Ceremony. I recommend taking advantage of such an opportunity to receive your Buddhist Name.

In conjunction with the 90th Anniversary, there will be the **Jr. YBA reunion** to be held the evening before at the Crown Plaza in Mission Valley. All are welcome to attend both events as the Reunion includes non Jr. Y members as well. It will be a great time to catch up with some old friends and make new ones. Perhaps a mini vacation or a “staycation” is in order!



BTSD EcoSangha

Tip:

Now that the composter has been set up and working behind the Annex, it must be maintained. Our plan is to set up a schedule on a rotational basis for temple associated groups and volunteers. We will all be able to share in the finished product of the composter to help nurture our temple grounds and your gardens at home.

Our group will also take a part in the Temple Rummage sale coming up in August. Several of the committee members are already involved. Rummage sale is one of the classic ways to repurpose items, "one's persons trash is another person's treasure!" Keep your eyes peeled for upcoming sorting days!

Deadline to See Temple Member Receive Nisei Week Honor

Each August the Nisei Week celebration in L.A.'s Little Tokyo, recognizes Nisei pioneers—individuals honored for their contribution to the community.

The Temple is proud to announce that **Dr. Terry Tanaka, DDS**, is among those to be so honored at the 2016 Nisei Week Pioneer Luncheon to be held on **August 17** at the **Doubletree Grand Ballroom**, 120 South Los Angeles Street, Los Angeles.

Why Chosen. Dr. Terry, as he is affectionately known, is recognized for his contributions to the field of dentistry and as educator, innovator, and philanthropist throughout his career. A popular speaker at professional and community events, he donates his speaking fees to charitable causes (including our Temple) and has served as fundraising chair for community groups like the Chula Vista Rotary club.

Temple Service. Dr. Terry was on the BTSD board for about ten years and served as Board President during Rev. Terada's tenure as resident minister. During this time, Dr. Terry and his fellow board members pushed for a higher salary and a separate residence for the resident minister and his family, which goals were accomplished.

Deadline. The Temple has an **August 8 deadline** to hear from friends who would like to join us at the August 17 Luncheon in celebrating this meaningful honor with Dr. Terry and his wife Naomi.

Contact Temple. To be included with BTSD representatives, please make a check for \$55 per person payable to **BTSD** and give to the Temple for consolidation. We can coordinate a carpool for those interested. For more information, please contact Nancy Martinez care of info@btsd.net.

Announcements for August 2016

Shin Buddhist Guide to a Life of Joy

Wednesday evening,
August 10, 7:00 – 8:30 pm in our Hondo.
Practicing Mindful Meditation on Gratitude.
No Buddhism 1-2-3 in August

Buddhist Name (Homyo)

Classes on the basics of Shin Buddhism for those who are requesting a Buddhist Name. Important fundamentals of Shin Buddhism.

Open to everyone. Please note: You are welcome to attend all four classes to have a better understanding in receiving your Buddhist Name.

Wednesdays, 7:00-8:30 pm - Sangha Hall

Class A

Wed. Sept. 7
Wed. Oct. 5

Class A: Fundamentals of Shin Buddhism
Class B: Shin Buddhist Principles

Class B

Wed. Sept. 14
Wed. Oct. 12

Special Class after Sunday service on September 25,
from 11:30 -2:00 pm
Process of *Kieshiki* ceremony.

AUGUST HIGHLIGHTS:

*BON ODORI (Aug. 6),
RUMMAGE SALE (Aug. 20-21)
BTSD GOLF TOURNAMENT
(Aug. 28)*

Read all about them inside!

PLEASE REMEMBER THAT THERE ARE NO SUNDAY SERVICES DURING AUGUST. DHARMA SCHOOL/FAMILY SERVICES WILL RESUME ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11.

THE MONTHLY SHOTSUKI HOYO (MEMORIAL) WILL BE OBSERVED ON THIS DATE.

****PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE WILL BE NO JAPANESE MESSAGE IN THIS MONTH'S ISSUE.****