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Shinran

By Rev. Dr. Kenji Akahoshi, Resident Minister



In May we celebrate the birth of Shinran. I hope we can appreciate the great significance of his contribution to our lives. In our modern age of sophistication, we may not fully appreciate the possibilities he presented by the example of his life. The honesty, humility, and integrity of his teachings and the conduct of his life, truly opened a path of

spirituality for us common, ordinary people.

In April, we celebrated the birth of Siddhartha Gautama who became Shakyamuni Buddha. His Enlightenment elevated the human species to relate to the spiritual consciousness that pervades all aspects of life. 2,500 years ago, he presented the heart/mind/spiritual human connection to the universe that is still consistent with modern scientific thought. Buddhism is not based on belief. It is based on an insightful revelation of the true, natural functions of the universe. Everything is interdependent and everything changes. The Buddha explained the complex dynamics of the universe and our human participation in it, in story or mythical form. Our modern explanations are categorized as astronomy, geology, biology, psychology, technology, philosophy, religion, and many other fields. All this knowledge is intended to help us negotiate our place on the planet (the ME in the WE). Buddhism encompasses all these modern fields of study to lead us to a life of harmony and bliss in a world of challenges.

SHINRAN'S REVELATION

It is also remarkable, that 800 years ago, Shinran made this revelation of truth accessible to the common, ordinary person. Our ego-self is programmed for self-preservation. An immature mind can only see life from the perspective of the ego-self. To see this more clearly, let us take examples of our progress from childhood to adulthood. We know it takes a lot of effort to teach children to share, to cooperate, and to include others, especially when others are not like them. As we matured from elementary, Jr. High, and High School, we naturally accepted a broader view of our place in the world. A mature adult admits to an interdependent world. However, due to personal insecurities, we sometimes begin to exclude other views of the world. This narrow personal view is the toxic virus that invites division and conflict that the Buddha warned against. The Nembutsu path of Shinran provides a safe refuge for us to see the foolish limits of our vision.

As adults, we learn to get along with others in jobs, commerce, and social functions. However, we retain those childhood prejudices, which may be hidden deep in our minds.

This is what Shinran refers to when he admits his inability to control his ego-self. Modern psychology validates this tendency, as they describe our psyche. Psychology describes how the ego suppresses the shadow of our psyche, which contains all the rejected parts of our identity. The shadow harbors those feelings we have that were unacceptable to our parents or community. These feelings of greed, ignorance, and hatred/anger are natural, but not conducive to group acceptance. It is the goal of monks, in decades of dedicated monastic practice, to control these aspects of the ego. Wisely, Shinran offers another path.

Although we can minimize these negative tendencies, we cannot eliminate them. It is a fear of being excluded that initiates a wall of ego-centric defense. We observe this routinely in rebellious teenagers. They commonly report that this sense of rejection led them to anti-social behavior. Conversely, we see the power of compassion as we hear that negative lives have been turned around because of the kindness of one person to another. It is this voicing of Namo Amida Butsu that we begin to broaden and deepen our vision.

NAMO AMIDA BUTSU



The Nembutsu can give us a sense of taking refuge. The wise parent hugs and affirms a child who admits to a lie or bad behavior. This is the intention of the figure of Amida Buddha, with his posture of full acceptance. Namo Amida Butsu, becomes a spiritual hug. It is the affirmation that we are included as part of the world community, not in spite of, but because of our negative traits. By admitting and accepting this shadow, we can slowly realize that we are still truly worthwhile. It is this sense of acceptance and affirmation, that we may call the Compassion of Amida. This feeling of acceptance frees us from the need to hide them in our shadow. Instead, we can transform these egocentric thoughts to thoughts of inclusion and acceptance. This "crosswise leap" or shift of perspective allows us to feel accepted and to be accepting. Feeling accepted, just as I am, may inspire me to accept others, just as they are. Expressing and living "Na Man Da Bu" is the spiritual path of the common, ordinary person. Sharing this attitude brings harmony to one and all.

Namo Amida Butsu

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6 DS Staff Mtg., 9 am, CR DS/FS/Shotsuki, 10 am BWA Mtg., 11:45, CR Taiko, Noon, AH	7 OFFICE CLOSED Ways & Means, 7pm	8 SD Ministers Mtg, LA 10 am	9 Minyo, Noon, SH Shigin, 1 pm, CR Taiko, 6:30 pm, AH Buddhism 1-2-3, 7p	10 Tai Chi, 10 am, AH BOD Mtg., 6:45 pm, CR	11 SD Council Mtg. At West LA B.T., 7 pm	12  Furniture Sale 8-12 BINGO, 6 pm, AH
13 MOTHER'S DAY Jr. YBA Breakfast, 8:30am DS/Family Service, 10am Jr. YBA Mtg., 11:30, CR	14 OFFICE CLOSED	15	16 Crafts, 10 am, DR Minyo, Noon, SH Shigin, 1 pm, CR Taiko, 6:30 pm, AH Buddhism 1-2-3, 7p	17 Tai Chi, 10 am, AH	18	19 Koto, 9:30 am, SH BEC Lecture with Rev Sasaki at 7 p.m.
20 HATSUMAIRI, 9 a.m. GOTAN E Rev. LaVerne Sasaki BWA Chirashi	21 OFFICE CLOSED	22	23 Minyo, Noon, SH Shigin, 1 pm, CR Taiko, 6:30 pm, AH Buddhism 1-2-3, 7p Mail Kaiho	24 Tai Chi, 10 am, AH Activities, 7, CR	25 Garden Villa Lunch toban DS Camping- Dos Picos, Ramona	26 Imperial Valley Cemetery Services Calexico, 9 am El Centro, 10 am Brawley, 11:30 am DS Camping-Ramona
27 Intro to Buddhism, 9 am Family Service, 10 am Ft. Rosecrans Memorial Service, 2 pm DS Camping-Ramona	28 MEMORIAL DAY Cypress View, 8:30 Community Serv. At Mt. Hope, 9:30 am OFFICE CLOSED	29	30 Minyo, Noon, SH Shigin, 1 pm, CR Taiko, 6:30 pm, AH Buddhism 1-2-3, 7p	31 Tai Chi, 10 am, AH	LOOKING AHEAD TO JUNE: 3 — Japanese Cultural Bazaar, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. 15-17 — Retreat, Yokoji Zen Mountain Center 17 — Temple Picnic, Rohr Park, Chula Vista	

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By LuAnn Lee Board President



At the end of March and beginning of April we had two delicious potlucks. The first one was our annual get together with Vista Buddhist Temple. It was so nice to socialize and share the Dharma with our friends to the North. Thank you to Avis Honda and the Dharma School for making the arrangements and hosting the potluck.

The second was to celebrate Buddha's birthday. It was a busy but fun weekend decorating the colorful Hanamido, pouring the sweet tea over the baby Buddha, listening to sensei Ellen Crane and meeting her hand puppet dog, Yuki, then enjoying a wonderful spread of food from the Sangha.

The Hondo looked so beautiful with all the orchids donated by a very special person, Mrs. Asako Morinaka, and thank you also to her son, Ronnie, for delivering these home-grown flowers.

We appreciate all who participated and donated to make this a memorable Hanamatsuri.

On April 14, we had another successful Bingo dinner. Thank you to Nancy Martinez for heading this up. The Chicken pie shop better watch out because these chicken pot pie dinners were really good! They were made with love by Nancy M, Joyce T, Jeannie I, Glenn T, Kiku G, Shelly S, Isaac M, Mildred K, Carol B, Glenn N, Laura Y, Bill T, Michael K, Margo S, Juliana H, Tracy K, Harold L and me. 87 dinners were sold and 4 whole pies. We thank all who purchased meals to help fund our general account to pay our temple's expenses.

On April 15, the EcoSangha group planned a Dharma School craft for Earth Day and a plans for a parade to be held on April 22. Shirley Omori organized the origami animal fans and provided all the materials. Claudia Poquoc taught a song and helped lead the craft. Many parents also joined in with the EcoSangha helpers and Dharma school teachers. It was so nice to see the combined effort and most of all, seeing the kids having fun and not wanting to leave because they had more animals to make. Stay tuned to see how the parade went.

With spring here, we look ahead to our busiest fundraising season from mid-May through August. Volunteers will be needed to help with all activities. Whether you can help a few minutes or all day, we appreciate anything you can give. We will also be looking for people to sponsor items or booth costs at our bazaar. Again, we appreciate anything you can donate.

Thank you for your constant support.

Gassho,
LuAnn Lee

BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

The Board of Directors met on April 12:

1. Condolences to the family of Rev. Akira Hata who passed away on March 27. In his retirement, Rev. Hata served the temple as an associate minister.
2. The Board approved funds for two representatives to attend the Japanese Coordinating Council Keiro Kai, April 29th
3. A photo of our three members, who will be celebrating their 100th birthdays this year, will be submitted for the 2019 BCA calendar.
4. The Memorial Day observances for Imperial Valley, Ft. Rosecrans National and Mt. Hope cemeteries and Cypress View were discussed.
5. Rev. Akahoshi discussed the Dana Group, a new temple group that will be promoting and getting involved in community activities to help others.
6. The Board congratulates Trevor Muraoka on attaining his Eagle Scout ranking. Trevor joins his dad, Ken, and uncle Tad in receiving this prestigious honor which represents right effort and endeavor.

BWA NEWS

Many Thanks to Dharma School students, families and Sangha members who did a wonderful job for Hanamatsuri on April 8. Thank you, Sensei **Ellen Crane**, of the Orange County Buddhist Church for the memorable service and BEC lecture on Saturday evening. The potluck lunch was enjoyed by all.

The BWA had a successful Bake sale at the Hanamatsuri service. We thank all the talented bakers who donated all the baked goods, and to the Sangha through your purchases.

BWA members helped out with the Cherry Blossom Festival preparations on Friday March 9. We also helped sell chicken skewers and rice at the JFG on Saturday, March 10.

May will be a busy month. Please come out to help with the chirashi otoki prep on Saturday, May 19 at 9:30. We will need volunteers on Sunday on May 20 starting at 8:00 am. Groups A and C are chairing. BWA has hospitality following this service.

FBWA conference in Visalia September 14-16
Southern District BWA conference on October 6 at Nishi.

Toban group C will host the May 6 meeting that begins at 11:45 a.m. Thank you to Toban group B for providing delicious lunch for the April meeting.

DHARMA SCHOOL NEWS

On Saturday, April 7, Andrea and Paulina Covarrubias, Lucas and Vince Kawasaki, Cassidy Muraoka, and Arturo Rubio decorated the Hanamido. After it was decorated, Breven Honda and Roy Okuhara carried it up to the Hondo. Lorena Covarrubias, Mitch and Naomi Himaka, Miki Honda, Kiyoshi & Itsuko Kawasaki, Karen Okuhara, Mr. and Mrs. Arturo Rubio, Margo Spears, and Laura



Yoshida made floral arrangements for the Hondo. Thank you for your help! Thank you to Miyo Hill, Miki Honda, Chieko Moriyama, and Sumi Yanagihara for your monetary donations, Naomi and Mitch for bringing the flowers, and a BIG Thank You to Mrs. Asako Morinaka for the beautiful cymbidium orchids and for her son, Ronnie, for delivering them.

EARTH DAY, TEACHERS CONFERENCE

For the Earth Day Project, the Pre-K to 4th grade class spread peanut butter around pine cones for the birds and the 5th – 8th grade class planted parsley in a plastic container in their classes. On Sunday, April 15' they decorated uchiwas (round fans) with origami animals. EcoSangha committee members, Smitty sensei and Evelyn Alroy, led the students in an Earth Day parade in our Hondo.

Kenji Sensei and I will be attending the Federation Dharma School Teachers League Conference on Saturday, April 27-29 in Foster City. The conference is hosted by the Bay District Dharma School Teachers League. The theme is "Intersections" and the keynote speaker will be Rev. Henry Adams, San Mateo Buddhist Temple.

HATSUMAIRI, CAMPING

On May 20, we will observe our Hatsumairi Service. Please complete the form inside this issue of our newsletter and put into the Dharma School box in the office or turn it in to me by May 13.

Join the Dharma School for our annual Camping Weekend! Dharma School has reserved a few campsites at Dos Picos County Park from May 25-27, the Memorial weekend. Come for the day or stay for one or two nights in the beautiful oak groves of this Ramona treasure. Arrive on Friday when you are available and bring your own dinner. We will have group desserts to enjoy, along with good fun and fellowship. On Saturday, enjoy group meals, kids craft and activities including a campfire and desserts at night. On Sunday morning, we will have a short service, have a group breakfast and a hike. Please feel welcome to let us know if you are interested but would like to team up with another family for equipment or supplies. Cost will be \$40 per registered BTSD Dharma School family and \$50 non-BTSD registered Dharma School family for the campsites, food (with the exception of Friday dinner) and craft. It will be a lot of fun, hope to see you there!

Dharma School students, ages 8 – 13 years old are encouraged to attend the Los Angeles Buddhist Coordinating Council (LABCC) Camp at Camp Morningstar near Angelus Oaks in the San Bernardino mountains. July 28-August. 4. Please

check the website, www.labcc.org, for registration information and form. It is a two-step process. Registration deadline is June 1. Our Dharma School students, who have gone, had a great time! If you have any questions, please see me.

Happy May Birthday wishes to: Andrea Covarrubias, Makoto Enochs, Julianna Henschen, and Cassidy Muraoka.

The next teacher-staff meeting will be on Sunday, May 6th at 9:00 a.m. in the conference room

Gassho,
Avis Honda, Superintendent

JR. YBA NEWS

Hi all! Here's what the Jr. YBA has been up to in the past month. One of our members, Zoe, went to the Jr. YBL basketball tournament at OCBC. There, many Buddhist teenagers from all over Southern California were put into teams and played basketball. Zoe's team won the tournament! In other news, In April, we're planning on attending a Seminar at Camp Morningstar. This was the site of our favorite summer camp LABCC and we're excited to go back! Thank you all for your continued support.

In gassho,
Hailey Sasaki

2018-2019 Academic Scholarship Applications

Temple Scholarships Available for Temple Scholars

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 will be distributed this month in hard copy at the Temple and may be requested by email from the Temple office. 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.



In May, time is taken to reflect and honor the men and women who served in our nation's armed forces.

Locally, the Japanese American community gathers to remember the men and women who served our country, along with the many loved ones who have passed away.

During the weekend of May 26 through 28, the temple will conduct the following Memorial Day observances:

Saturday, May 26: Imperial Valley Cemetery visitations – Calexico Cemetery (9:00 a.m.), El Centro Cemetery (10 a.m.) and Brawley Cemetery (11:30 a.m.).

Sunday, May 27: BTSD Family service at 10 a.m. Fort Rosecrans National Cemetery service at 1 p.m. Cemetery service will be at the gazebo located at the farthest south gate entrance of the cemetery's bayside.

Monday, May 28: Memorial Day observances – El Camino Mortuary (formerly Cypress View) in Japanese columbarium section (8:30 a.m.) and Mt. Hope Cemetery Nikkei Community Service (9:30 a.m.). POVUCC is serving as host for the community Memorial Day service.

Thank you very much to Asian Pacific Post 4851 for providing the fees to secure the permit for the Mt. Hope Cemetery service.

Please contact the temple if you have questions regarding the Memorial weekend activities.



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) Information and a registration form can be accessed by contacting the office (info@btsd.net) 619-239-0896

Buddhist Education Opportunities in May

Bill Teague, Buddhist Education Committee

Introduction to Buddhism with Kaytee Sumida

Quick Introduction. For our readers or Dharma friends interested in a one-hour brief introduction to Buddhism overall, and how our tradition fits into the big picture, BEC recommends the monthly Introduction to Buddhism presented next on Sunday, May 27, at 9 am, in the Temple's one-story Sangha Hall.

Kaytee will also touch on the history of our temple and temple etiquette. The class is excellent for beginners or visitors, and even long-time temple members tell us they learned from the presentation too. Following the 9 a.m. class, at 10 a.m. the attendees are invited to attend the regular service in the Hondo.

The Best Way to Spend a Wednesday Night: Buddhism 1-2-3 with Kenji Sensei and Others

Each Wednesday BEC offers Buddhism 1-2-3 at 7 p.m. in the Sangha Hall, for chanting, meditation, and Dharma. Each class functions as a stand-alone experience, and sometimes linked by a monthly theme. In May we will explore more dimensions of what it means to awaken to life. Kenji Sensei will set the tone for sessions on Wednesday, May 2 and 9, Minister's Assistant Maribeth Smith will lead on May 23, and I will likely facilitate on May 16 and 30.

Sessions run some 90 minutes and are free and open to all, with a spot of tea and a few snacks to keep our strength up.

Membership Report

Bill Teague, Membership Chair

Our member are the best! We now have **60% renewals** as of the third week of April! We listed renewed members in the March issue of the newsletter, and here is an update.

New adds include **three new members** (boldface). Please thank them and welcome them when you see them at Temple:

Takeko Amano, Leah Elliott, Mikako Jones, Nancy Martinez, **Freda McGrath**, Lee & Susan Moribe, Ken & Sharyn Muraoka, **Elizabeth Johnko Schuette**, Glenn & Keiko Negoro, Shirley Ochi -Watson, Laurine Ota, Leslie Seymour, Naomi & Terry Tanaka, Masako Tsuji, **Maveh Vissers**, and Sachio Yamamoto.

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.

SENIOR YBA HOSTS COLLEGE DAY IN CONJUNCTION WITH TEMPLE'S HANAMATSURI SERVICE



COLLEGE DAY 2: San Diego State University students Ami Sanders, Breven Honda, Trish Hyde, Kiyomi Nomura, Sati Alexander and Farid Wardak participated with BTSD's Hanamatsuri service on April 8. Photo courtesy of Avis Honda

On April 8, we hosted another College Day event. Six students came out to commemorate Hanamatsuri, enjoy the Dharma message presented by sensei Ellen Crane from the Orange County Buddhist Church and made new friendships during the Sangha's potluck luncheon.

Thank you very much to Ami Sanders for helping get the word out to the student body. Also, many thanks to Ami and her mother, Shelly, for baking delicious cookies!

College Day is an activity, under the direction of the Sr. YBA program. We reach out to college student attending SDSU, UCSD, USD, CSU San Marcos and the area community colleges, inviting them with the opportunity to visit the temple, listen to the Dharma, offer lunch and get to know each other a little better.

The program has attracted students who are visiting BTSD for religious studies class assignments and have brought young Buddhists from other temples to engage in a Dharma. For the April 8 gathering, Trish Hyde (Tri-State Buddhist Temple) and Kiyomi Nomura (Buddhist Church of Oakland) visited for the first time. Sati Alexander and Farid Wardak found us on Facebook. Thank you for your participation!

Our first College Day was held on March 18 with four curious students checking it out

Plans are to offer College Day for May 20 (Gotan-E) and July 29 (O Bon).

College days are promoted through the temple's Facebook page, personal emails and word of mouth.

If you have information on continuing college students or know of incoming freshmen who will be attending college in San Diego for the 2018-19 term, please contact me via email at brevh831@gmail.com or the Buddhist Temple at info@btsd.net
Sr. YBA hopes that the program continues to grow!

In Gassho, Breven Honda

SPRING FURNITURE/HOUSEWARE SALE

Saturday, May 12 Re-Think – Re-Use – Re-Sale!!!

The annual Spring Furniture 'Plus' sale will take place on Saturday, May 12 from 8 a.m. to 12 noon. All items donated to the temple are sorted, cleaned, priced and displayed to be sold!

Final sorting days are Saturday May 5 (10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.), Thursday, May 10 (6:-9 p.m.) and Friday, May 11 (3-8 p.m.). On Friday, all of the items are placed into the parking lot for final pricing and sales! Any and all help is welcome!

Hatsumairi

Hatsumairi (Infant Presentation Ceremony) is a ceremony in which your child or grandchild is presented to Amida Buddha for the first time. In Japanese it is called *Shosan-shiki*, "The First Visitation." This year, *Hatsumairi* will take place on **Sunday, May 20 at 9 a.m.** preceding the Gotan-e Service. If you would like to have your child and/or grandchild participate in this ceremony, please complete the form below and return it by **Sunday, May 13, 2018** to either Avis Honda (Dharma School Superintendent) or to the temple's office.

We ask that the participants be there at 8:30am.

Hatsumairi Ceremony Participation Form May 20, 2018

Participant's Full Name: _____
Participant's Date of Birth: _____
Parent's Name(s): _____
Address _____
City/State/Zip _____
Phone Number: _____
E-mail Address: _____

Due by: SUNDAY, MAY 13, 2018

EcoSangha May 2018

The Temple will celebrate Earth Day this year on Sunday, April 22nd. The day will be centered on how we can be more considerate to our earth. The Dharma School students are working on Earth Day projects and will participate in the first ever, Temple Earth Day Parade! The Balboa Park Earth Day event is being held on the same day, I would encourage one and all to visit Balboa Park after our Temple events.

According to NASA, houseplants can remove toxins from your home. It is suggested you place at least 2 plants per heavily used rooms. (Please check plants before purchase, as some are toxic or even deadly to animals). Here are a few recommendations:

English Ivy: Removes toxins from wood floors and carpets

Pothos & Mother-In-Laws Tongue: Absorbs carbon dioxide, rids air of formaldehyde and benzene. (They recommend you place a couple in your bedroom to help you sleep).



Every Day is Earth Day



Peace Lily cleans toxins from paint and electronics

Boston Fern is great for paneling or wood floors

At home

Plant trees to fight climate change, plant flowers to benefit birds and bees

- * Use natural pest control

Lifestyle

- * Eat less meat (Vegetarian Monday & Wednesday)
- * Unplug and go outside
- * Support sustainable businesses

- * Don't use plastic straws and stop or reduce the use of all plastics (ask that take out items be placed in your recycled bag).

- * Use a reusable water bottle
- * Wash clothing with microfibers in special bags for the washing machine
- * Compost shredded newspaper, food scraps, tea and coffee and flowers

In Gassho, EcoSangha Committee



SCRIP NEWS

Mother's Day is just around the corner. We have in stock Macy's, Olive Garden, Bed, Bath, and Beyond, IHOP and Denny's for breakfast. There's still time to order gift cards for Ruth Chris or Morton's or Nordstrom's. Check out our list to see what other gift cards are available.

Looking past May and into June. We have Father's Day and graduation. So, keep in mind what gift cards your father would like to have. Tools from Home Depot or Lowes. Sporting equipment from Dick's or Big 5 or coffee from Starbucks.

Looking forward to taking your orders and saving you time and energy in buying gifts for Mother's Day, Father's Day, and graduation!

BINGO UPDATE

Don't be shy. Give BINGO a try on May 12!

It is an enjoyable activity for players (18-years-old and up) with a chance to win cash and door prizes. BTSD and Asian Pacific VFW Post 4851 hosts BINGO sessions starting at 6 p.m. in the Annex Hall.

Each session requires a \$10 buy-in for up to 2 ½ hours of BINGO. Extra cards are \$.50 each. Purchasing pull-tabs offer another winning opportunity.

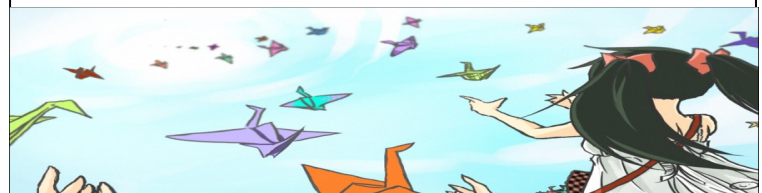
The VFW will sell their famous hot dogs and chili dogs prior to the May 13 session.



The temple will participate in the Japan Society of San Diego and Tijuana's 16th annual Beer and Sake Festival on Friday, June 1 at Harrah's Resort and Casino. The event runs from 7 to 10 p.m.

Patrons to the event will be able to sample the temple's tasty Taiyaki (sweet red bean filled pastry) and receive handouts promoting the temple our Jodo Shinshu tradition and its activities. This will be the seventh year the temple's has participated in this community outreach event.

If you wish to purchase tickets to the event visit the JSSDT web site: www.japan-society.org



TALK...LISTEN...

While Creating SOMETHING New!

CRAFTS

First & Third Wednesdays

10 a.m. - 2 p.m. In the Dining Room

Bring something to share for the pot-luck lunch

Bon Odori practices will be on Thursdays and Sundays

Save These Dates:

Thursdays: July 12, 19, 26, Aug. 2 at 7:00 pm

Sundays: July 8, 15, 22 at 11:00 am

Bon Odori:

Temple - July 29

Balboa Park- August 4

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.

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Nicho, Leslie
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Negoro, Glenn
Moribe, Lee

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Negoro, Glenn
Yamamoto, Sachio
Moribe, Lee

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Seymour, Leslie
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Sugiyama, Chiyeiko
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Oyama, Rodney
Tomiyama, Sayoko
Inouye, Jeanne M.
Yamamoto, Sachio
Okuhara, Roy
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Himaka, Michio
Koga, Florence
Ishisaki, Emiko
Yamamoto, Hisashi
Kida, Katsumi
Amano, Nobuko
Yamamoto, Kengo
Morinaka, Asako
Schraeder, Susan
Tomoi, Irene
Yagi, Chiyeiko
Voorhies, Ruth
Torio, Betty
Kawamoto, Yukio and Mitsuo
Aoyama, Rev Tesshi
Yamanishi, Miyoko
Aoyama, Jeff
Kawasaki, Trace
Graeber, Kiku
Otsuji, Dennis
Nogata, Sumihiro
Honda, Ralph
Monji, Kiyoshi
Hendrix, Hiroko
Nakashima, Sumiye
Amemiya, Mary O.
Honda, Mikiye
Matsumoto, Akiko and Ken

Torio, Glenn
Martinez, Nancy
Kasubuchi, Naoye
Tsukamoto, Wayne
Tsuji, Masako
Kawasaki, Kiyoshi & Itsuko
Negoro, Glenn
Ochi-Fontanott, Janet
Uyeji, Masako
Spears, Margo
Moribe, Lee

HANAMATSURI FLOWERS

Hashiguchi, John & Tsuneko
Voorhies, Ruth
Hill, Miyo
Honda, Mikiye
Kawasaki, Kiyoshi & Itsuko
Lund, Ron
Morinaka, Akiko (orchids)
Morinaka, Ron (orchids)
Yanagihara, Sumiko
Moriyama, Chieko

HO-ON-KO SERVICE

Hidinger, Holly

IMPROVEMENTS

Sumida, Floyd - Kitchen Imp.
Ochi-Fontanott, Janet - PV Solar

MAP (Ministers Assist. Prog)

Ota, Laurine
Seymour, Leslie
Smith, Maribeth "Smitty"
Negoro, Glenn
Honda, Mikiye
Yamamoto, Sachio

MEMBERSHIP

We thank the following individuals / families for their recent renewals:
Covarrubias, L - 2017
Guiang, Cynthia
Ota, Laurine
Azuma, Adam
Spears, Margo
Yamanishi, Alan
Tanizaki, Gary
Vissers, Maveh
Kawai, Noriko
Seymour, Leslie
Smith, Maribeth "Smitty"
Negoro, Glenn
Williams, Yukari
Tanaka, Kelvin
Hosaka, June
Yamamoto, Sachio
McGrath, Freda
Schuette, Elizabeth
Moribe, Lee

NEW YEAR'S DAY

Hidinger, Holly

NIRVANA DAY

Benson, Agnes
Hidinger, Holly

OHIGAN

Ota, Laurine
Benson, Agnes
Wiederkehr, Jeff
Tomiyama, Steve
Spears, Margo
Koga, Florence
Ishisaki, Emiko
Hidinger, Holly
Muraoka, Roy

SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Moncrief, Mayko
Ota, Laurine
Seymour, Leslie
Smith, Maribeth "Smitty"
Yamamoto, Sachio
Negoro, Glenn
Schuette, Elizabeth
Moribe, Lee

SHOTSUKI HOYO

Benson, Agnes - January
Benson, Agnes - February
Benson, Agnes - March
Benson, Agnes - April
Amano, Nobuko
IMO Shunzo Sakamoto
Wallace, Yuki - 1 yr. Mem.
IMO Ayako Otsuji
Lee, Harold and LuAnn
IMO Y. Torio
Torio, Betty
Tsuneyoshi, Motoo
Honda, Mikiye
Yanagihara, Sumiko
IMO Shizuko Yanagihara
Graeber, Kiku
IMO Masao Santohigashi
Kida, Katsumi
Hagio, Quimico
Kawasaki, Kiyoshi & Itsuko
Sugiyama, Chiyeiko
Pang, Valerie
IMO Carl Masami Ooka
Himaka, Michio
IMO Setsuko Himaka
Morinaka, Asako
Kawasaki, Kiyoshi & Itsuko - March
Kasubuchi, Naoye
IMO James Kasubuchi
IMO Shizuko Kasubuchi
IMO Kuzo Sugiyama
Takashima, Wilbur
IMO Yoshiko Takashima
IMO Setsugo Taniguchi
IMO Benso Tsuji
Yamamoto, George and Ann
IMO Noboru Yamamoto
Kawasaki, Kiyoshi & Itsuko



The Temple and Sangha offers sincere condolences to the family and friends of:
Rev. Akira Hata passed away March 27, 2018

MAY SHOTSUKI (MONTHLY MEMORIAL)

The May Shotsuki Hoyo (MEMORIAL SERVICE) will be held Sunday, May 6, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. in conjunction with the Family Service. Families and friends of anyone who passed away during the month of May 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.

日本文化バザー 「米」 2018 年5月6日(日)、午前 10 時より行います。先亡者のご遺族の方々はずい、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 へメールを送ってください。

DECEASED	FAMILY MEMBER
Mary Koba (5-17-1939)	Duane Koba
Nasuemon Ishizuka (5-26-1942)	Tachiki Family
Tsuneko Masumoto (5-13-1948)	Bert Masumoto
Kumataro Kimura (5-30-1949)	Ochi Family
Jirosuke Nishiuye (5-27-1953)	Yoshiro Nishiuye
Yasukichi Fujimoto (5-16-1956)	Fujimoto Family
Gohei Tomiyama (5-15-1958)	Sayoko Tomiyama
Fujiye Oya (5-18-1958)	Paul Oya
Kisaemon Kato (5-18-1964)	Dennis Otsuji
Yoshimatsu Yagura (5-24-1966)	Yagura Family
Richard Eejima Jr. (5-31-1969)	Eejima Family
Osamu Amano (5-19-1970)	Mikiye Honda
Moritaka Tsuneyoshi (5-29-1971)	Miki Tsuneyoshi
Yoshi Morimoto (5-31-1971)	Morimoto Family
Asao Tanaka (5-18-1972)	Tanaka Family
Hiroshi Mayumi (5-6-1973)	Mayumi Family
Tamiko Mamiya (5-10-1973)	Kawamoto Family
Seiko Fujimoto (5-20-1973)	Fujimoto Family
Shoichi Hamatake (5-17-1974)	Masako Prestidge
Magotaro Adachi (5-6-1975)	Yoshioka Family
Tsume Takashima (5-14-1976)	Wilbur Takashima
Rev. Gikan Nishinaga (5-2-1978)	Mani Ryan
Mitsuko Iguchi (5-7-1978)	Iguchi Family
Hatsuko Miyamoto (5-15-1979)	Fumiko Miyamoto
Shizuye Saito (5-2-1981)	Saito Family
Kakuye Yamada (5-11-1981)	Yamada Family
Hisayo Fujimoto (5-29-1982)	Fujimoto Family
Kuni Higuchi (5-8-1989)	Yasuko Higuchi
Carl M. Ooka (5-19-1991)	Valerie & Gerald Pang
Carol James (5- -)	Etsuko Smith
Hiroko Kitada (5-17-1992)	Yoshitsugu Kitada
Hisashi Ozaki (5-14-1993)	Tsukiye Ozaki
Shizue Koba (5-15-1994)	Duane Koba
Morizo Fujimoto (5-30-1994)	Jack Fujimoto
Kazu L. Scott (5-15-1996)	Lee Scott

DECEASED	FAMILY MEMBER
Momoyo Amano (5-6-1998)	Mikiye Honda
Yoshio Koike (5-25-1999)	Kikuko Koike
James Yamaguchi (5-25-1999)	Fusako Yamaguchi
Ichiye Ochi (5-28-1999)	Ochi Family
Agnes Masae Kishi (5-9-200)	Masao Kishi
Harumi Hokanson (5-9-2001)	Raymond Hokanson
Mikazu Kaminaka (5-10-2001)	Kaminaka Family
Paul Yoshimasa Naitoh (5-1-2002)	Masako Naitoh
Yukie Yagade (5-8-2002)	Steven Yagade
Roy Morinaka (5-11-2002)	Asako Morinaka
Tamiko Iwashita (5-13-2002)	Iwashita Family
George Higuchi (5-25-2002)	Yasuko Higuchi
Noboru Yamamoto (5-31-2002)	Yamamoto Family
Sanae Gutzman (5-8-2003)	Louis A. Gutzman
Matsue Ishino (5-9-2003)	Hiroko Ishino
Jane Akemi Obayashi (5-19-2003)	Glenn Obayashi
Katsumi Takashima (5-3-2005)	Wilbur Takashima
Donald Hamilton Estes (5-7-2005)	Carol Estes
Misao Nakagawa Moriyama (5-2-2006)	Chieko Moriyama
Masako Falk (5-27-2006)	James F. Falk
Horace Shigeto Koga (5-10-2007)	Katsuko Koga
Tiffany Wadzinski (5-19-2008)	Mellissa Wadzinski
Phoebe Wadzinski (5-19-2008)	Mellissa Wadzinski
John Ernest Benson (5-20-2010)	Agnes Benson
Chonja Lee Haruko Bolick (5-8-2011)	Jack Tetsuo Bolick
George Masato Uda (5-11-2001)	Georgiana Uda
Arlene Shizue Hirata (5-4-2012)	Jason Hirata
William Perkinson Jr. (5-6-2014)	Michiko Perkinson
George Yada (5-18-2014)	Shinzo Yada
Setsuko Yada (5-18-2014)	Miyoko Hashiguchi
Jane Kozuye Yagade (5-23-2014)	Steven Yagade
Peggy Fumiko Tsurudome (5-26-2014)	Carly Tsurudome
Kuniko Denton (5-27-2014)	Charles Denton
Leora Chiyeko Hamada (5-2-2016)	Gary Hamada
Frederick Ichiro Tsuji (5-7-2016)	Masako Tsuji

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	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

GOTAN-E

COMMEMORATING THE BIRTH OF SHINRAN SHONIN

Founder of Shin Buddhism

Special BEC Lecture with Rev. LaVerne Senyo Sasaki, Retired Emeritus

To expand our celebrations for Gotan-E (Shinran Shonin's Birthday), BEC welcomes Sasaki sensei for a special Dharma exchange on Saturday, May 19, around his book, *Out of the Mud Grows the Wisteria*. The book will allow him to share the illumination of Buddha's light along our Shin path. The subtitle is *Life Journey and Essays of a Japanese American Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Minister* by LaVerne Senyo Sasaki.

Rev. LaVerne Senyo Sasaki, born in 1930, served for more than 40 years as a resident minister in the Buddhist Churches of America (BCA). In *Out of the Mud Grows the Wisteria*, he shares insightful, often humorous stories, stretching from his childhood (as the eldest of five brothers pre-World War II) to Tule Lake internment camp, education and ministerial training in the U.S. and Japan, world travels, inter-faith and community outreach, and his ministry in Stockton, Mountain View, and San Francisco temples.

An envelope is enclosed if you would like to make an offering for Gotan-E. For those who subscribe to the Bussei Script online, we invite your Gotan-E donation. As always, the Temple looks forward to your participation and is very grateful for your support.



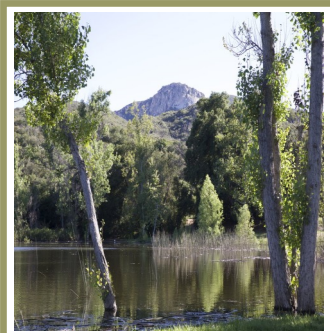
Rev. LaVerne Sasaki, Jiich & Odie



Tai Chi
Thursdays from 10-11
All Levels Welcome
Suggested Donation \$5

2018 BTSD DHARMA SCHOOL CAMPOUT

When: Memorial Day
Weekend
Friday May 25
evening to
Sunday May 27
morning



Where: Dos Picos
County Park, Ramona

Cost: \$40 per BTSD Dharma School family,
\$50 for non-BTSD families,
includes site and food

Interested? Contact: Leslie Seymour
leslie.seymour@yahoo.com

ADD to SUCCESS of JUNE BAZAAR RAFFLE PRIZES & SILENT AUCTION!

You can make the 2018 Japanese Cultural Bazaar (June 3) even more successful by helping the Raffle Prize committee and the Silent Auction committee with donations or solicitations. The Bazaar is our biggest fundraiser of the year, and funds go directly to the maintenance and improvement of our Temple. It takes a lot of small repairs and upgrades to make the temple look so nice!

Gregg Yonekura and Bill Teague help solicit prizes for the benefit drawing each year, and they are asking for your help either for the raffle or (especially for higher end items) for their Dharma friends who organize the Silent Auction.

Give. If you have a special item you would like to donate (or are able to make a cash donation) it increases the effectiveness of the fund-raising.

Solicit. If you are a frequent customer of a store or restaurant, give them a postcard for the event and ask if they have been contacted yet for a donation. Generic solicitation letters are now available in hard copy or email attachment from the Temple office.

Sell. The more drawing tickets we sell, the more successful we are. Don't be shy; pick up extra tickets for when you can ask friends and family to support a good cause.

Check out the advertisement on page 12. **Thank you so much!**



Mother's Day Breakfast

SUNDAY, MAY 13, 2018

8:30-10:00 a.m.
BTSD Annex Hall

Mothers - FREE
Donation: \$5

HOSTED BY THE JR. YBA

Buddhist Temple of San Diego Japanese Cultural Bazaar



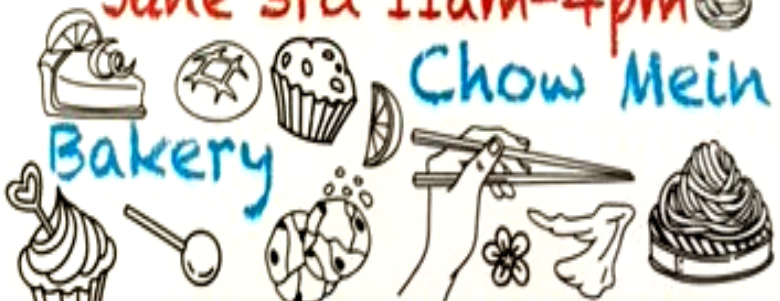
Tacos

Sushi

Refreshments

MIXED PLATE

June 3rd 11am-4pm



Bakery

Chow Mein



Teriyaki Chicken



Beer Garden

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...

Admission is FREE
And Open to
The PUBLIC

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Can you help?

Volunteers are needed to help with preparations on Friday, June 1, Saturday, June 2 and on Bazaar Day, June 3. Please contact the temple for more info.

Thank you!