



# Tacoma Buddhist Temple (Jodo Shinshu)

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## MYOKYO

### 明鏡

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

### July 2019

**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

### Rejecting Self-Power, Not Self-Effort

Rev. Takashi Miyaji



In the last article, I talked about the first ethical characteristic of Shin Buddhist ethics, which is to question the self. I explained that when we think about our existence and see that the essential problem of life involves the self, we set the stage to become receptive to the teachings of the Buddha. We may often think that ethics is supposed to be about what is right and wrong and to hold not only ourselves to this standard, but everyone else as well. However, in the eyes of Shin Buddhism, ethics is not about judging others but rather, it begins with the crucial component of introspection.

The second characteristic of Shin Buddhist ethics is to distinguish between self-power and self-effort. The term "self-effort" is credited to Professor Kenneth Tanaka, a well-known Shin Buddhist scholar. I interpret "self-effort" to mean *jinriki* 尽力 in Japanese, in contrast to the term "self-power," or *jiriki* 自力. What this means is that self-power is the reliance on one's own ability to attain enlightenment and subsequently, that person does not rely on Amida's Other Power. Self-effort is the pursuit to understand why Amida's great compassion grasps and embraces people of blind passions.

There is a common misunderstanding, even amongst Shin Buddhists in Japan and America throughout history, that self-power means Shinran was explaining that anything we do will not lead one to enlightenment. Therefore, he was suggesting that we should just give up and not worry about doing anything in our lives because Amida Buddha takes care of us anyway. Some people even went as far as to say that Amida's 18<sup>th</sup> Vow permits us to do all the bad things that we want; it doesn't matter because we are saved anyway! Obviously, this is not what Shinran had in mind. There is a famous example in which Shinran says if there is a

potion that will cure our illness, then why would we want to drink more poison? Wouldn't we want to drink the potion right away? In other words, if the nembutsu teaching provides us with a path to spiritual liberation, why would we want to wait around by creating destruction around us and living in hedonistic ignorance all the time?

Shinran had a very specific definition for self-power, which basically means that the individual believes in his/her own ability to attain enlightenment. It further means, the individual does not see the need in relying on Amida Buddha's compassionate activity. In contrast, Shinran does encourage self-effort, which is to diligently pursue and understand *why* Amida Buddha's compassionate activity is necessary and how it is provided for all ignorant sentient beings. Shinran is not against this kind of effort. The line that draws the difference is that self-power is to entrust in the self that in turn pushes us to further egocentricity; whereas self-effort is to entrust in Amida Buddha's compassionate activity that in turn pushes us to focus more on the nembutsu teaching. Amida Buddha and not the self, becomes the central motivation of our ethical lives.

To give you an example of how this might play out in our everyday lives, let me talk about Shinran's views on nonbuddhist paths. Shinran is explicit about not taking refuge in or observing "lucky days and auspicious occasions," which are superstitious beliefs based on luck and the supernatural. Although Shinran does not go as far as to say that he does not recognize these things to exist or not, he clearly explains that we should not *rely on* these things for our liberation from this world of suffering. Therefore, as Shin Buddhists we should not participate in believing in luck, lucky charms, talisman, *omamori*, tarot cards and reading, fortune-telling, the Chinese and Greek Zodiac system, astrology, witchcraft, petitionary prayer, or spells, as ways to liberation from birth-and-death. Again, although he does not necessarily deny the existence of the supernatural such as gods and deities, he does disregard them as having nothing to do with one's spiritual path to salvation.

In short, it might be fun to read about our weekly horoscopes, but we should seriously ask ourselves, "Will this bring us true and lasting happiness?" Instead, Shinran is trying to get us to focus on what is essential in our well-being, which is to seriously pursue our spiritual journey. He tries to show us that when we rely on such things as luck and fortune-telling, these are all ways that essentially seek to promote the self. In other words, these worldly desires further solidify our egocentric worldview that keep us from seeing true reality as such. However, when we abandon these kinds of beliefs, which are derived from self-power, and turn ourselves over and listen to the teachings of the Buddha Dharma, this is the act of self-effort. When we rely on Amida Buddha's compassionate activity and pursue this teaching, this is the self-effort that Shinran encourages all nembutsu followers to take part in.

今月の日本語の記事を割愛させていただき、月末の日本語法話で話したいと思います。どうぞよろしくお願い致します。

## **FUTURE SCHEDULE**

(Wed) July 17	<b>Eatonville and Orting Cemetery Visitation, 11 AM</b>
(Sun) July 21	<b>Obon Cemetery Visitation (see schedule page 6)</b>
(Sun) July 28	<b>Hatsubon Urabon Service, 10 AM</b>
(Sat) August 3	<b>Obon Odori, 4:30 PM – 9:00 PM</b>
August 31-Sept. 1	<b>International Buddhist Women's Assoc. Conference, San Francisco</b>
(Tues) September 3	<b>Gomonshu Visitation at TBT 11:30 AM, Kikyoshiki Service at Seattle Betsuin at 5:30 PM</b>

## President's Message



I hope everyone has been surviving the hot weather that the end of spring, start of summer has brought. The good weather has allowed us to have our events run smoothly. Hopefully, we'll have more great weather for our upcoming events.

### **Kimono/Plant/Bake Sale**

Thank you to everyone that helped make the June 15 Kimono/Plant/Bake sale a success. It took a lot of hard work and long days to prepare for the sale. A special thank you to Denise Cline for organizing the sale.

### **Temple Picnic**

We were fortunate to have great weather for this year's Temple Picnic. Thank you, June Akita, for organizing this year's picnic. I hope that more members will be able to attend in the future.

### **Obon Odori**

Obon season is a time to remember and express our gratitude to those that have come before us. I hope that you will be able to attend Cemetery visitations on July 17 and 21, 2019 and our Obon service on July 28, 2019. Please see the box highlighting the times that cemetery visitations will be held. I hope you will be able to participate. Our Obon Odori Festival will be held on August 3, 2019. The Obon Co-chairs are Crystal Inge and Jim Doyle. If you are able to volunteer for this fund raiser and have not been asked to help yet, please contact Crystal or Jim. If you are not familiar with Obon Odori dances, you have an opportunity to learn the dances July 16-18, 2019, 7:30 – 9:00 PM, in the Temple social hall.

### **Gomonshu Ohtani Visit**

Tacoma Buddhist Temple will have the honor of hosting a visit from Gomonshu Ohtani, the spiritual leader of Jodo Shinshu, on Tuesday, September 3, 2019. This visit will include a lunch, the Gomonshu will visit Tacoma for about 1.5 hours, including the lunch. More information will be distributed and a sign up for lunch will be out soon. To prepare the Temple for the visit, there will be a general Temple clean up after service on August 25, 2019, after service. This will include clean up tasks both inside and outside of the Temple. Please add this to your calendar.

### **Fall Bazaar Co-chairs**

We always seem to be working on our next fund raiser, such is the life of an organization dependent on donations and fund raising. So, even though we are hard at work on our Obon Odori fund raiser, I am looking for co-chairs for our Fall Bazaar, which will be held on November 3, 2019. Please let me know if you are willing to help chair this year's Bazaar.

Gassho,  
David

## Buddhist Women's Association News



Can't believe how fast the lazy days of summer are upon us! It's exciting to see our high school graduates enter the next phase of their lives, and it is also exciting to hear of our college graduates explore the world as well! Congratulations – you make us so proud!!

*Pleased to welcome **Fujiko Yoshikawa** to our BWA Organization!!!* We look forward to her many talents and appreciate her willingness to help when she can. Warm welcome to Fujiko!!

Our **Peanut Butter and Jelly drive** is continuing through the month of June. All items will be given to a local organization chosen by our April-May-June toban at the end of the month.

We continue to collect unopened toiletries all year, please drop them by in the Maitreya classroom. Thank you to **Jane Burster** who brought 4 boxes of feminine products last month from a special monetary



donation.

A delicious lunch was served to our Temple Yard Workers Sunday, June 2. Thank you to the April-May-June toban – **June Weled, Patti Wong, Emiko Kurata, Alex Theisen, Anita Nakayama** - for organizing the menu, and thank you to all the BWA ladies who helped prepare, serve and clean up.



Our **Kimono – Plant – Bake Sale** was a huge success thanks to the tireless hours from **Kazuko Inoue** and **Denise Cline**. **Les Hitsman** created over 75 flower bowls and **Todd Nakamura** donated 40 hanging bowls which made for a VAST variety of beautiful arrangements. Our Bake/Craft Sale was also a success thanks to the MANY people who baked delicious treats or donated items to sell. Our list of volunteers is massive – so many people gave so many hours on MANY days whether indoors or outdoors, in the kitchen or on the stage or on the main floor... **thank you ALL so much.** (Thank you, Alex for modeling.)

Our **BWA Annual Bus Trip** to Sequim on July 13, Saturday, is full. Thank you, **Helen Motokane** and **Merlaine Cook** in helping plan this trip! Now we just have to hope for sunshine!!!

Don't forget Obon August 3<sup>rd</sup>!! BWA will be making **Daifuku Mochi on July 27, 8:00AM**. We plan to make more daifuku mochi this year as we sold out so quickly in 2018 - so **please plan to join us**. Obon dates: Aug. 1 Pie Making 8:00 AM; Aug. 2 Food Preparations 8:00 AM; and Aug. 3 Final Food Preparations 8:00 AM. BWA will be making our famous Strawberry Mochi for Obon on Saturday, Obon Day, around 10:00 AM. This is the final fundraiser for BWA for this year.

Just a friendly reminder that the **Gomonshu** will be visiting our Temple Tuesday, September 3. A sign up for the lunch will be posted soon. In preparation for his visit, there will be an **ALL Temple Clean Up** on Sunday, August 25 after service.

Our next **BWA General Meeting** will be after service July 7<sup>th</sup>. A light lunch will be served.

**Future BWA Events:**

- July 7 BWA General Meeting; July-Aug-Sept Toban provide light lunch
- July 13 BWA Bus Trip to Sequim
- July 27 Daifuku Mochi for Obon 8:00 AM;
- August 1, 2, 3 Obon Preparations ; strawberry mochi making Aug. 3 - 10:00 AM
- August 25 All Temple Clean up in preparation for the Gomonshu visit
- Sept. 2 Gomonshu lunch preparation
- Sept. 3 Gomonshu Visit



In gassho,  
June Akita

**Buddhist Education Committee News**



There is a place in this temple where vast amounts of Buddhist knowledge are stored. No, it's not Sensei Miyaji's brain, but that's very close. It's our temple library, or as John Inge once called it, "the napping room". The library not only houses all our books, but it is also used for small group meetings, a "green room" for guest speakers, storage for folding chairs during fund raisers and yes, a nice place to curl up for a nap.

I don't know the history of the library prior to joining the temple in 2001, but I do know that in 2002 or 2003, the temple received over 500 books from the estate of temple member, Walter Koopman. I assigned myself the temple librarian soon after Walter's donation and started organizing all the books under the supervision of BEC members Mr. Miki, Ted Tamaki and Rev. Fukuma.

In addition to Walter's books, we received more books from the estates of Violet Tanabe and George Arima, which forced us to pare down the original inventory of books and install more shelving. After narrowing

our topic categories to Buddhism and anything Japanese (history, language, art, etc.), we moved most of the books written in Japanese to the office cupboards or gave them away to various people. Books we couldn't use or that had multiple copies were donated to "Books to Prisoners", a library run by a group of volunteers in Seattle who provide reading materials to prisons. Books were also donated to the local public libraries to add to their book sales and some books were donated to second-hand stores. We also donated books on Buddhism from Edward Matsumoto's estate to the Tacoma General Hospital for their library.

Last year, Jane Burster was kind enough to take over as temple librarian and she is doing a great job finishing up the labelling of books and incorporating incoming donations. Perhaps you have noticed books for sale in the lobby? These are extra copies from our library and we hope you can find a treasure or two. Proceeds from book sales go to our Buddhist Education Committee.

Keep reading, keep learning and have a wonderful summer!

~Lynrae

**Toban News**



**July Toban News**



Upcoming Dates:

- Obon Service – July 28
- **Obon Fundraiser** – August 3, all members are asked to help

**August & September 2019 Toban Groups:** Toban chairs are responsible for calling group members for set-up and clean-up of temple events occurring in their Toban months. The Toban chairs for each group will coordinate with each other to set up the dates for the monthly clean up. Please let Eric Hammerstrom know the clean-up dates to check for conflicts with other activities and to add to the Temple calendar.

August 2019	September 2019
<b>**Rick Tanabe</b>	<b>**Denise Cline</b>
<b>John &amp; Crystal Inge</b>	<b>Jeff &amp; Vivian Hiroo</b>
<b>Les Hitsman &amp; Fred Pelger</b>	<b>Delbert &amp; Cynthia Sasaki</b>
<b>Sandra Swartz</b>	<b>Erin Berkey</b>
<b>Allan Oshima</b>	<u>Email or Phone Tree Members</u>
<u>Email or Phone Tree Members</u>	Tad & Joan Kajimura
Jim Akagi	
Nancy Butterfield	
Yaeko Nakano (call son Hiroshi)	
Charlotte Omoto	

**August Group Responsibilities:**

- Monthly clean-up for July and August
- Obon: Clean up kitchen area, bathrooms, social hall and other areas in use for Obon
- Obon: Provide a light lunch for Saturday set up around 11:30 a.m.
- Coffee hour

**September Group Responsibilities:**

- Monthly clean-up for September and October
- Obon: Provide a light lunch for Saturday set up around 11:30 a.m..
- 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
- Coffee hour

~Kaila



## From Your Facility Committee



When I was growing up during the early 70s one of my greatest pleasures, besides eating chicken fried in bacon grease, was watching Sanford and Son on our antiquated black and white TV. It seemed all that junk in the storage garage looked strikingly similar to the production set of that classic TV show. So anytime I walked in the storage area the theme to Sanford and Son would start rattling around in my brain. I wouldn't have been surprised if Esther didn't pop out of some dark corner to remind me that I would be Cajun fried in you know where due to my incorrigibly sinful ways. But no more. After a gang of junk busters attacked the mess, even Felix of the Odd Couple would feel at home in the reordered storage area.

Well, many say you get what you pay for. But in the case of Rick Tanabe that adage is no different from something you'd find in a cow pasture. He expertly installed a ball valve in the box next to faucet to provide for an additional shut off. Now that wasn't all. Rick disassembled and repaired a crack in a fitting at the corner of the house. And to top it all off he donated a valve that controls the lawn sprinkler system on the north side of driveway.

Most of you probably didn't know that our social hall kitchen electrical panel was in dire need of some maintenance. But you just can't get anything past Tom Hubbell. Tom sprang into action and obtained the services of Gateway Electric. Now the panel sports new breakers and clean buss bars.

Tony Greg has been working to update our social kitchen fire suppression system. Tony contacted three companies, but only one replied. However, the one that expressed an interest has not answered despite Tony's efforts to reconnect. All we are getting are the sounds of crickets. Insects might have a lot of legs, but they don't possess the prehensile tarsi and brains to certify our fire suppression system. Therefore, we'll give them an A for effort and whip out the bugspray.

All that dirt and debris just dread those weekly visits courtesy of Jeff Hiroo and Fred Pelger. There's nothing like getting all settled in and then being rudely shown the door. Tom Hubbell continues to employ those eagle eyes to search out and evict trash along Fawcett Ave. If not for Mike Shiogi, David Yotsuuye, Robert Yotsuuye, Gary Ichinaga, Tom Hubbell, Tony Gregg, Rick Tanabe, and Del Sasaki many temple projects would remain pie-in-the-sky musings. Kurt Osaka and Osaka Gardens are completely in the zone as they strive to keep our grounds colorful and weed free.

~Dave

### Monthly Book Club

#### *Buddhism Today!*

**July 11th (Th) at 7pm at Kings Books**

Featured Book:

Duncan Ryuken Williams

*American Sutra: A story of Faith and Freedom in the Second World War.*

### Obon Cemetery Visits

**July 17, 2019, Wed. 11 AM** – Eatonville & Orting Cemetery Visitation

**July 21, 2019, Sunday**

1:30 PM, Old Tacoma

2:00 PM, Mt. View

2:45 PM, New Tacoma

4:00 PM, Sumner

## General Temple Clean Up

General Temple Clean Up, after service, **August 25, 2019**. Clean up will include the inside of the Temple and the outside grounds. We want to have the Temple as presentable as possible for Gomonshu Ohtani's visit.

## Yearly Memorial Services



### General Memorial Service Years for 2019

1st Year - 2018	17th Year - 2003
3rd Year - 2017	25th Year - 1995
7th Year - 2013	33rd Year - 1987
13th Year - 2007	50th Year - 1970

### July 2019:

3 <sup>rd</sup> Year	Tanbara, George Ayao	Shaku Ji-Shin	July 1, 2017
7 <sup>th</sup> Year	Nakagawara, Mary Hisaye	Shakuni Gyo-Shin	July, 1 2013
25 <sup>th</sup> Year	Yaguchi, Hiroshi	Shaku Gu-Gan	July, 22 1995
25 <sup>th</sup> Year	Tanabe, Del Hideo	Shaku Shi-Jo	July, 31 1995

### August 2019

17 <sup>th</sup> Year	Sasaki, Tadao	Shaku Jo-Yi	August 3, 2003
17 <sup>th</sup> Year	Hayashi, Rakuo Roy	Shaku Gyo-Shin	August 30, 2003
25 <sup>th</sup> Year	Dogen, Yoshio	Shaku Ko-Gen	August 4, 1995
33 <sup>rd</sup> Year	Yasuda, Kimiyo	Shakuni Shin-Sho	August 8, 1987

### September 2019

1 <sup>st</sup> Year	Nakagawara, Hiroshi John	Shaku Ei-Tetsu	September 4, 2018
13 <sup>th</sup> Year	Jinguji, Kazuko	Shakuni Su-Ri	September 22, 2007
25 <sup>th</sup> Year	Williams, Kesae	Shakuni Myo-Toku	September 15, 1995

## Greeters Schedule

### Greeters:

Note: Please have new visitors sign in their name and give them the following booklets:

- Temple Information Booklet
- Messages from the Buddha (mini booklet with pale pink cover)
- 1/2 page list of Temple activities & "Want More Info." (1/2 sheet form)

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.**

<b>July</b>	<b>7</b>	Jane Burster & David Campbell
	<b>14</b>	Denise Cline & Merlaine Cook
	<b>21</b>	Wendy Hamai & John Inge
	<b>28</b>	Del Sasaki & Rick Tanabe
<b>August</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>No Service</b>
	<b>11</b>	Kevin & Mayumi Ikeda
	<b>18</b>	Tracy & Richard Ling
	<b>25</b>	Jill Case & Jeff Hiroo
<b>September</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>No Service</b>
	<b>8</b>	Jim Doyle & Tony Gregg
	<b>15</b>	Lynrae Hubbell & Tom Hubbell
	<b>22</b>	Yasuko Morita & June Weled
	<b>29</b>	Michael Shiogi & Henry Stoll

## THANK YOU FOR AN AMAZING KIMONO/PLANT/BAKE SALE!

I am so thankful for each and every one of you helping to make the triple Kimono/Plant/Bake sale a huge success. I don't have the final numbers yet - but I think we had wonderful results at each of the three sale areas. As always, I just can't believe how much gets done and how joyful it is to spend a day doing an event with all of you.

This email comes from me as I volunteered to serve as the point of contact for this event - however - the true bulk of the work and heart of this day came from all of you!

You all sorted, priced, folded, and hung hundreds of Kimono, obi, and accessories, you baked amazing foods and brought beautiful items to sell at the Bake and Kimono sales, you donated breathtaking plants, and planters for the Plant Sale, you made delicious lunches and snacks on work days, and you all gave so much of your time!

With deep gratitude,  
Denise





## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR OBON 2019

Obon 2019 is right around the corner – Saturday, August 3!! We increased the amount of our menu items as we sold out so quickly last year. The Beer Garden and Food Items will be available from 4:30, Service at 5:00, and dancing will begin after our Fuji Taiko opens our event.

Our Candle Memorial Observance will begin at 9:00 PM.

**Dance Practices** are scheduled for July 16-18 in the Social Hall from 7:30-9:00 PM.

Thank you to everyone who offered the use of their **ice chests, fans and canopies**. Please mark your items with your name so they can be properly returned.

If you have some **frozen or fresh fruit** for our pies, please put them in our Rev. Pratt freezer or contact June Akita.

We are still in need of many **volunteers**, especially second shift (6:30-9:00 PM). If you are available, please contact Crystal or June.

### Please mark these dates:

Sunday, July 28	Hatsubon Service	Somen served
Thursday, Aug. 1	Pie Making	Kitchen, 8:00 AM
Friday, Aug. 2	Obon Preparations	Kitchen, 8:00 AM
Saturday, Aug. 3	OBON DAY Preparations	Kitchen, 8:00 AM
	BWA – strawberry mochi	Kitchen, 10:00 AM or earlier
	Construction (after lunch)	Street, noon
	OBON	4:30-9:00 PM
	Candle Observance	9:00 PM
	Clean up, take down	9:00 PM

Thank you, everyone, for your willingness to help before, during and after Obon. Your support is much appreciated.

Crystal Inge, Jim Doyle, June Akita (kitchen)



**Obon 2019 Memorial Candle Observance  
Saturday, August 3 9pm**



**Summer is 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 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 about 300 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 12th year for this observance thanks to the support of many. 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, August 3 starting immediately after dancing ends.** Orders will be taken at Sunday services or you can complete the form below and send in with a check. You can also order a candle during Bon Odori but we often sell out early despite increasing the number of candles available. **We can include Buddhist names only on pre-ordered candles**, though a Buddhist name is not necessary to place an order. 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, we can check our past files when you place an order.

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**2019 Memorial Candle Order Form (\$5 per candle)  
Deadline: Sunday, July 28 (Hatsubon Urabon service)**

Ordered by \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Names for candles: (1 name or couple per candle, please) Please print clearly.**

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**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](mailto:wfhamai@rainierconnect.com))

## **Picnic 2019 – a Fun Success!!**

Our annual temple picnic and potluck lunch was held on June 9<sup>th</sup> at Edgemont Park. The weather was perfect with over 60 people in attendance. We had no bathrooms or running water, but we managed thanks to **Donna** getting buckets of water from home for the games and **Jerry** bringing thermoses of water for the tea and coffee.

**Rev. Miyaji** had a short service at 10:00 AM, and Dharma School students received perfect attendance awards and Birthday bags. **Kensuke, Rio and Kalea Shimizu** managed fun games for the kids as some of the adults enjoyed volleyball and new game, Spike Ball! **Tracy Ling** proved to be quite the pro at Corn Hole - her dad told her he "didn't want to play with her anymore"....C'mon!!! An old favorite game, Cake Walk, needed some explanation to a few, but it was fun for the 'older' folk to try to land on that 'special' number to receive a dessert. Thanks to **Mike Shiogi**, everyone was dancing to the beat as they walked around the cones.



Afterwards, we ate a really delicious lunch as everyone shared their special plate or two. Then it was Baseball organized by **John Inge**, and BINGO with new caller, **Emma Inge and assistant, Donna Sasaki**. Everyone enjoyed the raffle prizes – can never get enough TP! – **Sensei** even got an extra bottle of dish washing soap so he can help **Kaori** at home with the dishes.

Special thanks to the following helpers:

Collecting kitchen and other supplies: Donna Sasaki, June Akita

Morning crew who loaded everything – Mike & Priscilla Shiogi, Del Sasaki, Jeff & Vivian Hiroo, Tom Hubbell, Fred Pelger, Les Hitsman, Ken & Lynne Tanino – **In charge**

BBQ cookers – Fred Pelger, Les Hitsman, Jerry Akita

Hot Dogs

– Fred Pelger and Les Hitsman

Kids' Games – Erin, Kensuke, Rio and Kalea Shimizu, Maitreya Class

Kids' Snack Bags– Junko Yotsuuye

BINGO – Jerry Akita, Emma Inge, Donna Sasaki

Raffle Prizes – Kazuko Inoue

Softball equipment – John Inge

Music – Mike Shiogi

Afternoon crew who brought items back to temple: Del Sasaki, Tom Hubbell, Mike & Priscilla Shiogi, Fred Pelger, Les Hitsman, Jeff Hiroo, Donna Sasaki, Jerry & June Akita – **In charge**

**Everyone** for helping clean up after the games!!!

Thank you, again, for making our annual picnic a successful one!

June Akita (substitute for Donna)



### **Obon Odori**

Saturday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019

At  
Tacoma Buddhist Temple

Come and Join the Fun!

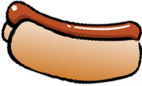


Memorial Day Service

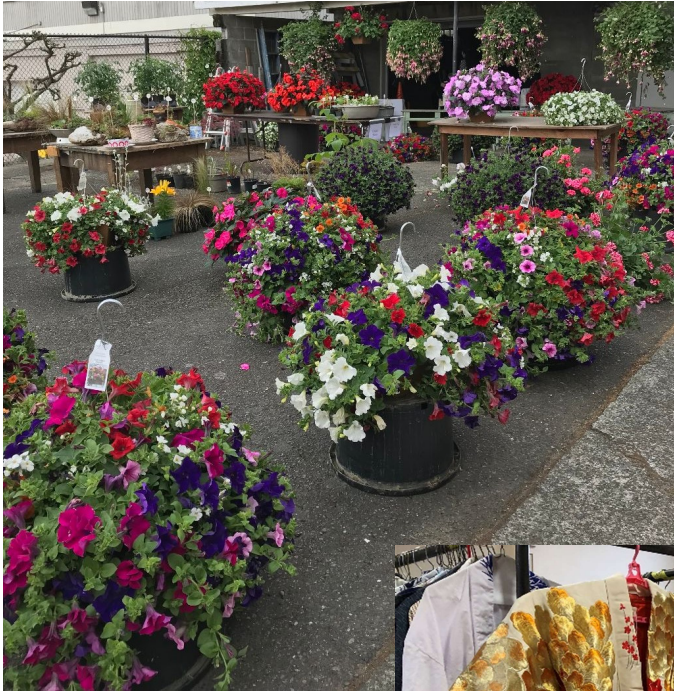


Lunch for yard workers

Temple picnic at Edgemont Park







Kimono/Plant & Bake sale





## \*July 2019

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7 Sangha Service 10:00 AM	8	9	10	11 King's Books 7:00 PM	12	13
14 Sangha Service 10:00 AM	15	16	17 Eatonville and Orting Cemetery Visitation - 11 AM	18	19	20
21 BRD MTG Sangha Service 10:00 AM Obon cemetery visitation	22	23	24	25	26 JR YBL Retreat 26-28th, Seattle Betsuin	27
28 Hatsubon/Urabon Service 10:00 AM	29	30	31			

## \*August 2019

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1	2	3 Obon Odori 4:30pm-9:00pm
4 Sangha Service 10:00 AM	5	6	7	8 King's Books 7:00 PM	9	10
11 Sangha Service 10:00 AM	12	13	14	15	16	17
18 Sangha Service 10 AM Softball Match w/Seattle 1 PM Aubrey Davis Park	19 MYOKYO DEADLINE	20	21	22	23	24
25 Sangha Service 10:00 AM	26	27	28	29	30	31

## \*September 2019

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 No Service - BWA conference in SF	2	3 Gomonshu Visitation 11:30 AM	4	5	6	7
8 Sangha Service, 10 AM Dharma School Begins	9	10	11	12 King's Books 7:00 PM	13	14
15 Sangha Service 10 AM	16 MYOKYO DEADLINE	17	18	19	20	21
22 Sangha Service 10 AM	23	24	25	26	27	28
29 Fall Ohigan Service	30					





## Tacoma Buddhist Temple Invitation to 2019 OBON

Dear Sangha Friends,

Obon is the day to remember and honor our loved ones who have passed away. But Obon is meant not only for us to reflect on what is lost, but also for us to rejoice and be thankful for being able to encounter Amida Buddha's compassionate working through the efforts of our loved ones.

Tacoma Buddhist Temple extends our cordial invitation to you, your family and friends to this year's Obon services and activities. They will be held according to the following schedule.

### 2019 OBON Schedule

July 16-18 (Tu-Thu)                      Bon Odori Dance Practice at Temple (7:30pm –9:00pm)  
Wed, July 17 at 11:00am                Eatonville Cemetery Service, Orting Cemetery will follow

#### **Sunday, July 21                                      Obon Cemetery Services**

1:30 pm    Old Tacoma Cemetery  
2:00 pm    Mt. View Cemetery  
2:45 pm    New Tacoma Cemetery  
4:00 pm    Sumner Cemetery

\*Special Services will be held for the Hatsubon (the first Obon) at grave site. Please arrange beforehand with Rev. Miyaji the time of cemetery service.

#### **Sunday, July 28 at 10:00 am – Hatsubon (the first Obon) / Obon Service**

**Saturday, August 3**    8:00 am – Food Preparation  
                                  12:30 pm – Construction set up  
                                  4:30 pm – Food Booth and Beer Garden open  
                                  **5:00 pm – Opening Service / Bon Odori Dancing and Taiko**  
                                  **9:00 pm – Memorial Candle lighting service**  
                                  9:00 pm – Construction take-down

Families observing their first Obon Memorial (Hatsubon) will be asked to be seated in the front sections of the Hondo (Main Hall). Anyone who has experienced a recent loss are warmly invited to participate in Hatsubon Service as well. Please notify Rev. Miyaji and bring the Buddhist name card if available.

Your generous donation is greatly appreciated for this annual Obon.

Gassho with palms together,

Tacoma Buddhist Temple