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Vow #29

Ability and power to share the Teaching

Additional explanation of contents (virtue) of Vow #22

“If, when I attain Buddhahood, the bodhisattvas in my land **should not possess wisdom and eloquence when comprehending, reciting, and expounding sutras**, may I not attain the perfect enlightenment.”

Words

Wisdom: It is deeper than information, knowledge, and understanding. It comes from awareness and realization. For example, when I was a boy, my father used to say, “Don’t lie. Tell truth!” It was because I used his tools and misplaced them all over in his workshop. Then, after I learned the Teaching of Buddha, I realized “Don’t tell a lie!” When I was young, I could understand what my father said, but I did not realize its true meaning. Realization and awareness protect and leads me to safe place. When you learn the Teaching of Buddha, a simple teaching sounds no difference between understanding and awareness. Wisdom is more important than understanding or knowledge in Buddhism. It stays in mind long time.

Comprehending: Understanding with deep awareness.

Reciting: Hold the teaching in deep mind. Or the teaching stays in mind and is retrieved freely.

Expounding sutras: Explain Buddha’s mind clearly.

Explanation

When I was in Japan long time ago, I encountered one professor at Hongwanji, Kyoto. Whenever he talked about Amida’s Teaching, his explanation was different from others, so I felt his lectures were vivid and alive because every lecture of his was nothing but “eye-opening”. He shared every word in Buddhism deeper and wider. I was fortunate because I came to know him. For example, at his first lecture, he asked students “You were born, but for what?” I could not find any answer. He continued, “We are born to experience and live in the true benefit. It is *Namo-Amida-Butsu* that makes me and you supreme Buddha. Now, everyone, your life is connected to Amida. You live your life even with many difficulties; you live yours with true benefit. Your life will be rich!”

That was a simple message, but it came from his hard and long experience. I can say that it was “expounding sutras (Buddha’s working).”

In Gassho,
Rev. Doei Fujii



April
Buddhist Holiday

Hanamatsuri

*Have you applied for your Buddhist Name, yet?
Please read the explanation and requirements in the
March 2016 newsletter issue (accessible online at
www.tsdbt.org). You can also pick up a registration form
in the Temple lobby when you attend Sunday Services.
Thank you.*

Vow #30 Wisdom & Eloquence

“If, when I attain Buddhahood, the bodhisattvas in my land **should possess limited wisdom and eloquence**, may I not attain the perfect enlightenment.”

I was assigned to a temple soon after I arrived in the US from Japan. The temple invited guest speakers almost every month. This allowed me many opportunities to listen to Dharma messages by many different speakers. However, my ability to listen to and understand English was very limited, so I had to concentrate carefully and seriously.

I listened to the first guest speaker carefully and seriously. I was very surprised with my English ability because I could understand 80-85% of what he said. Still, I doubted my comprehension so I approached the speaker and repeated what he said and asked for confirmation of my understanding. He said to me, “Exactly. You are a new minister from Japan, Fujii Sensei. I am glad that you understood what I shared.” Then he smiled at me.

The temple invited more than 60 speakers during my five-year-stay there. Sadly, even though my English improved, I understood only two guest speakers. I seriously wondered why I could not understand Dharma messages by other speakers.

Then, a situation in reverse occurred when I spoke at my second temple, where I shared the Dharma three times almost every Sunday. After two messages - one for children and one for adults - I shared my third Dharma message in Japanese. One Sunday, I recognized a new and young Japanese woman attending the service. After the service, I introduced myself to her in Japanese. She said, “I am a Sansei, and I don’t understand Japanese at all because I did not go to Japanese school, and my parents did not speak Japanese at home. But I understood your message.” I felt strange and asked her about what I said. She did not miss my point; I was surprised to hear that.

Wisdom does not mean information, or knowledge, or understanding of Dharma. Wisdom is a deep and clear awareness of Dharma. Eloquence is not manifested in the techniques or skills used when Dharma is shared. Eloquence comes from a deep and clear understanding of the quality of each person. This vow of wisdom and eloquence indicates how Dharma activates in people effectively. Language is important for communication, but it is not the only means of sharing the Dharma. We sometimes recognize “heart-to-heart communication” which goes beyond spoken language.

In Gassho,
Rev. Doei Fujii

Arigato Gozaimasu

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

*Takeshi Murata
March 18, 1925 - February 9, 2016*

*John Kanegaye
September 12, 1929 - February 26, 2016*

*Tom Taggart
November 28, 1925 - February 29, 2016*

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Monthly Salutations

from Rev. Diana Thompson

Hello everyone, welcome to April! It is finally full-blown springtime and this month, we celebrate the birth of Siddhartha Gautama, the prince who would one day become the Buddha. Siddhartha was born in Lumbini Garden on April 8th when the garden was in full bloom. Flowers rained down from the trees, sweet rain fell from the sky and birds and animals gathered to welcome the new baby to the world because they knew that someone very special had been born. The baby was said to have emerged painlessly from his mother's side and then took seven steps in each of the cardinal directions announcing that he was the world honored one. I have heard this story many times over the years and have enjoyed it every time. I love the imagery of the garden in full bloom, I love the sweet tea raining on his head and I love the thought of this little baby getting up and walking around and telling everyone how important he is. The story contains many fantastical elements, common to any good religious myth, and like any good religious myth, each of these elements has a deeper meaning to it. For instance, the seven steps. There are six cardinal directions (north, east, south, west, zenith and nadir) and by taking seven steps in each direction, the story is pointing to this baby's future attainment of enlightenment, a state which leads one outside of the standard realms of existence. The deeper meaning of the story is of course important, but it is not necessary to always be picking stories apart and requiring them to mean something. Sometimes a newborn baby walking in the sweet tea rain is enough. We like the story, no explanation needed. As I write this article, I am sitting at Rose Medical Center waiting for my best friend to deliver her second baby. I'm sitting in the family waiting room with her seven year old son who is watching television and coloring. He's been very excited about the baby but, being a kid, he has limited knowledge of the birth process. His mom has been here since 4 am (is now 1pm) and he keeps asking why the baby is being so slow. (This persistent question is the reason that we're in the waiting

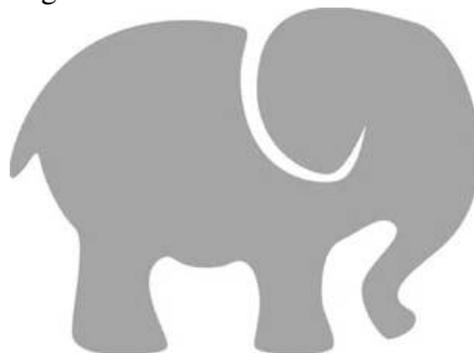
room, it was driving mom a little nuts.) This is of course a perfectly reasonable question, especially coming from a child. He has no way of knowing all the things that go on during the birth process that can cause it to go on forever and even if we tried to explain it, he would likely find it confusing or just plain boring. I told him that the baby was being stubborn (just like his mom), and that she was too sleepy so she kept hitting the snooze alarm. He laughed at both answers and hasn't asked why she's taking so long since.

It's impossible to say whether he believed me or if he just gave up because he couldn't take another ridiculous answer. Either way, he seemed to enjoy the stories I made up and they got him talking about school, which colors would be best for the flower he was coloring, and what kind of car Batman would drive in the new movie. He was no longer worried about when his sister was coming and was back to calmly coloring.

The Buddha knew that each person he taught was in need of something different. Depending on their age, gender, location, etc., each person would have their own understanding of the world and therefore would need to hear the dharma in a way that would make sense to them. He delivered dharma talks in story form, as heavy philosophical treatises or both. All of us have moments when we require things to be fully explained in order to ease our discomfort but we also have moments when something simple and amusing will do. Therefore, whether we are telling amusing stories of babies walking/pushing snooze buttons or explaining birth (into this life or the transcendent realm of enlightenment), we should, like the Buddha, try to do it in a way that brings comfort

rather than confusion and will hopefully help people to search out their own truth as their needs change.

Namo Amida Butsu



持っているから失う

昔々の売春婦についての新聞記事です。細部はすでに失念しましたが、記事の内容は次のようなものでした。大阪でその女性は夕刻になると街で客をひく。その日もうまいこと客がつかまり商売となった。ところがその日の客は少々違っていて特別なことをしたいと言う。それはSMプレーと言われるもので、縄やロープで女性を縛り楽しむプレーのこと。彼女は合意。

さて、ホテルに行きSMプレーが始まり、そして彼女の商売はどうやら終了。ところがその男性客は縛った彼女の縄をとかず、料金も払わず、おまけに彼女のずっしりと重いハンド・バッグを持ち逃げした。そのバッグの中身は多額な現金と多くの金銀・宝石が入っていて、彼女のそれまで稼いだ全財産を持ち逃げされた。

なぜその売春婦は全財産をいつも持ち歩いてきたのか。家に置けばいいではないか。しかし、商売柄彼女は夜に家を留守にする。泥棒というのは行き当たりばったりで盗みには入らない。事前にいつごろ留守かをよく調べてから空き巣に入る。だから夜な夜な出歩く彼女は全財産を家には置けない。では銀行に預ければ安全ではないか。しかし、これまた銀行では氏名や住所を要求される。彼女は個人情報銀行には渡したくない。それですべてをバッグに詰め込んでいつも持ち歩いていたのである。一番安全な方法だと彼女は思っていたからである。

彼女は困った。警察に届け出れば自分の商売がバレて務所入りとなる。そうかと言って全財産をなんとしても取り返したい。考えた末に彼女は警察に届け出ることにした。それですべてがバレて新聞に載ることとなった。記事を読んで「頭のいい客もいるものだ」と腹を抱えて笑うばかりだった。

この事件を仏法の立場からどう説明し理解すればよいのだろうか。考えてみれば、簡単ではないか。一番大切なものは一番安全なところに預ければいい。これは笑い話みたいだが、ある若者が田舎からニューヨークに都見物に出かけた。田舎と同じように安全だと思って夜の街をウロウロしていると、路地に引き込まれた。強盗いわく「金か！それとも命か！」と。人生で一番大切なものは「命」だと言われる。二番目が金品だ。その若者はすぐに返答できなかった。生きていても金が無ければ意味がない。そうかと言って命を失えば元も子もない。こういう場合には金を渡す他ない。強盗はどうせ殺してから財布をとるんだから。

さて、そろそろ結論です。私達は一番大切な「命」を抱えて日々生きている。だからこそ不安・心配はつきない。持っているから失う。ではどうすればよいのだろうか。やはり一番大切なものは一番安全なところに預ければいいではないか。「藤井よ、その命、我に預けろ。その預け方は我が名を称えることなのである。我必ず汝（なんじ）を守らん！」との世界がある。預ければいいではないか。この世界をアミダといい、預けた姿を南無阿弥陀仏という。合掌、

藤井道栄（2/2016）



2nd/ 3rd Grade Dharma Class

by Shelly Tanaka, Dharma School Teacher

Upcoming Dharma School Events:

April Bake Sale Dates:

April 3 - Band

April 10 - DBT Dancers

April 17 - Hanamatsuri Potluck (no bake sale)

April 24 - YBA

Hanamatsuri

Hanamatsuri is coming up in April! Hanamatsuri is the Flower Festival to celebrate the Buddha's birthday. Our sangha will celebrate with a potluck lunch, as well as a program by the Dharma School where each class will perform. This year the Hanamatsuri program will also include a fashion show presented by the 100-Year Anniversary Committee. Please join us for an afternoon of fun!

Potluck contributions are sorted by last name:

A-J Side dishes- salad, fruit, bread

K-S Main dish

T-Z Dessert

Volunteers for 2016/2017 School Year

We are seeking a few more volunteers for next year's Dharma School! We still need a few teachers for the elementary-age classes, as well as a co-superintendent to serve and learn with current co-superintendent, Amy Nitta. This is a great way to serve our sangha, get to know your church community, and further your own knowledge of the Dharma. If you'd like to get involved with Dharma School next year, please contact Amy Nitta (amynitta@hotmail.com) or Rachel Davis (raychotai@gmail.com).

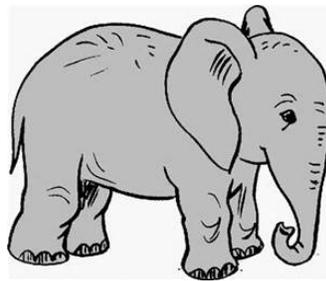
Greetings from the Kindergarten/First Grade Class!

This month we would like to feature the kindergarten and first grade class, taught by Amy Nitta and Elsa Burchinow! We have a very large group of students this year, as we've welcomed several new families to the Dharma School. The kindergarten and first graders have spent this year learning about gratitude, compassion and Buddhist traditions, as well as doing some excellent crafts. Check out the April bulletin board to meet each one of our unique, energetic and wonderful kindergarten and first graders!

This year, Jen Trompeter and I have a very energetic, talkative and caring class; the students make us laugh every Sunday. The students are Ian, Roane, Max and our only girl, Scarlett. We have been talking a lot about their feelings towards the Temple and how they would behave if they were the Minister.

Ian: the best day he has had at the Temple was Hanamatsuri and he has never had a bad day at the temple because he is always happy and in a good mood. If he was the Minister, he would teach all about Enlightenment and would always be at the temple. He would never yell and he would let the Sangha buy tickets to the Broncos game.

Roane: the best day he has had at the Temple was Hanamatsuri and he has never had a bad day because he always has good days when he comes to Sunday service and Dharma school. If he was the Minister, he would teach all about how everyone would become a



Buddha. He would always be at the Temple; he would never be mean and would let all the Sangha come whenever they want.

Max: the best day he has had at the Temple was January 31, 2015. He has never had a bad day. If he was the Minister, he would teach all about Harry Potter, he would always play sports, he would never stop playing sports and he would let all the Sangha read all day.

Scarlett: the best day she has had at the Temple was when we made paper fish for the 100th year celebration. She has never had a bad day, she is always happy whenever she comes to the Temple. If she was the Minister, she would teach all about math and would always be nice and try to always say yes. She would never be bad, and she would tell all the Sangha, " good luck!"

*Tri-State/Denver Buddhist Temples gratefully acknowledges donations
and offerings received from February 1, 2016 - February 29, 2016:*

In memory of Helen Ito – 49th day

Dale & Jamie Chikuma
Leonard & Floyd Ito
Nakayama Family
Yas & Bev

In memory of Herb Inouye – 1st yr

Dorothy Inouye & family
Emiko Koga

In memory of JoAnne Knight – 1st yr

Thomas Knight
Carole Sierchio
Frank & Elaine Sugihara

In memory of Tepper Koga – 1st yr

Maya Koga Chow
Emiko, Kiyoshi, Kari Koga
Donna Van Ness
Donna Inouye

Nehan E service

Armijo Family
Shizue Asano
Robin Burchardt
Miyuki Mabel Googins
Ken & Amy Inouye
Charles Kagiyama
Art & Tamiko Koyano
Frank Miyazawa
Dat & Naomi Nguyen
Joe & Jill Ozaki
Hank & Irene Shibao
Yuriko Shimoda
Louise Yamaguchi
Richard & Michiko Yoshida

This year's Hanamatsuri Service and Program is scheduled for Sunday, April 17th. Please make plans for an enjoyable day and please begin the day by purchasing a handmade Hanamatsuri corsage for yourself, your wife, your daughter, etc. These corsages are provided by the members of Ohara School of Ikebana as a very long-standing tradition between the Temple and the Ikebana organization; all proceeds are donated to the Temple.

Offering Box

5th Grade Dharma Class
Armijo Family
Cameo Haddan
Jr. YBA Dharma Class
Ken & Jane Kano
Kazuo Maruyama
Preschool Dharma Class
Carissa Sears
Anonymous

Facilities Usage

DBT Aikido Dojo
Denver Taiko
Wednesday Night Bball
Humu Humu Ukulele
Denver Aikikai Aikido
Family of Sachiko Hisamoto; funeral reception

BCA Endowment

by way of 2015 Dana Temple Sharing donations:
Yoko Mooney
Charles Ozaki
Kayoko Fujimoto

February Shotsuki -----

Janet & James Fujita -----
Lenard Nobuta -----
Katherine Sakurai -----
Frances Furukawa & family -----
Families of Tosh&Mary Tawara -----
Charles & Teri Ozaki -----
Betty Inamasu -----

in memory of

Gregory James Fujita
Hatsuyo Miyamoto
Ito Sakurai
Janette Furukawa
Mitsuzo Aigaki
Rose Tanouye
Suteji Ito, Taichiro Omaye
Shizuye Fujimoto
Shunji & Tomiye Hamano
Alice and Tom Terada

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Sachiko & Ray Eto -----
Charles Kagiyama -----
Leonard & Alice Mizuno -----
Steve & Judy Y. Yasuzawa -----
June Matsuda -----
Charles Kagiyama -----
Steve & Judy Y. Yasuzawa -----

for reason of:

donation
event earnings
funeral; Sachiko Hisamoto
HoOnko service
Pet Hoji; Taisho
in memory of Betty Kajiwara – 1st yr
Eto service & hakamairi; 50th yr
in memory of Helen Nitta
in memory of Jim Mizuno – 1st yr
in memory of Judy Yasuzawa – 7th yr
in memory of Margaret Matsuda – 49th day
in memory of Sachiko Hisamoto
in memory of Sam Susumu Yasuzawa – 13th yr

Upcoming Events - 100th Year Anniversary Celebration



April will be a very exciting month for the Tri-State/Denver Buddhist Temple as we participate in activities to help us celebrate the Temple's 100 years of existence. As we progress toward our big celebration on the weekend of

September 30 – October 2, 2016, we hope to provide fun and memories for all age groups of our Sangha. Some of these activities will remind us of past programs, but will hopefully inspire us to continue and to build programs for the future. This month the following events are planned:

A mini-program for our elders – A short entertainment program, including Japanese Enka singing by Thomas Knight and Akemi Tsutsui, is planned in conjunction with the YBA sponsored Keirokai luncheon on **April 9, 2016**. Thanks go to Jon Campbell and Amy Yoshimura, YBA advisors, for including this entertainment in the YBA Keirokai plans.

A Sake making and educational experience for age 21 and older members – Two 4-hour classes are planned for **April 16, 2016** (12 PM, and 5 PM). Sangha member, Kaitlyn Mascher-Mace who is a Certified Sake Professional sanctioned by the Japan Sake Council, will provide brewing and tasting expertise. A \$35 registration fee will be collected to purchase the necessary supplies and refreshments. This will be a very worthwhile, educational and fun activity.

Japanese Fashion Show - A mini Japanese Fashion Show will be presented in conjunction with the Dharma School Hanamatsuri Program on **April 17, 2016**. This show will provide a beautiful reminder of the Japanese heritage shared by many members of our Sangha. It is our hope that events of this type will instill a desire to preserve this rich tradition and art form for future generations. Kay Takahashi is graciously spearheading this activity.

A Family Event at the Boondocks (114th Ave. and I25) – This event will be on Sunday **April 24, 2016** from 1 – 4 PM, and promises to be a lot of fun for the entire family - and for your friends. For \$20 per person, there will be unlimited bowling, laser tag, miniature golf, go-karts, and bumper cars. Each participant will be given \$5 in game play tokens for the arcade. Thank you to Stacey Umemoto-Ospina and Kirk Horiuchi for organizing this activity.

These events are not “fund raisers”; any fees requested represent the actual cost for “raising fun” for all of our members and friends. Please attend any or all of the events as preludes to the official 100th Year Celebration on the weekend of September 30- October 2, 2016. Appreciation is sincerely extended to the volunteers who have spent their time organizing all of these events!

Japanese American Resource Center of Colorado JARCC is sponsoring the “*All Things Japanese Sale*”, **May 7 & 8 at Sakura Square mezzanine.**

For buyers, find unique, pre-owned, vintage and contemporary Japanese items at good prices and just in time for Mother's Day.

For sellers, this is an opportunity to sell your new or gently used Japanese items such as: tableware, pottery, dolls, art, jewelry, kimono, textiles, CD's, DVD's, books, etc. **Seller information:**

- Fee: \$15 per table rental plus 30% of total sales donation
- Seller staffs the table throughout the event
- Seller prices and labels items
- Seller set-up: May 6 & 7, times to be determined
- Seller removes all unsold items by May 8th.
- Seller agrees to Seller Agreement

For more information, please contact:
Gail Ida, gailann.ida@gmail.com, 303.466.6937
Joyce Nakata Kim, joycenkim@hotmail.com, 303.693.9597

Denver Minyoukai &
Humu Humu Ukelele

Thank you!

The Longmont Buddhist Temple
appreciates your support &
great performances for our
first music recital!!

Jackie Tono
Longmont Buddhist Temple
303.517.4622

April Shotsuki Names

(Sangha members who have passed away in the month of April)

Min Abe	Tsutomu Kaya	Darryl Ohye	Yai Uyeno
Lily Akahoshi	Haruko Kimura	Eddie Shigeru Okada	Torakichi Watanabe
Mitsuno Aoki	Tsurue Kimura	Terujiro Okazaki	Carol Yago
Naru Arai	Mitsue Kinoshita	Kumataro Okubo	Sono Yamada
Rupert Arai	Betty Naoye Kitashima	Toyoko Okumura	Rikizo Yamaguchi
Noboru Ashida	Eto Kitashima	Tsugi Okuno	Teruaki Yamamoto
Chih-Yuan Chia	Tokujiro Kitashima	Tsuru Okuno	Sumi Yamaoka
Chizu Chikuma	Genkichi Koishi	Aiko Omiya	Jody Lynn Yamasaki
Martha Masako Cox Ozaki	Ito Kojima	Lorilei Mayumi Omoto	Betty Shizuko Yanari
Winbourne Enomoto	Torayo Konishi	Kamekichi Ono	Florence Hatsuko Yanaru
Umeno Eto	Wai Konishi	Yae Osaki	Keni Frank Yokooji
Todd Kana Fujimoto	Haruko Koshio	Kameo Otsuka	May Yokooji
George Hichizo Fujinami	Koma Kuge	Marge Otsuka	Yone Yokooji
Sano Fujino	Keiji Kusumi	Tsunetaro Otsuki	Chitoshi Yoshida
Chiyo Fujita	Kiyo Kuwada	Motoichi Joe Ozaki	Keiichi Roy Yoshida
James Fukuhara	Eshin Mabe	Cheryl Jane Parisi	Lisa Eiko Yoshida-Henn
Misayo Fukuhara	Seiri Mameda	Hisano Sakaguchi	Kumiko Kate Yoshihara
Tetsuo Fukui	Fumiko Mamiya	Hiroshi Sakurai	Naoji Yoshikawa
Genhichi Funakoshi	Kenji Matsuda	Paul Toru Sakurai	
Kazume Furuta	Tetsuko Matsunaka	Chohachiro Sameshima	
Kume Furuta	Tamaki Matsuo	Inokichi Sasaki	
Josuke George Hada	George Hiroshi Matsushima	Sam Isamu Sasaki	
Denjiro Hiraiwa	Johnny Yoshikuni Mayeda	Yogo Fred Sasamoto	
Kanichi Hiraki	Kantaro Mayeda	Setsu Sato	
Noriichi Hirokawa	Kimiyo Mayeda	George Kazuwo Shibata	
Jojiro Honda	Naka Migaki	Kinhichi Shigemura	
Gonroku Hongo	Tamie Miyamoto	Cissy Tatsuko Shigetomi	
Sakiye Horiuchi	Toyo Mizushima	Masao Shimada	
Shizuko Shirley Horiuchi	Mary Hatsune Momii	Amy Shimamoto	
Take Hoshijima	Takeno Momii	Yoshio Shuto	
Matsuye Ihara	Fujie Moore	Kenzo Soma	
Sumie Imatani	Masakatsu Morikawa	Caroline Misako Tagawa	
Yukino Imatani	Kiyoshi Morimitsu	Eiko Tagawa	
Joan Ella Grime Inouye	Hisao Morishige	Eijiro Charles Takahashi	
Michita Inouye	Chizuko Mura	Yataro Takahashi	
Rin Inouye	Masao Mura	Natsuye Takamori	
Yoshie Inouye	Frank Masaki Murakami	Chiyono Takeshita	
Yonejiro Inouye	Jimmie Tamotsu Muroya	Frank Morito Takeshita	
Seitaro Ioka	Tatsuma Nagai	Kumaichi Frank Tanabe	
Saichi Iritani	Tsutomu Roy Nagata	Isao Tanaka	
Minoru Jackson Ishida	Jeannette Nakagawa	Tsuyo Tanaka	
Frank Ishiguro	Patricia Nakamoto	Saburo Ray Tani	
Fumiko Ito	Kaneo Nakamura	Jiro Tanigawa	
Michiko Iwahashi	Kinjiro Nakamura	Satoko Taniguchi	
Shigeko Iwasaki	Seishiro Nakamura	Jane Tsurue Tashiro	
Kiyoshi Roy Kagiya	Tatsuzo Nakamura	Kimiko Tatsumoto	
Mary Kajiwara	Toki Nakamura	Sadako Tochihara	
Goroku Kanemoto	Toshiko Nakashima	Aiko Mary Tomita	
Murano Katayama	Chiyo Nakayama	Kei Tsukamoto	
Minoru Lawrence Kato	Mieko Elaine Newhouse	Frank Nagayuki Urano	
Shigeko Kawaguchi	Toyo Nobuta	Henry Urano	
Donald Masao Kawano	Yoneko Nobuta	Yusaku Uyeda	
Yutaka Kawano	Yoshi Ogata	Margaret Uyemura	
Yutaka Kawata		Masao Joe Uyemura	

Shotsuki Monthly Memorial Service

Every 4th Sunday of each month
(when possible)

The Shotsuki Service is a general memorial service held on a monthly basis for members and friends of the temple who have passed away during the month of service. For instance, if a member passes away in March (of any year), then his/her passing would be observed by surviving Sangha family and friends every succeeding March.

Although there are major memorial (hoji) services set at specific time intervals such as 49th Day, 1st Year, 3rd Year, 7th, 13th, 17th, 25th, 33rd and 50th years, the temple will now also provide families with monthly memorial (shotsuki) services; these will be held in conjunction with regularly scheduled Sunday services. At each Shotsuki service, family members will have the opportunity to pay respect and gratitude to loved ones who have passed away in that particular month. Donation by affected family members: \$50/observance. In Gassho,

Religious Services

SUN Apr 3 8:30 am Nihongo service (F)
9:30 Dharma family service (T)
10:15 am Adult Service (T)
1 pm Sedgwick service (F)
5 pm Scottsbluff (F)

FRI Apr 8 11 am Shinran's Day Service (F)

SUN Apr 10 9:30 am Dharma Family service (F)
10:15 am Adult service (F)
9 am Brighton Sangha service(T)
11 am Ft. Lupton service(T)

SAT Apr 16 12 noon Greeley Hanamatsuri (T)

SUN Apr 17 DBT Hanamatsuri
8:30 am Nihongo Service (F)
9:30 Dharma family service (F/T)
11:30 am Potluck & Entertainment

SUN Apr 24 April Shotsuki service (F/T)
9:30 Dharma Family service
10:15 am Adult service

Gym Schedule

SUNDAY 11:30 am Karate

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

TUESDAY 7 pm Volleyball

WEDNESDAY 7:30 pm Basketball

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

FRIDAY 6 - 7:30 pm Family Aikido
Judo (every other week)

Heads Up Notice

In anticipation of Sangha members' scheduling conflicts (we know they will happen; but hope lead time will allow for freedom of planning on your part), we are announcing Obon/Hatsubon Service and Bon Odori times and dates: Saturday, July 30th; service at 3 pm, dancing at 6 pm



Hatsumairi Application (Infant Presentation Ceremony)

On May 15, 2016, Tri-State/Denver Buddhist Temple is holding an Infant Presentation Ceremony (HATSUMAIRI) in conjunction with the Gotan E Service (birth of Shinran Shonin). Hatsumairi infants (includes toddlers up to two years of age) are formally presented to the Buddha and the Sangha; the parents of each infant make a solemn vow to help guide their child in his/her spiritual growth. A Buddhist name is NOT given at this ceremony. This ceremony is for those infants whose parents want to set a basic foundation in which to cultivate the Teachings of the Buddha. Please register by Sunday, May 1, 2016 (all applicants must pre-register). Non-temple members, please pay a \$20 registration fee. There is no registration fee for temple members, however, this occasion provides a wonderful opportunity to make a donation to the Eitaikyō Fund.

Infant's Full Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Place of Birth: _____
(City, State)

Mother's Full Name: _____

Father's Full Name: _____

Family Address: _____

Contact: _____
(phone or email)

Mail completed form with check to:
TSDBT, 1947 Lawrence St., Denver, CO 80202

May 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 8:30 am Nihongo service (F) 9:30 Dharma Family service(F) 10:15 Adult service (F) 11:30 HS Senior interviews 1 pm Sedgwick service (T) 2 pm Hoji	2 8:30 am Nihongo service (F) 9:30 Dharma Family service(F) 10:15 Adult service (F)	3	4	5 7 pm Dharma Disc (T)	6	7 8 am - 5 pm DBT Judo Tournament
8 9:30 Dharma Family service(F) 10:15 Adult service(F)	9 R	10 R <i>articles due for June newsletter</i>	11 R	12 7 pm Dharma Disc (T)	13 R 11 am Shinran's Day Service (F)	14 R 9- 12 noon Seminar
15 R Gotan E & Hatsumairi 8:30 Nihongo service 9:30 Dharma Family service 10:15 Adult Service 11:30 TSDBT Board mtg	16	17 7 pm Humu Humu	18	19 7 pm Dharma Disc (T)	20	21 Amache Pilgrimage 1 pm Greeley(T)
22 9:30 Dharma Family service(T) 10:15 Adult service(F) May Shotsuki service (F/T)	23	24	25 7 pm JACGP mtg	26	27 R	28 R
29 R NO Temple services 9 am Crown Hill 11 am Lafayette	30 R 10 am Brighton 11 am Ft. Lupton 12 noon Platteville 2 pm Olinger 3:30 pm Riverside	31 R				

April 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	R = Rockies Game				1	2
<p><i>articles due for May newsletter</i></p> <p>3 8:30 am Nihongo service (F) 9:30 Dharma Family service(T) 10:15 Adult service(T)</p> <p>1 pm Sedgwick service (F) 5 pm Scottsbluff (F)</p> <p>10 R 9:30 Dharma Family service(F) 10:15 Adult service (F)</p> <p>9 am Brighton Sangha service 11 Ft. Lupton service (T)</p> <p>11:30 TSDBT Board Mtg</p>	4 R = Rockies Game	5	6 7 pm JACGP mtg	7 7 pm Dharma Disc (T)	8 R 11 am Shinran's Day Service (F)	9 R 11 am KeiRoKai 1-3 pm Denver Taiko Workshop (gym)
<p>17 Hanamatsuri</p> <p>8:30 Nihongo service (F) 9:30 Family Service (T) 10:15 Adult service (F)</p> <p>11:30 Potluck & Entertainment</p>	18	19	20 9 am School visitors	21 7 pm Dharma Disc (T)	22 R 9 am CO State (T) @2-3pm WY student visitation	23 R 1-3 pm Denver Taiko Workshop (gym)
<p>24 9:30 Dharma Family Service(T) 10:15 am Adult service (F) April Shotsuki service(F/T)</p> <p>1-4 pm Boondocks 100 YR event</p>	25 Dharma Family Service(T) 10:15 am Adult service (F) April Shotsuki service(F/T)	26 7 pm Humu Humu	27 11 am School visitors	28 9:30 am HS visitors 7 pm Dharma Disc (T)	29 9:30 am HS visitors 7 pm Dharma Disc (T)	30 1-3 pm Denver Taiko Workshop (gym)

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Dharma Discussion

**Tri-State Denver Buddhist Temple
with Rev. Diana Thompson**

Thursday evenings at 7 p.m.

April 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th

Please join us here at the temple for dharma discussions to cover topics such as Amida Buddha and the Pure Land, basic temple etiquette, onajin objects and other concepts related to Jodo Shinshu Buddhism. We encourage participants to introduce their own questions and topics to keep the discussions lively and relevant ☺.

Dates and times are subject to change. Signing up or contacting us ahead of time is highly recommended if you wish to park in the Sakura Square lot and also so that we may keep you informed of changes or cancellations.

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2016 Amache Pilgrimage

The annual Amache Pilgrimage takes place on the Saturday before Memorial Day weekend. Two bus pick-up points are available. The first pick-up will board at 6:00AM at Simpson United Methodist Church, 6001 Wolff Street, Arvada 80003; the second pick-up will be 6:30AM at downtown Denver's Tri-State Buddhist Temple, 1947 Lawrence Street, Denver 80202. Attendees are encouraged to board at Simpson where parking is more plentiful. The roundtrip fee is \$30.00. Snacks are provided and continuous educational programs run on overhead bus screens on the restroom equipped vehicle. There is time to share conversation with other passengers, some of whom were forcibly removed to Amache or to one of the nine other major US concentration camps. After a short rest stop in Limon, the bus will arrive at the Amache cemetery at approximately 11:30AM for a brief memorial service and oshoko (offering of incense) to commemorate those who died while imprisoned there or while serving in the US military. Attendees will then meet at Granada Undivided School, where lunch and a short program will be provided, and the bus will re-board by 2:00 for the return trip to Denver; passengers will be dropped off in reverse order of the morning, and can expect to arrive back at Simpson by 6:30-7:00PM.

Thanks to generous support from the Japanese American Association of Colorado, the charge for the bus is still just \$30 per person. Reservations must be made and paid in advance, please contact Hiroko Hung at (303) 979-4127 or Frank Miyazawa at (720) 625-1193 or (303) 237-8641.

For additional trip and historical information, please SEE the JARCC online newsletter; March 1, 2016.