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What is the Fragrance of Light?

By Reverend Hirano

“Sentient beings who are mindful of Amida Buddha are like persons who, imbued with incense, bear its fragrance on their bodies; hence, they are called ‘those adorned with the fragrance of light.’”

Surangama Samadhi Sutra, The Fragrance of Light: a Journey into Buddhist Wisdom,

~John Paraskevopoulos

In August, Carmela and I attended the 19th European Shin Buddhist Conference in Southampton, U.K. I would like to thank Bishop Umezu for asking me to represent him for this conference. This is my second opportunity in attending this conference held every two years in various European cities. It was wonderful having other representatives from our BCA and Canada: Bishop Tetsuya Aoki, Bishop of Canada; Rev. Kiyonobu Kuwahara, Hongwanji representative to BCA and Berkeley Buddhist Temple resident minister; Rev. Ryuta Furumoto, resident minister of Senshin Buddhist Temple; Rev. John Iwohara, resident minister of Gardena Buddhist Temple; Akiko Rogers, IBS student; and Rick and Robin Stambuhl, BCA President and his wife, respectively. The previous conference was held in Antwerp, Belgium. When in Belgium, although the conference was held entirely in English, there was a definite confusion on my part, the customs of European culture were completely new to me. However, at this conference, being my second conference and the similarity of English and American culture, made this conference much more familiar.

There were only two incidents that caused me a bit of confusion. At one of the lunches in Southampton (which were for the most part similar to our CBE sandwich lunches at the JSC in Berkeley), one of the sandwiches was labeled “goldfish and shrimp.” I simply could not get myself to try this no matter how many times I was assured it was not actual goldfish. The other was my own stupidity, at the closing dinner that they referred to as a Gala. Not being sophisticated enough to understand what this meant, I wore my pink linen jacket, while everyone else was wearing dark blues, greys and black. I tried to hide when Zenmon sama and Zen Ourakata sama (retired Abbot and wife of Hongwanji) entered and began visiting with the attendees at a small reception before the Gala dinner they were hosting. However, their translator and one of their attendants from Japan was Rev. Masako Sugimoto, an old friend from the Hongwanji International Center. When she accompanied them to the reception, she led the Zenmon and Zen Ourakata right up to where Carmela was standing. I tried to be as inconspicuous as possible in the corner with my pink jacket. I then heard Masako say, “Hello Carmela, where is Hirano Sensei?” I had to embarrassingly walk over and greet them in my “Pretty in Pink” jacket amid the sea of dark suits. Although I don’t blush, on the inside, my red embarrassment would have easily matched the pink of my jacket.

Other than this, I felt great comfort and familiarity with listening to the various presentations and talks regarding Jodo Shinshu Buddhism. I love to attend activities where we get to listen to people sharing their understanding of Jodo Shinshu. One of the reasons I enjoy going to the European Shin Conference is that the presenters are predominantly European, meaning, British, German, Romanian, Belgian, etc. and they are almost all ethnically non-Japanese. There were a number of Japanese presenters also, such as Rev. Dr. Ken Tanaka and Rev. Kuwahara along with a number of other Japanese scholars. Although Jodo Shinshu is considered a Japanese form of Buddhism that Shinran Shonin started over 800 years ago, I believe Jodo Shinshu is a religion which is essentially a teaching that helps us better understand our human lives, regardless of ethnic, cultural, gender or socioeconomic identity. It's interesting to note how culture definitely adds a certain flavor to the teachings, but nevertheless it is a teaching for all human beings and not particularly Japanese or just for those of Japanese ancestry.

When I listen to the European presenters, I feel as though I am listening to Jodo Shinshu without a Japanese cultural filter. What I've heard is like a highlighted version of Jodo Shinshu emphasizing what is important-- our humanity-- rather than our cultural identity. Not being familiar with too much of the European backgrounds of the presenters, I do not personally have the cultural bias as when I listen to Japanese or Japanese American speakers. There are certain things in Jodo Shinshu that requires some understanding of Japanese culture, but this is predominantly terminology, such as *shinjin*, or the Japanese names of the various teachers in our tradition.

For example, as a former friar and now living and working in London, my very good friend David Quirke-Thornton who has spoken at our temple and BCA, speaks with a very non-Japanese perspective. For example, I loved his use of a poem called "Lost" in illustration of his talk called, "Our Journey Along the Path in the 21st Century".

*Stand still. The trees ahead and bushes beside you
Are not lost. Wherever you are is called here,
And you must treat it as a powerful stranger,
Must ask permission to know it and be known.
The forest breathes. Listen, it answers,
I have made this place around you.
If you leave it, you may come back again, saying Here.
No two trees are the same to Raven.
No two branches the same to Wren.
If what a tree or a bush does is lost on you,
You are surely lost. Stand still. The forest knows
Where you are. You must let it find you.*
David Wagoner, "Lost" (1999)

I believe that our temple is a place where we are trying to develop a temple culture, a Sangha based upon the teachings of Jodo Shinshu which helps us better understand our humanity, rather than what it means to be Japanese or Japanese American. I love the Jodo Shinshu teachings and I love the culture we are trying to develop at our temple. However, I believe that we must be willing to change. For example, for the past 100 years, our temple has followed a pattern that really hasn't changed much. This means having a fulltime resident minister, whose sole responsibility is to help guide one temple and its membership. This membership pays a set yearly fee to help support the minister, his/her family and the basic physical necessities of the temple building. The board of the temple collaborates with and supports the minister fulfill the vision they may have for the temple. However, this model must change for Jodo Shinshu to survive in the United States of America.

For the past year, I have had to begin to transition our temple towards a new model, which I feel may be the way that many BCA temples may have to move towards. As of October 1st of this year, I am beginning my 25th year as the resident minister of the Salt Lake Buddhist Temple and 19th for the Ogden and Honeyville's temples. I have been a BCA Kaikyoshi for 31 years, but I moved back to Salt Lake in 1993. At that time, I was a relatively new minister and my only duty was to make sure the Salt Lake Buddhist Temple survived and continued into the future. I did not have a lot of experience in ministry or the larger responsibility of a Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji Ha (Nishi Hongwanji) Kaikyoshi. A Kaikyoshi is responsible for more than the temple they are assigned to. They must serve the entire Kyodan (National organization) to try to maintain the Nishi Hongwanji tradition. This is one of the differences in a Kaikyoshi or minister's assistant.

Over the years I have been a Kaikyoshi, besides serving as supervising minister of Ogden, Honeyville, and Idaho-Oregon Buddhist Temples, I have been on the Institute of Buddhist Studies (IBS) board of trustees for over 25 years. I have served on a variety of national committees; I had been the district representative (Kyokuchō) for over ten years and I was elected to 4 terms as the chairperson (Gicho) of BCA Ministers' Association. The actual bylaws of the association are for maximum of four years; 2 two-year terms. However, I was fortunate to have been asked to serve for eight years, or 4 two-year terms. I have also been on the BCA Bishop's Senior Advisers (Sanyo) for the past two Bishops. Things finally came to a head last year, and it became necessary to make a number of changes.

I assure you that this had nothing to do with any problems or animosity with the temples I oversee. I love all the temples I serve or I wouldn't be there. Salt Lake has been my home, as have many of you, since childhood. If I didn't feel this way, I would not have stayed here for 25 years. I know that it was extremely difficult for the temple to try and pay me my full salary and the benefits normally provided to ministers, such as housing, car and health insurance. However, I was able to make do with a lower than standard BCA salary because of Carmela's fulltime medical practice. Over the past few years I saw that the temple was really struggling to continue my salary and benefits, and at the same time, Carmela was also making some changes to her own practice. I realized it was time to make some decisions: I could transfer to a different temple, or try and find a solution.

In 2003 Rev. Masami Hayashi had received his ordination and was volunteering to help me at the temple. For the past six years, my wife, Dr. Carmela Javellana Hirano, having received her Tokudo ordination, could officially assist me at the temple with some of the services. By official, I mean, since our marriage in 2005 she had been running the meditation service on Sunday before the 10:00 am service. This service has brought in the majority of new members to our temple. Together we have held Summer Services to provide continuity for those new to the temple as well as current members. She has created a Wednesday night meditation class, asking five additional teachers to assist; offered evening classes and weekend Naikan retreats, and led an adult study class on Sundays. With her ordination, she could now officially lead services under my direction. Essentially our temple has had three ministers for the price of one. She also helps to direct my Minister's Assistant Program which includes Dot R., Troy W. and David B. David B. has now enrolled at the Institute of Buddhist Studies to eventually receive his M.A. in Buddhist Studies. When he completes his course work, he will, like Carmela and Masami have, apply to receive Tokudo. In Ogden, Geoff R., James A. and Charles A. are assisting me. Both Geoff R. and James A. are enrolled at IBS and hopefully one day receive ordination.

All of these circumstances and conditions have led me to the decision to stay in Salt Lake. What I needed to do was to find a way to remain in Salt Lake and still try to receive a salary closer to the standard salary set by BCA. I do have two daughters in college. To accomplish this, in discussions with Bishop Umezu, I have taken a part time salary in Salt Lake. There is no such thing as a part time Kaikyoshi. A Kaikyoshi is sworn to maintain his or her assigned temple's religious needs. Compensation can always be negotiated, but meeting

the sangha's spiritual needs take priority and must be maintained. I felt that I could do that because of Carmela and the other Minister's Assistants. There are some people who have asked me if I was upset with the temple or why I have not been writing a monthly article. In the coming months, I will try to write something hopefully on a monthly basis, but this past year, I have been quite busy, adjusting to my new responsibilities. I have to thank and give Troy W. a great deal of credit for taking up my duties of scheduling activities, maintaining various temple activities, such as organizational duties, maintaining mundane temple responsibilities such as checking mail, answering emails, organizing funerals, taking out the garbage, as I had done in the past. All of this was necessary for me to take on the other duties I have over the past year to accomplish my goal. In addition to the supervision of three other BCA temples previously mentioned, I have also assumed the responsibility as BCA's Co-Director of the Center for Buddhist Education (CBE). CBE creates all of the educational programs for BCA, other than the IBS or the Dharma School. The Bishop has also asked me to be the Director of the new BCA Minister's Assistant Program (MAP); this is for training etc. of future ministers and assistants. I am also co-executive assistant to the office of the Bishop. With all these current responsibilities, plus the increasing shortage of ministers as they retire in the next several years, innovation, creativity, and adaptation are what we are all asked to seriously consider right now.

I hope that for our members who are not active on the Board of the temple, this article will explain some of the developments that have been going on this past year. A true Sangha does not have any irreplaceable individual, whether that is the minister, a board member or any one member. Our temple Sangha is an interconnected living breathing being. It is my deepest hope that our temple can continue as it is embraced in the fragrance of Amida's light. To taste and feel this fragrance, one is always invited and welcomed to the temple and listen. The fragrance of light has the sound of joy and gratitude. It is the essence of Namu Amida Butsu. Please join us in the coming year.



Namu Amida Butsu

Holiday Boutique

Salt Lake Buddhist Temple

211 West 100 South, Salt Lake City 84101

Saturday November 17, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Sunday November 18, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Over 40 booths of artisans and retailers.
Gift items, clothes, jewelry, crafts, toiletries,





DHARMA SCHOOL MANJU HOLIDAY FUND RAISER



Fukashi "Steamed" Manju



Mochi Manju



Mochi Manju cooling

Our own Dharma School students will be making Manju to sell at the Holiday Boutique.

Please come out and support them!

They hope to see you there!

**We couldn't have done it
without YOU!**



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

We just finished our Annual Bazaar. This year was exceptional! Did you notice we had several new volunteers, family members, friends and some from out of state? The bazaar is a great cultural event where we are able to share traditional Japanese food items with the community. Every

year the members have shown great pride in preparation of this event by carefully preparing the food, recruiting volunteers, donating countless hours, providing in-kind donations and much more. Thank you everyone for making this a successful event.

Congratulations to the Ogden Buddhist Women's Association as they celebrate their 100th year. This event will be held in conjunction with Eitaikyo Service on November 18, 2018. BCA Bishop Kodo Umezu will be our guest speaker and will also conduct a Sarana Affirmation. Due to this wonderful celebration, we will be rescheduling the General Board meeting to December 9, 2018 following Bodhi Day service. We encourage all members to attend as we review the activities this past year and make preparations for the coming year.

We appreciate your ongoing support of donations for the Building and Maintenance Fund as we continue to make improvements to the temple.

In Gassho,

Shauna R. and Suzan Y.



BUDDHIST WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION NEWS

By Brenda K.



"Live simply, expect little, give much"

By the time this article is published, Halloween will have passed and the spooks and goblins will go into hiding until next year. Hope they didn't get any of you.

It is hard to believe that the annual bazaar has already passed. After many months of planning and preparation, it is over in a flash. It was a huge success this year thanks to all of you who participated in making all the Manju, sushi, noodles, chow mein, baked goods and the quilt. Besides the food items, many of you assisted with other donated items that coalesce to form all the activities associated with the event.

Your time and dedicated efforts are deeply appreciated.

Thank You, Thank You, Thank You!

On Sunday, **November 11** the Dharma School will be making Manju to sell at the Holiday Boutique in Salt Lake. If you are available, please come at **8:00 a.m.** to assist the Dharma School with their fundraising endeavor.

The next big event for the BWA will be the **100th year anniversary** on **November 18, 2018**. Please join us to celebrate the centennial of the Ogden BWA with a buffet luncheon and special service beginning at noon.

Bishop Kodo Umezu will be the guest speaker as we honor the 80+ year old members and remember the history of our organization. Invitations have been sent with **RSVP's due by November 10** to Maya C.

(omitted for online version) or Ruth S. (rakawashima@hotmail.com).

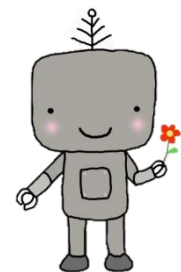
Then in December, the BWA will be spearheading efforts for the annual Bodhi Day luncheon on December 9, 2018. The luncheon will be at 12:00 noon, followed by the Bodhi Day Service. Also, following the service will be the temple's general meeting.

The **next meeting** for the BWA will be December 2, 2018 at 2:00 p.m. * Please note the different time! * This will also be the organization's annual general meeting with election of officers for 2019. Please be in attendance if possible to vote and provide your input.

Domo Arigato.

BWA DONATIONS

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2018 Membership: Chris G.

The BWA would like to thank Lorraine, Julia, Sharon and Ellen for planning the lunches for Manju making and donating the food. Also, thanks to everyone who donated ingredients for the Manju and bringing goodies for us to enjoy.

Special thanks to **Darlene M.** who finished the quilt for the bazaar. She has done this for many years. Not only did she finish the quilt, she made pillow shams and a beautiful table runner. Darlene also donated the pillows for the pillow shams. If it weren't for Darlene, we wouldn't be able to have a raffle for a quilt.

CONGRATULATIONS to the OGDEN BWA on your 100 Year Anniversary!



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CONGRATULATIONS!

It gives me great pleasure in extending my warmest congratulations to the members of the Ogden Buddhist Women's Association on this occasion of your centennial anniversary.

In reflecting on the history of the Ogden BWA, it is interesting to note that the original name of your group prior to becoming the Ogden *Bukkyo Fujinkai*, and ultimately the Ogden Buddhist Women's Association, was *Haha no Kai* or Mother's Association or Group. Throughout your 100 year history, the Ogden BWA members have shown resilience, courage, and a deep sense of compassion. They were everyone's mothers and grandmothers, aunts and sisters. They have and continue to nurture and support the value of family, of community, and of course the Buddhist Church of Ogden.

As we celebrate this wonderful milestone in your organization's history, we also remember all those who have returned to Pure Land of Ojodo before us. Their hearts and wishes are always with us in the *Onembutsu* that we utter.

Your centennial is a time to celebrate with a deep sense of gratitude to each and every one of the BWA members, past and present. May you rededicate yourselves to live as they did. And may you continue to hear the call coming from the Pure Land and live as fellow travelers to the Pure Land.

Gassho,



Rev. Kodo Umezu, Bishop
Buddhist Churches of America

16th World Buddhist Women's Convention

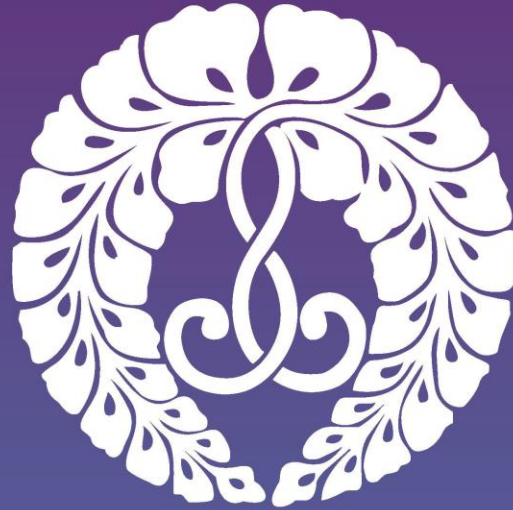
August 30 – September 1, 2019

**San Francisco Marriott Marquis
San Francisco, California**

Keynote Speakers:

Reverend Yukiko Motoyoshi
Minister, Buddhist Churches of America

Professor Keiko Toro
Independent Buddhist Scholar



Live the Nembutsu

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Please go to
<https://wbwconvention.org/>
for more details!



Registration: www.wbwconvention.org | info@wbwconvention.org

Presented by the Buddhist Churches of America | Federation of Buddhist Women's Associations



Arigato Obaachan

(Thank You Grandmother)

Since 1900, Buddhist women have been the foundation for the propagation of Jodo Shinshu Buddhism in the Buddhist Churches of America. Through their sacrifice, hard work, dedication, generosity, and pursuit of the Buddha Dharma, they showed us all how to “Live the Nembutsu”. Let us honor and say thank you to our Grandmothers, Mothers, Aunties and other female relatives by making a special donation in their names in support of the 2019 World Buddhist Women’s Convention in San Francisco, California.

Donation levels are as follows:



<i>Gold Bodhi Leaf</i>	<i>\$1,000 and up</i>
<i>Silver Bodhi Leaf</i>	<i>\$100 to \$999</i>
<i>Bronze Bodhi Leaf</i>	<i>\$50 to \$99</i>
<i>Lavender Bodhi Leaf</i>	<i>\$20 to \$49</i>

The Bodhi leaves with the name(s) of the honoree(s) and donor(s) will be displayed at the Convention from August 30, 2019, through September 1, 2019.



16th World Buddhist Women's Convention

“Arigato Obaachan”

(Thank You Grandmother)

Donation Form

Donor Name(s): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Donation Amount: \$ _____

Honoree Name(s): _____

Please make check payable to: BCA FBWA

By December 31, 2018, please mail completed form and payment to:

**BCA Federation of Buddhist Women's Association
c/o San Mateo Buddhist Temple
Drawer J – Main Post Office
San Mateo, CA 94402
Attn: 16th WBWC**

**If you have any questions, please contact: Karen Suyama by email at
karensuyama@wbwconvention.org**

BCA FBWA is a duly recognized organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Tax ID #94-1498382

In Loving Memory

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

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

Max Junio Hirabayashi – September 19, 2018

Noriko Shimada – September 23, 2018

George Sanji Yoshimura – October 7, 2018

Shiz Shizuye Inoshita Shimizu – October 17, 2018



Our Dharma School
Students will become
ANGELS again this
holiday season!

And **YOU** can help be a part of this Dana!

For the past several years, our Dharma School students have decided that instead of buying Christmas gifts for each other, they would prefer to use that money to give Christmas to a child who is less fortunate than them!

This is a GREAT way for our students to learn about Dana and truly share the Buddha's compassion! What a true gift of Dana from our children! Here is where you can be a part of this Dana! Just take the money you would have used to purchase gifts for our church families and donate that to this project instead. You can make your check payable to the Ogden Buddhist Dharma School and give it to our Treasurer, Betty Y. or Dharma School Superintendent, LaVerne K.

WANT TO HELP AND BECOME AN ANGEL TOO?

Our students would LOVE to have you come along. They would love to share this amazing experience with you. If you would like to join us the information is listed below.

Angel Tree Dana Event:

Sunday, December 2, 2018

10:00 am – ShopKo on 12th Street & Washington Blvd.

DHARMA SCHOOL NEWS

Superintendent Message

A big thank you to everyone who helped with the annual food bazaar this year! For the Dharma School activities, a special thanks to **Robyn H.** and **Justine H.** for their hard work organizing, overseeing and operating the games area during the food bazaar. We appreciate the Dharma School students' efforts, pitching in to help with running the children's games, serving and bussing in the dining room and working elsewhere during the bazaar.

We have been invited to attend the Salt Lake Dharma School Halloween party on Sunday, October 28th. The event will be held at the Salt Lake Buddhist Temple. The Salt Lake Dharma School service is at 10 am, followed by lunch, costume parade and games. We will not have the Ogden Dharma School service and class that day so our students can support the Salt Lake activities. Each family has been asked to contribute a bag of candy and a side dish or salad to share for the luncheon. Please no desserts.



Just a little "thank-you"...

The Dharma School will be selling Manju at the Salt Lake Buddhist Temple Holiday Boutique on November 17th and 18th. We will be making the Manju on Sunday, November 11th at 8 a.m. We encourage everyone, especially our BWA experts, to come help our Dharma School students.

Our Dharma School students will be participating in the Salvation Army Angel Tree program again this year. We will be meeting at the Shopko on 12th Street and Washington at 10 a.m. on Sunday, December 2nd. The students will pick names from the Angel Tree and use the money donated by temple families and members to purchase items from the wish lists of children in need. This event is an excellent Dana project for our Dharma School students. If you wish to help contribute to this project, please make your checks to the Ogden Dharma School and give your donation to **Betty Y.**, myself or any of the other Dharma School students or parents. We appreciate everyone's support and contributions to help children in need.

On Saturday, December 8th at 9 a.m., our YBA members (for new temple members, the YBA members are our high school and college kids—Young Buddhist Association) will be making mochi for their annual fundraiser, supplying temple members and friends with their New Year's stash of mochi for 2019. We will be taking orders in advance, and the mochi will be available for pick up at the Bodhi Day service on Sunday, December 9th. The price of the mochi is \$7.00 for a tray of six good-sized mochi.

The mochi order form with further details is included in this newsletter.

We appreciate all your support to our Dharma School students!

*In Gassho,
LaVerne K.*

Dharma School Donations

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Dharma School Birthday's



Happy Birthday to our Dharma School September Birthday's Madison Y. And Andrew K.!

Our Dharma School Activity: For Halloween ... be kind and gentle to all living things!



EVERYBODY IS INVITED TO OUR ANNUAL GENERAL BOARD MEETING!

This is where you can have a say in what happens to our Temple! We would LOVE to hear what you would like to see happen this coming year! Our General Board Meeting is OPEN to all! It will be held right after our Bodhi Day Service on **Sunday, December 9, 2018.**

** Refreshments will be served! **

YBA Mochi Fundraiser



The Ogden YBA will be making Mochi again this year to provide you and all our temple friends with your New Year's supply!

We will be making the Mochi on **Saturday, December 8, 2018 at 9:00 a.m.**
Please come out and help, if you can!

We are taking orders in advance. Mochi will be available for pick up at our Bodhi Day Service, December 9, 2018.

Please reserve your order by December 7, 2018.
The price for each order is \$7.00 for an order of six pieces of Mochi!

Thanks again for your support of the Ogden Buddhist Church YBA.



Ogden YBA Mochi Fundraiser Order Form

Thank you for your support! Your Mochi will be ready for pick-up or delivery on Sunday, December 9, 2018.
Mochi is \$7.00 per tray of six.

Your Name: _____

of trays ordered _____ x \$7.00 each = \$ _____
Total

Please make checks payable to:
Ogden Buddhist Church YBA

_____ We will pick up our order on Sunday, December 9th after Bodhi Day Service.

_____ Please deliver my order to: _____
(Please write FULL address including City, State, and Zip Code.)

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!

MOUNTAIN STATES DISTRICT CONFERENCE

NOVEMBER 3-4, 2018

Tri-State/Denver Buddhist Temple
1947 Lawrence St.~ Denver, CO ~ 80202



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BAZAAR

Thank You For ALL Your Support!

Member Food Donations

Thank you to our members for their generous donations to Bazaar! These donations help to offset the costs of this huge fundraising event for our temple!

- Susan C.
- Chuck & Maya C.
- Bruce & Christy F.
- Julia F.
- Steve & Ellen K.
- Brenda K.
- Mike & Annette K.
- Sharon K.
- Wes & Debbie K.
- Ernie & LaVerne K.
- Stephanie H.
- Bart & Robin H.
- Stan & Tami H.
- Kevin & Justine H.
- Shauna R.
- Geoff & Linda R.
- Lorraine S.
- Ruth S.
- Roland & Janice S.
- Craig & Geniel S.
- Steve & Kris Y.
- Kirk & Betty Y.
- Max & Georgia Y.
- Toby & Mui Y.
- Blaine & Suzan Y.

Friends & Businesses Donations

The Board would like to thank the following businesses and individuals for their donations to our 2018 Bazaar.

PLEASE support these businesses who have been so generous to our temple:

- AG Financial
- Andy's Club
- Bamboo Asian Cuisine
- Beez Café
- Ben Lomond Golf Course
- Cedar Village Floral
- Criddle's Café
- Ed Kenley Ford
- Fed Ex Hershey
- Food for Thought
- Goodwood Barbeque Co
- Great Basin Electronics
- Grideli's North
(Mae M. & Jani H.)
- Hanamaru Restaurant
- Jack's Tire & Oil
- Japanese Cultural and
Community Center of
Northern California
- Macy's Food and Drug Store
- Maple Express
- Mountain Country Produce
- Mark Kano
- State Farm Insurance
- Minky Courture
- New Sun Restaurant
- Ocean Mart of Roy
- Prairie Schooner
- Quality Produce
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- The Horse
- Timbermine Restaurant
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- Wasatch Peaks Credit Union
- Heide G.
- Julie K.
- Kent N.
- Okada Family
- Toshi O.
- Dru S.



MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

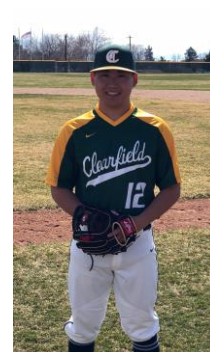
By Christy F.

Bryson H. – Athletic Extraordinaire!

Congratulations to Bryson H. on his many athletic accomplishments! Did you know that last year he pitched a no-hitter for Clearfield High School striking out 15 hitters to score a win over Layton? He has played baseball since he was 8 but decided to try competing in golf after finding a love for it 4 years ago.



He recently competed in a 2-day Region tournament for Clearfield High and shot back to back rounds of 71 and was the only golfer to score under par out of 56 golfers! He medaled at the tournament and made 1st team All Region. Last year he made the 2nd team for the region and this year ended in the Top Ten. He placed 3rd in the 6A State Tournament this year! Fantastic!



CONGRATULATIONS TO CHARLES A.!

Congratulations to Charles A. on his recent engagement to Kira B.! We are thrilled to send our best wishes to them both in their new life together.

Charles met Kira in what he termed the most romantic location on earth, Walmart! He was contracted to work a booth at Walmart with his insurance business. On Oct. 16th, he was at his booth when Kira walked by and he said time stood still for him – they locked eyes, exchanged smiles and he knew he needed to get to know this person. When she walked by again they said Hello and he said it made his day!



Kira was working in the Hair Salon a short distance from his booth and after a week, a paper airplane was tossed his way and he threw it back. That day the airplanes started being thrown among and between customers with questions enclosed between the two of them. He finally had the nerve to ask her out and she said Yes.

Charles asked for Kira's hand after a romantic dinner at LaCaille and proposed on bended knee on the bridge at the restaurant. I know, ladies so sweet right!

We wish Charles and Kira every happiness as they plan their new life as one!



**BWA 100 Year Anniversary
Eshinniko and BWA Memorial Service
Eitaikyo Service
November Shotsuki Hoyo**



Sarana Affirmation Ceremony

Sunday, November 18, 2018
Service at 1:30 p.m.

Guest Speaker: Bishop Kodo Umezu

Rev. Umezu was born in Fukuoka in Fukuoka Prefecture in Japan and graduated from Ryukoku University (a Buddhist seminary) in 1973, the year he came to the United States as a BCA minister.

Rev. Umezu served as minister at the Fresno Betsuin and finished his studies at the Institute of Buddhist Studies in 1976, receiving his MA. After serving in the US Navy for four years, he became a minister at the Los Angeles Betsuin; he has also served as minister at the Buddhist Church of Oakland, as executive assistant to Bishop Hakubun Watanabe, and as director of the Center for Buddhist Education in Berkeley.

Rev. Umezu is the Buddhist Churches of America's 14th bishop.

This is a memorial service the wife of Shinran Shonin, Eshinni. Eshinni is considered the first role model of Jodo Shinshu woman hood. In this regard, the memorial service is held in memory of any BWA (Buddhist Women's Association) member who died during the previous year.

**In Memory of:
Sachie Shiki Kano
Noriko Shimada**

NOTE: A special catered luncheon will be held at 12:00 Noon. Invitations have been sent for the luncheon with RSVPs due by November 10. (See BWA News for details)

The Eitaikyo Service is a memorial service for people who have handed down the teaching of the Nembutsu to us. In the glossary in our temple's service book, "Eitaikyo" is defined as a "perpetual memorial service." This is a general memorial service for all departed members of the temple. The word Eitaikyo actually means "perpetual sutra." Eitai means "perpetual" and Kyo means "sutra," or "teaching of Buddha."



Bodhi Day & December Shotsuki Hoyo
Sunday, December 9, 2018
Service at 1:30 p.m.

Otoki Lunch at 12:00 Noon

At the age of 35, while meditating under the bodhi tree, Siddhartha Gautama attained enlightenment and became Sakyamuni Buddha. By his example, the Buddha showed us that it was possible for anyone to become a Buddha - a fully enlightened person. We commemorate this very special event on Bodhi Day.



Joya-E
(Last Night Gathering) New Year's Eve Service
Monday, December 31, 2018
Service at 6:00 p.m.

Potluck Dinner following service

This year end service is held to express gratitude for all the causes and conditions which have allowed us to live this past year. It is a time to reflect upon the interdependence of all Sangha members and the lives we live. At the end of the service all those attending the service participate in the ringing of the Joya no Kane (Last Night Bell). The Temple Bell is rung 108 times signifying the 108 Bonno or Passions that make up our human existence. This bell is rung to recognize these traits in our own personalities and express appreciation for Amida Buddha's compassion, which embraces us, even though we are bound by these passions.

November & December Shotsuki Hoyo

November Shotsuki Hoyo

November 18, 2018 at 1:30 p.m.

December Shotsuki Hoyo

December 9, 2018 at 1:30 p.m.

Nov 5 2016 Masao Endo
 Nov 20 1986 Shizu Fukuda
 Nov 20 2003 Masaru Hamada
 Nov 17 2001 Shigeru Hamada
 Nov 23 2005 Norma Hatsuye Inouye
 Nov 21 1961 Kunimatsu Inouye
 Nov 14 1964 Kyuta Ishibashi
 Nov 6 1981 Kikujiro Ishii
 Nov 21 1982 Masami Itakura
 Nov 21 1961 Chiyoji Kamita
 Nov 16 1993 Toshio George Kano
 Nov 18 2006 Yoshito (Yosh) Kato
 Nov 23 1963 Kiyoyasu Kawashima
 Nov 20 1989 Jimmie Noboru Kunimoto
 Nov 21 1964 Todd T. Kuroiwa
 Nov 2 1981 Masaichiro Marumoto
 Nov 13 2014 June Teruko Nagao
 Nov 6 1961 Yagoro Nakamoto
 Nov 17 1981 Shigako Nimori
 Nov 26 1991 Kimi Nishikawa
 Nov 23 2016 Roy Kiyoharu Ryuji
 Nov 22 2013 Toddy Sameshima
 Nov 27 1959 Jisaku Sakurada
 Nov 26 1964 Kamesaburo Suekawa
 Nov 23 1979 Motoharu Sumida
 Nov 5 1970 Sanji Tawatari
 Nov 11 2001 Dan Tsukamoto
 Nov 7 1988 Kiyonobu Watanabe
 Nov 25 1964 Tomesaku Watanabe
 Nov 24 1979 Suzumi Yamada
 Nov 15 1989 Sidney Yukiyoshi Yamasaki
 Nov 28 1986 Shunjiro Yamasaki
 Nov 23 1991 George Yamashita
 Nov 14 1982 Munagi Yoshitaka

Dec 5 2013 Jayden Endo
 Dec 26 1982 Kristen Taeko Fukawa
 Dec 29 1986 Kasumi Hamada
 Dec 1 1972 Yorito Hamada
 Dec 11 2004 Dick Setsuji Hirabayashi
 Dec 6 1977 Yasu Hirabayashi
 Dec 24 2016 Alice Setsuko Hirai
 Dec 24 1982 Tome Inouye
 Dec 11 1966 Masayasu Ito
 Dec 7 1991 Nobuo Kamigaki
 Dec 23 2008 Shigeru Henry Kawaguchi
 Dec 22 1985 Ray Isao Kano
 Dec 19 1989 Hideo Kawaguchi
 Dec 5 2014 Shigeru Kiyomura
 Dec 21 2016 Jimmy Kusuda
 Dec 23 2007 Shizu Nakano Miya
 Dec 30 1995 James Sunao Morinaka
 Dec 29 1991 Hanako Moriyama (Yonemoto)
 Dec 23 1961 Yae Murakami
 Dec 29 1995 Suyeo Frank Nakano
 Dec 19 1962 Isekichi Nishiki
 Dec 30 1981 Masashi Nozaki
 Dec 11 1995 Staci Sachiko Oda
 Dec 21 1994 Wataru Jack Oda
 Dec 29 1968 Mitsugu Oda
 Dec 21 1993 Tokiichi George Sato
 Dec 19 2012 Elsie Shiramizu
 Dec 20 1969 Yonekichi Shiramizu
 Dec 31 1978 Hajime Tokifuji
 Dec 3 1990 Asao Tsukamoto
 Dec 2 1984 Tatsuji Watanabe
 Dec 6 1989 Takako Watanabe (Onishi)
 Dec 22 1969 Torahei Yamamoto
 Dec 19 2014 Yukimi Yonetani

For those years not having a specific memorial service such as 2nd, 4th, 5th, etc. 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 one. These services are not meant to replace the specific memorial services. Please contact Rev. Hirano to make arrangements for those services.

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2018 Memorial Service Schedule for those who passed away in:

2017 – 1 year	2006 – 13 year	1984 – 33 year
2016 – 3 year	2002 – 17 year	1969 – 50 year
2012 – 7 year	1994 – 25 year	1919 – 100 year

Corrections/Additions to the Shotsuki Hoyo list, please contact Ruth Schriock, 801-292-6042



November 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3 Mountain States Conference in Denver
4 Mountain State Conference in Denver	5	6 VOTE! Election Day	7 10:00 am Buddha's Roundtable	8	9	10
11 8:00 am – Dharma School Manju Making 12:00 pm – Dharma School Meeting 12:00 pm – Meditation 12:30 pm – Discussion Group 1:30 pm – Family Service	12	13 7:30 pm OBC Board Meeting	14 10:00 am Buddha's Roundtable	15	16	17 Salt Lake Holiday Boutique 10am - 4pm
18 Salt Lake Holiday Boutique – 11am – 3pm 12:00 pm – BWA 100 Year Anniversary 12:00 pm – Meditation 12:30 pm – Discussion Group 12:45 pm – Dharma School 1:30 pm – BWA 100 Year Service Eshinniko/BWA Memorial Svc. Eitaikyo Service November Shotsuki Hoyo	19	20	21 10:00 am Buddha's Roundtable	22  Thanksgiving	23	24
25 NO SERVICE Thanksgiving Weekend	26	27	28	29	30	



Toban Cleaning Group:

Kevin & Justine H. (Toban Cleaning Leader)
 Bart & Robyn H.
 Marie H.

December 2018



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 5:00 pm WFN JACL Member Appreciation Dinner
2 10:00 am – DS Angel Tree Project 12:00 pm – Meditation 12:30 pm – Discussion Group 12:45 pm – Dharma School 1:30 pm – Family Service 2:00 pm – BWA Meeting & General Meeting.	3	4	5 10:00 am Buddha’s Roundtable	6	7	8 9:00 am YBA Mochi Making
9 12:00 pm – Meditation 12:00 pm – Otoki Lunch 12:30 pm – Discussion Group 12:45 pm – Dharma School 1:30 pm – Bodhi Day Service December Shotsuki Hoyo 2:00 pm – OBC General Board Meeting (OPEN to all)	10	11 7:30 pm OBC Board Meeting	12 10:00 am Buddha’s Roundtable	13	14	15
16 9:00 am – Church Mochi Tsuki 12:00 pm – Meditation 12:30 pm – Discussion Group 12:45 pm – Dharma School 1:30 pm – Family Service	17	18	19 10:00 am Buddha’s Roundtable	20	21	22
23 12:00 pm – Meditation 12:30 pm – Discussion Group 12:45 pm – Dharma School 1:30 pm – Family Service	24	25  Merry Christmas	26	27	28	29
30 NO SERVICE Winter Break	31 6:00 pm Joya-E Service & Pot Luck					

**A VERY MERRY
CHRISTMAS
and Happy New Year!**

Toban Cleaning Group:

Ruth S. (Toban Cleaning Leader)
Stan & Tami H.
Mackenzie & Alex H.