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# MYOKYO

## 明鏡

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

**June 2018**

**Temple Mission Statement**

*"To offer those in the Pacific Northwest an enduring community that values inclusiveness and acceptance in seeking enlightenment."*

**Sensei's Message**



**"Always with Us"**

**Rev. Takashi Miyaji**

At the beginning of May, my wife Kaori and son Keisai were finally able to move to America. We were living apart for about five months and the process to get a green card for my wife took quite a long time. Now we are back together in Tacoma and the sangha has been gracious in their welcoming of my family.

It has been some time since I have lived with my family, so I have forgotten how much is involved when watching over my child. My wife does this seamlessly, but I still have to make a conscious effort in making sure my son does not hurt himself or get into a situation where he might be in danger. My wife and I talk about whether we need to get cushions to put on the floor in case our son falls off of the bed at night, or check to make sure a piece of chicken is not too big for him to swallow. I have to tell my son not to walk around with a tooth brush in his mouth, or make sure none of the toys are dangerous for him in any way. It takes quite a lot of energy checking the smallest of details.

In addition, I have to do everything twice: wash my hands and then my son's hands before a meal, wash my body and my son's when taking a shower, put on my clothes and then his, or make sure I am drinking water and staying hydrated as does he, etc. I am sure many of the readers understand quite well what I am going through. But these details of my life, which many times are quite cumbersome and inconvenient, serve to show me what my parents have done for me when I was a young toddler myself. Throughout my entire life my parents have been watching over me and checking to make sure that I do not get hurt or be in any kind of danger. Their concern for me is constant even though my concern for them is...not as constant.

This reminds me of a story that one of my teachers told when I was studying in Japan. He explained that Amida Buddha's concern for all sentient beings is constant and that the Buddha is always watching over us. It is as if there is a child swimming in the ocean who is starting to run out of energy and breath, and the child's parent is on the shore watching over him and seeing what is happening. Even before the child can call out "Papa!" to his dad to come save him, the parent yells to the boy, "Papa is here, I'm coming to get you! Stay right there!" and the parent leaps into the ocean to get his child.

In much the same way, Amida Buddha is calling out to us by saying to us, "Amida is here for you! I'm coming to get you don't worry! Stay just as you are," even before we realize that we are in a world of trouble and danger. The Buddha always watches over us despite the fact that we are completely oblivious to this truth, while we frolic and play in a dangerous world. It is only when we begin to realize that we are drowning and desperately need help, do we realize that the help was there all along. Let us listen to the Buddha Dharma, quickly become aware of the reality of the situation we are in, and then turn to the Buddha for guidance out of danger. Gassho

せんじつ がつまつ つま むすこ く がつ ひっこ ぶっきょうかい  
先日、4月末に妻と息子がようやくアメリカに来ることができました。5月にはタコマに引っ越し、タコマ仏教会  
の皆さんから歓迎していただいて大変ありがたく感じております。

かぞく げつかん はな じぶんひとり せいかつ こそだて たいへん つうかん  
家族と5カ月間も離ればなれで、自分一人の生活をしていたため、子育てがどれほど大変なものか痛感させ  
られています。2歳になる息子が危ないことをしないように、何時も彼から目が離せないのです。夜寝る時に  
彼がベッドからお落ちないように床にクッションを置いたほうがいいたろうかどうか妻と相談したり、食事中に彼  
が食べるもののおおの大きさがちょうどいいかどうかを確かめたりします。また、歯磨きしながら歩かないようにと  
注意したり、彼が遊んでいるおもちゃが安全かどうかを確かめることもします。子育てとは想像以上にエネルギー  
を取られるものです。

なに にかい かくご たと しょくじまえ て あら とき じぶん むすこ て  
さらに、何をしても二回しないと覚悟しています。例えば、食事前に手を洗う時は自分と息子の手  
を洗わなければならない、お風呂に入る時に自分と息子の体を洗わなければならない。出かける準備も、  
ねっちゅうしょう ふせ すいぶんほきゆう じぶん むすこ ぶん からだ あら で じゅんび  
熱中症を防ぐための水分補給も、自分と息子の分をもちろん管理しなければなりません。このような子育  
ての仕方は皆さんにとって当たり前のようなことでしょう。しかし、これらの出来事を振り返ってみると、自分が  
おさないとき りょうしん おな わたし しんぱい かん わたし い あいだ りょうしん  
幼い時、両親が同じように私のことを心配していたのだなと感じます。私が生きてきた間ずっと両親は  
自分が怪我をしないように、痛い目に合わないように色々心配していました。私が自分のことだけに夢中  
になっている間両親は休む間も無く私のことを考えてくれました。

かんが み わたし にほん とき き せんせい はなし おも だ あみだによらい すべ  
これを考えて見ますと、私は日本にいた時に聞いたある先生の話思い出します。阿彌陀如来は全ての  
しゅじょう つね しんぱい つね みな ことども うみ およ とちゅう いき くる  
衆生を常に心配していて、常に皆さんを見ておられます。ある子供が海で泳いでいて途中から息が苦しくな  
って、力が抜けてきます。しかし、その子の親が近くの海岸からずっと見ておられ、その子が「パパ、助け  
て！」と言う前に既にその親が、「パパがいるよ、大丈夫だよ！」と叫んで、我が子を助けるために海の方へ  
とびこみ 飛び込みます。

これと同じように、この世がいかに危ないところなのかをまだ知らない時から阿弥陀如来は私たちに「阿弥陀がいますよ！助けに行くからそのままいなさい、大丈夫ですよ！」と呼びかけておられます。私たちは真実の世界に気づかずに、心配なく踊ったり遊んだりしています。しかし、仏様は私たちのことを常に見ておられ、常に心配してくれています。そしてようやくこの世に飲み込まれるような恐怖を感じ、誰かの助けが必要と思った時に、前からいつもあった心の拠りどころとなるものが表れてきます。ですから、仏法を聴聞し、世の中の現実を目覚め、仏様の導きに任せましょう。合掌。

### Future Schedule

(Sun) June 3 at 10:00 am	Garden Clean-up/BWA bento fundraiser
(Fri) June 8 at 7:00 pm	Chanting Workshop at White River Buddhist Temple
(Sat) June 9 at 9:00 am	Plant and Musubi Sale
(Sun) June 10 at 10:00am	Temple Picnic at Edgemont Park
(Th) June 14 at 7:00 pm	Book Club at King's Books
(Sat) June 16 at 2:00 pm	Public Buddhism Seminar
(Sat) July 7 at 8:00 am	BWA Field Trip to Bainbridge Island
(Tues-Th) July 17-19 at 7:30pm	Bon Odori Practice

### President's Message



## Temple Board of Directors: Why it's important and recruitment starting soon!



Please read and consider.

Our Temple functions basically on 3 main pillars:

1. Our Jodo Shinshu religion and connection to the Buddhist Churches of America (BCA)
2. Our financial health
3. Our members who are the care takers of the temple

The 1<sup>st</sup> pillar is supported primarily by the work of our minister. The 2<sup>nd</sup> pillar is built on our major fundraisers, member pledges, and donations from members, families and friends.

I'll be focusing on the 3<sup>rd</sup> pillar for upcoming issues of the Myokyo. And for this issue, I wish to highlight the need for participation – in particular when it comes to being part of a very important team – our Board. The Board has been functioning with less than the 15 members are required in our constitution for several years. Without a full roster, it has been a challenge to manage our Temple as well as is needed, for the benefit of all members and our future.

We have a total of 8 seats that we need to fill. Two years ago, we changed our By-Laws which enabled a few members to graciously extend their terms in order for the Board to have a fuller complement of directors. Thus, the established rotation of 5-member classes of three-year terms each is now off.

**What's the purpose of the Board?** The Board works in partnership with our minister to support the religious and spiritual goals of the Temple. The Board helps to develop future goals and planning. It is responsible for managing temple finances and overseeing most of the non-ministerial temple operations. While the Board is the central hub from which much of temple operations are directed, this could not be done without the involvement and work of many other temple members who pick up specific tasks and responsibilities such as chairing an event, being on the Facilities committee and helping with maintenance problems, serving on the BEC, managing our social media sites, hosting coffee hours, and many other things.

**Our Temple is dependent on active participation, we are the caretakers of the temple.** I understand that the responsibility and work of Board may sound daunting. However, serving on the Board is a major way to connect, engage and support the Temple. Our Temple cannot function without some active participation from most of our members. Some of us may not have the interest or inclination to serve on the Board, but you can still support the temple in many other ways that could work for you. Even if you already have so many moving parts to your life that you can't see joining the Board, please consider serving on one of the committees. There are so many rewards and satisfaction that can come along with participation.

Thanks for considering this information about the Board and opening your mind to this need. Look for more information in the *Myokyo* and possibly at a Dharma Exchange. The recruitment team (June Weled, Jim Doyle, Crystal Inge and myself) may reach out in the near future, so thank you in advance for listening.

Gassho for your consideration,  
Wendy Hamai



### Buddhist Women's Association News

When I think of 'June,' I think of the school year ending, more sunshine but above all, yummy local strawberries, rhubarb and cherries – to practice patience for the tasty harvest is difficult!!

Our Sumi e class with **Lois Yoshida** was so much fun!!! With 13 Dharma School students and 22 adult students, we were able to donate \$210 to the Puget Sound Sumi Artist group. The children made a bamboo picture and a panda, and the adults made a bamboo picture and a heron. **David Campbell** thought his 'heron' looked more like a crow, and **Thelma Abe** thought her 'heron' looked like a duck – but they were all good!!!! Such a great learning lesson with such a great teacher! Thank you so much, Lois, for sharing your talents with us.

Many BWA ladies have helped preparing the parsonage. Special thank you to **Michiko Yukawa and Denise Cline** for wiping down the walls and cleaning the kitchen before Rev. Miyaji's family arrived. BWA voted to purchase new living room drapes for the parsonage, and also voted to reallocate any extra money for other items they may need in their home.

**Michiko Yukawa, Thelma Abe, Kazuko Inoue, Yasuko Morita, Martha Tamaki and I** made a few welcoming meals for the family as they arrived on May 2<sup>nd</sup>. Michiko also baked her yummy rolls and other breakfast goodies for the first few days as well. The food was totally appreciated and enjoyed by his family.

**Denise Cline** is busy preparing for the [Bento Fundraiser June 2 and 3](#). Please come to the temple at 8:00 AM both days for the preparation. As before, BWA will also prepare the yard workers' lunch on Sunday. Denise has sent letters and tickets to all members; please contact Denise if you need more.

[Peanut Butter and Jelly](#) will be collected the entire month of June. These items will be given to a local group as chosen by the April-May-June Toban. Thank you for your generosity!!

**Les Hitsman** still needs some indoor and outdoor plant starters for our [Plant and Snack Sale on June 9<sup>th</sup>](#). If you can, please help at **8:00 AM** to make spam musubi and to assist Les. All proceeds will be sent to the "Enmanji (Buddhist Temple) Fire Relief Fund" assisting 8 temple families.

Since I only received 2 pictures for the 2019 BCA Obaachan Calendar contest, we will not participate this year. Thank you, **Elsie and Asako!**

Finally, mark your calendars for the [BWA Annual Bus Trip](#) to Bainbridge Island [July 7<sup>th</sup>](#)! If you are interested, just let me know and your payment will save a seat. There is no charge for BWA members or DS students, a \$30 fee for Temple members and \$40 fee to Non-Temple friends to help offset the bus cost. This will be an interesting trip with a variety of activities – and maybe sunshine!! Plan to join us on July 7th!

**Save the dates:**

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| June 2,3   | Bento Fundraiser – 8:00 AM each morning                         |
| June 9     | Plant and Snack Sale - 8:00 AM preparations                     |
| July 7     | Bus trip to Bainbridge Island – 8:00 AM – 6:00 PM               |
| July 8     | General Meeting – lunch provided by July-August-September Toban |
| July 21    | Daifuku mochi for Obon – 8:00 AM                                |
| August 3,4 | Obon Preparations – 8:00 AM each day                            |

Thank you for your support and cooperation!!  
June

**Dharma School News**

**Setting my Intension as a parent, by a well-meaning mom. Personal stories about my**



**journey to parent using Buddhist practices**



In May we welcomed Miyaji Sensei's family, Kaori-san and little Andrew! We feel their joy at being reunited and we thank the YBA for their welcoming coffee hour celebration with generous and tasty treats. A few reminders. June 3<sup>rd</sup>, all families and students are invited to come before service to help with the garden clean-up. June 10<sup>th</sup>, 10AM is the picnic and potluck at Edgemont Park. We also want thank June Akita for organizing two incredibly special workshops with Lois Yoshida, a well-known sumi-e, or ink wash painting artist, who is also a home-grown product of our Dharma School. Her family has been active with the Temple since its founding over 100 years ago. Lois' first workshop was for our Dharma School students. They learned the history of sumi-e, basic brush strokes, ink mixing and how to paint bamboo and panda bears. The second workshop was for us adults. We covered the same lessons but were tasked with a bird instead of a panda. As a hobby, I dabble with acrylic paints with its array of colors, brushes, additives and canvas choices, however I was completely humbled by the simple sumi-e

supplies - a brush, black ink, water and rice paper. When the adult workshop concluded, June came running up offering wax paper and asked if I wanted to take my art home. She was kind and generous as usual, but what I created was not art- no, no! While it would have been nice to display a wonderful memento at home, I put my mutilated bird in its rightful place- the recycle bin. Our students, however, turned out amazing roly-poly

pandas and graceful bamboo. What I did take home that day was a greater appreciation for this ancient art. Painters, like Lois, take a few simple materials to create expressive pieces that capture the spirit of the object, rather than an exact replica. It reminds me of Buddhism- simple concepts but surprisingly difficult to execute.

So, speaking of Buddhist practices - simple to understand, yet difficult to execute, I turn again to the topic of parenting. May's article was about my *intention* or *right effort* to follow the teachings of the Buddha so my children feel worthy of love and compassion and feel accepted for who they are. For them to have a sense of belonging in our family where gratitude, joy, courage, vulnerability and playfulness flow. This can be a challenge with life stresses, so I wrote about self-care as my foundation to practice more conscious (mindful) parenting rather than being reactive. Mindfulness I believe, begets right view, thought, speech and conduct. The journey from where I am today to where my intention lies, is my personal path. It is not a straight path by any means, in fact I sometime careen off the side of the road. I guess that is why it's called a practice. So what are my micro steps along my path? I've listened, re-listened and taken notes of hundreds of hours of podcasts, mostly Oprah's *Super Soul Sunday*. I probably average one hour a day by combining my listening with driving, working out, brushing teeth, cooking, washing dishes, basically any time I am not at my job, or with family and friends. While I do not adhere one hundred percent to all of their beliefs, I have received golden nuggets from Pema Chodron, Eckhart Tolle, Gary Zukav, Dr. Shafali Tsabary, Thich Nhat Hanh, Jack Kornfield, Maya Angelou, and my go to regulars, Brene Brown and Michael Singer. One reoccurring theme I find interesting is this - we only have two choices of how to react - love or fear, and that's it! I prefer to replace the Buddhist concept of *compassion* for the word *love*. In any case, these two responses are the foundation for all the other emotions. Fear for example, can look like anger, sadness, unfairness, shame, horror, blame, worry, anxiety, loss, disappointment. etc. Love/Compassion can look like curiosity, acceptance, belonging, honor, empathy, happiness, helpfulness, support, caring, connection, non-judgement, cooperation, peace, etc. So the way I see it, as a parent my response to my children's behavior will evoke one of two responses from them. With this knowledge I asked myself, how do I set my intention to respond with love and compassion? Here are my micro steps. Before I begin interacting with my children in the morning or after school, I slow it down by consciously thinking and visualizing compassion. I have hung up written reminders and photos of their smiling faces to keep my accountable. I have even gone as far as opening up my onajin, putting my palms together in gasho and reminding myself I will practice mindfulness. I say, "when things are not going the way I expect, I will stop, breathe, listen, notice and choose before reacting." My children requested we start and end each day with a hug – isn't that nice? I quite soberly realized when I parent with fear, it is often rooted in my ego, ugh! When thoughts such as, "what will people think of me if my children are not behaving according to social norms?" When this is my focus, teaching and empathy are abandoned at the side of the road. I wonder about the other ways I parent that serve my ego. I noticed I was most stressed and hard on my children at temple, which is ironic. The way I cured myself of this was to remember my childhood, and how a peer or two ran up and down the hondo during service, yet as an adult they are doing just great! I feel so much happier at temple and I have our sangha to thank for helping me raise my children, okagesama-de.

Merilee

### Young Buddhist Association News



Thank you everyone who helped celebrate parents at the YBA's Parents Day luncheon! We hoped you enjoyed the food we prepared, and I can't wait to plan for next year!

The **keha** used during the Gotan-e service were made by the Dharma school students during class. Our goal was to get more than just the children involved in celebrating Siddhartha's birthday, so thank you for being so open to participating during the service.

As the temple season runs into summer, the Lotus class will begin our T-shirt silk screening for the Obon Festival, look out for some new designs!

In Gassho,  
Kate Inge

## Buddhist Education Committee News



I was at the grocery store in the vegetable section, reaching up to get a plastic vegetable bag when a man dashed over and said, "let me help you with that." Yes, I am a bit vertically challenged, so I gave him a big "thank you!" Another woman shopper smiled and said, "isn't it nice to have someone tall around to help?" I said, "yes, it is" and jokingly, "and would you like to help me out as I go up and down the aisles?" He laughed, and said "well, you know, someday I might need some help too." I replied, "well, I hope I can be the one to help you when you need it!" His final comment, "your smile is all I need, have a good day!"

We all left with a little more spring in our step and warmth in our hearts.

It's always nice when we can share in a sunny moment. It still warms my heart when a young person graciously opens the door for me. I always think highly of his/her parents whom I don't even know, teaching their children good manners and to extend a helping hand when needed. As the saying goes these days, "let's pay it forward."

What struck me even more was Rev. Miyaji's talk recently about Shakyamuni Buddha expressing how fortunate we are to be born into human life. Viewing all of the sand by the Ganges River, Shakyamuni Buddha related that a handful of sand represents those who are born into human life. And the amount of sand resting on your thumb equates to those who encounter the Buddha Dharma.

We are so fortunate to have this life, to have this historic temple and wonderful minister, to have the Buddha's teachings that help us live out our lives in this world. Spreading the Buddha Dharma through our words, actions and deeds, sharing those teachings with our children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren, I feel like that is the most precious gift we can share...along with a smile and a helping hand!

Gassho,  
Donna Sasaki

## Toban News

### June Toban News



**Obon Fundraiser: ALL MEMBERS ARE ASKED TO HELP August 4.**

#### All toban Chairs:

Please e-mail/call your group and remind them of the following dates:

- Temple picnic on **June 10**
- Obon service on **July 29**
- Obon festival on **August 4**

June 2018 and May 2018 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 know the clean-up dates to check for other activity conflicts and add to Temple calendar.

**May Toban Group:**

- Tom and Lynrae Hubbell (chairs)
- Ken and Lynne Tanino
- Jill Case
- Matthew and Merlaine Cook
- Tanya Henriques
- Phone tree members:
  - o Toyoko Nakagawara
  - o Hiroshi Nakagawara
  - o Pauline Yamashita

**June Toban Group:**

- Jeff and Vivian Hiroo (chairs)
- Denise Cline
- Delbert and Cynthia Sasaki
- Erin Berkey
- Phone Tree Members:
  - o Tad and Joan Kajimura



**May Group Responsibilities:**

- Monthly clean up with June
- Parents' Day Luncheon: help YBA as needed.
- Honor HS Grads: DS and BWA. Help if requested.

**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 29th. (June, July and August Toban)
- Obon: Provide snacks for Friday and Saturday, August 3 and 4. (June and July Toban)
- Obon: Clean up kitchen area, bathrooms, social hall and other areas in use for Obon activities.

**July Toban Group:**

- Richard and Tracy Ling (chairs)
- Coco Inoue
- Ellen Shigeno
- June and Barry Weled
- Kjirsten Winters
- Phone tree members:
  - o Peter Lee
  - o Frank Shigio

**August Toban Group:**

- Kevin and Mayumi Ikeda (Chairs)
- Masahiro Sugano
- Diane Taniguchi
- Elsie Taniguchi
- Kosho and Michiko Yukawa
- Phone tree members:
  - o Ed and Kimiko Fujinaga

**July Group Responsibilities:**

- Monthly clean-up with August
- Obon: Help make and serve somen after Obon Service July 29th. (June, July and August toban)
- Obon: Provide snacks for Friday and Saturday, August 3 and 4. (June and July toban)
- Obon: Clean up kitchen area, bathrooms, social hall and other areas in use for Obon activities.

**August Group Responsibilities:**

- Monthly clean-up with July
- Obon: Help make and serve somen after Obon Service July 29th. (June, July and August toban)
- Obon: Provide lunch for Saturday set up on August 4 (August and September toban)

Obon: Clean up kitchen area, bathrooms, social hall and other areas in use for Obon activities

~Mayumi

*THANK YOU!!*

## From Your Facility Committee



Well, it looks like we got out snookered by some critters with bird brains-evolutionary descendants of the dinosaur no less. When Reverend Miyaji expressed concerns about scampering on top the office ceiling we theorized the culprits might be rats or a possum. Now rats are really smart, so I came up with a sinister plan. Instead of trapping them I would install a maze in the crawl space and pipe in music from the ADT radio bleed. Perhaps the rodents would skedaddle with the belief they were subjects of a diabolical experiment courtesy of Washington State University. Well it seems there was a scientific experiment in the works all right. Crows were testing our responses to their tap dancing on the roof. I could have sworn that I saw a murder of crows cawing and peering through the Reverend Pratt room window during my frustrating search for an access panel to the space above the office. OK crows. Well caw you too.

On a more positive note thank you Tony Gregg for the hard work that allowed Miyajis to cook on their shiny new gas range. Additionally, the parsonage island countertop has been refinished. Another stylish touch is the new bamboo screen on the parsonage deck. So enough with the improvements that cost money. Let's get to the free stuff. The temple got a used freezer. David Yotsuuye, Tom Hubbell, Tony Greg, and Jim Dolye moved the appliance from a house to the parsonage garage. All that is required is some elbow grease to remove the mold and grime.

Jeff Hiroo and Fred Pelger are teaming up and spiffing up the temple every week. Mike Shiogi, David Yotsuuye, Tom Hubbell, Tony Gregg, Rick Tanabe, and Del Sasaki continue to contribute to the Facilities mission. Additionally, Gary Ichinaga, Bob Yoshioka, and Tad Kajimura provide important work for the Facilities team. Also, Kurt Osaka and Osaka Gardens continue to ensure the temple grounds are a sight to behold.

~Dave



***Frank Mizukami passed away on May 5, 2018***

***Our deepest sympathy to his wife Violet and daughter  
Teresa Mizukami-Stahnke.  
Frank was a long time member of the temple  
and served in many capacities.***

***Namo Amida Butsu***

***The family would appreciate expressions of sympathy be  
sent via mail, PO Box 1767, Milton Wa. 98354***

## Yearly Memorial Services

### General Memorial Service Years for 2018

1st Year - 2017  
 3rd Year - 2016  
 7th Year - 2012  
 13th Year - 2006

17th Year - 2002  
 25th Year - 1994  
 33rd Year - 1986  
 50th Year - 1969

#### June 2018:

3rd Year	Kosai, Wesley	Shaku Ken-Kyo	June 4, 2016
17th Year	Heard, Eliyas	Shaku Myo-Ren Doji	June 25, 2002
33rd Year	Marumoto, Yasu	Shaku Myo-Raku	June 20, 1986

#### July 2018:

1 <sup>st</sup> Year	Tanbara, George Ayao	Shaku Ji-Shin	July 1, 2017
13 <sup>th</sup> Year	Masumoto, Irene Kinuye	Shakuni Ji-Sen	July 29, 2017

#### August 2018:

3 <sup>rd</sup> Year	Fujita, Hiroshi	Shaku Koh-ki	August 7, 2016
	Osaka, Sue	Shakuni Jo-Kyo	August 28, 2016
7 <sup>th</sup> Year	Nakanom Kenichi	Shaku Ken-Shin	August 8, 2012
	Higashi, Noritoshi	Shaku Shun-Jo	August 21, 2012

## 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)

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

<b>June</b>	<b>3</b>	Mayumi & Kevin Ikeda
	<b>10</b>	<b>Temple picnic @ Edgemont Park</b>
	<b>17</b>	June Weled
	<b>24</b>	Jill Case & Jeff Hiroo
<b>July</b>	<b>1</b>	Jim Doyle & Tony Gregg
	<b>8</b>	Lynrae & Tom Hubbell
	<b>15</b>	Yasuko Morita & Erin Shimizu
	<b>22</b>	Michael Shiogi & Henry Stoll
	<b>29</b>	Ken Tanino & Coco Inoue
<b>August</b>	<b>5</b>	David Yotsuuye & Bobby Yotsuuye
	<b>12</b>	Jane Burster & David Campbell
	<b>19</b>	Denise Cline & Merlaine Cook
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# Welcome!

## Kjirsten, Ezra, and Ivan Winters



### **Tell us where you were born and raised.**

I was born in Portland, OR in the 70s and then moved to Seattle where I was raised. I went to Los Angeles to attend college for a bit and then my husband and I spent almost 20 years in Portland before moving back to the Puget Sound area. My children were born in Portland and now go to school in Tacoma.

**Why have you chosen to become a member of the Temple?** I was attending Kadampa Meditation Center, which is a Tibetan sect of Buddhism where I really enjoyed the teachings. However, I had to drive to the Seattle temple for the children's Dharma school and my children did not resonate with it. It was important to me to be able to share Sunday mornings and the Dharma with my children. Serendipitously, we

were introduced to Tacoma Buddhist Temple through my son's friend George and his family and we started going in October. Because the temple is so family centered and the children's programs are so fun and inclusive of kids, mine are intrinsically motivated to go. I like the fellowship, the kind and welcoming atmosphere and the straightforward messages in addition to the activities everyone participates in. I am also interested in learning about the history of the temple and its congregation.



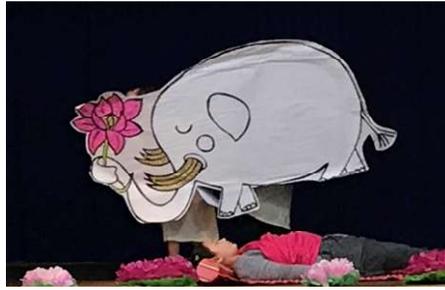
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### **Do you have any skills or interests that can add to the Sangha?**

I am an occupational therapist working with kids who likes to connect the body and mind through movement and activities like art, cooking, games, etc. I have a BFA in painting and used to make sets for a living, so I can help with theater props and decor as well as other art related things. My husband is a film maker and may have some connections to video services.

### **What is the one thing you want the Temple to know about you.**

I am grateful and humbled to be accepted so warmly into the fold by everyone here.



*Sumi with Lois*





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*Northwest District Ministers and family, taken at the NW District Council meeting in Yakima, May 12, 2018*



## \*June 2018

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1	2 BWA bento prep 8am
3 Garden Clean Up BWA bento 8 am	4	5	6	7	8 Chanting Workshop White River BT at 7pm	9 Plant & Musubi Sale 9am
10 Temple Picnic at 10 am Edgemont Park	11	12	13	14 7pm Book Club Kings Books	15	16 Public Summer Seminar 2-4 @TBT
17 Board Mtg Family Service Dharma Exchange at 10am	18 MYOKYO DEADLINE	19	20	21	22	23
24 BEC mtg Family Service Dharma Exchange at 10am	25	26	27	28	29	30

## \*July 2018

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 Family Service Dharma Exchange at 10am	2	3	4	5	6	7 BWA field trip to Bainbridge Island 8 am
8 Family Service Dharma Exchange at 10am	9	10	11	12 7pm Book Club @ Kings Books	13	14
15 Board Meeting Family Service D. Exchange 10am	16 MYOKYO DEAD- LINE	17 Bon Odori Practice @ 7:30 17th-19th	18 Eatonville & Orting, Cemetery Visitation	19	20	21 Daifuku Mochi prep 8 am
22 Family Service D. Exchange 10am Obon cemetery visit	23	24	25	26	27 NWD YBL Retreat at Seattle 27-29	28
29 Family Service Hatsubon Service D. Exchange 10am	30	31				