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YEAR OF THE WATER TIGER

2022

BUDDHIST YEAR

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By Rev. J.K. Hirano

It has been said by some, that originally the lion was on the Chinese zodiac. Most of the zodiacs have stories about how the various animals came to be represented. In the past, I have told you about the mouse and cat and why the mouse is the first animal in the zodiac and the cat is not even on it. There is also a story about why the tiger is on the zodiac and I would like to share this story with you.

Originally the lion as the king of the beasts, was on the zodiac. However, the king of heaven (some stories say it was Buddha) didn't like such a cruel and heartless animal to be the king of the beasts and representative on the zodiac. My assumption is the king of heaven had never seen Disney's Lion King. Some of you may be thinking, "The Lion King" wasn't out until 1994!" However, if there is a king of heaven don't you think he could manipulate time and space. Maybe it was the Buddha, since a true Buddha can see past, present and future. So let's just assume the king of heaven or Buddha, had not heard about the wonderful Simba. If he had, we might not have this story. I guess this king had only known lions like "Scar" from the movie and never knew about "Simba". As a result, his solution was to make the tiger; the king of beasts and put him on the zodiac.

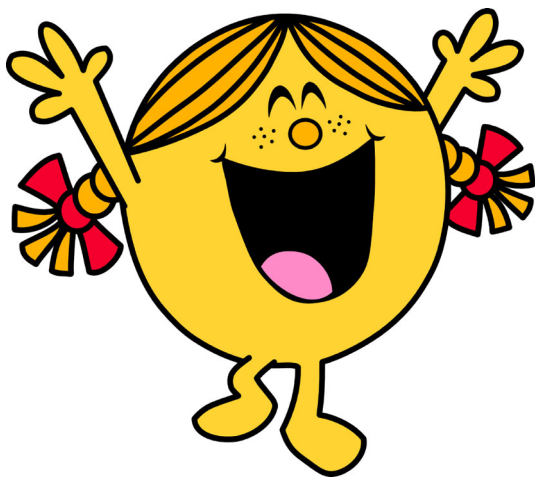
However, at that time, a very long time ago, the tiger was not much of a fighter. As I have explained in an earlier story, the mouse had tricked the cat and the cat was not on the zodiac. Yet the cat was a magnificent animal that really should have been on the calendar. The cat was graceful, sleek, self-sufficient and a very good fighter. The cat was always mad at having been tricked by the mouse and roamed around, mad at the world. Having seen his cousin the cat fight, tiger, decided she could learn from her cousin the cat. But that's another story. After the tiger learned her lessons from the cat. The king of heaven called upon the tiger to go down to Earth and challenge the three strongest animals on Earth: the lion, the bear and the horse. The tiger immediately took up the challenge and called out all three. I won't go into details, but suffice it to say, the tiger defeated all three and as a reward, the king of heaven, gave the tiger three large stripes across her forehead. The tiger loved those stripes and roared with pride. However, the king of heaven still wasn't sure about the tiger. Just as he was wrong about the lion, he didn't want to make a similar mistake.

Reverend Hirano's article continued on next page

However, after many years, the world was attacked by a magical turtle, who wanted to flood the Earth. This part had always surprised me, I thought turtles were kind and gentle creatures, except for the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles (but they had been dosed by radiation). Nevertheless, just as within us human beings, there are good turtles and bad turtles. Turtles live to a tremendous age, so in their age, most become kind and humble. Surprisingly, turtles aren't so different from we humans. I'm sure you all know of some old people that never learn from their age. They just become mean and nasty old men and women. This was the case with this magical turtle. In all her years, this turtle had very few friends and even her family didn't really like her. Once again, the king of heaven called the tiger to take care of the problem with this turtle. Although this is another story, as you can imagine, the tiger defeated the turtle and saved the world. As a reward, the king of heaven decided to put the tiger into the calendar and make him king of the jungle. In recognition of this tremendous occasion, he gave the tiger another stripe. To this day, you can see these three horizontal stripes with one stripe going through them (王) on the forehead of tigers. This is the Chinese character for king. I guess the king of heaven didn't realize this tiger was she and put the character for king on her forehead. So if you look carefully at tigers to this day, most of them are still marked with this character. This tiger should be "Queen of the Jungle."

I know that I have often explained that Buddhists don't believe in superstitions and such. However, these zodiac and stories are really about aspirations for each of us to be better humans. There are characteristics for people born in the various zodiac years. Tiger people are said to be vigorous and ambitious, daring and courageous, enthusiastic and generous, self-confident with a sense of justice and a commitment to help others for the greater good. Whether or not you are born in this year of the tiger, I would say these are all characteristics to aspire towards. And whatever you may be a grouchy or kind old man, woman or child. Amida Buddha embraces you all. I wish for each of you a Happy New Year!

Namo Amida Butsu!



BIG SHOUT OUT!

Thank you to **Kris Y.** for all the years she put together the GEPP0. Kris is not only tech-savvy, but very creative and artistic. She has been getting the GEPP0 ready, even during a pandemic! Then she gets the online version created and posted to the church website. I am nowhere as proficient at this as Kris, so please bear with me. Please let me know if you find something that needs correcting.

Kris also puts together the screens we see on the monitors during service. It's great having our own audio-visual professional taking care of us. Thanks Kris!

In Gassho,
Ruth S.

thankyou

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy 2022!!



It has been almost two years since all our lives were changed by Covid-19 and a year since we closed our doors for regular Sunday services. I hope everyone was able to celebrate this past Holiday season and to bid farewell to 2021 with friends and family. With the beginning of 2022, we are so excited our temple is re-opening for regular Sunday services. Reverend Hirano will kick off the new year with our Ho-Onko service on January 9th at our new time of 10:00 a.m.

I want to truly thank Reverend Hirano, the board, and all the church members for the support you have given me over the past year. We have spent countless hours preparing for this re-opening so you can be proud to have such a wonderful place to hear and receive the Dharma.

Thank you again and I look forward to seeing you at the temple.

In Gassho,
James A.

DONATION STATION

Located off main hall leading to the Hondo.



POP TABS

Kris Y. took in our first donation. 10 pounds of pop tabs! This is a tremendous source of charitable revenue for Ronald McDonald Houses. The proceeds support the children and families they serve.

OGDEN RESCUE MISSION

We will be collecting some clothing items.

Current Needs:

- men's jeans
- winter coats
- blankets
- new men's underwear (all sizes)
- new socks (all sizes)
- disposable razors and lip balm.

Ongoing Needs:

- new socks and underwear
 - men's, women's and children's all sizes
- new or gently used bras
- shoes
- denim jeans
- new or gently used bath towels.



If your donation does not fit in the Donation Station baskets, bring it in a bag or box and place it next to the Donation Station. Sharon K. has volunteered to monitor the donations and take items to the rescue mission as needed.

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BWA NEWS

By Brenda K.

*“No matter what people tell you, words and ideas can change the world.”
—Robin Williams*

Happy New Year to all!

As we begin a new year, we tend to make new plans and goals for ourselves. Hopefully, this year will bring opportunities to gather in person and allow us to conduct business closer to how we did in the past...only time and circumstances will determine that.

The BWA remains resilient and has adapted to the situation using a hybrid model with Zoom meetings and in-person work sessions taking necessary precautions to keep everyone safe and healthy. Most recently the organization sponsored the making and sales of manju on November 13-14, 2021 as a fund-raiser with good success. Thank you so much to all the individuals who helped out with that endeavor.

November 21 was our Eshinniko/Kakushini and BWA Memorial Service in conjunction with the temple's Eitaikyo service. Since we were not able to hold this service last year, we remembered our members that passed in 2020 and 2021: Fumie K., Yuko A., Ruth S., Lola Y., Chizuko “Chiz” F., Masako R. and Kiyoko Y.

The BWA distributed gift bags to the homebound seniors following Bodhi Day Service. The gifts were given to Jane K., Tom and Eiko K., Aiko H., Akiko K. and George I. If you are aware of someone else who should have a gift bag, let one of the BWA members know.

Ingredients for the spaghetti dinner fund raiser was purchased and donated by some of the BWA members; however, due to the pandemic situation, the dinner was canceled. Thus, the group decided to donate the food items to the Ogden Rescue Mission. Thanks to Sharon K. and Ruth S. for transporting the items.

As an ongoing project, the BWA is researching possible non-profit community organizations that are in need of donations both material and monetary. Currently, the focus is on the YCC Family Crisis Center and the Ogden Rescue Mission; however, due to an abundance of donations during the holidays for the YCC, it was suggested to wait until later to pursue this endeavor. We will collect clothes for the rescue mission - see the Donation Station article on page 3.

On December 5, the BWA General Meeting for 2021 was held on Zoom with the election of officers for 2022. Our congratulations to the following:

Tami H.-President
Lorraine S.-1st Vice President
Ruth S.-2nd Vice President
Annette K.-3rd Vice President

Kris Y.-Recording Secretary
Christy F.-Corresponding Secretary
Ellen K.-Treasurer
Julia F. and Linda R.-Auditors.

The next **BWA Meeting** is set for **January 23, 2022** at **11:00 a.m.** following service.



BWA DONATIONS

BWA Memorial/Eshinniko

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DHARMA SCHOOL DONATIONS

Angel Tree Donors

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DHARMA SCHOOL NEWS

January 2022

Happy New Year!

The Dharma School would like to thank all the temple members who contributed to our annual Angel Tree project. Our students were able to shop for six deserving children through the Salvation Army Angel Tree program. This activity gives our Dharma School students the opportunity to express gratitude for their own living conditions when shopping for these children in need. Additionally, with the remaining donations, we were able to purchase 80 Smith's meals for families in need.

We appreciate the Sangha's generosity to help teach the concept of Dana to our students while helping families within our community.

In Gassho,
LaVerne K.



2021 YBA MOCHI FUNDRAISER

The YBA had a VERY successful fundraiser! Thank you to everyone who supported our fundraiser. We are fortunate to have so many generous members, family and friends. Mochi making is something us kids will always remember. Not only do we get to be a part of a long-time tradition, we also have many laughs, eat and get to know one another even better. A BIG THANK YOU to SHARON K. for bringing in lunch for all of us!!!!

THANK YOU to all of the members who donated their time helping with the mochi making and for the members who let us use their mochi makers. We definitely could not have made 271 trays of mochi that filled 200 pre-orders without the help from all of the people who showed up and without having multiple mochi machines.

Stan and Tami, THANK YOU for organizing the fundraiser! We know it is a lot of work, and we know you do much more than just being the eye candy!!!

In Gassho,
Kobe H..





**Ho-onko Service
January Shotsuki Hoyo
Installation of Officers
Sunday, January 9, 2022 - 10:00 a.m.**

Goshoki Ho-onko (Observance of Anniversary of Death and Repay Debt of Gratitude)

Shinran Shonin's Memorial Service - Within the Nishi Hongwanji tradition this is the most important observance of the year. It is held to acknowledge our debt of gratitude to Shinran Shonin for opening the Nembutsu teachings for us.

Shotsuki Hoyo - Monthly Memorial Service



**Nehan-E Service
February Shotsuki Hoyo
Pet Memorial Service*
Sunday, February 20, 2022 - 10:00 a.m.**

Nehan-E - When Shakyamuni Buddha attained Enlightenment, he achieved the state of Nirvana. However, in retaining his physical body, he did not achieve complete Nirvana. This observance is to commemorate Shakyamuni Buddha's death and entrance into complete Nirvana.

Shotsuki Hoyo - Monthly Memorial Service

***NOTE: Please bring pictures of your pets who have passed away.
They will be placed on the altar for the Pet Memorial Service**

**PLEASE NOTE:
For these four in-person services, COVID-19 protocols will be in place: masks, social distancing and vaccinations.
There will be no chanting or singing by the Sangha.**

January Shotsuki Hoyo

January 9, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.

Jan 15 2009 Lily S. Endow
 Jan 7 1965 Yejiro Hirai
 Jan 7 1977 Yoshio Horiuchi
 Jan 21 1980 Peter J. Hunt
 Jan 4 1972 Chong Sun Johnson
 Jan 10 1992 Wataru Kamigaki
 Jan 17 1954 Toshio Kato
 Jan 29 1973 Ura U. Kawaguchi
 Jan 16 1977 Eikichi Kawaguchi
 Jan 28 2003 Jake Hideo Koga
 Jan 27 2015 Steven Koga
 Jan 9 1983 Fujiko Kojima
 Jan 5 1998 Soichi Kojima
 Jan 23 1980 Toshita Mayeda
 Jan 4 1978 Yasuzo Minaga
 Jan 17 1999 Sam Sadao Miya
 Jan 28 1984 Masaji Miyagishima
 Jan 31 1998 Tono Miyagishima
 Jan 5 2001 Masano Morimoto
 Jan 14 1964 Yeitaro Nishihara
 Jan 12 1988 Ichimatsu Nisogi
 Jan 30 1968 Takao Okubo
 Jan 7 2007 Amy Sameshima
 Jan 13 2014 Hisaye Shiki
 Jan 24 1964 Kenzo Seino
 Jan 30 2020 Raymond Spry
 Jan 22 1992 Yoneko Mary Takabayashi
 Jan 31 1978 George Y. Tanaka
 Jan 3 1974 Aki Toimoto
 Jan 10 1977 Yuriko C. Yamada
 Jan 17 2010 William Yamane
 Jan 16 1997 Namiye Yamamoto
 Jan 3 2021 Hiroshi "Hiro" Yamashita
 Jan 2 1960 Matsujiro Yamashita
 Jan 23 1956 Morikiyo Yei
 Jan 4 2019 Yoshie Yoshimura

February Shotsuki Hoyo

February 20, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.

Feb 21 1995 Harue Enomoto
 Feb 17 1968 Otojiro Fukuda
 Feb 13 2020 Marlane Natsuye Hirai
 Feb 10 1965 Hitoshi Hoshiko
 Feb 24 1964 Takematsu Inouye
 Feb 28 1986 Matsue Kano
 Feb 15 2018 Sachie Shiki Kano
 Feb 17 1969 Shozo Kariya
 Feb 19 1998 Yukie Kawa (Ozawa)
 Feb 23 2019 Yukiko Kawaguchi
 Feb 2 2000 Izumi Kishimoto
 Feb 19 1966 Wakamatsu Kiyotsugu
 Feb 9 1967 Sahei Kosai
 Feb 8 2018 Jane Shizuye Kunugi
 Feb 23 1975 Gensaku J. Miyagishima
 Feb 2 1973 Kazue Nishikawa
 Feb 10 2017 Tokiye Miya
 Feb 28 1989 Shigeso Frank Nishimoto
 Feb 21 1978 Jerrod Nisogi
 Feb 25 1993 Mitsuye Oda
 Feb 18 1994 Yukiye Omori
 Feb 1 2008 Kiyoshi "Kay" Shimada
 Feb 18 1965 Hiroshi Shioji
 Feb 16 1986 Teruo Ted Suekawa
 Feb 8 2015 Roy Gosaku Taketa
 Feb 12 1994 Kazuye (Kathy)Taniguchi (Yagi)
 Feb 29 2005 Jane Tomiko Tsushima
 Feb 19 1992 Niroku Uyematsu
 Feb 29 1968 Michiye Watanabe
 Feb 12 1996 Frank Toichi Yoshida
 Feb 26 2019 Taeko Matsuda Yoshida
 Feb 20 1961 Thomas T. Yoshitaka

For those years not having a specific memorial service such as 2nd, 4th or 5th, the temple is holding these monthly Shotsuki Hoyo. During these services, the temple will list the names of those members who have died during the month in the preceding years. The families then attend that monthly service in memory of their loved ones.

These services are not meant to replace the specific memorial services. Please contact Rev. Hirano to make arrangements for those services. Rev. Hirano contact information - Office: 363-4742, Home: 299-8727, Emergency: 819-2648.

Corrections/additions to the Shotsuki Hoyo list - please contact Ruth S.

2022 Memorial Service Schedule for those who passed away in:

2021 - 1 year	2010 - 13 year	1988 - 33 year
2020 - 3 year	2006 - 17 year	1973 - 50 year
2016 - 7 year	1998 - 25 year	1923 - 100 year

Ways To Donate to the Buddhist Church of Ogden

There are several ways that you can still donate to our church!
We are slowly coming back to the temple, but we still need your support.

THANK YOU!



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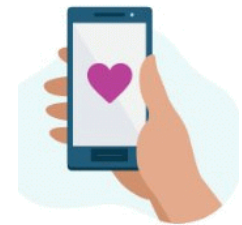
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Buddhist Church of Ogden Donations

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Thank you!! Thank you!!

On behalf of the board, I would like to thank everyone for their generous donations. It is only through your donations that our temple can meet its financial obligations. If you have any questions or concerns about any donations made, please feel free to contact me at 801-725-6096 or my email address is yamiek@netscape.net.




Thank you, Betty Y.





CHURCH MEMBERSHIP REMINDER

Please pay your 2022 annual membership dues at your earliest convenience.

Annual dues are \$175 per adult member, \$10 for members 20 years and under.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<h1>January 2022</h1>						¹  New Year's Day
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9 10:00 am- Ho-onko Service, January Shotsuki Hoyo & Installation of Officers	10	11 7:00 pm - Board Meeting	12	13	14	15
16	17  Martin Luther King Jr. Day	18	19	20	21	22
23 10:00 am - Dharma Service 11:00 am - BWA Meeting	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>February 2022</h1>						
		1	2	3	4	5
6 10:00 am - Dharma Service	7	8 7:00 pm - Board Meeting	9	10	11	12
13	14  Valentine's Day	15	16	17	18	19
20 10:00 am - Nehan-E, Pet Memorial & February Shotsuki Hoyo	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28					

