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WOMEN IN BUDDHISM

Rev. J.K. Hirano

Pure Land Buddhism traditionally emphasizes the way of life in each era. That is to say, the teachings of Amida Buddha's Primal Vow must be translated into the emerging context of each new age. We see this process in the writings of Shinran Shonin...Shinran's successors have also striven to interpret the teachings for their times...Even in Japan at present, the concrete expressions of Buddhist truth.. need to be translated and adapted to the contemporary context.

Koshin Ohtani (Zenmon of Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji Ha)

When Carmela and I were first married, she asked me what does "Okusan" mean? Because members of the temple, especially the older members would call her "Okusan." I explained it meant "woman behind the man." She asked me, "What do you call a woman in front of the man? I gave her a one-word explanation, "Jama" (Obstacle). Of course, I was joking, it is a very obvious realization that without women, there would be no man.

If there were no women, there would be no life. I believe that the reason women were excluded from much of our Buddhist religious tradition is because the birth of children was an extremely difficult task. Although there are exceptions it is only within the last 100 years or so that science has allowed women to go beyond their biological role as mothers, although not all women must be mothers. It was the standard for most societies in the past.

While men may be listed historically as the leaders or founders of our Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji Ha tradition. We are now in the position to bring the women listed behind the men (Okusan) to the forefront where they belong. For there would be no Shinran without the influence of both Eshinni his wife and their daughter Kakushinni. In fact, in some ways, they were ahead of their time. Eshinni was the breadwinner, that allowed Shinran to study, teach and write. It was his daughter Kakushinni who was the land owner that Hongwanji was founded on. The human qualities I find in Rennyō are the result of his own experience with women, such as his mother and daughter Kengyoku-ni.

Rennyō focused his teachings on the local village leaders and the women. This is what allowed Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji Ha to become the dominant religion in Japan and even to the present day. How many religious sects can claim 800 years. When Rennyō took over as the "Rusushiki" of Hongwanji, it was not a very large temple.

Rev. Hirano's article continued on next page

However, by the time he died, Hongwanji was one of the most powerful religious institutions in Japan. This was the result of his five wives and twenty-seven children. No, he was not a polygamist. He outlived his first four wives. I don't want to get into the details, but suffice it to say, Rennyō Shōnin's creation of Hongwanji as the religious institution for 800 years, can be attributed to the women in his life.

Recently there have been several movies where the women have become the assassins and secret agents. The two movies I am thinking of are *Mother* with Jennifer Lopez as an assassin and *Heart of Stone* with Gal Gadot as secret agent. By the way, I think she is just as good as 007. Although the need for women to come to the forefront is long past due. We should be reminded what happened when Hillary Clinton lost the presidential election. I hope that I will see a woman president in my lifetime. I do believe that it is about time. However, my personal feelings have always been that women are stronger than men in so many ways. I just hope that when women come to the fore, they will not mimic the men who have brought us to this point.

We have been training ministers' assistants and ministers over the past few years and, to be very honest, the women have by and large been better than most of the men. We have also had several women, that could easily become the future bishop. Although there is still a great imbalance between the number of men applying for those positions, could they just be smarter?

Carmela and I have three daughters. I have always wanted daughters more than sons. However, as I have spoken of in the past, when my daughters were born, it was a mixed reaction of great joy and fear. The fear was the world I had brought them into wasn't in the greatest shape and I didn't know what the future had in store. I am glad that we are coming into the age of women. Maybe there is hope for the future. Namō Amida Butsu



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I hope you are all doing well this summer.

Thank you for your support of this year's Obon Festival. The event was very successful, and I appreciate all the help.

Ogden City is widening North Street. The city is adding a third lane, shoulder parking with curb and gutters. We have closed the sale of church property for this project. Power underground conduit has been placed waiting for power lines and a new transformer installation is planned by August 25. One new meter installation is scheduled for October. Comcast has installed a new southside cable service pedestal. Paving should be done by August 31. If you have any questions, contact the Ogden Church Design Review Team. (LaVerne K., Ernie K., Steven K., Mike K., and Thomas F.).

Bazaar time is around the corner, October 21. We are starting to organize the major activities and if contacted by an activities chairperson, please volunteer some of your time if you're able. If you aren't contacted and would like to help, please contact a board member or myself. Your help will be gratefully appreciated.

In Gassho,
Thomas F.





BWA NEWS

By Brenda K.



Appreciation is a wonderful thing. It makes what is excellent in others belong to us as well. —Voltaire

The year is progressing quickly and the Buddhist Women's Association is keeping pace with the times. July was the temple's annual Obon Festival with the members busily making manju to sell at the event. Thanks to all who came to help with that endeavor and also those who volunteered to sell the finished product. Additionally, a huge thank you to Ruth S.'s toban group who prepared the luncheon and served it following the service on Sunday, July 16. Our appreciation is extended to all who helped with the clean up after the luncheon. In an effort to reduce waste, we are now using hard plates and silverware.

The **BWA** has a **service project** coming up for the **Lantern House** which serves unhoused individuals in our community. We are collecting toilet paper, deodorant, shampoo, conditioner and underwear in medium and larger sizes. Please bring your item to donate on **September 17**, our first service for the new Dharma School year. If you have any questions regarding this project, please contact Brenda K.

Darlene M. has been working dutifully on the quilt which the BWA will raffle off during our annual food bazaar. She has taken it upon herself to construct the quilt on her own, and it is stunning! I think you will all be amazed by her masterful skills. We are very appreciative to her also for volunteering her time and skills to construct new steaming cloths for our manju steamers. **Thanks again for all your work, Darlene!** Tickets for the quilt raffle will be sold at **\$5 each or 3 for \$10**. Please contact a BWA member for tickets or you can purchase them at the bazaar. See the quilt raffle form at the end of the GEPPPO.

Upcoming on **October 21** will be our **annual food bazaar** with the BWA participating in a major role with the food, quilt, dry goods and manju sales. **We are requesting all who are able to please come and help with the manju preparation.** We will be preparing yaki, fukashi and mochi manju on separate dates as follows: **September 30, 9:00 am** yaki manju will be prepared at the **Salt Lake Buddhist Temple kitchen**; **October 7 at 9:00 am** fukashi manju will be prepared at the Ogden kitchen and **October 20 at 8:00 am** mochi manju will be prepared in Ogden. We are grateful to the Salt Lake Buddhist Temple for allowing us to prepare our yaki manju using their ovens. Thank you to all who have volunteered to donate the ingredients.

If you would like to help with the bazaar, please contact any BWA member or temple member. Anyone wishing to volunteer is welcome, and we can assign you a role to help out with the event.

At our most recent meeting the BWA voted to donate \$500 to help provide some relief to those affected by the Maui fire. We are heartbroken and saddened by the devastation and loss the people of Maui are experiencing and encourage everyone to donate to the relief efforts.

Upcoming on November 19, 2023 will be the annual **BWA Memorial Service** and luncheon. This will be held in conjunction with the temple's Eitaikyo Service. The luncheon will be at noon, followed by the service at 1:30 p.m.

The next **BWA meetings** will be **September 17 at 11:00 am** and **October 8 at 11:00 am**. Both meetings will be held at the temple.





BWA DONATIONS

Omitted for online version



DHARMA SCHOOL DONATIONS

Omitted for online version

OGDEN TAIKO DONATIONS

Omitted for online version



SCRIP ORDERS

We hope everyone is enjoying the last days of summer. Even though we have been on break, Dharma School has been submitting monthly scrip orders. If you're thinking of making a donation for Bazaar on October 21st, think about purchasing Dharma School gift cards. You can use the gift cards to purchase items for bazaar or donate a gift card. Below are the scrip order dates:

Submitted Order	Scrip Received
Sept 3	Sept 10
Oct 1	October 8

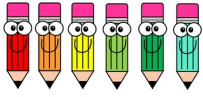
If you have any questions or want to place your order, please contact Suzan Y., <omitted> or LaVerne K., <omitted>.

LAWN SCHEDULE

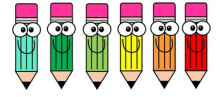
Thank you to everybody who pitches in every summer to help keep our temple grounds looking fantastic!

Week of	Scheduled People
9/03/2023	Steve K,, Blaine Y., Bruce F.
9/10/2023	Mike K,, Kirk Y., Geoff R.





DHARMA SCHOOL NEWS



Where did the summer go? I hope our Dharma School students enjoyed their summer break and are settling into their daily school schedules since most of the elementary, secondary and college students have already started their fall classes. We wish all our Dharma School students a successful school year!

The Salt Lake Dharma School will hold their annual Back-to-School picnic on Sunday, September 10th from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. The picnic will be at Murray Park – Pavilion No. 3. The address is 465 East Parkside Drive, Murray, Utah. The Salt Lake Dharma School will provide fried chicken and drinks and are requesting attendees bring a side dish or salad to share. This event is fun and is a good chance to meet or catch up with our Salt Lake Dharma School friends.

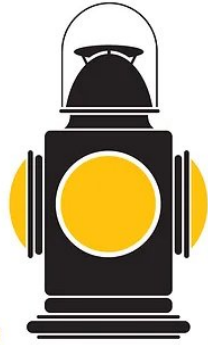
Our Ogden Dharma School services and classes will resume on Sunday, September 17th. We will be holding a **Dharma School parent/guardian meeting at 12:30 p.m. on September 17th** to discuss the time change of our classes and student ages so we can adjust our volunteer teaching staffing accordingly. Due to a change in Sensei’s schedule, our **Dharma School services will be held at 1:30 p.m. for the 2023-24 school year.** If you have children, grandchildren, nieces or nephews, please feel free to bring them to our first class and service of the school year.

Hope to see you all on September 17th!



In Gassho—
LaVerne K.





Lantern House

“Lighting the way for those in need”

BWA SERVICE PROJECT

Since 1981 St. Anne's Center/Lantern House has been providing safe shelter, nutritious food, and case management support to those experiencing homelessness and hardship throughout Northern Utah. There are no costs or stipulations attached to accessing their services.

We are collecting toilet paper, deodorant, shampoo, conditioner and underwear (for men and women) in medium and larger sizes.

Please bring your item to donate on **September 17**.



OBON DONATIONS

BIG THANKS to the following for their donations to help cut our Obon costs this year.

Maya C.
Christy F.
Julia F.
Fran H.
Justine & Kevin H.

Steve & Ellen K.
Ernie & LaVerne K.
Yuri N.
Geoff & Linda R.

Roland & Janice S.
Ruth S.
Marie S.
Kirk & Betty Y.



Thank You !! Thank You !!

Just a Quick Reminder

If you are making any in-kind donations (non-monetary) to the church for Obon, Bazaar or for general use, please submit your receipts or give me a dollar amount spent, so that I can include it on your year end Statement of Contributions.

Thank You, Betty Y.

August Shotsuki Hoyo

September 24, 2023 at 1:30 pm

Aug 1 2010 Lily Aoki
 Aug 27 2014 Michiyo Michi Aoki
 Aug 15 1945 Tome Fujita
 Aug 22 2005 Kiyoko M. Hamada
 Aug 8 1983 Kazue Hattori
 Aug 30 1976 Tama I. Kariya
 Aug 28 2022 Akiko Sueoka Kato
 Aug 15 2007 Dick Hideki Kishimoto
 Aug 28 2016 Yoneko Imaizumi Kiyomura
 Aug 15 1969 Matsuichi Kurokawa
 Aug 27 2010 Mildred N. Miya
 Aug 10 1997 Buster Shizuo Miyagishima
 Aug 6 1961 Tomoshichi Mochida
 Aug 3 2020 Tomoaki "Tom" Nagao
 Aug 23 1974 Umataro Nagao
 Aug 12 2017 Yukiko Ryujin
 Aug 28 1973 Yoichi Sakiyama
 Aug 14 1973 Kenzo Shiki
 Aug 11 1970 Tamegoro Shimizu
 Aug 9 1995 Masao Shirazmizu
 Aug 6 1971 Joseph Terumi Suekawa
 Aug 18 1988 Jiro Joe Sumida
 Aug 12 2000 Kenneth Kiyoshi Takamatsu
 Aug 12 2022 Ayako Miyashiro Taketa
 Aug 2 2016 Ferry Hiroko Taniguchi
 Aug 5 2005 Isao Yamaguchi
 Aug 28 1999 Ada Muriko Yonemura
 Aug 23 2015 Sam Osamu Yamamoto
 Aug 2 2016 Tokuo Yoshimura

September Shotsuki Hoyo

September 24, 2023 at 1:30 pm

Sept 3 2020 Yuko Yoshitaka Aoki
 Sept 25 1980 Otoshichi Endow
 Sept 4 1964 Tetsuzo Fujita
 Sept 22 1996 Butch Masakazu Higashiyama
 Sept 19 2018 Max Kunio Hirabayashi
 Sept 20 1989 Fumiko Horiuchi
 Sept 17 2015 Yuriko Inouye
 Sept 8 2011 Terry Tetsuo Kuroiwa
 Sept 2 1966 Tokio Kuroiwa
 Sept 6 2000 Yoshiko Miyagishima
 Sept 6 2017 Masae Nishimoto
 Sept 11 1992 Toshi Oda
 Sept 26 1978 Run Okawa
 Sept 9 1997 Kosuye Okura
 Sept 25 1994 Nobuichi Sato
 Sept 23 2018 Noriko Shimada
 Sept 23 1980 Taeko O. Suekawa
 Sept 15 2020 Ruth Sugimoto
 Sept 22 1980 John Y. Taniguchi
 Sept 17 1961 Taichi Teramoto
 Sept 2 1961 Shime Tokifuji
 Sept 23 2020 Lola Kimiko Yamamoto
 Sept 9 1996 Sachiko Sharon Yamamoto
 Sept 19 1971 Yasaburo Yamane
 Sept 21 1983 Akira William Yokota
 Sept 9 1987 Dick Yoshida

2023 Memorial Service Schedule for those who passed away in:

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

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 member 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. Rev. Hirano contact information - Office: 801-363-4742, Emergency: 801-819-2648. For corrections or additions, please contact Ruth Schriock, 801-259-6908

October Shotsuki Hoyo

October 8, 2023 at 1:30 pm

Oct	17	2020	Yoshiro George Aoki
Oct	28	2014	Yusako Obayashi Burke
Oct	8	2022	Harry Isao Endow
Oct	25	2020	Chizuko "Chiz" Fukuda
Oct	15	1964	Jintaro Hano
Oct	11	1991	Masao Eugene Higashiyama
Oct	23	1964	Kuichi Hirabayashi
Oct	15	1984	Mack Susumu Hirai
Oct	4	2016	Harold Edwin Hull
Oct	6	2004	George Imaizumi
Oct	12	1979	Mary S. Imaizumi
Oct	26	1995	Chiyoko Barbara Inouye
Oct	17	2012	Fusaye Nakamura Kano
Oct	5	1991	Tayoko Iriye-Kawaguchi
Oct	11	1999	Tom Tadao Kinomoto
Oct	7	2022	Sharon Michiko Koga
Oct	5	1992	Tatsuo Koga
Oct	13	1974	Moju Kosaiku
Oct	13	1969	Rodney Manji Kuroiwa
Oct	29	1979	Yorimoto Murakami
Oct	10	1986	Omune Nagao
Oct	16	1978	Fumi Nakahara
Oct	11	2017	Masae Nishimoto
Oct	11	1971	Mary Chiyono Nisogi
Oct	22	1959	Sumi Nisogi
Oct	14	1964	Chujiro Ono
Oct	30	2000	Joanne (Kano) Petersen
Oct	4	1994	Harry Takeo Sato
Oct	4	1983	Mitsuyo Shiki
Oct	15	1975	Royce I. Shiki
Oct	17	2018	Shiz Shizuye Shimizu
Oct	15	2020	Ruth Sugimoto
Oct	2	1962	Tamekichi Takahashi
Oct	23	1977	Kome Tawatari
Oct	31	2004	Shigeto Tokifuji
Oct	14	1965	Yukichi Ukita
Oct	22	1973	Tokutaro Yagi
Oct	28	2008	Masaru "Mas" Yamada
Oct	25	1971	Senai Yamaguchi
Oct	21	1965	Tsuruyo Yamane
Oct	22	1968	Shikazo Yamashita
Oct	10	1998	Mary S. Yonemura
Oct	19	2003	Tatsuo Kay Yonetani
Oct	24	2009	Tokiko Yoshida
Oct	26	2016	George Kaoru Yoshinaga
Oct	27	2003	Valentine Hisako Yoshinaga
Oct	11	1932	Toshi Yoshitaka

**PLEASE NOTE THAT
SERVICES WILL BE RETURNING
TO
1:30 P.M.**

**OHIGAN SERVICE**

August / September Shotsuki Hoyo*


Sunday, September 24, 2023**1:30 p.m.**

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

**OCTOBER SHOTSUKI HOYO*****Sunday, October 15, 2023****1:30 p.m.**

*Monthly Memorial Service

BUDDHIST CHURCH OF OGDEN



Annual
BAZAAR
OCTOBER 21, 2023

 **DINING ROOM
OPENS AT 3:00**

Japanese Food*

Manju ♣ Desserts

Dry Goods ♣ Quilt Raffle

BINGO ♣ Raffle

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**Due to a manpower shortage, our menu will be reduced*

BAZAAR INFORMATION

We welcome any donations for our dessert and dry goods areas. Please note the following restrictions to be in compliance with the health department.



DESSERTS - Any homemade items brought for the desserts area **MUST** have a written list of ingredients.

HOMEMADE ITEMS - Homemade food items to sell in dry goods, **MUST** have a written label of the ingredients on each item.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

With our upcoming bazaar on October 21, we will need prizes for the general raffle and our Bingo games (both adult and children's prizes). Please help out by donating some prizes or if you have a relationship with a business that may donate, please contact them to acquire prizes. There is a letter you can use to solicit from businesses in the community. Please contact Ruth S, if you need a copy of the letter. If you have any questions or need further details, please contact President, Tom F.



BAZAAR DONATION LIST

Once again, we are asking our members and friends if there is anything they can donate to help us offset some of the costs of Bazaar.

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| 1 - 5 gallon soy sauce | 8 - 20 lb. bags rice |
| 4 - large bottles Yoshida sauce | 3 - boxes heavy duty aluminum foil |
| 16 - cans SPAM | 2 - Boxes wax paper sheets (10x10 ¾) |
| 3 - 25 pound bags sugar | 4 - Boxes vinyl gloves, size medium |
| 1 - bag Ajinomoto | 2 - Boxes vinyl gloves, size large |
| 3 - large bottles Mirin | 1 - large box Hon Dashi |
| 1 - 56 oz. can toasted sesame oil | 2 - large bags Genmai Tea |
| 4 - Costco size vegetable or canola oil | |
| 4 - Costco size Better Than Bouillon paste (chicken) | |



If you can help us, to prevent duplication, please let Ruth S. know what you can donate **BEFORE YOU PURCHASE** and when you can bring it to the church. Ruth can be reached at <omitted>.

BAZAAR PREP TIMES

Please come help us prep for Bazaar! There's lots to do. There's a job for everyone.

Wednesday, October 18th at 6:00 pm

Thursday, October 19th at 6:00 pm

Friday, October 20th at 6:00 pm

Saturday, October 12th at 9:00 am



Buddhist Church of Ogden Donations

OMITTED FOR ONLINE VERSION

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<h1>September 2023</h1> 						
					1	2
3 No Services	4	5	6	7	8	9
10 10:00 - am Meditation	11	12 7:00 pm Board Meeting	13	14	15	16
17 11:00 - BWA Meeting 12:00 - Meditation 12:30 Dharma School Parent/Guardian Meeting 1:30 - Dharma Service 2:00 - Discussion	18	19	20	21	22	23
24 12:00 - Meditation 12:30 - Dharma School 1:30 - Ohigan Service / Aug & Sept Shotsuki Hoyo* 2:00 - Discussion	25	26	27	28	29	30 9:00 am - BWA Yaki Manju making (SLBT)

TOBAN CLEANING GROUP:

James & Marisa A. (Toban Cleaning Leader)
 Charles A.
 Max & Georgia Y.
 Toby & Mui Y.



*Service with Rev. Hirano

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<h1>October 2023</h1> 						
1 12:00 Meditation 12:30 - Dharma School 1:30 - Dharma Service* 2:00 Discussion	2	3	4	5	6	7 9:00 am - BWA Fukashi manju making
8 11:00 - BWA Meeting 12:00 - Meditation 1:30 - Dharma Service 2:00 - Discussion		10 7:00 pm - Board Meeting	11	12	13	14
15 12:00 - Meditation 12:30 - Dharma School 1:30 - Dharma Service / October Shotsuki Hoyo* 2:00 - Discussion	16	17	18 6:00 pm - Bazaar Prep	19 6:00 pm - Bazaar Prep	20 8:00 am - BWA mochi making 6:00 pm - Bazaar Prep	21 Bazaar
22 10:00 - Bazaar Clean-up	23	24	25	26	27	28
29 10:00 - Salt Lake Dharma School and Halloween Party 12:00 - Meditation 1:30 - Dharma Service 2:00 - Discussion	30	31 Halloween 				

TOBAN CLEANING GROUP:

Bazaar Clean-up

*Service with Rev. Hirano



Ogden Buddhist Women's Association (BWA) SPECIAL Quilt Raffle

We are very fortunate to have a BEAUTIFUL quilt handmade with love by Darlene, a BWA member.



Get your raffle tickets NOW!

To purchase YOUR chance to WIN this special quilt raffle, **please contact any BWA member.**
They will need your full name, phone number, and payment.

Ticket Prices:
\$5.00 each
or
3 for \$10.00

You can also VENMO your quilt raffle ticket order BUT you MUST put in the notes, your full name, phone number, and specifically state, "BWA SPECIAL QUILT RAFFLE".

Make sure your settings are set to "private" on your Venmo account.

OR

You can send in your special quilt raffle ticket order to:
Ogden Buddhist Church | P.O. Box 3248 | Ogden, UT 84409

Please include this stub

Name: _____ | Phone Number: _____

of Tickets _____

Total Amount Enclosed: \$ _____