

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



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MYOKYO 明鏡

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

July, 2016

Sensei's Message



"Japanese Jodo Shinshu" and "American Jodo Shinshu"

Rev. Kojo Kakihara

As we have had more sunny days recently, I have had more chances to golf. I started golf when I was in Los Angeles. Since then I had a few chances to golf with my friends in Japan when I took vacation. When I went to a golf course in Japan for the first time, I was a little puzzled with some different things like being given a locker key in checking-in, a power cart for four persons with a remote-control, or a different kind of grass on the course from one in this country. But basically golf itself is the same. Professionals might adjust their way of swing or their clubs to use depending on differences of grasses or weather. But in any countries, golf is the game that people hit a stopped ball with a golf club and hole in.

Our Jodo Shinshu tradition began in 1224 with Shinran Shonin as the founder. And more than 100 years has passed since it was introduced into this country. Here I sometimes hear a term of "American Jodo Shinshu." It is very important for new or different ways of conveying the teachings or different ways of services to be groped so that Jodo Shinshu is conveyed in this country and received well by American people who have different language and culture from Japanese people. However, it is also true in this stream that there are ideas or misunderstandings that we do not have to necessarily follow the traditional teachings because tradition is something outdated or old-fashioned, and that it is okay to interpret the teachings more freely in a unique way in order to attract people because this is not Japan.

It is indeed that old ways of conveying the teachings and old rituals which are not fit for the times, should be improved. Buddhist ministers in Japan, too have been trying and developing new ways of conveying, for example, using internet or opening a Bozu (Buddhist priest) bar to meet new generations' ways of thinking and their ways of life. However, the essence of Jodo Shinshu teachings is one and the same in any countries and any times. Therefore, in its teachings, there is no such things like "American Jodo Shinshu," or "Japanese Jodo Shinshu." If there were such separate things like that, there must be "Canadian Jodo Shinshu," or "Belgian Jodo Shinshu" as well. Each person may have different taste or appreciation to the teachings, but the

teachings itself does not change. If we understand and interpret the teachings selfishly as it suits own convenience without learning or with ignoring the essence of Nembutsu conveyed by Shinran Shonin and the tradition which was born from the essence, that would not be Jodo Shinshu anymore, but that would be just a religion of self-convenience.

Rev. Daien Fugen, one of the highest authorities in Nishi Hongwanji, states about this as following;

It has been traditionally common to talk about Inheritance and interpretation in Jodo Shinshu. "Inheritance" is "Tradition," and "Interpretation" is "Originality." When we ignore "Inheritance" and take only to "Originality," we will fall into dogmatism. Also when we ignore "Originality" and take only to "Inheritance," we will fall into blind obedience. There is no life as a religion in dogmatism and blind obedience. Just in harmony between "Inheritance" and "Interpretation," true teaching is born and true religion is born. It was Shinran Shonin who kept this more thoroughly than anyone else. The more we long for the growth and improvement of the teachings, the more we should not neglect the traditional teachings.

Recently people have emphasized "the modern teachings." But the teachings should always be "the modern teachings." However, what is important in establishing the modern teachings, is that we should not teach or understand "Jodo Shinshu" which is not really Jodo Shinshu while ignoring the traditional teachings because of trying too much to adapt it to self-convenience or the modern society. I really hope that we should establish the teachings which is fit to the modern society while standing on the tradition.

The teachings of the Nembutsu is what Shinran Shonin devoted his life to take over and convey. May we not understand the teachings and spirit as it follows our convenience or our way of life centering Self, but may we be able to understand and appreciate the teachings as they are and aim for the way of living as we follow the teachings putting ego-self aside. Our BCA is an organization of Jodo Shinshu, and the founder of Jodo Shinshu is Shinran Shonin.

Namoamidabutsu

Buddhism 101

Rev. Kojo answers your questions on Buddhism or Jodo Shinshu during Sunday Service mostly on the last Sunday of every month. Put your questions in the box at the foyer or send by email. The next will be on **July 17th**.

Basic Buddhism Class

We have Study Class at 7pm mostly on the 1st Wednesday of every month. The next class will be **"Introduction to Tannisho" at 7 pm, July 6th** in the Rev. Pratt Room. Please enter through the side walk on the left side of the building. There will be no Class in August.

にほん じょうどしんしゅう あめりか じょうどしんしゅう
日本の浄土真宗とアメリカの浄土真宗？

かきはらこうじょう
柿原興乗

さいきん てんき ひ ふ ごるふ きかい ふ わたし ろさんぜるす ととき ごるふ
最近、天気の日も増えたので、ゴルフをできる機会も増えてきました。私はロサンゼルスにいる時にゴルフ
をはじめましたが、それ以来、バケーションで日本に行った時に、友達とゴルフをする機会が何度かありました。
はじ にほん ごるふ こーす い ととき ちえっくいん ととき こじん ろっかー かぎ わた かーと
初めて日本のゴルフコースに行った時は、チェックインをした時に個人のロッカーの鍵を渡されたり、カート
が四人乗りでリモコン操作だったり、コースの芝がアメリカとは違ったりと、戸惑うこともありました。しか
し基本的なゴルフ自体は同じです。プロは芝や天候の違いによって打ち方を工夫するのかもしれませんが。しか
しどこの国でも、ゴルフは、ゴルフクラブで止まっているゴルフボールを打って穴に入れるゲームです。

浄土真宗は1224年に親鸞聖人を開祖として始めました。ここアメリカには100年以上前に伝えられました
が、ここでは、「アメリカの浄土真宗」という言葉を聞くことができます。日本とは言葉や文化の違う
アメリカの方々に伝わりやすいように、違った形の伝え方、違った勤行の形が模索されていくことは、と
ても大切なことだと思えます。しかしその中で、伝統を古風で時代遅れなものであると勘違いしたり、ここは
日本ではないから、アメリカ独自の教えの解釈をしてもいい、という考えがあるのも事実です。

確かに、時代や生活スタイルに合わない作法や教えの伝え方は改善されるべきです。日本でも、
インターネットを使ったり、「坊主バー」を開いたり、現代人の考え方や生活スタイルに合った、新しい
伝道の方法もなされています。しかし、浄土真宗の教えの根本は、どこの国でも、どの時代でも、変わるこ
とはなく一つだけです。ですから、教えにおいては、「アメリカの浄土真宗」、「日本の浄土真宗」という
ものは存在しません。もしそういう別々のものがあるのなら、「カナダの浄土真宗」や「ベルギーの浄土
真宗」も必要になります。教えに対する味わい、感謝はそれぞれに違うかもしれませんが、教えそのものは
変わりません。親鸞聖人が伝えられたお念仏の教え、そこから生まれた伝統教を学ばず、あるいは無視を
して、自分の都合に合うように、好き勝手に解釈してしまうと、それはもう浄土真宗ではなく、ただの自己
都合の宗教になってしまいます。

このことについて、普賢大円先生は以下のように書かれています。

真宗においては、相承と己証ということが、言いならわされている。相承とは伝統であり、己証と
は独創である。相承を忘れて、いたずらに己証に走るときは、独断に陥り、また己証を忘れて、い
たずらに相承に走るときは盲従となる。盲従と独断には宗教としての生命はない。相承と己証
の対立と調和の中にこそ、真実の思想が生まれ、宗教が生まれる。親鸞聖人ほど、このことを徹底
された人はいない。新しき宗学の発達を切望すればこそ、旧来の宗学を忘れてはならぬ。

(中略)

最近、「現代教」ということが強調されるが、宗学は常に「現代教」であるべきである。し
かしながら、現代教を確立する場合に、くれぐれも大切なことは、いたずらに現代に適応しようと
するあまり、伝統を忘れ、真宗ならぬ真宗を説くことになってはならない。あくまでも伝統の上に
立ちつつ、現代に適応する教の樹立をしてほしいものである。

親鸞聖人が生涯をかけて伝えていかれたお念仏のみ教え。自分を中心において、自分の都合に沿わせるの
ではなく、自分の我を横において、み教えをいただき、その教えに沿うような生き方を目指せる私たちであ
りたいものです。BCAは浄土真宗の教団であり、浄土真宗の開祖は親鸞聖人です。

南無阿彌陀仏

お知らせ：月に一度、日曜礼拝の後に日本語法話をいたします。次回は7月17日です。お聴聞ください。

Future Schedule

Every Monday at 7pm	Mindfulness Meditation (No Meditation in August and Sep. 5)
Wednesday, July 6 at 7pm	Basic Buddhism Class "Introduction to Tannisho"
July 12, 13, 14 at 7:30pm	Obon Dance Practice in the social hall
Wednesday, July 13 at 1pm	Cemetery clean-up and services at Eatonville/Orting
Sunday, July 17 pm	Obon Cemetery Visitations Old Tacoma (1:30pm), Mt. View (2:00pm) New Tacoma (2:45pm), Sumner (4:00pm)
Sunday, July 24 at 10 am	Hatsubon (first Obon memorial) & Obon Service
Saturday, July 30 at 5 pm	Obon Dance Festival
July 31-September 4	No Sunday Service (Service re-starts on September 11)
August 1 - September 5	No Meditation (Meditation re-starts on September 12)
Sun, September 13 at 9am at 10am	Welcome back Breakfast in the social hall Dharma School Service & Family Service Coffee Hour after the Service
Sun, September 18 at 10am 11:30am	Fall Ohigan Svc. with past bishops and Tacoma Ministers Mem. (Guest Speaker: Rev. Don Castro, Seattle) Informal Session "Eco Sangha" by Rev. Castro
Sun, September 25	Keiro Appreciation Luncheon after Sunday Services

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



July is synonymous for Obon! Summer food like somen and kori, Obon dancing, taiko drumming and our candlelight memorial are triggers that bring back memories of our families. Obon is also a time to give thanks to our own temple where we enjoy ourselves and create community. With June Akita as our chairperson and many others as co-chairs, we're thankful for their time and dedication. Please contact her if you can volunteer before, during or after!

We typically do not have an August newsletter so I'll share a couple updates. First, our Northwest District is saying goodbye to Rev. Dennis Fujimoto who has served the Idaho/Oregon temple. During this time, he had also served as supervising minister of Oregon Buddhist Temple (OBT). With his new position at the Sacramento Buddhist Temple, that now leaves Oregon in need of a replacement. By the request of the Bishop and BCA, Rev. Kakihara will support OBT as the supervising minister. For our temple, that means sensei will dedicate one weekend a month to provide services and other religious activities for OBT and their membership. He'll also attend to other ministerial business for the temple a part of his overall duties.

A joint calendar is currently being developed as well as an approach to fill that one service. Our temple is very fortunate to have a full-time minister as it is becoming more and more difficult for smaller temples to afford this. Through your continued membership and donations, we are able to have a ministerial leader. Let's thank our Minister Assistants, Fred Pelger, Michiko Yukawa, Ted Tamaki, Mr. Miki and our venerable retired minister, Rev. Yukawa for their countless hours at the temple and beyond.

Last, I'd like to invite everyone to our Keiro luncheon honoring our members who are 88+. Please save Sunday, September 25 to recognize our honorees. Details to come in the September newsletter.

In Gassho,

Crystal

KERIO LUNCHEON IN SEPTEMBER!

Please join our temple to honor members who are 88+ at a luncheon after service on Sunday, September 25.

Buddhist Women's Association News



Thank you to all BWA members who made this year's bento fundraiser a huge success. I would also like to thank David Campbell, Jerry Akita and Karl Smith for cooking the rice, Yasuko Morita and Michiko Yukawa for taking the lead on our feature entrees of karaage chicken and gyoza, respectively, and Denise Cline who designed the tickets and orchestrated the distribution (She should get promoted to be a conductor). Lastly, to the anonymous donor of the additional entrée of seasoned beef. Thank you all for supporting, volunteering and being actively involved in this annual event. Gochisosama deshita.



Another acknowledgement of thanks goes to everyone who supported the Peanut Butter and Jelly food drive for a local food bank. Your generosity is deeply appreciated.

After a brief rest, summer is here in a blink, even though the weather is deceiving at times. But a cloudy day or rain spell is a welcoming relief during a heat wave. Upcoming events to save the date:

July 10 – General meeting after service, 11 a.m. Light lunch: Jul/Aug toban

July 23 – Daifuku mochi making for Obon 8 a.m.- 2 p.m.

July 30 – Fresh strawberry mochi 10 a.m. – 12 noon.

A reminder that the FBWA registration deadline is August 31. Please let me know if you would like to attend the October 7 – 9, 2016 conference @ the Westin Hotel Bellevue. A request for volunteer drivers is announced below.

Gassho,

Patti Wong

The FBWA Transportation Committee is seeking volunteer drivers for the October FBWA Conference at the Westin Bellevue. Drivers are needed to shuttle attendees from SeaTac Airport to the hotel on Thursday and Friday, October 6th and 7th and from the hotel back to the airport on Sunday, October 9th. Please contact Joan Nakano at joan.nakano@seattlebetsuin.com or (425) 785-5585 if you can volunteer to drive and let her know your availability.

Thank you!

Buddhist Education Committee News



Special July Temple Service

Obon Service, Sun., 7/24, 10am. A memorial *service* to enable people to pay tribute to the departed. The service is held separately from the Bon Odori festival so that the sangha can participate in this solemn and respectful remembrance in quiet reflection.



Remembering Our Humanity

We live in an age when we are all defined by categories. Categories that define and divide us by race, region, education, money and, of course, religion. The news is filled with stories of divisions between conservatives and progressives, Sunni and Shiite, immigrants and natives, Islam and Christianity. Given this constant drumbeat of identity by division, it would seem we should also be mindful of our similarities and the humanity that binds us.

I am reminded of this by Pat, an elderly neighbor who lives near us in a tiny white house, with a tiny meticulous garden. During the mornings starting in early March and continuing through October she can often be found working in her garden. Now approaching her mid-90s, she is a bit more stooped and moves a little slower than in years past, but the sparkle of her spirit glows as bright as ever. She has a ready smile and hello for all the pedestrians who pass by. Each year in late spring, as her dahlias have blossomed, she sets up a table with a vase on the sidewalk in front of her house with “free flowers”, so she can share her bountiful crop with the neighborhood.

One morning a couple years ago, while reading the Seattle Times I noticed an article about Pat. The article told of her being a retired Catholic nun, who had devoted her life to counseling inmates at the King County Adult Detention Center, located in downtown Seattle. That for the last 25 years, 6 days a week she would walk from her modest house, board a bus to the county jail, where she served to the needs of the male and female inmates. It was hard for me to fathom this kind, gentle, elderly woman sitting in a cellblock listening and giving counsel to the prisoners.

This past weekend I learned from my next-door neighbor that Pat is currently in the hospital. While I have no idea of the severity of her illness, it does make me wonder if it is life threatening. And given that to me Pat personifies the qualities we strive for in becoming enlightened, I wonder what now. Do we get divided into different categories even after we die? Is her heaven really a different destination than the Pure Land? Does it matter?

Gassho,

John Inge

Dharma School News



At the temple picnic, Excellent Attendance awards were given to the following students:

2nd year: Satone and Shujo Kakihara

5th year: Enzo Yotsuuye

7th year: Jet Yotsuuye

12th year: Kate and Emma Inge

15th year: Kenzo Yoshitomi

Congratulations students!!!



The *Kindness Counts* campaign is still in progress and will continue in the fall. The Maitreya class filled their *Kindness Counts* classroom jar with enough beads to have an ice cream sundae party on June 5th. Thanks to teacher Debby Abe for providing all the treats for the day!

Plans are still in the works for a Dharma School outing to Trampoline Nation on July 9th. Confirmation will be sent via email to Dharma School families.

Thanks to all the teachers who volunteered their time and creative efforts to teach classes this year. We are ever so grateful for their dedication to our temple and our students.

Gassho,

Donna Sasaki

A great day for a picnic!

Our annual temple picnic and potluck lunch was held on June 12th at Edgemont Park.

The day was partly cloudy, partly sunny, so jackets were on and off most of the day. Overall, the weather was good and made for an enjoyable day.

Rev. Kakihara conducted service at 10 am, followed by presentation of Excellent Attendance awards.

Second year recipients were Satone and Shujo Kakihara. Enzo Yotsuuye received his 5th year award, Jet Yotsuuye received his 7th year award. Kate and Emma Inge received their 12th year award, and Kenzo Yoshitomi received his 15th year award. Congratulations students!

After service, Junko and Bobby kept the kids busy with a variety of games and relays that were fun to watch! There was a watermelon “smash” and a candy filled piñata to break. Some games, like the water balloon toss involved adults as well. There was also a basketball game going on, and a softball game organized by John.

We all enjoyed a variety of delicious dishes for potluck lunch, plus BBQ hotdogs, compliments of Fred and Les.

After a full stomach, we all sat down to BINGO. Thanks to Jerry for taking care of the BINGO calling, June for getting all the prizes.

Throughout the day, Mike played a great variety of music to add a fun atmosphere to our picnic. We ended the day with a special line dance!

Special thanks to the following helpers:

Collecting all the kitchen supplies in advance of the picnic – Yasuko Morita

Morning crew who helped load tables, chairs and supplies – Tom Hubbell, Fred Pelger, Les Hitsman, Jeff Hiroo, Mike and Priscilla Shiogi, Henry Stoll, Al Sasaki

BBQ cooks – Fred Pelger, Les Hitsman (thanks for providing the “dogs” too!)

Kid games – Junko and Bobby Yotsuuye

Bingo and Bingo prizes – June and Jerry Akita

Raffle prizes – Kazuko Inoue

Baseball organizer – John Inge

Music – Mike Shiogi

Afternoon crew who helped unload tables, chairs and supplies back to the temple – Tom Hubbell, Mike and Priscilla Shiogi, Jeff Hiroo, Ken and Lynne Tanino, Wendy Hamai

Thanks again for your all your help!!!

Gassho,

Donna Sasaki

From Your Facilities Committee



When I was deployed to Egypt in 1993 I remember naïve tourists who tripped to the Khan el-Khalili in Cairo and got snookered by the cunning and adroit shop owners. Those poor souls just didn't know how to bargain. Now I won't divulge whether or not I was one of those whose wallet ended up a lot lighter when I left the place, but it suffices to say that I was no Frank Kawasaki. Those of us who were acquainted with Frank were in awe of his ability to exploit opportunities to save loads of money while loading us up with supplies. Just like Frank, Tom Hubbell knows the art of bargaining. Remember that unresolved issue of how much we'd have to pay the roofer? Well that question has been put to rest. The Temple settled with the roofers by splitting the outstanding amount and sending them a check for \$2,529.45. But Tom's skills don't stop there. He possesses the physical dexterity of Gumby. He replaced the bathroom fan in the parsonage with a new fan and light unit. It wasn't a cakewalk. He had to squeeze into a tight space while deftly extracting the old fan and installing a new one. On another note we'll have to wait on replacing the screen in the Hondo. But unlike the fan it's still working. In the meantime facilities will continue to researching and assessing the feasibility of a TV screen in the Hondo. For the moment, Reverend Kakihara has relocated the screen to one side. Reverend Kakihara, Fred and some other folks completed a landscaping project involving the replacement of two fruit trees with a cherry tree in the parsonage backyard. The facilities committee presented a quote to the board today for repainting, repairing and reglazing the wood work on the front and south sides of the temple. This will include the three side doors, the stoop over the stair side door and the trim on the wind wall outside the kitchen door. A very successful garden cleanup was held on Sunday, June 5, with temple members showing up at 8:00 am and working until noon to trim bushes, trees, weed eat the side lot, etc. Additionally, the facilities committee is looking at replacing the side roof over the stairs to the stage and social hall. This roof was damaged in the 2001 earthquake when a concrete chimney cap fell through the west end. We will work with the current contractor to formulate a design and estimate. As always, Kurt Osaka and crew continue to maintain the temple lawns! Let's thank Kurt Osaka and his crew for keeping our grounds a work of beauty. We are always grateful for the efforts of Tom Hubbell, Delbert Sasaki, Gary Ichinaga, Bob Yoshioka and Tad Kajimura who perform vital work for our temple.



Toban News



These are the monthly duties per toban and what is asked of your group to help in certain events. Please check the Myokyo during your toban months for more specific directions as the requests per toban may change a little.

Thank you for taking care of your part of the year. We are in the process of changing the toban cycles. If you have any suggestions, please let Mayumi Ikeda know.

July Toban News

Thank you, again, toban groups for keeping our Temple so clean. For the next few months, we will be including June through September in the toban listings as these groups have extra responsibilities for the Obon festival fundraiser on July 30th. There are some changes to your responsibilities as this year Obon and Obon service are on two separate days.

Obon Fundraiser: ALL MEMBERS ARE ASKED TO HELP

All toban Chairs:

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

- Obon service on **July 24**
- Obon festival on **July 30**
- Keiro Luncheon on **September 25**

July 2016 and August 2016 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 Coco Inoue know the clean-up dates to check for other activity conflicts and add to Temple calendar.

July Toban Group: Debby Abe (chair), David and Kathy Yotsuuye, Bobby and Junko Yotsuuye, Mike Shiogi, Bob Gach, Robert Ragland

Phone tree members -Ted Masumoto, Chizuko Yotsuuye, Tada and Yoshie Yotsuuye, Irene Nagai

July Group Responsibilities:

- Obon: Help make and serve somen after Obon Service July 24th. (June, July and August Toban)
- Obon: Provide snacks for Friday and Saturday, July 29 and 30. (June and July Toban)
- Obon: Clean up kitchen area, bathrooms, social hall and other areas in use for Obon activities.

August Toban Group: Alvin and Donna Sasaki, Shinobu and Kazuko Inoue, Karen Yoshitomi, Rick Tanabe, Tanya Henriques, David Gates

Phone tree members – Miyoko Sato, Don Arima and Susan Bogni, Asako Arima

August Group Responsibilities:

- Obon: Help make and serve somen after Obon Service July 24th. (June, July and August Toban)
- Obon: Provide a light lunch for Saturday set up July 29 around 2:00pm. (August and September toban)
- Obon: Clean up kitchen area, bathrooms, social hall and other areas in use for Obon activities.

September Toban Group: Barbara Madsen (chair), Richard and Tracy Ling, Chikako Inoue, Karl Smith, Ellen Shigeno, Barry and June Weled

Phone tree members – Frank Shigio, Peter Lee, Ich and Jeanne Nakayama, Ed and Yoshi Mayeda

September Group Responsibilities:

- Obon: Provide a light lunch for Saturday set up July 29 around 2:00pm. (Aug. and Sep. toban)
- Obon: Clean up kitchen area, bathrooms, social hall and other areas in use for Obon activities.
- Back to Temple Breakfast: YBA provides, sets up and cleans up. Help if requested.
- Keiro Luncheon: TBT Board Members set up and clean up. Help if requested.

Membership Pledges



As of June 13, 2016:

2016 Pledges made: \$63,960

2016 Pledges paid: \$51,040

Pledges

Dana \$500 - \$1,400

Brandon & Hisami Sohn

Thank you for your support and have a great summer!

Tacoma Bon Odori

A Japanese Folk Dance Festival

Saturday, July 30th

5:00 pm – 9:00 pm

*Outdoor Festival, Japanese Food
Beer Garden, Traditional Dance
Taiko drumming
Memorial Candle Service*

Fall Ohigan Sunday Service

Sunday, September 18 at 10am

Guest Speaker: Rev. Don Castro
(Seattle Betsuin Buddhist Temple)

**He will also lead an informal session about
“ECO SANGHA” after Sunday Service.**

Welcome to Tacoma Buddhist Temple!

We introduce our new members who joined the temple recently.



Jim and Anjalina Machiraella

Where do you live? - "We live in Graham, WA."

Where are you from originally? - "My previous home was in the U.S. Navy for twenty honorable years on five different ships"

What do you do? - "I work at Pierce Transit fueling buses."

Tell us about your family. -

"I have two sisters and a brother. Anjalina has her Mom and brother, grandmother, grandfather, aunts and cousins."

What do you like about our temple? -

"What we like about the temple is Sunday services and Dharma School."

What are your hobbies? -

"We both love to golf, read, outdoor activities and watching Tom and Jerry cartoons."

Anything you want the temple members to know about you? -

"We want to thank the members for making us feel so welcome and for taking the time to answer all our questions so that we can understand better the path to enlightenment thru Shin Buddhism."

FBWA Convention at the Westin, Bellevue

Our Northwest BWA chapters have been busy planning for the Federation BWA Convention to be held on October 7-9, 2016 at the Westin, Bellevue. Registration is open to everyone, men and women, BWA member or not. Rev. Mutsumi Wondra from the Orange County Buddhist Church, and Dr. Sharon Suh, from Seattle University are our Keynote speakers. Everyone is invited to our Sunday service beginning at 10:00 am. Parking is free at the hotel.

The last time the Northwest hosted this conference was in 1994, some 22 years ago. If you are interested to join us for the weekend or if you are interested in becoming a Booster, please contact Patti Wong or June Akita. Registration closes on August 31, 2016.

Thank you for considering joining us.
June Akita, Co Chair

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5. Start purchasing!

2016 Obon Dance Festival

We are set to celebrate our Obon Festival on Saturday, July 30th, at our Temple. We will serve three main rice bowls: Teriyaki Chicken Rice Bowl, Unagi Rice Bowl, and new this year, Masayo's Tofu Rice Bowl. We will continue to have freshly made pies, daifuku mochi, strawberry mochi and peanut butter mochi. The Barbeque Teriyaki Corn on the Cob will also return on our menu, as will spam musubi and cold somen. We can't have an outdoor gathering without hot dogs, but we will not be serving any of the chili dishes. Our beer garden will open at 4:30, and our memorial candle ceremony will conclude our obon at 9:00 pm. Dance practices are scheduled for July 12, 13, 14 in the Social Hall from 7:30-9:00 pm. Thank you to everyone who have offered the use of their ice chests, fans and tents, and also have brought fruit for our pies. Please mark your items.

Times to mark on your calendar:

Sunday, July 24

Obon Service – Somen served Anita Nakayama

Tobans will help prepare and serve

Social Hall set up – main floor

Tuesday, July 26

Making of Tsukemono

Yasuko Morita, Kazuko Inoue

Friday, July 29

Making pies

Vicki Yoshioka, June Akita

Starting at 8:00 am if you are available

Making Teriyaki Chicken Sauce

Fred Pelger, Les Hitsman

Making Ostuyu for Somen

Anita Nakayama

Saturday, July 30th-OBON

Food preparations begin

Starting at 9:00 am

BWA – Making strawberry mochi (check BWA article)

Lunch served to workers – 12:00 noon

Tobans will make and serve lunch, break at 2:30

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 31st

Cleaning of the garden and candles, finish cleaning kitchen if needed



Memorial Candles – Bon Odori 2016

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 9th year for this observance. Buddhist 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 30, 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, contact me and I'll check our files.

Donation: \$5 per candle

Checks should be made out to: Tacoma Buddhist Temple

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

(questions?-Call Wendy at 253 566-9503 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.

GREETERS SCHEDULE

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

- Temple Information Booklet
- Messages from the Buddha (mini booklet with pale pink cover)
- A Teaching A Day (mini booklet with orange cover)
- 1 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.

July	3	David Campbell / Les Hitsman
	10	John Inge / Wendy Hamai
	17	Brandon / Alisha Wood
	24	Del Sasaki / Mayumi Ikeda
September	4	No Sunday Service
	11	Richard Ling / Kevin Ikeda
	18	Lynrae Hubbell / Michael Shiogi
	25	Barbara Madsen / David Yotsuuye



Welcome!

We will have no Sunday Service during summer from July 31 and restart on September 11.

Yearly Memorial Services

General Memorial Service Years for 2016

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



August 2016;

3 rd Year	Murakami, Cora Kaoru	Shakuni Tei-Do	August 23, 2014
	Kodama, Goji	Shaku Ko-Sho	August 28, 2014
17 th Year	Cooney, Setsuko	Shakuni Shin-Ryo	August 1, 2000
25 th Year	Tanabe, Yoshihiro	Shaku Myo-Tetsu	August 9, 1992
50 th Year	Fujita, Kimiko	Shakuni Myo-Kan	August 8, 1967

September 2016;

17 th Year	Sato, Susumu	Shaku Shin-Yo	September 14, 2000
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October 2016;

3 rd Year	Kawasaki, Frank Koichi	Shaku Ko-Shin	October 30, 2014
17 th Year	Komoto, Yoshiko	Shakuni Ka-Ju	October 6, 2000
	Arima, George	Shaku Jin-Yu	October 16, 2000
25 th Year	Masten, Renarch	Shakuni Ren-Ko	October 30, 1992

November 2016;

33 rd Year	Masumoto, Tomiko	Shakuni Jo-Hi	November 1, 1984
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*The Tacoma Buddhist Temple would like to extend its heartfelt sympathy
and condolences to the family and friends of*

Sachiko Yoshida

Passed away on May 14, 2016

*May you find comfort in the light of the infinite
Wisdom and Compassion of Amida Buddha.
Namo Amida Butsu*