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Darren Kim, YBA student, recently competed in the National YoYo/Spin Top Championships held in Chico, CA. He came home the National Spin Top Champion AND he placed first in the YoYo Sport Ladder Division for 13-16 year-olds. He is pictured here receiving his award. Way to go, Darren!!

Dento-Kosho

DENTO KOSHO Tradition/Personal Interpretation

I always wonder who reads the Tri-State Buddhist Temples Newsletter "Temple Reflections". I proof-read our newsletter, mostly for typos. I hope you see and read about the Centennial Endowment and Renovation Fund. This is a very important Fund for the Tri-State. The 100th Anniversary of the TS/DBT will be in 2016. One hundred years of Jodo Shinshu in the Tri-State. Of course, the Tri-State is a misnomer. The original Tri-State is Colorado, Nebraska and Wyoming. But now the Tri-State includes: New Mexico, Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas and Montana.

The many Ministers before me have shared the Nembutsu as taught to us by Shinran Shonin throughout the eight states. The Centennial Endowment and Restoration Fund will ensure the continued activity of Nembutsu throughout the eight states.

I read that some members continue to increase their donations. The Saeda family in New Mexcio, the Kato family in Denver- just to name a few. For this I am truly grateful to the families that know the importance of Jodo Shinshu the Nembutsu (Namo Amida Butsu) in their daily life.

We have all been enriched by the Issei and Nisei who gave us the heritage we call Jodo Shinshu. Let us be part of the living and beautiful heritage. If you have not contributed to the Centennial Endowment and Restoration Fund, I encourage you to participate.

Namandabu, kanya



This Month's
Buddhist
Holiday. . .

Eitaikyo
Perpetual
Sutra Chanting

A Word From the Temple Office

by Donna Inouye

This month's newsletter article was a painful exercise in thinking. I had to resort to informal polling of friends and family - what can I write about? One response came in. I was told to write about . . . "the only two questions worth asking," which were stated as, "Why are we here?" and "What should we do about it?"

These are, indeed, two very important questions but, I would argue they are not 'the only two' questions worth asking. In fact, I can think of quite a few instances when "Where is it?" becomes the only question worth asking. Like when you need to use a bathroom but are stuck in unfamiliar surroundings, "Where is it?" is rather important. Or when you become stuck in an enclosed space with an angry wasp and you are fairly convinced that the wasp's only purpose in life is to find you and let you know just how angry he is - "Where is it?" becomes a very important question. Or when you answer "Nirvana" to someone who has inquired what you are seeking as a Buddhist, "Where is it?" becomes the important follow up question.

Silliness aside, I first want to mention, that my friend who suggested the subject questions also provided a related website address (I will relay that address to you at the end of this article). I went to the website and listened to the featured speaker who was actually speaking on the subject of 'Invisibility' during which he inevitably offered many thoughts worthy of several articles; but, he ended his spiel by answering the "only two questions worth asking" with a quote by W.H. Auden, philosopher/poet, "We are here on earth to help others. What the others are here for, I've no idea." (See? I'm not the only one prone to humor bordering on the irrelevant and/or irreverent. ☺)

Secondly, I wish to mention that my original topic (which never developed further than bouncing around in my head) was two-fold: How can I encourage livelier participation in temple life by all Sangha members? and How can I acknowledge and express gratitude to the many Sangha members whose participation keep this temple alive and

available to others? These became my 'only two questions worth asking' but since I could not figure out an entertaining way to present my questions (because let's face it - if you want to present ideas in writing, you have to feel fairly certain that your words will keep the reader reading clear to the end), I was happy to discover that my questions can actually be answered within the parameters of the two questions asked in the first paragraph: Why are we here? and What should we do about it?

My temple role as office worker allows me to daily witness much of the activities and communication performed by Sangha members in maintenance of our temple. Please consider the term 'maintenance' as financial, physical and spiritual upkeep.

Monetary donations made in the form of monthly special service donations, pledge membership payments, osaisen (Sunday service offerings), Centennial Endowment Fund donations and offerings given in the memory of a loved one are what pay the bills. Donations of flowers for the onaijin, pizzas and noodles for Bake Sale, copier paper and the like help defray our bills.

Serving in an officer position on the Board or one of the many committees (Dharma School, BWA, Sakura Matsuri Planning, Membership, Centennial Fund, Funeral, Ministerial Affairs, Scholarships, MAP, to name a few) is what keeps the temple functioning. Volunteering as a Board or Committee member is what keeps the temple and officers functioning.

Participating (whether as volunteer labor or guest participant) in temple events such as Sunday Services, Turkey Bingo, Cherry Blossom Festival, Hanamatsuri, Nembutsu Seminars, Sunday Bake Sales, to name a few, provides the glue that holds us together as the collective comprising TSDBT's Sangha; in short, it make us us.

So, **why are we here?** A small sliver in each of lives must answer that question, "We are here to ensure the longevity of us (or the longevity of Tri-State/Denver Buddhist Temple)(or the longevity of Jodo Shinshu Buddhism)(or, if you wish to enlarge the sliver, to live the life of Nembutsu). **What should we do about it?** We can donate money, we can volunteer our services, we can participate and enjoy the company of fellow Sangha members.

All of these are fairly short and simple answers. And, yet, short and simple doesn't seem to do justice to those already deeply involved in providing the answers. . . their dedication as

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For newsletter contributions, submit your article by the 10th of each month for publication in the next month's issue.

For additional information, or to read the newsletter online, go to our website at www.tsdbt.org

Arigato Gozaimasu!!

Thank you to regular 'Fab Four' crew of newsletter folders and stuffers for getting out the October issue of the temple newsletter. Your continued dedication is truly awesome!

Thank you to Lesli Hirokawa and her classroom of willing students for stamping this month's special service's donation envelope. It's a time-consuming and, sometimes, tedious job so your efforts are much appreciated.

Thank you to Dat Nguyen for spending an entire Sunday afternoon wiring all of the copiers and connecting them to the office computers. Now if we could only get the operators (KO & DI) in a similar 'up and running' mode! Also, a big thank you to Dat's family for spending that same Sunday afternoon in waiting; your patience is truly amazing.

Thank you to Lesli Hirokawa and Stacey Ospina for stepping up to volunteer as co-Superintendents for the 2009-2011 Dharma School term. We are anticipating an incredible couple of years.

Thank you to Charles Ozaki for donating a grill to the temple; this grill will be extremely useful during our annual Cherry Blossom Festival cook-outs. It has already proven great worth as it was used for the recent Cheery Blossom Festival's Thank You Luncheon for all volunteers.

Thank you to Wayne Berve for making ongoing repairs to the front temple gate. Thank you to Myron Kiyotake for winterizing the temple's heating/ac equipment in preparation for a new season. Thank you to Mitch Mollard for getting Okamoto Sensei's email system back up and running.

From the Temple Office

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evidenced by sacrifice (in the form of dollars and/or time) to benefit the temple is overwhelmingly humbling.

Therefore, I would like to take the liberty of answering the 'only two question worth asking' in the format put forth by philosopher/poet, W.H. Auden, by saying, "We are here on earth to help others AND to live the life of OKEGESAMA DE." How would you answer these two questions?

P.S. As promised, here is the website address:

http://www.ted.com/talks/john_loyd_inventories_the_invisible.html

Dear BCA Sangha Member,

We trust that this letter finds you and your family enjoying the light and life of nenbutsu in your daily life. On behalf of the Buddhist Churches of America we are truly grateful for your support and involvement in carrying out our mission to realize and share the heart of the Buddha Dharma in our families and communities.

We would like to invite you to participate in two special events on February 27 and 28, 2010, when the BCA will be commemorating Shinran Shonin's 750th memorial anniversary with a symposium and service at the Fairmont Hotel in San Jose, California. Following the Hongwanji's theme for the memorial observances, we have adopted an abbreviated English version, "Peace and Tranquility," to be the focus of our programs. This historic gathering will be held in conjunction with the annual BCA National Council meeting hosted by the Coast District Council.

The symposium will feature a keynote address by Dr. Rev. Ken Tanaka of Musashino University, Tokyo, a range of workshops, an interactive Shin Buddhist Expo, banquet speaker Pieper Toyama, Head of the Pacific Buddhist Academy, Honolulu, HI. On Sunday a commemoration memorial service will be open to the public at no charge, and will feature a new musically based program.

In tribute to the spirit of Shinran Shonin's efforts to share the heart of Nenbutsu by making the teachings accessible to people in all walks of life, the BCA National Board has designated the establishment of the Jodo Shinshu Center located in Berkeley, California, as our 750th memorial commemoration project. Dedicated in the fall of 2006, the JSC has become the center of our religious education programs by housing the Institute of Buddhist Studies, Center for Buddhist Education, and the BCA Bookstore. Other tenants include a Hongwanji branch office out of which an international English correspondence course and ministerial training program are administered, and Ryukoku University's study abroad program.

We look forward to your participation in this special commemorative event that we sincerely hope will bring our sangha together, affirming the spiritual legacy we've received from the teachings of Shinran Shonin, in Peace and Tranquility.

Gassho,

Rev. Ron Kobata and Judy Kono, Co-chairs of the Shinran Shonin 750th Planning Committee

SEE: additional info & registration forms on pages 8 & 9



Dharma School Pages

Valuable Information and News
from Your Dharma School Co-Superintendents

Stacey Ospina (303)755-3874

Lesli Hirokawa (303) 450-9742

Jr. YBA Class and Writings

submitted by Cameo Haddan, teacher

Jr. YBA is a small, but lively, class this year. We are going to learn about the life of Shinran Shonin, as well as several ways to meditate. Walking meditation is a favorite of mine, so we will practice that on a field trip. We have many great discussions on Buddhism and how it applies to their lives. We have many philosophical discussions too. My goal is to expand their minds and perspectives.

This years class consists of:

Sage Asakawa	Ryan Kim
Austin Akiyama	Brett Kiyota
Shelby Brady	Kyle Manley
Lauren Chase	Rebeka Nguyen
Jacob Daniels	Connor Ospina
Peter Douglas	Ben Pettis
Thomas Hirokawa	Tia Ramos
Andrew Horiuchi	Aubreylin Shibata

When asked to write on a subject for the newsletter, they decided that Dana would be the subject matter. Here are their thoughts on Dana:

Dana

1. Do things for your community.
 2. Help a person pick up stuff they dropped.
 3. Don't be mean to someone who did something wrong.
- Connor Ospina

Dana is being compassionate, but can be expressed in different ways. It doesn't have to be anything big, just selfless. From picking up trash to donating to charity.

- Lauren Chase

Brng down laundry on Saturday. Water the garden. Do my homework.

- Andrew Horiuchi

Dana is when you are kind and considerate to someone or something. You should try to make Dana a big part of your day. Make sure to incorporate Dana to yourself-don't put yourself down. ~ Selfless giving~

- Sage Asakawa

Dana is being kind to others. It is also doing things without expecting a reward. Dana could be mowing a lawn or walking a dog. Dana comes from the kindness of your heart.

- Jacob Daniels

Dana can mean many different things to many different people. To me, it not only means to be kind, but to be kind to other people without any benefits to you. That is what Dana means to me.

- Tia Ramos

Dana can be many different things. It can be cleaning up a mess, donating for a good cause, or complimenting someone. But the best act of Dana is making a new friend.

- Aubreylin Shibata

Dana is selfless giving. Dana just happens. Dana isn't selfish.

- Rebeka Nguyen

I think that Dana is about doing something kind for another person; whether it be holding the door, helping them carry something, or anything like that. This may sound a lot like just being friendly, but there is a small difference. If you are simply being friendly, you will most likely remember what you did for the next day or so. If you are practicing Dana, then you will think nothing of it, and move on, not focusing on it, and being truly selfless.

- Ben Pettis

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CHIBI NO GAKKO 2010

A JAPANESE AMERICAN HERITAGE SATURDAY SCHOOL - 8TH SESSION

WHAT: Chibi no Gakko is a Denver community-based program that provides children the opportunity to explore their Japanese American heritage in a fun, "hands on" way. Children will explore their personal family history, cook, sing, dance, read, write, and participate in art and craft activities.

WHO: Students currently enrolled in grades 2-8
Youth mentors in grades 9-12 who were previous Chibi No Gakko students
Teachers certified through the Colorado Department of Education
Community volunteers

WHEN: Saturdays January 9 - February 27 Time: 12:45 – 4:00 p.m.
(Skip Saturday, January 30th)
Potluck celebration February 27, 2010 Time: 4:30-6:30 p.m.

WHERE: Tri-State/Denver Buddhist Temple – 1947 Lawrence Street - Denver, CO 80202

COST: \$90.00 per child — \$80.00 each additional child. Maximum per family \$180.00
(T-shirt included with registration. Please indicate size for each student.)

DEADLINE: Registration must be received by December 1, 2009. If space available, applications will be accepted after December 1st and a late fee of \$20.00 will be charged. Registration priority is based on date application is received.

For mentor application call Judy Okamoto 303-426-0252 (SEE: page 7 of this newsletter)

For further information: Kathy Namura 303-431-2136
Carolyn Takeshita 303-455-4987
Judy Okamoto 303-426-0252

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REGISTRATION FORM

Child's name _____ Birthdate _____
Parents _____ Telephone _____
Address _____ Cell phone _____

Email _____
School/Grade _____
What years has child attended Chibi No Gakko as a student ? _____

Total amount enclosed _____ Check payable to Chibi No Gakko

T-shirt Size (included with registration) Please circle size:

Youth size: S – M – L

Adult size: S – M – L

Please return registration to: Application must be mailed and postmarked by December 1, 2009

Kathy Namura
15400 W. 64th Ave. Unit E9-154
Arvada, CO 80007

Chibi no Gakko

Japanese American Heritage Saturday School

Mission: To share Japanese American culture through a variety of learning activities

Mentors: This is for 9th - 12th grade students (high school)

Mentor Responsibilities

- arrive (11:45 am) for lunch and staff meeting, and be pick up on time (4:30 pm)
- notify the teacher if you are unable to attend
- dress appropriately for warm and "messy" activities
- take responsibility for your behavior while assisting children at Chibi no Gakko
- contact Chibi no Gakko staff with questions or concerns as they may arise

Mentor Expectations

- respect yourself and others
- keep yourself safe and respect safety for others
- use language appropriate for school (no swearing)
- take care of your property, jackets, supplies, etc.
- clean up after yourself in art, cook, eating centers, and, in general, help children do so by being a mature role model for them
- no gum chewing at Chibi no Gakko
- refrain from "chit chatting" with other mentors.

Mail application form to:

Chibi no Gakko c/o Judy Okamoto at 1261 Elmwood Lane, Denver, CO 80221 by Dec. 1st.

Space is limited to the first 10 mentors and will be filled by the higher grades first.

Only mailed applications will be considered.

Chibi no Gakko Mentor Application

Name _____ Home phone _____

Address _____ Cell phone _____

_____ E-mail _____

School/Grade _____

Parents' name _____ Cell phone _____

- on another sheet of paper, please write a short essay on why you want to be a mentor.
- I was a student at Chibi no Gakko in _____
- I was a mentor at Chibi no Gakko in _____
- Please circle the dates you can attend: 1/9 1/16 1/23 2/6 2/13 2/20 2/27

Applicant's signature _____ Parent signature _____

Buddhist Churches of America
Shinran Shonin 750th Memorial Observance,
Symposium and Banquet

Fairmont Hotel
San Jose, CA
Saturday, February 27, 2010

"Peace and Tranquility"

Individual registration form for non-BCA National Council Delegates and boosters.
[Official Delegates and booster are to use the Ministers Association Meeting and National Council Meeting registration form]

Name: _____
First Last

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone Number : () _____ Email Address: _____

Temple and District Affiliation (if applicable)

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27th SYMPOSIUM WORKSHOP SESSION I

List workshop choice: 1st, 2nd and 3rd

- A ___ Dr. Rev. Ken Tanaka - Japanese Language Session.
"Amerika Jodo Shinshu no Ayumi to Tenbo to Sono Igi - Amerika Bukkyo Zentai wo Haikai ni"
B ___ Reverend Harry Bridge - "The Meaning & Potential of Music in Shin Buddhism"
C ___ Professor James Dobbins - "Shinran Shonin and His Family: A Personal History"
D ___ Jacqueline Kramer - "The Practice of Buddhism in Everyday Family Life"

SATURDAY BANQUET ENTRÉE CHOICE

- C ___ Chicken Lattice Breast of Chicken (Grilled portabella mushrooms, sun-dried tomato pesto reduction)
F ___ Fish Cedar Plank Baked Honey Thyme Salmon (Fingerling potatoes, forest mushrooms, lemon thyme butter)
V ___ Vegetarian Wild Mushroom Ravioli (Wilted spinach, brandy cream sauce)
___ Will not attend the banquet

\$110 - Shinran Symposium and Banquet - Saturday, February 27th \$ _____

Sunday, February 28th Family Service - Shinran Shonin Memorial Observance and Program
(open to all at no charge)

___ I will attend the Sunday Service

All activities will be held at the Fairmont Hotel, 170 South Market Street, San Jose, CA 95113

Tri-State/Denver Buddhist Temple Members and Friends: Return completed form and make check payable to TS/DBT,

send to: Tri-State/Denver Buddhist Temple
attn: BCA 750th Memorial Contact
1947 Lawrence St.
Denver, CO 80202

Deadline: January 20, 2010

For more information contact Donna Inouye at (303) 295-1844

Buddhist Churches of America
SHINRAN SHONIN 750TH MEMORIAL SYMPOSIUM
Fairmont Hotel, San Jose, California

Saturday, February 27, 2010
1:15 pm – 5:30pm

Shinran Shonin's Wish for Us and the World: From Inner Peace to Outer Peace

Keynote Speaker: Dr. Rev. Ken Tanaka

Dr. Rev. Ken Tanaka is a professor of Buddhist studies at Musashino University in Tokyo. Prior to that he was a professor at the Institute of Buddhist Studies of the Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley, California. He is currently the president of the International Association of Shin Buddhist Studies. He is the author of numerous texts, including *The Dawn of Chinese Pure Land Buddhist Doctrine*, *Ocean: An Introduction to Jodo Shinshu Buddhism in America*, *The Faces of Buddhism in America*, and many scholarly articles.

SESSION I Symposium Speakers 3:10pm – 4:10pm

Amerika Jodo Shinshu no Ayumi to Tenbo to Sono Igi-Amerika Bukkyo Zentai wo Haike ni

Speaker: Dr. Rev. Ken Tanaka

The Meaning and Potential of Music in Shin Buddhism

Speaker: Rev. Harry Gyokyo Bridge

Rev. Harry Gyokyo Bridge spent various parts of his youth in both Tokyo and the Boston area. He encountered Buddhism while in college, and although he had dreams of becoming a professional musician, he instead found his way into the Buddhist ministry. He received Masters Degrees from both the Institute of Buddhist Studies in Berkeley, California and Ryukoku University in Kyoto, Japan. Rev. Bridge served as the resident minister of the Buddhist Church of Lodi for two and a half years and was assigned to the Buddhist Church of Oakland in January of 2009.

Shinran Shonin and His Family; A Personal History

Speaker: Professor James Dobbins

James Dobbins is the James H. Fairchild Professor of Religious Studies at Oberlin College in Ohio. He is a well-known scholar of Japanese religions, with a particular interest in Japanese Pure Land, Jodo Shinshu, and women in medieval Japanese Buddhism. He is the author of two texts, *Jodo Shinshu: Shin Buddhism in Medieval Japan* and *Letters of the Nun Eshinni: Images of Pure Land Buddhism in Medieval Japan*, as well as numerous scholarly articles.

The Practice of Buddhism in Everyday Family Life

Speaker: Jacqueline Kramer

Jacqueline Kramer has been studying and practicing Theravadin Buddhism for 30 years. She is the founder and director of the Hearth Foundation of Northern California, which is dedicated to supporting and inspiring mothering and homemaking as a spiritual practice. Ms. Kramer is also the author of a widely acclaimed book, *Buddha Mom*, in which she explores how she has become a better Buddhist through opening herself to motherhood.

SESSION II Shin Expo 4:20pm – 5:30pm

Shinran Shonin Video; Book Reading & Signing (Dr. Rev. Tanaka, Prof. James Dobbins, Ms. Jacqueline Kramer); Interactive Techno Display of Jodo Shinshu Communities in the World; Peace and Tranquility Displays; Display of selected Dharma School Art Posters and the Life of Shinran Shonin Panels.

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 donors and/or donors who are paying their initial pledge amount by installments have their names bolded within each list.

Bronze Level \$1 - \$999

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Don & Lonnie Hester & family
Jim & Jeanne Matsuda
Janet & James Fujita
Miyuki Mabel Googins
in memory of Yoshi Nishimura
Midori Gow
In memory of Paul Gow
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
HJ & Alice Kimura
Manabu & Junko Kimura
Charlie & Mary Matsubara
in honor of Charlie Matsubara's 88th birthday
Tatsuo Matsuda
In memory of Alyce Matsuda
Sam & Terry Mayeda

Frank Miyazawa
Phillip & Lillian Miyazawa
in memory of Shigeo Miyazawa
Kim & Sarah Morehouse
in memory of Kay Tamaki
George & Yoko Nagai
Henry & Ann Nakata
George & Kiyoko Omoto
Janice & Greg Ramos
Helene H. Saeda
in memory of Moriichi & Hisayo Saeda
David & Joni Sakaguchi
Steven & Stacey Shigaya
George Tagawa
In memory of Gail Tagawa
Ken Tagawa
Carolyn & Mickey Takeshita
Sumiji Tamaki
Robert & Shelly Tanaka
Michio & Hisae Taniwaki
Bill & Wendy Thompson
Kurt, Kanae, Bruce & Ariana Tsumura
Ted & Elaine Tsumura with Fairy Kuritani;
*in memory of Henry Kuritani, Amy Tsumura and
Nobuzane Tsumura*
Kent & Kelly Yamasaki
Betty Yamashita
Gary & Debbie Yamashita
Tom & Fumiko Yamashita
Kevin & Keiko Yoshida

Anna Murahata
(should have been entered in June 2009)
Masao Mura
Dick & Chizuko Momii

ATTENTION BUDDHIST WOMEN



The 14th World Buddhist Women's Convention will be held in Kyoto, Japan on May 16th and 17th, 2011. The Shinran Shonin 750th Memorial service will be held one day before the convention on May 15, 2011. [NOTE: the Shinran Shonin 750th Memorial celebration will occur throughout the world over a span of two years. This event in Kyoto, Japan is different than the BCA event described on page . Both events celebrate the life and teachings of Shinran Shonin.]

Planners of the 2011 Memorial service would like tentative count of prospective attendees from the United States. Reverend Michael Endo, who is currently the Executive Assistant to the Socho, is the liaison BCA and Japan; he is asking that all temples submit a count by December 1, 2009.

If you plan to attend, are thinking of attending or wish to attend, please contact the temple office or Mitzi Kishiyama at 303-988-5035. Your prompt cooperation will be appreciated.

Religious Services

SUN Nov 1 9:30 am DBT

TUES Nov 3 6:30 pm Sedgwick

SUN Nov 8 9:30 am DBT Eitaikyo service
guest speaker: Rev. Dennis Fujimoto

1 pm Ft. Lupton w/Rev. Fujimoto
followed by pot luck lunch

SAT Nov 14 9 am Brighton Sangha

SUN Nov 15 9:30 am DBT

WEDS Nov 18 6 pm La Jara/Alamosa

SAT Nov 21 1 pm Greeley

SUN Nov 22 9:30 DBT

THURS Nov 26 10 am InterFaith Thanksgiving
Temple Emmanuel

SAT Nov 28 11 am Hoji

SUN Nov 29 NO services

Dharma School Events

Nov 2009 6th grade chairs Family Services
5th grade decorates bulletin board

SUN Nov 15 Birthday Sunday

SUN Nov 22 Turkey Bingo

Special Events

Inter-Faith Thanksgiving Service
Thursday, November 26
10:00 am
Temple Emmanuel

Bake Sales

Nov 1 - 3rd Grade

Nov 8 - 4th Grade

Nov 15 - 5th Grade

Nov 22 - YBA lunch

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

*John Tawara
June 6, 1935 - September 17, 2009*

*Fuji Nishi
May 10, 1917 - September 30, 2009*

Meetings

SUN Nov 1 8:30 am Membership Comm. mtg
11:30 Sakura Matsuri Mtg

SUN Nov 22 11:30 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

BCA 750th Shinran Shonin Memorial Video Montage

As part of the Buddhist Churches of America's Commemoration of the Shinran Shonin 750th Memorial, the BCA Service Committee has decided to create a video montage consisting of videos submitted by each BCA temple. The purpose of the collective video montage is to highlight the diversity of all the Jodo Shinshu Sanghas. Each BCA temple is requested to participate.

Music and instructions have been provided; TS/DBT music contacts are Mitzi Kishiyama and Courtney Ozaki. Together, they must teach the new music, "Many, But One – Song of Circle, Triangle and the Square", to as many Sangha members as possible.

The video submittal deadline is December 1, 2009 so, as you can see, we need to learn and sing in earnest. Practice time will be announced soon. Even if you cannot attend the 750th Memorial Service in February 2010 (SEE: pages 3, 8 and 9), you can be an important part of the service in voice and spirit.

BWA News

BCA FBWA Student Exchange Program

The Mountain States District BWA is accepting applications for the Federation Buddhist Women's Association (FBWA) Student Exchange Program for 2010. We will be sending two girls to Japan in the summer of 2010. The Program in Japan is usually held around the end of July through the beginning of the first week of August, lasting for about two weeks. The trip (airfare, lodging accommodations, etc.) will be paid for by the Hongwanji Fujinkai.

This is a home-stay program open to female high school seniors or university students of Jodo Shinshu faith, as a means of nurturing future leaders for Jodo Shinshu women's activities. Applications are due no later than January 4, 2010 so that the girls selected will have time to obtain a passport.

Please contact Mitzi Kishiyama at 303-988-5035 for details and the application form.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:30 am DBT	2	3 6:30 pm Sedgwick (O)	4	5	6	7
8 9:30 DBT Eitaikyo Guest Speaker: Rev. Dennis Fujimoto 1 pm Ft. Lupton w/Rev. Fujimoto & potluck lunch	9	10	11	12	13	14 9 am Brighton Sangha
15 9:30 am DBT services BWA General Mtg	16	17	18 6 pm Alamosa (O)	19	20	21 1 pm Greeley
22 9:30 am DBT 11:30 DS Turkey Bingo 11:30 TSDBT Board Mtg	23	24	25	26 10 am InterFaith Thanksgiving @ Temple Emmanuel	27 Day Off (O)	28 11 am Hoji 2 pm Visitors
29 NO Services	30					

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SEE: Updated calendar on website - www.tsdbt.org

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 6:30 pm Sedgwick	2 10 am Visitors	3	4	5
6 9:30 am DBT Okamoto Sensei will be guest speaker at San Jose Betsuin	7	8	9	10	11	12 9 am Brighton Sangha 11 am Ft. Lupton
13 9:30 am DBT Bodhi Day	14	15	16	17	18	19 1 pm Greeley
20 9:30 am DBT TSDBT Board Mtg	21	22	23	24	25	26 YBA Mochi Tsuki
27 YBA Mochi Tsuki NO Services	28	29	30	31		

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