

BUSSEI SCRIPT

2929 Market Street, San Diego, California 92102 Web: www.btsd.net E-mail: info@btsd.net Phone: 619-239-0896

VOLUME CXXVIII NO. 6

JUNE 2016

AMERICAN SHIN BUDDHISM – NEW VOICES

Listening-Hearing-Being



The Southern District Conference will be held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Mission Bay in San Diego, on Saturday, June 18. It is hosted by us, the BTSd, and the Vista Buddhist Temple. Since the co-chairs are Ralph Honda and Terri Omori, the same sibling pair that chaired the BCA-NCM last year, you know that it will be an enjoyable and productive gathering. As the theme suggests,

the conference will feature new voices. Along with some of the newest members of the Southern District ministers, the speakers and panel members are lay members who are actively involved in temple activities. It will be interesting and informative to hear how and why the Shin Dharma has inspired these participants.

We often hear how Buddhism is too profound or complex to be understood by us ordinary people. Yet Shin Buddhism is the largest sect of Buddhism in Japan, and was popularized by Shinran and Rennyo by relating the Buddha's Truth to ordinary lay people. This same truth has been heard by many of our participants, even those who were not raised in a traditional Shin environment. So it will be very useful to hear how Shinran's teachings have resonated in 21st century America.

My own contribution has been to present a simple structure upon which we may begin to connect the deep spiritual doctrine of Shin. The sub-heading of "listening-hearing-being" emphasizes that a **process** is involved. We may have forgotten that just about everything we can do has been a process of conscious practice until it becomes a natural skill. I see this in my new grandson and our young Dharma School children. From 1st graders to high school students, we see the growth process. Even the skills of walking, talking, and writing, began with conscious effort and mindful practice, until they became common, ordinary ways of being. As adults, we know that the more complex skills of cooking, sports, playing an instrument, or learning a hobby must start with the fundamentals. Once the basics are mastered, the activity can be expanded and enjoyed as a natural part of our lives.

The same may be true for our outlook in life. Each of us has developed a perspective that we feel, guides our life. We each want to master a job, career, or skill. The more we master a skill, the more we realize the difficulty of perfection. As we mature, we also realize that we are supported by many others. We can only practice a skill because of an organization that was

established previously. This includes teachers, supporting equipment or conditions, and many other unseen people and factors. We begin to see that everything in life requires a team effort or interdependence. My initial intent may have been for personal gain. But I begin to realize that I am in an inter-connected world. Instead of being the best soloist, I realize that my happiness is really about being part of the choir.

Our participation in our services convey this truth to us. Our chanting offers this experience of the ME within the WE. Our one voice is part of the whole. We must listen to match our voice with the tone, pace, and volume of others around us. Together, the chanting brings the sound and sense of the sangha being One voice. As we **listen**, we **hear** the Oneness, and we feel that we are **being** the sangha.

Shinran's great teaching for us common, ordinary people is to **hear** this truth.

We might follow the simple edict of "do good and avoid evil," of practice loving kindness and avoid doing harm to others. We can walk the wholesome 8 Fold Path that leads to the realm of happiness. The 6 Paramitas of the bodhisattvas are also guides for us to follow. Yet there comes an awareness that our practices may not master the pitfalls of our ego-self. We may not achieve the perfection of the masters or the Buddha. Yet we are in oneness with this great wisdom and compassion because of the efforts of others. It is the music of the Dharma that fills us with joy.

In elementary school I learned to play saxophone by struggling through the fundamentals of notes and reading music. I practiced enough to play in our high school marching band and dance band. I wanted to play jazz, but I didn't master the scales enough to be able to improvise. I wanted to achieve something, but didn't. Even if I had mastered the scales, my playing jazz would not match the pleasure I get from **listening** to Miles Davis, Thelonious Monk, or Herbie Hancock. By learning how difficult it was to play beautiful music, I can appreciate the music of top artists.

As we struggle with our practice, we realize and appreciate that no amount of practice can erase our sense of ego and desire. Yet we continue to receive the gifts of the efforts of others. If we can hear this truth, then we are in oneness with Amida Buddha or the totality of Light and Life. **Hearing** means that we really get this message of acceptance, just as we are. Shin Buddhism is not about perfecting a practice to achieve awakening. But our sundry practices help us to realize the difficulty of perfection. Voicing Namo Amida Butsu, indicates that we are **listening**, **hearing**, and **being** in oneness with Amida Buddha.

Gassho,

Kenji Sensei

JUNE 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 10 a.m. Craft Day, DR 12 p.m. – Minyo Group @Sangha Hall 1 p.m. – Shigin @Anenx 1-2 6:30 p.m. – Taiko Practice @Annex Hall 7 p.m. – Buddhism 1-2-3 @SH	2	3 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. BAZAAR PREP 7-10 p.m. – JSSDT "Beer & Sake Festival" @ Harrah's Resort & Casino	4 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. BAZAAR PREP
5 11 a.m. – 4 p.m. JAPANESE CULTURAL BAZAAR Theme: Rice (NO SERVICE)	6 Temple Closed So. Dist. Ministers Mtg. @ Long Beach	7 7 p.m. – Ways & Means So. Dist. Ministers Mtg. @ Long Beach	8 10a.m.— Craft Day, DR 12 p.m. – Minyo Group @S.H. 1 p.m. – Shigin @Anenx 1-2 6:30 p.m. – Taiko Practice @A.H. 7 p.m. – Buddhism 1-2-3 @S.H.	9 6:45 p.m. – Board of Directors Mtg. @CR	10 10 a.m.—Tai Chi, AH 12 p.m. – BTSD/ KIKU GARDENS Senior Lunch Program @Garden Villa	11 10 a.m. – Koto Class @Sangha Hall
12 9 a.m. – Dharma School Staff Mtg. @Conf. Rm. 10 a.m. – DS/FAMILY SERVICE JUNE SHOTSUKI MEMORIAL 11 a.m. – Jr. YBA Mtg. 12 noon, Taiko 1:30 p.m. – SD Conf. Planning Mtg. @ CR	13 Temple Closed	14 10 a.m.—SD Minister's Mtg. @ L.A. Betsuin 6 p.m.—VFW Hosts Japanese Navy @ AH	15 10 a.m.— Craft Day, DR 12 p.m. – Minyo Group @S.H. 1 p.m. – Shigin @Anenx 1-2 6:30 p.m. – Taiko Practice @A.H. 7 p.m. – Buddhism 1-2-3 @S.H.	16	17 10 am.—Tai Chi, AH SD Conf. Planning	18 So. Dist. Conference @ Crown Plaza Hotel, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
19 FATHER'S DAY 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. ALL TEMPLE PICNIC Father's Day Fun @Rohr Park, Chula Vista	20 Temple Closed	21	22 10 a.m.— Craft Day, DR 12 p.m. – Minyo Group @S.H. 1 p.m. – Shigin @Anenx 1-2 6:30 p.m. – Taiko Practice @A.H. 7 p.m. – Buddhism 1-2-3 @S.H.	23	24 10 a.m.—Tai Chi, AH	25 SD Jr. YBL Seminar III @ Senshin 10 a.m. – Koto Class @Sangha Hall 6-9 p.m. – BTSD/FW BINGO @AH
26 9 a.m. – INTRO. TO BUDDHISM @SH 10 a.m. – FAMILY SERVICE 12 noon. – Taiko Practice @Annex Hall	27	28	29 10 a.m.— Craft Day, DR 12 p.m. – Minyo Group @S.H. 1 p.m. – Shigin @Anenx 1-2 6:30 p.m. – Taiko Practice @A.H. 7 p.m. – Buddhism 1-2-3 @S.H.	30		

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By LuAnn Lee, Board President

On April 24, I attended the Japanese Coordinating Council (JCC) luncheon with Kenji Sensei. The event was held at the temple, and it was nice to see the Keiro kai (pioneer club) honorees from our Sangha as well as friends for the community. There was entertainment and our very own Sensei Akahoshi did part of his greeting in Japanese. I hope we can get more people to attend this event next year.

I would like to promote the monthly Bingo nights co-sponsored with the VFW.

In April, the temple served up a Soft Taco Plate. Thanks go out to Mike and Carol Baker for chairing and making the delicious dinner which included homemade pot beans and chorizo turkey tacos. Big Thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Tsuneyoshi for making the Spanish rice. It's was a really relaxing evening. The guys from the VFW are such a wonderful, dedicated and fun group. Let's support them.

May started out with our Furniture and Houseware sale. Appreciation goes out to Nancy Martinez, Glenn Torio, and Kaytee Sumida for chairing. We had a smaller but energetic group helping to sort, price, set up, sell and clean up. We didn't have a lot of items but made over \$1300. Thanks to all that supported this fundraiser. We will be looking for rummage sale items and volunteers for the BIG rummage sale August 20-21.

For the Gotan-e activities in May, we were able to fortunate to have Rev. Nobuo Miyaji as the guest speaker and Mrs. Miyaji from Gardena. I enjoyed getting to know them better. They will be back in June to participate in the Southern District Conference.

As the Bazaar (June 5) approaches, we will be asking for Volunteers to help with a variety of duties. If you can donate any time whether it is a few minutes or all day, please let me know or call the temple at (619) 239-0896 to give your information and we will get back to you. It will be appreciated.

In Gassho,
LuAnn Lee

BWA NEWS

A big "Thank You" to the Jr. YBA, who provided delicious breakfasts to all the moms on Mother's Day. It's something we really look forward to every year! Many moms were made even happier with delicious almond brittle, which were on sale for the first time this year. There are 2 sizes of brittle small (\$5), large (\$15), and brittle popcorn for \$6.50. Get yours before they sell out. They make great gifts for Father's Day, end of the year teacher gifts, or treats for yourself! Yummm!

Kelli Kato (Orange County Buddhist Church) and Katelyn Morimoto (Gardena Buddhist Church) have been selected for the 2016 Youth Exchange Program to Japan sponsored by the Southern District BWA. Two alternates were also chosen, should the need arise. They are Morgan Gee (Venice Buddhist Temple) and Lauren Takeshita (San Fernando Buddhist Temple). The program is from July 18-29. Choosing the participants was a very daunting task, as all of the applications seemed so worthy of being chosen. Congratulations!

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

The craft group has begun meeting every Wednesday in May, June, and July, in preparation for producing crafts to sell as well as making things for themselves and having fun! The first event for sales will be at the upcoming Southern District and Southern District BWA conference

to be held on Saturday, June 18. Many members are already signed up, but it's not too late. Please contact Sue (858) 565-6594 by June 5 if you would like to be added to the list.

Many thanks to all of you who came to help prepare the chiraishuzushi otoki for Gotan-e on May 22. The prep was organized by Groups A and C, but all members were invited to help out.

Another successful event was the sushi rolling class taught by Kevin Nuibe. He did a really terrific job. A big thank you to him and everyone's favorite helper, Kevin's daughter, Katrina, who kept all the rollers fully supplied. Even seasoned sushi rollers learned something new, and we all enjoyed eating our creations too!

Coming up very soon will be our temple's annual bazaar. BWA will be preparing makizushi. We will be meeting on Saturday, June 4 at 9 am, and Sunday, June 5 at 6 am. The more hands that come out to help the less work for all, so please do your part to help prep for the temple's largest fund raiser!

Hope you got the word that the free tai chi classes are once again being held on Fridays at 10 am. Our experienced and very patient instructor is Mark Madeira, who recently secured a permanent position with TSA, which will free him from duties on Fridays. All age groups and skill levels are welcome to participate.

There are two ways to get to the BWA website: southernndistrictbwa.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.

There will be no meeting in June due to the Bazaar. Our next meeting will be held on July 3, at 11:45 am, when Group C will be hosting. Hope to see you then!

BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

The Board of Directors met on May 12th -

1. Condolences to the family of Mrs. Leora Hamada
2. Congratulations to the Muraoka family as the Chula Vista School Board approved naming the new elementary school, Saburo Muraoka Elementary.
3. The Board had written a letter of endorsement - Mr. Muraoka was active in temple affairs, serving as Board President, and was an important figure in Chula Vista and San Diego community and international affairs. Groundbreaking is scheduled for June 1.
3. An update on planning for the Southern District Conference (June 18), Obon Odoris at temple (July 31) and Balboa Park (August 6) were reported.
4. A conditioned air (cooling and heating) system will be installed in the Hondo rather than the ceiling fans previously approved. The cost is comparable and the new plan will provide better comfort for the Sangha attending services.
5. The Board approved a salary increase for the temple secretary based on her performance.
6. The Board approved registration costs for the Board President and Rev. Aoyama (minister emeritus) to attend the Southern District Conference, co-hosted by San Diego and Vista Buddhist Temple.
7. The DVD "Stories from the Sun Cafe", produced by the Asian Story and the Japanese American Historical Society of San Diego is available. \$2.00 of the purchase price will benefit the temple.
8. The Board approved co-sponsoring the VFW's hosting of the Japan Naval Training Group, June 14.

DHARMA SCHOOL NEWS

On May 15, a Hatsumairi Service, a young child's official introduction in front of Amida Buddha, was conducted. Iris & Maia Dodd, Sena Galvez, Kain Gless, Kiana Koga, and Jaden Kruse participated with their parents. They received a certificate, montoshikoshu, and an ojuzu. We look forward to seeing everyone each Sunday.

Please come join us at our Annual Temple Picnic hosted by the Dharma School on Sunday, June 19th. It will be at Rohr Park in Chula Vista. We will have our last Dharma School Service there and recognize all fathers, high school graduates, and distribute attendance awards. After the service, we will have our picnic lunch and asking families and sangha members to bring a side dish, salad, or dessert, and then after lunch, our Jr. YBA members will host some picnic games. J

The 6th – 8th Grade class will be responsible for the fruit and floral offering on Sunday, June 12. Thank you Dharma School students.

The next teacher /staff meeting will be on Sunday, June 12th at 9 am.

SANGHA TEENS NEWS

On April 3, Chad Sasaki, Jenna Sasaki and Zoe Yamamoto attended the Venice Buddhist Temple Dharma School Service and later participated in the Mix-It-Up co-ed basketball tournament. The kids had a great time teaming with participants from other Southern District chapter.

The group wishes to thank the Sangha for supporting the Spam Musubi sale held on May 1. Members and parents prepared and sold 175 musubi! Proceeds will support future Sangha Teen activities.

The next meeting will be on May 22, and will begin planning for the inaugural walk to feed the hungry in September.

Gassho, Avis Honda, Superintendent

JR. YBA NEWS

May was a busy month for the Jr. YBA.

It began with the group hosting hospitality after the service on May 1. On the following Sunday, we hosted our annual Mother's Day Breakfast to celebrate all the things that our mothers have done for their kids (and husbands). We served 105 breakfasts. Thank you for supporting the Jr. YBA for the Mother's Day Breakfast. At our May 15 meeting, we discussed upcoming events and fundraisers.

The group is selling Southern District Jr. YBL O Bon T-shirts. The shirt design is a Taiko Drum theme and was created by our own member, Jill Yamanishi. The shirt will cost \$20 and available in adult sizes ONLY! (Small through 2XL). The last day to pre-order your shirt is June 5. Please see any Jr. YBA member to pre-order your shirt.

Come out for some fun and games that we will offer at the temple's bazaar on June 5. Several members will participate in the Southern District Buddhist Conference on June 18. On June 19, we will host games for kids and adults at the temple's annual picnic at Rohr Park in Chula Vista. Members are planning to attend Seminar 3 on June 25 hosted by the Senshin Jr. YBA. The theme is "The Sangha Awakens." We plan to attend the San Fernando O Bon afterwards.

In July, we will begin selling tickets for the O Bon Opportunity Drawing. The drawing will take place at the O Bon festival on August 6. We will have a booth/table to sell tickets after our O Bon Service on July 31. Tickets will be \$2 and the proceeds will go towards our upcoming activities. More information will come in the July Bussei script.

In Gassho,
Breven Honda, First Vice President

Shin Buddhist Retreat

Human Nature – Buddha Nature

Resolving Life Issue with Buddhist Principles

August 12-14, 2016

This annual retreat, led by Rev. Kenji Akahoshi, will be held at the Land of Medicine Buddha, near Soquel, Ca. Information and a registration form can be accessed by contacting the office (info@btسد.net) or (619) 239-0896.

Kieshiki Ceremony -

Receiving a Buddhist Name

The 90th Anniversary celebration in October provides a unique opportunity for members to declare their affirmation to the Teachings of Shin Buddhism and receive their Buddhist Name. Applications can be obtained from the temple office, along with an explanation of its meaning. You can select a character that reflects your own identity. A Buddhist Name can be an inspiration to live according to its meaning. This is not restricted to membership at the temple, although it may be an impetus to join. We hope many will take advantage of this unique opportunity, which is not offered very often.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

The BTSD Scholarship Committee is pleased to announce scholarship applications are available now through the Temple office.

Two Scholarship Categories are provided each year, one for graduating High School Seniors headed to college and one for current college students. Each scholarship is named after a late Temple member instrumental for their tireless support for the second half of the 20th century; both were pillars of the Temple Sangha. The applications are as follows: **Ben Honda Memorial High School Graduate Scholarship.** For senior high school students graduating and continuing on to higher education. **Tetsuyo Kashima Memorial Continuing Education Scholarship.** For college and junior college students continuing with their college education.

Eligibility - Applications are welcome from all students whose parents or legal guardians are members in good standing of the Buddhist Temple of San Diego.

Outreach. The Scholarship Committee will reach out to eligible students by email where possible and based on availability of email addresses, but if students do not immediately receive an email we encourage them to request an application from the Temple.

Due Date. All applications are due Friday, July 1,. The applications can be delivered to the Temple by email, mail, or hand.

Scholarship Committee. The 2016 committee members include Bill and Joyce Teague; Ralph and Avis Honda; Patti Nakamura; and representatives from the Temple's affiliated organizations.

SUMMER "FUN DAY" OUTING TO LOS ANGELES

With the O Bon season fast approaching, the temple is planning a summer bus excursion to Los Angeles on July 9.

The itinerary will include a visit to Little Tokyo for lunch, shopping and visiting the Japanese American National Museum (JANM). The day will conclude by visiting the Los Angeles Homba Hongwaji (L.A. Nishi) O Bon Bazaar and participate in their Bon Odori.

Currently, the plan is to depart from BTSD at 10 a.m. and arrive in L.A.'s Little Tokyo at 12:30 p.m. to spend several hours, at your leisure, to explore. The excursion moves to Nishi's O Bon around 4:30 p.m. to explore and have dinner. Then, it will be time to dance to your favorite Bon Odori songs. The bus should arrive back at BTSD around 10 p.m.

Entrance to JANM on July 9 is free for self-guided tours. There will be a charge for docent tours. The museum will offer "Family Festival" of craft making for children and adults.

Cost for the outing is \$25 per person. This fee is based if there are 40 riders. Signups will continue throughout June. More details will be announced at upcoming services.



SOUTHERN DISTRICT O BON FESTIVAL SCHEDULE

Below is a listing of Southern District temple O BONS that will take place this summer (Please check the specific temple's website to confirm date, time and location).

- June 11: **Arizona Buddhist Temple**
- June 25: **West Covina Buddhist Temple**
- June 25-26: **San Fernando Valley Buddhist Temple**
- July 2: **Senshin Buddhist Temple**
- July 9: **Oxnard Buddhist Temple**
- July 9-10: **Los Angeles Hongwanji Buddhist Temple**
- July 16: **Buddhist Church of Santa Barbara**
- July 16-17: **Orange County Buddhist Church**
- July 16-17: **Venice Hongwanji Buddhist Temple**
- July 23-24: **Vista Buddhist Temple**
- July 23-24: **Pasadena Buddhist Temple**
- July 30-31: **West Los Angeles Buddhist Temple**
- July 30-31: **Higashi Hongwanji Buddhist Temple**
- July 31: **Buddhist Temple of San Diego (at BTSD)**
- Aug. 6: **Buddhist Temple of San Diego (at Balboa Park)**
- Aug. 6: **Las Vegas Sangha**
- Aug. 13-14: **Gardena Buddhist Church**

ACTIVITIES REPORT

It is time for the Temple Cultural Bazaar (one of our largest fund raisers of the year). Come on out and spend the day catching up with old friends and making new ones. Try all of the different food items, iced green tea, vegetarian tacos by Angie and many more items! For those of you looking for adult beverages, stop by the beer garden and see what's available there. It's a good way to relax a little after a busy day. We have games for the kids hosted by the Jr. YBA and a wide variety of entertainment. With all of these activities going on throughout the day, we welcome volunteers to participate and help in booths.

Gassho,

Glenn Torio, Chairman



2016 Spring Furniture PLUS Sale a success

What started out several years ago as a way to make space for donations for our August Rummage Sale has become a regular fundraiser for our temple. This year's sale, even with less inventory, was a successful event. We want to thank our wonderful volunteers who came out to help sort and price, who made donation pick-ups, and who helped on our sale day, carrying on in spite of a surprising downpour in the middle of the sale! We raised approximately \$1300.00 to help with the temple's expenses. Our sincere thanks to Kaytee Sumida, Akira Sumida, Erik Sumida, Floyd Sumida, Veronica Bonilla, Ricardo Bonilla, Roy Okuhara, LuAnn Lee, Harold Lee, Aki Tomiyama, Glenn Negoro, Ken Muraoka, Glenn Torio, Carol Baker, Nancy Martinez, Tim Kajita, Laura Yamamoto, Rev. Kenji Akahoshi, Joyce Teague, Bill Teague, Dick Jensen, Miyo Hill, Jeanne Inouye, Karen Tom, John Hashiguchi, and Richard Matsumoto. Thank you also to our generous donors who consider the temple when donating their gently used goods.

FRIDAY SENIOR LUNCH

On June 10, BTSD will host the Garden Villas (formerly Kiku Gardens) luncheon. Senior Sangha members are encouraged participate and enjoy a hearty and delicious meal. Donation is \$3.00. The lunch runs from 12 noon to 1 p.m. Garden Villas is located at 1260 Third Avenue.

BTSD TO PARTICIPATE IN JSSDT BEER AND SAKE FESTIVAL

The temple will participate in the Japan Society of San Diego and Tijuana's 14th annual Beer and Sake Festival on Friday, June 3 (7 to 10 p.m.) at Harrah's Resort and Casino in Valley Center.

Attendees will be able to sample the temple's tasty Taiyaki (sweet red bean filled pastry) and receive handouts promoting the temple. This will be the sixth year the temple has participated in this outreach program to the community.

JAPANESE CULTURAL BAZAAR



THEME: **RICE**

SUNDAY JUNE 5, 2016 11 AM - 4PM

**BUDDHIST TEMPLE OF SAN DIEGO
2929 MARKET ST., SAN DIEGO, CA**

PLEASE JOIN BTSD

For Its Annual
FUNDRAISING EVENT!
ENJOY A DAY FILLED WITH...

***FOOD (lots of it!) ~**
Teriyaki chicken, Chow Mein, Sushi,
tacos and more!

***DEMONSTRATIONS /**
EXHIBITS

***SILENT AUCTION**

***OPPORTUNITY DRAWING**

***DISPLAYS (on the Bazaar theme)**

***TAIKO**

***GAMES & CRAFTS**

****To Volunteer, call or sign-up at the temple**

VOUNTEERS NEEDED!

The temple is looking for volunteers to help at the Japanese Cultural Bazaar on the days leading up to, and on the day of the event! If you have some time available, please help us out!

PREP SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, JUNE 5: 9 a.m to 4 p.m

SATURDAY, JUNE 6: 9 am to 6 pm

SUNDAY, JUNE 7 (Bazaar day): 6 am - 4 pm

SCRIP NEWS

Father's Day and high school graduations take place in the month of June. Buy gift cards from Home Depot or Lowe's or buy gift cards from your dads or grads favorite restaurant.

Looking forward to the summer months - start making a list of the gift cards that you will need while temple is in the summer service mode.

For those of you who forget to use your gift cards -keep the gift card in your wallet where you keep your "bills" so that when you pay your bill, you will see your gift card and remember to use it. Once you get into the habit of using it, it will become a habit.



BE SAFE & BUY SCRIP! Keep it handy and don't forget to use it!

BINGO UPDATE

Players are encouraged to come out for an enjoyable evening with family and friend for the monthly BINGO. This month's session will take place on June 25 starting at 6 p.m. Buy-in is \$10 for the 12-game package. In addition to primary and consolation game winners, there are opportunities to win nice door prizes. Pull tabs and daubers will also be on sale.

Enjoy the VFW's world famous hot dog and chili dogs, donuts and beverages. Food service begins at 4:30 p.m.

Thank you to folks who supported the temple's benefit dinner on April 30 prior to the monthly BINGO. Diners enjoyed a soft taco plate that included rice, beans and dessert. Thank you to Michael and Carol Baker, and her crew for taking care of the dinner. The next benefit dinner is scheduled for September 24.

Looking ahead: Next month's session will be held on Saturday, July 23 starting at 6 p.m. Due to schedule conflicts, the August session has been canceled.

Summer arrives this month so please remember to drink plenty of water. Before coming to BTSD, I spent many years taking care of the needs of over 140 senior citizen's. One morning, we couldn't wake up one of our seniors. I called 911, and she was taken to the hospital. It turned out she was dehydrated. If she hadn't been found, she would have been gone. Not getting enough water actually shrinks your brain. So if you're feeling foggy, drink a big glass of water. Drink it even if you don't like it...because soda, coffee and tea don't count.

BTSD TO HOST ANNUAL SOUTHERN DISTRICT CONFERENCE

Shin Buddhists from throughout Southern California, Arizona and Las Vegas will meet in San Diego on June 18 for a day of engaging with the Dharma.

American Shin Buddhism: New Voices is the theme for the annual Southern District Buddhist and BWA Conference that will take place at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Mission Valley. The event runs from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The Buddhist Temple of San Diego and Vista Buddhist Temple are co-hosting the conference, which comes to this region every seven to eight years.

The morning keynote address will be delivered by newly established voices of our area temples who will share their experiences through Dharmathon. Representing BTSD for will be Rev. Dr. Kenji Akahoshi, Maribeth "Smitty" Smith and Noriko Kawai.

Rev. Kodo Umezu, Bishop of the Buddhist Churches of America will deliver the welcome message during the opening service.

In the afternoon, a wide scope of presenters ranging from ministers, adult lay enthusiasts and YBA (Young Buddhist Association) high school and college leaders, representing various temples, will participate in panel discussions. Temple member Bobby Koga will serve as a panelist.

The Dharmathon and panel discussions will be offered in both English and Japanese language sessions.

Here is the conference schedule:

8:30 to 9:30 a.m. – Registration

9:30 to 10:30 a.m. – Opening Service

10:45 to 11:45 a.m. – Dharmathon (English and Japanese sessions)

12:00 to 1:15 p.m. – Lunch; BWA meeting

1:30 to 2:15 p.m. – Panel presentations (English and Japanese)

2:30 to 3:15 p.m. – Panel presentations (English)

3:20 to 4:00 p.m. – Closing service

Pre-registration for the conference is still being accepted up until June 10. Please call the temple office for more information and registration fee. No walk ups will be accepted on the day of the event.

Gassho,

Ralph Honda

Conference Chairman



Buddhist Name (Homyo)

Class on the basics of Shin Buddhism for those followers who are requesting a Buddhist Name. Important fundamentals of a Shin path to contentment and spiritual peace. Save the Date for the first class on Thursday, July 21, 7:00-8:30 pm.

Buddhism 1-2-3 from Kenji Sensei and Your Fellow Sangha Members

Buddhism 1-2-3 continues in June every Wednesday evening at 7 p.m. in the Sangha Hall. Sessions are led by Rev. Kenji Sensei, assisted by several Temple Members. Each Wednesday evening we share chanting, meditation, and Dharma discussion on important Buddhist topics. For June 1 and 8, Kenji Sensei will present the basic doctrine and practice of Shin Buddhism. Later in the month our guides will include Sangha members Sharon Sasaki and Akira Sumida. Details on presenters and topics will be posted on our Facebook Page (<https://www.facebook.com/BuddhistTempleOfSanDiego/>) prior to each session which usually run 90 minutes.

Fourth Sunday Program on June 26

Kaytee Sumida will present a concise overview of Buddhism from the time of Siddhartha Gautama to our Shin Buddhist tradition in the present day on Sunday, June 26 at 9 a.m. in the Sangha Hall. The session will run about an hour, and all attendees are invited to attend the following family service. The session is recommended for all who have basic questions or want to be reminded about basic issues in our tradition.

BTSD GOLF TOURNAMENT AUGUST 28

Calling all golfers!

The 21st annual temple golf tournament is set for Sunday, August 28 at Eastlake Country Club in Chula Vista.

Golfers of all skill levels are encouraged to participate. The tournament format is a four-person scramble and will tee-off with a shotgun start at 8 a.m. Entry fee is \$115 for men and women and \$90 for youth players 16-years-old and under.

Registration forms and information will be emailed (or mailed) to all potential golfers and prospective donors. The golfers' registration deadline will be August 15.

The golf tournament has become a very inviting activity for the temple, bringing together annual friendships with the community. The tournament has gained much support in recent years from all participants including golfers and donors.

Ron Yagura, Rich Kaneko and Ralph Honda are serving as tri-chairs for the event.

Updates will appear in the July and August Bussei Script.



Membership Outlook – Is Your Name Here?

Bill Teague, Membership Chair

We're happy to report that we are now at sixty percent renewal as of mid-May and counting new and renewed members, including: Takeko Amano; Masato Asakawa; Carol & Michael Baker; **Evelyn Bareño**; Agnes Benson; Veronica Bonilla; **Lily Conmy**; Roger Coppock; **Joshua Dodd**; Jeanette Dutton; Jaime Enochs; **Cody Gless & Sharon Scherton**; Maribeth (Smitty) Smith & Jackie Goo; Kikue Graeber; Cynthia & Orlando Guiang; Quimico Hagio; Ruby Hara; John & Tsuneko Hashiguchi; Hiroko Hendrix; Laura Henschen; Miyo Hill; Mikiye Honda; Eugene & Joann Akiko Hotta; **Laverne Imori**; Henry & Marcia Isakari; Setsuo & Jeanette (Jan) Iwashita; David & Katie Iwashita; Gail & Yukio Iwashita; **Sara Jenner**; Junko & Timothy Kajita; Richard & Ruth Kaneko; Gale Kaneshiro; Rev. Noriko Kawai; David Kawamoto; Mitsuko & Yukio Kawamoto; Umeko Kawamoto; **Itsuko & Kiyoshi Kawasaki**; Mildred & Trace Kawasaki; James & Katsumi Kida; Michael & Yasuko Kinoshita; Robert & Chelsey Koga; Hiroshi Kubota; Harold & Luann Lee; Nancy Martinez; Amy & Peter Masuda; Chiyoko Masumoto; Lee & Susan Moribe; Roy Muraoka; Tad Muraoka; Jake & Patty Nakamura; Minako Nakanoo; Sumiye Nakashima; Fred & Nancy Nakatani; Glenn & Keiko Negoro; Toyo Nishii; Yuko Niwa; Sumihiro & Yuriko Nogata; Walt & Jessica Novinger; Kay Ochi; Janet Ochi-Fontanott; Arikazu Ogasawara; Toshiko Ogata; Ann Ohara; Fumiko Ohara; Kisae Ohara; Shirley Omori; **Eric ORiley**; Kenneth & Laurine Ota; Ayako Otsuji; Dennis & Elaine Otsuji; Bill & Suzanne Sannwald; **Leslie Schramm**; Leslie Seymour; John R. & Jaime Shea; Wilbur Shigehara; Tsuruko Sueishi Stark; **Hideo & Yukiko Sugiyama**; Floyd & Kaytee Sumida; Mary Suyenaga; Miyako Tachiki; Yuriko Taira; Kikuko Takashima; Kelvin & Lara Tanaka; Naomi & Terry Tanaka; Gary Tanizaki; Bill & Joyce Teague; Kristine & Ron Tokunaga; Aki & Steve Tomiyama; Sayoko Tomiyama; Betty Torio; Glenn & Janet Torio; Frederick & Masako Tsuji; Angie & Motoo Tsuneyoshi; Tamio Tsurudome; Ruth Voorhies; **Jean Yamada**; Mani Yamaguchi & Laura Yamaguchi; Sachio Yamamoto; Alan & Karen Yamanishi; Miyoko Yamanishi; Sumiko & Tom Yanagihara; Gregg Yonekura; and Roy & Susan Yonekura. If you don't see your name here, and it should be, please let us know so we can correct the error! Otherwise please renew as soon as possible.

New Members- We are grateful for the twelve new members to join us in 2016! Their names appear in boldface in the above listing. And speaking of new members, please help us by starting with your own

families.

A New Generation – \$15 a Month! - Please help us maintain the continuity of our Temple by encouraging the young adults in your family to join us. These young people are just now making their way in the world. **Under our optional Youth membership, adults 30 and under can become members at less than \$15 a month.** Members of the Young Buddhist Association (YBA) will welcome them directly. Remember, these young adults may not understand the importance of supporting the Temple in the same way you do, especially if they enjoyed growing up in the Temple under your paid memberships. If they start **adult memberships** now, **it will preserve our joint legacy.** For adults in your family who are not yet members, and over 30, individual memberships are just **\$25 a month** – and family memberships for couples under \$42 a month. Again, our New Adult Buddhist Association (NABA) will welcome them. And our Buddhist Women's Association (BWA) provides a great forum for actualizing the female Buddhist perspective

More Information on Membership - For more information, please contact me directly as membership chair, btcomms@cox.net or 619-248-3749 or the Temple office.

Scholarship Applications due July 1

If you or a family member is graduating from High School or continuing undergraduate or graduate college education, the Temple accepts applications for scholarships from students whose parents or legal guardians are members of the Temple. Contact the Temple for more information or an application form. Applications are due July 1.

Grants Available

The Scholarship Committee also has dedicated funds meant to help underwrite the costs of study of Temple members who are working to improve their understanding of our Jodo Shinshu Tradition. One example might be to attend an event at the Jodo Shinshu Center (JSC), or to enroll in the JSC Correspondence Course.

The grants are considered as individual requests and there is no period for application or form to be used. Contact the Temple for more information or to make a request.

仏婦 2016年6月会報

1) 5月8日(日)、ジュニア仏青会主催の母の日朝食会を開催。当日は、母は無料。参加者は楽しんで参加されていました。有難うございました。

2) 婦人会基金ブリトル。大: 15ドル、小: 5ドル、ポップコーンブリトル: 6ドル50セン。

父の日、卒業式が近づいています。ギフトにご利用下さい。

3) 南部教区仏婦連盟は、2016年交換仏青代表者2名を南部教区から日本に送ります。加藤ケリー

(オレンジ郡仏教会) 森本カテリーナ(ガーデナ仏教会)さんが代表に決まりました。交替代理者には、ジューモガン(ベニス仏教会) 竹下ローレン(サン

ファンンド仏教会)さん。交換仏青は、7月18日から29日まで訪日されます。代表者専攻委員は、細心の努力をされ専攻されました。ご苦労さまでした。代表者の方々おめでとうございます。

4) 新入会員歓迎昼食会を計画しています。サンディエゴ仏教会を会場に行きます。日時は、7月23日(土)午前11時半仏教会で行きます。参加希望者は、組長まで連絡下さい。

新入会員: 井森ラバーン、バレンエベリン、飯盛マリシア、エミリ。

5) 手芸部の皆さんが、5月、6月、7月の水曜日集まり、婦人会として販売する民芸品を作成されています。

6) 6月18日(土)南部教区仏教徒大会は、サンディエゴ市ミッションパレーの、クラウンプラザホテルにて開催される。婦人会参加者

は、参加費40ドル。数名の会員が、すでに申し込まれています。希望者は、森部まで申し込み下さい。電話(858-565-6594)。

7) 降誕会おとぎのチラシ寿司作成にご協力いただき、有難うございました。当日の係当番は、A&C組でした。

8) ヌイベケブンさんと娘カトリナさんを囲んで寿司の作り方: 楽しい講習会でした。学ぶことが多かったです。

9) サンディエゴ仏教会日本文化バザーは、6月5日(日)午前11時から午後4時まで。婦人会は、巻き寿司を購入。みなさまのご協力を、願います。

6月4日(土)午前9時、6月5日(日)午前6時ご協力をお願いします。仏教会最大の基金募集にご協力をお願いします。

10) 無料タイチ講習: 講師マークマデイラ氏。金曜日午前10時より。仏教会にて。

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 Onaijin (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:**

_____ Annually _____ Semi-annually _____ Quarterly _____ Monthly

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.**



BTSD EcoSangha Tip:

While waiting for the water to heat up in the shower, use a bucket to catch the water, and in turn, use the water to flush the toilet, or water plants.

Hello all, once again the EcoSangha group would like to thank those of you who were able to attend our first Earth Day Event in April. It was a great event and look forward to another successful event in 2017. Since then our group has grown by 4, this is a good sign of a growing interest in the health of our earth. One of our hopes is each one of you takes home the message of Reduce, Reuse and Recycle. Here at Temple we are getting away from Styrofoam and other non recyclable products and are in the process of using up current inventory. I would encourage everyone to do the same at temple, home and work.

Improve your balance!

BWA Presents

Tai Chi

Friday classes

RETURN

10-11 a.m.

Beginning, May 27,



JAPANESE CULTURAL BAZAAR (June 5),

JUNE SHOTSUKI HOYO (June 12), Homyo Class (June 16),

SO. DIST. CONFERENCE (June 18), ALL-TEMPLE PICNIC (June 19)

BTSD invites all Temple members and friends to our JAPANESE CULTURAL BAZAAR on Sunday, June 5 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Enjoy a day filled with delicious food, entertainment, games, crafts, and much more. This year's theme, "Rice," will be seen throughout the bazaar in displays, crafts and demonstrations. There will also be an Opportunity Drawing with great prizes, and the grand prize will be announced at the end of the day. The committee is asking for your help with donations towards the drawing. Gift baskets, gift cards, grocery items, etc. will be deeply appreciated. Contact the temple for more information. The temple is also looking for volunteers for the bazaar! If you wish to volunteer your time, please contact the temple!

June Shotsuki Hoyo (Memorial Service) for those who passed away during the month of June will be held on Sunday, **June 12**, at 10 a.m. in conjunction with the regular Dharma School and Family Service.

The Annual **All-Temple Picnic**, hosted by Dharma School, will take place on **Sunday, June 19** from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Rohr Park (4548 Sweetwater Road) in Bonita (behind the Chula Vista Golf Course). The picnic will be held under the large gazebo at the park's east end.

****PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE WILL BE NO JAPANESE DHARMA MESSAGE THIS MONTH. THERE IS, HOWEVER, A JAPANESE TRANSLATION OF THE BWA REPORT.**