



Temple Reflections

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Special Event of the Month

- Sunday, February 24th
- 11:30 a.m.
- Annual General Meeting

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San-Butsu-Ge Verses #5 through #10

*#5 My discipline in giving, mind-control, moral virtues, forbearance and effort,
And also in meditation and wisdom, shall be supreme and unsurpassed.
I vow that, when I have become a Buddha, I shall carry out this promise everywhere;
And to all fear-ridden beings, shall I give peace.*

*#6 Even though there are Buddhas, a thousand million koitis in number, and
Multitudes of great sages countless as the sands of Ganges, I shall make offerings
to all those Buddha. I shall seek the supreme Way resolutely and tirelessly.*

*#7 Even though the Buddha-lands are incalculable as the sands of Ganges, and other
Regions and the worlds are also without number, my light shall reach everywhere,
pervading all those lands.
Such being the result of my efforts, my glorious power shall be immeasurable.*

*#8 When I become a Buddha, my land shall be most exquisite, and its people wonderful and
Unexcelled; the seat of Enlightenment shall be supreme.
My land, being Nirvana itself, shall be beyond comparison.
I take pity on living beings and resolve to save them all.*

*#9 Those who come from the 10 directions shall find joy and serenity of heart;
when they reach my land, they shall dwell in peace and happiness.
I beg you, the Buddha, to become my witness and to vouch for the truth of my aspiration.
Having now made my vows to you, I will strive to fulfill them.*

*#10 The World-Honored Ones in the 10 regions have unimpeded wisdom;
I call upon those Revered Ones to witness my intention.
Even though I must remain in the state of extreme pain,
I will diligently practice, enduring all hardships with tireless vigor.*

Virtues such as peace, gratitude, and serenity are intangible. But I am not an artist. I am not a musician, either. How do artists and musicians change formless and immaterial virtues into the tangible works such as San Butsu Ge, the 48 Vows and contents of Name (Namo-Amida-Butsu)? When I repeatedly read each vow, I recognize that many immaterial virtues are in there. In other words, something tangible is based on something intangible. When I feel something warm and peaceful and happy in each vow, it is nothing but virtues. More importantly, it is essential to find me in each vow because each vow is made for me alone. I also recognize that one's mind is clearly and firmly settled down; then one never feels fear about anything. Then one surely overcomes pain and hardships easily.

In Gassho,
Fujii

Monthly Salutations from Rev. Diana Thompson

Hello everyone, welcome to February! This month, we are observing Nirvana Day, the day when Shakyamuni Buddha passed into final, perfect nirvana or, the day that the Buddha died. The story goes that in his advanced years, the Buddha was traveling with his disciples teaching people the Dharma. One day, they stopped at the house of a man named Cunda who invited them to stay for a meal. Unbeknownst to Cunda, the food that was served to the Buddha was tainted and afterwards, it made him gravely ill. He travelled from Cunda's house to Kusinagara and there, in the Jeta grove, he lay down between the twin sala trees and prepared to pass out of this world. He told his disciples that Cunda was not to be blamed for his death because Cunda was merely offering a kindness. He said that all things that exist will change and pass out of this world and he, the Buddha, was no exception. Finally, he told those gathered around him to 'make the Dharma your place of refuge. Be a light unto yourself', essentially that to find the right path of hearing and practicing the Dharma was up to the individual. Buddhism is grounded in the search for Truth and begins with a journey of self-discovery. As stated above, the journey will be an individual one as every person is made up of their own set of experiences and past karma. To find ourselves, we must first examine the ways in which all of these past experiences have influenced the person we are at this moment. Through this, we can begin to see the Truths of impermanence and interdependence. We can see that we ourselves have changed over the course of our lives and that we change and become our momentary selves due to our environments and our experiences with others. Through this, we can see that there is no essential self which exists as a permanent, unchanging entity. We see that we are part of a larger, ever-changing whole, a 'self' that exists only in relation to all other things.

This realization can be unsettling to those who seek to assert their individuality or 'be their own person'. However, when we begin to see ourselves in relation to others, we become more settled. When we can see others as links in our own chain of being, we can see them as parts of our own person and perhaps in this way find a greater capacity for sympathy and understanding. As Jodo

Shinshu Buddhists we understand that we will not be able to find perfect understanding of the teachings of impermanence and interdependence and yet, we can still find sympathy and understanding with our limited worldviews. We can see ourselves and others as fellow travelers on the path, each struggling in their own way to find Truth.

Discovering ourselves to be small, foolish beings with limited capacity, we also come to view the world with gratitude. We come to appreciate those people and experiences which brought us into being, sustained our lives and helped us to become who we are. We also come to acknowledge the fact that, despite our small foolish existence, Amida Buddha, is constantly calling us to wake up to our true selves, wanting to welcome us to the great Pure Land of enlightenment. We may walk our individual paths trying to 'be a light unto ourselves' but when we open our hearts and minds to the Dharma, we see that our light, though just a small beam, is part of the immense light of wisdom/compassion that enfolds all sentient beings within it, helping to illuminate the Truth. Namo Amida Butsu

YBA Acknowledgments

Another successful Mochitsuki has come and gone! The YBA would like to thank everyone for their orders, and for those that came out to help. We started off slow, but picked up speed and ended strong. We successfully filled all of our orders with extras to spare. All of the volunteers were greatly appreciated, and we hope to see everyone next year!

Specifically, the YBA would like to thank the following people, who went above and beyond to help us this year:

Wayne Berve
Vicky Case
Audrey Googins
Kyle Inouye
Dick Mayeda

Russ Nagata
Wendy Thompson
Quentin Yamasaki
Keiko Yoshida
Sue Yoshimura

Greg & Brandi Tsuchimoto

あるがままに、

自分の姿など中々自分で気付けるものではないが、ある日の事ある人が「そうなんだ！」と自分の姿に深く納得して喜んだ。その人は日々の対人関係や自分の姿に悩んでいた。どうも周囲の人々から非難を受かることが多かったからで、清く・正しく・美しく・立派に自分を他者に見せることが中々出来なかった。

「どうしてなのだろうか？」とそんな事を考えながら歩道を歩いていると枯れ葉が一枚落ちてくるのが目に止まった。見ればその枯れ葉は裏を見せ、表をみせて舞い落ちて来る。枯れ葉の裏とは自分の至らなさ、表とは自分が満足できるすがたのこと。この時その人は「私もあの枯れ葉みたいではないか！」と気づき、「良い面ばかり見せられるものではない。ああ、これで良かったのだ。いつも立派にふるまえるわけではないのだから」と心中にある自分への「とらわれ心」に気づき、そこから離れる事ができて心が解き放たれた安らかな体験をした。葉っぱ一枚が切っ掛けとなり、そのような境地を開いてくれたのである。

このような体験はいつも心中に一つのことを抱えていると、ある時・ある処で何かがヒントとなって広い世界が開けることがよくあるものです。どうも人間は真剣に成らないとそんな世界が中々開けないようだ。これは経営者や科学者などにもよく見られることで、「ああ、そうなんだ！」と開ける。仏法とて同じことです。

別の例を示します。昔の日本で遣唐使・遣隋使と共に多くの優秀な僧侶が中国に渡り仏法を学んだ。その彼らが帰国した際に多くの人々が港に出迎えに出ていた。多くの僧侶は多くの経典を持ち帰ってきた。ところがある僧侶だけは手ぶらで船を降りて来たのを見た人々が「貴方は唐で何を学び、何を日本に持ち帰りましたか？」と問うと、彼は「本当の仏法を持ち帰った」と言う。「それはどのようなものでしょうか？」と人々がまた問うた。すると彼は「目が横にあり、鼻が真ん中にあり、口が鼻の下にある。そのことを持ち帰った」と答えた。

これ、禅問答みたいで真意が分からない。何のことだろうか？彼が言いたかったのは「あるがままに物事を観る智慧」のことだった。彼は自分の求道(ぐどう)を完成するために唐に渡り、心を注ぎ、仏法の真髓である覚りの智慧を体解したことを述べているのである。



The Dharma School team has made it to the second half of our year and we are looking forward to some fun and major events. Please join us on Sunday, February 17th for our yearly Clean Up Sunday so that our Temple can be ready for these events too. This is a great opportunity for students and sangha members to thank our space for housing us during our services, classes, special events, funerals, weddings and many other momentous occasions in each of our lives.

Perhaps, like me, some of you have had a chance to watch Marie Kondo's show on Netflix about tidying up (and that you read her organizing book about "The Life Changing Magic of Tidying"). In each episode she helps a different family tidy their home; before they begin this daunting process, she asks the homeowners to sit a moment with her and to thank the space. Like Mrs. Kondo I want each of us to thank the Temple for all it has provided for us, and the many before. Thank those items which perhaps we don't need to store anymore before discarding them. And help make this space clean and ready for 2019, while acknowledging all that we give and take from this space with a renewed sense of gratefulness in our hearts.

Please dedicate your Sunday the 17th for Temple cleaning following regular Sunday services (February 17th will be Nehan E and Pet Hoji). Different areas of the Temple have been assigned to each of the many Temple organizations. Dharma School students and parents are asked to help clean their classrooms, basement hallways and basement bathrooms – also, Dharma School is providing a light lunch of sandwiches & chips for all Sangha cleaning crewmembers. One final request – everyone come with cleaning rags, sponges, brooms, vacuum cleaners, cleaning solution, etc. and a fierce determination to clean!

BWA UPDATE

by Kay Takahashi, BWA Secretary

A huge thank you to all BWA members and friends who graciously donated time and hard work in preparing and assembling the traditional Japanese food for the 44th annual Kohaku Uta Gassen. As in previous years, your dana contributed greatly toward another successful year in raising funds for our organization.

The next important BWA general meeting will be held on February 10, 2019 @ 11:00 a.m. During this time, we will resume reviewing the by-laws as well as discussing the upcoming World Women's Convention. The \$10.00 membership due will be collected at this time. Please bring a side dish or dessert for this meeting. The main dish will be provided.

The 16th World Women's Convention will be held on August 30 through September 1, 2019 in San Francisco, California. The theme for this year is "Live the Nembutsu". It is encouraged that Denver BWA members attend this event to further propagate the Nembutsu teaching. The cost of registration is \$350.00; partial assistance may be possible. (TBD) Airfare and accommodations will be the responsibility of the individual attending. To date, hotel reservations are being accepted by the Marriott Marquis Hotel San Francisco. The nightly rate being \$219.00 plus tax.

As each Temple is required to submit all conference registrations at the same time, please contact one of the BWA officers if you are interested in attending. Registration forms and details will be available at the general meeting. Those interested in attending will need to contact Shirley Tsuchimoto at shirleytsuchimoto@gmail.com; Ann Murphy at anymurph@gmail.com; Joyce Nakata-Kim at joycenkim@hotmail.com; or Kay Takahashi at tomodachi_21@msn.com.

COMMUNITY NEWS & EVENTS

Happy New Year from Sakura Foundation!

Sakura Foundation is truly grateful for the support received in 2018 from the Sangha and J/JA community. We achieved a great deal in fulfilling our mission of *sustaining the Tri-State/Denver Buddhist Temple and celebrating Japanese American history, culture and community.*

Our partnership with the Temple resulted in another amazing **Cherry Blossom Festival (CBF)** in 2018 with record attendance, increased revenue and positive feedback. Sakura Foundation organizes and absorbs the expenses of all activities outside (ie stage, booth and barrier rentals, street closure, marketplace vendors, entertainment, etc.). We also manage the CBF website at **cherryblossomdenver.org**. The Foundation's participation allows the Temple chairs and volunteers to focus on their food offerings, demonstrations and the raffle. Plans for our third year of collaboration are already underway for the 47th annual CBF which will take place on **June 22 and 23, 2019.**

The **Mirai Generations Leadership Program (MGLP)** will kick off in February for its third year. We now have 12 energetic and talented MGLP alumni who are becoming involved in the J/JA community. We are grateful to all who have embraced and supported the MGLP and its participants. Visit our homepage at **sakurafoundation.org** to view the **MGLP video** and learn more about the program, its objectives and benefits.

Sakura Foundation is humbled and honored to be a recipient of the **2019 Martin Luther King Jr, Business Award**. This recognition is given to the Foundation for its contributions to the community and living the spirit of the life of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. We view this honor as encouragement to continue our work and reach out to the larger community to build unity.



Simpson United Methodist Church Annual Doll & Cultural Festival (Hina Matsuri)

Simpson United Methodist Church is hosting the 51st annual Doll & Cultural Festival (Hina Matsuri) on Saturday, March 2nd and Sunday, March 3rd, 2019.

You are invited to view the display of dolls, Arts & Crafts – demonstration of Origami, Ikebana (flower arranging) Bonsai, Tea Ceremony, Calligraphy and Japanese Kimono exhibit.

There will also be martial arts demonstrations – Judo, Karate, Kendo and Aikido. And there will be performances of Japanese Dance, Taiko drums and Ukulele.

A Box Lunch will be sold. Admission is free.

Best Wishes for a Joyous New Year,

From,

Sakura Foundation Board of Directors and Staff:

Joe Ozaki (President), Ron Abo, Drew Domoto, Robert Tanaka, Harry Harada, DJ Ida, Kenzo Kawanabe, Tom Migaki, John Nitta, Ed Nozawa, Derek Okubo, Charles Ozaki, Joni Sakaguchi, Kelly Yamasaki, Richard Yoshida, Gary Yamashita (Executive Director) and Stacey Shigaya (Program Director)

TriState/Denver Buddhist Temples' membership offers condolences to the family and friends of:

Bill Sameshima

October 27, 1926 – December 22, 2018

Its Tadehara

d. December 23, 2018

Tri-State/Denver Buddhist Temples gratefully acknowledges donations and offerings received from December 1, 2018 —December 31, 2018:

In memory of

Anna Shizue Murahata – 3rd yr

Wayne & Deb Omoto Berve
 Sharon Brooks
 DJ & Rich Ida
 Calvin Kato
 Linda Kato
 Sue Murahata
 Kit Mura-smith & John Ware
 Karen Omoto
 Kiyoko Omoto
 David & Joni Sakaguchi

In memory of Jon Takata – 7th yr

Miyoko Murata
 Sayoko Takata

Bodhi Day service

anonymous
 Armijo Family
 Mabel Googins
 David & Gayle Goto
 Kent & Jane Kano
 Jack & Alice Kimura
 Katie & John Ley
 Frank Miyazawa
 Sayoko Takata
 Shirley Tsuchimoto
 Louise Yamaguchi
 Richard & Michi Yoshida

Donation

anonymous
 Betty Inamasu
 BWA

Facilities Usage

DBT Craft Class
 Wed Nite Bball
 TSDBT Karaoke Club

Offering Box/Osaisen

Armijo Family
 K-4th Grade Dharma School
 Preschool Dharma School
 Edward Knapp & Jennifer Baker
 Kathryn Kuge
 Katie & John Ley
 Eli McCaskey; visitation

Legacy Campaign

Irene & Kenzo Kawanabe
 Mary Hammond

Fundraisers

TSDBT Scrip sales
 Nikkei Treasures sales

December Shotsuki donors ... in memory of

Toshiko Sakamoto.....	Frank Sakamoto
Frank Miyazawa	Janet Endo Norimoto
Annette Ward	Jim Ward
Families of Kay & Nancy Nitta	Kazuma Nitta
Sumi & Yosh Akiyama	Kiwa Tawara, Sallie Tawara
Family of Tosh & Mary Tawara	Kiwa Tawara, Sallie Tawara
Ida Sasaki	Kiyo Sasaki Furukami, Jim Kanemoto
Fumiko Yamashita	Kohana Yamashita
Alice Mizuno	Leonard Mizuno, Oscar Mizuno, Junji Arakawa
Jo Ann Fujioka	Louise Ota, Richard Ota, Sr.
Ota Family	Louise Ota, Richard Ota, Sr.
Betty Inamasu	Mr. K. Ono
Richard & Michi Yoshida	Nancy Akiko Matsuda
Dora Shibata	Sanaye Sogi & Tokuhei Shibata
Mabel Googins	Yoshi Nishimura, Arthur Oka

Donations for

Shirley Tsuchimoto	Eitaikyo service
Florence & Calvin Newlin	in memory of Mitsumasa & Kimiye Miyake
Dennis Ioka	in memory of Helene Ioka – 1 st yr
Annette Ward	in memory of James Ward – 17 th yr
Mabel Googins	in memory of Karen Yamamoto – 49 th day
Alice Mizuno	in memory of Leonard Mizuno – 3 rd yr

February Shotsuki Names

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

Mitsuzo Aigaki	Yoshimi Jean Kinoshita	Roy Isamu Nishimura	Esther Kinue Watada
Frank Y. Akahoshi	Bill Kenzo Kishimoto	Bill Masuo Nukaya	Lowell Wikoff
Kunisaburo Akahoshi	Nikichi Kishimoto	George Saburo Nukaya	George Kiyoshi Yago
Katsue Aoki	Roy Mankichi Kishiyama	Kane Nukaya	Sueki Yamada
Yoshio Norman Arakawa	Joanne Kimiye Knight	Zenita Oda	Santo Yamasaki
Isamu Jim Arita	Robert Emmett Knight	Tome Ogawa	Shizuye Yamashita
Melvin Ashida	Tepper Mark Koga	Hagino Helen Okada	Tadao Tom Yamashita
Hatsuichi Chado	Akira Kojima	Noriaki Okada	Muneomi Harry Yanari
Janet Sachiko Chikuma	Baby Konishi	Suzu Okagawa	Sami Yasuda
Torataro Doi	John Koshi	Tokusaburo Okamoto	Tetsuichi Yasuda
Henry Seichi Doizaki	Sestuko Koshio	Jukichi Okugawa	Yu Yasumura
Denji Eto	Masaye Lil Kuge	Taichiro Omaye	Sam Susumu Yasuzawa
Chiyo Eya	Jean Kunugi	Henry Omoto	Aya Yoshihara
Katsusaburo Fujii	Hisako Kuroda	Jirohachi Onodera	
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	
Guntaro 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	Lillian Sato	
Katsuki Gow	Charles Matsubara	Motoye Sawada	
Nobu Gow	Alyce Matsuda	Taichi Sera	
Barbara Jean Masako Hamai	Jean Kimiko Matsuda	Toshiye Shibata	
Shunji George Hamano	Bob Sakae Matsumonji	Jack Shigeru Shigetomi	
Tomiyue Mary Hamano	Ikeru Akira Matsumonji	Yukano Shino	
Jessie Yoshiko Hanatani	Betty Eiko Matsuno	Katsumi Harry Shiramizu	
Lily Yuriye Hara	Teruko Matsushima	Josaku Shiroyama	
Sohichi Hara	Ben S. Mitamura	Chiyoko Nishiyama Stanhope	
Kazuyoshi Hasui	Hatsuyo Miyamoto	Hitose Suekama	
Kay Takako Hatanaka	Masayoshi Fred Miyamoto	Alice Sugihara	
Eijiro Hayashi	Charles Nagahiko Mizunaga	Sumiko Sumida	
George Shigenori Hayashi	James Hisashi Mizuno	Tamiko Suzuki	
Michie Mary Hiramatsu	Kenneth Seiichi Mizuno	Tazu Suzuki	
Yukiye Hirokawa	George Mori	Takeo Tadehara	
Kathleen Kiyu Hora	Yoshi Mori	Frank Tadayuki Tagawa	
Joe Tsunetoshi Horiuchi	Haruyo Morimoto	Thomas Taggart	
Keiji Horiuchi	Isaku Morita	Mansuke Taira	
Shuheji Horiuchi	Michael Masatohi Murakami	Aiko Takeda	
Kunihiko Hosoya	Shizuko Murakami	Inohei Tamura	
Tadashi Igata	Douglas Dean Muroya	Haruyo Tani	
Yoshiharu Igata	Kimiyo Muroya	Kane Tani	
Rikimatsu Inouye	Ichiyo Nagai	Rose Jitsuye Tanouye	
Teizo Inouye	Shige Nagaki	Noboru Tashiro	
Zennosuke Ishiguro	Kumichi Nagamoto	Sunao Tashiro	
Suteji Ito	Iwayo Nakafuji	Sumae Tazawa	
Aki Jackson	Edward Tamaki Nakagawa	Haruye Alice Terada	
Betty Kajiwara	Kazuo Nakagawa	Tom Todomu Terada	
Isao Kajiwara	Fusao Nakai	Kinu Tersaki	
Shizuko Kanai	Kiyoshi Nakamura	Uhachiro Teshima	
Mitsuru Kanegaye	Yayeko Nakamura	Masashi James Tochihara	
Mary Setsuno Kanemoto	Fumiko Nakano	Yoshiko Toda	
Miyoshi Kasa	Kisaichi Nakano	Margaret Taeko Torem	
Yoshio Kataoka	Sogo Nakano	Misuo Tsuruda	
Kenzo Kawakami	Gohachi Nakata	Yagoto Uchida	
Michiko Kawakami	Hideo Nakata	Matazo Ueba	
Byron Kawata	Dale Neel	Tetsu Ueba	
Shinzo Kimura	Miyoko Nigo	Yoshie Ujifusa	
Tomitaro Kimura	Yonezo Nishida	Chie Wakimura	
George Akinori Kinoshita	Shigeru Nishimoto	Minosuke Washizu	

Shotsuki Monthly

Memorial Service

February 24, 2019

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

March 2019

SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

31 March Shotosuki 9:30 am Family service 10:15 am Adult service					1	2
3 9:30 Family Service 10:15 Adult Service 1 pm Sedgwick service	4	5	6 BCA Nat'l Council	7	8 11 am Shinran's Day	9 8 am—5 pm Aikido Summit
10 Daylight Savings 8:30 Nihongo service 9:30 Family service F 10:15 Adult service 9 am Brighton service	11	12 11:30 Dharma service & discussion	13	14	15	16 1 pm Greeley service
17 Spring Ohigan 9:30 Family service 10:15 Adult service	18	19 11:30 Dharma service & Discussion	20	21	22	23
24 8:30 Nihongo service 9:30 Family service 10:15 Adult service	25 Rev. Thompson vacation	26	27	28	29	30

February 2019

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Sunday, February 17th - Clean Up Sunday

Cleaning chores have been divvied up into seven teams; please contact your Group Leader to volunteer your services:

Group I

Dharma School; Alyssa Nilemo
YBA; Jon & Amy Campbell
Denver Taiko & Denver Jr. Taiko; Aiko Kimura

Group II

DBT Judo; Earl Fukuhara
DBT Aikido; Ron Abo
DBT Karate; Candice Tsutsui
Wed Nite Bball; Stan Eshima

Group III

Ministers & MAP; Rev. Fujii & Rev. Thompson
DBT Choir; Audrey Charness
Welcoming Committee; Stacey Umemoto Ospina
Membership Committee; Gayle Goto

Group IV

Ministers & MAP; Rev. Fujii & Rev. Thompson
Nokotsudo Committee; Steven Nitta

Group V

BWA; Shirley Tsuchimoto & Ann Murphy
Craft Class; JoAnne Adair
Board of Directors & Sunday Sangha attendees; Chad Nitta

Group VI

DBT Karaoke Club; Richard Yoshida
Minyou Kai; Donna Noguchi

Group VII

Building Maintenance & Usage Committee; Joni Sakaguchi & Wayne Berve

Arigatou Gozaimasu

Thank you to the following volunteers for getting last month's newsletter mailed in a timely fashion: Judy Smith, Dora Shibata, Alley & Yoshimi Watada, Richard Yoshida, Diana Sensei, Kay Takahashi, Mary Ann Okamatsu, Lorraine Hisamoto and Michiko Kajiwara.

Thank you to YBA students, parents and advisors for maintaining the tradition of a yearly Mochitsuki; your dedication is greatly appreciated by all who depend upon mochi-goodness in greeting each new year!

In connection with Mochitsuki (because life is interconnected), thank you to Russ Nagata who utilized his welding skills and professional tools to repair/renovate the two mochi grinders which have been in use since time began (at least since well before any of today's YBA students were born).

And thank you to Dave Akiyama who came to pick up his mochi order early – while he was waiting he took it upon himself to shovel the front courtyard (do you guys remember how cold and snowy New Year's Eve day was?).