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This Month's
Buddhist
Holiday. . .

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rededication
through
reflection

Dento-Kosho

DENTO KOSHO – Tradition/Personal Interpretation

I received a letter from Socho (Bishop) Koshin Ogui informing me that Rev. Peter Inokoji-Kim will be assigned to Sacramento Betsuin. Congratulations Rev. Peter Inokoji-Kim.

As you know, the TS/DBT began the Minister Assistant Program (MAP) in September of 2001. Peter Inokoji-Kim, Carol O'Dowd and Jim Holland were the three Sangha members who entered this program. In September of 2002, Shieko Uno joined the program.

This Minister Assistant Program was the starting point for many BCA members to help the local minister with the varied duties of a minister. For two years, they met with Rev. Teruoka and myself for study of the Buddha/Dharma and to learn Jodo Shinshu Ritual. They also learned to clean the Onaijin (shrine), put up fresh flowers, chanting and to lead services when the minister was out of town.

On October of 2003, Peter and Carol went to Kyoto, Japan for Tokudo (ordination). Tokudo is a two week retreat at Nishiyama Betsuin. There they learned traditional Jodo Shinshu, shaved their heads and received Tokudo from Monshu Koshin Ohtani at Honzan (mother temple) Jim Holland was not able to go because of personal reasons and Shieko was not ready to go because she started a year late.

The MAP classes continued at DBT and on October of 2005, Socho Koshin Ogui came to Denver and certified the four MAP participants. Jim Holland moved to Florida, but Peter, Carol and Shieko continued to help the Tri-State Buddhist Temples as Certified MAP. On June of 2007, Peter and Carol took a four hour written test for Kyoshi. Rev. Kodo Umezu of the Jodo Shinshu Center in Berkeley came to Denver to administer the test. Peter and Carol passed the written exam. In December of 2007, Peter and Carol went to Kyoto, Japan for a two week Kyoshi retreat. They received the Kyoshi Certification.

After eight years of study and practice, on August 1, 2009, Rev. Peter Inokoji-Kim will begin his life as a BCA minister at Sacramento Betsuin. Congratulations Rev. Peter Inokoji-Kim. We will miss you here, but I know you will do well in your first assignment.

Namandabu,
kanya

There are currently 44 households receiving their temple newsletters online. Thank you for thinking "green". You can request your newsletter delivery via email at anytime. Simply notify the temple office with your email address. Please note, we appreciate our hard copy recipients with equal fervor.

A Word From the Temple Office

by Donna Inouye

Of all my friendship affiliations, it seems like my Temple friends lead the most incredibly busy lives. They shuttle kids around to school, sporting events, music lessons, shopping malls, etc. They care for elderly or convalescing family members for days and months that often have a way of becoming years. They volunteer for neighborhood school committee work. They create community projects and sustain them while trying to elicit community participation. They erect international communications systems by stranding recycled coat hangers through existing, but deserted, mole tunnels - okay, this last project is totally fictitious - I simply wanted to emphasize the ingenuity and dedication of my friends (and I also wanted to see who is actually reading this stuff).

Whew! simply making this list leaves me feeling as weary as I imagine each of these friends must feel at the end of each day. How is it, I wonder, that they can repeatedly awaken each morning to face the same rigorous schedule? And, how is it that they always leave enough time and energy to volunteer at the Temple (whether it is to cook, clean, teach, organize, repair, etc.)? Could it be due to the common link we all share . . . we are all Buddhists?

Given my simplistic line of logic (for purposes of this article, anyway), I would have to most heartily and enthusiastically concur that, YES, it is the Buddhist teachings (and adherence to those teachings) that produces such an energetic, dedicated and giving crowd. This thought inspires me to pay more attention to following the Eightfold Path - perhaps I, too, can live a more industrious and giving life.

Of all my friendship affiliations, I am most emphatically grateful to my Temple friends who listen to me, guide me, feed me, think I'm funny, think I'm smart and spend time with me even while leading their incredibly busy lives.
Okagesama de.

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TSDBT Staff Changes

On Friday, May 22nd, 2009, the Tri-State/Denver Buddhist Temple Co-Presidents, Co-Presidents Elect, and several key leaders on the Board of Directors received, via email, Reverend Carol O'Dowd's notice and intention to terminate the contract between Prajna Partnerships, Inc. and the TSDBT. Due to the conditions stipulated in that contract, Reverend O'Dowd's last day of service to the TSDBT will be July 21st, 2009.

Arrangements are being made to cover already-scheduled events and ministerial duties, or to cancel those events and duties if deemed reasonable and appropriate. The Executive Committee has been meeting to address any consequences of this contract termination. And the contract termination, as stated above, will not slow the Ministerial Affairs Committee's work towards finding a new minister to replace Reverend Okamoto when he retires next year.

The Executive Committee and the TSDBT Board of Directors would like to thank Reverend O'Dowd for her years of service with this organization, and we wish her the best of luck and good fortune in any of her future endeavors.

If you have questions or concerns, please contact any TSDBT Board Member or the Co-Presidents, Randy Sasaki or Dennis Hardman at 303.380.8967.

Arigato Gozaimasu!!

Thank you to the "steady, standby" newsletter folding crew and Alyssa Holland for getting June's issue out the door amid the seasonal rush of graduations and CBF planning efforts.

Thank you to everyone who volunteered before, during and after this year's Cherry Blossom Festival. Although printing time occurs before the financial numbers have had a chance to roll in, Festival workers concur that the crowds of visitors were numerous and consistent throughout the weekend.

Thank you to all who donated goods and money for specific use by the Cherry Blossom Festival. Your generous donations allowed us to prepare and serve many delicious foods in a festive, clean and safe environment. For yet another year, the Temple was able to open wide its doors and invite the public in for cultural, educational and entertainment participation.

Thank you to the (ongoing) clean-up crews who donated unused fresh produce to the Denver Mission kitchen up the street; their staff was both excited and grateful to be able to provide healthy greens in their nightly menu for the homeless.

An Amazing Journey

by GanSho Carol O'Dowd, MPA, M.Div., MEd

As I venture out on a new beginning, please allow me to share some of my journey. What an amazing journey it has been. So grateful my son picked Tri-State Denver Temple for our Sundays. It seems like yesterday and so long ago. Having served as a DBT Board member, Dharma School assistant, BWA member and officer, CBF volunteer, MAP and finally *part-time Kyoshi Minister* – what an amazing journey of 18 years.

Amazing to find my spiritual home Jodo Shinshu. Recently, I found myself experiencing Shinran staring at me from a painting. It was as if my studies of him, his struggles at Mt. Hiei, his difficult decision to leave the monastery, his face, his life melded and transfixed me for a moment, for the eternity of an amazing journey.

It was a reflection of the years since completing Tokudo in 2003. Upon returning from Tokudo, Reverend Okamoto sent me to the Longmont Temple where attendance was about six members with 12 or 15 at special services. What growth to have 40 regularly attending Sunday services and more as paid members, to have a book club that is a Shin Buddhist study group, to be able to help seekers on their *nembutsu* path, to host annual events, and more. What an amazing journey.

It took much effort and money to complete my Masters of Divinity – the equivalent of a Masters in Buddhism plus counseling. I am so grateful to those in IBS and BCA who convinced Naropa University to modify graduate requirements to include Shin Buddhist education. I am grateful to the Side Scholarship for paying for my trips to MAP trainings. I am forever indebted to the Denver BWA for sponsoring me for Tokudo and to Reverend Okamoto for recommending me for Tokudo and Kyoshi. I will always be grateful to Reverend Okamoto for including me in the MAP program.

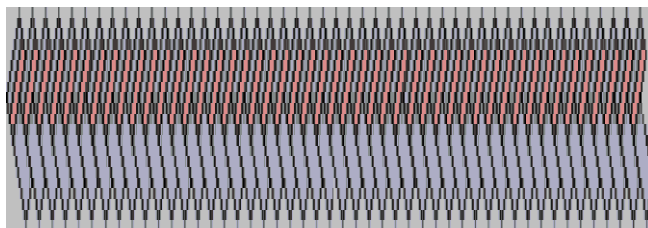
I am grateful for the patience as I experimented in teaching meditation. After sessions at Longmont Temple, I rushed to my Naropa instructors with, “If I’m to teach this to folks with aching joints and some on oxygen tanks, cushions are not going to work!” Naropa began adding chairs to the training sessions. To spend additional time and money for meditation instructor training and chaplaincy training – what an amazing journey.

Combining lessons learned from these experiences has involved many of you. With help from my dear sisters in the Denver BWA, IBS, many TSDBT members, and some from other traditions, we hosted a conference that brought us international recognition and opportunities to link with multiple traditions and teachers inside and outside of BCA. My heart breaks open at recalling so many of you who have touched my heart, who helped me find the courage to face my fears and continue the journey that has carried me to teaching, living and entrusting the *nembutsu*. I am so grateful to TSDBT members who take us to lunch, share smiles, serve food and tea incessantly, sing, play instruments, and listen. Thank you for helping me be who I am today and having been a part of this amazing journey. To have grown and learned each year, each service, each funeral, each hoji, each wedding, each counseling session, each talk I prepare, each encounter. All I can say is thank you. Thank you for this amazing journey.

As we all continue a most amazing journey, we need to support the TSDBT Executive Committee. The Executive Committee noted that my focus has been on ministerial services and I have not addressed membership issues at the Denver Temple as much as has been desired. Their guidance has helped me clarify what is important to me — sharing the dharma, staying in touch with my family and enjoying the work of minister.

Given the pain of change and needing to address budgetary challenges and TSDBT cultural projects, I recognized that ‘minister’ is more important to me as a verb than it is as a noun. I gave notice to terminate my contract; my last date with TSDBT falls on July 21 which allows me to continue to assist with Cherry Blossom Festival and assist with two of our upcoming Intro to Buddhism classes.

Wishing you joy, light and laughter on your amazing journey and thank you for being a part of mine.
Namo Amida Butsu



Thank You

I would like to thank Rev. Okamoto and the TSDBT Sangha for supporting and encouraging me as I travel on my Dharma path. I have accepted an assignment as a full time Kyoshi minister at the Sacramento Betsuin effective August 1, 2009.

I am excited to begin this new career, and yet it is with sadness that I will be leaving Denver and all of you. There are no words to adequately thank you for supporting me as a Sangha member and as a Minister Assistant. I can only tell you that I am forever grateful for the kindness, patience, and encouragement I have received from all of you.

Gassho,
Peter Inokoji-Kim



Tri-State/Denver Buddhist Temples' membership offers congratulations and best wishes to the following couples and their families:

*Kimberly Sadami Kuroda
wed
Tad Anthony Zeller
May 9, 2009*

*Julia Arnold
wed Wesley Murakami
May 23, 2009*

*Kathryn Rowen
wed
Ryan Martin
May 30, 2009*

CONGRATULATIONS !

by Mike Shibata

The Tri-State/Denver Buddhist Temples (TS/DBT) extends its congratulations to the following high school graduates and their parents: Jennifer Heath, Craig Hirokawa, Nicole Matsuda, Kirstie Matsushima, Katherine Rachel Masae Ozawa, Diane Shimamoto and Carissa Anne Tawara.

Among the 31 scholarships presented at the Japanese American Community Graduation Program Banquet held in Arvada on June 13, 2009, the following Buddhists were presented scholarships:

Jennifer Heath - The Kate Kyono Ariki Scholarship Award.

Craig Hirokawa - TS/DBT Taeko Tawara Memorial Scholarship Award, Brighton Japanese American Association Award, and Japanese American Community Graduation Program Committee Award. He was also the recipient of the Mile-Hi Japanese American Citizens League - Harry Sakata Memorial Plaque.

Nicole Matsuda - TS/DBT Caroline M. Tagawa Memorial Scholarship Award, The Gary Lee Higa Friendship Award, and The Ellison Onizuka Memorial Trust Award.

Kirstie Matsushima - TS/DBT Recognition Award and The Gary Lee Higa Friendship Award.

Katherine Rachel Masae Ozawa - TS/DBT Recognition Award.

Diane Shimamoto - Tri-State/Denver Buddhist Temples Award, Japanese Firms Association of Colorado Scholarship, and Tomo Ida / Harry Ida Memorial Award

Carissa Anne Tawara - TS/DBT Recognition Award and Caroline M. Tagawa Memorial Scholarship Award

On Sunday, May 31, at the Awards Sunday Service, the graduates were presented with a certificate of congratulations from the Buddhist Churches of America, the book Teaching of Buddha from the Society for Buddhist Understanding and the book Compassion from Tri-State/Denver Buddhist Temples.

The Tri-State/Denver Buddhist Temples also extends its congratulations to Crystal Nitta and her parents upon receiving her college graduation diploma from the University of Denver.

Once again, congratulations to all the graduates and their parents!



Shinran Shonin 750th Dharma School Art Contest THEME: *Peace and Tranquility*



The BCA Shinran Shonin 750th Memorial Observance will take place Feb. 27-28, 2010, in San Jose, California. The commemoration will include a symposium Saturday afternoon and a Memorial Service on Sunday.

The Sunday service is free and open to the public. It is encouraged that families take the opportunity to participate in this special service. With this historic occasion, Dharma School students are being asked to submit artwork for the Shinran Shonin 750th Dharma School Art Contest.

Dharma School teachers and parents are asked to encourage students to work on pictures relating to the theme: Peace and Tranquility. i.e. pictures of nature, animals, people, families, etc.

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

Masaye Doi

June 13, 1924 - May 18, 2009

Jimmy Mutsuo Hisamoto

October 7, 1935 - May 15, 2009

Jack Seiji Yago

September 26, 1921 - May 22, 2009

Irene Ogura

January 22, 1919 - May 22, 2009

Paul Noboru Gow

May 22, 1930 - May 29, 2009

1. Guidelines:

- a. Students may use any medium - pencil, markers, paints, acrylic to draw their picture or create a collage.
- b. Picture sizes are between 8-1/2 X 11" to 11 X 17" and mounted on heavy card stock.
- c. Include artist's name, trade, temple and home address on the back of each picture.
- d. All entries will receive a certificate of participation from Socho Ogui.

2. There will be four grade categories. Three pictures will be chosen from each group.

- a. Preschool - 2nd Grade
- b. 3rd - 5th Grade
- c. 6th - 8th Grade
- d. 9th - 12th Grade

3. Pictures achieving recognition honors will be:

- a. Displayed at the Shinran Shonin 750th Memorial Observance and Symposium, Feb. 27-28, 2010 in San Jose, CA
- b. Published in the 2011 BCA Calendar
- c. Featured on the Shinran Shonin 750th website
- d. Awarded a certificate of recognition signed by Socho Ogui

Pictures of recognition will be selected by the Shinran Shonin 750th Planning Committee and the FDSTL President. All entries will become property of the Buddhist Churches of America for use in future publications.

4. All entries must be submitted between June 1 and November 1, 2009.

Email pictures of the artwork to:

Jakono@aol.com

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Mail pictures of the art work to:

BCA Shinran Shonin
750th Memorial Commemoration
c/o Jodo Shinshu Center
2140 Durant Ave.
Berkeley, CA 94704

Tri-State/Denver Buddhist Temples gratefully acknowledges donations and offerings received

In memory of Chizuko Mura – 49th Day

Sharon Brooks
 Jeffrey Fujiki
 Steve Hiratsuka
 Rich & DJ Ida
 Calvin Kato
 Sam Kato
 Linda Kato & Barry Boughman
 Albert Kawakami
 Fred Miyamoto and Family
 Mura Family
 Don & Louise Takemura
 Dean & Carrol Tsutsui

In memory of George Tanaka – 30 yr

Todd, Jenn & Faith Fukai
 Jere Fukai
 Trudee, Taylor & Brett Kiyota

In memory of Mitsumasa & Kimiye Miyake

Tom&Steph Miyake and family
 Cal&Flo Newlin and family

**In memory of Susumu Matsumoto
 & Jerrie Tsuruta**

Sharon Hirokawa
 Jo Elaine Akemi Matumoto

In memory of Shigero Morishige – 25 yr

David & Gayle Goto
 Kellye Goto
 Kathryn & Ryan Martin
 Himi Morishige
 Wayne & Jovalene Yoshioka

Memorial Day

Hank & Theresa Doi
 Stephen Ema
 David & Gayle Goto
 Leo Goto
 DJ & Rich Ida
 Linda Kato
 Calvin Kato
 Sam Kato
 Jack & AC Kimura
 Jean Matsuda
 Okiko Matsushima
 Randy Matsushima
 Lillian & Phillip Miyazawa
 Himi Morishige
 William & Ann Murphy
 Tomoe Yasumura
 Alice Yasumura
 Wayne & Jovalene Yoshioka

Visitation

Mountain Ridge Middle School
 Oberon Middle School
 Providence Church High School
 U of CO, Colo. Springs
 Evergreen Montessori Academy

Facilities Usage

DBT Craft Class
 Denver Taiko

Gotan E

Sadao & Shizue Asano
 Mary Chikuma
 Warren & Margaret Fukuhara
 Frances Furukawa
 Paul & Midori Gow
 May Hamano
 Frank Higa
 Erlene Hikida
 Ryoko Hirokawa
 Ken & Amy Inouye
 Kyle & Susan Inouye
 Herb & Dot Inouye
 Kent & Jane kano
 Harue Kelly
 Haruko Kimura
 Manabu & Junko Kimura
 Ayako Kimura
 Jack & AC Kimura
 Minoru & Michiko Kishiyama
 Grace Kiyotake
 Mildred Kiyotake
 Tom Koshio
 Randy & Faye Koto
 Mary Matsuda
 Tatsuo Matsuda
 Jack & Margaret Miyasaki
 Ramona & Douglas Miyauchi
 Phil & Lillian Miyazawa
 Frank Miyazawa
 Anna Murahata
 Edward Nakagawa
 Henry & Ann Nakata
 Chiyo Nakayama
 George & Kiyoko Omoto
 Charles & Teri Ozaki
 Hank & Irene Shibao
 Dora Shibata & Family
 Edward & Yuriko Shimoda
 James T. Shimoda
 Brit & Jean Takara
 Isao Jon & Sayoko Takata
 Hiroshi Takeda
 Michio & Hisae Taniwaki
 Bill & Louise Yamaguchi
 Harlan Yoshida
 Susan Yoshimura

Hanamatsuri

Sam & Peggy Bungo
 Geraldine Fukai
 Art & Tamiko Koyano
 K.S. Kuge
 H. Ogino
 Ohara School of Ikebana
 Dolly & Jodi Sato

Mary S. Uyeno in memory of Bob Uyeno
 Mary S. Uyeno in memory of Mr&Mrs Isajiro Uyeno
 Henry & Sachiko Katayama in memory of Danny Katayama-13th yr
 Betty Ishiguro & Family in memory of Fujio Ishiguro-7th yr
 Edward & Yuriko Shimoda in memory of Haruo (Harry) Shimamoto-17th yr
 Nadine Kato in memory of Larry Kato
 Mr.&Mrs. Yamane in memory of Chiyo Morishige
 Sakae & Tom, Jr. Miyahara in memory of Tom Miyahara-7th yr
 Gary & Debbie Yamashita in memory of Tom Yamashita-49th day
 Family of Yoshiko Sasaki in memory of Yoshiko Sasaki-49th day
 Jason & Sameerah Wong in gratitude for baby visit
 Mineko Nakayama Columbarium fund
 Sumiko Chihara donation
 Donna&Bob Miller postage donation
 Matsuda Family funeral; Edward Matsuda
 Gloria Hisamoto funeral; Jimmy Hisamoto
 Family of Larry Kato funeral; Larry Kato
 Eiji Horiuchi funeral; Sakiye Horiuchi
 Kenneth Arthur Tanaka funeral; Steve Tanaka
 Julia Arnold wedding; Julia Arnold/Wesley Murakami
 Shogo Kuroda wedding; Kim Kuroda/Tad Zeller

from May 1, 2009 - May 31, 2009 AND June 1, 2009 - June 30, 2009:

Ohigan

K.S. Kuge
H. Ogino

Offering Box

1st Grade
2nd Grade
3rd Grade
4th/5th Grade
6th Grade
Sally Harr
Kindergarten
Preschool
Anonymous

Southern Tour

Mary & Charles
Matsubara
Makiko & Yukio
Morimoto
Helene Saeda
Mary T. Yonemoto
Masami Yonemoto
Ted & Machiko
Yonemoto



Planning a barbeque or family picnic? The Temple has whole, uncooked, teriyaki marinated chicken for \$7 each. If you purchase 10 or more chickens, the price becomes \$6 per whole chicken.

Chickens will be available for purchase and pickup on Sunday, July 19th from 10 am to 11:30 am (same time as DBT Obon Service).

After July 19th and through August, you can contact Donna at the Temple to order your chicken and make arrangements to pick it up.
303.295.1844

Memorial Day Services

Carl & Jeannette Johnston;
in memory of Frank & Kathleen Kondo
Leon & Arlene Wallace;
in memory of Frank & Kathleen Kondo
Mr. & Mrs. Ron Marshall;
Nokotsudo – Todd Fujimoto
Ikeru Matsumonji;
in memory of Pauline T. Matsumonji
Diane & David, II Sabala;
in memory of Pauline T. Matsumonji
Takamatsu Family;
in memory of Tooru & Jean Takamatsu
Bob & Kiyu Fujimoto;
in memory of Yuji & Shizuye Fujimoto and Isao Marayama
Anonymous
Wayne & Debra Berve
Sharon Kato Brooks
Helen Fukaye
Miyuki Mabel Googins
Frank & Gladys Hiraoka
Frank & Mary Hiyama
Gary & Shirley Horiuchi
Herb & Dorothy Inouye
Tetsuo & Sadako Iwahiro
Kenso & Peggy Kagiya
Ruth Kamibayashi
Kent & Jane Kano
Dave Kato
Linda Kato
Ayako Kimura
Yuji & Aiko Kimura and family
Tatsuo Matsuda
Tamaki & Theodore Matsuo
Frank Miyazawa
Edward Nakagawa
Henry & Ann Nakata
Mr. & Mrs. Kiyoshi Nakata
Mr. & Mrs. Hugh Nishimoto
L. Nobuta
Sandra Noguchi
Calvin & Donna Noguchi
Family of Mary Omoto
Hank & Irene Shibao
Rose Shibao
Mr. & Mrs. Frank Sugihara
Tamiko & Christopher Suzuki
June & Ken Tagawa
Mr. & Mrs. George Tagawa & families
Yoshi Tagawa
Randy & Jeri Tagawa
Glenn & Eiko Tagawa
Sumi Tanaka
Nancy & Eileen Tanaka
Mary Tawara
Ted & Elaine Tsumura

Unsigned envelope
Henry & Reiko Urano
Tom T. Urano, Jr.
Youko Yamasaki
Gary & Debbie Yamashita
Fumiko Yamashita
Betty Yamashita
Michiko & Richard Yoshida
Mark & Kathy Yoshimoto and family
Jayne Yoshimura

Keiko Mimai

Machiko Fedorchuk
Andy & Mary Hamano
Andy & Cindy Horiuchi
Kent & Jane Kano
Sam Kato
Tepper & Emi Koga
Randy Matsushima
Frank Miyazawa
Nancy Mochizuki
Chiyo Nakayama
Rev. Carol O'Dowd
Kanya & Judy Okamoto
George & Kiyu Omoto

Gotan E

Linda Fukuhara
Teruo Okuno
Sally Sakamoto

In memory of Bill Chikuma – 3rd yr

Anonymous
Michiko Chikuma
The Dale Chikuma Family
Faye Chikuma
Mark & Jeanne Chikuma
Mr. & Mrs. Bob Kagiya
Richard & Sharon Kagiya
Keiko Kawahara
Michael & Junko Manley
Mike & Sharon Matsuda
Rose Shibao
John & Joan Tawara
Rod, Jackie & Leah Tawara
Walt & Jo Tokunaga
Herbert & Judy Wong
Bill & Louise Yamaguchi

In memory of Fujiye Tobo – 7th yr

Dave & Teresa Akiyama
Mr. & Mrs. Tom Nishida
Ted 7 Julie Nishida
Marty Nishida
Mr. & Mrs. Bill Tobo
Mr. & Mrs. Henry Tobo
Mr. & Mrs. Doug Uyemura

In memory of Hiroshi Aigaki – 1st yr

Family of Hiroshi Aigaki
 Michael & Karen Jones
 Mary Tawara
 Bruce Tawara
 D. Tawara & family
 Unsigned envelope
 Alice Yasumura

In memory of Viola Doizaki

In memory of James Doizaki

In memory of William Doizaki

Tommy Doizaki
 Mr. & Mrs. Randy Doizaki and family
 Mr. & Mrs. Steven Doizaki and family
 Helen Doizaki and family
 Jene Kajiwara

In memory of Irene Ogura

Alice (Sato) Ogura Family
 Sumiye Tanaka

In memory of Masaye Doi

Akemi & James Bailey
 Lorraine Doi
 Frances Furukawa

In memory of Mitsuyo Sogi – 17th yr

In memory of Noboru Sogi – 13th yr

Doris Shibata
 Unmarked envelope

In memory of Mutsu Mizukami

Herbert & Diane Guerrero
 Satoru Mizukami
 Toshio & Viola Takata
 Isao Jon & Sayoko Takata
 Douglas & Siu Yoshimura
 Glenn Yoshimura

In memory of Paul Gow

Betty M. Mack
 Jack & Helen Van Anne
 Don Wilson
 Don Yoshihara

Facilities Usage

DBT Craft Class
 Denver Taiko
 Michiko Chikuma Family

Donation

Osamu Hideshima
 Kiyoko Aigaki; newsletter
 Thursday Meditation class
 Sally Harr

Mineko Nakayama Columbarium
 Midori Gow Eitaikyo Scroll; Paul Gow
 Linda Fukuhara Hanamatsuri
 Kim Morehouse Vehicles for Charity
 Frasier Senior Center visitation
 David & Gayle Goto wedding: Kathryn & Ryan
 Matsuda Family in memory of Ed Matsuda – 49th day
 Taeko Morimitsu in memory of Henry Morimitsu – 1st yr
 Betty Yamashita & family in memory of Henry Yamashita – 3rd yr
 Janice Ogawa & David Valenciano ... in memory of Hisashi & Yoneko Ogawa
 Yoshiko Kushihashi in memory of John Kushihashi – 25th yr
 in memory of Albert Kushihashi – 17th yr
 Tomoe Yasumura in memory of Mrs. Chigi Aigaki – 50th yr
 R & B Nakata in memory of Reiko Nakata – 7th yr
 S. Shin in memory of Steven Tanaka
 Don Oyama in memory of William Mori Oyama – 13th yr



2009 Winners of the 37th Annual Cherry Blossom Festival Raffle

21 st prize	\$100.00	Rex Yoshimura
20 th prize	100.00	Roy Yoshimura
19 th prize	100.00	Keiko & Kevin Yoshida
18 th prize	100.00	Stephi Matsushima
17 th prize	100.00	Fudge Tashiro
16 th prize	100.00	Kenzo Kawanabe
15 th prize	100.00	Gary Matsuda
14 th prize	100.00	Sue Yoshimura
13 th prize	100.00	Ann Nakata
12 th prize	100.00	DJ Ida
11 th prize	100.00	James Gardner
10 th prize	100.00	Katherine Sakurai
9 th prize	100.00	Ken & Aiko Horiuchi
8 th prize	100.00	Kay Mura
7 th prize	100.00	Harry Yamamura
6 th prize	250.00	John Kosednar
5 th prize	400.00	George Yago
4 th prize	750.00	John & Renee Walbert
3 rd prize	900.00	Manabu Kimura
2 nd prize	1200.00	Michi Fujii
1 st prize	3000.00	Kenny Takahashi



Sakura Festival Benefit Raffle:

Thank you to all who purchased raffle tickets and congratulations to those winners who were selected in the drawing Sunday afternoon. A special thank you for those people who volunteered their time selling the tickets during the two day event. Without your enthusiasm and excitement the raffle would not be successful!

Volunteers:

- Donna & Bob Miller, Sedgwick Buddhist Temple
 - Tom & Kiyo Kobayashi, Sedgwick Buddhist Temple
 - Doug & Dorothy Uyemura Greeley Buddhist Temple
 - Joe & Jane Sasaki, Ft Lupton Buddhist Temple
 - Ms Oki Matsushima, Ft Lupton Buddhist Temple
 - Ken Tagawa, Brighton Sangha
 - Willard Bissell, Longmont Buddhist Temple
 - Frank & Gladys Konishi, Denver/Ft Lupton Buddhist Temple
 - Dan & Linda Podell, Greeley Shin Sangha
 - Alley & Yoshimi Watada, Ft Lupton Buddhist Temple
 - Ed Nakagawa, Denver Buddhist Temple
 - Kent Kano, Denver Buddhist Temple
 - Kathy Watada, Ft Lupton Buddhist Temple
 - Herb Inouye, Denver Buddhist Temple
- Again, thank you!
Arigatoo,
Gene Watada, CBF Raffle Chairperson



Images From Cherry Blossom Festival 2009

Dear Mountain States District Minister, Temple Leaders and Sangha:

On behalf of the Salt Lake Buddhist Temple, we are pleased to announce the 39th annual Mountain States District Conference that will be held at the Ogden Buddhist Temple. We are very excited to host this year's conference. The Salt Lake Buddhist Temple will be undergoing renovations during the scheduled time for the conference, and the Ogden Buddhist Temple has graciously offered to allow us the use of their facilities to host this year's conference. We hope that this conference will provide an opportunity for you to renew old friendships and make new ones, as well as hear about what is happening at the BCA and how it will effect our district and our individual Temples.

This year's theme, "Peace and Tranquility", will highlight the BCA's commemoration of Shinran Shonin's 750th Memorial. Our guest speaker will be Reverend Harry Bridge from the Oakland Buddhist Temple.

We will also be having a ukulele clinic for the Dharma School students. We hope that you will all be able to attend this year's conference and look forward to your participation.

Attached you will find our tentative agenda, registration form, and hotel information. Please RSVP as soon as possible. We would like to know how many will be interested in attending the ukulele clinic to ensure we have enough ukuleles. There will also be an afternoon golf scramble on Saturday, and we would like to know how many people plan to participate in order to arrange tee times. Thank you for your anticipated support for this year's Mountain State District Conference.

In Gassho,
2009 Mountain States District Conference Planning
Committee

2009 Mountain States District Conference September 4-6, 2009; Ogden, UT Registration Form (due August 7, 2009)

I (we) would like to register & attend the 2009 Mountain State District Conference.

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There are _____ people included in my family group.

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO TSDBT OFFICE by August 7, 2009. WE NEED TO RESPOND TO SALT LAKE BUDDHIST TEMPLE by August 16, 2009.

IF INTEREST WARRANTS, we will commission a bus to transport Conference Attendees FROM TSDBT TO OGDEN, UTAH. (leave Friday, return Sunday)

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Name : _____ Address: _____

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(for ukelele session)

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39th Mountain States District Conference

Hosted by Salt Lake Buddhist Temple

Held at Ogden Buddhist Temple

Tentative agenda

Date September 5th – 6th 2009
Host Salt Lake Buddhist Temple
Reverend Jerry Hirano
Temple President: Dot Richeda

Conference Location Ogden Buddhist Temple
155 North Street
Ogden, UT 84404

Theme *Peace and Tranquility*

Special Guest Speaker Rev. Harry Bridge
Oakland Buddhist Temple

Agenda Friday, September 4, 2009

6:30 PM Registration
7 – 9 PM Social/Hospitality

Saturday, September 5, 2009

9:00 AM Registration and continental breakfast
10:00 AM Opening Service
10:30 AM General Business meeting/ukulele clinic
12:00 PM Lunch
1:00 PM Guest Speaker
2:15 PM Break
2:30 PM Affiliate Meetings
3:30 PM Free Time – Golfing
7:00 PM Dinner and Social Activity

Sunday, September 6, 2009

9:00 AM Continental Breakfast
10:00 AM Closing Service and farewell

Hotel Accommodations

Please make your own hotel reservations.

Listed below are two hotels close to the Ogden Buddhist Temple.

Best Western High Country Inn:
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Room Rates average around \$99 per night

1335 West 12th Street
Ogden, UT 84404-5417

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Room rates approximately \$99 per night

247 24th Street
Ogden, UT 84401

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If you need any assistance with hotel reservations, please contact a member of the Mountain States District Conference Planning Committee:

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Religious Services

THURS Jul 2 12 noon Meditation(G)
6:30 pm Greeley Shin Sangha
7 pm Hoji

FRI Jul 3 2 pm Hoji - offsite

MON Jul 6 4 pm Scottsbluff Obon (O)

TUES Jul 7 4 pm Sedgwick Ohakamairi (O)
6 pm Sedgwick Obon (O)
6:30 pm Shin Buddhism Class (G)

THURS Jul 9 12 noon Meditation (G)

FRI Jul 10 4 pm Cheyenne Obon&Ohakamairi

SAT Jul 11 pm Hoji - offsite

SUN Jul 12 10:30 am Brighton Obon (O)
11 am Longmont (G)
12:30 pm Ft. Lupton Obon (O)
w/ hoji - offsite (O)

TUES Jul 14 6:30 pm Shin Buddhism Class (G)

THURS Jul 16 12 noon Meditation (G)
6:30 pm Greeley Shin Sangha (G)

SAT Jul 18 10 am Ault Ohakamairi (O)
11 am Greeley Ohakamairi (O)
12 noon Greeley Obon (O)

SUN Jul 19 10 am DBT Obon (O)

WED Jul 22 6 pm Alamosa Obon (O)

THURS Jul 23 9 am LaJara/Alamosa Ohakamairi
12 noon Rocky Ford Ohakamairi (O)
1 pm Ordway Ohakamair (O)

SAT Jul 25 3 pm Hoji

SUN Jul 26 11:30 am Hoji - offsite (O)

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