

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."



Tacoma Buddhist Temple
(Jodo Shinshu)

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MYOKYO 明鏡



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

June, 2017

Sensei's Message

Because of Everyone

Rev. Kojo Kakihara



We at Tacoma Buddhist Temple hold Sunday Service in the morning of almost every Sunday. I always appreciate that you wake up early in the morning of your precious day-off and come to temple. The other day, I heard the following from Rev. Yukawa. Rev. Yukawa, who usually sits on the balcony, counted the number of attendees at a Sunday Service. He said that on that Sunday, there were about 80 attendees, and 50 of them were non-Japanese people. Of course, anyone is welcome regardless of Japanese or non-Japanese. But when I heard it, I was so surprised, and at the same time, I was so glad that not only Japanese people, but many different people come to our temple.

Buddhism is the path which each of us walks toward the Enlightenment by understanding and practicing Truths taught by Sakyamuni Buddha. Because of that, Buddhism is also said to be "Buddha Path." Among Buddhist teachings, the most fundamental teaching is "the Truth of Causes, Conditions, and Results."

Holding a Sunday Service, this is the "cause." But Sunday Service does not stand only with this cause. Your attendance, people who are MC and a pianist, the Kansho bell being rung, our chanting sutras, my giving Buddhist talks and having you nod and laugh (my talks are not so funny often though)... With all of these as the "conditions," enjoyable "Sunday Service" is realized as the "result" for the first time. But, if no one attended Sunday Service, or if no one nodded or laughed to my talks, the result of "enjoyable Sunday Service" were not realized, and I had to stand alone in the hondo hall with loneliness. That is to say, our Sunday Service stands or arises as Sunday Service because of every one of you.

Everything in the world arises not only because of causes but also due to conditions. In other words, under different conditions, everything ends up changing. It is taught in the Sutra of Queen Srimala as following;

Just as there are causes for people's suffering and there is a path for each person's enlightenment, everything arises depending on conditions, and everything disappears depending on conditions. The rain falls, the wind blows, flowers bloom, and leaves fall. Everything arises depending on conditions, and everything perishes depending on conditions. This body of mine was born through the conditions of my parents, it is sustained by the food I eat, and my mind is nurtured by my experiences and knowledge. Therefore, my both my body and

my mind arise depending on conditions, and, of course, they are transformed depending on conditions... Just as a net is made of meshes connected together, all things are connected together. It is mistaken to think that each mesh of the net exists independently.

When we think about ourselves, it is clear that our existence entirely depends on conditions. As the Sutra teaches about a net made of meshes, we exist because of infinite connections with others. We were born in this world depending on precious conditions, and live now while having being receiving an unimaginably great number of things from others. Our present life also depends on many other "Lives" we interact with. There is nothing that does not depend on conditions. We, through listening to Buddha Dharma, are receiving Buddha's eyes of Wisdom which sees through the truth of cause, condition, and result, and awakens us to the connection of Life, and Buddha's mind of Compassion which respects and appreciates each other's Life beyond self-and-other.

Gassho with palms together,

Buddhism 101

Rev. Kojo answers your questions on Buddhism or Jodo Shinshu at Family Service or Dharma Exchange mostly once a month. Put your questions in the box at the foyer or send to Rev. Kojo by email. The next will be on June 25.

みなさんのおかげで

かきはらこうじょう
柿原興乗

お寺では、ほぼ毎週日曜日の朝、サンデーサービスを行っています。貴重な休みの日の朝、早く起きて、お寺に来てくださる皆さんには、いつも感謝しています。先日、湯川先生から、こういうお話をお聞きしました。いつもバルコニーに座られている先生が、ある日曜日、お参りの人数を数えられてみたそうです。その日は約80人のお参りがあって、そのうちの50人が非日系人だったそうです。もちろん、日系人、非日系人にかかわらず、どなたでも大歓迎ですが、それを聞いて、私はとても驚くと同時に、日系人の方だけでなく、多くの方にお寺に来ていただいていることを、とても嬉しく思いました。

さて、仏教とは、お釈迦さまが説かれた様々な真理を理解、実践することで、さとりを目指して歩んでいく道です。ですから、仏教を仏道、仏の道とも言います。その仏教の教えの中で、最も基本となる教えが、ものつながりやを説く、因・縁・果の道理です。

サンデーサービスを行うこと、これが「因」です。しかし、それだけでは、サンデーサービスは成り立ちません。皆さんに実際にお参りしていただき、司会やピアニストの方がいて、喚鐘が鳴らされ、皆さんでお経を唱え、私が法話をして、皆さんに領いてもらったり、笑っていただく（面白くない時も多いですが）。これら全てが「縁」となって初めて、楽しいサンデーサービス、つまり「果」が成り立つのです。しかし、もし誰もお参りしてくださらなかったり、私の法話に誰もうなずいたり、笑ってくださらなかったら、楽しいサンデーサービスという「果」は実現せず、私は一人で寂しく本堂にいないといけなくなります。つまり、皆さんのおかげで、サンデーサービスがサンデーサービスとして成り立つのです。

この世の全てのものは、因だけでは成立せず、縁によって成り立っています。言い換えると、縁、つまり条件が変われば、結果は変わります。『勝鬘経』というお経に以下のように説かれています。人々の苦しみにには原因があり、人々のさとりにには道があるように、すべてのものは、みな縁（条件）によって生まれ、縁によって滅びる。雨の降るのも、風の吹くのも、花の咲くのも、葉の散るのも、すべて縁によって生じ、縁によって滅びるのである。この身は父母を縁として生まれ、食物によって維持され、また、この

心も経験と知識とによって育ったものである。だから、この身も、この心も、縁によって成り立ち、縁によって変わると言わなければならない。(中略) 網の目が、互いにつながりあって網を作っているように、全てのものは、つながりあってできている。一つの網の目が、それだけで網の目であると考えれば、大きな誤りである。

私たち自身のことを考えても、すべて縁によっていることは明らかです。このお経に説かれる網の目のように、私たちは、他との無限のつながりによって存在しています。私たちは、尊いご縁により、この世に生まれ、思いも及ばないほど多くのものをいただいて生きています。また多くのいのちとの交わりによって、今の私があります。ひとつとして縁に依らないものはありません。私たちは、仏法を聞くことを通して、この因・縁・果の真理を見通し、いのちのつながりに目覚めていく仏の智慧の眼、そして、自他を越えてお互いのいのちを尊ぶ、仏の慈悲のお心をいただいているのです。

合掌

月に一度(可能な限り)日曜礼拝の後に日本語法話をいたします。次回は、6月18日です。

Future Schedule

Sunday, June 4	Garden Clean-up BWA Bento Fundraiser
Sunday, June 11 at 10am	Temple Picnic at Edgemont Park in Edgewood
	We have Family Service only on Sundays after the picnic
Monday, June 12 at 7pm	Film Preview "Three Jewels"
Saturday, June 17 at 2pm	Seminar "American Muslims" by Dr. Kayaoglu, UWT
Saturday, June 24	Kimono Sale, 11am – 4pm
July 11, 12 & 13 at 7:30pm	Obon Dance Practice at Social Hall
Wednesday, July 12 at 11am	Cemetery Visitation at Eatonville and Orting
Sunday, July 16	Obon Cemetery Visitations

Volunteers Needed for Kimono Sale

We are holding "Kimono Sales" on Saturday, June 24, 11am-4pm.

We need volunteers on the following dates.

Everyone welcome!

Sunday, June 4, 1pm-4pm, Planning Mtg. after Bento Sales

Sunday, June 18 after the Service until 4pm

Friday, June 23, anytime between 9am – 5pm

(come and go as available)

Saturday, June 24, 9am – 5 pm (Sales- 11am-4pm)



Please contact Denise Cline
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President's Message



Hello everyone! The biggest news over the past month is:

New Dharma School Superintendent - Merilee Tanbara

Thank you Merilee! A meeting was held of Dharma School teachers and parents on Sunday, April 23 to work on re-designing the job description of the Dharma School Superintendent in order to make it more manageable for someone to assume the responsibility. Thank you to the teachers were willing to take on more duties so this could happen. We also instituted a 3 year term to the position.

Merilee grew up attending Dharma School, has been a Dharma School Teacher and now has children attending. She will be assisted by **Karen Yoshitomi as Assistant Superintendent.**

One of the things talked about during the meeting was the need to encourage parents of Dharma School students to help with some of the activities. So, if you are are parent of a Dharma School child, please contact Merilee merileetanbara@gmail.com and she'll be able to plug you into things that you could help with.

Our Dharma School has always been one of the strengths of this Temple. Many members who grew up Buddhist elsewhere and new members to Buddhism come to the Temple as a place to raise their children learning Buddhist thought and approach to life. Jodo Shinshu is probably the most "family friendly" sect of Buddhism. As a new member parent years ago, I was so impressed by how the Temple supported our children and Dharma School. And, I am happy that we will continue to do so.

Thank you again to Donna Sasaki for leading the Dharma School for 25 years and carrying on until a new Superintendent could be found!

Recruitment of Board members: Our Membership Committee (Erik Hammerstrom and June Weled) have started working on recruiting members who are willing to serve on the Temple's Board of Directors. It is a particularly challenging task this year since there are two recent resignations from the Board that will need to be filled; and the next group of Board members for a 2018 - 2020 term is larger than usual (six). They can explain what the responsibilities of a Board member are. If you are asked to serve, please seriously consider this. If you are interested in serving, please contact one of them - June at jweled1@mac.com or Erik at erik.hammerstrom10@gmail.com. Our Temple is facing some challenging times in the near future. Besides the work needed for the regular operation of the Temple, we are also trying to address issues that impact how well we can plan for the future.

Interfaith Women's Conference

In July of 2016 Associated Ministries decided to sponsor an Interfaith Women's Conference to promote communication among women of faiths and no particular faith. Reverend Kakihara supported the theme of communication and compassion. Women from Christian, Jewish, Muslim, Baha'i, Mormon, Buddhist, and Evangelical churches participated in the planning committee. The Conference was held on March 4, 2017 at Curtis High School. Over 300 women of various faiths attended workshops on forgiveness, compassion, family communication through technology, and interfaith dialogue.

The temple had a table which included Obutsudan (small Buddhist altar), Buddha's image, and brochures.

The conference was so successful, they have decided to hold it again on May 9, 2018. They set this date so it won't conflict with the sukiyaki dinner. Again they want women of all faiths to participate. If you would like to be on the planning committee or if you have a topic you would like included in the conference contact Sandy Windley at Associated Ministries or Jane Burster.

Buddhist Women's Association News



“Is it summer yet?” For the BWA, our annual **bento fundraiser** is the sign that summer is near. **Tickets are on sale for \$12** and the bento consists of rice, gyoza, karaage chicken, and stir fried beef all on a bed of cabbage, pickled radish, fruit and daifuku mochi. Please see a BWA member to purchase.



Save the dates, for the upcoming events:

June 3 & 4 Bento preparation & fundraiser: **start 8 am Sat. & Sun.**

June 4 Prepare lunch for yard clean-up workers

June 3 – 25 Peanut Butter & jelly drive. Donation bins in the foyer. [May/June toban (Tracy Ling, Darlene Matsumoto Linda Teal, Thelma Abe, Miyo Kanda) to deliver]

July 9 **General meeting** after service w/light lunch - Jan/Feb toban: Asako Arima, Jill Case, Donna Sasaki, Jane Burster, Denise Cline & Toyoko Nakagawara

July 22 Daifuku mochi making for obon **start 8 am.** Light lunch provided by the Jul/Aug toban: Victoria Evert, Riu Pittman, Merlaine Cook, Katsumi Fujita, Michiko Yukawa, Yasuko Morita, Hana Yoshida

Bus trip DATE: Saturday, August 12, peach picking in Yakima, visit Yakima temple member, Lon Inaba's farm and view Snoqualmie Falls. **DATE: Saturday, August 12.** Fare is: BWA members & children-no charge, BWA spouse/or temple member-\$25, guests-\$35. Contact Patti Wong to reserve your seat.

Thank you everyone, for your continuous support..

Gassho,
Patti Wong

Dharma School Report

I am so honored to serve as superintendent of the Dharma school and grateful Karen Yoshitomi is the deputy superintendent. We are looking forward to our three-year term! We thank Donna Sasaki for her many years of service and feel a bit shaky to fill such big boots! Karen and I are both very thankful to help continue the tradition of the drama school and the many people who were our teachers: Mrs Nakagawara, Mrs Morita, Joe Kosai, Rev Pratt and I am sure there were others I am forgetting! If so come talk to me and share your stories.

In gassho,
Merilee Tanbara

It will be my pleasure to serve with Merilee, and on behalf of the Dharma School parents and children.

Gassho, Karen Yoshitomi

Congratulations to our graduating high school seniors!

As I began my interview process with our 3 high school seniors, Fred said to me "I bet you're going to use the word "honors" a lot this year! And yes, he was right! All 3 seniors have done outstanding work in their respective fields, whether it be academics, or sports, or leadership. I won't be able to give them each the spotlight they deserve, but hope to highlight their accomplishments enough so that you can all learn a little more about them today, and perhaps you can continue to learn more about them these next few weeks.



Sara Ichinaga

Sara Ichinaga, daughter of Gary and Gail Ichinaga, is a senior at Decatur High School in Federal Way. She is on the school's math team and participated in many math competitions. She is also a member of the Advancing Leadership Youth group, a district wide organization where she attends workshops to learn leadership skills, and then uses those skills learned to promote community projects. One project was to run a tool library where people of low income could come to borrow tools they might need for do-it-yourself projects. Another is called "Fed Factor", a district talent competition, with proceeds going to charity.

Sara is in Running Start at Highline C.C. and plans to attend UW Seattle in the fall. She is leaning towards Mechanical Engineering with a Math minor.

During the summer between her junior and senior year, for the entire month of July, she attended a math academy at UW, a program set up to help potential engineering majors. She lived on campus, met faculty, got a taste of college life, and did math all day, every day!

I asked her what her hobbies were, and she said she has no time for hobbies. But, IF she has a bit of time to relax, she likes playing Pokemon video games.

Sara enjoys coming to the temple because she likes the community feel here, it is as if she were at home. It is a time when she can reflect on life, and learn how to be a better person on a spiritual level. Time at the temple also gives her the chance to reflect on herself and where she stands in this world beyond her schooling.

Her words of wisdom to the younger Dharma School students are "In life, you will come across a lot of decisions, but the bottom line is...as long as you are doing your best and doing what is right, you will be okay."

Sara was once a bit shy, not wanting to stand in front of this microphone to chair a service. But she has proven herself to be quite the confident speaker, chairing services and giving a great Dharma talk at the past Bodhi Day service. Not shy at all, she is full of confidence and enthusiasm, taking every opportunity to express her thoughts or relay an important message if needed. If you've had the chance to talk with Sara you'll see what I mean. You can't help but be drawn to her via her spirit and her personality. I'd like to think that we had some small part in shaping Sara into the amazing young woman she is today. Congratulations, Sara, on your high school graduation!



David Ling

David Ling is the son of Richard and Tracy Ling, and a senior at Curtis High School in Tacoma.

He is a member of National Honor Society, and took 5 Advanced Placement classes this year! He had AP Literature, Chemistry, Calculus, Government and Spanish, all in his senior year. His favorite high school subjects were AP Biology and photography.

David was on the varsity water polo and swim teams all 4 high school years. His swim

team won back to back state championships in 2015 and 2016. He swam in the WIAA 4A division state meet for 3 years, in the 200 individual medley, the 100 breaststroke, the 400 medley relay and the 200 freestyle relay. His freestyle relay team broke the school record last year and then broke that record again this year!

When David is not involved in school studies and sports, he enjoys photography and spending time with friends.

David's future plans are to attend Washington University in St. Louis, Missouri. He was awarded the John B. Ervin Scholar, a scholarship focusing on leadership, diversity, academics and service. He will receive full tuition!

David plans to study humanities, likely majoring in sociology with a minor in economics. He also plans to enter the Pre-Med track. He will play club water polo in the fall and rowing.

At the temple David has been the YBA President for 2 years and also YBA Secretary. The YBA has played an active and vital role in the temple thanks to David and our amazing high school students!

David says he likes coming to the temple to see everyone in the Sangha, and for the potlucks!

His words of wisdom to younger students are "Don't forget to have fun. Some things may be hard now, but they will work out."

One of the most impressive and creative contributions from David was the lyrics that he adapted for the "Happy" song by Pharrell Williams. The YBA and college kids, ministers and ministers' wives sang and danced to this song at our Centennial celebration. I'd like to reprise the song and these lyrics with the help of the YBA!

It might seem crazy what I'm about to say
It's been 100 years, come celebrate
We like spending time here every Sunday with our friends
For a hundred years learning Buddha's ways.
Because I'm happy, Clap along if you feel like gratitude's what you got
Because I'm happy, Clap along if you feel like a hundred years is a lot
Because I'm happy, Clap along if you know what the Dharma is to you
Because I'm happy, Clap along if you feel like that's what you want to do

David has been a busy guy, especially with swim meets on the weekends. Though we don't always see him every Sunday, David still takes his responsibilities seriously and helps whenever he can. He will often come up to me and ask what needs to be done. I've always admired this about David, he's been so helpful from way back. No matter what I threw at him, he took on the job with a smile and a "sure, no problem!"

I have every confidence that David will accomplish amazing things in his college career and beyond. Congratulations to you, David, on your high school graduation!



Kenzo Yoshitomi

Kenzo Yoshitomi, son of Michael and Karen Yoshitomi, is a senior at Cleveland High School in Seattle.

He is a member of National Honor Society. His favorite subjects in school are computer science, physics and chemistry. His favorite teacher was Ms. Evans because she opened up the world of technology to him. Kenzo said he always thought that technology was only for making games and web programs, but he discovered places where he could apply what he learned to help others. Since technology has no

boundaries, he feels he can think of anything and can then try to make it a reality with the help of technology.

Kenzo is also a proud member of his school's Ultimate Frisbee team. He has played Ultimate Frisbee since the 3rd grade, and now coaches elementary and middle school students. Ultimate Frisbee is a team sport, like basketball or football. You score a goal by throwing the Frisbee into a goal zone, each goal is 1 point. Since Ultimate Frisbee is not recognized as a "real" sport, the team gets little funding from the school, so Kenzo and his teammates had to raise money on their own for their team expenses. As a freshman, their team was the worst in the city, only winning one game. But in his senior year, Kenzo's team hoped to go to state. And I'm happy to report, his team finished 2nd in state, and they are getting ready for Nationals in June. Currently the team is ranked 9th nationally!

Kenzo is also in judo, having competed for 10 years. He is a brown belt, and is being certified to receive his black belt.

Kenzo teaches golf, mentoring 7-17 year olds. I didn't ask him about his golf game, but it must be pretty good!

He said his hobbies are spending time with friends, or just hanging out at the park.

Kenzo's future plans are to attend UW, studying human centered design, building programs for people to do every day activities easier, using technology.

At the temple, Kenzo has been the YBA treasurer for 5 years. Any time there is a YBA event, Kenzo is definitely there, helping to organize and getting work done. He has also received 15 years of excellent attendance awards in Dharma School.

When asked why he enjoys coming to the temple, he said he likes seeing everyone. He has good memories, has fun talking with Mr. Tamaki, and especially enjoys seeing people who have watched him grow up, or who he has watched grow up.

His words of wisdom to Dharma School kids are "Try not to get too caught up in the daily routine that you forget to find time to enjoy yourself."

It has been a joy to watch Kenzo grow up at the temple. He is a caring and kind young man, often giving judo lessons to Jet and Enzo along with grandpa Al Kishi on Sundays. He's always got a smile and a "how are you doing" for me and many others at the temple.

I especially enjoy Kenzo's youthful spirit in our Fuji Taiko group. He has power, flair and personality that energizes our group when we perform. We will miss his presence for sure! The sky's the limit for Kenzo, we can't wait to see what mark he makes in this world. Congratulations to you on your high school graduation!

It is always a little sad to see our seniors go, but it is also exciting to see and hear what they will soon accomplish and achieve. All 3 have bright futures ahead of them and we can proudly say that they grew up and blossomed in our temple. We wish them all the very best as they begin their new and exciting journey. Congratulations Sara, David and Kenzo!

Gassho,
Donna Sasaki

Buddhist Education Committee News



jealousy *noun*

[jel-uh-see]

A feeling of anger, unhappiness or resentment because someone else has something or someone that you wish you had.



Our guest speaker for the recent Spring Seminar and our Sunday Gotan-e service was Reverend Matthew Hamasaki of the Fresno Betsuin in California.

Reverend Matt is one of the newest BCA ministers to make the scene.

As a personal friend of mine and one of my colleagues at the 2012 Tokudo ordination in Kyoto, I can tell you that his love and regard for Jodo Shinshu Buddhism is nothing less than genuine. He presents his topic with a fresh and honest approach and has the ability to laugh at himself, inviting his listeners to join in.

One of the things Reverend Matt discussed was the subject of *jealousy*.

“How many of you have ever been jealous of someone”, he asked. “And, how did the feeling of jealousy serve you”?

He did a good job to remind us that jealousy does none of us any good what so ever. All it does is make one angry with greed. Holding on to jealousy really accomplishes nothing other than destroying loving and healthy relationships.

As painful as it might be to be jealous, he says it is also important to accept it, examine it and feel it fully. Once you have come to a point that you can get past ego and recognize it for what it is, you have the ability to dispense with it.

Reverend Matt’s suggestion is to replace the jealousy and disdain you have for someone with HAPPINESS.

It strikes me as a pretty wise and straight forward concept. Instead of being jealous or hating another for something they have, something you don’t have, or something you want, be happy for that person. It’s healthy to feel happiness for others; it feels a whole lot better to be happy for someone else’s good fortune rather than resent them for it, right?

With Love and Gassho (*and happiness*)

Fred Pelger

Toban News



Temple Grounds Clean Up: ALL MEMBERS ARE ASKED TO HELP **June 4.**

Obon Fundraiser: ALL MEMBERS ARE ASKED TO HELP July 30.

All toban Chairs:

Please call your group and remind them of the following dates:

Temple grounds clean up on **June 4**

Temple picnic on **June 11**

Obon service on **July 23**

Obon festival on **July 29**

Keiro Luncheon on **September 25**

May 2017 and June 2017 Toban Groups:

Toban heads are responsible to call group members for set up and clean up for certain Temple events held during the two month period. The chairs for each two month period 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 Alisha Wood know the clean-up dates to check for other activity conflicts and add to Temple calendar.

May Members: Riu Pittman (chair), Henry Stoll and Wendy Hamai, Bob and Anita Nakayama, John and Emiko Kurata, Herb and Michiko Saito, Victoria Evert, Jonathan Carter, Maria Claudio-Carter
Phone tree members – Leroy and Penny Kawaguchi, Sam Uchiyama

May Group Responsibilities:

- Monthly clean up with June
- Gotan-E Service & Ochigo: DS children involved. Help if requested
- Parents' Day Luncheon: YBA will set up and clean up.
- Honor HS Grads: DS and BWA

June Members: David and Kathy Yotsuuye (chair), Bobby and Junko Yotsuuye, Mike Shigio, Debby Abe, Bob Gach
Phone tree members-Ted Masumoto, Chizuko Yotsuuye, Tada and Yoshie Yotsuuye, Irene Nagai

June Group Responsibilities:

- Monthly clean up with May
- Temple Picnic: DS set up and clean up. Help if requested
- Obon: Help make and serve somen after Obon Service July 23rd. (June, July and August Toban)
- Obon: Provide snacks for Friday and Saturday, July 28 and 29. (June and July Toban)
- Obon: Clean up kitchen area, bathrooms, social hall and other areas in use for Obon activities.

For the near future:

July Group Responsibilities:

- Obon Fundraiser: ALL MEMBERS ARE ASKED TO HELP.
- Obon: Help make and serve somen after Obon Service July 23rd. (June, July and August toban)
- Obon: Provide snacks for Friday and Saturday, July 28 and 29. (June and July toban)
- Obon: Clean up kitchen area, bathrooms, social hall and other areas in use for Obon activities.

August Group Responsibilities:

- Obon Fundraiser: ALL MEMBERS ARE ASKED TO HELP.
- Obon: Help make and serve somen after Obon Service July 23rd. (June, July and August toban)
- Obon: Provide lunch for Saturday set up on July 29 (August and September toban)
- Obon: Clean up kitchen area, bathrooms, social hall and other areas in use for Obon activities.

September Group Responsibilities:

- Obon Fundraiser: ALL MEMBERS ARE ASKED TO HELP.
- Obon: Provide lunch for Saturday set up on July 29 (August and September toban)
- Obon: Clean up kitchen area, bathrooms, social hall and other areas in use for Obon activities.
- Back to Church Breakfast: YBA provides, sets up and cleans up. Help if requested
- Keiro Luncheon: TBT Board Members set up and clean up. Help if requested

Welcome new temple member Kenji Stoll!

welcome! Thank you, Sangha members, for your continued support of our temple!



From Your Facility Committee



Water is kind of like a cat. It will not readily respond to verbal commands to “stay” when one needs to maintain a dry room. In the spirit of saving money yours truly has tried to train rain water to stay away from undesirable locations. However, I’ve only been successful in ensuring it stays in a bucket. Now our temple has proven to welcome all varieties of people. But the only kind of water we like is that which stays within the plumbing system and on top of the roof, not the sort that likes to barge in unwelcome through the door. Therefore, Tom Hubbell coordinated with The Gutter Experience to yank the welcome mat by channeling rogue rainwater away the social hall door. Keeping the water at bay is a precondition for the next project in the queue-reflooring the stage and social hall floors. Tom Hubbell, ever meticulous in attending to the details, has received quotes and samples of the floors. Those items will be examined prior to deciding on which direction to go. Instead of the glue typically used to adhere the tiles on top of the old floor perhaps we could ask the contractor to employ nattoo slime. The byproduct of soybean fermentation is tremendously sticky and no hazardous waste is generated in the manufacturing process. Some might complain about the odor. In some restaurants in Japan a separate room is provided for patrons to eat the stuff since other customers might find the smell objectionable. However, we could install one of those negative air systems to suck out the aroma. As far as bugs go we could purchase a robot vacuum cleaner that would work twenty four hours per day to suck up any ants that enter in order to get at the “glue” On the down side those countermeasures to reduce hazardous waste might increase our carbon footprint. So...never mind. Along with the new floor how about some reconditioned shelves to fancy up the ambiance of our Sukiyaki and Bazaar events. Reverend Kakihara, Jeff Hiroo, Fudge Shiogi, Mike Shiogi, and Fred Pelger have spent loads of time removing staples, filling holes with spackle, and painting the shelves. In addition to our abundant thanks the trees are cheering our shelf team on. All this will preclude the need to put paper to hide all the years of use and abuse. Conversely, if earthquakes could think they would most likely jeer our shelf refurbishers. They are using bolts instead of screws to anchor the shelves that go on the stage floor. Now if we were to apply asbestos the shelves could withstand some serious shaking and baking. Jeff Hiroo and Fred Pelger continue to clean the temple on a weekly basis. Kurt Osaka and Osaka Gardens are ceaseless in their war on weeds and other forms of landscape mayhem. On that note the annual Garden Cleanup is scheduled for June 4. It starts at 9:00. Bring your own tools and join the fun. When the opportunity arises please thank Tom Hubbell for utilizing his ample experience with contractors and facility improvements on behalf of the temple. David Yotsuuye and Del Sasaki have been working hard to keep our Temple in working order. Others who are important in keeping our facility in tip top shape are Rick Tanabe, Gary Ichinaga, Bob Yoshioka and Tad Kajimura.

Obon 2017

We are set to celebrate our Obon Festival on Saturday, July 29th, at our Temple. We will serve three main rice bowls: Teriyaki Chicken Rice Bowl, Unagi Rice Bowl, and Masayo's Tofu Rice Bowl. We will continue to have freshly made pies, daifuku mochi, strawberry mochi and peanut butter mochi. **NEW:** We are offering refreshing "Root Beer Floats" on the street level (only). The Barbeque Teriyaki Corn on the Cob will hopefully also return on our menu, as will spam musubi, cold somen and of course, our Mariner Dogs!. The kitchen and the beer garden will be open from 4:30, Obon Service will begin at 5:00, and our memorial candle ceremony will conclude our obon at 9:00 pm.

Dance practices are scheduled for July 11, 12, 13 in the Social Hall from 7:30-9:00 pm.

Thank you to everyone who has offered the use of their ice chests, fans and tents, and also who have brought fruit for our pies. Please mark your items.

Times to mark on your calendar:

Sunday, July 23, Hatsubon Obon Service – Somen served Anita Nakayama/Michiko Saito

Tobans will help prepare and serve

Tuesday, July 25 Making of Tsukemono Yasuko Morita, Kazuko Inoue

Thursday, July 27 Otsuyu making Anita/Michiko

Friday, July 28 Making pies Vicki Yoshioka, June Akita

Starting at 8:00 am if you are available

Making Teriyaki Chicken Sauce Fred Pelger, Les Hitsman

Saturday, July 29th-OBON Food preparations begin

Starting at 8:00 am

BWA – Making strawberry mochi 10:00 am

Lunch served to workers – 12:00 noon

Boil Somen noodles - noon

Tobans will make and serve lunch

Construction begins in Social Hall and Street Level – 12:30

Food sold beginning at 4:30 pm (first rice at 4:00)

Beer Garden open at 4:30 pm

Service at 5:00 pm

Dancing and eating until 9:00

9:00 pm – Candlelight Ceremony in Garden

9:00 pm -Take down of Social Hall and Street Level

Clean up in Kitchen as well

If you can help, please stay

Sunday, July 30th

Cleaning of the garden and candles

Clean kitchen and social hall (if needed)

Again, if you have some **frozen fruit or fresh fruit** that you are willing to share for our pies, please put them in our freezer in the Rev. Pratt Room by July 16th so we will know how much to purchase. Thank you very much for your contribution to our fruit pies. We will be making the pies on Friday, July 28th, starting at 8:00 AM. We appreciate your help, even for a few hours.

We are still looking for some help for Obon. If you would like to **help first or second shift**, please let us know. We can surely find an area that could use an extra hand. **Thank you, everyone, for your willingness to help before, during and after Obon.**

June Akita, Jim Doyle, Tony Gregg



10th Anniversary Memorial Candle Observance – Bon Odori 2017

Summer is nearly here and Obon season will start soon!

The candle observance held in our beautiful garden and pond behind the parsonage has been a wonderful way to end the evening after the festive dancing at Bon Odori. It is a moment of remembrance of our loved ones while we chant Sambujo and our garden is aglow at dusk with over 200 candles. We remember them with gratitude and joy for what they have done for us. The spirit of Obon is captured in the saying, “okagesama de genki desu” -- thanks to you, I am fine. It is an expression of the interconnectedness in our lives and appreciation to all who have come before us.

This will be the 10th year for this observance. Buddhists and many non-Buddhists participate. The sentiment of gratitude is universal. Many guests visit the garden during the dancing and festivities, and spend time in quiet reflection when they place their candles in the garden.

We will be lighting up our Japanese garden again at this year's Bon Odori on **Saturday, July 29, starting immediately after dancing ends**. Orders will be taken at Sunday services (starting mid-June) or you can complete and mail the form below. You can also order a candle at Bon Odori but it is a very hectic time and pre-orders are greatly appreciated. We can include Buddhist names on pre-ordered candles, though a Buddhist name is not necessary to place an order. Many non-Buddhists are remembered during this observance. If a Buddhist name was done in previous years, it will automatically be included. If you're not sure if we already have a Buddhist name, or would like to know who you've remembered in past observances, please contact me and I'll check our files.

Checks should be made out to: Tacoma Buddhist Temple

Mail to: Wendy Hamai 609 Vista Drive, Tacoma, WA 98465

(for any questions - Call Wendy at 253 678-2891 or e-mail - wfhamai@rainierconnect.com)

Memorial Candle Order Form (\$5 per candle)

Ordered by _____ **Phone #** _____

Email: _____

Names for candles: (1 name or couple per candle, please) Please *print* clearly.

Yearly Memorial Services

General Memorial Service Years for 2017

1st Year - 2016	17th Year - 2001
3rd Year - 2015	25th Year - 1993
7th Year - 2011	33rd Year - 1985
13th Year - 2005	50th Year - 1968



July 2017;

17th Year	Hosogi, Cherylee Kiyoka	Shakuni Sho-Ko	July 30, 2001
25th Year	Ikeda, Misao	Shakuni Ji-Kei	July 6, 1993
	Kajimura, Yoshiaki	Shaku Gi-Ko	July 24, 1993

August 2017;

1st Year	Fujita, Hiroshi	Shaku Koh-Ki	August 7, 2016
	Osaka, Sue	Shaku Jo-Kyo	August 28, 2016
7th Year	Payton, Tayoko	Shakuni Ho-Ju	August 6, 2011
13th Year	Osaka, Dick Tadashi	Shaku Chu-Shin	August 21, 2005
17th Year	Takagi, Tsutomu Tom	Shaku Do-Riki	August 9, 2001
25th Year	Mukai, Tom	Shaku E-Do	August 8, 1993

September 2017;

1st Year	Crider, Misao	Shaku Chi-Kai	September 21, 2016
13th Year	Tanabe, Violet Hiroko	Shakuni Myo-Jun	September 17, 2005
17th Year	Mosher, Shigeno	Shakuni Kou-Mo	September 4, 2001
25th Year	Yamada, Shizuko	Shakuni Jo-An	September 14, 1993
33rd Year	Miyazawa, Takai	Shakuni Sen-Jo	September 8, 1985

Greeters Schedule

Note: Please have new visitors sign up 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)

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

June	4	Del Sasaki / Mayumi Ikeda
	11	Temple Picnic (No Service at Temple)
	18	Richard Ling / Kevin Ikeda
	25	Lynrae Hubbell / Michael Shiogi
July	2	June Weled / David Yotsuuye
	9	Coco Inoue / Jill Case
	16	Jeff Hiroo / Ellen Shigeno
	23	Yasuko Morita / Erik Hammerstrom



Welcome!

Welcome to Tacoma Buddhist Temple!

We introduce our new members who joined the temple recently.



Zack Pearson & Rowynn

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

Where are you from originally? - "Federal Way and Silverdale (I've been a bit of a nomad)."

What do you do? - "I am a hair dresser."

Tell us about your family? - "My Wife Kate and I have been married for 10 years and have 2 beautiful little ladies named Rowynn and Penelope. Rowynn is 5 and loves Hip-hop dance, superheroes and princesses. My Wife Kate is a probation officer for Pierce County juvenile court and Penny just smiles a lot."

How did you get interested in Buddhism? - "My first encounters with Buddhism where as a young man through martial arts and breakdancing. Being involved in the local hip-hop scene in the 90s Buddhism seem to be a pretty popular thing amongst b-boys and growing up being heavily involved in martial arts I met many people that practiced different forms of Buddhism. The way these Buddhist behaved in society was something I always wanted for myself."

Why did you decide to join the temple? - "After practicing different forms of meditation, studying Buddhism and other eastern philosophies I decided it was time to become a member of a local Buddhist community. After a little research and a few different visits I decided on the Tacoma Buddhist temple because of its warm welcome and it's openness to the Community."

What's your hobby? - "All aspects of hip-hop, Music, Martial arts and comic books."

Anything else you want temple members to know about you? - "I like to meet people and learn about them. My life is a pretty open book if you see me around the temple and ever have questions I'm easy to approach. It has been wonderful meeting everybody that I have met. I can't wait to meet even more people."

Seattle and White River's Dharma School visit
Tacoma Buddhist Temple on April 30!





Gotan-e Service with Rev. Hamasaki

Graduates Recognition
Parents Appreciation Lunch



Memorial Day
Cemetery Service at Sumner

Temple Picnic

Sunday, June 11 at 10 am
At Edgemont Park in Edgewood

We have...Short Service
Games for kids, Sports, Bingo,
Pot-luck Lunch, and more.

Film Preview

Monday, June 12
at 7pm

"Three Jewels"
(Buddhism in Brazil)

The director of the film,
Rev. Sugao from Brazil
will be there.

Coffee Hour

June 25

July 9



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PRESENTS A FREE PUBLIC DISCUSSION:

American Muslims: History, Culture, and Politics

Discover four centuries of Muslims in America, and learn the ways Muslims have been integral to the American experience.



PRESENTED BY:

Turan Kayaoglu, University of Washington Tacoma

WHEN:

2:00 pm, Saturday, June 17, 2017

WHERE:

Tacoma Buddhist Temple
1717 Fawcett Ave, Tacoma, WA 98402

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Tacoma Buddhist Temple

Kimono Sales



Saturday, June 24

11:00 AM – 4:00 PM

In the Social Hall

We have over 200 beautiful Kimonos &
Accessories for sale!

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