

Temple Mission Statement

"To offer those in the Pacific Northwest an enduring community that values inclusiveness and acceptance in seeking enlightenment through Japanese Shin Buddhist teachings."



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MYOKYO 明鏡



(MYOKYO, the Bright Mirror of Buddha Dharma always illuminates our LIFE)

January, 2016

Sensei's Message



2016, the Year of Monkey

Rev. Kojo Kakihara

Immeasurable Life and Light

Happy New Year, every one! I think each of you spent Holidays and greeted the New Year with various thoughts. I thank everyone of you for everything last year. Because of you, wonderful temple members, I lived a full life in 2015 and greeted the New Year with Masayo, Satone, and Shujo in peace and joy. I ask for your continued support and guidance.

The 2016 is the year of monkey in Chinese astrology. A monkey is a clever animal, and deified as a guardian of the mountain in some regions in Japan. Because monkeys also jump from a tree to another tree promptly, it is said to symbolize activity, humor, or curiosity of seeking new things.

There are lots of stories regarding monkeys in the sutras taught by Sakyamuni Buddha, but there is a story in a sutra as following. Once upon a time, there were 500 monkeys living in a forest in the mountainside near the sea. Because of lots of large trees, the forest was a little thick and dark. But they were satisfied with their life in the forest because there was lots of food to eat. But one day, looking at the sea under the sun, monkeys can see the surfs that are lapping the shore shining dazzlingly. As they see the shining waves every day, they come to become dissatisfied with their life in the dark forest that they used to feel satisfied. They think, "*The mountains of the waves over there shine beautifully like the jewelry. There must be a bright life like the shining waves if we went over there.*" They come to dream their bright life on the other side of the shining waves. One day, a young and brave monkey slips out of the forest where the monkeys live, and jumps into the mountains of the waves by itself. But since the young monkey jumped into the sea, he never comes back. In a while, other monkeys realize that the young monkey is gone and never comes back. They say to each other, "*See. He must be keeping the bright life to himself and immersed in happiness by himself because the life on the other side of the waves is beautiful. That's why he doesn't come back.*" "*He is originally a crafty guy. I'm sure that he tricked us and he must be enjoying himself over there.*" "*We won't let*

him monopolize the bright life over there! We must go!” Like this, the rest of 499 monkeys slip out of the forest at once, run to the sea, and jump into the waves one after another. However, they are swallowed up by the waves and drown, and none of them came back.

There is a saying, “It’s not that one appreciates when one becomes happy. But it is that one is happy because one is able to appreciate.” The 500 monkeys were leading happy lives in the forest. But they came not to be able to appreciate it, were caught by unreal happiness, and drowned. We all have to experience not only happy and joyful things but also difficult or sad things in our present lives. But each and every thing that we experience in our life becomes a part of our present Life, and makes me alive now and here. As we realize this truth about our present Life and appreciate every event and encounter in our life, the way of life of “one is happy because one is able to appreciate” will open to us.

I with refreshing feeling, am looking forward to serving for the temple, its Sangha, and Buddha Dharma with listening to the voice of Buddha with everyone.

In gassho with palms together,

Buddhism 101

Rev. Kojo answers your questions on Buddhism or Jodo Shinshu during Sunday Service mostly on the last Sunday of every month. Submit your questions in the box at the foyer. The next will be on **January 24th**.

Basic Buddhism Class

We have Study Class at 7pm mostly on the 1st Wednesday of every month.

The next class will be “**Introduction to Tannisho**” at **7 pm, January 6th** in the Rev. Pratt Room, and Feb. 3 in February. Please enter through the side walk on the left side of the building.

2016年、申年

柿原興乗

光寿無量 新年あけまして、おめでとうございます。皆さん、それぞれに年末を過ぎされ、新しい年を迎えられたことと思います。旧年中は、大変お世話になりました。お寺のご門徒の皆さんのおかげで、楽しい一年を過ごし、優代、慧音、修乗と4人で新しい年を迎えさせていただきました。本年もどうぞよろしくお願ひします。

今年は干支でいう申年、猿の年です。猿はとても賢い動物で、ある地方では、山の守り神として崇められています。また、木から木へ俊敏に飛び移ることから、行動的、ユーモア、新しいものを求める好奇心などの象徴でもあるそうです。

お釈迦さまが説かれたお経の中にも、色々な猿の話が載っていますが、あるお経に以下のような話があります。ある海岸に近い山の中の森に、五百匹の猿が住んでいました。大木が茂り、暗い森でしたが、食べ物もたくさんあり、猿たちは、その森での生活に満足していました。しかしある日、太陽に輝く海をじっと眺めていると、海に立つ波が、まぶしいくらいにキラキラと輝いているのが見えます。それをいつも見ていた猿

私たちは、そのうちに、自分たちが住んでいる場所が、暗い森の中であることが不満に思えてきました。「あの遠くに見える波の山は、宝石のようにきれいに輝いている。おそらくあそこへ行ったら、あの輝く波のような、明るい生活があるに違いない。」猿たちは次第に、海の向こうの明るい生活を夢見るようになります。ある日、勇気のある若い猿が、自分たちが住んでいる森を抜け出して、大きく輝いている波の山の中へ飛び込んで行ってしまいました。ところが、その若い猿は、飛び込んで行ったきり、いつまでたっても帰ってきません。そのうち、その若い猿が帰って来ないことに気が付いた他の猿たちは、「見てみる。あの波の山の向こうは、とても美しいところだから、あいつはその幸せを独り占めして、幸福にひたっているに違いない。だから俺達を呼びに帰っては来ないのだ。だいたい、あいつはもともと、ずる賢い奴だったから、抜け駆けして、今頃は一人で楽しい生活をしているに違いない。あいつに独り占めはさせないぞ。それ急げ!」ということで、森に残っていた499匹の猿たちは、皆森を走り出て、海へ行くと、次から次へと波の山の中へ飛び込んで行きました。しかし、猿たちは次々に溺れて、ついに一匹も帰ってきませんでした。

「幸せだから感謝するのではない。感謝できることが幸せである」という言葉があります。500匹の猿は、森で幸せな生活を送りながらも、その生活に感謝することができずに、架空の幸せにとらわれて、おぼれ死んでしまいました。私たちの人生は、嬉しいことや楽しいことだけでなく、辛いことや悲しいことも経験しなければなりません。しかし、その経験一つ一つが、私の今のいのちとなって、私を生かしています。この今のいのちの真実に気づくとき、「感謝できることが幸せである」という生き方が開かれてくるように思います。

今年も、皆さんとともに仏さまの声を聞きながら、お寺、仏法のために奉仕できることを楽しみにしています。合掌

お知らせ：月に一度、日曜礼拝の後に日本語法話をいたします。次回は1月20日です。お聴聞ください。

Future Schedule

Every Monday at 7pm

Friday, January 1 at 10am

Wednesday, January 6 at 7pm

Sunday, January 10 at 10am

Sunday, January 17 at 10am

Sunday, January 24 at 12 noon

Wednesday, February 3 at 7pm

February 12-14

Sunday, February 14

Mindfulness Meditation (Not on Jan. 18 and Feb. 15)

Gantan-e (New Year's Day Svc)

(Zoni (Mochi soup) will be served)

Basic Buddhism Class "Introduction to Tannisho"

Family Svc., New Officers Installation,

New Members Recognition, New Year's Party

DS & Family Hoon-ko Svc.

(Shiran Shonin's annual Memorial)

Temple Open House

Basic Buddhism Class "Introduction to Tannisho"

Northwest District Buddhist Convention in Ontario

No Sunday Service

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Akemashite omeditou gozaimasu! Happy New Year everyone. It's that time of year to feel renewed, start fresh and look forward. I'd like to welcome our new board members, congratulate our 2016 officers and thank our current members and representatives.

- 2016-2019 New Board Members: Merlaine Cook, Mayumi Ikeda, Richard Ling and Karl Smith
- 2016 officers: 1st Vice President, Tom Hubbell; 2nd Vice President David Yotsuuye; Treasurer, Ken Tanino; Assistant Treasurer, Del Sasaki and Secretary, Coco Innoe
- Current Board Members: Erik Hammerstrom, Les Hitsman, Wendy Hamai, Karen Yoshitomi
- Current Association Representatives: Patti Wong (BWA), Donna Sasaki (BEC), Fred Pelger (BCA Council Representative)

The board works hard, so I'd like to personally thank them for their time and energy in making the most of their plans and responsibilities.

At the center of our temple is Rev. Kakihara who continues to think of new ways to connect with our members and local/religious communities. We have had great momentum in attracting new members through outreach, membership and the culture of our temple. Combined, the efforts create a strong yet humble culture that has been a part of our temple's welcoming personality. There are many of you who support our temple by volunteering your time or donating – so thank you for your support. You'll hear more about the 2016 capital improvement needs and how donors can help the expense for these large projects.

Again, thank you for supporting me in this first year as President. Since many of you are my relatives, or are practically related, thanks for putting up with me!

In Gassho,
Crystal

Buddhist Women's Association News



Happy New Year!

Have you heard the saying, "Life is Good."? I often reflect about my life and wonder, what it is that makes it good with all the turmoil at work and in the world. What will 2016 hold for us? How will we continue to live a good life this year? I will do my best to lead a good life for the BWA.



I would like to start the New Year expressing gratitude:

- To June Akita, Denise and Madeline Cline, and Lynne Tanino, for guiding us through our first Pumpkin pie fundraiser. What a fun, learning experience it was for all of us. Thank you to those who participated, hope your pie was tasty, even the one that did a flip-flop. Oops....
- To the Facilities committee, especially Tom Hubbell and David Yotsuuye for moving the freezer out from the parsonage to the Rev. Pratt kitchen. It is a tight fit but so much more convenient.
- To the departing BWA officers, Vivian Hiroo, Yasuko Morita and Ellen Shigeno for your dedication over the past two years. We hope you will continue to support the BWA.
- To Merlaine Cook, who graciously accepted and unanimously voted in to the Religious Chairperson position. Our cabinet is ready for this term.

A reminder that the installation of officers will be on **January 10, 2016** with the temple New Year's party to follow.

As the next NW District convention draws near, members should register with Jeff Hiroo to attend. It will be in Ontario, Oregon, hosted by the Idaho-Oregon Buddhist Temple on **February 12-14, 2016**. I encourage all of you to go and our chapter covers the registration! It is a bargain.

In addition, coming up is the BWA New Year's party **on January 31, 2016, 12n** at the La Quinta Hotel. A familiar place with a buffet lunch in the banquet room, bring your **\$8** exchange gift, **\$15** for lunch, and **\$12** for annual dues will be collected at that time; and most importantly, bring your appetite. Yes, the price of lunch is correct, and, it comes with seconds, or thirds, if you wish! Please reserve your seat by informing your BWA toban head by **January 20, 2016**.

I would like to extend our deepest sympathy to Donna Sasaki and family on the loss of her father. May the wisdom and compassion of the Buddha ease your pain and sorrow.

In closing, the BWA is what **we** make it. Let us do our best, "We can do this together".

Gassho,
Patti Wong

Dharma School News



Happy New Year! Hope you all had a wonderful holiday!

We will be back on our regular Dharma School service and class schedule beginning Jan. 3rd. Let's all welcome in the new year together!



Many thanks to the YBA for conducting the Bodhi Day service on Dec. 6th. Special thanks to Kenzo Yoshitomi for leading the chanting as "doshi" for the service, and David Ling for giving a wonderful Dharma message.

Thanks also to Todd and Marcia Nakamura of Star Lake Nursery for donating the beautiful red and white poinsettias for Bodhi Day. Dharma School sold these beautiful flowers as a fundraiser for their eventual outing once they fill the "Kindness Counts" community jar with beads. You can see the progress made so far. Look for the jar on the piano in the hondo.

Once again, June Akita did gingerbread house decorating for all the kids and adults too. Amazing and unique gingerbread houses were colorfully decorated with candy, a real treat for our Dharma School! Thanks June!

Gassho,
Donna Sasaki

Buddhist Education Committee News



Last Thanksgiving, I took over preparing my family's holiday meal for the first time. My Mom, who is 76, has been doing this for 50+ years and lately has been experiencing memory loss and confusion when a lot of people are around, so I thought it was time for me to help her.



I had to approach this dinner with much mindfulness. Through food, my mom expresses her love for us and having me take this dinner from her, could have resulted in conflict and hurt feelings.

As it turned out, I was able to recruit kitchen help from my siblings and their families while curbing my “oldest sister bossiness” and we managed to put on a nice spread with only a few hiccups. Mom seemed relaxed and happy.

The BEC has chosen “Peace and Conflict” as the new theme for our 2016 seminars. Peace and conflict seemed a very topical subject given our current domestic and international environments of violence and fear.

Please join us **Saturday, May 21, 2-5pm for our Spring Seminar with Rev. Kuwahara** as our guest speaker. We are also planning a 1-hour, informal talk with Rev. Kuwahara after service at 11:30am (with snacks!)

In Gratitude,

Lynrae

From Your Facilities Committee



For most of the world 2015 was deemed the Year of the Sheep. But in the Facilities Committee’s neck of the universe it was the Year of the Busy Beaver. Now I would lay my bottom dollar that our rapid pace would give the average beaver a run for its wooden nickel. In fact I could have sworn that I heard some envious beavers trash talking our accomplishments. A reasonable person could attribute that to some of the pesticide fumes I was breathing and/or to the fact that we hired Critter Control to trap some beavers on McChord Field. OK beavers, how about stuffing the following thirteen 2015 accomplishments down your splintered gullet.



1. Kurt Osaka and the rest of his landscaping personnel continued to maintain our temple grounds.
2. The Tacoma fire department inspected the temple and all discrepancies have been corrected. Also, the fire extinguishers have been serviced.
3. UWT replaced the fence between our side yard and their maintenance yard (south side of temple).
4. Disposed of the old stack of wood pallets near the garage.
5. Repaired carport roof.
6. Replaced the old walk-in cooler condenser with a new, outdoor unit.
7. Replaced bad fan in kitchen refrigerator.
8. Powerwashed the steps between parsonage and temple for Sukiyaki. Also powerwashed steps on opposite side of temple.
9. Painted parsonage basement.
10. Removed dead cherry tree in front of parsonage.
11. Repaired parsonage sprinkler system.
12. Replaced the wood fence in front of the temple.
13. Moved freezer from parsonage basement to Rev. Pratt kitchen.

Now for the New Year we will not rest on our laurels. Due to the hefty goals set out for 2016 what do we call next year? How about Year of the Busy Bee. Of course yours truly will never disparage honeybees. We can only aspire to match their teamwork, energy, and organizational skills. Now here is some news for those of you who like the idea of females running the show. Honeybee societies are run by girls and the males can’t sting. When disagreements occur the worse insult is, “Girl you sting like a boy!” During 2016 the Facilities Committee will be buzzing with the following activities:

1. Remodel social hall bathrooms.
2. Replace Rev. Pratt room roof.
3. Renovate exterior woodwork on temple building
4. Replace pipe handrails in front of temple.

Membership Pledges



Our temple has been using our pledge system now for 6 years, and I think everyone has seen how successful it has been as our largest source of revenue. Its success has been due to YOU, members! With your generosity, our temple is able to support Rev. Kakihara and his lovely family, keep the temple and its grounds maintained and provide an active Dharma School program for our children.

Hopefully, everyone has received their 2016 pledge form. Please fill these out and return them by January 31, 2016. Please remember, that our pledge minimum is now \$250 per adult member.



We welcome 3 new members to our temple:

***Samuel Laporte from Silverdale
Jim Macchiarella and his daughter, Anjalina from Graham.***

Welcome!

In Gratitude,
Lynrae
Pledge Administrator

Toban News



Please note, the Toban groups will be switching months in 2016 and there are new Toban Group Chairs. A complete list is included in the January 2016 Myokyo.

Thank you, again, Toban groups, for keeping our Temple so clean. The 2016 January, February Toban groups are included in this update.

Toban heads are responsible to call group members for **set up and clean up** for certain Temple events. The chairs for each group will coordinate with each other to set up the actual dates of the **monthly clean up** for those able in their group. **Please let Merlaine Cook and Coco Inoue know the clean up dates to check for other activity conflicts and add to Temple calendar.**

January (2016) Toban Group: Glenn Morita, Chair, Renee Moriguchi, Frank & Violet Mizukami, Yasuko Morita, Jane Burster, Brandon & Hisami Sohn, June & Barry Weled, Phone Tree Members: Hiroshi & Kats Fujita, Declan & Jeremy Morita

February (2016) Toban Group: Matthew & Merlaine Cook, Chair, Ken & Lynne Tanino, Jill Case, Tom & Lynrae Hubbell, , Phone Tree Members: Toyoko Nakagawara, Devi Dawady, Kim & Cindy Nakamura, Pauline Yamashita, Ed & Kimiko Fujinaga

All Toban Chairs:

When there is news that is shared through the Temple Email system, please call your toban members who do not have email.

New Year's Day Service, January 1 at 10 AM

TBT New Year's Installation Service and Party, January 10 beginning at 10 AM

Hoonko Service, January 17 at 10 AM

Sukiyaki Dinner Setup, February 28 after service ALL MEMBERS ARE ASKED TO HELP

Sukiyaki Dinner Fund Raising, March 6 ALL MEMBERS ARE ASKED TO HELP

Sukiyaki Dinner Cleanup, March 8, 7 PM ALL MEMBERS ARE ASKED TO HELP

January (2016) Toban Group Responsibilities:

Monthly Clean Up with February

Purchase Kentucky Fried chicken meals for New Year's Service, January 10, 2016 (number to be given to you).

Sukiyaki: Make lunch for Sukiyaki Dinner Setup Sunday February 28. January and February Toban responsible. February Toban to coordinate.

February (2016) Toban Group Responsibilities:

Monthly Clean Up with January

Sukiyaki: Make lunch for Sukiyaki Dinner Setup Sunday February 28. January and February Toban responsible. February Toban to coordinate.

March Toban Group Responsibilities:

Sukiyaki Dinner: March and April provide snacks for **Saturday** the day before Sukiyaki.

April Toban Group Responsibilities:

Sukiyaki Dinner: March and April provide snacks for **Saturday** the day before Sukiyaki.

Toban Group and Phone Tree – Chair Assignments

Toban (work & clean-up) **Group Chairs** are asked to contact each member of their group for the month indicated.

The chairs for each two month period (Jan & Feb, Mar & Apr, May & June, etc.) will coordinate with each other to set-up the actual dates of the monthly clean up.

Be sure to let the Administration Committee (Merlaine Cook and Coco Inoue) know that dates to coordinate with other Temple Activities and add to Temple calendar.

Toban Group Chairs listed for 2016 are asked to initiate the **phone tree for members of their group** for any event held during the year they are assigned as group chair.

2016 Toban Group Chairs

January	Glenn Morita
February	Matthew & Merlaine Cook
March	Todd & Marsha Nakamura
April	Linda Teal
May	Cheryl Kanda
June	Herb & Michiko Saito
July	Debby Abe
August	Alvin & Donna Sasaki
September	Barbara Madsen
October	Elsie Taniguchi
November	Delbert & Cynthia Sasaki
December	John & Crystal Inge

Welcome to Tacoma Buddhist Temple!

We introduce our new members who joined the temple recently.



June and Barry Weled

Where do you live? - "We live in Tacoma."

Where are you from originally? - "Barry was born in Bakersfield, CA, and I was born in a relocation camp in Arizona where my father was a Buddhist minister."

Tell us about you and your family. - "Barry and I met while the University of Hawaii where I graduated with a BA in

English and a teaching certificate. Barry graduated with a BA and MA in Psychology and finished his first 2 years at the new UH John A. Burns Medical School. We moved to Seattle so Barry could finish his last 2 years at UW while I taught high school English at Redmond High School. We have 2 children: Brent Kimitaka and Erin Akemi Beall."

What do you do? - "Barry was a pulmonary/critical care physician herein town until 2012. After his retirement, he was hired by the Franciscan Health System to help physicians implement the electronic medical records program."

Why did you decide to join the temple? -

"It has been a circuitous journey back to the Temple and after having raised the children in the Jewish faith, I find that the Tacoma Buddhist Temple feels like home. Barry agrees that it is like being back in Kaneohe at my father's temple."

What do you like about our temple? -

"We enjoy learning Buddhism together, look forward to Kakihara Sensei's dharma messages on Sundays and enjoy being part of the Sangha."

GREETERS SCHEDULE

Note: Please have new comers sign up their name and give them the following booklets:

- Temple Information Booklet
- Messages from the Buddha (mini booklet with pale pink cover)

If you are not available on the day you are assigned, please find a replacement for you.

January	3	Ken Tanino / Wendy Hamai
	10	Erik Hammerstrom / Yasuko Morita
	17	Merlain Cook / Tracy Ling
	24	Bobby Yotsuuye / Jane Burster
	31	Karl Smith / Tom Hubbell
February	7	Denise Cline / Rick Tanabe
	14	No Sunday Service (NWD Buddhist Convention)
	21	Henry Stoll/Michael Shiogi
	28	David Campbell/Les Hitsman



Welcome!

The Perfect Season (Richard Ling)

There are 9 seconds left to go in the state championship game... your team is down by one... you are playing the same team that beat you last year in the championship game... and oh, by the way, your team is 34-0 and has not lost since last year's championship. You get the ball... with all that riding on your shoulders, do you have the confidence to take the shot? If you score, you tie the game and it is very likely to go into overtime. And if you don't?

I'm not sure that David thought about all of that, but it certainly set the stage for one of the most dramatic shots in recent Curtis High School water polo history. Having an undefeated season was never the goal but was more the result of many hours of hard work for the boys. And most of the wins were by a significant amount; the Curtis coach had a policy of not trying to score more goals when they reached 19, so many of the game scores were of the 19-1, 19-2 variety. The closest game of the year was a 10-7 win at Mercer Island.

Predictions for state were that Curtis would beat all comers easily, but both players and parents knew that it was not nearly that certain. In order to win the state championship, there was no doubt that Curtis would have to beat Bellevue, the 4-time defending state champion. Even though Curtis had beaten Bellevue twice this season, the final game would certainly be a battle.



To say that it was an exciting game would be an understatement. Parents from other teams later told me that it was the most exciting game they had ever seen. Needless to say, for the fans of Curtis and Bellevue, it was intensely exciting, and for Tracy and me, it was, without a doubt, the most exciting and nerve-wracking game we had ever seen. When Bellevue scored the initial goal, it was the first time that Curtis had been trailing in a game all season; Curtis came back and took the lead soon after. Going into the final quarter, Curtis had the lead, 5-3; Bellevue came back and took the lead late in the game and lead 6-5 going into the last minute. As Bellevue had beaten Curtis last year by an 8-6 score, it was very tense. And then with 20 seconds left, Curtis had the ball with a one-man advantage. After passing it around, the ball went to David with 9 seconds left. And... he scored! The game went into overtime, and Curtis won 9-7 to cap off a perfect, undefeated season.

I don't know if David (or any of his teammates) thought about the gravity of the situation with 20 seconds left in the game. Tracy and I were as nervous as parents could be at that moment. When we asked about it later, David told his head coach and us that he had visualized the exact scenario prior to the game: in his mind, he knew that he would score a goal to either win or tie the game.

Because the Curtis team had easily won most of their games all year, it was easy to imagine that they might have started to be cocky. However, they remained grounded all year, approaching each game with the thought that they could be beaten by anyone at any time. One of the opposing coaches spoke with me after his team had been beaten 19-3, commenting to me that he was most impressed with the boys' humility, a trait that might be difficult for a teenage boy to possess in the midst of a dominating run.

While Tracy and I (and the other parents) are proud of the boys for their undefeated season and their work ethic, we are proudest of their character: the humility, grace, and selflessness with which they carried themselves, and the confidence they had in themselves and each other.

Yearly Memorial Services

General Memorial Service Years for 2016

1st Year - 2015	17th Year - 2000
3rd Year - 2014	25th Year - 1992
7th Year - 2010	33rd Year - 1984
13th Year - 2004	50th Year - 1967



February 2016;

3 rd Year	Morita, Kikuko Dorothy	Shakuni Ki-Shin	February 23, 2014
25 th Year	Rauch, Fumiko	Shakuni Bun-Kai	February 5, 1992
50 th Year	Horike, Sadako	Shakuni Myo-Ga	February 30, 1967

March 2016;

1 st Year	Nakagawara, Minoru	Shaku Jitsu-Gon	March 12, 2015
3 rd Year	Jensen, Mitsuko Oku	Shakuni Bi-Sho	March 21, 2014
13 th Year	Nakashima, George Masaru	Shaku Shin-Yu	March 27, 2004
	Murakami, Shigeru	Shaku Han-Po	March 31, 2014
17 th Year	Asahara, Molly Takako	Shakuni Ji-Kou	March 8, 2000
25 th Year	Hanson, Fumiko	Shakuni Bun-Ei	March 19, 1992
50 th Year	Nakao, Chie	Shakuni Myo-Kei	March 15, 1967

April 2016;

7 th Year	Gach, Chikako	Shakuni Ji-Ko	April 7, 2010
13 th Year	Nakao, George Eichi	Shaku Ei-Ho	April 29, 2004
33 rd Year	Mukai, Setsu	Shakuni Myo-Setsu	April 5, 1984




GREETINGS

2016 SEASON'S



<p>Happy Holidays! Shinobu & Kazuko Inoue</p>	<p>Happy Holidays! Itadakimas! Barry & June Weled</p>	<p>Wish you peace and happiness! Sandi</p>
<p>Happy Healthy New Year! Yasuko Morita</p>	<p>Happy Holidays Kats & Fudge Fujita</p>	<p>Happy New Year! Rev. and Mrs. K. Yukawa</p>
<p>Have a Great 2016! David & Kathy Yotsuuye</p>	<p>Happy & Healthy Holidays! Elsie Taniguchi & Harry Taniguchi Jr.</p>	<p>May the parties continue! Happy Holidays!!! Wendy Hamai & Henry Stoll</p>
<p>Happy Holidays! Jeff, Vivian, Ryan & Kevin Hiroo</p>	<p>Happy Holidays! Alvin & Donna Sasaki</p>	<p>Happy New Year! Kevin, Mayumi, Akemi, Bryce, Chessy</p>
<p>Happy New Year!</p>	<p>Best wishes for a happy New Year!</p>	<p>Happy Holidays!</p>

The Kakinara family	Harold & Diane Taniguchi	Ken, Lynne, & Sean Tanino
Season's Greetings! Toyoko Nakagawara	Nembutsu throughout the year! Ted & Martha Tamaki	bah humbug John Inge
Season's Greetings! Who's been Naughty or Nice? Les Hitsman & Fred Pelger	Have a great happy New Year! Merilee Tanbara, Georgie & Mia Alexander	Have a happy & healthy year of the Monkey! Nancy Butterfield
Happy Holidays and New Year. Blessings to the entire TBT Community! With Love and Gratitude, The Berkey-Shimizu Family	Happy New Year! George & Kimi Tanbara	Thank you, wonderful Dharma teachers for sharing your time, wisdom and generous spirit with our children! With love, The Berkey-Shimizu family
Happy New Year! Yoshiko Sugiyama	Happy Holidays & Best Wishes Rose Kishi	Happy Holidays The Yoshitomi's
Season's Greetings The Shiogi's	Happy Holidays Tacoma Fuji Taiko	Happy Holidays Tada & Yoshi Yotsuuye
Happy Holidays Bobby, Junko, Jet & Enzo	Happy New Year! Peter, Hiromi and Sachi	Aloha – Live gratefully each unrepeatable day! Mitsue Hanabusa
Peace throughout the world! Merry Holidays! Patti Wong	Happy Holiday! Del, Cynthia, Byron & Geoff Sasaki	A warm hearty high-five to Mike Shiogi for the super fun Bodhi Day party! Thank you! The Berkey-Shimizu Family

<p>A huge amount of gratitude goes out to Wendy Hamai for her generous offering of Open Taiko to the Tacoma community!</p> <p>In Gassho, Erin Berkey & Rjo Shimizu</p>	<p>Wishing everyone a Happy 2016 and thank you for all of your support in 2015!</p> <p>The Inge Family</p>	
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Buddhist Education Committee

The primary function of the BEC is to plan upcoming services and future religious events.

Therefore, rather than report on what the BEC planned for and accomplished already in 2015, we will fill you in on our desires and plans for another great year.....2016.

For 2016 the BEC has implemented a theme for the year. Our theme will be; 'Peace and Conflict'. We will inform all of our guest speakers of our theme for the year. This will narrow things down a bit as speakers decide on a topic to present at lectures and seminars. 'Peace and Conflict struck us an interesting and meaningful theme, and we thought it could also strike a chord outside of our Temple community.

Our goal for the new year and going ahead is to see the Tacoma Buddhist Temple become a much more visible and known entity in Tacoma's diverse church/temple community. We have begun working closer with Associated Ministries to accomplish this. It would be our hope to host one of the multi religious services here at the TBT.

The BEC is excited to sponsor a wonderful project in 2016; that being to add a small plaque to each of the Hondo pews translating the Japanese Kanji that is currently in place.

It is with deep gratitude that we should continue to recognize the past contributions that helped form our Temple and it's history.

The BEC is planning on being a much more integral part in helping with convention planning, especially in the area of services and religious workshops.

Lastly, beginning with our Fall Seminar, (formerly The Fall Retreat), our guest speaker will conduct his or her seminar after Sunday service, rather than on Saturday. Our lectures have been seeing fewer and fewer Temple members attending. Hopefully this new format will make it easier and more convenient for members to attend and enjoy great Jodo Shinshu talks.

With much Love and Gassho,
Fred Pelger and the Buddhist Education Committee



Bodhi Day Party!



**Bodhi Day Service conducted
by Lotus Class Students
Great Job!**

Please Join!

69th ANNUAL NW BUDDHIST CONVENTION

Hosted by Idaho-Oregon Buddhist Temple

Friday, Feb 12 – Sunday, Feb 14, 2016

“Seeking the True and Real”

The annual Northwest District Convention is a great way to meet new people, visit old friends, while listening to great Dharma speakers and participating in workshops. It's an eventful weekend – Friday, registration and events, a full day on Saturday and closing service on Sunday. It's also a great Northwest tradition between Seattle, Tacoma, White River, Portland, Yakima, Idaho-Oregon and Spokane.

Keynote speaker, Dr. Mark Blum is the author of *The Origins and Development of Pure Land Buddhism* (2002), co-editor of *Rennyō and the Roots of Modern Japanese Buddhism* (2005), *Cultivating Spirituality* (2011), and his translation from Chinese of *The Nirvana Sutra: Volume 1* (2013). He is currently working on completing *Think Buddha, Say Buddha: a history of nembutsu thought, practice and culture*.

Transportation: A shared bus with White River Buddhist Temple will be available for up to 28 of our members.

Registration and payment: Please contact Jeff Hiroo to register and he will sign up each member and submit collectively to Idaho-Oregon.

Cost: (includes all events, Friday welcome, lunch and dinner)

Adults \$110.00

Youth/Student (grade 6 through college) \$80.00

Children (kindergarten through grade 5) \$60.00

Children (age 3 through preschool) \$45.00

Banquet Only, for non-registered guests \$50.00

Bento Box (Sunday) \$12.00

Deadline: Friday, January 14

Late registration: \$15 extra charge per registrant, subject to availability

Cancellation policy (registration only): cancel by January 31, full refund

Cancel Feb 1 and after, penalty 50% of registration

Friday, February 12, 4pm- 9pm, registration formalities and hospitality will take place at the Temple.

Saturday, February 13, 8am, registration open at Four Rivers Cultural Center.

Hotel options: Mention the Buddhist Convention and receive the \$89.00/night rate.

Holiday Inn Express (541) 889-7100 212 SE 10th Street ▪ Ontario

Clarion Inn (541) 889-8621 1249 Tapadera Ave ▪ Ontario

Questions, please contact Crystal Inge or Jeff Hiroo.