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Eitaikyo

By Rev. Dr. Kenji Akahoshi, Resident Minister



I think everyone enjoyed the events of our 90th Anniversary. The reunion of past Jr. YBA members and their friends renewed old friendships and connected different generations of members and advisors. The Kieshiki aspirants were excited by their personal commitment and dedication to have their new name act as a spiritual guide to their life. This opportunity was made possible by previous members of our

temple and the BCA structure that enabled Bishop Kodo Umezu to conduct this important Shin ceremony. Seeing the Chigo participants may have reminded many older members of their own children or of themselves, participation in years past. The 90th Anniversary Service and luncheon honored the elders, as they are the ones who made this significant event possible.

In November, we hold our *Eitaikyo* Service. *Eitaikyo* is interpreted to mean a perpetual chanting of the sutras. Shinran voices this in his thought of experiencing the benefit of the Nembutsu, and then paying it forward by sharing its meaning with others. Thirty five people took part in our *Kieshiki* ceremony, by affirming their identity as Buddhists and receiving a Buddhist name. As they lend their voices to our chanting, their contribution demonstrates the expansion of the Primal Vow to benefit all beings.

In his book, River of Fire, River of Water, Rev. Dr. Taitetsu Unno states: "The fundamental purpose of the Name as Namu Amida Butsu is awakening to the incomparable worth of this unrepeatable life, this limited, finite life that is inseparable from boundless, infinite life."

T. Unno, 1998, 29.

I think he is expressing the fundamental theme of Eitaikyo, that our limited, finite life is one with boundless, infinite life.

Because of our biological birth in this human realm, we are now connected to the infinite past and the infinite future. We had very little influence on our own biological birth. We received it from our parents, grandparents, and from our human ancestry. If we look back on our evolutionary past, we might realize how improbable our human birth is. Scientific theory and evidence

demonstrate that somehow, about 4 ½ billion years ago, our tiny planet formed in our solar system, in our galaxy among billions of galaxies. From unknown causes and conditions, life began as an organic mass. A process of change created cells that slowly morphed into organisms that became separate physical entities. So our human life is connected to Light (stars) and Life (organic ooze). Amida is the Japanese word that combines the two Sanskrit words, Amitaba (Light) and Amitayus (Life). Voicing Namu Amida Butsu affirms our awakening to our Oneness with Light and Life, Wisdom and Compassion.

Our foundational myth relates that the Bodhisattva Dharmakara took 5 kalpas to meditate on the qualities of his Pure Land. Might we relate this to the entire evolution of our present life from the Big Bang? Somehow, stars were formed, planets spun off from these stars, and life emerged on this earth. Voicing Namu Amida Butsu is our affirmation of our awakening that we are connected to the infinite past and the infinite future.


It will be our chanting or our sharing the truth of the Shin Dharma that benefits those in the future. The Issei pioneering founders of this temple and the courageous Nisei, who followed through the difficult wars years, faced difficulties far greater than what we do today. Awakening to this unique gift of human life can only engender a deep sense of gratitude. We received our biological birth and the words of the Buddha because of our karmic inheritance. Individuals lives must end. But, by truly hearing the words of the Buddha, we join the long line of ordinary people, waking up to the gifts of the Nembutsu.

Appreciating what we have, balances our desire for things that we don't have. I think this was the attitude of our predecessors. This seems to highlight the character that our elders display. Our 90th Anniversary events honored their efforts that sustained our temple. They preserved the sutras, the words of the Buddha, for us to chant, to hear, and to follow. The words of the Dharma inspired them to persevere, so that we are able to hear and receive it.

Thank you to the elders, for your many, many years of service and contribution to this temple. You are the cherished example of living a Shin Buddhist life. We hope that the Kieshiki recipients, Chigo participants, Dharma School and Jr. YBA students will follow your example to provide that **same opportunity** for generations to come.

Gassho, -Kenji Sensei

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 W&M Mtg, 7 p.m., CR	2 Craft Day, 10 am, DR Shigin, 1 pm, CR Minyo, 12 noon, SH Buddhism 1-2-3, 7 pm, SH	3	4	5 Koto, 10 am, SH
6 DS Staff Mtg., 9 am DS/Family/Shotsuki, 10 am BWA Meeting, 11:45 am Taiko, 12 noon Jr. YBA Mtg, 11:30 a.m.	7 Office Closed	8 SD Minis- ters Mtg at L.A.Betsuin	9 Craft Day, 10 am, DR Shigin, 1 pm, CR Minyo, 12 noon, SH Buddhism 1-2-3, 7 pm, SH Taiko, 7 p.m., AH	10 Board Mtg. 6:45 pm	11 Veterans Day So. Dist. Council Mtg. @ Gardena B.C, 7:30 p.m.	12
13 EITAIKYO, 10 am (Rev. Mutsumi Wondra) BWA Chirashi Sale BEC Session with Rev. Wondra, 1 p.m. Jr. YBA Mtg, 1:30 p.m.	14 Office Closed	15	16 Craft Day, 10 am, DR Shigin, 1 pm, CR Minyo, 12 noon, SH Buddhism 1-2-3, 7 pm, SH Taiko, 7 p.m., AH	17	18	19 Koto, 10 am, SH
20 DS/Family Service, 10 am Taiko, 12 noon <hr/> Matsumae Kai Annual Party, 12 noon, AH (Private)	21 Office Closed	22	23 Craft Day, 10 am, DR Shigin, 1 pm, CR Minyo, 12 noon, SH Buddhism 1-2-3, 7 pm, SH Taiko, 7 p.m., AH Mail Kaiho	24 	25	26 BTSD/VFW Bin- go, 6 pm, AH
27 Intro to Buddhism, 9 am DS/Family Service, 10 am DS Social Activity, 1 pm Taiko, 12 noon <hr/> Okinawa Kenjin Kai Party (Private)	28 Office Closed	29	30 Craft Day, 10 am, DR Shigin, 1 pm, CR Minyo, 12 noon, SH Buddhism 1-2-3, 7 pm, SH Activities Meeting, 7 pm Taiko, 7 p.m., AH			

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

October/November 2016

Our 90th Anniversary celebration and the 65th Junior YBA Reunion will now be fond memories and part of our rich history.

It was so nice to see people of all ages attending the reunion, taking the group picture, watching the Kieshiki ceremony, listening to the dharma talks, enjoying the lunch with the local entertainment and reminiscing with old friends and meeting new ones.

There are so many people to thank but I want to give kudos to the chairperson Glenn Torio and the 90th Anniversary committee. When we had our last meeting, it was discussed if we should name all the committee members in the program but no one wanted the acknowledgement. This thought process is like many of you that give time and monetary gifts with no thought of anything in return. This to me is true dana (giving).

As I reflect on this past weekend, I feel so lucky to be a part of the Buddhist Temple of San Diego. I am so thankful that we still keep traditions like honoring our Keiro Kai members, listening to Shamisen, Taiko drums and having Ruth Voorhies do the Kampai!

I am also proud of our temple for the outreach efforts led by Reverend Dr. Kenji Akahoshi and his 123 team especially Bill Teague who had the idea and built it up to what it is today. We now have 3 MAP (Ministerial Assistant Program) representatives that will help with the load now and in the future of the temple.

So as Ruth said let's pat ourselves and each other on the back. We can truly say in the 90 years of the temple, we all had a part in the success we enjoy today and in the future. I hope all of you that attended had a good time and will join us again soon.

In Gassho,
LuAnn Lee, Board President

BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

The Board of Directors met on October 13th -

1. The Board ratified the expenditure of \$3100 to refurbish the handrails and other work at the Market Street entrance.
2. The Board approved \$900 to repair two taiko drums. The BTSD Taiko group have been requested to perform at many San Diego area events.
3. The Sick Leave pay option recommended by the Ways and Means and Temple Affairs committees was approved.
4. The Board approved the monthly salary increase for our Resident Minister effective as of his anniversary date. The increase follows BCA suggested guidelines.
5. Four representatives attended the JSSDT event on October 20th.
6. The Board approved work on and reformatting the temple website so it can be more easily updated.

BWA NEWS

Hope you were there for our temple's 90th Anniversary celebration on Sunday, October 16. Some of our members also participated in the Kieshiki officiated by Bishop Umezu before the service. Bishop Umezu participated in a Question and Answer session on Saturday that was very informative and inspiring.

Aki, Kiku, Margo, Sue, and Kenji Sensei attended the 44th FBWA Conference held in Bellevue, WA, on Oct 7-9. Besides the keynote speakers, Dr. Sharon Suh and Rev. Mutsumi Wondra, there were various speakers in the 9 English and 3 Japanese workshops. One of the most moving times, were the reporting by Kelli Kato and Katelyn Morimoto, the two young women who participated in the FBWA Youth Exchange Program this past July. Please look for their article in the next Wheel of Dharma.

The craft group is meeting every Wednesday in the month of November, in preparation for the sale at San Diego State University on Thursday, Dec. 1. If you can help set up and/or take down on that day, please contact Margo Spears. We need YOU to join the craft group. It's a lot of fun and you get to learn some new crafts, and share in a delish potluck lunch too!

We look forward to hearing Rev. Mutsumi Wondra, who will be our guest speaker for the Eitaikyō/Lady Eshinni Memorial Services on Sunday, November 13. After the service we will be having our annual Chirashizushi Fundraiser Sale. Preparation times for the osushi are: Saturday, November 12, from 9 am, and Sunday, from 7 am. Please come to help out.

Also on Sunday, November 13, Group C will be hosting hospitality after service.

Our famous Almond Brittle sale will begin this month. The wrapping party will be on a Wednesday, during the craft session. Please call Sue (858-565-6594) to find out when.

Our annual Bonenkai is scheduled for Saturday, December 10, from 11:30, place TBA. Please let your Group leader know if you will be attending. It's always a fun time to get together.

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.

Our meeting in November will be on the 6th, with Group C hosting. Hope to see you then!

ANNUAL THANKSGIVING BASKET FOOD DRIVE

Sponsored by BTSD Jr. YBA

Donations being accepted: Non-perishable food and monetary gifts (Make checks payable to SD Jr. YBA). Drop off your donation on your next visit between
Nov. 1 through 20

This Dana Project, now in its 41st year, enables families in need to have an enjoyable Thanksgiving holiday season.

In 2015, four baskets were donated to families in the Asian community.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT!

DHARMA SCHOOL NEWS

During the temple's 90th anniversary observance, 14 students participated in the Chigo parade. The children included: Anika Bull, Ayako Enochs, Tabo Isakari, Jaden and Juliana Kruse, Yoshie Sannwald, Finn and Sage Seymour, Sarah Aoyama, and Satoshi and Tesshin Aoyama. Upper grade students Fiona Bull, Trina Muraoka, and Jill Yamanishi, accompanied the younger students, dressed in kimono. All of the students did a wonderful job! Kimberly Kruse and I also dressed in kimono to lead the children in the parade.

Students from pre-school through the eighth grade serenaded the guests with a song titled "These Photographs" during the luncheon. Thank you to Sharon Sasaki for re-composing the words and lyrics from the song Photograph sung by Ed Sheeran. Thank you to all the teachers and staff for all your help in preparation for the 90th Anniversary.

The annual Halloween Service and Party was held on Sunday, October 30. Ghosts, spirits, witches, superheroes, fairies, some of the Disney princesses and other characters came and listened to Kenji Sensei, who gave a howling message. - After the service Dharma School, along with families and the Sangha, had a potluck luncheon. Dharma School provided pizzas, chicken bites, and shoyu flavored wieners.- Students played games and won LOTS of candies. Thanks to our Jr. YBA members for conducting games.

ALL LIFE FORMS MEMORIAL: We observed our All Life Forms Memorial on Sunday, October 31. Forms were completed by our Dharma School children and Sangha Members. I'm sorry if you lost a pet in the past year though I hope you are doing better.

CALLING ALL BOWLERS!!! The annual bowling activity is set for Sunday, November 27 at Kearny Mesa Bowl. Stay tuned for more detail. Students, along with their families, and the Sangha are encouraged to sign up!

The next teacher-staff meeting will be on Nov. 6 at 9 a.m.

Gassho,
Avis Honda, Superintendent

JR. YBA NEWS

We wish to thank the alumni, their spouses and friends who came out to celebrate the 65th year reunion of the San Diego Jr. YBA held on October 15 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Mission Valley. It was great to see all of the former members. The theme for this event was "Turn Back the Clock". Everyone had a good time and we hope to see you at the next reunion!

Hailey Sasaki and Trina Muraoka, attended the Religious Retreat on Oct. 22 at the Nishi Hongwanji. The theme was "Buddhism. Be together. Not the same." They had a lot of fun and learned a little more of our Shin tradition. Thank you to Mrs. Sasaki for providing transportation.

The group hosted games for the annual Halloween Party on October 30. It was great to see the Dharma School kids dress up in their costumes and participate in the activities.

From now until November 20, we will conduct our annual Thanksgiving Basket Food Drive. This is a social service community project where we collect non-perishable food items and monetary donations. Your generous gifts will be given to a family in need during the Thanksgiving holidays. Please bring your donations to temple and place it in the Thanksgiving Basket box. United Pan Asian Communities (UPAC) assists the Jr. YBA with finding a family within the community in need. Please support our Dana project!

Later this month, members will begin selling tickets for the annual Chow Mein Luncheon fundraiser on December 4. The luncheon will take place following the Bodhi Day service. Be on the lookout for our members selling tickets. Donation is \$7 per ticket, so be sure purchase your tickets and enjoy the delicious chow mein!

Thank you to all the Sangha for your continued support to the Jr. YBA and our many activities, especially during our 65th year!

In Gassho,
Breven Honda
Co-President



MOCHI TSUKI DAY IS SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11

It is close to that time of year where the aroma of cooked steamed sweet rice fills the temple parking lot. The annual Mochi Tsuki is a little over one month away.

The year-end cultural tradition of producing those tasty circular sweet rice cake morsels for the New Year will take place on Sunday, December 11 from 6 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The Sangha of all ages, from the youngest Dharma School student to the young at heart will once again gather for a day of great friendships, and of course, cooking, pounding, grinding, cutting, shaping and packaging mochi for the New Year.

ORDER YOUR MOCHI TODAY: The price of a one pound bag of ko-mochi (approximately 7-8 pieces) is \$4.50. A two-piece Kasane mochi (for the home O Butsudhan) is \$7.00. Please fill out the form found in this month's Bussei Script and send it to the temple. Pre-orders will be accepted until Sunday, Dec. 4. Payments can be made in the form of cash, check or credit card.

MONETARY DONATIONS are being accepted towards the purchase of mochigome (sweet rice) and other supplies. The suggested donation is \$75.00.

More detail regarding Mochi Tsuki will be announced at upcoming services and in the December Bussei Script. Stay tuned!

If you have any questions, please contact Ralph Honda at (619) 885-3788 or email: rkhonds205@gmail.com or the temple.

Please save the date of Sunday, December 11, and join the Sangha as it continues its long time cultural tradition.

In Gassho,
Ralph Honda and Glenn Negoro, Co-chairs

90TH ANNIVERSARY REPRISE

By Glenn Torio, Chairman

Anniversary was a very nice and very large event! The 35 Kieshiki participants had the honor of Bishop Umezu to perform the auspicious Ceremony. The participants held their heads high after obtaining their Buddhist Name...congratulations to all! Next up was the Chigo Parade led by Bishop Umezu, Kenji Sensei, Boy Scout Trevor Muraoka and "Drum" Major Davis Ong followed by 20 young dharma school students dressed in traditional and colorful dress. Getting the 280 plus guest in line for the group photo was a bit of a challenge but with Orlando's leadership, we got the photos taken (call the Temple to order one). To experience a service with a Hondo full of Sangha members has such a powerful feeling, all there to listen to the dharma presented by Bishop Umezu, assisted by Kenji Sensei, Reverend Tada and Reverend Aoyama. Those of you in attendance know how many people we squeezed into the annex! What can be better than good food, good live entertainment and the chance to visit with fellow Sangha members from near and far and from years gone by. My deepest gratitude goes out to all of you that lent a hand in making our 90th Anniversary a great event! Domo Arigato Gozaimasu!!

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Just Fourteen Percent to Go for 2016!

Thanks to all of you who have renewed your memberships for 2016, many of you over the last month.

Thanks also to those of you who alerted us to "false negatives," where our membership records failed to reflect your renewal of dues so we could correct the link between our accounting system and the membership database. As of mid-October, a remaining 35 members have not yet renewed their membership – roughly 14 percent of the existing base of potential members.

Is Your Name Here?

If our records are correct and you have renewed for 2016, your name should appear following:
 Nobuko Amano; Takeko Amano; Masato Asakawa; Carol and Michael Baker; Evelyn Bareño; Agnes Benson; Ms Veronica Bonilla; Jaime Brown; Lily Conmy; Roger Coppock; Joshua Dodd; Mike Doi; Jeanette Dutton; Yuki Easter; Lynn & Stephen Fuchigami; Cody Gless & Sharon Scherton; Maribeth "Smitty" Smith & Jackie Goor; Kikue Graeber; Cynthia & Orlando Guiang; Quimico Hagio ; Ruby Hara; Arlene & Gene Hasegawa; John & Tsune Hashiguchi; Hiroko Hendrix; Laura Yoshida; Holly & Ronald Hiding; Miyo Hill; Avis & Ralph Honda; Mikiye Honda; Eugene & Joann Akiko Hotta; Laverne Imori; Henry And Marcia Isakari; Mitsuo & Sally Ishihara; Suzanne Ito; Setsuo &

Jan Iwashita; David & Katie Iwashita; Gail & Yukio Iwashita; Sara Jenner; Junko & Timothy Kajita; Richard & Ruth Kaneko; Gale Kaneshiro; Ken and Sharyn Muraoka; Jeanie Kashima; Naoye Kasubuchi; Rev. Noriko Kawai; Mits & Yukio Kawamoto; Umeko Kawamoto; Aileen (Itsuko) & Kiyoshi Kawasaki; Mildred & Trace Kawasaki; James & Katsumi Kida; Michael & Yasuko Kinoshita; Margie Kitano; Robert & Chelsey Koga; Jeffrey & Kimberly Kruse; Hiroshi Kubota; Howard Kanji & Kaneko Kuwada; Setsuko Lambert & Tomomi Sakatani; Harold & LuAnn Lee; Nancy Martinez; Steve Marx; Amy & Peter Masuda; Chiyoko Masumoto; Akiko Matsumoto; Lee & Susan Moribe; Asako Morinaka; Chieko Moriyama; Roy Muraoka; Tad Muraoka; Jake & Patty Nakamura; Minako Nakano; Sumiye Nakashima; Fred & Nancy Nakatani; Yoshinori Nasai; Glenn & Keiko Negoro; Toyo Nishii; Yuko Niwa; Sumihiro & Yuriko Nogata; Walt & Jessica Novinger; Kay Ochi; Janet Ochi-Fontanott; Shirley Ochi -Watson; Arikazu Ogasawara; Toshiko Ogata; Ann Ohara; Fumiko Ohara; Kisae Ohara; Karen & Roy Okuhara; Shirley Omori; Laurine Ota; Ayako Otsuji; Dennis & Elaine Otsuji; Candace & Rodney Oyama; Linda Ring; Jeff & Kathy Sakai; Toshiko Sakow ; Bill & Suzanne Sannwald; Brian & Lorin Sasaki; Steve And Susan Schraeder; Leslie Schramm; Leslie Seymour; John R. & Jaime Shea; Wilbur Shigehara; Ms Margo Spears; Ms Tsuruko Sueishi Stark; Chiyeko & Hideo Sugiyama; & Floyd & Kaytee Sumida; Ann Sumida-Johnson; Mary Suyenaga; Miyako Tachiki; Yuriko Taira; Kikuko Takashima; Kelvin & Lara Tanaka ; Naomi & Dr. Terry Tanaka; Robert Taniguchi; Gary Tanizaki; Bill & Joyce Teague; Kris & Ron T. Tokunaga ; Aki & Steve Tomiyama; Sayoko Tomiyama; Betty Torio; Glenn & Janet Torio; Masko Tsuji; Wayne Tsukamoto; Angie & Motoo Tsuneyoshi; Mitsuo & Tsuneko Tsurudome; Mr Tamio Tsurudome; Dr. Chris & Dr. Tissa Uchiyama; Ruth Voorhies; Jeff & Laura Wiederkehr; Ronald & Sheila Yagura; Jean Yamada; Laura Yamaguchi; Mani Yamaguchi; Ann & George Yamamoto; Hisashi & Jane Yamamoto; Joyce & Koichi Yamamoto; June Yamamoto; Kengo & Mae Yamamoto; Sachio Yamamoto; Alan & Karen Yamanishi; Miyoko Yamanishi; Sumiko & Tom Yanagihara; Curt Yasuhara; Millie and Paul Yasuhara; Gregg Yonekura; and Roy & Susan Yonekura.

Buddhist Education Opportunities

Fourth Sunday Program: Join Kaytee Sumida on **Sunday, November 27, at 9 am** for a one-hour overview and introduction to Buddhism.

Stand for Peace: The Temple has been invited to participate in an open-air, interfaith peace event on **Saturday, Nov. 5 at 6 p.m.** It takes place in the **Officer Jeremy Henwood Memorial Park** located at 3701 44th St. in San Diego. The park is part of the community center near Fairmont and 44th Street.

Several members of the Buddhist Education Committee will be there, and Kenji Sensei will join us if his heavy schedule allows (he is booked heavily that day).



EITAIKYO 2016

Dear Members and Dharma Friends:

The Buddhist Temple of San Diego will hold its annual Eitaikyo (Perpetual Memorial) Service on **Sunday, November 13** beginning at 10 a.m. Eitaikyo will be held in conjunction with the Lady Esshinni Memorial Service. The guest speaker will be Rev. Mutsumi Wondra of the Orange County Buddhist Church. All Eitaikyo members, friends and relatives of Eitaikyo *Senboshu* are encouraged to attend.

The Eitaikyo observance honors all dedicated members and Dharma friends, whether known or unknown, who devoted themselves for the spiritual welfare of the temple, so that we may continue to practice, as Jodo Shinshu followers, the Buddha's teachings.

The Eitaikyo Fund is a special fund established to:

- A. Honor in perpetuity those who have passed away.**
- B. Ensure the survival of the temple.**

When a person passes away and a relative or friend makes a contribution to the Eitaikyo Fund in memory of the deceased, the deceased's name is entered in the Temple's Eitaikyo Book, which is kept in the *Onajjin* (Center altar). Each year honorees listed in the Eitaikyo Book are remembered at the Eitaikyo Service. Contributions to the Eitaikyo Fund can be made in memory of relatives, ancestors or friends, or it can be made in one's own name. Additional contributions to the fund can be made at any time. A listing of all Eitaikyo honorees are part of this month's Bussei Script.

The Eitaikyo Fund is constrained so that it cannot be used for normal operations of the temple. Funds may be used only to purchase articles for the *Onajjin* or, in case of extreme emergency.

New participants are encouraged to start an Eitaikyo Fund in honor of a deceased loved one or a living individual at anytime.

The following policy has been established for contributions to the Eitaikyo Fund:

- 1) A minimum initial contribution of \$100.00 is required to record a new name in the Eitaikyo Book. After the initial contribution, future donations in any amount are acceptable.**
- 2) Eitaikyo Fund contributions are dedicated specifically for that particular fund.**
- 3) Eitaikyo Service donations will be earmarked for the Temple's General Fund.**

EITAIKYO FUND

Name of Donor (First/M.I./Last): _____

New Account?: **YES** or **NO** (For **BOTH YES** and **NO**, please fill-in the information below)

Donating for (Name): _____ Relationship: _____

Donating for (Name): _____ Relationship: _____

Donating for (Name): _____ Relationship: _____

Date: _____ / _____ / _____

Donation Amount: \$ _____ Check #: _____

(PLEASE USE OTHER SIDE FOR MORE NAMES)

MOCHITSUKI ORDER FORM


SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2016

NAME: _____ PHONE: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

 KO-MOCHI PACKAGE: _____ x \$4.50 = COST \$ _____

(Ko-Mochi is sold by the package, not by weight. Each package is *approximately* 1 lb.)

 KASANEMOCHI PACKAGE: _____ x \$7.00 = COST \$ _____

TOTAL COST = \$ _____

Send order form with check to: **Buddhist Temple of San Diego, Attn: Mochi**
OR
2929 Market Street, San Diego, CA 92102.

Send an e-mail order to: info@btsd.net

Deadline to order is: **FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2 2016.**

Orders received AFTER the deadline will be placed on STAND-BY. All orders must be picked up at the Temple on SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11, between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Orders not picked up by 3 p.m. will be subject to resale.

Questions? Please call the temple (619) 239-0896 or send e-mail to: info@btsd.net

— かわいいお稚見さん —

駐在副使 向陽館

先月のサンデゴゴト仏教会創立五十五周年を迎えさせていただきました。梅津道北米副使長と奥様をお招きして、記念法話を盛大に行いました。法話は千九百六十二年にサンデゴゴトから独立して以来、サンデゴゴト仏教会として日々、数多くの門徒の多大な努力と熱意によって支えられ大きな発展を遂げました。先方の偉大な功徳に頭の下がる思いでございます。

この度の法話は、飛行列を初めに行つたのが日曜午後五〇〇の寄付で新調した鮮やかな衣装をまとつた八人の稚見が、お父さんお母さんの声援を受けて、じやかに歩を進めました。参加者が仏教音楽の伝統である飛行列を見て心が和んふと思ひます。正直、少々緊張感味だつた私も、かわいいお稚見が、私達を教導している姿を見て、思はず笑みがほれ、心穏やかに法話を始めることができました。法話をやかに彩つてくれた稚見には皆を幸せにする特別な力があるように思ふ。

このお稚見がその由来は、仏教の故事によりまず二一五〇年前もさかのぼります。仏教の開祖である釈迦さまが、世の煩悩下各地を巡教されて時のとでした。誦経しながら各處を回つておられたので、喜んでお迎える人は少なく、逆にお釈迦さまのみすぼらしい姿を嫌う人が多かったと云うです。

ある日、お釈迦さま一行が村のようによろこばされて、ある村では臭くて臭な物置として一行を避けるよう家を開きしてしまつた。しかし、疑い深い大人に対して、稚見の純粋な目は全く違って、姿は汚くても、このお方は大金儲け、尊いお父さんと直感で働いたのでしよう、このおは仏さま、と云つてお釈迦さまおほつて駆け寄りました。

大人達が嫌うのをまに、お釈迦さまに近づいて本花、またはお赤等といった稚見ができる最前でおもてなしました。そのように稚見の姿を見て、大人達も次第に警戒を解き、精進修行ようになり、仏さまのお話を聞くことができました。稚見を通して、多くの大人達は仏徳と導かれ救われていかれたのです。以上が稚見の由来です。

姿や形を見て人を判断してしまう大人の固定的な見方と、純粋な心を持つ稚見の見方はかなり差が感じられます。稚見が仏の手といわれの姿や形に、じやわらない見方ができる仏のものだからなのです。素直な心、やさしい心を、稚見が仏教会にお参りするのには、この事が起因しているように思ふなりません。

一たわりを断つことが真の仏徳であると改めて稚見から教えられるように。しかし、私達大人は相違ならず各々のまらな一たわりの中で、物事を判断してしまふ。その為、心の中で、自中心的な偏見が生じてくるのです。残存ながら、稚見の美しく澄み切つた心に対し

て、私達大人の心には常に闇の闇が覆いながらいて、います。

しかし、蠟燭一本の光が闇を消滅するように、私達の心の底にある闇を照らすの闇は、阿彌陀仏の智慧の光に照らされはじめて取り払われます。ただし、阿彌陀仏の智慧の光と普通の光の間に大きな違いがあります。七情の一人である意識大師はこの光明は智慧の相あり、全世界を照らすときに、幼げるものは何一つない、生きとし生けるものの闇の暗闇を除き去るのである。光が闇の中の闇を破るのとは違つて、と云つておられます。

阿彌陀仏の智慧の光明は、超越の法にかなつた智慧であつて、その光には何一つ執着されさへ、我がないのです。これを仏教は「空」といふのですが、阿彌陀仏が空のあり方を示して下さるから、その尊い光で全てを例外なく平等に照らすことができるのです。この智慧の光明に出現したものは、常に姿や形で判断してしまふ自分の愚かさや、省みつづ、智慧の光にかなつたお参りを見せ送らすにはおられません。

お念仏をいたしたことは、私のじやわりを疑ひ、闇の目的があり、同時に、その闇の深さを意識し、私達の歩みだえき真実の道を示して下さる阿彌陀仏との出逢いでもあるのです。深い反省のうちに執着心の愚かさを自覚し、阿彌陀仏の智慧の光明に照らされながら、少しでも私をなとして、無我、物事をそのままに見せたい、たいものです。その生き方こそ、阿彌陀仏のお働きにかなつた尊い智慧の智慧の目録しです。かわいいお稚見さん、改め大切なことを教された五十五周年でした。

- 5) 11月2日【土】 ちらし寿司の準備は9時から初めまります。日曜日は8時からです。お手助お願いいたします。
- 6) 11月13日【日】 永代経／恵信尼 - 慰霊祭 (Eitaiky/Lady Eshinni Memorial Services) ワンドラ睦先生 (Rev. Mutsumi Wondra) がゲスト スピーカー (guest speaker) の予定です。又この日は、ちらし寿司を資金作りのために販売いたします。★寿司の準備は、土曜日は9時から、日曜日は7時からです。お手助お願いいたします。★
- ★特別なアーモンドの割れ易く出来たキャンデーは、今月に発売が始まります。これを包装する日には未定ですが、今のところは水曜日です。詳しいことはSue (858-565-6594) の方にお問い合わせ下さい。
- 7) 11月13日【日】 ホスピタリティー サービス (hospitality after service) グループ (C) の皆様、お願いいたします。
- 8) 11月16日【水】 クラフト民芸作品展 一 場所は仏教会です。時間は朝10時から午後2時までです。
- 9) 11月23日【水】 クラフト民芸作品展 一 場所は仏教会です。時間は朝10時から午後2時までです。
- 10) 11月30日【水】 クラフト民芸作品展 一 場所は仏教会です。時間は朝10時から午後2時までです。
- 11) 12月1日【木】 サンデゴゴト州立大学 (San Diego State University) でクラフト民芸作品展 露店の仕掛、セール、取り除、等の手助けお願いいたします。ご希望の方はマーゴ スペア (Margo Spears) の方に連絡をくださいませ。
- 12) 12月4日【日】 婦人委員会 一 グループ (D) の皆様12月の当番をお願いいたします。
- 13) 12月10日【土】 今年2016年の忘年会は午前11時30分 (午前11時半) に始まりますが場所は未定です。ご出席に御希望でしたらグループ リーダー (Group leader) にお知らせ下さい。★BWA ウェブ サイトは "southernndistrictbwa.weebly.com/"、又は "B T S D .net" で届きます。もしも、できたらこの ウェブ サイトをご覧ください。★

仏婦2016年11月会報
皆様お元気ですか。11月16日【日】のサンデゴゴト仏教会 - 90周年創立記念日にご出席有難うございました。婦人会員数名は90周年創立記念のはじまる直前におこなわれたBCA総長、梅津先生 (Bishop Umez) のキエシキ (Kieshiki) にご参加して戴きました。 其れに又 総長、梅津先生は11月15【土】には有難い質疑応答 (Question and Answer) をして戴きました。 情報量が多く "大変良い話でした" と皆様に喜ばれました。

10月7 - 9日にワシントン州のペレブアで行われた44周年FBWA CONFERENCE 会議には Aki, Kiku, Margo, Sue, and Kenji 先生の5名が出席しました。 会議では沢山のスピーカー (speaker) が話しましたが、特に目立二名はケリー 加藤さんと、ケイトリンン モリモトさんでした。この若い二人は7月におこなわれた "FBWA Youth Exchange Program {FBWA 青少年交際プログラム}" に参加していました。詳しいことは次の法輪 (Wheel of Dharma) に記載してありますので、どうぞお読み下さい。この記事は二人で "FBWA Youth Exchange Program {FBWA 青少年交際プログラム}" について書いた作品です。

- 1) 11月2日【水】 クラフト民芸作品展 一 場所は仏教会です。時間は朝10時から午後2時までです。
- 2) 11月2日【水】、9日【水】、16日【水】、23日【水】、30日【水】 11月には毎週水曜日にクラフト民芸作品展があります。 12月1日【木】にサンデゴゴト州立大学 (San Diego State University) で販売する作品を作ります。皆様どうぞお手伝いお願いいたします。クラフト会員は民芸品を作り、楽しい会話をしながら、楽しい時間を過ごしています。新しい綺麗な作品の作り方も習つて、会員一同、美味しい potluck の昼食をしています。皆様もどうぞ。時間は朝10時から午後2時までです。
- 3) 11月6日【日】 婦人委員会 一 グループ (C) の皆様11月の当番をお願いいたします。
- 4) 11月9日【水】 クラフト民芸作品展 一 場所は仏教会です。時間は朝10時から午後2時までです。

EITAIKYO GUEST SPEAKER: REV. MUTSUMI WONDRA

EITAIKYO and LADY ESSHINI MEMORIAL SERVICE: Sunday, Nov. 13, 10 a.m.

BEC-SPONSORED SEMINAR: Sunday, Nov. 13, 1p.m.



Rev. Mutsumi Wondra will be our guest speaker for our Eitaikyo (“Perpetual Sutra Chanting” or “Perpetual Praise of Buddha”) and Lady Eshhini memorial service in November.

Rev. Wondra, who is bilingual, will contribute English and Japanese-language messages for the Eitaikyo service on Sunday, Nov. 13.

In the afternoon after the service, Wondra Sensei will present, “Master Shinran’s Spiritual Path and Practice on Mt. Hiei.” Her talk will be in English and will include a power-point presentation. The seminar is free and open to the public, and is expected to run 90 minutes.

Rev. Wondra was born in Kyoto, Japan, and graduated from Kyoto Women’s University with a B.A. in English Literature. She also completed a correspondence course in Shin Buddhism at Kyoto Chūō Bukkyō Gakuin. In 2006, she received the MAP (Ministers’ Assistant Program) certification from the BCA Bishop and received training at the Orange County Buddhist Church. She received an M.A. in Buddhist Studies from the Institute of Buddhist Studies in 2010, and an M.A. in Shin Buddhism Studies from Ryukoku University Graduate School in 2012. In 2015, Rev. Wondra completed the three-year doctoral course as a candidate for a PhD. During her five-year stay in Kyoto, she received the gakkai hokyō (the third rank of Nishi-Hongwanji scholars), and fukyōshi-propagation license. Rev. Wondra has been a full-time minister at the Orange County Buddhist Church since 2015.

NOVEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

- ◇ November Shotsuki Hoyo (Monthly Memorial) Nov. 6
- ◇ Eitaikyo Service & Lady Eshinni Memorial Nov. 13

On Sunday, November 6 at 10 a.m., the temple will be observing the **All-Life Forms Memorial Service**, during which we remember not only pets lost during the past year, but all living things which have contributed to our lives since the last service.

The Buddhist Temple of San Diego and Rev. Dr. Kenji Akahoshi cordially invite you to the 2016 **Eitaikyo (Perpetual Memorial) Service** to be held **Sunday, November 13 at 10 a.m.** The Eitaikyo observance honors all dedicated members and Dharma friends, whether known or unknown, who have devoted themselves to the spiritual welfare of the Temple, so that we may continue to practice, as Jodo Shinshu followers, the Buddha’s teachings. Each year, the Buddhist Women’s Association also sponsors the **Lady Eshinni Memorial**, commemorating the wife of our founder, Shinran Shonin, to praise her virtue and contributions. This year we are pleased to have **Rev. Mutsumi Wondra** of the Orange County Buddhist Church as our guest speaker for this service (see introduction above).

- ◇ **BWA Chirashizushi fundraiser:** November 13 following Eitaikyo service. Donation is \$5.
- ◇ **Jr. YBA Thanksgiving Food Drive:** November 1-20.
- ◇ **BTSD/VFW BINGO** will be held on November 26th at 6 p.m.
- ◇ **SCRIP NEWS:** Register for Ralph’s and Food 4 Less online, get See’s gift cards for \$19.50. If you have Souplantation cards, use them now. They’ve filed for bankruptcy.
- ◇ **CRAFTS:** Wednesdays at 10 a.m. during November.

Buddhism 1-2-3

7:00 p.m. * BTSD Sangha Hall

*Meditation * Chanting * Discussion * Q & A

CLASS SCHEDULE:

November 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

