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THE IMPORTANCE OF FILIAL PIETY

J.K. Hirano



Carmela, Kacie and I returned from the Philippines last night. Except for a few glitches with luggage, it was a good trip. My one suggestion is never travel Asiana Airlines. I have done a lot of traveling and I have been fortunate to have never lost luggage. I would guess over one hundred domestic flights and a dozen or more international. However, on this trip to the Philippines, they lost Kacie's and my luggage on the way between Korea and Manila and on the way home, they lost Kacie's luggage from Seattle to Salt Lake. Luckily, I had all my meds, my cpap and portable oxygen machine in my carry-on. However, Kacie and I had to buy new clothes for our first week. It was a good thing we were in the Philippines because the clothes there fit us well and cost about half the price of the same stores in the U.S. such as Uniqlo and Zara.

I had been to the Philippines about 12 years ago. However, my age makes it more difficult to travel long distances. The trip to Ilo Ilo City, Carmela's hometown, took about 33 hours from Salt Lake and the return trip from Manila to Salt Lake about 20 hours. As a result of the jet lag, I was a bit crankier and feebler than usual. However, when we got to her hometown Ilo Ilo City, her nephew Jon and niece Tinan were there to show us and get us around.

Rev. Hirano's article continued on next page

The respect for elders in the Philippines is more than any other place in Asia. Filial Piety is a very Asian characteristic which comes from the Confucian ideals of harmony and balance; however, the Philippines take it to another level. If you have a senior card, everything is discounted. Even movies are free one or two days a week. The photos I have included are from a restaurant in Ilo Ilo City, called “Breakthrough” and is one of the better restaurants. It is on the ocean and there are a few other statues, but these two are quite prominent. One is a young girl, placing the older woman’s hand to her head (a gesture of respect). The other is of two children listening intently to an older man. I saw a respect and attitude of deferral in many situations. Not just giving up a seat to the elderly on public transportation. This is something I believe is important to instill in our youth. I think that in many ways, we coddle our youth to feel entitled. The “you are so special” attitude that often backfires into, “Yes, I am special, so why do I have to listen to you?”

I have seen our Buddhist Churches of America coddle our youth, so worried about them leaving. There is often a lack of respect in general for those older. I know that I was shocked when I became a minister and heard that retired ministers were at the back of the line when ministers entered for a service.

Within Buddhism there is a sutra called the “Sutra of Filial Piety.” Some scholars have said that this is not an actual work of the Buddha but was written by Chinese Buddhists in response to criticism of Buddhist monks who left the secular life and did not care for their parents. In regard to filial piety, I like the story I read about a student who asked his teacher what is meant by filial piety? The teacher replied, ‘it is to take care of your parents and to live and take care of their funerals.’ The student didn’t really care for the answer and asked, “What do you really mean?” The teacher responded, “Don’t give your parents reason to worry.” This filial piety begins with respect for the elderly.

Another activity that Carmela and I do when we go to the Philippines is to visit the cemetery and place flowers on the graves of her grandparents, parents and her nanny. Now that Carmela is Buddhist and her family accepts her as such, it is okay for us to chant and place the flowers. I know that in the Philippines, so much of their traditions are like Catholics from Mexico. On November 1 and 2 the families go to the cemetery and even sleep there to eat and drink with their deceased family members, it is called “Todos los Santo” Day of the Dead. In Buddhism we have many services and occasions commemorating our dead. Obon, various family memorial services, Hoonko, Shotsuki Hoyo. Although we do not really eat, drink or sleep at the cemetery. In the past, there was also a wake service called “Otsuya” where families would often stay with the deceased throughout the night, eating, drinking and talking.

In the United States, we do have Memorial Day. However, Memorial Day is a fairly new tradition that recognizes those who died while in military service. I believe that we should really consider awakening to the reality of the impermanence of all life. In February, we hold Nehan E or Nirvana Day, commemorating the death of the historical Buddha Shakyamuni. The Buddha is said to have chosen the time of his death to teach us about our death and impermanence. For many of us, the first time we experience death is from our pets. Thus on Nirvana Day, which we held on February 11th in Honeyville, February 12th in Salt Lake and Ogden and February 19th in Idaho Oregon.

Just as treating our seniors with respect is a step towards each of us better realizing the harmony of filial piety. Holding a memorial service for our pets helps us to understand our own impermanence.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello, I hope that everyone is well.

I would like to start by thanking the new board members. I am looking forward to serving the Church.

Ogden City is planning to widen the North Street road. The city is adding a third lane, shoulder parking with curb and gutters. The city is in the process of purchasing church property for this project. If you have any questions, you can contact the Ogden Church Design Review Team (LaVerne K., Ernie K., Steven K., Mike K. or Thomas F.).

Please note that we have a change for the Ohigan/Keiro-kai service: March 19, 2023, at 10 a.m. Ogden Hanamatsuri is April 9th. We will have service at 10 a.m. followed with a lunch. Salt Lake Hanamatsuri is the same day in the afternoon. Please look over the many special services and activities listed in the calendar and support these events.

I would like to thank Mike K. for volunteering to join me in attending the National Council Meeting. I will inform you of what happened in the next GEPP0.

In Gassho,
Thomas F.



We have formed a funeral committee to work on guidelines to help following the death of a family member. Until those guidelines have been compiled, please call the church president, Tom F., at *omitted for online version.*

In Memory

The Buddhist Church of Ogden Sangha extends its deepest sympathies to the families of the following member who recently passed away.

*May the family members find solace and comfort in the Nembutsu.
Namo Amida Butsu*

George S. Inouye ~ February 1, 2023

BWA NEWS

By Brenda K.

Have enough courage to start and enough heart to finish. –Jessica N. S. Yourko

Can you believe it is already going to be March? 2023 is off to a rip-roaring start and the Ogden Buddhist Women's Association is keeping pace with the times. Many events are already being planned and the ladies are involved with everything happening at the temple.

In January the temple held the Ho-onko service at which time the BWA, under the direction of Ruth S. and her toban group, prepared a delicious traditional luncheon to follow the special service. We appreciate all the work and time that was involved with that event.

The BWA members met on January 29 to plan the upcoming events, mainly the annual membership party to be held **March 5**. Service will be held at 10:00 with the members then disbursing to the **Greenery Restaurant at 11:00** for a luncheon. This will be followed by snacks and Bingo games back at the temple. Anyone interested in joining the BWA is welcome to do so. Please pay your **annual dues of \$20** to **Ellen K.** on that date or as soon as convenient. Everyone is encouraged to donate a gift to be used as prizes for the bingo games. There will be a special raffle for \$50. If you have any questions, please ask any of the BWA members or our president, Tami H.

The Dharma School had the annual omigaki or cleaning and polishing of the altar on February 5. Thank you to all the BWA members and others who helped out with that task. The onaijin seems to have a little bit more of a twinkle and shine thanks to everyone's efforts. Special thanks to Maya C. and Julia F. who repaired several of the decorative cloths that cover the Maejoku (front table) of the onaijin.

The next **BWA meeting** will be held **March 12 at 10:45 a.m.** or following the service.



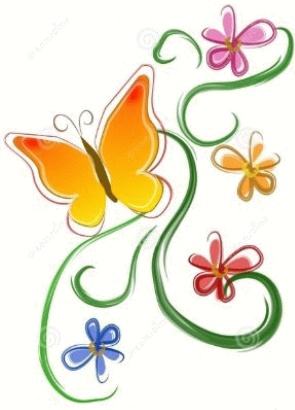
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2023 MEMBERSHIP

Robyn H., Justine H., Shauna R., Suzan Y.



DHARMA SCHOOL NEWS

On Sunday, February 5th, our Dharma School students, along with several parents, participated in our Omigaki (altar cleaning) activity. Our appreciation goes out to all who helped with this effort. A special thank you to **Maya C.** for bringing her steam cleaner, aiding with the deep-cleaning of the intricate altar pieces. We all enjoyed a pot-luck lunch after cleaning.

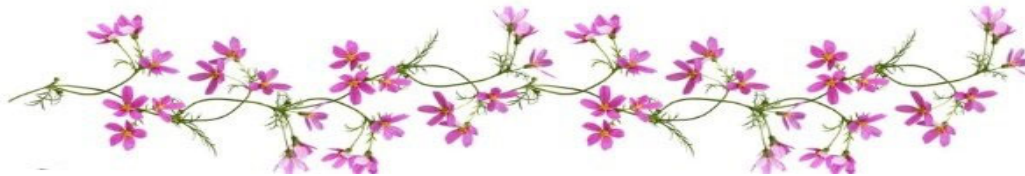
The Dharma School will be preparing and serving the Keirokai lunch on Sunday, March 19, after the Ohigan service. We invite all temple members to join us for lunch.

On Sunday, April 9th, our Hanamatsuri service and lunch is scheduled to celebrate Buddha's birthday. The Dharma School will be having our annual bake sale. The proceeds help fund our Lagoon lunch in June. We request baked good donations from our Dharma School parents and other temple members. It would be helpful if the donated items can be plated or bagged in advance in \$1 portions.



We are excited to have a few new Dharma School students who have been attending service and our Dharma School classes. For those students under 8 years old, **Christy F., Annette K. and Maya C.** have volunteered to help teach the class. They have been doing some fun and educational projects. Thank you to these great teachers!

In Gassho,
LaVerne K.



DHARMA SCHOOL DONATIONS

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TAIKO GROUP DONATIONS

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OMIGAKI



SCRIPT PROGRAM

It's back! *Dharma School (DS) scrip program starts on March 12, 2023.* With the Sangha's support in 2022 Dharma School received \$383 from the RaiseRight gift card program. This shows whether we receive 1.5% or 12% per gift card the refund to Dharma School really adds up. I can't think of a better way to receive funds from an outside source for gift cards we use on everyday purchases.

Dharma School is looking into reloadable cards and electronic cards for those who wish to take advantage of eliminating new cards for every purchase. Watch for details in the next Geppo.

Submit your orders on **Sunday, March 12 and April 2** and we will have your gift cards by the following Sunday. The **NEW [scrip order form](#)** is available on the church website.

In Gassho,
Suzan Y.



OHIGAN SERVICE
March Shotsuki Hoyo
KEIRO-KAI
Sunday, March 19, 2023
10:00 a.m.
Otoki Lunch to follow service

The word Higan comes from the Sanskrit word Paramita - "Other Shore." The words "other shore" refer to the "world of Nirvana." As the name Higan denotes, this is the time to remind within each and every one of us the Bodhisattva practice of the Six Paramitas of charity, morality, patience, effort, meditation, and wisdom. It is the means by which one crosses over the illusory ocean of birth and death to the other shore of Nirvana.

Shotsuki Hoyo - Monthly Memorial Service



HANAMATSURI SERVICE
April Shotsuki Hoyo
Sunday, April 9, 2023
10:00 a.m.
Otoki Lunch to follow service

Hanamatsuri or "Flower Festival" is held to commemorate the birth of Siddhartha Gautama in Lumbini Garden. According to the ancient legend, the universe was filled with joyful music, flowers bloomed in full glory and sweet rain fell from the heavens to make this a joyful event. During the service a flower shine known as the Hanamido is set up in front of the main altar as a symbol of Lumbini Garden. In this shrine is placed a statuette of the infant Buddha and the Congregation offers flowers and pours sweet tea over the image.

Shotsuki Hoyo - Monthly Memorial Service

March Shotsuki Hoyo

March 19, 2023 at 10:00 AM

Mar 22 2017 Toshiyuki Aoki
 Mar 18 2013 Akio Dick Hamada
 Mar 10 1967 Kanekichi Hamada
 Mar 29 2014 Hisano Higashiyama
 Mar 18 1971 Francis Hirabayashi
 Mar 18 1971 Ricky Hirabayashi
 Mar 11 1987 Yukiyo Iseki
 Mar 2 2015 Aileen Shizuko Kano
 Mar 29 1997 Kayzo Kano
 Mar 12 1999 Toyse Toshiharu Kato
 Mar 15 2005 Maxie Kimiko Kato
 Mar 26 2018 George Haruji Kawaguchi
 Mar 31 2019 Kuneko Kuni Kawashima
 Mar 14 1960 Tasaku Kumooka
 Mar 23 1988 Yoshimatsu Miyagishima
 Mar 23 1996 Hideo Miyawaki
 Mar 29 1998 Matsuyo Miyawaki
 Mar 4 2011 Rokuro George Nakano
 Mar 22 1988 Mary M. Morinaka
 Mar 5 1979 Shuichi Murakami
 Mar 14 1994 Masako Nakagawa Burrell
 Mar 16 1966 Bunkichi Oki
 Mar 18 1975 Itsu Ota
 Mar 30 2021 Masako Fujinami Ryujin
 Mar 31 1973 Taiji Shimada
 Mar 14 1970 Yasu Shiotani
 Mar 17 2020 Danzo "Date" Shiramizu
 Mar 3 1970 Utaro Sugihara
 Mar 11 1979 Masu Sugihara
 Mar 11 2000 George Joji Sugimoto
 Mar 16 1990 Mine Takabayashi
 Mar 17 2008 Judy Naoko Takara
 Mar 16 1983 Noble Edward Tsushima
 Mar 30 1988 Takashi Uemori
 Mar 27 2003 Saburo Butch Uyeno
 Mar 27 1964 Shinichi Yamada
 Mar 28 2014 Ted Teruo Yamada
 Mar 3 1996 Toshimi Yamada (Tsukamoto)
 Mar 7 1979 Mii Yamaguchi
 Mar 10 2007 Takeo Yamasaki
 Mar 16 1996 Ruby Toshiko Yamasaki
 Mar 3 2022 Bessie Oakes Yonetani
 Mar 28 1992 Kiyoshi Yei
 Mar 11 1976 Saburoji Yoshimura

April Shotsuki Hoyo

April 9, 2023 at 10:00 AM

Apr 1 2021 David Kaoru Aoki
 Apr 8 1982 Helen Haruye Estrada
 Apr 23 1974 Chohachi Fujita
 Apr 5 1979 Utaka Harada
 Apr 3 2018 Jaxon Jones Masaaki Hattori
 Apr 25 1970 Toraki Hattori
 Apr 2 1980 Joe Hideo Imaizumi
 Apr 2 1995 Miyoe Inouye (Miyamoto)
 Apr 16 1983 Ise K. Kato
 Apr 5 1979 Bunshiro Kikuchi
 Apr 4 2000 Mitsuru Koga
 Apr 1 2012 Fujie O. Kunimoto
 Apr 21 1963 Katsugoro Miya
 Apr 22 1967 Eimatsu Miyagishima
 Apr 4 1962 Kenjiro Mukai
 Apr 11 1993 Yukimi Nakashige (Naito)
 Apr 13 1962 Kosaku Nakata
 Apr 11 1975 Gentaro Nakashige
 Apr 30 2009 Kikue "Kixie" Oda
 Apr 13 1987 Chiyoichi Ogata
 Apr 24 1979 Harugo Okuda
 Apr 11 1987 Kumaye Okuda
 Apr 13 1980 Kirk Sakae Omori
 Apr 17 1984 George Sakae Omori
 Apr 4 1961 Kotaro Ono
 Apr 3 1991 Randall Petersen
 Apr 11 1979 George T. Ryujin
 Apr 21 1999 Tomotsu Tom Ryujin
 Apr 2 2004 Etsuko Ryujin
 Apr 4 1999 Mary Sase
 Apr 9 2009 Shige Shimada
 Apr 6 1990 Takino Sugimoto (Nakano)
 Apr 29 2015 LaVerne Vera Summers
 Apr 4 2010 Fred W. Taniguchi
 Apr 26 1995 Yoshiko Tawatai (Yamasaki)
 Apr 29 1993 Shizuyo (Shitsuyo) Uyematsu
 Apr 23 2021 Kiyoko Yamada
 Apr 22 1971 Kiyoshi Yamamoto
 Apr 17 1995 Miyeko Yamane (Nakagawa)
 Apr 28 1967 Suzuko Yamashita
 Apr 24 2006 George Seiichi Yoshida
 Apr 7 2014 Debbie Yoshimura

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, Emergency: 819-2648. Corrections/additions to the Shotsuki Hoyo list - please contact Ruth S., <omitted for online version>.

2023 Memorial Service Schedule for those who passed away in:

2022 - 1 year	2011 - 13 year	1989 - 33 year
2021 - 3 year	2007 - 17 year	1974 - 50 year
2017 - 7 year	1999 - 25 year	1924 - 100 year



NIHON MATSURI BOOTH

Nihon Matsuri is back! Saturday, April 29.



The Ogden Buddhist Church will have a booth at this year's Nihon Matsuri. We are in need of volunteers to work in the booth. We have two-hour shifts starting at 8:00 a.m. Anyone working in the booth **MUST** have a valid Utah Food Handlers permit. It's quite easy to obtain and costs \$25. It will be good for 3 years. You can go to <https://www.statefoodsafety.com/>

Please contact Ruth S., if you can help out.

Phone or text to <omitted for online version> or email to <omitted for online version>

We could also use help at the church on Friday night, April 28 starting at 6:00 p.m.

DONATIONS NEEDED:

We are asking our members and friends if there is anything they can donate to help us offset some of the costs. If you can help us, please let Ruth S. know what you can donate BEFORE you purchase it.

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| 8 - 32 oz. cartons Egg Beaters | 6 - 2.2 lb. box S&B brand Medium-Hot Curry |
| 4 - 60 oz. bottles Bull-Dog Tonkatsu Sauce | 6 - 20 lb. bags Botan brand rice |
| 1 - 25 lb. bag flour | 1 - 25 lb. bag Panko |
| 2 - boxes small size latex gloves | 2 - boxes medium size latex gloves |
| 2 - boxes large size latex gloves | 2 - large boxes of plastic wrap (Sam's Club or Costco) |
| Cans of Sprite, Coke, Diet Coke or Lemonade | |

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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 Yamashita



CHURCH MEMBERSHIP REMINDER

Please pay your 2023 annual membership dues at your earliest convenience. Annual dues are \$175 per adult member, \$10 for members under 20 and under, and members 80 years old and above are exempt.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<h1>March 2023</h1>						
			1	2	3	4
5 9:00 am - Meditation 10:00 am - Dharma Service* 11:00 am - Dharma School 11:00 am - Adult Discussion 11:00 am - BWA Membership Party	6	7	8	9	10	11
12 9:00 am - Meditation 10:00 am - Dharma Service 11:00 am - Adult Discussion 11:00 am - BWA Meeting	13	14 7:00 pm Board Meeting	15	16	17 	18
19 9:00 am - Meditation 10:00 am - Ohigan/Keirokai/March Shotsuki Hoyo* 11:00 Dharma School 11:00 am - Adult Discussion 11:30 am - Keirokai Lunch	20	21	22	23	24	25
26 9:00 am - Meditation 10:00 am - Dharma Service 11:00 am - Adult Discussion 11:00 am - Dharma School Meeting	27	28	29	30	31	

TOBAN CLEANING GROUP:

Roland & Janice S. (Toban Cleaning Leader)
 Todd & Stacie H.
 Fran H.

* Service with Rev. Hirano



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<h1>April 2023</h1>						1
2 8:00 am - Church Cleanup 9:00 am - Meditation 10:00 am - Dharma Service 11:00 am - Adult Discussion	3	4	5	6	7	8
9 9:00 am - Meditation 10:00 am - Hanamatsuri / April Shutsuki Hoyo* 11:00 am - Adult Discussion 11:30 am - Otoki Lunch	10 	11 7:00 Board Meeting	12	13	14	15
16 9:00 am - Meditation 10:00 am - Dharma Service* 11:00 am - Dharma School 11:00 am - Adult Discussion	17	18	19	20	21 Geppo Articles Due	22
23 9:00 am - Meditation 10:00 am - Dharma Service 11:00 am - Adult Discussion	24	25	26	27	28 6:00 pm Nihon Matsuri Prep	29 Nihon Matsuri
30 9:00 am - Meditation 10:00 am - Dharma Service 11:00 am - Adult Discussion						

TOBAN CLEANING GROUP:
 Kirk & Betty Y. (Toban Cleaning Leader)
 Steven & Kris Y.



*Service with Rev. Hirano

IT'S CHURCH CLEANUP TIME!



Sunday, April 2, 2023 at 8:00 am
VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!




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