



# Tacoma Buddhist Temple (Jodo Shinshu)

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## MYOKYO 明鏡

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

### July 2022

**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."*

### Sensei's Message



#### **Skillful Means in the Buddha's Many Lessons**

**Rev. Tadao Koyama**

Happy July everyone! The days are going to start getting warmer and more summer activities can begin! I am certain many of us are eager to see fireworks, attend more baseball games, and be able to go outside a lot more! After living in the northwest for two years now, I especially appreciate the sunny days when Cyndi and I can go out and explore the local area.

I have been thinking a lot about the Buddha teaching his many disciples after his enlightenment. As we all know, there are many schools of Buddhism that emphasize different teachings and practices that are followed. Why is this? Well, first we have to remember that the Buddhist religion is not a monolithic religion. Like all other world religions, there are many different styles and schools. Different methods work for different people.

Sometimes we as bonbu beings can get into arguments about which method is better. This was not the Buddha's objective at all. As bonbu beings, we want things to be concrete and definite. The Buddha, however, knew in his wisdom that different people require different practices and teachings to help their specific situations. In the three pure land sutras, the Buddha goes into long visual descriptions of the pure land the various methods of envisioning it. Other times the Buddha's lesson contained no words. In The Flower Sermon, the Buddha holds up a flower and none of his disciples seem to know what it means, except for Mahakasyapa, who gives a subtle smile. The Buddha then says to him, that he has successfully been transferred wisdom without words.

When a doctor looks at various patients, they see unique things that need to be fixed or corrected. There is no magic pill or medicine that cures all types of ailments. The doctor needs to alter and prescribe different medication depending on the illness. The same is true with Buddhism.

While some may have been born with the karmic conditions to perform hard and arduous practices, those of us who take refuge in the wisdom and compassion of Amida heavily rely on the Nembutsu as the teaching that brings us to a life of being truly settled. The Buddha realized that the people during his present were not the only ones who mattered or could achieve enlightenment. The Buddha also knew that he needed to provide a teaching that would endure the test of time and bring about hope after he was gone.

This shows the true skillful means of the Buddha. To be able to prescribe a practical and “easy” teaching that we can take refuge in while we contend with the daily burdens of our everyday lives. The fact that there are so many followers of this Nembutsu teaching speaks volumes to its profundity and popularity. Let us remember the skillful methods and teachings of the Buddha as we head deep into this summer. Please stay hydrated, keep cool, and most importantly, recite the Nembutsu.

## **President’s Message**



Dear Sangha,

In July, we recognize Obon, a special time to reflect on all those who came before us and consider what they gave and did so we could be here today. We will especially honor those who have passed away since last year’s obon at our special Hatsubon Service on July 24. Thank you for giving in memory of your family and friends who have passed away.



Typically, we hold our Obon Festival where we dance joyfully in gratitude right in front of the temple. Due to street construction and health concerns, we regretfully will not be able to hold a public Obon Festival this year. While this is our 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary, we hope to celebrate it in person next year. And in the meantime, please watch our 2020 and 2021 Obon videos on YouTube for some fun!

This past month, we held a first ever Vintage Sale with Japanese and American housewares. In addition, a plant and garden art sale were created by Les Hitsman and Fred Pelger. It was a successful event, supported by many new visitors. Thank you to everyone who helped to make this unique event happen. Please read more in this newsletter.

June also earmarked our Annual Summer Seminar. This year, the Tacoma Young Adult Buddhist Association put together a very important seminar on the topic of being an Asian American Buddhist, featuring author of “*Be the Refuge*,” *Chenxing Han*.

I hope to see you at one of our in-person services. Enjoy your summer!

Gassho,  
Crystal

## **Buddhist Women’s Association New**



BWA congratulates and sends warm wishes to graduating senior Kalea Shimizu. We will miss your warm smile and gracious spirit in the kitchen, especially when we are making Daifuku mochi. Please come back and visit when you can!



Stay tuned for news about our summer and fall activities soon!

Respectfully submitted by,

Denise Cline, Tacoma BWA President

## Dharma School News



As we think about wet sunshine and sleeping in, or better yet, having a part time job – summer is here!! However, I miss the ZOOM sessions and seeing all of you, even on screen. I miss the smiles the most.

Our special guest at our final Dharma School ZOOM class was **Ms. Donna Sasaki**.

Unfortunately, **Ms. Denise Cline** was unable to attend, so we will catch up another time. It was nice to have Donna reconnect with the students that she has guided for soooooo many years. She commented on how everyone has grown so since she saw many of them two years ago!!! It was nice to see her come back even for an hour. Thank you for giving us your time.

We will be delivering our Attendance certificates and Excellent Attendance Pins at Obon. This year, it was decided to present certificates and pins for those attending 75% of ZOOM sessions. Proud to say that just about everyone will receive these items. Honestly, all the sessions were very well attended.

Thank you to **Erin Berkey and Kaila Yoshitomi** who are stepping down as Dharma School teachers this coming year. They had added so much learning and fun in their lessons – they will truly be missed. They have both offered to be substitutes to other teachers if needed. Hopefully we will still see them in the classroom at some time in the future.

We will be meeting as a faculty sometime this summer to coordinate our 2022-2023 year. If you are interested to teach a class or two during the year, or share a talent to share with our students, please let me know. You will love the kids!!

Just some notes on **Obon** as well. Road construction on Fawcett Ave. continues, therefore, our gathering will be indoors in the Social Hall. The protocols are in place to ensure a safe gathering for our **members only**. Everyone will be **masked** and **social distanced** as much as possible. Date is July 30, from 2:00-4:00 pm. YBA will be having games in conjunction with the dancing in the Social Hall. There will be no food sales. Hopefully, we will see you on July 30<sup>th</sup>, and more so, we will be able to return to our street dancing, food sales and fun times outdoors next year.

Please stay safe and healthy this summer.  
Gassho, June

## Young Buddhist Association News



As the YBA advisors we would like to thank outgoing YBA Cabinet/Members/Lotus Class for their hard work this past 2021-22 Dharma School year. As the school year comes to a close and summer is upon us, we wish all the YBA members and families an enjoyable summer and look forward to a new and productive 2022-23 school year.

As of June, there has not been a new election of YBA Cabinet members but expect results very shortly. Usually, we wait until September for this election but this year we have decided to hold elections early in anticipation of events opening back up early September. Hopefully, with the waning of COVID, we can expect more of a “regular” schedule for this upcoming year.

The YBA comprises of High School students from our Temple Dharma School Lotus class, and they participate in temple and local projects throughout the school year. If you are interested in joining or know of someone who is, please contact us at: [tacomayba@outlook.com](mailto:tacomayba@outlook.com).

Gassho, Bobby & Junko

## Buddhist Education Committee News



***Among the multitudes of beings  
I will always teach the Dharma with a lion's roar.***

- The Larger Sutra, p. 26

This is taken from The Larger Sutra on the Buddha of Immeasurable Life. This quote in particular is taken from the Juseige, one of the many sutras we chant often. In the sutra, Bodhisattva Dharmakara, the being who would become Amida Buddha, vows to Lokeshvararaja Buddha that they will take up 48 vows and become a Buddha of their own land. It is after their first statement of intent to the Buddha and after proclaiming the 48 vows they will perfect, they reiterate their statement of intent into what we recite as the Juseige. In this quote, Bodhisattva Dharmakara vows to always teach the Dharma with a lion's roar.

Today, lions have scientifically been proven not to be the loudest animal in the Animal Kingdom. But before scientists were able to measure decibels, the unit of measure for loudness, lions were known to be the king of the Animal Kingdom because of their loud roars. This is why Bodhisattva Dharmakara vows to always teach the Dharma with a lion's roar, so that everyone can hear, and both rejoice and take refuge in the Dharma.

As a follower of the Dharma, I look to Bodhisattva Dharmakara's example and try my best to always teach the Dharma with a lion's roar. My problem is that my ego always gets in the way. I grew up with a small voice and with a lisp; a lisp that forced me to go to speech therapy during and outside of elementary school. I remember having to have many people ask me again and again to speak up and say what I said again. This has made me very self-conscious whenever I speak. So naturally, I hated speaking even into adulthood.

Now, as someone who might become a minister, someone who speaks for a living, I am forced to try my best to chant at my loudest and speak so that the person in the back of the group at a cemetery can hear me. This is why I look at this part of Juseige, to remind myself to try my best to be like Bodhisattva Dharmakara and teach the Dharma with a lion's roar the best that I can.

Though my past experiences continue to haunt me as a sentient being who is burdened with their own ego making me sound like a loud house cat, I continue to strive my best to encourage others to do the same as Bodhisattva Dharmakara and teach the Dharma with a lion's roar. And this is why I encourage you to take refuge in Amida Buddha and recite the name in gratitude to their infinite wisdom and compassion so that everyone can hear the Dharma.

~Rev. Cyndi

## Facility Committee Update



Our garden cleanup went off without so much as a hiccup. All the wild, woolly bushes and trees were coiffured by expert hands. Eye offending dandelions were yanked out of the ground and transported to add color to the green waste mound in the back. The only neighbors that shrubs like are other shrubs. Therefore, shrub beds were cleaned of unsightly invaders.

Our parsonage deck project is plugging along. Tom Hubbell's order for Trex decking, despite a scheduling mix-up, got delivered. On Saturday May 28th, while head scratching on how to proceed was on the agenda, Tom Hubbell and David Yotsuuye did something productive and managed to remove a rotted beam on the parsonage deck. Concurrent with the deck work Kathy Yotsuuye worked on spraying a layer of sealant as part an effort to keep water from seeping on the steps and entering the social hall stage.

Tom and Lynrae Hubbell continue to employ their eagle eyes while removing litter along Fawcett Avenue and the alleyway behind the temple. David Yotsuuye, Robert Yotsuuye, Gary Ichinaga, Tom Hubbell, Tony Gregg, Rick Tanabe, Del Sasaki, and Mike Shiogi are pivotal in keeping on top of our facilities maintenance challenges. One of these days the construction of Fawcett Avenue will stop check mating Kurt Osaka and Osaka Gardens.

~Dave

## Toban



At the last Reopening Committee meeting, it was decided to have Toban pairs resume a **monthly cleaning beginning in June**. This means you will do a little more than the restricted cleaning – please refer to the check off sheet in the hallway on the main floor or one in the kitchen. Check off items that are completed to save confusion. Please sign the check in sheet during clean up times. Everyone should also be masked and distanced as best as you can.



### July Chair Debby Abe

Akemi Ikeda  
Masahiro Sugano  
Kevin & Mayumi Ikeda  
Erik Hammerstrom  
Rachel Meatte

### \*August Chair Ken & Lynne Tanino

Kiyomi Fujita  
Brandon Villareal  
David Campbell  
Patti Wong

**Toban Volunteers:** We are asking each toban team to do **regular cleaning**. You have the option **not** to participate in cleaning for health concerns (please let your chair know).

**Safety protocols:** Must be **vaccinated** with two shots and booster. Negative testing will **NOT** be accepted nor will a medical deferment.

Must be **masked** at all times while at the Temple (TBT provides masks)

Wearing **TWO** Level 3 masks (blue) or **ONE** KN95 mask

Stay **6 feet apart** from others

**Sign In** (Check in sheets in Main kitchen. Leave sheet in VP box in office)

**Cleaning Duties:** **Bathrooms:** Professionally cleaned once a month

**Social Hall:** Fuji Taiko will sweep and clean floor

**Kitchen:** Wipe down all counters  
Sweep kitchen floor (Mop if needed)  
Empty garbage/recycling as needed  
Replenish bathroom supplies as needed

**Main Floor:** Dust pews  
Quick sweep wooden floor  
Sweep side kitchen  
Wipe down counters  
Replenish bathroom supplies as needed  
Vacuum all carpets including stairwells

**Rev. Pratt Room:** Vacuum carpet  
Wipe down tables  
Wipe down and sweep kitchen area  
Sweep and mop landing area  
Empty garbage/recycling as needed

**Upstairs Classrooms:** Vacuum carpet  
Wipe down tables  
Empty garbage/recycling as needed

**\*Social Hall Cooler:** April, August, December tobans wipe down, mop and clean

Cleaning supply locations are located behind the duty list in the hallway and kitchen. Thank you very much for your understanding and cooperation on these changes as we are getting back to 'normal.'

Barry Weled and June Akita



## Yearly Memorial Service



### General Memorial Service Years for 2022

1 <sup>st</sup> Year - 2021	17 <sup>th</sup> Year - 2006
3 <sup>rd</sup> Year - 2020	25 <sup>th</sup> Year - 1998
7 <sup>th</sup> Year - 2016	33 <sup>rd</sup> Year - 1990
13 <sup>th</sup> Year - 2010	50 <sup>th</sup> Year - 1973

### July 2022

3 <sup>rd</sup> Year	Sam Uchiyama	July 12, 2020
13 <sup>th</sup> Year	Mitsuye Shigio	July 5, 2010
17 <sup>th</sup> Year	Irene Kinuye Masumoto	July 29, 2006

### August 2022

7 <sup>th</sup> Year	Hiroshi Fujita	August 7, 2016
7 <sup>th</sup> Year	Sue Osaka	August 28, 2016
50 <sup>th</sup> Year	Chiyo Nakagawara	August 13, 1973
50 <sup>th</sup> Year	Masao Matsuzawa	August 22, 1973

### September 2022

1 <sup>st</sup> Year	Shoko Yamasaki	September 1, 2021
3 <sup>rd</sup> Year	Frank Komoto	September 22, 2020
7 <sup>th</sup> Year	Misao Crider	September 21, 2016
25 <sup>th</sup> Year	Takeo Kusumoto	September 23, 1998
25 <sup>th</sup> Year	Henry Moritada Hashimoto	September 23, 1998
25 <sup>th</sup> Year	Ayako Hayashi	September 27, 1998

## Greeter's List

**July 10** Carrie Mori/Gavin Morgan/Del Sasaki/Shizuka Faria  
**July 24** Tony Greg/Jim Doyle/John Inge/Mike Shiogi

**Date TBD** Debby Abe/ Akemi Ikeda  
Lynrae and Tom Hubbell  
Lynn Blick/David Campbell  
Tracy and Richard Ling  
David and Bob Yotsuuye  
Barry and June Weled

### Greeters' Notes:

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."
- Extra supplies are in the ministers' room off the hondo.

Lastly, please do a headcount and enter it in the attendance sheet in the visitor folder.  
If you are not available on the day you are assigned, please find your replacement.

# Hatsubon Remembrances for 2022

Our temple observes the members who passed in the year between last year's Hatsubon in 2021 and this year. We remember them with gratitude and with the Buddha Dharma in mind. We invite all family members to attend our Hatsubon this year on July 24, 2022 at 10am to offer incense.

## Hatsubon Members

Shoko Yamasaki

Buddhist name: Shaku Shoshin. 釋尚信

Date of passing: September 1, 2021

Larry Yoshio Fujita

Buddhist name: Shaku Houkoku. 釋法国

Date of passing: February 6, 2022

Sam Osamu Shimizu

Buddhist name: Shaku Daihi. 釋大悲

Date of passing: February 11, 2022

Kim Yoneko Kawada-Schauer

Buddhist name: Shaku Shojin. 釋精進

Date of passing: April 2, 2022

Tom Shigeo Osaka

Buddhist name: Shaku Gyodo. 釋行土

Date of passing: April 19, 2022



## Announcement: No Public Obon Festival This Year

We regretfully announce that we are not able to hold a public Obon festival this year. There is much road construction happening throughout the summer which makes it impossible to dance on the street as we have since 1951. This year earmarks our 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and we hope to hold an Obon in 2023 to celebrate this momentous occasion.

In the meantime, please watch our [2020](#) and [2021](#) video to bring you a little flavor of our Tacoma Obon. You can watch them on our YouTube Channel.

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCSjeUsylkbG\\_e74q-CM1Sig/videos](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCSjeUsylkbG_e74q-CM1Sig/videos)

We also will not be holding an online event or memorial candle program. We appreciate any giving in memory of your family and friends as this is a special time to recognize them. Thank you for your “dana” by sending a check to the temple or giving via our website.



### YARD HELP WANTED

We are looking for people (men and women) who want to help with yard work around the temple. We have a small group that have taken on some small projects. Our work takes place during the week and on the weekends. If you would like to be called, please get in touch with

**Del Sasaki (253) 219-5247 or Michael Shiogi (253) 226-5812.**



## Softball Tournament (TACOMA vs SEATTLE) & WHITE RIVER too!

We have been given the "GO" to start our annual softball tournament against Seattle by Reverend Kusunoki! After a 2-year COVID break, we are excited to play again. Tacoma is the host, and we will be holding this tournament in Federal Way. **Temple members are encouraged to join! Please contact me if you're interested: [yotsuuye@outlook.com](mailto:yotsuuye@outlook.com)**

**DATE/TIME:** Saturday, August 6<sup>th</sup> / 10AM – 2PM  
**PLACE:** Saghalie Middle School, Federal Way  
**TEAM WEAR:** **TACOMA: White jersey or t-shirt**

Due to COVID protocols, each participant/fan will be responsible for their own social distancing.

Gassho,  
Bobby Yotsuuye



### BOOK CLUB

Thursday, July 14, 2022

**This Monk Wears Heels: Be  
Who You Are**

Author: Kodo Nishimura

### Library News

The Book Club book, *Common Ground Between Islam and Buddhism*, is now available in the library.

Overstock books are available in the lobby, free to anyone. Any donations go to the BEC committee.



## A Successful Vintage and Plant Sale!

It all started in December 2021 when Jane Burster and Lynrae Hubbell initiated the idea of a “rummage sale.” Their idea was to sell the many miscellaneous items in the parsonage basement. During the initial sorting of boxes, the team discovered vintage glassware left behind by Rev. Fukuma who was our resident minister between 2002 and 2009.

Rev. Fukuma went back to Japan for Visa reasons and left the boxes behind. Seeing the collection of the remaining Japanese items and with his approval to sell the items, the idea came to life to have a vintage sale of both Japanese and American items. In addition, Les Hitsman and Fred Pelger offered to create a plant and garden art sale that included sedum planters in woks, fun beach plant art and Fred’s engi displays. Thank you to Todd and Marcia Nakamura for the donation of sedums, flowers, and large hanging baskets.

After months of cleaning and organizing, the sale was held in the social hall with room to shop. The garden sale was held outside and luckily it didn’t rain! Three sets of cashiers were on the stage to swiftly check out and bag items. Visitors then walked outside to the plant and garden sale. Rev. Koyama greeted all visitors who started lining up early before the opening. Over 85% of the customers were new to our events which was a great sign of community support. Many also asked if we were selling food and having a sale like this again.

While we have both Japanese and American items left, we sold a big portion of the collection donated by many families over the years. The shoppers were excited and appreciative of finding well taken care of unique items. They were truly excited. Thank you to our volunteers who prepped over the past months and day of! It was a success and certainly one-of-a-kind sale.

### **Vintage Sale Committee:**

Jane Burster, Les Hitsman, Lynrae Hubbell, Crystal Inge, Lynne Tanino

### **Primary Committee Volunteers:**

Rev. Koyama, Emma Inge, Kate Inge, John Inge, Ken Tanino

### **Secondary Volunteers helped move items to Social Hall:**

Gavin Morgan, Donna Sasaki, Rev. Cyndi Yasaki

### **Secondary Volunteers helped move vintage ware and plants:**

Gavin Morgan, Donna Sasaki, Rev. Cyndi Yasaki; Jeff Hiroo, Tracey Kajimura, Mike Shiogi, Priscilla Shiogi



### **Day of Event Volunteers:**

Rev. Koyama (Greeter)

Crystal Inge (Floater)

Fred Pelger (Plant Sales)

Jane Burster (Stage Greeter)

Josiah Cook (Cust Support)

Kate Inge (Wrapper)

Lynne Tanino (Floater)

Enzo Yotsuuye (Customer Support)

Akemi Ikeda (Cashier)

Denise Cline (Itemizer)

Harry Taniguchi Jr. (Alley Greeter)

Jeff Hiroo (Stair Monitor)

Junko Yotsuuye (Itemizer)

Ken Tanino (Verify Paid For)

Lynrae Hubbell (Plant Cashier)

Tom Hubbell (Plant, Cust Support)

Alex Thiesen (Wrapper)

Emma Inge (Cashier)

Jet Yotsuuye (Cashier)

John Inge (Exit Monitor)

Karen Yoshitomi (Itemizer)

Les Hitsman (Plant Sales)

Mayumi Ikeda (Wrapper)

Vivian Hiroo (Wrapper)



## Ayao George Tanbara - The Greatest Generation defined



As the graduation season winds to a close, we pause to congratulate all of those who have graduated. For those who just graduated from high school, it may have seemed like a long 3 or 4 years. And for those who just graduated from college, it may have also seemed like a long time. However long it may seem, it pales in comparison to the nearly 80 years that it took for the University of Southern California to award a Baccalaureate degree to Dr. Tanbara. Fortunately, this past April, the Tanbara family was able to receive his degree in a ceremony that finally honored him, along with 33 others, out of the nearly 120 of his Nisei classmates.

What was fascinating to me regarding this recent ceremony is that, when I usually saw Dr. Tanbara, he was wearing his USC jacket. While I never thought anything of it, the idea that Dr. Tanbara would continue to be loyal to USC, despite all that happened, epitomized the character of Dr. Tanbara.

Ayao “George” Tanbara was born in Portland, OR in 1922. He then moved to southern California, where he graduated from high school at the age of 17 (having skipped a grade) as a 3-year varsity tennis player and the class salutatorian. He entered the University of Southern California’s Pharmacy School in 1939, having paid for school with money earned delivering newspapers, as well as with contributions from his older sister, who sacrificed her college education for him. In addition to a rigorous curriculum, Dr. Tanbara was also a 3-year letter winner on the USC men’s tennis team. He was on schedule to graduate with a pharmacy degree until FDR’s Executive Order 9066 forced him (and his Nisei classmates) to leave USC for concentration camps. He spent time at the Santa Anita detention facility, where he applied to and was accepted to the University of Idaho. Unfortunately, not only were Dr. Tanbara and his Nisei classmates forced to leave USC, but the then-president of USC destroyed their academic transcripts, so Dr. Tanbara was required to repeat some of the classes that he had previously taken. He did get his pharmacy degree in 1943, but due to discrimination, he was unable to secure a job as a pharmacist. So, he joined his family at the Heart Mountain Concentration Camp in Wyoming. It was at Heart Mountain, where he met the love of his life, and his life partner for 65 years, Kimi (Fujimoto).



In 1944, Dr. Tanbara left Heart Mountain by securing a pharmacy job at the University of Minnesota Hospital, where he was encouraged to apply for medical school. But he was drafted and served in the Military Intelligence Service in Japan. After completing his 2-year tour, he attended the University of Minnesota Medical School on the GI bill and received his medical degree in 1951. After finishing medical school, he fortunately landed his residency training at Children’s Orthopedic Hospital in Seattle, as a prerequisite for his and Kimi’s marriage was that Kimi only agreed to marry him if he moved to the Pacific Northwest. Initially, Dr. Tanbara was going to open up a practice with a partner in Seattle but was told (by his partner) that he would never have his own practice. Instead, Dr. Tanbara and Kimi moved to Tacoma, where he worked at the Pierce County Hospital, and saved enough to be able to open his solo practice in 1954. Quickly, word spread about his compassionate care, and soon, his practice was so popular that the line for his

patients spread out the door and to the next office. In the initial setting, Kimi was his receptionist; it remained this way until Diane, the second of his four children, was born. After that, Dr. Tanbara hired his first staff.

In addition to his busy clinic, Dr. Tanbara recognized that there was a need to provide good medical care to children from all walks of life. In 1967, he helped to found the Community Health Care clinics, in order to provide medical care to low-income residents. Along with several other physicians, Dr. Tanbara enlisted the assistance of other volunteer physicians, pharmacists, nurses, Explorer scouts, and medical assistants to staff these clinics. On Wednesdays, which were his day off, he paid his office staff to accompany him to Lister Elementary School (where they established a volunteer medical clinic in the basement) in order to see patients. From this, the Community Health Care has grown to its current size of 5 medical clinics and 3 dental clinics in Pierce County. His legacy continues to this day as his mantra “putting the patient first” remains printed on all employee name badges at the Community Health Care clinics. In 1979, Dr. Lawrence Larson joined Dr. Tanbara and formed Pediatrics Northwest, which is currently the largest private pediatric group in the south Sound.

Dr. Tanbara was known throughout the community as a giver of his time, finances and knowledge. The community and medical organizations of which Dr. Tanbara founded, or was an active or lifetime member of, is quite astonishing, numbering greater than 40. In addition to these, he received numerous community-service awards. When asked why he did all of these things, his response was that he was grateful to be included and considered for all of these roles, after having been excluded from them for many years due to his ethnicity. Dr. Tanbara was also a very active member of the Temple; although he was from southern California, the Temple embraced Dr. Tanbara warmly. Of course, Kimi’s family was one of the original members, so whoever was good enough for Kimi was probably also good enough for the Temple. Reciprocating this affection, Dr. Tanbara was, naturally, involved with the youth of the Temple, coaching basketball teams and assisting the Boy Scouts. In fact, as someone who was a strong advocate in equal treatment for all, Dr. Tanbara insisted that the Temple pay for uniforms, so that the girls’ basketball team was outfitted just as well as the boys’.

The ceremony to award “Honorary Baccalaureate” degrees to Dr. Tanbara and his 33 Nisei classmates took place at the USC Asian Pacific Alumni Association’s 2022 Scholarship and Awards Gala on 1 April 2022. It had been preceded by a small acknowledgement of several former students during halftime of a football game in 2008 and during the 2012 Commencement. USC had previously prohibited the award of posthumous degrees. However, current USC President Carol Folt pushed to have this policy removed, so that degrees could be awarded to the Nisei students who were directly affected by Executive Order 9066. In addition to the conferring of degrees, Dr. Folt also oversaw the creation of a Japanese rock garden on the USC campus, which was dedicated in conjunction with the ceremony on 1 April. Attending the events on Dr. Tanbara’s behalf were two of his daughters, Merilee and Diane, his son-in-law Harold Taniguchi, and his grandchildren George and Mia. Also included in the weekend events was the opening of the exhibit, “Sutra and Bible,” at the Japanese American National Museum in Los Angeles, which demonstrated the impact of religion on the lives of Japanese immigrants and their children, before, during, and after their internment. Diane noted that she saw many pictures of Reverend Pratt included in this exhibit.



Dr. Tanbara was someone who truly exemplifies the phrase, “The Greatest Generation.” When I understand all of the struggles and prejudices that he endured, yet was able to give of himself so selflessly, I am humbled and grateful that I was able to know such an altruistic person. The influence that he and Kimi have had on Tracy, David, Ryan, and me, will always have a profound effect on our lives. For that we are grateful.

Tom Brokaw is generally thought of the person who coined the phrase, “The Greatest Generation,” to describe the generation that was born between 1901 and 1927, grew up during The Great Depression and participated in World War II. He wrote that they were considered The Greatest Generation, because they did not fight for fame or recognition, but because it “was the right thing to do.” I

don’t think there is a better way to describe Dr. Tanbara and how he lived his life.



Upon receiving the Arthur Wickens Community Service Award in 1974, Dr. Tanbara said, "We know that each race, culture, religion or nation has produced great men. With this knowledge, individuals can build faith, trust and confidence in other individuals and a better understanding should be obtained. Rather than struggle for dominance, let that effort be used to create harmony."

In Gassho,  
Richard Ling

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Moses Lake Japanese Peace Park



Vintage & Garden sale





## \*July 2022

| SUN                                                                     | MON                          | TUE | WED                                                         | THU                                     | FRI | SAT |
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|                                                                         |                              |     |                                                             |                                         | 1   | 2   |
| 3<br>YouTube Service                                                    | 4<br><i>Independence Day</i> | 5   | 6                                                           | 7<br><i>BEC Meeting 7om Via Zoom</i>    | 8   | 9   |
| 10<br>In-Person Service at<br>At temple 10am                            | 11                           | 12  | 13 <i>Eatonville Orting clean up Study Class 6pm Hybrid</i> | 14<br><i>Book Club 7pm King's Books</i> | 15  | 16  |
| 17 YouTube Service<br>Board Meeting 8:45am<br>Obon cemetery visitations | 18<br>Myokyo Deadline        | 19  | 20                                                          | 21                                      | 22  | 23  |
| 24 <i>In-Person Hatsubon</i><br>Service at Temple 10am                  | 25                           | 26  | 27                                                          | 28                                      | 29  | 30  |
| 31 No Service                                                           |                              |     |                                                             |                                         |     |     |

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| SUN                                                  | MON                   | TUE | WED                                 | THU | FRI | SAT |
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| 7<br>YouTube Service                                 | 8                     | 9   | 10<br><i>Study Class 6pm Hybrid</i> | 11  | 12  | 13  |
| 14 <i>In-Person Sunday Service</i><br>At Temple 10am | 15                    | 16  | 17                                  | 18  | 19  | 20  |
| 21<br>No Service                                     | 22<br>Myokyo Deadline | 23  | 24                                  | 25  | 26  | 27  |
| 28<br>No service                                     | 29                    | 30  | 31                                  |     |     |     |