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Waking up to Death

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Resident Minister



The Vitality of Death is the first book written by my teacher, philosopher Peter Koestenbaum. The paradox of this title may challenge our minds to deeply consider the meaning of our funerals and memorial services. Our usual thoughts of death, funerals, and memorial services can evoke negative feelings and anxiety. This natural response may be exaggerated in our modern idealized world. The productive, consuming American culture of the latter part of the 20th century has created an attitude of abundance and entitlement.

The dawn of the 21st century is revealing the inability of the earth to sustain this level of human consumption. Death may also represent an end to this paradise. The 2nd Noble Truth of the desires of the ego is abundantly clear. In our attempt to deflect the pain of this truth, we try to minimize our exposure to this discomfort. We simplify the funeral/burial process and even eliminate some of these memorial services. Psychologists inform us that by minimizing the traditional process of grieving, we may hinder our healing process that is necessary after a loss.

Our traditional funeral and memorial services were developed about 500 years ago. The obvious changes of time, culture, and life patterns have necessitated changes in the format. However, we should maintain some important aspects that support the healing process of the family. Many traditional cultures have emphasized a familiarity with death and the loss of a loved one. The commonality of death should encourage all of us to become familiar with the purpose and meaning these services.

Much of our lives have been sanitized by modern efficiency. Our relationship with death has also been altered. There is a tendency to minimize our contact with our loved one after death. We may think that the less contact we have with death may help us retain our memories of the person's life. However, this path robs us of the emotional impact of death, as we try to minimize the pain of loss.

Although death may be a constant part of the news or TV, it is distant and impersonal. When a loved one or close personal friend dies, we feel the loss deeply and our present mindset is challenged. It can offer an invitation to wake up to the rare, precious nature of life. The loss of a loved one fully engages us in the reality of life and death. Our hearts are truly open to hear the wisdom of the Buddha's Teachings. In this time of loss, Shin Buddhist funerals and memorial services offer a means of assessing the meaning of our lives. Over many centuries, the format of these services has provided a process of grieving.

Our contemporary life style has led to an expectation of personal convenience, instant gratification, and avoidance of negative experiences. These expectations differ from the Buddha's Teachings of the Three Marks of Existence: "Impermanence," "Interdependence," and "attachment to ego." The opportunity to awakening to these truths of the Buddha may occur as we experience the loss of a loved one. The mature mind realizes that life does not occur as we would like it to be. The impermanence of individual lives is shockingly vivid with the death of a loved one. However, the lessons of interdependence and compassion can support us in our loss. Our attachment to the physical form of that person can be healed by realizing the ongoing connection of a spiritual connection of memories.

The various memorial services provide the opportunity to hear these healing words of the Buddha. These truths do not turn our attention away from the unavoidable, but instead provide us with a compassionate reality. We are all connected with the compassion love of interdependence. But our limited minds cling to the physical forms of separateness. The Nembutsu, Namo Amida Butsu, reminds us of the Wisdom and Compassion that continues to support us. The memorial services provide many opportunities for the family and friends to gather to honor the deceased by their continued memories. We are not forgotten simply because we are physically absent.

BTS has just created and will distribute a booklet on The Death of a Loved One. Shin Buddhism has recognized the overwhelming sense of loss that occurs. Ceremonies have been developed to help family and friends through the grief of this difficult transition. These services reflect the wisdom of the Buddha, to honor the deceased by a proper grieving process over time. This little booklet is intended to help family and friends understand the meaning, significance, and process of Shin Buddhist services and other activities following the death of a loved one. The experience of their death may be their final message for us to wake up to the beauty of Light and Life.

Gassho,
Kenji Sensei

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Family service/Shotsuki Hoyo, 10 am BWA Mtg., 11:45 am, CR Taiko, Noon, AH	2 Office Closed	3 Office Closed	4 Independence Day Temple Closed	5 Tai Chi, 10 am, AH Odori Practice, 7pm, AH	6 Office Closed	7 Koto, 9:30 am, SH
8 Family Service 10 am Funeral talk and discus- sion presentation Odori Practice, 11 am, AH	9 Office Closed Ways & Means, 7 pm, CR	10 SD Ministers Mtg. At L.A. Betsuin, 10 am	11 Minyo, Noon, SH Shigin, 1 pm, CR Taiko, 6:30 pm, AH Buddhism 1-2-3, 7 SH	12 Tai Chi, 10 am, AH BOD Mtg., 6:45 pm, CR Odori Practice, 7pm, AH	13 Office Closed	14 S. D. LGBT Pride Pa- rade, Hillcrest BINGO, 6 pm, AH
15 Family Service, 10 am Odori Practice, 11 am, AH	16 Office Closed	17 Office Closed	18 Crafts, 10 am, DR Minyo, Noon, SH Shigin, 1 pm, CR Taiko, 6:30 pm, AH Buddhism 1-2-3, 7 SH	19 Tai Chi, 10 am, AH Odori Practice, 7pm, AH	20 Office Closed	21 Koto, 9:30 am, SH Dana Group: Beach Clean-Up, 9-11
22 Temple Clean-up, 9 am (No Service) Odori Practice, 11 am, AH	23 Office Closed	24 Office Closed	25 Minyo, Noon, SH Shigin, 1 pm, CR Taiko, 6:30 pm, AH Buddhism 1-2-3, 7 SH	26 Tai Chi, 10 am, AH Odori Practice, 7pm, AH Activities Mtg., 7 pm, CR	27 Office Closed	28 BON ODORI Parking lot set up, 5 p.m.
29 O BON, 2 pm Rev. John Iwohara BEC Lecture with Rev. Iwohara, 3:30 BON ODORI, 5 p.m.	30 Office Closed	31 Office Closed	<p>Looking ahead to August: No Sunday services (Services resume on September 9) Wednesday Buddhism 1-2-3 break (Sessions resume in September) Aug. 4: Bon Odori Festival at Balboa Park, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Aug. 18-19: Parking Lot Rummage Sale Aug. 26: 23rd Annual Golf Tournament at Eastlake CC, Chula Vista</p>			



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By LuAnn Lee, Board President



Memorial Weekend was a busy one as usual. I missed the road trip to Imperial Valley. There were five Sangha members who accompanied Kenji Sensei to three cemetery services. The group also visited the Pioneer Museum in El Centro and stopped by the Dharma School camp site at Dos Picos in Ramona. I was also able to visit the campers.

The six families had just returned from a hike to potato chip rock. It was great to see some new families making walking sticks, enjoying the beautiful weather and just relaxing.

On Monday, I attended the Community Memorial Day observance at Mount Hope Cemetery. Thank you to Reverend Mary Sue Brookshire from Pioneer Ocean View UCC for encouraging the other churches and groups to have our service as part of the regular program. I was surprised because BTSD used to do our service after the main service was over. It is always an honor to represent the temple with floral wreath presentations along with the other churches and community groups. Kenji Sensei always does a great job delivering a message to fit the group. I will remind you to join us next year as I think you will feel the sense of what a special community we are a part of.

As June came, so did our temple Bazaar. It was attended by many and hopefully enjoyed by all.

I always hear about Social Media and how it can reach a lot of people. In this case, I saw this first hand through Caitlin Yoshioka (Baker). She had so many people responding and sharing her post about the Bazaar with pictures of our food to the entertainment. Some of our food sold out between 2:30 and 3 p.m.! Luckily, we had enough Chow Mein until the end. Mildred and I can't thank you enough for your support to make this years' Bazaar a success! Please see the Bazaar article on Page 7.

The annual temple picnic was held on Father's Day, June 17, at Rohr Park in Chula Vista. It was so nice to see so many people there with lots of Dads attending. Thank you to Dharma School for hosting this event along with the Junior YBA. It was amazing when they announced that seven seniors graduated this year from high school. It brought memories of these kids running around the temple and the picnic. We were planning games for them and now they are moving on to college. It really put time into perspective. It really does fly by.

As I was thinking about those kids, I thought about my own kids. With my son's recent return to San Diego, we now have our family together again after many years of them living on the east coast and in the bay area. Just in time to make Father's Day extra special.

Hope to see you soon at our many upcoming events.
Gassho, LuAnn



Campers pose with their walking sticks after hiking to Potato Chip Rock during the Dharma School campout at Dos Picos campground near Ramona.
Courtesy Photo: Arturo Rubio

BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

Key highlights from the Board of Directors Meeting held on Thursday, June 14:

1. Beginning next year, the order of Memorial Day services will change. The Cypress View service will be scheduled for 11:00 a.m. following the Mt. Hope service that takes place at 9:30 a.m.
2. Yukari Williams will be assisting Rev. Akahoshi with preparing the the onaijin for services.
3. Re-roofing work on the south side of the annex was completed. The PV solar installation should be completed in early July.
4. The quiet exhaust fan installation is scheduled to be completed before the start of Obon dance practices. The fans are meant to remove some of the heat from the annex hall.
5. Approved the cost of installing a storage container. The container will give us more flexibility with our facility space needs.
6. Approved installation of a Fire Alarm system for the main building. The system is voluntary but will be life-safety code compliant. Partial funding comes from 90th Anniversary donations.
7. Funds were approved for carpet replacement in the Hondo-level elevator lobby and pre-function area.
8. The temple will be represented at the 2018 Japanese Friendship Garden Gala, June 21.
9. Approved the participation fees for the Pride Parade, July 14.
10. Assistant Ministers Noriko Kawai and Laverne Imori will attend the July MAP Session at the JSC.
11. Congratulations to Roy Muraoka who will be recognized at the 2018 Nisei Week Pioneer Luncheon, August 15.
12. The Board thanked Roy Okuhara for his 25 years of service in teaching Dharma School.
13. Bill Teague shared the work he was doing on creating the new website he hopes to have ready by July. The new website address is buddhisttemplesandiego.org

BWA NEWS

We would like to thank everyone who came out to prep for the bazaar. On Thursday, May 30, a few members met to make chex mix to place in recycled tins to sell at Bazaar. On the next day, members assisted in soaking shiitake, cut and soaked kanpyo, measuring six kamas to cook early Sunday morning, and sliced onion and celery for chow mein. On Saturday, we sliced and cooked shiitake, kanpyo and age, made egg sheets and sliced them to use in the makizushi.

On Bazaar day, rice cookers started the first 3 kamas of rice at 4:45 am. Then seasoned and cooled rice. Nine sushi rollers led by Kevin Nuike rolled 160 rolls of makizushi. The rest of workers continued with cooking, seasoning and cooling the remainder of rice to make age sushi. The ladies made chirashi with the leftover sushi ingredients and were ready to sell at 10:30. We sold out of everything by 2 p.m.

Thank you everyone for putting in so many hours to make both the sushi and craft booths such a success. We could not have accomplished this without you.

The Southern District BWA presented an okesa to Roy Okuhara for 25 years of service as a Dharma School teacher. Thank you, Roy, for your dedication in teaching of the Buddha to the Dharma School students!

The current project is to have the New Member luncheon on June 30 This event is chaired by Mani Ryan.

The next BWA meeting will be on July 1 at 11:45 a.m. with Toban group D hosting.

DHARMA SCHOOL NEWS

Congratulations to Roy Okuhara for his 25 years of service teaching Dharma School. Roy was recognized, along with other Dharma School teachers, at the Federation Dharma School Teachers League Conference April 27-29 in Foster City, near San Francisco. Roy was taught the 9th – 12th Grade/College class and has taught many students throughout his silver years and has seen them grow up.

The annual Dharma School campout was held May 25-27 at Dos Picos County Park near Ramona. Five families had a wonderful time in the back country. It was fun for all at the two-night camping trip. Campers hiked Mt. Woodson to Potato Chip Rock, caught fish with improvised fishing poles and made their own bamboo walking sticks. Nightly campfires made for fun fellowship, tasty s'mores, pudding cups, and Dutch oven cob-bler! Many thanks to all the campers, who made this trip awesome, and hope to see more awesome camping next year!

Dharma School hosted the annual Temple Picnic on June 17 at Rohr Park in Chula Vista. We had a nice gathering of our DS families and Sangha members. It was nice to see some new faces come out for the first time.

Sensei Smitty officiated the service, with the help of Sensei Noriko Kawai and Yukari Williams. We wished all the fathers and grandfathers a Happy Father's Day. We thanked Kenji Sensei and Rev. Aoyama, along with Sensei's Smitty, Laverne Imori, and Noriko Kawai for their ministerial support, Breven Honda for ringing the Kansho before Sunday services, DS teachers and staff, and our musicians (Trevor Muraoka, Trina Muraoka, Ann Ong, Davis Ong, Evan Ong, Hailey Sasaki, Ava Yamamoto, and Zoe Yamamoto).

Many students were recognized with attendance awards: **First year:** Matteo Mascola and Arturo Rubio; **Two years:** Paulina Covarrubias and Andrea Covarrubias; **Six years:** Cassidy Muraoka; **11 years:** Ava Yamamoto; **12 years:** Chad Sasaki; **13 years:** Jenna Sasaki and Zoe Yamamoto; **15 years:** Trevor Muraoka and Breven Honda; and **16 years:** Hailey Sasaki.

Congratulations to our high school graduates, the class of 2018: Tyler Masuda, Trevor Muraoka, Trina Muraoka, Davis Ong, Hailey Sasaki, Sean Tokunaga, and Jill Yamanishi!

Following the service, we had our picnic that was filled with lots a great food. Thank you to the Sangha for sharing their favorite side and rice dishes, salads and desserts. And to the Bar BQ chefs Roy and Ralph for grilling hot dogs and hamburgers. Everything was yummy! After everyone filled their stomachs the Jr. YBA conducted games for kids and adults. Thank you Jrs!

High school graduates Hailey Sasaki, Davis Ong, Trevor Muraoka and Trina Muraoka proudly display their attendance award and graduation certificates at the temple picnic.
Courtesy photo: Avis Honda



Roy Okuhara received his 25 year recognition award as Dharma School teacher from Avis Honda at a recent service.

The Jr. YBA and Sangha Teens conducted their annual "Walk to Feed the Hungry." Approximately 18 Dharma School students and adults participated in the walk that stretched 3.1 miles. Most walked the entire distance, while a handful walked about 1½ miles.

Happy July Birthday wishes to: Trina Muraoka, Evan Ong, Kyle Baker, Arturo Rubio, and Jill Yamanishi!

Thank you very much to the entire Sangha for supporting the Dharma School program and its activities.

The Teacher-Staff planning meeting for the 2018-2019 DS Year will be on Tuesday, July 17 at 6:30 pm, in the conference room. It will be a potluck dinner.

Gassho,
Avis Honda, Superintendent

JR. YBA NEWS

As the school year comes to a close, the Jr. YBA is still very busy planning various activities over the summer. First off, we'd like to thank everyone who came to the bazaar and played our games! Fan favorites included the new penny drop and fishing game. We hope the kids had a great time and got to take home some candy and prizes. We also had games at the Father's Day picnic. Thanks to everyone who participated in the geta race, water balloon toss, and more. Coming up, we are selling tickets for the Obon Opportunity Drawing. You can purchase one ticket for \$2 or a book of ten for \$20. This helps offset costs for our upcoming conference and all Jr. YBA events. As always, thank you all for your wonderful support and we hope to see you at Obon!

Gassho,
Hailey Sasaki, co-president

BTSD SCHOLARSHIPS TO BE AWARDED AT O BON SERVICE

Bill Teague, Scholarship Co-chair

In July the Scholarship Committee will review all valid scholarship applications. The committee will present the scholarships at July's Obon service. Best wishes to all the applicants.

Background: The temple offers two scholarships to sons and daughters of temple members or temple members themselves who are or will be attending college later this year.

These scholarships are named in memory after two beloved temple members who helped the temple grow and thrive in the Post-War period, both of whom passed away far too soon in the mid-1990s.

For graduating high school seniors, entering college, the **Ben Honda Memorial Graduating High School Graduate Scholarship** is a simple one-page form. For students continuing their college studies, the **Tetsuyo Kashima Memorial Continuing Education Scholarship** application includes both a one-page form and an informal essay requirement.

The Scholarship Committee wishes to thank the Sangha for their ongoing support, by donation or patronage of the O Bon Again Asian Resale Shop open for O Bon at the temple and the Japanese Friendship Garden.

Membership News

Bill Teague, Membership Chair

Our Members Are the Best

We are inching our way to 75% renewals! Thanks to all of our loyal members for your renewals. Most recent renewing members to renew (or to have renewed earlier but were not previously recognized) are Avis & Ralph Honda, Gale Kaneshiro, Chelsey & Robert Koga, Karen & Roy Okuhara, Jeff & Kathy Sakai, and Glenn & Janet Torio.

Please help us continue our membership success this year by renewing your membership without delay. Or if you have considered joining us, you can start at any time on a monthly payment schedule, or any payment schedule that works for you. Let me know via the Temple or call or text me at 619-248-3749.

FRIDAY COMMUNITY LUNCH PROGRAM CONTINUES AT GARDEN VILLAS IN CHULA VISTA

The Buddhist Temple of San Diego, along with eight community organizations help offer hot and nutritious meals at the popular Friday Senior lunch program at Garden Villas in Chula Vista.

Lunches are provided at Garden Villas, 1260 Third Avenue. Doors open at 12 noon. The cost is \$3 for a hearty and nutritious lunch.

The list of volunteer organizations and support groups that help provide meals from June through December includes: BTSD, Pioneer Ocean View United Church of Christ, Japan Society of San Diego and Tijuana, Japanese Friendship Garden, Asian Pacific Post 4851, Genki HomeCare, Garden Villas volunteers, Kiku volunteers and Kiku Gardens.

Here are the Friday lunch dates for the remainder of the year (BTSD volunteer days are in parentheses): June 29, July 6, 13, 20 (BTSD) and 27; August 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31; September 7, 14 (BTSD), 21 and 28; October 5, 12, 19 and 26; November: 2, 9 (BTSD), 16, 23 and 30; December 7, 14, 21 and 28.

If you wish to volunteer your time with a wonderful program, please contact the temple or Mildred Kawasaki.

VFW GROUP WORKS QUIETLY TO BENEFIT THE NEEDS OF TEMPLE, COMMUNITY

On your next visit to the temple, check out a couple of noticeable improvements to the Annex building.

This year, several dedicated members of Asian Pacific Post 4851 (VFW) have worked on dedicating their time to help improve the temple.

In January, Gene Davies donated a new curtain on the annex stage, replacing a much older and worn curtain that has served as a back drop for many years. In June, Mr. Davies and Bob Poston removed old and non-functional skid-resistant stripping on the westside stairs leading up to the Annex Hall and replaced it with more durable slip resistant treads. The improvements certainly have enhanced the Annex facility.

Although small in numbers, VFW Post 4851 is active in the Japanese American community. The group co-hosts with BTSD the monthly BINGO nights and volunteer time at the Friday Senior lunch program at Garden Villas, host the Japanese Naval training crew members and officers when visiting San Diego and participate in other community events.

As one of the sponsors for the annual community Memorial Day service at Mt. Hope Cemetery, Post 4851 donated this year's fees for the service to be conducted. Such a gesture was most gratefully appreciated by the entire community.

LET'S PLAY BINGO!

VFW has conducted the monthly BINGO nights for many years. First, at the group's meeting place in National City and now at BTSD's Annex Hall.

Players from the temple and community attend the sessions that are held mostly on the second Saturday of the month starting at 6 p.m.

The Mr. Davies and Mr. Poston, along with Bob Buzzard, Ken Knoof and Gary Himaka are the five-man crew that run a very efficient BINGO program.

The temple encourages the Sangha and friends to support the monthly Bingo, helping Post 4851 raise funds to continue its programs in support of their community efforts. Of the gross proceeds from each session, the temple receives 50%.

Sessions are enjoyed by players 18-years-old and up. Buy-in for the 12-game package is \$10. Extra cards may be purchased for \$1.00. As an extra incentive to win cash, pull tabs may be purchased for 25 cents each. All players have the chance to win door prizes with the purchase of their game package. VFW sells donuts, coffee, water and soft drinks.

BTSD offers benefit dinners four times a year. The next two benefit dinners are scheduled on September 8 and October 6.

The BINGO dates for the remainder of the year are: July 14, Aug. 11, Sept. 8, Oct. 6, Nov. 10 and Dec. 1.

Circle your calendars on the dates mentioned and have the opportunity partake in an enjoyable evening with family and friends and have a chance to yell BINGO!

And, also say thank you to a most dedicated and heartfelt group of gentlemen for their efforts to the temple and community for their outstanding work.



SCRIP NEWS

As the Sunday School year draws to a close for the summer, the scrip program will continue to operate. We know that many of you will be traveling so don't forget to order your gift cards before you hit the road. For those college bound students who will need to take extra-long sheets, shower caddies, laundry supplies, etc. – don't forget that you can get those items and more at places like Bed, Bath, & Beyond; Target; and/or Walmart.

As a reminder, scrip is always ordered on Sunday in the afternoon so that it will be delivered by the Friday of the same week. If you put in your order late, you will have to wait until another scrip order is placed. We do carry a number of different gift cards so you may "luck" out and get them when you place your order.

Have a safe, enjoyable and fun summer! Don't forget to buy scrip! Send your college bound students to school with gift cards instead of cash.

CRAFT DAY

July 18 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Learn to make some interesting crafts!
Bring a dish to share for the potluck lunch



2018 Southern District Conference Buddhist Temples, SDBWA, SDDSTL

“The Social Face of Buddhism”



This year's annual Southern District, Buddhist Women's Association (SDBWA) and Dharma School Teachers' League (SDDSTL) Conference will take place on Saturday, October 6. The Venice Hongwanji Buddhist Temple and West Los Angeles Buddhist Temple will host the conference. The L.A. Hampa Hongwanji Buddhist Temple in Little Tokyo will be the conference site.

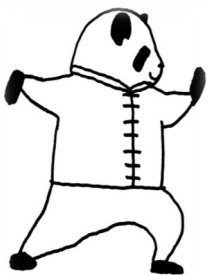
“The Social Face of Buddhism” is the theme. Southern District ministers will be speaking on how Buddhism relates to serious social problems in our society today and how it can assist us in our challenging daily lives. More speakers will share their personal stories and experiences. Also, an interactive workshop in which the audience can explore and discuss social difficulties that are faced by people of all ages. Sessions will be held separately in both English and Japanese.

During the conference, the SDBWA and SDDSTL will hold their respective delegates' meetings.

Early bird registration fee is \$65 per person before September 1. The late fee after September 1 is \$85.

Based on the theme, the program will hopefully draw curious BTSD families and Sangha members to participate. If you wish to attend the conference, please sign up between now and August 26. Payments are to be made payable to the Buddhist Temple of San Diego. BTSD BWA and Dharma School teachers are asked to register with their respective groups.

Please contact the temple office for more information.



Please join us in a peaceful and relaxing atmosphere for

Tai Chi

Thursdays from 10 - 11 a.m.

In the Annex Hall

July 5, 12, 19 and 26

BTSD GOLF TOURNAMENT SET FOR SUNDAY, AUG. 26

Registration for the 23rd annual BTSD Golf Tournament is underway.

Teams and individuals are encouraged to sign up for the four-person scramble team tournament that will take place on Sunday, August 26 at Eastlake Country Club in Chula Vista. Tee off is at 8 a.m. Registration fee is \$115 for adult men and women and \$90 for youths 15-years-old and under. The registration deadline is August 6.

Tournament package includes green fees, golf cart, practice range balls, continental breakfast, beverages on the course, lunch and awards ceremony.

Tournament extras package includes a putting contest, three mulligans and 10 raffle tickets for \$25. Extra raffle tickets cost \$1 each.

For non-golfers, there is an opportunity to be part of the event by providing a monetary sponsorship or merchandise donation. In past years the tournament has received many donations from the Sangha and community friends.

This year's committee members (emails in parentheses) are Ralph Honda (rkhonda205@gmail.com), Richard Kaneko (richtkaneko@gmail.com) and Ron Yagura (yags442@sbcglobal.net).

The temple looks forward to hosting the tournament as it brings together golfers and friends from throughout the local community and from outside of San Diego.

ANNUAL RUMMAGE SALE - AUGUST 18-19 RE-USING – RECYCLING – RE-THINKING

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 22, 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 4 – 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 21st, Saturday from 8:30 – 2 p.m.

August 11, Saturday from 8:30 a.m. – 2 p.m.

August 12, Sunday from 8:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.,

August 16, Thursday from 4 p.m. – 9 p.m.

August 17, Friday, 3 p.m. – 9 p.m. - Friday is our set-up day (Pricing & sorting continues)

SALE DAYS

◆ Saturday, August 18, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

◆ Sunday, August 19, 8 a.m. to noon.

*Thank you in advance for your support and hard work.
Your 2018 Rummage Sale Committee*

JAPANESE CULTURAL BAZAAR... *Thank you!*

Buddhist Temple San Diego Bazaar Report, June 2018

Thank you to all who contributed to another successful Bazaar! Preliminary numbers show we may have exceeded last years' totals or came close. We want to thank our underwriters, groups and individuals that donated towards the expenses. We are very grateful as this will help our bottom line.

Please thank these individuals and groups when you see them.

TICKET SPONSOR – SETS AND JAN IWASHITA
 UNDERWRITER – SETS AND JAN IWASHITA (CHOW MEIN BOOTH)
 UNDERWRITER – RUTH VOORHIES (CHICKEN BOOTH)
 UNDERWRITER – GALE KANESHIRO (STRAWBERRY MOCHI)
 UNDERWRITER – SAN DIEGO JUNIOR YBA
 (GAME PRIZES AND SUPPLIES)
 UNDERWRITER – CAROL BAKER REAL ESTATE GROUP
 BEER GARDEN DONATIONS – BURNING BEARD AND PIZZA PORT
 Bakery MANY OTHERS THAT DONATED ANONAMOUSLY

We could not have put on such a wonderful event without our Chair People. Thank You to these dedicated people and those that helped the Chiefs. We just don't have enough room to list every person but that doesn't mean we thank you any less.

Special Thanks to Our Chairs and Groups.

Co- Chair - Mildred Kawasaki
 Bakery - Ann Yamamoto
 Beer Garden – Carol Baker
 Bookstore – Doreen Kamada Fujii
 Intro to Buddhism – Kenji Sensei, Ministerial Assistants
 Maribeth “Smitty” Smith, LaVerne Imori and Noriko Kawai
 Cabbage and Info/Ticket Booth - Tsune Hashiguchi and Amy Graeber
 Cash boxes and Treasurers assistant - Nancy Martinez,
 Ruth Voorhies and Aki Tomiyama
 Chicken and Teriyaki/Sauce - Jeff Sakai, Steve Marx,
 Roy and Karen Okuhara
 Chow Mein - Ann Ong and Advisor Miki Honda
 Credit Card/PayPal – Amy Graeber, Kimberly Kruse
 Displays Mixed Plate – Nancy Martinez, Joyce Teague and
 Dharma School Students
 Eco Sangha – Shirley Omori and Glenn Torio
 Entertainment – Junko Kajita and Ken Muraoka
 Games - Junior YBA
 General Arrangement - Mike Ong and Michael Kinoshita
 Kitchen Schedule/Booth Layout – Michael Kinoshita
 Master of Ceremonies – Caitlin Yoshioka,
 Ken Muraoka and Junko Kajita
 Office Manager - Linda Redenbaugh

Special Thanks to our Chair People and Groups

Opportunity Drawing Donations - Bill Teague and Greg Yonekura
 P A System – Tim Kajita
 Prep Coordinators - Carol Baker and Ann Ong
 Publicity – Linda R, Kaytee, Caitlin, Carol B.
 Rice prep and cook - Jeanne Inouye

Silent Auction–Aki Tomiyama, Susan Yonekura, Jane Yamamoto,
 and Debbie Shimizu

Social Media – Caitlin Yoshioka

Snack Bar–Sangha Teens/Dharma School & Tommy Yanagihara

Strawberry Mochi – Gale Kaneshiro

Supplies - Glenn Negoro, Ralph Honda and crew

Sushi - BWA

Taco booth - Angie Tsuneyoshi, Arlene and Gordon Shimizu

Tofu Salad – Carol Baker, Nancy Martinez and crew

Tofu Tacos – Jaime Brown (Teague)

Trash Trailer/Equipment – Muraoka Enterprises

Treasurers - Aki Tomiyama, Nancy Martinez

Volunteers – Keiko Negoro and Chairs

White Elephant/Nursery – Kaytee Sumida

We had another year of talented performers and informative Community Groups. A heart felt thank you from all of us for your participation to make our Bazaar extra special.

BTSD Taiko – Performers

Genki Home Care

Hula and Tahitian Dancing

Judo Demonstration

Japanese Friendship Garden – Crafts

Japanese American Historical Society of San Diego–Craft/Display

Japanese Fashion Show with Yuko Niwa

Kendo Demo

Koto

Kenji Sensei & Ministerial Assistants–Introduction of Buddhism

Nancy Martinez, Joyce Teague and Dharma School –

Mixed Plate Displays

Reverend Aoyama – Harmonica

San Diego Taiko

Shamisen Matsumae Kai

Wendy Nakamura – Sumi-E

Yokohama Sister Cities

The most important thank you is to all that supported us with volunteering, purchasing, donating and attending our event.
We are truly grateful to you!

The bazaar committee had its wrap up meeting on Thursday, June 28. We are looking forward to working together again at our temple O Bon on July 29 and the Balboa Park O Bon Festival on August 4.

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@btsd.net

Dana Group is collecting school supplies in the dining room for low income students ~ to Aug. 19

MAP (Minister's Assistant) PROGRAM

On Being Humble and Authentic

In his book, *Dharma Breeze: Essays on Shin Buddhism*, Dr. Nobuo Haneda writes that the “ultimate goal in Buddhism...according to Shinran...is to become humble.... We must know our ignorance, the limitations of our intellects.”

Dr. Haneda goes on to say that “we are moved by a person who is humbly and dynamically seeking – a person who is permeated by the truth of impermanence.... When we meet such a person, we cannot help being shaken by him [or her] [Such a person] speaks to us in a silent and quiet, yet powerful way.”

While these statements seem simple, they have tremendous depth in their underlying foundation. A person, who engages in deep self-reflection and acknowledges his or her own greed, anger and ignorance, leads a life of little or no pretense. Removing one's masks and becoming more authentic with everyone requires a confidence that comes from entrusting in Amida Buddha's infinite wisdom and compassion. With the realization that he/she is embraced unconditionally despite shortcomings, that person is transformed and acts with gratitude and humility.

Such a person does not necessarily speak from a pulpit, nor publishes books, nor wears priest's robes, but quietly supports the Dharma, his or her teachers, and the Sangha.

I am grateful to have encountered such a person. His name was T. Jack Matsui, a humble and devout Shin Buddhist, who died on May 12, 2018, at the age of 95. His connection with the Buddhist Temple of San Diego was through his sister and brother, Fusako Matsui and Taro Matsui, both active members and devout Shin Buddhists themselves. Uncle Jack made sure they, and their mother, were always remembered at our monthly Shotsuki services.

As I listened to the eulogies and remembrances at his funeral, I was reminded of Dr. Haneda's words. There was a common thread as each person spoke of the man they knew.

His friend, Diana Johns wrote: “Dear Jack, thank you for modeling how to be the best kind of human being. Kind, funny, generous of time and spirit, and compassionate. It was always a happy slice of time when we had a chance to shoot the breeze. Your spark is already missed.”

This was the Uncle Jack that I, and so many others, knew. He was, indeed, as Diana described him – “the best kind of human being.” He loved a good laugh, to tease and to be teased in return. Uncle Jack was gracious, hard-working, dedicated and humble. He was also sincerely concerned about the future of Jodo Shinshu Buddhism in America. He was fierce about staying true to Shinran's teachings, but open to how those teachings might be presented to today's Sangha.

When Seattle first introduced a morning meditation session several years ago, he asked me, “what are you meditating for?” When I answered that we weren't meditating to achieve enlightenment, but merely sitting in gratitude and preparing ourselves to hear the Dharma, he didn't lecture me to say, “We're Shin Buddhists and we don't meditate. His response was simply, “Oh, okay.”

To this day, I'm not certain whether he approved of our meditation sessions or not. If not, he certainly didn't share that opinion with me. On the contrary, he always encouraged me to continue my studies of Shin Buddhism and to help share the gift of Shinran's teachings.

In life we encounter many dynamic and memorable people. Uncle Jack was that person who shook my life, who opened my mind and heart by speaking to me in a quiet, yet powerful way. He was humble and authentic. That's why the stories shared at his funeral, the memories of this man, were so similar and familiar. He wore no mask. The man that Diana knew was the man we all knew – a humble man who lived his life guided by the Dharma.

As we enter the season of O-Bon, I look forward to celebrating *Kangji-E*, this gathering of joy with you. Let us celebrate the memories of those who – like Jack – quietly, but with tremendous force and foresight, impacted our precious lives. Namo Amida Butsu
May there be peace in the world and may the Buddhist teachings spread.

Shinran Shonin



Laverne Imori



Join BTSD Contingent in the 2018 San Diego LGBT Pride Parade

Get your rainbow gear out
and help the temple cele-

brate LGBT Pride on **Saturday, July 14** in Hillcrest! More than 250,000 spectators line the parade route every year to celebrate San Diego's LGBT community. Join us in the morning to help decorate our float and stick around to march in the parade, one of the largest in the U.S. Contact the temple office (info@btsd.net) or Smitty (MinBeepH46@gmail.com) for details.

During the absence of Rev Mukojima Japanese article, we are dedicating the space to our Minister's Assistants. Mukojima Sensei's message will return in September.



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 donations and gently used items.

The Silent Auction Team

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 contact the office at 619-239-0896 or info@btsd.net.

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Himaka, Michio
Yagi, Chiyeko
Torio, Betty
Ohara, Fumiko
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Honda, Ralph
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Yamamoto, Sachio
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Yanagihara, Sumiko
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Tomoi, Irene

Kawasaki, Trace
Omori, Shirley
Honda, Mikiye
Torio, Glenn
Kida, Katsumi
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Ohara, Ann
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Koga, Florence
Ishisaki, Emiko

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Ohara, Ann
Ohara, Kisae

MAP

Honda, Mikiye
Koga, Robert
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Ohara, Kisae

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Ohara, Ann
Ohara, Kisae

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IMO J. Richard Teague
Kawasaki, Trace
IMO Edward Yamashita
Moriyama, Chieko and
Madeline Clogston
IMO Chiyoji George Yano
IMO Shizu Moriyama

TEMPLE SUMMER CLEANUP IS SET FOR SUNDAY, JULY 22

Bring out your buckets and broom, rags, vacuums and cleaners. The temple will be having its summer cleanup day on Sunday, July 22 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 classrooms, Sangha Hall and basement, as we prepare for O Bon. The O Bon service will take place on Sunday, July 29 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!



JULY and AUGUST SHOTSUKI LISTS

The JULY and AUGUST Shotsuki Hoyo (Memorial Service) will be held **Sunday, July 1, 2018 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.

JULY

DECEASED	FAMILY MEMBER				
KINOSUKE TSUNEYOSHI (7-13-1937)	MIKI TSUNEYOSHI	MICHIKO Koba (7-8-1992)	DUANE Koba	DENICHI KAWASAKI (8-5-1976)	TED KAWASAKI
TAKED OKUMA (7-31-1941)	OKUMA FAMILY	TOM ITSUMI HAYASHI (7-23-1993)	HAYASHI FAMILY	MISAO TANIGUCHI (8-25-1977)	ROBERT TANIGUCHI
FUMINO HONDA (7-13-1946)	HONDA FAMILY	SAKAYO KAWAMOTO (7-28-1994)	YUKIO KAWAMOTO	MASAHIDE KUROYE (8-4-1978)	KIYONO FAMILY
KOHICHI KUWADA (7-3-1947)	KANJI KUWADA	KOMENO SAKAMOTO (7-3-1995)	NOBUKO AMANO	KAHN NISHINAGA (8-9-1978)	MANI RYAN
HIDEKICHI DOI (7-24-1948)	MIKE DOI	KURUME DOI (7-28-1996)	MIKE DOI	ONOYE ITO (8-28-1979)	ITO FAMILY
TSUNE HAYASHI (7-10-1950)	ATSUO HAYASHI	KAZUKIYO OTO (7-9-1998)	HATSUMI OTO	FUJI HASHIGUCHI (8-24-1980)	HASHIGUCHI FAMILY
HARU HAYASHI (7-15-1950)	YASHI FAMILY	CHRISTINE SHIMIZU (7-18-1998)	DONALD SHIMIZU	MASUYO FUJII (8-20-1982)	KATSUMI KIDA
MITSU IWATA (7-26-1953)	ERUKO IWATA	EUGENE TERADA (7-7-1999)	BRUCE OWASHI	HATSUYE KOBAYASHI (8-8-1983)	JAMES KOBAYASHI
KAZUE MURAKAMI (7-23-1958)	NAKAMURA FAMILY	DON MORIMOTO (7-29-1999)	MORIMOTO FAMILY	SABURO MURAOKA (8-17-1983)	MURAOKA FAMILY
KIKUJIRO SHINODA (7-28-1958)	HAMADA FAMILY	JAMES DOI (7-30-1999)	MIKE DOI	MICHIKO KITAGAWA (8-31-1984)	KITAGAWA FAMILY
CHOSUKE HIMAKA (7-12-1959)	HIMAKA FAMILY	TAMIO OKANO (7-31-1999)	OSUYE OKANO	KITOJI NINOMIYA (8-11-1985)	NINOMIYA FAMILY
SHARON YAMAGUCHI (7-12-1959)	YAMAGUCHI FAMILY	TSUNEJI SUDA (7-21-2000)	ROBERT SUDA	JAMES BALOU (8-25-1987)	JANICE BALOU
MATSUNO IKAMI (7-10-1962)	SHUNICHI SANTOHIGASHI	KEIZO IDA (7-24-2000)	MASAKO IDA	PAUL SHIMIZU (8-9-1988)	GORDON SHIMIZU
MINE OGATA (7-16-1967)	TOSHIKO OGATA	EN NISHIGUCHI (7-26-2001)	SILVIA NISHIGUCHI	JANET TAKEGUCHI (8-19-1988)	TAKEGUCHI FAMILY
TARI OTOMO (7-1-1969)	WILLIAM WATANABE	CHIE ITO (7-18-2004)	TADAO ITO	TOYOICHI TANAKA (8-30-1988)	TANAKA FAMILY
JIRO MURAOKA (7-12-1969)	ROY MURAOKA	HIDEO OCHI (7-21-2005)	JANET OCHI-FONTANOTT	TOMENO KINOSHITA (8-6-1990)	MASAKO WILSON
MASAKAZU ISHIZU (7-19-1969)	ISHIZU FAMILY	JACK TAKEGUCHI (7-4-2006)	CAROLINE VON EIFF	SAKARU RALPH GOYA (8-13-1991)	ALAN SEIJI GOYA
KICHINAGA IWASAKI (7-28-1970)	YAYOI KUBOTA	YOSHIKO IWATAKI (7-15-2006)	MASAMI IWATAKI	STEVEN YAMAMOTO (8-20-1993)	JUNE YAMAMOTO
KIJIRO KINOSHITA (7-17-1972)	KINOSHITA FAMILY	NAGANORI UCHIYAMA (7-2-2012)	YOSHIE UCHIYAMA	ROY NAKATANI (8-3-1994)	FRED NAKATANI
SANROKU KAWASAKI (7-24-1973)	TRACE KAWASAKI	HENRY SHIMADA (7-18-2013)	SHARON SHIMADA	MITSU HACHISU (8-18-1994)	DICK T. HACHISU
KOSABURO ISHINO (7-29-1973)	ISHINO FAMILY	DR. Y. MIYAMOTO (7-2-2014)	MIYAMOTO FAMILY	KIYOKO NAKAMURA (8-19-2000)	MICHAEL BROCK
ZENICHI OGAWA (7-18-1974)	YOSHIKO WATANABE	HARUKO NAKATANI (7-2-2014)	FRED NAKATANI	HISATOSHI UEJI (8-1-2001)	CHITOSE OYAMA
CHIE KYUTOKU (7-14-1975)	TAMIO TSURUDOME	YURUKO HAGIO (7-29-2015)	HAGIO FAMILY	TETSU YAMASAKI (8-4-2001)	YAMASAKI FAMILY
KINGO OUCHI (7-14-1975)	YANAGIHARA FAMILY	MICHAEL ALROY (7-30-2015)	EVELYN ALROY	MARGARITA RODRIGUEZ (8-9-2002)	RUBIO FAMILY
TOSHITARO YAMASHITA 7-17-1975	MILDRED KAWASAKI			MICHIKO KISHIMOTO (8-13-2002)	YOSHIKO SAKOW
HIDEO SUYENAGA (7-28-1975)	MARY SUYENAGA			HISAKO HELEN MATHEWS (8-13-2003)	DAN MATHEWS JR.
SHIGEO YAMANISHI (7-5-1976)	MIYOKO YAMANISHI			YUKIE HAYASHI (8-22-2003)	RON HAYASHI
NOBORU SAKAGUCHI (7-19-1977)	SAKAGUCHI FAMILY			FUSAE AKIYAMA (8-22-2004)	ALAN AKIYAMA
KATSU TANIZAKI (7-28-1981)	GARY TANIZAKI			RODNEY FURUYA (8-10-2006)	ALISON FURUYA
FUJINO SHIMIZU (7-2-1982)	DOROTHY KIMURA			MASA NISHINAGA (8-10-2006)	MANI RYAN
YUTAKA TAKASUGI (7-24-1983)	WAYNE TAKASUGI			JAKI NEWCOMBER (8-23-2007)	LISA MUSTARD
YUKIYE SHIOSAKI (7-28-1983)	TERUKO IWATA			TAKASHI FURUKAWA (8-1-2009)	ELIANA FURUKAWA
TORIO ISHISAKI (7-1-1985)	FLORENCE KOGA			KIYOKO OCHI (8-11-2009)	JANET OCHI-FONTANOTT
MATSU ITO (7-12-1985)	ITO FAMILY			FLORENCE TSUYAKO MIZUKI (8-24-2009)	MALVIN MIZUKI
WASA OSAKI (7-7-1987)	SAYOKO TOMIYAMA			FLORENCE F. YAMASHITA (8-29-2010)	MILDRED KAWASAKI
FUSAKO INOUE (7-30-1988)	MOTOO TSUNEYOSHI			LILLIAN ATSUKO SEKISHIRO (8-31-2013)	VICTOR SEKISHIRO
TOSHIYO HASHIMOTO (7-6-1990)	CHITOSE OYAMA			KIYOKO OMORI (8-14-2014)	SHIRLEY OMORI
HARRY KAWAMOTO (7-4-1991)	KAWAMOTO FAMILY			KANAME KEN NAKAMURA (8-20-2014)	NAKAMURA FAMILY

AUGUST

DECEASED	FAMILY MEMBER
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.

2018 is the memorial year for those who passed away in:

1st Year Memorial	2017	13th Year Memorial	2005	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

BTSD O BON FESTIVAL “GATHERING OF JOY” ACTIVITIES

The 2018 Bon Odori at Balboa Park will take place on Saturday August 4 from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. at the Japanese Friendship Garden (JFG) and the Spreckels Organ Pavilion. For the fourth year, the temple will be teaming with the JFG staging a day full of activities leading up to the evening Bon Odori. From 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., your paid admission gives you access to the upper and lower gardens. *Temple members have free admission but must enter through the side volunteer gate.*

At 4 p.m. the JFG lower garden will close and admission to the upper garden will be free to the public. During this time the Spreckels Organ Pavilion will begin activities which will include live entertainment, community group booths, and craft vendors.

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

The O Bon Again Shop will also be selling beautiful gently used Japanese clothing, art, and other items. Proceeds from the O Bon Again Shop benefit the temple's scholarship fund.

Entertainment will be provided throughout the day by numerous taiko groups, including our own temple troupe. A number of community organizations will be participating in the day's festivities, selling food, crafts and conducting games for kids.

The dancing portion, Bon Odori, will begin at 6:30 p.m. in the Spreckels Organ Pavilion. The colorful fun dancing is free and open to the public.

On Friday, August 3, 2018, the JFG will have their 3rd annual Toro Nagashi “Floating of Lanterns.” The JFG will have events and entertainment throughout the day. The Temple will not be participating in this as a fundraiser, but

Dr. Reverend Akahoshi will be explaining the importance of Buddhism at both of the celebrations around 6:45 p.m. The official releasing of the lanterns in the JFG lower pond area will begin at 7:00 p.m. This



event requires paid admission to enter the JFG by all attendees. The JFG will be selling lantern kits for \$10.

Help needed / Volunteers wanted

Every year the Bon Odori in Balboa Park continues to grow in attendance. We need help in many different areas throughout the entire weekend to make this event a success.

Friday, Aug. 3 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. – Food prep at the Temple.

Friday 5:00 – 6:30 p.m. – Bench moving at Balboa Park.

Saturday, Aug. 4 - Throughout the day – At the garden volunteers will be needed to help with general arrangements and to sell food and drinks. The critical time for food and drink service will be between 3 p.m. and 8 p.m.

Saturday 9 p.m. – Moving benches back, moving cookware back to the Temple to clean.

Sunday, Aug. 5 9 a.m. – 11 a.m. - Move supplies back to the temple, final clean up.



BEC LECTURE FOR OUR OBSERVANCE OF OBON

The Buddhist Temple of San Diego welcomes **Rev. John Iwohara** as guest speaker for our O Bon observance on July 29 at 2 p.m. We have imposed on Iwohara Sensei to present a special Dharma lecture following the service, at 3:30 p.m., to help us further deepen our understanding of Obon. Rev. Iwohara will focus on “*Oyakoko* (親孝行, filial piety) and the Obon Story.” (The Obon story turns on the concerns the monk Ullambana has for his mother). The lecture is free and open to the public, and will be held in the Hondo. The lecture is expected to run some 50 minutes. The Odori proper starts at 5 p.m. on Temple grounds.

About Rev. Iwohara

Rev. Iwohara is remembered fondly by many San Diego Temple members from when he was resident minister at the Vista Buddhist Temple over 20 years ago. His career started at the Fresno Buddhist Temple and after Vista included Seattle Buddhist Church, Venice Hongwanji, and Gardena Buddhist Church, where is now the Resident Minister.



Three Sessions of Buddhism 1-2-3 before August Break

Holiday on July 4. This year the Fourth of July is on a Wednesday and we will not meet. That leaves July 11, 18, and 25 before we break for the month of August. Please join us for chanting, meditation, and Dharma talk by Kenji Sensei and experienced Temple volunteers. We meet each Wednesday in the one-story Sangha Hall at 7 p.m. and sessions run some 90 minutes. This is a great way to charge your batteries in the middle of the week!

Next Fourth Sunday Introduction to Buddhism in September

Sunday, July 22 is our Temple cleanup and there will be no service or Introduction to Buddhism. We will resume in September, after the August break.

BEC Bookstore News

We have resupplied the bookstore with Unno Sensei's *River of Water, River of Fire* and thanks for your patience, as we had some requests for the book. We also have a new title that presents Buddhism in a fresh and exciting way, *Rebel Buddha* by Dzogchen Ponlop, a teacher in the Tibetan tradition who is completely tuned into the American sensibility.

BON ODORI DANCE PRACTICE DATES

Thursdays: July 5, 12, 19, 26, Aug. 2, 7-9 p.m.

Sundays: July 8, 15, 22, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Location: BTSD Annex Hall

BON ODORI AT BUDDHIST TEMPLE SAN DIEGO

On Sunday, July 29, BTSD will observe its annual O Bon and Hatsubon memorial services. Following the service everyone is invited to participate in the traditional Bon Odori dance.

The O Bon service remembers all ancestors and friends who have passed away, leaving a legacy for all of us to embrace with deep appreciation and gratitude, while the Hatsubon is dedicated to those families who lost a loved one since O Bon 2017.

After the service and BEC lecture, the traditional Bon dance will commence in the parking lot starting at 5 p.m.

O Bon is one of our Shin tradition's most important observances. O Bon allows all of us to embrace the Nembutsu teaching and reflect on the lives of our loved ones and friends.

Limited food and cold refreshments will be on sale along with pre-order of O Bento meals (*see order form below*).

Here is the schedule for this month's O Bon weekend:

Saturday, July 28

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

Sunday, July 29

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

3:30 p.m. — Special Dharma lecture with Rev John Iwohara, Gardena Buddhist Church.

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
Clean up

Please check the BTSD web site and occasional emails for updates on the temple O Bon and Balboa Park O Bon Festival.

BTSD BON ODORI O BENTO ORDER FORM

O Bento is being offered for dinner for the temple Bon Odori on **July 29**. If you wish to pre-order an O Bento, please place your order by **Friday, July 20**. The O Bento price is \$12. You may pre-pay by cash, check or credit card. Bento orders may be picked up prior to the start of the odori. Thank you

NAME: _____

Phone number or Email: _____

Regular bento orders: _____ x \$12 = _____

Vegetarian bento orders: _____ x \$12 = _____

Total order: _____ x \$12 = _____

PAYMENT: Personal Check No. _____
(payable to BTSD)

Credit Card: (circle one): Visa Mastercard Amex

Card Number: _____

Expiration Date: _____