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## Rev. O'Dowd to Receive International Award

Reverend Carol GanSho O'Dowd has been named as a 2008 recipient of The Outstanding Women in Buddhism Award for her efforts to promote women in Buddhism and, specifically, to promote American Buddhism through the Women in American Buddhism Conference, held at Tri-State/Denver Buddhist Temple last August. This international award is given by the Outstanding Women in Buddhism Awards Committee - an independent body of Buddhist clergy, Buddhist scholars from Buddhist universities and laity - and originated in recognition of the United Nation's International Women's Day on March 8, 2002.

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## Dento-Kosho

DENTO KOSHO - Tradition/Personal Interpretation

Happy New Year. The year 2009 came too quickly for me. I know this is February, but may I take this time to express my deepest appreciation and gratitude to all the members and friends of the Tri-State Buddhist Temples for your support in 2008. This year, 2009 is the year of the OX according to the Chinese calendar.

All of us are having a difficult time because of the economic situation here in the USA and around the world. As I drive home from the temple, I drive past the Homeless Shelter on Lawrence and Park Ave. I see more people standing in line waiting to be helped. I see more families standing in line. How difficult it must be for parents who were working, paying rent or a mortgage on a home, now trying to explain to their children why they must stand in line for help.

When our children were young and living at home, we would drive by the Shelter and I would tell them; "Please don't let Mom stand in line." Lisa and Aki said: "We won't let Mom stand in line." But as we all know, we do not know the future. There are many causes and conditions that bring about good times and difficult times. The Tri-State Buddhist Temples is not immune to this economic situation. The temple Board of Directors take this situation very seriously and have had many meetings to try to address this problem. I do not know economics nor do I understand the Stock Market or investments. We are fortunate that many on our Board of Directors have experience in Business and Economics. We are also fortunate that the Denver Buddhist Temple mortgage is paid off, but the upkeep on the physical building needs constant repair.

I know this New Year greeting is sounding gloomy. The Buddha taught us the Four Noble Truths. The first truth is the Truth of Dukkha. Dukkha means suffering or disharmony. The Buddha taught us that life is NOT a bowl of cherries. Things do not go the way we want them to go. We must accept this truth of Dukkha and move with compassion to help ourselves and at the same time help others. We cannot ignore the Truth of Dukkha. As we begin the new year, I welcome any suggestions, input, ideas or thoughts which will help the Tri-State Buddhist Temples at this difficult time.

Together in Gassho,  
kanya



This Month's  
Buddhist  
Holiday. . .

Nehan E  
Nirvana Day

## A Word From the Temple Office

by Donna Inouye

This is a short story because it's about a relatively short life. In the world of dogs, particularly Akitas, however, Toshi's was a pretty long life. But this is not the proper way to tell a story. A story should always start from the beginning.

Toshi's first day as a member of the Holland family was spent riding in the back seat of a Ford cab-and-a-half, pick up truck. She was a ride along passenger along with her human brother, Chris - accompanying his human sister, Alyssa, to dance class across town. She hunkered down in the middle of a laundry basket which was seat-belted in by her human mom, me. As excited and exciting as her new human family was, Toshi spent an awful lot of that first outing asleep.

By the following week, Toshi had already outgrown the laundry basket. She spent a lot more time awake and running; her favorite running pattern was a circle. She ran around furniture pieces in circles. She ran around people's legs in circles. She ran around trees and bushes in circles. She ran around her dog sister, Sumi, in circles.

By one year old Toshi towered over her dog sister, her human sister and outweighed her human brother. But she never seemed to grasp the ramifications of this physical growth - she still tried to run circles through the kids' legs, bowling them over every time. She still positioned herself on the far side of danger (squirrels, other dogs, bicycles, etc.) using 'big' sister, Sumi, as her shield.

As Toshi grew older with her human siblings, they gained independence and widened their worlds, while Toshi became more of a homebody - shunning car rides and, sometimes, even walks, she was extremely content to be Queen of the Back Yard. She pined when Chris left for college but always greeted him with exuberance and adoration when he returned home over breaks. When Alyssa left for college, Toshi pined and stopped 'talking'

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## What is a Community?

How many times over the years have you heard the word "community" used in a conversation or in your reading? It is often used to express pride that we are different, separate from the rest. Even when I was a child, I remember my first babysitter that was "different". For years I heard and read about the "Japanese Community". Many bonds have formed in Denver over the years during good times and bad. However, our "community" has grown to the extent that we recognize the differences that we share today due to friendships, inter-marriage or other circumstances that have brought us together. We are different, yet we are the same. We have moved beyond a small community and have embraced people of different races, creed, color and national origin.

My perception is that our "community" has definitely grown, but it has also changed dramatically since our *Issei* came to the United States. But how does this tie into the original topic, "What is a Community"? My point is that we are all part of larger community. Today, it is a broader

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## Arigato Gozaimasu!!

Thank you to the following people for folding, stuffing and sealing the January temple newsletter issue: Ed Nakagawa, Grace Kiyotake, Herb & Dorothy Inouye and Alyssa Holland. Your assistance is greatly appreciated.

Thank you to members of the Roofing Committee and employees of Turner Morris for the efficient team work in installing a new roof over the Hondo and auditorium half of the Temple building. May your next endeavor be just as successful.

Thank you to the many "impromptu" volunteers, inspired by the 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> Grade Dharma School Class - taught by Naomi Nguyen and Brendan Stewart - who painted classrooms and hallways in the Temple basement. Your participation not only benefits the temple building (it now looks so clean and beautiful), it also strengthens the Sangha spirit we are always striving to build/learn.

End of Year/Beginning of New Year schedules are packed on many levels. From a 'temple operations' level, thank you to the many groups who worked behind the scenes (on tasks deemed 'boring' by most) to accommodate deadlines and requirements. These groups include, but are not limited to: the Building Maintenance crew, cleaning staff, the Budget Committee, the Membership Committee, the TSDBT Executive Board, the Education Oversight Committee, Dharma School, YBA, BWA and affiliated organization.

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# Shin Meditation – Listening Face-to-Face

by Reverend Carol GanSho O’Dowd

While preparing to help lead a meditation retreat for the Hawaii Hongwanji last year, I learned a Hawaiian phrase: *he alo a he alo* - face to face. These days being pressured to send out e-mails as fast as I can type and to rely only on words on a page, I find myself not listening. With such speediness, I get wrapped up in sending my message, forgetting to listen fully.

Shinran asks us to listen with heart-mind. Meditation is one technique of listening with heart and mind. To listen with the heart, requires getting beyond words and experiencing the other person. To listen fully means connecting with their beating heart and feeling their joy, their frustration. When being present, especially when sharing a friend’s pain, I find tears a part of my listening. Listening involves receiving whatever is. Shinran tells us that through the Nembutsu we come face to face with the ultimate reality of wisdom - compassion. This face to face happens because the Ultimate reaches out and touches us through our daily lives.

How rare and precious to live the life of a human being, especially one born in the United States or other first world country. How different our lives would be if we had been born into an indigenous family on one of the islands of Indonesia. Because of my son’s marriage into an indigenous Balinese family, I had the opportunity to listen to a young man, the son of a Hindu priest, a descendant of generations of priests.

He, too, was searching and grateful to be where he was. Since we did not speak the same language, I listened to his gratitude. We hiked for 15 minutes to his home located via dirt path behind the Temple where he works. It is the same path he uses daily to walk a bit farther to the stream from which he carries water back to his house. With joy he showed me his home, a one room structure with a wood burning stove. He, his wife and son sleep on wooden platforms covered with bamboo matting.

Although we shared a few words, with the aid of my son’s translation, I listened to his compassion by sitting quietly in the sacred temples with him. I heard his deep generosity as he and his uncle escorted us on a 40 minute hike to a holy spring. I treasure that moment of standing quietly in the jungle with these men and accepting their gift of spring water and the beauty of smiles on their faces as we raised our cups to each other, face-to-face. Then, I heard their wisdom, their love.

So I try, in the midst of instant soup, rice, messages and coffee, to take a moment to listen deeply to wisdom-compassion. I cherish the opportunities to listen face-to-face and experience the person or the moment. Listen-

ing face-to-face, I hear beyond words. Opening Heart-mind I connect with those around me as we swirl in this constantly changing life. When entrusting with an open heart and mind, wisdom-compassion rushes in. Puanani Burgess describes it as:

“*He alo a he alo* (face to face), that’s how you learn about what makes us weep. *He alo a he alo*. That’s how you learn about what makes us bleed. *He alo a he alo*.”

“That’s how you learn about what makes us feel, what makes us work, what makes us sing, what makes us bitter, what makes us fight, what makes us laugh, what makes us stand against the wind, what makes us all in the flow of power, what makes us, us.”

“Not from a distance, not from miles away, not from a book, not from an article you read, not from the newspaper. Not from what somebody told you. Not from a “reliable source”. Not from what you think. Not from a cliff. Not from a cave. Not from your reality. Not from darkness. But, *he alo a he alo*.”

With Nembutsu - the simple entrusting in the Buddha of infinite light and life, we can listen face-to-face, we can walk in the world *he alo a he alo*.

## International Award (cont. from page 1)

Rev. O’Dowd will receive her award at a special ceremony held in Bangkok, Thailand on Friday, March 6, 2009 along with 20 other women from seven countries. Dr. Tavivat Puntarigvivat, Secretary General of the awards committee, says the awards are given to honor women in Buddhism who are scholars and grassroots leaders, as well as to encourage ideological progress; the awards are also given to support the Buddhist women’s movement in Thailand.

The awards ceremony is hosted by the Association for the Promotion for the Status Women. Bhikkshuni Dr. Lee, ceremony organizer, explains, “The Outstanding Women in Buddhism Award has honored more than 100 Buddhist women master to date for their contributions to society.”

## Arigato Gozaimasu (cont. from page 2)

Thank you and Congratulations to Reverend Carol GanSho O’Dowd for being named one of 2008’s Outstanding Women in Buddhism (SEE: front page article). Rev. O’Dowd won this award largely for her work on the American Women in Buddhism Conference which was hosted at TS/DBT in August 2008. In receiving this international award, Rev. O’Dowd extends gratitude to the members of Longmont, Denver and Ft. Lupton Temples and the Denver BWA who worked so hard to ensure the success of this conference.



# Dharma School Pages

Valuable Information and News  
from Your Dharma School Co-Superintendents

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## DHARMA SCHOOL SHOUT OUT

We'd like to 'officially' end 2008 and begin 2009 by sending out a few thanks.

Thank you to all who helped make Turkey Bingo another success! Everyone who unselfishly volunteered their time, money and turkey donations, we couldn't have done it without you!

Thank you to Christ the King Catholic Church for hosting a wonderful Interfaith Service.

Thank you to all the Dharma school students for all the wonderful Dana projects, some of which are planned for the near future.

Thank you to the teachers for volunteering their time to help teach the Dharma.

Thank you to all the Senseis for your wisdom and guidance.

Thank you to all the board members for all the blood, sweat and tears it takes to run the Temple.

Thank you to Donna for always being there to help us with our many questions.

Thank you to YBA for another successful mochitsuki and providing us with delicious mochi for the New Year.

And thank you to all who came to the New Year's Eve service and helped ring in the New Year by joining in on the ringing of the bonsho.

We look forward to 2009 and wish all of you a happy, prosperous and healthy New Year!

In Gassho,  
Deb and Merrily  
Dharma School Co-superintendants

## Want To See Photos of Our Sangha?

News from Glenn the Photo Man

In an effort to share many of the photos I've taken at the temple (Cherry Blossom Festival, Birthday Sundays, etc.), I have begun to use Picasa Web albums. You can download relatively large versions of the photos that you can print out yourself. If you need a larger version for big enlargements, let me know and I can email the originals to you.

There are two albums—one with about 58 images from last fall, and the other with more than 300 images from the 2008 Sakura Matsuri. Please share the link with others that you know are online.

Link for the general fall 2008 album:

<http://picasaweb.google.com/asakawa29/DBT200809?authkey=7vLnXgxya0w&feat=directlink>

Link for 2008 Sakura Matsuri:

<http://picasaweb.google.com/asakawa29/2008CherryBlossomFest?authkey=sC5PbSs5XMk&feat=directlink>

I hope to keep adding albums as part of my new year's resolution to stay organized. If you need a particular photo that you know I took, send me a reminder email at [asakawa29@gmail.com](mailto:asakawa29@gmail.com) and I will try to add it to the Web.

Thanks!

Glenn Asakawa, aka "the guy with the camera"

# Dharma Student Writings

class taught by Naomi Nguyen & Brendan Stewart



Students in the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade Dharma Class recently created acrostics (a composition in which sets of letters taken in order form a word or phrase) using their names or the work “Buddha”. Following are some of their creations:

Killing is bad  
Everyone wants  
No war at  
Temple  
by Kentaro Thompson

Buddhist  
Really Funny  
Young  
Awesome  
Nice  
by Bryan Tanigawa

Beautiful  
Unique  
Dharma  
Daring (rotten meat)  
Heroic  
Awesome  
by Cami Shigaya

Energetic  
Makes weird stuff  
Into lots of stuff  
Loves to mess around  
in class  
Yellow is not my  
favorite color  
by Emily Nguyen

Emiko is my name  
Magical is Harry  
Potter  
Indoor skydiving  
Kikue is my sister  
Opposite a hamster  
by Emiko Hardman

Musical  
Independent  
Likes animals  
Extra artistic  
Smart  
by Miles Yamasaki

Careful  
Orange  
by Chaz Okada

Big  
Unique  
Dharma  
Different  
Happy  
Amazing  
by Emiko Hardman

2 3 1 6 5 1  
D H A R M A  
1 5 8  
x B O N  
1 8 5 3 2 0 8  
1 1 5 8 2 5 5 0  
2 3 1 6 5 1 0 0  
3 6 6 0 0 8 5 8



This is a math puzzle  
submitted by Miles  
Yamasaki.  
Can you figure it out?  
You can always track  
down Miles and ask  
him :)

## What Is Community? (cont. from page 2)

community that touches every one of us in one way or another. Moreover, the specific question is, “why do we come to the Temple? Whatever your reason, we are able to come here due to the hard work, dedication and effort that our forefathers made to preserve this heritage.

Recently, the Tri-State/Denver Buddhist Temple embarked upon a most ambitious project. Approximately two years ago, the Temple Board established the “Tri-State Buddhist Temples Centennial Endowment and Renovation Project”. This project focuses on the support and upkeep in four major areas of the Temple; columbarium/nokotsudo, building issues, alter/onaijin, and an endowment enhancement fund. Most of you are aware and very familiar with this project. In fact, you probably know more about it than I do. Therefore, I will not go into the details, other than to state the theme of the project.

### “In Gratitude We Remember, With Mindfulness We Continue”

My gratitude goes to the Tri-State/Denver Buddhist Temple, the Board, its members and everyone that always made me feel at home, and part of the “community”. With mindfulness I continue the same tradition as taught to me by my former Judo Senseis. That is, understanding the importance of giving instead of taking. Therefore, please join me, and the DBT Judo Dojo in supporting the Centennial Endowment and Renovation Project. In the spirit of our Issei and Nisei, ensure that we will leave a meaningful legacy to our children.

Oh, by the way, my *Issei* came from Russia and Poland. This may sound strange to you, but you see, my family and I are not Japanese. However, I grew up in Denver with neighbors in the “Japanese Community” and have made many Japanese friends over the years. Even though I grew up in a different “community”, I have a sense of being part of the larger community and share many of the same goals and expectations as you. And, after 58 years I still keep in touch with my former babysitter.

With Gassho,

Brian Levitt  
Head Sensei  
Denver Buddhist Temple Judo Dojo

*Tri-State/Denver Buddhist Temples gratefully acknowledges donations and offerings received from December 1, 2008 - December 31, 2008:*

**Bodhi Day Service**

Don Akiyama  
Sumi & Yosh Akiyama  
Sadao & Shizue Asano  
Michiko Chikuma  
Mary Chikuma  
Faith Corlett  
Robert Downing & Erica Arakawa  
Linda Fukuhara  
Frances Furukawa  
David & Gayle Goto  
Mary Hamano  
Kiyoko Hara  
Alice Hara  
Fumiko Hattori  
Ryoko Hirakawa  
Lorraine Hisamoto  
Amy Horiuchi  
Chiyeko Inouye  
Herb & Dorothy Inouye  
Tetsuo & Sadako Iwahiro  
Ruth Kamibayashi  
Harue Kelly  
Jack & Alice Kimura  
Ayako Kimura  
Manabu & Junko Kimura  
Haruko Kimura  
Grace Kiyotake  
Tepper & Emiko Koga  
Tom Koshio  
Randy & Faye Koto  
Mihoko Lamb  
Tatsuo Matsuda  
Sam & Teri Mayda  
Frank Miyazawa  
Lillian & Phil Miyazawa  
D.D. & Chizuko Momii  
Perry & Shigeo Murata  
Miyoko Murata  
Ed Nakagawa  
Henry & Ann Nakata  
Chiyo Nakayama  
Eddie & Jeanne Nozawa  
George & Kiyoko Omoto  
Mary Omoto  
Sally Sakamoto  
Thom Sakata & Jennifer Trompeter  
Patricia Sato  
Rose Shibao  
Hank & Irene Shibao  
Steven Shigaya  
James Shimada  
Edward & Yuriko Shimoda  
S. Shin  
June & Kenneth Tagawa  
Ken Tagawa

Brit & Jean Takara  
Isao & Sayoko Takata  
Hiroshi Takeda  
Michio & Hisae Taniwaki  
William & Wendy Thompson  
Yutaka & Mieko Yaguchi  
Bill & Louis Yamaguchi  
Kikuye Yamamoto  
Youko Yamasaki  
Betty Yamashita

**Donation**

Frank Ciskovsky  
FH Dobashi  
Richard Haworth King  
George Ogura

**Facilities Usage**

DBT Craft Class  
Kayo Club  
YBA

**Osaisen**

6<sup>th</sup> Grade Dharma Class  
Sally Harr  
Carl Mitcham

**Visitation**

Anonymous  
Greg Klein  
Unknown

**In memory of Mary Okimoto – 1<sup>st</sup> yr**

Inokoji-Kim Family  
Nakamura Family  
Okimoto Family

**In memory of Miyeko Harada – 1<sup>st</sup> yr**

Kazuko Harada  
M/M Rodney Hiroshi & family  
M/M Craig Okubo & family  
Teruko & Jiro Shoji

**In memory of Ruth Suekama – 3<sup>rd</sup> yr**

Sawaye & Willie Hirokawa  
Bob Hirokawa & Karen Schawertz  
Kent & Jane Kano  
Don Suekama  
Suekama Family

**In memory of Yori Teshima**

Sumiko & George Saito  
Carl Teshima  
Jerome & Marion Uchiyama

**In memory of Iwao Yonemoto – 50<sup>th</sup> yr**

Mr & Mrs Moss Kishiyama  
Mary Yonemoto  
Mr & Mrs Ted Yonemoto  
Mr & Mrs Sam Yonemoto

**Correction:**

Last month's newsletter incorrectly conveyed one of the offerings; the corrected listing is as follows:

Fujiyo Tashiro & Family ..... in memory of Masaki & Mata Tashiro  
..... in memory of Mike Tashiro – 25<sup>th</sup> yr

Eddie & Jeanne Nozawa ..... gratitude for convalescence  
Charles & Terri Ozaki ..... Eitaikyo service  
Tim Miyauchi ..... funeral; Mary Miyauchi  
Rose Foundation ..... matching donation; Kenzo Kawanabe  
Junichi Komura ..... Nokotsudo  
Randy Matsushima ..... in memory of Eiko Matsushima – 1<sup>st</sup> yr  
Peter & Shigeo Menda ..... in memory of Haruko & Shigeo Iwahiro  
Kim & Clint Morehouse ..... in memory of Kay Tamaki  
Kenzo & Shirley Horiuchi ..... in celebration of Ken & Aiko Horiuchi 50<sup>th</sup>  
Dean & Carrol Tsutsui ..... in memory of Misaye Hiratsuka – 49<sup>th</sup> day  
Don Takemura ..... in memory of May Takemura – 1<sup>st</sup> yr  
Akiko Hamamoto ..... in memory of Miyoko Fujiwara – 13<sup>th</sup> yr  
Kenzo & Shirley Horiuchi ..... in memory of Mrs. Sada Sato – 13<sup>th</sup> yr  
Ted & Sue Migaki ..... in memory of Paul Tanaka – 13<sup>th</sup> yr

## LONGMONT BUDDHIST TEMPLE NEWS

– Jackie Tono, President, Longmont Buddhist Temple

Longmont Buddhist Temple had a wonderful kick-off potluck after our first service of the new year. Board and Committee members are already working on the exciting projects initiated at our annual general membership meeting. Special thanks to our generous members for serving as officers and committee chairs: Gayle McArthur, Sharon McCaffrey, Harriet Bissell, Lee Frankel, CJ Jackson, Frank Ciskovsky, Gail Hogsett, LaDonna Shea, Lynn Lum, Anne Hyde, Madeline Inouye, and our Minister's Assistants Shieko Uno and Joe DeNicholas. A few planning efforts underway include:

Shin Buddhist Book Club/Study Group. Harriet Bissell is leading efforts to make our Temple a welcoming place for discussion and learning. She hopes to find volunteers to help with day time and evening discussion groups.

Longmont Temple Steering Committee will be undertaking efforts to guide fundraising efforts in 2009 to benefit the Longmont Temple and a local non-profit.

And we have plenty to sing about, as Shieko Uno, Minister's Assistant provides guidance to the new Longmont Buddhist Temple choir.

Longmont Buddhist Temple February Schedule includes:

February 1 Meditation Service Dharma School  
10:00 a.m.  
Regular Service -Followed by  
community hour and choir practice 10:30 a.m.

February 15 Meditation Service Dharma School  
10:00 a.m.  
Nirvana Day Service - Followed by  
community pot-luck 10:30 a.m.

Because meeting times for our Shin Buddhist Book Club, LBT Steering Committee, Choir, Women's Support Group and others are being set at planning meetings in January, we do not have dates available as of newsletter press time. For the news, check our web site, managed by Joe DeNicholas at [www.longmontbuddhisttemple.org](http://www.longmontbuddhisttemple.org)



Lunch Break Meditation at  
Denver Buddhist Temple  
February 12, 19 and 26 – noon to 12:45  
Folks attending the Lunch Break meditation sessions have shared they are still using the tips for mindfulness learned during these sessions for work, home and family. During our 'check-in' we share joys and concerns and then explore a meditation practice to relieve stress and open our heart-minds. Join us. Take a break from winter cold. Join a group of folks meet regularly at the Denver Buddhist Temple. Rev. Carol GanSho O'Dowd, a certified Mindfulness Instructor, shares how mindfulness and Shin Buddhist teachings can be used to address daily anxieties. Everyone is welcome from noon to 12:45. Donations welcome. For more information, contact Rev. Carol GanSho O'Dowd at 720-244-2299 or [gansho@carolodowd.com](mailto:gansho@carolodowd.com)

Greeley Shin Sangha Explores  
the Eightfold Path  
Meets at the First Congregational Church, 2101  
16<sup>th</sup> Street, Greeley at 6:30 p.m. first and third  
Thursdays.

Please note, February 5 Service is cancelled.

February 19 at 6:30 p.m. Greeley Shin Sangha invites members and visitors to join a continuation of an exploration of waling the Buddhist path. Reverend O'Dowd continues her eight week series on the Eight Fold Path. She will be sharing a Shin Buddhist perspective on Right Effort. Donations are welcome. For more information on services or the Greeley Shin Sangha contact Michael Stevens at [maechyll@msn.com](mailto:maechyll@msn.com) Donations welcome.

# 2009 Cherry Blossom Festival Wish List

The Cherry Blossom Committee has started planning for our 37<sup>th</sup> Annual Cherry Blossom Festival – June 27 & 28, 2009. Please mark your calendars and plan on joining family and friends for a weekend of fun, entertainment and great food!

As the major fundraising event benefiting all the Tri-State Buddhist Temples, the planning committee continually looks for ways in which we can maximize revenues. Last year we were quite successful by reducing printing expenses, using all surplus supplies and requesting some in-kind donations.

This year we are expanding our in-kind donation list. We hope you can help out by making contributions from this list and help offset our expenses. May we count on your support? You have been outstanding in

supporting this event by volunteering your time and purchasing food and raffle tickets.

There will be a table in the auditorium marked for donations. There will also be a donor form that we ask you complete and attach to your items; this will help us record an accurate inventory. It will also allow us to acknowledge your generosity and provide you with a receipt for tax purposes.

We also welcome cash donations, if you would prefer us to make purchases on your behalf for specific items. For cash donations, please submit these to the Temple office in an envelope marked “Cherry Blossom Donation” and let us know which items you’d like us to purchase.

Again, thank you for your continued support!

In gassho,

Cherry Blossom Committee

## Cherry Blossom Donation List

Items needed by June 1, 2009

plastic forks	3000	ea	spicy cans of SPA M	100	cans
wooden chopsticks	4000	ea	flour for manju (lbs)	200	lbs
dinner napkins	5000	ea	mochiko	200	boxes
cocktail napkins	2000	ea	canola oil	5	gal
7-inch paper plate (sturdy paper - no Styrofoam)	1000	ea	white vinegar	20	gals
55 gal trash bags	1000	ea	mirin for sushi/teriyaki sauce	30	gal
rolls of clear packing tape	25	ea	shoyu for teriyaki sauce	100	gal
rolls of masking tape	20	ea	nori for sushi/SPAM musubi	1500	sheets
rolls of duct tape	10	ea	Memmi	13	gal
reams of white copy paper	10	ea	somen	50	lbs
reams of white card stock paper	5	ea	Sesame oil	1	gal
rolls of paper to cover tables	20	ea	soybean oil (for cooking eggrolls)	10	gal
kitty litter (absorb grease from grills)	50	lbs	ketchup	10	bottles
PAM spray cans	10	cans			
postage stamps	200	ea			
green tea bags	1000	ea			
coffee	20	lbs			
plastic gloves	300	ea			
dishsoap	5	quarts			
2 mil clear plastic sheeting	1	rdl			
bleach	3	gal			
laundry detergent	10	boxes			
aluminum foil	10	rolls			
plastic wrap	20	rolls			
corn starch	50	boxes			
regular cans of SPA M	300	cans			

*Are you creative? Artistic? Energetic? Do you love Sakura Matsuri? the food? the people?*

*Then, you must design a Cherry Blossom Festival logo!!  
Please submit your ideas and/or questions ASAP!!*

*See Joni S., Gail J. or Donna J. . . . we'll be waiting with great anticipation!*

## Bus to Blackhawk – Colorado Central Station

Tentative Date – Saturday, March 7, 2009

Tri-State/Denver Buddhist Temple

Departure: 9:00 am  
Return: 3:00 pm

Adults - \$20  
Seniors - \$15 (65+)

Contact Joni Sakaguchi for further details



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

*Kikuye Yamamoto  
September 26, 1922 - December 23, 2008*

*Pauline Matsumonji  
April 30, 1928 - December 29, 2008*

*Sallie Tawara  
July 1, 1950 - December 31, 2008*

*Hatsumi Umamoto  
November 15, 1924 - January 4, 2009*



Are you friendly?  
The Welcome Committee  
needs volunteers!!

The Welcome Committee needs volunteers to help greet members and visitors on Sundays. You can sign up for just one Sunday or on an occasional basis. No special skills needed! Please contact Wayne Berve or Mark Ozawa.

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### DU to Host Day of Remembrance Event

The Day of Remembrance, first created in Seattle in 1978, acknowledges the February 19, 1942 signing of Executive Order 9066 by President Franklin D. Roosevelt. This order set into

motion the unconstitutional incarceration of over 110,000 people of Japanese ancestry between 1942 and 1945. During this day we remember the injustice suffered by the Japanese American community in order to prevent similar injustices from happening to any group of people today or in the future. It is a time to honor the experiences of the Issei and Nisei that endured an unwarranted internment and it also serves as a time to promote education, encourage activism, and support the continued fight against civil rights violations.

This year the University of Denver will host a Day of Remembrance event on Sunday, February 22, 2009 from 1-3 pm. The program will include reflections by community members and an overview of current anthropological research at the Amache internment camp. A reception and open house with exhibits of artifacts from Amache will follow the program. The event will be held at the Craig Hall Community Room, 2148 S. High Street, at the University of Denver. Directions and maps available at [www.du.edu/maps](http://www.du.edu/maps).

For more information please contact: [dshew@du.edu](mailto:dshew@du.edu).

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 Tagawa Greenhouse Families

### Religious Services

SUN Feb 1 9:30 am DBT  
10 am Longmont

TUES Feb 3 6 pm Sedgwick (O)

SAT Feb 7 11 am Hoji (O)  
2 pm Hoji (O)

SUN Feb 8 9 am Brighton Nehan E  
9:30 am DBT  
11 am Ft. Lupton Nehan E

SAT Feb 14 4 pm Hoji - offsite (O)

SUN Feb 15 9:30 am DBT Nehan E  
10 am Longmont

SAT Feb 21 1 pm Greeley(O)

SUN Feb 22 9:30 am DBT Pet Hoji

### Special Events

Interfaith Youth Workshop  
Sunday, February 1, 2009  
2:30 pm - 4:15 pm  
Tsunoda Chapel

YBA Breakfast  
Sunday, February 15, 2009  
8:00 am

DBT Study Classes (Buddhism 101)  
Monday evenings, 7 pm - 8:30 pm  
February 2nd  
February 9th

Manju Making sessions  
Sunday, February 15th, 11 am  
Saturday, February 21st, 9 am  
Saturday, February 28th, 9 am

Simpson United Methodist Church is hosting their 41<sup>st</sup> Annual Doll & Cultural Festival (Hina Matsuri) on Saturday, March 7<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 am – 4:00 pm. You are invited to view the display of Dolls, Arts & Crafts, Origami demonstrations, Ikebana (flower arranging), Bonsai, Tea Ceremony, Shodo (calligraphy), Judo, Karate, Kendo, Aikido, Taiko (drum) performers and the Japanese Kimono exhibit. Bento (box lunch) will be sold; admission is free.

*Tri-State/Denver Buddhist Temples' membership offers gratitude and welcome to the following new members:*

*Brett Parvin  
Linda Hardesty  
Junko Asakawa  
Sonny Awierkowski*

### Meetings

SUN Feb 1 11:30 Sakura Matsuri Mtg

WED Feb 11 7 pm JACGP meeting

SUN Feb 22 11:30 am TSDBT Annual General Meeting

### Gym Schedule

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

## A Short Story *(continued from page 2)*

(Akitas are known for uttering sounds which are supposedly more akin to words than barks) but always managed to sneak in a conversation when Alyssa returned home over breaks.

Keeping in character though, Toshi still hopped in circles when it was time to eat or she wanted to be noticed. She still jumped in every snow drift as if seeing snow for the first time. She could still fling her drool at least ten feet away by simply wagging her head. She would still feign deafness if asked to do something she had "no druthers" to do. But late last night, after more than 12 years of dancing in circles, waiting for siblings, and driving her human mom crazy, Toshi died in her sleep. Because we live in a world of impermanence and because we live in a world of Dharma and lessons, and because each of our lives consists of many stories beyond the simple, short version - Toshi will always be a member of the Holland family and figure into the ideas and choices we continue to make each day of our lives. So that is the ending to this short story, but Toshi has so many more. . .

