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Membership

By Rev. Dr. Kenji Akahoshi, Resident Minister



My wife, Karen, fondly remembers as a child, the 100 lb. sacks of rice that lined her hallway around New Years. They were contributions from the sangha. Her father, Rev. Eiyu Terao, did not receive a salary, as he started the Spokane Buddhist Temple in their house. Their income was solely from the offertory box, donations received from various services, and vegetables, fish,

and other gifts. This followed the Buddhist custom of offering the Dharma without charge. Because of the prevailing practical necessities of supporting a family, ministers now receive a salary. In recent times, the BCA has suggested a sustainable salary according to a minister's length of service.

BCA temples were fortunate to have large memberships in the middle of the 20th century. As new temples were built or expanded, the maintenance of these properties necessitated that temples have a reliable income. The BCA national organization, also required reliable finances to support IBS, BEC, and other national programs. Without the BCA structure and IBS, there would be few American educated, English speaking ministers. Shin ministers must incur the high cost of a graduate degree, as anyone with a student loan is aware. In addition, ordination and training in Japan is a cost that other professions may not incur. The monk with the begging bowl, could not sustain Buddhism in America.

Although poor in financial resources, the Issei (1st generation) and Nisei (2nd) were inspired to contribute a good portion of their limited income to support the temples and their spiritual guidance. We are the grateful recipients of their generosity. But the custom of donations for special services and significant family occasions has diminished, as have other cultural and religious habits. As a practical matter, membership dues were implemented. As the custom of frequent donations has decreased, the need for more fund-raising activities have increased. Unfortunately, in the late 20th century, large numbers of Sansei (3rd generation) no longer found the temples and Buddhism, a necessary part of their lives. Due to the decrease in membership, along with the increasing costs of maintaining temple buildings, the financial needs of temples have increased.

Fortunately, the interest in Buddhism is growing in America. Historically, it has transcended all cultures and

accepts all people without discrimination. As it traveled from India to China to Japan, the essential truth was clothed in the culture of each country. Shin Buddhism, in particular, is suited for the ordinary, common person, who's reality is based on natural causes and conditions, and not on any belief system. We continue to clarify the teachings in an American context. A critical question is how to maintain the physical structure and ministerial support that has enabled Americans of all backgrounds to hear the Dharma.

Almost all the activities of the temple are supported by volunteer participation. Those who contribute their time at the highest level, do so with the heart of dana (selfless giving). Monetary contributions in the form of membership dues and donations are equally important. Younger members and those who are new to the temple may be unfamiliar with this structure. Like the Dharma and life itself, we may take these things for granted. However, like life, it may disappear according to the law of impermanence. So, it is important that all who hear the Dharma and appreciate its benefits, know how to support its message. We are seeking the most effective ways possible, as individual donations at services are becoming as obsolete as the monk's begging bowl. The combination of membership dues, donations, fund raisers, and volunteer help seem to be the most effective.

A significant portion of each membership is forwarded to BCA to sustain the national organization. BCA is also run primarily by volunteer help. Like public funded radio and TV, membership is not mandatory, but requested. The specific amount has always been a difficult decision, as incomes vary among the sangha, including those who are retired. Some religions require a tithing of 10% of a member's income. Our dues are probably less than 1%.

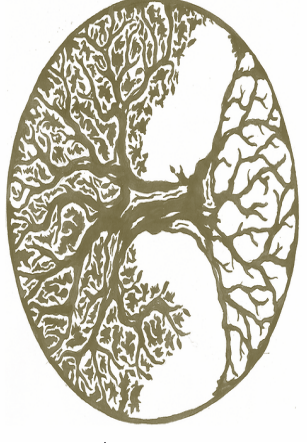
Since membership dues have been the most practical form of support, a new form of membership and renewal is introduced for the new year. Please consider something comparable to 1-2% of your income, in the form of dues and donations. We intend that the Dharma enhances your life 100%. We invite you all to become members and experience the satisfaction of supporting this noble cause. Active voluntary participation enables us to hear the Dharma, wake up to appreciate what we have, and help share it with others. By deeply hearing the Dharma, we can experience its benefits for a more joyous life. The valuable lessons of the Dharma will sustain our children in any condition of the future. Namo Amida Butsu can be expressed in words, volunteer participation, and 100 lb. sacks of rice.

In Gassho,

Sensei Kenji Akahoshi

DECEMBER 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 12 noon, Villa Gardens Sr. Lunch	2 10 am, Koto, SH
3 9 am, DS Staff Mtg. 10 am, Bodhi Day Service and Shotsuki Hoyo 11:30 am, Jr. YBA Kara-age Chicken Luncheon Fundraiser 11:45 am, BWA Mtg, CR	4 Temple Closed	5	6 10 am, Craft Day, DR 12 pm, Minyo, SH 1 pm, Shigin, CR 6:30 pm, Taiko, AH 7 pm, Buddhism 1-2-3, SH	7 10 am, TaiChi, AH	8 Bodhi Day 10 a.m., Mochigome rice washin	9 10 am, Mochitsuki Prep
10 NO SERVICE MOCHITSUKI 6 am — 3 pm	11 Temple Closed 7 pm—Ways & Means Mtg,CR	12 SD Min. Mtg, L.A. Betsuin 10 am	13 12 pm – Minyo, SH 1 pm – Shigin, CR 6:30 pm – Taiko, AH 7 pm – Buddhism 1-2-3, SH	14 10 am, TaiChi, AH 10 am, IRC Mtg, CR 6:45 pm—Board Mtg, CR	15	16 11:30 am, BWA Bonenkai 6 pm, BINGO, AH
17 10 am, DS/Family Service 11 am, Temple clean up and Omigaki (Onajjin cleaning)	18 Temple Closed Articles Due	19	20 10 am, Craft Day, DR 12 pm, Minyo, SH 1 pm, Shigin, CR 6:30 pm, Taiko, A.H	21	22	23
24 TEMPLE CLOSED No Service	25 Temple Closed	26	27 Mail Kaiho 12 pm, Minyo, SH 1 pm, Shigin, Annex 1-2 6:30 pm, Taiko, A.H	28	29	30
31 <u>10 am, Joya-E Service</u> 11:30 pm, Joya No Kane (bell ringing), Shelter Island	Jan. 1, 2018 10 am, New Year's Day Service (Shusho-E)	LOOKING AHEAD: Jan. 7, Dharma School resumes, 10 a.m. Jan. 21, Ho Onko and New Year's Party Jan. 28, General Meeting				



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By LuAnn Lee, Board President

In mid-October and November, I went on a couple of personal trips to visit family. The October trip was to New York to visit my son Kevin and the November trip was to visit cousins in Arizona. In between those trips, we traveled locally to Julian for our annual family trip and Hemet to visit my aunt's resting place. Although it was busy and I missed a couple of temple events, it felt good to get away even if it was just a few days at a time.

Fall is one of my favorite times of the year because it's usually not too cold or too hot. I heard the Halloween party was fun for all who attended. Thank you to the Dharma School and the Junior YBA for hosting the annual event.

On November 18, BTSD along with The Grateful Crane Ensemble presented GUS (Growing up Sansei) Garage Door Opener. It was a reading/dialogue about Japanese American upbringing.

I wish to thank the Grateful Crane Ensemble for making the time to come to San Diego, Karen Akahoshi for being the driving force that brought it to us, Sharon Sasaki for taking on the lead of the committee and to Glenn Torio for his leadership as well. There are so many more to thank and know that all your efforts are appreciated even though your name is not listed.

I hope those of you that attended the reading enjoyed it and that you were able to relate in some way. For me, it was interesting how the past can influence us today.

Thank you to our Opportunity Drawing Donors Akiko Morimoto (cousin of the Torio and Kinoshita families), Teriyaki Grill in Chula Vista, BTSD and Harold Lee and LuAnn Lee.

Thank you to all that purchased a ticket for a chance to win a basket or item. Appreciate for your purchases and generous donations that were received as we netted almost \$1,300.

Congratulations to all the winners!

I want to give you a heads up on a couple of letters members will receive from the temple. One will be about an increase in membership dues for next year and the other will be the annual Oseibo donation and an additional opportunity to make a donation towards the Annex roof. Please know that I along with the Board of Directors will be here for you to ask questions or address your concerns.

In Gassho,

LuAnn Lee

BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

The Board of Directors met on Thursday, November 9. The following are key topics from the meeting:

1. The Board approved the Ways & Means Committee proceeding with the vetting of proposals and contracting for the installation of solar at the temple. It is projected that the temple would see an approximate \$9000 annual savings in electricity costs. The project will be self-funded with monies borrowed from the Fidelity account with a 6-7-year payback.
2. The 2018 BCA National Council meeting will be in Sacramento in February. The Board approved funds for the minister and two temple representatives to attend.
3. The BCA Leadership Council will be held in January at the Jodo Shinshu Center. Transportation cost for the President to attend was approved.
4. The Board received updates on the financials from the temple Obon, Balboa Park Bon Odori, The Board also received a report on the income property that was approved for purchase.

BWA NEWS

November was a very busy month for the BWA. We had our makizushi fundraiser on Nov. 12 following the Eitaikyo service. Thank you to all who turned on the Saturday before the sale to prep. With all the help we had, we finished in record time. We were treated to a delicious curry rice lunch, too.

Another huge thank you to the ladies who stayed after the service to handle hospitality and the sushi sale. We hope that everyone enjoyed the sushi.

Those who attended the memorial service on Nov. 12 in Gardena for Rev. Jim Yanagihara were impressed with the ceremony. Boku looked very happy to see us.

Some BWA members and craft group members came out to help bake an unbelievable 52 dozen cookies that were served at the Growing up Sansei reading lunch and intermission. These bakers included Randy, Jennifer, and Sue Takeshita, Betty Torio, Aki Tomiyama, Nancy Martinez, Naomi Himaka, Ruby Hara, Kiku Graeber, Nobuko Basham and Mrs. Aoyama. Janice Shigehara brought in persimmon Mochi and rare cookies baked at home. A lot of work, but the kitchen smelled heavenly while the cookies baked. Thank you, bakers!

The BWA's Bonenkai will be held on Saturday, December 16 at Kanpai Restaurant in Chula Vista. Members, the deadline for signing up for the event is December 3 at our monthly meeting. Don't forget the \$10 gift exchange.

DHARMA SCHOOL NEWS

On Nov. 26, we had our annual bowling activity at Kearny Mesa Bowl. There were over 30 bowlers and everyone had a great time. There were a lot of strikes and smiling faces. The younger DS Students bowled with the bumpers and the ball ramp. A couple of the older students tried to sneak on their lanes. A few of the Sangha members joined in on the fun. They were in competition with the older students.

On Sunday, December 10, our DS students will have a chance to help with the Temple's annual mochitsuki. Students and families are encouraged to come out early, find Mr. Ralph, and he will find you a fun job. DS made a donation to the event to help offset expenses.

Joya-E and Shusho-E Services. **The Joya-E (New Year's Eve) Service, December 31**, falls on a Sunday. The service will begin at **10 a.m.** Everyone is encouraged to attend.

As this year comes to an end, we express our thanks to Amida Buddha's guidance throughout the past year. After the service, people will be able to hit the kansho (temple bell) to get rid of the evil karma of the past year. The kansho is rung 108 times. The **Shusho-E (New Year's Day) Service, January 1**, will be at 10 a.m. Students will receive extra credit for each service that is attended.

Happy December Birthday wishes to: Trevin Sandoval, Emma Yanagihara, and Noleen Sandoval.

The next teacher-staff meeting will be on Sunday, December 3 at 9 a.m. in the conference room

Gassho,
Avis Honda, Superintendent

BTSD HOSTS SENIOR LUNCH DAY

The temple will host the Friday Senior lunch on Friday, December 1 from 12:00 noon to 1 p.m. at Villa Gardens in Chula Vista. For \$3 seniors may purchase Margo's delicious sweet and sour pork with the fixins and enjoy lunch with temple members and community friends.

Villa Gardens (formerly Kiku Gardens) is located at 1260 Third Avenue, 91911.

Craft Days

**1st & 3rd WEDNESDAYS,
10am-2 pm, BTSD Dining Room**

Join us for some crafty fun,
good conversation and great memories!
Bring a dish to share for the pot-luck!



JR. YBA NEWS

The month of November was busy for the Jr. YBA! Over the past month, we were fortunate to collect donations from BTSD members through the Thanksgiving basket and give them to local families in need. Thanks for your kind and generous donations, we were able to pack turkeys, pumpkin pie, mashed potatoes, brownie mix, canned goods and more to support four families! Thank you all for sharing the "dana" spirit this holiday season.

Coming up we will have a Kaarage luncheon on December 3! It will include chicken kaarage, broccoli, rice and more. Come get some of Laura's signature fried chicken after temple! Tickets will be available from Jr. YBA members and at the door. Donation is \$7 per plate.

That's about it for the Jr. YBA events for this month! We wish you happy holidays for the month of December and hope to see you at our luncheon and Mochitsuki!"

-Hailey Sasaki



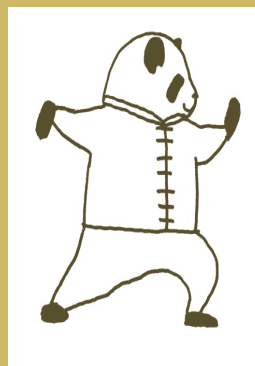
SCRIP NEWS

The holiday season is almost here and you still have a few weeks to place your order for gift cards for this joyous season! Please try and have your orders placed by the end of the first week in December so that you can be assured of receiving your gift cards for the holidays.

This is the time of year that Great Lakes Scrip Center has \$10 gift cards available that they usually don't have during the year. You can get \$10 gift cards for Walmart, Target, Panera, Jack-in-the-Box, Subway, Burger King, Wendy's, Carl's Jr., and many more.

So check your holiday list and order scrip for your favorite stores and restaurants! Happy Holidays!

BTSD Tai Chi



We have a new instructor who is easy to follow and patient with us, so please come and check it out. (Your doctor may tell you it's good for your balance). We are asking for a suggested donation of \$5 per session, (optional).

**Thursdays, Dec. 7, 14
(Not the 21st or 28th)
10-11 a.m. in the Annex Hall**

Winter Pacific Seminar Conversations on Shin Buddhism Today

In English & Japanese
Keynote Speakers:

Rev. Tetsuo Unno

Shin Buddhist Lecturer & BCA Minister - Los Angeles

Rev. Dr. Mark Unno

Professor of Religious Studies - University of Oregon

Saturday, January 27, 2018

9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Orange County Buddhist Church

909 South Dale Ave. Anaheim, CA 92804

Registration: \$40 (w/ lunch) Deadline Jan. 17, 2018

Sign-up at the BTSD Office

Hosted by the BCA Southern Dist. Ministers Assoc.
& Buddhist Education

Buddhism 1-2-3 Schedule

Dec. 6 and 13

In the Sangha Hall, 7 p.m.

(We will break for the rest of December)



It's that
Time Again
The BWA is selling their
Almond Brittle
& Brittle Popcorn!

Swing by during
Mochitsuki For gifts,
And don't forget a gift for
yourself too!

Changes Coming for 2018 Membership Dues

Bill Teague, Membership Chair

So we can continue to meet our expenses and keep the temple running, the Temple Board has authorized changes in 2018 including mild increases for most levels of membership. This issue of the kaiho includes Rev. Akahoshi's thoughts on membership as well as the new 2018 form which you refer to along with this article.

Here are the changes in store for 2018.

Fewer Membership Levels. This year we have eliminated what was our basic rate, which we had called the Sustaining level. We also eliminated an optional youth discount, which was under-used. We went from six categories to four, which you can see on the 2018 form.

Changes in Rates. Most of us are affected by two increases: If we were at the main Sustaining Level or the Optional Sr. Discount level. Let's take a look at each.

- **2017 Sustaining Members.** We have combined the former Sustaining Membership level with the Dana Level with an increase for folks at the sustaining level (and a mild decrease otherwise). Most of us were members at the Sustaining level and will now be covered at the modified Dana level. Dues for us will increase \$6.25 per month per individual.
- **2017 Optional Senior Members.** We treasure our senior members, often our most generous supporters, who have donated to the Temple their entire lives. Many members gratefully utilize this discounted level. The increases at this level are for \$3 per month per individual.

Monthly View. The form presents levels of dues and even optional donations as a monthly figure first, rather than an annual donation. This conscious decision is meant to allow us to compare our expenses on membership to the monthly costs of wifi, cable TV, Starbucks, or other expenses. The change also underscores what are relatively minor increases as noted above. And finally, we hope over time, more members will feel comfortable with monthly credit card deductions especially if budgeting for the larger annual payment causes difficulty in household budgeting.

Subscriber Concept. You will also see a move to more of a subscription model for membership. We do this first to remove any perceived barriers to our Dharma friends who are tentative or nervous about joining. Now members can start monthly payments at any time. They will receive renewal notices before the next term of membership to review and improve their account.

Easier for Current Members. We hope this move – so instead of you filling out a new form each year to maintain your membership, but rather simply review what we have for you on record—will make it easier for you to manage your membership.

Thanks for your ongoing support, and please let me know if you have questions and concerns. Bill Teague, 619-248-3729, btcomms@cox.net.

YEAR-END ACTIVITIES

Rev. Dr. Kenji Akahoshi and the temple Board of Directors encourage the entire Sangha and friends to attend the last service of 2017 on Sunday, December 31 beginning at 10 a.m.

This will be a regular family service and will conclude with each person having the opportunity to ring the temple's bell. Following the service, refreshments will be provided in the dining room.

Please note that the traditional evening year-end service will not take place on December 31.

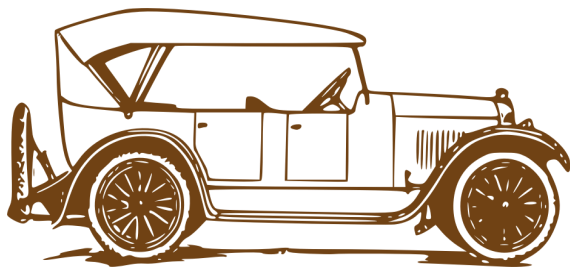
Later that evening, everyone is invited to the bell ringing ceremony at the San Diego-Yokohama Friendship Bell located at the south end of Shelter Island Park. A brief service begins at 11:30 p.m., followed by the tolling of the Bonsho (large bell).

Begin 2018 by attending the Shusho-E (New Year's Day) service beginning at 10 a.m. Kenji Sensei will welcome everyone and deliver a Dharma message on January 1.

BTSD VEHICLE DONATION PROGRAM

THINKING ABOUT GETTING RID
OF YOUR OLD CAR?

LOOKING FOR A YEAR END
TAX DEDUCTION?



Consider Donating Your
Vehicle TODAY!

Contact the Temple for
More Information at:
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2018 Year Of the Dog

Save the Date

*Please Plan to Join Us for the
2018 New Years Party!*

On Sunday, January 21

(following the Ho Onko Service)



The final BINGO night of the year will be on Saturday, December 16. The session begins at 6 p.m.

The \$10 buy-in package includes 12 crazy games of BINGO with monetary and consolation prizes. The final game of the night will be a black-out game.

Arrive early and purchase the VFW's world famous hot dogs and chili for dinner. Food sales begin at 4:30 p.m.

Enjoy an evening with family and friends and have a chance to win by yelling BINGO!

BINGO Dates for 2018

January 13
February 10
March 10
April 4
May 12
June 9
July 14
August 11
September 8
October 6
November 10
December 1





*The Temple and Sangha offers sincere condolences to the family and friends of:
Mr. Saburo Kodama ~ November 10, 2017*

DECEMBER SHOTSUKI LIST

The December Shotsuki Hoyo (MEMORIAL SERVICE) will be held Sunday, December 3, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. in conjunction with the Bodhi Day Service. Families and friends of anyone who passed away during the month of December are urged to attend and offer incense. If there are any errors in the list, please notify the temple at (619) 239-0896 or e-mail info@btsd.net.

12月の祥月法要は12月3日（日、午前10時より行います。先亡者のご遺族の方々にはぜひ、仏教会へ御参詣ください。尚、名簿に間違いがある場合、お手数ですが、仏教会までご連絡ください。（619）239-0896または、info@btsd.netへメールを送ってください。

<u>DECEASED</u>	<u>FAMILY MEMBER</u>	<u>DECEASED</u>	<u>FAMILY MEMBER</u>
Kitsu Ito (12-14-1939)	Ito Family	Bunichi Tsukamoto (12-17-1991)	Wayne Tsukamoto
Nihei Furusho (12-5-1943)	Chieko Saito	Keisuke Okuma(12-28-1991)	Yoshie Okuma
Tadasu Oya (12-18-1947)	Paul Oya	Ben Honda (12-24-1995)	Mikiye Honda
Yutaka Amano (12-11-1950)	Amano Family	Yoshimi Uyeji (12-12-1997)	Chieko Takeguchi
Masaki Yoshida (12-7-1954)	Sakamoto Family	Taiji Santohigashi (12-16-1997)	Shunichi Santohigashi
Wakako Tsuneyoshi (12-29-1959)	Duane Koba	Tsuruyo Kawamoto (12-22-1997)	Jack Matsui
Sone Takada (12-17-1961)	Ichiji Takada	Yoshiko Kashima (12-15-1998)	Kashima Family
Daniel Amano (12-14-1962)	Nobuko Amano	Nobue Nishii (12-23-2001)	Toyo Nishii
Yasu Akiyama (12-17-1963)	Akiyama Family	Nobuo Nadahara (12-22-2002)	Nakagawa Family
Kiyoko Hosaka (12-24-1963)	June Hosaka	Isamu Sugimoto (12-24-2002)	Joe Sugimoto
Hiroshi Oyama (12-29-1963)	Rodney Oyama	Koharu Katie Shiraishi (12-7-2005)	Shiraishi Family
Isamu Miyama (12-20-1964)	Friends	Kaoru Saito Bennett (12-14-2005)	Ford Bennett
Tatsu Hata (12-9-1965)	Hamada Family	Mary Sanaye Yamaguchi (12-19-2005)	Donna Y. McDonnell
Hichijiro Masuyuki (12-5-1966)	Troy Matsumoto	Masao Kishi (12-23-2005)	Elena Barrett
Kenji Nishigaki (12-7-1967)	Friends	Eiji Oya (12-11-2006)	Yumiko Oya
Takeo Tachiki (12-5-1969)	Tachiki Family	Kasuke Ogata (12-3-2009)	Toshiko Ogata
Natsu Tanaka (12-4-1970)	Tanaka Family	Irene Koga (12-18-2009)	Florence Koga
Takeshi Okuma (12-12-1973)	Okuma Family	Manae Mayumi (12-17-2010)	Katsuhiro Morishita
Shigeto Amano (12-28-1973)	Amano Family	Shizue Yamamoto (12-15-2011)	Yamamoto Family
Zentaro Araumi (12-8-1974)	Shizuka Azuma	Isamu Nakamura (12-6-2012)	Shari Nakamura
Aya Tokimura (12-16-1974)	Furuya Family	Kaitlyn Sky Yotbounmy (12-1-2013)	Stephanie Yamamoto
Matsue Tsuji (12-22-1977)	Tsuji Family	Ritsuko "Tosh" Ogier (12-15-2013)	Robyn Ogier
Mitose Okuma (12-30-1977)	Okuma Family	Walter Julian Vallery (12-27-2013)	Aiko Vallery
George Hamada (12-31-1978)	Hamada Family	Kenichi Hitomi (12-30-2013)	Chiharu Hitomi
Ito Kawamoto (12-22-1979)	Kawamoto Family	Nobuko Uchino (12-10-2015)	Gary Uchino
David H. Uda (12-1-1981)	Georgiana Uda	Kuriko Darini (12-22-2015)	Bruna Mori
Masaru Higuchi (12-4-1983)	Yasuko Higuchi	Yoko Ajishi Garcia (12-16-2015)	Joseph A. Garcia
Hikoichi Okimoto (12-2-1985)	Tom Okimoto	George S. Kitagawa Jr (12-17-2015)	Gary Kitagawa
Shigeo Amano (12-14-1986)	Mikiye Honda	Kathy Yamada Olsen (12-19-2015)	Scott Olsen
Frank Yonekura (12-9-1987)	Roy Yonekura	Pauline Masako Nakamura (12-24-2015)	Shari Nakamura
Naomi Campbell (12-14-1988)	Campbell Family	Yukiko Negoro (12-27-2015)	Glenn Negoro
Take Torimaru (12-27-1988)	Torimaru Family		
Asao Momita (12-21-1989)	Gary Momita		
Kakuaki Kaneko (12-16-1990)	Kaneko Family	Amended from November 2016: Kanejiro Kondo (11-24-1945)	Yamashita Family

MEMORIAL SERVICES

MEMORIAL SERVICES allow us to pay homage to loved ones who have passed away. In our Jodo Shinshu tradition, family members hold a service at certain intervals following a relative's death to express gratitude for and acknowledge their continuing influence in our lives. If you wish to schedule a memorial service for a loved one, please call during weekly office hours.

2017 is the memorial year for those who passed away in:

1st Year Memorial	2017	13th Year Memorial	2006	27th Year Memorial	1992
3rd Year Memorial	2016	17th Year Memorial	2002	33rd Year Memorial	1986
7th Year Memorial	2012	25th Year Memorial	1994	50th Year Memorial	1969

DONATIONS

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 our secretary at (619) 239-0896 or info@btsd.net.

BUDDHIST TEMPLE

Ryan, Mani and Ed
Okuhara, Roy
IMO Tom Yanagihara
Himaka, Michio
IMO Tom Yanagihara
Uyeji, Masako
IMO Tom Yanagihara
Otsuji, Dennis
IMO Tom Yanagihara
Negoro, Glenn
IMO Tom Yanagihara
Sugiyama, Yukiko
IMO Tom Yanagihara
Ohara, Fumiko
IMO Tom Yanagihara
Mizuno, Junko
IMO Tom Yanagihara
Okuma, Yoshie
IMO Tom Yanagihara
Kasubuchi, Naoye
IMO Tom Yanagihara
Nakamura, Jake K.
IMO Tom Yanagihara
Fuchigami, Stephen P.
IMO Tom Yanagihara
Nishii, Toyo
IMO Tom Yanagihara
Torio, Glenn
IMO Tom Yanagihara
Himaka, Gary
IMO Tom Yanagihara
Takeguchi, Henry
IMO Tom Yanagihara
Matsumoto, Akiko & Ken
IMO Tom Yanagihara
Muraoka, Roy
IMO Tom Yanagihara
Furuoka, Dennis
IMO Tom Yanagihara
Yamada, Joseph & Elizabeth
IMO Tom Yanagihara
Guerra, Fabrizio & Carolyn
IMO Tom Yanagihara
Yamamoto, Koichi
IMO Tom Yanagihara
Kawamoto, Yukio and Mitsuo
IMO Tom Yanagihara
Schraeder, Susan
IMO Tom Yanagihara
Uyeji, Stanley & Jacquelyn
IMO Tom Yanagihara
Kubota, Hiroshi
IMO Tom Yanagihara
Elyea, Jeanne
IMO Tom Yanagihara
Hashiguchi, John
IMO Tom Yanagihara
Endowment Fdn-BCA
IMO Tom Yanagihara
Yonekura, Roy
IMO Tom Yanagihara
Takashima, Kikuko
IMO Tom Yanagihara
From Kikuko and Ron
Takashima

Kawasaki, Kiyoshi & Itsuko
IMO Tom Yanagihara
Imori, Laverne
IMO Tom Yanagihara
Honda, Ralph
IMO Tom Yanagihara
Hill, Miyo
IMO Tom Yanagihara
Estes, Toshiye
IMO Tom Yanagihara
Graeber, Kikue
IMO Tom Yanagihara
Omori, Shirley
IMO Tom Yanagihara
Yamanishi, Miyoko
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Kida, Katsumi
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Yamamoto, Kengo
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Honda, Mikiye
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Yamamoto, George
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Kawasaki, Mildred
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Morinaka, Asako
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Jensen, Richard
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Kobayashi, Sandra
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Nakano, Reiko
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Ryan, Mani and Ed
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Asakawa, Masato (Bruce)
IMO Rev. Jim Yanagihara
Dharma School
IMO Tom Yanagihara
Muraoka, Roy
Hara, Ruby
Hara, Ruby
Nimura, Saburo
Oto, June
7th Year Mem.
Shigeru Oto
Uda, Jill N.
Mem. Serv. - 3rd Year
Pauline Nakamura
Mem. Serv. - 7th Year
Sam Nakamura

Eshinni Service
Hara, Ruby
Kawasaki, Kiyoshi & Itsuko
Kawasaki, Trace
IMO Sam and
Pauline Nakamura
Yamamoto, George
IMO Pauline and
Sam Nakamura
Benson, Agnes
IMO Umeko Kawamoto
Easter, Yuki
Brown, Leroy W & Lorna S
IMO Tom Yanagihara

90th SPECIAL DONATIONS

Teague, Bill

DHARMA SCHOOL

Umekubo, Lisa
Yanagihara, Tom Masaru
Kajita, Timothy
Sasaki, Lorin
Sasaki, Lorin

EITAIKYO FUND

Torio, Betty
IMO Charley Torio
Graeber, Kikue
IMO Masao Santohigashi
IMO Kiyoko Santohigashi
Kikue Graeber
Muraoka, Roy
IMO Aiko Muraoka
IMO Saburo Muraoka
IMO Haruko Muraoka
Ishino, Isabel
IMO Kosaburo Ishino, Father
IMO Matsue Ishino, Mother
Furuya, George Jr
IMO George Sr and
Shiz Furuya
IMO Earl and Lousie Osaki
Ishizaki, Sheryl
IMO Priscilla Ishizaki, Mother
IMO Joseph R Ishizaki, Father
Oto, June
IMO Shiegeru Oto, Husband
IMO Motona Oto
IMO Oto Ancestors
Morinaka, Asako
IMO Roy Morinaka, Husband
IMO Dennis Morinaka, Son
Yanagihara, Sumiko
IMO Tom Yanagihara Sr
Benson, Agnes
IMO John E Benson
Moriyama, Chieko
IMO Sakuhichi Yano, Father
IMO Chiyo Yano, Mother
IMO Hajime Yano
IMO Yoshiharu Yano

IMO Tokihara Yano
IMO Hatsuyo Yano
IMO George Chiyoji
IMO Tadashi Yano
IMO Yano Family
Omori, Shirley
IMO Gilchi Omori
Yamamoto, Koichi
IMO Noboru Yamamoto, Father
IMO Shizue Yamamoto, Mother
Sachiya Yamamoto, Sister
IMO Haruhiko Otsuji, Father
(Joyce Yamamoto)
IMO Ayako Otsuji, Mother
(Joyce Yamamoto)
Honda, Mikiye
IMO Ben Honda, Husband
Mikiye Honda
Uyeji, Masako
IMO Kotti Uyeji, Husband
IMO Asamen Family
Kuwada, Howard Kanji
IMO Kohichi Kuwada, Father
IMO Mitsuko Kuwada, Mother
Tomoyo Lin, Daughter
Kashima, Jeanie
Masumoto, Chiyoko
IMO Shigeru Masumoto
IMO Yuki Masumoto
IMO Masumoto Family
Honda, Ralph
Ralph Honda
Kashima, Tetsuden
Tsuneyoshi, Motoo
Moto & Angelina Tsuneyoshi
Tsuneyoshi, Miki
IMO Jinkichi Yamasaki
IMO Testu Yamasaki
Sugiyama, Yukiko
IMO Yasaku Nakamura, Father
IMO Hamako Nakamura, Mother
IMO Yasuyuki Sugiyama, Husband
Yukiko Sugiyama

EITAIKYO SERVICE

Torio, Betty
Graeber, Kikue
Otsuji, Dennis
Nogata, Yuriko
Yamashita, Emiko
Shigehara, Wilbur
Yamamoto, Kengo
Morinaka, Asako
Oto, June
Yamanishi, Miyoko
Kuwada, Howard Kanji
Kida, Katsumi
Kashima, Jeanie
Ohara, Fumiko
Takashima, Helen K
IMO Takashima, Yonekura
ancestors

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DONATIONS

EITAIKYO SERVICE

Aoyama, Rev Tesshi
 Kawasaki, Kiyoshi & Itsuko
 Hashiguchi, John
 Masumoto, Chiyoko
 Omori, Shirley
 IMO Gilchi Omori
 Honda, Mikiye
 Negoro, Glenn
 Wiederkehr, Jeff
 Kawamoto, Yukio and Mitsu
 Voorhies, Ruth
 Hagio, Quimico
 Yanagihara, Sumiko
 Kawasaki, Trace
 Ong, Mike
 Suyenaga, Mary
 Sugiyama, Yukiko
 Ishisaki, Emiko
 Koga, Florence
 Benson, Agnes
 Sugiyama, Chiyeko
 Martinez, Nancy
 Honda, Ralph
 Moriyama, Chieko
 Yamamoto, Koichi
 Sumida, Floyd

FLORAL OFFERING

Umekubo, Lisa
 Yanagihara, Tom Masaru
 Kajita, Timothy
 Sasaki, Lorin
 Sasaki, Lorin

GENERAL MAINTENANCE

Umekubo, Lisa
 Yanagihara, Tom Masaru
 Kajita, Timothy
 Sasaki, Lorin
 Sasaki, Lorin

IMPROVEMENTS

Sumida, Floyd -Kitchen Improvement
 Kajita, Timothy - Kitchen Improvement

MEMBERSHIP DUES-2017

Shea, John R and Jaime
 Muraoka, Ken
 Umekubo, Lisa
 Yanagihara, Tom Masaru
 Kajita, Timothy
 Sasaki, Lorin
 Yagura, Ronald
DUES - 2018
 Sasaki, Lorin

SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Umekubo, Lisa
 Smith, Maribeth "Smitty"
 For MAP
 Yanagihara, Tom Masaru

SHOTSUKI HOYO

Martinez, Nancy
 IMO Ritsu Nabeta
 IMO Hatsuye Uyeno
 Voorhies, Ruth
 IMO Kotono Takahashi
 Kawamoto, Yukio and Mitsu
 IMO Imataro Kawamoto
 IMO Kiyoji Mayumi
 Torio, Glenn
 Omori, Shirley
 IMO Giichi Omori
 Honda, Mikiye
 Graeber, Kikue
 IMO Sachiko Santohigashi
 Kida, Katsumi
 Ochi, Kay
 IMO Akiji Ochi
 Ohara, Fumiko
 Nakamura, Jake K
 IMO Yoshiko Nakamura
 Santohigashi, Shunichi
 Torio, Betty
 Honda, Ralph

Teague, Joyce
 IMO Ritsu Nabeta
 IMO Hatsuye Uyeno
 Inouye, Jeanne M
 IMO Ritsu Nabeta
 IMO Hatsuye Uyeno
 Tomiyama, Akie
 IMO Sachiko Santohigashi
 Yamashita, Emiko
 Ishizaki, Sheryl
 IMO Priscilla Ishizaki
 IMO Joseph Ishizaki
 Masumoto, Chiyoko
 Benson, Agnes
 Sugiyama, Yukiko
 IMO Hanako Nakamura



MOCHITSUKI ORDER FORM

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2017

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 pound)

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

TOTAL COST = \$ _____

Send order form with check to:

Buddhist Temple of San Diego, Attn: Mochi
2929 Market Street, San Diego, CA 92102.

OR Send an e-mail order to:

info@btsd.net

Deadline to order is SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2017

Orders received AFTER the deadline will be placed on STAND-BY. All orders must be picked up at the Temple SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10, 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

ANNUAL MOCHITSUKI DAY IS SUNDAY DECEMBER 10

Each December the temple Sangha and friends of all ages, from the youngest Dharma School student to the young at heart, gather for a day of participating in the Japanese cultural tradition of making mochi (sweet rice cakes) for the New Year.

The annual Mochi Tsuki will take place on Sunday, December 10 from 6 a.m. to 3 p.m. Everyone is encouraged to participate.

The temple is planning to wash and steam 900 pounds of mochigome (sweet rice), which will produce approximately 1,300 pounds of mochi.

For you mochi-making veterans and those new to the temple, mochi tsuki requires a lot of people power. The day will be busy with tasks for everyone. First-timers, don't be shy to jump in and lend a hand. The veterans will assist you.



Here is a schedule of activities for mochi tsuki weekend. Volunteering your help will be greatly appreciated:

Friday, Dec. 8 – Mochigome rice washing from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Saturday, Dec 9 – Equipment check and setup from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 10 – Mochi Tsuki Day (6 a.m. to 3 p.m.)

The following information will give you a brief perspective of the procedures for mochi making on Sunday, Dec. 10:

Steaming the mochigome (sweet rice)

Grinding and pounding the hot steamed rice into a doughy pasty form. A little bit of muscle is required. For you early risers, manpower is needed especially from 6 to 9 a.m., and throughout the day.

Shaping and molding the mochi into two-inch circular morsels. Many hands will be needed for this task.

Fanning and cooling the mochi before packaging.

Packaging and weighing mochi into one-pound bags.

Runners deliver the packaged mochi to the pickup/sales area. Energetic legs are fast with deliveries.

Clean up. After the final batch is produced, it will be time to clean the equipment after a day of productive hard work.

Most importantly, many smiles, rekindling friendships, appreciating a cultural tradition and having a lot of fun!

MOCHI ORDERS: The deadline for pre-orders is Sunday, Dec. 3. Donation is \$4.50 for a one-pound bag (approximately seven pieces). The two-piece kasane for your home O Butsudan is \$7.00. Please fill out the order form that can be found in this month's Bussei Script or the BTSD website. Orders received after the deadline will be placed in standby.

MOCHI PICK UP: Orders must be picked up on Sunday, Dec. 10 between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m.

DONATIONS: Are being accepted for the purchase of supplies. The suggested donation is \$75.

OTHER SALES: Browse and buy at Kaytee's White Elephant and Kris' Tupperware. The BWA will be selling their Almond Brittle and popcorn for your year-end holiday gifts.

POTLUCK LUNCH: Bring your favorite food dish to share for the potluck luncheon that will be served to the volunteers.

CONTACT THE TEMPLE: At (619) 239-0896 or email: info@btsd.net to place your order, volunteer your help with time you wish to work and for more information.

Making mochi is an enjoyable and rewarding experience. The temple looks forward to seeing you during Mochi Tsuki weekend!

In Gassho,

Ralph Honda and Glenn Negoro, Co-chairs

お仏壇はこころの窓

駐在開教使 向嶋謙史

先の十月、カリフォルニア州北部で大規模な山火事がありました。この山火事は、強風で倒れた送電線が原因となつた可能性が高く、今年は深刻な干ばつと猛暑、更に強風に見舞われたことから記録的な山火事と発展しました。残念なことに、この山火事によつて、二十一万五千人以上も延焼し、八千以上の家屋、建物が消失、更には、少なくとも四十二人の方が犠牲になられました。これは、カリフォルニア州における過去最大級の山火事だと言われています。被災された方々が一日も早く平常な生活を取り戻されるよう心から願っています。

私がサンディエゴに駐在していた時も、何度か大きな山火事が発生し、ご門徒の方々が仏教会へ避難されたことがありました。また、自宅が全焼し、多大な被害にあわれた門徒さんもおられました。

数年後、その門徒さんから新築祝いのパーティに妻と招待されたのですが、当時の話を聞いてみますと、周りから襲いかかる火災で避難を余儀なくされた際、真っ先に持つて逃げたのが、お仏壇と愛犬だったそうです。家の中には、家族の思い出がたくさん詰まった大切な物や非常に高価な物まで多数あつたことだと思います。しかし、祖父母から受け継がれたお仏壇だけは何としても護らなくてはならないという強い思いが火災から逃れることを可能にしたのです。たとえ敬虔な浄土真宗の門徒であつても、誰にでもできることではありません。ただただ頭の下がる思いでした。

招待された方々が集まる中、無事だったお仏壇の前で家族や友人の皆さんと一緒に重荷をあげさせていた

だきました。その時の涙を拭いながらお念仏を称えておられたご家族の姿が今でも心に深く残っています。何とも忘れがたい尊い時間でした。

さて、皆さんもご自宅にお仏壇を持つておられると思いますが、浄土真宗のお仏壇の真ん中には、ご本尊として阿弥陀仏が安置されています。阿弥陀仏は悟りであり、真実そのものですから本来、色も形もありません。しかし、真実を見ることのできない凡夫の私達には、何も無いところに手を合わせることは大変難しいことです。その為、阿弥陀仏が、方便法身という具体的なお姿、すなわち、「御木像や御絵像」、または「お名号」となつて私達に手を合わせる方向を示して下さいます。

また、浄土真宗ではお仏壇を「こころの窓」と呼んでいます。みなさんのお家には窓がついていて、どうか。窓のない家をお持ちの方は無いと思います。では、何故全ての家に窓があるかと言いますと、それには大きな理由が二つあります。

一つは、光を家の中に入れるということです。私達はどれほど視力が良くても、光がなければ何も見ることはできません。どれほど知り尽くしている家の中でも、暗闇の中では歩くことも困難です。お手洗に行くだけでも、壁やテーブル等に何度もぶつかつて痛い思いをするでしょう。また、光がないと、部屋の中がどれほど散らかつているか分からないので、床の上に転がっているゴルフボールに気づかず、転んで怪我をすることもあるでしょう。しかし、窓があることによつて、太陽の光が家の中に入るので、暗い部屋が明るくなり、何かにぶつかつたり、つまづいたりすることはありません。また、散乱したゴミを見るのができれば、掃除をしようという意識もできてきます。

このように、全ての家に窓があるように、私達の心にも窓が必要。つまり、このお仏壇こそが私達の心に光を取り入れて下さる尊い窓なのです。

そして、その光は阿弥陀仏が智慧の光明として私達一人ひとりに届けて下さっています。ですから、お仏壇の蠟燭に火を灯すことによつて、智慧の光が闇に包まれた私達の心を照らし、心にこびりついているゴミや垢(煩悩)に気づかせ、心の掃除をするよう促して下さいます。

また、窓にはもう一つ大切な役目があります。それは、空気を入れ替えるということです。鬱滞した部屋の中になると、空気が汚れ、カビや細菌等が繁殖し、体に大きな被害を与えます。換気をする事で、新鮮な空気を部屋の中に取り入れることができ、健康を保つことができます。私達の心も同じように日々の生活の中で、もやもやとした気持ちや立ち込めます。例えば、愚痴がたまると、イライラする、怒りが募るなどといった不満な気持ちやどんどんたまってくると、しまいに感情が爆発して自分を見失い、大声で泣いたり、ものに当たるなどしてしまします。

そのような時は、お仏壇のお花を通して、阿弥陀仏の慈悲のいのちに触れさせていたたくことが大切です。ですから、お花をお供えし、お香を焚いて心を落ち着かすことで、いつも私達に寄り添つて下さる阿弥陀仏の慈悲の温もりに気づかされ、自然と心が癒されていきます。

私達は、日々心休まることなく慌ただしい生活を送っています。だからこそ、お仏壇の前で、静かに手を合わせ、お念仏を称えていく中で、阿弥陀仏の智慧の光と慈悲のいのちに遇わせていただくことが何よりも大切なことです。

阿弥陀仏のお徳がまつたお仏壇は、私達の心の拠り所、また、家庭の精神の基盤となつて、常に私達の人生を支え、真実の道へと導いて下さっています。どうか、門徒の皆さまには、生かされている日々の感謝と共に、お仏壇を「こころの窓」として、いつまでも大切に相續していただきたいと切に願っております。それでは皆さん、よいお年をお迎えください。



TEMPLE CLEAN UP DAY IS DECEMBER 17

Bring out your buckets and brooms, cleaning cloths and cleaners.

The temple's year-end cleanup day will take place on Sunday, Dec. 17 starting at 11 a.m., following the Dharma School/Family service. If you have a couple of hours to volunteer your time, it will be extremely appreciated.

The focus areas to be cleaned will be in the hondo, including onajin "Omigaki" led by the BWA, cleaning the pews, and minister's and floral side rooms.

Tidying up the kitchen, walk-in pantry and cleaning out the refrigerators will also take place.

If you really want to get down to the nitty gritty, the basement will be cleaned to make room for storage.

Dharma School teachers and students are encouraged to clean their classroom.

In advance, thank you for helping get the temple "looking spiffy" for the New Year!



The narrator on the left, the siblings and their parents somehow meet up in the garage to discover all the things that weren't spoken about in their parent's lives.



Photos by Joyce Teague

DECEMBER HIGHLIGHTS



New Year's Eve Bell Ringing

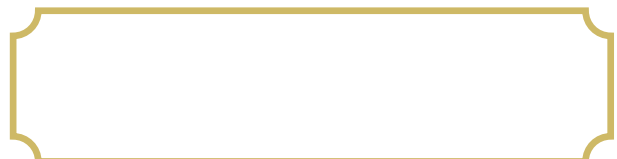
- ◆ DEC. 1: **GARDEN VILLAS SENIOR LUNCH**, noon- 1 p.m.
- ◆ DEC. 3: **BODHI DAY SERVICE and SHOTSUKI HOYO** (monthly memorial), 10 a.m.
JR. YBA KAARAGE LUNCHEON FUNDRAISER, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Donation: \$7
- ◆ DEC. 6: **BWA Crafts**
- ◆ **BUDDHISM 1-2-3**, 7 to 8:30 p.m.
- ◆ DEC. 8: **MOCHIGOME RICE WASHING**, 10 a.m.
- ◆ DEC. 9: **MOCHITSUKI equipment setup**, 10 a.m.
- ◆ DEC. 10: **MOCHITSUKI DAY**, 6 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- ◆ DEC. 12: **BUDDHISM 1-2-3**, 7 to 8:30 p.m.
- ◆ DEC. 17: **DHARMA SCHOOL/FAMILY SERVICE**, 10 a.m.
- ◆ DEC. 17: **TEMPLE CLEAN UP and OMIGAKI**, 11 a.m.
- ◆ DEC. 31: **JOYA-E** (year-end service), 10 a.m.
- ◆ DEC. 31: **JOYA NO KANE** (bell ringing ceremony) at Shelter Island Friendship Bell, 11:30 p.m.
- ◆ JAN. 1, 2018: **SHUSHO-E** (New Year service), 10 a.m.
(Details for listed events can be found in this month's issue. More December calendar dates appear on Page 2).



The author tells about his life and the road that led him to writing "Garage Door Opener"

Growing Up Sansei

For those of you who were able to attend the play Growing Up Sansei, The Garage Door Opener were treated to a unique event. The play had the audience laughing, crying and nodding their heads in agreement to what was being depicted. Stories of brother and sister bickering to why there were so many tofu containers stored in the garage to what it was like being incarcerated unjustly in concentration "camps" and what our parents and grandparents went through to not only survive but to go forth and succeed once released from the prisons. I strongly recommend you see the performance if you have the opportunity. A very moving discussion portion led by Dr. Satsuki Ina followed the play. Thank you to the Grateful Crane Ensemble for providing such a moving experience.





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YOUNG BUDDHIST ASSOCIATION

November 17, 2017

Dear Sangha Member,

We hope you and your families are doing well.

With our new improvements at the Temple over the past several years coupled with the increased electrical rate structure from San Diego Gas and Electric Company, our monthly electric bills have now been running about \$1,100 a month.

As a long-term cost cutting initiative, we have been pursuing the installation of Solar Panels at the Temple, which will greatly reduce our monthly electric costs. Based on our initial proposals received we are expecting that the investment in this project will cost around \$70,000 with an expected payback of 7 to 8 years.

The following is a summary as of November 2017:

Estimated Project Costs

Construction Cost	\$	65,953
Professional Fees/Permits	\$	<u>4,047</u>
Total Project Cost	\$	70,000.00

We would like to ask you to consider making a year end donation toward this cost saving effort. As a point of reference, if just 140 additional people donated \$500, that would be exactly what we would need. Your gift can be made in one lump sum or in monthly installments. Any contribution that is most comfortable to you and your family to help lower the Temple operating expenses will be greatly appreciated.

Please consider helping fund this improvement as it will continue to benefit our Sangha families and Dharma friends into the future.

We thank you for your kind consideration of our appeal and for your generous past and ongoing support of our precious temple.

In Gassho,

Michael Kinoshita
General Chairperson
Kitchen Compliance Project
858 442 3613 / michael@mkainc.net

Rev. Dr. Kenji Akahoshi
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YOUNG ADULT BUDDHIST ASSOCIATION
YOUNG BUDDHIST ASSOCIATION

O-SEIBO

(Year-end appreciation)

November 20, 2017

Dear Temple Members and Dharma Friends,

In Buddhism, the term Dana represents the practice of selfless giving. Combined with the expression of "Thank You," Dana conveys true appreciation and gratitude.

In Japan, a customary year-end expression of thank you, known as *Oseibo*, is often presented.

As 2017 reaches its end, the Buddhist Temple of San Diego invites the Sangha (congregation) and friends in extending an expression of appreciation and gratitude to the temple staff for their hard work throughout the year.

Deep appreciation is extended to resident minister **Rev. Dr. Kenji Akahoshi** for his spiritual guidance. Kenji-Sensei demonstrates enthusiastic energy with sharing the Dharma and accommodates the needs of the Sangha of all ages. Kenji Sensei's outreach to the membership and the community at large is heartwarming. **Rev. Tesshi Aoyama**, BCA Minister Emeritus and former resident minister, continues to assist Kenji Sensei throughout the year with his participation at weekly Dharma gatherings and provides monthly messages to the Japanese-speaking Sangha. Former resident minister, **Rev. Yushi Mukojima**, provides the monthly Japanese message for the Bussei Script newsletter. **Linda Redenbaugh**, office secretary, supports the temple Tuesday through Friday during business hours and is your welcoming presence when you contact the temple either by phone or in person. **Mr. Masanobu Kinjo** maintains the garden maintenance of the temple grounds and minister's residence

From now until December 23, the temple will accept *Oseibo* offerings that will be presented to these individuals. If you wish to make a heartfelt contribution, your gift of any amount will be received with the deepest amount of appreciation and gratitude. Please enclose your donation in the envelope provided and mail it to the temple. Or you may drop off your gift at the office on your next visit

Through your kind support the temple is able to continue its programs which includes sharing the Shin Dharma, along with the various cultural and social activities for everyone to embrace. In advance, the temple expresses its sincerest appreciation for your thoughtful Dana through your *Oseibo* gift.

In Gassho,

Board of Directors

Buddhist Temple of San Diego

2018 Temple Membership Pledge

Member 1: Mr Ms Mrs _____

Member 2: Mr Ms Mrs _____

New (fill out below) Renew (skip to Membership Level unless you have updates below)

Member 1 Occupation: _____ Birthdate _____

Email address: _____ Preferred phone: _____

Member 2 Occupation: _____ Birthdate _____

Email address: _____ Preferred phone: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Amounts are shown in dollars as monthly payments. Multiply by 12 for annual lump sum payments.

A. MEMBERSHIP LEVEL

WISTERIA Family/Couple [Monthly: 100] or Individual [Monthly: 50]

DANA Family/Couple [Monthly : 48] or Individual [Monthly: 28]

OPTIONAL SR. DISCOUNT Two Seniors [Monthly: 30] or One Senior [Monthly: 15]

BODHI *For generous membership levels higher than the Wisteria level you may designate the amount.*

Family/Couple [Monthly: _____] or Ind. [Monthly: _____]

B. OPTIONAL DONATIONS

Monthly Amount. Optional donations by month: indicate monthly amount by line below. (If you have other requests, just write them on the form.)

<input type="checkbox"/> Dharma school – our temple’s future	<input type="checkbox"/> Scholarships – for college students and some adult study grants
<input type="checkbox"/> Floral offerings – for a beautiful altar	<input type="checkbox"/> Development fund – for Minister’s As-
<input type="checkbox"/> Gardening and groundskeeping – temple and minister’s residence	<input type="checkbox"/> sistants’ yearly certification

C. FREQUENCY/AMOUNTS

METHOD

<input type="radio"/> Monthly totaled from above: _____.	<input type="radio"/> By cash or check.
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D. COUPON BOOK OPTION

If you are paying monthly by cash or check, we are happy to send you a coupon book and pre-addressed envelopes. The coupon book would confirm how much is due each month.

Yes, please provide me with a coupon book and/or envelopes.

Membership Cont.:

E. AUTHORIZATION

I understand that membership dues will be renewed each year but that I can always change my levels or preferences, and that prior to renewal I will receive a statement of dues and optional donations for the coming term (based on previous dues and donations) for review and modification as needed. If paying by credit card, I authorize its use for ongoing payments with specific account information as follows.

Everyone, please include Authorized Signature(s)

Member 1. _____

Member 2. _____

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