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Monthly Salutations

from Rev. Diana Thompson

August Message

by Rev. Noritaka Imada

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Hello everyone, welcome to August! I hope that this finds you all staying happy and healthy and not completely wilting in the heat. This month, we are observing Obon, which is a time when, under other circumstances, we would be gathering in person to express our gratitude for those who have gone before us. We would be visiting cemeteries, having services in remembrance of those we have lost in the past year and of course, getting together for Obon Odori. However, despite the fact that we cannot gather in person, we can still reflect on the meaning of these events which is to help us recall those who have gone before us and, through them, try and begin to understand the truths of impermanence and interconnectedness. Impermanence and interdependence are words that we hear quite often at the temple and though we may be able to understand them on an intellectual level (we know that nothing lasts forever and we've all heard of 'cause and effect') but to sincerely hear and understand these truths is far more difficult. We often think of impermanence in terms of the catastrophic changes caused by sickness, old age and death and we work diligently to control them or to at least try and ease our anxieties about them. But impermanence also encompasses the day to day mundane changes that also contribute to our sufferings. Who among us hasn't had our day ruined by the internet acting up or by even more mundane things like our favorite jeans being in the laundry on the day we wanted to wear them. Small sufferings, but sufferings nonetheless and they can affect

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Hello everybody! long time no see. It's been a while since I wasn't able to go out like I used to, but I feel that Denver on weekends has had a little more people. I hope you all stay healthy.

My wife and daughter will move to Denver on July 29th from Japan. I came to Denver in August of last year, so I will be living with my family for the first time in almost a year.

Until then, we can talk on video calls for free by smartphone even in the distance between Japan and the United States. We call almost every day and can sometimes forget that we are living apart.

My daughter always says "Nen Ne (sleepy)" or "Dakko ("Hug me" or "Pick me up").

Appetite and sleep are the instinctive desires of animals for life. But what about the desire to have a hug? It doesn't seem necessary for animals to live, but when a baby is hugged by her mother, she looks relaxed and filled with happiness. And when she can't be held, she cries in a very loud voice. And she keep crying until she get a hug. Why does she want us to hug her so much? Adults, we rarely cry for hugs. When we grow up, we don't cry, "Hug me!"

I was surprised when I first came to America because when people meet, they often hug each other. I often see adults hugging naturally with their family and friends when they meet again after a long time. I rarely see this in Japan. However, my wife's parents are Japanese-Brazilian and live in Japan - they always hug me when we meet each other. Recently, I heard that it is scientifically known that "hugs also have the effect of reducing stress and lowering blood pressure".

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I am so happy to be writing all of you this month. When I was in elementary school, the school decided to try a year-round schedule due to overcrowding. So, for that year, I ended up having my “summer break” in February and March and went to school during July and August. I think that is when I first really gained an appreciation for the idea of summer, and why it’s really hard for me to stay inside when the weather is so amazing out. Now this year has its own exceptions to what we would normally be doing, and many of our normal summer activities have evolved into something new, but I still feel the excitement and the joy of a truly hot summer day and all the wonderful potential that is held within a summer day. Generally, the start of summer has been Sakura Matsuri and the climax of summer has been Obon. While both of these events look different this year, they still mark the time of the year.

My first experience with Obon was in 2005, during my first trip to Japan. I took a 2-week trip between years of college and I got on a plane by myself with no actual knowledge of what I was going to see. Strangely enough, none of the guide books which I had scoured in preparation had mentioned Obon or what it was, and all my Langenscheidt pocket dictionary told me was it was a Buddhist Festival. So my curiosity was tinged with surprise when I was on a street in Sendai, watching Odori happen with crowds of thousands gathered around. It was a magical experience, and completely

foreign to anything I had ever seen before. Coincidentally, this is also where and when I first encountered Buddhism, something which changed my life profoundly, although I did not know at the time.

In 2012, my first exposure to TS/DBT was walking by and seeing Obon Odori. I remember standing in front of the temple and Karen telling me, “you know, you could probably go to that temple if you wanted to”. So for me, Obon and especially Obon Odori has been a gateway to the teachings of Shinran Shonin and this wonderful Nembutsu teaching that we all share. In other sects of Buddhism, Obon is an action to directly influence those who have gone before us. For Jodo Shinshu Buddhists, Obon becomes a celebration and a recognition of the causes and conditions which brought us to this moment and allows us to hear, say and live with the Nembutsu.

To dance, and give your all while doing it, is a celebration of the joy that we feel in knowing that our Birth is settled and in the thankfulness that we feel to all of those who have come before us. How rare is it that everything aligns and we hear the teachings of the Buddha? But we have, and now we get to express that joy with our Sangha, those who are our brothers and sisters in the Dharma. This year I may not feel the sweat dropping down as I bust out some tanko busshi, but my gratitude in reflection for all of the causes and conditions which have brought me to Obon 2020 is at a peak.

In Gassho and Pokemon Ondo

Rev. Diana Thompson’s Message *(continued from page 1)*

our attitudes and our interactions with others. We do not see these small changes/irritations as part of the greater truth of impermanence and therefore spend less time trying to ease the suffering it can cause to ourselves and others. It is in this way that we lack true understanding of impermanence.

Interdependence may be seen on a bigger scale, too. We agonize over decisions, weighing the pros and cons because we think we can see the causes and effects of each potential action. While it is always good to try and make decisions with some forethought, we can become too sure of the results and get surprised and disappointed when things don’t go as planned. We forget that the lives we live are surrounded by so many outside factors that we cannot possibly control them all. Nor can we predict how the outcome of our decisions will affect everything and everyone else. We have no knowledge of or control over other people’s actions and reactions and so even a decision entered into with the best of intentions can result in unintended harm. This is not to say that we should not attempt to be kind or helpful, but we should

enter into our actions knowing that they will have an effect (even doing nothing has an effect) and that we cannot always know what that effect will be.

Awareness of this will help to ease our anxiety about our decisions and actions and will lead us to a greater understanding of the truth of interdependence.

And so, this Obon season, though we cannot do things in the ‘normal’ way, we can still reflect on the meaning of the observance. Our lives are comprised of constant change and we are all connected in this chain of being. We should be grateful for these lives that we have and for the lives of others who help to shape them. As small, unenlightened beings, we lack the wisdom to view change and connections with the enlightened eyes of the Buddha but we can, day by day, begin to see things with eyes that are a little more open and accepting to these truths.

Namo Amida Butsu

ご無沙汰しております。なかなか以前のように外に出られない日々ですが、週末のデンバーは少しだけ人が増えたように感じます。みなさまお変わりなくお元気でお過ごしでしょうか。

この度、7月29日に私の妻と娘がデンバーへ引っ越してきます。私がデンバーに来たのは昨年8月の事ですから、ほぼ一年ぶりに一緒に暮らすこととなります。とは言っても昨年の12月、娘の1歳の誕生日の際に一度日本へ会いに行っております。最近では便利なもので、日本とアメリカの距離でもスマートフォンを使えば無料でビデオ通話ができます。私たちはほぼ毎日電話をしているので、ときには離れて暮らしている事を忘れるほどです。娘が話すことと言えば「ねんね（眠い）」や「だっこ（抱っこをして欲しい）」などのことばかりです。食欲や睡眠欲は生きる上で必要不可欠な動物の本能的な欲求ですが、抱っこをして欲しいという欲求は不思議なものです。動物が生きる上で必ずしも必要ではないように見えますが、母に抱っこされている時の娘は幸せそうです。そして抱っこをしてもらえない時の娘はものすごく大きな声で泣きます。それも、抱っこをしてもらえないまで泣き続けます。なぜそれほどにも抱っこをして欲しいのでしょうか？大人になった私たちは抱っこをして欲しいと泣きわめくことはあまりないですね。私がアメリカに来て驚いたのは、人々がよくハグをすることです。久しぶりにあった家族や友達とあいさつ代わりに自然とハグをする光景をよく目にします。日本ではあまり見ません。妻の両親は日系ブラジル人で日本に住んでいますが、私と会うと必ずハグをします。最近では「ハグにはストレスを減らす効果や血圧を下げる効果もある」と科学的にもいわれると聞いた事があります。

今回の御讃題の「十方微塵世界の 念仏の衆生をみそなはし 撰取してすてざれば 阿弥陀となづけたてまつる」の中に「撰取」という言葉があります。撰取とは「おさめとる」と書きます。「阿弥陀仏は、すべての生きとし生けるものを光の中に包み込んで下さる仏さまですよ。」という一文です。

親鸞聖人は海の例えもよく使われます、どんな水も最後は大きな海に流れ着いて一つになるという例えです。例えば山に降った雨は湧き水となり、動物が飲んで排泄されても川にながれ最終的に海に流れ着く。海で蒸発した水は雲となり山へ移動し、また雨を降らす。全ては繋がっているし、最終的にはみんな一つの場所で合流するという事ですね。いま私がこの命を生きていて、生まれ変わりを繰り返す中でたまたま仏教に出会い、ついには阿弥陀仏の光の中へと包まれていきます。母に抱かれる安心感を感じるような暖かい光で無差別に抱いて下さるのが、阿弥陀仏という仏様です。南無阿弥陀仏

合掌 今田法翔



Welcome to Colorado

Dear Emi and Emma Imada,
We have heard your names, seen your pictures and shared your husband/daddy for the past 11 months. We are so happy that both of you are finally "home". We are so happy that

Rev. Noritaka Imada now has family to hug, to eat with, to go shopping, to take walks, to sing with and to talk to everyday.

As you know, it's been a strange time and place - the whole world over - for socializing and making friends. We are so happy and eager to meet you both. We know you will understand when this doesn't happen right away with a huge party.

Meanwhile, each one of us is a phone call, text message and/or email away. Welcome to Colorado. We look forward to your friendship.

In gassho,

TSDBT Sangha members



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Please join us in celebrating a
2020 TS/DBT Virtual Obon Odori!
 Sunday, August 8th at 6:00 PM

In light of the recommendation to continue to stay safer at home during this pandemic, **we are bringing Obon to you in the comfort of your own homes on your computer screens and digital devices!** Join us for an evening of Virtual Obon dancing! Follow along with the Minyo-kai dancers and taiko players via TS/DBT's YouTube Live channel, and log into our ZOOM room to dance together with community, family, and friends!

We will also be offering the opportunity to **dedicate a virtual lantern**, by donation to the Tri-State/Denver Buddhist Temples, in honor of ancestors and/or loved ones who have passed on our Lanterns of Obon webpage. This year is the first year in Temple history that we have had to cancel the annual Cherry Blossom Festival, the Temple's only major fundraiser. Support TS/DBT while honoring the memory of those who will always be with us in spirit! More details soon to come...

RSVP Today at:
tsdbtvirtualobon2020.eventbrite.com

Your RSVP to this event ensures that you will receive up-to-date information and instructions about:

***how to access the Virtual Obon event,**

***where to purchase a lantern,**

***where and when you may find dance rehearsal video tutorials and more.**

YouTube and ZOOM links will be distributed to those who have RSVP'd during the week and days prior to the Obon celebration.

We look forward to seeing you at the 2020 TS/DBT Virtual Obon!

In Gassho,
 The TS/DBT Cultural Committee



This year's Hatsubon/Obon Service will be held on Sunday, August 9th at 9:30 a.m.

At Obon, we acknowledge our loved ones who have passed away with gratitude and realization of their continuing impact upon life.

The Hatsubon (first Bon) portion of the Service gives Sangha families of a loved one who passed away in just this past year since last Obon, a chance to specifically observe this occasion with the offering of incense and lighting a candle.

If you would like to attend this year's Hatsubon/Obon Service, please contact one of the ministers so that they can send you the Zoom entry link.

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Rev. Imada's Message *(continued from page 1)*

*Seeing the sentient beings of the nembutsu
 Throughout the words, countless as particles,
 in the ten quarters,
 The Buddha grasps and never abandons them,
 And, therefore, is named "Amida." CWS347*

This passage of Shinran Shonin uses the word "grasps". Grasp means "wrap up". This passage represents "Amida is a Buddha who wraps all living things in the light." Shinran Shonin said it is like an ocean. All water finally reaches the big sea and becomes one. For example, the rain that falls on a mountain becomes spring water, and even if an animal drinks and excretes it, it flows to a river and eventually become to the part of the sea.

Now I am living in this world as a human and I happen to encounter Buddhism, and finally I am enveloped in the light of Amida Buddha. It is Amida Buddha who hugs us evenly with warm light that feel like a baby hugged by mother.

Gassho,

The first general meeting of the Buddhist Women's Association for 2020 was to be held on March 15, 2020; however due to the Covid19 virus, the meeting was canceled indefinitely. Because of the pandemic, it has necessitated in some changes for the organization.

One of the new proposed business on the agenda was the election of new officers. Ann Murphy asked to step down as Co-President due to health reasons after having devoted her time and energy in advocating the success of our service-oriented organization. Kay Takahashi, the current secretary, volunteered to fill Ann's vacancy as the new Co-President. Wendy Thompson agreed to fill Kay's position as the new BWA Secretary.

Shirley Tsuchimoto, our current Co-President, agreed to serve another term to assist Kay in the transition, During the past two years, Shirley has demonstrated great leadership in her capacity; and due to her guidance and direction, our organization has flourished toward our many worthwhile projects.

After having served two terms as treasurer, Joyce Nakata-Kim requested to relinquish her position due to having other commitments. Joyce was a key figure to the group and an invaluable asset, having a vast knowledge of the history of the Temple. As treasurer, she kept a meticulous and accurate track of all financial transactions. Mabel (Miyuki) Googins volunteered to be our new treasurer. She was previously the treasurer for our 100th year celebration and did an excellent job in keeping an accurate and concise record for the event. She will be a great asset to the team. Mabel recently met with

Joyce to transfer all receipts and files to her.

Kay and Wendy will be meeting in the near future to transfer all pertinent data, including contact lists of current members, notes, spreadsheets, etc.

Here is the most recent update regarding the status of the tsurus that have been folded and strung. Lisa Doi from the National Committee requested that we hold on to them indefinitely until we receive further instructions as to where they should be sent. All of these cranes have been strung by several people during the pandemic and are ready to be boxed and shipped. For those of you who have folded cranes at home but haven't been strung, please hold on to them until it is safe for us to get together again.

If anyone has objections to this change in leadership or know of someone who would like to replace any one of these officers, please do not hesitate to contact any one of us. We welcome any feedback and look forward to hearing from you. Here are the email addresses of the current officers:

Shirley Tsuchimoto Co-President -

shirleytsuchimoto@gmail.com

Kay Takahashi Co-President - tomodachi_21@msn.com

Wendy Thompson Secretary - nakedski@aol.com

Mabel Googins Treasurer - mmgoogins@gmail.com

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2020 TSDBT GRADUATES!

submitted by the TSDBT Scholarship Committee

We hope this newsletter finds everyone well and healthy. This is truly an unusual time for everyone and requires some innovative solutions to this unique situation. The TSDBT Scholarship Committee tried to comply with the "Stay at Home" requirements and made adjustments in the manner that we performed our duties as the TSDBT Scholarship Committee and the interview process.

That being said, this year we conducted the TSDBT interviews and also had a JACGP Virtual Banquet with the aid of Zoom. The process went extremely well, thanks to Karen Shimamoto and Jon Campbell. The seniors were all recognized and many of their achievements were highlighted at the virtual banquet. Our Judges were Debby Tanigawa, Nick Blanchard and Wayne Berve, who all did a wonderful job in interviewing the Senior Class of 2020. This year, the Seniors were Maya Davis, Mika Kawanabe, Hailey Mayeda, Keiko Tawara, Tadashi Thompson and Cody Yoshida.

All of the Seniors did an outstanding job during their four years in high school, participating in every possible activity. Even though they did not have the chance to participate in many of the traditional senior activities, they do have much to remember and be proud of! Below are the Awards received by the Seniors from the TSDBT Scholarship Program and the Japanese American Community Graduation Program this past month.

Congratulations to all the Seniors and Best of Luck in your future endeavors!

Dharma School Update for Dharma School Families

submitted by Alyssa Nilemo, Superintendent

As we look towards Fall and the traditional beginning of a school year, the Dharma School teachers and superintendent have agreed to hold Dharma School classes online. Though seemingly early, this decision has been made in careful consideration of everyone's health safety in conjunction with families' needs to plan and schedule.

Online classes will begin September 13th and will follow Sunday dharma services which are currently being shared on Zoom. Information concerning these classes -how to join and additional dharma resources- will be shared by email. If you have not been receiving Dharma School emails this summer (from your teacher) this means we need your registration/contact information; i.e. did you receive word of [Buddha Quest](#)? Have you been going down the list to earn your Dharma points? If not, please email us at dbtdharmaschool@gmail.com.

We welcome new and returning students to join us this Fall, and to participate in our Quest now. Looking forward to seeing you virtually very soon.

*Tri-State/Denver Buddhist Temples gratefully acknowledges
donations and offerings received from June 1, 2020-June 30, 2020*

Cherry Blossom Festival 2020 Donations

Fumiko Yamashita	Tagawa Gardens
JoDell & Paul Mizoue	DBT Judo Dojo
Marge Fukuhara	Paola & Julieta Ochoa
Laurie Schmidt	Armijo Family
Martha & Betty Inouye	Geraldine Fukai
Tetsuo & Sadako Iwahiro	Herbert & Judy Wong
Yoko Iwahiro	Bruce Thompson
Amy Noriyuki	Roy Kikuyama
Eric & Naomi Miyazawa	Sandra Noguchi
David & Mable Gee Terada	Ken & Amy Inouye
Ken & Aiko Horiuchi	Theresa Doi
Kanya & Judy Okamoto	Irene & Kenzo Kawanabe
Richard & Michiko Yoshida	Gail & Robert Ida
Karen Tawara Jones	Harry & Phyllis Yamamura
Jim & Jeanne Matsuda	Frank & Ann Shimamoto
Brian & Marjorie Levitt	Dawn Mori
Sayoko Takata	Douglas & Mary Tsutsui
Linda Kato	Lorraine Hisamoto
Peter Thiemann	Myron Kuge
Dat & Naomi Nguyen	Brett Keenan

Memorial Day services

Bill & Ann Murphy
Hank & Irene Shibao
Sayoko Takata
Richard & Michiko Yoshida

Donation

Anonymous I
Anonymous II
Anonymous III

**In memory of Hiroshi Aigaki
- 13th yr**

Mary Aigaki & Family
Families of Tosh&Mary Tawara

In memory of Keegan**Fushimi**

Glenn & Debora Fushimi
Bryce Fushimi
Desiree & Chris Rosch and
family

April Shotsuki donations

Jayne Yoshimura Chiyeno Fujita
Janette Marshall Todd Fujimoto

Memorial Day donations

Jan&Ron Marshall and family **in memory of**
Frank&Gladys Hiraoka, Todd
Fujimoto
Matsumoto & Hirokawa families Susumu Matsumoto, Jerrie
Tsuruta, Morishige's & Jim Yamane

June Shotsuki donations

Janice Tanaka Ramos **in memory of**
Julie Tanaka
Phillip & Lillian Miyazawa Kiyota Miyazawa
William & Ann Murphy Nao Yoshihara
Elaine & Ted Tsumura Nobuzane Tsumura
Michael Shibao Rose Shibao
Omoto Family Sandra Omoto
Richard & Sharon Kagiyama Takeshi Kagiyama
Ida Sasaki Toshi Nitta
Michiko Chikuma Willie Chikuma
Jamie & Dale Chikuma Willie Chikuma
Nitta Family Toshi Kamidoi Nitta

July Shotsuki donations

Annette Ward **in memory of**
Masae Kawabe
Art Koyano Tamiko Koyano
Nitta Family Kay Nitta & Nancy Nitta

June Offerings

Salina Whitaker **donations made for**
burial; Chang Lo Wu
Joni Sakaguchi CBF inventory sales
Mike Okada bookstore purchase
Humu Humu Ukulele 'closing down' funds
Family of Charles Kagiyama funeral service; Charles Kagiyama
Richard & Michiko Yoshida Hanamatsuri & Gotan E services
Thor Kjeseth Hisako Araya-Kjeseth
Phillip & Lillian Miyazawa Legacy Fund pledge
JACGP scrip for graduating seniors
Joe & Jill Ozaki in gratitude for
Charles & Vi Kagiyama

June memorial offerings

Miyoko Murata **in memory of**
Charles Kagiyama
Bill & Ann Murphy Gene & Evelyn Yoshihara
Taeko Morimitsu & Amy Bokn Henry Hayato Morimitsu
Bill & Ann Murphy Nobutaro, Kumiko & Yasutaro
Yoshihara
Matthew & Kate Takamatsu Joe Takamatsu
Janice Tanaka Ramos Julie Tanaka - 3rd yr
Tomiko & Robert Takeda Matajiro & En Watada
Ronald Taoka & Gordon Taoka Matsuichi Taoka (50th yr), Minoru
Taoka (24th yr)
Phillip & Lillian Miyazawa Michie Kajiwara
Gene Yokomizo Nancy Yokomizo - 7th yr
Janice Tanaka Ramos Sumi Tanaka - 49th day

*TriState/Denver Buddhist Temples'
membership offers
congratulations and best wishes
to the happy newlyweds:*

*Shirley Tsuchimoto & Rodney (Rod) Bruntz
Married 7 / 7 2020*

August Shotsuki Names

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

Shimo Akamatsu	Michie Kanegaye	Yonetaro Nakata	Harry Jiro Terasaki
Shika Asano	Teiji Kasahara	Lloyd Nakayama	Misao Toda
Tommy Asano	Henry Saburo Katayama	Miye Nishida	Natsuko Helen Tokunaga
Eiroku Ashida	Sayo Katayama	Sueji Nishimoto	Genjiro Tomita
Evyne Danielle Bates	Umeju Katsumoto	Ura Nogami	Jack T. Tosono
Loraine Kinuko Chagnon	Saburo Kawamata	Miyoko Nukaya	Tsuneyoshi Totsugi
Robert Lee Clark	Kayo Kawamoto	Hatsuye Ogino	Yoshito Tsuchimoto
Chimi Doi	Noboru Victor Kawano	Seki Ogishi	Chiyoiko Uno
Hisayo Doi	Makoto Kawata	Haruo Okimoto	Tsumo Uyeda
Tom Takao Doi	Malcolm Kiltie	Chiyoji George Okubo	Tsunesaburo Uyeda
James Masami Doizaki	Alice Yoko Kimura	Konao Omoto	Tsuta Uyemura
Chikara Domoto	Toraye Kinoshita	Masaru Omoto	Tamasaburo Yagami
Matasaburo Enomoto	Shima Kishiyama	Hatsugoro Ono	Paul Yasuo Yago
Dennis Eshima	Su Kito	George Mamoru Otsuki	Edna Chizuko Yamada
Michiko Sonoda Frick	Ted Toshio Kobayashi	Gair Overs	Shizuko Yamada
Kazuye Fukaye	Kazu Komuro	Baby Ozaki	Shizuo Frank Yamada
Seizo Fukaye	Gihei Kosaka	Kiyoshi John Saiki	Sahichi Yamamoto
Larry Hiroaki Fukuhara	Rai Kubo	Thomas Saito	Tadashi Tad Yamamoto
Nobuhiro Funakoshi	Takejiro Kubo	Marian Isao Sakasegawa	Kane Yamanouchi
Daijiro Furuiye	Shogo Kuroda	Haru Sakurai	Masayuki Yamashita
Kimiye Furuta	George Ichiro Kuroki	Renae Sakurai	Fumiye Emma Yanari
Kazuko Fushimi	Tatsuo Matsuda	Kay Kumakichi Sasaki	Shizuo Yanari
Richard Sumio Goto	Henry Tadashi Matsumonji	George Minoru Sato	Edward Shinobu
Karoku Hada	Tsuruyo Matsumonji	Miyo Sera	Yasumura
Ine Hanatani	Yakue Matsushima	Kiyoshi Shimizu	Misao Yoshida
Genzo Hashimoto	Nase Mayeda	Tsuyuko Helen Shimonon	Rise Yoshida
Sam Masao Hashimoto	Shigeo B. Mayemura	Yoshinobu Shimooka	Fude Yoshimura
Gonkichi Hayashida	Teruo Ted Miyamoto	Dorothy Sugiura	June Yoshimura
Billy Ray Henderson, Jr.	Tom Tomio Miyamoto	Miki Sumida	Laura Yoshimura
Midori Higuchi	Tomizo Miyamoto	Hatsuichi Sumikawa	Toshio Yoshizaki
Erlene Hikida	Senzo Miyoshi	Kenichi Suzuki	
Elliott Reed Hines	Gary Mizokami	Saburo Tabuchi	
Gladys Sachiko	John Masao Mizunaga	Gail Leslea Tagawa	
Hirabayashi	Martha Mizuno	Gene Mitsumasa Tagawa	
Moichi Hiratsuka	Kenichi Morimoto	Sue Shizuko Tagawa	
Bunsaku Hirazawa	Maruichi Morioka	Yasushi Tagawa	
Hideyo Hisamoto	Preston Yoshio Morishige	Kumao Tajiri	
Sam Hifumi Hisamoto	Rose Ikuyo Moroye	Caroline Reiko Takahashi	
Mitsuko Hora	Harry Masaji Motoyama	Kameo Takahashi	
Shigeru Roy Horii	Chikako Murata	Miki Takeda	
Hisa Horiuchi	Kauichi Murata	Rick Takeo Takemoto	
Daniel Earnest Hunter	Keizi Murata	Michiko Jean Takemura	
Tomo Ida	Hajime Muroya	Toki Takeuchi	
Chisa Imoto	Minosuke Nagaki	Junzo Tanaka	
Kisaku Kay Inagaki	Harry Hajime Nagata	Noriko Tanaka	
Chieko Inouye	Goichi Nakadoi	Tokusaburo Tanaka	
Kimiye Inouye	David Nakagawa	Sakaye Tani	
Shio Inouye	Matsuye Nakagawa	Sto Tsuto Tani	
Tom Isamu Ioka	Kameo Nakamura	Tamayo Tani	
Henry Hisashi Ito	Masaru Nakamura	Dick Takechi Takeshi	
Tsuneo Ito	Toshiyuki Nakamura	Tanino	
Shigeo Iwahiro	Saki Nakashima	Suezo Tanouye	
Hana Kajiwara	Frank Takeshi Nakata	Isamu Sam Tashiro	
Kikuno Kajiwara	Henry Kiyoshi Nakata	Kuniji Tashiro	
		Suyehiko Tashiro	
		Chojiro Tazawa	
		Kenji Kenneth Terada	
		Richard Terada	
		Gijiro Terasaki	

Shotsuki Monthly Memorial Service

August 30, 2020

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. 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 provides families with monthly memorial Shotsuki services held in conjunction with regularly scheduled Sunday services, so 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 is appreciated: \$50/observance. In Gassho

Thank you to the following individuals for their willingness to help me with Temple newsletter mailing even while we are all supposed to be socially distancing:

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TSDBT YBA Senior Recognition

by Katie Tsuchimoto

2020 has been a rollercoaster, especially for our high school graduates. From no senior prom, to virtual graduations, they sure have missed out on some significant moments. The YBA would like to recognize our high school seniors, acknowledging how impactful they have been in our community. We are truly grateful for their dedication throughout their four years of YBA participation. Saying goodbye to these special sangha members will be especially difficult, knowing how exceptional each of them are. We would like to take this opportunity to thank them for their service in the community and wish them luck on their new adventures ahead.

Cody Yoshida graduated from Mountain Vista High School and will be attending the University of California Los Angeles in the fall. After serving as a co-president of YBA and as a Chibi no Gakko mentor this last year, he has shown incredible leadership and charisma that will truly be missed.

Hailey Mayeda graduated from Pomona High School and will be attending Red Rocks Community College and the University of Northern Colorado. Hailey served as the YBA chef for two years and was also a co-secretary this last year. She has always been a helping hand and will be missed dearly.

Keiko Tawara graduated from Aurora Central High School and will be attending the University of Colorado Boulder. Mentoring for Chibi no Gakko and helping at various community events has kept her busy. We will all miss you and your helping hands that have supported this community.

Maya Davis graduated from Legacy High School and will be attending the University of Colorado Boulder. Maya served her last year in YBA as the Vice President. She was always willing to jump in and help, while still having a smile on her face. Her service and smiles will be missed.

Mika Kawanabe graduated from Denver School of Science and Technology and will be attending Washington University. Mika spent her senior year serving as YBA co-secretary. We will all miss her presence and assistance in the community.

Tadashi Thompson graduated from Golden High School and will be attending the University of Hawaii at Manoa. Tad has always been present at our popular YBA hosted events and always helps out wherever he can. We will miss you spreading laughter and aiding the community when it's needed the most.

Please join us in wishing them the very best! We look forward to the exciting future ahead of you.