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DISCOVERING LIFE'S TRUE NATURE

By Rev. Yushi Mukojima, Resident Minister

Happy New Year!

Thank you very much for all that you have done for us in the past year. Mika and I really appreciate all the Sangha members for your friendship and continued support. We humbly hope to avail ourselves to your kindness again in the coming year.

When I look back over the last year, it was quite a busy but fruitful year for me. Especially nothing was really more painful and sorrowful than the loss of our Dharma friends who had worked so hard for a long time to maintain our temple. But with each death came a precious opportunity to learn deeply about life through sharing the sadness of loss with their bereaved family members.

We often say in Japan that life is a series of encounters and separations, and because our lives are fleeting, it is most important to live each day with the spirit of "treasuring every meeting, for it will never occur again," so that we can make a meaningful connection with the mind of each person. Therefore this past year was a really precious year during which I was able to realize again this important lesson about the encounter with and separation from the Dharma Friends. Now I make a fresh resolve to treasure each and every exchange with our Sangha members without any regrets in this limited life.

Although last year the funerals of our Dharma friends have given me many opportunities to contemplate the nature of life, as you know, our existence is not just a question for religion or philosophy. Science, sometimes at odds with religious belief, has been trying to use research and analysis to find the true nature of life. The latest scientific research indicates that the essence of life is genes. Furthermore, scientific theory is that genes lead a self-centered existence because they seek only to replicate themselves to increase their number. In other words, all creatures lead a self-centered existence so that they and their descendants will survive.

Several years ago, I saw a TV program on the Animal Planet about the ecology of the emperor penguins which live in the severe environs of the South Pole. Although it was really cute to see the round, chubby penguins waddle along on the ground, when in the ocean, they can swim around swiftly and freely. The emperor penguin has a natural enemy, the leopard seal. These hungry seals hide behind the ice, waiting for penguins to dive into the water. Because emperor penguins have seen the seals attack their fellow penguins, they hesitate to enter the water. But they too must eat, so usually one bird in the flock has the courage to dive into the ocean and suddenly hundreds of penguins rush into the ocean all together as if chasing after it.

There was one shocking scene where one penguin used its short leg to kick from behind another penguin which then ran about in confusion at the edge of the ice, afraid to jump into the water, trying to make sure there were no seals in sight. Eventually the panicked penguin fell into the water, followed instantly by many others. I know that it in the wild, the law of the jungle prevails, but I felt really sad to see such heartlessness in sacrificing a fellow creature.

Then, how about us humans? There are some who say that we differ from other living beings in our precious ability to reason. Certainly, unlike the emperor penguin whose struggles for existence are based purely on instinct, humans are capable of sacrificing self

for others. Therefore, it is generally accepted that because of our ability to reason, humans are superior to all other creatures.

But is the power to reason really so wonderful? For example, there are cases in which parents will sacrifice their own lives in order to save their child. But the parents' wish to save their child is really their wish to save themselves. The unconditional love "I want to save" is the ultimate ideal, but the real intention "I want to be saved" is the reality. This is a rather complicated concept, but if we are unable to save our child, we feel regret not because we failed to save our child. We are sad because we couldn't realize our wish. To realize our wish means that we are saved. So without realizing it, our wish to save our child is more important than actually saving the child! Therefore we can truthfully say that parental love that sacrifices self in order to save a child is an example of a selfish mind because the wish that they want to be saved always comes before their wish to save their child.

When we examine even our "selfless" actions carefully, isn't "reason" just a convenient word for human behavior and nothing else but an excuse? The more we hold in esteem our ability to reason, the more we are blinded to our true self-centered nature.

There is a wonderful poem called "A Big Catch," written by the poet of children's songs, Misuzu Kaneko, which I would like to share with you.

*In the morning glow,
There was a big catch,
A big catch of large sardines!
On the shore people are making merry,
But in the ocean sardines must be mourning
For the tens of thousands of their fellows.*

Although we tend to take life for granted, we should realize each day that our lives depend upon the sacrifice of many other precious lives. When we read this short poem, we are aware of the loving look of Misuzu Kaneko who sees all living beings in her daily life as equal. Her work regards the life of a single sardine as equal to that of all beings. Through her loving look, we are able to see our true selves, filled with self-centeredness, wrong views, and arrogance. Reason is nothing but a conceited calculation which we egotistical humans have made. Therefore, the conclusion that only humans lead a superior existence doesn't make sense. Then it becomes doubtful whether such selfish beings are really embraced with the primal vow of Amida Buddha.

There is a famous phrase of Shinran Shonin in the Tannisho that says, "If a good person attains birth in the Pure Land, how much more so the evil [flawed] person." This means that there is no distinction between a fool and a sage standing before Amida Buddha. Above all, Shinran says that the reason Amida Buddha established the vow was because he wanted to try to save the foolish beings who cannot live without their self centeredness. Namely, since we are burdened with the weight of karmic evil, the great wish which cannot help but save is directed at each one of us. That's the very heart of Amida Buddha's primal vow.

The superior point of the primal vow is to save all living beings equally without exception. And when we are illumined by the great compassion of the primal vow which sees the value and dignity of all life, irrespective of young or old, good or evil, and superior or inferior, we are able to see clearly our true selves, filled with blind

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passions. When we are embraced with the light of wisdom—or as Shinran Shonin says, “When I ponder on the compassionate vow of Amida, established through five kalpas of profound thought, it was for myself, Shinran alone”—we realize that the purpose of the primal vow is precisely for each one of us. Then the Nembutsu, “Namo Amida Butsu,” comes naturally from our lips as our deepest feeling of gratitude for the depth of his compassion.

While hailing in the New Year, let us try to rid ourselves of our conceited thinking and realize instead the value and dignity of all living beings without exception. I sincerely hope that each of you will be able to see clearly the true nature of all the lives which are held in such a loving embrace by the primal vow of Amida Buddha.

In Gassho

BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

On December 9, 2010, the Board of Directors met and the following items were discussed:

1. Treasurer estimates a year-end deficit of \$12,679. In the last two years, the following expenses have increased: gardening/landscape maintenance, elevator maintenance, copier expenses and cleaning services.
2. The 2011 Food Festival will be held the first Sunday in November rather than the first Sunday in October.
3. The recommended annual optional donation for floral offering and general maintenance funds will increase from \$30 to \$40 in 2011.
4. The Youth membership fee will be clarified to be for members “younger than 30” and increase from \$125 to \$150.
5. An oiwai (gift) will be given by the temple to former BTSD minister Akio Miyaji in recognition of his retirement in January 2011.
6. Agnes Benson will be the recipient of the Japan Society of San Diego and Tijuana’s Community Leadership Award on January 20, 2011.
7. The temple’s New Year’s Party is being planned for Jan. 16, 2011.
8. The temple’s General Membership Meeting is scheduled for January 23, 2011.
9. Socho Ogui’s term ends April 2012 and a search for a successor will start next year.

ABA NEWS

December was another fairly quiet month for us. On Dec. 12th, most of us helped with Mochitsuki, which is getting harder for all of us. It’s nice to see the many younger ones now helping out.

Our next breakfast meeting will be at Island Style Cafe at 9 a.m. on Saturday, Jan. 8. Contact Motoo if you would like to attend.

BWA REPORT

Members enjoyed their chow mein lunches prior to the meeting. Fumiko Ohara opened the meeting by thanking members for attending and reminding all that there was much to be done before the year end.

Welfare: Sets Himaka has moved into a convalescent home in La Mesa. Naomi Himaka will provide BWA with her address for visitations.

Sensei’s report: Sensei thanked us for our help and support during the past year. Upcoming at the temple this month: Dec. 31: Joya-E (year end service, 7:30 p.m.), Toshikoshi soba served by Sensei, Mika-san and Kurumi-chan to everyone that attends (8:30 p.m.), Joya no Kane (bell-ringing) at Shelter Island Friendship Bell (11:30 p.m.).

Business:

1. We are currently awaiting a shipment of almond brittle candy for sales on Mochitsuki. Naomi Himaka thanked members for packaging the first and second shipments for the previous candy sales.
2. Dec. 11: So. District Representatives meeting at Senshin Temple. Rev. Mukojima, Fumiko Ohara and Susan Moribe are planning to attend. This is the last meeting before the gavel is passed to the next hosting Temple.
3. Dec. 12: Mochitsuki working schedule: Group C and part of B (6 to 11 a.m.), Group A (11 a.m. to end).
4. Dec. 15: Kintetsu Travel Agency representatives will be at the Temple for a meeting at 6:30 p.m.
5. Dec. 18: Bonenkai at 12 noon, Black Angus Restaurant in Chula Vista. Kikue Graeber and Akie Tomiyama will be responsible for the gift

exchange table. Betty T. Torio and Fumiko Ohara co-chairs for the luncheon with Betty to handle financial responsibilities. Each member to bring \$10 exchange gifts and \$10 for luncheon. BWA will pick up tab for anything over \$10.

6. Dec. 26: Butsugu No Omigaki and Temple cleanup. Those who are able, please help. Thank you.

7. Jan. 29, 2011: Rev. Akio Miyaji Retirement Party, 12:30 p.m. at Orange County Buddhist Church. Luncheon: adults \$15. BTSD will provide bus transportation, cost TBA.

8. Jan. 16, 2011: Hoonko Service. Executive Council Members, please remember to bring your Monto Shikishos for the BWA cabinet installation.

9. Susan Moribe reported on the BCA FBWA annual Delegates Meeting held at the Sacramento Betsuin on Oct. 9. Susan thanked members for allowing her and Akie Tomiyama to represent the San Diego BWA.

10. No meeting in the month of January, 2011. Next meeting will be on Feb. 6, when we will discuss the Fujinkai Memorial Service. Invitations to the service must be sent to the deceased members families. We will get help from from Mai Kawaguchi on the mailings.

11. Fumiko thanked Group “B” members for the delicious desserts. Group “C” will be hosting the Feb. meeting.

2010 Executive Council: Leora Hamada reported the results of the nomination meeting. The only change for 2011 will be Junko Kajita replacing Naomi Himaka as Religious Chairperson. Kikue Graeber made a motion to accept the entire slate, seconded by Naomi Himaka, approved. Leora thanked everyone for their attendance and participation in the forming of the 2011 Executive Council.

2011 BWA EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

Chairs: (1) Fumiko Ohara, (2) Susan Moribe (contact person), (3) Miyoko Yamanishi, (4) Katsumi Kida.

Recording Secretary: Chieko Moriyama

Corresponding Secretary: Kiyoko Omori

Co-Treasurers: Betty Torio and Akie Tomiyama

Religious Chairperson: Junko Kajita

Advisors: Rev. Yushi and Mika Mukojima, Kikuko Takashima, Mary Yagura, Leora Hamada, Mary Suyenaga

DHARMA SCHOOL NEWS

The annual Dharma School bowling outing was held on Sunday, Nov. 28 at Kearny Mesa Bowl. Nineteen students, along with parents and friends, had a great time.

On Sunday, Dec. 5, Dharma School observed Bodhi Day, the day Gautama Siddhartha became enlightened as Sakyamuni Buddha. We wish to thank the 4th and 5th grade class for sharing their skit, “The Life of Sakyamuni Buddha.”

During the service, Avis Honda (superintendent) and Rev. Mukojima introduced five new students: Kurumi Mukojima (Nursery class), Cassidy Muraoka (Nursery), Clayton Matsumoto (4th grade), Kyle Fields (6th grade), and Ryan Torio (11th grade). With these additions, there are now 41 students enrolled this term. Following the service, the students attended class. After class, everyone enjoyed the delicious Chow Mein Luncheon prepared by the Jr. YBA and their parents. Many of the students and parents participated in the temple’s Mochitsuki on Dec. 12. Students helped out wherever help was needed. You could find kids grinding and pounding the mochi. Others were cooling and helping their parents with packaging. All of the energetic kids helped as runners, delivering mochi to the pick up/sales area. To everyone involved, thank you for your tremendous efforts.

Dharma School/Family Service was held on Sunday, Dec. 19. This was the final Sunday gathering for 2010. The staff would like to thank all of the students, parents, grandparents and friends who participated in many of the activities this past year. Everyone is encouraged to participate in the temple’s New Year’s Eve and New Year’s Day observances, along with the many activities for 2011. Dharma School resumes on Sunday Jan. 9 at 10 a.m. We look forward to everyone’s return after the winter holidays.

During January, Dharma School will meet on Jan. 9, 16 (Ho Onko), 23 and 30. The next staff meeting is scheduled for Sunday, Jan. 9 at 9 a.m.

Gassho

DHARMA PACKAGE TO SUPPORT OUR TROOPS

The Dharma School is spearheading the effort to send a package overseas to Mr. "Mo" Okita, who is currently on deployment with the Navy near Afghanistan. Mo is a temple member and the father of Dharma School students Nicholas and Abigail Okita. Donation of food and non-food items that are being sought include beef jerkey, canned fruit (small snack size), gum, energy bars, single serving powder drink mixes (Crystal Light, Propel, etc), microwavable popcorn, reading material, playing cards, toiletries, disposable cameras, and more, will be greatly appreciated. Mo would like to share your contributions with personnel in his unit. Please drop off your donation on your next visit to the temple. It will be deeply appreciated. For more information please email Aimee Sandoval (coordinator) at aimee412@yahoo.com or Avis Honda at (619) 885-8363. Dharma School will be collecting items until Sunday, Jan. 16.

2011 MAJOR SERVICE GUEST SPEAKERS

BTSD will offer outstanding ministerial speakers from throughout BCA to share the Dharma at our 2011 major service observances. Some of our guests will also offer BEC-sponsored sessions to be announced. Here are the temple's major services with dates speakers:

Jan. 16	HO ONKO	Rev. John Iwohara, Venice BT
Feb. 13	NIRVANA DAY/ BWA MEMORIAL	Rev. Hiroshi Abiko, L.A. Betsuin
Mar. 20	SPRING HIGAN	Rev. Fumiaki Usuki, West L.A. BT
Apr. 10	HANAMATSURI	Rev. Tetsuo Unno, Emeritus
May 8	GOTAN-E	Rev. Henry Adams, Oxnard BT
July 24	Obon	(E) Rev. George Matsubayashi, Emeritus (J) Rev. Hidehito Sakamoto, L.A. Betsuin
Sep. 18	FALL HIGAN	Rev. Alan Sakamoto, Orange County BC
Nov. 20	EITAIKYO	Rev. Dennis Fujimoto, Idaho-Oregon BT

Rev. Mukojima invites the Sangha to participate in all of the major services, as well as our weekly Sunday gatherings. All services begin at 10 a.m. *Gassho.*

A TEMPLE NEW YEAR TRADITION

Start the New Year right by welcoming in the Year of the Rabbit at the Temple's New Year Party. Following our Ho-Onko Service on January 16, we will meet in the Annex Hall at noon to toast the New Year and enjoy a great lunch together.

We will also welcome and honor both our Temple elders and our newest members. Those who have reached the auspicious age of 88 years or better, as well as those who have joined the temple over the last year, will be our special guests.

Our toast to the New Year will be with both sake and sparkling cider. We will also hear the traditional recitation of a classical poem in the Shigin style. This type of singing style traces its origins to China. Individual songs called "gin" are often sung at Buddhist ceremonies. We have a little entertainment planned and a fun raffle.

For the luncheon, choose from a delicious Japanese Bento (regular or vegetarian) for \$15 or Child's Bento for \$6. Please send in the reservation form included with this issue by January 10 with your payment to secure a place at the party with your fellow Temple members and friends. Sensei, Mika and Kurumi-chan hope to see you there!

REV. MIYAJI RETIREMENT PARTY

On Saturday, Jan. 29, the Orange County Buddhist Church will honor Rev. Akio Miyaji with a retirement party. Prior to his assignment to OCBC, Rev. Miyaji served as resident minister of the Buddhist Temple of San Diego from 1986-1998.

The luncheon begins at 12:30 p.m. and will be held at OCBC, 909 S. Dale Ave, Anaheim, CA 92804.

Now is your last chance to place your reservation for the luncheon. The deadline is Saturday, Jan. 8. The cost of the luncheon is \$15

(adults 14 and older) and \$8 (4 to 13 years). Three years old and younger are free.

BTSD is chartering a bus to the event. The bus fee will be announced by the Ho Onko Service on Jan. 16. Seats on the bus will be limited to 50 people. As we go to print, there are 36 people signed up for the bus. Call the office to make your reservations

ANNUAL BTSD GENERAL MEETING

President Michael Kinoshita and Rev. Yushi Mukojima invite all temple members and interested Sangha friends to the annual General Membership meeting on Sunday, Jan. 30, at 12 noon in the Annex Hall.

In accordance with the BTSD bylaws, each member will receive a general meeting notice. The mailing will include a cover letter, tentative agenda and 2011 proposed Board of Directors slate.

Special agenda topics will focus on the escalating budget, membership, fundraising and 2011 calendar of events.

The meeting will be preceded by a potluck luncheon. All attendees are invited to share their favorite dish for the luncheon.

President Kinoshita, Rev. Mukojima and the Board of Directors look forward to your participation. *Gassho.*

NEW HEIGHTS PROJECT FUNDRAISING

By Ralph Honda, General Chairman

Active solicitation of major fundraising for the New Heights Project has come to an end.

After five years, the temple's most ambitious fundraising project has been very successful in many aspects.

Through the generosity of Sangha members and friends, the campaign has generated close to \$1 million. The monies were used for the construction of the elevator, terrace walkway and other improvements.

Last month, a letter to the Sangha appeared in the *Bussei Script* thanking the many individuals, families and organizations that have given monetary gifts, and describing the future of the project. The response from the letter has been positive.

Here are the newest donors to become part of the New Heights fundraising efforts:

Toshiye Carol Estes (In memory of Donald H. Estes)

Mr. Mitsuru & Mrs. Masako Nagata

(In memory of Mr. Usaburo & Mrs. Onoe Ito)

Ms. Maribeth Smith

Rev. Jim and Dale "Boku" Yanagihara

(In memory of Patsy Yanagihara).

These gifts are accepted with sincere gratitude.

A financial report, including the future goals of the project's fundraising will be presented at the temple's General Membership Meeting on Sunday, Jan. 30.

Though formal solicitation is over, the New Heights Project will continue to have a presence at many of the temple's events. Current donors are paying down their pledges. New donors are invited to become part of the ongoing fundraising effort. Repeat or continuing donors are most welcome to add new gifts.

The legacy of the temple continues to grow with the ascension of New Heights. *Gassho*

BODHI SEALS, 2011 BCA CALENDARS

On your next visit to the temple, members are encouraged to pick up your 2011 BCA Calendars and Bodhi Seals packet. Thank you from the temple office staff.

MOCHITSUKI WRAP-UP

Basking in sun-drenched, 80-degree weather, the 32nd-annual BTSD Mochitsuki was held under "summer-like" conditions for the first time. And as usual, the event that produces the best-tasting "hand-made" mochi in town was as successful as ever.

From the youngest Dharma School students to the veteran young-at-heart volunteers, everyone was kept busy as 1,100 pounds of sweet rice (mochigome) was cooked and transformed into approximately 1,600 pounds of mochi.

To the observer, Mochitsuki is very labor intensive. To a degree that may be true. But, the uniqueness of the event that brings out so many volunteers is the social aspect of enjoying friendships in a very relaxed atmosphere. There were also many first time visitors who came to witness the cultural tradition of Mochitsuki.

A small crew jump-started the weekend of Dec. 10-12 with washing of the mochigome on Friday. On Saturday, Dec. 11, the guys set up the equipment outside and annex hall production area. In the early hours of Sunday morning, a handful of workers fired up the stoves and began cooking of the rice around 5:15 a.m. The first batch was ready to be pounded at 6 a.m. The final batch came off the stove at 2:30 p.m.

All of the workers were treated to a wonderful lunch, while the sales crew handed out all of the orders and accommodated walk-up sales.

A special thank you is extended to the following for their generous donations which went to the purchase of mochigome and other supplies: Anonymous, BTSD ABA, BTSD BWA, BTSD Dharma School, BTSD Jr. YBA, BTSD YABA, Holly Hidinger, Avis and Breven Honda, June Hosaka, Gale Kaneshiro & James Pullen, Michael & Yasuko Kinoshita, Harold & LuAnn Lee, George & Chiyoko Masumoto, Susan & Lee Moribe, Ken Muraoka & Sharyn Kang, Glenn & Keiko Negoro, Janet Ochi-Fontanott, Jeff & Kathy Sakai, Ben & Lillian Sekishiro, Bill & Joyce Teague, Steve & Aki Tomiyama, Motoo & Angie Tsuneyoshi, Ruth Voorhies, George & Ann Yamamoto, Tom & Sumi Yanagihara.

Thank you to Mr. Roy Muraoka for providing propane gas that kept the steamers cooking the mochigome rice throughout the day.

Mochi Still Available

If you did not have a chance to purchase mochi or would like to increase your supply, please call the temple with your order. The cost is \$4.50 per bag. Each bag weighs approximately one pound. There are a few two-piece kasane mochi sets for sale at \$7.

Again, thank you to everyone for supporting Mochitsuki. We will all look forward to the next one that is scheduled for December 11, 2011.

Gassho,

Co-chairs Ralph Honda and Glenn Negoro

BTSD FUNDRAISERS

Each year, we count on the Sangha and our community friends to support the many fundraisers that facilitate the temple's daily operations throughout the year.

For 2011, we again encourage your strong support of these activities. Here are the dates for BTSD's fundraising events. Please note that the Food & Music Festival, previously held in October, will take place on November 6:

- April 10: 50/50 Raffle Drawing
- May 7: Furniture/Rummage Sale
- June 5: BTSD Cultural Bazaar
- July 30: Bon Odori Festival
- Aug. 13/14: Parking Lot Rummage Sale
- Aug. 28: 16th Annual Golf Tournament
- Nov. 6: Food & Music Festival
- Dec. 11: Mochitsuki

In addition, the BTSD/VFW Bingo sessions will be held on the following Saturdays: Jan. 22, Feb. 26, March 26, April 23, May 28, June 25, July 23, Aug. 27, Sep. 24, Oct. 29 and Nov. 26. Proceeds from the bingo sessions are split between the temple and the VFW and are therefore considered temple fundraisers.

For the third year, we will host four benefit dinners to be held prior to BINGO. Dates and menus will be announced.

Thank you for your continued support with the BTSD's fundraisers.

MEMBERSHIP PLEDGES

The Buddhist Temple is grateful to the following individuals or families for supporting the temple with an annual membership pledge:

2010: Janine Kardokus, Yuki Easter, George Yamamoto, Shizue Yamamoto, Alan Yamanishi, Henry Kodama, Wayne Tsukamoto, Shizuko Tsukamoto, Tim Kajita, Harold Lee, Martin Podell, Tatsuo Takashima, Mike Ong, Gerald Hanano, Hisashi Yamamoto, Masato (Bruce) Asakawa, Ben Sekishiro, Michael Kinoshita, Leslie Seymour, Ken Muraoka, Fred Nakatani, Doreen Kamada-Fujii, Teresa Stivers-Liong, Rodney Oyama, Roy Okuhara, Gene Hasegawa, Stephen Fuchigami, Setsuko Himaka, Ronald Yagura, Haruko Yagura and Patrick Yamada.

2011: Ken Muraoka, Agnes Benson, Chieko Moriyama and Setsuo Iwashita.

MEMBER PLEDGE, SPECIAL SERVICE DONATION FORMS

Beginning with this month's issue of the *Bussei Script*, please find the updated 2011 Membership Pledge Form and the newly created BTSD Special Service Credit Card Donations 2011 form.

Membership Pledge Form

There are no changes to the tiered categories for Sustaining, Dana and Wisteria or Optional Senior Reduced pledges. An increase has been approved by BOD for the Optional: Youth Rate (younger than 30) to \$150.

The category of optional Annual Donations will show an increase to \$40 in the recommended donations to the Floral Offering and General Maintenance funds. The Floral Offering Fund helps offset the cost of altar flowers for the weekly services. General Maintenance includes gardening, janitorial and improvement services.

The Scholarship and Dharma School categories remain at a suggested donation of \$20 each.

By submitting your pledge for 2011 early, it will begin to benefit the temple's daily general operations and programs immediately. Please make your check payable to the Buddhist Temple of San Diego. If you wish, you may submit your membership payment via credit card.

Special Service Credit Card Donations 2011

Have you ever found yourself upstairs for a major service, ready to listen to the Dharma, and discovered that you have not prepared your donation envelope?

The temple is offering our Sangha the opportunity to plan in advance his/her Special Service donation by using your credit card. This "envelope free" system allows a donor to indicate donations in advance of a special service.

Please fill out the Credit Card Donation form indicating the amount for each special service that you would like to have charged to your credit card. The Treasurers Committee will process the transaction for you prior to the service you indicate. Your account information is securely stored and accessed by the Treasurers Committee only when it is time to process the credit card donations for a particular service. This system has been working successfully for several members who greatly appreciate its convenience, so it was decided by the BOD to make this option available to the entire Sangha.

For further questions regarding the Membership Pledge and Special Service Credit Card Donation forms, please contact the temple.

Your heartfelt donations throughout the year are important to the temple's well-being and deeply appreciated.

OSEIBO YEAR-END GIFT APPRECIATION THANK YOU

The Board of Directors extends a heartfelt thank you for the year-end Oseibo appreciation donations received from the Sangha.

Oseibo is presented to the temple's staff for their hard work throughout 2010. Year-end gifts were presented to Rev. Yushi Mukojima, Rev. Akira Hata, Rev. Jim Yanagihara, Mai Kawaguchi (secretary), Masanobu Kinjo (gardener) and Masa Ozaki (gardener).

A listing of the Oseibo donors, through Dec. 19, 2010, appears on the donation page.

SHOTSUKI HOYO LIST FOR JANUARY

The January Shotsuki Hoyo (MEMORIAL SERVICE) will be held Sunday, January 9, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. in conjunction with the Family Service. Families and friends OF ANYONE WHO PASSED AWAY DURING THE MONTH OF January 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

1月の祥月法要は1月9日(日、午前10時より行います。亡者のご遺族の方々はぜひ、仏教会へ御参詣ください。尚、名簿に間違いがある場合、お手数ですが、仏教会までご連絡ください。(619) 239-0896。または、info@btsd.netへメールを送ってください。

DECEASED	FAMILY MEMBER	DECEASED	FAMILY MEMBER
Kotake Kondo (1-14-1923).....	Fumiko Yamashita	Tomo Sawasaki (1-14-1983)	Takashi Sawasaki
Mitsuko Kuwada (1-28-1938).....	Kanji Kuwada	Jon Konishi (1-19-1983)	Steven Konishi
Sutematsu lwata (1-4-1941).....	Teruko lwata	Nobuo Honda (1-31-1984)	Amy Honda
Tsunekichi Higuchi (1-7-1942)	Hguchi Family	Ikuyo Takeshita (1-5-1985).....	Akira Takeshita
Jiro Niizawa (1-13-1942)	Kazuo Kiyono	Oshie Shimizu (1-1-1988).....	Setsuko Yada
Cho-saburo Yamashita (1-27-1954).....	Emiko Yamashita	Shizuko Shimizu (1-11-1989)	Shimizu Family
Tayo Ouchi (1-8-1956).....	Hiroko Ouchi	Shigeru Tabata (1-20-1989)	Takako Tabata
Bill Koga (1-22-1956).....	Florence Koga	Harry Shiotani (1-24-1991)	Steven Shiotani
Matsuno Fujimoto (1-5-1957).....	Mitsuru Amano	Toshizo Ozaki (1-3-1992)	Ozaki Family
Chiyono Tomiyama (1-15-1957)	Sayoko Tomiyama	Noboru Nakada (1-18-1993).....	Ted Nakada
Hisaichi Taniguchi (1-31-1959)	Wilbur Takashima	Elaine Matsumoto Barrett (1-26-1993)	Lisa Miller
Mitsuyoshi Shindo (1-14-1959)	Jimmy Kimura	Setsuko Uchida (1-24-1992).....	Kashima Family
Teichiro Miyoshi (1-4-1960).....	Miyoshi Family	Masako Nadahara (1-12-1994).....	Madoka Nadahara
Usaburo Ito (1-26-1961).....	Masako Nagata	Frank T. Torio (1-6-1995).....	Juliana M. Torio
Shokichi Kodama (1-21-1961)	Masako Uyeji	Chieno Okuma Moribe (1-20-1995).....	Lee Moribe
Nobuo Hagio (1-6-1961).....	Leo Hagio	Tetsuyo Kashima (1-4-1996)	Jeanie Kashima
Harue Okumura (1-19-1962).....	Fumie Yamashita	Frank Akira Kajita (1-6-1996).....	Tim Kajita
Shigeko Takeguchi (1-24-1962).....	Takeguchi Family	Kesao Muraoka (1-29-1997).....	Yoshiko Muraoka
Satoru Hata (1-25-1963).....	Leora Hamada	Kiyoko Santohigashi (1-3-1998)	Santohigashi Family
Masakichi Saito (1-30-1964)	Takashi Saito	Haruko Iguchi (1-15-1998)	Ned Iguchi
Hashio Yonekura (1-4-1969).....	Yonekura Family	George Furuya (1-16-1998).....	George Furuya Jr.
Toshiko Funaki (1-18-1971)	Funaki Family	Yukiko Wutzke (1-14-1999)	Steven Wutzke
Nui Monji (1-25-1939).....	Kiyoshi Monji	Miwako Kosaka (1-19-1999).....	Emi Killeri
Sojiro Torimaru (1-18-1973).....	Otsuka Family	Kazumi Yamada (1-20-1999).....	Kathy Olsen
Kiyotaka Kusumoto (1-9-1973)	Yoshiko Kusumoto	Robbie Jon Nishiguchi (1-5-2001)	Nishiguchi Family
Shinhichi Kawamoto (1-16-1974).....	Umeko Kawamoto	Seiji Saito (1-7-2001).....	Ayako Saito
Hisayo Ogawa (1-22-1975).....	Jane Yagade	Takenori Ohara (1-28-2001).....	Fumiko Ohara
Hachiro Honda (1-5-1976)	Honda Family	Sumiko Kendall (1-1-2003).....	Bennie P. Kendall
Motoo Kobayashi (1-16-1976).....	Wayne Takuya	Mitsuko Kodama (1-11-2004)	Saburo Kodama
Mitsutaro Shimizu (1-25-1976).....	Setsuko Yada	Yoshiko N. Kusumoto (1-31-2004)	Chiyo Nakagawa
Mitsuyo Urata (1-2-1977)	Edward Urata	Sumiko Tsubakihara (1-31-2005)	George Shuichi Tsubakihara
Kuni Kawamoto (1-12-1978).....	Kiku Koga	Harry Yamada (1-8-2006).....	Yamada Family
Saye Tsurudome (1-28-1978).....	Mitsuo Tsurudome	Kimie Fukamizu (1-18-2006)	Rochelle Carroll
Seki Kawasaki (1-30-1943).....	Kisaye Ohara	Pro Takanori Nimura (1-28-2006)	Saburo Nimura
Kyo Muraoka (1-10-1979)	Yoko Shinohara	Isen Iguchi (1-05-2007).....	Ned Iguchi
Ryu Yonekura (1-9-1980).....	Yonekura Family	Yoshinobu Sueyoshi (1-02-2008)	Annie Yumiko Gristina
Harry Matsumoto (1-9-1982).....	Suyeno Matsumoto	Osao Himaka (1-31-2008)	Setsuko Himaka
Claude Holt (1-30-1981).....	John Holt		

MEMORIAL SERVICES

2011 is the memorial year of those who passed away in

1 st Year Memorial 2010	3 rd Year Memorial 2009	7 th Year Memorial 2005
13 th Year Memorial 1999	17 th Year Memorial 1995	25 th Year Memorial 1987
27 th Year Memorial 1985	33 rd Year Memorial 1978	50 th Year Memorial 1961

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If you wish to schedule a memorial service for a loved one, please call during weekly office hours.