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

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Sensei's Message

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

What Shin Buddhism Means by "Evil Turning to Good"

Rev. Takashi Miyaji



I remember watching the news some time ago. It was a segment regarding the coming of a solar eclipse and the warning not to look at the sun directly. Soon after, cameras showed a certain political leader of this country willingly peering directly up towards the sun. I shook my head and laughed in disbelief.

I didn't think anything of this event until a few weeks later, when I was reading a Jodo Shinshu book explaining the Buddha's wisdom and compassion. Omine Akira, a famous Shin Buddhist scholar who wrote this book, told that trying to understand the Buddha's wisdom is like trying to look directly at the sun. The intensity of the light would destroy our eyes. In other words, we do not have the capacity, whether through our reasoning or intuition, to understand the depth of the Buddha's wisdom.

How then do we understand the Buddha's intent? We do so when light shines upon the objects and things that do *not* cast light in the world we live. We should try to understand light not for what it is, but rather, what it does.

In Shin Buddhism, there is a common example provided. Imagine that the self is in a pitch-black room where one cannot see anything in it. I can walk around with a flashlight, with minimal vision, but I will still bump into things and not have real clarity. Human intellect made the flashlight. I can use it for some guidance, but it does not truly provide the clarity that I need to understand and accept where I am. It is only when the blinds of the window are retracted that the outside light shines throughout the room instantly. Now, I can clearly see everything in the room, as well as my own body. I can even see the dust particles in the room. This is all due to the light that comes from the outside. There is a contrast drawn between the Buddha's wisdom and our human intellect. The limited self is in no way able to fully comprehend the potential of the Buddha's wisdom. It is like comparing the capacity of a flashlight versus the sun.

I am ashamed to say that I have more than once, had the audacity to think that I could understand the Buddha's wisdom. This is me trying to look directly at the sun. I am guilty of being exactly what I was trying to ridicule earlier.

The sun is so bright that we cannot withstand looking directly at it. However, it is because we have the pitch-black room, the furnishings of the room, our very bodies, even the dust in the room, that we can come to understand the power of the sun. What this means then, is that *because* there are things in this world that do not have light, we then come to understand what light is. There is a very subtle nuance here. It is not just contrasting and juxtaposing darkness and lightness. Here, 1. darkness requires light, 2. lightness requires dark, and 3. darkness is fulfilled and embraced by the light.

When we put this in the context of human beings and Amida Buddha, 1. our human condition requires the wisdom of the Buddha. At the same time, 2. the Buddha requires the deluded sentient being to show what true wisdom is. Finally, 3. all sentient beings are fulfilled and embraced by the Buddha's wisdom. It is this interplay of lightness and darkness that enables truth to reveal itself to us (*tathāgata*).

So, what does all this philosophical mumbo-jumbo have to do with me? It means that this life is precious for the precise reason that we can come to the truth of the Buddha Dharma here and now. Truth is revealed through this self, not because I believe / am the truth, but precisely because I am everything *but* truth. Because I do not give off light, lightness illuminates me. There is nothing to be worried about because I am always embraced within the light of wisdom.

When we understand this, we bask in the light's warmth. It is much like a shivering duckling who comes out of the freezing water to warm up under the sun. Then, when we feel this warm truth, we try to avoid taking part in actions that promote greed, anger, ignorance, and confusion towards this reality. We instead, try to take part in actions that encourage the understanding of the Buddha's light and the warmth that it brings. This is the Shin understanding of "evil turning to good." In short, don't look directly at the light; let the light reveal itself by illuminating us. This is how we will come to understand the Buddha's wisdom. It is through the Buddha's light of wisdom that our perception changes, and so will our engagement with the world.

真宗における「転悪成善に向かう」とは何か

数ヶ月前に起きた話です。テレビでニュースを見ていましたら、間もなく日食がきますが、その時、太陽に目を直接向けられないで下さいという警告がありました。すると、ある有名な政治家が全くそのことを無視して、空の方へ目を向けた映像が映っていました。なんて馬鹿なんだろうと思いました。

その数日後、私は浄土真宗についての本を読んでいました。大嶺顕氏という有名な宗学者の著作でしたが、氏が説明するには仏様の智慧を理解しようとする事は、まるで太陽の光を直接見ようとするようなことだということです。そんなことをすれば、目はさすがに潰れます。つまり、私たち凡夫にとって仏様の深い智慧を理解する能力、つまり眼力がないのです。だとすれば、どのように仏様の光、つまりお心を分かることができるのでしょうか？それは、本来光が照らしていないものに光が照るとき、光というものがわかる。光そのものを分かつようとするのではなく、光のはた

らきを理解することが光を知る上で大事なことです。このように、仏様の智慧の光を直接知るのではなく、智慧のはたらきを見ることで智慧そのものがわかるということです。

よく使われる例話があります。例えば、自分が真っ暗な部屋の中に入るとします。部屋の中は何も見えませんが、懐中電灯はあるけれど、照らす範囲が非常に限られているため、歩き回っても家具にぶつかったりして、部屋の中がはっきり見えません。懐中電灯は確かに人間の知識で作られた見事なものですが、今私の現状をそのまま受け入れられるようなものではないのです。しかし、部屋の窓のカーテンが開かれた途端、外からの光が入ってきて、部屋の全体が一気に明るく見えるようになります。自分の身体まではっきりと見えます。さらに、部屋の中にある塵までも見えてきます。外からの光が入ってきたからこそ物事がはっきりと見えたのです。だから、限られた視力を持つ自分の目、つまり人間の知識で仏様の智慧が分かるはずがないのです。懐中電灯と太陽の光のどっちが強いのかみたいな比較です。

恥ずかしいことに、私は何度も仏様の智慧が理解できると思ったことがありました。これは私が太陽を直接見ようとする姿です。見下していた政治家がやっていたことと全く一緒です。

太陽は直接私たち人間の目で見るとは不可能ですが、真っ暗な部屋、私たちの体、そして部屋の塵によってその光のはたらきが分かるのです。つまり光のないものによって光が分かるわけです。光と闇を並べて比較するだけのものではないのです。この関係は、闇が光を必要とし、光も闇を必要とし、また闇が闇のまま光に照らされるわけです。これを衆生と阿彌陀如来の関係に当てはめると、凡夫は仏の智慧を必要とし、仏は凡夫を通して救いのはたらきといった智慧をあらわし、そして凡夫は凡夫のまま如来 (tathāgata) の智慧の光に包まれるのです。

このことはなぜ大切なのかと言いますと、この今の私の人生というものは仏法と出あわせていただく非常に重要なチャンスになるわけだからであります。この「私」を通してこそ、真実があらわれるのです。これは私が真実そのものになるのであるからではなく、逆に私が真実のものは何一つも持っていないからこそなのです。つまり、私から光が出ることが不可能であるからこそ、光が私を照らすわけです。そうであるから、この光に照らされていることに安心して生きていけるのです。

これが分かれば、仏様の光の下で安心して楽におられるのです。池の冷たい水から上がったきたちっちゃなアヒルが震えていて、太陽の下であったまるようなものです。そして、この暖かさを感じる中で、真実の世界から私たちを惑わせる貪・瞋・痴と言った三毒の煩惱から出来る限り離れようとし、また、仏様の光の温もりを他人に分らせようとする生き方を送るのであります。これが真宗における「転悪成善に向かう」ということです。ですから、光を直接見ないで、私たちを

かがや ひかり 輝 かす 光 のはたらきを受け止めていきましょう。そうするとき、ほとけさま ち え 仏 様の智慧という 光 によって
わたし ものごと み かつ か わたし しゃかい せつ かつ か わたし がっしょう 私 たちの物事の見方が変わり、また社会との接し方が変わるのです。合掌

Future Schedule

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| (Sat) April 4 | Omigaki 10 AM, Cleaning the Onaijin Adornments TBD |
| (Sun) April 5 | HANAMATSURI at 10 AM TBD |
| (Sat) May 16 | Spring Seminar with Rev. Dr. Mark Unno, 3-5 PM |
| (Sun) May 17 | Gotan-e with guest speaker Rev. Dr. Mark Unno, 10 AM |

NOTICE

DUE TO THE RECENT EVENTS OCCURRING WITHIN THE STATE OF WASHINGTON REGARDING COVID-19, ALL TEMPLE EVENTS ARE CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE. THANK YOU FOR YOUR UNDERSTANDING.

President's Message



Temple and Coronavirus

To keep our Sangha safe, the difficult decision to close the Temple for all services and functions was made with the concurrence of Rev. Dr. Miyaji and the Temple Board. Temple will continue to be closed until further notice. I hope everyone in our Sangha and their family and friends are all well. Please do what is recommended and necessary to maintain your health.

To keep in touch with the Temple, Tacoma has worked on establishing a livestream of our services. Please check our Temple website, www.tacomabt.org for more details. You can also check www.seattlebetsuin.com for their online services.

If anyone needs help, with things like shopping or running other errands, please let me know and I can help make arrangements for help. We have a volunteer willing to do shopping or run errands. Send an email to yotskendo@aol.com or call 206-769-5643.

Sukiyaki Lunch Fund Raiser

Thank you to co-chairs Lynne and Ken Tanino and all the volunteers that helped make this year's Sukiyaki Lunch a very successful event. Also, thank you to Debby Abe who helped get an article in the Tacoma News Tribune. I believe that our media exposure has greatly helped with attendance at our functions.

73rd Annual Northwest District Convention and BCA National Council Meeting

This is a repeat, but I think it is worth repeating. I hope you were able to attend the NW District convention; it was an opportunity to meet members and Ministers from other Temples and to renew friendships. If you were

not able to attend, please plan on attending future conventions. Beginning in 2021, the Convention date will move from February to September. This is being done to, hopefully, have better weather during the Convention. In 2021, Portland is hosting, the date is **September 17-19, 2021**. In 2022, Ontario will be hosting, **September 16-18, 2022**. In 2023, Tacoma is the host and we have a tentative date of **September 15-17, 2023**, at the Double Tree in Tukwila. Please reserve these dates and I hope you will be able to attend.

The BCA National Council Meeting was held in conjunction with the NWD Convention. At the National Council Meeting, Rev. Marvin Harada was approved as the new Bishop, Dr. Kent Matsuda will be the next BCA President and Terri Omori is the President elect. Terri Omori will be the BCA President in 2 years. Terri will be the first woman President in the history of BCA, congratulations Terri. Also, the BCA assessment will be about \$159 per member and the NW District assessment will be \$8 per member.

2020 Tacoma Buddhist Temple Membership Pledges

The preliminary pledge returns show that the average pledge level has increased. A detailed graph will be made once we get closer to all members completing their pledge. Thank you to everyone that has been able to make their pledge.

Gassho,
David

Buddhist Women's Association News



“Whirled Peas”. Well, that is a strange opening to this month’s BWA news! In preparing to report news and events from the 2020 Northwest District Buddhist Convention I picked up my convention booklet for some quick inspiration, and as I did, it fell open to the Convention Schedule pages. In the margin, in beautiful handwritten script were the words “whirled peas”. I stared at the letters and knew immediately they were not mine (much tidier handwriting than mine). My next thought was, oh dear, I left with someone else’s booklet! I stared intently at the letters and thought, did they mean whipped peas? Was that on the menu, because I don’t remember there being peas? Perhaps someone was sharing a recipe. And then it hit me, it was a witty homophone of this year’s theme: Dana for World Peace, “whirled peas”, and I smiled. So, I would like to thank the person with beautiful handwriting who is missing their booklet for sparking a random moment of joy in my day, for helping to get me started on this article, and for reminding me how infinitely interconnected our lives are.

Here are this month’s BWA highlights:

Eleven Tacoma BWA members attended the 73rd Annual Northwest District Buddhist Convention hosted by Seattle Betsuin at the Hyatt Regency Lake Washington as registered participants and several more members attended the Sunday Closing service. Two important votes were taken at the NW District BWA general meeting. First, Seattle Betsuin BWA graciously volunteered to serve an additional and extended term as NW District BWA Cabinet. This was voted on and unanimously approved. The second vote was to extend the term of office for the NW District BWA Cabinet from one year to two years. This was approved by a majority vote. Tacoma BWA will serve as NW District BWA Cabinet for a two-year term beginning September 2021. Lastly, our BWA merchant table was again quite successful this year. Thank you to everyone that volunteered at the table and donated items.

During the month of February, the BWA and BEC teamed up for our annual drive of food, toys, supplies and towels for pets in honor of Pet Memorial Day. Thanks to your generous donations this year we delivered 20

lbs. dry dog food, an e-collar, 216 cans of cat food, 12 lbs. dry cat food, 3 tennis balls, 117 potty training pads, a box of wipes, a dog toy, 16 lbs. dog treats and \$215 in cash donations to the Humane Society of Tacoma Pierce County. Additionally, 95 towels were donated to Sunny Skies Animal Rescue. BWA would like to extend a special thank you to Lynrae Hubble for all your help coordinating the pet drive and for delivering all the items!

The March 15, 2020 service was scheduled to be Spring Ohigan and BWA Memorial Service for Ladies Takeko Kujo, Yoshiko Ohtani and BWA Members. Lady Takeko Kujo (1887-1928) was the daughter of Myonyo Shonin, the 21st Monshu. She devoted herself to education and social welfare based on Buddhist principles. Lady Yoshiko Ohtani (1918-2000), wife of Shonyo Shonin, the 23rd Monshu and grandmother of the present Monshu is credited for founding the World Buddhist Women's Conference. This year the Tacoma BWA lost member Yaeko Nakano in July 2019, and past Temple and BWA member Linda Teal in November 2019. We will deeply miss our dear friends, cherish their memories and remain thankful for their many contributions.

When there is more news about resuming service and Temple activities, I will look forward to planning and sharing future BWA events. Until then, stay healthy and know how much I look forward to seeing you all again soon.

Gassho,
Denise Cline

Dharma School News



The Month of March was a busy month regardless of Daylight Savings!! Spring arrived March 19 with daffodils, crocuses, buds blooming – kind of refreshing and exciting...AND I saw a robin!!

Our deepest condolences to the family of **Ichiro Nakayama**. Mr. Nakayama was the most generous person – always sharing his vegetables, fruits, plants, trees to any temple event and with his friends. He always got upset if he received anything for his generosity, but never said 'no' to food or sake. Mr. Nakayama will be dearly missed by all of his temple friends.

There were 5 students and 3 teachers participating at the **NW District Convention** at the Hyatt Regency February 21-23. **Jet Yotsuuye** was elected NWD YBA Vice President for the coming year. Congratulations, Jet!! **Rev. Dean and Linda Koyama** wished everyone their best regards and are doing well in Palo Alto.



Thank you to all the students and parents who helped at **our Sukiyaki fundraiser**. Lotus students made awesome signs and Prajna, Matreya and Lumbini students illustrated very creative placemats. Being a runner, dishwasher, busser, table setter, our Dharma School was well represented. Thank you for your energies and your time!!

Because of the closure of our Temple, ALL Dharma School activities have been postponed or cancelled for the month of March. To engage our students in Dharma School at home in place of DS at the temple, students are asked to think *and submit ten ways they are grateful* for someone, some thing, some place, etc., and to also think of different ways they *show compassion*, especially now. Thank you to **Rev. Miyaji** for sharing a few of his ideas as well!!! I can't wait to see their responses and share with you. We truly have an awesome group of children in our Dharma School.

Please stay safe and be well. Miss all the energy of our sangha!!!

“Student of the Month”



Hi. My name is Aislin. I am 9 years old and in the 3rd grade. My favorite Disney character is Vanellope von Schweetz from ‘Wreck It, Ralph’ and ‘Ralph Breaks the Internet’– I like her because she glitches and is so funny! My favorite food is pasta and I love ALL BOOKS!! I want to learn about mythology!! My dream is to make world peace and stop pollution!! My role model is my mom because ‘she IS my world!!’ One of my ‘kind’ moments is when I let Tam have extra time for video games. One thing I like about the Temple is that it is imperfect. I am very grateful to my twin sister, Briony, because she understands.

In ten words or less, to describe Rev. Miyaji: Awesome, nice, imperfect.

Thank you, Aislin!! Glad to know you better!

Gassho,
June Akita

Buddhist Education Committee News



With so much we are taught as they dukkha heart of last two, and The BEC is the temple remains closed. We are supporting Rev. Miyaji and others in working to make the Dharma accessible digitally, and hopefully this will have already started by the time you read this. We will discuss other ideas as well, but please also feel free to reach out to the BEC members via email if you have a suggestion for continuing in these times of change. (The BEC is Erik Hammerstrom, Lynrae Hubbell, Rev. Miyaji, Fred Pelger, Donna Sasaki, Patti Wong, and Kenzo Yoshitomi)



up in the air right now it is hard to know where to hold on. But as Buddhists, to accept change. Things will change, and not always for the better, but even change the fundamental nature of enlightenment does not. The freedom from promised in Buddhism does not change. Although it is hard for us to see, the Buddhism is here for us in the Buddha, the Dharma, and the Sangha. These especially the last one, are hard to see at a time like this, but they are there. working to try and continue sharing the Nembutsu teachings with you even as

I close with a reminder that while not all change is good, some is. As you read this the first blossoms are likely just appearing on the trees in front of the temple, and all around us, the warmth and flowers of spring are slowly returning. These are things you can enjoy even while keeping yourself, and your loved ones, safe.

- Erik Hammerstrom

Monthly Book Club
April 9 (Th) at 7pm at Kings Books

Featured Book:
Ethics for a New Millennium

Dalai Lama



April Toban News

Toban Committee Updates:

(Crystal Inge, Donna Sasaki, Lynne Tanino, Barry Weled & Kaila Yoshitomi)

Over the past couple months, the Toban committee has been working on improving and streamlining the Toban administration process. Here are some things that are already in motion!

- **New Cleaning Equipment!** In order to help the members of the Toban work groups accomplish their tasks more easily and efficiently, the Toban committee is looking to improve the tools we are using. Because of limited electrical outlets in our building and multiple stairs, the use of heavy corded standard vacuum cleaners is cumbersome and frankly just too heavy for many members to use.

- **Dyson Stick Vacuum:** The newer stick vacuums make cleaning the stairs and pews much easier and have enough battery time to clean the entire temple. We now have 2 of these vacuums. They are the same brand but are different models. Directions on how to use, charge and empty them are hanging on hooks next to the charging stands. Please read the directions carefully and don't forget to put them back on the chargers when finished. They both have several adaptors, but they are not interchangeable between vacuums...please keep them separated into the correct boxes. The vacuum charging stations are located in the storeroom behind the onajjin.



- **Motorized Mop:** We also now have a motorized wet mop for the kitchens to replace the standard wet mop we have always used. Cleaning is faster, and the water comes from a clean reservoir. We are looking for any other ideas to make the Toban tasks easier, faster, and more effective. The mop is located in the social hall supply closet at the end of the hall next to the restrooms.



- **Updated Toban List:** The Toban list has been revised to evenly distribute and assign new and current members to a Toban. Most members will not see a change since we tried to keep original groups intact and assigned families to the same Toban month whenever possible. The current Toban chair is listed at the top followed by the previous chairs in descending order. This will help to ensure that the rotation of Toban chair duties is rotated in a way that spreads the responsibility evenly amongst the group. (pg. 15)
- **Monthly Toban Responsibilities:** Monthly Toban responsibilities have been updated with clearer instructions. Some Toban months will be asked to support major temple events (Sukiyaki, Obon, Bazaar) beyond their month. For example, the Sukiyaki takes place in March, but to avoid asking March Toban to provide lunch for construction, this will be assigned to February, snacks the day before the event will be assigned to March, snacks the day of the event assigned to April and after event cleanup assigned to May.
- **Improved Communication:** The monthly Toban information will continue to be printed in the Myokyo. In addition, an email reminder will be sent to the Toban Chair and group two months in advance of their assigned month. The email will provide greater detail of the Toban's responsibilities and give Toban chairs plenty of time to plan ahead.

As always, if you have ideas or suggestions on how we can continue to improve the Toban administration and processes, please let any of the Toban Committee members know.

Upcoming Toban Groups & Responsibilities:

| March | April | May |
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| **Brett Johnson & Megumi Azekawa | **Kjirsten Winters | **Kenzo Yoshitomi |
| Merilee Tanbara | Chikako Inoue | Kaila Yoshitomi |
| June & Jerry Akita | Richard & Tracy Ling | Karen Yoshitomi |
| Diane Taniguchi | June & Barry Weled | Shinobu & Kazuko Inoue |
| Cheryl Kanda | Shizuka Faria | Alvin & Donna Sasaki |
| Erin Shen | Ellen Shigeno* | Allan & Rose Kishi* |
| Tets & Martha Tamaki* | Frank Shigio* | Ed & Kimiko Fujinaga* |
| Thelma Abe* | Peter Lee* | Sam Uchiyama* |
| Sam Shimizu* | * Exempt | |
| Miyo Kanda* | | |

| MARCH | APRIL | MAY |
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| Monthly cleanup for March and April Clean windows and dust windowsills | Monthly cleanup for March and April - schedule Dust and vacuum pews in Hondo | Monthly cleanup for May and June - schedule Dust and vacuum pews in Hondo |
| Sukiyaki Snacks for Sat Break: (day before event) > Ask Toban to bring snacks > Make tea and coffee > Setup/serve/clean up kitchen counter for lunch | Sukiyaki Snacks for Sun Break: (day of event) > Ask Toban to bring snacks > Setup/serve break area in classrm next to Hondo > After event is over, clean up break area | Sukiyaki Tuesday Cleanup: (Tues after event) > Ask Toban to bring snacks or use leftovers > Help cleanup social hall & kitchen > Setup/serve/clean up kitchen counter |
| Hanamatsuri Potluck: April 5, after 10am service > Help BWA setup/cleanup tables & chairs > Help BWA setup/cleanup potluck | > Bring leftovers to kitchen to pkg & give away or use for Tues cleanup Hanamatsuri Potluck: April 5, after 10 am service > Help BWA setup/cleanup tables & chairs > Help BWA setup/cleanup potluck | Coffee Hour: May 10, after service - TBD > Ask Toban & members to bring snacks > Make tea and coffee |
| Coffee Hour: (check temple calendar for date) > Ask Toban & members to bring snacks > Make tea and coffee > Setup/serve/clean up in Rev. Pratt room | Coffee Hour: April 19, after service - TBD > Ask Toban & members to bring snacks > Make tea and coffee > Setup/serve/clean up in Rev. Pratt room | > Setup/serve/clean up in Rev. Pratt room |



From Your Facility Committee



If you are attached
There is a plan
with a lot of safety
updated. Now in

to that old stove in the social hall kitchen, I have a box of tissues for you.
afoot to replace it with a new stove. It'll most likely be an 8-burner stove
features. A smaller stove will permit our fire suppression system to be
my convoluted brain that old stove reminds me of a red 1948 Ford truck a
friend named Ester after his late wife. Perhaps we can paint it red, put some wheels on it, and name it Ester.
Ester was an exceptional cook and made some mighty fine sweet tea. We can place it outside and use it to
rescue our undercooked pots of rice.

After the stove is installed a full electrical upgrade will be completed, and like our current system, will be of
service for many generations. By the time folks deem that it needs replacement some future generation will
install food synthesizers in the kitchen.

Jeff Hiroo and Fred Pelger continue to give all the dirt and debris the blues during their weekly visits to clean
the temple. Tom Hubbell continues spiffy up Fawcett Avenue. David Yotsuuye, Robert Yotsuuye, Gary
Ichinaga, Tom Hubbell, Tony Gregg, Rick Tanabe, and Del Sasaki their apply diverse skill sets to keep our
temple in working order. Kurt Osaka and Osaka Gardens exert a labor of love to maintain the beauty of our
temple grounds.

~David

Yearly Memorial Services



General Memorial Service Years for 2019

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| 1st Year - 2018 | 17th Year - 2003 |
| 3rd Year - 2017 | 25th Year - 1995 |
| 7th Year - 2013 | 33rd Year - 1987 |
| 13th Year - 2007 | 50th Year - 1970 |

April 2020

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| 1 Year | Yoshioka, Robert | Shaku Myō-Kaku | 明覚 | April 17, 2019 |
| 13 th Year | Ikeda, Takeshi | Shaku Sho-Do | | April 10, 2008 |
| 13 th Year | Fujioka, Irene Ichiko | Shakuni Bi-Sen | | April 26, 2008 |
| 17 th Year | Nakao, George Eichi | Shaku Ei-Ho | | April 29, 2004 |
| 33 rd Year | Osaki, Tatsuo | Shaku Ryu-Sho | | April 11, 1988 |
| 50 th Year | Komoto, Nobuji | Shaku Jun-Sei | | April 17, 1971 |

May 2020

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| 33 rd Year | Arima, Yoshito | Shaku Jun-Nin | | April 26, 1988 |
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June 2020

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| 7 th Year | Simmons, Mitsuko | Shakuni Bi-Ho | 美法 | June 10, 2014 |
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Thank You for your support!

Greeters Schedule

Greeters:

Note: Please have new visitors sign in their name and give them the following booklets;

- Temple Information Booklet
- Messages from the Buddha (mini booklet with pale pink cover)
- 1/2 page list of Temple activities & "Want More Info." (1/2 sheet form)

Lastly, please do a headcount and enter it in the attendance sheet in the visitor folder.

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

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| April | 5 Crystal & John Inge |
| | 12 Michael Shiogi & Gavin Morgan |
| | 19 Ken Tanino & Coco Inoue TBD |
| | 26 David Yotsuuye & Bobby Yotsuuye TBD |
| May | 3 Denise Cline & David Campbell TBD |
| | 10 Wendy Hamai & Henry Stoll TBD |
| | 17 Del Sasaki & Rick Tanabe |
| | 24 Kevin & Mayumi Ikeda |
| | 31 Tracy & Richard Ling |
| June | 7 Alex Thiesen & Jeff Hiroo |

*Note: A new list has been established. Any questions, please contact Donna Sasaki.

Sukiyaki thank you.

Wow! What a very successful and busy Sukiyaki day. Every one of you did your share to make this day a success.

Publicity committee, you did a fantastic job to ensure the event was well advertised throughout the community which brought in the large crowds.

Committee chairs, we thank you for your time, energy and dedicated support to ensure every detail was covered beyond just the day of the event.

To all volunteers, we acknowledge your enthusiastic efforts to ensure customers enjoyed their meal and experience at the Sukiyaki Lunch.

Due to all of you, we are happy to report sales and revenue were higher than last year.

Thank you!
Ken and Lynne Tanino
Sukiyaki chairs

**Membership Pledges
As of March 16, 2020:**

2020 Pledges made: \$72,962.50

2020 Pledges paid: \$46,163.50



Welcome a New Member!!

Emma Inge



Where were you born and raised?

I was born and raised in Seattle, WA.

Why have you chosen to join Tacoma Buddhist Temple?

I chose to join the temple because even after graduating high school. I knew that Buddhism would still be an important part of my life and I wanted to still stay involved within the temple community.

Do you have any skills or interests that can add to the Temple and the Sangha?

Although I am not going to be at the temple often, I can help out with designs for poster making, as well as help in the kitchen during events.

What is the one thing you want the Temple to know about you?

One thing that I want the temple to know about me is, while I am in college, I occasionally go to the Oregon Buddhist Temple!



NWD convention installation of officers: find Donna, Jet & John.





Updated - 2020 Toban List

| January | |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------|
| **Delbert & Cynthia Sasaki | 2020 Chair |
| Denise Cline | 2019 chair |
| Jeff & Vivian Hiroo | 2018 chair |
| Erin Berkey | 2022 chair |
| Craig O'Hanlon | 2021 chair |
| Tad & Joan Kajimura | |
| Bob Gach | |

| May | |
|--------------------------|-------------------|
| **Kenzo Yoshitomi | 2020 Chair |
| Kaila Yoshitomi | 2019 chair |
| Karen Yoshitomi | 2018 chair |
| Shinobu & Kazuko Inoue | 2022 chair |
| Alvin & Donna Sasaki | 2021 chair |
| Allan & Rose Kishi | |
| Ed & Kimiko Fujinaga | |
| Sam Uchiyama | |

| September | |
|--------------------------------|-------------------|
| **Kenji Shipp | 2020 Chair |
| Mike Shiogi | 2019 chair |
| Bobby & Junko Yotsuuye | 2022 chair |
| David & Kathy Yotsuuye | 2021 chair |
| Leroy & Penny Kawaguchi (call) | |
| Chizuko Yotsuuye (email David) | |
| Tada & Yoshie Yotsuuye | |

| February | |
|------------------------|-------------------|
| **Lynn Blick | 2020 Chair |
| Jim Doyle & Tony Gregg | 2019 chair |
| Jane Burster | 2018 chair |
| Renee Moriguchi | 2014 chair |
| Brian & Etsuko Willis | 2022 chair |
| Meesa Pedrozo | 2021 chair |
| Glenn Morita | |
| Kats Fujita | |
| Yasuko Morita | |

| June | |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------|
| **Riu Pittman/Victoria Evert | 2020 Chair |
| Henry Stoll & Wendy Hamai | 2019 chair |
| Kenji Stoll | 2018 chair |
| Les Hitsman & Fred Pelger | 2022 chair |
| Gail Ichinaga | 2021 chair |
| John & Emiko Kurata | |
| Anita Nakayama | |
| Michiko Saito | |

| October | |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------|
| **Sandra Swartz | 2020 Chair |
| Rick Tanabe | 2019 chair |
| John & Crystal Inge | 2018 chair |
| Nancy Butterfield | 2017 chair |
| Emma Inge | 2023 chair |
| Dylan Montgomery & Helen Schweitz | 2022 chair |
| Carrie Mori | 2021 chair |
| Allan Oshima | |
| Jim Akagi | |
| Charlotte Omoto | |

| March | |
|---|-------------------|
| **Brett Johnson & Megumi Azekawa | 2020 Chair |
| Merilee Tanbara | 2019 chair |
| June & Jerry Akita | 2018 chair |
| Diane Taniguchi | 2017 chair |
| Cheryl Kanda | 2022 chair |
| Erin Shen | 2021 chair |
| Tets & Martha Tamaki | |
| Thelma Abe | |
| Sam Shimizu | |
| Miyo Kanda | |

| July | |
|--------------------------|-------------------|
| **Masahiro Sugano | 2020 Chair |
| Kevin & Mayumi Ikeda | 2019 chair |
| Erik Hammerstrom | 2017 chair |
| Debby Abe | 2022 chair |
| Akemi Ikeda | 2021 chair |
| Elsie Taniguchi | |
| Kosho & Michiko Yukawa | |
| Violet Mizukami | |

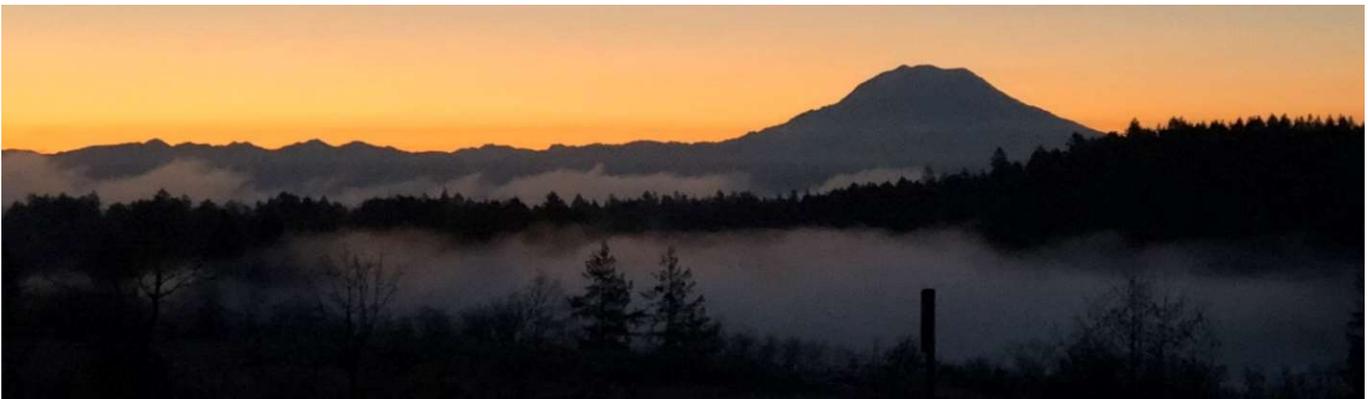
| November | |
|-------------------------|-------------------|
| **Alex Theisen | 2020 Chair |
| Todd & Marcia Nakamura | 2019 chair |
| Vicki Yoshioka | 2018 chair |
| Danny Otsuka | 2022 chair |
| Kim & Cindy Nakamura | 2021 chair |
| Tom Osaka | |
| Don Arima & Susan Bogni | |
| Asako Arima | |

| April | |
|---------------------------|-------------------|
| **Kjirsten Winters | 2020 Chair |
| Chikako Inoue | 2019 chair |
| Richard & Tracy Ling | 2018 chair |
| June & Barry Weled | 2022 chair |
| Shizuka Faria | 2021 chair |
| Ellen Shigeno | |
| Frank Shigio | |
| Peter Lee | |

| August | |
|--------------------------------|-------------------|
| **Brandon Villarreal | 2020 Chair |
| David Campbell | 2019 chair |
| Patti Wong | 2017 chair |
| Ken & Lynne Tanino | 2022 chair |
| Larry & Kiyomi Fujita | 2021 chair |
| Darlene Matsumoto | |
| Kazue Maesaki & Helen Motokane | |
| Hana Yoshida | |

| December | |
|----------------------------|-------------------|
| **Claire Silver | 2020 Chair |
| Merlaine Cook | 2019 chair |
| Tom & Lynrae Hubbell | 2018 chair |
| Gavin Morgan | 2023 chair |
| Joshua & Yoshino Kretchmar | 2022 chair |
| Pauline Yamashita | 2021 chair |
| Frank and Midori Komoto | |
| Fujiko Yoshikawa | |

Sunrise view of Mt. Rainier



*April 2020

| SUN | MON | TUE | WED | THU | FRI | SAT |
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| | | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 OMIGAKI 10 AM |
| 5 HANAMATSURI 10 AM | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 King's Books 7:00 PM | 10 | 11 |
| 12 Sangha Service 10 AM TBD | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 Gomeinichi 10 AM | 17 | 18 |
| 19 Sangha Service 10 AM TBD | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 |
| 26 Sangha Service 10 AM TBD | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | | |

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| | | | | | 1 | 2 |
| 3 Sangha Service 10 AM TBD | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 |
| 10 Sangha Service 10 AM TBD | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 King's Books, 7 PM | 15 | 16 Gomeinichi Spring Seminar 3-5 PM |
| 17 GOTAN-E 10 AM | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 |
| 24 Sangha Service 10 AM | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 |
| 31 Sangha Service 10 AM | | | | | | |