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## Formula in Buddhism The 20<sup>th</sup> Vow: Part-3

The formula below consists of essential elements for learning the Teaching of Buddha:

1. To Learn Buddhism is to learn myself,
2. to learn myself is to learn Buddha's Compassion.
3. to learn Compassion is to forget myself,
4. and to forget myself is to throw me into Buddha's World.

### 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) awaken the mind aspiring for enlightenment  
2. (I) perform 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.

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.

Please allow me to provide more explanation about each vow by beginning with the 19<sup>th</sup> Vow. I can best explain by relaying an actual incident; I met an interesting woman who was my age. She attended Dharma School but she was not satisfied with Nembutsu Teaching. When she entered a prestigious college, she decided to become a school teacher because a school schedule gave her three months of vacation every year. She was able to visit Japan every year for three months and practice Soto-Zen Buddhism at a monastery. She was serious for years. But then, after hearing my short Dharma talk, she came to me and said, "To tell the truth, I could not attain *Satori* although I awoke the mind aspiring for enlightenment. But nothing happened to me. So it's about time to return to *Jodo-Shinshu*."  
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January  
Buddhist Holiday

HoOnko  
Death Anniversary of  
Shinran Shonin

# Monthly Salutations

from Rev. Diana Thompson

Hello and Happy New Years everyone! I hope that this finds you all well and full of the thrill of possibility that comes with the beginning of every year. Whether the previous year was good or bad, the hope for some new bit of positive change is always at the forefront of our future vision. On New Year's Eve, it is said that we ring the large temple bell (called bonsho) in order to bang out all of the 108 blind passions that bind us to the world of delusion. In this way we are symbolically cleaning the slate for the New Year. This ritual is not meant for us to forget the previous year but to remind that, as human beings, we are comprised of these 108 passions and must not let them hinder our forward movement.

Within Buddhism we often hear the terms 'non-attachment' or 'letting go' and it is commonly thought that these terms mean that one must literally rid oneself of certain objects, thoughts or feelings. However, 'non-attachment' is really 'equanimity' or the ability to regard everything objectively with neither attachment nor aversion. To do this means that all that is good, bad or somewhere in between must first be acknowledged and then accepted as neither positive or negative, but accepted 'just as it is'. For instance, if something happened over the past year that made you angry, you must acknowledge that it made you angry and, without passing judgment on that anger, accept that this was your reaction. That is all there is to it.

And so again, when we are hitting the bonsho, we are not ridding ourselves of these blind passions but, instead, we are acknowledging them. All of our past sorrows, joys, mistakes and triumphs are indeed in the past and though they have combined to make us who we are in the present, they do not have to dictate who we will be forever. Though the 108 blind passions cause us to feel anger and pain, they also cause us to feel love and joy because none of these can be felt without attachment. The tolling of the bonsho represents the resounding voice of Truth and is therefore, the pure sound of infinite possibility, the same possibilities that lie within our many blind passions. So as we step into this New Year we should gratefully acknowledge our 108 blind passions knowing that these are the contents of our humanity. Namo Amida Butsu

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## HoOnKo Service

for Shinran Shonin, Founder of Jodo Shinshu

**Hoh:** Repay , reward

**On:** Indebtedness

**Koh:** Gathering or service

The HoOnko service commemorates the day Shinran Shonin passed away.

Followers gather together to express respect and gratitude for his great contribution to mankind, which was to clarify Amida's Teaching thereby leading many people to the Immeasurable World (Amida). They also gather to deepen and widen their experience of Immeasurable Wisdom and Compassion. Thus, it is known as **"The most important service of the year for Jodo-Shin-Shu followers."** Everyone is invited to the service.

This year our annual HoOnko/New Year Service and Celebration Lunch will be held on Sunday, January 18<sup>th</sup>. The luncheon is hosted by BWA as a potluck; as you plan your food offering, please think "Japanese food".

Assignments are by last name initials.

A - J = side dishes

K - S = main dish

T - Z = dessert

See you there!



## Part 3 of the 20th Vow

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In other words, a person can awaken the mind aspiring for enlightenment, and the person can make a lot of effort with strong desire to attain enlightenment, but nothing is opened to the person. Why? It is probably because Dharma does not appear to the person as the person wishes. Dharma, or enlightenment, is not an object to obtain with our abilities or powers such as knowledge, understanding, or memorization. These mental tools simply disturb the Dharma as it works. Next month, I will explain the 20<sup>th</sup> Vow; Part Four.

In Gassho, Rev. Doei Fujii

## 片手にソロバン、片手にお数珠（その2）

願わくば以下のことを心に置いてもらいたい。それは「いかなる人も」「いかなる時も」「いかなる処でも」という三つのこと。つつい素通りしてしまうような簡単な言葉だが、これが大乘仏教の真髄なのです。この三つを満たす悟りの智慧・慈悲こそが無量（アミダ）と呼ばれる世界。もうすこし説明します。

最初に「称名念仏」に出会った私は実に戸惑った。ただ口にミダの名を称えることがどうして大乘仏教の真髄をあらわすことになるのか。どうして悟りの世界を如実にあらわすことになるのか。私には全く理解さえ出来なかった。まるで念仏が迷信じみたものにきこえ、ただ意味も知らず口にとなえる自分がうとましくさえ思えた。だが、まず「なもあみだぶつ」を持たせることは「入り口」であることを後ほど知ることになる。「なもあみだぶつ」をまず持たせる。そこに疑念が湧く。「なもあみだぶつ、とは一体なんだ？」と疑念を湧かせ、「そうであったか！」とついには奥義に導き体解（たいげ）さす。意味も知らずに、まず称えさせることが実は「入り口」となる。言い換えれば、疑問を持ったその時に、すでにその答えが待っているという奥義（他力）を知らせるためなのです。

ここでの「いかなる人も（本願）」とは、その人の人格や性質に関係なく、ということ。肉食の人も、菜食の人も、老いも若きも、貴賤を問わず、善悪を問わず、浄・不浄を問わず、信・不信を問わず、とにかく「いかなる人にも開かれている」ことをいう。だからこそ聖人は正式に妻を娶った。「男女を問わず」を結婚で明らかにした。ところが、この耳によい言葉を聞いて「他人様のことだ」と思ってしまう。「私のことなのだ」と気付く人は少ない。

「いかなる時も（第13願）」とは、若い時も、老いた時も、嬉しい時も、悲しい時も、寝ている時も、病気の時も、死にかけている時も、とにかく「いかなる時も」なのである。24-7（四六時中）のいかなる状況をも含むのである。

また「いかなる処でも（第12願）」とは、ベッドの中でも、トイレでも、車中でも、山でも海でも、寺でも家でも、とにかく「どんな場所でも」という意味。

この三つを満たす悟りの智慧・慈悲とは具体的には何なのか？考えてみて欲しい。もしこの三つを満たす世界があれば、それは大いなる世界、平等なる世界と言えまいか。再度、それは何か？誰でも、何処でも、何時でも、与えられている平等なる世界とは「称名念仏」ではないか。誰でも、何処でも、何時でも、称えられるではないか。三つを満たしているではないか。

では、次にもう少し大乘仏教とは何かを「片手にソロバン、片手にお数珠（その3）」で共に味わってみたい。  
合掌、  
藤井道栄

# Meet the 5th Grade Dharma Class

by Vicky Case, Teacher

This year there are seven students in the 5<sup>th</sup> grade class. They are a lively and active group who provide engaging discussions each week.

This year Audrey Charness (the other 5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher) and I are adding a new segment to the curriculum. We are learning about different religions of the world (similarities and differences to Buddhism).

We just finished a segment on the Jewish religion and the 5<sup>th</sup> graders played a rousing game of Dreidel. Thank you for Ayla Charness for teaching all of us how to play this great game.

We thought you might enjoy meeting each student and learning more about each student.

## **Koji Inouye**

*Age: 9*

*Favorite Vacation: Cali*

*Favorite Food: Noodles*

*Favorite thing I like to do: Eat*

*Something that no one knows about me: Nothing*

*When I grow up, I want to be: I don't know.*

*If I could improve one thing in the world, it would be: being as smart as Steven Haucking (sic).*

*What I would like to learn this year in Dharma school? How chicken chicks are made.*

## **Nicholas Tanaka**

*Age: 10*

*Favorite vacation: Japan*

*Favorite food: Steak*

*Favorite thing I like to do: Play Minecraft*

*Something that no one knows about me: Plays recorder; Yellow belt in Judo and loves to eat steak!*

*When I grow up, I want to be: a monk*

*If I could improve one thing in the world, it would happen: in Japan*

*What I would like to learn this year in Dharma school: Is Judo*

## **Serenity Thompson**

*Age: 10*

*Favorite Vacation: Playa del Carmen, Mexico*

*Favorite Food: Ravioli*

*Favorite think I like to do: Be a spy*

*Something that no one knows about me: I love lima beans*

*When I grow up, I want to be: a zoologist*

*If I could improve one thing in this world, it would be: Preserve forests*

*What I would like to learn this year in Dharma school? Speak Japanese*



## **Ally Tanigawa**

*Age: 10*

*Favorite vacation: Japan*

*Favorite food: Fried rice*

*Favorite thing I like to do: Play soccer/violin*

*Something that no one knows about me: I believe in Unicorns*

*When I grow up, I want to be: a lawyer*

*If I could improve one thing in the world, it would be: Preserve forests*

*What I would like to learn this year in Dharma school: I want to learn how to speak Japanese.*

## **Maile Brucklacher**

*Age: 11*

*Favorite vacation: Hawaii*

*Favorite food: Mochi*

*Favorite thing I like to do: Swim*

*Something that no one knows about me: I am learning to scuba diver*

*When I grow up, I want to be: a dolphin trainer*

*If I could improve one thing in the world, it would be: No more animals endangered!*

*What I would like to learn this year in Dharma school: The history of Buddhism in Japan*

## **Lee Kanayama**

*Age: 10*

*Favorite vacation: Going to New York*

*Favorite food: Eggs and rice*

*Favorite thing I like to do: I like to do archery*

*Something that no one knows about me: I love Nerf guns*

*When I grow up, I want to be: meteorologist*

*If I could improve one thing in the world, it would be: so there wouldn't be any pollution.*

*What I would like to learn this year in Dharma school: !! HAVE! NO! IDEA!!!!!!!!!!!!!!*

We want to wish you and your families a Happy Holidays and all the best in the coming New Year!

# Kohaku Uta Gassen Celebrating 40 Years

## Saturday, January 2015

by Seiji Tanaka

The annual Denver Kohaku Uta Gassen is celebrating their 40<sup>th</sup> year by providing free admission to all! This year's Red female singing team vs the White male singing team competition will be held on Saturday, January 24, 2015 in the Temple auditorium.

Each team has 15 singers with Shizue Jones as the Red Team Captain and Tomoharu Yoshida as the White Team Captain. The Master of Ceremony for the event is Masaki Beecken. The program begins at 12 noon with the doors opening at 11:00 a.m.

The TSDBT Buddhist Women's Association is preparing a Bento (Japanese lunch) Box which will be available for \$10.00.

Additional entertainment features special guest singer, Kiyoko Oshiro, from Seattle; Japanese and Okinawan Dance; taiko group, Mirai Daiko; DBT/Simpson Ukulele group and the Japanese School Children's Chorus.



### RAFFLE THANK YOUS

by Michelle Asakawa, Raffle Coordinator

This year's raffle during Turkey Bingo was truly great! We thank all the donors of goods, including:  
**The Fifth Grade Dharma class** – basket of Thanksgiving foods and a grocery gift card  
**Denver Taiko** – Honeybaked Ham gift card and a Denver Taiko CD  
**Rachel Davis** – a Colorado state flag/Broncos handknit cap  
**Kathy Kuge** – laptop bag  
**Shirley Tsuchimoto** – Starbucks gift cards  
**Kay Takahashi** – pumpkin pie and serving dish  
**Gail Ida** – games and activities for girls and boys  
**Junko Asakawa** – hashi set, lacquer trays  
Thanks, too, to the anonymous donor(s) who gave us the junior golf set, crockpot, sled, and Crocs to raffle off. If you'd like to identify yourself, I can thank you personally!

The Denver Kohaku Uta Gassen is one of the most entertaining events for the Japanese Community in Denver and the surrounding areas. Your support, through attendance, is greatly appreciated. The Consul General's Championship Trophy will be presented to the winning team by Consul General of Japan, Mr. Ikuhiko Ono.

Event DVDs will be on sale and many door prizes will be given away. All proceeds will be donated to the Tri-State/ Denver Buddhist Temple.

### 2015 New Year Special for New Student Enrollment in the Ohara School of Ikebana

instructed by Akiko Buckmaster

The normal \$25 per lesson fee to cover instruction and flowers, will be offered for \$20 per lesson for the month of January. Lessons are offered at TS/DBT on Tuesdays, every week, from 10 a.m. until your creation is completed!

Please contact Aki Sensei before Monday, if you are interested, so she can purchase the correct amount of flowers. You can call Aki Sensei at 303-293-2795 OR by email at [mmgoogins@gmail.com](mailto:mmgoogins@gmail.com) (please specify 'ikebana' in the Subject line). This is your opportunity to create something beautiful for your home or for that special person.

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RE: HoOnko

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William

2015 Uta Gassen  
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in memory of Iwaki  
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in memory of Kame Kichi Shimoda – 50<sup>th</sup> yr  
in memory of Mary Tawara  
in memory of Mary Yagami – 13<sup>th</sup> yr  
In memory of Mitsuo Yagami – 25<sup>th</sup> yr  
in memory of Sadao Asano – 1<sup>st</sup> yr  
in memory of Sam Inamasu – 33<sup>rd</sup> yr  
in memory of Sam Tanaka – 25<sup>th</sup> yr

**Eitaikyo/KaiKyoshi service**

Dick Chikuma  
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**Osaisen**

2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> grade Dharma Class  
5<sup>th</sup> Grade Dharma Class  
Jr. YBA Dharma Class  
Kumiko & Takeshi Ohtake  
Preschool Dharma Class

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Osamu Hideshima  
Family of Mary Tawara  
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DBT Craft Class  
Kokusei Kai  
Omoto Funeral reception

**Nokotsudo (niche reservation)**

Ron Inouye  
William & Ann Murphy  
Naomi & Douglas Tamura

# January Shotsuki Names SEE: page 9

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

Ine Abe	Miyoko Fujiwara Kambara	Misuyo Nakagawa	Tomie Taggart
Thomas Tatsunori Ajisaka	Hanayo Kataoka	Akira Nakamura	Roy Mitsunori Takahashi
Jerrie M. Akahoshi	Kameichi Kato	Eikichi Nakamura	Tomi Takahashi
Toyo Akahoshi	Tsuya Kawaji	Zennosuke Nakamura	Harry Hiromitsu Takaki
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Mary Chikuma	Benjamin Kitashima	Kinbei Nishida	Kikue Tanaka
Sadami Sam Doida	Jun Kito	Chiyo Noaki	Kikutaro Tanaka
Kumakichi Doizaki	Mary Fusae Kobayashi	Tomezo Nobuta	Paul Mitsuo Tanaka
Shogo Doizaki	Seiichi Kobayashi	Frank Genji Norimoto	Tsunetaro Tanaka
Chizuko Domoto	Junichi Komuro	Goro Nukaya	Yukio Tanaka
Terry Masaru Domoto	Frank Yoshimi Kondo	Yoshiko Okamoto	Fumio Tani
Roy Satoshi Fujii	Kathleen Chikako Kondo	Kazuo Okazaki	Hazel Sunaye Tani
Tadao Fujimoto	Matsuye Konishi	Ryoichi Omoto	Riichi Tanigawa
Midori Josephine Fukaye	Shime Koshio	Mary Osaki	Matazo Tateyama
Shige Fukaye	Charles Takayoshi Koto	Teruko Otsuki	Mitsunobu Tatsumoto
Shiichi Fukuhara	Isamu Kuge	Kathleen Robin Oyama	Susan Kiyoko Tawara
Albert Nobori Furuiye	Satoro Kunita	Tamiye Ozaki	Satoshi Terada
Taro Hada	Fusako Fairy Kuritani	Hisayo Saeda	Michiko Thompson
Tomoemon Hagihara	Albert Saburo Kushihashi	Moriichi Saeda	Shiro Toda
Uyetake Kiyoko Hand	Sumako Kusuno	Carl Kunitoshi Saito	Hanayo Totsugi
Rikichi Hara	Mitsuno Kuwabara	Frank Saito	Hisakichi Tsukamoto
Misako Ruby Harada	Tomiko Lovejoy	Tsuyo Saito	Ichimi Tsushima
Mollie Mae Harada	Tosuke Mabe	Kyosuke Sakaguchi	George Masao Uchida
Fumi Hatanaka	Ginjiro Matoba	Kitaro Kakai	Yuzo Uchida
Joe Iwao Hatanaka	Kunio Matsuda	Haru Sakata	Hatsumi Umemoto
Kazuto Hayashi, Sr.	Kazuo John Matsuo	Hideichi Sakurai	Kaoru Urano
Mitsuzo Hayashida	Eiko Karen Matsushima	Kunio Sakurai	Tohachi Uyehara
Yaeko Hellen Hayashida	Kikutaro Mayeda	Tom Kiyotaka Samehima	Chiki Uyemura
Mumeko Masae Izawa	Sam Isamu Mayeda	Tomigoro Sameshima	Tomiko Togashi Uyemura
Herndon	Earl Lennie Mayemura	Hiroshi Bill Sato	Gosaku Uyeno
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# TS/DBT 100 Year Anniversary Celebration Update

by Richard Yoshida and Mabel Googins

Recently, a brochure was designed by the TS/DBT 100 Year Planning Committee to publicize our upcoming event in September-October 2016 – the celebration of 100 years of Jodo Shinshu Buddhism in the Rocky Mountain States of Colorado, Wyoming, Nebraska, New Mexico and other surrounding states in this area. The brochure will include history and celebration information, with a spot saved for the winning LOGO from the contest announced in the TSDBT November newsletter. You will all be informed of the contest results and logo designer in the next Temple Reflections.

Although the date of this momentous celebration has been scheduled for a singular weekend - **Friday, September 30, 2016 through Sunday, October 2, 2016** - plans are underway to celebrate throughout the 2016 year so that we can reminisce about the many Temple-related activities, which brought us to where we are today. Sports activities such as a bowling night, golfing tournament, and a fishing derby are proposed for sometime during 2016, before the big celebration. Various groups

are also planning to make cookbooks, Temple directories of current members, and a celebratory quilt signifying the successful 100 years of religious education and upbringing. We are planning other events such as a fashion show, display of wedding photos, karaoke night, and very likely, a trip to Central City or Blackhawk to try our luck with the slot machines or gambling tables.

The deadline for one of the first projects tied to this 100 Year Celebration is coming soon – stories for the history book with photos of you and your family’s life as it was influenced by the Temple. These experiences will be very memorable to all Temple members near and far. A DVD is also being produced to supplement the history book project. Former ministers and/or a descendant will be invited to attend this celebratory weekend in 2016. We expect to not only reflect on the past, but to be reinvigorated for the future of the Tri-State/Denver Buddhist Temple and the teachings of the Jodo Shinshu sect of Buddhism for another 100 years! Please watch for future updates of activities tied to this historical event.

## SEASON’S GREETINGS

**Best wishes for a Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year in 2015!**

*-from the 100th Anniversary Committee*







We (Tri-State/Denver Buddhist Temple) are the recipient of a Facility Operations and Maintenance Grant in 2015 by Tri-State Buddhist Church Apartments, Inc. The contracted Agreement is a replacement and continuation of similar 2013 and 2014 agreements between the Temple and Sakura Square Management Corporation.

Under parameters of this Agreement, the Temple will receive quarterly payments of \$12,500.00 to fund documented expenditures related to facility operation and maintenance expenses.

Terms and financing of this Agreement were studiously worked out between TSDBT Board Members and TSBCAI Board Members. Their cooperative efforts provide a wonderful illustration of the cog n' gear relationship described here ▶▶▶▶▶

Thank you for carrying forward the Cause and Conditions of our past to benefit our present and ensure our future.

## Arigato Gozaimasu

Thank you and Happy New Year to all Temple newsletter readers! Your support of Temple life and activities is . . . (to put it Buddhist-ically) . . . immeasurable.

At the close of December's Bodhi Day service, the Dharma co-superintendent, Naomi Nguyen, expressed gratitude to all in attendance. She went on to liken Temple operations to a well-oiled machine comprised of working components which operate interdependently to get the job done; some parts are familiar and well-worn, some parts function deep within the belly of the machine - out of sight.

Conveniently, this analogy explains the reason for, and shortcomings of, the Arigato Gozaimasu column. The Temple cannot function without the cooperation and labor of many; unfortunately, we do not always know who is doing what - where or when. But please know that seen or unseen, acknowledged or undetected, big or small, joyfully or grudgingly - your efforts are necessary and deeply appreciated.

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# Happy New Year

### **Shotsuki Monthly Memorial Service**

Every 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of each month beginning in January 2015

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.  
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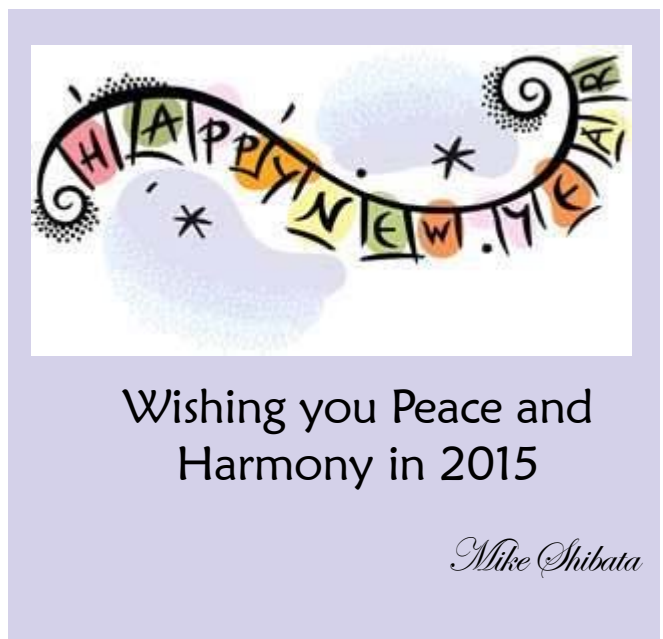
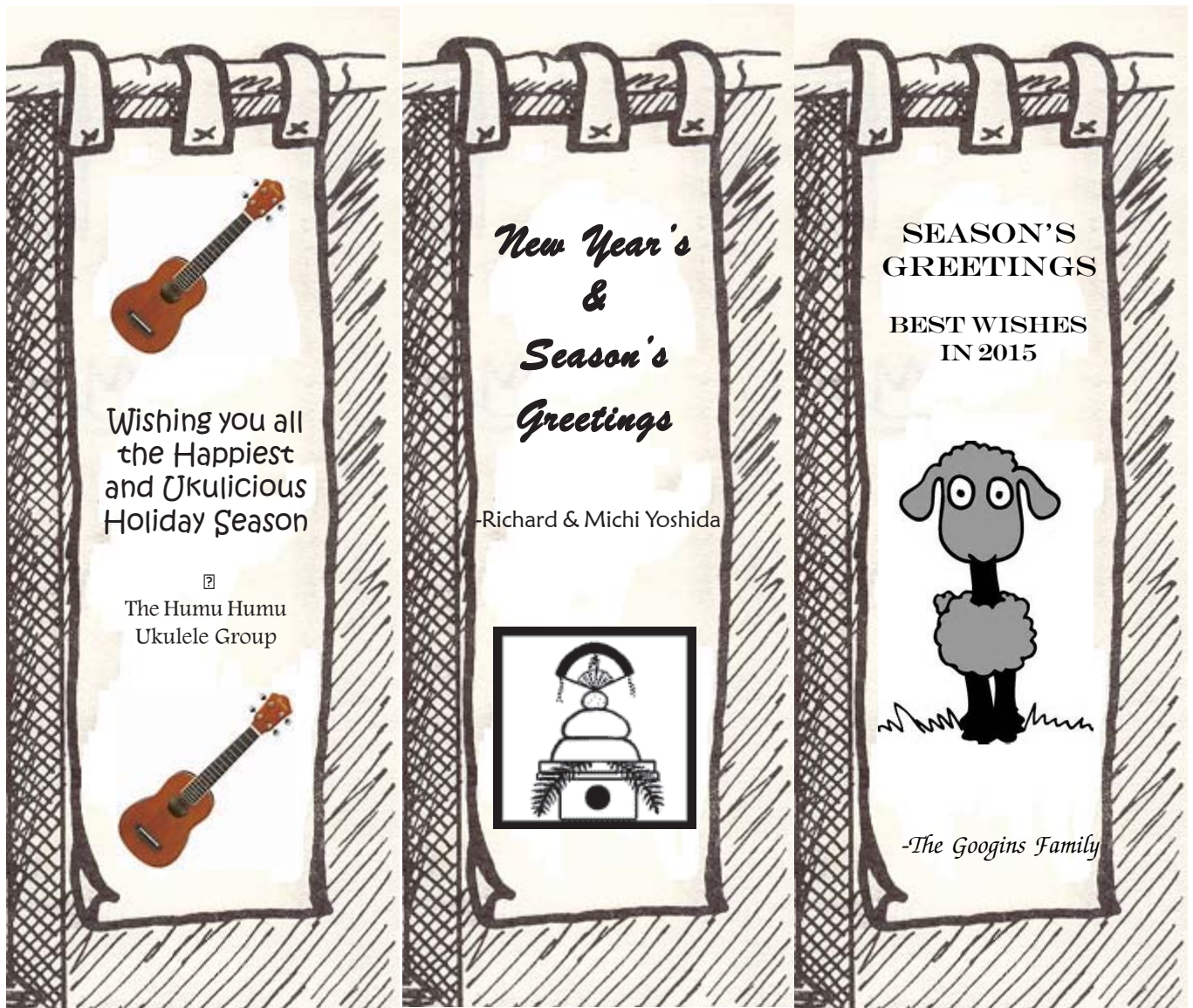
### **PLEASE TAKE NOTE. . .**

. . .of the numerous improvements to the Denver Buddhist Temple made recently by Sakura Square LLC,\* including:

- replacement of emergency exit signs throughout the building
- replacement of back-up lighting in the basement
- fixing the non-functional exterior lighting.

Our gratitude goes to Tri-State Buddhist Church Apartments Inc., for the generous donation of materials and labor in support of Tri-State/Denver Buddhist Temple.

*\*Sakura Square LLC manages Tamai Tower and adjoining commercial property owned by Tri-State Buddhist Church Apartments Inc.*



**Religious Services**

THURS Jan 1 11 am New Year's Day service

SAT Jan 3 11 am Funeral service w/ashes

SUN Jan 4 8:30 am Nihongo service(F)  
9:30 am Dharma Family service(T)  
10:15 am Adult Service(T)  
1 pm Sedgwick(F)

SUN Jan 11 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)

SAT Jan 17 12 noon Greeley service

SUN Jan 18 HoOnko & New Year Celebration  
8:30 am Nihongo service(F)  
9:30 am Dharma Family Service(F)  
10:15 am Adult service(T)

WEDS Jan 21 6 pm LaJara/Alamosa service

SUN Jan 25 January Shotsuki Service  
9:30 am Dharma Family service(T)  
10:15 am Adult service (T)

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

*Teruma Sato  
October 4, 1923 - October 19, 2014*

*Michiko Uyemura  
October 27, 1924 - October 26, 2014*

*Mickey Takeshita  
July 5, 1930 - November 3, 2014*

*Betty Yamashita  
April 14, 1930 - November 17, 2014*

*Mineko Nakayama  
May 10, 1931 - December 5, 2014*



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*Season's Greetings  
and Wishing Everyone  
Good Health  
and Happiness in 2015*

Gregg, Brandi, Anna,  
Katie and Emi  
Tsuchimoto  
And Gma Shirley, too!

**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 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	Sunday, January 18th HoOnko Potluck Food offering assignments (by last name) A-J = side dish K-S = main dish T-Z = dessert			1 11 am New Year's Day service	2	3 11 am Funeral w/ashes
4 8:30 am Nihongo service(F) 9:30 Dharma School service(T) 10:15 Adult service(T) 1 pm Sedgwick(F)	5 7 pm Dharma Discussion(T)	6 7 pm Humu Humu Uke 7 pm Dharma Discussion(T)	7 6 pm Uta Gassen practice	8 6 pm Uta Gassen practice	9	10 articles due for February newsletter
11 9:30 DS Service(F) 10:15 Adult Service(F) 9 am Brighton service(T) 11 am Ft. Lupton service(T) 1 pm Uta Gassen practice	12 7 pm Humu Humu Uke 7 pm Dharma Discussion(T)	13 7 pm Humu Humu Uke 7 pm Dharma Discussion(T)	14 7 pm JACGP meeting	15 6 pm Uta Gassen practice	16	17 9 am Group Discussion w/Rev. Fujii 12 noon Greeley HoOnko
18 HoOnko 8:30 am Nihongo service(F) 9:30 Dharma School service(F) 10:15 Adult Service(T) 11 am HoOnko & New Year Celebration Luncheon	19 6 pm Lalara/Alamosa(F)	20 7 pm Dharma Discussion(T)	21 6 pm Lalara/Alamosa(F)	22 6 pm Uta Gassen practice	23 5 pm Uta Gassen set up	24 11 am Kohaku Uta Gassen
25 January Shotsuki Service SEE: page 10 9:30 Dharma School service(T) 10:15 Adult service (T) 11:30 am TSDBT Board mtg	26 7 pm Dharma Discussion(T)	27 7 pm Dharma Discussion(T)	28 7 pm Dharma Discussion(T)	29	30	31 Rev Fujii, Guest Speaker for LA Betsuin

# 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> 9:30 Dharma School service(T) 10:15 Adult service(T)	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 10 am Hoji
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### **Dharma Discussion**

with Rev. Diana Thompson

**Tuesday nights at 7 pm**

**Jan. 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, and 27<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, onajin 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 (we're getting into snowy weather).**

Contact: Diana Thompson Sensei  
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dthompson@tsdbt.org

### **Free Discussion Sessions with Rev. Fujii** (New Program in 2015)

Dates: Saturday, January 17, 2015  
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

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