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EGO - SELF - ALL BEINGS

By Rev. Dr. Kenji Akahoshi, Resident Minister



My son will be expanding his ego this month. As a Buddhist, this may be a curious statement, as we often talk about limiting or diminishing our ego. As Shin Buddhists, we're told that we can never escape our ego-centric nature. We can see in the news, that the inflation and defense of one person's ego in political life, can have a disastrous affect.

Shinran and modern psychology tells us that it is very difficult to honestly reduce our feelings of self-importance. We might admit that reducing or eliminating our ego is a hopeless project. The ego cannot destroy itself. Do we simply allow our ego to inflate to any size? However, there is another way. An alternative view of expanding our ego or self, may be more useful than the more common talk about reducing our ego. So why am I saying that we might expand our ego. Shrinking or expanding our ego may just depend on how we describe it. By giving some examples, I think we will see that expanding our egos is something that we can do, that is actually in keeping with our Shin Buddhist values.

By "expanding the ego," I mean that others can be included within the identity of my ego. I said that my son will be expanding his ego this month. By that, I mean that he is getting married. His identity as one person will expand to include his bride as part of his ego. Of course, each will maintain a sense of their individual self, but there will be a new identity as a couple. My older son has expanded his ego to three, as his ego includes his wife and son (my grandson). As a parent of a 2-year-old, my son's own needs of conversing with friends and family are secondary to following his rambunctious and curious son and keeping him out of danger. His actions, as a responsible parent, are the very definition of compassion. His thoughts and actions are for the well-being of his son, not his own. He does this automatically, without deep thought. Although, as any parent of young children know, it can be exhausting.

Now let's think back a few decades and place ourselves as that 2-year-old. We were there once, and our parents or some care-giver also put their own de-

sires as secondary to our well-being. That human concern is a manifestation of Amida's Compassion.

We sometimes think that being religious or spiritual is a separate thing. We might associate it with being in a service in our Hondo, chanting, or sitting in meditation. As Shin Buddhists, we take the view that our ordinary life is a spiritual journey. It is our attitude or state of mind that is important. It is how we see ourselves in the circus of modern life.

Our practice of voicing "Namo Amida Butsu," can be said to be an expression of gratitude for our assured awakening to this inconceivable life. That experience is described in various ways, but of course, remains beyond words. The expansion of one's ego may be another way of experiencing "Namo Amida Butsu." Here we apply the rule of receiving, rather than achieving. We may be forgetting that time when we were 2-year-olds, and we were the recipients of that compassion, as someone took care of us. As my grandson runs around a store, is he aware that parental eyes are insuring his safety? As we conduct the business of our lives, are we aware that there are causes and conditions that sustain our life? Especially in 21st century America, we enjoy the democratic ideals of laws and an ethos of the common good. As we become aware that our individual ego is supported by a community and national sense of Oneness, we realize our responsibility in supporting others for the common good.

High level examples of an expanded ego are Gandhi and Martin Luther King. Gandhi's ego included all of India. MLK's ego included all oppressed people. These are extreme examples, but point to the validity of expanding one's ego. Instead of suppressing one's ego, we dilute the importance of one ego to include the lives of others. We may not reach the impressive attitude of Gandhi or King, but in our own way, we can and do include others. Can we expand our ego to include family, community, nation, world?

The Loving Kindness Meditation reminds us: "May I be happy and well, and live in peace and harmony." It progresses to my family, teachers, friends, strangers, and then enemies, and finally all beings. "May all beings be happy and well - may no harm or difficulties come to them - may they live in peace and harmony." "Namo Amida Butsu" awakens us to the reality that my ego is really one with all beings.

Gassho

August 2017

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6 No Services Jr. YBA Conf Mtg., 11 am CR Okinawa group, noon, SH	7 OFFICE CLOSED	8 Ways & Means. 7pm CR Women's Taiko Conference, all day, AH	9 Minyo, 12 noon, SH Shigin, 1 pm, CR Women's Taiko Conference, all day, AH	10 BOD Mtg. 6:45 pm Women's Taiko Conference, 9 am-noon, AH	11	12
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27 No Services GOLF TOURNAMENT At Eastlake, 8 am Jr. YBA Conf Mtg, 2 pm, CR	28 OFFICE CLOSED	29	30 Minyo, 12 noon, SH Shigin, 1 pm, CR Taiko, 6:30 pm, AH	31	LOOKING AHEAD TO SEPTEMBER 2-3 — Southern District Jr. YBL Conference at BTSD and Sheraton Four Points Hotel 9—BTSD Benefit Dinner, 4:30 to 6 p.m. 10—Dharma School and family service resumes. Shutsuki Hoyo (monthly memorial). 10 a.m. 24—Fall O Higan Service, 10 a.m.	

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By LuAnn Lee, Board President

For me, July was a time for picnicking with family, extended family and many friends. It was filled with delicious foods, drinks, fireworks and socializing while relaxing. How lucky we are to have such freedom to do all the things we want with no second thought. I hope all of you enjoyed the 4th of July in your own way.

Thank you to the VFW for cooking up their famous Teriyaki Chicken fundraiser. The large, half chickens were seasoned and cooked to perfection. Nearly 100 dinners were prepared. With full stomachs, many of the diners stayed to try their luck playing Bingo. It was hard work to prep and serve the dinners. Thanks to all the volunteers and support from the friends and members of the VFW and BTSD.

As most of you know, the Muraoka family had a special event in their honor on July 14 with the dedication of the Saburo Muraoka Elementary School in Chula Vista. The new state of

Lillian Horiuchi, Ken Muraoka and Roy Muraoka (center), participate in the ribbon cutting ceremony, as Chula Vista School officials look on, for the Saburo Muraoka Elementary School.



the art school was opened in honor of the family patriarch who was a natural born leader with a vision of connecting communities and countries. Joining the family at the ribbon cutting ceremony and reception were many temple members, community groups, friends, school officials and staff. It was truly an honor to witness this moment in history. Please join me by saying congratulations and thank you to the Muraoka family. Your contributions and dedication is appreciated more than words can express.

Another event that I stopped by to help with decorations was the Pride Parade on July 15. Maribeth "Smitty" Smith was instrumental in organizing this event with detailed information and instructions. Appreciation goes to all that helped out making signs, walking the route, playing taiko and giving moral support. Special thanks to Ken Muraoka for providing the truck and trailer.

Just a reminder about the upcoming Obon events in July and August.

We are going to have two Obon events again this year. The first one is on Sunday, July 30th. It will be at the temple with the service starting at 2 p.m. Then, at 5 p.m., we will have Bon Odori dancing in the parking lot. Limited foods will be available for purchase. The evening will conclude with the Junior YBA Opportunity drawing. The second Bon Odori will take place in Balboa Park on August 5. More details to follow. I hope to see you at the Obons.

In Gassho, LuAnn Lee

BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

The Board met on July 13th -

1. Condolences to the families of Hideo Dale Sugiyama, Bill Terusaki and Lino Nakada.
2. Trash service fees were reviewed and recommended for a change in providers for cost-savings.
3. Fire suppression services were reviewed and it was recommended to purchase needed extinguishers and hoses and to work with a single service provider.
4. It was recommended to move ahead with pull-out shelves for the lower kitchen cabinets for ease of use and better storage. Funds are still available from the Kitchen Compliance Project.
5. The temple will sponsor two representatives to attend the Japanese Friendship Garden annual gala which recognizes community members or organizations.
6. A TaiChi-QiGong class will be sponsored for Thursday morning starting in September - more information to come.

BWA NEWS

We now have sign-up lists in the Hondo if you need a ride to the temple for services or events, or if you can provide a ride for someone. It asks for the area where you live to match you up with someone close by.

We would like to extend our condolences to the families of Hideo Sugiyama, Michiko Rodgers, William Terusaki and Lino Nakada.

Some members went on the bus trip to Los Angeles on July 1. On the way, we toured the Noguchi Sculpture Garden in Costa Mesa and visited the Gardena Buddhist Church. The group of San Diego and Vista temples were greeted warmly and given a short service. We traveled on to celebrate Obon with the L.A. Senshin Temple. We had treats on the bus, including a wonderful banana bread made by Terri Omori and a delicious bento dinner. It was a memorable experience for everyone attending.

The temple would appreciate having help from our members for prep for Obon on August 4th. If you can help out, contact the temple to volunteer.

We would like to thank group C for the delicious lunch and remind group D that they will host lunch at the September 10 meeting. No meeting in August.

Please note: During August, there will be crafting on Aug. 16 but no classes, services. Maybe you can get to some of the things you always wish you had the time.

*We posted in error in the July Bussei Script that there would be a craft table at the Japanese Friendship Garden Obon. We apologize for any inconvenience.

DHARMA SCHOOL NEWS

On July 10, the staff got together for a planning meeting for the 2017-18 term. The theme will be **Interdependence**.

As of now, the classes and teachers will be as follows -- Pre-School to 4th grade: Leslie Seymour, Gregg Yonekura and Laura Yoshida; grades 5-8: Avis Honda and Jamie Shimizu; grades 9-12: Roy Okuhara and Richard Matsumoto. There will be a possibility of refiguring the classes, especially at the lower grade levels, if younger students enroll. Stay tuned!

Dharma School will resume on Sunday, September 10. Service will begin at 10 a.m.

Congratulations to former Dharma School students **Darren Fujii, Christina Guiang, Derek Shimizu, and Lauren Uchiyama** for graduating college or earning advanced degrees! The graduates were recognized at our Obon Service with a congratulatory certificate from the BCA and presented an "Udewa Onenju" from the Dharma School. Good Luck and wishing all the best to Darren, Christina, Derek, and Lauren with the next phase of your endeavors!

The Dharma School program is offered to children of all ages including children as young as two-years-old, elementary, middle school and high school students. Each Sunday, students receive meaningful Dharma messages from Kenji Sensei, the Dharma School staff and helpful guidance from the teachers. If your child will be new to the program, we welcome their participation. For parents and adults who would like to join the staff, we welcome your help. For more information, please contact me either by phone at (619) 885-8363 or by email at seharu25@aol.com

Happy August Birthday wishes to: Davis Ong and Breven Honda.

The next teacher-staff meeting will be on Sunday, September 10 starting at 9 a.m. in the conference room.

Gassho,
Avis Honda, Superintendent

JR. YBA NEWS

First off, on behalf of the San Diego Jr. YBA, I wish to thank the entire Sangha for your support towards the group for another active 2016-17 term.

During July, we had our Opportunity Drawing Fundraiser. Thank you to all of the donated prizes from various organizations. The winners for the first and second prizes will be announced in the September Bussei Script. Thank you everyone for purchasing tickets. All proceeds benefit the club's various activities throughout the year.

In August, activities continue with nominations and elections for the 2017-18 chapter cabinet.

Members are also putting together the finishing touches before we host conference the weekend of September 2 and 3. Our theme is "Finding the Path out of Chaos". Our guest speaker is Rev. Matt Hamasaki from the Fresno Buddhist Temple. We are starting to finalize our workshops, icebreakers and other activities for the conference.

For incoming 9-12 grade students, September begins the new term for the 2017-18 year. This year we are welcoming new members with an orientation on Sunday September 10. Everyone is welcome to participate in the orientation that will begin around 12 noon. New members will get the chance to see what Jr. YBA is like, how many opportunities the club participates in and see what one of our chapter meetings are like. Thank you to Jill Yamanishi and Hailey Sasaki for chairing this event.

For those who are thinking about joining the group, realize that Jr. YBA is a lot of fun. You get to meet new people, make new friends and help out in various activities that we have throughout the year. I suggest you take this advice from me after being in the group these past four years. I've learned a lot over the course of the last four years. If there is one piece of advice I'd give, it would be that the more you put in, the more you get out.

Our on-going recycling program continues as we head into the new term. We accept CRV (California Redemption Value) Plastic Bottles, Aluminum Cans and Glass Bottles. All of the profit we receive, goes towards the benefits of the group. We are having this fundraiser to promote the EcoSangha of the temple. You can bring your bottles to church and find one of our Jr. YBA members or our advisor, Mr. Ralph Honda to assist you. If we are not available, please find one of the many Blue Recycling Bins around the Temple. Please put the bottles and cans in the correct receptacle.

I would personally like to thank our members for all of their hard work and effort toward the group this year! Although we have one more event left, I want to thank you for what you've done for the San Diego Jr. YBA this year. We hosted the 65th BTSD Jr. YBA Reunion, the annual Chow Mein Luncheon, Halloween Party, O Bon Opportunity Drawing and Mother's Day Breakfast, an Udon Luncheon, games for the Father's Day Picnic and Bazaar, and still being able to attend our district activities. Thank you!

Thank you for your continued support!

In Gassho,
Breven Honda, Co-President

SCRIP NEWS



A big "thank you" to everyone who shops at Ralph's and Food 4 Less. It is quarterly statement time and we have been notified that we will be receiving checks from both of these supermarkets. So once again~thanks to folks who shop at these stores.

Since temple will be taking a break in August, you can still get scrip by calling the temple office and leaving your order with Linda. You can also get scrip at the temple rummage sale.

Annual Rummage Sale - August 19-20

Recycling * Re-Purposing * Re-Thinking

The temple's annual Rummage Sale will be held August 19 and 20. The EcoSangha Committee is chairing this year's sale but is asking for the help of all affiliated organizations and our Sangha friends.

Though we will need a lot of help in August, we will have a preliminary sorting day on **July 23rd, Temple Clean Up Day**. We will work from 8:30 a.m. – 2 p.m.

DONATION DROP OFFS and PICK UPS

Our Rummage Sale fundraiser is made possible by your donations of gently-used discards and the efforts of our hardworking volunteers. Clothing, books, furniture, household goods, toys and most other items are welcomed. PLEASE – no CRT TVs or MONITORS, no MATTRESSES, and any electronics, appliances and computer equipment must be in working order.

If possible, please hold your items until after August 5th – temple volunteers will be busy with the Obon Odori.

More information will be in the August Bussei Script but please save the dates!

SORTING AND PRICING DAYS

August 12, Saturday from 8:30 a.m. – 2 p.m.

August 13, Sunday from 8:30 a.m.- 2 p.m.,

August 17, Thursday from 4 p.m. – 9 p.m.

August 18, Friday, 3 p.m. – 9 p.m. - Friday is our set-up day (Pricing & sorting continues)

SALE DAYS

- ◆ Saturday, August 19, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- ◆ Sunday, August 20, 8 a.m. to noon.

**Volunteers are needed, to sign-up,
please call or email the temple.**

*Thank you in advance for your support and hard work.
Your 2017 Rummage Sale Committee*

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Buddhist Education News

Buddhism 1-2-3 goes virtual in August

We're taking a break in August with Buddhism 1-2-3. If you are on our mailing list we will be sending Dharma notes and discussions and other comments each week during the month, and we resume meeting at the Sangha Hall in September.

Our first meeting after the summer break is on Wednesday, Sept. 6, at 7 p.m.

No Fourth Sunday Program in August

Because the Temple will not be open for services, our Fourth Sunday class, from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m., has been cancelled for the month of August. We apologize for any inconvenience.

We offer this class for Temple visitors, students on assignment, and Temple members with questions about our Temple and Tradition.

The next Fourth Sunday class is scheduled for September 24, at 9 a.m., in the Sangha Hall. Classes will be available as well in October and November. We do not offer the class in December.

Events Outside San Diego

Consider the Summer Pacific Seminar at the Jodo Shinshu Center in Berkeley, California, running August 18-20. Or consider the one-day seminar also at the JSC with Rev. Ken Tanaka, "Every Day Buddhism," on Saturday, Aug. 26. More information is at the Jodo Shinshu Center website.

<http://www.buddhistchurchesofamerica.org/jodo-shinshu-center/>



This is the final call for golfers to register for the 22nd Annual BTSD Tournament that will take place on Sunday, August 27 at Eastlake Country Club in Chula Vista.

The tournament fee is \$115 for men and women, and \$90 for youths 15-and-under. Fees include: One round of golf, golf cart, practice range balls, continental breakfast, coffee, beverages on the course, lunch, award and a donation to the temple. Net proceeds benefit the temple's daily operations

Tournament play will be a four-person scramble.

Non-players may participate in the event as a tournament sponsor. Sponsorship opportunities include monetary and or merchandise donations.

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



BTSD Minister's Assistants

Bio – Noriko Kawai Minister's Assistant

I moved to San Diego from Kobe, Japan, in 1994. I was born and raised in a family which belongs to Jodo Shu for generations. The house I grew up in had an obutsudan, a Buddhist family altar, and also a kamidana, a Shinto Shrine. I grew up putting hands together in front of both of them. I graduated with B.A. in English Literature from Kobe College (Kobe Jogakuin Daigaku) which was founded by two female American Protestant Christian missionaries.

After I moved to San Diego, I worked in sales at Japanese corporations and traveled to many countries in the Americas, Asia, and Europe. While I was working full time, I started volunteering at San Diego Hospice (SDH) so that I could utilize then newly acquired skill as a Reiki practitioner. However, my life was changed forever when I met chaplains (they were called spiritual counselors) at SDH. When I learned what chaplains do; being present for the dying and people around them and for people with spiritual pains, I knew chaplaincy was what I wanted to do in my life.

In search of my spiritual home, I visited many houses of prayer; several different churches, synagogues, mosques, and several different Buddhist temples. Around 2011, I started coming to a class on Shoshinge led by Mukojima Sensei who was a resident Minister at Buddhist Temple of San Diego, though I did not understand much of Jodo Shinshu teachings back then. I became a member at BTSD in 2013 and have been officially certified as a Minister's Assistant by Bishop Umezu in 2016.

I was ordained as an interfaith minister by One Spirit Interfaith Seminary in New York City in 2013, and did my chaplain internship in 2013 and 2015 both at Sharp HealthCare. I graduated from Claremont School of Theology with Master of Divinity in Interfaith Chaplaincy in December, 2016. In August this year, I will start my residency again at Sharp. I hope to find a position at a hospice after that. I consider working with the dying and their family and friends to be a privilege and it gives me a great joy.

I truly enjoy serving as an assistant to Kenji Sensei and BTSD Sangha. Thank you for giving me this opportunity!

Bio – Maribeth “Smitty” Smith

I grew up in a suburb of Pittsburgh, PA, where I was given the nickname “Smitty” by a fifth-grade teacher. It stuck ever since. The Western Pennsylvania upbringing should also explain why I still root for the hometown Black & Gold teams of the Steelers, Pirates, and Penguins. But that doesn't diminish my love of San Diego, and especially the people at BTSD.

I graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy with a B.S. in Physical Science, from Heritage University with a M. Ed. with a concentration in Professional Development, and recently from the Institute of Buddhist Studies with the Kyoshi Certificate. The Kyoshi Certificate is not ordination itself, but is certification that I have completed the minimum graduate level courses required before receiving Kyoshi, or the second level of Jodo Shinshu ordination (even though I don't have tokudo, or the first level of ordination yet).

I spent 27 years in a Navy uniform, eventually reaching the rank of Commander (equivalent of Lieutenant Colonel in the other services). I was designated an unrestricted Naval Aviator when I earned my gold wings in Pensacola, FL, which means I could pilot helicopters and prop or jet planes. During my naval career, I primarily flew the H-3 and H-46 helicopters and C-12 plane. I was stationed in several different places, traveled all over the world, deployed on aircraft carriers, supply ships, and amphibious assault ships, and served along side the other military services, including working closely with the Marines.

Although I was raised Roman Catholic, I never felt as if I fit in there. Thanks to the Navy, I met friends who were Buddhist when I was stationed on Kauai. Although I didn't immediately become a Buddhist, that encounter started me on the journey that took me to many different temples and had me reading and exploring much about Buddhism. The Navy again helped with this process by stationing me in Japan for my final tour before retirement. I spent three years at Yokota Air Base, west of Tokyo, and in my spare time I explored Buddhism even more deeply.

Although I didn't start life as a Shin Buddhist, I certainly knew that I had found a home in Jodo Shinshu, and specifically a spiritual home at BTSD. While I'm only a BCA certified MA now, I aspire to ordination (both tokudo and kyoshi). I truly enjoy serving others and sharing the dharma, and am forever grateful to all who have welcomed me into the temple and continue to support me in the BTSD “Ohana” (something else from my *Kauai* days).



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The Buddhist Temple of San Diego is grateful to the following individuals and organizations for their recent donations to the Temple and its affiliated organizations. "IMO" means "In memory of." For a correction, please inform the secretary (619) 239-0896 or info@btsd.net.

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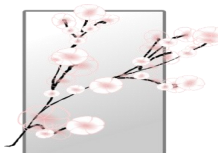
BINGO UPDATE

Asian Pacific Post 4851 will host bingo on August 12th at 6:30 p.m. in the Annex Hall. Make it a fun evening by supporting the VFW and temple.

On September 9th we will hold a benefit dinner fundraiser from 4:30 to 5:45 p.m. in the Annex Hall. Save the Date to come out to support the temple and have a wonderful meal. Dinner donation is \$10. Net proceeds from the dinner fundraiser will help VFW subsidize some of their programs, while BINGO proceeds are shared 50/50 with the temple.

Make it a fun evening with family and friends by supporting the dinner fundraiser and a session of BINGO.

As of July 1, 2017, the City of San Diego is accepting Styrofoam (such as restaurant leftover containers) in the blue recycle bins.



VOLUNTEERS HELP OUT AT TEMPLE CLEAN UP

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

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

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



Avis Honda, Alice Aoyama and Shirley Omori lead the San Diego dancers at the Senshin Bon Odori on July 1.

SUMMER BUS EXCURSION VISITS SOUTHLAND DURING O BON

On Saturday, July 1, 35 Sangha members and friends from the Buddhist Temple of San Diego (BTSD) and Vista Buddhist Temple (VBT) participated in a Sangha bus excursion to Los Angeles.

The highlight of the trip was participating in the Senshin Buddhist Temple's Bon Odori. Other side visits included the Noguchi Sculpture Garden in Costa Mesa and the Gardena Buddhist Church.

The San Diego riders gathered at BTSD for a high noon departure. The bus picked up the rest of the riders at VBT. The riders were excited about the trip, talked to one another rekindling friendships, endured a little traffic and were pleased to leave the driving to the bus driver Richard.

First stop, Noguchi Sculpture Garden.

Located one block north of the I-405 freeway, in Costa Mesa, Noguchi Sculpture Garden is nestled in a business park between two office towers.

The garden, which was commissioned in 1982 by Isamu Noguchi, a well-known American artist during the 20th century, is titled "California Scenario." It features different themes of California showcasing California Redwoods, desert scenery, a waterfall and river. Large rocks, clustered together represents lima beans for the farmland that the garden replaced.

Next stop was the Gardena Buddhist Church. Everyone was greeted by Rev. John Iwohara, resident minister, Rev. Sala Sekiya, associate minister, and a handful of members. Rev. Iwohara provided a short service that included sutra chanting and a welcome message. Everyone was invited to burn incense and marvel the beautiful onijin and meet the Gardena ministers and members.

The bus reached its featured destination, the Senshin Buddhist Temple, around 4:30 p.m., two hours before the start of its Bon Odori. The riders received a very warm welcome from the Senshin Sangha and were treated to many snacks. The bus riders dined on their Bento dinners, bought food and refreshments, and enjoyed getting to know the Senshin Sangha before the odori started. The odori following the temple's Hatsuon service that was held for family members remembering loved ones who passed away since O Bon 2016.

Many of the Sangha bus riders danced during the odori,

while the others watched with smiling faces.

Following the odori, everyone was invited to Oshoko or burn incense in the hondo, then participate in the Sento Shogon or lighting of 1,000 oil lamps candle lighting ceremony in memory of loved ones and friends. As the riders loaded the bus, everyone was treated to more snacks and an enthusiastic sendoff by our hosts.

The Senshin O Bon was very enjoyable and a heartwarming experience that reflects the true meaning why Jodo Shinshu Buddhists commemorate O Bon.

This was the third straight year for the BTSD Sangha Bus Excursion. With each trip, the ridership has grown.

In 2015, the group traveled to Los Angeles to see the stage performance of "Peace On Your Wings." Last year, the excursion traveled to Los Angeles, explored Little Tokyo and participated in the Los Angeles Betsuin O Bon Festival.

What is planned for 2018? Stay tuned.

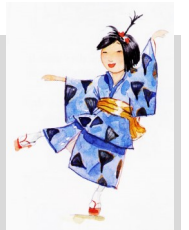
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Event organizer

Linda Redenbaugh, LuAnn Lee and Karen Okuhara stand in front of a rock sculpture depicting the lima bean farm that once graced the region where the Noguchi Sculpture Garden stands today in Costa Mesa.



AUGUST HIGHLIGHTS:

- ◆ BON ODORI, Aug. 5, Balboa Park
- ◆ RUMMAGE SALE, Aug. 20-21
- ◆ BTSD GOLF TOURNAMENT, Aug. 27



Read all about them inside!

PLEASE REMEMBER THAT THERE ARE NO SUNDAY SERVICES OR CLASSES DURING AUGUST. DHARMA SCHOOL/FAMILY SERVICES WILL RESUME ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10.

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

****PLEASE NOTE THE JAPANESE MESSAGE WILL RETURN NEXT MONTH.****

