



Tacoma Buddhist Temple

(Jodo Shinshu)

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MYOKYO 明鏡

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

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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



Who do you wish to be?

Rev. Tadao Koyama

Happy October everyone! It's that time of year again! Halloween! I remember I used to love this time of year. In September I would often be distracted in school trying to figure out my costume! Who did I want to be this year? Will my costume be cooler than the other kids? Then of course there is the candy! We think of trick or treating around the neighborhood and collecting delicious treats from various households and of course my minister's house would always give out the best candy!

Back to the costumes and dressing up. Halloween is a time we get to pretend and live in a world of imagination and spooky ghosts! We get to pretend to be Iron Man, Batman, or even a princess! Perhaps a wizard! All of these are fun people to pretend to be. Sometimes, we even wish that we had millions of dollars, crime fighting abilities, or magical powers that can help us in our daily lives. I am trying to figure out who I would like to be this year for Halloween! What do you all think? What would you like to see me dress up as?

Yet it is important never to forget who we really are. While we may wish we could be other people at times, we still eventually have to take off the costume and return to ourselves. This is also true in our daily lives. We often wear various uniforms either to work, or to functions. During a wedding, one may wear a dress or a tuxedo. To go to a government job may require wearing a business suit or another uniform of some kind.

We often look at the outfits we wear and sometimes define ourselves by it. Yet eventually we change back into our regular clothes. While uniforms, or other cultural clothing has significant meanings, it's important to remember that deep down, who we are goes deeper than the surface.

The Buddha was able to see people for who they truly were. He would greet a beggar and a king with the same amount of respect and insight. The tattered clothes of the beggar would not deter the Buddha from

helping and the royal garments of the king did not win a special favor with the Buddha. The Buddha would see past all of the surface and be able to teach the Dharma to whoever approached him.


I encourage all of us to be creative and expressive with our Halloween costumes and exercise our imaginations! However, I also encourage us to not get lost in the costume and lose ourselves to a Fantasy or to totally define ourselves by what we wear. Whether we wear hand-me-downs, or designer brands, the Buddha-Dharma sees us for who we truly are and does not neglect or give special treatment to either.

Remember that once the uniform or the costume comes off, we return to our real selves and that is who we continue to live as on a regular basis.

So, I pose the question again? Who do you wish to be?

President's Message



September earmarked the start of our weekly Sunday services and Dharma school  which felt like a great step to normalcy. It was so nice to see the students and the large group in the Lotus class. Thanks to all of them for showing up early and packaging up muffins and tea bags as our parting gift for the first service.

On the weekend of September 16-18, Idaho-Oregon Buddhist Temple hosted the NW District Convention – “Reflect on the Past, Looking to the Future.” Bishop Harada, the keynote speaker, is a very thoughtful speaker that shares rich insights into our history and stories from various temples. On separate days he presented his thoughts on where we’ve come from, and what we can do to not just sustain, but grow our membership. His analogy of the monarch butterfly is related to this concept in that it takes four generations in one year for them to migrate back to Mexico. What’s the relevance? Interdependence for sure. Our action to connect, support and get involved from afar or at the temple is important to sustain the TBT. Given that the BCA has had a 28% decline in membership, the need to engage with past, current, and potential Sangha members is vital within our temple. We are very fortunate to have sustained our membership throughout Covid, but we should never rest as it takes a village to propel each generation at those before us did.

With that, our membership committee has been planning since early summer and will soon implement a survey and other strategies to learn from past and current members, and visitors on what’s important to them in becoming a part of a religious community like ours. Stay tuned for more info.

Want an opportunity to engage? Take part in our Drive-Thru Bento Bazaar on November 6th. Please see the poster and order form and mail it in today! If you have ordering questions, contact Kaila Yoshitomi. Thank you in advance to Tracy Ling who is co-chairing with me. Lynne Tanino is also very involved in the planning. Order by Wed, Oct 26th 10 pm. Pick up: November 6th at your specified time. Online ordering should be ready early October. If you don’t want to order food, we’ll gladly accept donations for our fall fundraiser.

Thank you and hope to see you soon.

Gassho,
Crystal



Buddhist Women's Association News



Hello BWA members! I am excited to announce that BWA will be working to return to a more "normal" routine for our activities. I am working to put together dates and times and will be emailing/mailing them to each of you very soon. Here are a few activities to get ready for:



Eshinni & Kakushinni Memorial Service: BWA will host this annual service (in-person!) on October 9th. The guest speaker will be Rev. Kerry Kiyohara from Makawao Hongwanji in Hawaii. Rev. Kiyohara will also be the guest speaker for the Fall Seminar on Saturday, October 8th, 2 pm-4 pm.

Daifuku Mochi: BWA will make approximately 600 mochi to support the Temple Bazaar. The preparation date is currently being determined, tentatively we are looking at a weekday morning during week of October 30th.

General Meeting: We will convene for a general meeting in late October.

New Year's Luncheon: Tentatively looking at January 29th, 2023. Details to come!

Upcoming Events

The 46th FBWA Conference "Winds of Change" will be held October 14-16, 2022, via Zoom. Keynote speakers are Rev. Ko'e Umezu, Rev. Etsuko Mikame, and Rev. Candice Shibata.

2023 Joint Celebrations at Hongwanji - Shinran Shonin 850th birthday and 800th Anniversary of the Establishment of the Jodo Shinshu Tradition

1st session March 29–April 3, 2023

2nd session April 10–April 15, 2023

3rd session April 24–April 29, 2023

4th session May 6–May 11, 2023 – **17th World Buddhist Women's Convention**

5th session May 16–May 21, 2023

2nd registration period: April 1, 2022 – March 2023

Respectfully submitted by,
Denise Cline, Tacoma BWA President

Dharma School News



Congratulations to US!!! We made it September 11th for our first IN PERSON service and class for over two years!!!! Many sangha members were a little taken back by how our kids have grown UP (literally) and how dedicated they were to attending finally for In Person after being so faithful attending via ZOOM for two plus years! It was a great moment!!!



Thank you YBA for gifting us with a breakfast muffin and tea to enjoy when we got home. I do believe many of the muffins were consumed while driving home...it was a nice treat.

Teachers met again to set a plan for our Fire, Earthquake and Intruder Drills. We will be implementing practice drills monthly and inform parents where they're children will be in case of an actual situation. We will be practicing these drills this year and begin our monthly drills beginning January 2023. We are working closely with our Homeland Security Committee to make sure we are in compliance.

I actually took pictures of our classes on Sunday, but somehow cannot send the pictures to my computer. I KNOW it is a *personal* problem, so will have to send pictures maybe next month. So sorry. (Still not techy...)

I am also looking for a 'photographer' to take class pictures....if anyone can help.

Sunday Service Program:	10:00	Dharma School and All sangha arrive, oshoko Kansho <i>Class representatives go up for oshoko</i> Maitreya student presents Osaisen to minister Message from Sensei, chanting, gatha Announcements		
	10:40	Dharma School students dismissed to class		
	11:30	Students dismissed to parents/guardians		
October-November:	October	2	DS	Class
		9	DS	Class; Eshinni/Kakushinni Service; Ohigan Lotus class invited to listen to guest speaker
		16	DS	Class; LOTUS on field trip (Eco-Sangha gathering) Maitreya/Lumbini will have separate activity
		23	DS	Class
		30	NO DS	No class; Halloween Party!!!
	November	6	NO DS	Take out Bazaar
		13	DS	Lotus set up for Bodhi Day
		20	DS	Lotus practice for Bodhi Day
		27	NO DS	Thanksgiving break

Please note that if there will changes to the calendar, we will contact each family. Otherwise, this calendar is correct.

Please be safe and take care of each other – and take a few moments for yourself as well.

Gassho,
June

Young Buddhist Association News



Hello everybody!

My name is Odessa Cook, and I would like to officially introduce myself as this year's YBA President! I hope everyone had a wonderful summer and is looking forward to the warm colors of autumn.

The YBA was able to meet each other at an informal meeting after our first in-person Dharma School since the pandemic began. It was wonderful to see everyone in person at the temple once again, and I am so grateful that I am able to be part of this year's YBA in person.

Our first official YBA meeting will be held after Dharma school on September 25th, where we will be discussing our plans for the upcoming Halloween Candy Dash on October 30th! We will keep you updated on how we will hold it soon.

Once again, our Obon YBA T-Shirt fundraiser was a success, and we thank all who helped make this fundraising event possible. We look forward to expanding on our designs and ways in which to support the temple. Thank you all!

I look forward to continuing to see everyone back in person at service and wish everyone a fantastic new school year!

Gassho,
Odessa Cook



How wonderful it is to finally resume weekly in-person Sunday services and have Dharma School at the temple again. Though we will still take some covid precautions it will be great to regularly see and hear the dharma in the hono, see the DS children, and MAYBE after a while resume potlucks and refreshments after special services. Wouldn't that be great?

When you think about it, food is an attraction that draws people together. When there's a temple potluck, it can be a time to share our favorite recipes, childhood foods or taste a new dish we haven't tried before. With food as a commonality, we can learn a little more about each other, share our experiences in a comfortable setting and just be together to eat. I am looking forward to the day when we can dine together in the social hall.

But, until then, I would like to share a favorite recipe of Rev. Fred Pelger called The Easiest Slow-Roasted Peking-Style Pork Ribs. Did you know he likes to cook? He stepped down from the BEC last month and I'm sure he will keep himself busy with his woodwork and cooking skills. Thank you, Rev. Fred, for your many years of dedication and sharing your wisdom in the BEC. Gassho, Patti

The Easiest Slow-Roasted Peking-Style Pork Ribs

This is the easiest Peking-spareribs recipe ever! Simply mix, pour, coat and roast! Enjoy!

Prep Time 5 mins

Cook Time 2 hrs 30 mins

Total Time 2 hrs 35 mins

Servings: 4 people

Author: Elizabeth, shared by Rev. Fred

Ingredients

- 1.4 kg or 3 pounds pork ribs
- 85 ml Hoisin sauce
- 60 ml dark soy sauce
- 2 tbsp Shaoxing rice wine
- 2 tbsp runny honey
- 1 tsp garlic puree or 2 chopped garlic cloves
- 1 tsp Chinese Five Spice
- 1 pinch chili flakes optional
- 15 grams cornstarch plus water to dissolve
- spring onions to garnish

Instructions

1. Preheat oven to 150 C/ 350 F.
2. Place the pork ribs in a heavy-lidded casserole dish or a deep pan.
3. Mix all the sauce ingredients except for the cornstarch and spring onions. Whisk until combined and pour over the pork ribs, coating them well.
4. Cover (use aluminum foil if your dish doesn't have a lid) and roast in the middle of the oven for two and a half hours.
5. After two hours remove the lid from the casserole dish and turn the ribs carefully, basting each one. Return to the oven for 15 minutes and repeat again, turning the ribs so they brown somewhat for the final half hour of cooking.
6. At the end of the cooking time, carefully drain off the liquid in the casserole dish and place into a small saucepan. Bring to a simmer.
7. Dissolve the cornstarch in a little cold water and add to the simmering sauce mix. Stir well until it thickens, for 2-3 minutes, and then pour over the ribs, coating evenly.
8. Garnish with chopped spring onion, if desired, and serve immediately.

Facility Committee Update



As Facilities has finished the joist-replacement phase on the parsonage deck, members of the team have another project in the gleam of their eyes. The exterior steps that lead to the Reverend Pratt room and the temple office are showing signs of age, so repairs are in their future. Of course, we could save the effort and encourage people to climb up and repel down the wall instead of using the stairs. But that would exclude yours truly since I lack the ambition. In the meantime, we'll have to wait until Facilities accomplishes the next phases of the parsonage deck reconstruction. We don't want too many irons in the fire. Some other projects are to install a new roof over the stair well at the stage exterior door, replace the railing at the left front side of the temple, and to change the handrail at the stairs along the parsonage.

Litter takes a hike (well kinda sorta since litter seems to have a way of eventually spontaneously re-appearing) when Lynrae Hubbell performs her litter patrol 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 ensure that Facilities is a well-oiled machine. Kurt Osaka and Osaka Gardens are stuck in neutral until all the construction project terminates. Instead, David Yotsuuye, Jeff Hiroo, Mike Shiogi, Del Sasaki, and Rick Tanabe are picking up the tools and getting the job done.

~Dave

Toban



Toban is on a regular IN PERSON plan as of now. Two-month groups will work as a team to choose a date/month for cleaning up the temple. Professional cleaners will begin cleaning toilets twice a month.

September Chair **Bobby & Junko Yotsuuye**

Kenji Shipp
Mike Shiogi
David & Kathy Yotsuuye

October Chair **Carrie Mori**

Rick Tanabe
John & Crystal Inge
Emma & Kate Inge

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 boosters. 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 twice 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
Vacuum and dust library
Empty garbage/recycling as needed

Upstairs Classrooms: Vacuum carpet in classrooms and balcony
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. *Any suggestions to make this process work smoother are welcome.*

Barry Weled and June Akita

Yearly Memorial Service

General Memorial Service Years for 2022

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



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33 rd Year	Kazue Jenks	October 2, 1990
50 th Year	Zengoro Shimoishimaru	October 11, 1973

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7 th Year	Demi Renai Nibbana	November 5, 2016
25 th Year	Henry Yutaka Tanabe	November 27, 1998
33 rd Year	Yukiko Higashi	November 22, 1990

December 2022

3 rd Year	Miyoko Kanda	December 17, 2020
13 th Year	Gene Yoshio Dogen	December 25, 2010
33 rd Year	Hideyoshi Jinguji	December 31, 1990

Greeter's List

October 2	Tony Greg/Jim Doyle/John Inge/Mike Shiogi
9	Debbie Abe/Akemi Ikeda/Lynrae/Tom Hubbell
16	Lynn Blick/David Campbell/Tracy and Richard Ling
23	David and Bobby Yotsuuye/Barry and June Weled
30	Carrie Mori/Gavin Morgan/Del Sasaki/Shizuka Faria

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.



*We're
Back!!!*

Rev. Koyama asked students how does it feel to 'return' somewhere and why? Kids were right on for answers. Donna Sasaki continues to share her musical skills—such a welcoming sound...brings you home...



Rev. Cyndi gave a wonderful talk to the adults as the DS students went to their **first** classes. (Not sure why I don't have a picture of Rev. Koyama... OOPS!!)



Seattle - Tacoma Softball Game

Congratulations goes to Seattle Betsuin for finally taking home the Annual Seattle Betsuin vs Tacoma Buddhist Temple Softball Tournament trophy. Seattle brought their best and Tacoma gave it our best, but it wasn't quite good enough. Great job Kusunoki Sensei and team for a good game and great sportsmanship.

This event started back in 2018, resurrecting an old rivalry from the early 1900's when both temples fielded baseball teams to compete. On the trophy, created by Enzo Yotsuuye, you can see a photo from the 1930's showing both baseball teams in uniform. Since 2018, Tacoma has kept the trophy, proudly displayed in the Rev. Pratt room but will have to fill that void for a year until we beat Seattle next year.

This year's game was hosted by Tacoma Buddhist Temple in Federal Way after a 2 year break due to COVID. It was nice to see everyone enjoying the day and having fun. Next year's game will be hosted by Seattle. We cannot wait!

Thanks goes out to Kevin Ikeda for taking the reins and running the show. Pictured is a combined photo of the final game players and Rev. Koyama sadly handing over the trophy to Rev. Kusunoki.



Tacoma Buddhist Temple's
Spirit, Mind and Body Health Series



Yoga for Compassion

Monthly, Saturday 9:00 am– 10:00 am in the temple social hall or via Zoom

You will learn the fundamentals of yoga postures and experience connecting movement and breath. The class will begin seated in a chair and then progress to standing. Please save these dates and connect with Tracy Ling to register or if you have questions.

October 8 November 12 December 10

Instructor and Temple Member, Kara O'Toole.

Free class! Register www.tacomabt.org for Waiver and Zoom Link.

Contact Tracy Ling to register or if you have questions: tling12005@gmail.com





Tacoma Buddhist Temple's 2022 Fall Seminar



Special Guest Speaker
Rev. Kerry Kiyohara
Makawao Hongwanji, Hawaii

Date: October 8, 2022

Time: 2pm-4pm

Location: Tacoma Buddhist Temple, 1717 Fawcett Ave, Tacoma, WA 98402 (This event will also be available on Zoom. Link will be sent week of the seminar)

Cost: Free (but donations are always welcome!)

Registration: <https://forms.gle/nBKieeDtGuEaPMba7>

Come join us for our first hybrid Fall Seminar as we deeply listen to the dharma and appreciate our lives! This year we are fortunate to have a special guest speaker from Hawaii Kyodan, Rev. Kerry Kiyohara.

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AFTER SEMINAR KARAAGE DINNER!

**After Rev. Kiyohara's Seminar
Suggested Donation: \$10
Saturday, October 8, 2022
5pm-7:30pm (After the seminar)**

Rev. Koyama is cooking Chicken Karaage for dinner after the seminar. Enjoy good company, good eats and lively conversation!

Please RSVP to:

REVTADAOK@GMAIL.COM

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						1 YouTube Shotsuki Service
2 In-Person Service 10am Dharma School	3	4	5	6	7	8 Spirit Mind and Body Yoga 9 am Fall Seminar at 2 pm Special Guest Speaker Rev. Kerry Kiyohara
9 Eshinni Kakushinni BWA Memorial Service 10 am Special Guest Speaker Rev. Kerry Kyohara	10	11	12 BEC Meeting 9 am Via Zoom Hybrid Study Class 6 pm at Temple	13 Book Club at King's Books 7:00 PM	14	15
16 In-Person Service 10 am Special Dharma School class Board Meeting	17 Myokyo Deadline	18	19	20	21	22
23 In-Person Service 10 am Dharma School	24	25	26	27	28	29
30 In-Person Service 10 am Dharma School Halloween Party in social hall	31 Halloween					

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2	3	4	5 YouTube Shotsuki Service
6 Fall Drive-Thru Bazaar 11 am-1 pm No Service	7	8	9 Study class Hybrid 6 pm at Temple	10 Book Club at King's Books 7:00 PM	11	12 Spirit, Mind, and Body Yoga for Compassion 9:00 AM
13 Eitaikyo Service 10 am Dharma School BEC Meeting after service	14	15	16	17	18	19
20 Board Meeting 8:45 am In-Person Service 10 am Dharma School	21 Myokyo Deadline	22	23	24 Thanksgiving	25 Black Friday	26
27 In-Person Service 10 am No Dharma School	28	29	30			