

# BUSSEI SCRIPT

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## Primal Vow - Hongwan

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Resident Minister



June is often thought of as the month of weddings. Weddings may bring up the thought of vows. Since we are somewhat familiar with the meaning of vows for a marriage, we might relate this to the meaning of the Primal Vow. Our

main temple in Kyoto is named the *Hongwanji*, or Temple of the Primal Vow. This reference of the Primal Vow refers to the 18<sup>th</sup> of 48 Vows made by the Bodhisattva Dharmakara in his aspiration to become the Amida Buddha. The essential message of this foundational, mythical story is that all beings are assured of awakening to the True Essence of life. Of course, there are a variety of interpretations of what that means.

A vow is defined as a solemn promise, pledge, or commitment to an act or service. Also, a vow is to dedicate or devote one's efforts toward a goal. The Larger Sutra tells us that the Vows have been and are being fulfilled as the Amida Buddha and the Pure Realm are realized. In his preface of the *Kyogyoshinsho*, Shinran states that "the universal vow difficult to fathom is indeed a great vessel bearing us across the ocean difficult to cross." This description of the Vow as a vessel may help us to understand its meaning.

The vows that a couple declares in a wedding forms the container for that marriage. If the couple can adhere to those vows, the marriage can sustain the many challenges that can disrupt a marriage. The Primal Vow comes to us in a similar fashion but is different in its depth. The Primal Vow is said to have existed for over 10 kalpas, which means an infinitely incalculable amount of time. This sacred story of Dharmakara's efforts speaks to us at a primal level. However, our more modern, calculating mind may question the validity of this story. The concept of *Upaya* or *Hoben* (Japanese) assures us that these sacred myths need not be taken literally, but are useful to convey difficult concepts. Could a modern myth be more compelling to our science-based mindset that includes some scientific evidence?

There is scientific speculation that the universe began 14 billion years ago spewing stars and planets throughout the

universe. Due to causes and conditions, a life process began and evolution suggests that eventually an organic ooze was able to differentiate and replicate itself into individual cells, molecules, and various life forms. The consumption, excretion, and dynamic exchange of elements conform to the Buddha's declaration that all things are interdependent and impermanent. Nothing exists as an independent and separate entity. The two known elements that comprise our world and universe are light and life. The two Sanskrit words *amitayus* (light) and *amitabha* (life) are combined in the Japanese word, *Amida*. The Dharmakara story **humanizes** the inconceivable creation of our world. An Amida in human form is accessible to the ordinary minds of ancient and modern people.

Our modern, scientific minds are able to analyze the dynamics of the world. We can understand the dynamics of physics and chemistry to explain the processes of interdependence. Physicists and neuroscientists can also explain the dynamics of our bodies and brains. But who and at what point can we explain the **moment of human consciousness**? Imagine life on earth one million years ago with plant, insect, and animal life inter-acting for survival. Somewhere between 100,000 years ago and today, humans were able to comprehend what no other animal could do. We had the consciousness to ponder our own existence. Could this be the birth of spirituality?

The means by which we understand the incomprehensible is through stories. The Dharmakara story gives us access to the inconceivable. The dynamics of the Big Bang to the synapses of our brain neurons are made meaningful to us in the Larger Sutra. The Buddha humanized the chaotic, spontaneous activity of light and life to bring meaning to our lives. The Bodhisattva Dharmakara's Vow is not a fairy tale for Dharma School children. Its meaning validates our existence on this planet in this universe.

The Vow has been described as our deepest human aspiration. The vessel of the Vow holds and protects us as we weather the stormy ocean of our lives. Shunryu Suzuki has said that "Life is like boarding a ship, that sets off to sea, that will eventually sink." The Vow assures our awakening to this precious gift of life. *Namo Amida Butsu* is our key to this treasure of awakening. Rare, difficult, and wondrous is it to be born into human life. Now we live it. Rare, difficult, and wondrous is it to hear the Teachings of the Buddha. Now we hear it. *Namo Amida Butsu* awakens us to the joy and gratitude of being alive.

# June 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		NOTES: July 5 will be the first Odori Practice, see page 6				
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
<b>Cultural Bazaar</b>  No Service Today	Office Closed	SD Ministers Mtg At Long Beach Hilton	Craft Day, 10 am, DR Minyo, Noon, SH Shigin, 1 pm, CR Taiko, 6:30 pm, AH Buddhism I-2-3, 7pm SH	Tai Chi, 10 am, AH	Bazaar Prep	Bazaar Prep
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
DS Staff Mtg, 9 am, CR DS/FS/Shotsuki, 10 am BWA Mtg, 11:45 am, CR Jr. YBA Mtg, Noon, SH Taiko, Noon, AH	Office Closed  Ways & Means, 7 pm, CR	SD Ministers Mtg At L.A. Betsuin, 10 am	Minyo, Noon, SH Shigin, 1 pm, CR Taiko, 6:30, AH Buddhism I-2-3, 7pm SH	Flag Day  <b>NO</b> Tai Chi Today  BOD Mtg, 6:45pm, CR	Kenji Sensei Retreat Zen Mtn. Center	Kenji Sensei Retreat
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
<b>FATHER'S DAY</b>  <b>BTSD Picnic at            Rohr Park, CV, 10 am</b>  <u>No Service Today</u> Kenji Sensei Retreat	Office Closed		Craft Day, 10 am, DR Minyo, Noon, SH Shigin, 1 pm, CR Taiko, 6:30, AH Buddhism I-2-3, 7pm SH	Summer Solstice  Tai Chi, 10 am, AH		Koto, 9:30 am, SH
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Intro to Buddhism, 9 am Family Service, 10 am	Office Closed		Minyo, Noon, SH Shigin, 1 pm, CR Taiko, 6:30, AH Buddhism I-2-3, 7pm SH	Tai Chi, 10 am, AH  Activities Mtg, 7 pm, CR		

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



May came so fast but not before many of us enjoyed the Stories of the Sun Cafe.

The Japanese Historical Society of San Diego sponsored this fun event at the temple.

It was a play with many different stories about fish camp, memories of the family that owned the café and a couple of stories from people that worked there. Luckily some were interviewed before they passed away so we will always have those fond memories.

I joined the board of the JAHSSD this year and am very grateful for all they have done and continue to do but also want to thank all the past boards and members for preserving the archives of the Japanese in San Diego and beyond.

On May 12<sup>th</sup>, we had our Furniture and Houseware Sale. I want to give a BIG THANK YOU to Glenn Torio, Nancy Martinez and Ken Muraoka for picking up and leading the way. We just won't let them step down. They are so good at it. Also, thank you to all that came to sort, price, move and sell the week and day of the event. Special thanks to Carol Baker for making that extra push at the end from posting many items on Offer Up and selling even more after that day. It is truly a team effort that makes these labor-intensive events more enjoyable. There is a lot of laughing and joking. We hope you will join us in August for the bigger rummage sale.

The Junior YBA sponsored the ever popular Mother's Day Breakfast. It seemed more crowded this year and the food was delicious as usual. I'm so glad they have kept the tradition of the dads and kids prepping, cooking, serving and cleaning so the moms can relax. Great job!

It was so nice to see Reverend Sasaki and his wife again at our Gotanye Service. We are so lucky that they have family here so it's a win-win situation. I was amazed to hear that he is still so active, going to classes and events at the Jodo Shinshu Center and guest speaking, sharing the Dharma. He even wrote a book last year where he writes about his life journey and essays of a Japanese American Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Minister. The book is called Out of the Mud Grows the Wisteria. It is inspiring and gives me motivation to keep learning and listening.

Memorial Weekend is upon us and I hope you have a meaningful and restful time with family and friends.

We hope to see you at the Bazaar on Sunday, June 3

Gassho,

LuAnn Lee

## BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

The Board of Directors met on May 10th,

1. Funds were approved for Rev. Akahoshi to attend the Southern District Ministers Association's summer training retreat.
2. The Board approved special circumstance funds to assist Rev. Watanabe with costs for his medical care.
3. The Board approved the purchase the UCSD Nikkei Student Union taiyaki maker subject to a visual inspection and additional information about the equipment.
4. Re-roofing of the annex is scheduled for June 4th. The installation of the Photovoltaic system will follow.
5. Funds were approved for the purchase and installation of quiet cool fans in the annex.
6. Temple organizational financial support for the 2019 BCA NCM was declined.
7. A sincere Thank You to Gene Davies who donated the annex stage rear curtain.
8. If he is available to speak, the Board approved an orei for IBS graduate candidate Enrique Alvarez to speak to the Sangha on June 10th.
9. Congratulations to Nolwenn Sandoval who will be receiving the Girl Scout PADMA award.

## BWA NEWS



**Four generations of the Tomiyama family celebrate Sayoko's 100th Birthday! Left to right...Aki and Sayoko Tomiyama, Standing Jenna Sasaki, Lorin Tomiyama Sasaki and Hailey Sasaki (future BWA Members)**

We want to thank all who came out to help at the chirashi prep on Saturday and Sunday prior to the Gotanye service. We hope those who attended the service enjoyed their otoki. Many thanks to Toban group A and C for chairing the endeavor.

We will not have a monthly meeting in June. But the New Member Luncheon is scheduled for Saturday, June 30th at 11:30 a.m. in the temple prep room. Mani Ryan will be chairing the luncheon. More information will be forthcoming.

Thank you to the BWA members who helped out at the successful furniture sale on May 12th. The Craft group will have a booth at the Bazaar. There will be a lot of our inventory out for people to shop. Please come out and take a look.

As in past years, the BWA will be making makizushi and inari sushi to sell at the Bazaar. Members are requested to come out for the prep on Saturday, June 2 at 9:00 a.m. and Sunday, June 3 at 4:45 a.m. for rice cookers and 6:00 a.m. for the others. Thank you!

## DHARMA SCHOOL NEWS



**PJ Yamato (left) and Matteo Mascola are joined with their parents and Kenji Sensei following the Hatsumairi Service on May 20.**

**Photo courtesy of Tad Muraoka**

Kenji Sensei and I attended the Federation Dharma School Teachers League Conference (FDSTL) on April 27-29 in Foster City near San Francisco. The conference was hosted by the Bay District Dharma School Teachers League. The theme was "Intersections" and the keynote speaker was Rev. Henry Adams from the San Mateo Buddhist Temple. Adams-sensei related his "intersections" with Prince Siddhartha.

The workshops related to intersectionality and implicit bias. Camille Pating and Joyce Oishi, who are both Dharma School Teachers, addressed the topics of implicit bias. There were seven evening workshops to choose from. I attended the "o nenju" workshop, making soft beads.

The 2019 FDSTL Conference will be hosted by Coast District.

On May 20, two Dharma School children were recognized at the Hatsumairi service. Matteo Mascola and Perata Jr. (P.J.) Yamato were officially presented to Amida Buddha along with their parents. Kenji Sensei presented the young boys with an onenju, montoshikisho, and their Hatsumairi certificate. Before the service, Matteo did a hand print and P.J. a foot print and were placed in their certificate along with a picture.

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. More details of their fun in the July Bussei Script.

Please join us at the annual Temple Picnic on June 17 at Rohr Park in Chula Vista. This will be our last Dharma School service for this 2017-2018 DS term. Activities include a family service, Bar BQ lunch, awards presentations and games hosted by the Jr. YBA. Service will begin at 10 a.m. We will recognize the fathers, grandfathers, high school graduates and students. For the picnic, we will be grilling hot dogs and hamburgers. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. A map of Rohr Park can be found in this issue of the Bussei Script. Hope to see you there!

Happy June Birthday wishes to: Sage Seymour.

With the school term ending, I hope that the students had a great 2017-18 term and learned a lot from Kenji Sensei, Rev. Aoyama, Sensei Laverne, Sensei Smitty, Sensei Noriko and your teachers! Congratulations to our high school graduates, the Class of 2018 and good luck in your future endeavors!

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

Gassho,  
Avis Honda, Superintendent

## JR YBA NEWS

As the Dharma school year winds to an end, we are eternally grateful for all the support the Sangha has provided for the Jr. YBA. Thank you to everyone who came out early to our Mother's Day Breakfast. We made over 100 breakfasts and hope you enjoyed it. Looking towards the future, we are excited for the Japanese Cultural Bazaar and the Father's Day Picnic! We'll be setting up the games, and blow up all the water balloons! That's all for June but thanks again for your support.

Gassho,

Hailey Sasaki, Co-president

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## SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS DUE BY JULY 1, 2018

### Final Month to Complete Temple Scholarship Applications

This is the last month to complete scholarship applications, which are due at the Temple (by email is fine) by July 1. The Temple offers two scholarships to sons and daughters of Temple members or Temple members themselves who are or will be attending college courses later this year.

**What.** Two scholarships are available.

**For Students Entering College:** The Ben Honda Memorial Graduating High School Graduate Scholarship is a simple one-page form.

**For Students Beyond Freshman Year:** The Tetsuyo Kashima Memorial Continuing Education Scholarship application includes both a one-page form and an informal essay requirement.

**How.** Forms are available as hard copy or via RTF word processing file (works with PCs and Macs) on request from the Temple. The Scholarship Committee will also try to send them out by email to scholars where possible.

**When and Where.** Applications are due at the Temple office July 1, either as a hard copy or sent via email attachment. Awards are presented at the 2018 Obon Service on Sunday, July 29.

**Who.** These memorial scholarships are named 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.

**Why.** We encourage all qualified applicants to apply. Scholarships help with costs when every little bit helps, and they distinguish resumes when graduates apply for jobs and opportunities.

\*Please contact the Temple office for more details.



## Shin Buddhist Retreat

### IF LIFE IS A NIGHTMARE – WAKE UP TO A DREAM

Resolving Life Issues Utilizing Buddhist Principles  
Buddhist Retreats since 1998

**June 15-17, 2018**

Shin Buddhism, is emerging in America. Shin offers a compelling process of approaching life challenges with effective results. In a supportive, light-hearted environment, we will learn Buddhist principles by applying them to a personal issue. Utilizing introspection, discussion, and insightful activities, we will learn some simple daily habits which will illuminate our own path to a fulfilling life practice. Wake up to American Shin Buddhism.

This annual retreat, led by  
Rev. Kenji Akahoshi, will be held at the  
**Yokoji Zen Mountain Center**  
near Idyllwild in the San Jacinto Mountains, Ca.  
([www.zmc.org](http://www.zmc.org)) Information and a registration form can  
be accessed by contacting the office ([info@btsd.net](mailto:info@btsd.net))  
619-239-0896

## San Diego Chapter of the JACL SCHOLARSHIPS



To commemorate the 30th Anniversary of the passing of the Civil Liberties Act, the San Diego chapter of the JACL is sponsoring an essay contest. This contest is open to full-time college and high school students, who were either residence of, or attending school in San Diego County during the 2017-2018 academic year. The winner of each division will receive a cash prize of \$500. This contest requires that you interview someone who:

- was interned during World War II pursuant to Executive Order 9066; or
- was involved with the redress movement through the various Japanese American groups such as the Japanese American Citizens League (JACL), National Committee for Redress (NCR) and National Association of Redress/Reparations (NCRR) or
- gave testimony before the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians (CWRIC).

To enter, email an application form and your essay as attachments to [SDJACLessay@gmail.com](mailto:SDJACLessay@gmail.com) by 5 p.m., July 31, 2018. If you would like to participate but need help finding a qualified person to interview, email us at this same address no later than June 15th. Winners will be notified by August 31st, and receive complimentary tickets to attend the San Diego JACL Gala on September 8.

Rules and Applications can be found at [www.jacl.org](http://www.jacl.org)

## BUDDHIST EDUCATION IN JUNE

The Temple will continue with several educational programs in June 2018.

**Fourth Sunday, One-Time Class.** For a quick overview of Buddhism and our Temple, consider our Fourth Sunday program under the guidance of **Kaytee Sumida**. In June the program is held **Sunday, June 24, at 9 a.m.** in the Sangha Hall. We schedule the meeting so attendees can proceed to the regular Family Service in the Temple's main hall (Hondo) at 10 a.m. Kaytee sketches the development of Buddhism from India through Asia and the rest of the world, and the specifics of the history of the Shin Buddhist tradition here in San Diego. She also touches on Temple etiquette. **Who Should Attend?** Students on class assignment, those unsure or uncertain about how to attend our services, and long-time Temple members all have something to gain.

**Buddhism 1-2-3.** Our Wednesday evening class continues through the summer (with a break for August). Sessions this month are on **June 6, 13, 20, and 27**. Each session begins at 7p.m. and lasts about 90 minutes. We offer chanting, meditation, and a sharing of teachings and perspectives. There is also time for questions and answers. Each class can function as a stand-alone experience. In addition, **Rev. Dr. Kenji Akahoshi**, our resident minister, sets a theme for each month so the sessions complement each other. Kenji Sensei typically leads the first two sessions, and will guide us June 3 and June 10. Thereafter members of the Buddhist Education Committee will facilitate sessions later in the month. Past session leaders have included Noriko Kawai, Sharon Sasaki, Maribeth Smith (Ministerial Assistant and Kiyoshi candidate), Akira Sumida, Kaytee Sumida, and Bill Teague. **Who Should Attend?** Members and others interested in learning more about Shin Buddhism, in meditation, and in being able to ask questions in an informal setting.

## Membership Report

Bill Teague, Membership Chair

Our members are the best! We now have **70% renewals** as of the third week of May! We listed renewed members in the March and last month's issues of the newsletter. Here are the recent changes moving us forward, including recent renewals, corrections, and two new members (whose names are shown in boldface). Please thank them and welcome them when you see them at Temple: Yuki Easter, Lorena Covarrubias, Cynthia & Orlando Guiang, Meggie Honda, Tom & Yoshiko Honda, Richard & Ruth Kaneko, Noriko Kawai, David Kawamoto, Michael & Yasuko Kinoshita, and **Mizue & Roque Pangelinan**.

If we missed your renewal (human errors persist) thank you for your patience and just let us know.

Not a Member or Not Renewed? Now it's your turn. Easy monthly payments make membership easy to budget and pay. Let us know and we'll send you a renewal form. We hope the 70 or so of you who yet need to renew will be able to do so soon!

## BTSD RECOGNIZES SAYOKO TOMIYAMA ON HER 100TH



Rev. Dr. Kenji Akahoshi (resident minister), Rev. Laverne Sasaki (Gotanye guest speaker) and BTSD president LuAnn Lee pose with temple member Sayoko Tomiyama, who joined the century club in May. Kenji Sensei and President Lee presented Mrs. Tomiyama with a congratulatory certificate from the BCA at the Gotanye service on May 20. Congratulations, Sayoko on your historic achievement!

Photo courtesy of Lorin Sasaki



### SOUTHERN DISTRICT O BON FESTIVAL SCHEDULE

Below is a listing of Southern District Temple's O Bon that will take place this summer (Please check the specific temple's website to confirm time and location).

- June 9: Arizona Buddhist Temple
- June 16-17: Sun Valley Buddhist Temple
- June 23: West Covina Buddhist Temple
- June 23-24: San Fernando Valley Buddhist Temple
- June 30: Senshin Buddhist Temple
- July 7-8: Los Angeles Homba Hongwanji Buddhist Temple
- July 14: Oxnard Buddhist Temple
- July 14-15: Orange County Buddhist Church
- July 21: Buddhist Church of Santa Barbara
- July 21-22: Pasadena Buddhist Temple
- July 21-22: Venice Hongwanji Buddhist Temple
- July 28-29: Higashi Hongwanji Buddhist Temple
- July 28-29: Vista Buddhist Temple
- July 28-29: West Los Angeles Buddhist Temple
- July 29: Buddhist Temple of San Diego (at BTSD)
- Aug. 4: Buddhist Temple of San Diego (at Balboa Park)
- Aug. 4: Las Vegas Sangha
- Aug. 11-12: Gardena Buddhist Church

### BTSD Bon Odori practices will be on Thursdays and Sundays

Save These Dates:

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

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

**Bon Odori:**

Temple - July 29

Balboa Park- August 4

**Crafts & a PotLuck**  
**Wednesday, June 6 & 20**  
**10 am-2 pm**





## 2018 Spring Furniture PLUS Sale a Success

Our gratitude to our sales volunteers and sale donors - because of your tremendous dedication, efforts and good nature, we had a successful event. We raised \$1500+ and counting (a few sales are pending) to help with the temple's operating expenses.

A special thank you to Ken Muraoka for the use of his truck for trips to Encinitas, Bonita, Chula Vista, Carmel Valley, Point Loma, Coronado, and San Diego (and for driving!). Ken took a lot of time out of his already busy schedule to accommodate us.

Volunteers came out on Saturday May 5, Friday May 11 and the sale day May 12. Others have been helping with donation pick-ups, drop-offs and sorting on other days preparing for the sale.

Thank you to: Aileen, Aki, Bill, Carlos, Carolyn, Carol, Cassidy, Claudia, Efton, Erik, Floyd, Fusako, Glenn N, Glenn T, Gregg, Jake, Jeanne, Joe, Joyce, Juliana, Karen A, Karen T, Kaytee, Kenji Sensei, Ken, Kiku, Kiyoshi, Laura, Laverne, Linda, LuAnn, Mark, Michael, Miyo, Nancy, Patty, Ralph, Roy, Sharyn, Shirley, Tim, Yasuko, and Yuki, - if anyone was missed, sincere apologies.

We will provide a wrap-up report at the next Activities meeting,

In Appreciation, the Sales Committee

## ANNUAL BTSD GOLF TOURNAMENT SET FOR SUNDAY, AUG. 26

It is often said that Buddhism and golf go together.

Buddhism takes self discipline with the focus on a clear and mindful mind. While golf takes the approach of focusing and following through hitting that little white ball with precision.

Golfers will begin getting their game up to par as teams and individuals prepare for the 23<sup>rd</sup> annual BTSD Golf Tournament. The event will take place on Sunday, August 26 at East Lake Country Club in Chula Vista. First tee off is at 8:00 a.m.

### REGISTER TODAY!

The avid weekly golfers to the once-a-year hackers are encouraged to register for the annual event.

Registration fee \$115 for adult men and women, and \$90 for youths 15-and under.

The format of play will be a team four-golfer scramble. Space is limited to 72 players. So, enter early. Registration deadline is Sunday August 6.

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

In addition, there will be tournament extras which includes a putting contest, three mulligans and 10 raffle ticket package for \$25. Extra raffle tickets cost \$1 each.

Golfer check-in is between 6:30 and 7:30 a.m. All golfers will be treated to a continental breakfast before heading out to the course.

### SPONSORSHIPS AND DONATIONS

Non-golfers and temple supporters are encouraged to participate in the tournament as a tournament sponsor or merchandise donor.

Individual and corporate sponsors of \$125 and over will be proudly displayed throughout the golf course.

Names of Gallery (under \$125) and merchandise sponsors will be also displayed on the golf course.

The temple will be soliciting for monetary sponsorships and donations from many of its generous donors. Letters will be sent to potential donors in July. But, if you wish to contribute now, please contact the temple.

Net proceeds will support the temple's general fund. Last year's tournament netted close to \$7,000 for the temple. This year's goal is to exceed that amount.

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 outside of San Diego for a day or rekindling friendship with an exciting round of golf.



## SCRIP NEWS

Looking for graduation or Father's Day gifts – how about gift cards for these special occasions. For fathers, he can always use a new tool from Lowe's or Home Depot or new shoes from Dick's or Big 5 or clothes from Macy's. For the graduates, gift cards from a fast food restaurant, Office Depot, Target, Walmart, Bed. Bath, & Beyond to get ready for college. Some gift cards we have in stock and others we will need to order. So, don't delay.

We can also help with end of the year teacher's gifts. We have gift cards for restaurants, Barnes & Noble, and Starbucks just to name a few.

Thank you to everyone for supporting the scrip program. It is an easy way to support the temple.



B TSD/VFW BINGO in the Annex Hall

**June 9th, 6 - 9 pm**

Enjoy an evening with family and friends and be ready to yell out BINGO!



## JUNE SHOTSUKI LIST

The June Shotsuki Hoyo (MEMORIAL SERVICE) will be held Sunday, June 10, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. in conjunction with the Dharma School/Family Service. Families and friends of anyone who passed away during the month of June 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](mailto:info@btsd.net).

6月の祥月法要は6月10日(日)、午前10時より行います。先亡者のご遺族の方々はぜひ、仏教会へご参詣下さい。尚、名簿に間違いがある場合、お手数ですが、仏教会までご連絡下さい。(619) 239-0896. または、[info@btsd.net](mailto:info@btsd.net)へメールを送ってください。

### DECEASED

### FAMILY MEMBER

Mika Sato (6-9-1908) ..... Takashima Family  
 Masami Ito (6-26-1925) ..... Ito Family  
 Nobuko Ito (6-10-1935) ..... Ito Family  
 Akito Matsui (6-23-1935) ..... Matsui Family  
 Minetaro Hosaka (6-23-1943) ..... Hosaka Family  
 Hajime Yonekura (6-18-1951) ..... Yonekura Family  
 Toichi Kodama (6-20-1954) ..... Kodama Family  
 Isano Sugioka (6-20-1957) ..... Sugioka Family  
 Goichiro Haseyama (6-13-1958) ..... Noboru Haseyama  
 Hideo Iwata (6-17-1959) ..... Teruko Iwata  
 Matsue Morita (6-16-1963) ..... Morita Family  
 Shigeyuki Furuya (6-3-1965) ..... Furuya Family  
 Shizu Moriyama (6-8-1966) ..... Moriyama Family  
 Yukino Sameshima (6-15-1966) ..... Takeshi Sameshima  
 Shojiro Sameshima (6-25-1966) ..... Takeshi Sameshima  
 Ju-kichi Yamanishi (6-28-1966) ..... Miyoko Yamanishi  
 Rokuichi Hanano (6-10-1967) ..... Gerald Hanano  
 Yozo Kawato (6-10-1967) ..... Nancy Nakatani  
 Toshiko Yamada (6-9-1969) ..... Yamada Family  
 Shigeo Fujimoto (6-14-1969) ..... Fujimoto Family  
 Tsune Tsubota (6-28-1974) ..... Isami Tsubota  
 Kikuyo Kawasaki (6-14-1975) ..... Kisae Ohara  
 Toichi Okamura (6-22-1975) ..... Mitsuo Tsurudome  
 Gitaro Hatauye (6-28-1975) ..... Inouye Family  
 Midori Morimoto (6-6-1976) ..... Morimoto Family  
 Yuka Yamanokuchi (6-9-1977) ..... Otsuji Family  
 Tamotsu Ojiri (6-28-1977) ..... Doug Ojiri  
 Yuru Shiraishi (6-30-1977) ..... Shiraishi Family  
 Kiyoji Ohtomo (6-3-1978) ..... Chiyoko Watanabe  
 Kuni Shimada (6-1978) ..... Sharon Shimada  
 Ichiji Ouchi (6-4-1981) ..... Yanagihara Family

### DECEASED

### FAMILY MEMBER

Tamotsu Matsumoto (6-28-1982) ..... Troy Matsumoto  
 Seiichi Shimizu (6-28-1983) ..... Gordon Shimizu  
 Frank Yamada (6-3-1986) ..... Joe Yamada  
 Richard Shizuo Watanabe (6-15-1986) ..... Yoshiko Watanabe  
 Emi Fujimoto (6-2-1989) ..... Jack Fujimoto  
 Kiyoshi Shinsato (6-21-1990) ..... Michiko Shinsato  
 Fumiko Shironaka (6-11-1991) ..... Howard Shironaka  
 Sandra Sachiko Takashima (6-25-1992) ..... Ronald Takashima  
 Naoye Yagura (6-3-1993) ..... Yagura Family  
 George Yano (6-6-1993) ..... Irene Bogner  
 Eijiro Yamashita (6-27-1993) ..... Mildred Kawasaki  
 J. Richard Teague (6-28-1995) ..... Teague Family  
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 Ronnie Ishisaki (6-9-1996) ..... Loretta Ishisaki  
 Tom Masakatsu Yonekura (6-10-1996) ..... Yonekura Family  
 Toshiko Mori (6-8-1997) ..... Takeko Davis  
 Bernard Alroy (6-1-1997) ..... Evelyn Alroy  
 Makiko Ishizu (6-3-1998) ..... Setsuko Toyama  
 Sadae Kohara (6-15-1998) ..... Sayo Fujiwara  
 Mizue Copple (6-23-1998) ..... Himaka Family  
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 Nobuko Ohgi (6-17-2000) ..... Akizumi Ohgi  
 Minoru Nakamura (6-28-2000) ..... Miyo Hill  
 Masako Lawrence (6-11-2002) ..... Alexander Lawrence  
 Tokio Hayashi (6-19-2003) ..... Kikue Hayashi  
 Shigeharu Nakamura (6-4-2008) ..... Wendy Nakamura  
 Ronald Iguchi (6-30-2010) ..... Ned Iguchi  
 George Shuichi Tsubakihara (6-27-2012) ..... Kent Tsubakihara  
 Haru Girard (6-4-2013) ..... Roxanne Girard  
 Tomio Nakano (6-10-2013) ..... Minako Nakano  
 George Hiroshi Masumoto (6-25-2013) ..... Chiyoko Masumoto  
 Bob Nobuo Ito (6-12-2014) ..... Suzanne Ito

## 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

## DONATIONS

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

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Tsuji, Masako - 3rd Yr. Mem.  
Serv. - Dr. Frederick Tsuji  
Sasaki, Laverne - Visitation  
Araki-Kawaguchi, Corinne -  
Offering  
Hara, Ruby - Offering  
Hara, Ruby  
Yonekura, Roy & Susan -  
Mom's 100th Birthday  
Kaplan, Dolly S. and Paul M. -  
Honor of Mrs. Tomiyama's  
100th Birthday  
Benson, Agnes - Bazaar  
Tomiyama, Sayoko - 100th  
Birthday Special Service

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Graeber, Kiku  
Otsuji, Dennis  
Moriyama, Chieko  
Masumoto, Chiyoko  
Schraeder, Susan  
Yamamoto, Kengo  
Hidinger, Holly  
Spears, Margo  
Yamamoto, Koichi  
Sugiyama, Yukiko  
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Benson, Agnes  
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Sumida, Floyd  
Martinez, Nancy  
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Himaka, Michio  
Yagi, Chiyeko  
Torio, Betty  
Ohara, Fumiko  
Ogasawara, Arikazu  
Voorhies, Ruth  
Kawamoto, Yukio and Mitsu  
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Hashiguchi, John  
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Hill, Miyo  
Kawasaki, Kiyoshi & Itsuko  
Yamamoto, Sachio  
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Tsuneyoshi, Motoo

Yanagihara, Sumiko

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Kida, Katsumi  
Sasaki, Brian  
Yamanishi, Miyoko  
Monji, Yoshiko

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Kaneko, Richard  
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*We thank the following individuals / families for their recent renewals:*  
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Covarrubias, L

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Kaneko, Richard  
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IMO Momoyo Amano  
IMO Osamu Amano  
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Benson, Agnes  
Benson, Agnes  
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### Correction from May Donations:

Honda, Mikiye - general donation



マウンテンビュー仏教会 「回向」  
二〇一八年六月法話

おも

— いのちの重さ —

駐在開教使 向嶋諦史

生きとし生けるものはみな平等だというものの見方は、  
仏教の基本思想です。それは人間だけに限らず、いのちあ  
るもの全てを平等に見るということです。

そのことについて大変興味深いお話があるので、紹介  
したいと思います。

遠い昔、インドに尸毘王という慈悲深い王がいました。  
ある日、王のところに一羽の傷ついた鳩が舞い込んできた  
ので、かわいそうに思って治療をしようとする、鳩は震  
えながら「鷹に追われています。どうか私のいのちをお助  
け下さい」と王にお願いしました。

すると、すかさず一羽の鷹が飛んで来て、王を睨みつけな  
がら「今、鳩が飛んできただろう。それは俺が見つけた鳩だ。  
丸三日間、何も食べていない。これを逃したら俺は死んでし  
まう。今すぐ、お前の後ろに隠れている鳩をよこせ！」と  
言っつのです。

王は「この鳩ではなく、死んだ動物の肉でも探したらど  
うか」と提案するのですが、鷹は「生きた肉と生きた血でな  
いと俺のいのちはもたないのだ」と言っつて断ります。

王が「私を頼ってきた鳩を死なせるわけにはいかない」  
と言っつと、鷹は「お前は、自分のことを慈悲深いと思っつて  
いるかもしれないが、鳩を助けるという事は、俺を殺すとい  
うことだ」と言っつ返します。

尸毘王は、しばらく悩んだ挙句「よろしい。それでは、こ  
の鳩の重さと同じ分、私の身体の一部を差し上げよう」と

言いました。鷹も「それなら問題ない」と言っつて承知  
したので、王は家来に天秤を持つてくるよう命じ、次  
の瞬間、王は意を決して自分の片腕を切り落としま  
した。

そして、王は片方の皿の上に鳩を乗せ、もう片方の  
皿の上に自分の片腕を乗せました。しかし、天秤は鳩  
を乗せた皿を下に傾けたまま少しも動きません。どう  
したことが鳩の方が重いのです。それではと、今度は  
片足を切り落として片腕と並べて同じ皿の上に乗せ  
てみました。しかし、それでも全く動く気配がありま  
せん。

その瞬間、尸毘王は「はっ！」と重要なことに気  
づきました。もしやと思い、王は身体全体で皿の上に  
乗っつてみせると、天秤はゆっくりと動き出し、ぴたり  
水平になって、ようやく鳩と釣り合いがとれたのです。  
そして、尸毘王が自分の身体を与えることによって、  
鳩と鷹の両方を救うことができたというお話です。  
その後、この王が生まれ変わったとき、お釈迦さまとな  
っつてお悟りを開かれたということです。

これは、ジャータカ物語の一つ、「いのちの天秤」  
という大変有名なお話ですが、この説話が教えるこ  
ころは、どんないのちであっても、全てのいのちは同じ  
重さ、つまり、平等であつて、それぞれがたった一つ  
しかない大切な尊いいのちだということです。この  
眼差しをもつておられたのがお釈迦さまであり、これこ  
そが悟りの領域なのです。

仏さまとは、燃え盛る煩惱の炎を完全に消し去つ  
た極めてこの世に安らかな涅槃という領域におられる  
お方です。このお方が持つお徳を「仏性」というので  
すが、『涅槃経』に「一切衆生悉有仏性（一切の衆  
生にこの世ごとく仏性あり）」という有名な一節があ

るように、生きとし生けるものには、仏に成つてゆく種と  
して、この仏性が内在していると説かれています。  
つまり、誰もが内に仏となる等しい種を持つているの  
であるから、あらゆるいのちを仏さまのいのちと同様に  
敬い、いのちをもつて接していくことが仏教徒としても  
最も大切なことだということです。

もう一つ大切なことは、あらゆる衆生が阿彌陀仏に願  
われて生まれてきた尊いいのちだということです。私達  
が帰依する阿彌陀仏は、あらゆるいのちを例外なく平等  
に必ず悟りの世界へと至らしめると誓われておられます。  
それを気づかせて下さるおはたらきが「南無阿彌陀仏」の  
お念仏なのです。

親鸞聖人はいのちの真の価値を見出せない人生は空  
しいものだとおっしゃっています。だからこそ、常に私達  
の歩むべき方向を示して下さる阿彌陀仏の智慧の光に  
出遇つことが何よりも大切なことなのです。

お念仏は、生きとし生けるものに向けられた阿彌陀仏の  
呼び声です。慈悲の温もりと智慧の光が「南無阿彌陀仏」  
の呼び声となつて全てのいのちを優しく包んで下さる  
ます。その真実の呼び声に目覚めることができた時、私  
のいのちも他のいのちもかけがえのない大切ないのち、  
平等のいのちであつたと互いに拝み合える究極の  
世界が開かれてくるのだと思います。そこは、誰にも犯す  
ことのできない尊いいのちが共に平等に輝き合う悟  
りの境地です。

自己中心的な生き方しかできない私達ですが、常にお  
念仏を申すなかで、全ての衆生が仏性を持つて尊い  
存在であることを念頭に置きながら、全てのいのちを  
平等に見ていく目を養っていききたいものです。

# Annual BTSD All-Temple Picnic Hosted by Dharma School

**When:** Sunday, June 17, 2018 (Father's Day)      **Time:** 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

**Where:** Rohr Park, 4548 Sweetwater Rd, Bonita, CA 91902  
(just north of the Chula Vista Municipal Golf Course)

**Area:** R1 Gazebo (East end of Rohr Park).    **Entrance:** Gate 2 or 3    **Parking Area:** Lot C

## Reasons for attending:

- Open to all temple members, Dharma School families and temple Sangha.
- There will be a short service and a Dharma message.
- Students will be recognized for their achievements during the past school term.
- Honoring 2018 high school graduates.
- We will honor dads on their special day.
- Bar BQ lunch provided by Dharma School staff
- Share your favorite side dish or dessert.
- Games! Games! Games!
- Relax and share friendships with the Sangha.
- Participate in the "Walk to Feed the Hungry" starting at 1:30 p.m. The walk is sponsored by the Jr. YBA and Sangha Teens.

**More information:** Avis Honda (email: [seharu25@aol.com](mailto:seharu25@aol.com))  
BTSD (619) 239-0896; email: [info@btsd.net](mailto:info@btsd.net)



## Directions from North and South

1. Interstate 805 to Bonita Road exit.
  2. East on Bonita Road
  3. Left turn onto Willows Road (travel over bridge)
  4. At signal, turn right onto Sweetwater Road (east)
  5. Drive approximately 0.7 miles east to Rohr Park Gate 2
- BTSD will be located at LARGE Gazebo (R1) at east end of park. Park in parking lot C

# Buddhist Temple of San Diego Japanese Cultural Bazaar



Come out and enjoy:

- Food Favorites  
Chow Mein  
Sushi  
Teriyaki Chicken  
Tacos
- Bakery
- Snack Bar
- Beer Garden
- Taiko
- Silent Auction
- Exhibits
- Demonstrations
- Crafts
- Introduction to Buddhism
- Raffle Drawing
- Nursery
- Kids Games
- And more...

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## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

The temple is looking for volunteers for the **Japanese Cultural Bazaar** on the days leading up to, and on the day of the event! If you have some time available, please help us out!

### PREP SCHEDULE

**FRIDAY, JUNE 1:** 9 am to 4 pm

**SATURDAY, JUNE 2:** 9 am to 6 pm

**SUNDAY, JUNE 3 (Bazaar day):** 6 am - 4 pm

(contact LuAnn Lee or booth chairs for best placement)

Sign-Up with Google Docs



Join Us for

## Tai Chi

Thursdays from 10 - 11 a.m.

Please Note: No class on June 14

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