Greed is Good

By Rev. Dr. Kenji Akahoshi, Resident Minister

If Greed is good, maybe Hatred and Ignorance are great! I just wanted to get your attention with that first statement. We are living in a time when truth is being turned upside down. It is more important than ever to hear a Teaching that has guided humanity for 2,500 years in many diverse countries and cultures. Historically, Buddhism has been able to illuminate the destructive effects of the desires of the ego. The Teachings guide us to realize that our acceptance of our human limits, opens our hearts and minds to receive the gifts that surround us.

It is natural for us to try to deny or avoid the experience of the first Noble Truth, which states that life includes dukkha, or discontent, suffering, or disease. So how does Buddhism deal with the negative aspects of our lives? If we try to suppress it, we give it substance. By accepting its presence, it is a call to wake up to a more fulfilling life. The cause of our grief are the three poisons of Hatred, Ignorance, and Greed, of the second Noble Truth. Buddhism places the cause of our discontent, on our own attachment to our ego. We can determine our own happiness or misery, not by altering the external forces of the natural world, but by accepting our human limits.

Why does a negative experience offer an entry onto the Nembutsu journey? It is due to the process of the Four Noble Truths that leads us to an awakening. To be truly awake, we are open to all aspects of life. When we experience something as good, we express appreciation. When we experience something as bad, we realize that it is an invitation for growth and understanding. But this is not an excuse or rationalization. We need to fully experience its negative affect on us. We might feel angry, sad, grief, guilty, defeated, wronged, embarrassed, or alone. And this is our stimulus to act. Without a strong need to heal our hurt, we might remain in frustrated anxiety. The pain of inaction or the wrong action, leads us to listen. It was Shinran’s inability to contain his human passions that led him to Honen. Therefore, every misfortune is a gate out to a larger world. But, it is very important to feel the pain. This is the truth of the first Noble Truth.

The many memorial services that we have in Shin Buddhism emphasizes this truth. Although we constantly hear and read about death in the news, the loss and pain of the death of a loved one becomes a personal experience. We seek answers to this unbearable situation, from the words of the Buddha and the masters who followed. Rennyo’s words are repeated at every funeral in his letter, On White Ashes.

“By so understanding the meaning of death, we come to appreciate the meaning of this life, which is to be treasured because it is unrepeatable. By virtue of true compassion, let us realize the unexcelled value of this existence, and let us live together with gratitude in our hearts.” The pain and grief of death, opens our ears and hearts to accept this significant message.

Upon hearing this sacred message, our “bucket list” of personal adventures and exotic vacations might be expanded to express our gratitude. Memorial services remind us that our presence here today is possible, only because of the unselfish efforts of so many known and unseen others. We symbolize the multitude of “others” with the image of the bodhisattva. By reciting the sacred words, “Namo Amida Butsu,”

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The Board of Directors met on January 11:


2. A positive operations account balance for the ending fiscal year was provided. Generous year-end donations, early payments for 2018 memberships and some designated 2018 donations helped.

3. The Board approved recognition of the 2017 top donors.

4. Funding for the replacement of three of the annex exterior doors was approved. The doors had exposure damage or the panic hardware and locking mechanisms were not operating properly.

5. The Board approved funding for the Oseibo for the minister, secretary, gardener, cleaning service, Reverend Aoyama, Reverend Mukojima and the Minister's Assistants. Oseibo was presented at the temple New Year Party on January 21.

6. The Board ratified the approval for purchase of the income property in keeping with the temple by-laws.

7. Updates from affiliated organizations and committees were received.

8. Information about the BCA Restructure of Assets proposal and the 2019 National Council meeting in Phoenix, Az. were shared. The Board was asked to review and provide recommendations.

BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

By LuAnn Lee, Board President

2018 is here and moving along so quickly.

I learned so much about people born in the year of the dog (usually independent, sincere, loyal, decisive, etc.). Thanks to Ken Muraoka, who served as a great MC at the New Year Party!

I hope you were able to see our BWA (Buddhist Women’s Association) sing a senior citizen version of “My Favorite Things” from the Sound of Music and our very own Dharma School, Sangha Teens, Juniors and a little Elvis (Jaden Kruse) plus Big Elvis (Jeff Kruse) dance to “You Ain’t Nothing But A Hound Dog” all led by the ever so creative Sharon Sasaki! Thanks to all who participated in the entertainment portion of the party.

BIG Thanks to Laura Yoshida for stepping up to chair and Ralph Honda for co-chairing. Appreciation to all who volunteered as it was really a group effort with so many people pitching in to make it a special day.

Asako Morinaka, Kikuko Takashima and Sayoko Tomiyama will be celebrating their 100th year birthdays in 2018. We wish them the best birthday ever. These wonderful ladies have supported the temple in so many ways and it is appreciated. We also want to congratulate two couples Reverend Dr. Kenji & Karen Akahoshi and Koichi & Joyce Yamamoto for their upcoming 50th Wedding Anniversaries.

Going back to 2017 and the last day of the year, I was able to attend the service. After the meaningful service, we were treated to delicious soba. I want to thank Laverne Imori for once again stepping up to purchase ingredients, organize volunteers, plus cooking the noodles for everyone who attended. Thank you to the crew that helped Laverne cook, serve and clean that day. True dana at its best.

As for me personally, 2018 has started out with sadness in losing a young adult cousin and a close friend being in the hospital. It has reminded me to not put off calling, e-mailing or getting together with people that I’ve been thinking about. We all know how important family and friends are so let’s make the effort to stay connected and be kind to one another.

In Gassho

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we express gratitude for receiving this gift of life. The gatha, Ondokusan, inspires us to repay this debt of gratitude by physical action. Therefore, we can become a source of support for others. Our happiness is intimately connected to making others happy. Observe the joy of elders as they provide gifts to children. It is a joy to be able to give.

We observe Nirvana Day this month. On his death bed, the Buddha advised his followers to treasure his Teachings, and not his physical presence. Because of that declaration, we have inherited the Buddha Dharma or Buddhism. Every experience and emotion is a gift of human life. By feeling the pain of the first Noble Truth, we discover its source as our attachment to our ego (second Noble Truth). As Shin Buddhist, we realize our inability to disengage from our ego. However, even with this deficiency, we are supported beyond imagination. Our ordinary life of convenience and comfort in 21st century America, far exceeds that of most human life in the previous generations. We hunger, not for material wealth, but for eternal truths. Come join us on our Wednesday night Buddhism 1-2-3, as we explore the joy of serving others, as we tread the Nembutsu path.

Gassho,

Kenji Sesnsei
BWA NEWS

Rev. Jerry Hirano, from Salt Lake City Buddhist Temple, gave very interesting talks at the Ho-Onko Service and lecture the night before. Hope you were able to catch them.

The Ho Onko service was followed by our annual New Year party. Thank you to all the members who helped and everyone who participated in as the BWA shared the aging version of “My Favorite Things.” We sounded great!

The annual Lady Takeko Kujo and BWA Memorial Service will take place on February 11 at 9am, followed by the Nirvana Day service at 10. Guest speaker will be Rev. Nobuko Miyoshi, from the West Covina Buddhist Temple. She will also give a BEC lecture on Saturday at 7 p.m., right after the delicious beef stew benefit dinner. Hope you can attend.

The craft group welcomes ladies and men on the first and third Wednesdays from 10 am – 2 pm. It’s a fun group that combines creativity with yummy treats. Please join us!

The next meeting will be on February 4, with Group D hosting. Hope to see you then!

There are two ways to get to the BWA website: southern-districtbwa.weebly.com or through the direct link from the website for the temple at btsd.net. Tale a peek!

DHARMA SCHOOL NEWS

On Sunday, January 21, we observed O Hoonko, Shinran Shonin’s Memorial service. Thank you to Rev. Jerry Hirano and his with Dr. Carmela Hirano for coming to San Diego and for the message to the Dharma School students featuring “Harry the Ho Onko Hippo.” At the temple New Year Party, some of our Dharma School students danced to Elvis Presley’s “Hound Dog.” It was so cute. Thank you to Sharon Sasaki for quickly rounding up students for this performance.

We will continue our Fruit and Floral offering. Here is the schedule:

- February: 5th – 8th Grade
- March: Pre-K – 1st Grade
- April: 9th – 12th Grade
- May: 2nd – 4th Grade

Information regarding the LABCC Summer Camp program for youths 8-13 years old will be coming out soon. The one week camp will take place at Camp Morningstar in the Angelus Oaks of the San Bernardino mountains.

Please check the website, www.labcc.org If you have any questions, please see me.

SAVE THE DATE for the annual Dharma School Camping trip.

The dates are May 25 -27. The site is to be determined. Please stay tuned for more details.

Registration material has been received for the annual Federation Dharma School Teachers League conference, April 27-29 in Foster City, new San Francisco.

Happy February Birthday wishes to: Yoshie Sannwald and Mark Iwashita.

The next teacher-staff meeting will be on Sunday, February 4 at 9 a.m. in the conference room

Gassho,

Avis Honda, Superintendent

BUDDHIST EDUCATION

Welcome to Guest Speaker for Nirvana Day: Rev. Nobuko Miyoshi

To make the most of our Nirvana Day observances, we welcome guest speaker Rev. Nobuko Miyoshi for two Dharma opportunities over the weekend: A special lecture the evening of Saturday, Feb. 10 and for the Dharma messages at our Sunday service on Feb. 11.

About Rev Miyoshi

Rev. Miyoshi is resident minister at the West Covina Buddhist Temple of the Higashi Honganji branch of the Jodo Shinshu tradition. Previously she served at the Higashi Honganji in Los Angeles. Rev. Miyoshi comes from a ministerial family in Japan, and has trained both in Japan and the United States including three years and a master’s degree at the Institute of Buddhist Studies in Berkeley. She is married to Rev. William Briones, Rimban at the Nishi Hongwanji Los Angeles Betsuin.

BEC Lecture Saturday Feb. 10: “Flipping to the Right Side Up”

The night before our Sunday Nirvana Day service, this lecture by Miyoshi Sensei will take place at 7 p.m. in the Sangha Hall and is expected to run some 90 minutes. There will be time for questions and answers. Light refreshments will be served.

The Topic. What is meant by the concept of flipping to the right side up? In the context of Nirvana Day, Miyoshi Sensei plans on helping us understand the concept as a Buddhist response to human suffering. The flipping is in response to the human condition of delusion and ignorance. In this metaphor, we are flip from living with the wrong side up, from the torture of wrong views that are akin to being hung upside down, when we recognize our delusion. As such the topic complements the themes of Nirvana Day and the extinguishing of suffering.

Buddhism 1-2-3 and Fourth Sunday Introduction to Buddhism

Buddhism 1-2-3 is an informal presentation of meditation, chanting, and Buddhist concepts taking place most Wednesday nights at 7 p.m. in the Temple Sangha Hall, lasting some 90 minutes. Typically, Kenji Sensei presents the first two Wednesdays of the month (Feb. 7 and 14), with members of the Buddhist Education Committee facilitating later sessions (Feb. 21 and 28).

The Fourth Sunday Introduction to Buddhism is a one-time introductory class on the Fourth Sunday of each month (this month on Feb. 25) starting at 9 a.m. in the Sangha Hall and presents a succinct history of Buddhism and our Temple. Attendees are then encouraged to attend the following Sunday service. Kaytee Sumida leads each monthly session.

Bill Teague, BEC Committee Chairman

Join or Renew Now for 2018: Simplified Form

Bill Teague, Membership Chair

Thanks to all already renewed for 2018! As of the middle of January, we already have 40% of the membership renewed.

Thanks to those of you with good suggestions for improving the 2018 renewal form. Please see our simplified membership form in this issue.
A. PLEASE START WITH MEMBER NAME(S)  ☐ New  ☐ Renewing

Member 1: ☐ Mr  ☐ Ms  ☐ Mrs ____________________________________________________________

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- **Family/Couple Level**: The Family/Couple level refers to the adult members of the family. Most single parents also choose this category but it is not required.
- **Bodhi**: This is the option for generous donations above the Wisteria level.
- **Optional Senior Discount**: Available for members 75 yrs or older.

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For beautiful flower offerings at the three shrines for the Buddha, Shinran Shonin, and Rennyo Shonin.

For gardening: Both Temple and minister’s residence.

For support of the programs initiated by the Dharma School for the children.

For graduating high school seniors and continuing education students from Temple members.

For fees and costs of ongoing certification of the Minister’s Assistants.

Totals of Amounts (B and C)  

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D. New Membership Info/Updates for Current Member

☐ Renewal with No Updates  ➔ ➔  Proceed to Part E.

Member 1

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Email address: _________________________________  Preferred phone: ____________________

Member 2

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E. NEWSLETTER/KAIHO PREFERENCES

☐ Print  ☐ Email  ☐ Both

F. PAYMENT METHOD

☐ Cash or check payable to BTSD  ☐ Credit or debit card.

G. AUTHORIZATION (REQUIRED)

I/We understand that

• Membership dues will be renewed each year, and you can change levels or preferences at any time.

• In future years members or sponsors will receive a statement of assumed dues and program donations for the coming term (based on previous dues and donations) for review and modification as needed.

• Members or sponsors paying by credit or debit card are authorizing its use for renewal with specific account information as follows.

Payor’s Authorized Signature Required

Member 1. ______________________________________________________________________________

Member 2. ______________________________________________________________________________

A percentage of your dues supports the Buddhist Churches of America and is remitted annually to the BCA via the Temple. Benefits include a year’s subscription to the BCA publication, *Wheel of Dharma*, and a printed copy of our monthly newsletter, the *Bussei Script*. THANK YOU!

Questions? Other arrangements? Just let us know. We will work with you to make joining or renewal easy. Contact the Buddhist Temple of San Diego at 619-239-0896 or Bill Teague, Membership Chair, 619-248-3749.
BTSD CELEBRATES AT ANNUAL NEW YEARS PARTY

On a sunny and warm January day, following the Ho Onko service, Sangha members streamed into the Annex Hall. People were greeting one another with smiles, hugs and New Year’s wishes. Honored guests wore corsages and boutonnieres, and everyone picked up their lunches and found a seat.

Over 160 members, guests and friends were in attendance on January 21 for the temple’s annual New Year’s Party.

Ken Muraoka served as Master of Ceremonies and opened the party with reflections of 2017 and honored the Year of the Dog with a humorous slide presentation.

Of the 29 temple members 88-years-old and above who were recognized, 12 were in attendance to enjoy the festivities.

Mr. Koryu Morikawa of the San Diego Shigin Kai, recited in Japanese, a Waka (verse) by Emperor Meiji (circa 19th-20th century) then recited the New Year’s Poem written by Shingen Takeda, a military leader in 16th century Japan.

Ruth Voorhies, representing the 88-and-great club, gave heart-warming words for the New Year’s toast.

Our resident minister, Rev. Dr. Kenji Akahoshi gave the Shokuzen No Gassho (gratitude before meal). Then, everyone enjoyed a delicious bento lunch provided by Ichiban Restaurant.

In advance of 2018 celebrations, the temple recognized several Sangha members who will be observing milestones later this year.

Sayoko Tomiyama, Asako Morinaka and Kikuko Takashima, all of whom will reach the venerable age of 100 this year, were applauded. Kenji Sensei and his wife Karen will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary in the fall. Also, recognized were new members who joined the temple since the 2017 New Year’s party.

Entertainment included the BWA’s version of “My Favorite Things.” BWA members and others from the audience joined in the singing. The Dharma School children (little Elvis’s) and Jr. YBA members lip synced Elvis Presley’s hit song “Hound Dog.”

President LuAnn Lee gave words of appreciation and Rev. Tesshi Aoyama gave with Shokugo No Gassho (gratitude after meal). The EcoSangha committee added a twist to this year’s event. Members cleaned off food scraps from the food containers and separated disposable cups and utensils which made for better recycling methods and less disposal waste. Everyone complied with the effort making the party a very positive approach for the temple’s ecological awareness.

Parting gifts for all attendees included the 2018 BTSD magnet calendar, boxes of tissue and treats for the children.

The temple is grateful to the many donors and wish to acknowledge donations received: Sake and chocolate macadamia nut candies from Three D’s Travel (Doug Ojiri), flowers from Keidan Floral Design (Naomi Himaka), and sashimi from Steve Sato. Ichiban Restaurant donated cookies and two cases of beer. Also, anonymous donations of assorted candies and boxes of tissue.

Thank you to the many volunteers who helped in various capacities to make the New Year’s party a success. We could not have done it without you! And, thank you to the Sangha for your participation.

May everyone have a healthy and wonderful 2018!

Gassho,
Laura Yoshida and Ralph Honda
Co-chairs

FRIDAY SENIOR LUNCH PROGRAM AT GARDEN VILLAS

On February 2, the temple will host the Friday Senior Lunch program and Garden Villas in Chula Vista (1260 3rd Avenue, Chula Vista). For a nominal fee, you can receive a hot nutritious meal. The lunch runs from 12 noon to 1 p.m.

Join other temple seniors and community friends at the Friday luncheon. Garden Villas (formerly Kiku Gardens) senior independent living facility:

In addition to Feb. 2, BTSD will host luncheons on March 30 and May 25

If you wish to donate your time to help prepare lunches or even have an entrée idea, please contact the temple or Mildred Kawasaki.

SCRIP NEWS

Thank you to everyone who buys gift cards through the scrip program. Having figured out the amount, but will be writing a check for hopefully more than we did last year. We’ll let you know next month.

No new participants in the Great Lakes Scrip Program, but we continue to carry the popular ones that most people purchase. So, we have on hand: Albertson’s - $25 and $100; Amazon.com - $25; Chili’s (Macaroni Grill) - $25; CVS - $25 and $100; Darden (Olive Garden) - $25; Home Depot - $25 and $100; IHOP - $25; iTunes - $25; JoAnn’s - $25; Michael’s - $25; Panera’s - $25; Ross - $25; Stater Bros. - $100; Smart & Final - $100; Starbucks - $25 and $10; Von’s - $100; Walgreen’s - $100; and Walmart - $100.

Continue to buy gift cards and support the temple without donating any money out of your pocket. Remember that you get the full value of what you pay for the gift card, but the temple also gets a percentage. Once again-thanks for supporting the temple through the scrip program.

Gassho,
Miyo Hill, Scrip Chairperson
**FEBRUARY SHOTSUKI LIST**

This month’s Shotsuki Hoyo (MEMORIAL SERVICE) will be held Sunday, Feb. 4, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. in conjunction with the Family Service. Families and friends of anyone who passed away during the month of February are urged to attend and offer incense. If there are any errors in the list, please notify the temple at (619) 239-0896 or e-mail info@btsd.net.

2月の祥月法要は、2月4日（日）午前10時より行います。先亡のご遺族の方々はぜひ、仏教会へご参詣ください。尚、名簿に間違いがある場合、お手数ですが、仏教会までご連絡ください。

(619) 239-0896 または、info@btsd.net へメールを送ってください。

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**MEMORIAL SERVICES**

MEMORIAL SERVICES allow us to pay homage to loved ones who have passed away. In our Jodo Shinshu tradition, family members hold a service at certain intervals following a relative’s death to express gratitude for and acknowledge their continuing influence in our lives. If you wish to schedule a memorial service for a loved one, please call during weekly office hours.

*2018 is the memorial year for those who passed away in:*

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DONATIONS
The Buddhist Temple of San Diego is grateful to the following individuals and organizations for their recent donations to the Temple and its affiliated organizations. “IMO” means “In memory of.” For a corrections or questions, please contact the temple office at (619) 239-0896 or info@btsd.net.

BTSD
Benson, Agnes
Poquac, Claudia
Kajita, Timothy
Fujii, Paul and Joan
Nishii, Toyo -- O Koden
Ong, Mike -- 49 Day Service
Saburo Kodama
Kodama, Jay -- Saburo Kodama, 49 Day Service - Kodama Family
Honda, Mikiye -- Saburo Kodama, 49 Day Service
Kurahashi Family -- 49 Day Service, Saburo Kodama
Koga, Jan -- 49 Day Mem. Service, Saburo Kodama
Hara, Ruby
Glahsjo, Julie -- for 2018
Estes, Toshiye
Anonymous
Zaveloff, Steven
Himaka, Michio
IMO Hideo & Kiyo Ochi
Watson-Ochi, Shirley
IMO Hideo & Kiyo Ochi
IMO Kainoa Watson
Hidinger, Holly
IMO Hideo & Kiyo Ochi
IMO Kainoa Watson
Ochi-Fontanott, Janet
IMO Hideo & Kiyo Ochi
IMO Kainoa Watson
Moncrief, Mayko
Ochi-Fontanott, Janet
 IMO Kainoa Watson
Takashima, Helen K
50th Memorial for Hashio Yonekura
Sasaki, Laverne -- New Year Visit
Kodama, Jay
William, Yukari
Yoshida, Laura -- Taiko
Tomoi, Irene --New Year Serv. Morinaka, Asako -- New Year
Garcia, Joanne Tsurudome -- 49 Day Service, Tamio Tsurudome

BODHI DAY SERVICE
Yamamoto, George

DHARMA SCHOOL
Benson, Agnes
Tokunaga, Ron T.
Yamamoto, June
Ryan, Mani and Ed
Yamamoto, George
Yamanishi, Miyo
Nakamura, Jake K.
Kuwada, Howard Kanji
Masumoto, Chiyoko
Kawamoto, Yukio and Mitsu
Sumida, Floyd
Nishii, Toyo
Sannwald, Bill
Tomiyama, Sayoko
Morinaka, Asako
Omori, Shirley
Yamamoto, Koichi
Iwashita, Yukio
Yoshida, Laura
Kruise, Kimberly
Kawasaki, Trace
Yanagihara, Sumiko
Hashiguchi, John
Sugiyama, Yukiko

EITAIKYO SERVICE
Yamamoto, George

FLORAL FUND
Benson, Agnes
Tokunaga, Ron T.
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GEN. MAINTAINANCE
Benson, Agnes
Tokunaga, Ron T.
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GOTANYE SERVICE
Muraoka, Roy
Yamamoto, George

HANAMATSURI SERVICE
Coppock, Roger

HO ONKO
Otsuji, Dennis
Suyenaga, Wilbur
Shigehara, Wilbur
Yamamoto, Kengo
Yamamoto, George & Ann
Nogata, Sumihiro
Moriyama, Chieko
Yamamoto, George
Honda, Ralph
Tsujii, Masako
Kodama, Jay
Sumida, Kathleen
Yamamoto, Sachio
Martinez, Nancy
Kuwada, Howard Kanji
Kubota, Hiroshi
Ohara, Fumiko
Smith, Maribeth “Smitty”
Yamamoto, Hisashi
Sugiyama, Yukiko

ISHISAKI, Emiko
Koga, Florence
Yamamoto, Koichi
Negoro, Glenn
Tanaka, Kelvin
Aoyama, Rev Teshii
Nishii, Toyo
Hashiguchi, John
Honda, Mikiye
Takashima, Helen K
Ong, Ann
Ogasawara, Arikazu
Hagio, Quimico
Yamanishi, Miyo
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Yagi, Chiyeo
Kida, Katsumi
Kawamoto, Yukio
Yonekura, Roy
Tomiiyama, Sayoko
Kawasaki, Kiyoshi & Itsuko
Inouye, Jeanne M.
Matsumoto, Akiko and Ken
Nakatani, Fred
Tsuneyoshi, Motoo
Himaka, Michio
Greber, Kikue
Sasaki, Sharon
Torio, Glenn
Voorhies, Ruth
Okuhara, Roy
Sasaki, Brian

IMPROVEMENTS
Tomiyama, Steve -- Solar
Ryan, Mani and Ed -- Solar
Hidinger, Holly -- Solar
D’Orsi, Ruby -- Solar
Estes, Toshiye -- Solar
Spears, Margo -- Solar
Negoro, Glenn -- KCP
Teague, Bill -- Building
Otsuji, Dennis -- Solar
Ohara, Fumiko -- Solar
Moncrief, Mayko -- Solar
Yamamoto, George -- Solar
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Honda, Mikiye -- Solar
Yamamoto, Koichi -- Kitchen
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Applications for 2018 Scholarships are ONLINE

The San Diego Chapter is awarding a limited number of scholarships ranging up to $1,000 to local high school seniors planning to enter college in 2018. The JACL Scholarship application is now available at the National website www.jacl.org.

Open to all students, community involvement as well as scholastic achievement is considered. Applicants must be JACL members to be eligible to apply. Membership application ($25) may be submitted along with the scholarship application. Top local scholarship awardees will be forwarded on for consideration for National JACL Freshmen Scholarships as well.

The local chapter also offers the Dr. Roy K. Tanaka Continuing Education Scholarship to those already in college. Applicants should use the General form. Many other scholarships, e.g. for careers in law or medicine, are also available at the National website. Applications must be postmarked by March 1, 2018 and mailed to:

SD JACL Scholarship Committee
6917 Town View Lane
San Diego, CA 92120

All local area scholarship awardees will be determined by March 31, 2018. For questions, contact the SD JACL Scholarship Committee at ckawamoto@jacl.org.
BEEF STEW BENEFIT DINNER
Feb. 10, 4:30 to 6 p.m. Donation: $8
FOLLOWED BY MONTHLY BINGO
Enjoy a hearty bowl of beef stew and vegetables over rice
and accompanied with a salad.
Tickets may be purchased for $8 in the office or from any
temple board member. Following the dinner, enjoy an
evening of BINGO hosted by the Asian Pacific VFW Post
4851. Buy-in is $10. Support the temple and VFW and have
a fun Saturday night.

EcoSangha Message:
Thanks go out to the attendees of the Temple New Years Party for helping to
separate the recyclable bento trays and other items after eating. With the sepa-
rated of recyclables, we only had three bags of trash going to the landfill rather
than 6 or 7, which is the norm. Remem-
ber recycling is something we can prac-
tice at home every day. Here are a few
locations you can take specialized recy-
clables: Best Buy Stores: old cell phone &
batteries; USD Campus: Electronic (E) waste; Auto Zone Auto
Parts stores: waste motor oil. I have attached a site to help
you find recycle locations and other information.
http://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/PublicEd/default.htm

BTSD Tai Chi
Our Tai Chi instructor is easy to fol-
low and patient, so please come and
check it out. (Your doctor may tell
you it’s good for your balance). We
are asking for a suggested donation
of $5 per session, (optional).
Thursdays, Feb. 1, 8, 15 & 22
10-11 a.m. in the Annex Hall

THANK YOU FOR YOUR NIRMVANA DAY DONATION
An envelope is enclosed if you wish to make a Nirvana Day
offering. For those who subscribe to the Bussei Script online,
we invite your Nirvana Day donation. Please mail your dona-
tion to the temple or bring it to the service. As always, the
Temple looks forward to your participation and is very
grateful for your support.

NIRVANA DAY (NEHAN-E)
Commemorating the life of
Sakyamuni Buddha
Sunday, February 11, 2018,
10:00 a.m.
Guest Speaker:
Rev. Nobuko Miyoshi
(West Covina Buddhist Temple)
The BWA and Lady Takeko Kujo
Memorial Services
will be held starting at 9 a.m.
(A BEC-sponsored lecture, featuring Rev. Miyoshi
will take place on Saturday, Feb. 10 starting
at 7 p.m. In the Sangha Hall. The event is free
and open to the public. Details on
Rev. Miyoshi’s presentation
is on Page 4)

BTSD OFFICE HOURS
The temple’s weekday business hours are
Tuesday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Linda Redenbaugh is the administrative assistant
And will be Happy to Assist You.
We are closed on Mondays.
Most Saturdays, the office is open 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Before visiting, please call the temple to make
sure someone will be in the office.
Sundays are dedicated to our weekly service at 10 a.m.
The Sunday office hours are from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Thank you.