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(Jodo Shinshu)

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(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."*

Awakening to the Greater Reality

Rev.

Sensei's Message

Takashi Miyaji



Another ethical feature is that the nembutsu practitioner awakens to a greater reality outside of the one he/she previously knew of and then participates in the world of compassion. In other words, one's worldview changes in a way so as to see the deep life force that the person is embraced within. Then that person moves to share that compassion with others.

Recently, the Gomonshu, or Head Priest and spiritual leader of our organization, made a visit to the Northwest and we had a chance to welcome him at our temple. Later that day, the Gomonshu conducted the *kikyōshiki*, or Confirmation Service, in which the participating members affirm their identity as Buddhists and now embark on that path. It is a very sacred ceremony and with this service being held by the Gomonshu himself here in America, it was all the more significant.

I was really looking forward to our son being a part of this service. We bought a new outfit for him and although he does not know the meaning of the service, he would be receiving his Dharma Name, or *hōmyō*, that he would carry with him for the rest of his life. He even seemed to be understanding that something important was going to happen that day, so he was in a good mood and being well-behaved. But minutes before the service started...he fell asleep. My wife did not seem to mind, as it would mean that he wouldn't be loud or of any kind of disruption during the service. But I wanted him to see what was happening and to be fully engaged during the time of the service. When the Gomonshu came around to give him tonsure and touch his head three times, our son was sound asleep and very peaceful. Then I realized that Keisai being asleep was not just *shikataganai*, but actually, it taught me a very important lesson about Amida Buddha's compassion.

There are so many factors or conditions that needed to occur in order for our son to take part in this service. We as parents, needed to be at Seattle at a certain time, the Gomonshu needed to be healthy and well enough to do the service, the other ministers needed to make sure all of the necessary checks were made in order for the service to go smoothly, etc. In his sleep, our son did not realize all of these things that needed to happen,

but sure enough the Gomonsu came by and made sure Keisai received tonsure. In Shin Buddhism, we are taught that we are the little boy who is sleeping. We are none the wiser about true reality in the midst of our sleep. Nevertheless, true reality is always working for us behind the scenes. True reality is always trying to get us to awaken from our state of deep sleep.

In Shin Buddhism, true reality is none other than Amida Buddha's working of wisdom and compassion. Shinran Shonin explains the Buddha's wisdom and compassion being like the roles of father and mother. Both aspects are directed towards all sentient beings because the Buddha wants all beings to be free from suffering. Let us not forget that "Buddha" means not just enlightenment for one's self. In fact, the Buddha cannot exist unless *all* beings have a path to enlightenment. The Buddha's wisdom is the light that aspires for and guides all beings to a path free of suffering. At the same time, the Buddha's compassion is the warmth one feels in awakening to this true reality that embraces all beings. Imagine how powerful of a message that is for an orphan who lost his parents at a very young age and spent twenty years of his life in spiritual solitude of rigorous training, desperately seeking for meaning and quite simply, warm affection. Shinran found this when he encountered the powerful teaching of Amida Buddha's compassion. Amida Buddha became in fact, his father and mother, and when he awakened to this validation and assurance, he was forever grateful and joyous of what he had received.

As a father, I want my son to attain lasting peace and happiness despite this tricky and treacherous world. I want him to be happy. This wish for my son, similar to the wish that the Buddha has for all sentient beings to be happy and well, is the wisdom as defined in Buddhism. But quite frankly, my son does not care what I think.

What really matters is what my son can *feel* right now. That is none other than his mother who is carrying and holding him during the service. It is the mother's compassion that is palpable; it is the mother's affection that the child directly feels. This is what Shinran Shonin encountered in his life. Amida Buddha's compassion is always working for us. It is always holding us and telling us that we will be okay as a mother would to her child. We are always embraced by the Buddha, despite the deep sleep that we are in. When we do in fact awaken to Amida Buddha's compassion here and now, we see just how deep our egocentricities are. But at the same time, we then try to live relaying the message of the Buddha's Great Compassion to others. Awakening to the greater reality, that is, the reality of Amida Buddha's compassion, then prompts us to participate in this great movement of compassion. This is another feature of Shin Buddhist ethics. Gassho.

わたし こ くだい しんじつ めざ
私を超えた偉大な真実に目覚める

ぜんかい ねんぶつしゃ りんりてきとくちょう はなし こんかい ひと わたし こ くだい しんじつ
前回より念仏者の倫理的特徴の話をしてありますが、今回はその一つとして私を超えた偉大な真実
めざ めざめ、そしてあみだぶつ じひ さんか しゃかい つた こと はな
に目覚め、そして阿弥陀仏の慈悲に参加し社会に伝えていく事についてお話ししましょう。つまり、
われ つよ じぶん いま せかい み め か ほとけさま つつ わ
私の強い自分の今までの世界を見る目が変わり、仏様のはたらきに包まれていることが分かるよう
になるということです。そしてそのはたらきを他人に伝えていくこととなります。

せんじつ じょうどしんしゅうほんがんじは ごもんしゆさま ぶつぎょうかい じゆんかい こ とき べつていん
先日、浄土真宗本願寺派のご門主様がタコマ仏教会にご巡回に来られました。その時シアトル別院
ききょうしき (おかみそり) をされました。この式は、仏教の教えに帰依し、これからぶつどう あゆ
で帰敬式(おかみそり)をされました。この式は、仏教の教えに帰依し、これから仏道を歩むと
せんげん もんと かた だいじ ぎょうじ わたし むすこ ききょうしき さんか
宣言するご門徒の方にとって大事な行事であります。私の息子もこの帰敬式に参加させていただき
おや よろこ かね なに きょう とくべつ ひ かん おとな
、親としてとても喜んでいきます。彼は、何か今日は特別の日だなと感じていたようであり、大人し
くお利口にしておりました。けれども、かいしじかん ご おそく かつ はじ すうぶんまえ
いにお利口にしておりました。けれども、開始時間が午後遅くであったため、お勤めが始まる数分前につ
ね つま ようす こ おとな
いに寝てしまいました。妻はそれほどガッカリした様子でもなく、むしろ子どもが大人しくなるから

かえってその方がよかったです。しかし私^{わたし}は子ども^こがこの大事な式^{だいじしき}に起きてほしかったので
す。ご門主様^{ごもんしゅさま}が回^{まわ}って来られた時^{とき}、慶哉^{けいさい}（息子^{むすこ}）はぐっすり眠^{ねむ}っておりました。私^{わたし}は、仕方^{しかた}がない
なと思^{おも}いましたが、後^{あと}になってよく考^{かんが}えて見^みると、これはかえっていい教^{おし}えを受^うけたと感^{かん}じまし。

このお勤^{つと}めに参加^{さんか}するには色々^{いろいろ}な条^{じょう}件^{けん}が揃^{そろ}はなければなりません。例^{たと}えば、シアトルという近^{ちか}い
場所^{ばしょ}であること、ご門主様^{ごもんしゅさま}のお身^{からだ}の具^ぐ合^{あい}やお勤^{つと}めの準^{じゆん}備^びなど全^{ぜん}部^ぶ無^む事^じに行^{おこな}われることなどです。
それらの条^{じょう}件^{けん}が整^{ととの}う事^{こと}が必^{ひつ}要^{よう}でした。しかし息^{むすこ}子はこれら^{これら}のことについ^まて全^{ぜん}く知^しらなないのであり
ます。ご門主様^{ごもんしゅさま}が子^こども^この^ころ^ろに^に来^きて^てお剃^{かみ}刀^{そり}（おかみそり）を^をし^て下^{くだ}さい^{ました}。浄^{じゆ}土^ど真^{しん}宗^{じゆ}では
、私^{わたし}たち^{こと}の事^{こと}を^をこの居^い眠^{ねむり}りを^をし^てい^る子^こども^この^こう^なもの^{もの}で^であ^ると^と説^{せつ}明^{めい}し^ます。真^{しん}実^{じつ}が^がは^はた^たら^らい^て
い^るとい^うこ^とに^に全^{ぜん}く^く気^きづ^かず^ず、ぐっすり^{ぐっすり}と^と眠^{ねむ}っ^てい^る状^{じゆう}態^{たい}にな^なっ^てい^ます。それ^{それ}に^にも^も関^かわ^らず^ず
、真^{しん}実^{じつ}は^は私^{わたし}たち^{こと}の^のた^ため^めに^には^はた^たら^らい^てお^おり^り、この居^い眠^{ねむり}りの^の状^{じゆう}態^{たい}を^を救^{すく}お^うと^とし^てい^ます。

この真^{しん}実^{じつ}の^のは^はた^たら^らき^きとい^いう^うの^のは^は阿^あ弥^み陀^だ如^{にょ}来^{らい}の^の智^ち慧^えと^と慈^じ悲^ひに^に他^{ほか}な^なら^らな^ない^いの^のです。親^{しん}鸞^{らん}聖^{しやう}人^{にん}が^が、仏^{ほとけ}さま^{さま}
の^の智^ち慧^えと^と慈^じ悲^ひは^は父^{ちち}と^と母^{はは}の^のよ^よう^うな^なもの^{もの}で^であ^ると^とお^お書^かき^にな^なり^ます。仏^{ほとけ}さま^{さま}は^はす^すべ^べて^ての^の衆^{しゆ}生^{じやう}が^が苦^く惱^{のう}から
離^はな^なれ^れる^るこ^こを^を願^{ねが}い^い、智^ち慧^えと^と慈^じ悲^ひと^とを^をは^はた^たら^らか^かせ^せ私^{わたし}たち^{こと}を^を救^{すく}お^うと^とさ^され^れる^るの^のです。

「仏^{ほとけ}」とい^いう^うの^のは^は、自^じ分^{ぶん}一^{ひと}人^{ひとり}だ^だけ^けが^が悟^{さと}り^りを^を開^{ひら}く^くの^ので^でな^なく^く、一^い切^{っさい}の^の生^いき^きと^とし^し生^いけ^ける^るもの^{もの}が^が悟^{さと}り^りを^を開^{ひら}
ける^る道^{みち}を^を築^{きず}か^かな^なけ^けれ^れば^ば「仏^{ほとけ}」とい^いえ^えな^ない^いの^ので^であ^あり^りま^ます。そ^そし^して^て、仏^{ほとけ}の^の「智^ち慧^え」は^は一^い切^{っさい}の^の衆^{しゆ}生^{じやう}を^を苦^く惱^{のう}
から^{から}抜^ぬけ^け出^ださ^させ^せる^る導^{みちび}き^きで^であ^あり^り願^{ねが}い^いである^{である}、仏^{ほとけ}の^の「慈^じ悲^ひ」は^はこの^{この}真^{しん}実^{じつ}の^の世^せ界^{かい}に^に包^{つつ}ま^まれ^れて^てい^いる^るとい^いう^う暖^{あた}
か^かさ^さを^を知^しら^らせ^せる^るは^はた^たら^らき^きで^であ^ある^るの^のです。ご^ご両^{りやう}親^{しん}を^を若^{わか}い^い時^{とき}に^に亡^なく^くし^し、2^に0^{ねん}年^{かん}間^{げつ}とい^いつ^とた^と長^{なが}い^い年^{ねん}月^{げつ}を^を通^{とお}
して^{して}厳^{きび}しい^い修^{しゆ}行^{ぎやう}を^をな^なさ^され^れて^てき^きた^た親^{しん}鸞^{らん}様^{さま}に^にと^とつ^つて^て、この^{この}真^{しん}実^{じつ}の^の世^せ界^{かい}で^であ^ある^る仏^{ほとけ}さま^{さま}の^の智^ち慧^えと^と慈^じ悲^ひと^との^のは^は
た^たら^らき^きに^に出^であ^あわ^われ^れた^たこ^こは^はい^いか^かに^に慶^{よろこ}ば^ばし^しか^かつ^つた^たこ^こで^であ^あり^りま^まし^しょう^うか。

私^{わたし}は^は父^{ちち}と^として^{して}息^{むすこ}子^こが^が苦^くし^しみ^みの^のな^ない^い本^{ほん}当^{とう}の^の幸^えせ^せを^を得^えて^て欲^ほしい^いと^と思^{おも}い^いま^ます。この^{この}願^{ねが}い^いは^は、仏^{ほとけ}さま^{さま}が^が
一^い切^{っさい}の^の衆^{しゆ}生^{じやう}が^が幸^{しあ}せ^わにな^なっ^て欲^ほしい^い願^{ねが}い^いと^と同^{おな}じ^なよ^うな^なもの^{もの}です。この^{この}願^{ねが}い^いこ^こそ^そが^が智^ち慧^えの^のは^はた^たら^らき^きで^です。
。し^しか^かし^し、息^{むすこ}子^こは^は私^{わたし}の^の願^{ねが}い^いな^なん^んて^てな^なん^んとも^も思^{おも}っ^てい^いま^ません。この^{この}子^こに^にと^とつ^つて^て今^{いま}感^{かん}じ^じて^てい^いる^るこ^こが^が
大^{だい}事^じな^なの^のです。それ^{それ}は^は母^{はは}から^らの^の愛^{あい}情^{じやう}に^に他^{ほか}な^なら^らな^ない^いの^のです。妻^{つま}は^はお^お勤^{つと}め^めの^の時^{とき}に^に息^{むすこ}子^こを^を抱^だっ^こし^{して}い^いま^ま
した^{した}。子^こども^もは^は父^{ちち}親^{おや}から^らの^の願^{ねが}い^いよ^より^りも^も、母^{はは}親^{おや}に^に安^{あん}心^{しん}して^{して}抱^{いだ}か^かれ^れて^てい^いる^るとい^いう^う愛^{あい}情^{じやう}を^を直^{ちやく}接^{せつ}感^{かん}じ^じて^てい^いた^た
の^のだ^だと^と思^{おも}い^いま^ます。

これ^{これ}と^と同^{おな}じ^じよ^うに^に、親^{しん}鸞^{らん}様^{さま}は^は29^{さい}歳^{とき}の^の時^{とき}、阿^あ弥^み陀^だ様^{さま}の^のお^お慈^じ悲^ひに^にで^であ^あわ^われ^れた^たの^ので^でした。阿^あ弥^み陀^だ様^{さま}の^の智^ち慧^え
よ^より^りも^も、慈^じ悲^ひと^と直^{ちやく}接^{せつ}で^であ^あわ^われ^れた^たの^ので^でした。阿^あ弥^み陀^だ仏^{ぶつ}の^のお^お慈^じ悲^ひは^は、常^{つね}に^に私^{わたし}たち^{こと}の^のた^ため^めに^には^はた^たら^らい^いて^てお^お
り^り、私^{わたし}たち^{こと}を^を深^{ふか}い^い眠^{ねむ}り^りから^ら起^おこ^こそ^そう^うと^とし^して^てい^いる^るの^のです。そ^そし^して^て、これ^{これ}に^に気^きづ^づいた^た時^{とき}に^に、自^じ分^{ぶん}が^がい^いか

に自己中心的な生き方、眠りこけていたかが分かります。私（人間）を超えた偉大な真実に目覚めた時、それが阿彌陀仏の智慧と慈悲のはたらきであると知らされるのです。そしてその阿彌陀仏の慈悲に参加し、社会に伝えていくのであります。それが真宗倫理の特徴であります。合掌。

FUTURE SCHEDULE

(Sat) October 5	Fall Seminar – Rev. Kory Quon, 3-5 PM
(Sun) October 6	Eshinni/Kakushinni Memorial Service
(Sun) October 20	Halloween Party (after service)
(Sun) October 27	Bazaar Construction, 11:30 AM
(Sat) November 2	Fall Bazaar Prep, 8 AM
(Sun) November 3	NO SERVICE – FALL BAZAAR
(Sun) November 17	Eitaikyo (Perpetual Memorial Service)

President's Message



Gomonsu Ohtani Visit

Tacoma Buddhist Temple had the honor of hosting a visit from Gomonsu Ohtani, the spiritual leader of Jodo Shinshu, which was held on Tuesday, September 3, 2019. Special thank you to Rev Miyaji, June Akita, Lynne Tanino and those that spent many hours planning, getting the Temple ready for the visit and making, serving and cleaning up after the lunch. Also, thank you to those that were able to attend the service and lunch. Gomonsu Ohtani helped plant a tree in the Parsonage garden. A special plaque will be installed next to the tree, to mark the occasion. In the meantime, the plaque is being displayed in the foyer for your viewing

pleasure.

Congratulations Dr. Rev. Miyaji

During the summer Rev. Miyaji successfully defended his Doctoral dissertation and was awarded his PhD. During September, Dr. Rev. Miyaji went to Japan to participate in his graduation. When you see Dr. Rev. Miyaji, please congratulate him. Or is it Rev. Dr. Miyaji???

Fall Bazaar Co-chairs

Our next fund raiser is around the corner. Our Fall Bazaar will be held on Sunday November 3, 2019. Me, David Yotsuuye and June Akita will again be the co-chairs for the Bazaar. The Event Re-tool committee recommended changing the Bazaar to an all takeout format. If you have not been contacted to help with a committee, please let June or I know, and we will help get you assigned to a committee. Thank you for your support.

New Board Members

Please consider this opportunity. We will be building a slate of new board member nominees to replace the board members completing their term. This is for a 3-year commitment 2020-2022. Please consider becoming a board member. If you are interested in being a board member, please let me know. Thank you for considering joining our Temple's Board of Directors. Without membership participation, we cannot run the Temple.

Gassho,
David

Buddhist Women's Association News



Thank you to our Dharma School students and parents for a delicious start to our upcoming year. It is always exciting to see the new staff and say "THANK YOU!" to retiring teachers **Fred Pelger, John Inge, Crystal Inge, Donna Sasaki and Erik Hammerstrom.**

The 16th World Buddhist Women's Convention was held in San Francisco at the San Francisco Marriott Marquis on Aug. 30-Sept. 1, 2019. With His Eminence Kojun Ohtani in attendance, nearly 1700 members from Japan, Hawaii, Canada, South America and the BCA, gathered under the theme "Live the Nembutsu." Eleven Tacoma BWA members (**Helen Motokane, Kazue Maesaki, June Akita, Kazuko Inoue, Patti Wong, June Weled, Anita Nakayama, Jane Burster, Denise Cline, Donna Sasaki, Kaori Miyaji**) participated in 20 workshops and heard inspirational talks from Keynote speakers Rev. Yukiko Motoyoshi of the Buddhist Church of Stockton, and Ms. Keiko Toro of Japan. The NWDBWA was the opening number for the evening entertainment where **Rev. Miyaji, Rev. Kusunoki, Rev. Sugahara and Rev. Kakiyara** joined in the singing of "Getting to know you." It was just wonderful to see **Rev. Kakiyara** – he wished all of you well and sends his best regards. **Kazuko, Patti, Denise, Donna and I** stayed for the Obon dancing which was a fun way to end this experience.

The **Gomonshu Kojun Ohtani** visited our Temple September 3 for a brief service, a light lunch, a meaningful tree dedication and a short visitation. Our temple opened its doors to this historic moment and over 60 people welcomed His Eminence. Our lunch was delicious, classy and enjoyed by all thanks to the organization of **Lynne Tanino and Mayumi Ikeda** and to their helpers, **Patti Wong, Denise Cline, Vivian Hiroo, Donna Sasaki, Mike Shiogi, Tracy Ling, Carrie Mori, Karen Yoshitomi and Ken Tanino.** Stay tuned as Sensei and I are working on a Power Point presentation to share this event as a Dharma Message.

Thank you to EVERYONE who helped in the preparation of the Temple, the meal, and making this such a momentous occasion.

Thank you to **Patti Wong** for preparing the card for the fall Bazaar Craft Sales. It was a truly classy card which everyone enjoyed making.

Save **October 6th** as this is our BWA Memorial service honoring Eshinni and Kakushinni.

Our next general meeting will be **October 13.** This will be an election meeting and the remainder of the year will also be shared. A light lunch will be prepared by the Oct-Nov-Dec Toban with **Carrie Mori and Thelma Abe** in charge.

Our final 2019 Daifuku mochi making will be **October 26th** at 8:00 AM with proceeds going to the Temple. Please join us even for a few hours – your help is always appreciated!

Our deepest condolences to the family of **Mrs. Yaeko Nakano.** Yaeko supported our organization in numerous ways, and particularly enjoyed our craft sessions. Yaeko was our organist for over 60 years and organized fundraising for the purchase of our Temple organ. Her presence at the temple and to our organization will be missed.

Future Events:

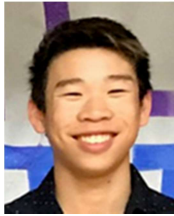


- Oct. 5, Sat. Fall seminar with Rev. Kory Quon
- Oct. 6, Sun. Eshinni/Kakushinni Memorial Service
- Oct. 13 BWA General meeting after service
in the Rev. Pratt room
- Oct. 26 Daifuku mochi for Bazaar – 8:00 AM

In gassho,
June Akita

Missing: June Weled

Young Buddhist Association News



them

Welcome back to Temple everyone. We are so thankful for everyone who came out to support us for the YBA breakfast. It was great to see everyone so early and chat with and ask about the exciting summer they had.

With
Our

every start to the new school year of Dharma school we elect new people into office. new officers are:

- President:** Ryan Ling
- Vice President:** Josiah Cook
- Secretary:** Kalea Shimizu
- Treasurer:** Jet Yotsuuye

It's great to see lots of new faces especially in lotus class and YBA.

Our next event is the Halloween Party on October 20th. Everyone is invited and we hope everyone can dress up to celebrate. We would like every family that is going to the party to bring one bag of candy.

Best wishes to everyone and I can't wait to see what this new year as in store for us.

Gassho,
Ryan Ling

Buddhist Education Committee News



I'm sitting on Delta flight #DL990 with Les, returning home from seventeen wonderful days in Montezuma Costa Rica. Montezuma is in a remote area of Costa Rica on the tip of the Nicoya peninsula. To get there, once we arrived in Costa Rica, required a night of rest in a very subpar little hotel called the "Vida Tropical", followed the next day by a two hour shuttle ride, an hour and a half on a ferry boat, 90 more minutes by shuttle and finally another hour or so on two very local non airconditioned busses, maneuvering some very dusty and extremely bumpy dirt roads.

Our wonderful home away from home however, made it all worth the journey. Our house, Casa Montezuma is situated at the end of a long driveway, adorned by Hibiscus blossoms and bananas. The three-story house, built completely out of olive wood is situated in the jungle, surrounded by exotic greenery and flowers. It is about 300 meters from a beautiful beach, miles long, that we seldom had to share with another person.

Howler and Capuchin monkeys, coatimundis, agoutis, raccoons and even bats would visit daily.

I chanted Shoshin Nembutsu Ge and the Wasan up on our third-floor observation deck, hoping I might become a character in my own Jataka Tale, sharing the joy with all of my new animal friends. Disappointingly though, I either frightened them away or they just sat courteously in the trees enjoying my Buddhist truth. Either way, they kept their distance.

I don't travel to intentionally learn things. To me, travel is more about relaxation than education. Don't misunderstand me however, vacations and travel can be an important learning experience and this trip was no different.

What I learned or came away with from this trip was:

1. Chill out. There is more to living life than simply looking **straight ahead** with high expectations, risking disappointment.
2. It's important to shift your vision **downward** occasionally. If you don't, you will probably, both metaphorically and literally, trip and fall over something. Yeah, I took a couple spills! and....
3. If you don't shift your gaze and your attention **upward** once in a while, you won't notice that there are stars in the sky or what a lovely shade of blue the sky can be.

Remembering the first of the Four Noble Truths; I guess it goes without saying, life has its "ups" and its "downs", even during the best of times.

One of the "*best of times*" things here at the Temple, is our **Fall Lecture**. This year, our guest speaker will be Reverend Kory Quon, resident minister at the Venice Beach Buddhist Temple in southern California.

Reverend Quon's lecture will be on **Saturday, October 5**. He will then be our guest minister on Sunday, October 6 for the Eshinni and Kakushinni memorial service.

So, please look **forward** to this event and expect to not be disappointed.

~Fred

Toban News

Early Seasons Greetings YBA Fundraiser information.

The YBA will be starting our "Season's Greetings" fundraising campaign early to be posted in our January edition of the Myokyo. Prices will be increased this year and posted in the November and December MYOKYO.

Examples:

Akemashite Omedetou!

Bobby, Junko, Jet & Enzo.

The Yotsuuyes



With picture.

Season's Greetings!

Dr Richard, Tracy, David & Ryan.

The Ling family

Without picture.

If you interested in posting your greetings for January, please contact YBA reps.

Jet Yotsuuye jetyotsuuye@icloud.com or Ryan Ling ryan.ling2020@gmail.com



Toban News

Upcoming Dates:

- October 6 – Eshinni/Kakushinni Service
- October 20 – Halloween Party

- October 27 – Bazaar Set-up
- November 2 – Bazaar Prep
- November 3 – Bazaar
- November 5 – Bazaar Clean-up
- November 17 – Eitaikyo Service

November & December 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 Erik Hammerstrom know the clean-up dates to check for conflicts with other activities and to add to the Temple calendar.

November 2019
**Chikako Inoue
Richard & Tracy Ling
Ellen Shigeno
Kjirsten Winters
June & Barry Weled
<i>Email or Phone Tree Members</i>
<i>Frank Shigio (call Jeanette Hirano)</i>
<i>Peter Lee</i>

December 2019
**Kevin & Mayumi Ikeda
Masahiro Sugano
Elsie Taniguchi
Diane Taniguchi
Kosho & Michiko Yukawa
Erik Hammerstrom
Aimee Hamilton
<i>Email or Phone Tree Members</i>
<i>Ed & Kimiko Fujinaga</i>
<i>Violet Mizukami</i>

November Group Responsibilities:

- Monthly clean-up for November and December
- Fall Bazaar: Provide lunch for Bazaar set-up Sunday
- Coffee hour (to coincide with Eitaikyo service)

December Group Responsibilities:

- Monthly clean-up for November and December
- Dust and vacuum pews in Hondo
- Fall Bazaar: Provide snacks Saturday prior to Bazaar.
- Bazaar: Provide snacks Tuesday for Bazaar clean up.

Coffee hour

~Kaila

Monthly Book Club
Buddhism Today!
October 10 (Th) at 7pm at Kings Books
 Featured Book:
 Stephen Batchelor
Buddhism without Beliefs



From Your Facility Committee

Walk into the social hall kitchen and feast your eyes on some shiny, new appliances. Now, our new convection oven and refrigerator didn't just walk in and make themselves at home. In our

case, the kitchen equipment was dropped off and installed by real people. June Akita coordinated with the vendor. David Yotsuuye and Tom Hubbell had to reposition a gas stove so the new double convection oven would fit between a column and the gas stove. They also tested the new oven and to no one's surprise it fired right up and got hot. Perhaps in the future we'll get appliances that are self-delivering and auto-installing. Of course, with smart appliances we are liable to get one with attitude problems especially if it was built on a Monday or Friday. I'm sure looking forward to a smart rice cooker that will take grovel and take all the blame when our rice doesn't meet specifications. But on the other hand, I'll reject one produced on Mondays. I'd be concerned about the surly machine getting defensive and making snarky comments to the kitchen staff.

Well, apparently that bribe didn't work. The Tacoma Fire Department has given us a real shellacking in the wake of our kitchen fire suppression system inspection. In order to get into compliance, we'll need to get a larger hood and a new fire suppression system installed. For those of you who have become attached to that cabinet between the stove and the sink have some tissue handy. It will have to be removed to accommodate the updated hood.

Jeff Hiroo and Fred Pelger just won't cut that dirt any slack. No matter where it hides, they are likely to find it during their weekly visits. Tom Hubbell beautifies the section of Fawcett Ave that runs in front of the temple. Mike Shiogi, David Yotsuuye, Robert Yotsuuye, Gary Ichinaga, Tom Hubbell, Tony Gregg, Rick Tanabe, and Del Sasaki continue to team up to work a myriad of temple facility projects. Kurt Osaka and Osaka Gardens are hard at work keeping all of our neighbors envious of our temple grounds.

~Dave

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

October 2019

13 th Year	Harrison, Rex	Shaku Sui-Kyo	October 3, 2007
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November 2019

1 st Year	Saito, Herbert Isamu	Shaku En-Jō	November 7, 2018
1 st Year	Fujita, Toshie	Shakuni Kō-En	November 11, 2018
17 th Year	Takami, Osoye	Shakuni Myo-E	November 24, 2003

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.

October	6	Ken Tanino & Coco Inoue
	13	David Yotsuuye & Bobby Yotsuuye
	20	Denise Cline & David Campbell
	27	Wendy Hamai & Henry Stoll
November	3	No Service - Fall Bazaar
	10	Del Sasaki & Rick Tanabe
	17	Kevin & Mayumi Ikeda
	24	Tracy & Richard Ling
December	1	Alex Thiesen & Jeff Hiroo
	8	Jim Doyle & Tony Gregg

*Please note, a new rotation schedule has started in October. See committee chair with questions.

*Just around the corner it's the.....**ANNUAL FALL BAZAAR***

Our last major fundraiser for 2019 is here!!! Please save **Sunday, Nov. 3rd for our Annual Fall Bazaar – 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM**. This year, the design of the Bazaar is being updated to an "All Take Out" format. To ensure all menu items are suitable for both in-dining and take out, the menu will also change slightly. Udon will be replaced by chow mein along with other minor changes that are being considered. Your support for this new set up is appreciated. You will receive tickets by early September – thank you for selling them and/or inviting friends and family. Please give all proceeds to Lynrae Hubbell. A Pre Order for temple members will also be available.

We always look forward to the sense of community fundraisers bring to our temple in addition to the revenue to support our operating expenses...but, they are a lot of work and can't happen without members and community volunteers. If you would like to help, please reach out to June Akita (juneakita@comcast.net) or David Yotsuuye (yotskendo@aol.com).

Saturday, Oct. 26 – 8:00 AM	Daifuku mochi
Sunday, Oct 27 th – 11:30 am	Construction set up after service
Friday, Nov. 1 st – 8:00 AM	Pie making
Saturday, Nov 2 rd – 8:00 am	Prep: food, YBA signs, vegetable washing, general set up
Sunday, Nov 3 rd – 8:00 am	Final food prep and Bazaar
Tuesday, Nov 5 th – 7:00 pm	Clean-up, construction tear down

Committee chairs are being confirmed now. If you'd like to shadow someone in a specific spot, or just want to be part of the activity, let us know!! Thank you for your help.

David Yotsuuye and June Akita, Co-Chairs



**TBT 'Ukulele Club
- Resumes October 13 -**



We meet most weeks right after service in the Hondo and play for 15-20 minutes.

All are welcome! Music provided.

We give pointers on playing, but it helps if you can at least play C, F, and G chords.

Available in the Library

American Sutra by Duncan Ryuken Williams (presented at the convention)

Heard and Recorded During Master Rennyo's Lifetime translated by Fumio Miyagi, Akio Miyaji, Nobuo Miyako

Lasting Fragrance of Broken Lotus Leaf by Rev. Nobuo Miyaji

Time To Stand Up by Thanissara

*Japanese/English dictionaries available in the library and for sale. Also, other books are available for purchase in the foyer. Check them out. \$1. What a deal!

Please donate your Japanese related items for our Fall Bazaar

Our next big fund raiser, our Fall Bazaar will be held on November 3, 2019. Included with our Fall Bazaar is our crafts and rummage sale. Last year our crafts and rummage sale were a great success because of all of your generous donations.

To help make our rummage sale a success again, please donate your Japanese related items, such as dishes, teacups, etc. Items should be in good condition, something that you would be willing to purchase yourself. You can bring these items to the Temple and place them on the Social Hall stage, near the right-side door, as you look at the stage.

There are items that we request you not bring. Items like fabric pieces, Japanese language books or videos. We have plenty of these available already. Please bring items that are Japanese or Asian related. These are the items that sell the best.

Thank you for your generous donations.

Fall Seminar

With Guest Speaker:

**Rev. Kory Quon
Venice Buddhist Temple**

October 5th Sat, 3-5 PM



BWA craft session



Arigato Obaachan donation tree at the BWA World Convention in San Francisco.



Corn crew at Obon



Dr. Rev. Takashi Miyaji at Ryukoku University with his dissertation advisors Nasu Eisho sensei (far left), and Sencho Fukagawa, also Kaori and Keisai

Come Join Us!

*FALL SEMINAR AND
ESHINNI/KAKUSHINNI MEMORIAL
SERVICE*

with Guest Speaker

Rev. Kory Quon

kaikyoshi minister of Venice Buddhist Temple

Seminar Topic:

“Jodo Shinshu-American”

Spring Seminar: Saturday October 5th from 3-5 PM

Gotan-e Service: Sunday October 6th from 10 AM



*October 2019

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2	3	4	5 Fall Seminar 3-5 PM
6 Eshinni/Kakushinni Memorial Serv, 10 AM	7	8	9	10 King's Books 7:00 PM	11	12
13 BEC Mtg. Sangha Service 10 AM BWA Meeting 11:30 AM	14	15	16	17	18	19
20 Board Mtg. Sangha Service 10 AM Halloween Party	21	22	23	24	25	26 Daifuku Mochi making 8 AM
27 Sangha Service 10 AM Bazaar Construction 11:30 AM	28	29	30	31		

*November 2019

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1 Pie making 8 AM	2 Bazaar Prep 8:00 AM
3 FALL BAZAAR No Service Day Light Savings Ends	4	5 Bazaar Clean Up 7:00 PM	6	7 King's Books 7:00 PM	8	9
10 BEC Mtg. Sangha Service 10 AM	11	12	13	14	15	16
17 Board Mtg. Eitaikyo Service 10 AM	18	19	20	21	22	23
24 Sangha Service 10 AM Dharma School Teachers Seminar, 12:30 PM	25	26	27	28	29	30