



Temple Reflections

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Special Event of the Month

- Obon/Hatsubon Service, Saturday, July 20th; 3 pm
- Obon Odori - Saturday, July 20th; 6 pm
- BWA World Conference August 30-Sept 1

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Dharma Message

from Rev. Diana Thompson

Hello everyone, welcome to July and August! We find ourselves now in the time of year when our temples are observing Obon. We observe Obon not only through services but also cemetery visits and of course, the Obon Odori, all of which are centered on remembering those who came before us. When we reflect on those who came before, we can begin to see and understand the interconnectedness of all life and gain an appreciation for all of the myriad causes and conditions that brought us here.

During the month of July, our Minister Assistant, Kaitlyn Mascher-Mace will be in Kyoto Japan to receive her Tokudo ordination. This ordination is the primary or entrance ordination for those who wish to become ministers in our tradition; essentially a public statement of commitment to that path. To get to this place, there is a period of study required that involves not only classroom time, papers and tests but also the occasional three day intensive session to learn the ritual elements of the ministry. The Tokudo session itself is a strict ten-day intensive in which the participants attend lectures, run services several times a day and at the end when you're the most exhausted, get tested individually on what you have learned.

Another thing about it, and the reason I am reflecting on it here today (aside from the fact that our MA is there now) is that the training session is still held in Kyoto, Japan at the Nishiyama Betsuin and the ordination itself is held at our mother temple and getting to be in those places for the Tokudo ordination was and is something that means a lot to me. I was in Kyoto for my own Tokudo ordination nine years ago and still remember how overwhelming it was to be in these places where generations upon generations of people had learned and taught together and generations upon generation had struggled through the Dharma 'boot-camp' to eventually gather before Amida Buddha in the Great Hall at the mother temple to express their commitment to sharing the Dharma with everyone.

The meaning of 'fellow travelers' was so clear to me at this time. The people that I went to the ordination with were people that I studied with at seminary so we were close beforehand, but got even closer over those ten days living in close quarters, helping each other when we struggled and expressing joy at our triumphs. In addition to those who were with me at the time, I was aware of all of the people that had come before us who came together to ensure that our teachings and traditions would continue to grow and prosper. Were it not for them we would not have been able to share that experience and my gratitude was overwhelming. On the final evening, we all sat together in the Great Hall at dusk. I had spent the last few days in a state of tired, weeping confusion, sure that I did not do well enough to have earned this position but when I looked at the tired but exhilarated faces of my fellow travelers and then up at the kind and gentle face of the Buddha, I once again felt that gratitude. I was there because of the hard work of those previous generations, I was there because of the kind help of my friends and colleagues and despite my frustration and tears, Amida would always be there to guide me home.

Namo Amida Butsu

What are the ingredients for a hugely successful Sakura Matsuri?

answers provided by Joni Sakaguchi

- ◆ 2600 lbs of chicken
- ◆ 400 lbs of beef
- ◆ 500 hamburgers
- ◆ 1240 lbs of rice
- ◆ 800 lbs of sugar
- ◆ 95 gallons of shoyu
- ◆ 12,000 gyoza
- ◆ 39 lbs of somen
- ◆ 6000 yaki and mochi manju
- ◆ 3000 SPAM musubi
- ◆ 300 rolls of maki sushi
- ◆ 3600 inari sushi
- ◆ 220 lbs of edamame
- ◆ 45 dozen eggs
- ◆ Thousands of containers, cups, forks, hashi and napkins

AND

- ◆ Overwhelming support of the Sakura Foundation in promoting Sakura Matsuri and managing the entertainment stage, marketplace, beer/sake garden, and craft areas.

AND

- ◆ Generous in-kind donations from our festival sponsors and supporters.

AND MOST IMPORTANTLY

- ◆ A fabulous group of volunteers who dedicated time and effort to:
 - ◇ Move everything (food racks, food warmers, buckets, pallets and more) up from the basement and then return everything back down to the basement. Thank you Judo and Aikido for going above and beyond!
 - ◇ Cut, package and freeze 400 lbs of beef for beef bowl
 - ◇ Make 38 gallons of teriyaki sauce
 - ◇ Marinate 2600 lbs of chicken
 - ◇ Roll azuki and shiro an to make the 6000 manju
 - ◇ Cut 50 lbs of onions for beef bowl and hamburgers
 - ◇ Package chow mein noodles and chicken for the salads
 - ◇ Wash 50 heads of romaine lettuce
 - ◇ Open and cut 334 cans of SPAM
 - ◇ Cook 45 dozen eggs
 - ◇ Fry gyoza
 - ◇ Cook somen
 - ◇ Grill chicken and hamburgers
 - ◇ Staff the booths

Mix everything together and you have a fantastic festival!

Congratulations to all for a great 2019 Sakura Matsuri.

Invitation to Obon Service and Odori

by Chad Nitta, TSDBT Board President

Come join us for **Obon Service and Obon Odori!** This ancient Buddhist tradition of honoring past loved ones is a wonderful opportunity for Sangha members, as well as their family and friends, to dress in traditional Japanese clothing and dance to traditional Japanese music to show appreciation for those who have passed away. It is also a wonderful way to celebrate our culture and interact with the community.

This year, we celebrate Obon on **Saturday, July 20, 2019. The Obon service will be held at 3:00 p.m. Dancing (Obon Odori) will begin at 6:00 p.m.** in the Pacific Mercantile parking lot. There will be the opportunity to purchase food after service with all proceeds going to the Temple.

As in prior years, the dances will be led by esteemed members of the **Minyo Kai** and **Denver Taiko** has graciously volunteered to provide entertainment during intermission. Continuing a tradition that we re-introduced last year, we plan to have community Taiko players performing during each dance on our version of a traditional yagura.

Food will be available for purchase between the conclusion of service and the start of dancing. Set up and clean up are handled by volunteers and help is appreciated. If you know of anyone looking for community service hours, please have them contact **Chad Nitta** at ctnitta@gmail.com.

Practices will be held in the Temple gym beginning at **7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 17; Thursday, July 18; and Friday, July 19.** If you get a chance, come join us to practice a few dances and to have a popsicle!

A Brief History of Obon Odori

The Obon Odori festivities, one of the most widely celebrated and colorful of the Buddhist observances, dates back 1500 years.

The origin of Obon Odori is generally linked to the Ullambana-sutra, which tells the story of Mogallana, one of the great disciples of the Buddha. In this story, Mogallana sees his departed mother suffering in the fiery domain of the Hungry Ghosts, a domain where hunger and thirst know no bounds.

Everything that is touched immediately bursts into flames. Grieving at what he sees, he attempts to relieve her suffering but his attempts are futile. In desperation, he goes to the Buddha and is shown the way. Following the path shown him, he finally succeeds. He rejoices, expressing his joy and gratitude with music and dancing.

Obon Odori, generally held at night between mid-July through mid-August, is symbolic of that occasion. It is a time of rejoicing and expressing gratitude in the same manner as did Mogallana and his friends. This is the

tradition of Obon.

The Obon service is essentially a memorial observance, in which homage and respect are paid to the dead. In doing so, thought is directed toward their deeds, virtues, endeavors and life; all of which affected the heritage that is now ours. With thoughts thus aligned, attention is focused upon the Oneness of the past, present and future—to the interdependency and harmony of all existence.

Obon Odori is an important tradition as well as a fun way to stay connected to the Sangha during the summer months and to celebrate all of our hard work and achievements during the prior year. We hope to see you there!



2019 Winners of the 47th Annual Cherry Blossom Festival Raffle

1	\$3000.00	Michael Murrell
2	\$1200.00	Ronald Taoka
3	\$900.00	Lisa Montoya
4	\$750.00	Gwen Kawashima
5	\$400.00	Tom Koshio
6	\$250.00	T. Yoshida
7	\$100.00	Michelle Asakawa
8	\$100.00	Veronica Campbell
9	\$100.00	Rex Yoshimura
10	\$100.00	Steve Yasuzawa
11	\$100.00	Shieko Uno
12	\$100.00	Helen Sato
13	\$100.00	Frank Miyazawa
14	\$100.00	T. Matsuo
15	\$100.00	Luisa Sanluis
16	\$100.00	Mura-smith & Ware
17	\$100.00	Kathleen Ajisaka
18	\$100.00	Kenzo Kang
19	\$100.00	Bailey Phelps
20	\$100.00	Glenice Tani
21	\$100.00	Linda Kato

Congratulations to this year's Cherry Blossom Festival Raffle winners. Thank you for the tickets you bought in support of the Temple.

Summer Fun Wishes

by Alyssa Nilemo, Dharma School Superintendent

Dharma School classes are on a short summer break but this does not mean we should be taking a break from learning and practicing the teachings of the Buddha. I know some of you are enjoying vacations with long airplane or car rides. Some of you will be at camps or practicing sports. And others will be at home or staying with family. No matter what I hope you find some time to read this summer!!! Read on the beach, or in a hammock, in an airplane, sitting criss-cross in the grass at the park, in your favorite chair, snuggled in bed. Wherever you may be, find a good book to enjoy

and learn from this summer.

Here are some Buddhism-inspired reads you might consider adding to your list:

For Littles, Bigs and Adults, too:

Under the Bodhi Tree: A Story of the Buddha by Deborah Hopkinson

For Big Kids:

Everything is Connected by Jason Gruhl

For Teens and Tweens:

Buddha in Your Backpack- everyday Buddhism for Teens by Franz Metcalf

For parents and Care providers:

Brave Parenting: A Buddhist-Inspired Guide to Raising Emotionally Resilient Children by Krissy Pozatek

ARIGATO FROM THE BWA

submitted by Kay Takahashi

Our heartfelt gratitude to all those members who tirelessly volunteered their time to make this year's Cherry Blossom Festival a huge success. Your enthusiasm and dedication toward the Temple's biggest fundraiser are greatly appreciated.

Several members of the BWA have registered and are eagerly anticipating the upcoming World Women's Convention taking place on August 30, 31, and September 1, 2019 in San Francisco, California. Joni Sakaguchi and Gail Ida, two incredibly talented women, will take their homemade quilted items to the convention at the marketplace along with other crafters. The proceeds from the sale of these items will go towards the new kitchen.

During the convention, it is our desire to share, spread and live the Nembutsu, not only in the present but to propagate Jodo Shinshu Buddhism for our future generations.

TS/DBT 2019 Graduating Senior Awards

TS/DBT's Sangha 2019 high school seniors were/are a formidable group of three in thought, action and dedication. They were recently recognized for their accomplishments and potential at the annual JACGP Banquet in Arvada. Please stop to congratulate each of them should you bump into them before their Fall departure to college:

Bennett Kai Yoshida

Tri-State/Denver Buddhist Temple Award
Tri-State/Denver Buddhist Temple - Caroline M. Tagawa Scholarship Award
Tri-State/Denver Buddhist Temple - Sakura Foundation Community Scholarship
The Ellison Onizuka Memorial Trust Award
Japanese Business Association of the Rockies Scholarship
Japanese American Community Graduation Program – Outstanding Essay Acknowledgement
Toshiaki Yoshimura Scholarship Award

Ayla Marion Charness

Tri-State/Denver Buddhist Temple - Taeko Tawara Memorial Scholarship Award
Tri-State/Denver Buddhist Temple - Murahata Family Award
Tri-State/Denver Buddhist Temple - Eugene and Kimiko Side Scholarship Award
Denver Buddhist Temple - Judo Dojo Sensei Memorial Scholarship
Sakura Foundation Community Scholarship
Caroline M. Tagawa Scholarship Award (Community Award)
Toshiaki Yoshimura Scholarship Award

Anna Akiko Tsuchimoto

Tri-State/Denver Buddhist Temple - Sakura Foundation Community Scholarship
Tri-State/Denver Buddhist Temple - Eugene and Kimiko Side Scholarship Award
Tomo Ida / Harry Ida Memorial Award
The Japanese American Association of Colorado Scholarship
Mrs. Ichiyo Uyeno / Dr. Takashi Mayeda Memorial Scholarship
Mile High Japanese American Citizen League – Harry Sakata Memorial Plaque
Japanese American Community Graduation Program – Booklet Cover Design Contest
Toshiaki Yoshimura Scholarship Award

Shinran's Day Group Letter
submitted by Hiroko Hung

2023年は親鸞聖人誕生850年を記念します。
親鸞聖人は1173年に生れ、九才でお寺に入りました。
比叡山で長い間仏教を学び、29才で山を下り、
法然聖人のおもとで阿彌陀仏の布教を心得しました。
私達グループはカリフォルニアに引越されたお坊様
藤井先生の案内で、日本語サービスを受けることになり、
月一回水と木曜日、一時に集まります。
英語に翻訳するとある時ニミスも違ってきます。
矢張り、日本語で育った者に取っては、英語で
聞いたりも、心に伝わりません。
毎月一回、水と木曜日、一時に集り、お坊様より
日本語でのサービスを受けています。
一時限りのことで、トラスツク事情も、おしなせです。
その後おさるフロアで楽しいオシヤベリをしながら
おしゃべりを楽しみます。

興味の有る方は是非ご参加下さい。
お申し込みは、仏教会館の方なり、木下又はハンガ
の方にお電話下さい。

仏教会館

303-295-1844 303-295-1844

木下

303-665-0699 303-665-0699

ハンガ

303-979-4127 303-979-4127

*Tri-State/Denver Buddhist Temples gratefully acknowledges donations and offerings
received from May 1, 2019 — June 30, 2019*

Gotan E Service

Don Akiyama
Susie Asano
Robin Burchardt
Mabel Googins
Cindy Horiuchi
Hiroko Hung
Jack & Alice Kimura
Frank Miyazawa
Bill & Ann Murphy
Charles & Teri Ozaki
Kay Takahashi
Sayoko Takata
Richard & Michiko Yoshida

Memorial Day Services

Timothy & Anna Anderson
Walter & Sharon Chikuma
Mae Flickinger
Bob & Kiyu Fujimoto
Miyuki Mabel Googins
David & Gayle Goto
Sharon Hirokawa
Gary & Shirley Horiuchi
DJ & Rich Ida
Calvin Kato
Jack & Alice Kimura
June Matsuda
Randy Matsushima
Lillian & Phil Miyazawa
Frank Miyazawa
Ruby Miyazawa
William & Ann Murphy
Alice Nishimoto
Sherri & John Nitta
Sandra Noguchi
Hank & Irene Shibao
Mark & Mary Ann Suhr
George Tagawa
Kenneth & June Tagawa
Randy & Jeri Tagawa
Nancy & Eileen Tanaka
Sumiye Tanaka
Tom T. Urano, Jr.
Doris Yagi
Rex & Marian Yoshimura
Charles Kagiyama

Offering Box donations

K-4 Dharma Class
Roy Kikuyama
Katie & John Ley
Preschool Dharma Class
Denise Weber
Hiroko Hung

Hatsumairi service

Shannon & Zachary Umetani for
Kohei Kuniaki Umetani
Richard & Amber Gargan for
Stella Gargan

Donations

Roy Kikuyama
anonymous
Charles Ozaki
Joe & Jill Ozaki

Facilities Usage

John Kimura; funeral reception
JACGP; meeting space
James Hill; funeral reception
Kazuko Ortiz; Okinawan Dance

In memory of Bill Chikuma - 13th yr

Michiko Chikuma
Jamie & Dale Chikuma
Richard & Sharon Kagiyama
Keiko & Kchan
Michael & Shirley Manley
Bob & Judy Wong

In memory of Fusako Kawahara - 1 yr

Richard & Sharon Kagiyama
Richard & Michiko Yoshida

May Shotsuki donations for

Mabel Googins	Frances P. Reiser
Lillian & Phil Miyazawa	Fred Miyazawa
Ruby Miyazawa	Fredric Miyazawa
Chiyo Yoshida	Fukuzo Fushimi, Sano Fushimi
Alice Mizuno	Haru Arakawa, Katie Kaoru Yago
Calvin Kato	Kimi Kato, Yasu Kato
Mabel Googins	Michio Yoshimura
JoAnn Fujioka	Saku Enomoto
Miko Yamashita	Tadao Kajiwara
Families of Tosh&Mary Tawara	Taeko Tawara, Diana Keiko Doi, Masaye Doi
Harriett Sakamoto	Tokutaro Yanari
Joyce N. Kim	Toyoji & Toki Kagohara
Sumi & Yosh Akiyama	Yukio Akiyama, Taeko Tawara

Donations from for

Mabel Googins	April Shotsuki; Jody Lynn Yamasaki
Anonymous	donation
John Kimura	funeral; Ayako Kimura
James Hill	funeral; Diane Hill
Miyoshi Family	funeral; Yoshiko Miyoshi
Robin Burchardt	Hanamatsuri service
Shirley & Clifford Baker	imo Fujio Ishiguro – 17 th yr
Family of Fusako Kawahara	imo Fusako Kawahara – 1 st yr
Cindy & Andrew O'Callaghan	imo Mayumi O'Callaghan – 17 th yr
Ronald & Janette Marshall	imo Frank & Gladys Hiraoka and
.....	Todd Fujimoto
Stan & Gayle Shibao	imo Mary Shibao
Florence Yoshida	imo Masatada Yoshida

June Shotsuki donations for

Faye Chikuma	Bill Chikuma
Family of Tosh&Mary Tawara	Hiroshi Aigaki
Frances Furukawa	Jack Furukawa & Doug Furukawa
Sumi & Yosh Akiyama	Kiyoto Sugiura & Sumi Enomoto
Nancee Nishimi	Noboru Sogi & Momoyo Tsuchimoto
Dora Shibata	Noboru Sogi & Momoyo Tsuchimoto
Elaine & Ted Tsumura	Nobuzane Tsumura
Michael Shibao	Rose Shibao
Glenn & Terrilynne Omoto	Sandra Omoto
Daryl Oletski	Sumi Enomoto
Sharon Shin	Sumi Shin
Michiko Chikuma	Takeshi Kagiyama

**TSDBT Legacy Endowment Campaign
Donations by Level**

Legacy Level: gifts \$50,000 and over
Ted & Elaine Kuritani Tsumura Family Fund
Tagawa Greenhouse Families Fund

Partner Level: gifts from \$10,000 to \$49,999
Ozaki Family Fund
Kagiyama Family Fund
Thomas Googins Trust Fund
Ohtake Family Fund
Yoshida Family Fund
Sam & Ruth Suekama Family Fund
Dr. George I. Ogura Fund
Phillip & Lillian Miyazawa Family Fund

Benefactor Level: gifts from \$5,000 to \$9,999
Kevin & Keiko Yoshida
Perry & Shigeko Murata
Gary & Deb Yamashita

Supporter Level: gifts from \$1,000 to \$4,999
Sue A. Murahata
Randy Matsushima
Ayako Kimura
Frank & Elaine Sugihara
Linda Kato
Clyde & Judy Nitta
Robin Burchardt
David and Joni Sakaguchi
Family of James T. Fukuhara
Hisae Taniwaki
Mary Hammond
Eric & Naomi Miyazawa
Donna Inouye
Fumiko Yamashita
Michiko Chikuma
Shirley Tsuchimoto
Ida Sasaki
Sasaki Family Holdings LLC
Kay K. Takahashi
Anonymous
H.J. & Alice Kimura
Carole Eshima
Yoko Nagai
Kenzo & Irene Kawanabe

Donor Level: gifts up to \$999
Family of Tosh & Mary Tawara
Patricia Sato
Emi & Harlan Yoshida
Sumiye Tanaka
Kazuko S. Ortiz
Jayne K. Yoshimura
Alice Mizuno
Bob & Kiyo Fujimoto
Hiroko Hung
Kim & Clint Morehouse
Yo & Betty Shimamoto
Yutaka & Mieko Yaguchi
Bruce Thompson
Sayoko Takata
Gaye Eshima
Lili Fukui Seidman
Anonymous
LaJara/Alamosa Buddhist Sangha
Susie Asano
Duane & Shigeko Eshima/Azaria Vialpono-Collins
Carolyn K. Takeshita
Miyoko Murata
Nicholas & Clarynne Blanchard

Arigatou Gozaimasu

On behalf of the Temple staff, the TS/DBT Board of Directors, and all of our Past & Future Families:

Thank you to the Temple's main organizers/schedulers/recruiters of this (and many past) year's Cherry Blossom Festival: Joni Sakaguchi, Gayle Goto, Gail Ida, Wendy Thompson and Keiko Yoshida. Their efforts begin in October of the previous year and continue for the next nine months.

As the 2019 weekends progressed through the months of May and June, their work efforts were joined by their sisters, daughters, sons, husbands, cousins, mothers and aunts – they were awesome gatherings to witness – these working teams continued to chop, cook, clean, organize and sell through the festival weekend.

Thank you to Shirley Tsuchimoto and Brandi Tsuchimoto (another family team) for heading up the Toban (volunteer) List.

Thank you to Carole Eshima and Linda Akiyama for heading up the Finance Table; for yet another year they were able to convince their relatives (do you see a theme forming here?) to form a hard-working and efficient team.

Thank you to Gene Watada for heading up and organizing another fine CBF Raffle event and team. In fact, for the past 20+ years Gene has overseen the licensing, ticket printing, festival and winner announcements, etc. Thank you to the entire Raffle sales team and finance team; Gene feels this will be his final year (he's willing his position to Roy Kikuyama) so we hope the team will stick around to help Roy learn the ropes.

Thank you to Minoru Kinoshita and his team of Fukumi Kinoshita, Hiroko Hung, Frank Miyazawa and visiting Rev. Shinkai Murakami for volunteering at the Temple's Calligraphy table. Thanks to his graceful handwriting and enduring work sessions, Minoru "earned" over \$1800 and donated this to the Temple.

Side Note: please begin saving your Kamaboko boards; the Calligraphy Table repurposes them to a beautiful Kanji Nameplate. You can bring your cleaned boards to the Temple all through the year. Thank you.

Thank you to the DBT Judo Dojo team who worked the main dining hall by bussing tables and serving tea; they also donated their earnings (+\$380) to the Temple. Thank you to DBT Craft Class members who volunteered to help at Mrs. Side's table and also donated their earnings (+\$100) to the Temple.

This list is by no means complete or comprehensive (maybe someone will write about missed parts). But the gratitude is all encompassing and extends to everyone who participated in this year's Cherry Blossom Festival. So far, verbal feedback and initial financial reports indicate it has been a very successful event, indeed.

Okagesama de.

July Shotsuki Names

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

Kichizo Abe	Mary Yuriko Kishiyama	Jiro Nakatani	Kizo Takata
Chigi Aigaki	Fujishige Kito	Masaki Nakayama	Daniel Masao Takatsuka
Katsueon Aoki	Fred Nobuo Kiyotake	Shomatsu Nakayama	Dick Hiroshi Takeda
Wataru Walter Aoki	Omiyo Kobayashi	Takyuki Jim Nakayama	Shintaro George Taketa
Sumi Aratani	George Joji Komaru	Kusu Nishiguchi	Mayo Takeuchi
Tatsukichi Aratani	Takao Komaru	Harry Akiyoshi Nitta	Yoshiko Tamura
George Hisayuki Asakawa	Sam Masatoshi Koshio	Kazuo Kay Nitta	Mary Reiko Tanaka
Gunvor T. Bard	Mitsuye Koshiyama	Nancy Shizuye Nitta	Hatsuye Tanouye
Djab Naminow Burchinow	Tamiko Koyano	Scott Kiyoto Noguchi	Mary Takugawa
Henry Shigeo Doi	David Jacob Kramer	Mitsue Ogata	Haruo Tomita
Sharon Kay Doizaki	Kinjiro Kumamoto	Sakae Oka	Eisaku Tsukiji
Shina Egawa	Harry Chotaro Kurachi	Risano Okazaki	Noboru Tsunoda
Arthur Asakazu Eto	Masa Kuroda	Fred Noboru Okimoto	Harry Yuhei Ujifusa
Ben Fujii	Joe Kuroki	Minoru Okubo	Yonekichi Umetani
Takeo Fujishima	Naka Kuroki	Tokuhei Onishi	Tom Takashi Urano
Sam Isamu Fukaye	Sakae Kusumi	Tome Otsuka	Tomi E. Urano
Yukiye Fukino	Wah Lam Lee	Torakichi Otsuka	Hanzo Uyemura
Mitsuo Fukui	George Tsugio Masunaga	Yasuko Otsuka	Rose Atsuko Uyemura
Ryoichi Furukawa	Daikichi Matsubara	Linda Sue Oyama	Bob Masao Uyeno
Kenji Fushimi	Kikumatsu Matsuda	Game Oye-	Yoneko Uyeno
Scarlett Sachie Gedeon	Inayoshi Matsumoto	Gay Ozamoto	Goichiro Wada
Mitsuru Goto	Susumu Matsumoto	Yutaro Ozamoto	Masatsugu Watanabe
Tokie Marie Goto	Takematsu Matsumoto	Tekezo Ozawa	Matsuko Whittaker
Shizuko Hamaguchi	Yanayo Matsunaka	Shikazo Ryuo	Cydney Lynn Fukuhara
Mitsukazu Harry Harada	Betty Kaoru Mayeda	George Daisuke Saito	Wilhelm
Soichiro Sam Hashiba	Stanley Michio Miwa	Makiko Marguerite Sakaguchi	Junko Yago
George Minoru Hattori	Shizuko Miyake	Kazuo Sakasegawa	George Jitsuo Yamada
Tokushiro Hayashi	Tamano Miyauchi	Jana Kay Sakurai	Chieko Yamasaki
Sadaichi Higuchi	Charles Keiji Mizunaga	Tetsujiro Sakurai	Mitsuyo Yamasaki
Kita Hiyama	Frances Wakano Mizunaga	Torasaku Sakurai	Roy Yamashita
Yoshimitsu Honma	Jonai Mizuno	Shigeru Sameshima	Sumio Bob Yamashita
John Yukio Hori	Yoshio Mori	Masayo Shigetomi	Joichi Yasumura
Bungo Horiuchi	Irene Hiromi Morimitsu	Stanley Keith Shimamoto	Yaeno Yokomizo
Taki Igata	Shigero Morishige	Yoshimi Shimoda	Yasutaro Yoshihara
Masaru Imada	Mantaro Motoishi	Kimiko Shimono	Kazuo Yoshimura
Roy Yoshinori Inouye	Chogoro Mugishima	Ruth Fujiko Shimooka	Minoru Yoshimura
Mineyo Ioka	Kimie Muneto	Lily Shin	
Frank T. Ito	Alice E. Murata	Buichi Shiratori	
Karen M Iwahashi	Setsuko Muroya	James Springs	
Narao Joryo	Matsuyo Naka	Tsutayo Sumada	
Ichiro Kaihara	Agnes Akiko Nakagawa	Myokichi Sumida	
Debra Kakuda	Tomino Nakano	Helen Kaoru Takahashi	
Frank Hisami Kakuda	Ann Nakata	Saki Takaki	
Kagemi Kakuda	Ayako Doris Nakata	Saki Takami	
Yoki Kanamori		Fusakichi Takamine	
Mansaku Kasahara			
Jane Kanemoto			
James Tokichi Kato			
Kazuo Kato			
Kimiko Kato			
George Kiyoshi Katsumoto			
Noboru Kawakami			
Harry Shizuka Kawamoto			
Thomas Sunao Kawanabe			
Tomio Kawano			
Tadashi Kikuchi			
Naoye Joselyn Kimura			
Satoru Kimura			
Shizu Kimura			
Kansuke Kinoshita			
Masuji Kinoshita			
Grace Masako Kishiyama			
Ito Kishiyama			

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

*Ayako Kimura
October 14, 1934 - May 17, 2019*

*Simon Yago
Died May 20, 2019*

*Diane Hill
December 22, 1971 - May 22, 2019*

Shotsuki Monthly Memorial Service

July 28, 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

August Shotsuki Names

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

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

Shotsuki Monthly

Memorial Service

August 25, 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

DBT Aikido, Tomiki Sports Aikido Association USA and Tanshinjuku Aikido would like to take this opportunity to thank the TSDBT Board of Directors, Donna Inouye, Rev. Thompson, and the entire Sangha for allowing us the use of the Temple gym for the Steven Shaw Sensei Memorial Aikido Seminar held on Saturday, June 8, 2019. Steven Shaw Sensei passed away suddenly at the annual Aikido Summit held in the Temple gym on March 9, 2019. The following is an article written by Seiji Tanaka-Shihan, Tomiki Sport Aikido USA.

Gassho,
Ron Abo, Dojo-cho, DBT Aikido

Late Steven Shaw-Sensei's Memorial Aikido Seminar

by Seiji Tanaka, Chairman of Tomiki Sports Aikido Association, USA; With Deepest Gratitude

As some of you may already know, there are several different styles of Aikido schools in Colorado that have been holding their annual Aikido Summit Seminar together at Denver Buddhist Temple's gymnasium at least for the last 10 years.

This event hosted by many different styles of Aikido schools is a very unique and rare occasion that you are not able to find it in any other cities, states and even in Japan.

As in previous years it was business as usual when we hosted our 19th Annual Aikido Summit Seminar at DBT's gymnasium on March 9, 2019.

However, this time we experienced a totally unbelievable tragic sudden death of a young Aikido instructor, Steven Shaw-Sensei of a massive heart attack soon after he gave an excellent and hugely educational one hour seminar.

Needless to say, all of the participants as well as all the Aikido friends here in Colorado, and in some other states, were shocked and deeply saddened by his sudden death.

In order to celebrate and remember his life together, his memorial Aikido Seminar was held on June 8, 2019 at DBT's gymnasium. This Memorial Seminar was hosted by Tanshinjuku Aikido School headed by its head instructor, Kei Izawa-Sensei where Steven Shaw-Sensei belonged; it was attended by so many other instructors and students from other schools.

Rev. Diana Thompson opened this memorable Memorial Seminar by reciting "Hakkotsu No Gobunsho", commonly known as "On White Ashes" which was written by the 8th Monshu (head priest) of Jodo Shinshu Buddhism, Rennyō Shōnin almost 500 years ago in front of Steven Shaw-Sensei's lovely wife, Danielle, his two beautiful young daughters, his mom, his aunt and all other participants.

Everyone keenly realized the impermanence of our human lives as written in this Gobunsho including one section expressing that "our bodies may be radiant in the morning, but they may be returned to White Ashes by the evening".

At the closing of this emotional memorial Aikido seminar, I had a chance to eulogize his sudden death at his very young age of 45 by referring to Rev. Diana Thompson's opening recitation of Gobunsho as well as my comparing his sudden death at the peak of his life to the sudden falls of cherry blossoms with no sign of fading at all which live to their fullest with grace, elegance, courage and incomparable beauty, no matter how short their lives may be.

I know that all of us will remember and cherish the beautiful life of Steven Shaw-Sensei, his family and this deeply emotional Memorial Aikido Seminar as long as we live.

The entire amount of many kind donations went to Steven Shaw-Sensei's family.

All of us would like to express our sincere gratitude and appreciation for the usage of the gymnasium for free of charge to the members and the board of directors of Tri-State/ Denver Buddhist Temple. In spite of her busy schedules, Rev. Diana Thompson made her kind effort to conduct his memorial service.

Thank you so much, Rev. Diana Thompson.
At this point of time, we are planning to host a special 20th anniversary Aikido Summit Seminar in 2020.

Nikkei Treasures Sale

Thank you to everyone who donated items to our Nikkei Treasures booth for our debut in the Sakura Matsuri Marketplace. It was a big success and we found new homes for your treasured items! If you missed the opportunity to donate for Sakura Matsuri do not despair. We are going to repeat the Nikkei Treasures sale in November over Turkey Bingo weekend! You can donate items to the Temple directly or you can participate as a vendor to sell your items with a portion of your sales donated to the Temple. More information will follow so stay tuned. Again thank you for your support. All proceeds from the sale are going to a fund to furnish a new kitchen.

Many Thanks from Sakura Foundation!

by Stacey Shigaya

The 47th Annual Sakura Matsuri was amazing! On behalf of Sakura Foundation staff and board, we would like to extend our deep appreciation to the many, many TSDBT sangha members for their hard work and dedication to make the festival so successful. A vital measure of this success is how we all came together as one to share our heritage and culture with the greater Denver community. Attendees came out in full force despite the rainy forecast. We are also grateful to the generous support of our many sponsors, in-kind donors and community and festival partners.

The following comments from a few volunteers express the reason the festival is so vital to the Temple and our community:

"We have as many as four generations of families volunteering side-by-side. Not only is the festival a critical fundraiser for the Temple, it is an amazing opportunity to share our JA culture and Buddhist teachings with our surrounding community. The Temple's partnership with Sakura Foundation and its leadership in attracting vendors and stage entertainment has brought the festival to new heights in terms of attendance. We could not be more excited to continue to expand our offerings and to ensure that the JA culture will continue to be vibrant throughout Colorado!"

"The most important part of the festival is the community coming out to support the event. The number of volunteers from our sangha and the community at large who laugh together and work tirelessly to ensure the festival's success makes me believe the JA community in Colorado is vibrant and relevant."

"It's an opportunity to reconnect with people who come out to support the festival."

"In a time when ethnic and racial diversity is questioned, Sakura Matsuri showcases how we embrace Japanese traditions with an American twist."

"I take pride in the fact that we all come together to work hard to continue sharing and participating in the heritage that was handed down to us from past generations."

"I really enjoyed seeing the enthusiasm and joy from the visitors this year. They seemed truly happy to be at the festival and learn about our culture."

"It's hard to express how much the Cherry Blossom Festival means to me. I can't imagine my life without the many fond memories and experiences I've collected over the years. I volunteer in order to give this same opportunity to my kids and the greater Denver community."

George and Brad Takei Visit the Temple

by Richard Yoshida

This past May, George and Brad Takei were in town to attend the Denver Pop Culture Con. Because of the very kind message that George Takei provided for us for our 100th year celebration and because of their ties to the Jodo Shinshu temples and the larger Japanese community, Diana Sensei reached out to them on behalf of the Tri-State/Denver Buddhist Temple and invited them to tour our temple and the surrounding Sakura Square block during their visit as a small show of our appreciation for everything they have and continue to do for our community. To our delight, they thanked us for our thoughtfulness for the proposed visit, found a window of time, and accepted the offer! The TSDBT organized a small group to represent the Sangha and met with the Takeis on the evening of May 31. The Takeis were awed the moment they walked through the main gate and entered our beautiful Japanese Garden. We had a short discussion in our Hondo, followed by a tour of the Nokotsudo and the Sakura Square Garden. George was very impressed with the Onajin and our Nokotsudo. The visit to the Sakura Square garden gave special meaning because of the statues of Rev. Tamai, Minoru Yasui, and Governor Ralph Carr.

After the tour of our temple, the TSDBT board hosted George and Brad Takei with a delicious sushi dinner. All had a great time, and the Takeis were very appreciative of the hospitality. Diana Sensei had to attend a BCA meeting in Berkeley that evening and so we tied her in to a direct chat with George via Face Time! George autographed a poster made by Ann Murphy, recognizing Mr. Takei's internment experience and he and Brad signed one of the fliers for our Pride Parade event. Both are on display on the temple foyer bulletin board. And oh yes, George, in the manner of his character role as Hikaru Sulu in the acclaimed Star Trek series, embraced the words repeated in the 100th Year video production "May the TSDBT Live Long and Prosper".

Sakura Foundation is dedicated to supporting the Temple by co-presenting Sakura Matsuri for years to come. It is truly a team effort to honor our Japanese heritage and cultural past while striving to keep our traditions fresh and relevant for current and future generations. Although we are still in the beginning stages of the redevelopment of Sakura Square, the Foundation is committed to offering the festival throughout the redevelopment process.

Should you have questions or suggestions about Sakura Matsuri, feel free to email Sakura Foundation Program Director Stacey Shigaya at staceys@SakuraFoundation.org. In addition, please visit and share the festival website, **CherryBlossomDenver.org**, and LIKE the **Cherry Blossom Festival Facebook page** to stay informed for 2020. Thank you!!

August 2019

SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

NO Outlying Temple services in month of August							3 R Retreat 5 pm Hoji - offiste
4 R 9:30 Summer Service Youth Retreat ends	5	6 11:30 am Dharma service & discussion	7	8	9	10	
11 9:30 am Family Service	12 R	13 R 11:30 Dharma service & discussion	14 R	15	16 R	17 R	
18 R 9:30 Summer Family Service 10:30 TSDBT Board mtg	19	20 11:30 Dharma service & Discussion	21	22	23	24	
25 August Shotsuki 9:30 am Family service	26	27 R 11:30 Dharma service & discussion	28 R	29 R	30 R	31 R	

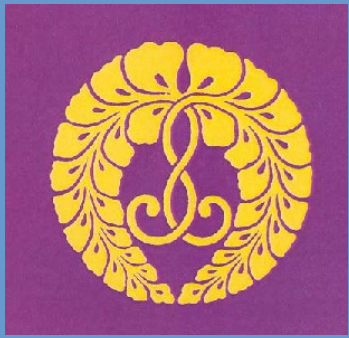
July 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	Wednesday	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	Saturday
<p>1</p> <p>Kaitlyn Mascher-Mace in Japan for Tokudo, July 2 - July 25</p> <p>NO Tuesday service in month of July</p>	<p>1</p> <p>11 am Hoji -offsite</p>	<p>2 R</p>	<p>3 R</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Office Closed</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p>
<p>7</p> <p>9:30 Family Service</p> <p>1 pm Sedgwick Hakamairi & Obon</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12 R</p> <p>11 am Hoji - offsite</p>	<p>13 R</p> <p>9 am Craft Class</p> <p>10 a.m. Hoji (Shin)</p> <p>12 pm Aud Floor cleaning</p>
<p>14 R</p> <p>9:30 Family Service</p> <p>9:00 Brighton service</p> <p>11am Ft. Lupton service</p>	<p>15 R</p>	<p>16 R</p>	<p>17 R</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p> <p>9 am AED/CPR training</p> <p>11 am Greeley Hakamairi & Obon</p> <p>3 pm Obon/Hatsubon</p> <p>6 pm Obon Odori</p>
<p>21</p> <p>9:30 am Family service</p> <p>10:30 TSDBT Board Mtg</p> <p>3 pm Hoji - offsite</p>	<p>22</p> <p>10 am BWVA Board mtg</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p> <p>11 am Hoji (Fushimi)</p>
<p>28</p> <p>July Shotsuki</p> <p>9:30 a.m Family service</p>	<p>29 R</p>	<p>30 R</p>	<p>31 R</p>			

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Monthly Musings from Kaitlyn Mascher-Mace Sensei

When this newsletter is published, I will be in Japan, receiving my Tokudo ordination, becoming a Jodo Shinshu minister. As an academic experience this has been an amazing journey as while I have been taking seminary classes at the Institute of Buddhist Studies for the last 2 years, I have learned so much more about Shin Buddhism and Buddhism(s) in general than I thought I would ever know. I have gained a respect for Shinran and his understanding of the teachings that has touched me to my core and has allowed any doubt that I had to slowly drift away. I am excited for each day of class, what more I have to learn, and to continue to progress and be embraced more and more by the Dharma. I suspect that this will be a lifetime journey that for me will never end. From an academic standpoint it has been amazing.

However, I am terrified. I am worried that I will not live up to the standards which you, my sangha, need from a minister, even in this most junior of levels that I will be in. This is my doubt.

Doubt in any big life change is a normal thing. Doubt in religion is a normal thing as well, as we are contemplating things which are beyond our understanding. The Pure Land Master Tanluan taught, "The ultimate reality cannot be understood in words and concepts..." We are trying to understand concepts which our language has a very hard time grasping. As we doubt, this doubt blocks us or, as Shinran says, creates self-obscuration from the truth which is in front of us. We are beings who are foolish and allow doubt to block our way and because of this, the Vow was made by Amida Buddha specifically for us.

The vow, the Namo-Amida-Butsu, holds us. When we drop the fear which is the root cause of our doubt, we will be bathed in the light of Amida and the Nembutsu will come from our lips, grasping us for the rest of our lives. We will be held in the peace that is Shinjin, and with this Shinjin, for the fleeting moments which exist and yet are at the cusp of our realization; we will see things as they truly are. Everything is then settled and we will be born in the Pure Land. Shinran calls this the "One thought-moment" and he says it "expresses the ultimate brevity of the instant of the realization of Shinjin and manifests the vast, inconceivable mind of joyfulness." So when we let down these walls, we will be filled with the joy that is Shinjin, and it is only our fear and our doubt that is holding us back from this truth.

I am going to do my best for all of you, my good Dharma friends, and aspire to be the teacher which you all deserve. While I am still afraid, I know that only through letting go of these doubts will I be able to share the Dharma with you. May the Nembutsu always be on your lips, in your mind and living in your heart.

Gassho