



Tacoma Buddhist Temple

(Jodo Shinshu)

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MYOKYO 明鏡

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

August 2023

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



A Busy Summer

Rev. Tadao Koyama

August is here everyone! Can you all feel the heat? After living in the Northwest for three years now, I can definitely tell you that I appreciate the sunshine! Though, I do love rainy weather believe it or not! I had a real fun time during our Obon season and my legs are definitely sore from dancing the evenings away with temple and community members! These times of joy are very nostalgic for me growing up with Obon every year!

In these happy and busy times, I am often reminded of how lucky I am to be surrounded by a community who loves and cares for the temple. I definitely feel the fatigue from the heat and an increase in memorial services. It's times like this that I feel grateful to all of the committees and volunteers who give so much of their precious time to the temple. Whether it be gardening, event planning, upkeep, or administrative work, I want you to all know how much I appreciate it.

People often think that the minister stands alone at the temple. However, this could not be further from the truth. Even during the time of the Buddha, it was understood that the monks studying under Shakyamuni Buddha could not achieve the path to enlightenment on their own. It was part of the monks' ritual to travel from town to town to beg for food. Originally, monks were not supposed to farm or cook their meals. They had to rely on lay people for their meals. While in many countries you may see lay people bowing down to monks in a sense of deep reverence, it should not be forgotten that they too play a part in the monks' path to enlightenment. The Buddha himself also relied upon the laypeople for food.

This illustrates the importance of the sangha as a whole. Yes, Buddhist priests and monks should be seen as guides and teachers of the Dharma, but the importance of the lay community and their dedication to the teachings should not be overshadowed either.

Amida Buddha, the Buddha of infinite light and life, saves all sentient beings, and leaves none behind. To borrow a sentiment from Shinran's teaching, whether you are a monk, or lay, wealthy, or not, and regardless of your gender identity, Amida embraces us all and constantly sends wisdom and compassion our way.

As we continue to move forward as a Sangha, let us all remember how we each play a vital role in preserving the teachings, and traditions of our predecessors.

I hope you all enjoy the rest of your summer and look forward to welcoming Dharma School back in the fall!

Namo Amida Butsu.

President's Message



Usually, the temple enters a slightly quieter, slower pace in mid-June, after Dharma school concludes for the summer. While it is a bit quieter without the dharma students being in regular attendance, the pace hasn't seemed to slow down. In addition to current Bon Odori planning activities, a few weeks ago our Tacoma Young Adult Buddhist Association (TYABA) hosted the successful June Seminar. It was a lively panel discussion that was followed by a BBQ dinner cooked by our own Rev. Koyama. So exciting to see our younger members helping shape the future of our temple through their thoughtful leadership.

Another change that took place starting in July was Rev. Koyama going to the Oregon Buddhist Temple one Sunday a month, to fill in while their temple is without a fulltime minister. While we are sad to lose Sensei leading our service on these weekends, these occasions also provide a terrific opportunity to hear from other sangha members. Thank you to Lynrae Hubble, Erik Hammerstrom and Fred Pelger, who have each graciously agreed to lead services these first few months.

Gassho,
John

Buddhist Women's Association News



JOIN us for the 2023 Tacoma BWA Bus TRIP!



Date: **August 26th**

Depart: **8:00 am from Tacoma Buddhist Temple 1717 S. Fawcett Ave**

Destination: **Bainbridge Island**

Return: **6:00 pm**

Cost:

- **Free** for Tacoma Buddhist Women's Association members and children 12 and under
- **\$25** for Tacoma Buddhist Temple Members & TBWA spouses
- **\$40** Non-Tacoma Buddhist Temple members

Join Tacoma BWA members on August 26th for a day full of fun and exploration as we embark on our first bus trip since 2019! We will visit the Bainbridge Island **Japanese American Exclusion Memorial, Suyematsu Farms for U-pick Dahlia's, Bainbridge Island downtown corridor** for shopping, dining, visiting the **Farmer's Market** and **Historical Museum** and a stop at

Bainbridge Gardens. We will depart Bainbridge Island for **Poulsbo** for an early dinner stop before heading back to Tacoma.

Please **RSVP to Denise Cline** to reserve your seat today! Mail your check payable to: Tacoma Buddhist Women's Association, 1717 S. Fawcett Ave. Tacoma WA 98402

In Gassho,
Denise Cline, Tacoma BWA President

Dharma School News



Summer is half over!! We even have summer heat!!! This is a great way to relax and celebrate yourself for a job well done during this past year of Dharma School!!! We certainly will miss our Lotus graduates but they have been great mentors to our coming year Lotus members.



Just a reminder, our **convention will be on September 15-17, 2023** and we are hoping to see many students and teachers attend the weekend. There are many fun and informative workshops presented by our Northwest ministers and at least one Tokudo Minister Assistant from each temple. A great opportunity to meet our **Bishop Reverend Marvin Harada** and also meet our guest speaker, **Reverend Dean Koyama**, a former Tacoma Buddhist Temple minister and yes, uncle to our own **Rev. Koyama**.

Hope to see many families at our Obon, July 29th, and at our convention, September 15-17.

Looking forward to seeing you soon!

Gassho,
June

Young Buddhist Association News



Junko and I would like to thank Odessa Cook for taking the reins as YBA President and leading the YBA during the 2022-23 school year. Her leadership and guidance brought us out from under a pandemic restricting cloud, and back to a state of normal. Odessa will be attending the University of Washington in Seattle this fall and we wish her a very happy and productive college life! Come back soon!



We would also like thank her cabinet members and outgoing seniors who supported the YBA throughout the years. VP- Nao Wainer, Secretary- Jet Yotsuuye, and Treasurer-Maya Winters, Gus Hendrie, Tae Pedrozo and George Alexander. Thank you.

Congratulations to the incoming **2023-24 newly elected YBA Cabinet officers:**

President-	Nao Wainer
Vice President-	Enzo Yotsuuye
Secretary-	Tamsin Shipp
Treasurer-	Ivan Winters

Welcome aboard! We look forward to working with you and having and fun and productive year.

UPCOMING YBA AGENDA:

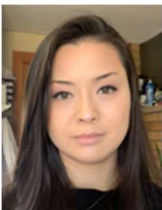
- **7/29: Bon Odori.** Selling many items at Tacoma's own Bon Odori.
- **9/10: First Day of Dharma School/Welcome Back Breakfast.** 9 AM prior to service.
- **9/15-17: NWD Convention (Tacoma Hosts).** YBA will host teen activities.
- **10/TBD: Dharma School Halloween Party.** YBA will host games and Candy Dash.

The YBA is comprised 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 us or know of someone who is, please contact us at: yotsuuye@outlook.com.

Enjoy the rest of your summer and we'll see you in the fall!

Gassho,
Bobby & Junko

Buddhist Education Committee News



Hello Hello!

I hope you are all doing well. Summer is still here but will be gone before you know it! I've been trying to appreciate my flowers more when I pass by them. Soon they will all disappear into the ground again and then bloom next year for another cycle. I don't want to make another repetitive link about Buddhism and flowers but there are certainly many things to appreciate.

What helps me understand Buddha's teachings are the connections I make within my own life. Right now, I am in an odd place where I am trying to figure out what my life will look like. It's very surreal to see just how many ways your life can go. It can end up happy and relaxed or scary and alone. To me, things can feel so relative and subjective. The highs of our life seem so great but may seem so insignificant to others. I may think that I am having a hard time when someone much farther away from me could be going through much worse.

The famous monk Thích Nhất Hạnh once said, "**There is no way to happiness - happiness is the way.**"

No matter what we do or decide where we want our lives to go, happiness doesn't wait for us at the end. We must learn to be happy right now. Much easier said than done! But a good reminder that no matter what plans you make, every moment is an opportunity to find happiness in the present moment.

I've come to the conclusion that it's okay to get a little crazy with life's curveballs. We can't all be peaceful meditative monks. But it's important to remember that we can't chase happiness while making all these plans. Making an effort toward everything you want in life should be equally applied to finding joy in the present moment.

Hope this perspective takes some worry off your shoulders. It did for me!!

Highly
In gassho,
Rachel.

FYI Just a reminder! The Northwest District Buddhist Convention will take place next month on September 15th-17th 2023 in Tukwila, WA at the Double Tree Hotel. This will be our first convention in several years!!! So please join us!!!

Registration forms are due by AUGUST 15th 2023. Please return registration forms as soon as possible! **These forms will be in the foyer outside of the hondo of the temple when you first walk in on the left hand side.** Please pick it up for you and your family members. We can't wait to see all of you there at the convention!!!!

Facility Committee Update



Gremlins certainly wouldn't win a spelling bee. Their definition of phonetics (ours involve spelling and sounds) is represented by somebody in a telephone suit dancing the Funky Chicken to Vivaldi's "Concerto No. 2 in G Minor..." However, that never deters the agents of mayhem from putting the English language through the sausage grinder while playing the Bockety Wheel of Misfortune. One category is "Throwing this in the works bogs the Facilities Committee in endless frustration." The "correct" answer and spelling is "wrench". If the game participant is unfortunate enough to spin the wheel and end up with the names of certain members of the Facilities, they lose a turn. However, if the spin ends on David Campbell, they get an extra turn of the wheel plus two free vowels. While all the Gremlins were distracted with their assault on proper grammar, Ken Tanino candled the pine tree in the back of the parsonage and Tony Gregg is busy planning the repainting the Reverend Pratt women's bathroom.



Rick Tanabe, Delbert Sasaki, Jeff Hiroo, and Michael Shiogi are always putting their shoulders to the wheel and providing professional-level care for our grounds.

On Fawcett Avenue and S Court D Street, it's either Lynrae Hubbell or the litter. We all know with her watchful eyes debris never stands a chance. David Yotsuuye, Bobby Yotsuuye, Les Hitsman, Tom Hubbell, Tony Gregg, Rick Tanabe, and Del Sasaki comprise the foundation of our facilities maintenance program. ~Dave

Toban News **Upcoming Dates:**



- August** Sunday Services 10 AM
- August** Arrange clean up time of the temple with July Toban
- August 20** Board meeting, 8:30 AM
- September 10** Dharma School Starts, Emergency Preparedness Presentation
- September 15 -17** NWD Convention, Tacoma Hosting
- September 24** Fall Ohigan Service
- September 24** Coffee Hour
- September** Arrange clean up time of the temple with October Toban

All Toban Chairs: Please email or call your Toban Groups to let them know of the above activities, especially for the set-up and clean-up of temple events occurring during your Toban months. Also arrange times for the monthly clean-up of the temple.

Clean-up duties and supply list are posted in the kitchen ONLY. NEW PORTABLE VACUUM CLEANERS ARE LOCATED IN THE CLOSET BEHIND THE ALTAR.

Coffee Hours: All coffee hours will be held in the social hall for now. Set up tables and chairs (take down after it's over). Provide coffee, tea, etc. Snacks can be made, or store bought. Questions/concerns, please contact Michael Shiogi (253) 226-5812, mshiogi@comcast.net or Tracy Ling (253) 370-0933, ting12005@gmail.com

JULY TOBAN

Patti Wong
David Campbell
Jackie & William Poe
Ken & Lynne Tanino
Darlene Matsumoto
Kiyomi Fujita
Harriet Hatch

AUGUST TOBAN

Michael Shiogi
Kenji Shipp
David & Kathy Yotsuuye
Bobby & Junko Yotsuuye
Leroy & Penny Kawaguchi
Chizuko Yotsuuye
Tada & Yoshie Yotsuuye

SEPTEMBER TOBAN

John & Crystal Inge
Emma & Kate Inge
Rick Tanabe
Carrie Mori
Alan Oshima (email)
Edward & Yoshie Mayeda

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT AND HELP WITH OUR TEMPLE.

~Tracy Ling/Michael Shiogi

Library News



Copies of Book Club books in the library:

Dalai Lama	<i>Ethics for a New Millennium</i>
Kodo Nishimura	<i>This Monk Wears Heels</i>
Wendy Garling	<i>Stars at Dawn</i>
Reza Shah Kazemi	<i>Common Ground between Islam and Buddhism</i>
Sharon Suh	<i>Occupy This Body</i>
Duncan Williams	<i>American Sutra</i>
Chenxing Han	<i>Be the Refuge</i>
George Crane	<i>Bones of the Master</i>
David Schneider	<i>Street Zen</i>
Tina Turner	<i>Happiness Becomes You</i>

Membership Message

Your attendance is encouraged.

There has been much concern about the safety of the Sangha in the event of an emergency so the Temple Board of Directors created the Security Committee to assure the Sangha that there is a plan for an orderly and safe way to meet any emergencies that may arise. We will be working this summer to create strategies that will fit our Temple's unique architectural floor plan.

We will introduce our emergency procedure on 3 Sundays.

Sunday, August 13, Kevin Ikeda will present our safety protocol and conduct a practice drill. This will help to fine tune our safety protocol.

Sunday, September 10, with the Dharma School in session, we will present and conduct our first drill.

Sunday, September 24, we will practice the emergency drill.

We encourage all Sangha members to participate in all drills.

The Safety Committee feels that practice will reassure us that we can meet any emergency in a calm and compassionate way. The committee is dedicated to keeping the Sangha safe and prepared.

If there are questions, please contact Michael Shiogi.

Greeter's List

August **6** Lynn Blick/June Weled
 13 Tracy & Richard Ling
 20 David Yotsuuye/Bobby Yotsuuye
 27 Tony Gregg/Jim Doyle

September **3** **No Service**
 10 David Campbell/Gavin Morgan
 17 **Service at NWD Convention**
 24 Del Sasaki/Patti Wong

October **1** Jeff Hiroo/Coco Inoue
 8 Kara O'Toole/Kt Hendrie

Greeter's 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 or a white/green 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.

Yearly Memorial Service

General Memorial Service Years for 2023

1 st Year - 2022	17 th Year - 2007
3 rd Year - 2021	25 th Year - 1999
7 th Year - 2017	33 rd Year - 1991
13 th Year - 2011	50 th Year - 1974



August 2023

13 th Year	Tayoko Payton	August 6, 2011
33 rd Year	Hajime Suda	August 22, 1991
33 rd Year	Toshiaki Matsumoto	August 27, 1991
33 rd Year	Tamotsu Oguri	August 28, 1991

September 2023

3 rd Year	Shoko Yamasaki	September 1 st , 2021
17 th Year	Kazuko Jinguji	September 22, 2007
25 th Year	Dolores Marcella Bush	September 16, 1999

October 2023

1 st Year	Hanako Yoshida	October 10, 2022
1 st Year	Yasuko Morita	October 27, 2022
17 th Year	Rex Harrison	October 3, 2007
50 th Year	Shina Asai	October 1, 1974
50 th Year	Heiichi Asai	October 11, 1974
50 th Year	Sadayoshi Matsumoto	October 16, 1974

Book Club
Thursday, September 14
7 pm @ King's Books

Women of the Way: Discovering
2500 years of Buddhist Wisdom

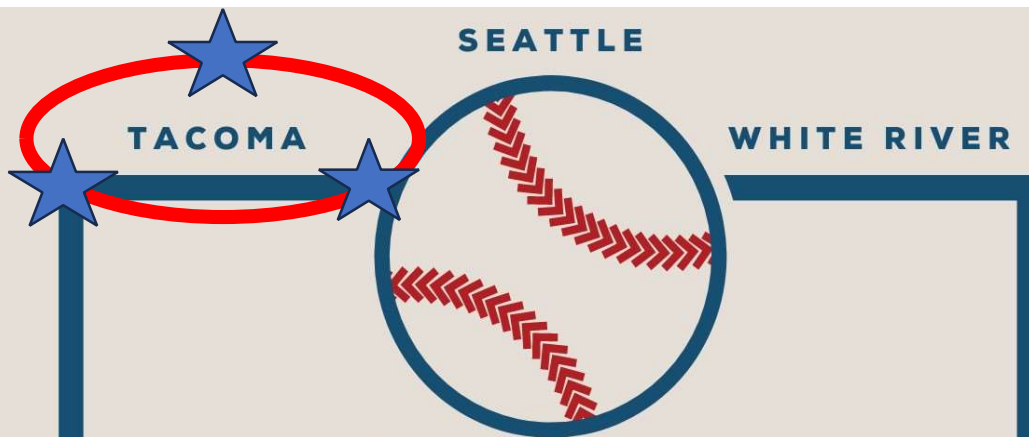
Sallie Tisdale

Book Club
Thursday, August 10
7 pm @ King's Books

When I'm Gone look For Me in
the East

Barry Quan





*Sea-Tac
Buddhist
Softball
Game*

SATURDAY, AUGUST 12 2023

REC GAME: 9:30 - 10:30AM

CHAMPIONSHIP: 10:45AM-12:15PM

LIBERTY PARK

1101 BRONSON WAY N, RENTON WA 98057

YOTSUUYE@OUTLOOK.COM

RSVP AUGUST 6

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SAVE THE DATES

WHO: Tacoma Buddhist Temple

WHAT: Hosting the 76th NW Convention

WHEN: September 15-17, ~~2023~~ 2023

WHERE: DoubleTree Suites, Tukwila

GUESTS *Reverend Dean Koyama and Linda*

Bishop Reverend Marvin Harada and Gail

NW sanghas from our 7 NW Temple, friends and families

THEME: From Chaos to Compassion

REGISTRATION PACKETS: In foyer. Please take ***one packet per person*** attending the convention. Contact the temple or David Yotsuuye if you would like a packet sent to your residence.

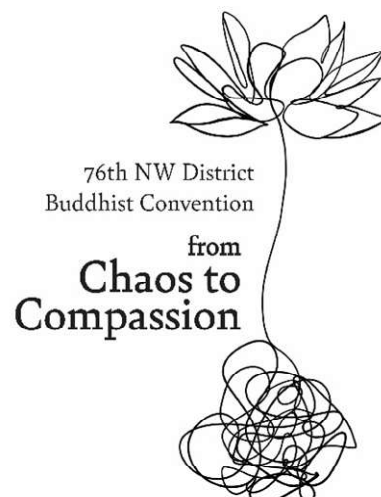
DUE DATE: August 15 or sooner. Please give completed packet information to ***June Akita***

HOTEL: We offer hotel rates of \$169.00/night. King or two queen beds.



Reverend Dean

Tacoma Buddhist Temple presents



76th NW District
Buddhist Convention

from
**Chaos to
Compassion**

September 15-17, 2023

Keynote Speaker: Rev. Dean Koyama
DoubleTree Suites by Hilton

16500 Southcenter Parkway, Seattle WA 98117



*August 2023

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2	3	4	5
6 Sunday Service 10 am	7	8	9 <i>Study Class Via Zoom at 6 pm</i>	10 <i>Book Club at King's Books 7 pm</i>	11	12 <i>Softball Game at Liberty Park 9:30 AM</i>
13 Sunday Service 10 am Emergency Preparedness Presentation	14	15 <i>Convention Registration Due</i>	16	17	18	19
20 Board Meeting 8:30 am Sunday Service 10 am	21 <i>Myokyo Deadline</i>	22	23	24	25	26 <i>BWA Bus Trip 8 AM - 6 PM</i>
27 Sunday Service 10 am	28	29	30	31		

*September 2023

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1	2
3 No Sunday Service	4 <i>Labor Day</i>	5	6	7	8	9
10 Sunday Service 10 am First day of Dharma School BREAKFAST 9 am Emergency Drill	11	12	13 <i>Study class Via Zoom at 6 pm</i>	14 <i>Book Club at King's Books 7 pm</i>	15 <i>NW Convention Double Tree Hotel, Tukwila</i>	16 <i>NW Convention</i>
17 NW Convention Sunday Service at 10:00 AM	18 <i>Myokyo Deadline</i>	19	20	21	22	23
24 Sunday Service/Bishop's Memorial/ Fall Ohigan 10 am Dharma School after service Emergency Drill	25	26	27	28	29	30