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The Path to Happiness is through the Gate of Suffering

~J.K. Hirano

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*The dharma-gates, each distinct,
number eighty-four thousand,
But the keen blade for severing ignorance, its effects,
and the karmic causes of suffering,
Is the Name of Amida: In a single utterance,
one's karmic evil is completely swept away.
CWS, pg. 37, Shinran*

Whenever it comes to December, my mind seems to relax a little and I am allowed to look over the past 12 months and reflect on my life. It isn't all pleasant, but for the most part, I love this holiday season from Thanksgiving through our Hoonko services in January. I initially reflect on my past and where I have come from. I remember my family and the wonderful memories, of gatherings where we get together and ate, laughed and tried to love one another. I remember the incredible gifts of kindness and generosity I have been allowed to receive. I have tried to create similar memories with my own children. However, the part that I have the most difficulty with is when I think of the incredible suffering in this world. How many parents are there that cannot create similar memories for their children. I believe that even more difficult than a child not receiving their Christmas wishes, is the suffering of a parent, not able to grant their child's wish. I try to help as much as I can with the difficulty of at least one or two families.

This year, I am especially grateful for a new concept I learned, a really incredible scientific fact; we human beings at a cellular level are hardwired to be Bombu (foolish beings). We are filled with greed, anger and ignorance (Bonno). To all the criticism we receive as Buddhists, this should answer those that call us pessimists, as a result of the first noble truth "Life is Suffering or Dhukkha." It may also help us better understand those people we just hate to be around. They can't help it. They are just living out there instinctual animal selves. They are not consciously making other people's lives miserable. It is just that they are hard wired to be that way, they can't seem to move beyond their suffering. This suffering, which is a result of our bonno is not pessimism but a truthful bit of scientific fact. However, it is also scientific fact that this bonno can be modified and overcome with gratitude, compassion and mindfulness.

Gratitude, compassion and mindfulness are the characteristics of Amida Buddha. They are also characteristics each of us can strive for to be better human beings. There are some that say, "Jodo Shinshu does not have self practice." It isn't that Jodo Shinshu does not have any practice; it is that Jodo Shinshu believes it is difficult to achieve the results you want from practice. However, this doesn't mean we shouldn't try.

It is my deep wish that each of us will strive to work towards taming our bonno with gratitude, compassion and mindfulness this holiday season. As we pass the bell ringers, ask yourself “What can I give?” As you buy gifts for your family and friends, ask yourself if you still have it within your budget to spread that list a bit to include those you may not know and are in need. As you reflect on those you don’t want to be around, remember that you are practicing gratitude, compassion and mindfulness. As Amida looks to us as the object of his love and compassion, how can we extend that same feeling towards others?

Although they are less in number, the bells of Christmas remind me the sound of enlightenment. As we hear the pain and suffering in the world, may we each find our path to happiness. The gate of suffering can lead us to our own paths to happiness. Nam0 Amida Butsu.

On behalf of Carmela, Kacie, Taylor and myself, thank you so much for your support throughout the year. It is truly my great honor to serve the Salt Lake, Ogden, and Honeyville Buddhist temples. Please join us in strengthening our Sangha. Merry Christmas, Happy New Year and Happy Hoonko!

PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

Happy New Year - I hope everyone’s Holiday season was safe and enjoyable.

I’d first like to recognize what a great group of young people we have in our Church. They’ve again shown their generosity during the Christmas season by supporting organizations to help those less fortunate than ourselves. The Jr. YBA supported the Sub for Santa program for 5 teenagers sponsored by the Starlight Foundation and the Dharma School sponsored 6 needy children as part of the Salvation Army “Angle Tree”. Between the two organizations, a total of \$2,150 was donated. Thank you to Valerie K. and Kris Y. for organizing these special activities, the parents who took the kids gift shopping, and all the Dharma School families and members who contributed to these worthy activities. Valerie also coordinated with the Salt Lake Buddhist Temple YBA so they could also support the Sub for Santa program.



An upcoming fun activity is “Perch at the Church” ice fishing that will be held January 12th at Pineview Reservoir. For those of you who haven’t ice fished, this is a good opportunity to try something unique and have fun with many of our church members and friends. Even if you don’t want to fish, still drop by the Church about 2:00 pm and enjoy our luncheon. Additional information about this event is contained in this Geppo issue.

In February, President-Elect Tom F. and I will be attending the National Council meeting in Bellevue, Washington. I’ll provide a summary of the meeting in the next Geppo issues.

In Gassho,
Steven K.



The board would like to THANK Alice H. for donating the Large Safety Doormats that are now at each entrance to the temple! Thanks to Alice’s generosity, we all have a place to wipe our snowy shoes!



BWA NEWS



Greetings from the BWA.....

Another year has come and gone, time goes by so fast.

We celebrated the 95th Anniversary of the BWA in Ogden on November 16th, 2013 with a service officiated by Reverend Hirano followed by a dinner. A heartfelt thanks to all who helped with this great event, especially Ruth S. and Linda R. for all the work they did to make it special. Also, the bento boxes were yummy and we appreciate Hanamaru for making them for us.

The Odgen BWA, formally known as the Ogden Fujinkai has left a long and very enduring legacy in the history of the Buddhist Church of Ogden. I would like to thank all the ladies, past and present, for all the years (95 years as a matter of fact) of dedication and compassion shown to our Church and Sangha. I personally have learned a lot from every member of the BWA and am grateful to be associated with this organization. Thanks for all your hard work.

We also celebrated Bodhi Day on December 15th, 2013 with a lunch followed by service. The lunch was a nice holiday meal and was very good. Thanks to the toban ladies who prepared this meal for us: Yoshiko Y., Lorraine S., Julia F., Ellen K., Linda R. and Alice H. We also had a guest speaker, Bhante Madawala, which made this a special Bodhi Day service.

Thanks again for all the support of the BWA throughout 2013.

In Gassho,
Tami H.

Upcoming BWA events:

Next BWA meeting: January 5th, 11:30am
February 23rd, BWA Membership party, more information to come



BWA Donations

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2013 Membership

Marion H.

95th Anniversary Celebration

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More BWA donation on the next page

BWA Donations ~ continued

95th Anniversary Celebration ~ Continued



Ogden BWA Elected Officers for 2014



President	Tami H.
1 st VP	Lorraine S.
2 nd VP	Ruth S.
3 rd VP	Alice H.
Recording Secretary	Linda E.-R.
Corresponding Secretary	Fran H.
Treasurer	Ellen K.
Auditor	Julia F. and Suzan Y.

DHARMA SCHOOL NEWS

As Superintendent, I'm looking forward to a new and exciting year. Congratulations to the Buddhist Women's Association for 95 years of service and dedication. The Salt Lake Temple's Holiday Boutique was a great success. The Manju sold by the Ogden Dharma School went so quickly it was hard at times to keep the table stocked. We thought we might sell out before Sunday. Thank you to the students and parents for helping make the Manju, and stocking the booth.

Thank you to all who helped plan the Winter Party for Dharma School. This school year we have been doing something different. The older kids are teaching the younger students. The kids pick the subject matter and prepare their lesson. Unfortunately, we have had to change some of the lesson dates due a scheduling conflict, preparing the winter activity kits for Primary Children's Hospital. We are getting back on track. We are working out the kinks this first year.

In Gassho
James A.



Chow Mein Dinner is Back!

The Ogden Dharma School is sponsoring a Chow Mein
Saturday, February 1, 2013
5:00 pm – 7:00 pm
\$8.00 for adults and \$5.00 for kids

We hope to see you ALL there!

CONGRATULATIONS TO CHARLES AND CATHERINE A.

The Ogden Buddhist Church Dharma School would like to CONGRATULATE Catherine and Charles A. for their performance in Imagine Ballet's version of The Nutcracker.

Catherine danced the beautiful character of Clara and
Charles entertained us with the character of a Russian Dancer!
Both received standing ovations for their performance.

Angel Tree Service Project

By Kyra H.

This year, the Ogden Dharma School went on their 3rd annual Angel Tree shopping trip. Generous donations from our church members helped sponsor six children. The Dharma School children were able to buy the wants and needs for each child, as well as additional clothing, toys and candy! The Angel Tree provides support to families who are struggling financially, so it feels really good knowing we were able to help out local children by making their Christmas' a little brighter. The lesson of Dana- or selfless giving- is one of the main teachings of Buddhism and this annual activity helps to remind all of us of its importance. All of us are fortunate to have all that we have, but we must remember that there are many people out there who are not so fortunate. The Angel Tree is a fun group activity, but more importantly it puts a warm feeling in our hearts knowing that we were able to help six kids have a joyful holiday!



A special **THANK YOU** to the families that donated to our special Angel Tree fund:
Anonymous, James & Marisa A., Maya C., Manabu & Julia F., Craig & Susan H., Todd & Stacie H., Bart & Robyn H., Stan & Tami H., Kevin & Justine H., Steven & Ellen K., Brenda K., Mike & Annette K., Ernie & Laverne K., Darrin & Carrie N., Geoff & Linda R., Ruth S., Craig & Geniel S., Steven & Kris Y., Kirk & Betty Y., Yoshiko Y., Max & Georgia Y., Toby & Mui T. Y., and Blaine & Suzan Y.

Dharma School Donations

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2014 Elected Officers for Dharma School

Justine H., Robyn H., Suzan Y., Stan H., Kris Y., Betty Y., Lorraine S.,
Ellen K., Geniel S., Darren N., and Tami H.

**2014 Ogden Church Winter Party
January 12, 2014
Ice fishing at Pineview Reservoir, Cemetery Point**

When

1. On the ice at 7:30am. If you want to carpool, meet at the Church by 7:00am.
2. We'll fish until about 1:00pm and plan on lunch at 2:00pm.
3. If you can't make it fishing, please feel free to come to the Church for the fish-fry lunch!!!!

How to Get There

1. Travel up Ogden Canyon and pass the dam as if you were going to Snowbasin ski resort (do not turn and cross-over the dam as if you were going to Powder Mountain ski resort).
2. Continue east past the reservoir. The road will curve to the north and you'll pass the Chevron gas station.
3. Turn left at the intersection to "HUNTSVILLE" and "BEACH MARINA"
4. Follow road to end (about 2 miles) and park in parking lot. **DO NOT PARK ALONG THE MAIN ROAD – YOU WILL GET A TICKET.** Signs are posted by the parking lot requiring a \$9 parking fee and a \$2 per person "walk-in" fee – these fees **DO NOT** apply in the winter!!!
5. We may be on either the south or north side depending on ice conditions. Look for the fishing tent with the red University of Utah flag.

What to Bring

1. Fishing License – If you are 12 years old or older you need a license to fish. You can buy one at any license agent (ex: Sportsman's Warehouse, K-Mart, Sports Authority, etc.) or on-line at <http://wildlife.utah.gov>.
 - a. 365-day youth (12 to 13 years of age) - \$5
 - b. 1-day, resident (14 years of age or older) - \$8
 - c. 7-day, resident (14 years of age or older) - \$16
 - d. 365-day, resident (14 years of age or older) - \$26
2. Warm Clothes (dress in layers) – gloves, hat, snow pants and especially insulated (preferably waterproof) boots.
3. Optional –
 - a. Something to sit on – small, collapsible camp chairs work well.
 - b. Sleds or Tubes – The south side of Cemetery Point has areas suitable for sledding.
 - c. Drinks and snacks.
 - d. Change of clothes (just in case).

What to be Careful of

1. The Cemetery Point access road and parking lot are generally not plowed and can be slippery. Four-wheel drive vehicles are preferable.
2. There is a path in the snow down to the ice – it may be slippery.
3. Be very careful when walking on the ice - it can be very slippery. Also be aware of drilled ice holes – some can be as large as 10 inches in diameter and you don't want to step in them.
4. Don't worry if you hear the ice crack...that means the ice is safe (really!!!)



Dharma School Birthdays and Such ...



November Birthday
Landon S.



December Birthday
Alex H.



Bhante Madawala
Seelawimala
with Reverend Hirano
and our Dharma School
students.

Don't forget, you can view our pictures online, in color, at <http://www.slbuddhist.org/ogden/geppo/index.htm>

Possible TUBING Fun Day with the Salt Lake Dharma School



The Salt Lake Buddhist Church Dharma School is in the process of planning a Tubing Day at Soldier's Summit in February. We hope to get further information soon. As soon as we do, we will adjust our calendar to reflect the FUN day!



In 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*

Toddy Sameshima – November 22, 2013
Miyuki Nakano – November 24, 2013

Ogden Buddhist Temple 2014 Elected Officers



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3 rd VP	Toby Y.
4 th VP	Mike K.
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Assistant Treasurer	Tami H.
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Historian	Suzan Y.
Auditor	Janice S.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

James A., Mas E., Linda E.-R., Julia F., Fran H., Todd H., Marie H., Stan H., Greg O., Kunie O., Jeannie P., Shauna R., Geoff R., Roland S., Harry S., Steve Y., Kirk Y., Blaine Y.



Thank you to Stan and Alex H. for finishing the painting in the

Women's bathroom! What a surprise! We appreciate your thoughtfulness!

IT'S DONE! THANK YOU!

GUEST SEMINAR

please join us

Seminar with Guest Speaker Marvin Harada
Saturday, January 18 at 3:00 pm
Ogden Buddhist Church
Topic: Buddhist Education



Ho-onko Service
January Shotsuki Hoyo
Installation of Officers
Sunday, January 19, 2014 - 1:30 p.m.
Otoki Lunch - 12:00 a.m.

Guest Speaker: Rev. Marvin Harada

Rev. Marvin Harada was born and raised in Ontario, Oregon. He has Master's degrees from Institute of Buddhist Studies and Ryukoku University in Japan. He has been the resident minister for Orange County Buddhist Temple since 1986.

***Goshoki Hoonko** (Observance of Anniversary of Death and Repay Debt of Gratitude)
Shinran Shonin's Memorial Service - Within the Nishi Hongwanji tradition this is the most important observance of the year. It is held to acknowledge our debt of gratitude to Shinran Shonin for opening the Nembutsu teachings for us.
Shotsuki Hoyo - Monthly Memorial Service*



Nihan-E Service
February Shotsuki Hoyo
Pet Memorial Service
(Please bring pictures of your pets to place on the altar)

Sunday, February 23, 2014 - 1:30 p.m.

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

January & February Shotsuki Hoyo

January Shotsuki Hoyo **January 19, 2014, 1:30 p.m.**

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

February Shotsuki Hoyo **February 23, 2014, 1:30 p.m.**

Feb 21 1995 Harue Enomoto
 Feb 17 1968 Otojiro Fukuda
 Feb 10 1965 Hitoshi Hoshiko
 Feb 24 1964 Takematsu Inouye
 Feb 28 1986 Matsue Kano
 Feb 17 1969 Shozo Kariya
 Feb 19 1998 Yukie Kawa (Ozawa)
 Feb 2 2000 Izumi Kishimoto
 Feb 19 1966 Wakamatsu Kiyotsugu
 Feb 9 1967 Sahei Kosai
 Feb 23 1975 Gensaku J. Miyagishima
 Feb 2 1973 Kazue Nishikawa
 Feb 28 1989 Shigeso Frank Nishimoto
 Feb 21 1978 Jerrod Nisogi
 Feb 25 1993 Mitsuye Oda
 Feb 18 1994 Yukiye Omori
 Feb 1 2008 Kiyoshi "Kay" Shimada
 Feb 18 1965 Hiroshi Shioji
 Feb 16 1986 Teruo Ted Suekawa
 Feb 12 1994 Kazuye (Kathy)Taniguchi (Yagi)
 Feb 29 2005 Jane Tomiko Tsushima
 Feb 19 1992 Niroku Uyematsu
 Feb 29 1968 Michiye Watanabe
 Feb 12 1996 Frank Toichi Yoshida
 Feb 20 1961 Thomas T. 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: 819-2648

2014 Memorial Service Schedule for those who passed away in:

2013 - 1 year	2002 - 13 year	1982 - 33 year
2012 - 3 year	1998 - 17 year	1965 - 50 year
2008 - 7 year	1990 - 25 year	1915 - 100 year



January, 2014



Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 	2	3	4
5 11:30 – 12:30 pm – BWA Meeting 12:30 – 1:30 pm – Buddhist Discussion Group 12:45 – 1:30 pm – Dharma School 1:30 – 2:30 pm – Family Service	6	7	8 10 – 11am Buddha’s Roundtable	9	10	11
12 NO SERVICES 7am – 2pm Perch at the Church 2 pm – Fish Fry at the Church 12:30 – 1:30 pm – Buddhist Discussion Group	13	14 7:30 pm OBC Board Meeting	15 10 – 11am Buddha’s Roundtable	16	17	18 3 - 5 pm Seminar with Rev. Marvin Harada in Ogden
19 12:00 – 1:30 pm – Ho’onko Lunch 12:30 – 1:30 pm – Buddhist Discussion Group 12:45 – 1:30 pm – Dharma School 1:30 – 3:00 pm – Ho’onko Service January Shotsuki Hoyo Officer Installation	20 Martin Luther King Day 	21	22 10 – 11am Buddha’s Roundtable	23	24	25
26 NO SERVICE 10:00 am – Omigaki (Alter Cleaning) 12:30 – 1:30 pm – Buddhist Discussion Group	27	28	29 10 – 11am Buddha’s Roundtable	30	31	

Toban Cleaning Group:



- Blain & Suzan Y. (Toban Cleaning Leader)
- Kristin Y.
- Kunie O.
- Greg O.
- Karen D.





February, 2014



Sunday	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 5 – 7 pm Dharma School Chow Mein Dinner Fund Raiser
2 12:30 – 1:30 pm – Buddhist Discussion Group 12:45 – 1:30 pm – Dharma School 1:30 – 2:30 pm – Family Service 2:30 – 7:30 pm – Super Bowl Potluck PARTY	3	4	5 10 – 11 am Buddha’s Roundtable	6	7	8
9 12:30 – 1:30 pm – Buddhist Discussion Group 12:45 – 1:30 pm – Dharma School 1:30 – 2:30 pm – Family Service	10	11	12 10 – 11 am Buddha’s Roundtable	13	14  Happy Valentine's Day	15
16 12:30 – 1:30 pm – Buddhist Discussion Group 12:45 – 1:30 pm – Dharma School 1:30 – 2:30 pm – Family Service	17  HAPPY PRESIDENTS DAY!	18	19 10 – 11 am Buddha’s Roundtable	20	21	22
23 12:30 – 1:30 pm – Buddhist Discussion Group 12:45 – 1:30 pm – Dharma School 1:30 – 2:30 pm – Nihan-E (Nirvana Day) Service, Pet Memorial & February Shotsuki Hoyo 2:30 – 3:30 pm – Reception for Minister’s Assistants	24	25	26 10 – 11 am Buddha’s Roundtable	27	28	

Toban Cleaning Group:

Craig & Geniel S. (Toban Cleaning Leader)
Landon S.
Pam S.
Courtney & Kevin S.

