For students and their families, the beginning of a school year is significant because there is an actual change in the social surroundings. Some apprehension comes with a new situation. Meeting new people and finding oneself in unfamiliar surroundings can be intimidating. And yet, this is how we grow.

Last month we talked about expanding our ego by including others within our own identity. This may be a better method of dealing with the ego, instead of trying to diminish its insatiable demands. I think we can all remember walking into a new class in September, and feeling that we were the odd person, with everyone else being “cool.” But for most of us, we were able to forge ahead and make new friends. With each new friend, we gained a wider perspective on life, as they saw things a little differently than we did. We seemed to bond with those who had similar backgrounds, values, or interests.

Deep in our unconscious, we retain a tribal mentality of bonding with family or friends who are most like us. We may feel threatened by those who look different. Now, we are challenged by the realities of a global community. The ease of travel, international TV and other media, and immigration have made the earth, a global village.

Let us reflect on how we felt and what we did in the 1st grade, and the first day of middle school, and the first day of high school. Each initiation was threatening as we entered a larger world of uncertainty. As we got to know a diversity of people, our world expanded. We realized that all these different views were contained within the identity of the whole school. For example, the different groups and cliques were still identified as “Spartans” or Chula Vista High School members.

As our world continues to expand, we may not like, agree, or understand an opposing viewpoint, but we must realize that it is still part of us. Our bodies are another example of interdependence. With physical activity, our arms and legs demand more blood and oxygen. When eating, the stomach prevails. When deep in thought, the brain is the recipient.

The same is true on a global scale. Our survival depends on this balance of demands. Unless all parts of humankind realize the interdependent nature of all things, our survival is at risk.

We have evolved as humans, due to our ability to adapt to the changing demands of the environment. Other species have disappeared. Those who cling to the past may be neglecting the realities of our current world. Those who live the life of inclusion, are following the Buddha’s lessons of interdependence. As Buddhists, let us support this theme. My son’s recent wedding, held in a grove of redwood trees, had a theme of Oneness. Two families of different ethnic heritage, one from the East Coast and the other from the West Coast, joined because of the love of two individuals. The ceremony was held in the center of a circle of redwood trees, which were the offspring of a mother tree that was felled over 200 years ago. The roots of this old growth redwood continued her life by sprouting this circle of trees around her. The two families entered this arena and formed a circle to replicate the trees and to honor the ancestors that made their lives possible. We all bowed to each other with gassho, to express our respect and gratitude to each other. The weekend was spent bonding with our new family and friends from the four corners of the U.S., Hawaii, the Far East and Europe.

There is apprehension to meet and become acquainted with strangers. Yet, we have been doing this all our lives. Those of us who have been listening to the words of the Buddha, already display our understanding by practicing what we have heard. Visitors comment how welcomed they feel when they attend our services. Let us continue this lesson of the Buddha.

There are factions in our society that cling to outdated notions of separateness. This might be countered by expressions of inclusion. It is the practice of Shin Buddhists to live the Dharma at the pot-luck, not just in the service. The temple is offering new opportunities to become involved. The religious services, education committee, youth groups, EcoSangha, wellbeing group, archives, and other activities are areas to learn the Dharma by participation. It is not about perfect attendance or “doing it right.” It is about learning to live and work with others, especially if they seem different from us. Because that difference is simply the other side of us. Let us accept others, as we feel accepted by the Nembutsu - Namo Amida Butsu.
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**PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE**

By LuAnn Lee, Board President

Obon season is coming to a close but it brought many nice memories of seeing old friends and meeting new ones. It was a time to celebrate and remember our loved ones that have passed and being with family. I was glad we were able to have the Temple Obon again this year. Many of us were able to attend the service to listen to Reverend Bob Oshita. The first time I heard him speak, I was in Junior YBA and as a younger person, I could relate to the things he was saying. He seemed to know what to say that kept your interest and pointed out things that you would think – so true. I was looking forward to hearing him again after many years and he did not disappoint. As an older person now, he still kept me engaged and in tears at times as he spoke of his parents, siblings and life stories.

The Odori at the temple had a small town feeling where you know most people, more spiritual and there is room to dance but the reality is Obon has grown in popularity within the community.

So, at the beginning of August, we once again went to Balboa Park to co-sponsor our third Obon Odori with the Japanese Friendship Garden. It was well attended and another successful fundraiser as well as a fun event for the participants. Thank you to Ken Muraoka and Michael Kinoshita. They lead the way and transported all the equipment to and from the venue, set everything up and still had the energy to work all day. Big thanks to all of you that worked so hard and supported us to make it a special event.

Then it was on to the rummage sale. The EcoSangha group led by Glenn Torio and supported by Nancy Martinez guided the groups that came to sort, hang, move, arrange and price all the donated items. This is a fundraiser that is very time consuming and physical so deep appreciation goes out to all those that came out to make this event a success.

This August was extra special for me and my family. My daughter Jenna and her longtime boyfriend, Mitch Masuda, decided to get married. It was a beautiful wedding and party (I’m biased). It was more like a reunion of local and out of town family and friends. They shared their day with two birthday girls, my mom Betty Torio and niece Caylee Shimizu.

As I was involved with all the duties of Mother of the Bride, I wanted to thank temple friends and family that took care of meetings and rummage sale prep, etc... I feel so lucky to be part of a wonderful, supportive group of people.

**BWA NEWS**

I hope you came out to enjoy at least one Bon Odori. Thank you to everyone who came out to help and to support the temple. We would like to thank Ken Muraoka, Michael Kinoshita and everyone else who contributed to the huge success of both celebrations.

The BWA, with the assistance of Miki Honda, Nancy Martinez, Naomi Himaka, Randy, Sue and Jennifer Takeshita, Margo Spears, Kikue Greaber, and Akie Tomiyama, Betty Torio and Ruby Hara helped make the Daifuku mochi sold at the Balboa Park Obon.

We were assigned clothing for the Rummage Sale. When we first looked at the amount of clothing donations, it seemed endless. Betty Torio, Ruth Voorhies, Shirley Omori and Efton Woodford, Janice and Wilbur Shigehara, Margo Spears, and Ann Yamamoto, to just name a few, were tireless in the sorting and folding of the clothing. A big thank you to Fred for constructing the hanging rods. We filled them with some of the clothing for better viewing.

Thank you to all who turned out to help!

Our next meeting will be at 11:45 on September 10 and group D will host.

The craft group will return to the 1st and 3rd Wednesday’s meetings. If you haven’t checked this out, come on by. The group meets from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Bring a dish to share for the pot-luck.

**BOARD HIGHLIGHTS**

The Board of Directors met on August 16th -

1. The Board ratified motions from the July meeting regarding waste disposal services, fire extinguisher and fire hose replacements, sponsorship of the Tai Chi/QiGong class, representation at the Japanese Friendship Garden Annual Gala honoring community members, authorization to proceed with kitchen cabinet drawer work.
2. Reports were given on the Temple and Balboa Park Obons, Tri-Temple Seminar, LGBT Pride Parade and Women in Taiko Conference.
3. The Board approved the expenditure for the repair of two Taiko drums. Our Taiko group has been very active in community and temple events this year.
4. The Board approved the cost of termite remediation of the trellis.
5. The Board was updated on the Ways & Means Committee’s work to reduce costs and increase revenue streams.
6. BTSD/the Buddhist faith will have youth representation at the La Mesa Interfaith’s International Day of Peace on Sept. 17th.
7. The Board sent a letter of support for the Japanese Friendship Garden’s application for a grant to restore a Buddhist statue that was formerly at a Middleton Japanese Garden damaged by Hurricane Katrina.
8. President Lee was extended an invitation to attend the Orange County Buddhist Church Hondo dedication.
Dharma School News

Welcome back!

Although Dharma School was on break from late June until the end of August, it was a busy summer for teachers, staff and children, too!

It was nice to see many children dance at the temple’s two summer Bon Odori festivals and participate in other temple activities.

The teachers and staff will host the 70th Annual Southern District Dharma School Teachers’ League Conference on September 2. Highlights of the conference will appear in the October edition.

Interdependence will be the theme for the 2017-18 Dharma School term. Our teachers will integrate the theme with their lesson plans each Sunday. We hope that the children, along with the staff, receive and share a better understanding of the theme and how it affects us in our daily lives.

The Dharma School cabinet was chosen in July and will serve the upcoming term: Avis Honda (Superintendent), Roy Okuhara (Treasurer), Kimberly Kruse and Jamie Shimizu (Recording Secretaries), Karen Okuhara (Corresponding Secretary), Laura Yoshida (Birthdays), Ann Ong (Music Chairperson), Junko Kajita (O Bon Music Chairperson), Nancy Martinez (Ex-Officio), Rev. Dr. Kenji Akahoshi (Advisor).

Thank you for dedicating your efforts toward the Dharma School program.

The teachers and staff look forward to welcoming the students, parents, grandparents and Sangha back to Dharma School/Family Services beginning September 10. Service begins at 10 a.m. Following the service, children will transition to their new grade and will be escorted to classes with their teachers. After class, the entire Sangha is invited to enjoy cake and light refreshments prepared by the Dharma School staff.

The Dharma School program is offered to children of all ages. Children as young as two-years-old, elementary and middle school, and high school age, are encouraged to participate. In addition to services, we have other exciting activities. Please join us each Sunday!

Students receive meaningful Dharma messages from Kenji Sensei and the Sangha, and helpful guidance from the teaching staff. Parents are encouraged to enroll their child as a new student at the September 10 service. Or, you may contact Avis Honda at (619) 885-3788 or seharu25@aol.com.

Dharma School families are encouraged to share their favorite side dish, salad or dessert for the potluck luncheon that will take place following the O’Higan service on Sunday, September 24. Sign up with your child’s teacher.

Happy September birthday wishes to Sean Tokunaga, Hailey Sasasaki and Anika Bull.

The next teacher-staff meeting will be on September 10 at 9 a.m.
Gassho,
Avis Honda, Superintendent

The Jr. YBA conducted its annual Opportunity Drawing fundraiser that was held in conjunction with the temple O Bon on July 30. We wish to congratulate the top two winners: Fred and Nancy Nakatani ($800), Dr. Terry and Naomi Tanaka ($500), as well as the many other prize winners.

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Our on-going recycling program continues. We accept CRV (California Redemption Value) plastic bottles, aluminum cans and glass bottles. Proceeds benefit the club’s programs. The Jr. YBA is promoting EcoSangha of the temple. You can bring your bottles to church and find one of our Jr. YBA members or our advisor, Mr. Ralph Honda, to assist you. If we are not available, please find one of the many Blue Recycling Bins around the Temple. Please put the bottles and cans in the correct receptacle.

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Eco Sangha News

For the first time, EcoSangha lead the Temple Rummage Sale. On behalf of EcoSangha, I would like to thank the temple affiliates who accepted responsibility for their respective “department”, and all those who helped in any way with the rummage sale. This includes those who donated items, the many temple “crews” to include, sorting, pricing, general arrangement, transferring all sale items to be displayed in the parking lot, lunch, cashiers, snack bar/holding area and massive clean-up. It is truly a huge task to hold this event and with everyone’s help, this was a successful one! Something many may not know is, we also give to other organizations that help women, animal care, and to our friends across the border. As it’s said, one persons “junk” is another one’s treasure!

Thank you all once again with palms together in gassho.

Obon Lanterns

A very belated THANK YOU for giving your time, effort, and compassion to help others to make memorial Obon lanterns, from the Obon Odori practices, to the Hatsubon families activities, to the two Obons. Several of the Hatsubon families expressed tearful appreciation for the opportunity to make their lantern, and for most of the families it was a shared family activity. It was so touching when one young man shared photos of his grandmother after he made his lantern in her memory. He lovingly spoke of her and shared his memories. Ken shared that as he was taking down the lanterns at the Organ Pavilion a young girl wanted to know what was going to happen to her lantern. Because of you, the paper lantern activity was a meaningful activity to many people.

Thank you to those who hung the lanterns on the lines. A big thank you to those who helped to move our booth from the Japanese Friendship Garden to the Organ Pavilion. That was quite an ordeal, but well worth it because many people came to make lanterns there. A special thank you to Margie Kitano who gathered several of her fellow sumi-e artists to paint the stunning inserts that were available for the Hatsubon lanterns as well as the other lanterns. Also, a special thank you to Wendy Nakamura for penning the beautiful name tags hung below the Hatsubon lanterns.

In all the Obon events, we raised $365 for the temple and made 73 lanterns, not including the Hatsubon lanterns.

Thank you again for your dedicated help to teach others how to make these lanterns. It is truly an expression of the meaning of Obon. Hope I can count on you again next year!

Thank you, Junko

BINGO UPDATE

BENEFIT SPAGHETTI DINNER AND BINGO

The monthly BINGO will be held on Saturday, September 9th. The session begins at 6:00 p.m. Buy-in is $10 for up to 12 games.

Prior to BINGO, the temple will host a benefit dinner. For $10 you may purchase delicious spaghetti dinner served with salad and dessert. This will be the last benefit dinner for 2017. Tickets are available in the office.

In addition to having a chance to win BINGO, players have the opportunity to win consolation games and nice door prizes. Pull-tabs and marking daubers are available for purchase, as well as donuts, coffee and cold beverages.

Come out with family and friends, and enjoy an evening with a delicious dinner, followed by a chance to yell out BINGO! Players must be 18-years-old and above.

Net proceeds benefit the temple and Asian Pacific Post 4851, the group that oversees BINGO. Your support with the dinner and BINGO will be wonderfully appreciated.

SCRIP NEWS

Once again, thanks to the shoppers who regularly shop at Ralph’s and Food 4 Less. We received checks from both of those stores. As a heads-up, usually in September, you will need to re-register for these stores.

We are now stocking gift cards from iTunes, Jo-Ann’s, Michael’s and Dick’s Sporting Goods Stores. It is also not too soon to start thinking about Christmas gifts. Start making your lists so that you can order your gift cards.

Remember to buy gift cards and carry them with you so that you can use them and buy more!

On September 1st, everyone has to once again re-enroll for Ralph’s and Food 4 Less. For Ralph’s, you can call 1-800-443-4438. If you have a computer, please go to www.ralphs.com and click on Community, then click on Community Contributions, and then click on Enroll now.
Dear Dharma Friends,

What a wonderful Obon season it has been. Rev. Bob Oshita of Sacramento speaking at the Obon service brought me to tears, the Temples own Bon Odori reminded me of a much simpler time, and the Bon Odori in Balboa Park brought the beauty, culture, and a large colorful crowd. It truly has become a special time of the year. None of this could have happened without the support of all our Temple Members. Whether it was making a little donation in the Osaisen box, buying raffle tickets, distributing bentos, playing Taiko, setting up lights, moving benches, teaching dances, making lanterns, cooking chicken, boiling noodles, cleaning pots, designing shirts, preparing lunches, and much, much more but you get the idea. It takes a lot of effort and a lot of people to make this time of the year so special. Every event that went on during this season carried great meaning and touched so many people. We should all take pride in knowing that everyone that attended these events took home a little dharma with them.

This weekend a board of remembrance was put up in the Organ Pavilion, it was basically a black wall in which people could write about a loved one on “post it” notes and post it on the wall. Well, today I was gathering the “post it” notes to put the wall away and I read the notes. Some were about parents, some wrote about friends, a few were about pets. I was very touched by many of the sentiments. This past Saturday as the last song of the Bon Odori was played I was asked if I could take down some of the hand made lanterns that were hanging in the dance circle. One girl asked what I was going to do with the lanterns. I didn’t have a good answer but said that I would take them back to the temple where they would eventually be recycled. The girl asked if they would be rehung or burned in some ritual. I still had no answer except that they would not be thrown away but recycled. Though as our Obon season comes to an end I can’t help but feel that we as a Temple are the guardians of these memories and feeling that have been shared during this season. Perhaps there should be a place to hang these lanterns for a short time at the Temple, I don’t have an answer. I do know that in many ways the core reason for Obon is still being honored among the many people that attended Saturdays Bon Odori and we all should be proud of that.

Thank you, members, and friends of the Buddhist Temple of San Diego for all your hard work and effort in making this Obon season special.

A few people I want to mention that were keys to making the Bon Odori in Balboa Park a success.

Michael Kinoshita, who really should have the moniker of co-chair person attached to this event. He spent much of the week leading up to the Bon Odori moving items, purchasing food, setting up signs, printing banners and so much more. This event would have been a mess without him.

Junko Kajita, who makes sure, from a laypersons point of view, that the Bon Odori continues to have meaning. She is the Chairperson for the Lanterns, a leader of the Odori dancers, and a member of the BTSD Taiko group. Plus, she does so much behind the scenes as well.

Karen and Roy Okuhara both who volunteered to do just about everything. They are chair people for the drinks booth. They help with somen salads, lanterns, and setting up the Obon Again Store.

Carol Baker, she is also one of the chair people for the drinks booth and she is the somen salad task master.

The Obon Again Queen.......... Joyce Teague, it takes a lot of dedication to open the store at the temple then move it to Balboa Park then back.

Tim Kajita, who handles all the Audio equipment for all the entertainers and both Bon Odori’s.

Nancy Martinez and Akie Tomiyama who both handle the distribution and depositing of all things green (money). Plus, they do so many behind the scenes things as well.

The Sumida’s, who keep the Taiyaki booth running at both Bon Odori’s.

Bill Teague, who is the emcee for the Bon Odori and makes sure comp tickets are available for all the entertainers.

Keiko Negoro and Sue Moribe who worked hard to fill the volunteer list and made sure all the positions were filled.

Mike Ong, who does much of the general arrangements.

Ann Ong, who is one of the Odori instructor but also helps out with the somen salad.

Bobby and Chelsey Koga who are the leaders of BTSD Taiko.

Ricky Cheeks and Angela Castillo designed the postcards, flyers, posters, and t-shirts.

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Whoopee!!!! - another successful BTSD Rummage Sale! This year the EcoSangha Committee worked on organizing our efforts and with everyone's hard work and the bountiful donations we were able to raise over $6000 to help the temple with its operating expenses.

There are many parts involved with coordinating this event – it is a lot of work but it is one of the few events where we really make connections with the neighbors in our community.

We know that August is an incredibly busy month so our thanks go to the many who made the sale happen:

- our generous donors who thought of the temple when other options were available
- the donation pick-up posse (special thanks to Ken Muraoka for the use of his time and truck for the many pick-ups throughout the county),
- our able advertisers - Craigslist, Chula Vista Star News, Facebook and the San Diego UT were used and Kenji Sensei posted flyers in local businesses
- the kitchen crew who coordinated the meals keeping the volunteers happy and those who prepared or brought food and drinks to share,
- the talented tactical (and over-taxed?) RS team – the sorters, pricers, staggers, cleaners, recyclers, sales helpers, tidiers, cashiers, security, and the clean-up crew

If anyone was missed, sincere apologies – it was unintended as we want to give a shout out to all of our great helpers. Everyone’s efforts were truly appreciated.

From Rummage Sale donations, we find treasures for the Obon Again Scholarship Shop, Bazaar Silent Auction and the White Elephant sales which are held several times during the year.

Donations that were not sold or saved were given to Rachel’s Center, people and/or organizations doing outreach in the Philippines, Tijuana and Ensenada, the County Animal Shelter and Deseret Industries.

Suggestions for improvement are welcomed. Please forward to Glenn Torio, EcoSangha committee chair, or to the temple so that we can discuss your suggestions at our wrap-up meeting.

Again, thank you for your support of the Buddhist Temple of San Diego. You strengthen and better our Sangha.

Gassho,
BTSD EcoSangha Committee
SEPTEMBER SHOTSUKI LIST

The September Shotsuki Hoyo (MEMORIAL SERVICE) will be held Sunday, September 10, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. in conjunction with the Family Service. Families and friends of anyone who passed away during the month of September are urged to attend and offer incense.

If there are any errors in the list, please notify the temple at (619) 239-0896 or email info@btsd.net.

9月の祥月法要は9月10日（日）、午前10時より行います。先亡者のご遺族の方々はぜひ、仏教会へご参詣下さい。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.

2017 is the memorial year for those who passed away in:

1st Year Memorial 2016 13th Year Memorial 2005 27th Year Memorial 1991
3rd Year Memorial 2015 17th Year Memorial 2001 33rd Year Memorial 1985
7th Year Memorial 2011 25th Year Memorial 1993 50th Year Memorial 1968
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 correction, please inform our secretary at (619) 239-0896 or info@btsd.net.

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Kid, Katsumi
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Sakayo Kawamoto
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IMO Michael Kawamoto

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Martinez, Nancy
Masumoto, Chiyoko

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SPECIAL DONATION
Teague, Bill

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Benson, Agnes
Honda, Mikiye

Correction from August Donations: “IMO Chieko Moriyama” was a misprint, she is alive and well. We apologize.

SEPTEMBER at the Temple

☐ SD Jr. YBL Conference
San Diego/Vista hosts on Sept. 2-3

☐ SDDSTL Conference at BTSD, Sept. 2, 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

☐ BUDDHISM 1,2,3 -- RESUMES ON SEPT. 6

☐ BTSD BENEFIT DINNER & BINGO -- SEPT. 9

☐ SHOTSUKI HOYO (MONTHLY MEMORIAL) -- SEPT. 10

☐ Fall O Higan Service-- SEPT. 24, 10 am with Guest Speaker, Mr. Darryl Yagi

☐ Pot Luck at 12 Noon, 9/24

☐ BEC Lecture on 9/24 at 1 p.m.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CHECK INSIDE THE KAIHO
We invite your participation at our September events. Please check the calendar (page 2) for more activities. An envelope is included with this mailing if you wish to make a O Higan donation. Thank you for your support of the temple. Gassho.
Scholarships Granted at Obon Service

As part of our Obon Service July 30, four temple youth were presented scholarships to assist them in their studies. Representing the Scholarship Committee, Patty Nakamura presented each of the scholarships to the recipients.

Incoming Freshman
Two high school graduates received the Ben Honda Memorial Scholarship, which supports scholars in their first college year:
- Breven Honda, graduated from Madison High School, will be majoring in Journalism with an emphasis in Media Studies at San Diego State University.
- Koji Martinez, graduated from University City High School, and will be attending Mesa College.

Two college students received the Tetsuyo Kashima Memorial Scholarship, which supports scholars as they continue their higher education:
- Emily Isakari is a junior at UCLA, with a major in Asian American Studies and a minor in Global Health, Labor, and Workforce Studies.
- Mark Torio is a Junior at San Diego State University with a major in Electrical Engineering.
- Kenji Sensei assisted in presenting the scholarships.

Patty Nakamura congratulated the recipients and thanked Temple members and friends for supporting the scholarship funds by direct donation and by their purchases at the Obon Again Asian Resale Shop, where 100% of proceeds go to scholarship. She also acknowledged major donors, starting with the Tanizaki Family Memorial Fund, a bequest from the Matsui Family, and others over the years.

BEC Lecture on Bullying

As part of our observances for Ohigan (celebrated during the Equinox), guest speaker Darryl Yagi of Enmanji Buddhist Temple will present a special lecture on Saturday, Sept. 23, at 7 p.m. We expect the lecture to be of special interest to parents, and their older children, if they would like to attend.

Mr. Yagi, who has served professionally as a high school counselor, will bring his practical insights into how and why bullying happens, and how we can respond to bullying behavior.

Buddhism 1-2-3 Resumes in September

After our August break, we again offer our informal, come-one come-all presentation of chanting, meditation, and Dharma with Buddhism 1-2-3. Participants typically include a mix of people just starting their learning about Buddhism and long-time Temple members.

We meet at 7 p.m. each Wednesday for a 90-minute session in our air-conditioned, one-story Sangha Hall. Kenji Sensei, our resident minister, leads several sessions each month. In September we will cover themes related to balance in our lives, the ideals of Buddhism that are part of that balance, and how the doctrinal aspects of Jodo Shinshu relate to the present moment in which we all find ourselves together.

Buddhism 1-2-3 is valued by attendees for the openness of discussion and its informal approach, with the opportunity of asking questions and getting the benefit of various perspectives of the attendees.

Sessions are open to all and light refreshments will be served.

A Call to Current and Prospective Members

Bill Teague, Membership Chair

Current Members. Thanks to all of you for your membership pledges in 2017! While most of you have renewed, a number of members have not. You can check our updated list of 2017 members on the Membership Board along the hallway on the Office Level of the Temple. We will also send out reminders soon to those who may yet need to renew. The notice would arrive in the first week of September.

Prospective Members. If you have been thinking about joining the Temple, don’t wait for next year. Consider our monthly option, in which we can charge your credit or debit card each month, or you can mail or drop off monthly checks. In this way you do not need to pay for all of 2017 even if you start now.

Temple membership keeps us strong at the core. Our doors are open to all, but the Temple survives to share the Dharma because of its loyal members.
**BTSD GOLF TOURNAMENT**

Bright sunshine and a gentle breeze set the stage for a picturesque day for 39 golfers to gather for the temple’s 22nd annual Golf Tournament. The event was held on August 27 at Eastlake Country Club in Chula Vista.

Golfers traveled from Arizona, Las Vegas, Los Angeles and of course, San Diego County to participate. Ten teams, and golfers of all skill levels, participated in the four-person scramble format.

Thank you very much to all of the golfers and volunteers for spending a day of rekindling friendships participating in the tournament.

After checking in, golfers were treated to a continental breakfast, took part in the putting contest, practiced their swing on the driving range, then headed out on the course at 8 a.m. After four hours-plus of play, golfers enjoyed a BBQ lunch, awards ceremony and raffle drawing.

The temple extends a heartfelt thank you to all the sponsors and donors who contributed to the tournament: **Upper level sponsorships:** Muraoka Enterprises, Roy Muraoka, Tad and Ken Muraoka (Bride); Sushi Ota, Mr. Yukita Ota (Beverage cart); Tom and Sumi Yanagihara (Closest to pin); Motoo and Angie Tsuneyoshi (Closest to pin); Ralph and Avis Honda (Closest to pin); California Bank & Trust, downtown San Diego Branch, Jill Lozier, manager (Long drive); Agnes Benson (Long drive); Miki Honda (Long drive). **Hole sponsors:** MKA Inc (Michael Kinoshita), 3D’s Travel (Doug Ojiri), Ito Girard & Associates (Robert Ito), Ron and Holly Hidinger, Ed and Miyo Hill, Rich and Ruth Kaneko, Howard and Kaneko Kuwada, Trace and Mildred Kawasaki, Roy and Karen Okuara, Dennis and Elaine Otsuji, Steve Sato, Keiju and Seiju Terada (in memory of Rev. Koju Terasaka), Alan and Akiko Tomiyama, Ron and Sheila Yagura, Sas and Jane Yamamoto and Roy and Susan Yonekura.

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**Congratulations to the team winners:** First place: Milt Moss, Bob Sagat, Steve Schraeder and Tom Yanagihara; Second place: Tim Kajita, Toshio Moriuchi, Mine and Jim Tominaga (our Arizona golfers, plus Tim!); Third place team: Chad Yagura, Bret Yamamoto, Ryan Yamamoto and Kevin Yoneda; Low gross team: Glenn Obayashi, Don Ueno, Ron and Sheila Yagura.

**Congratulations to the contest winners:** Closest to Pin — Milt Moss, Glen Obayashi and Chad Yagura; Long Drive — Women: Sheila Yagura; Youth: Ryan Yamamoto; Men over 75: Don Ueno; Men under-75: Donald Wong; Putting Contest: Don Ueno.

**Thank you to the volunteers who helped on the day of the event:** Avis and Breven Honda, Mildred and Trace Kawasaki, Susan and Roy Yonekura, Gregg Yonekura, Sas and Jane Yamamoto, Richard Matsumoto (photographer), Chad Yagura, Bret Yamamoto, Kevin Yoneda (scorers). And, to our master of ceremonies, Richard Kaneko.

We hope that everyone is looking forward to 23rd annual event in 2018.

Gassho,
Ralph Honda, Rich Kaneko, Ron Yagura (Co-chairmen)

**BTSD HOSTS TRI-TEMPLE SEMINAR**

On Saturday, July 29, the temple hosted the annual Southern District Tri Temple Seminar. An enthusiastic audience of 45 gathered to hear and listen to the guest presenters, Rev. Bob Oshita, and his wife Rev. Patti Oshita from Sacramento.

In addition to the BTSD Sangha, attendees traveled from Vista, Orange County, Gardena, Senshin and Venice to listen to the Dharma shared by the two speakers.

The afternoon started with a service in the Hondo led by Kenji Sensei. After a brief introduction of the two visiting ministers, the seminar separated into adult and youth sessions.

Rev. Bob spoke to a very captive adult audience with his presentation on “Buddhism Is Life.” Rev. Patti spoke to a very intriguing Jr. YBA and College YBA group on the topic of “Who Am I Now? Our Lifelong Question.” At the end of each two-hour presentation, the two ministers combined their groups for a final workshop entitled “Buddhism and Love.”

Following the seminar, some of the attendees gathered at Emerald Chinese Restaurant in Kearny Mesa for a dinner.

The Tri-Temple Seminar was co-sponsored by BTSD and the Southern District Buddhist Education Committee (BEC). The Southern District BEC provided a very generous grant, enabling our temple to stage the very enlightening seminar.

San Diego, Vista and Orange County share, on a rotation basis, the opportunity to host a seminar for the southern region of the Southern District.

**TEMPLE HOSTS TAIKO CONFERENCE**

It was certainly an international flavor when over 40 taiko enthusiasts gathered at BTSD for the first annual Women’s Taiko Conference on Aug. 8-10.

Delegates from throughout California, across the United States and several from around the world gathered for nearly three days of discussions, workshops and sharing the thunderous sounds of taiko.

The event was held in conjunction with the North American Taiko Conference that took place Aug. 10-13 at UC San Diego.

Many thanks to the BTSD taiko members, especially Chelsey Koga, who assisted the attendees and helped coordinate a Tuesday breakfast and potluck dinner hosted by our temple taiko members.

The attendees said that they had a wonderful time and look forward to visiting BTSD in the future.
Growing Up SANSEI

November 18, 2017 at 1:00 pm

A Community Event about Our Uniquely JA Upbringing
Just the mention of a “Japanese American Dysfunctional Family Play” has brought smiles and laughter from Baby Boomer Sansei who grew up in a uniquely JA family environment.

A live reading of a “JA Dysfunctional Family Play” by Soji Kashiwagi, with a post-reading discussion by Dr. Satsuki Ina in "Garage Door Opener" we meet Glenn and Sharon, a brother and sister cleaning out the garage after their parents have passed away. As they sift through dozens of empty tofu containers and thick broccoli rubber bands, they find a better understanding of their parents and themselves.

Please join us on Saturday, November 18, 2017 at 1 p.m. at the Buddhist Temple of San Diego
General Admission $15, includes reading and discussion only
$25 includes admission and a bento lunch at noon

Growing Up SANSEI

FALL O HIGAN

The temple will observe the fall O Higan service on Sunday, September 24. The guest speaker will be Mr. Darryl Yagi of the Enmanji Buddhist Temple.
Professionally, Mr. Yagi has served as a high school guidance counselor in Northern California.

Following the service, the temple will have a potluck luncheon in the Annex Hall.

For the luncheon, the members of the Board of Directors will provide the main dish. Sangha members are encouraged to share their favorite side or rice dish; salad or dessert for the luncheon.

If there are two words that describe BTSD potlucks they are “OUTSTANDING” and DELICIOUS!

During the luncheon, the temple will recognize our heartfelt Keiro Kai (pioneers group), 80-years-young and above. Our Keiro Kai pioneers continue to be our strongest and most dedicated temple supporters.

BTSD Ohigan BEC Talk

Saturday, September 23, 2017
7:00-8:30 PM
“The Bully and the Buddha”
Mr. Darryl Yagi

This important topic for you and your children will be addressed in an interactive talk and discussion. As an authority on issues of youth, Mr. Yagi states, “Bullying is pervasive and evident in all segments of society today. What is important is how we respond to bullying. Let us come together and better understand and respond to bullying in a peaceful way.”

Mr. Darryl Yagi has been an influential school counselor, therapist, and Shin Buddhist. He has held many leadership positions and teaches and consults at the state, national, and university levels. He has been president of the California School Counseling Association and the American Counseling Association. He received the “Counselor of the Year Award” at both the state and national levels and many other awards, including the Counseling Hall of Fame at Stanford University. More recently, He has been invited to Japanese universities as a guest lecturer, to implement and teach counseling and related educational subjects. He is a Minister’s Assistant at Enmanji, in Sebastopol.