Tacoma Buddhist Temple

(Jodo Shinshu)

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

June 2024

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

In the Middle, Again! **Rev. Tadao Koyama**

Happy June everyone! If you can believe it, we are right smack dab in the middle of the year again! Summer break has already started for some of those in school and our Dharma School year is beginning to wind down! I think summer break is a good time to pause and reflect on the year so far and to also look forward to all of the activities we still need to do!

Already, Tacoma Buddhist Temple has hosted joint services with White River and Seattle Buddhist Temples, hosted a couple of seminars, as well as many guest speakers! We also had our Sukiyaki fundraising event, which was very successful for us all! Dharma School has been completed, and we have new members who joined the temple as well! Looking back, we have already accomplished much!

Looking ahead, we still have Obon season to celebrate, cemetery cleanups and visitations, many other special services in the months to come, possibly more fundraising events, seminars, all the way to the end of this year! Looking ahead, we still have a lot to do!

Our temple would not be able to accomplish these many activities without the support and help of all the members of the temple and community who work so hard to keep us going. Our temple is still here and going strong because of you all! From the bottom of my heart, I thank you for supporting this institution and its teachings in every possible way.

While I applaud everyone's tireless efforts to help at many of these events, I also want to encourage you all to take care of yourselves as well. Please feel free to take breaks, and feel free to spend time just for yourself and to recharge your bandwidth.

Shakyamuni Buddha himself had to realize that doing nothing but hard practice and starving himself would eventually lead to his demise and he would not achieve enlightenment. He learned that in order to achieve his goal he had to approach his practice utilizing the middle way.

All of us definitely can learn from this experience and try to approach things with a middle of the way attitude. I am not saying that we should be inactive or allow bad things to happen, but that the middle can sometimes be beneficial to our well-being and our health.

As we step over the half-line of this year, let's continue to approach our sangha members with a great sense of togetherness and kindness.

Namo Amida Butsu.

President's Message

As many of you are aware, the Tacoma Buddhist Temple invited Rev. Takashi Miyaji to speak at our recent Spring Seminar. An engaging and thoughtful speaker, Rev. Miyaji led a terrific seminar on Saturday, as well as having a thoughtful message for the sangha at the Sunday service. For anybody else that would have been the recipe for a complete, very successful weekend. This though was a weekend filled with more significance, for this was a weekend to finally take care of unfinished business. A weekend to have an appropriate goodbye for the Reverend, along with his wife Kaori and son Keisai. Something that we couldn't have done due to the start of the pandemic.

For as many of you know, Rev. Miyaji was our resident minister from 2017 to early 2020. While we were sad to see him, Kaori & Keisai leave, with the Reverend having been transferred to the Southern Alameda Buddhist Temple in the Bay Area, not being able to have a send-off event at the time to honor them, lingered as something for us rectify. So, following Sunday's Gotan-e service, we finally had our send-off luncheon for Rev. Miyaji and his family. A happy event, that even included Keisai singing *I Want it That Way* for the attendees. It was a weekend that was also a belated hand-off from Rev. Miyaji to Rev. Koyama in leading our temple. A weekend that served to remind us of the great fortune enjoyed by our temple – past and present.

Gassho,
John

Buddhist Women's Association News

June is the Annual BWA Peanut Butter and Jelly food drive!

During the month of June, BWA will be collecting Peanut Butter and Jelly for our annual PB&J drive. Bins will be in the foyer June 2 – June 30th. All donations will be taken to Emergency Food Network and distributed to food banks and families in our community. Thank you in advance for your support of this important drive that helps provide vital support to families through the summer months.

Upcoming events:

July – TBA – BUS TRIP 2024! Information will be sent as soon as possible
July 7 – BWA General meeting following service, July/Aug/Sept BWA toban to host lunch
July 27 – Daifuku Mochi making for Obon sale, **9 am**
August 3 – Prepare Strawberry Mochi for Obon sale, **10 am**
September 13-15, 2024 – NW District Buddhist Convention, hosted by White River Buddhist Temple
October 4-6, 2024 - Federation of Buddhist Women's Associations (FBWA) Conference in San Jose, CA

In Gassho,
Denise Cline, Tacoma BWA President

Dharma School News

Wow, we are already in the last month of this school year! In June, we have no regular DS classes at the temple. We have two outings in June, North Bend with Seattle Betsuin on June 2nd, and our temple picnic on June 9th.

We had a wonderful time celebrating Gotan-e on May 12th. Thank you so much DS students – Dillon, Keisai, Zodie, Jamie, and Hana – for your fantastic performance and parents for making this service so memorable. Great job!

The Parent Appreciation Lunch was hosted by the YBA/Lotus on May19th. Thank you, students, for the wonderful meal!

For students and teachers with May, June, July, and August birthdays, we will celebrate the birthdays at our temple picnic. Let's celebrate in style with lots of fun games at our annual picnic! We look forward to the Temple Picnic on June 9th. Bring your friends and families!

June Dharma School Schedule:

June	**2**	DS - Last DS at North Bend
	9	NO DSTemple Picnic

If there are any changes in the future, we will contact you accordingly.

In Gassho,
Coco & Junko

Young Buddhist Association News

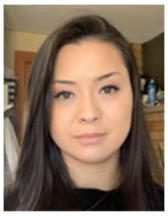
Hello all! I hope everyone is loving this nice weather we're receiving! Firstly, I want to thank everyone that joined us at our parent appreciation lunch that was back in May. I hope that you all enjoyed yourselves, especially the parents, you guys deserve it for all your hard work!

Also, the Seattle Betsuin Temple was kind enough to invite our dharma school kids to join them in an end-of-year type picnic this June, which our YBA members were looking forward to and, hopefully by the time you read this Myokyo, had a great time! Anyway, as this school/ dharma-school year is coming to an end, I want to thank all of our current cabinet members, they have all done such a great job and have contributed greatly to our fundraisers and events! And I can't thank the YBA without giving a huge thanks to our advisors, Junko and Bobby they had a massive impact on your YBA, making sure every event is well organized, prepared, and runs smoothly, so thank you for everything you both have done for us!

With that being said… we are now preparing to elect new cabinet members for the 2024-2025 school year, so stay tuned for that! Now, I just wanted to touch base and remind everyone on a few events that we are preparing for in the following months. One is our annual t-shirt sale that we are so excited to get started on. We always have a great time making them for our sangha members and can't wait to do it again this year, make sure to stay tuned for more announcements about that in the future!

Also, Obon is not too far away, where YBA will be running a shaved ice booth! Again, we always love raising funds by doing this fundraiser, it's always a success thanks to you all, so don't forget to stop by during Obon! And I think that's about it for this month, make sure to get your vitamin D and stay hydrated!
Gassho, Nao:)

Buddhist Education Committee News



Happy summer everyone!

Hope you are all doing well and having a nice summer break so far. The weather is slowly changing to sunnier and warmer days. For the temple, summer has always reminded me of the happy days of Obon. People dancing in the street and taiko drummers performing. People dressed up in kimonos and yukatas. Obon is a great opportunity for everyone who hasn't seen each other in a long time to come back together again and celebrate Japanese culture.

Summer also reminds me of my grandparents who also happened to be extremely involved at the Oregon Buddhist Temple. My grandmother would help teach and organize entertainment programs like taiko and dancing. She loved to dance at the Obon festival and would wear one of her many kimonos that she had. I remember dancing with her at the Oregon temple and eating shaved ice outside the church where the festival was held. She loved participating in church events and was thoroughly dedicated to embracing her Japanese heritage.

These were always fun times for me and make me smile when I think about them. I hope that this summer allows everyone to reflect on happy memories you've had with loved ones. I hope it also gives you a chance to make new ones with new people you meet.

The BEC is working hard on upcoming events for the temple so please check out our calendar and stay updated. We thank you so much for all of your hard work and dedication to uplifting each other and making the temple the best it can be.

In Gassho,
Rachel.

Facility Committee Update

If anyone ever broke into my shop on JBLM with the malevolent intent to steal highly classified pest control secrets from my desk, that individual's efforts would be in vain. My chaotic filing system is so well physically encrypted even I can't find anything. However, someone who, unlike yours truly, possesses a high regard for neatness, organized the closets within and behind the onaijin. Now when a kitchen sink faucet springs a leak, reorganizing doesn't do the trick. Also, a simple o-replacement wasn't enough to keep the dripping at bay. Therefore, the faucet was replaced. In addition to the above, our temple lot was cut.

Lynrae Hubbell can always be counted on to keep our stretch of Fawcett Avenue and Court D Street free of litter. Rick Tanabe, Delbert Sasaki and Jeff Hiroo are keeping the temple lawn, adjacent lot, and the wisteria in prime condition. David Yotsuuye, Robert Yotsuuye, Tom Hubbell, Tony Gregg, Rick Tanabe, and Del Sasaki are central to maintaining our temple and parsonage.

~Dave

Toban News

June 2	Last day DS, BWA Bento Sale, BWA PB & J Fundraiser, Temple Ground Clean up – **9 AM**
June 9	Temple Picnic – TBD

June 16	Sunday service, Board Meeting, Coffee Hour after service
June 23	Sunday service
June 30	Sunday service
July 7	Sunday service**,** BWA General Mtg. after service
July 14	Sunday service**,** Coffee Hour after service
July 17	Eatonville/Orting Cemetery Visit/Cleanup – **11 AM**
July 21	Sunday service, Obon Cemetery Visits, Board Mtg.
July 27	BWA Mochi Making – **9 AM**
July 28	Hatsubon/Urabon-e service
August 3	Obon Festival
August 4	**No service**
August 11	Sunday service, Coffee Hour after service
August 18	Sunday service**,** Board Mtg.

COFFEE HOUR UPDATES: Toban Chairs - **June 16** (David Campbell), **July 14** (Kenji Shipp), **August 11** (Emma & Kate Inge)
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.

** **OTHER JUNE TOBAN CLEAN UP DUTIES:** Set up times with May Toban to clean the temple, Hatsubon Somen Prep & Serve with July Toban, Obon Saturday morning break - bring treats
**** OTHER JULY TOBAN CLEAN UP DUTIES:** Set up times with August Toban to clean the temple, Work with June Toban for Hatsubon Somen prep & Serve, Provide Obon lunch (simple & quick)
**** OTHER AUGUST TOBAN CLEAN UP DUTIES**: Set up time with July Toban to clean the Temple

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.

Event Reminder: June 2 - Last day of Dharma School, June 9 - Temple Picnic, June 16 - Coffee Hour, July 14 - Coffee Hour, July 17 - Eatonville/Orting Cemetery Visit/Clean up, July 21 - Obon Cemetery Visits, July 28 - Hatsubon & Urabon-e Service,

A NEW RESPONSIBILITY WAS ADDED TO THE MONTHLY CLEAN-UP FOR TOBANS: In the Rev. Pratt Room kitchen, please clean out the refrigerator of outdated food and wipe out the shelves. A CONTENT SIGN IN SHEET will be posted on the refrigerator. It will also be posted on the Temple Clean Up List as one for the jobs. Thanks for your support on this issue.
Questions/concerns, please contact Michael Shiogi (253) 226-5812, mshiogi@comcast.net or Tracy Ling (253) 370-0933, tling12005@gmail.com

JUNE TOBAN	**JULY TOBAN**	**AUGUST TOBAN**
David Campbell	Kenji Shipp	Emma & Kate Inge
Ken & Lynne Tanino	David & Kathy Yotsuuye	Rick Tanabe
Patti Wong	Bobby & Junko Yotsuuye	Carrie Mori
Blanca Noriega	Michael Shiogi	John & Crystal Inge
Darlene Matsumoto	Leroy & Penny Kawaguchi	Edward & Yoshiye Mayeda
Kiyomi Fujita	Chizuko Yotsuuye	
Harriett Hatch	Yoshie Yotsuuye	

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT AND HELP WITH OUR TEMPLE.
Tracy Ling/Michael Shiogi

Library News

A new book in the library in the Book Club Section:

Karmapa Ogyen Trinley Dorje -
Interconnectedness Brings Compassion to Each Other and the World

Are you tired of all the conflict in our society? "The Karmapa Ogyen Trinley Dorje teaches how we can move from a merely intellectual understanding to fully lived experience of connection. The Karmapa shows us how gaining emotional awareness of connection can reshape the human race."

Do you know we have an autobiography by Tina Turner?
Both are in the Book Club Section.

Jane

Greeter's List

June	**2**	Mike Shiogi/Debby Abe
	9	**PICNIC-NO SERVICE at temple**
	16	Jeff Hiroo/Coco Inoue
	23	Kara O'Toole/KT Hendrie (need sub)
	30	Barry/June Weled
July	**7**	Mayumi/Kevin Ikeda
	14	Lynn Blick/Jim Doyle
	21	Tracy Ling/David Campbell
	28	Bobby Yotsuuye/Joel Robison
Aug	**4**	**NO SERVICE**
	11	Chiko Faria / David Yotsuuye
	18	Inge Family
	25	Inge Family

Greeter's Notes

BEFORE GUESTS ARRIVE

- Put out the carpet in front of entrance door.
- Put the "Please knock" sign on front door.

AFTER THE SERVICE

- Bring the carpet back into foyer.
- Bring the "Please knock" sign in.

Please have new visitors sign the visitor sign-in sheet in the binder and give them the following:

- Temple Information Booklet (pale green cover)
- TBT Information Sheet with temple info and recommended books
- Spirit, Mind and Body information flyer

Extra supplies are in the office supply room off the Rev Pratt room in the file drawer labeled Membership. Please do a headcount, including downstairs and balcony, and enter it into the Visitor Sign-In sheet. If you are not available, please find your replacement. More detailed greeter instructions are in the Visitor Binder in the foyer.

Yearly Memorial Service

Memorial Service Years for 2024

1st Year – 2023	17th Year – 2008
3rd Year – 2022	25th Year – 2000
7th Year – 2018	33rd Year – 1992
13th Year – 2012	50th Year – 1975

June 2024
No June Memorials

July 2024

1st year	Frank Mitsuo Shigio	July 03, 2023

August 2024

13th Year	Kenichi Nakano	August 8, 2012
17th Year	Yoshiye Marie Nakashima	August 14, 2008
25th Year	Setsuko Cooney	August 1, 2000
33rd Year	Yoshihiko Tanabe	August 9, 1992

Book Club
Thursday, June 13, 2024
@ 7 PM King's Books

The Heroic Heart: Awakening Unbounded Compassion
Jetsunma Tenzin Palmo

Tacoma Buddhist Temple Presents
2024 June Seminar!

Save the Date!
Saturday, June 22, 2024
2 PM – 4 PM

Seminar Theme: Finding the Temple!

Join the discussion as we hear from a group of panelists discuss their journey in finding the Buddhist Temple and what inspired them to become members!

We will have a BBQ to Follow!

Check back on our website and social media for further information!

2024 Obon Memorial Candle Observance

Candle order deadline: Sunday, July 14

Memorial Candle Observance has been a special gathering to end an evening of festivities. We experience and observe the spiritual meaning of Bon Odori – remembrance and gratitude to the many people who are represented by the several hundred glowing candles around the garden and pond.

People of many different faiths along with us Buddhists participate in the observance. The feeling of grateful remembrance for ancestors and those who have died transcends religion, country and ethnicity.

ORDER DEADLINE IS EARLIER THIS YEAR – SUNDAY JULY 14.

There are several ways to place an ORDER: If it helps you to know what your previous order was, we have your previous order will be available when ordering at services, or contact Lynrae Hubbell (contact info below) or Wendy Hamai, wfhamai@rainierconnect.com

- **Complete the order form below and mail to the temple**.
- **Email** your order to Lynrae Hubbell, lynrae@harbornet.com
- Place your order before or after **Sunday services.** We will take orders on most Sundays, starting on Sunday, June 11 and until the order deadline of Sunday, July 14.

The cost is $10 per candle. Charge, check, cash accepted.

Thank you ALL for your continued support of this meaningful observance since 2008.

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2024 Memorial Candle Order FORM ($10 per candle)

DEADLINE: SUNDAY, JULY 14

Ordered by:_____

phone #_____**Email**_____

Names for candles: **one name or couple per candle. PRINT CLEARLY, please**! Use back of form if needed. **Buddhist name flag** will also be included if, 1) We already have one on file, or 2) You have a copy of the Buddhist name in Kanji and include a copy with your order.

	Buddhist name on file?
_____	_____
_____	_____
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Checks should be made out and mailed to: Tacoma Buddhist Temple, Attn: Candle Observance, 1717 South Fawcett, Tacoma, WA 98402-1706

CALLING FOR JAPANESE ITEMS!

At our Obon, we hope to sell kimonos, yukatas, getas, fans, etc. And if you have other items, please drop off on the stage in the social hall. Thank you for your Japanese treasures and we will take care to find a good second home them. Accepting the below:

Japanese Art and Ornaments: Scrolls, ukiyo-e prints, paintings, drawings, calligraphy, screens, posters, kokeshi dolls (small wooden).

Japanese Books: Cookbooks only.

Japanese Clothing and Dance Accessories: Happi coat, kimono, obi, kanzashi, geta, zori, haori, hakama, yukata, Japanese handbags, tabi, kimono under garments, ties and sashes. Uchiwa, tenegui, sensu (folding fan), castanets, casa (Japanese umbrella).

Japanese Kitchen & Cooking Items: Rice cookers (syamoji), mochi machines, donabe (hot pot), sushi molds.

Japanese Musical Instruments: hakuhachi, koto, taiko drums.

Obutsudan and accessories: Family owned, small to mid-sized that is easily transportable.

Japanese Tableware: chawan, teapots, tea sets, sake sets, Japanese dishes, ceramics, miso bowls, dishes, lacquerware, plates and platters.

Japanese Textiles: kimono material, furoshiki and other Japanese made fabrics, table cloths and placemats.

Japanese Toys: kendama, tako, hagoita, koma (tops), syogi, Go, hanafuda (card game).

Thank You!

SAVE THE DATE!

Our Tacoma Buddhist Temple Bon Odori is Saturday, August 3rd!

In preparation, everyone is welcome to join our Bon Odori lessons!

July 16, 17,18 from 7:00-8:30 pm in the social hall. If you have questions, please contact Crystal Inge at crystal.inge@gmail.com. Let's get excited!

Happy June/Summer to the Sangha and Friends!

We are excited to update you all on Fuji Taiko's performances and status. For those of you who do not know us, we are the performing group here at Tacoma Buddhist Temple who consist of a handful of volunteers that love taiko and are willing to share it here in the south Puget Sound. You do not need experience to join us, or even be a temple member, you just have to want to play. This past year Jessica Seki moved back to Hawaii and Kathy Deufrane moved to Tokyo, so we lost a lot of talented-energy-youth. But we are excited to have some newbies coming up the ranks and look forward to their debut here shortly.

This June we performed to the Washington State History Museum's Day of Remembrance gathering alongside Mary Ohno's Kabuki Academy, as well as a performance at the Department of Labor and Industry AAPI celebration. We look forward to performing at the Tacoma Buddhist Temple's Obon on August 3rd as well as Olympia's Obon on August 10th.

We wish all of you a very enjoyable summer. If you are interested in joining us, or would like to inquire about a performance, please feel free to email me at: yotsuuye@outlook.com.

Matta-ne,
Bobby

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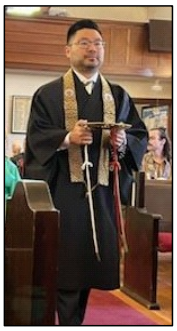
Gotane Service 2024



Dennis

Keisai

Zodie

Jamie

Haru

Sensei

Welcome home, Rev. Dr. Takashi Miyaji, Kaori and Keisai

*June 2024

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						1 BWA Bento Prep 8:30 AM
2 Sunday service 10 AM Temple Garden Clean-up -9 AM BWA Bento Fundraiser 11:30-1:00 PM Final Dharma School	3	4	5	6	7	8
9 Temple Picnic 10 AM	19	11	12 *Study Class* Via Zoom 6 PM	13 *Book Club* King's Books 7:00 PM	14	15
16 Board Meeting 8:30 AM Sunday Service 10 AM Coffee Hour after service	17 Myokyo Deadline	18	19	20	21	22 June Seminar 2 PM - 4 PM Social Hall
23 Sunday Service 10 AM 30 Sunday Service 10 AM	24	25	26	27	28	29

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