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My September Song

By Reverend Hirano

(Originally published in the September 2017 Buddhist Thoughts)

*But now the days grow short, I'm in the autumn of the year
And now I think of my life as vintage wine from fine old kegs
From the brim to the dregs, and it poured sweet and clear
It was a very good year.*

It Was a Very Good Year, Ervin Drake

I had always felt the month of September to be a time of joyful anticipation. When I was a child, I looked forward to the beginning of the school year. My cousins and friends would think me very odd, for I would be happy to return to school. There was the anticipation of who would be in my class, who would I sit next to, who my teacher would be. These thoughts were like Christmas presents just ready to open. My Mom would take my sister and me out for back-to-school clothes and supplies. I would usually get to pick out a new pair of shoes and a few new items of clothing. I especially loved getting new pencils and folders with my favorite superheroes on the covers.

Even nature seemed join with me and tingle with the same anticipation. The brilliant heat of endless summer days filter into the gentle warmth of the orange autumn days and nights. Once I had married and had children, it would be the excitement of taking my girls for back-to-school shopping, the school supplies, the new shoes, anticipating their coming home from their first day of school, listening to their tales of adventure with new and old school friends. September was definitely one of my favorite months of the year.

Now my children are grown and have moved on to college. I can still hear the neighborhood children laughing and walking outside our home as they make their way to school. However, in the children's laughter, I feel a fading emotion, realizing that the excitement I felt for school days, as a child and parent are now memories. September is no longer a time of anticipation but one of reflection.

Both of these experiences of anticipation and reflection force me to live in the past and future, rather than allowing myself to live in the present. To live in the present is a very difficult thing to do. The moment I catch the present, it slips away into the past. When I start looking for the present, I find myself peering into the future. There are many catch phrases in Buddhism that people like to banter about, such as, "Live in the moment!" How do we do this?

Within Jodo Shinshu, we say “Namo Amida Butsu”. Namo Amida Butsu is Amida Buddha, transcending time and space, past, present and future, coming into the now. Namo Amida Butsu is both Amida Buddha calling to me to come as I am and my response of gratitude to Amida. When I try to catch the present and it slips from my grasp into the past and future, when my life moves from anticipation to reflection, when I realize there are more yesterdays than tomorrows, Namo Amida Butsu is all that is true and real. Namo Amida Butsu is saying it is and was a very good year.



Namu Amida Butsu

Holiday Boutique

Salt Lake Buddhist Temple
211 West 100 South, Salt Lake City 84101

Saturday November 18, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Sunday November 19, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

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



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

Please come out and support them!

They hope to see you there!

**SUPPORT
US**
➔

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT



Thank you for your support of this year's Bazaar. The event was very successful and we appreciated all the help provided to make it go well.

We would like to thank everyone for their ongoing support and donations to the Building and Maintenance Fund. Our board is always working to keep our beautiful Temple in good running condition.

We have General Board meeting, November 19. All members are welcome to attend. We ask for your continued support and help in the next year

In Gassho,

Shauna R. and Suzan Y.



BUDDHIST WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION NEWS

By Brenda K.



A huge thank you to all the ladies who came to help with the annual bazaar preparations. October 1, 7 and 8 were dedicated to the Manju making for which we had a good response. We appreciate all those who came to help with that endeavor, for which many attended all three days. The Manju was a hot item at the bazaar and sold out early.

A beautiful quilt was created through the labor of some of the temple women who spent several sessions to complete. Thank you again to **Darlene M.** for volunteering to complete the sewing for that project. A special raffle was held for the quilt with those funds pouring into the temple's general operating expenses along with all other funds raised at the bazaar.

Thank You
to our
Volunteers

Many volunteer hours were donated over the span of the days leading up to the bazaar. Our appreciation to all the BWA members and others who donated their precious time to help with all the preparations for the delicious food that was sold.

Upcoming in November will be the annual **BWA General Meeting** on **November 19, 2017** at **10:00 a.m.** at the temple. Issues affecting the organization will be discussed along with selection of new officers. This is an important meeting and all members are encouraged to attend. Anyone interested in becoming a BWA member is also welcome.

December 3 will be the **Eshinniko/Kakushini** service dedicated to all those BWA ladies who have passed away since our last memorial service. **Lunch** will be prepared by the toban group and served at **12:00 noon** with the service to follow at 1:30. We are honored to have **Annette K.** as our guest speaker.

Our annual **Bodhi Day service** will be held the following week, **December 10**. **Lunch** will be prepared by the Toban Group and served at **noon** followed by service at 1:30.



Finally, I was remiss in the last publication and neglected to thank the ladies who came to prepare the traditional Obon luncheon for the Obon service. My apologies for neglecting to include that in the previous article.

BWA DONATIONS

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The BWA would like to thank Lorraine S. for donating the meat for the French dip sandwiches for our Manju lunch. Also, THANK YOU to everyone who made salads for the Manju lunches and everyone who brings treats for us to enjoy! We appreciate your yummy support!

THANK
YOU ...



In Memory

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

May the family members find solace and comfort in the Nembutsu.

Namo Amida Butsu

Masae Nishimoto – September 6, 2017



DHARMA SCHOOL NEWS

Superintendent Message

A big thank you to everyone who helped with annual food bazaar again this year. Specific to the Dharma School, a special thanks to **Robyn H.** and **Justine H.** for their hard work organizing, overseeing and operating the games during the food bazaar. We appreciate the

Dharma School students pitching in to help with running the children's games, serving and bussing in the dining room and working elsewhere during the bazaar.

The Salt Lake Dharma School will be holding their annual Halloween party on Sunday, October 29th. The event will be held at the Salt Lake Buddhist Temple. There will be no Ogden Dharma School service held on the 29th so that we can attend the event. The SL Dharma School service will begin at 10 am, followed by lunch, costume parade and games. Each family has been asked to bring a bag of candy and a dessert to share for the luncheon.

As we have done in previous years, the Dharma School will do a fundraiser, selling Manju at the Salt Lake Buddhist Temple Holiday Boutique on November 18th and 19th. We will be making the Manju on Sunday, November 12th at 8 a.m. We encourage everyone, especially our BWA experts, to come help our Dharma School students and parents make Manju on the 12th, and to support our Dharma School booth at the SLBT Boutique.

The Dharma School students will be participating in the Angel Tree program again this year. We will be meeting at Shopko at 10 a.m. on Sunday, December 3th. The students will pick names from the Angel Tree and use the money donated by temple members to purchase items from the wish lists of children in need. This is such a good Dana program 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 Yamashita, myself or any of the other Dharma School parents. We appreciate everyone's support and contributions to this project.

On Saturday, December 9th, starting at 9 a.m., our YBA members (for our new temple members, the YBA members are our high school and college kids) will be making Mochi for their annual fundraiser, providing temple members and friends with their New Year's supply 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 11th. The price of the Mochi is \$7.00 for a tray of six Mochi. The Mochi order form and further details are included in this newsletter. We appreciate your support to our youth—Domo Arigato!



*In Gassho,
LaVerne K.*

Dharma School Donations

Omitted for online version.



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 3, 2017

10:00 am – ShopKo on Washington Blvd.

happy birthday



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

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 9, 2017 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 10, 2017.

Please reserve your order by December 8, 2017.
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 10, 2017.
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 10th 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!

Everybody **MUST**
re-enroll in the **NEW**
PROGRAM and this
must be done
annually.



The sign features a yellow sticky note with the text "Do it Now!" in black. Below the note, it says "Everybody MUST re-enroll each year!". To the right is the Smith's logo, which includes the word "Smith's" in red and "INSPIRING DONATIONS" in blue, accompanied by a graphic of three overlapping hearts in green, blue, and orange. The main body of the sign is orange and contains the following text:

Support the Ogden Buddhist Church every time you shop at Smith's.

Signing up is FREE and EASY!

1. Go to SmithsFoodandDrug.com/inspire
2. Sign into your account or choose "Create an Account" and fill in the information.
3. Link your Rewards Card, select **YS414 Buddhist Church of Ogden** and choose "Save".

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Thank you!



TAIKO DONATIONS

Thank you to the following families for their donations to the Ogden Buddhist Taiko Group:

Manabu F. Family
Amount omitted for online version.
In memory of Manabu F. 1 year memorial

General Board Meeting!



You're Invited!

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 service on Sunday, November 19, 2017.

Refreshments will be served!



Save the Date: February 21-25, 2018

BCA Ministers' Association and National Council Meeting
Together in Gassho

DoubleTree Inn by Hilton - Sacramento, CA

Registration Materials will be sent to temples in October

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!

- Maya & Chuck C.
- Bruce & Christy F.
- Julia F.
- Aiko H.
- Fran H.
- Ellen & Steve K.
- Annette & Mike T.
- Brenda K.
- Debbie and Wes K.
- Fumi K.
- Sharon K.
- LaVerne and Ernie K.
- Linda & Geoff R.
- Lorraine S.
- Ruth S.
- Betty S.
- Janice & Roland S.
- Alice & Harry S.
- Geniel & Craig S.
- Kris & Steve Y.
- Betty & Kirk Y.
- Georgia & Max Y.
- Mui and Toby Y.
- Suzan & Blaine Y.

Friends & Businesses Donations

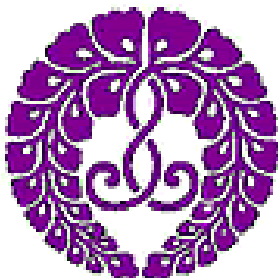
The Board would like to thank the following businesses and individuals for their donations to our 2017 Bazaar.

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

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|---------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Dorothy & Dave Hall | The Horse |
| Heide Gobbels | Jack's Tire & Oil |
| Ken Owen | Maple Express Restaurant |
| Robert & Lora Sims | Mark Kano - State Farm |
| Dru Sueoka | Insurance |
| Sam Yamane | Millwood Enterprises |
| ABC Mandarin Restaurant | Minky Couture |
| Andy's Club | Mountain Country Produce |
| Bamboo Asian Cuisine | New Sun Restaurant |
| Beez Cafe | Ocean Mart of Roy |
| Ben Lomond Golf Course | OHana Sushi Restaurant |
| Bill's Mattress and | Pearl Milk Tea Club |
| Furniture Outlet | Prairie Schooner Restaurant |
| Cedar Village Floral | Quality Produce |
| Criddle's Cafe | Ramen Haus Restaurant |
| Ed Kenley Ford | Roger's Eggs |
| Golden Dynasty Restaurant | Sargent's Hair Fashion |
| Goodwood Barbeque Co. | Savon Sporting Goods |
| Great Basin Electronics | Timbermine Restaurant |
| Grideli's North | Utah Onions |
| Hanamaru Restaurant | Wasatch Peaks Credit Union |



ESHINNI-KO AND BWA MEMORIAL SERVICE



Sunday, December 3, 2017

1:30 p.m.

Otoki Lunch at 12 noon

Guest Speaker: Annette K.

Our Eshinniko speaker is Annette K. Annette served as our Minister's Assistant for many years. She continues to teach Dharma school and serve as the temple's religious chair.

Everyone is welcome to join in this special service.

**In Memory of:
Alice Setsuko Hirai
Tokiye Miya
Yukiko Ryujin
Masae Nishimoto**

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



Eitaikyo & November Shotsuki Hoyo
Sunday, November 19, 2017
Service at 1:30 p.m.

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 10, 2017
Service at 1:30 p.m.
Otoki Lunch at 12:00 Noon

GUEST SPEAKER: Rev. David Matsumoto

Rev. David Matsumoto has a Master's degree from the Institute of Buddhist Studies and a PhD from Ryukoku University in Japan. He began his ministerial duties at the Stockton Buddhist Temple in 1988. He is presently the Director of Center for Contemporary Shin Buddhist Studies. Before attending the Institute of Buddhist Studies and studying in Japan, Rev. Matsumoto was an attorney in Minnesota and taught at the University of Minnesota Law School and had an Immigration law firm. He is currently the minister for the Berkeley Buddhist Temple.

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
Sunday, December 31, 2017
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 19, 2017 1:30 p.m.

December Shotsuki Hoyo

December 10, 2017 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 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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2017 Memorial Service Schedule for those who passed away in:

2016 – 1 year	2005 – 13 year	1983 – 33 year
2015 – 3 year	2001 – 17 year	1968 – 50 year
2011 – 7 year	1993 – 25 year	1918 – 100 year

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



November 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 10:00 am Buddha's Roundtable	2	3 ← Mt. States at the SBLT	4
5 No services in Ogden. Please attend Mt. States service at the SLBT ---Mt. States at the SLBT ---->	6	7 VOTE Election Day	8 10:00 am Buddha's Roundtable	9	10	11
12 8:00 am – Dharma School Manju Making 12:00 pm – Meditation 12:30 pm – Discussion Group 12:45 pm – Dharma School 1:30 pm – Family Service	13	14 7:30 pm OBC Board Meeting	15 10:00 am Buddha's Roundtable	16	17 5:00 pm Dharma School Manju Prep	18 10 am – 4 pm Salt Lake Holiday Boutique
19 11 am – 3 pm – SL Holiday Boutique 10:00 am – BWA General Board Meeting 12:00 pm – Meditation 12:30 pm – Discussion Group 12:45 pm – Dharma School 1:30 pm – Eitaiko Service & November Shotsuki Hoyo 2:00 pm – OBC General Board Meeting	20	21	22 NO Buddha's Roundtable	23  Happy Thanksgiving!	24	25
26 No Services Have a good Thanksgiving weekend!	27	28	29 10:00 am Buddha's Roundtable	30		

Toban Cleaning Group:

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



December 2017



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 5:00 pm WFN JACL Member Appreciation Dinner
3 10:00 am – Dharma School Angel Tree Special Dana Event 12:00 pm – Otoki Lunch 12:00 pm – Meditation 12:30 pm – Discussion Group 1:30 pm – Eshinni-Ko Service and BWA Memorial Service	4	5	6 10:00 am Buddha’s Roundtable	7	8	9 9:00 am YBA Mochi Making
10 12:00 pm – Otoki Lunch 12:00 pm – Meditation 12:30 pm – Discussion Group 12:45 pm – Dharma School 1:30 pm – Bodhi Day Service & December Shotsuki Hoyo *YBA Mochi Pick-up*	11	12 7:30 pm OBC Board Meeting	13 10:00 am Buddha’s Roundtable	14	15	16
17 9:00 am – OBC Mochi Making 12:00 pm – Meditation 12:30 pm – Discussion Group 12:45 pm – Dharma School 1:30 pm – Family Service	18	19	20 10:00 am Buddha’s Roundtable	21	22	23
24 No Services	25 	26	27 NO Buddha’s Roundtable	28	29	30
31 6:00 pm Joya-E Service & New Year’s Eve Pot Luck Dinner						

Toban Cleaning Group:

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

