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Selfless Giving (Dana) Temple Donations

~ By J.K. Hirano

In fact, the true act of dana paramita involves giving up what we cherish the most - ultimately our ego self. I know a school teacher who encourages the practice of dana in children by setting an example. Once, he took his students to give fruits to the homeless. In doing so, he purchased the most expensive fruits at the grocery store. When one mother complained that the homeless did not deserve such extravagance, he explained two important things about true giving. First, it requires some sacrifice on the part of the giver. To give away something that one doesn't need is not dana. Second, the act must not be condescending but must show respect to the one who receives the gift. In fact, one is grateful to the recipient who makes the act of giving possible.

~Rev. Taitetsu Unno

Dana is one of the six paramitas. It is often translated as selfless giving. It can take many forms, from monetary donations to a smile or kind words. It is giving without worrying about what you are getting in return. It is the teaching we base donations to the temple. Without Dana of any type from the smile, sweat equity, monetary, there would be no temple or Buddhist Churches of America (BCA). In Utah, we all know about the Mormons giving ten percent of their gross income to their churches. How much should you as a Buddhist give to your temple?

It seems that there are many people that do not understand how the temple financially supports itself. The membership fee to the temple does not come close to paying the expenses of the temple. Of the \$150.00 for individual membership almost \$90.00 goes to help our national organization BCA. To accomplish the rest of our temple's budget and activities we rely on income from events such as Obon, Food Bazaar and donations from the temple's major services. If we received 10 percent of each members' gross income, I think we would be comfortable financially. However, this is not our tradition and one of the ways we collect donations is to send out envelopes to members through the temple's newsletter as we are doing this month.

The reason I'm writing this article during the Obon season is that during one of the first Obon festivals as the minister of this temple, I said it seemed tacky to post the amount of donations for the keiko mimai. Keiko mimai is a donation made by individuals to help the temple. These are collected during the Obon dance practices (keiko). I asked if we could stop posting the amount of donation. Some of the older members told me that they felt the donation amount would go down if we didn't post the amount and name. I thought they were being cynical, however, I asked that we try it for one year. I ended up eating my honorable intentions. The donations that year were down by about 25%. The next year, we began posting the amount again, the donations went back up. I have also heard that with the change in generations and basic temple culture, many members do not know how or how much to donate to the temple. I thought that we could explain the basics.

Rev. Hirano's message continued on next page.

The major fund raisers for the temple are Obon and Food Bazaar which raise about a quarter of the operating costs of the temple. The Dharma School Building fund holds two major fund raisers -- the temple golf tournament, and the Holiday Boutique, plus booths at our food bazaar and other activities, and has raised at least \$10,000.00 a year. These are all important ways to support our temple.

Whenever someone asks for a family service whether it is funeral, memorial service, wedding etc., it is customary to give two donations, one to the minister and one to the temple. The amount for these donations varies by temple and is usually equal between temple and minister, each receiving the same amount. For example, after a funeral I would receive two envelopes from the family. Each of these envelopes would contain the amount I have listed below for example \$250-\$500.00 for myself and the same amount for the temple. There would often be other envelopes for the various organizations of the temple. These would usually be lesser amounts.

I have asked many ministers through BCA what the donations are like at their temple and what they think about the system. Most ministers felt that there should be no set amounts for services, because it hurts the entire concept of Dana. Traditional it is left up to the giver. They examine what they believe they can afford. It's interesting how over the past fifty years, there has not been a big change in donations and amount. Most of the ministers I spoke with commented that it was interesting how it is usually non-members or members with the smaller incomes that give the most. Our temple once received a \$5000.00 donation for a funeral I performed. I did not receive an equal amount. However, as this person from Japan gave me the donation \$5000.00 to the temple and \$1000.00 to me, he was extremely apologetic, commenting that he was only allowed to bring so much cash into the United States. I was told by some ministers in Japan that at \$1000.00 would be considered a minimum donation to a minister. I was quite shocked but it is the difference between Japan and the U.S.

I am often asked by members and non member how much to donate. I usually reply that it is totally up to them. However, many new members have no idea about the amount of these donations; I would like to list the approximate range I have experienced personally and from what I have learned from other ministers and temples. There are occasions when people do not know the traditions and will offer nothing, although these are rare. The amounts I have listed are pretty consistent among the ministers I have talked to, although it seems that the Eastern District temples are a little higher and the large Betsuins are a little smaller. Most of the ministers have also received \$1000.00 or more for weddings or funerals, but these are as rare as when they have not received anything. And I know there have been occasions when the temple received more than \$1000. There has also been a discussion among ministers that there is a large discrepancy between ministers assigned to certain temples that have many weddings, funerals and memorial services and ones that have only a few. As I have said these are all just discussions. The amounts I am listing are just average ranges that I have heard and I hope it will help in the discussion with members and ministers.

Holiday donations - such as Obon: \$25.00-\$100.00

Funerals: \$250-\$500.00

Memorial services: \$100-\$300

Weddings: \$250-\$500.00

Organizations: Dharm School, BWA, YBA, Jr. YBA - \$25-\$100.00

~Namo Amida Butsu~

President's Message

Hope everyone is doing well and your summer was enjoyable. The kids are back in school and Church services will restart on September 26th at 1:00 pm with Ohigan and August/September Shotsuki Hoyo.

I want to thank everyone for their support during our recent Obon Festival and Service. Obon continues to be one of the Temple's most important and popular events with the general public, and it's due to the fantastic support provided by our Temple members and friends.

Now that I've made everyone feel good about themselves, remember that Bazaar is right around the corner (October 16th). You'll find several Bazaar related articles in this GEPP0 issue that describe how you can assist during this enjoyable, but labor intensive, event.

A Bazaar planning meeting was recently held where persons were assigned to organize the major functions. If you're contacted by a Chairperson and are available, please volunteer some of your time for this, the Temple's primary fund raising activity of the year. Even if you aren't contacted and are able to help, please call Annette Koga or myself - your help will be gratefully appreciated.

Thanks again and see you at the Temple.

In Gassho,
Steven K.



BWA NEWS

By Ruth (K.) S.



The BWA has been busy preparing for Obon. Many THANKS to all who came to help make manju and mochi. Thank you Patrick K. and Aiko H. for donating the mochiko.

I want to thank the toban group who prepared the Obon Service luncheon. This one is always tough because it's the morning after Obon and there is shorter preparation time. Thank you to Suzan Y. for chairing and to the following for their hard work: Marisa A., Yuko A., Marcie F., Tami H., Yuri I., Aki K., Annette K., Lorraine Sa, Tomoko S., Yoshiko Y. and of course, Betty Y..

We have been working hard, but found some time for fun. The annual Wendover bus was full again thanks to Ellen K.'s organization. Thanks Ellen!

We are working on a quilt for bazaar. Next quilting session: **Sunday, September 12** at 10:00 a.m.

Now it's time to start preparing for Bazaar. The Manju and Mochi dates have been scheduled – Please come when you can to help:

Sunday, September 5 at 8:00 a.m. - Fukashi Manju (steamed)

Saturday, September 25 at 8:00 a.m. - Yaki Manju (baked)

Saturday, October 2 at 8:00 a.m. - Mochi Manju

Next Meeting: **Sunday, September 26** at 11:30 a.m. - (bring your own lunch)

Gassho,
Ruth S.

BWA DONATIONS

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Manju Donations

Omitted for online version



DHARMA SCHOOL NEWS

Superintendent: Suzan Y.

Hello Everyone

As we approach the new school year, we would like to review our Dharma School schedule. Last year we decided to hold class following the 1:00 pm family services which was also during Sensei's Social. We want to revisit classroom times.

I would like input from Taiko and the parents if we moved back the starting time for Dharma School from 10:00 am to 10:30 am and if you wish to continue with class following family services. We will also review the Dharma School classes and committees. I appreciate those parents who have already volunteered to be teachers and serve on the monthly committees.

Dharma School is holding a planning meeting on September 12, 2010 at 8:30 am at church.
Breakfast will be served!

Is it me or did you notice it appeared we had more volunteers helping at Obon this year? It was great to see everyone pitching in to get the work done. Thank you everyone for helping out. I also want to thank Kris Y. and Justine H. for organizing the JR YBA Popsicle booth. Our 2nd – 6th grade Dharma school class really was a BIG help this year! Thank you for taking on so much responsibility this year!

**OGDEN DHARMA SCHOOL
2010 SCRIP SCHEDULE**

There are only a few more months before the end of the year!
Don't forget to let your friends and relatives know about the scrip program. Thank you for your support.



Order Deadline

Oct 3
Nov 7
Nov 21
Nov 28
Dec 5
Dec 12

Scrip's Received

Oct 10
Nov 14 (Thanksgiving Nov 25)
Nov 28
Dec 5
Dec 12
Dec 19 (Christmas Dec 25)

A message from Alice H.

35TH ANNUAL NORTHERN UTAH WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

Saturday, September 18, 2010

Location: Davis Applied Technology Center

550 East 300 South

Kaysville, Utah

8 am to 1 pm

For 34 years the NUWC has enhanced quality of life for women in Northern Utah with inspirational speakers and timely topics.

Keynote speaker will be Adrienne Gillespie, who has an extensive background in travel, careers, overcoming major health problems, etc. to hold our interest as our lunch speaker.

Workshops include: How to Look Your Best in Front of the Camera
Digital Scrapbooking
Freebies to Deals
Looking Back & Moving Forward
Estate Planning
Strengths or Weaknesses
Stress What Stress
Travel Tips
How to Balance Hormones Naturally
5 Secrets to Permanent Weight Loss

From 9:00 – 9:50 am -- I will be speaking on Looking Back & Moving Forward, the history of the Japanese-Americans during WW2, particularly Topaz where she resided during the War. THE HIGHLIGHT OF THIS PRESENTATION IS HAVING TWO VETERANS FROM THE FAMOUS 442ND REGIMENTAL COMBAT TEAM COME AND SPEAK. These two men are great friends of mine and are so humble they want no special recognition. I would like to thank them for their support in passing along our story.

I encourage our members, men & women, to attend and listen to these two humble but very brave men. We encourage Dharma students to attend this. I can make special arrangements. Their valiant fight is history now. They are the most decorated military team in the history of our country for its size. There were 26,000 to 30,000 young Japanese Americans, men and women, during the war who volunteered to fight for our country while their families were discriminated and put in prison-like camps. They wanted to prove their loyalty to our country.

Each day nationally these veterans are passing away so please take this opportunity to hear their stories.

Pre-registration is \$30 by September 6th. Day of event: \$38. Lunch will be served.

For further questions, please call me, Alice H. at (Omitted for online version) or email: (Omitted for online version)

I TRULY HOPE TO SEE ALL OF YOU THERE!

~~THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU~~

Thanks to all our members for coming to help with Obon.

We would especially like to acknowledge:

Max & Georgia Y. for providing lunch for all the volunteers on Saturday.

Donny A., Wes A. and Patrick K. for providing security during Obon.

Glen K. for mowing down the weeds.

Darlene M. and Marie H. for making and donating the "neck coolers".

Tomoko S. for making and donating the kanzashi (Hair ornaments).

LaVerne K. from the Salt Lake Buddhist Temple for coming to help make spam musubi.

Ray N. from the Salt Lake Buddhist Temple for playing the taiko drum during the dancing.

Thanks to the following for their donations:

James & Marisa A.

Linda E.

Mas E.

Tom & Marcie F.

Julia F.

Manabu F.

Masao & Chizuko F.

Aiko H.

Fran H.

Alice H.

Kevin & Justine H.

George & Yuri I.

Akiko K.

Steve & Ellen K.

Kim & Kuni K.

Mike & Annette K.

Mike & Darlene M.

Brian N.

Jeannie P.

Geoff & Linda R.

Toddy S.

Ralph & Ruth S.

Roland & Janice S.

Harry & Alice S.

Ruth S.

Steve & Kris Y.

Hiro & Yai Y.

Kirk & Betty Y.

Yoshiko Y.

Blaine & Suzan Y.



CHURCH

Ogden Buddhist Temple Bazaar

Saturday, October 9, 2010

**Dining Room opens at
4:00 p.m.**

- ◆ Chicken Teriyaki Dinner
- ◆ Beef Teriyaki Dinner
- ◆ Udon (Noodles)
- ◆ Chowmein
- ◆ Sushi

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RAFFLE * PRODUCE**

**155 North Street, Ogden Utah
392-7132**

Bazaar Donations Needed

Bazaar is around the corner and we need help this year to get donations from our local businesses, members, and friends. We understand how difficult it is to ask for donations with the current economic stresses. That is why it is critical that we all try to find friends to support our most important fund raising event of the year. We can work with donations of any size including gift cards and certificates. If you need receipts for your donators, please let a board member know and we will immediately provide that for you.

We would also like to ask that our members take the Bazaar flyer and post them where you feel the public can benefit from our services. We hope to spread the word of our Bazaar to the entire community – and even beyond our community – to the entire state! We want them to know it is worth the drive! ☺

Beyond material items, we need volunteer help to help make things smooth for the evening. Some of you may have been contacted already, if you have not and can help, please contact any board member and we get you scheduled on a shift. This is the single most labor intensive event of the year and the MAIN fund raiser for our temple.



Bazaar Reminder on Home Baked Items

We are able to bring our baked goods for the Dessert area and the Dry Goods area.

They just need to follow a few rules.

- 1) No cream pies
- 2) No Cheese Cakes
- 3) Please make an ingredients label. Not your recipe just a list of ingredients for the safety of people with food allergies.
- 4) The church will post a disclaimer stating the items have been baked in a non-inspected kitchen.

Please bring all your baked goods!



Ogden Buddhist Church

2010 BAZAAR FOOD DONATION LIST

The board is again asking our members to help by donating the non-perishable food items needed to prepare for Bazaar which will be held on Saturday, October 9.

Items must be brought to the church **by September 26.**

HOW TO DONATE: Please CALL (Omitted for online version) or EMAIL (Omitted for online version) Ruth S. **BEFORE** you purchase these items - so items will not be duplicated.

ITEM	QUANTITY - SIZE
Soy Sauce	1 - 5 Gallon pail
Yoshida Sauce	1 - Large bottle
Sugar	3 - 25 pound bags
Cornstarch	6 - Regular size boxes
Mirin	2 - 60 oz Bottles
Seasoned Rice Vinegar (green label)	1 - 1 Gallon bottle
Sesame Oil	1 - 24 oz can
Rice	2 - 20 pound bags or 1 - 50 pound bag
Dashi no Moto	2 - 2 pound boxes
Genmai cha tea	2 - large bags
Chicken Bouillon PASTE	9 - large bottles
Sliced Bamboo Shoots	4 - 1 gallon cans
Sliced Water Chestnuts	4 - 1 gallon cans
Sliced Mushrooms	6 - 1 gallon cans
Plastic Forks (strong)	2 - 500 count boxes
Latex Gloves - Medium Size	2 - 100 count boxes
Latex Gloves - Large Size	2 - 100 count boxes

Monetary donations to help defray costs of the perishable items are also welcomed.
Please be sure to give your receipts to Betty Y. so she can record your non-cash donation.

THANK YOU! ☸ THANK YOU!

Salt Lake Buddhist Temple Boutique

The Salt Lake Buddhist Temple is already getting ready for their annual boutique! This is an event that is looked forward to by many members of our community. You can find creative one-of-a-kind crafts. Get your Christmas list ready! You will be able to check those hard to buy for people off your list and help the SL Temple at the same time.

November 20, 2010
and
November 21, 2010



Be sure to save the date!

Interfaith Picnic



This year's Fall Festival, hosted by the Interfaith Committee, will be on September 11, 2010.

The celebration of all faith's will be held at Mt. Ogden Park from 3:30 – 7:00 pm.

We hope that you will support this fantastic opportunity to learn more about other religious cultures and help us realize that we truly are all alike!

WFN JACL Family Fun Night

The Wasatch Front North JACL will be holding their annual Family Fun Night on Saturday, September 25, 2010. The fun will begin at 6:00 p.m.

Please look for further information to be mailed out soon! This is a great opportunity for our members to support the WFN JACL and their scholarship program



Buddhist Ethics Class

The Ogden Buddhist Church will be offering a course in Buddhist Ethics beginning on September 8, 2010.

The course is designed to help us put Buddhism into practice. Mike M. will be the instructor. Classes will meet on Wednesday mornings at 10:00 a.m. for 90 minutes. The course will meet for six sessions. Seating will be limited to 18 students. Cost for the course is \$25.00 which will cover the cost for the textbook and other materials. Those people who have taken a previous course with the church are being offered first option to register for the course.

You may register by contacting Mike M. at (Omitted for online version).



**OHIGAN SERVICE 1:00 p.m.
August / September Shotsuki Hoyo***

Sunday, September 26, 2010

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*

August/September and October Shotsuki Hoyo

August / September Shotsuki Hoyo

September 26, 2010, 1:00 p.m.

Aug 15 1945	Tome Fujita
Aug 22 2005	Kiyoko M. Hamada
Aug 8 1983	Kazuye Kay Hattori
Aug 30 1976	Tama I. Kariya
Aug 21 2007	Dick Hideki Kishimoto
Aug 15 1969	Matsuichi Kurokawa
Aug 10 1997	Buster Shizuo Miyagishima
Aug 6 1961	Tomoshichi Mochida
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 5 2005	Isao Yamaguchi
Aug 28 1999	Ada Muriko Yonemura
Sept 25 1980	Otoshichi Endow
Sept 4 1964	Tetsuzo Fujita
Sept 22 1996	Butch Masakazu Higashiyama
Sept 20 1989	Fumiko Horiuchi
Sept 2 1966	Tokio Kuroiwa
Sept 6 2000	Yoshiko Miyagishima
Sept 11 1992	Toshi Oda
Sept 26 1978	Run Okawa
Sept 9 1997	Kosuye Okura
Sept 25 1994	Nobuichi Sato
Sept 23 1980	Taeko O. Suekawa
Sept 22 1980	John Y. Taniguchi
Sept 17 1961	Taichi Teramoto
Sept 2 1961	Shime Tokifuji
Sept 9 1996	Sachiko Sharon Yamamoto
Sept 19 1971	Yasaburo Yamane
Sept 21 1983	Akira William Yokota
Sept 9 1987	Dick Yoshida

October Shotsuki Hoyo

October 17, 20, 1:00 p.m

Oct 15 1964	Jintaro Hano
Oct 11 1991	Masao Eugene Higashiyama
Oct 23 1964	Kuichi Hirabayashi
Oct 15 1984	Mack Susumu Hirai
Oct 6 2004	George Imaizumi
Oct 12 1979	Mary S. Imaizumi
Oct 26 1995	Chiyoko Barbara Inouye
Oct 5 1991	Tayoko Iriye-Kawaguchi
Oct 11 1999	Tom Tadao Kinomoto
Oct 5 1992	Tatsuo Koga
Oct 13 1974	Moju Kosaiku
Oct 13 1969	Rodney Manji Kuroiwa
Oct 29 1979	Yorimoto Murakami
Oct 16 1978	Fumi Nakahara
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 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 27 2003	Valentine Hisako Yoshinaga
Oct 11 1932	Toshi Yoshitaka

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. Rev. Hirano contact information: Office: 363-4742, Home: 299-8727, Emergency: 718-5755

2010 Memorial Service Schedule for those who passed away in:

2009 - 1 year	1998 - 13 year	1978 - 33 year
2008 - 3 year	1994 - 17 year	1961 - 50 year
2004 - 7 year	1986 - 25 year	1911 - 100 year



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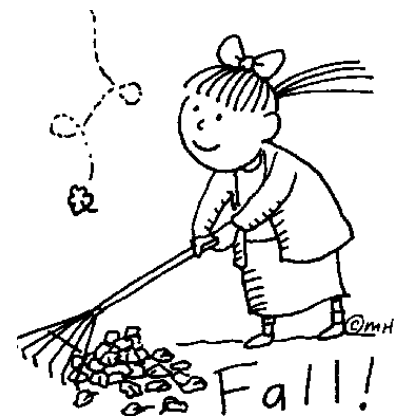
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
5 8:00 am – Manju making	6 LABOR DAY	7	8 10:00 am Buddhist Ethics Class	9	10	11 3:30-7:00pm Interfaith Fall Festival
12 8:30 am – Dharma School Planning Meeting 10:00 am – BWA Quilting	13	14 7:30 pm Board Meeting	15 10:00 am Buddhist Ethics Class	16	17	18 ← Mountain States
19 Conference →	20	21	22 10:00 am Buddhist Ethics Class	23	24	25 8am – BWA Manju Making 6 pm WFn JACL Family Fun Night
26 9am – Buddhism Discussion Grp. 11:30 am – BWA Meeting 1pm – Ohigan Service/Dharma School 2pm – Sensei Social	27	28	29 10:00 am Buddhist Ethics Class	30		

Toban Cleaning:

Marion H. (Toban Cleaning Leader)
 Gerald & Teri N.
 Carl & Marilyn Y.
 Kunie O.

Lawn Care:

Sept 5 – Stan H., Alex H., Tom F., Toby Y.
 Sept 12 – James A., Charles A., Geoff R.
 Sept 19 – Dharma School will resume lawn care service until June, 2011





October, 2010



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 Salt Lake Buddhist Temple BAZAAR
3 9am – Buddhism Discussion Grp 1pm – Family Service *SCRIP Orders Due*	4	5	6 10:00 am Buddhist Ethics Class 6pm Bazaar Prep	7 6pm Bazaar Prep	8 6pm Bazaar Prep	9 Ogden Buddhist Temple BAZAAR
10 10 am – Bazaar Clean-up	11	12	13 10:00 am Buddhist Ethics Class	14	15	16
17 9am – Buddhism Discussion Grp 1 pm – Family Service	18	19	20	21	22	23
24 9am – Buddhism Discussion Grp 10am – Dharma School	25	26	27	28	29	30
31 HAPPY HALLOWEEN 10am – Halloween Party in SL						

Toban Cleaning:

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

