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BAZAAR AND OBON

By Rev. Dr. Kenji Akahoshi, Resident



Thank you everyone for your help at the cultural bazaar, fund-raiser. These events are necessary to maintain the physical facility that supports the sharing of the Shin Buddhist Dharma. Your participation may have been in the form of setting up, preparing, donating, selling, hosting, performing, informing, cleaning up or simply eating and taking part in the activities. Whatever it was, we thank you. This is an example of Shin Buddhism being the guide for ordinary people finding joy in participation.

We have been describing the uniqueness of Shin practice, which is sometimes analogous or similar to hearing. Hearing is a form of receiving. It is different from a practice to achieve something. Shin practice is to voice the gratitude of Namo Amida Butsu, as we discover and become more aware of the many benefits of life that we have received from others. This awareness or awakening truly connects us with the Primal Vow, which assures us of that awakening. But our awakening does not stop with just our appreciation. The next step is to display our gratitude and joy with our service to others. We are affirming our Oneness with all Light and Life, as we work to support others to experience this truth. These fund-raising events at the temple provide opportunities for us to realize what we have received. And it also gives us a chance to work for the benefit of others. And we do this with joy. Our work is not to gain credits of goodness, but is done in appreciation for what has already been received. If we do not feel that we have benefited much, then it is my job to help you see what we actually have. It is this shift in perspective that makes our life joyful, and not a life of hardship. Please come join us in supporting another event this August. Our Obon dance at Balboa Park will need a lot of support to share our religion with the greater community.

In recognition of the centennial year of Balboa Park last year, The Japanese Friendship Garden invited us to hold our Obon dance at the Park. It was a success, as a large number of people witnessed and participated in our Obon dance and religion. It was also an opportunity for greater food sales, although it required more work, in terms of transportation and logistics. However, because of the difficulty of access for

seniors, very few of our older members participated. Although it was festive, it lacked the warmth of our traditional Obon gatherings. So this year, we will have two Obon weekends.

On Sunday, July 31, at 2:00 pm, we will have our Obon/Hatsubon service with Rev. Katsuya Kusunoki of the Buddhist Church of Lodi. After the service, a light meal will be available. The Obon Odori (dance) will begin about 4:30 pm. This format retains the sacred intent of this dance, which is to honor and remember our loved ones who have passed. This intimate setting allows elders to meet, children to play, and friends to engage in the familiar surroundings of the temple. On behalf of all the families who have lost a member this past year, I would like to thank all of you for the extra effort in providing two Obon dances this year.

On Saturday, July 30, Rev. Kusunoki will conduct a BEC workshop from 1:00 – 4:00 pm. He has an advanced certification on Shin ritual and chanting. Although we have talked about ritual, etiquette, and chanting at various services, you can get all this information in one sitting, from an authoritative speaker. This is especially recommended for new members and those applying for a Buddhist Name (*Kieshiki*). He is a great teacher and all who attend will benefit. He is also a great baseball player and would enjoy talking baseball with anyone.

On Saturday, August 6, the public Obon dance will again be held at Balboa Park. We hope that members will come to help out in preparing and working at various booths. This is a major fund-raising event. I hope that you feel that this hard work is worth the benefit that you receive from the temple. The Shin teachings are not just about rituals and cultural heritage. The Dharma is a guide to living a life that is rich and joyful, even in times of struggles and loss. The Obon Service and dance is often called *Kangi-E* or "Gathering of Joy." Come to our services to clarify why and how we see life in such balanced terms. I thank the Obon committee and all those who will be involved for this extra effort.

Come to both Obon events and become an active participant. Discover the feeling of being part of a community that serves others, just for the joy of it.

Gassho,
Kenji Sensei

JULY 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 10 a.m.—Tai Chi	2
3 10 a.m. – FAMILY SERVICE July and August Shotsuki Memorial 11:30 a.m. – Taiko Practice @ Annex Hall	4 Independence Day Temple Closed	5 10:30 a.m. – SD Ministers Mtg. @LA Nishi Betsuin	6 10 a.m.—Craft Day, DR 12 p.m. – Minyo Group @S.H. 6 p.m. – Taiko Practice 7 p.m.— Odori Practice, A.H. 7 p.m. – Homyo Class	7	8 10 a.m. - Tai Chi	9 10 a.m. – Koto Class @Sangha Hall
10 10 a.m. – FAMILY SERVICE 11 a.m. – Odori Practice @Annex Hall 12:30 p.m. – Taiko Practice @Sangha Hall	11 Temple Closed 7 p.m. — Ways & Means, CR	12	13 10 a.m.—Craft Day, DR 12 p.m. – Minyo Group @S.H. 6 p.m. – Taiko Practice 7 p.m.—Odori Practice, AH	14 6:30 p.m. – Board of Directors Mtg. @C R 7 p.m. – Buddhism 1 -2-3 @S.H.	15 10 a.m. - Tai Chi	16
17 8:30 a.m. – TEMPLE CLEAN UP 9 a.m. – BWA OMIGAKI @Hondo 11 a.m. – Obon Dance Practice @A.H. 1:30 p.m. – Taiko Practice @ AH	18 Temple Closed *July Bussei Script articles due	19	20 10 a.m.—Craft Day, DR 12 p.m. – Minyo Group @S.H. 6 p.m. – Taiko Practice 7 p.m.—Odori Practice, AH	21 7 p.m. – Homyo Class	22 10 a.m. - Tai Chi	23 11:30 a.m. – BWA New Members luncheon @ Dining room 6-9 p.m. BTSD/VFW BINGO @Annex Hall
24 9 a.m. – INTRO-TO-BUD. CANCELLED 10 a.m.— FAMILY SERVICE 11 a.m. — O Bon Dance practice @ AH 1:30 p.m. — Taiko Practice @ AH	25 Temple Closed 6:30 p.m. — Dharma School Staff meeting @ CR	26	27 10 a.m.—Craft Day, DR 12 p.m. – Minyo Group @S.H. 6 p.m. – Taiko Practice 7 p.m. – Activities Mtg. 7 p.m.—Odori Practice, AH	28 7 p.m. – Buddhism 1 -2-3 @S.H.	29 10 a.m. - Tai Chi	30 10 a.m. – Koto Class @Sangha Hall 1 p.m. — Buddhist Ritual & chanting with Rev. Katsuya Kusunoki
31 2 p.m. – OBON/HATSUBON SERVICE Guest Speaker: Rev. Katsuya Kusunoki, Buddhist Church of Lodi. 4:30 p.m. — Bon Odori @ parking lot						

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By LuAnn Lee, Board President

At the Southern District Council meeting on May 13, it was reported that many temples have decreasing membership. Buddhist Temple San Diego is holding steady with 14 new members in 2016. The Board hosted a new member breakfast on May 22 and we enjoyed getting to know the new members a little better. Thank you to Bill and Joyce Teague for coordinating the meet and greet.

Over Memorial Day weekend, I attended several memorial services conducted by Kenji Sensei.

Sensei, Mrs. Akahoshi and I traveled to the Imperial Valley for services. In Calexico, there were just a few headstones left as many families had their loved ones moved to other areas. El Centro had a couple of families from the surrounding area and even a few relatives came from Tustin and Orange County. In Brawley, we met Tim Asamen. Thank you to Tim for taking the time to host us to lunch and for giving us a tour of the Pioneers Park Museum. He shared many interesting facts and tidbits as we viewed the Japanese American section at the Ethnic Galleries. If you ever get a chance, I would encourage you to visit this museum.

On May 30, I attended the Nikkei Community Memorial Services at Mt. Hope Cemetery. The three Japanese Churches and VFW host the gathering. Although it was raining, it was well attended and a really nice service. One by one, we all represented our respected group by placing a wreath in honor of all who have passed. I hope to see more temple members there next year.

As June came, the Annual Bazaar was here and over. Our theme of Rice, was apparent as one walked around from displays from Koda Farms and Marukan Vinegar, Eco Sangha guess the rice game to Nancy and Katie's rice displays with real rice growing. We also had a demonstration of Sushi making from Sushi on a Roll. It was nice to see so many people enjoying all the delicious foods and all the other things we have to offer. I want to thank everyone that volunteered and supported the Temples biggest fundraiser of the year.

On June 18, I attended the Southern District Conference at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Mission Valley. Thank you to Ralph Honda and Terri Omori (Vista) for planning this event and appreciation to all who participated. The conference was informative with interesting Dharma talks and interactive panels.

In July and August, we are going to have two Obon events. More details to follow.

In Gassho

BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

The Board of Directors met on June 9th,

1. Rev. Akahoshi's registration and transportation to the BCA Minister's Fuken, Aug. 15-18, was approved
2. The Board approved the Ways & Means Committee recommendation for a 90th Anniversary donation program with a focus on safety upgrades for the Hondo and annex. A letter will be distributed at the Obon service.
3. The Board approved up to \$10,000 towards needed electrical improvements in the Onajin and Hondo area.
4. The Board was updated on the status of the Forced Air Unit replacement and Condenser installation for the Hondo.
5. The Board was updated on the Onajin table repairs and purchases of electric candles for the Shinran and Rennyō shrines. The tables are scheduled back from Japan on October 10th, before our 90th Anniversary observance.
6. Updates on the planning for Obon observances at BTSD (July 31) and Balboa Park (Aug. 6) were provided. The status of the 90th Anniversary Celebration (Oct. 16) was also given.

BWA NEWS

Domo arigato to all of you who came to help prepare the sushi for our annual temple bazaar on June 5th. It was 3 long days, but a real success because of your great efforts and dedication. We appreciate the terrific sushi training by our sushi master, Kevin Nuibe, who was so patient and kind in helping us hone our skills.

Our 25 BTSD BWA members went to the Southern District and BWA Conference on Saturday, June 18th, had a great time. The conference was well planned, and the speakers were wonderful! Our members had the additional fun of hosting with the Vista BWA. If you didn't have a chance to attend this conference, the 44th FBWA Conference will be held in Bellevue, WA near Seattle, at the Westin Hotel on Oct 7-9, 2016. Please let your group leader or Sue Moribe (858-565-6594) know if you are interested in attending.

The New Member Luncheon will be held this year on Saturday July 23, at 11:30 am at the temple. We are very pleased to welcome our four new members: Laverne Imori, Evelyn Bareno, Marcia and Emily Isakari. Please be sure to contact your Group Leader to sign up.

The craft group meets every Wednesday in June and July, to produce crafts to sell, as well as make things for themselves and have fun! The group worked feverishly to finish all the crocheted zoris, and decorated notepads for the Southern District and Southern District BWA conference. The attendees seemed very pleased to receive the items, which had obviously been given the personal touch. The next sales events will be the Bon Odoris. Please come and join us for much fun and the best Wednesday potluck lunch!

BWA Groups A and B will host the hospitality room after the July 10th family service. Remember: no food needed, just help set up and clean up. Thank you!

In preparation for the Obon service, the BWA will be helping with the Butsugu no Omigaki, or cleaning of the shrine items, and general hondo cleaning, on Sunday, July 24th at 9 am. The guest speaker

Cont. BWA Report

for the Obon service will be Rev. Katsuya Kusunoki from the Buddhist Church of Lodi. He will give a workshop on Saturday, July 30, from 1-4 pm. His topic will be "Shin Buddhist Ritual and Chanting". The Obon/Hatsubon service will be held on Sunday, July 31st, but at 2 pm instead of the usual 10 am. Bon Odori at temple will follow at 4:30 p.m. There will be small plates of food for sale. On the following Saturday, August 6th, Bon Odori will be held at Balboa Park. Please check the BTSD.net website or this Kaiho for more info about the schedule and shuttle from the temple.

Hope you can come and experience the free tai chi classes that are being held on Fridays at 10 am. Our experienced and very patient instructor is Mark Madeira, who welcomes all age groups and skill levels to participate.

There are 2 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.

Our July meeting will be held on the 3rd, at 11:45 am, when Group C will be hosting. Hope to see you then! Although there will be NO AUGUST MEETING, our meeting in September will be on the 4th, with Group D hosting. Have a cool summer!

DHARMA SCHOOL NEWS

The temple picnic, hosted by Dharma School, was held on Sunday, June 19 at Rohr Park. Everyone had a great time and enjoyed the food and games!. Roy and Ralph were the BBQ chefs and were assisted by Harold and LuAnn Lee. Thank you to our Jr. YBA for conducting fun games. You had to have been there to witness Kenji Sensei get egg dripping from his head! We wished the dads a Happy Father's Day with a gift of a keychain & pen, a pair of socks, or a flashlight. The following students were recognized with an attendance award for having three or less absences: 1st year – Finn Seymour; 2 years – Juliana Kruse and Sage Seymour; 4 years – Kenji Martinez; 9 years – Ava Yamamoto; 11 years – Evan Ong, Chad Sasaki, Jenna Sasaki, Zoe Yamamoto, Kyle Baker, 13 years – Breven Honda; and 14 years – Trina Muraoka and Hailey Sasaki. We thanked Kenji Sensei for being our ministerial advisor. We also thanked Ann Ong, Doreen Kamada-Fujii, Trevor Muraoka, Trina Muraoka, Davis, Ong, Evan Ong, Hailey Sasaki, and Zoe Yamamoto for playing music during our services.

Congratulations to Kenji Martinez on his graduation from University City High School! He will be attending Miramar College in the Fall, majoring in Electrical Engineering.

Congratulations to Jamie Shimizu for being recognized by the FDSTL for 10 years of service as a teacher!

The next teacher and staff planning meeting will be on Monday, July 25 at 6:30pm. Please bring your dinner.

Gassho,

Avis Honda, Superintendent



BTSD EcoSangha

I would like to thank all those who stopped by the EcoSangha booth during the Temple's Cultural Bazaar. Our goal is to spread the word and continue to educate all. We had a "trash/recycle" toss game and guess the number of grains of rice in a jar challenge; by the way the total number is 36,850 grains of rice!! (Thanks to Evelyn for counting). The Temple has been converting over to Eco Friendly materials to include drinking cups, containers and recycling practices. You may have noticed the Teriyaki Chicken, Sushi and Chow Mein containers used were made from recycled material, reusable or recyclable. This is a great improvement within just a couple of years, you rarely see Styrofoam being used at Temple events. Thank you to Kenji Sensei and Sumida's for setting up and getting the composter going, it is located between the Annex and Sangha Hall next to the fence. We are off to a great start, let's keep up the good work!!

Tips: The average household spends \$135 per year drying clothes. If the lint filter is not cleared out, you will use 30% more energy drying the same clothes.

To help break the bottled water habit, use a water filter pitcher or install a filter on your faucet

JR. YBA NEWS

Last month, we hosted some fun and challenging games for the annual bazaar and temple picnic. Thank you to everyone who participated in the games and hope you had a lot of fun.

On June 25, Breven, Trina, Jill, Sean, Trevor attended Seminar 3 at the Senshin Buddhist Temple The theme was "The Sangha Awakens." A summary of the seminar, along with results from the 2016-17 elections and the endowment will be reported in the August edition. Following the seminar, we attended the San Fernando Bon Odori and danced the night away in our happi coats.

Sangha members who pre-paid for the Southern District Jr. YBL O Bon T-Shirts, may pick up your shirt on your next visit to temple.

This month we will be selling our O Bon Opportunity Drawing tickets. Tickets are \$2 each or \$20 for a book of 10. The drawing will take place on August 6 at the Japanese Friendship Garden after Bon Odori II. Please see any Jr. YBA member to purchase your tickets.

We are seeking donations for prizes. Gift cards, merchandise, televisions, Padres tickets and cash will be accepted through July 31. Thank you very much for supporting the O Bon Opportunity Drawing. Net proceeds will benefit Jr. YBA activities.

Don't forget to "Turn Back the Clock" and be a part of the 65th Jr. YBA Reunion. The event will take place on Saturday, October 15 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Mission Valley. The event will be held in conjunction with the temple's 90th anniversary. Look back at some great memories of Jr. YBA days. Please contact our advisor Ralph Honda by email at rkhonda205@gmail.com or the temple for more information. Updates will be printed in upcoming Bussei Scripts.

In Gassho,
Kenji Niwa, President

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Bill Teague, Membership Chair

Many thanks to all of you who have renewed membership! We are now at 65% renewals for 2016. A listing of all of you who have renewed since the listing in our June issue will appear next month.

In other good news, we welcome new member, **Suzanne Ito**. Suzanne attended the Temple in her Dharma School days and has other family connections with the Temple. So really we are welcoming her back!

Corrections

As the human most responsible for human errors in our membership records, I apologize for two errors in the June listing that were brought to my attention.

I sincerely apologize for not including **Steve and Susan Schraeder**, who had prepaid their 2016 membership in 2015! Also apologies to both **Yukiko Sugiyama** and **Hideo Sugiyama**, long-time and loyal temple members who were listed as a couple in error. Regardless we are grateful their many years of support as Dharma Friends living and acting independently.

Those of You in the 35 Percent

It's easy to forget about dues renewals, but if you are uncertain about your membership status, just call or email the temple. **Please renew your membership soon!** The dues help us continue our service to the Sangha and the community.



21st ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT — AUG. 28

Teams and individuals are encouraged to sign up for the temple's 21st annual golf tournament that will take place on Sunday, August 28 at Eastlake Country Club in Chula Vista.

This year's tournament celebrates the BTSD's 90th anniversary to be commemorated in October.

Registration fee is \$115 for adult men's and women's division and \$90 for youth golfers 15-years-old and younger. There are up to 72 openings for the four-person scramble format. The shotgun start tee-off is at 8 a.m. Golfers deadline to register is August 8.

Non-golfers are invited to be a part of the tournament by becoming a tournament sponsor or merchandise donor. Solicitation letters will be sent out to all prospective donors in July. Donation deadline is August 21.

Net proceeds from the benefit the temple's daily operations.

For more information contact the tournament chairmen, Ron Yagura, Ralph Honda and Rich Kaneko. You may also download the tournament form off the BTSD web site or pick up a brochure on your next visit to the temple.

SIGNUPS CONTINUE FOR JULY 9 BUS EXCURSION TO LOS ANGELES

Interested in checking out another temple's O Bon? Want to practice your Bon Odori dances? Looking to spend a day shopping and exploring in L.A. Little Tokyo?

Here is your chance to sign up for the bus excursion to Los Angeles on July 9, highlighted by participating in the Los Angeles Homba Hongwanji Buddhist Temple's (Nishi) O Bon.

The outing will include an afternoon of lunch, shopping/ browsing and visiting the Japanese American National Museum (JANM) in Little Tokyo on your own, then participating in the Nishi O Bon Bazaar and odori.

JANM will observe Free Family Days: Above the Fold on July 9.

Inspired by *Above the Fold*, the Family Day will explore origami and other fun handmade crafts.

Registration fee is \$25 per person and is based on 35 passengers riding the bus.

The tentative itinerary is as follows:

10:00 a.m. – Depart from BTSD parking lot

12:30 p.m. – Arrive in L.A.'s Little Tokyo

4:30 p.m. – Hop, skip and a jump to Los Angeles Betsuin

O Bon Bazaar

7:00 p.m. – L.A. Betsuin Bon Odori (first half only)

8:00 p.m. – Head for home

10:00 p.m. – Arrive at BTSD

Deadline to register will be July 3. Please contact the temple to sign up or request more information.



SCRIP NEWS

Scrip will be available for purchase throughout the summer months. Many of you have bought scrip to take care of your needs while we are on summer vacation. If you find that you run out of scrip and need to order more, please call the office and leave your order with Linda, the temple secretary.

Plan ahead for the next school year, by purchasing gift cards for school supplies. You can order Staples, Office Depot, Wal Mart, and or Target gift cards and help the temple earn money.

If you're planning a vacation this summer, check out the gift cards for the various hotels that are offered by Great Lakes Scrip Center. If you just want to not cook for an evening or two, check out the many restaurants that are available. Just remember to BUY SCRIP AND DON'T FORGET TO USE IT!



DELEGATES MEET IN SAN DIEGO FOR SOUTHERN DISTRICT CONFERENCE

Following months of planning, developing a meaningful program and a lot of dedicated hard work by the planning committee, the Southern District Buddhist and SD BWA Conference took place on Saturday June 18 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Mission Valley.

The event attracted 268 Dharma friends, including ministers and lay members representing 13 temples and Sanghas to hear the Dharma through the theme American Shin Buddhism: New Voices. Our temple had a tremendous showing with 68 in attendance.

BTSD and the Vista Buddhist Temple (VBT) served as host temples and did a tremendous job with coordinating and conducting an outstanding conference.

Rev. Kodo Umezu, Bishop of the Buddhist Churches of America served as officiate of the opening and closing services and provided a wonderful welcome message. Ministerial advisors, Rev. Dr. Kenji Akahoshi (BTSD) and Rev. Marvin Harada, supervising minister from (VBT) served as co-officiates, along with Rev Fumiaki Usuki of West Los Angeles.

The day's program started with opening service chaired by our own Jamie Shimizu.

Following the opening service, the Dharmathon sessions brought together four personal perspectives of sharing the Dharma. Bill Teague served as MC for the English program and introduced Rosalyn Dong (VBT), Maribeth "Smitty" Smith (BTSD), Rev. Kory Quon (Venice) and Kenji Sensei. Each shared very interesting messages of their Shin path.

Atsuko Taylor (VBT) served as the Japanese MC and introduced Noriko Kawai (BTSD), Rev. Mutsumi Wondra (OCBC), Rev. Yoshiko Miyaji (Gardena) and Rev. Kaz Nakata (Nishi). Each presenter shared inspiring messages to over 50 Japanese-speaking delegates.

During the afternoon, the English panel had two sessions. Sharon Sasaki moderated Panel 1 which included Tina Donisi and Judy Nakatomi (both from Vista) and Emily Kariya (Venice). Kimberly Kruse moderated Panel 2 that included Bobby Koga (BTSD), Morgan Gee (Southern District Jr. YBL) and Kurtis Omori (Youth Ministers Assistant). Rev. Masanori Watanabe (Oxnard) moderated the Japanese panel which included Rev. Ryuta Furumoto (Senshin), Rev. Nobuo Mijyaji (Gardena) and Rev. Umezu.

The closing service was chaired by Terri Omori (VBT).

BTSD and VBT provide modest and very informative historical displays, while each BWA group sold crafts.

The Southern District BWA conducted their general meeting during lunch. Next year's host, the San Fernando Valley Hongwanji Buddhist Temple, provided a promotional skit.

Thank you to our craft ladies who provided wonderful personalized notepads and crocheted zoris for all of the delegates.

The next opportunity for BTSD to host this conference will probably not come to us again for another seven or eight years. I hope everyone enjoyed the event while engaging in the Dharma.

After hosting the 2015 BCA Ministers and National Council Meetings, it was not difficult bringing the two temples together again to stage a successful event. The planning committee's efforts, along with the with volunteers who helped during the day worked so smoothly. Give yourselves a pat on the back for a job well done. Thank you everyone for your tireless efforts.

In Gassho,
Ralph Honda, Conference Chairman

ANNUAL PARKING LOT RUMMAGE SALE-AUGUST 20-21

*Re-Using * Recycling * Re-Thinking*

The temple is collecting donations for our Summer Rummage Sale. Contact the temple office if you are in need of a pick up. We no longer accept: TVs, monitors and mattresses. It is at the discretion of the volunteers to decline an item to pick up. One thing we ask for items to be ready for pick up and set aside in the garage or an accessible area.

Please hold your items until after the August 6 Bon Odori. More information will be in the August Bussei Script but please save the dates!

Thank you in advance for your support and hard work.

Your 2016 Rummage Sale Committee

BTSD PARTICIPATE IN JSSDT BEER & SAKE FESTIVAL

The temple participated in the 14th annual Beer and Sake Festival on Friday, June 3 at Harrah's Resort in Valley Center. The Japan Society of San Diego and Tijuana, which BTSD is a member, hosted the event.

It was the sixth year that BTSD has taken part in which volunteers promoted the temple with materials on Buddhism and Jodo Shinshu, and handed out fliers for upcoming events including the Japanese Cultural Bazaar and the summer O Bon Festival. Volunteers prepared the temple's delicious taiyaki and passed out samples to many of the attendees. The taiyaki was certainly a crowd-pleaser.

Many thanks to the volunteers for helping out at a fun event!

BINGO UPDATE

Just a reminder this month's Bingo Night is on July 23 starting at 6 pm. BTSD receives 50% of all proceeds. Buy-in is \$10, with extra cards at \$0.50 each. Pull tabs are also available for \$0.50 each. So join in for a fun night of Bingo! Hope to see you there!

CPR/First Aid/AED Training

We would like to see how many people are interested in having CPR/First Aid/AED training at the temple. The six hours class will be held on a Saturday with a cost of \$40 per person. This would vary if we had more students. If you are interested, please call the temple to be put on the list.



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Announcements

Buddhist Name (Homyo) — Class on the basics of Shin Buddhism for those who are requesting a Buddhist Name. Important fundamentals of a Shin path to contentment and spiritual peace. Wednesday, July 6 and Thursday, July 21, 7:00-8:30 pm.

LGBT Pride Parade — BTSD will participate in the San Diego Pride Parade on July 16. BTSD Taiko will perform on a flat-bed trailer. Our entry permit allows only 10 others to accompany the "float" on foot. Contact the office if you wish to participate.

Trip to Japan in March 2017 — Rev. Mutsumi Wondra will be leading a tour group on a 12 day tour, which will include the Gomonshu's Ascension Ceremony in Kyoto. The group will be mainly members of OCBC, Vista, and BTSD. Inquire in the office for a packet of the details. Notify Rev. Wondra of your intention to join the group by the end of July.

The first two items here relate to our Obon observances.

Special Workshop/Seminar in Jodo Shinshu Ritual and Chanting — We are so grateful that our guest speaker for the Obon service on July 31, Rev. Katsuya Kusunoki, will conduct a workshop at the Temple on the preceding afternoon of **Saturday, July 30, from 1 to 4 p.m.** Kusunoki Sensei is a certified specialist in the form and format of our ritual. We expect to meet in the Hondo or main hall; location might change.

Buddhism 1-2-3 New Schedule for July — To accommodate maximum participation in the dance practice for our Bon Odori, Buddhism 1-2-3 will meet on **Thursdays for July 14, 21, and 28.** Location of the **July 28** session is TBA.

No Intro to Buddhism Class in July — The Fourth Sunday gathering which meets at 9 a.m. in the Sangha Hall is canceled. It will resume on Sunday, August 28.

仏婦2016年7月会報

- 1) 6月5日(日)開催された「日本文化バザー」で、寿司セールに3日間ご協力有難うございました。寿司講習で指導下さいましたヌイベケブンさんに感謝。
- 2) 6月18日(土)サンディエゴ市クラウンプラザホテルで行われた、南部教区仏教徒大会ならびに婦人会大会に多くの会員の方が参加されました。大会は、大成功でした。多くのスピーカの意義ある発言、参加者に感謝されていました。
- 3) 全米仏婦大会は、10月7日から9日まで、ワシントン州ベルビューのウエスティンホテルで開催されます。参加希望者は、森部まで連絡下さい。
- 4) 新入会員昼食会が、7月23日(土)午前11時半、仏教会で開催されます。新入会員の方は、井森ラバーン、バレノエバリン、マルシア、飯盛エメリイさん。参加希望者は、組長まで連絡下さい。
- 5) 民芸グループは、6月7月は、毎週水曜日午前10時から午後2時まで民芸品を作り大会で購買します。その他、大会参加者への記念品編み物で出来たぞうりや、手帳等を作

Temple Activities Message

Obon Season 2016

Obon Season is upon us. If you travel out of town, check for the nearest Obon, there may be one nearby. With the feedback we received from last year's Obon held in Balboa Park's Organ Pavilion, we have decided to have two Obons! Our first will be held on July 31 in the temple parking lot. It will be similar to the "old" days with service at 2 p.m., purchasing a light meal, followed by the odori starting around 4:30 and ending before nightfall. With this schedule, we will have more of the family atmosphere and traditional spiritual feeling. A part of that is each family sitting in the same place every year and being able to easily find and visit with friends and family. There will be a short intermission but no raffle.

The second Obon will take place on August 6 at the Japanese Friendship Garden/Organ Pavilion in Balboa Park. Similar to last year, temple volunteers will be participating with the food sales, raffle and Odori. One addition this year will be shuttle service to and from the BTSD to the Organ Pavilion at regular intervals. There will be more information coming out as the events near. We hope this will help you plan your summer activities.



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- 大会参加者は、これらの記念品を喜んでおられました。次のセールは、盆踊りです。あなたも、民芸グループでのしんでください。
- 6) 7月10日(日)ハスピタリティは、当番A,Bです。当日は、接待だけです。
- 7) 7月24日(日)午前9時、仏具みがき。
7月30日(土)午後1時から4時 お経の練習
7月31日(日)午後2時 初盆、お盆法要
特別ご講師：ローダイ仏教会 楠開教使
8月6日(土)バルボア公園にて盆踊り大会
仏教会から、特別バスが出されます。
- 8) タイチの講習：講師：マデイラ氏。金曜日。午前10時。
- 9) 婦人会ホームページ：
southerndistrictbwa.weebly.com
- 10) 7月3日(日)午前11時45分 定例会議
当番：C組
8月は、会議はありません。9月4日 当番：D組

****PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE WILL BE NO JAPANESE DHARMA MESSAGE IN THIS ISSUE.****

JAPANESE CULTURAL BAZAAR... Thank you!

Many Arigato's go out to our Sangha for all of the tremendous help and perseverance in making the 2016 Temple Cultural Bazaar (one of our largest fund raisers of the year) a success. The bazaar committee works like a well-oiled machine, a ton of hours are put into the planning and coordination of such an event!

Our new and seasoned members alike came out to help a few days prior to chop vegetables, set up tables and booths and purchase supplies.

The BWA comes out at "o dark thirty" Sunday morning to begin making the best sushi around with others beginning their day soon after. At the close of the day, it's time for the amazing clean-up crew (that's everyone in sight!) to take action. Thank you all once again!!

Special Thanks to our Chairs & Groups

Co- Chairs - LuAnn Lee, Mildred Kawasaki
Bakery - Susan and Ann Yamamoto and Patty Nakamura
Beer Garden - Carol Baker and Caitlin Yoshioka
Bookstore - Doreen Fujii
Buddhism Talk - Reverend Dr. Kenji Akahoshi
BWA - Sushi
Cabbage and Info/Ticket Booth - Tsune Hashiguchi and Cynthia Guiang
Chicken Teriyaki/Sauce - Jeff Sakai, Floyd Sumida, Roy and Karen Okuhara
Chow Mein - Ann Ong and Miki Honda
Crafts and Treasurers - Kaytee Sumida
CC/Paypal - Cynthia Guiang, Nancy Martinez, Aki Tomiyama
Eco Sangha - Glenn Torio, Karen Akahoshi
Entertainment - Junko Kajita and Ken Muraoka
Games - Junior YBA/Sangha Teens
General Arrangement - Mike Ong and Michael Kinoshita
General Handy man - Fred Nakatani
Kitchen Schedule/Booth Layout - Michael Kinoshita
Master of Ceremonies - Joyce Teague
Nursery - Kelvin and Lara Tanaka and Dick Jensen
Office Manager - Linda Redenbaugh
Opportunity Drawing Donations - Bill Teague and Greg Yonekura
P A System - Tim Kajita
Prep Coordinators - Carol Baker and Ann Ong
Publicity - Linda, Kaytee, Caitlin, Jamie, Rev. Aoyama (Yuyu)
Rice prep and cook - Jeanne Inouye
Silent Auction - Susan Yonekura, Aki Tomiyama, Debbie Shimizu
Social Media - Caitlin Yoshioka
Snack Bar - Sue Schraeder and Yanagihara Family
Strawberry Mochi - Gale Kaneshiro
Supplies - Glenn Negoro and crew
Taco booth - Motoo and Angie Tsuneyoshi, Arlene and Gordon Shimizu
Tofu Salad - Carol Baker, Nancy Martinez and Sue Moribe
Tofu Tacos - Jaime Enoch Teague
Treasurers - Aki Tomiyama, Nancy Martinez
Treasurers assistant - Nancy Martinez and Mildred Kawasaki
Volunteers - Keiko Negoro and Chairs

BTSD CULTURAL BAZAAR THANK YOU
2016 SPONSORS AND UNDERWRITERS
TICKET SPONSOR - SETS AND JAN IWASHITA
UNDERWRITER - GALE KANESHIRO (STRAWBERRY MOCHI)
UNDERWRITER - SAN DIEGO JUNIOR YBA
(GAME PRIZES AND SUPPLIES)
Entertainment/Presenters
BTSD Taiko - Performers
Fashion Show—Yuko Niwa
Genki Home Care
Janice Shigehara
Japanese Friendship Garden - Crafts
Japanese American Historical Society of San Diego - Displays
Joyce Shimazu
Judo—Heisei Judo
Karate
Kendo—San Diego Kendo Club
Koda Farms - Rice Displays
Koto—Masazumi Kai
Marukan Vinegar - Rice Vinegar Displays
Nancy Martinez and Kaytee Sumida - Rice Displays
Odori
Odori Fashion show
Okinawan Classical Dance—Kansen Kai
Reverend Aoyama - Harmonica
San Diego Zoo & Wildlife Park
Smart & Final Store #933
Sprouts (Park Blvd.)
Sumi-e—Wendy Nakamura
Sushi on a Roll - Demonstration
Wendy Nakamura - Sumi-E

We are looking forward to working together again at our Temple Obon on July 31 and Balboa Park Obon Festival on August 6.

In Gassho, Bazaar Chairs - Mildred Kawasaki and LuAnn Lee

Please let us know if we missed any acknowledgement - BTSD office and bazaar committee 239-0896 or info@btsd.net



MAP CERTIFICATION CEREMONY CONDUCTED

Left to right: Laverne Imori, Rev. Dr. Kenji Akahoshi, Rev. Kodo Umezu and Maribeth "Smitty" Smith smile for the camera following the MAP certification and recertification ceremony for the two ladies.

Photo courtesy of:

Richard Matsumoto



On Saturday, June 18, Rev. Kodo Umezu, Bishop of the Buddhist Churches of America, conducted a Minister's Assistant Program (MAP) certification ceremony for Maribeth "Smitty" Smith, and recertification for Laverne Imori.

Nearly 50 BTSD Sangha members and friends witnessed the ceremony conducted following the closing service of the Southern District Conference.

A second ceremony for Smitty and Laverne will take place on Sunday, October 16 during the temple's 90th anniversary celebration.

The temple congratulates Smitty with her accomplishment and welcomes Laverne, who will both assist Kenji Sensei with providing Dharma messages and other ministerial needs.

Congratulations to both!

BUDDHIST TEMPLE OF SAN DIEGO Membership Pledge for 2016

Renewal
 New Member*
 Sponsorship*
 Change of Address

Mr. Mrs. Ms. NAME: _____ BIRTHDATE: _____

Mr. Mrs. SPOUSE NAME: _____ BIRTHDATE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONE: (____) _____ CELL PHONE: (____) _____ WORK 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, part-time staff, 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.

Sponsorship Pledge: Individuals are invited to sponsor a new or existing member under the current membership program.

	Sustaining Member	Dana Member	Wisteria Member	Bodhi Member
Individual / Senior / Youth (All Ages)	\$300	\$375	\$500	\$
Couple / Family	\$500	\$650	\$1000	\$
<u>Optional:</u> Senior Reduced Cost (75 years and older)	\$150			
<u>Optional:</u> Youth Reduced Cost (30 years and younger)	\$175			\$

(Membership Amount)

Recommended Annual Donations (Optional):

FLORAL OFFERING FUND (Suggested annual donation of \$40) \$

This fund helps defray cost of regular fresh flowers for the Onajin (Central Altar). \$

GENERAL MAINTENANCE FUND (Suggested annual donation of \$40) \$

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) \$

Dharma School does not conduct fundraisers. Your annual donation helps sustain its activities. \$

KITCHEN COMPLIANCE PROJECT \$

TOTAL AMOUNT \$

AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$

***PLEASE INDICATE PAYMENT SCHEDULE:**

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To use credit card:

Visa MasterCard Acct# _____ Expires (MM/YY) ____/____

Authorized signature (if charging): _____

Billing address (if different from above): _____ Zip _____

Please make checks payable to the BUDDHIST TEMPLE OF SAN DIEGO. A percentage of your dues support 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 a printed copy of our monthly newsletter, the "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.

***For NEW MEMBERS and SPONSORSHIPS, proration is available.**



Two Bon Odori's for BTSD in 2016

Obon season is here. With feedback that the temple received from last's year's event, 2016 will feature two Bon Odori — one at temple and the second in Balboa Park. Below are descriptions of the upcoming O Bon festivals that the temple will conduct on July 31 and August 6.

BON ODORI AT BTSD

Sunday July 31: Following the Obon/Hatsubon service.

Gathering: Brings together temple members, family and friends to reflect on loved ones who have passed away. Event is open to the public.

Obon/Hatsubon service begins at 2 p.m.

Food will be served shortly after service .

Bon Odori will begin around 4:30 p.m.



Odori (dance) practices in the Annex Hall: Need a refresh-er course with your dance step: Here are the following practice dates: Wednesdays (7 p.m.) — July 6, 13, 20, 27 and August 3; Sundays (11 a.m.) — July 10, 17 and 24. This year's instructors are Avis Honda, Joann Katsuda-Hotta, Junko Kajita (leader), Kimberly Kruse, Susan Moribe, Shirley Omori, Ann Ong, and Jamie Shimizu.

BON ODORI AT BALBOA PARK

Sponsored by the Buddhist Temple of San Diego and the Japanese Friendship Garden. Open to the public

Saturday August 6: 10 a.m. - 9 p.m. dancing begins at 6:30 in the Spreckels Organ Pavilion. Japanese Friendship Garden open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. (admission fee required).

Food. Food. Food: Karaage Chicken, Taiyaki, (Japanese sweet bean pancake dessert), Yakisoba, Takoyaki (Octopus dough balls), Okonomiyaki (Japanese vegetable and bacon pancake), Japanese Style Hot Dogs, Kettle corn, Shave Ice, Iced green tea, Beer and Sake Garden, and more served throughout the day.

Entertainment: Provided by BTSD Taiko, San Diego and Naruwan Taiko and other musical performances throughout the day.

Other activities include: Demonstrations, craft vendors and kids area with games and crafts; Opportunity Drawing.

Transportation: Shuttle service from BTSD to Balboa Park and back to the temple will be available.

Volunteers needed: To help at both events. If you are able to volunteer your time or have any questions please contact Ken Muraoka at 619-851-7737

JULY and AUGUST SHOTSUKI HOYO (July 3) OBON and HATSUBON SERVICES (July 31)

On **Sunday, July 3**, the temple will observe the **JULY and AUGUST SHOTSUKI HOYO (Monthly Memorials)** in conjunction with the Family Service beginning at 10 a.m. Family and friends who have lost a loved one during these months are invited to attend.

On **Sunday, July 31 at 2 p.m.**, the temple invites the Sangha to the **O Bon and Hatsubon Services** officiated by **Rev. Dr. Kenji Akahoshi**. Hatsubon is a special memorial for those relatives and friends who have passed away since last year's Obon. Immediately following the service, the temple will return to its historical roots and commemorate the Festival of Joy with Bon Odori dancing.

OBON is a deeply meaningful observance for Shin Buddhists, giving us the opportunity to pay our respects to deceased family and friends, and to contemplate their continuing influence on us. At BTSD, we attend special services in memory of our loved ones. Then at the **Bon Odori**, we carry on the colorful Japanese tradition of lanterns, music, taiko, food, and joyful dancing in gratitude to those deceased who have contributed to our lives today.

Our guest speaker will be **Rev. Katsuya Kusunoki** of the Buddhist Church of Lodi. Rev. Kusunoki will also give a Special Dharma presentation on Saturday, July 30 at 1 p.m. in the Sangha Hall. The **2016 BTSD Scholarships** will be presented during the service. Dharma School students will be making paper lanterns in memory of our Hatsubon honorees during the adult lecture.

BON ODORI: GATHERING OF JOY

Our colorful outdoor **BON ODORI: Gathering of Joy** will take place on **SATURDAY, AUGUST 6**. This year, the festival will take place in **BALBOA PARK**. The Japanese Friendship Garden will be teaming up with the temple for this big event with festivities in the Garden from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. (paid admission). This will lead into the BTSD portion of the Bon Odori, where the dancing will take place in the Spreckels Organ Pavilion. Activities and food sales will be ongoing from **4 to 9 p.m.** Dancing begins at **6:30 p.m.** and musical entertainment will precede the Odori. As in previous years, you may create a memorial lantern which will be hung during the dance.

Please use the enclosed envelope to make your kind donation for O Bon.