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Greed is Good

By Rev. Dr. Kenji Akahoshi,
Resident Minister

If Greed is good, maybe Hatred and Ignorance are great! I just wanted to get your attention with that first statement. We are living in a time when truth is being turned upside down. It is more important than ever to hear a Teaching that has guided humanity for 2,500 years in many diverse countries and cultures. Historically, Buddhism has been able to illuminate the destructive effects of the desires of the ego. The Teachings guide us to realize that our acceptance of our human limits, opens our hearts and minds to receive the gifts that surround us.

It is natural for us to try to deny or avoid the experience of the 1st Noble Truth, which states that life includes the experience of *dukkha*, or discontent, suffering, or disease. So how does Buddhism deal with the negative aspects of our lives? If we try to suppress it, we give it substance. By accepting its presence, it is a call to wake up to a more fulfilling life. The cause of our grief are the three poisons of Hatred, Ignorance, and Greed, of the second Noble Truth. Buddhism places the cause of our discontent, on our own attachment to our ego. We can determine our own happiness or misery, not by altering the external forces of the natural world, but by accepting our human limits.

Why does a negative experience offer an entry onto the Nembutsu journey? It is due to the process of the Four Noble Truths that leads us to an awakening. To be truly awake, we are open to all aspects of life. When we experience something as good, we express appreciation. When we experience something as bad, we realize that it is an invitation for growth and understanding. But this is not an excuse or rationalization. We need to fully experience its negative affect on us. We might feel angry, sad, grief, guilty, defeated, wronged, embarrassed, or alone. And this is our stimulus to act. Without a strong need to heal our hurt, we might remain in frustrated anxiety. The pain of inaction or the wrong action, leads us to listen. It was Shinran's inability to contain his human pas-

sions that led him to Honen. Therefore, every misfortune is a gate out to a larger world. But, it is very important to feel the pain. This is the truth of the first Noble Truth.

The many memorial services that we have in Shin Buddhism emphasizes this truth. Although we constantly hear and read about death in the news, the loss and pain of the death of a loved one becomes a personal experience. We seek answers to this unbearable situation, from the words of the Buddha and the masters who followed. Rennyō's words are repeated at every funeral in his letter, *On White Ashes*.

"By so understanding the meaning of death, we come to appreciate the meaning of this life, which is to be treasured because it is unrepeatable. By virtue of true compassion, let us realize the unexcelled value of this existence, and let us live together with gratitude in our hearts." The pain and grief of death, opens our ears and hearts to accept this significant message.

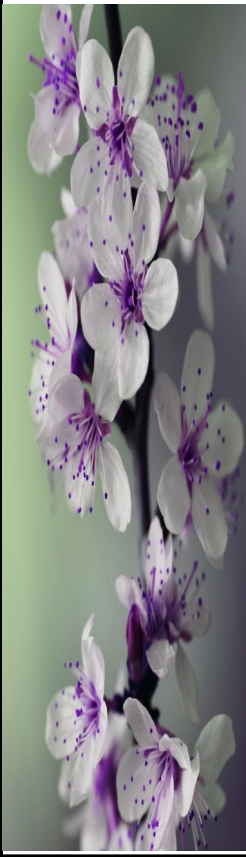
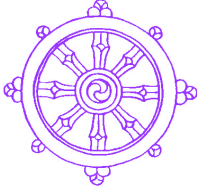
Upon hearing this sacred message, our "bucket list" of personal adventures and exotic vacations might be expanded to express our gratitude. Memorial services remind us that our presence here today is possible, only because of the unselfish efforts of so many known and unseen others. We symbolize the multitude of "others" with the image of the bodhisattva. By reciting the sacred words, "Namo Amida Butsu,"

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						
4 9 am -- DS Staff Mtg., CR 10 am – DS/FS and Shotsuki 11:45 – BWA Meeting, CR Noon – Taiko, AH	5 Office Closed 7 pm - W&M Mtg., CR	6 Office Closed	7 10 am – Craft Day , DR Noon – Minyo 1 pm – Shigin 6:30 pm – Taiko 7 pm – Buddhism 1-2-3	8 10 a.m. – Tai Chi 6:45 pm – BOD Mtg.	9 7 pm – SD Council Mtg., West Los Angeles B.T.	10 4:30-6 Beef Stew Benefit Dinner , 6-9 pm – BTSD/VFW BIN-GO , AH 7 pm -- BEC Lecture with Rev. Nobuko Miyoshi
11 9:00 am – BWA MEMORIAL 10 am – NIRVANA DAY SERVICE Guest: Rev. Nobuko Miyoshi 11:30 am -- Jr. YBA Mtg., CR Noon -- Taiko, AH	12 Office Closed	13 10 am -- SD Ministers Mtg. L.A. Betsuin	14 Valentines Day Noon – Minyo 1 pm – Shigin 6:30 pm – Taiko 7 pm – Buddhism 1-2-3	15 10 a.m. – Tai Chi	16	17 10 am – Koto
18 9:15—Chanting Practice, Hondo 10 am – DS/FAMILY SERVICE Noon -- Taiko	19 Office Closed *March articles due	20 Office Closed	21 10 am – Craft Day Noon – Minyo 1 pm – Shigin 6:30 pm – Taiko 7 pm – Buddhism 1-2-3	22 10 a.m. – Tai Chi BCA Ministers Mtg. at Sacramento	23 BCA National Council (CM) at Sacramento	24 BCA NCM at Sacramento
25 9 am – Intro. to Buddhism, SH 10 am – DS/FAMILY SERVICE BCA NCM at Sacramento Noon – Okinawa Kenjin-Kai New Year Party, AH	26 Office Closed	27	28 Noon – Minyo 1 pm – Shigin 6:30 pm – Taiko 7 pm – Buddhism 1-2-3 7 pm – Activities Mtg. Bussei Script mailing	22 10 a.m. – Tai Chi BCA Ministers Mtg. at Sacramento	23 BCA National Council (CM) at Sacramento	24 BCA NCM at Sacramento
<p>LOOKING AHEAD to MARCH:</p> <p>4 – Monthly memorial observance, 10 a.m.</p> <p>10-11—JFG Cherry Blossom Festival at Balboa Park</p> <p>17 – BEC Lecture with Rev. Tetsuo Unno, BCA Minister Emeritus</p> <p>18— O Higan Service, 10 a.m.</p>						

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By LuAnn Lee, Board President



2018 is here and moving along so quickly.

I learned so much about people born in the year of the dog (usually independent, sincere, loyal, decisive, etc.). Thanks to Ken Muraoka, who served as a great MC at the New Year Party!

I hope you were able to see our BWA (Buddhist Women's Association) sing a senior citizen version of "My Favorite Things" from the Sound of Music and our very own Dharma School, Sangha Teens, Juniors and a little Elvis (Jaden Kruse) plus Big Elvis (Jeff Kruse) dance to "You Ain't Nothing But A Hound Dog" all led by the ever so creative Sharon Sasaki! Thanks to all who participated in the entertainment portion of the party.

BIG Thanks to Laura Yoshida for stepping up to chair and Ralph Honda for co-chairing. Appreciation to all who volunteered as it was really a group effort with so many people pitching in to make it a special day.

Asako Morinaka, Kikuko Takashima and Sayoko Tomiyama will be celebrating their 100th year birthdays in 2018. We wish them the best birthday ever. These wonderful ladies have supported the temple in so many ways and it is appreciated. We also want to congratulate two couples Reverend Dr. Kenji & Karen Akahoshi and Koichi & Joyce Yamamoto for their upcoming 50th Wedding Anniversaries.

Going back to 2017 and the last day of the year, I was able to attend the service. After the meaningful service, we were treated to delicious soba. I want to thank Laverne Imori for once again stepping up to purchase ingredients, organize volunteers, plus cooking the noodles for everyone who attended. Thank you to the crew that helped Laverne cook, serve and clean that day. True dana at its best.

As for me personally, 2018 has started out with sadness in losing a young adult cousin and a close friend being in the hospital. It has reminded me to not put off calling, e-mailing or getting together with people that I've been thinking about. We all know how important family and friends are so let's make the effort to stay connected and be kind to one another.

In Gassho

BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

The Board of Directors met on January 11:

1. Rev. Akahoshi presented his aspirations for 2018.
2. A positive operations account balance for the ending fiscal year was provided. Generous year-end donations, early payments for 2018 memberships and some designated 2018 donations helped.
3. The Board approved recognition of the 2017 top donors.
4. Funding for the replacement of three of the annex exterior doors was approved. The doors had exposure damage or the panic hardware and locking mechanisms were not operating properly.
5. The Board approved funding for the Oseibo for the minister, secretary, gardener, cleaning service, Reverend Aoyama, Reverend Mukojima and the Minister's Assistants. Oseibo was presented at the temple New Year Party on January 21.
6. The Board ratified the approval for purchase of the income property in keeping with the temple by-laws.
7. Updates from affiliated organizations and committees were received.
8. Information about the BCA Restructure of Assets proposal and the 2019 National Council meeting in Phoenix, Az. were shared. The Board was asked to review and provide recommendations.

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we express gratitude for receiving this gift of life. The gatha, Ondokusan, inspires us to repay this debt of gratitude by physical action. Therefore, we can become a source of support for others. Our happiness is intimately connected to making others happy. Observe the joy of elders as they provide gifts to children. It is a joy to be able to give.

We observe Nirvana Day this month. On his death bed, the Buddha advised his followers to treasure his Teachings, and not his physical presence. Because of that declaration, we have inherited the Buddha Dharma or Buddhism. Every experience and emotion is a gift of human life. By feeling the pain of the first Noble Truth, we discover its source as our attachment to our ego (second Noble Truth). As Shin Buddhist, we realize our inability to disengage from our ego. However, even with this deficiency, we are supported beyond imagination. Our ordinary life of convenience and comfort in 21st century America, far exceeds that of most human life in the previous generations. We hunger, not for material wealth, but for eternal truths. Come join us on our Wednesday night Buddhism 1-2-3, as we explore the joy of serving others, as we tread the Nembutsu path.

Gassho,
Kenji Sesnsei

BWA NEWS

Rev. Jerry Hirano, from Salt Lake City Buddhist Temple, gave very interesting talks at the Ho-Onko Service and lecture the night before. Hope you were able to catch them.

The Ho Onko service was followed by our annual New Year party. Thank you to all the members who helped and everyone who participated in as the BWA shared the aging version of "My Favorite Things." We sounded great!

The annual Lady Takeko Kujo and BWA Memorial Service will take place on February 11 at 9am, followed by the Nirvana Day service at 10. Guest speaker will be Rev. Nobuko Miyoshi, from the West Covina Buddhist Temple. She will also give a BEC lecture on Saturday at 7 p.m., right after the delicious beef stew benefit dinner. Hope you can attend.

The craft group welcomes ladies and men on the first and third Wednesdays from 10 am – 2 pm. It's a fun group that combines creativity with yummy treats. Please join us!

The next meeting will be on February 4, with Group D hosting. Hope to see you then!

There are two ways to get to the BWA website: southern-districtbwa.weebly.com or through the direct link from the website for the temple at btbsd.net. Take a peek!

DHARMA SCHOOL NEWS

On Sunday, January 21, we observed O Hoonko, Shinran Shonin's Memorial service. Thank you to Rev. Jerry Hirano and his wife Dr. Carmela Hirano for coming to San Diego and for the message to the Dharma School students featuring "Harry the Ho Onko Hippo." At the temple New Year Party, some of our Dharma School students danced to Elvis Presley's "Hound Dog." It was so cute. Thank you to Sharon Sasaki for quickly rounding up students for this performance.

We will continue our Fruit and Floral offering. Here is the schedule:

February: 5 th – 8 th Grade	May 13: 5th-8th Grade
March: Pre-K — 1st Grade	May 20: Pre-K—1st Grade
April: 9 th – 12 th Grade	June 10: 9th-12th Grade
May 6: 2 nd – 4 th Grade	

Information regarding the LABCC Summer Camp program for youths 8-13 years old will be coming out soon. The one week camp will take place at Camp Morningstar in the Angelus Oaks of the San Bernardino mountains.

Please check the website, www.labcc.org. If you have any questions, please see me.

SAVE THE DATE for the annual Dharma School Camping trip. The dates are May 25 -27. The site is to be determined. Please stay tuned for more details.

Registration material has been received for the annual Federation Dharma School Teachers League conference, April 27-29 in Foster City, new San Francisco.

Happy February Birthday wishes to: Yoshie Sannwald and Mark Iwashita.

The next teacher-staff meeting will be on Sunday, February 4 at 9 a.m. in the conference room

Gassho,
Avis Honda, Superintendent

BUDDHIST EDUCATION

Welcome to Guest Speaker for Nirvana Day:
Rev. Nobuko Miyoshi

To make the most of our Nirvana Day observances, we welcome guest speaker Rev. Nobuko Miyoshi for two Dharma opportunities over the weekend: A special lecture the evening of Saturday, Feb. 10 and for the Dharma messages at our Sunday service on Feb. 11.

About Rev Miyoshi

Rev. Miyoshi is resident minister at the West Covina Buddhist Temple of the Higashi Honganji branch of the Jodo Shinshu tradition. Previously she served at the Higashi Honganji in Los Angeles. Rev. Miyoshi comes from a ministerial family in Japan, and has trained both in Japan and the United States including three years and a master's degree at the Institute of Buddhist Studies in Berkeley. She is married to Rev. William Briones, Rimban at the Nishi Hongwanji Los Angeles Betsuin.

BEC Lecture Saturday Feb. 10: "Flipping to the Right Side Up"

The night before our Sunday Nirvana Day service, this lecture by Miyoshi Sensei will take place at 7 p.m. in the Sangha Hall and is expected to run some 90 minutes. There will be time for questions and answers. Light refreshments will be served.

The Topic. What is meant by the concept of flipping to the right side up? In the context of Nirvana Day, Miyoshi Sensei plans on helping us understand the concept as a Buddhist response to human suffering. The flipping is in response to the human condition of delusion and ignorance. In this metaphor, we are flip from living with the wrong side up, from the torture of wrong views that are akin to being hung upside down, when we recognize our delusion. As such the topic complements the themes of Nirvana Day and the extinguishing of suffering.

Buddhism 1-2-3 and Fourth Sunday Introduction to Buddhism

Buddhism 1-2-3 is our informal presentation of meditation, chanting, and Buddhist concepts taking place most Wednesday nights at 7 p.m. in the Temple Sangha Hall, lasting some 90 minutes. Typically, Kenji Sensei presents the first two Wednesdays of the month (Feb. 7 and 14), with members of the Buddhist Education Committee facilitating later sessions (Feb. 21 and 28).

The **Fourth Sunday Introduction to Buddhism** is a one-time introductory class on the Fourth Sunday of each month (this month on Feb. 25) starting at 9 a.m. in the Sangha Hall and presents a succinct history of Buddhism and our Temple. Attendees are then encouraged to attend the following Sunday service. Kaytee Sumida leads each monthly session.

Bill Teague, BEC Committee Chairman

Join or Renew Now for 2018: Simplified Form

Bill Teague, Membership Chair

Thanks to all already renewed for 2018! As of the middle of January, we already have 40% of the membership renewed.

Thanks to those of you with good suggestions for improving the 2018 renewal form. Please see our simplified membership form in this issue.

BUDDHIST TEMPLE of SAN DIEGO 2018 Membership

A. PLEASE START WITH MEMBER NAME(S) New Renewing

Member 1: Mr Ms Mrs _____

Member 2: Mr Ms Mrs _____

B. MEMBERSHIP LEVEL - Circle the Amount or Write In

LEVEL	CATEGORY	ANNU-AL	MONTHLY	Q'LY	Notes
Wisteria	Family/Couple	1200	100	300	Family/Couple Level The Family/Couple level refers to the adult members of the family. Most single parents also choose this category but it is not required.
	Individual	600	50	150	
Dana	Family/Couple	576	48	144	
	Individual	336	28	84	
Bodhi	Family/Couple				Bodhi This is the option for generous donations above the Wisteria level.
	Individual				
Senior(s)	Two Seniors	360	30	90	Optional Senior Discount Available for members 75 yrs or older.
	One Senior	180	15	45	

C. TEMPLE PROGRAMS - Circle the Amount or Write In

Floral Offer- ing	Recommend- ed	40	3	10	For beautiful flower offerings at the three shrines for the Buddha, Shinran Shonin, and Rennyo Shonin.
	Your Choice				
General Mainte- nance	Recommend- ed	40	3	10	For gardening: Both Temple and minister's residence.
	Your Choice				
Dharma School	Recommend- ed	20	2	5	For support of the programs initiated by the Dharma School for the children.
	Your Choice				
Scholarships	Recommend- ed	20	2	5	For graduating high school seniors and continuing education students from Temple members.
	Your Choice				
Minister's Assistants	Recommend- ed	20	2	5	For fees and costs of ongoing certification of the Minister's Assistants.
	Your Choice				

Totals of Amounts (B and C)

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Form continues following.

BUDDHIST TEMPLE of SAN DIEGO 2018 Membership

D. New Membership Info/Updates for Current Member

Renewal with No Updates →→→ Proceed to Part E.

Member 1 Occupation: _____ Birthdate _____

Email address: _____ Preferred phone: _____

Member 2 Occupation: _____ Birthdate _____

Email address: _____ Preferred phone: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

E. NEWSLETTER/KAIHO PREFERENCES

Print

Email

Both

F. PAYMENT METHOD

Cash or check payable to BTSD

Credit or debit card.

G. AUTHORIZATION (REQUIRED)

I/We understand that

- Membership dues will be renewed each year, and you can change levels or preferences at any time.
- In future years members or sponsors will receive a statement of assumed dues and program donations for the coming term (based on previous dues and donations) for review and modification as needed.
- **Members or sponsors paying by credit or debit card** are authorizing its use for renewal with specific account information as follows.

Payor's Authorized Signature Required

Member 1. _____

Member 2. _____

A percentage of your dues supports 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!

Questions? Other arrangements? *Just let us know. We will work with you to make joining or renewal easy. Contact the Buddhist Temple of San Diego at 619-239-0896 or Bill Teague, Membership Chair, 619-248-3749.*

BTSD CELEBRATES AT ANNUAL NEW YEARS PARTY

On a sunny and warm January day, following the Ho Onko service, Sangha members streamed into the Annex Hall. People were greeting one another with smiles, hugs and New Year's wishes. Honored guests wore corsages and boutonnieres, and everyone picked up their lunches and found a seat.

Over 160 members, guests and friends were in attendance on January 21 for the temple's annual New Year's Party.

Ken Muraoka served as Master of Ceremonies and opened the party with reflections of 2017 and honored the Year of the Dog with a humorous slide presentation.

Of the 29 temple members 88-years-old and above who were recognized, 12 were in attendance to enjoy the festivities.

Mr. Koryu Morikawa of the San Diego Shigin Kai, recited in Japanese, a Waka (verse) by Emperor Meiji (circa 19th-20th century) then recited the New Year's Poem written by Shingen Takeda, a military leader in 16th century Japan.

Ruth Voorhies, representing the 88-and-great club, gave heart-warming words for the New Year's toast.

Our resident minister, Rev. Dr. Kenji Akahoshi gave the Shokuzen No Gassho (gratitude before meal). Then, everyone enjoyed a delicious bento lunch provided by Ichiban Restaurant.

In advance of 2018 celebrations, the temple recognized several Sangha members who will be observing milestones later this year.

Sayoko Tomiyama, Asako Morinaka and Kikuko Takashima, all of whom will reach the venerable age of 100 this year, were applauded. Kenji Sensei and his wife Karen will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary in the fall. Also, recognized were new members who joined the temple since the 2017 New Year's party.

Entertainment included the BWA's version of "My Favorite Things." BWA members and others from the audience joined in the singing. The Dharma School children (little Elvis's) and Jr. YBA members lip synced Elvis Presley's hit song "Hound Dog."

President LuAnn Lee gave words of appreciation and Rev. Tesshi Aoyama gave with Shokugo No Gassho (gratitude) after meal.

The EcoSangha committee added a new twist to this year's event. Members cleaned off food scraps from the food containers and separated disposable cups and utensils which made for better recycling methods and less disposal waste. Everyone complied with the effort making the party a very positive approach for the temple's ecological awareness.

Parting gifts for all attendees included the 2018 BTSD magnet calendar, boxes of tissue and treats for the children.

The temple is grateful to the many donors and wish to acknowledge donations received: Sake and chocolate macadamia nut candies from Three D's Travel (Doug Ojiri), flowers from Keidan Floral Design (Naomi Himaka), and sashimi from Steve Sato. Ichiban Restaurant donated cookies and two cases of beer. Also, anonymous donations of assorted candies and boxes of tissue.

Thank you to the many volunteers who helped in various capacities to make the New Years party a success. We could not have done it without you! And, thank you to the Sangha for your participation.

May everyone have a healthy and wonderful 2018!

Gassho,
Laura Yoshida and Ralph Honda
Co-chairs



Little Elvis and the "Hound Dogs" rock the temple's New Year's Party with the rendition of Elvis Presley's hit song. Photo courtesy of Mike Ong.

FRIDAY SENIOR LUNCH PROGRAM AT GARDEN VILLAS

On February 2, the temple will host the Friday Senior Lunch program and Garden Villas in Chula Vista (1260 3rd Avenue, Chula Vista). For a nominal fee, you can receive a hot nutritious meal. The lunch runs from 12 noon to 1 p.m.

Join other temple seniors and community friends at the Friday luncheon. Garden Villas (formerly Kiku Gardens) senior independent living facility:

In addition to Feb. 2, BTSD will host luncheons on March 30 and May 25

If you wish to donate your time to help prepare lunches or even have an entrée idea, please contact the temple or Mildred Kawasaki.



SCRIP NEWS

Thank you to everyone who buys gift cards through the scrip program. Having figured out the amount, but will be writing a check for hopefully more than we did last year. We'll let you know next month.

No new participants in the Great Lakes Scrip Program, but we continue to carry the popular ones that most people purchase. So, we have on hand: Albertson's - \$25 and \$100; Amazon.com - \$25; Chili's (Macaroni Grill) - \$25; CVS - \$25 and \$100; Darden (Olive Garden) - \$25; Home Depot - \$25 and \$100; IHOP - \$25; iTunes - \$25; JoAnn's - \$25; Michael's - \$25; Panera's - \$25; Ross - \$25; Stater Bros. - \$100; Smart & Final - \$100; Starbucks - \$25 and \$10; Von's - \$100; Walgreen's - \$100; and Walmart - \$100.

Continue to buy gift cards and support the temple without donating any money out of your pocket. Remember that you get the full value of what you pay for the gift card, but the temple also gets a percentage. Once again-thanks for supporting the temple through the scrip program.

Gassho,
Miyo Hill, Scrip Chairperson



FEBRUARY SHOTSUKI LIST

This month's Shotsuki Hoyo (MEMORIAL SERVICE) will be held Sunday, Feb. 4, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. in conjunction with the Family Service. Families and friends of anyone who passed away during the month of February 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.

2月の祥月法要は、2月4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、仏教会へご参詣ください。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。

DECEASED

FAMILY MEMBER

Kisouyemon Sato (2-21-1906).....	Wilbur Takashima
Bunshiro Takashima (2-6-1927).....	Wilbur Takashima
Naminosuke Tachiki (2-13-1932).....	Tachiki Family
Rino Yanagihara (2-21-1948).....	Yanagihara Family
Same Odawara (2-27-1949).....	Higuchi Family
Michi Hanano (2-3-1956).....	Jerry Hanano
Eikichi Ishisaki (2-12-1956).....	Florence Koga
Toyo Furusho (2-24-1958).....	Saito Family
Naminosuke Date (2-8-1959).....	Date Family
Yukino Kodama (2-14-1959).....	Vivianne Jones
Ichigoro Imai (2-9-1960).....	Fumiko Ohara
Kotaro Shimizu (2-4-1960).....	Dorothy Kimura
Mine Iwataki (2-6-1961).....	Iwataki Family
Hatsue Kimura (2-16-1961).....	Ochi Family
Sada Takasugi (2-22-1966).....	Wayne Takasugi
Sada Tsuneyoshi (2-1-1967).....	Motoo Tsuneyoshi
Don Sadao Takeshita (2-6-1968).....	Akira Takeshita
Yujiro Nakano (2-21-1970).....	Minako Nakano
Yaeno Amano (2-2-1971).....	Amano Family
Natsue Shinohara (2-13-1972).....	Shinohara Family
Tome Morimoto (2-14-1974).....	Morimoto Family
Tome Yamashita (2-17-1976).....	Mildred Kawasaki
Suma Shimada (2-3-1978).....	Sharon Shimada
Masanori Koba (2-21-1979).....	Duane Koba
Fred Yamaguchi (2-2-1981).....	Yamaguchi Family
Fumiko Yoshihara (2-1-1982).....	Hiroko Kubota
Megumi Torimaru (2-2-1983).....	Torimaru Family
Masano Hirata (2-8-1984).....	Hirata Family
Yuki Masumoto (2-26-1986).....	Chiyoko Masumoto
Shima Fudo (2-13-1988).....	Miyoko Yamanishi
Miki Moriyama (2-17-1988).....	Madeline Clogston

DECEASED

FAMILY MEMBER

Sada Sameshima (2-1-1989).....	Ricardo Y. Sameshima
Eda Asamen (2-24-1989).....	Masako Uyeji
Misao Sugiyama (2-5-1992).....	Hideo Sugiyama
George Hoshizaki (2-9-1993).....	Carolyn Jackson
James Nicolas Link (2-27-1993).....	Kathryn Moriyama Liss
Mary Sugimoto (2-15-1994).....	Florence Koga
Yajuro Nemoto (2-25-1994).....	Nemoto Family
Koyoshi Nakamura (2-19-1995).....	Nakamura Family
Otomatsu Yoshihara (2-23-1995).....	Hiroko Kubota
Iwao Yagura (2-2-1998).....	Yagura Family
Fumiko Momita (2-18-2001).....	Gary Asao Momita
Mary Hoshizaki (2-27-2001).....	Hoshizaki Family
Satoshi Jack Takagi (2-2-2002).....	Takagi Family
Shie Hagio (2-13-2002).....	Hagio Family
Carol Inouye (2-3-2004).....	Craig Inouye
Masami Honda (2-8-2005).....	Amy Honda
Fred Hashiguchi (2-17-2006).....	Miyoko Hashiguchi
Shigeru Joseph Shiraishi (2-22-2006).....	Shiraishi Family
Bette Torio (2-16-2007).....	Wesley Torio
Patsy Harue Yanagihara (2-1-2008).....	Yanagihara Family
Suzy Shizuko Yamada (2-25-2008).....	Bert Masumoto
Doris Miyashiro (2-7-2009).....	Amy Sato
Tsuneo Niwa (2-9-2014).....	Niwa Family
Toshiharu Glenn Yonekura (2-21-2011).....	Kikuko Takashima
Ronald Nishinaga (2-27-2012).....	Mani Ryan
Yoshinobu Wakabayashi (2-6-2013).....	Yoshiko White
Rose Watamura (2-1-2014).....	Elizabeth Takasaki
Fumie Yamashita (2-13-2014).....	Friends
Mary Matsumoto (2-24-2014).....	Kay DeFord
Mariko Tanizaki (2-25-2014).....	Gary Tanizaki
Hideko Okada Smith (2-17-2016).....	James E. Smith

M E M O R I A L S E R V I C E S

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.

2018 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

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Service - Kodama Family
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Yamamoto, George

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Koga, Florence
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JOYA-E (Year-end)

Yamamoto, Kengo
 Graeber, Kikue
 Tsukamoto, Wayne

Sumida, Floyd
 Darini, Bruna
 Morikawa, Kazuhiko --
 Happy New Year

NEW YEAR'S DAY

Yamamoto, Kengo
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 Sumida, Floyd
 Yamamoto, Sachio

NIRVANA DAY

Yamamoto, George & Ann

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JAPANESE AMERICAN CITIZENS LEAGUE**SAN DIEGO CHAPTER SCHOLARSHIPS**

Applications for

2018 Scholarships are ONLINE

The San Diego Chapter is awarding a limited number of scholarships ranging up to \$1,000 to local high school seniors planning to enter college in 2018. The JACL Scholarship application is now available at the National website www.jacl.org

Open to all students, community involvement as well as scholastic achievement is considered. Applicants must be JACL members to be eligible to apply. Membership application (\$25) may be submitted along with the scholarship application. Top local scholarship awardees will be forwarded on for consideration for National JACL Freshmen Scholarships as well.

The local chapter also offers the Dr. Roy K. Tanaka Continuing Education Scholarship to those already in college. Applicants should use the General form.

Many other scholarships, e.g. for careers in law or medicine, are also available at the National website.

Applications must be postmarked by **March 1, 2018** and mailed to:

SD JACL Scholarship Committee
6917 Town View Lane
San Diego, CA 92120

All local area scholarship awardees will be determined by March 31, 2018. For questions, contact the SD JACL Scholarship Committee at ckawamoto@jacl.org

マウンテンビューン教会 「回向」
二〇一八年二月法話

おに そと ふく うち
鬼は外！福は内！

駐在開教使 向嶋謙史

最近、日系スーパーで鬼のお面が商品棚で見られるようになりまして。日本では、毎年二月三日に「節分」といって、鬼のお面をかぶった人達に、鬼が嫌う豆を投げつけて鬼退治をするという風習があります。この「豆まき」は古くは中国から伝わった風習で、「追儺」と呼ばれ、悪鬼や厄神を追い払う行事として七〇六年に文武天皇の宮中で初めて行われたといわれています。

さて、豆まきのお決まりの掛け声といえば、「鬼は外！福は内！」ですが、この嫌われ、追い払われる「鬼」とは、一体何者でしょうか。もちろん一般的には穢れや災い、厄病など邪気といわれるものを指すのですが、仏さまのみ教えに出遇つてみると以外に身近なところにいるのが分かります。ではその「鬼」とは誰のことなのでしょう。それは正しくこの私自身のことなのです。

私の心の奥底に広がる闇の世界に、この厄介者の「鬼」が息を潜めて蠢いています。貪りの心（貪欲）の絶えない餓鬼が潜んでいます。怒りや嫉みや腹立ちの心（瞋恚）の絶えない邪鬼が潜んでいます。理非の区別のつかない、自分の損得だけで物事を判断する愚かな心（愚痴）の邪見の鬼が潜んでいます。これらの「鬼」が事ある毎に顔を出し、この私そのまが「鬼」になるのです。

一九三三年に往生された妙好人・浅原才市さんは、自身の肖像画に二本の角を描かせました。自らを「鬼」と

自覚されたのです。そしてこう歌われています。

またなまや わしのこころのきたなまや じごくのくげんは これかわかるぞ あさましや あさましや あさましや なむあみだぶつ なむあみだぶつ （わが心の汚さを思えば、地獄しか行き場のないこの私。あさましい事でありませぬ。南無阿弥陀仏）

おそろしや しぬるだんまつまには おそろしや わが業力で できた鬼が 見えまする おそろしや おそろしや おそろしや （わが臨終の際にはおそろしや 私が思ってきた事 仕出かした事によって作り出した鬼が見えてきます。おそろしや）と。

親鸞聖人はこのような私達を、「凡夫」と呼ばれ、「一念多念証文」の中では、凡夫について次のように詳しく説明されておられます。「凡夫といふは、無明煩惱われらが身にみちみちて、欲もおほく、いはらち、おほく、ねたむころおほく、くまなくして、臨終の一念にいたるまでとどまらず、きえず、たえずと、水火二河のたどえにあらはれたり。」

まことに心の闇を覗けば覗くほど、あさましくも恐ろしい、私達であることに気づかれます。地獄こそ一定住みかこの私です。しかしながら、このような凡夫だからこそ救わずにはおれないとの思いで建てられたのが、阿弥陀仏の二本願なのです。

才市さんは、さらにこう歌います。
あさましが ないならば みだの浄土は できんの浄土を （罪深いこのあさましい煩惱いっばいの凡夫がいなければできなかった弥陀のお浄土、あさましいこの私がいるゆえに、こしらえてもらったお浄土なのです）

よろこびは つみを つきぬけ ひかりかがやく

くわんぎとは このこと おんうれしや なむあみだぶつ（限りなくあさましいこの私、そっくりそのままお慈悲の光に包み込まれている喜び、歓喜とはこのことです。弥陀のご恩のなんと嬉しいことでしょう。南無阿弥陀仏）

私達凡夫は常に自己中心の存在であり、ひとたび縁がもようせば何を仕出かすかわからない存在です。そのような私のあり様を知らせ、正して下さるのがお念仏のみ教えなのです。阿弥陀仏の智慧の光に照らされて、私の心の闇に潜む鬼に気づくとき、そこに起きてくるのは、己をあさましいと恥じる「慚愧」の心ではないでしょうか。

しかし、それと同時に、そつた鬼を飼っている「あさましいこの私」であればこそ、救わずにはおれないと誓つて下さった阿弥陀仏のお慈悲の心に気づかされて、私はすつぽりと、「歓喜」の心に包み込まれるのです。才一さんは歌います。

法にむく しごとが ひとつある わが身つしむこれが しごとよ（報いても報いきれない阿弥陀さまの「恩を思うとき、この私にできることといえは、少しでもわが身を慎んで、世のため、人のために生きることではないでしょうか）

今日は、浅原才市さんの詩をたくさん味わって頂きましたが、妙好人と呼ばれるお方の自己内省の深さに大変驚かれたことと思います。しかし、これぞ正しく阿弥陀仏の智慧の光に出遇つたお方の正直なお言葉なのです。さて、今年も二月三日の節分の日、私が鬼役となつて子供達から大量の豆を投げつけられるという大役を全うしなくてはなりません。子供達も少しは力加減をしてくれればいいのですが…。

BEEF STEW BENEFIT DINNER

Feb. 10, 4:30 to 6 p.m. Donation: \$8

FOLLOWED BY MONTHLY BINGO

Enjoy a hearty bowl of beef stew and vegetables over rice and accompanied with a salad.

Tickets may be purchased for \$8 in the office or from any temple board member. Following the dinner, enjoy an evening of BINGO hosted by the Asian Pacific VFW Post 4851. Buy-in is \$10. Support the temple and VFW and have a fun Saturday night.

EcoSangha Message:



Thanks go out to the attendees of the Temple New Years Party for helping to separate the recyclable bento trays and other items after eating. With the separation of recyclables, we only had three bags of trash going to the landfill rather than 6 or 7, which is the norm. Remember recycling is something we can practice at home every day. Here are a few locations you can take specialized recyclables: Best Buy Stores: old cell phone &

batteries; USD Campus: Electronic (E) waste; Auto Zone Auto Parts stores: waste motor oil. I have attached a site to help you find recycle locations and other information.

<http://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/PublicEd/default.htm>



NIRVANA DAY (NEHAN-E)

Commemorating the life of

Sakyamuni Buddha

**Sunday, February 11, 2018,
10:00 a.m.**

Guest Speaker:

Rev. Nobuko Miyoshi

(West Covina Buddhist Temple)



**The BWA and Lady Takeko Kujo
Memorial Services**

will be held starting at 9 a.m.

(A BEC-sponsored lecture, featuring Rev. Miyoshi

will take place on Saturday, Feb. 10 starting

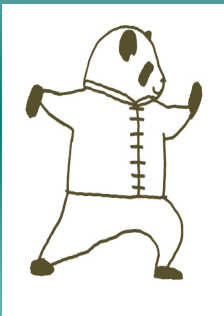
at 7 p.m. In the Sangha Hall. The event is free

and open to the public. Details on

Rev. Miyoshi's presentation

is on Page 4)

BTSD Tai Chi



Our Tai Chi instructor is easy to follow and patient, 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, Feb. 1, 8, 15 & 22
10-11 a.m. in the Annex Hall**

BTSD OFFICE HOURS

The temple's weekday business hours are

Tuesday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Linda Redenbaugh is the administrative assistant

And will be Happy to Assist You.

We are closed on Mondays.

Most Saturdays, the office is open 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Before visiting, please call the temple to make sure someone will be in the office.

Sundays are dedicated to our weekly service at 10 a.m.

The Sunday office hours are from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Thank you.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR NIRVANA DAY DONATION

An envelope is enclosed if you wish to make a Nirvana Day offering. For those who subscribe to the Bussei Script online, we invite your Nirvana Day donation. Please mail your donation to the temple or bring it to the service. As always, the Temple looks forward to your participation and is very grateful for your support.