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February  
Buddhist Holiday

Nehan E  
Death Anniversary of  
Shakyamuni Buddha

## Formula in Buddhism The 20<sup>th</sup> Vow: Part-4

### The 20<sup>th</sup> Vow

“If, when I attain Buddhahood, the sentient beings of the 10 quarters, **upon hearing my name, should place their thoughts on my land, cultivate the roots of virtues, and direct their merits with sincere mind desiring to be born in my land, and yet not ultimately attain birth,** may I not attain the perfect enlightenment.”

### Summary of three vows

The Buddha addressed the three vows (18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, and 20<sup>th</sup>) as Immeasurable Working (Amida) directly related to the sentient beings of the 10 quarters, including you and me. But how are these three vows directly related to you and me? Let's begin by comparing differences. In short, each vow requires us to follow three differing directives:

The 19<sup>th</sup> Vow: 1. (I) awake the mind aspiring for enlightenment

2. (I) performing meritorious acts,

3. (I) desire to be born in Amida's land with (my own) sincere aspiration

**The 20<sup>th</sup> Vow:** 1. (I) hear Amida's name, and place my thoughts on Amida's Land

2. (I) cultivate the roots of virtues (recitation of Amida's Name)

3. (I) direct my merit with sincere mind desiring to be born in Amida's Land, and yet not ultimately attain birth.

The 18<sup>th</sup> Vow: 1. With sincere and entrusting heart (generated by Amida)

2. (I) aspire to be born in Amida's Land (aspiration generated by Amida)

3. (I) say Amida's Name at least 10 times.

### **The 20<sup>th</sup> Vow:**

One example: My master, *Kichibei*, visited a friend and was talking with him. At that time a young son of the house appeared carrying a relatively big branch from the back yard. The boy said to them, “Yesterday, strong winds swayed this big branch right and left so badly that the branch broke at last.” *Kechibei* was very happy to hear that and asked him to repeat what he said. The boy repeated, “This big branch was swayed right and left so badly in the strong wind yesterday, it finally broke.” *Kechibei* said “Thank you. Thank you. Indeed and indeed!” What is this?

The vow requires us to hold the name and to recite it. The vow also says that we try to accumulate knowledge and understanding of Amida in order to attain birth. But our efforts end in vain! How do we sway in Dharma? “I don't get anything, but I can not give up this teaching.” “This teaching is not clear to me, but I can not throw away this teaching.” We sway badly, right and left many times. The more we learn and seek for birth, the more we get into troubles. We become frustrated over and over. To tell the truth, Immeasurable Working (Amida) works on us this way. (cont. on page 2)

## Monthly Salutations

from Rev. Diana Thompson

Hello everyone, happy February! This month, we are observing Nirvana Day or Nehan-e, which is the day that the Buddha passed into final or pari-Nirvana.

In December, we observe Bodhi Day, which is the day when Prince Siddhartha, while sitting beneath the bodhi tree, realized the Truth of all existence and became the Buddha (Awakened One).

Nirvana Day however, is the day in which the Buddha died and it was in that moment that he finally relinquished all attachment to the world and entered into the state of True Nirvana.

The Buddha's disciples were in attendance at this time and they were deeply saddened, worried that with his death, there would be no one to pass on his teachings. However, the Buddha told them that there was no reason to lament because it was merely his physical body that was passing out of existence. The Truths that he had found, on the other hand, had always existed and would continue long after his passing. He then told them all to 'be a light unto yourselves' meaning that each person was responsible for finding the Truth in their own way.

The observance of Nirvana Day is not meant to be a time for lamenting the Buddha's death. Instead, it is a time for expressing our deep gratitude to the Buddha for sharing the great Truth with everyone he encountered. Had he decided to keep the teachings to himself after his awakening under the bodhi tree, we would not be here today in this temple, surrounded by our fellow travelers and able to hear the Dharma so that we, too, may pass it on to future generations. Namu Amida Butsu

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RE: Nehan E

## 20th Vow - Part Four

(continued from page 1)

Then, ultimately, we attain birth. Struggling and frustration are necessary processes to attain Immeasurable working. In other words, when I am badly frustrated, I am already in Amida's Compassion. Frustration related to Amida's teaching is not a negative happening for, without it, we can not become aware of "True Mind of Amida (18<sup>th</sup> Vow)."

In gassho,  
Rev. Doei Fujii

See the **light**  
Seek **enlightenment**  
Let your **light** shine  
~~As **light** as a feather~~

Light is important to us and all life forms for functional, viability and spiritual reasons. We refer to the light of the Sun as one of our essential natural resources; in fact, through the ages, we have gone to great lengths to create man-made light with fire, batteries and electricity.

At a most basic level, we need light to see.

At the Temple, we need light in the all-purpose room for getting balls in the hanging baskets, for throwing our opponents, for calling out, "Bingo!", for consuming great quantities of fine food, for running & chasing. In the Hondo, we need light to greet our fellow Sangha friends, to gaze upon the serene nature of the onajin, to find our way to the incense burners.

As our Temple building ages, so too do the systems that run it. We are fortunate to have a Sangha member (Kaitlyn Mascher-Mace) who noticed the poor lighting in the Hondo and all-purpose room. Instead of simply pointing to the problem - she researched a remedy, made proposals and began the work of updating existing light fixtures so that we will be an energy-efficient and financially-efficient operation.

Ironically, sometimes in order to save money, one must spend money. This Lighting Project will cost approximately \$6,500.00. Thanks to Kaitlyn, we have raised over half that amount. Please help us cover the entire cost by sending in your donations; checks are payable to TSDBT with the words, "Temple Lighting Fund" written on the memo line.

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For additional information, or to read the newsletter online, go to our website at [www.tsdbt.org](http://www.tsdbt.org)

### 片手にソロバン、片手にお数珠（その3）

「片手にソロバン、片手にお数珠」とは私の日々の生活の相（すがた）のことである。生活の充実だけを追い求めるのでは虚しい。そうかと言って「清く、正しく、美しく」と四六時中、己を保つ力量があるわけでもない。果たして、こんな無様な相（すがた）の私に悟りの世界が開けているのだろうか。

法（ダルマ）の働きを聖人は「機（人間、私）の境遇にあわせて顕（あらわ）れる」と説く。どういうことか。法（ダルマ）とは丸で形のない水のようなもの。その水は器に従って形を成すがごとく、法は「片手にソロバン、片手にお数珠」の私の形に合わせてその相をあらわし、悟りの世界へと私を導くということ。私を「浄土」と言う世界に導き入れる法が私に顕（あらわ）れるということ。

例えば、父親をすでに殺し、母親を餓死に追いやろうとした息子がいた。その名を「アジャセ」という。今で言う「親族殺人」で、罪は実に重い。この例は極端で最悪のケースだが、こんが極重悪人（ごくじゅう・あくにん）が出てきたので、そのような人にこそ、救いの道があると説く。今までこんな極端な例は無かったし、今までこんな極悪人を救えるような道は無かった。だが、彼のような極悪人を救ってこそ「いかなる人にも」と言える。彼はちょうど器みたいなもので、その器の形に応じて法水が満たされる。その法とは彼の成した悪を転じて徳となす働きを持つ法なのだ。

彼の成した悪を転じて徳となす法とは？そのような都合のいい話などあるのだろうか。「極悪人が救われる」とは一体どのようなことなのだろうか。ヒントはすでに出されている。「悪を転じて徳となす」と出ているではないか。それが救いということになる。例えば、ここに磁石と鉄くずとがあるとする。鉄は磁石ではない。何も引き寄せる力はない。だが、この何の値打ちもない鉄くずが一度磁石に近づけば、その鉄くずが磁石と同じ働きを持つようになる。ここでの「磁石」とは法のこと。「鉄くず」とは一文の値打ちのない親殺しの「アジャセ」のこと。磁石が持つ力（徳）の全てが鉄くずの力となり、悪を転じて徳となる。そう成さしめる働き・力を「円融至徳（えんゆう・しとく）の嘉号（かごう）」と言い、南無アミダ仏のこと。

信とは心が澄んでくること。その澄んだ心の眼で観えた世界を聖人は「大乘は念仏なり。念仏は大乘なり」と示す。念仏より他に「どのような人にも」「どのような時でも」「いかなる処でも」の三つを満たしている法などあるのだろうか。「片手にソロバン、片手にお数珠」の私が歩める道があるのだろうか。聖人は、上記の三つを明らかにするために、自ら正式に結婚をし、越後（えちご）に流罪（るざい）となり、流人（るにん）となり、己の身を非僧（ひそう）・非俗（ひぞく）と名乗った。ひとえに念仏こそが大乘の真髓だと示したかったのだろう。

合掌、藤井道栄

# *BWA News*

by Lesli Hirokawa

BWA held their Annual General Meeting on December 14, 2014. The new officers for 2015 are the following:

President: Stacey Umemoto Ospina

Recording & Corresponding Secretary: Lesli Hirokawa

Treasurers: Judy Okamoto and Mieko Ospina

Advisors: Reverend Ed Fujii and Mrs. Michiko Fujii

We still need a Co-President. If anyone is interested in holding this office for 2 years, please see one of the officers.

We are also excited in starting a Men's Toban Group to help us. Thank you to the following in advance: Nick Blanchard, Dickie Chikuma, Kirk Horiuchi, Thomas Knight, Mike Shibata, and Richard Yoshida. If other men at the Temple would like to help us, please let us know.

We would also like to extend a HUGE WELCOME to the ladies from the Longmont Temple in joining the TS/DBT BWA. We are very excited that you are interested in joining our group!

Thank you to the following families for their generous donations to BWA:

Mrs. Mineko Nakayama Family  
Mrs. Sachiko Tobo Family  
Mrs. Betty Yamashita Family

We have some fun upcoming classes for the next few months.

- February 21<sup>st</sup> 10:00-1:00 Sushi 101  
Temple member/Sushi Chef Thomas Knight will teach us how to make a few sushi dishes and then we get to eat!
- \*March 7<sup>th</sup> 10:00-1:00 Japanese Cooking  
We will be making a few Japanese dishes.
- \*March 21<sup>st</sup> 10:00-12:00 Kimono Dressing  
We will learn on how to put on a kimono. This is a perfect time to learn because Hanamatsuri is just around the corner!

\* Tentative Dates

Each class is limited to 25 people. Contact Lesli at LTH1066@gmail.com if you are interested in taking one (or all) of the classes. Each class is free for BWA members and there will be a nominal fee for non-BWA members.

# Arigato Gozaimasu

Thank you to the following people who gathered to fold and seal last month's Temple newsletter: Richard Yoshida, Alley&Yoshimi Watada, Herb&Dot Inouye, Shirley Tsuchimoto, Dora Shibata, Mabel Googins, Kay Takahashi and Michi Kajiwara.

Thank you to Gary Yamashita who literally did the legwork in obtaining parking permits for Temple employees to park on the street in front of the Temple.

Thank you to Katie Mascher-Mace (SEE: page 2) for initiating the Temple Lighting Fund and effectively convincing others to participate.

On behalf of the ministers, MAP and Office personnel, thank you to everyone who contributed to the annual Oseibo fund. We are extremely grateful for your generosity, kindness and companionship. 2014 was a year of much maneuvering between mishap, learned lessons, celebrations, new plans & developments and oblivious blunders; but we survived and it might even be said that we are all older and wiser ☺. Nevertheless, because of the enthusiasm perceived behind your kindness, 2015 looks to be a wonderful year of hope and renewal. Okagesama de.

# 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of TS/DBT LOGO Contest Winner

by Richard Yoshida

*Oneness in the Nembutsu*



*Gratitude for the Past  
Aspirations for the Future*

**Congratulations to Connor Ospina** for his winning logo design, which will be displayed wherever and whenever possible to advertise the upcoming 100<sup>th</sup> Year Celebration of the Tri-State/Denver Buddhist Temple's existence.

(If you haven't heard yet, **PLEASE SAVE THE DATE: September 30 – October 2, 2016** for this momentous occasion!)

Appreciation is extended to all of the applicants who submitted logo designs for this contest. It was difficult to decide which one to select as there were many great and appropriate designs to select from. You don't realize how many artistic and talented people we have in our Sangha, until you ask for their participation. With their permission, some of the runner-up logos may be used for other advertising projects or displays.

Celebration plans are underway, not only for the **Save The Date** weekend, but also throughout the year of 2016 with planned activities and events.. Do you remember that baseball team you played on or the golf tournament you played in way back when? Hopefully, you will join the committee members who will be planning an event for your group or anyone else wanting to participate. Many of these sports are still actively going on today, such as some of the bowling leagues and basketball teams. Come and join us in a reminiscing evening of the same activity. For the older folks, there will be activities that aren't as strenuous, such as fashion shows or casino nights.

Look for news in future editions of our Temple Reflections. Again, sincere appreciation is expressed to all of the participants of this LOGO contest.

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

*Tsuneko Hayashi  
January 3, 1931 to December 18, 2014*

*Sachiko Toba  
July 7, 1939 to January 2,*

## Urgent Request

from the Cherry Blossom Festival Committee  
by Gayle Goto

The Cherry Blossom Festival Committee is in **DESPERATE** need of one or more volunteers to chair the Manju Making Committee. Without a chair for this important committee, this year's Cherry Blossom Festival may not have manju for sale. The Chair(s) do not have to have any special skills or gender, in fact they don't necessarily need to like manju....all that is required are organizational skills and a commitment to the continuing of a long tradition. Chairs from prior years will work with you to help you along the way. If you are interested in volunteering or have any questions please contact Gayle Goto (ggoto@comcast.net or 303-594-5839). **THANK YOU**

Responsibilities for the Chair(s) are:

- Set dates for manju making sessions (last year there were only 2 days; 1 for Yaki Manju and 1 for Mochi Manju),
- inventory, order and purchase supplies;
- Advertise, assemble Volunteers and Coordinate volunteer efforts
- provide lunch for volunteers;
- package and freeze manju (yaki)

**THANKS** again - give me a call if you have questions.

*Tri-State/Denver Buddhist Temples gratefully acknowledges donations  
and offerings received from December 1, 2014- December 31, 2014:*

**In memory of Betty Yamashita**

Cynthia Horiuchi  
Charles Kagiya  
Tom & Mary Nishida  
Charlie & Chiseko Yamaguchi

**In memory of Floyd Koshio – 25<sup>th</sup> yr**

Florence Apo  
Bernice Fox  
Janice Koshio

**In memory of Mary Tawara – 49 day**

Glen, Linda & Justin Akiyama  
Dave & Teresa Akiyama  
Tosh & Sumi Akiyama  
Diane & Aureliano Cabral  
Theresa Doi & Don O'Malley  
The Mary Tawara Families  
Mitch Higgins & Sharon Akiyama  
Gary & Cindy Matsuda  
Jim & Jeanne Matsuda  
Victor & Naoko Tawara

**In memory of Isao Jon Takata**

June Furuta  
Diane & Herbert Guerrero  
Miyoko Murata  
Darin & Terri Smith  
Sayoko Takata  
Tosh Takata Family  
Douglas & Siu Yoshimura  
Glenn Yoshimura & Robin Furuta

**Bodhi Day Service**

Glenn & Michelle Asakawa  
Mabel Googins  
Charles Kagiya  
Kent & Jane Kano  
Art & Tamiko Koyano  
Frank Miyazawa  
William & Ann Murphy  
Stacey Umemoto Ospina  
Charles & Teri Ozaki  
Rose Shibao  
Hank & Irene Shibao  
Steven Shigaya  
Sayoko Takata  
Richard & Michiko Yoshida  
Unmarked envelope

**Donation**

Anonymous  
Dickie Chikuma  
Billie Corrigan  
Betty Inamasu

**Facilities usage**

DBT Craft Class  
Carolyn Takeshita

**Nokotsudo**

Dawn Mori  
Kiyoko & George Omoto  
Dave & Joni Omoto

**Osaisen**

2/3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Dharma Class  
4<sup>th</sup> Grade Dharma Class  
5<sup>th</sup> Grade Dharma Class  
Hiroko Hung  
Jr. YBA Dharma Class  
Kent & Jane Kano  
Kumiko & Takeshi Ohtake  
Preschool Dharma Class

Fusako & Keiko Kawahara .....	in memory of Kei Kawahara – 17 <sup>th</sup> yr
William Osaki .....	in memory of Mary J. Osaki – 1 <sup>st</sup> yr
David & Parmjit Nakayama .....	in memory of Mineko Nakayama – 7 <sup>th</sup> day
Daryl Tawara .....	in memory of Sallie Tawara – 7 <sup>th</sup> yr
Gaylene Uyemura .....	funeral; Michiko Uyemura
Carolyn Takeshita .....	funeral; Mickey Takeshita
Robin Burchardt .....	JoyaE and Jodo E
Tarik .....	visitation

***Shotsuki Monthly Memorial Service***

Every 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of each month

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 49<sup>th</sup> Day, 1<sup>st</sup> Year, 3<sup>rd</sup> Year, 7<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, 33<sup>rd</sup> and 50<sup>th</sup> 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,

# February Shotsuki Names

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

Mitsuzo Aigaki	Tomitaro Kimura	Roy Isamu Nishimura	Esther Kinue Watada
Kunisaburo Akahoshi	George Akinori Kinoshita	Bill Masuo Nukaya	Lowell Wikoff
Katsue Aoki	Yoshimi Jean Kinoshita	George Saburo Nukaya	George Kiyoshi Yago
Yoshio Norman Arakawa	Bill Kenzo Kishimoto	Kane Nukaya	Sueki Yamada
Isamu Jim Arita	Nikichi Kishimoto	Zenita Oda	Santo Yamasaki
Melvin Ashida	Roy Mankichi Kishiyama	Tome Ogawa	Shizuye Yamashita
Hatsuichi Chado	Robert Emmett Knight	Noriaki Okada	Tadao Tom Yamashita
Janet Sachiko Chikuma	Akira Kojima	Suzu Okagawa	Muneomi Harry Yanari
Torataro Doi	Baby Konishi	Tokusaburo Okamoto	Sami Yasuda
Henry Seichi Doizaki	John Koshi	Jukichi Okugawa	Tetsuichi Yasuda
Kenji Eto	Setsuko Koshio	Taichiro Omaye	Yu Yasumura
Chiyo Eya	Masaye Lil Kuge	Henry Omoto	Sam Susumu Yasuzawa
Katsusaburo Fujii	Hisako Kuroda	Jirohachi Onodera	Aya Yoshihara
Shizuye Marion Fujimoto	Kaz Kuroda	Tsuka Onodera	
Yuji Fujimoto	Henry Atsushi Kuroki	Kunio Osaki	
Gregory James Fujita	Chizuko Doris Kuruma	Ito Sakurai	
Harry Kiyoshi Fukaye	Itsuko Kuruma	Kiyozo Sameshima	
Funtaro Fukino	Masao Kuwada	Gene Yoshitsugu Sasa	
Shigeru Funakoshi	Kam Wah Kwong	Haruko Sasa	
Joe Funayama	George H. Mamiya	Tetsujiro Sasamoto	
Janette Haruko Furukawa	Yasu Masuda	Kimiye Sato	
Tadashi Fushimi	Hatsuko Matsuba	Motoye Sawada	
Katsuki Gow	Alyce Matsuda	Taichi Sera	
Nobu Gow	Bob Sakae Matsumonji	Toshiye Shibata	
Barbara Jean Masako Hamai	Ikeru Akira Matsumonji	Jack Shigeru Shigetomi	
Shunji George Hamano	Betty Eiko Matsuno	Yukano Shino	
Tomiye Mary Hamano	Ben S. Mitamura	Katsumi Harry Shiramizu	
Jessie Yoshiko Hanatani	Hatsuyo Miyamoto	Josaku Shiroyama	
Lily Yuriye Hara	Masayoshi Fred Miyamoto	Chiyoko Nishiyama Stanhope	
Sohichi Hara	Charles Nagahiko Mizunaga	Hitose Suekama	
Kazuyoshi Hasui	Kenneth Seiichi Mizuno	Alice Sugihara	
Eijiro Hayashi	George Mori	Sumiko Sumida	
George Shigenori Hayashi	Yoshi Mori	Tamiko Suzuki	
Michie Mary Hiramatsu	Haruyo Morimoto	Tazu Suzuki	
Yukiye Hirokawa	Isaku Morita	Takeo Tadehara	
Kathleen Kiyu Hora	Michael Masatohi Murakami	Frank Tadayuki Tagawa	
Joe Tsunetoshi Horiuchi	Shizuko Murakami	Mansuke Taira	
Keiji Horiuchi	Douglas Dean Muroya	Inohei Tamura	
Shuhei Horiuchi	Kimiyo Muroya	Haruyo Tani	
Kunihiko Hosoya	Ichiyo Nagai	Kane Tani	
Tadashi Igata	Shige Nagaki	Noboru Tashiro	
Yoshiharu Igata	Kumichi Nagamoto	Sunao Tashiro	
Rikimatsu Inouye	Iwayo Nakafuji	Sumae Tazawa	
Teizo Inouye	Edward Tamaki Nakagawa	Haruye Alice Terada	
Toshiaki Inouye	Kazuo Nakagawa	Tom Todomu Terada	
Zennosuke Ishiguro	Fusao Nakai	Kinu Terasaki	
Suteji Ito	Kiyoshi Nakamura	Uhachiro Teshima	
Aki Jackson	Yayeko Nakamura	Masashi James Tochiwara	
Isao Kajiwara	Fumiko Nakano	Yoshiko Toda	
Shizuko Kanai	Kisaichi Nakano	Margaret Taeko Torem	
Mary Setsuno Kanemoto	Sogo Nakano	Misuo Tsuruda	
Miyoshi Kasa	Gohachi Nakata	Yagoro Uchida	
Yoshio Kataoka	Hideo Nakata	Matazo Ueba	
Kenzo Kawakami	Dale Neel	Tesu Ueba	
Michiko Kawakami	Miyoko Nigo	Yoshie Ujifusa	
Byron Kawata	Yonezo Nishida	Chie Wakimura	
Shinzo Kimura	Shigeru Nishimoto	Minosuke Washizu	

# Grants Available For Japanese American Programs

by Gary Yamashita

The Tri-State/Denver Buddhist Temple (TS/DBT) is pleased to announce that grant funds are now available to Japanese American community organizations. The **Tri-State/Denver Buddhist Temple-Nisei Veterans Heritage Foundation Grant Program** (TS/DBT-NVHF Grant Program) was established to provide grants to support projects that will benefit other Japanese American community programs that work to promote or educate a better understanding of the Japanese American culture and heritage and will make a meaningful impact in our Japanese American community. Successful candidates may receive mini-grants up to \$3,000. Amounts greater than \$3,000 may be considered as an exception and will be reviewed on a case by case basis.

This grant program was made possible through a generous donation from the Nisei Veterans Heritage Foundation (NVHF) with the directive that funds be provided to organizations in our community that celebrate, educate and ensure that future generations preserve the cultural legacy of Japanese Americans in Colorado. In addition, the NVHF donation provides financial support in perpetuity for the annual Japanese American Community Memorial Day service at Fairmount Cemetery and also to provide funds to support the annual graduation scholarship awarded by the NVHF at the Japanese American Community Graduation Program (JACGP) awards banquet.

## **The grants will be awarded based upon the following review criteria:**

- Strength of project and or opportunity to promote the Japanese American culture and heritage.
- Capacity of individual/organization to provide future continuity.
- Individual/Organizational ability to carry through with the project.
- Balanced budget estimate.

Applicants should submit their completed applications a minimum of 45 days prior to the proposed start date of the project. The TS/DBT-NVHF Grant Program review committee will contact the applicant regarding the committee's decision prior to the project start date. The recommendations of the review committee will be reviewed by the TS/DBT Board of Directors for a final decision. If review and a decision cannot occur before the project start date, the applicant will be notified as soon as possible. To receive the complete mini grant program guidelines and the application form, or if you have any questions regarding the grant program, please feel free to contact the TS/DBT-NVHF Grant Program Committee Chairperson, Gary Yamashita at [gary.yamashita@comcast.net](mailto:gary.yamashita@comcast.net).

## **BCA Bookstore News**

by Gayle Noguchi

My thanks to Sensei Elaine Donlin, Minister's Assistant for the Buddhist Church of San Francisco, for conducting her 4-part series "Essentials of Buddhism" at the BCA Bookstore in January. Sensei Donlin created this excellent introduction to Buddhism and I'm happy we could offer it in the East Bay for the first time!

We are looking forward to bringing the BCA Bookstore to the Northwest District Convention February 13-15, 2015. Please note that the BCA Bookstore at the Jodo Shinshu Center will be closed during this time.

February 26<sup>th</sup> through March 1<sup>st</sup> the BCA Bookstore will be at the National Council Meeting being held this year in San Diego, CA (the store at the Jodo Shinshu Center will be closed during this time). This event is always great fun for us – it's the one opportunity we have annually to see ministers and lay leaders from all our temples! We are dedicated to serving the needs of our sanghas throughout BCA and appreciate your warm, generous support.

New at the Bookstore: *Wabi Sabi* by Mark Reibstein with art by Ed Young, \$18.00. This is a delightful story of a little cat in Kyoto, Japan who embarks on an adventure to discover the meaning of her name and learns about finding beauty in unexpected places. Order at [www.bcabookstore.com](http://www.bcabookstore.com) or contact 510-809-1435/[sales@bcabookstore.com](mailto:sales@bcabookstore.com).

The BCA Bookstore is open Wed. – Sat. 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Like us on Facebook.



### Religious Services

SUN Feb 1 9:30 am Dharma Family service  
10:15 am Adult Service

SUN Feb 8 9:30 am Dharma Family service(F)  
10:15 am Adult service(F)  
9:00 am Brighton service(T)  
11 am Ft. Lupton service(T)

FRI Feb 13 11 am Shinran's Day service (F)

SAT Feb 14 11 am Hoji (F)

SUN Feb 15 Nehan E & Pet Hoji  
8:30 am Nihongo service(F)  
9:30 am Dharma Family Service(T)  
10:15 am Adult service(T)

SAT Feb 21 1 pm Greeley service (T)

SUN Feb 22 February Shotsuki Service  
9:30 am Dharma Family service(T)  
10:15 am Adult service (F)

### **Sakura Square Kicks Off the New Year With a New Website!**

Sakura Square LLC is pleased to announce the launch of **www.sakurasquare.com!** On the new website you will find information on the cultural, historical, commercial and residential aspects of Sakura Square. We invite the community to send information on special events and activities so that we can promote them on the website. Please forward your submissions to **staceys@sakurasquare.com**. We appreciate receiving as much advance notice as possible. We hope 2015 brings you peace and joy.

Stacey L. Shigaya  
Executive Assistant  
Sakura Square LLC

### Meetings

WEDS Feb 11 7 pm JACGP meeting

SUN Feb 22 TSDBT Annual General Meeting

If you have lost a family pet within this past year to death and would like to participate in the February 15th Pet Hoji service, please bring a photo of your beloved pet to the service. The photo will be displayed upon the onajin and you & your family will have the opportunity to express your gratitude and respect through oshoko. Please provide a \$20 donation in the offering box.

### **SIMPSON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH ANNUAL DOLL & CULTURAL FESTIVAL (HINA MATSURI)**

Simpson United Methodist Church is hosting their 47th annual Doll & Cultural Festival (Hina Matsuri) on Saturday, March 7th and Sunday, March 12th, 2015.

You are invited to view the display of Dolls, Arts & Crafts, Origami demonstrations, Japanese Ikebana (flower arranging), Bonsai, Tea Ceremony, Calligraphy, Judo, Karate, Kendo, Aikido, Japanese Dance, Taiko Drum performers, the Ukulele group and the Japanese Kimono exhibit.

Box lunches will be sold. Admission is free.

### 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)

# March 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> BCA National (F/T) 9:30 Dharma School service(M) 10:15 Adult service(M)	<b>2</b> 4-6 pm Denver Taiko workshop	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> MAP training (F) 10 am BWA Cooking Class
<b>8</b> 8:30 Nihongo service (F) 9:30 DS Service(F) 10:15 Adult Service(F) 9 am Brighton service(T) 11 am Ft. Lupton service(T)	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> <i>articles due for March newsletter</i>	<b>11</b> 7 pm JACGP meeting	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 11 am Shinran's Day service	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> Spring Ohigan 9:30 Dharma School service(T) 10:15 Adult service(F) 11:30 TSDBT Board mtg 4-6 pm Denver Taiko workshop	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 1 pm college lecture (offsite) (F) 7 pm Humu Humu Uke	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 9 am Group Discussion w/Rev. Fujii 10 am BWA Kimono dressing class 1 pm Greeley (T)
<b>22</b> 8:30 am Nihongo service(F) 9:30 Combined DS/Adult (T)	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> Rev. Thompson - Spring Break	<b>26</b> Break	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 10 am Hoji
<b>Clean Up Sunday</b> 1 pm Sedgwick (F) 4-6 pm Denver Taiko workshop	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>				
<b>29</b> March Shotsuki Service 9:30 Dharma School service(F) 10:15 Adult service (T) 4-6 pm Denver Taiko workshop	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>				

# February 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> Rev Fujii in LA, CA 9:30 Dharma School service(T) 10:15 Adult service(T)	<b>2</b> 7 pm Dharma Discussion(T)	<b>3</b> 7 pm Dharma Discussion(T)	<b>4</b> 10 am HS visitors (F)	<b>5</b> 10 am HS visitors (F)	<b>6</b> MAP training (F)	<b>7</b> MAP training (F)
<b>8</b> 9:30 Dharma School service(F) 10:15 Adult Service(F) 9 am Brighton service(T) 11 Ft. Lupton service(T)	<b>9</b> articles due for March newsletter 7 pm Dharma Disc(T)	<b>10</b> 7 pm JACGP meeting	<b>11</b> 7 pm JACGP meeting	<b>12</b> 11 am Shinran's Day Service (F)	<b>13</b> 11 am Shinran's Day Service (F)	<b>14</b> 11 am Hoji (F)
<b>15</b> Nehan E & Pet Hoji 8:30 am Nihongo service(F) 9:30 Dharma School service(T) w/ BWA Installation ceremony 10:15 Adult service(T) 1 pm Sedgwick (F)	<b>16</b> 7 pm Dharma Discussion(T) 7 pm Humu Humu Uke	<b>17</b> 7 pm Dharma Discussion(T)	<b>18</b> 7 pm Dharma Discussion(T)	<b>19</b> 9 am Discussion w/ Rev. Fujii 10 am BWA Sushi class 1 pm Greeley(T)	<b>20</b> 9 am Discussion w/ Rev. Fujii 10 am BWA Sushi class 1 pm Greeley(T)	<b>21</b> 9 am Discussion w/ Rev. Fujii 10 am BWA Sushi class 1 pm Greeley(T)
<b>22</b> 9:30 Dharma School service(T) 10:15 Adult service w/ February Shotsuki (F) SEE: page 7 11 TSDBT Annual General Mtg	<b>23</b> 7 pm Dharma Discussion(T)	<b>24</b> 7 pm Dharma Discussion(T)	<b>25</b> Nat'l BCA Ministerial Mtg and National Conference - San Diego, CA	<b>26</b> Nat'l BCA Ministerial Mtg and National Conference - San Diego, CA	<b>27</b> Nat'l BCA Ministerial Mtg and National Conference - San Diego, CA	<b>28</b> Nat'l BCA Ministerial Mtg and National Conference - San Diego, CA

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### **Dharma Discussion**

with Rev. Diana Thompson

**Tuesday nights at 7 pm**

**Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, and 24<sup>th</sup>**

Please join us here at the temple for evening 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 also 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**



### **Free Discussion Sessions with Rev. Fujii**

(New Program in 2015)

Dates: Saturday, February 21, 2015  
Saturday, March 21, 2015  
Saturday, April 18, 2015

Time: 9 am - 10 am

Place: Temple library (upstairs).

Topic: Bring in any topic for discussion

Drink: Bring your own coffee or water

Contact: Diana Thompson Sensei  
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