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OBON

By Rev. Dr. Kenji Akahoshi, Resident Minister



I'm going to have a reunion in July, with my first significant teacher of life, Dr. Peter Koestenbaum. As a world-class philosopher, he was one of the first professionals to promote humanistic values in business, as the title of his book, The Heart of Business, indicated. An earlier book was titled, The Vitality of Death. This may seem to be an inappropriate or ironic title. But, as an existential philosopher, he posited that an acute awareness of death, gives great vitality to life. I believe that this is the same rationale that Shin Buddhism has, in having so many services related to death. Our annual Obon season is with us and we look forward to dancing in our gathering of joy. To some non-Buddhists, dancing as a memorial to deceased loved ones may also seem to be a contradiction.

A basic premise of Buddhism is to appreciate "True and Real Life." This means to acknowledge all aspects of life, not just the ones that make us feel good. The death of a loved one is particularly hard to accept. As a general observation, American culture seems to minimize our association with death. Funerals are often at gravesites, with minimal religious observances after. Except for Memorial Day, there is little religious incentive to be reminded of the past life of a loved one.

The rituals of Shin Buddhism are different. The life of each of us is significant. The words of the Buddha and our rituals remind us that we are alive, only because of the efforts of others. Our awareness and gratitude for this interdependence is expressed by Namo Amida Butsu. Our practice reflects how we understand the words of the Buddha. We do not practice to be "good Buddhists." Our practice is to realize what we have received from the infinite past through our loved ones. Our practice reminds us that we are part of the golden chain that stretches from the infinite past to the infinite future. The lives of the future are dependent on our efforts. The Nembutsu inspires me to provide for the joy of others, just as others have cared for me.

It seems that the younger generation of Shin Buddhist are becoming more like other non-religious Americans. There is a tendency to minimize the activities around a

death. Rather than recognizing the gravity and sadness of the occasion, funerals are cited as a celebration of life. However, the true feelings of grief are not addressed and the sense of loss may not honor our true feelings. True and real life is to demonstrate true and real feelings. We should not blanket our pain by trying to return to business as usual. It is important to acknowledge our feelings of a lost relationship that made up part of our lives.

One of the reasons for the many memorial services in Shin Buddhism, is to mark the significance of every life. It is important to stop, and recognize a loss. Life does not go on as usual. Modern life enmeshes us in commitments and responsibilities of the business of life. However, the "heart of business" reminds us that human life is our business. We must nurture our spiritual nature for us to value life itself. The memorial service is an opportunity, provided by the deceased, to hear the Dharma and to bring family and friends together. The Dharma offers the path toward peace, joy and harmony in a world of competition and conflict. The gathering of family and friends reminds us of our mutual support of each other.

The 49-day service, monthly Shotsuki services, Hatsubon, Obon, and 1st, 3rd, 7th Year, etc. services are important opportunities to acknowledge the deceased and that it is important to make this tribute, a priority. Let us not see this as an inconvenience to our ordinary life. Our gathering is life itself. Shinran's emphasis is that the Dharma is for us, the living. We, the living, need these practices to realize the benefit of "True and Real Life." Our memorial services are practices for us to realize the "vitality of death." We still have physical bodies to enjoy life. Life that was given to us by those who have passed. By recognizing their efforts, we may realize how significant our lives are.

Following their example of supporting others, how might we make a difference to others? These services are not just ancient rituals to please ancient spirits. They remind us of our own unique, human experience of life. Our lives are not just about a job. As we dance in the Obon, allow our thoughts to drift back to the happy times that we shared with loved ones. This is our gathering of joy.

Gassho,
-Kenji Sensei



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>2 10 am – Family Service July and August Shotsuki Memorial 11:30 am – Taiko, AH</p>	<p>3 Temple Closed</p>	<p>4 Temple Closed  Independence Day</p>	<p>5 10 am—Craft Day, DR 11 am — Kokoro Mtg,CR 12 pm – Minyo, SH 6 pm – Taiko</p>	<p>6 7 pm – Odori Practice, AH</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8 Benefit Chicken Dinner, 4:30-6 6-9 pm BTSD/ VFW BINGO, AH</p>
<p>9 10 am – Family Service 11 am – Odori Practice, AH 12:30 pm – Taiko, SH</p>	<p>10 Temple Closed 7 pm -- Ways & Means, CR</p>	<p>11 10 am – SD Min. Mtg., LA</p>	<p>12 12 pm – Minyo, SH 6 pm – Taiko 7 pm – Buddhism 1-2-3</p>	<p>13 6:45 – BOD Mtg 7 pm—Odori Practice, AH</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15 10 am – Koto, SH</p>
<p>16 DS/Family Service, 10 am 11 am – Odori Practice, AH 1:30 pm – Taiko, AH</p>	<p>17 Temple Closed *Bussei Script articles due</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19 10 am—Craft Day, DR 12 pm – Minyo, SH 6 pm – Taiko 7 pm – Buddhism 1-2-3</p>	<p>20 7 pm – Odori Practice, AH</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p>
<p>23 No Service Today TEMPLE CLEAN UP 9 am – INTRO. TO BUDDHISM 11 am — Odori Practice, AH 1:30 pm — Taiko, AH</p>	<p>24 Temple Closed</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26 12 pm – Minyo, SH 6 pm – Taiko 7 pm – Activities Mtg. 7 pm – Buddhism 1-2-3</p>	<p>27 7 pm—Odori Practice, AH</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29 1 pm — Tri Temple Seminar with Rev. Oshita and Rev . Pit-ti Oshita</p>
<p>30 2 pm – O BON/HATSUBON SERVICE Guest Speaker: Rev. Bob Oshita, BCA Minister Emeritus 5 pm — Bon Odori 7 pm — Opportunity Drawing conducted by Jr. YBA</p>	<p>31 Temple Closed</p>	<p>NOTES: O Bon at Balboa park will be on August 5: Garden opens at 10, Odori at 6:30 at the Organ Pavilion *No Services in August</p>				

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By LuAnn Lee, Board President

I was honored to represent the temple again this year at the annual community Memorial Day service at Mount Hope Cemetery. This service is a Nikkei Community Service which included BTSD, Japanese Christian Church, Pioneer Ocean View United Church of Christ, Asian Pacific VFW Post 4851, JACL and the JCC. Thank you to Kenji Sensei and Ralph Honda for coordinating this important event as the temple served as host. Davis and Evan Ong provided some of the music during the service and Michio Himaka was the chairperson. They all did a great job as usual. Thank you also goes to Pastor Mary Sue Brookshire (POVUCC) for suggesting to have our service integrated within the entire program. In the past, our service followed the regular program. I was happy to see a few more temple members there and hope to see even more next year.

The annual temple bazaar has come and gone and I want to thank everyone that volunteered and supported this event. It was well attended and a success thanks to all of you! Please see the article on the Bazaar later in this edition of the Kaiho.

I attended the Southern District Buddhist and BWA Conference on June 8, along with 14 other temple members. The conference was hosted by the San Fernando Buddhist Temple. When I first heard it was at the Odyssey Restaurant, I wondered how that would all work out. It was one of the best places to hold a conference. Everything flowed from one room to the next. We were enlightened by the keynote speakers Reverend K. Kubose (English) and Reverend K. Nakata (Japanese).

I was able to listen to Reverend Kubose. He had some funny examples of everyday things that can remind us of the Nem-buttsu. One thing he pointed out was how our cars steering wheel is similar to the Dharma Wheel (something I think about when I get in the car now).

In the afternoon workshop different videos were shown made by the San Fernando members. One was of a new person coming to the temple and wanting to help cut vegetables. After two people told him to cut the cucumber first thick then thin and finally having the third person tell him that they would take over. He walked away feeling unwanted and probably won't be back. We really need to learn from this message and welcome all to the temple and work together to get the job done. Another video showed a lady driving behind a slow driver (some of us can relate to being behind a slow driver or we may even be the slow driver). When the lady finally passed the slow car, she looked to see who was driving and it was someone just smiling and waving – our very own Bishop Umezu!

It was a very comical but nice ending to a great conference.

Also in June, I attended two other impressive events. The first was a reception on the JS Kashima, a Japanese Naval Training Squadron. We met many crew members and were treated to quite a spread they had for us. We met such friendly young men and women from all over Japan practicing their English. The squadron is on an eight country, 13 port cruise.

The second event was the Beer and Sake Festival at Harrah's Hotel put on by the Japan Society of San Diego and Tijuana. Thank you to our temple members for volunteering to make delicious Taiyaki. It was so good that they ran out.

I want to briefly tell you that 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 30. It will be at the temple with the service starting in the afternoon followed by limited food for purchase and Bon Odori dancing plus the Junior YBA Opportunity drawing. The second one will be held at Balboa Park on August 5th. More details to follow. I hope to meet and see you soon.

In Gassho,
LuAnn Lee

BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

The Board of Directors met on June 8th -

1. The cost of Rev. Akahoshi's registration for the 2017 BCA Ministers Fuken was approved.
2. The Board approved the Temple Affairs and Ways & Means Committees' recommendations to accept Rev. Akahoshi's proposal on ministerial commitments and salary. The proposal will allow up to 6 (from 3) guest-speaking engagements per year, allow an extra week of vacation effective August 1st and reduce his monthly salary to compensate for the time away.
3. At the February Board of Directors meeting, it was approved that the Ways and Means Committee look at options for diversifying the temple's investments. The Board approved the Ways and Means Committee recommendation to purchase rental property that will provide a revenue stream, maintain equity, and for which a projected cap rate is equal to or higher than the rate of return of funds that were compared. The funds available for this investment were made possible by the Yano estate donation and will not touch our original Fidelity investment.
4. The Board approved funds to subsidize the bus rental for the proposed July 1 excursion to Senshin's OBon.
5. Recent and on-going improvements include the main building front door replacement, damp- and water-proofing the garden wall adjacent to the elevator lobby entry, threshold repair at the main building south entry, AED battery replacement, annex refrigerator repair and WIFI improvements.
6. The Board was updated on the temple's financials and the status of upcoming activities and fundraisers.

BWA NEWS

We thank everyone who turned out to help at the Bazaar prep on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. *Otsukaresama deshita*. The BWA prepared 316 boxes of sushi and 50 packages of Chirashi.

There were 9 BWA members who attended the San Fernando Valley Hongwanji Temple's Southern District Conference. It was very well attended and enjoyed by all who attended.

Our annual New Member luncheon was held on June 17th. Our two new members are Yukari Williams and Linda Redenbaugh. A bento luncheon was served and everyone looks forward to chatting with friends and getting to know our new members. Linda has already taken on the responsibilities of Recording Secretary.

In preparation for the Obon service, the BWA will be helping with the Butsugu no Omigaki, or cleaning of the

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shrine items, and general hondo cleaning, on Sunday, July 23 at 9 a.m.

The next BWA meeting will be on Sunday, July 2 at 11:45. Toban group C will host the meeting. Hope to see all of you at the meeting.

Mani has updated the Southern District BWA website with the So District conference and New Member Luncheon pictures, so check it out at: southerndistrictbwa.weebly.com/, or through the direct link from the website for the temple at btسد.net.

Minister from Sacramento, will be the guest speaker. Rev. Oshita has a wonderful connection with Dharma School students!

The temple's Bon Odori will take place on July 30 after the service and on August 5 in Balboa Park.

Happy July Birthday wishes to: Alanna Faith, Trina Muraoka, Evan Ong, Kyle Baker, and Jill Yamanishi. J

The next teacher-staff meeting will be on Monday, July 10, at the temple starting at 6:30 p.m.

Gassho,
Avis Honda,
Superintendent

DHARMA SCHOOL NEWS

On May 26-28, five DS families and friends went on the annual Dharma School camping trip at the William Heise Campground in Julian. The weather was brisk and beautiful. We made our own dinners and shared s'mores on Friday night. On Saturday, we went on a group hike, the kids made lanterns out of mason jars and glow in the dark paint, and painted bandanas. We played games and roasted s'mores and made pudding cups and popcorn over the campfire. The campers received a surprise visit from Kenji Sensei who was returning to San Diego after his visit to the Imperial Valley. Sensei looked like a real camper wearing his dress shirt and tie!

On Sunday, we had breakfast together and had a short service at the campground. After that, we cleaned up and we all went to Julian for ice cream before heading home.

We hosted the Annual Temple Picnic on June 18 at Rohr Park in Chula Vista. During the service, we expressed gratitude to our fathers and grandfathers. We recognized Breven Honda, Koji Martinez, and Brian Uchiyama for their achievement of graduating from high school with a congratulatory certificate from Buddhist Churches of America and a book, "The Teachings of the Buddha". Then we recognized our Dharma School Students with Attendance Awards:

1st Year – Paulina Covarrubias, Andrea Covarrubias
3rd Year – Juliana Kruse
5th Year – Cassidy Muraoka
9th Year – Ellie Yanagihara
10th Year – Ava Yamamoto
12th Year – Jenna Sasaki, Zoe Yamamoto, and Emma Yanagihara

14th Year – Trevor Muraoka and Breven Honda

15th Year – Trina Muraoka and Hailey Sasaki

Following the service, we had lunch that included hamburgers, hot dogs and hot links, grilled by our culinary chefs Ralph Honda and Roy Okuhara. Thank you to the Dharma School families, who brought their delicious side dishes and desserts. After lunch, our Jr. YBA hosted the games. There was a spoon relay race, a Father-Child Water Balloon Toss, a Mother-Child Balloon Toss. After that, our Jr. Y members were trying to soak each other and little Jaden Kruse was in the middle of that.

With the summer break from Dharma School, students and families are encouraged to attend family services in July and the O Bon service on July 30. Rev. Bob Oshita, retired minister

JR. YBA NEWS

During June, we hosted games for the Japanese Cultural Bazaar and temple picnic. Thank you to Jill Yamanishi and Trina Muraoka for coordinating games for Bazaar and to Jill and Davis Ong for hosting the games at the picnic!

In July, members will be selling tickets for the O Bon Opportunity Drawing. Tickets will be \$2 each and a book of 11 tickets costs \$20. The top prizes will be \$800 (first place), \$500 (second place) and many more prizes. Members will be approaching you to purchase tickets. The drawing will take place on July 30 after the Odori. New proceeds support the many activities the group participates in.

Thank you to the many Sangha members who have been supporting our on-going recycling program. To date, we have earned over \$100, and continue to accept CRV (California Redemption Value) plastic bottles, aluminum cans and glass bottles. This fundraiser promotes the EcoSangha of the temple. You can bring your bottles to temple on Sundays 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. Please put the bottles and cans in the correct receptacle.

Planning continues for the 67th annual Southern District Jr. YBL Conference that we will co-host with the Vista Jr. YBA on September 2 and 3 at BTSD and Sheraton Four Points Hotel in Kearny Mesa. We had a very productive planning meeting on June 17 at Vista. We worked on workshops and icebreakers that focus on the theme "Finding the Path out of Chaos". Our guest speaker is Rev. Matt Hamasaki from the Fresno Buddhist Temple. This year we are inviting chapters from outside the Southern District, but only from California. We hope they can participate in the conference.

New members, 9th-12th grades are invited to attend the Jr. YBA orientation on Sunday September 10th (the first day of Dharma School). The newbies will be introduced to Jr. YBA and its activities and discover how many new opportunities one will face during the 2017-18 term.

I have been in Jr. YBA for four years now and at first I didn't know what to expect. But, after seeing what opportunities were introduced to me, I have enjoyed every moment that Jr. YBA has to offer. One thing that I've learned is that what effort you put in is what you're going to get out.

Thank you for your continued support to the Jr. YBA!
In gassho,
Breven Honda,
Co-President



On Saturday, May 27, Kenji Sensei conducted cemetery services in the Imperial Valley. Many Buddhists who lived in the valley were remembered at the Calexico, El Centro and Brawley cemeteries. Ministers from the San Diego temple have conducted annual services in this region for nearly 60 years.

In the photo, Aki Tomiyama, Tim Asamen, Kenji Sensei and Laverne Imori stand in front of the monument erected in memory of the Brawley Buddhist Church Sangha.

Following the service at the Brawley cemetery, Tim hosted the group to a lunch and a tour of the Pioneers Park Museum. The museum depicts the history of a diverse ethnic community in the Imperial Valley, including a vibrant Japanese community.

BTSD's center altar of Amida Buddha was a gift from the El Centro Buddhist Church.

BTSD GOLF TOURNAMENT

22nd ANNUAL TOURNAMENT ~AUG. 27

Golfers are encouraged to register for the 22nd Annual BTSD Tournament. The event 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-under. Fee includes: Green fees, golf cart, practice range balls, breakfast, coffee, beverages on the course, lunch and awards.

one round of golf, half a cart, practice range balls, continental breakfast, coffee, beverages on the course, lunch and awards. Net proceeds benefit the temple's daily operations

Tournament play will be a four-person scramble.

Non-players will have the opportunity to participate in the event as a tournament sponsor. Sponsorship opportunities include monetary donations. The tournament will also receive non-cash donations.

The tournament chairmen are Ralph Honda, Rich Kaneko and Ron Yagura.

Contact the tournament chairmen or the temple for more information.

Scholarships to Be Announced at Obon Service

Bill Teague, Scholarship Co-chair

Many thanks to the fine scholars and generous donors who make our 2017 Temple Scholarships possible. We were very appreciative of the quality of the applications, which were due on July 1.

The scholarship awards will be announced at the Obon Service on Sunday, July 30. (Remember, atypically this service starts at 2 p.m. in the afternoon!)

Our Donors

The Scholarship Committee wishes to thank some current and early donors to the Scholarship program.

Current Donors. Everyone who purchases items at the Bon Again Asian Resale Shop should know that 100% of your purchase cost goes directly to support the scholarships. All items at the shop are donated for this purpose. There is no overhead. Many of our members and Dharma friends also use our membership form to donate to the scholarship fund each year.

Early Donors. The Temple first started offering scholarships thanks to a donation decades ago from the Tanizaki Family Memorial Fund. Their donation formed the principal of the fund. Some especially generous donations also added to the fund, most notably from bequests by the late Jimmy Takashima (K.J. Takashima) and from the late Taro and Fusa Matsui, brother and sister, who long supported the Temple after relocating to San Diego after World War II.

Honoring Temple Pillars of the Post-War Period. Our two academic scholarships are named after two gentlemen who both made significant contributions to restarting the Temple and make it a vibrant community and spiritual center after the war. Because of his and his wife Mikiye's long tenure as advisors to the Junior YBA, we name the scholarship for graduating high school seniors to honor the late Ben Honda for his long service. Similarly, we use the scholarship for students continuing college to honor Tetsuyo Kashima, himself a science teacher at San Diego High School and the son of one of our resident ministers. Both these inspiring men died too soon toward the end of the last century.

Thank you all to your contributions supporting Temple youth. Scholarship applications are considered for all children whose parents or legal guardians are members of the Temple.

Buddhist Education in July

Please see details elsewhere on guest speaker Rev. Bob Oshita's sponsored Tri-Temple seminar on Saturday afternoon of July 29.

Also please note we have only four more sessions of Buddhism 1-2-3 until we break for August.

Dates are for Wednesdays, 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.: July 5, 12, 19, and 26.

Get out of Your Head and Into the World

Shin Buddhism is a mind-body practice just like all other schools, and there is no better way to experience this than dancing in the Bon Odori. Practices will be on Sunday mornings after service and most Thursday nights. Check the last page of the Kaiho for details.

BEER AND SAKE FEISTVAL

On June 16, the temple participated in the Japan Society of San Diego and Tijuana's 15th annual Beer and Sake Festival. The event was held at Harrah's Resort in the town of Fenner, east of Valley Center.

Over 500 patrons enjoyed the temple's delicious taiyaki and received information on Buddhism and our Jodo Shinshu tradition. In addition, we promoted the temple's O Bon Festival.

Thank you very much to the following volunteers who helped out the festival: Ralph and Avis Honda, Tim and Junko Kajita, Jeff and Kimberly Kruse, Richard Matsumoto, Glenn Negoro, Roy and Karen Okuhara, and Laura Yoshida.

The volunteers look forward to next year's event.

JAPANESE NAVY VISITS BTSD

Approximately 50 training servicemen, representing the Japanese Navy, were hosted by Asian Pacific Post 4851 to wonderful dinner at the temple on June 16.

Service members from the JS Kashima arrived at the temple around 5 p.m. They were greeted by their hosts and dined on prime rib. What a treat!

A heartfelt thank you to the VFW group for providing such a wonderful dinner and staging the event at the temple every June.

NEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TO BE DEDICATED ON JULY 14

There will be a new school opening its doors for the 2017-18 term and it has strong ties dedicated to one of the Buddhist Temple of San Diego's pioneers.

The official ribbon cutting ceremony for the Saburo Muraoka Elementary School, located in Chula Vista, will take place on Friday, July 14 at 4:00 p.m. This event by invitation only.

If you wish to attend the event, and have not signed up, please contact the temple office no later than July 5 to reserve a seat.

Mr. Muraoka was an Issei (first generation) pioneer and very active leader of the temple as well as in the Japanese-American and South Bay communities.

When it opens for classes on July 19, the \$47.5 million elementary school will be the first public school in the county named for a Japanese-American.

Today, Mr. Muraoka's son Roy, and grandsons Tad and Ken, along with their families, are very active temple members.

Please call the temple as soon as possible to reserve your seat for this momentous occasion. You may also contact Tad or Ken Muraoka for more information.

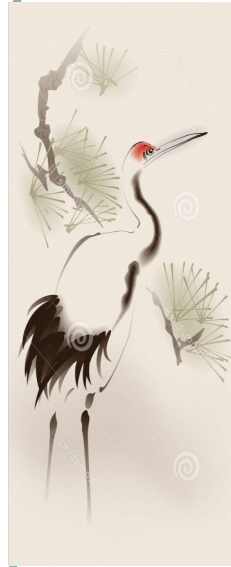
TEMPLE SUMMER CLEANUP IS SET FOR JULY 23

Bring out your buckets and broom, rags, vacuums and cleaners. The temple will be having its summer cleanup day on Sunday, July 23 from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m.

Volunteers will be sprucing up the hondo and cleaning other areas of the temple, including the dining room, kitchen, office, conference room, annex classroom, Sangha Hall and basement, as we prepare for O Bon. The O Bon service will take place on Sunday, July 30 and followed by the odori in the parking lot.

There will not be a service on cleanup day. Instead, stay for Bon Odori (dance) practice that will take place in the Annex Hall from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Please volunteer a couple of hours of your time to make your temple sparkle!



Obon Again; When you give to the Obon Again Shop and the Rummage Sale, you are giving your unneeded possessions a new life. The joy felt by the prospective new owners when they find just the right thing they've been wanting and looking for, is priceless. So, in Reducing and Recycling you provide joy to someone, more space in your home, and income for the temple.

The Silent Auction was, once again, successful! We are grateful for your gently used items,

The Silent Auction Team



SCRIP NEWS

Now that summer is here, please consider buying gift cards when on vacation. Great Lakes carries gift cards for various hotels as well as many restaurants. Gift cards can be ordered for fast food restaurants, dine-in restaurants, and fancy ones, as well. Check the retail list at the temple.

Get ready for hot weather by purchasing gift cards to various restaurants so you don't have to cook. Check out the retail list for the many restaurants.

Be ready for school sales by buying gift cards for Wal-Mart, Target, Staples, Office Depot, and anywhere else that might sell school supplies. You never know when the sales might pop up so get your gift cards and be ready!

Enjoy the summer! Stay cool and buy scrip.

BINGO UPDATE

VFW CHICKEN DINNER AND BINGO

Asian Pacific Post 4851 as it will hold a Chicken Teriyaki dinner fundraiser on Saturday, July 8 from 4:30 to 5:45 p.m. in the Annex Hall. Dine on a very tasty roasted teriyaki half chicken accompanied with rice, vegetables and salad. Dinner donation is \$10. Please purchase your tickets as soon as possible. All sales are based on pre-orders

The monthly BINGO will follow starting at 6 p.m. Buy-in for the 10-game session \$10. Extra cards cost \$1 per game. Other chances to win include consolation BINGO, door prizes and purchasing pull-tabs.

Net proceeds from the chicken 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 chicken teriyaki dinner fundraiser and a session of BINGO.

JAPANESE CULTURAL BAZAAR... *Thank you!*

Buddhist Temple San Diego Bazaar Report, June 2017

As June came, the Annual Bazaar was quickly upon us. Our theme of Mottainai (Don't Waste) was apparent throughout the event. We were lucky to have two presentations, one from San Diego City Recycling and the other from the City of Chula Vista Composting. The EcoSangha team had a booth with a handout of Recycling ideas and Shirley Omori demonstrated the art of Furoshiki (using square pieces of cloth to wrap and carry items instead of using a plastic bag). In the Annex, there was a video to watch featuring the originator of the Mottainai odoroi dance. She demonstrated step by step instructions on how to so anyone walking by could enjoy and even join in. There were displays in the glass case with projects that were made from recycled items like kamaboko boards. We used recyclable food containers and the Junior YBA was collecting soda cans to recycle. The Japanese Friendship Garden sponsored a craft booth that also used recyclable items. It wouldn't be our Bazaar without our delicious Foods, Drinks, Intro to Buddhism, White Elephant, Games, Silent Auction, Community Groups and Entertainment provided by many Groups.

We thank all of you for volunteering and supporting our biggest fundraiser of the year.

Bazaar Thank Yous -

Special Thanks to Our Chairs and Groups.
Co- Chair - Mildred Kawasaki
Bakery - Mildred Kawasaki and Ann Yamamoto
Beer Garden – Carol Baker and Caitlin Yoshioka
Bookstore – Doreen Kamada-Fujii
Buddhism Talk – Ministerial Assistants Smitty and Noriko Kawai
Cabbage and Info/Ticket Booth - Tsune Hashiguchi and Cynthia Guiang -
Cash boxes and Treasurers Assistant - Nancy Martinez, Miyo Hill and Jeanne Inouye
Chicken Teriyaki/Sauce - Jeff Sakai, Floyd Sumida,
Roy & Karen Okuhara, Steve Marx
Chow Mein - Ann Ong and Miki Honda
Crafts - BWA
Credit Card/PayPal – Cynthia Guiang, Kimberly Kruse, Aki Tomiyama
Mottainai Theme Displays – Nancy Martinez
EcoSangha – Shirley Omori and Glenn Torio
Entertainment – Junko Kajita, Ken Muraoka and Leslie Seymour
Games - Junior YBA/Sangha Teens
Gate Monitors – Joe Cross and Roger Coppock
General Arrangement - Mike Ong and Michael Kinoshita
General Handyman– Fred Nakatani
Jello Mochi (Chi Chi Dango) – Janice Shigehara
Kitchen Schedule/Booth Layout – Michael Kinoshita
Master of Ceremonies – Bill and Joyce Teague
Nursery – Dick Jensen
Office Manager - Linda Redenbaugh
Opportunity Drawing Donations - Bill Teague and Gregg Yonekura
P A System – Tim Kajita
Prep Coordinators - Carol Baker and Ann Ong
Publicity – Linda R, Kaytee, Carol B. and Reverend Aoyama (Yuyu)
Rice prep and cook - Jeanne Inouye
Silent Auction - Susan Yonekura, Jane Yamamoto,
Aki Tomiyama, Debbie Shimizu and Sue Moribe
Social Media – Caitlin Yoshioka
Snack Bar - Sue Shraeder and Yanagihara Family
Strawberry Mochi – Gale Kaneshiro
Supplies - Glenn Negoro, Ralph Honda, Tad Muraoka and Michael Kinoshita
Sushi - BWA
Taco booth - Angie Tsuneyoshi, Arlene and Gordon Shimizu –
Tofu Salad – Carol Baker, Nancy Martinez, Sue Moribe and Karen Okuhara

Tofu Tacos – Jaime Teague Brown
Trash Trailer – Muraoka Enterprises
Treasurers - Aki Tomiyama, Nancy Martinez, Glenn Negoro and Ralph Honda
Volunteers – Keiko Negoro and Chairs
White Elephant – Kaytee Sumida

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The bazaar committee had their wrap up meeting on Wednesday, June 28th. We are looking forward to working together again at our Temple Obon on July 30th and the Balboa Park Obon Festival held on August 5th.
In Gassho,
Bazaar Chairs – Mildred Kawasaki and LuAnn Lee
Please let us know if we missed any acknowledgement –
BTSD office and bazaar committee 239-0896
or info@btbsd.net

MAP (Minister's Assistant) PROGRAM

Bio – Laverne Shidou Imori

It is a privilege and honor to serve as Minister's Assistant to Reverend Dr. Kenji Akahoshi and the BTSD Sangha.

In 2007, I attended a service at the Seattle Betsuin; the Dharma message delivered by Rinban Don Castro resonated deeply within me. One could say that from that day forward the light of Amida's wisdom and compassion embraced me and continues to shed light on my Nembutsu path. Prior to that, I was raised as Protestant, knew nothing about Jodo Shinshu Buddhism, and had never heard of Shinran Shonin.

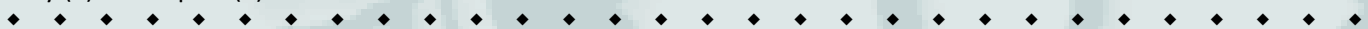
With Rinban Castro's training and encouragement, I received my *homyo* and M.A. certification in August 2011, from Bishop Ogui. Shortly afterward, I moved to Arlington, Virginia, and was accepted as MA at Ekoji Buddhist Temple by Reverend Kaz Nakata (2012) and Reverend Kurt Rye (2013-2015). With Rye Sensei's support, I received my Tokudo ordination in November 2014. In October 2016, Bishop Umezu re-certified me as a BCA Minister's Assistant to Reverend Dr. Kenji Akahoshi.



My plans are to enroll in the Institute of Buddhist Studies' Kyoshi certification program this fall.

My life journey has taken me to many different places and provided me with experiences and encounters for which I am grateful. Here is my brief history.

- ◇ Born in Honolulu, Hawaii.
- ◇ Moved to Okinawa at age 5; attended U.S. Department of Defense Schools from kindergarten through high school.
- ◇ BA from the University of Washington with a major in Japanese Language and Literature. M.B.A. from Portland State University.
- ◇ Worked for many years in human resources with emphasis on compensation and benefits programs and HR information systems.
- ◇ Retired from Nordstrom's IT Department in August 2015.
- ◇ Member of the Seattle Betsuin Religious Committee from 2009-2011.
- ◇ Moved to Northern Virginia in January 2012 and joined Ekoji Buddhist Temple. Served on Ekoji's Religious Committee and as RC Chair from 2012-2014; elected to the Board in 2013 and served as Board President 2014-2015.
- ◇ Mom to a beautiful, intelligent, confident and compassionate woman (Janelle); mother-in-law to a handsome, intelligent, kind and generous man (Darren).
- ◇ Currently, and for the past 5 years, gratefully serving as granny-nanny to two little bodhisattvas – my granddaughters Riley (5) and Sophia (3).



Thanks to all of the following donors for their generosity in helping the Bazaar succeed:

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Annual Rummage Sale - August 19-20 **RE-USING – RECYCLING – 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

July 23rd, Saturday from 8:30 – 2 p.m.

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.

Thank you in advance for your support and hard work.

Your 2017 Rummage Sale Committee



JULY & AUGUST SHOTSUKI LIST

The JULY and AUGUST Shotsuki Hoyo (Memorial Service) will be held **Sunday, July 2, 2017 at 10 a.m.** in conjunction with the Family Service. Families and friends are urged to attend the service to offer incense in memory of loved ones who passed away during the months of JULY and AUGUST. If there are any corrections to this list, please notify the Buddhist Temple of San Diego at (619) 239-0896 or info@btsd.net.

The Temple and Sangha offers sincere condolences to the family and friends of:
Hideo Sugiyama; Passed June 18, 2017

JULY

<u>DECEASED</u>	<u>FAMILY MEMBER</u>
KINOSUKE TSUNEYOSHI (7-13-1937)	MIKI TSUNEYOSHI
TAKEO OKUMA (7-31-1941)	OKUMA FAMILY
FUMINO HONDA (7-13-1946)	HONDA FAMILY
KOHICHI KUWADA (7-3-1947)	KANJI KUWADA
HIDEKICHI DOI (7-24-1948)	MIKE DOI
TSUNE HAYASHI (7-10-1950)	KATSUO HAYASHI
HARU HAYASHI (7-15-1950)	HAYASHI FAMILY
MITSU IWATA (7-26-1953)	TERUKO IWATA
KAZUE MURAKAMI (7-23-1958)	NAKAMURA FAMILY
KIKUJIRO SHINODA (7-28-1958)	YAMADA FAMILY
CHOSUKE HIMAKA (7-12-1959)	HIMAKA FAMILY
SHARON YAMAGUCHI (7-12-1959)	YAMAGUCHI FAMILY
MATSUNO IKAMI (7-10-1962)	SHUNICHI SANTOHIGASHI
MINE OGATA (7-16-1967)	TOSHIKO OGATA
TARI OTOMO (7-1-1969)	WILLIAM WATANABE
JIRO MURAOKA (7-12-1969)	ROY MURAOKA
MASAKAZU ISHIZU (7-19-1969)	ISHIZU FAMILY
KICHINAGA IWASAKI (7-28-1970)	YAYOI KUBOTA
KIJIRO KINOSHITA (7-17-1972)	KINOSHITA FAMILY
SANROKU KAWASAKI (7-24-1973)	TRACE KAWASAKI
KOSABURO ISHINO (7-29-1973)	ISHINO FAMILY
ZENICHI OGAWA (7-18-1974)	YOSHIKO WATANABE
CHIE KYUTOKU (7-14-1975)	TAMIO TSURUDOME
KINGO OUCHI (7-14-1975)	TOM YANAGIHARA
TOSHITARO YAMASHITA (7-17-1975)	MILDRED KAWASAKI
HIDEO SUYENAGA (7-28-1975)	MARY SUYENAGA
SHIGEO YAMANISHI (7-5-1976)	MIYOKO YAMANISHI
NOBORU SAKAGUCHI (7-19-1977)	SAKAGUCHI FAMILY
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FUJINO SHIMIZU (7-2-1982)	DOROTHY KIMURA
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CHRISTINE SHIMIZU (7-18-1998)	DONALD SHIMIZU
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MICHIKO KITAGAWA (8-31-1984)	KITAGAWA FAMILY
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JAMES BALOU (8-25-1987)	JANICE BALOU
PAUL SHIMIZU (8-9-1988)	GORDON SHIMIZU
JANET TAKEGUCHI (8-19-1988)	TAKEGUCHI FAMILY
TOYOICHI TANAKA (8-30-1988)	TANAKA FAMILY
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AUGUST

<u>DECEASED</u>	<u>FAMILY MEMBER</u>
MITSUO TANIGUCHI (8-10-1945)	TAKASHIMA FAMILY
TADAO KIYONO (8-18-1945)	KIYONO FAMILY
HARUO OTSUJI (8-16-1948)	OTSUJI FAMILY
KUNI YONEKURA (8-10-1955)	YONEKURA FAMILY
TAKA YAMASHITA (8-20-????)	CHIYO YAMASHITA
GENSHICHI NABETA (8-1-1960)	JOYCE TEAGUE
TOKU MATSUMOTO (8-30-1964)	SHINTARO MATSUMOTO
HATSUKO TAKASUGI (8-2-1968)	WAYNE TAKASUGI
MITSU OHARA (8-30-1969)	FUMIKO OHARA
KANICHI TSUJI (8-5-1970)	SEI TSUJI
KINJIRO NAKAMURA (8-20-1972)	NAKAMURA FAMILY
MINA MURATA (8-4-1976)	KASHIMA 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	2016	13th Year Memorial	2004	27th Year Memorial	1991
3rd Year Memorial	2015	17th Year Memorial	2001	33rd Year Memorial	1985
7th Year Memorial	2011	25th Year Memorial	1993	50th Year Memorial	1968

BTSD O BON FESTIVAL

“GATHERING OF JOY” ACTIVITIES

The Buddhist Temple of San Diego will present its annual O Bon activities during the weekend of July 29 and 30 at the temple (2929 Market Street) and on August 5 at the Japanese Friendship Garden and Spreckels Organ Pavilion in Balboa Park.

On Sunday, July 30, following the Hatsubon and O Bon service, the temple will conduct a Bon Odori for Buddhists and community, honoring with deep appreciation and gratitude, the passing of loved ones and friends who have provided a wonderful legacy for the life that we live today. The Odori (Dance) will take place on the temple grounds, the spiritual home for area Jodo Shinshu Buddhists. Food sales include: Bento (pre-sale), somen, taiyaki, water and shaved ice.

On Saturday, August 5, the O Bon Festival continues with a public event at Balboa Park from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Here are schedules for the BTSD O Bon Festival:



ACTIVITIES AT BUDDHIST TEMPLE SAN DIEGO

Saturday, July 29

1:00 to 5:00 p.m. — Tri-Temple seminar with Rev. Bob and Rev. Patti Oshita (see article on page 12).

5 p.m. — Welcome dinner for Rev. Bob and Rev. Patti Oshita. Call temple for details

5 p.m. — Set up poles, lighting and lanterns in parking lot. Volunteers will be needed for this task.

Sunday, July 30

2:00 p.m. — Hatsubon and O Bon service

3:30 p.m. — Dressing rooms available for changing.

4:00 p.m. — Bento pick up and food sales.

5 to 7 p.m. — Bon Odori in temple parking lot

7:00 p.m. — Opportunity Drawing sponsored by Jr YBA

Please check the temple web site and occasional emails for more details

ACTIVITIES AT BALBOA PARK

Saturday, August 5

Our colorful outdoor Bon Odori: Gathering of Joy continues on Saturday, August 5 in Balboa Park.

For the third consecutive year, the temple will be teaming with the Japanese Friendship Garden (JFG) staging a day full of activities leading up to the evening Bon Odori. Festivities in the JFG run from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. There will be a fee to enter the garden.

After the JFG closes, activities continue outside of the garden's gates, leading up to the Bon Odori, where the dancing will take place in the Spreckels Organ Pavilion.

Numerous booths and food sales will continue from 4 to 9 p.m. Dancing begins at 6:30 p.m. and musical entertainment will precede the Odori.

Throughout the day the temple will offer food for sale including chicken and beef skewers, somen salad, rice and taiyaki (pastries with sweet red bean filling). Water and sodas will also be sold.

The O Bon Again Shop will also be selling many beautiful Japanese dishes and other wares. Proceeds from the O Bon Again Shop benefit the temple's scholarship fund.

A number of community organizations will be participating in the day's festivities, selling food, crafts and conducting games for kids.

Entertainment will be provided by numerous taiko groups, including our own temple troupe.

The Bon Odori will begin at 6:30 p.m. in the Spreckels Organ Pavilion.

Please contact the temple for more information.

Thank you for being a part of BTSD's O Bon 2017. Your support will be deeply appreciated.

Gassho

BTSD BON ODORI O BENTO ORDER FORM

For the temple Bon Odori on July 30, an O Bento is being offered for dinner. If you wish to pre-order an O Bento, please place your order by Friday, July 21. The O Bento price is \$10. You may pay by cash, check or credit card. Bento orders may be picked up prior to the start of the odori. Thank you very much.

NAME: _____

Phone number or Email: _____

Number of regular bento orders: _____ x \$10 = _____

Number of vegetarian bento orders: _____ x \$10 = _____

Total order: _____ x \$10 = _____

PAYMENT: Personal Check _____ (payable to BTSD)

Credit Card: Card type (circle one): Visa Mastercard Amex

Card Number: _____

Expiration Date: _____

WELCOMING OUR O BON GUEST

SPEAKER: REV. BOB OSHITA



The temple will welcome Rev. Bob Oshita, BCA Minister Emeritus and his wife Rev. Patti Oshita. Both will conduct seminars at the temple on July 29. Rev. Bob will speak at the O Bon service the next day

On Sunday, July 30, the Buddhist of San Diego will have the privilege of having Rev. Bob Oshita, BCA Minister Emeritus as the guest speaker for the O Bon service.

Rev. Bob, as he is affectionately called, was the resident minister at the Sacramento Buddhist Church for 32 years. His tenure included serving as Rimban, or head minister, of the Betsuin until his retirement.

Although he delivered his final message for the Sacramento Sangha as an active minister in May 2016, keeping out of the public limelight was difficult. Rev. Bob was not done with public life, and is now serving as chaplain of the California State Assembly for the 2017-18 session.

Rev. Bob will be accompanied by his lovely wife, Rev. Patti Oshita, who has been instrumental with the development of the Youth Advocacy Committee (YAC) program for the young people of our BCA temples.

TRI-TEMPLE SEMINAR

As part of a tri-temple seminar that BTSD is hosting for our Sangha, along with Vista and Orange County temples, Rev. Bob Oshita will present a seminar "Buddhism is Life." The seminar will take place on Saturday, July 29 from 1:00 to 5 p.m. in the Sangha Hall.

While Rev. Bob is conducting his seminar, Rev. Patti will present "Who Am I Now? Our Lifelong Buddhist Question" for the high school and college-YBA groups.

Both ministers will wrap up the seminar with a joint session "Buddhism and Love."

The local Sangha, temples and community are encouraged to attend the tri-temple seminar. There is no fee for the session. Monetary donations are welcome.

Following the seminar, the temple will host a dinner for our O Bon guest ministers. If you wish to attend the dinner, please contact the temple.

O BON SERVICE AND ODORI

The O Bon service on July 30 begins at 2 p.m. It will be held in conjunction with the Hatsubon service, honoring families who have lost a family member since O Bon 2016.

Following the O Bon service, everyone is invited to participate in the Bon Odori that will take place in the parking lot starting at 5 p.m.

An envelope is provided for your O Bon offering.

SUMMER O BON SCHEDULE

Opportunity to check out other temple festivals

Summer is the season when all of the Buddhist Temples throughout the United States and Japan commemorate O Bon, a special time to remember deceased family members and friends. Festivals dot the calendar starting in June and runs through early August.

The opportunity to dance at a temple Bon Odori, dine on delicious foods and enjoy the history of the temples are rewarding. In the Southern District, there is at least one O Bon each weekend.

Here is the remaining schedule of Buddhist Temple Bon Odori Festivals throughout the southland and Nevada (includes time O Bon opens and time when odori begins):

- July 1 — Senshin Buddhist Temple (5 p.m. and 7 p.m.)
- July 8 and 9 — Los Angeles Betsuin (2 p.m. and 7 p.m.)
- July 8 — Oxnard Buddhist Church (1 p.m. and 6 p.m.)
- July 15 and 16 — Orange County (2 p.m. and 7 p.m.)
- July 15 — Santa Barbara (12 noon and 4 p.m.)
- July 15 — Venice (3 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.)
- July 22 and 23 — Pasadena (4 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.)
- July 22 and 23 — Vista (12 noon and 6:30 p.m.)
- July 29 and 30 — Higashi Hongwanji (1 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.)
- July 29 and 30 — West Los Angeles (4 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.)
- July 30 — San Diego on temple grounds (4 p.m. and 5 p.m.)
- Aug. 5 — San Diego at Balboa Park (10 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.)
- August 5 — Las Vegas (11 a.m. and 12:45 p.m.)
- August 12 and 13 — Gardena (3 p.m. and 6 p.m.)

Visit another O Bon and engage with Sangha friends at other temples. It is truly a heartwarming experience. Check each temple's web site for more details. *Gassho.*

BON ODORI DANCE PRACTICES

The Sangha and public of all ages are invited to learn the dances. Sessions will take place in the Annex Hall on the following dates — Thursdays, July 6, 13, 20, 27 and August 3 starting at 7 p.m., and Sundays, July 9, 16 and 23 starting at 11 a.m. Each session runs approximately two hours.

This year's dance instructors are Adam Azuma, Avis Honda, Breven Honda, Joann Katsuda-Hotta, Eugene Hotta, Junko Kajita, Kimberly Kruse, Susan Moribe, Shirley Omori, Ann Ong and Jamie Shimizu.

Come out and learn the 17 Japanese folk dances from the wonderful instructors.



BUDDHIST TEMPLE OF SAN DIEGO Membership Pledge for 2017

Renewal (List Name Only)
 New Member*
 Sponsorship*
 Change of Address

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

Mr. Mrs. SPOUSE NAME: _____ BIRTHDATE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONE: (____) _____ CELL PHONE: (____) _____ WORK PHONE: (____) _____

E-MAIL: _____ OCCUPATION: _____

Membership Pledge: The temple has an annual campaign to raise funds that go towards the Operating Budget. This budget pays for ministerial salary, part-time staff, programs, utilities, maintenance and the day-to-day expenses of running the temple. This tiered membership offers members the opportunity to choose their level of donation.

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

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

(Membership Amount)

Recommended Annual Donations (Optional):

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

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

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

The fund helps provide upkeep of the Temple properties.

SCHOLARSHIP FUND (Suggested annual donation of \$20)..... \$

The fund rewards members' deserving high school graduates and college students.

DHARMA SCHOOL (Suggested annual donation of \$20) \$

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

KITCHEN COMPLIANCE PROJECT \$

TOTAL AMOUNT \$

AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$

***PLEASE INDICATE PAYMENT SCHEDULE:**

Annually
 Semi-annually
 Quarterly
 Monthly

To use a credit card:

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

Authorized signature (if charging): _____

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

Please make checks payable to the BUDDHIST TEMPLE OF SAN DIEGO. A percentage of your dues support the Buddhist Churches of America and is remitted annually to the BCA via the Temple. Benefits include a year's subscription to the BCA publication, "Wheel of Dharma" and a printed copy of our monthly newsletter, the "Bussei Script." **THANK YOU!**

Mailing address to send your pledges: **Buddhist Temple of San Diego**
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 San Diego, California 92102

For any questions about membership, please call the Temple at 619-239-0896 or send inquires to the Membership Chair at info@btsd.net.

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