Naturalness
Jinen Honi
By Rev. Dr. Kenji Akahoshi, Resident Minister

When I was younger, some aspects of Buddhism seem so far removed from ordinary life that I disregarded them completely. What does it mean to become a Buddha or to be born in the Pure Land? Furthermore, I was frustrated because Jodo Shinshu didn’t seem to have a process or path for me to gain these experiences. The Shin admonition to not practice nor calculate was perplexing. I wondered why Shin, being the largest sect of Buddhism in Japan, might have only a few adherents enjoy the deep spiritual experience of shinjin?

The words of a Zen monk, Mu Mun, help to suggest some insight. “Words cannot show truth. Speech cannot point into nature.

One who holds words is dead. One who attaches to sentences is lost.”

I think that he is saying that words cannot fully describe an experience. This may be another way of describing Nagarjuna’s “fingers pointing to the moon of truth.” Words are the fingers pointing to the experience of the moon.

Stories of human experiences are one way to point the way. This is why it is so important to listen to and read about the Shin Dharma. However, the stories are often about special people who have developed an ability to act and think according to the teachings of Shin Buddhism. I began to realize that I also have experiences that might be similar to deep spiritual experiences. But my experiences were very common and not grand awakenings. I began to realize that there was benefit in validating these experiences rather than denying them. By accepting my little insights, I was building confidence in accepting larger ones.

I would like to use this process to explain a more complex spiritual process that is called “Jinen Honi.” By relating some unfamiliar Shin terminology to familiar experiences, we may begin to appreciate the relevance of Shin Buddhism in our lives.

“Jinen” is often translated as “to be made so, of itself.” It indicates that it is not dependent on any calculation on the part of the practitioner. Honi” indicates that our awakening is due to Amida’s Vow power. It indicates that from the beginning, we are assured of our inclusion in the pure realm without any calculation on our part. But the challenge is to put an experience to the words “Amida’s Vow power.”

“Naturalness” is sometimes used as a loose description of “to be made so of itself.” So, our awakening is a natural process outside of our own efforts. What is Shinran trying to tell us?

We can observe the progression of a child from an infant to a 5, 10, 15, or 20-year old. Although individual effort is necessary, much of it comes about naturally with growth and maturity. This may be an example of “to be made so, of itself.” So, this phrase may not be as mysterious as it may seem. We all have matured or have become so as a natural process of life.

Another example of “Jinen Honi” becomes evident with health. For most of us, after an illness or injury, a natural process of healing occurs. Medical treatment, in the form of an operation, therapy, or drugs, may help us, but our body heals as a natural process.

Even the process of evolution involves all of nature progressing toward a natural state of “to be made so, of itself.” There is speculation that life began over 3 billion years ago as some amorphous, organic ooze. Single cells eventually combined with others to form complex life forms. Plant life, then animal life ventured beyond the oceans to populate the earth with a variety of life forms. There is evidence that apes eventually evolved into human type forms in the last 100,000 years. Then somehow, the human brain developed the capacity to speculate on its own existence. This birth of consciousness may be the beginning of religions.

“Amida’s Vow power” are Shinran’s words to describe an experience that is natural. Every aspect of my life is a result of Amida’s Vow power. The causes and conditions that have created and supported my life are incalculable. No amount of my personal effort or calculation could have created my birth, sustained my life to adulthood, and provided me with family and friends who support me. Namo Amida Butsu awakens me to this reality. It wakes me up from my slumber of self-concern. How could I take so much for granted, when the efforts of others (Amida’s Compassion) have sustained me?

Every time we experience the joy of ordinary life, we are realizing Jinen Honi. “Namo Amida Butsu” is my response to waking up to the Vow power of Amida Buddha: The Light and Life of the universe that support me, just as I am.

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PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE
By LuAnn Lee, Board President

It was an extra busy May and June. It started off with a personal trip to New York for my niece’s graduation and a cousin’s wedding in Indiana. It was filled with a lot of walking but it was worth every step (15,000 to 20,000 plus steps a day).

Besides the memorable graduation and wedding, we visited the 911 museum, High Line, Hudson Yard Mall, Vessel Structure, Chelsea Market, Shopping in SoHo, Top of the Rock, Indianapolis 500 Motor Speedway and even made it over the Brooklyn Bridge. Since we walked so much, we worked up hearty appetites and enjoyed Steve Pizza, Joe’s Pizza, Carmines, Joe’s Shanghai, Gallagher’s Steak house, Faicco’s Deli, Russ &amp; Daughters and Katz’s Deli just to name a few. If you haven’t been to New York, I hope you will try to plan a trip there and if you can’t walk that much, there are plenty of taxi’s and Lyfts.

While I was gone, I missed out on some Temple services and Memorial Day events.

Thank you to Michael Kinoshita and Glenn Torio for filling in to represent the temple at the Hatsumairi ceremony, Gotane service and the Community Memorial Day Service.

I was happy to hear that nine members went to the Imperial Valley for the annual pilgrimage. Thank you to Laverne Imori for performing the services and Ralph Honda for organizing the trip. Appreciation to Tim Asamen of Westmoreland for choosing a nice restaurant for lunch and for quick visit to the museum. I always look forward to visiting with him and the other folks that attend the cemetery services.

On June 2, the temple had a big crowd attend the annual bazaar. This year, preliminary numbers are showing this to be one of the most profitable bazaars. We thank the booth sponsors, individual donors and volunteers who helped in a booth, prepped the days before and helped with the many jobs that come with a large event like this.

We appreciate everyone that supported us by purchasing food, goods or opportunity drawing tickets. It was truly a team effort and I hear some say they had “fun”. Please see the article on page 6 for more details.

Nine members attended the Southern District conference at Senshin Buddhist Temple on June. “I am Jiriki” was the theme and Rev. Mas Kodani was the keynote speaker. His address “Why I think Jodo Shinshu is Going to Disappear” caught my attention so I signed up to hear his thoughts on this interesting subject. He talked about how our temple or churches are declining and aging in membership, less people so less activities and the shortage of ministers in BCA. All sounding a bit depressing but I think many temples are noticing the same way. There was really no answer to this statement but I feel it helped make us more aware of these issues and now work on solutions.

The next day, Rev. Dr. Duncan Ryuken Williams provided a Dharma talk and later promoted his book American Sutra: A Story of Faith and Freedom in the Second World War. We had over 80 people dining on a delicious grilled chicken skewer plate lunch before his talk and book signing. This project took many years of research. He shared some interesting findings. Buddhist Priest were the first to be taken and put in holding areas due to their religious beliefs and the government was said to have been looking for anyone with even one drop of Japanese blood to be locked up. It is something we can never forget, so other ethnic groups will not be subjected to this type of discrimination. Thank you to Joyce Teague and Karen Akahoshi for chairing this event and to Glenn Torio and Michael Kinoshita for heading up the luncheon. Appreciation goes to all who volunteered and supported this event.

On Thursday, June 13, six members attended the Japanese Training Squadron Ship docked at the Harbor near Pier B. It was a classy reception with a tempura and sushi bars, famous Navy chili and a spread with more sushi, seafood, chicken, desserts and so much more. We met many young training officers and they all wanted to go to the Gaslamp area.

Next door, on the USS Midway Museum, 11 temple members were cooking Taiyaki for the Japan Society of San Diego and Tijuana’s Beer and Sake Festival. Thank you to the hard workers, Glenn T, Gregg, Junko, Karen, Kimberly, Laura, Norman, Ralph, Richard, Roy and Tim.

We celebrated all the Dad’s and Grads at the annual Temple picnic on June 16. We always look forward to having an outside service at Rhor Park in Chula Vista, eating grilled hamburgers, hot dogs, sausages, lumpia, salads, spam musubi, desserts and much more. Thank you to the Dharma School, Hondas, Okuharas and Junior YBA for organizing and making this picnic a nice way to end the school year.

As we approach O Bon, please save the date for our temple O Bon service and Odori on Sunday, July 28 starting at 2 p.m., and the O Bon Festival at Balboa Park on Saturday, August 3.

I look forward to seeing you soon.

Gassho

BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS
The Board of Directors met on June 11:

1. Funds were approved to repair the rolling gate at the north entrance to the parking lot.
2. A contractor was selected to prune the trees and shrubs on the south side of the annex and behind the Sangha Hall,
3. An anonymous monetary donation will be placed in the Building Improvements account,
4. A company was selected to handle vehicle donations to the temple. It is the same company used by the Orange County Buddhist Church. More information will follow.
5. The Board was updated on the activities of the standing committees and the affiliated organizations.
6. Reports were provided on the Japanese Cultural Bazaar and Dr. Williams’ “American Sutra” talk and benefit lunch,
7. A positive fiscal year end is projected. Generous donations have been received.
BWA NEWS

The BWA hosted the annual New Member Luncheon on June 22. We wish to welcome new members, Ruth Voorhies and Mary Amemiya. It’s always a fun time to introduce our new members.

Members who attended the Southern District Conference at Senshin had various reactions to Rev. Kodani’s message. But he certainly kept my attention. At lunch, we were assigned table numbers to sit with members from other temples. It was a great way to talk to those in attendance from other temples. This was a great idea since we met and talked to different people that we otherwise would not have met. The four of us in our car certainly had a lively chat on our ride home.

The craft group will be busy creating more items to sell at the Balboa Park O Bon. Two of our ladies have volunteered their husbands to cart our supply to our booth and back after the event is over.

Our members will be asked to come out to prep food to sell at the Balboa Park O Bon. This is scheduled for Friday, August 2, at 9 am.

The next meeting will be on July 7 at 11:45 in the Conference Room. Toban Group A will host.

DHARMA SCHOOL NEWS

Many thanks to all who made DS Camping possible! It was a great success with 25 campers and day trippers and much fun to be had by all. Campers tented under the pines of Paso Picacho campground, which is part of Rancho Cuyamaca State Park. Activities included a tour of the Eagle Mine in Julian, which was active in the 1870’s, making paracord bracelets, decorating peg dolls, and food and fellowship over s’mores, mac ’n cheese, and curry rice. The group also handled the weather by packing a little early to avoid rain on Sunday morning. Some left Saturday evening and some packed early Sunday and caravanned to Julian for breakfast and Santana Ysabel for Dudley’s Bakery. Looking forward to another fun campout next year!

On June 16, our last Dharma School service was held at Rohr Park in Chula Vista. Service began at 10 a.m. We honored our fathers and grandfathers, and recognize our Dharma School students with attendance Awards. They included: Matteo Mascola, 2 years; Paulina Covarrubias 3 years; Andrea Covarrubias, 3 years; Ava Yamamoto, 12 years; and Zoe Yamamoto, 14 years. Thank you to our Jr. YBA for hosting the games. There was the geta race and the water balloon toss. Thank you to everyone who came out and hope you enjoyed yourselves.

We will be planning the next Dharma School year in July.

Gassho, Avis Honda

JR YBA NEWS

Hello Everyone! We are very excited for Jr YBA events coming up soon! The Jr. YBA would like to thank the Sangha for their constant support! Without help from the Sangha, Junior YBA would not be where it is today. We would also like to thank Ken Muraoka and Sharyn Kang for being amazing advisors.

Last month the Juniors participated in many exciting events! We hosted the games at the temple’s Japanese Cultural Bazaar! We were happy to see many new kids and Dharma friends. At Bazaar we had many Juniors working the games as well as a few past Jr. YBA members who came home for the summer!

On June 16, following the temple picnic, we co-hosted the third annual Walk to Feed the Hungry with the Sangha Teens! The walk was held at Rohr Park in Chula Vista! After we hosted the games, we started the three-mile walk! All the proceeds will go towards the Buddhist Global Relief, an organization that provides food to hungry people around the globe! Although the walk has been completed, you are welcome to donate towards the cause.

This month, we are all looking forward to O Bon Odori! The Jr. YBA will be having its annual O Bon Opportunity Drawing. Prizes range from gift baskets to a grand prize! Last year we had a $1000 first prize! Tickets may be purchased from any Jr. YBA for $2. The Jr. YBA will use the net proceeds to help cover expenses for the Southern District Conference coming up in August!

On August 24-25, the Southern District Conference will be co-hosted by the Senshin and Venice Buddhist Jr. YBA. We are very excited about going to conference this year! We hope to have multiple Juniors attend! Last year we had so much fun being with our Buddhist friends from around Southern California and learning more about the Dharma!

We hope to see you soon at some of our upcoming events!

In Gassho,
Jenna Sasaki

Membership Update: Over 80 Percent

Bill Teague, Membership Chair

Renewals. Over eight out of ten of members have renewed for 2019. How about you? A complete listing of all renewals to date is posted on one of the white boards in the Office level whiteboard. It’s a nice long list!

Join or Rejoin. We welcome new members or any member who has been less active to rejoin at any time. We can work with you to start any time with monthly payments, to pro rate 2019 one-time payments, or come to a payment plan that makes sense for your budget.

If you have questions about your status please let us know, in care of the Temple or reach out to Bill Teague, membership chair, 619-248-3749 or email: btcomms@cox.net
OBON MEMORIAL LANTERN

Obon is a time to remember our loved ones who have passed away. As a way to honor and express our gratitude to our ancestors, you are invited to make a memorial paper lantern to be hung above the dance circle. There will be a table set up for you to make these lanterns an hour before and during the Bon Odori practices on Sundays and Thursdays.

Individuals and families may make the memorial lanterns on the day of the Obon Odori at the temple and Balboa Park. You may choose to take the supplies home to make the lantern and return it to be hung at the Obon.

An important part of making the lantern is writing your departed loved one’s name on a tag with a loving message to be attached to the bottom of the lantern.

The process of making an Obon Memorial Lantern and having it hung above the Odori circle is a meaningful way to honor and show your appreciation to your grandparents, parents, and other family and friends. Due to their hard work and sacrifices, we are able to have the good life that we have today. Hope you will be able to find the time to make an Obon Memorial Lantern. A donation of $5.00 is appreciated. Below are the dates and times when you can make an Obon Memorial Lantern.

Join BTSD Contingent in the 2019 San Diego LGBT Pride Parade

Get your rainbow gear out and help the temple celebrate LGBT Pride on Saturday, July 13 in Hillcrest! More than 250,000 spectators line the parade route every year to celebrate San Diego’s LGBT community. Join us in the morning to help decorate our float and stick around to march in the parade, one of the largest in the U.S. Contact the temple office at: info@btsd.net or 619-239-0896 for details.

Looking Ahead to September:

September 4th -- Monshu Visit to San Diego
Wednesday 7:00 -- 9:00 p.m.
Fiesta Dinner
No Service

September 14 -- Mr. Rick Stambul,
BCA President
Saturday 7:00 -- 8:30 p.m. BEC Talk

September 20 -- Rev. Dr. Ken Tanaka
Friday 7:00 -- 8:30 p.m. BEC Talk

TEMPLE SUMMER CLEANUP IS SET FOR SUNDAY, JULY 21

Bring out your buckets, broom, rags, vacuums and cleaners. The temple will be having its summer cleaning day on Sunday, July 21 from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m.

Volunteers will be sprucing up the hondo and cleaning other areas of the temple, including the dining room, kitchen, office, conference room, annex classrooms, Sangha Hall and basement, as we prepare for O Bon. The O Bon service will take place on Sunday, July 28 and followed by the odori in the parking lot.

There will not be a service on cleanup day. Instead, stay for Bon Odori (dance) practice that will take place in the Annex Hall from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Please volunteer a couple of hours of your time to make the temple sparkle!

Obon Again: When you give to the Obon Again Shop and the Rummage Sale, you are giving your unneeded possessions a new life. The joy felt by the prospective new owners when they find just the right thing they’ve been wanting and looking for, is priceless. So, in Reducing and Recycling you provide joy to someone, more space in your home, and income for the temple.

The Silent Auction was, once again, successful! We are grateful for your donations and gently used items.

The Silent Auction Team

BTSD Bon Odori practices will be on Thursdays and Sundays

Save These Dates:

Thursdays: July 11, 18, 25, Aug. 1 at 7:00 p.m.
Sundays: July 7, 14, 21 at 11:00 a.m.

Bon Odori:
Temple - July 28, 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.
JAPANESE CULTURAL BAZAAR... Thank you!

Buddhist Temple San Diego Bazaar Report, June 2019

Thank you to all who contributed to another successful Bazaar! Preliminary numbers show we may have exceeded last years’ totals. We want to thank our underwriters, groups and individuals that donated towards the expenses. We are very grateful as this will help our bottom line.

Please thank these individuals and groups when you see them.

- TICKET SPONSOR – SETS AND JAN IWASHITA
- UNDERWRITER – SETS AND JAN IWASHITA (CHOW MEIN BOOTH)
- UNDERWRITER – RUTH VOORHIES (CHICKEN BOOTH)
- UNDERWRITER – GALE KANESHIRO (STRAWBERRY MOCHI)
- UNDERWRITER – SAN DIEGO JUNIOR YBA
  (GAME PRIZES AND SUPPLIES)
- UNDERWRITER – CAROL BAKER REAL ESTATE GROUP
- BEER GARDEN DONATIONS – BURNING BEARD
- BAKERY - MANY OTHERS THAT DONATED ANONYMOUSLY
- BAKED CHASHU BAO DONATION – MILDRED AND TRACE KAWASAKI
- SOCIAL MEDIA/FACEBOOK FEE – BILL TEAGUE
- TOFU SALAD DONATION – NANCY MARTINEZ
- DONATIONS – AGNES BENSON, JAIME BROWN, MIKIYE HONDA, KIYOSHI AND ITSUKO KAWASAKI, LUANN LEE, CHIYO MASUMOTO, CHIEKO MORIYAMA, JUNKO MIZUNO (MASAZUMI-KAI),

We could not have put on such a wonderful event without our Chair People. Thank You to these dedicated people and those that helped the Chiefs. We just don’t have enough room to list every person but that doesn’t mean we thank you any less.

Special Thanks to Our Chairs and Groups.

- Bakery - Ann Yamamoto
- Beer Garden – Carol Baker
- Bookstore – Noriko Kawai, Yukari Williams, Smitty, Intro to Buddhism – Kenji Sensei, Ministerial Assistants
- Maribeth “Smitty” Smith, LaVerne Imori and Noriko Kawai
- Cabbage and Info/Ticket Booth - Tsune Hashiguchi,
- Cash boxes and Treasurers assistant - Nancy Martinez, Aki Tomiyama
- Chicken and Teriyaki/Sauce - Jeff Sakai, Steve Marx, Roy and Karen Okuhara
- Chow Mein - Ann Ong, Tad Muraoka and Advisor Miki Honda
- Credit Card/PayPal – Amy Graeber, Caitlin Yoshioka and Kimberly Kruse
- Displays Music – Nancy Martinez, Joyce Teague
- Eco Sangha – Shirley Omori
- Entertainment – Junko Kajita and Ken Muraoka
- Games - Junior YBA
- General Arrangement - Mike Ong and Michael Kinoshita
- Kitchen Schedule/Booth Layout – Michael Kinoshita
- Master of Ceremonies – Bill Teague, Ken Muraoka and Junko Kajita
- Office Manager - Linda Redenbaugh
- Opportunity Drawing Donations - Bill Teague and Greg Yonekura
- P A System – Tim Kajita
- Prep Coordinators - Carol Baker and Ann Ong
- Publicity – Kaytee, Caitlin, Bill and Qamar
- Rice prep and cook - Jeanne Inouye
- Silent Auction – Aki Tomiyama, Susan Yonekura, Jane Yamamoto, Sue Moribe and Debbie Shimizu

Social Media – Caitlin Yoshioka, Bill Teague, Qamar Bradford
Snack Bar – Sangha Teens/Dharma School and Tommy Yanagihara
Strawberry Mochi – Gale Kaneshiro
Supplies - Glenn Negoro, Ralph Honda, Michael Kinoshita and crew
Sushi - BWA
Taco booth – Angie Tsucheyoshi, Arlene and Gordon Shimizu
Tofu Salad – Carol Baker, Nancy Martinez and crew
Tofu Tacos – Jaime Brown
Trash Trailer/Equipment – Muraoka Enterprises
Treasurers - Aki Tomiyama, Nancy Martinez
Volunteers – Keiko Negoro and Chairs
White Elephant/Nursery – Kaytee Sumida, Laurine Ota, Kelvin and Lara Tanaka

We had another year of talented performers and informative Community Groups. A heart felt thank you from all of us for your participation to make our Bazaar extra special.

- BTS Taiko – Performers
- Genki Home Care
- Hula and Tahitian Dancing (Hiva Katoa)
- Japanese Friendship Garden – Crafts
- Japanese American Historical Society of San Diego–Craft/Display
- Kimono Fashion Show & Japanese Classical Dance
- Japanese School Chorus
- Kamishibai (Japanese Storytelling)
- Kinjo Ryukyu Minyo Kenkyushu
- (Okinawan Folk Songs with Shamisen)
- Kenji Sensei & Ministerial Assistants - Introduction of Buddhism
- Koto (Yuki Easter)
- Nancy Martinez and Joyce Teague (Music Displays)
- Reverend Aoyama – Harmonica
- San Diego Taiko
- Masazumi Kai – Koto and Shaku-hachi Ensemble
- Shofunkan Kendo Dojo
- Sushi on a Roll
- Wendy Nakamura – Sumi-E
- Yokohama Sister Cities

The most important thank you is to all that supported us with volunteering, purchasing, donating and attending our event.

We are truly grateful to you!

The bazaar committee had its wrap up meeting on Thursday, June 27. We are looking forward to working together again at our temple O Bon on July 28 and the Balboa Park O Bon Festival on August 3.

In Gassho,
Bazaar Chairs – Mildred Kawasaki and LuAnn Lee

Please let us know if we missed any acknowledgement – BTS Taiko office and bazaar committee
239-0896 or info@btsd.net

Dana Group is collecting school supplies in the dining room for low income students ~ now through July 28
BTSD TAKES PART IN VARIOUS COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

During the latter part of May and into June, the temple conducted and participated in cemetery memorial services, hosted the annual Japanese Cultural Bazaar, took part in community events and conducted its annual walk to support hunger and global relief. Please enjoy the photos that temple Sangha members and friends took part!

El Centro Cemetery service was held on May 25. BTSD and the valley participants included: (L-R) Laverne Imori, Nancy Martinez, Marie Galvez, Breven Honda, Avis Honda, Jeanne Inouye, Miki Honda, Caroline Jackson, Jason Jackson and Kiku Graeber.

Imperial Valley memorial service, led by Laverne Imori sensei, was held at Mountain View Cemetery in Calexico on May 25.

Community Memorial Day service was held on May 27 at Mt. Hope Cemetery. Mitch Himaka and Rev. Dr. Kenji Akahoshi were part of the of the ceremony.

Beer & Sake Festival on the USS Midway: Volunteers grilled the temple’s delicious taiyaki “sweet treat dessert” at the 17th annual event hosted by the Japan Society of San Diego and Tijuana on June 13. Each year, BTSD participates in the event with outreach to the community and providing information on the temple’s spiritual and social activities. The taiyaki crew includes (from left to right) Glenn Torio, Richard Matsumoto, Gregg Yonekura, Norman Kiyono, Ralph Honda, Laura Yoshida, Karen and Roy Okuhara, Kimberly Kruse, Chelsey Koga and Tim and Junko Kajita.

Walk to Feed the Hungry: Participants gather for a group photo opportunity before beginning the third annual walk at Rohr Park in Chula Vista on June 16. The walk raises awareness of hunger throughout the world. Monies received will benefit Buddhist Global Relief, an organization that provides food to hungry people around the world. The walk was co-sponsored by the Jr. YBA and Sangha Teens.

BTSD Taiko: opened the festivities at the annual Japanese Cultural Bazaar held on June 2. There were many performances, demonstrations, vendors, crafts and delicious food which was enjoyed by many guests throughout the day!
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 contact the office at 619-239-0896.

BTSD DONATIONS
Layman, Hisa - Imperial Valley Memorial Day
Williamson, D - Westmorland
Asamen, Timothy K - Imperial Valley Memorial Service
Jackson, Carolyn - Imperial Valley Service
Honda, Mikiye
Sasaki, Laverne - Visitation Shigehara, Wilbur
Nakada, Lucia - 3rd Year Mem. Mr. Lino Nakada
Anonymous - ‘New Heights’
Kawamoto, Mitsuko - Special Ota Laurine - Minyo Matsumae Kai

CULTURAL BAZAAR DONATIONS
Kaneshiro, Gale - Sponsorship Strawberry Mochi
Iwashita, Setsuo and Jan - Sponsorship Chow Mein Booth
Benson, Agnes
Honda, Mikiye
Kawasaki, Kiyoshi & Itsuko
Martinez, Nancy - Toward Tofu Salad Expense
Voorhies, Ruth - Sponsor Chicken Booth
Mizuno, Junko - Masazumi--Kai
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Yamamoto, Koichi
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Floral Offering
Yoshioka Family
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Gen Maintenance
Yoshioka Family
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Gotanye Service
Kawamoto, Yukio and Mitsu Monji, Yoshiko

Improvements
Kinoshita, Michael - Kitchen Mixer

Map
Baker, Carol
Christman, Patricia

Membership Dues
Amano, Nobuko
Haseyama, Jeanette
Yoshioka, Brian, Caitlin & Family

Nirvana Day
Ryan, Mani and Yamaguchi, Laura
Ota, Laurine
Hara, Ruby
Iwashita, Setsuo and Jan
Iwashita, David

Scholarship Fund
Yoshioka Family
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Hill, Miyo
IMO Minoru Nakamura
Masumoto, Jodi
IMO George Masumoto
Masumoto, Chiyoko
IMO George Masumoto
Masumoto, Glen
IMO George Masumoto
Morinaka, Asako
Nakamura, Wendy - IMO my dad
Shigeharu Nakamura
Nakamura, Jake K.
IMO Minoru Nakamura
Kida, Katsumi
Nishii, Toyo
Yamanishi, Miyoko
Kawasaki, Trace
IMO Edward Yamashita
Rubio, Arturo

We apologize for the misspelling in the June Kaiho:
Takemoto, Kiki
IMO Yoshi Morimoto

Zoe Yamamoto, Davis Ong and Jenna Sasaki greet a youngster who is picking up his prize at the game booth. Each year, Jr. YBA sponsors the games for all ages and provides all of the great prizes!

Scenes from Japanese Cultural Bazaar Held on June 2

Alice Matsumoto, Betty Torio and Quimico Hagio prepare the delicious sushi

Miki Honda and Ruby Hara set up the Craft Booth

Photos courtesy of Greg Bull
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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 and acknowledge their continuing influence in our lives. To schedule a memorial service for a loved one, please call during weekly office hours.

**2019 is the memorial year for those who passed away in:**

- 1st Year Memorial: 2018
- 3rd Year Memorial: 2017
- 7th Year Memorial: 2013
- 13th Year Memorial: 2006
- 17th Year Memorial: 2003
- 25th Year Memorial: 1995
- 27th Year Memorial: 1993
- 33rd Year Memorial: 1987
- 50th Year Memorial: 1970
JULY and AUGUST SHOTSUKI LISTS

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| HISATOSHI UEJI (8-1-2001)                   | CHITOSE OYAMA                         |
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| MARGARITA RODRIGUE (8-9-2002)               | RUBIO FAMILY                          |
| MICHIO KISHIMOTO (8-13-2002)                | YOSHIKO SAKOW                         |
| HISAKO HELEN MATHEWS (8-13-2003)            | DAN MATHEWS JR.                      |
| YUKIE HAYASHI (8-22-2003)                   | RON HAYASHI                           |
| FUSAE AKIYAMA (8-22-2004)                   | ALAN AKIYAMA                          |
| RODNEY FURUYA (8-10-2006)                   | ALISON FURUYA                         |
| MASA NISHINAGA (8-10-2006)                  | MANI RYAN                             |
| JAKI NEWCOMBER (8-23-2007)                  | LISA MUSTARD                          |
| TAKASHI FURUKAWA (8-1-2009)                 | ELIANA FURUKAWA                       |
| KIYOKO OCHI (8-11-2009)                     | JANET OCHI-FONTANOTT                  |
| FLORENCE TSUYAKO MIZU (8-24-2009)           | MALVINO MIZU                          |
| FLORENCE F.YAMASHITA (8-29-2010)            | MILDRED KAWASAKI                      |
| LILLIAN ATSUKO SEKISHIRO (8-31-2013)        | VICTOR SEKISHIRO                      |
| KIYOKO OMORI (8-14-2014)                    | SHIRLEY OMORI                         |
| KANAME KEN NAKAMURA (8-20-2014)             | NAKAMURA FAMILY                       |
| BETTY TSUNEKO YANO (8-24-15)                | MICHAEL YANO                          |
| YACHIE MOTOBU (8-30-2015)                   | JANICE BARRETT                        |

ANNUAL RUMMAGE SALE IS AUGUST 17-18

Re-Using — Recycling — Re-Thinking

The EcoSangha Committee is chairing this year’s sale but is asking for the help of all affiliated organizations and our Sangha friends.

DONATION DROP OFFS and PICK UPS

Our Rummage Sale fundraiser is made possible by your donations of gently-used discards and the efforts of our hard-working volunteers. Clothing, books, furniture, household goods, toys and most other items are welcomed. PLEASE – No CRT TVs or MONITORS, No MATTRESSES, and any electronics, appliances and computer equipment must be in working order.

If possible, please hold your items until after August 3 as temple volunteers will be busy with the O Bon Festival.

More information will be in the August Bussei Script but please save the dates!

SORTING AND PRICING DAYS

July 27th, Saturday from 9:00 – 2 p.m.
August 10, Saturday from 9:00 a.m. – 2 p.m.
August 11, Sunday from 9:00 a.m.- 2 p.m.

Thank you in advance for your support and hard work.

Your 2019 Rummage Sale Committee
The 2019 Bon Odori at Balboa Park will take place on Saturday August 3 from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. at the Japanese Friendship Garden (JFG) and the Spreckels Organ Pavilion. For the fourth year, the temple will be teaming with the JFG staging a day full of activities leading up to the evening Bon Odori. From 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., your paid admission gives you access to the upper and lower gardens. Temple members have free admission but must enter through the side volunteer gate.

At 4 p.m. the JFG lower garden will close and admission to the upper garden will be free to the public. During this time the Spreckels Organ Pavilion will begin activities which will include live entertainment, community group booths, and craft vendors.

Throughout the day the temple will offer food for sale including chicken skewers, somen salad, rice and taiyaki (pastries with sweet red bean filling). Water, iced green tea, shaved ice, and sodas will also be sold.

The O Bon Again Shop will also be selling beautiful gently used Japanese clothing, art, and other items. Proceeds from the O Bon Again Shop benefit the temple’s scholarship fund.

Entertainment will be provided throughout the day by numerous taiko groups, including our own temple troupe. A number of community organizations will be participating in the day’s festivities, selling food, crafts and conducting games for kids.

The dancing portion, Bon Odori, will begin at 6:30 p.m. in the Spreckels Organ Pavilion. The colorful fun dancing is free and open to the public.

On Friday, August 2, 2019, the JFG will have their 4th annual Toro Nagashi “Floating of Lanterns.” The JFG will have events and entertainment throughout the day. The Temple will not be participating in this as a fundraiser, but Dr. Reverend Akahoshi will be explaining the importance of Buddhism at both of the celebrations around 6:45 p.m. The official releasing of the lanterns in the JFG lower pond area will begin at 7:00 p.m. This event requires paid admission to enter the JFG by all attendees. The JFG will be selling lantern kits for $10.

Help needed / Volunteers wanted

Every year the Bon Odori in Balboa Park continues to grow in attendance. We need help in many different areas throughout the entire weekend to make this event a success.

Check the BTSD web site and occasional emails for updates on the temple O Bon and Balboa Park O Bon Festival.
Buddhist Education in July
Bill Teague,
Buddhist Education Committee

As we move into the summer and prepare for the Obon Service and the Bon Odori, we encourage everyone to attend the Odori rehearsals (see schedule elsewhere). Buddhism has always been a mind-body approach, and it’s a wonderful experience to let your body become part of the dance.

Special Obon Lecture with Rev. Dennis Fujimoto
The BEC is happy to present an afternoon lecture with Rev. Dennis Fujimoto on Saturday, July 27, at 2 p.m. in the air-conditioned Hondo. This afternoon presentation is a plus for our members who prefer not to drive at night. We hope to provide our guest speaker with a large and appreciative welcome.

With the theme of “Reconnect the Disconnect,” Fujimoto Sensei describes his presentation as follows:

Shin Buddhism provides a path to integrate the individual with our surrounding reality. In this relationship we are able to re-define the self and expand our connections. There is a part of us that recognizes and seeks connection beyond ourselves. It is a part of us that is neglected, ignored, abandoned, and even discriminated against ... by our own egos and by the social structures that we inherit. In this seminar, we will explore and reveal the integrative path that is provided to us in our Shin Buddhist tradition.

About Rev. Fujimoto
Fujimoto Sensei provided a biography but we were not able to fact check every statement by the time the Kaiho went to press.

Born in Tokyo. My wife’s name is Sharmon. Our horse’s name is Shadow. We also have four kitties. I am the resident minister of the Buddhist Temple of Alameda. I received my Tokudo Ordination in 1982 at the Buddhist Church of San Francisco and my Kyoshi Ordination in 2004 at the Nishiyama Betsuin, Kyoto, Japan. The 22 years in between I meditated under a tree and slept in a cave.

Buddhism 1-2-3 to Breaks for August
Buddhism 1-2-3 will continue to meet Wednesday nights in July, with a reminder that there will be no sessions in August, and that the location will shift from the Sangha Hall to the Hondo or Conference Room the last few sessions in July. Here is the schedule between now and into the fall:

July 3, 10, 17, 24, 31
August <break for entire month>
Sept. 4, 11, 18, 25

Next Fourth Sunday Program in September
Our popular one-hour Introduction to Buddhism, which is offered by Kaytee Sumida on the fourth Sunday of most months, will resume Sunday, September 22, at 9 a.m. in the Sangha Hall.

BTSD O BON O BENTO ORDER FORM
An O Bento is being offered for dinner for the temple Bon Odori on July 28. If you wish to pre-order an O Bento, please place your order by Friday, July 19. The O Bento price is $13. You may pre-pay by cash, check or credit card. Bento orders may be picked up prior to the start of the odori. Thank you

NAME: ___________________________________
Phone number or Email: _____________________

Regular bento orders:       ____  x $13 =  ________
Vegetarian bento orders:  ____ x $13 =  ________
Total order:   ____ x  $13 =  ________

PAYMENT: Personal Check No. __________
Credit Card: (circle one):   Visa  Mastercard  Amex
Card Number: ______________________________
Expiration Date: _______________

Please seal & write “Bento” on envelope
With credit info inside

SCRIP NEWS
As Dhrama School draws to an end, Sunday services will continue. There will be interruptions and a whole month off in August. Start getting ready by buying gift cards for the summer months.

It was recently discovered that Great Lakes Scrip Center has Rubio’s gift cards and so we will be stocking them to have on hand. They have great fish tacos and delicious salads. Great deals on Tuesdays.

Remember relatives and friends out of state. You can find out what stores and restaurants they frequent and check the retailer list to see if the stores/restaurants they frequent are on the list. My son recently moved to the east coast and he was happy to discover that I could purchase gift cards to the grocery store at which he shops and also to some fast food places where he occasionally eats. So not only does this help him, but also the temple.

Start planning ahead for the summer and start getting your shopping list for gift cards ready!

Gassho,
Miyo Hill, Scrip committee