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Formula in Buddhism

22nd Vow: Part-1

The Vow for us to return to this world

The 22nd Vow

“When I attain Buddhahood, the bodhisattvas of other Buddha-lands who come and are born in my land will ultimately and unfailingly attain the stage of succession to Buddhahood after one lifetime.

“Excepted are those who, in accordance with their original vows to guide others freely to enlightenment, don the armor of universal vows for the sake of sentient beings, accumulate roots of virtues, emancipate all beings, travel to Buddha-lands to perform bodhisattva practices, make offerings to all the **Buddha-tathagatas** throughout the 10 quarters, awaken sentient beings countless as the sand of the Ganges (river), and bring them to abide firmly in supreme, true enlightenment.

“Such bodhisattvas surpass those in the ordinary bodhisattva stages in carrying out practices; in reality, they cultivate the virtue of **Samantabhadra**. Should it not be so, may I not attain the perfect enlightenment.”

Word Definitions:

Buddha-tathagata (or Nyo-rai): “Thus-come.” Popularly construed as ‘one who has come from thus-ness (Dharma nature)’, it is a characterizing word for a buddha. Buddha-tathagata is not the one for us to go and grasp. Buddha-tathagata comes to us; the teaching of Buddha is for us to receive.

Samantabhadra (or Fugen-Bosatsu): A preeminent bodhisattva, he represents the compassionate activity of a bodhisattva and the intrinsic principle (reason), meditation, and practice of all buddhas. He is the right-hand attendant of Shakyamuni Buddha, and is often portrayed mounted on a white elephant.



“Fu” means something universal, and “Gen” means wisdom and good. The person who comes back to this world with practices of universal good of his virtues and practices treat all people equally. Fugen-Bosatsu does not judge anybody or anything. Fugen views all persons without judgment.

July
Buddhist Holiday

Obon
Hatsubon
Obon Odori

Explanation of the 22nd Vow

First, I must briefly re-state Vow #15 which says:

“When I attain Buddhahood, the humans and devas in my land will not have a limited life span, **except when they wish to shorten it freely according to their original vows**. Should it not be so, may I not attain the perfect Enlightenment.”

This vow (#15) does not describe why the humans and devas want to shorten their lives in Amida’s land. The reasons are described in the 22nd Vow as follows:

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Monthly Salutations

from Rev. Diana Thompson

Hello everyone, welcome to July and August! I have so many thank yous to hand out from the month of June that I hardly know where to begin. First off, I would like to thank the Japanese American Community Graduation Program for once again hosting the yearly graduates' banquet. We are always so proud of our high school graduates and are deeply appreciative that the JACGP continues to honor and encourage them in their future endeavors.

Next I would like to thank Sakura Square Management and the JACL for arranging to have Marsha Aizumi speak during PrideFest weekend. She gave a wonderful presentation and it could not have happened without your hard work and diligent planning. And of course, thank to Marsha Aizumi for agreeing to come, we were truly lucky to have been able to meet you and to hear your inspiring story.

My next thank you goes out to the PrideFest Parade group. All of your kind contributions, whether time, supplies, rides to the park and/or participation in the parade itself made this another fun-filled and meaningful event.

And last but by no means anywhere close to least, Cherry Blossom Festival. There are never enough words to convey our immense gratitude for all of the volunteers who come out and help with this enormous undertaking. From the planning stages through cleanup, from the oldest to the youngest, those who stay for days on end and those who can only make it for an hour or so (and on and on) each one of you is absolutely essential and the reason that the festival continues year after year. It has been a very busy June, but having all of this activity at the beginning of summer means I get to head into the rest of the summer with a sense of profound gratitude for our vibrant and dedicated sangha, without whom, the temple would not exist.

Thank you all for your continued support!

Namo Amida Butsu

The 22nd Vow *(continued from page 1)*

- To guide sentient beings freely to enlightenment, and
- To awaken and bring them to true enlightenment.

The 22nd Vow states that we return to this world again for sentient beings.

“The mind purely attains perfect enlightenment, and the body returns to this world.”

In Gassho,
Rev. Doei Fujii

SAKURA SQUARE UPDATE 2015

by Gary Yamashita

2015 has been a significant year of change and growth by Sakura Square. Many facility improvements have been made and many more are in the plans. Projects currently under way are the updating of the fire protection system, exterior façade enhancement and the remodeling of the Tamai Tower penthouse area.

Sakura Square is pleased to announce the addition of Nozomu Tim Higashide to the staff as the Business Operations Manager. He will report directly to Gary Yamashita and will assist in the overall operations and planning at Sakura Square. Tim brings a unique background to his position as he grew up in Japan and has extensive experience in our local Japanese community. He currently serves on the boards of the Japan American Society of Colorado, Japanese Firms Association of Colorado and the Colorado Dragon Boat Committee. He is also a member of the US-Japan Council and was the founding board member of the National Association of Asian American Professionals (NAAAP). We look forward to Tim's involvement as Sakura Square continues to redevelop and implement its strategic plan.

The Sakura Foundation, which is the non-profit entity of Sakura Square has been active as well as it continues to carry out its charitable mission. The Sakura Foundation awarded three scholarships this year to graduating high school seniors at the recent JACGP Scholarship Banquet, two of which were Temple scholarships. In addition, they have formed committees to award community grants, develop a community emerging leaders program and a cultural group that will develop cultural programs and activities within the community. Two recent programs that the Sakura Foundation sponsored are the Traci Kato-Kiriyama creative writing workshop and the Marsha Aizumi API LGBTQ community dialogue which was co-sponsored by TS/DBT.

The Sakura Foundation as part of its mission has also provided support to the Temple with enhancement of interior and exterior lighting, maintenance and the upkeep of the Temple grounds.

The vision of Sakura Square is to develop a cultural and community gathering place that will support and enhance the programs provided by the Temple.

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“なも・あみだ・ぶつ” とはなにか？ 4/6.

次の「いつでも」とは「どのような時でも」と言うのこと。朝夕、喜怒哀楽の時、若い時も老いても、死にかけている時でも、とにかく「いつでも」なのである。

これまた極端な例。日本にいるころ私は一度として病院を訪れたことが無かったが、アメリカに来るとよく病院からの電話が入る。そんなこともあり、私も寺では「死んでからでは遅い。生きている間に電話して欲しい。私に話す機会を与えてくれ」と頼んでいた。ところが家族は「崖っぷち」になってから電話してくる。すでに時間がない。二三分の限られた時間内でミダの世界を語り、共に念仏する。驚くことに私の言うことを丸ごと全て受け取り念仏申すではないか。

時として集中治療室からの電話が入る。急いで病室に入り、ベッドに行き首もとに触る。焼けるように身体が熱い。意識もはっきりしていないように見える。部屋の中の各種モニターは危機的な状態であることを示している。だが、耳元で二三分の短いミダの話をする、口をパクパクしながら何かを言っている。驚くことに、各種のモニターは徐々に正常値に向かって、ついには体温も正常になる。「あのパクパクは念仏申していたんだ！受け取ったんだ！」と思う瞬間だ。そして念仏の威力をモニターを通して知ることとなる。これは驚きだった。「南無阿弥陀仏はすごいなあー」と帰り道に独り言を何度も口にしたものだ。

「寺にもこず、教えも聞かず、寺の手伝いもせず、ましてや門信徒でもないから寄付もしたことがない。こんな人が死ぬ直前で坊さんと呼んで、しかも一瞬の間にミダの心を体得する。なんと幸運な人か」と内心苦笑しながら思う。そんな例を再三再四見ていると「どうして一瞬の内にミダ法を体得できるのだろうか」と考える。「多分、本人も死を覚悟していたのだろう。心を開き切っていたのだろう。だからこそミダに全託できたのだろう」なんて考える。

「いつでも」とは「いつでも」のことであり、たとえその人が「死の崖っぷち」でもミダの智慧・慈悲は南無阿弥陀仏の相となり、「いつでも」を満たして私に向かう。「我が名を称え、我が国に来たれ。我よく汝を守らん」との世界は「いつでも」という条件を満たしているのである。これを本願名で言えば「第十二願」のことであり「光明無量の願」と呼ばれる。光は闇を破ることであり空間を示す。

大切なことは、次の「どこでも」と「いつでも」とが一對をなしていることである。「いつでも」とは時間、「どこでも」とは空間のこと。時間と空間の二つの単位を使ってアミダを説明するとき、それは「たはらき」のことなのである。

「どこでも」とは「第十三願」のことであり「寿命無量の願」と呼ばれる。その説明は次に。

合掌、
藤井道栄

“EMBRACED BY THE ONENESS OF LIFE” 15th WORLD BUDDHIST WOMEN’S CONVENTION CALGARY, CANADA - May 30-31, 2015

reported by Miyuki Mabel Googins

The opening service of the 15th World Buddhist Women’s (WBW) Conference was truly magnificent with the newly appointed Monshu Kojun Ohtani addressing the conference. His wife, Lady Rusumi Ohtani, is the Honorary President of the Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha Buddhist Women’s Federation of Japan as well as for the World Federation of Jodo Federation Shinshu Hongwanji-ha Buddhist Women’s Association. The new Monshu gave an inspiring welcome message.

In the program booklet, Lady Ohtani expressed her gratitude to all of the Sanghas in Canada and especially to Calgary for hosting this convention. The theme of this convention was “*Embraced in the Oneness of Life*” and its slogan was “*One World Sangha*”. This is the reason why over 2,000 BWA members gathered from mainland USA, Hawaii, Japan, South America and all of Canada. It was her intention that this conference serve as an opportunity for everyone to deepen their appreciation of the Jodo Shinshu teaching and strengthen the bonds of fellow Nembustsu followers.

The Japanese guest speaker, Rev. Nana Yanase, was not only the keynote speaker, but also performed as a singer/songwriter for the dinner banquet. Before entering the ministry as a 6th generation minister in Kyo On Ji Temple in Nara Prefecture, Japan, Rev. Yanase attempted to become a professional singer and songwriter performing pop songs that she mainly composed. With the lack of recording sales, as well as battling uterine cancer at the age of 30 years, Rev. Yanase turned to singing gathas to her Jodo Shinshu followers. Her music has helped her overcome her struggles in life as well as her medical condition.

On the following day of the convention, Rev. Patricia Usuki gave the English Keynote Speech. Rev. Usuki is originally from Toronto, Canada, but

is currently a resident minister at the San Fernando Valley Hongwanji Buddhist Temple in southern California. She was assigned to this Temple after serving in the International Department of the Honpa Hongwanji as a European language specialist, as well as the English editor for “Jodo Shinshu – A Guide” (2002). She received her Kyoshi ordination in 2002 after attending Chuo Bukkyo Gakuin Seminary in Kyoto and the Institute of Buddhist Studies (IBS) in Berkley, CA.

Similar to Rev. Yanase’s story, Rev. Usuki gave a speech about “*Being Embraced by the Oneness in Life*”, which inspired her to become a minister and to teach the *Nembutsu*. She also spoke at the National BCA Convention in San Diego, CA this past February. Besides enjoying the camaraderie of old and new friends, hearing the message of both keynote speakers were worth attending the convention in Calgary.

Workshops with themes of the Eightfold Path were held on Saturday afternoon in English and/or Japanese. The Passing of the WBW Convention Flag occurred during the closing ceremony and it was given to the Northern California District Temples. The next World Buddhist Women’s convention will be held from August 30 - September 1, 2019 in San Francisco, CA at the Marriott Hotel. Especially since BCA is the hosting district, save the date!

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RE: Obon/Hatsubon

Introducing the Tri-State/Denver Buddhist Temple (TSDBT) Choir

by Kim Morehouse and Richard Yoshida

Who are we? We are members of the TSDBT Sangha who love to sing. The first thing I (Kim) remember about our choir is how happy and welcoming the other members were when I arrived to the rehearsal and expressed interest in joining. The ladies were so warm and welcoming, I thought "This is the place for me!" If you want to be loved, come here! At that time, it was all women – at 65, I was the youngest member. Now, four years later, we are happy to include both younger and male members, more than doubling our once diminishing numbers. We are a somewhat informal group but are always striving to improve and, with the addition of some professional and trained singers, we are being guided to a more refined sound. Formal vocal training is not required and there is no membership fee, only a love of song and a little giving of your time and singing from the heart ☺

At the present, we are building for the future. In particular, we are preparing to perform at the 2015 Thanksgiving Interfaith Service, which is being hosted by the Tri-State/Denver Buddhist Temple. We are also preparing a special choir presentation for our 100-year Anniversary Celebration in 2016. Hopefully, these events will serve as stepping-stones to a bright future! We are fortunate to have Audrey Charness as our new choir director, with Clarynne Blanchard as co-director. Alice Nishimoto expertly serves us as organ player. Formal officers of the choir are in future plans; up to this point, Junko Kimura has cared for our treasury. Brandon Burns has volunteered to transition into that position. We are a choir family! Seek out any member and come join us!



*TSDBT Choir at a Recent Luncheon at Domo's
Clock-wise from center front: Kim Morehouse, Clarynne Blanchard,
Brandon Burns, Thomas Knight, Sara Downey Robinson, Junko
Kimura, Alice Nishimoto, Audrey Charness, Ayako Kimura, Ethel
Shinsato, Richard Yoshida.*



Longmont Buddhist Temple
2nd Annual Mini-Golf Fundraising Event
Saturday, August 1, 2015

Hyland Adventure Golf and Raceway
9650 N. Sheridan Blvd.
Westminster, CO

Check-in Time: 6:30 pm
Shotgun Start: 7:00 pm
Sign up as Foursome or Individual

Adults \$15.00
Children (age 10 and under) \$8.00

Call 303-517-4622 for ticket information.
Please pay in advance.
Cash or checks payable to:
Longmont Buddhist Temple

Prizes! Fun!! Bring Friends&Family!!!



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Gotan E Service

Shizue Asano
Rogin Burchardt
Miyuki Magel Googins
Gladys Hiraoka
Charles Kagiyama
Jack & Alice Kimura
Ayako Kimura
Helene Hinehira
Frank Miyazawa
Lillian & Phillip Miyazawa
Anna Murahata
Sherri & John Nitta
Kiyoko Omoto
Audrey Sato
Hank & Irene Shibao
Rose Shibao
Sayoko Takata
Michio & Hisae Taniwaki
Elaine & Ted Tsumura
visitor from Honolulu
unmarked envelope
Richard & Michiko Yoshida

Facilities Usage

Kokusei Kai
Wednesday Night Bball
DBT Craft Class

Osaisen

2nd/3rd Grade Dharma Class
5th Grade Dharma Class
Jr. YBA Dharma Class
K/1st Grade Dharma Class
Preschool Dharma Class
Takeshi & Kumiko Ohtake
Kazuo Maruyama
Yoko Mooney

Donation

Anonymous
Osamu Hideshima

Nokotsudo niche reservations

Estate of Betty Yamashita
Denny Nakayama
Alice Kimura
Clyde & Judy Nitta

In memory of Gladys Reiko Nakata – 13th yr

Jack Kimura & family
Eric & Naomi Miyazawa
R & B Nakata
Glenice Tani

Memorial Day services

Walter & Sharon Chikuma
Mae Flickinger
Miyuki Mabel Googins
Gary & Shirley Horiuchi
Tetsuo & Sadako Iwahiro
Charles Kagiyama
Tom & Beulah Kagiyama
Phyllis & Jan Kajiwara
Ruth Kamibayashi
Manabu & Junko Kimura
Ayako Kimura
Jean Matsuda
Lillian & Phillip Miyazawa
Ruby Miyazawa
William & Ann Murphy
Monica Nagai
Alice Nishimoto
Lenard Nobuta
Sandra Noguchi
Akira Sue Ogawa
Charles & Teri Ozaki
Rose Shibao
Hank & Irene Shibao
Kenneth & June Tagawa
George Tagawa
Sumiye Tanaka
Nancy & Eileen Tanaka
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Tom Urano, Jr.
Fumiko Yamashita
Rex & Marian Yoshimura
Doris Yagi

Calvin Kato

March Shotsuki service

Charles & Helen Takahashi for Jiro Yamada

April Shotsuki service

Richard & Michiko Yoshida for Keiichi Yoshida
Charles & Helen Takahashi for Yataro Takahashi

May Shotsuki service

Alyce Fujii for Asao Fujii
Susie Asano & family for Torino Koishi
Kim Inouye for Brian Inouye

June Shotsuki service

Michiko Chikuma for Bill Chikuma
Frank Miyazawa for Jean Harumi Miyazawa
..... for father-in-law
Kenzo & Aiko Horiuchi for Kosaburo Ogata &
..... Tom Shibao
Richard & Michiko Yoshida for Louis Togo Yoshida
Art M Yoshimura Family for Mura Yoshimura
Bill & Ann Murphy for Nao Yoshihara
Elaine & Ted Tsumura for Nobuzane Tsumura
Yuriko Shimoda for Shigeo Shimamoto &
..... Edward Shimoda
Richard & Sharon Kagiyama for Takeshi Kagiyama
Fusako Kawahara for Takeshi Kagiyama
Richard & Michiko Yoshida for Takeshi Kagiyama
Mabel Miyasaki for Tom Shibao

Hatsumairi service

Craig & Kayla Matsuda for Min Matsuda
Sherri & John Nitta for Tyson Nitta

imo Donald Yagi
imo Kimiko Kato
imo Sam & Kimi Kato
imo Shig Morishige
imo Nobutaro Yoshihara
imo Shig Morishige, Chiyo Morishige
& Susumu Matsumoto
imo Susumu Matsumoto & Jerrie Tsuruta
imo Yasutaro & Kumiko Yoshihara

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BCA's Nepal Earthquake Fund

Frank Miyazawa
Shirley Tsuchimoto

In memory of Chiz & Mas Mura

Sharon, Tyler & Gift Brooks
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Keri Matsunaga Gottlieb
Steve Hiratsuka
DJ & Rich Ida
Calvin Kato
Linda Kato
Sam Kawakami
Al Kawakami
Marlene & Rich Miyamoto
Kiyoko Mura-Smith
Don & Louise Takemura
Dean & Carrol Tsutsui

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Harry Kuga
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Betty Ishiguro
Bill & Ann Murphy
Reiko Urano
Alice Nishimoto
Frances Furukawa
Kim Morehouse
Gene Yokomizo
Judy & Steve Yasuzawa
Sue Murahata
.....
Family of Tom Kajiwara
Bill & Ann Murphy

In memory of Flo Ozaki

Sharon, Tyler&Gift Brooks
Jeffrey & Andi Fujiki
Steve Hiratsuka
DJ & Rich Ida
Calvin Kato
Linda Kato
Sam Kawakami
Marlene & Rich Miyamoto
Don & Louise Takemura
Dean & Carrol Tsutsui

In memory of Fujiye Tobo – 13th yr

Tom & Mary Nishida
Bill Tobo
Henry Tobo
Douglas & Dorothy Uyemura

Colfax Marathon registration
in memory of Csui Kuga
for Rev. Thompson's services
funeral; Tamaki Matsuo
nokotsudo; Todd Fujimoto
for Pride Fest Parade
donation (for Seitan)
temple visitation
in memory of Gary Ito – 3rd yr
in celebration of Tyson Nitta (Hatsumairi)
in memory of Katie Yago – 1st yr
in memory of May Yokooji – 1st yr
in memory of Steven Misuo Tanaka – 7th yr
in memory of Taeko Tawara
in memory of Masato Sakaguchi
matching funds donation for Colfax Marathon
nokotsudo; Daniel Hunter
in memory of Andrew Horiuchi &
Hugh Nishimoto
in memory of Bill Yamaguchi – 3rd yr
in memory of Emiko Yasuzawa
in memory of Fujio Ishiguro – 13th yr
in memory of George Tani, II
in memory of Henry Urano
in memory of Hugh Nishimoto – 1st yr
in memory of Jack Furukawa – 17th yr
in memory of Jim Tamaki
in memory of Nancy Yokomizo – 1st yr
in memory of Seisaku Umemoto
in memory of Sueki Murahata
Sam & Kimi Kato and George Omoto
in memory of Tom Kajiwara – 17th yr
in memory of Yoshimura Family

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William & Rosemarie Grant
Gail Ida
Alice Kimura
Hiroko Hung
Tagawa Families
Dennis & Kazuko Munetake



**2015 Cherry Blossom
Festival Raffle Winners**

- 1 Ralph Tanoue
- 2 Frank Sugihara
- 3 Sam Bungo
- 4 Alyce Fujii
- 5 Kathy Watada
- 6 Shelly Tanaka
- 7 Azaria Vialpaldo-Collin
- 8 Eric Hiraga
- 9 Fusako Kawahara
- 10 David Terada
- 11 Kay Hara
- 12 Keiko Ozaki
- 13 Offir Gonzales
- 14 Vicky Case
- 15 Hiroshi Takeda
- 16 Cesar Cifuentes
- 17 Chelsea King
- 18 Todd Iseri
- 19 Jason Pettis
- 20 Sandra Yoshida
- 21 Jamie Chikuma
- 22 Robert Case

July Shotsuki Names

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

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

August Shotsuki Names

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

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Nokotsudo Construction Update

by Rebecca Steinebrey

After a lengthy permitting process with Denver Community Planning and Development, in March demolition work commenced in the space behind the stage that will become DBT's new Nokotsudo. Walls, doors, bathroom and kitchen fixtures & cabinets, flooring, ceiling, and old plumbing materials were removed, taking the area to its structural "bones." Doors, walls and windows were framed, and a new HVAC system was installed, as well as new electrical wiring, subflooring and windows. Ceiling and lights are next, and the first "niche cabinet" is currently being built - viewing opportunities will begin mid-July, and will coincide with the Obon/Hatsubon Service on July 18, 2015 (3:00 pm) and Obon Odori festivities (6:00 pm) that evening. Plan to come take a look!

Niche reservation pricing remains discounted (\$2,500/niche) through July 31, 2015, and increases thereafter in line with construction and other costs. Note, each niche holds one urn. Reservation information may be found on the TSDBT.ORG website or, if you prefer, contact these members of the Nokotsudo committee directly by email:

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Rebecca Steinebrey [rsteinebrey@msn.com]

for a personal tour and/or more information.



South and west walls— and new windows!

Arigato Gozaimasu

Thank you to the following people who prepped the June newsletter for mailing: Judy Smith, Kay Takahashi, Mary Jane Okamatsu, Michiko Kajiwara, Richard Yoshida, Mike Shibata and Alley & Yoshimi Watada. They make a seemingly tedious job something to look forward to every month.

Thank you to Brian Levitt, of DBT Judo, for updating the AED machine (which is stationed at the top of the office stairway).

Tri-State/Denver Buddhist Temple Scholarship Winners

Sakura Foundation Scholarship Ryan Kiyoshi Kim
Connor Kevin Jiro Ospina

Taeko Tawara Memorial Scholarship Ryan Kiyoshi Kim

Murahata Family Award Sage Asakawa

Caroline M Tagawa Memorial Scholarship Peter Douglas

Eugene & Kimiko Side Scholarship Peter Douglas

Tri-State/Denver Buddhist Temple Award Connor Kevin Jiro Ospina

Cherry Blossom Festival 2015 Review

This Temple has staged a Cherry Blossom Festival every summer for the past 42 years. What may have begun as an event to celebrate our Japanese-American presence in the Denver community quickly morphed into the Temple's only major fund-raiser (with a theme to highlight our Japanese-American heritage). Cherry Blossom Festival income sustains the Temple; it pays the exorbitant utilities bills (gas, electricity, water/sewer, trash pick up), telephone and internet connections, cleaning and maintenance costs. In other words, it provides us a place to gather, to celebrate, to learn, to play, to reflect, to eat, to be.

Meanwhile, the physical surroundings of the Temple's neighborhood continually transform, also. While our humble beginnings found us in the land of bars and pawn shops, by 1972 our initial CBFcelebration was a "block party" in conjunction with Tamai Tower apartments and Sakura Square's collection of JA businesses; 2 Japanese grocers, 2 Japanese restaurants, bookstore, travel agency, hairdresser, etc.

Now our Temple stands amid high-rise office buildings, luxury apartment inhabitants, city-dweller families, a major league baseball stadium, bars, restaurants, shopping and over-flowing parking lots.

As we continually adjust the "flavor" of our Festival to match the climate of our community, we find that (internally) the "flavor" of our Sangha is changing, too; so much so, that future Cherry Blossom Festivals may be highlighting a culture other than Japanese-American, but change is constant and that is a future article ☺

It seems anytime we express our gratitude publicly, we also (sadly and) simultaneously open ourselves to criticism. But I do not wish to NOT say 'thank you' simply to avoid reproach. So I ask you to read the following acknowledgments – not for individual validation, but for a collective realization of how lucky each of us is to count ourselves as an integral piece of such a resourceful group.

Thank you to Joni Sakaguchi, Gail Ida, Gayle Goto and Wendy Thompson for pushing, pulling, lifting and molding this year's 2015 Cherry Blossom Festival into being. The Temple is quite fortunate such a work

Thank you to the spouses and families of these individuals. It is your love and support that allows them to give so much to the Temple.

force as these four chose to assemble their skills and know-how for one more year. Even more impressive is the support they garner in terms of

fellow volunteers. Everyone knows an organization cannot survive on the efforts of a few; therefore, we need inspired leadership to rally the membership and unite their efforts – in this case, to create and host a successful Cherry Blossom Festival!

Thank you to Kristi & Tara Case, Amanda Charness and Serenity Thompson; not only did this group of four dance as CBF entertainment, afterwards they bussed tables in the gym. AND they donated their tips to the Temple! Could this be the beginnings of the 2015 CBF Workforce of 4?

Thank you to Keiko Yoshida, Randy Sasaki, Glenn & Michelle Asakawa, Gene Watada, Emiko Koga, Kaitlyn & Karen Mascher-Mace, Brian Levitt, Shirley Tsuchimoto, Brandi Tsuchimoto and Eric Sasano for your early and sustained involvement through all of Cherry Blossom - beginning to end.

Thank you to Cal Kato, Wayne Berve and Kaitlyn Mascher-Mace for serving as Building Maintenance Committee members year-round; your prep work for the Summer season and CBF is invaluable.

Thank you to Kathy Kuge, Lorraine Hisamoto and Joanne Adair for devoting extensive time in the kitchen – before, during and after the Festival. Thank you to BWA and YBA members who were consistently and continually called upon for preparation, set-up and clean-up tasks.

To everyone who served as a committee Chairperson – thank you for organizing your work station and scheduling your work crew. Thank you to Carole Eshima and Linda Akiyama who quietly and efficiently handle all the financial matters/issues.

Thank you to DBT Judo, DBT Aikido, DBT Dancers, DBT Minyo, Denver Taiko & Denver Junior Taiko, Humu Humu Ukulele and all the other groups who participated in our stage performances. Thank you to all the vendors who set up in our Marketplace. Thank you to the Emcees, sound techs, wiring crew and go-fers. Thank you to Pacific Mercantile, Sakura Square, Jagged Mountain Brewery, JARCC and all our neighbors who share this NoDo turf.

Thank you to everyone who responded to the CBF Wish List with generous donations of 'stuff and money'. Thank you to anyone who wielded a mop, spatula, dish towel, hammer, roll of tape, nenju, trash container or other instrument of effort. Thank you to everyone who bought food tickets and raffle tickets. Okagesama de.

Obon Odori Practice

*Tuesday - Thursday
July 14, 15, 16
7:00 p.m.*



*Come dance the hot, Summer
nights away! DBT Minyo
members will show you the
steps . . . being with friends
will make it fun!*

COLFAX MARATHON RELAY 2015

by Gary Yamashita

On May 17th, in the early hours of the morning, 25 athletes representing the Temple raced through the streets of Denver in the Colfax Marathon Relay. The runners in the first legs of the relay arrived at City Park by 5:00 AM and started the race at 6:00 AM. These runners got to hear the pounding beat of the Denver Taiko drums as they ran along the Cherry Creek Trail. The five relay teams made up of runners from DBT Judo, Aikido, Denver Taiko, YBA, the Temple board and the sangha, all ran to raise funds for the Temple.

As a result of their hard work and the generous donations of the donors that supported their efforts, approximately \$9,700 was raised that will be used to paint the hondo and auditorium.

In addition, a portion of the proceeds was donated to Step 13 which is a men's residential recovery program located at 20th and Larimer Street that offers its residents the opportunity to recover from addiction and become productive members of their communities through a program that focuses on the facets of sobriety, work and personal accountability. Their guiding principle is that a person cannot be helped to recover from their addiction until they are ready to take personal responsibility for their past, present and future actions. Gary Yamashita made the presentation of the Temple's donation to the Executive Director of Step 13 at their facility.

Thank you to all who donated and provided support to this great effort. The generosity of the sangha was overwhelming. If you have not yet donated to this campaign, you may still do so, as we are still raising additional funds to paint the front lobby. Thank you as well to Joni, Gail and Gunnar for manning the Cherry Blossom Festival informational tent after the race in the Charity Village. A very special word of appreciation goes out to all of the dedicated runners that trained and ran so hard for the Temple. You guys were awesome!

From the Office of Rev. Fujii

1. Please *call the temple office or a minister before a person passes away*. The temple ministers would like to have a chance to share the Teaching before the last day. Our teaching is very powerful even at last moment.
2. Summer session
(New program in 2015)
When: Monday, August 3, 2015 through Friday, August 7 (5 days)
Subject: What is Amida? "Ju-Sei-Ge"
Place: Temple
Time: 6:00 am – 7:00 am (not in the evening)
Fee: \$5.00 donation each time to Offertory Box
3. New Program in August 2015
Four classes for people, especially temple new members, to introduce the following:
 - a. Brief temple history
 - b. Explanation of Buddhist items and etiquettes
 - c. Introduction of general Buddhism
 - d. Outline of Jodo-Shinshu Teaching

When:

 - * Every Sunday morning in August (2nd, 9th, 16th & 23rd) from 8:30 am (less than one hour)
 - * No registration or registration fee necessary but please make a donation to offertory box

Everyone is encouraged to take part. Get up one hour early and join the class.

In Gassho,
Rev. Fujii

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

*Sumi Enomoto
January 8, 1922 - June 23, 2015*

Religious Services

SUN	July 5	8:30 am Nihongo service (F) 9:30 Summer Family service (T)
FRI	July 10	11 am Shinran's Day service (F)
SAT	July 11	1 pm Hoji (F)
SUN	July 12	9:30 am Summer family service 9:00 am Brighton service(F) 11 am Ft. Lupton service(F)
TUES-THURS	July 14-16	LaJara/Alamosa Hakamairi (T) Albuquerque Hakamairi (T)
SAT	July 18	11 am Greeley Hakamairi & Obon (T) 11 am Funeral (F) 3 pm Obon/Hatsubon service (F)
SUN	July 19	9:30 am Summer Family service (F) 1 pm Sedgwick Hakamairi (T)
MON	July 20	9 am Burial service; Ault Cemetery
SUN	July 26	9:30 am Summer Family service July Shotsuki service
AUGUST		NO Nihongo Service NO Shinran's Day Service NO Outlying Temple Services
SUN	Aug 2	8:30 am Intro for new members(F) 9:30 am Summer Family Service (T)
MON - FRI	Aug 3-7	6:00 am Summer Session (F)
SAT	Aug 8	2 pm Hoji
SUN	Aug 9	8:30 am Intro for new members (F) 9:30 am Summer Family Service (T)
SUN	Aug 16	8:30 am Intro for new members (F) 9:30 am Summer Family Service
SUN	Aug 23	8:30 am Intro for new members (F) 9:30 am Summer Family Service(F) August Shotsuki Service
SUN	Aug 30	9:30 am Summer Family Service(T)

Mountain States District Conference Hosted by Ogden Buddhist Church November 6th – 8th, 2015

To be held in Moab, UT

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Shotsuki Monthly Memorial Service

Every 4th Sunday of each month (when possible)

The Shotsuki Service is a general memorial service held on a monthly basis for members and friends of the temple who have passed away during the month of service. For instance, if a member passes away in March (of any year), then his/her passing would be observed by surviving Sangha family and friends every succeeding March.

Although there are major memorial (hoji) services set at specific time intervals such as 49th Day, 1st Year, 3rd Year, 7th, 13th, 17th, 25th, 33rd and 50th years, the temple will now also provide families with monthly memorial (shotsuki) services; these will be held in conjunction with regularly scheduled Sunday services. At each Shotsuki service, family members will have the opportunity to pay respect and gratitude to loved ones who have passed away in that particular month.

Donation by affected family members: \$50/observance.
In Gassho,

Gym Schedule

SUNDAY	11:30 am Karate
MONDAY	6 - 7:30 pm Aikido 6:30 - 8 pm Judo
TUESDAY	7 pm Volleyball
WEDNESDAY	7:30 pm Basketball
THURSDAY	6 - 7:30 pm Aikido 6:30 - 8 pm Judo
FRIDAY	6 - 7:30 pm Family Aikido Judo (every other week)

August 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 9:30 Summer Family service	31 (R)	AUGUST NO Nihongo Services NO Shinran's Day service NO Outlying Temple service				1
2 8:30 am New Member Class (F) 9:30 Summer Family service	3 (R) 6 am - 7 am Summer Morning Sessions with Rev. Fujii	4 (R) 11 am Dharma Disc (T)	5 (R)	6 7 pm Dharma Disc (T)	7	8 11 am Hoji (Matsuda) 2 pm Hoji (Fukuhara)
9 8:30 New Member Class (F) 9:30 Summer Family service	10 BCA Minister's Summer Fukun; San Jose, CA <i>articles due for September newsletter</i>	11	12	13	14 (R)	15 (R)
16 (R) 8:30 New Member Class (F) 9:30 Summer Family service 11 am TSDBT Board mtg	17	18 (R) 11 am Dharma Disc (T)	19 (R)	20 (R)	21 (R)	22 (R)
23 (R) 8:30 New Member Class 9:30 Summer Family service August Shotsuski service	24	25 11 am Dharma Disc (T)	26	27 7 pm Dharma Disc (T)	28	29

July 2015

Rev. Thompson in
Spokane, WA

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4 9 am Time w/Fujii
5 8:30 Nihongo service (F) 9:30 Summer Family service	6	7 (R) 11 am Dharma Disc (T)	8 (R)	9(R) 7 pm Dharma Disc (T)	10 (R) 11 am Shinran's Day Service (F) 5 pm DBT Judo Potluck	11 (R) Rev. Thompson in Spokane, WA 9 am Time w/Fujii 1 pm Hoji (F)
12 (R) 9:30 Summer Family service 9 am Brighton service(F) 11 Ft. Lupton service w/hoji (F) Rev. Thompson in Spokane, WA	13	14	15	16	17	18 9 am Time w/Fujii 11 am funeral (F) 12 noon Greeley Hakamairi 3 pm Obon Service 6 pm Obon Odori
19 9:30 Family Service 11 am TSDBT Board Mtg 1 pm Sedgwick Hakamairi (T)	20 (R) 9 am Burial service Ault Cemetery	21 (R) 11 am Dharma Disc (T)	22 (R)	23	24 (R)	25 (R) 9 am Time w/Fujii
26 (R) 9:30 Summer Family service(T) July Shotsuki service	27	28 VACATION (T)	29	30	31	

6 pm Lalara/Alamosa - am Hakamairi - leave for Albuquerque Hakamairi (T)
7 pm Obon Odori practice w/Minyo

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Thursday nights at 7pm

July 2nd and 23rd

Aug. 6th and 27th

Tuesday mornings at 11am

July 7th and 21st

Aug. 4th, 18th and 25th

(Tuesday sessions will begin with a short service)

Please join us here at the temple for dharma discussions. We will cover topics such as Amida Buddha and the Pure Land, basic temple etiquette, onajin objects and other concepts related to JodoShinshu 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 J.

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.

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