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Vow #23

Creating a mind of reverence

“If all the Bodhisattvas in my land, after my obtaining Buddhahood, by virtues of the Buddha’s transcendental power, cannot pay homage to all the Buddhas, and cannot visit all the Buddha-lands numbering countless **nayutas** within the time of taking a meal, may I not achieve the Highest Enlightenment.”

Nayuta: A numerical unit used in old India roughly equivalent to 10¹¹ or 10¹²

This vow explains that the bodhisattvas don’t automatically generate homage or devotion under their own ability and power, but the offering comes out because Buddhas affect their minds and lead them to offering; and their offering instantly reaches and satisfies all Buddhas..

This is not a surprise. We do the same sort of things everyday. For example, I love Colorado nature. When I drive through the mountains, I am impressed with the scenery. In other words, the beautiful scenery creates a mind of appreciation, or the beautiful view touches me. The vow says that the transcendental power in Buddhas touches the bodhisattvas and generates the mind of offering.

Vow #24

“If, when I attain Buddhahood, the bodhisattvas in my land, **in accumulating roots of virtue in the presence of Buddhas**, should not be able to obtain whatever they wish in order to make offerings to these Buddhas, may I not attain the perfect enlightenment.”

roots of virtues are the items intended for offering to Buddhas. In order to accumulate good virtue, specific items to specific Buddhas are also chosen. Then, what kind of items do bodhisattvas need for offering?



December
Buddhist Holiday

Bodhi Day

I am Japanese. One Japanese custom I practice is “O-miyage (souvenir custom).” Every time I visit Japan I think about small gifts or souvenirs from America. One day I purchased American Beef Jerky for my brother and I was expecting his happy and smiling face. But he said to me, “When you come to see me, no gift is necessary because Japan has everything even in this remote area. So don’t waste your money!” I was not happy to hear that. He did not like my gift choice but if I did not bring a souvenir, I would feel uneasy. Indeed, it is not easy to make others happy with proper gifts.

According to Sanskrit writings, the bodhisattvas can present each Buddha with any proper gift such as gold, silver, pearls, lapis lazuli, precious stones, jewels, gems, trumpet shells, corals, crystals, ambers, red pearls, flowers, powder incense, clothes, umbrellas, lights, dance, songs, and so forth. Any item they want to offer to each Buddha appears as

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Monthly Salutations

from Rev. Diana Thompson

Hello Everyone, welcome to December!

This month, we observe both Bodhi Day (Dec. 8th) and Joya-e ('end of the year service', Dec. 31st) which are days of contemplation leading to re-birth. Bodhi Day is the day on which Siddhartha Gautama, after deeply contemplating the nature of all existence, became Buddha (awakened one). Siddhartha had been raised in opulence but became curious about the outside world. As he rode through the town, he observed three things that troubled him deeply; a sick person, an old person and a dead person. He was told by his chariot driver that these were inescapable parts of human life. However, they also saw a monk and the chariot driver explained that this was a man who had set out to find a way to free himself from the dis-ease caused by the first three sights. Siddhartha decided then and there to follow the monk's example and he spent six years practicing with a group of ascetics who worked to free themselves from dis-ease by denying their bodies outright. Siddhartha did not find what he was looking for in this extreme denial, either. After coming perilously close to death, he decided that neither opulence nor denial was the way out of this dis-ease and so he sat beneath the bodhi tree vowing not to move until he had found true freedom. On the 8th day of December, he awakened to the great truth of existence and spent the rest of his life teaching these truths to all who would listen. We observe this day as a kind of second birthday for Siddhartha because, through his birth in the great realm of enlightenment, all were enabled to hear the Dharma and to be assured that we, too, are capable of this great awakening.

The end of year service, as I mentioned, is also a time of contemplation and rebirth. It is a time for us to reflect on the previous year and to see what we have learned in that time. Each passing year presents us with new challenges and opportunities and it is important for us to examine each one to see how we reacted. Did we fight against every challenge that arose or did we merely accept them as they came? Did we jump into each opportunity or shy away from it? Or, did we view challenges and opportunities with objectivity, pursuing what we needed to, fighting when necessary and accepting things when we should? It is most likely that our lives were a combination of all of the above. While facing things with equanimity is something we would all like to have, it is

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impossible for most of us to perfect it. Experiences from our pasts color our reactions to present situations whether we like it or not, but by taking time out to reflect on our actions and reactions, we give ourselves the opportunity to understand why we react the way we do. Through this reflection, we begin to learn about ourselves in a way that can help us to grow and to understand our impact on the world and the impact others have had on us.

On New Year's Eve, we will gather at the temple for the service and then go outside to ring the bonsho. The bell will be rung 108 times to symbolize all of the blind passions that exists in each of us and in doing so, we are letting go of the past years' blind passions to make room for the knowledge that we have gained. And so, this month, we express our gratitude to the Buddha for helping to guide all of us to our own awakening by showing us that we must first look to ourselves to find the truth.

Namo Amida Butsu

24th Vow - Conclusion

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they wish; each offering is wonderful and perfect for each Buddha. Or, they can accumulate wonderful and pure virtue with specific items in the presence of Buddhas. Does this make sense to you? Why do they need different and many items to offer? Is each Buddha different among them? A Buddha is a Buddha, isn't it? Is one Buddha happy with gold? Is another Buddha happy with jewels? What does this mean?

After you and I enter Amida's World, we will surely become Buddhas. You and I, however, are different while in this world. Each offering item indicates that each Buddha has a different and unique personal history in this world. Therefore, you see the varied list above; maybe some Buddhas enjoy music or dance because they were children in this world; some Buddhas receive trumpet shells because perhaps they were fishermen in this world; some Buddhas receive gold because they were business men in this world. So each different item of offering considers the different characteristics of each person in this world.

Many different kinds of people enter the world of Amida. And suitable items are ready for each Buddha. This vow says to me, "Don't worry! When you come to see Buddhas, every necessary and proper gift appears to you as you wish!" I worry about gifts when I visit Japan. But I don't worry about any souvenir when I come to see Buddhas. Amida's World is made this way. Don't worry!

InGassho,
Rev.DoeiFujii

木を見て森を見ず

このことわざは、細かい部分に注意を払いすぎて大切な全体像を見落とす、と言う意味。全体は細かい部分から成っている。仏法とて同じこと。例えば、「浄土真宗とはどんな教えなのですか」と聖人に問う。すると聖人は「本願と名号（南無阿弥陀仏）です」と答える。細かい部分である本願は48個ある。その各部分が集まって全体像となり、それは名号のこと。もう少し具体的にはどういうことなのだろうか。

本願とはなにか。法（ダルマ）の世界であり同時に私の姿のこと。経典には具体的に一つ一つ記してある。その一つ一つを読んでゆくがどうも理解さえ出来ない。全部読んでも分からない。だから再度読む。だが、二度読んでもよく分からない。分からない時は何度でも読めばいい。茶道にしても柔道にしても一回や二回練習しただけでは体得できるものではない。特に仏法は新しい考え方だ。私の考えは「まよい」であり仏法は「さとり」だから一回や二回では分からないのは当然だ。では大体「まよい」から「さとり」の考え方に行き着くにはどれほどの時間がかかるのだろうか。

これは私の体験ですが、まず学校で心理学を学んだ。だがどうも何かが欠けているように思い、次に社会学に入った。ところが心理学の物の考え方が社会学に通じない。これには困った。しかし学び続けていると両者の考え方の違いが分かるようになった。では、それに必要な時間はどれほどだったのだろうか。学校の授業日程を見れば、一日一時間の授業が12週続く。1クォーターのこと。つまりは 一週5時間 x 12週 = 60時間。新しい考え方を学ぶには約60時間かそれ以上の時間が必要で、それだけの時間をかければ「新しい考え方」がほぼ知れることになる。これをお寺のお参りに換算すれば、週一回のお参りで約一年以上かかることになる。一年は約50週あるから。

私は本願と名号に合計何時間費やしたかをはかったことはないが、どうやら一つ一つの本願の意味が知れるようになるが、それでは不十分である。木を一本一本見終えたら、次には全体の森を見ねばならない。とは言うものの、その森全体をどうみればよろしいのか。すると不思議なことが起きる。それは、私には本願全体（森）の声として何かがこころに響いてくる。どう響き聞こえてくるのか。

「藤井よ、安心せよ。心配は要らぬ」と聞こえてくる。どのような苦悩に出会っていても「藤井よ、安心しろ。心配は無用だぞ。全てを引き受けたぞ」と聞こえてくる。私が清く、正しく、美しく成ることは要らぬ。「ただ我に任せよ」と聞こえてくる。私は耳が悪いのだろうか。いや、私はこの声を「心の耳」で聞くのである。一々の木（本願）が全体（名号）となり、私にそのように語りかける。

合掌、
藤井道栄

Jr YBA Class; Dana & Gratitude

by Cameo Haddan, Dharma School teacher

The Jr. YBA has been busy lately. We raised money to buy several schools of fish from Lucky Iron Fish. These are given to families in Cambodia and are helping to end anemia. Anemia effects 3.5 billion people worldwide. If you'd like to donate or get your own lucky iron fish go to <http://www.luckyironfish.com/> - they send you a fish and a family gets one, too.

Our next dana project was for the Interfaith Service. We made 600 bookmarks to be handed out that day. The kids folded origami cranes, then attached it to the bookmark, and finished off the piece by stamping the bookmark. It was a lot of work. Thank you to everyone that folded origami. We actually have extra! Thank you to Gail Ida for not only donating 100's of cranes but getting all the bookmarks cut and ready to go. You made a huge task seem easy.

Lastly I'd like to share a few thoughts from the Jr. YBA students on gratitude:

Ally Tanigawa:

What I am grateful for:

Being able to have a good education. Having food, shelter and water. Having a family.

Tadashi Thompson:

- Family
- Food
- Shelter

Koji Inouye

I am grateful for life, Earth, food, water and shelter.

Tara Case:

I am grateful for going to school and getting to learn.

Nicholas Tanaka:

I am grateful for turkey. I am grateful for stuffing.

Kai Sakata:

I am grateful for having food to eat.

Sage Mames:

I am grateful for the pencil that let's me deliver my words to paper. I am thankful for my mind that allows me to create words and my mouth that let's me say, "I love you", to my loved ones.

Lee Kanayama:

I am grateful for video games. Also I am grateful for food.

Katie Tsuchimoto

I am grateful for family and friends. They help provide advice for me and they take care of me when I'm sick. I am also grateful to have friends and family that appreciate me for me.

Cameo Haddan

I am grateful for the kids that make Sunday my favorite day of the week, as well as the Sangha for their friendship and kindness.



Recipe Collection

by Teri Ozaki

Oishii (*translation: tasty, delicious*)

Members of the 100th Year Cookbook Committee are pleased to announce the kick-off of our cookbook project. Everyone is invited to participate, so please begin collecting favorite recipes from friends, family, co-workers, former Temple members, and everyone you know. For now, we'd like to find out what types of recipes you're most interested in (e.g., heritage, vegetarian, unusual); send your suggestions to Gail Ida at gailann.ida@gmail.com. Our cookbook project will kick off with a recipe gathering at the Hoonko New Year's Potluck on January 17, 2016. Please plan to bring a copy of the recipe for each delicious item you share at the potluck lunch. Stay tuned: much more information to come!

TSDBT 100th Year Anniversary Event Happenings

by Richard Yoshida

Denver Bronco Game Ticket Raffle -

And the winner of the two ticket-raffle for the Broncos versus Patriots game, Nov. 29, 2015 is Dr. Paul Miyamoto and wife, Karen (photo #1)! Mrs. Yo Yamasaki won the second place prize of a Bronco Hat/Warmer (photo #2). Third place, a Bronco tailgate towel set, went to Tom Dolezal. Tom lives in Norwood, Colorado and was not available for a photo. The drawing was conducted on October 25, 2015 during the Aki Matsuri festivities at Tri-State/Denver Buddhist Temple.



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Sakura Foundation Grant -

A generous Sakura Foundation Grant is presented to the 100th Anniversary Celebration Committee at the Temple on 11-01-2015. Gary Yamashita, CEO Sakura Square LLC, presents a check to Co-chairs Richard Yoshida and Ann Yoshihara-Murphy. The grant will be a tremendous help in carrying out the many activities currently being planned by the committee. (photo #3)

BWA HAPPENINGS

We will be holding our General Annual Meeting and Potluck Luncheon on December 6, 2015, from 11:30-1:30. Stacey's term will be over this year, we will need to elect two co-presidents because we never filled in the other co-president position from last year. If you know anyone who would be interested in these positions, please talk with one of the BWA Board members: Stacey Umemoto-Ospina, Judy Okamoto, Mieko Ospina or Lesli Hirokawa.

For the Potluck Luncheon, we are asking the following to bring:

Last names starting with:

A-H Appetizers/Salad

I-P Main Dish/Entrée

Q-Z Desserts

BWA will provide drinks and paper goods.

Join Us in a Meaningful and Enjoyable Evening

by Mabel Googins

You are cordially invited to come to the Temple's Year End Service being held on Thursday, December 31, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. Immediately following service, attendees are invited to ring the Bonshō bell in the courtyard. If you have never rung the Bonshō, this is an experience you will not forget. Weather permitting, the beautiful Japanese garden will be appropriately lit to accent the coming of the TS/DBT 100 Year Anniversary.

The YBA will be serving hot, delicious soba noodles for your delight. Let's all have a meaningful, enjoyable evening with other Sangha members, to observe the year's conclusion and the kick-off the year 2016! What a way to welcome the beginning of the 100th Anniversary of our Tri-State/Denver Buddhist Temple.



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*Tri-State/Denver Buddhist Temples gratefully acknowledges donations
and offerings received from October 1, 2015 - October 31, 2015:*

Tamai Sensei Memorial service

Shizue Asano
 Sam & Peggy Bungo
 DBT Choir
 Frances Furukawa
 Mabel Googins
 Gary & Shirley Horiuchi
 Gail & Robert Ida
 Ken & Amy Inouye
 Chiko Inouye
 Kim Inouye
 Tetsuo & Sadako Iwahiro
 Kenso & Peggy Kagiya
 Charles Kagiya
 Kent & Jane Kano
 Joyce N. Kim
 Ayako Kimura
 Junko Manabu Kimura
 Jack & Alice Kimura
 Art & Tamiko Koyano
 Frank Miyazawa
 Anna Murahata
 Ann & Bill Murphy
 Alice Nishimoto
 Cal & Donna Noguchi
 Takeshi & Kuniko Ohtake
 Kiyoko Omoto
 Stacey Umemoto Ospina
 Charles & Teri Ozaki
 Hank & Irene Shibao
 Rose Shibao
 Yuriko Shimoda
 Sayoko Takata
 Norio & Doris Taniguchi
 Christine Taniguchi &
 Nicholas Rockwell
 Shirley Tsuchimoto
 unmarked envelope
 Mas Yonekura
 Richard & Michiko Yoshida

In memory of James Tadashi Nakata - 25 yr

Tom Nakata
 Gary Nakata
 Reiko & Don Perkins

Autumnal Ohigan service

Tetsuo & Sadako Iwahiro
 Yuriko Shimoda

Offering Box

5th Grade Dharma Class
 Armijo Family
 Jr. YBA Dharma Class
 Preschool Dharma Class

Donation

Sachiko Takaki
 Sakura Square LLC
 Anonymous
 Joyce Nakata Kim (Vehicles for Charity)

October Shotsuki

Harriett Sakamoto	in memory of Bruce Decker
Mabel Googins	in memory of Gail D. Starr
Jo Anne Sato	in memory of Masu Honda
Dorothy Inouye & family	in memory of Shigeo Yanaru
Gwen & Steven Kawashima	in memory of Shigeo Yanaru
Grace Kiyotake & family	in memory of Shigeo Yanaru
Ethel Sato & family	in memory of Shigeo Yanaru
Mabel Googins	in memory of Thomas Googins
Bruce Tawara	in memory of Tomi Aigaki
.....	In memory of Nob Eshima
.....	In memory of Ben Matoba
.....	In memory of Tosh & Mary Tawara
Sumi & Yosh Akiyama	in memory of Tosh & Mary Tawara
Tawara Families	in memory of Tosh & Mary Tawara
.....	In memory of Tomiko Aigaki
Charles & Helen H. Takahashi	in memory of Tsuyu Takahashi
Jo Anne Sato	in memory of Vickie Lee Sato

Donations

Robert & Sharon Breen	burial service; Edna Chung
Stacey Umemoto Ospina	Eshinni/Kakushinni service
DBT Craft Class	facilities usage
Toni Yagami	funeral; Masayo Iwasaki
Jane Kanemoto	in memory of George Kanemoto & Chiyo Kanemoto
Youko Yamasaki	in memory of Joe Yamasaki
Michael & Karen Jones	in memory of Mary Tawara
Amy Noriyuki	in memory of Sam Noriyuki – 3 yr

*Congratulations to the parents, sister,
brother, grandparents, aunts,
uncles, cousins of:*

*Ren Hisashi (Ozaki) Umetani
November 5, 2015*

*Noah Hideyo Sampson
November 10, 2015*

*Your Sangha Family welcomes you
with open arms!*

Would you like to send a Season's Greeting message to all your Sangha friends through the newsletter? It's easy and efficient. Simply submit your message, intended sign-off name(s) and \$5 to the Temple office BEFORE December 10th. Your message of friendship will be published in the January 2016 issue ☺



Bake Sales

As is our tradition, each week a different Dharma School class or temple group will host bake sale after classes and adult service by providing the Bake Sale goods. Please support our school by purchasing these delicious food items; you can also donate frozen goods to supplement student offerings each week. We have a few vegetarians and vegans in our Sangha, so please remember them in your donations when you can!

Turkey Bingo

Thank you everyone who attended this year's Turkey Bingo! We hope you enjoyed this annual event, which is Dharma School's primary fundraiser and a great way to kick off the holiday season.

Our sincere appreciation goes to the students and advisors of the YBA, who set up and tore down the event and also provided a terrific Thanksgiving-themed lunch.

Special thanks to those who volunteered: Deb Omoto-Berve, Elsa Burchinow, Linda Akiyama, Carole Eshima, Wayne Berve, Kirk Horiuchi, Scott Kanayama, Sue Yoshimura, Glenn Asakawa, Stacey Umemoto-Ospina, Sue Mollard, Kelly Tagawa, JoAnne Adair, Regina Squibbs, Michelle Asakawa, and McKenna Asakawa. *

Thank you to our raffle prizes donors and to the groups who kindly donated frozen turkeys for the use as BINGO prizes. Your names will be identified in the January newsletter.

**Apologies if your name is not listed. Due to publication deadlines, the article was submitted prior to the event.*

Bake sale hosts for December are as follows:

- December 6 – Jr. YBA class
- December 13 – 5th grade class
- December 20 – 4th grade class (and birthday Sunday)
- December 27 - No Services



2015 Mochi Order Form

Mochitsuki will take place on Sunday, December 27, 2015 starting around 7:00 a.m. and continuing into the early afternoon. As always, the YBA appreciates any volunteers who would like to help out with mochi making.

Pre-order prices are \$6 per pound for regular and \$5 per pound for seniors (65 and older). Okasane sets are \$5 each. Your order must be received by Sunday, Dec. 13th. Extra mochi may be available for walk-up orders, however, quantities will be limited and prices will increase to \$7 per pound for regular and \$6 per pound for seniors.

Mochi can be picked up in the temple gym on Monday, December 28th from 11 am to 5 pm or at the New Year's Eve service on Dec. 31st. As a reminder, the YBA will hand deliver your mochi order if you live in Tamai Towers.

To place an order, please fill out the form below and mail with a check payable to TSDBT YBA to 1947 Lawrence St., Denver, CO 80202, stop by the mochi-ordering table at bake sale on Sundays, or email your order to HappyDenverMochi@gmail.com.

Questions? Please email or contact our Treasurer, Allison Phillips, on her cell phone; 303-888-2660 (but remember she's in school, so availability is very limited and she'll return calls when she can).

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

Check this box for Tamai Towers delivery. Apartment Number: _____

Mochi Type	Number of pounds/sets	Price	Subtotal
Regular		\$6.00	
Seniors		\$5.00	
Okasane (sets)		\$5.00	
Total Pounds:		Amt. Enclosed:	

December Shotsuki Names

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

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Hitoshi Aoki	Kiyo Kubota	Yoichi Osumi	George Yoshio Tsukamoto
Junji Arakawa	Kazue Kuga	Louise Misuye Ota	Shinhichi Ujifusa
Andrew Minoru Aratani	Yu-Yin Kuo-Hsu	Richard Masayoshi Ota	George Tatsuo Umetani
Beaver Sadao Asano	John Shimpei Kurachi	Isamu Sam Ozamoto	Jim Masami Ward
Suekuma Bajio	Sadami Kuroda	Matsu Riuo	Harukichi Watanabe
Harry Satoshi Chikuma	Tsuneko Kuroda	Sachiko Rogers	Mary Yagami
Matsue Mae Doida	Sueko Maeda	Matsunosuke Saiga	Misuo Yagami
Kaoru George Egawa	Gary Masuda	Chiye Saito	Henry Yoichi Yagi
Ishi Eshima	Nancy Akiko Matsuda	Tadashi Saito	Itsuno Yaguchi
Kiyo Sasaki Furukami	Teruko Pauline Matsumonji	Mantaro Sakuma	Kazuo William Yamada
Tatsuto Furuta	Ayako Matsumoto	Taji Sanada	Tome Yamaguchi
Gonokichi Gorai	Sojiro Matsumoto	Kata Sasaki	Yukino Yamaguchi
Hanae Gorai	Tomokichi Matsunaga	Tameline Sasaki	Amy Emiko Yamamoto
George Yukuo Gow	Chiyo Mayeda	Tetsuya Sasamoto	Kikuye Yamamoto
Alice Sueko Hagihara	Nisaku Mayeda	Sakuju Sato	Ryokichi Yamanashi
Nao Hamano	Takashi Mayeda	Yasu Kikuchi Sato	Amy Yemiko Yamasaki
Benjamin Tsutomu Hara	Haruo Mikami	Tokuhei Shibata	Kohana Yamashiroya
Yuku Hara	Nobu Mitamura	Masakichi Shigetomi	Takashi Sam Yamashita
Kome Hashimoto	John Tsunemi Miura	Toshio Shigetomi	Judy Yasuzawa
Kinue Hasui	Toshiko Miyake	Hidekichi Shimamoto	Kiyoshi Yonemoto
Yajiro Hattori	Hatsuye Miyamoto	Kamekichi Shimoda	Herman Masanobu Yoshida
Tsuneko Hayashi	Sakuichi Miyamoto	Seiichiro Shioshita	Hideichi George Yoshida
Kiju Hayashida	Kunihei Miyasaki	Enzo Shiramiza	Kimi Yoshida
Masuyo Hiraki	Hiroshi Miyauchi	Sanaye Sogi	Tamiichi Yoshida
Shin Hiraoka	Hirokichi Miyoshi	Craig Lopez Steinebrey	Hidemi Roy Yoshihara
Bill Hisamoto	Fukutaro Mizokami	Hanako Sugihara	Hajime Yoshimoto
Toragoro Horisaka	Oscar Mizuno	Jirohachi Sumada	Hide Yoshimoto
Kaisaku Horiuchi	George Toshio Mizushima	June Sakae Suzuki	Kenji Yuasa
Saburo Horiuchi	Tom Togo Momii	Hiro Tada	Namiye Rose Yura
Hisae Igata	Juki Morikawa	Takino Takamatsu	
Hajime James Imatani	Asato Louis Morimoto	Hatsumi Takata	
Kogoro Inouye	Masaye Morita	Isao Jon Takata	
Shigeru Robert Ishimoto	Masakazu Nagaki	Tomoko Takemoto	
Howard Hiroshi Iwata	Shintaro Nagata	May Takemura	
George Kagohara	Sam Sadaichi Naka	Babe Yoshinori Takeoka	
Kaori Kajiwara	Yusuke Nakagawa	Kinsaku Takusagawa	
Kinjiro Kamesaka	Haruko Helen Nakamoto	Hatsue Tamai	
Tsutomu Jimmie Kanemoto	Chieko Nakamura	Kiyoko Tamaki	
Steven Kataoka	Fujie Nakamura	Miyoko Tamura	
Bunyoshi Katayama	Futaye Nakamura	Kiku Tani	
Kai Kawahara	Matsuyo Nakamura	Margie Tani	
Hisayo Kawanabe	Jeanne Kesako Nakano	Toshio Tani	
Shizue Kawano	Bob Goro Nakao	Yumi Tani	
Tsuya Kimura	Tokiwa Nakaoka	Gladys Shizue Taniwaki	
Motoma Kinoshita	Mineko Nakayama	George Taoka	
Kazuo Kishiyama	Fukuo Nakazono	Kiwa Tawara	
Toku Kishiyama	Isaac Jun Nishida	Tomiko Sallie Tawara	
Tokuichi Kiyotake	Misu Nishimoto	John Satoshi Terada, Jr.	
Iwao Charlie Kobayashi	Frances Yoshi Nishimura	Eduardo Terrones	
Tomeno Kodama	Kazuma Nitta	Tatsuo Tochihara	
Takamaru Kojima	Tamotsu John Noguchi	Miki Mike Toda	
Koume Komaru	Yasusuke Ogawa	Bunji Tokunaga	
Kameyo Konishi	Arthur Akira Oka	Kimiko Tomita	
Sotaro Kora	Tomotaro Okamoto	Tamayo Tomoi	
Floyd Hajime Koshio	Kichigoro Ono	Frank Yasuna Torizawa	
Gontaro Kubota	Izo Onoda	Tom Tokimaru Toya	

Religious Services

SAT Dec 5 4 pm Hoji service

SUN Dec 6 Bodhi Day Service
8:30 am Nihongo service (F)
9:30 Dharma family service (F)
10:15 am Adult Service (F)
1 pm Sedgwick service (T)

FRI Dec 11 11 am Shinran's Day service

SUN Dec 13 9:30 am Dharma Family service
10:15 am Adult service

11 am Ft. Lupton service

SAT Dec 19 1 pm Greeley service

SUN Dec 20 December Shotsuki service
9:30 am Dharma Family Service
10:15 am Adult service

SUN Dec 27 NO services

THUR Dec 31 7 pm Year End Service (F/T)



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

*Robert Kingi Sakaguchi
July 18, 1946 - November 1, 2015*

*Gladys Reiko Hiraoka
February 1, 1924 - November 6, 2015*

Special Events

SUN Dec 6 11 am BWA General Meeting
& Potluck lunch

SUN Dec 20 11:30 am TSDBT Board mtg

SUN Dec 27 7 am YBA Mochi Tsuki

THUR Dec 31 7 pm Year End Service
& Bonsho Ringing

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,

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)

January 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31 9:30 Dharma Family service 10:15 Adult service					1 11 am New Year's Day Service	2
3 8:30 ngo service(F) 9:30 Dharma Family service(F) 10:15 Adult service (F) 1 pm Sedgwick service (T)	4	5	6 6 pm LaJara/Alamosa(F)	7 6 pm Uta Gassen practice	8	9 8 am - 1 pm Chibi No Gakko
10 9:30 Dharma Family service(F) 10:15 Adult service(F) 9 am Brighton Sangha(T) 11 am Ft. Lupton (T) 1 pm Uta Gassen Practice	11 articles due for February newsletter	12	13	14 6 pm Uta Gassen practice	15	16 8 am - 1 pm Chibi No Gakko 12 noon Greeley(T)
17 HoOnko & New Year Celebration	18	19	20	21 6 pm Uta Gassen practice	22	23 8 am - 1 pm Chibi No Gakko
8:30 Nihongo service(F) 9:30 Dharma Family service(T) 10:15 Adult service(F) 11:30 HoOnko Luncheon	25 9:30 Dharma Family service(T) 10:15 Adult service(F) January Shotsuki service (F/T) 11:30 TSDBT Board mtg	26	27	28 6 pm Uta Gassen practice	29	30 1:30 Kohaku Uta Gassen
				6 pm Uta Gassen practice	6 pm Uta Gassen set up	

December 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 11 am Dharma Disc (T)	2 10 am visitors(T)	3	4	5 4 pm Hoji
6 Bodhi Day service 8:30 Nihongo service (F) 9:30 Dharma Family service(F) 10:15 Adult service(F) 11 am BWA Annual General Mtg&Potluck (F) 1:00 pm Sedgwick(T)	7 11 am Dharma Disc (T)	8 11 am Dharma Disc (T)	9	10 <i>articles due for January newsletter</i> 7 pm Dharma Disc (T)	11 11 am Shinran's Day Service (F)	12
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27 NO Service	28	29	30	31	Tri-State/Denver Buddhist Temple 1947 Lawrence St. Denver, CO 80202 RE: Bodhi Day	
				7 pm Year End service (F/T)		

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Dharma Discussion

Tri-State Denver Buddhist Temple

**Tuesday mornings at 11 am
December 1st, 8th, and 15th**

(Tuesday sessions will begin with a short service)

**Thursday evenings at 7 pm
December 10th and 17th**

Please join us here at the temple for dharma discussions. We will cover topics such as Amida Buddha and the Pure Land, basic temple etiquette, onaijin objects and other concepts related to Jodo Shinshu Buddhism. We would also like to encourage participants to bring in their own questions and topics in order 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.Contact: Rev. Diana Thompson
(303) 295-1844 OR dthompson@tsdbt.org

Arigato Gozaimasu

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