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This Month's
Buddhist
Holiday. . .

Hanamatsuri
OR
Flower Festival
OR
Siddhartha's Bday

Dento-Kosho

DENTO KOSHO Tradition/Personal Interpretation

April is the month we celebrate Hanamatsuri "flower festival" the birth of Siddhartha Gautama who became Shakamuni Buddha. According to the Theravada Tradition, the date is 623 BCE, the Mahayana Tradition has the date at 565 BCE. Siddhartha was the only child of King Suddhodan Gautama and Queen Maya of the Sakya Kingdom. The joy of King Suddhodana was great and he named his son Siddhartha, which means "every wish fulfilled."

When our children were born, I felt the same as King Suddhodana, I was happy and joyous, but I did not name them "every wish fulfilled." People name their children in different ways. Some children are named after their parents or grandparents. Some are named for the month they were born, some are named after movie stars. My father-in-law told me, "Don't give your child too good a name, it is hard to live up to it."

Siddhartha was born in Lumbini Garden. It is said that he stood up and took seven steps, raised his right hand toward the sky and the left hand downward and proclaimed, "Above and Below the Heavens, I alone, am the World Honored One." Then a gentle rain fell to bathe the newborn. During Hanamatsuri services throughout the Tri-State, we have the Hanamido "flower pavilion" which represents Lumbini Garden, and inside the Hanamido we have a small statue of the infant Siddhartha standing in a bowl of Amacha "sweet tea". Then we Kanbutsu "bathing the Buddha", we pour the sweet tea over the statue which symbolizes the gentle rain.

The things we do are ritual. Ritual is very important, for ritual allows us to participate in the service. Ritual is important, but we must know the meaning of the ritual to bring ritual alive for oneself. Our Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Tradition has many rituals, doing the rituals and understanding them is DENTO KOSHO. The title of my articles each month is DENTO KOSHO. Dento means Tradition, and Dento means the Jodo Shinshu Tradition. Kosho means personal interpretation. One without the other is useless. Tradition by itself is cold and dead. Personal Interpretation by itself is meaningless, it has no foundation. What is natural is a personal interpretation of a Tradition. This gives Tradition life, it gives me a basis or foundation for my personal interpretation.

As we celebrate the birth of Siddhartha Gautama who became Shakamuni Buddha, let us continue to participate in all aspects of our Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Tradition.
Namandabu,
Kanya

Community Panel
Discussion; FREE
open to public

Thursday, April 2nd
7 pm - 8:30 pm
DBT Auditorium

With Tay Kondo,
Bob Fuchigami and
Adam Schrager

Call Karen Mortimer to
register or ask questions
303.316.4848

A Word From the Temple Office

by Donna Inouye

If you are able or willing to receive and read your temple newsletter online, this is your opportunity to do so. Simply contact me at the office and give me your email address (please provide me your email address in writing). Courtesy of amazing technology, a small amount of learning on your and my part, and the ability to read print on a computer screen - you can receive a copy of the Temple newsletter online every month. And there is a bonus - printed newsletter copies are limited to B & W, online newsletter copies appear in color!!

There are other worthwhile reasons for switching to an online delivery of your monthly newsletter:

1. you will be contributing to the "green" effort by eliminating paper usage.
2. you will save the Temple from paying for postage.
3. you will save some amount of work for the volunteers who gather to fold, stuff and seal each printed newsletter.

Of course, you will not receive a Special Services donation envelope which is normally provided with each month's mailing, so I would ask you to be mindful of observing each monthly Buddhist Holiday despite the missing envelope.

For a non-administrative bit of information in this month's column, I would like to offer the following thought from Pathway to Freedom: Applying the Teachings of the Buddha by Lucinda T. Green, PhD. I find these words helpful:

Be grateful for what you have and who you are. Be grateful for the simplest things. If you have a roof over your head, be grateful. If you have food to eat, be grateful. If you have a spiritual practice, be grateful. When you leave your home for the day, your job after work, or say good-bye to your loved ones, give thanks. Be grateful for the miracle of life itself. Being alive is truly a precious gift. Gratitude acknowledges what is, rather than increases awareness of lack.

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FREE HEALTH SCREENINGS at TSDBT

After such a successful effort last fall, TSDBT is joining with the Colorado Asian Health Education and Promotion (CAHEP) to host free health screenings on **Saturday, April 4th from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** We hope you can take advantage of the following free health screenings:

- Cholesterol/Triglycerides Test,
- Allergy/Asthma Test,
- HemaglobinA1C and blood glucose Test for Diabetes
- Bone Density Test for Osteoporosis
- Clinical Breast Exam

Along with the screenings, you can collect information at presentations on diet and exercise as well as Buddhist Views on Healing. Also, you will be able to collect information on a variety of community projects and services offered through Asian Pacific Development Center, Japanese Citizen League, Asian Roundtable of Colorado and more. This event is sponsored in part by the Cancer, Cardiovascular Disease and Pulmonary Disease Grants Program at the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment

For more Information contact:

www.cahep.org email: admin@cahep.org

Tel: 303 953-8176

or Rev. Carol GanSho O'Dowd, TSDBT at gansho@carolodowd.com

Friends and Family Golf Tournament;
benefitting the Taeko Tawara Scholarship
Fund and the Denver Buddhist Temple

Date: May 16, 2009

Tee-Off: 8:00 a.m.

Where: Pelican Lakes at Water Valley
Tournament

Format: Shotgun start, stroke play

Cost: \$400/foursome

includes green fee, golf cart,
lunch & prizes

For more information or a registration
form, contact:

TawaraScholarshipFund@gmail.com

Shin Meditation

Dealing With Daily Frustrations

by Rev. Carol GanSho O'Dowd

At the Thursday lunchtime meditation sessions hosted at the Denver Buddhist Temple, the repeated issue people share is, "How do I deal with my anger and frustration?" What this group is addressing is the challenge of facing their own suffering.

It is one thing to talk about it, quite another to deal with it directly. However, we are all seeing changes. Initially, we take 45 minutes to sit with our anger or frustration. We explore this feeling with the question, "Where did the anger come from?" We probe deeply into the anger looking for its true nature.

For myself, I frequently find that when I look underneath my anger, many times I find fear. So, I get angry at a person, since it is easier to do that instead of face my fear of not being allowed to pursue certain options. Other times I discover that I may actually be angry at someone or fearful because they represent something I did in the past or make me realize that, with a different set of causes and conditions, I could be in their shoes.

With our lunchtime meditation, we take a few moments to explore our experiences of anger and frustration. We let go of the mantra, "coulda', shoulda', woulda'". We label our emotions as they are with names like anger, frustration or disappointment. We feel these emotions in our body, noticing where we hold tension.

Then, we sit with our frustrations and hold our anger with compassion. Doing so, we shift our focus away from behaviors. We quietly let go of being caught up in anyone's story. We are present with what is as we open our heart-minds. We allow anger to arise along with our daily frustrations. We hold the anger with loving-kindness and watch it soften. We are present with the wisdom-compassion . . . if only for a moment.

Namo Amida Butsu



A NEW SIGN FOR LONGMONT TEMPLE

To increase awareness of the Longmont Temple, members are working diligently to construct a new sign that will face the street. The initial ideas were proposed by Willy Bissell and Michael Shea to the members. The committee grew to include LaDonna Shea, Gail Hogsett, Karen Wood, Gayle MacArthur and Sharon McCaffrey. As Gayle MacArthur shared, "I'm so proud of our Temple. I'm a professional designer and was so impressed by the efforts already put into the sign by the time I joined the committee." After resolving issues of where to locate, size, material, ability to change portions of the sign regularly, etc. the Committee will be overseeing construction and installation of the sign this spring. Watch for the new sign as you approach the Longmont Temple for services on April 5 and 19. Since the sign will be lighted you can watch for it if attending the evening Shin Buddhist Book Club discussion groups on April 6 in the evening or on April 27 at noon. For the latest on Longmont Buddhist Temple – visit www.longmontbuddhisttemple.org

Arigato Gozaimasu!!

Thank you to the following people for folding, stuffing and sealing the March 2009 issue of the temple newsletter: Ed Nakagawa, Ruby Tanaka, Roy Hashimoto, Dave Blank, Grace Kiyotake and Herbert & Dot Inouye. Your monthly dedication ensures a timely mailing of temple news.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to a successful 2009 Annual General Meeting; this includes (but is not limited to): co-President of the Board, Dennis Hardman, for keeping the meeting on-track and wrapped up in a timely manner. Thank you, Dat Nguyen, for printing and assembling the 68 page Annual General Report. Thank you, Noreen Okubo, for a delicious mid-day meal and thank you to everyone who stepped up to help Noreen in the kitchen before, after and during the meeting.

Thank you, Wayne Berve, for repairing the front gate fasteners.

Thank you YBA members for another successful Keiro Kai; (hopefully one of their members will write an article about this traditional event. If not, a short explanatory article will be in next month's issue ☺).



Dharma School Pages

Valuable Information and News
from Your Dharma School Co-Superintendents

Merrily Stewart (303)755-3874
Deb Omoto-Berve (303) 450-9742

Dharma School Events Are Queuing UP

At the time of this writing we are all in the final stages of preparing for the Hanamatsuri service and program. In the past we have enjoyed a variety of skits, musical and dance performances, PowerPoint presentations and more, given by the kids and teachers of our Dharma School. We have also been treated to memorable dance performances by our YBA boys! The YBA kids always do such a great job in coordinating the show for us. I'm sure that this year's Hanamatsuri will be just as memorable!

Our fundraiser event for Elitch Gardens is scheduled for April 19, 2009. Dharma School receives a percentage for every ticket purchased. Tickets are available during bake sale.

DATE: Sunday, April 19, 2009

TIME: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

COST: \$19.99 per person (3yrs. & under, 70 yrs. & over are FREE)

On the Sunday of Elitches', a brief service will be held at Temple at 9 a.m., for all who are participating; the regular 9:30 am family and 10:15 am adult services will also be held. We encourage carpooling to Elitch Gardens as parking there is \$10 per car.

With the purchase of a ticket you receive admission into the park on April 19th and a ticket to revisit the park FREE one time between Sept. 1st and Nov. 1st 2009.

You may also turn your ticket into a season pass for an additional \$34.99 on April 19th at the Elitch Garden Ticket Office. This is a "rain or shine" event meaning some rides may be closed due to weather. If the park closes due to extreme weather conditions the tickets will be honored any day during the 2009 season.

Upcoming May and June events:

May 3rd - 2nd Annual Dharma School Carnival
Games, prizes and more!!! Look for more information to be posted.

June 7th - Annual Dharma School picnic at Bellvue Park. 11 am – 4 pm. More information will be posted as well.

Please remember to purchase your King Soopers gift cards during bake sale every Sunday. Also available are gift cards for various merchants. These are two ongoing fundraisers benefiting both Dharma School and YBA.

Dharma School is still accepting items for recycling. These include empty inkjet and laser toner cartridges, used cell phones and PDA cell phones, monitors (for a nominal fee) and much more! Dharma school benefits by receiving monetary compensation for each item recycled. Thank you to all who have brought in items, especially those who have gotten their workplaces on board. We encourage you all to participate in this worthy cause. Not only does it benefit our environment and our Dharma School, but is one of the only fundraisers that don't involve selling or buying anything!!



Cherry Blossom Festival 2009

June 27th and June 28th

*Show your support & commitment -
VOLUNTEER*

Tri-State/Denver Buddhist Temples gratefully acknowledges donations and offerings received from February 1, 2009- February 28, 2009:

HoOnko Service

Alice Hara
Tepper & Emiko Koga

Facilities Usage

DBT Craft Class
Frank Konishi
DBT BWA

Nehan E Service

Eiji Horiuchi; in memory of Sakiye Horiuchi
Sadao & Shizue Asano
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Kelli Koga
Tom Koshio
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Hiroshi Takeda
Michio & Hisae Taniwaki
Bill & Louise Yamaguchi
Betty Yamashita
Harlan & Emi Yoshida

Osaisen

1st Grade Dharma Class
2nd Grade Dharma Class
6th Grade Dharma Class
Sally Harr
Kindergarten Dharma Class
Preschool Dharma Class

Cherry Blossom Festival money donation

DBT BWA
Dean & Beckie Poorman
Mike & Amy Sakurai

Donation

Robert & Donna Miller
Boulder Asian Pacific Alliance; DBT Dance Girls
Liberty Gives Foundation;
matching funds w/ Robert & Shelley Tanaka

In memory of Gene & Haruko Sasa

Ted & Ruby Hada
Sumie Kagohara
Bryan & Phyllis Nakagawa
Paul & Janet Sasa
Sasa Family

In memory of Jim Motoyama

Betty Coddinton
George & Sumi Saito
Dorothy Shimizu

In memory of Mary Okimoto – 1st yr

Lorraine Hisamoto
Etsu & Sachi Hisamoto
Kenneth & Cindy Hisamoto
Edmond Hisamoto
Douglas & Naomi Tamura

In memory of Pauline Matsumonji – 49th day

Lance & Betty Matsumonji
Ikeru Matsumonji

In memory of Robert Knight – 3rd yr

Joanne Knight
Tom & Kiyo Kobayashi
Robert & Donna Miller
Thomas Knight

Scott & Lisa Kanayama	renewal of wedding vows
Arthur & Miyuki Roberts	in memory of Haruko Sato – 7 th yr
Kiyoko Aigaki	in memory of Henry Aigaki – 25 th yr
D.D. & Chizuko Momii	in memory of Lloyd Goto
Frank Higa	in memory of Mary Higa
Michael & Karen Tawara Jones	in memory of Sallie Tawara – 49 th day
Kyo Okamoto	in memory of Toshiko Okamoto – 1 st yr
Harue Kelly	Bishop's Memorial Service
Mary Kawata	Eitaikyo; Bryon Kawata
Virginia Motoyama	funeral; Jim Motoyama
Family of Tom Yamashita	funeral; Tom Yamashita
Joanne Knight	Nokotsudo; Robert Knight
Edward and Junichi Komuro	Nokotsudo service
Christine Lake & Brad Davis	visitation

Buddhist Churches of America Report to the Tri-State Buddhist Temples

from Everett Watada

BCA Calendar and Bodhi Seals:

TO: temples who requested the 2009 BCA Calendars - due to numerous printing errors, the calendars were made available at no charge. The printing of the Bodhi Seals was not available in a timely manner. On behalf of the BCA, I apologize for the inconvenience.

Shinran Shonin 750th Memorial Service

Buddhist Churches of America is planning for the 750th Memorial Observance of the passing of Shinran Shonin. January 16, 2012 will mark the 750th anniversary of the passing of our Founder, Shinran Shonin. Hongwanji will be conducting the 750th Memorial Service for Shinran Shonin from April 2011 through January 2012. This special observance is conducted every 50 years. Plans are for a 2011 pilgrimage of BCA members to attend this service at the Hongwanji in Kyoto. Details will follow. It is expected that at least 50 delegates from Japan will be attending the BCA 750th Memorial Observance. All BCA temples and districts, including Tri-State and Mountain States are asked to conduct memorial services of Shinran Shonin in 2009 or 2010. Buddhist Churches of America will observe the 750th Memorial Observance in February 2010. The memorial services will be held in conjunction with the BCA Ministers and National Council meeting to be held at the Fairmont Hotel in downtown San Jose, Friday, February 26th and Saturday, February 27th. Because of cost, the idea of having the Gomonshu attend this service was cancelled, but the possibility of a live feed of the Gomonshu's talk from Japan is being explored. Keynote speaker for the 750th Memorial Observance will be former BCA minister and now teaching in Japan, Rev Dr Kenneth Tanaka. Banquet Speaker will be Pieper Toyama, Director of the Pacific Buddhist Academy at the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii. Other various speakers have been asked to participate at the various Shinran Symposiums.

At the 2008 BCA National Council meeting in February at Portland Oregon the members approved a \$400,000 gift to the Hongwanji in observance of the 750th memorial service. This gift can be achieved by contributions of \$25 per BCA member and you are asked to send your contributions to the temple payable to the Buddhist Churches of America.

To defray some of the costs incurred with the 750th Memorial Observance, a Silent Auction was conducted at the 2009 National Council meeting hosted by Southern District at the Orange County All Temples

and Districts were asked and encouraged to donate auction items. Thank you to the Tri-State board for participating in this money making project. As of this writing, the Silent Auction thus far has netted approximately \$27,000.

Jodo Shinshu Center

Shortly after the Centennial celebration of the Buddhist Churches of America in 1999, key members of the BCA put together a master plan to talk about the next 100 years. After years of planning and many hours of discussion the Jodo Shinshu Center opened its door August 1, 2006 to the first tenant Ryukoku University in Berkeley, California for a dream come true, a special moment in the BCA's organization history.

We, as BCA members, have to be proud of the center. With the construction and renovation of the Jodo Shinshu Center, the BCA is challenged by repaying the debt incurred by the construction. But the bigger challenge is the utilization of the facility for what it was constructed for...."to promote the Buddha, Dharma, and Sangha, and to propagate the Jodo Shinshu teachings." The mission is that Shin Buddhism be recognized thru out the Western Hemisphere and embraced by a multi ethnic Sangha. This is the future of Jodo Shinshu Buddhist for our grandchildren and great grandchildren.

For many of us here in the Mountain States and Eastern Coast, we ask to what value is the Jodo Shinshu Center. The most important tangible resource that we gain with the center is a Jodo Shinshu body of educated ministry; without a resident minister, it would be very difficult to maintain our individual temple religious programs. To serve this purpose, the Center will be the home of Institute of Buddhist Studies providing academic degree programs in religious studies. The Center for Buddhist Education will concentrate on educational and training programs for our ministers and lay ministry. Together the two entities will satisfy requirements for Tokudo ordination and Kyoshi certification here in the United States. Other programs and events are in the planning which will assist Sanghas and Temples thru out the United States.

The long term planning is that the Jodo Shinshu Center will be the focal point of the teachings of Shin Buddhist in the Western Hemisphere. In December of 2007 Hongwanji-ha provided a special subsidy for overseas

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The Centennial Endowment and Renovation Committee and the TS/DBT Board of Directors would like to acknowledge and humbly thank the following donors who have contributed to the Centennial Endowment and Renovation Campaign.

NOTE: listing of donor's names will be cumulative, month by month. This month's **new donor names** are printed in a different and bolded font, at the bottom of each Level list.

Repeat donor names are bolded within each list.

Donors who pledged by interval payments, are listed by Level of their original pledge and bolded at the time of their initial payment.

Gold Level \$5000 - \$9999

Anonymous

Family and Friends of

Karen Eiko Matsushima

Miyuki Mabel Googins

in memory of Tom Googins

Herbert & Dorothy Inouye

Cal, Sharon (Brookes), DJ (Ida),

Linda, Bob & Dave Kato

In gratitude to Sam & Kimi Kato

Tepper & Emiko Koga

Charles & Teri Ozaki

Patricia Sato

George & Jane Kanemoto

In memory of Jim & Chiyo Kanemoto

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Preschool Dharma School Class

Kindergarten Dharma School Class

2nd Grade Dharma School Class

3rd/4th Grade Dharma School Class

5th Grade Dharma School Class

Ronald & Lisa Abo

Noel & Kimberly Allen

Djab Burchinow

Elsa Djab Burchinow

DBAC Volleyball

DBT Choir

DBT Craft Class

DBT Dance Girls

DBT Dharma School 2007/2008 Staff

DBT Japanese Language School

DBT Minyo Club

Alice Hara

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Sawaye Hirokawa

Chris Horiuchi

Ming & Hiroko Hung

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DBT BWA

DBT Dharma School Carnival 2008

DBT Judo Dojo

Denver Taiko

Mae Doida

in memory of Sam Doida

Miyuki Mabel Googins

in memory of Yoshi Nishimura

Dennis & Becky Hardman

Iwao & Takako Hatanaka

Fumiko Hattori

Tommie & Kinuko Hiraoka

Helene Ioka

in memory of Tom Ioka

Al Kawakami

Kenzo & Irene Kawanabe

Ayako Kimura

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Manabu & Junko Kimura

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88th birthday

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Tom & Fumiko Yamashita

Kevin & Keiko Yoshida

Betty Yamashita

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in memory of Janette Haruko Boudreau

Janet & James Fujita

Religious Services

SAT April 4 11 am Inurnment

SUN April 5 10 am DBT Hanamatsuri
10 am Longmont

MON April 6 4 pm Scottsbluff Hanamatsuri

TUES April 7 6 pm Sedgwick Hanamatsuri

SAT April 11 11 am Hoji

SUN April 12 9 am Brighton Hanamatsuri
9:30 am DBT
11 am Ft. Lupton Hanamatsuri

SAT April 18 12 noon Greeley Hanamatsuri

SUN April 19 9 am DS Elitches' service
9:30 am DBT
11 am Longmont

SUN April 26 9:30 DBT
TSDBT Board Installation

Dharma School Events

April 2009 3rd grade chairs Family Services
Kindergarten decorates bulletin board

SUN April 5 Hanamatsuri; Potluck luncheon

SUN April 12 Birthday Sunday

SUN April 19 Elitch Gardens outing; 9 am service

Special Events

Meditation Sessions
Thursdays, 12 noon - 1 pm
April 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd & 30th

Manju Making (for Cherry Blossom Festival)
Sat., April 4th, 9 am - 4th/5th grades
Sat., April 18th, 9 am - YBA
Sun., April 19th 11:30 am - Jr. YBA

*Tri-State/Denver Buddhist Temples' membership
offers condolences to the family and friends of:*

*Mrs. Alyce Matsuda
March 16, 1924 - February 25, 2009*

*Mr. Sam Suekama
February 23, 1916 - March 3, 2009*

Meetings

SUN April 5 11:30 Sakura Matsuri Mtg

WED April 8 7 pm JACPG mtg

SUN April 26 11 am TSDBT Board Mtg

Gym Schedule

SUNDAY

MONDAY 5-7 pm Aikido
6:30 - 8 pm Judo

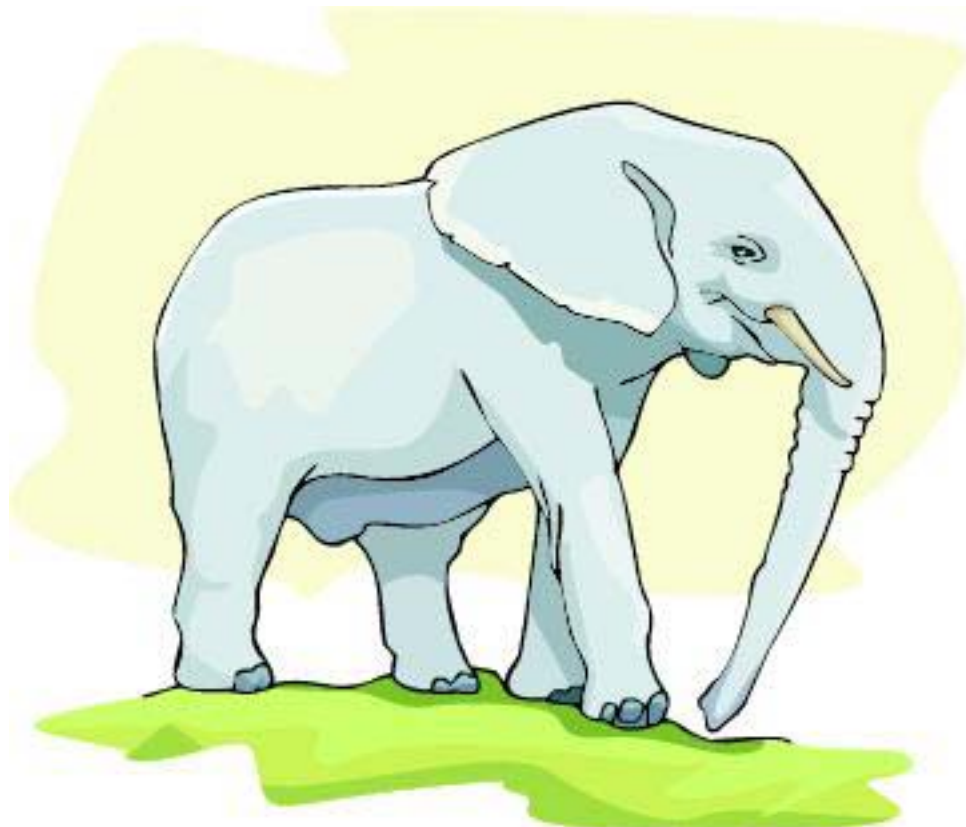
TUESDAY 7 pm Volleyball

WEDNESDAY 7:30 pm Basketball

THURSDAY 5-7 pm Aikido
6:30 - 8 pm Judo

FRIDAY 6:30 pm-7:30 pm Family Aikido

SATURDAY



Buddhist Churches of America Report to the Tri-State Buddhist Temples

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districts, which includes the Buddhist Churches of America. This fund referred as the Overseas Propagation Promoting Fund will be used to bolster and promote the propagation efforts at the Jodo Shinshu Center.

During the earlier part of 2006, Hongwanji approved the BCA Ministerial Training process. Hongwanji projected goal that future overseas ministers will be trained and the ministers training center will be established at the Jodo Shinshu Center. This past year, the International Ministerial Orientation Program (IMOP) for Japanese Kaikyoshi was introduced for those interested in serving at the BCA and other overseas Kyodans. Rev Kuwahara has been assigned by the Hongwanji to propagate these programs at the Jodo Shinshu Center. This program will provide language training and the knowledge of ministry in the United States. The Office of the Bishop oversees and endorses all applications for ordination. With the Socho's recommendation, the Hongwanji will receive – review the applicant and grant Kyoshi & Kaikyoshi certification after all requirements are met.

The Jodo Shinshu Center has become a vital part of the Buddhist Churches of America. Glenn Kameda, Facility Manager has indicated that inquiries and usage of the center has created his position as a full time position.

The reservations of apartments and dorm rooms have to be made well in advance.

The BCA Bookstore which was located at the headquarters in San Francisco moved to the Jodo Shinshu Center in April of 2007. The space the bookstore occupied at the BCA headquarters is now leased to the Hokubei Mainichi. The BCA bookstore website: www.bcabookstore.com

Other Notes:

For those who remember Rev Eijun Kujo, he has retired from the BCA Ministry as of December 31, 2008. Rev Kujo's most recent assignment was at the San Mateo Buddhist Temple. He began his ministry in 1960 at the Honpa Hongwanji of Hawaii and transferred to the BCA in 1981. Kujo Sensei was assigned to the Tri-State/Denver Buddhist Temple in August 1, 1986 through May of 1996. Rev. Kujo, together with his wife, Toshiko, is now residing in San Mateo. In talking to Rev. Kujo his retirement time will be spent by devoting his resources to the various programs at the Jodo Shinshu Center.

I thank each and every one of the Sangha members for their continued support of the BCA through your donations and membership dues.