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Formula in Buddhism

The 21st Vow: Part-3 (of 6)

The 21st Vow

“If, when I attain Buddhahood, the humans and devas in my land should not have the **32 major physical characteristics of a great person**, may I not attain the perfect enlightenment.”

I sometimes see pictures of muscle-men in magazines. Of course, their whole bodies are equipped with muscles from the toe to the head. These muscles did not appear all of a sudden without any effort. The muscles are from plans, schedules, continuous shape-up, tireless efforts, and so forth. When we meditate on Amida Buddha, I imagine the physical characteristics first. Then my mind extends to practices and efforts which Dharmakara (Amida Buddha before Enlightenment) went through. This process helps me to know the contents of Namo-Amida-Butsu. Namo-Amida-Butsu contains all the virtues of the 32 characteristics which lead us to Immeasurable Life and Light. In the past two months, I have written about characteristics #1 - #13; this month's installment covers #14 - #18:

14. The body is golden. The color is unusually clear and clean. This virtue is the result of the following practices by Dharmakara:

- Dharmakara selflessly donated food, drink, clothes and riding items - necessary items for living in order to make sentient beings joyful and serene. With compassionate heart and mind, he embraced all sentient beings equally, without exclusion. This virtue (golden color) also works to erase the results of blind passions.

15. Amida's Light (Wisdom) reaches to unlimited numbers of worlds in the 10 directions because of compassionate heart and mind. This virtue and power comes from:

- Dharmakara generated the mind to attain Highest Enlightenment, and he went through unlimited numbers of practices to benefit sentient beings. The Light works to break diabolical teachings, to break darkness in the mind, and to fulfill every aspiration that all sentient beings possess.

16. The skin is thin, smooth, clean, shining and soft. This virtue indicates equal and unimpeded compassion. This virtue came from the following:

- Without any attachment, Dharmakara donated clothes, beds, buildings and so forth to sentient beings. He approached wise people for good discussion, cleaned roads for people to walk safely and stayed away from evil people.

17. The seven body parts (2 arms, 2 legs, 2 shoulders, and chest) are clean, supple, and shining.

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June
Temple Holiday

Sakura Matsuri
Cherry Blossom
Festival

Monthly Salutations

from Rev. Diana Thompson

Hello everyone and welcome to June! Summertime already and we can feel the great sigh of relief heaved by myriads of school children of all ages who have finished yet another grade or who have finished with school entirely. Warm months stretch out in front of them with endless possibilities for fun and shenanigans and so with careless abandon, they launch full-steam ahead into their vacations. Ah, for the days of carefree abandon and shenanigans. And yet I remember that in addition to tag, baseball and other outdoor, running around pursuits, we played games like 'office' and looked forward to becoming grown-ups. Ah, how foolish we were! When we grow up, we begin to realize how much more fun it was to play office than to live office. In playing office, we could easily abandon our posts, turn in documents that were done in crayon or occasionally call our co-workers big mean dummy-heads without fear of being fired. In real office, I have never been able to get away with any of those things despite how much I wanted to do them.

The reality of adulthood has required much more self-control and responsibility than I had ever imagined and as the spring days melt away into summertime, I find myself wishing for those days when I was in responsible for nothing. However, as I think about that more deeply, I remember that I spent an equal amount of time when I was a child wishing that I were grown up and in charge of everything (a big statement yes, but I was kind of bossy as a child). When I think of it in this way, I am reminded that our perceptions of things do not necessarily reflect the reality. Both being a child and being an adult come with their own sets of problems but as adults, we can conveniently forget all the difficulties of childhood and as children, we are largely unaware of the problems of being grown ups. Children and adults idealize each other as existing in

a state of perfection and each longs for the other's state. Rather than focusing on our present joys, we focus on our present woes, finding them so difficult that for some reason, time travel is the only reasonable solution.

So this year, as summer comes upon us, I will still look back at childhood summers with a warm nostalgic eye but also with an eye of discernment. There were some wonderful things and some not so wonderful things about being a kid but I owe a debt of gratitude to that kid and her experiences because without her I would not be the grown-up that I am today. And while that kid may be disappointed by my adult self's current inability to engage in childhood shenanigans, I think she would be pleased at what she has become even if she didn't get to be in charge of everything. So this summer no matter what age you find yourself at, you can gratefully acknowledge the past 'you' that shaped the present 'you' but don't forget to engage and acknowledge the present 'you'. This present 'you' will shape future 'you' and future 'you' will appreciate memories of a full lifetime and not just those few fleeting years of childhood that are long in the past and therefore unrepeatable. *Namo Amida Butsu*

The 21st Vow *(continued from page 1)*

This virtue exists to erase evil karma in the past and comes from the following practices:

- Sharing of anything with sentient being without any attachment.
- Breaking the unconscious level of blind passions and gaining the seven necessary items to attain enlightenment: (1) no doubt, (2) observance of precepts, (3) mind of repent, (4) mind of reflection, (5) non attachment, (6) mind of listening of Dharma, and (7) wisdom.

18. The armpits (bones and muscles) are rich (healthy). This virtue comes from the compassionate care for others.

- Giving of food and medicine to the sick.
- Good nursing of the sick

Next month I will continue with #19 of the 32 major physical characteristics of a great person.

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“なも・あみだ・ぶつ” とはなにか？ 3a/6.

無量の働きが「菜食者はよろしいが、肉や魚の命を食する者はよろしくない」となれば、菜食者だけが救われ、肉食のものは除かれ捨てられる。これでは「誰でも」とはならないではないか。また、「独身者はよろしいが、結婚しているものは不都合だ」となれば、既婚者は邪魔者扱いされ、除かれ、捨てられる。これでは「誰でも」とはならない。「無量の働き」とは到底言えないではないか。

このように「無量の智慧と慈悲の働き」は私の持ち物が清く・正しく・美しいものであっても、それらが浄土への助け・足しにもならないように働く。同時に私の持ち物が煩惱であれ、迷いであれ、醜いものであれ、それら一切が覚りへの妨げにもならないように働く。

この「誰でも」についての極端な一例をここに示します。

ある時一人の老人が私のもとに来て私の両手をにぎり、「今日は本当に良かった。今までのウヤムヤが晴れました。先生、ありがとうございます」と言う。彼はその時95歳だった。彼は続ける。「毎回お寺に来て法話を聞いていましたが、私はこのとおりの老人。聞いている時にはそれなりに分かったような気にもなります。ところがその後知人と話し、駐車場の自分の車に行くまでに聞いた全てを忘れてしまう。何度お寺に来てても毎回同じことでした。実のところもうお寺に来るのを止めようかと思っておりました。ところが今日の法話で先生が言った。どのような法話も南無阿弥陀仏一つを私に持たせ称えさすのが法話の主眼なんだと。私はこの歳ですし、聞いたものは皆すぐに忘れる。ですが、南無阿弥陀仏だけは忘れません。南無阿弥陀仏一つを私に持たせるのがアミダ仏の心だったことに気付きました。先生、念仏一つ、ですよ。ただ念仏ですよ」と。このことを耳にした時、その人が私の大切な先生に成った瞬間でもありました。

さて、「誰でも」とは「誰でも」でなのです。聞いて全てを忘れるような人、難しいことは分からない人、途中で「ああ、もう寺に来るのを止めようかと思うような人」。今まさに死にかけている人。仏教徒であろうが、そうでなかろうが、兎に角、どのような人をも包み込むことを「誰でも」と言います。

くどくなりますが、この短い「誰でも」という言葉の意味するものは、私の抱えている善悪などの一切のものを覚りへの条件としないこと。私の持ち物ゆえに、私が除かれたり捨てられたりしないということ。私の持ち物が覚りへの足しにも助けにもならないということです。私の一切を頼りにしない働きの「他力」とも言いますし「仏力」とも言います。

そうでなければ、十方衆生（じゅぼう・しゅじょう）の真のすがたを見抜き、悟りへ導き入れる働きとは言えないではないか。アミダとは言えないではないか。誰も見ることも知ることも出来ない法が、人々の相（すがた）を正確に見抜いて働き出す時、この「誰でも」ということが円満に満たされていなければならない。まあ、具体的に「なあーんだ、俺のことではないか」とうなずき、気付くことなのです。

合掌、
藤井道栄



FINAL CALL

for 100th Anniversary History Book Stories

If you have wanted to submit a story for the TSDBT history project, but have hesitated, we are giving you one last chance to submit a story. The book is progressing far better than anticipated, and we have received many written accounts about family that may otherwise never be preserved. Other stories are of fond memories and sometimes amusing narratives.

If your story does not make it into the book, there is still an opportunity to get it into an on-line version.

If you would like to participate, submit your stories by June 8, 2015 to Richard Yoshida at d8793@comcast.net or mail it to Richard at 8793 Forrest Drive, Highlands Ranch, CO 80126.

Year End Transition & Thanks

by Naomi Nguyen

It's time for me to say good-bye and hand over the reins to next year's co-superintendents: Amy Nitta and Rachel Davis. The 2015-2016 school year will be Rachel's second year and Amy's first. They both are positive, smart, and excellent jugglers. (Figuratively. I make no promises that they can physically juggle.) They're going to make a great team, and will lead DBT Dharma School through a tremendous school year. How fortunate for us all, as we enter our 100th year celebrations!

Thanks to our Sangha, our Ministerial staff, kitchen staff, Donna Inouye, and my co-supers Michelle Asakawa (2013-2014) and Rachel Davis (2014-2015) for being such a supportive and cooperative group. These last two years helped me understand how much I love and appreciate our temple and our Sangha. I wouldn't trade these years for the world. I enjoyed doing it, even when I was doing it wrong!

Thanks to YBA for everything they do. They set up, tear down, clean up, cook, help teachers and superintendents, carry, gofer, and so much more. They understand the true meaning of Dana in that they expect nothing in return. Perhaps I'll be like them when I grow up.

Thanks to the Humu Humu ukulele group, our Dharma School teachers and students, and Band for making the temple a happy place. Your smiling faces, kind words, beautiful music and cheerful voices make Sundays happy. It's a wonderful way to start every week.

Naomi Nguyen
Retiring Dharma Co-Superintendent

P.S. See you at Sakuramatsuri.

Arigato Gozaimasu

Thank you to the following people who gathered to fold and prep last month's newsletter for mailing: Mike Shibata, Shirley Tsuchimoto, Judy Smith, Michiko Kajiwara, Kay Takahashi and Mary Jane Okamatsu.

Thank you to everyone who responds to the CBF Wish List (printed on page 5) with a donation of any requested item.

Thank you to all Manju Making volunteers on June 13th and June 26th.

Thank you to all Colfax Marathon runners & sponsors. And thank you to all Pridefest Parade participants.

Tri-State/Denver Buddhist Temples' membership offers congratulations and welcome to the Hatsumairi infants and their families:

*Min Matsuda
son of Craig & Kayla Matsuda*

*Tyson Nitta
son of Tyler and Jacqueline Nitta*

Don't Forget OBON

by Chad Nitta

Once a year, usually on a warm evening in July, we carry on an ancient Buddhist tradition of honoring past loved ones through the Obon Odori Festival. We dress in traditional clothing and dance to traditional Japanese music to show appreciation and feel joy for those who have passed before us.

This year, we celebrate Obon on **Saturday, July 18**. **The Obon/Hatsubon (first bon) service will be held at 3:00 p.m. Obon Odori (dancing) will begin at 6:00 p.m.** - weather permitting, we will be dancing outdoors in the parking lot that adjoins the Temple and Pacific Mercantile.

The true significance of the Obon service lies in the rededication of ourselves to the Buddhist Way of Life by reflecting upon the love, affection, compassion and virtues of our parents and loved ones who have made us what we are. Those who are observing Hatsubon for a loved one, will have an opportunity to light a candle and oshoko during service.

Odori practices will be held in the gymnasium at **7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 14, Wednesday, July 15, and Thursday, July 16**.

If you are interested in volunteering or your group wishes to have a sales/information table at Obon Odori, please contact **Chad Nitta at ctnitta@gmail.com**.

A Brief History of Obon Odori

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

The origin of Obon 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 the All Compassionate One shows him the way.

Following the path shown him, he finally succeeds. He and his friends rejoice, expressing their joy and gratitude with music and dancing.

Cherry Blossom Festival Wish List

Last year you were so generous with your in-kind donations. We hope you can help out by making contributions from our list and help offset our expenses. Items that are not used during the festival are put to use throughout the year at the Temple for various events including Dharma School, Turkey Bingo, Hanamatsuri, and other events. There will be a table in the auditorium marked for donations. Thank you for your continued support!

For cash donations, please submit these to the Temple office in an envelope marked "Cherry Blossom Donation" and let us know which items you'd like us to purchase.

In gassho, the Cherry Blossom Committee

In-kind Donation List

Pop -Brand Names NO DIET -as much as possible
SPAM - original flavor, as much as possible
Beverage Cocktail napkins - need 8000
Paper Plates - 7" (sturdy paper, no styrofoam)
Plastic Wrap
Reams of white copy paper
Reams of white card stock paper
Business size white envelopes
Postage stamps
Laundry detergent
Dishsoap - 5 quarts
Plastic Sheeting - 2 mil thick, 1 roll.
Forks - plastic
Mochiko
Canola Oil
White Vinegar
Nori for Sushi & Spam musubi
PAM spray cans
Sesame seeds - white roasted
Somen
Garlic - minced, jar
Coffee
Green tea bags

The Obon Odori 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.

Obon Odori is an important tradition as well as a fun way to stay connected to fellow Sangha members during the summer months. See you there!

*Tri-State/Denver Buddhist Temples gratefully acknowledges donations
and offerings received from April 1, 2015 - April 30, 2015:*

Hanamatsuri service

Ohara School of Ikebana
Don Akiyama
Glenn & Michelle Asakawa
Shizue Asano
Michiko Chikuma
DBT Choir
DBT Minyo Club
Frances Furukawa
Miyuki Mabel Googins
Kay Takako Hatanaka
Gladys Hiraoka
Sachiko Sue Hisamoto
Kirk Horiuchi
Ken & Aiko Horiuchi
Gary & Shirley Horiuchi
Hiroko Hung
DJ & Rich Ida
Ken & Amy Inouye
Beulah & Tsutomu Kagiyama
Kenso & Peggy Kagiyama
Charles Kagiyama
Irene & Kenzo Kawanabe
Joyce Kim
Jack & Alice Kimura
Ayako Kimura
Manabu & Junko Kimura
Tom Koshio
Art & Tamiko Koyano
Kazuo Maruyama
Eric & Naomi Miyazawa
Frank Miyazawa
Lillian & Phillip Miyazawa
Kim Morehouse
Anna Murahata
Bill & Ann Murphy
Dat & Naomi Nguyen

Gotan E service

Joe & Jill Ozaki
Hiroshi Takeda

Spring Ohigan service

Tetsuo & Sadako Iwahiro
Art & Tamiko Koyano
Richard & Michiko Yoshida

Facilities Usage

DBT Craft Class
Humu Humu Ukulele
Denver Taiko

Alice Nishimoto
Steven Nitta
Akira Sue Ogawa
Takeshi & Kumiko Ohtake
Kiyoko Omoto
Stacey Umemoto Ospina
Joe & Jill Ozaki
David Pellegrino
Jason & Cameo Pettis
David & Joni Sakaguchi
Jo Anne Sato
Rose Shibao
Hank & Irene Shibao
Yo & Betty Shimamoto
Cheryl Shimamoto
Yuriko Shimoda
May Shuto
Rebecca Steinebrey
Kenneth & June Tagawa
Kay Takahashi
Sayoko Takata
Hiroshi Takeda
Sumiye Tanaka
Michio & Hisae Taniwaki
Wendy & Bill Thompson
Jack Bass & Deborah Tono
Shirley Tsuchimoto
Elaine & Ted Tsumura
Unmarked envelope
Jeremy & Rebekah Watada
Louise Yamaguchi
Gary & Debbie Yamashita
Fumiko Yamashita
Richard & Michiko Yoshida
Clarence Yoshida

Endowment Fund donations

Tatsuo/Sumiko Koga Clan
Kenneth & June Tagawa

March Shotsuki service

Yuriko Shimoda
Timothy & Anna Anderson
Family of Errol Umetani
Lillian & Phillip Miyazawa
Elaine & Ted Tsumura
Richard & Michiko Yoshida
Jayne Yoshimura

In memory of Roy Kagiyama – 1st yr

Tsutomu Kagiyama
Gary & Cindy Matsuda
Mike & Sharon Matsuda

In memory of Sakiye Horiuchi – 7th yr

Family of Sakiye Horiuchi
Cynthia Horiuchi

In memory of Eiko Tagawa – 1st yr

Lori Ann Gartner
George Tagawa
Cheryl Tagawa

In memory of Joanne Knight

Alice Nishimoto
Stacey Umemoto Ospina

In memory of Tepper Koga – 49th day

Alice Nishimoto
Emiko Koga

Temple Lighting Fund

Stan Eshima
Kevin Kiyotake
Lillian & Phillip Miyazawa
Randy & Joy Nakagawa
Todd Namba
Shel Omi
Clayton Oyama
Paul Shibata
Gene Tochihiro

Colfax Marathon registration

Ron Abo
Sam & Rachel Davis
Denver Taiko
Clarynne Ishikawa
Alyssa deMars & Matt Knippel
Thom, Jen & Kai Sakata
Suzuko Shimasaki
Robert Tanaka
YBA

Osaisen

2nd/3rd Grade Dharma Class
5th Grade Dharma Class
Jr. YBA Dharma class
K/1st Grade Dharma Class
Preschool Dharma Class
Kent & Jane Kano
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in memory of Steve Koga
in memory of Eiko Tagawa

for Amy Shimamoto
for Chikako Nakagawa
for Errol Umetani
for Henry Kuritani
for Henry Kuritani
for Susumu Kagiyama
for Toshiaki Yoshimura

Tri-State/Denver Buddhist Temples gratefully acknowledges donations and offerings received from April 1, 2015 - April 30, 2015:

April Shotsuki service

Kim Inouye	for Amy Shimamoto
Bill & Ann Murphy	for Charles Takahashi
Cynthia Horiuchi	for Charles Urano
Chiyo Yoshida	for Chitoshi Yoshida &
.....	Lisa Yoshida Henn
Jayne Yoshimura	for Chiyeno Fujita
Susie Asano & family	for Genkichi Koishi
Dora Shibata	for George Shibata
M/M Isao Gary Tsutsui	for Haruko Kimura
M/M Douglas Tsutsui	for Haruko Kimura
Cynthia Horiuchi	for Henry Urano
Kenzo & Shirley Horiuchi	for Jojiro Honda
Jo Anne Sato	for Jojiro Honda
Bill & Ann Murphy	for Kate Kumiko Yoshihara
Joe & Jill Ozaki	for Motoichi Ozaki & Martha Ozaki
Ken & Amy Inouye	for Rin Inouye
Chiko Inouye	for Rin Inouye
Kim Inouye	for Rin Inouye
Tom & Beluah Kagiya	for Roy Kagiya
Fusako Kawahara	for Roy Kagiya
Keiko Kawahara	for Roy Kagiya
Cal & Donna Noguchi	for Roy Kagiya
Kenzo & Shirley Horiuchi	for Sakiye Horiuchi
Kenzo & Shirley Horiuchi	for Shizuko Shirley Horiuchi
Lenard Nobuta	for Toyo & Yoneko Nobuta
Jack & Alice Kimura	for Tsurue Kimura
Manabu & Junko Kimura	for Tsurue Kimura
Kenzo & Shirley Horiuchi	for Yoshi Ogata

Donations

NVHF Endowment	2 nd Qtr 2015 disbursement
TSDBT Endowment	2 nd Qtr 2015 disbursement
Brighton Buddhist Sangha	2015 BCA Calendars
Michiko Chikuma	donation
Anonymous	donation
Kaoru Slotsve	high school class visitation
Nancy Ohama	memorial/funeral; Helene Saeda
Robert & Kiyo Fujimoto	Nokotsudo niche reservation
Family of	in memory of Any Horiuchi
Kajiwara Family	in memory of Betty Kajiwara – 49 day
Alice Nishimoto	in memory of Betty Yamashita
Judy Yamakishi	in memory of Don Yamakishi – 25 th yr
George & Nancy Ohama	in memory of Helene Haruko Saeda
Alice Nishimoto	in memory of Henry Urano
Alice Nishimoto	in memory of Herbert Inouye
Family of	in memory of Keiji Horiuchi
Kathy Yoshimoto	in memory of Sam (17) & Yoshiko (7) Sasaki
Unmarked envelope	in memory of Steve Koga
Jason & Cameo Pettis	in memory of Tommy Shuto – 33 rd yr
Lenard Nobuta	in memory of Toyo Nobuta

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

*Tamaki Matsuo
April 10, 1918 - April 6, 2015*

*Helene Saeda
March 25, 1925 - November 19, 2014*

**Japanese
American
Community
Graduation
Program Banquet**

You are cordially invited to attend the 60th Anniversary Japanese American Community Graduation Program banquet to honor the graduating high school seniors of 2015. The celebration/reunion will be held on Saturday, June 13, 2015, at the Arvada Center for the Arts and Humanities. Cocktails will be served from 5:30 pm and the dinner and awards presentation will begin at 6:30 pm. Dancing will begin immediately after the banquet. Reservations are \$50.00 per person and can be made by contacting any JACGP committee member or calling Cindy Kondo at 303-433-8957 or mailing reservation and check to JACGP, P.O. Box 13665, Denver, CO 80201-3665 before May 27, 2015. Please specify dinner choice of prime beef, salmon teriyaki or vegetarian (split plate of stuffed portabella mushroom and vegetable lasagna).

June Shotsuki Names

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

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Hiroshi Aigaki	Toshi Matsubara	Kiyoko Shima
Glenn Akahoshi	Toshiaki Matsuda	Shigeo Shimamoto
Mitsuko Mary Akahoshi	Tatsusaburo Matsumonji	Edward Tatsuo Shimoda
Yoshio Akizuki	Mitsuko Matsumoto	Kane Shimono
Fred Aoki	Eiji Matsuno	Sumi Shin
Satsuki Willie Chikuma	Nora Matsushima	Hanzo Shinn
Ladda Chittivej	Takashi Matsushima	Ito Shinn
Fred C. Devault	Yukino Mayeda	Chiyoko Shino
Terumi Viola Doizaki	Daisuke Migaki	Rikio Shishido
Masao Eshima	Tsuneichi Mikawa	Noboru Sogi
Nobujiro Eshima	Hiroko Miyake	Hichiro Sugihara
Fumiye Mary Fujii	Sueko Miyako	Kiyoto Sugiura
Seikichi Fujinami	Otosaku Miyamoto	Henry Makio Suzuki
Komasaku Fujita	Jean Harumi Miyazawa	Taeko Tagawa
Henry Masahiko Fukino	Kiyoka Miyazawa	Edward Tetsuro Tajiri
Tami Fukui	Donald Shigeru Miyoshi	Hideko Takahashi
Mae Satsuki Funakoshi	Mutsuko Mizukami	Ippachi Takahashi
Fuji Funayama	Minosuke Momoi	Kimiye Takaki
Douglas Haruo Furukawa	Henry Hayato Morimitsu	James Hajime Takemoto
Jack Yoshiharu Furukawa	Chiyo Morishige	Sumiji Tamaki
Daniel Kiyoshi Hara	Chiyoko Cherry Motosaka	George Tani, III
Yoshisaburo Hashimoto	Toshiko Murakami	Matsuichi Taoka
Hana Hayashi	Tsugiko Murata	Minoru Taoka
Kinuko Hiraoka	Natsuko Muroya	Edward Tashiro
Tomono Hirazawa	Noboru Muroya	Shina Teraji
Shizue Honda	Shizuka Nagata	Teikichi Terakado
Sadao Hora	Ayano Nakagawa	Fujiye Tobo
Kazuko Hori	Rose Hisako Nakamura	Hyosaku Tomita
Shigeru Horiuchi	Sue Tsugiko Nakamura	Momoyo Tsuchimoto
Masakuni Iguchi	Shizuyo Nakaoki	Nobuzane S. Tsumura
Mojiro Iida	Seiichi Namba	Mutsuyo Tsunoda
Hiroshi Imada	Makoto Hugh Nishimoto	Isajiro Uyeno
Harley Motoyoshi Inouye	Toshi Nitta	Goro Ray Yago
Tetsuzo Iriye	Taki Noda	Hichi Yamachika
Takeshi Kagiya	Matsutaro Noriyuki	Kaoyo Yamada
Teya Kagohara	Kosaburo Ogata	Sentaro Yamada
Thomas Shuichi Kajiwara	Morio Ogata	Bill Tadashi Yamaguchi
Takeo Kasa	Hisashi Bob Ogawa	Donald Shin Yamakishi
Ichiji Kawamata	Shigeo Ohtsu	Natsue Lillie Yamakishi
Hisashi Kinoshita	Joe Kazuma Okamoto	Gennosuke Yamamoto
Minoru Kinoshita	Manzo Okamoto	Noboru Henry Yamashita
Taki Kinoshita	Nellie Natsue Okamoto	Nancy Kiyoko Yokomizo
Masa Kishimoto	Shiogo Okamura	Isayo Yoshida
Hara Ayako Kishiyama	Sandra Yoshiko Omoto	Kiichi Ben Yoshida
Hikosaku Kishiyama	Tazo Otsuji	Kohei Yoshida
Sekihei Kiyonaga	William Mori Oyama	Louis Togo Yoshida
Robert S. Kiyotake	Edward Tetsuro Ozaki	Yoshie Yoshida
Matsu Kobayashi	Yone Ozamoto	Nao Yoshihara
Setsuji Kobayashi	Torakichi Saito	Mura Yoshimura
Shige Komatsu	Masato Sakaguchi	Jiroku Yunoki
Mitsu Kondo	Ryosuke Ray Sakaguchi	
Eva Lynne Shimoda Konz	Mitzi Misao Sakurai	
Kenzo Kuga	Isa Sameshima	
Naka Kurachi	Tamiya Sasamoto	
Shikakichi Kurachi	Mitsuko Sato	
John Shiro Kushihashi	Tom Isamu Shibao	

Religious Services

SAT June 6 11 am Hoji - offsite

SUN June 7 8:30 am Nihongo service (F)
9:30 Summer Family service (F)
1 pm Sedgwick (T)

FRI June 12 11 am Shinran's Day service (F)

SUN June 14 9:30 am Summer family service (F)
9:00 am Brighton service(T)
11 am Ft. Lupton service(T)

SAT June 20 1 pm Greeley service (T)

SUN June 21 8:30 am Nihongo service (F)
9:30 am Summer Family service (F)
May/June Shotsuki Service

Special Events

SAT June 13 8 am Manju Making
6 pm JACGP Banquet;
Arvada Centre

SUN June 21 9:30 am PrideFest Parade

FRI June 26 8 am Manju Making

SAT June 27 11 am - 8 pm Cherry Blossom Festival

SUN June 28 11 am - 4 pm Cherry Blossom Festival

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,

Dharma Discussion

Thursday nights at 7pm
June 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th
Tuesday mornings at 11am
June 2nd, 16th and 30th

(Tuesday sessions will begin with a short service)

Please join us here at the temple for evening dharma discussions. We will cover topics such as Amida Buddha and the Pure Land, basic temple etiquette, onaijin objects and other concepts related to Jodo Shinshu Buddhism. We 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.

Contact: Sensei Diana Thompson
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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)

June 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1(R) 8:30 Nihongo service (F) 9:30 Summer Family service 1 pm Sedgwick (T)	2(R) 11 am Dharma Disc (T)	3(R) pm Prison Chaplains' group visitation	4 7 pm Minyo practice 7 pm Dharma Disc (T)	5(R) 11 am Shinran's Day service (F)	6(R) 9 am Time w/Fujii 11 am Hoji - offsite
7 (R) 8:30 Nihongo service (F) 9:30 Summer Family service 1 pm Sedgwick (T)	8(R) 9:30 Summer Family service 1 pm Sedgwick (T)	9 (R) 11 am Dharma Disc (T)	10(R) 1 pm ATLA visitors (T)	11 7 pm Minyo practice 7 pm Dharma Disc (T)	12 11 am Shinran's Day service (F)	13 8 am Manju making 9 am Time w/Fujii
14 9:30 Summer Family service 9 am Brighton (T) 11 am Ft. Lupton (T)	15 7 pm Minyo practice	16 11 am Dharma Disc (T) 7 pm Huma Huma Uke	17(R) 1 pm ATLA visitors (T)	18(R) 7 pm Minyo practice 7 pm Dharma Disc (T)	19(R) 9 am ATLA Conference Denver Marriott (T)	20(R) 9 am Time w/Fujii 1 pm Greeley (T)
21(R) 8:30 Nihongo service 9:30 Summer Family service(F) May/June Shotsuski service 9:30 am PrideFest parade (T)	22 7 pm Minyo practice	23 (R) 7 pm Huma Huma Uke	24 (R) <i>articles due for Jul/Aug newsletter</i>	25(R) CBF Sushi prep	26 8 am Manju making	27 Cherry Blossom Festival 
28 Cherry Blossom Festival 	29 7 pm Minyo practice	30 11 am Dharma Disc (T)		7 pm Dharma Disc (T)		

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 1 pm Sedgwick Hakamairi (T)	6 7 (R)	8 (R)	9 (R)	10 (R) 11 am Shinran's Day Service (F)	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 (F) Rev. Thompson in Spokane, WA	13 14	15	16	17	18 9 am Time w/Fujii 12 noon Greeley Hakamairi 3 pm Obon Service 6 pm Obon Odori	
19 8:30 am Nihongo service(F) 9:30 Family Service 11 am TSDBT Board Mtg	20 (R) 21 (R) 9 am Burial service Ault Cemetery	22 (R)	23	24 (R)	25 (R) 9 am Time w/Fujii	
26 (R) 9:30 Summer Family service July Shotsuki service	27 28	29	30	31		

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Are you a member of the Buddhist Temple?

You are a TSDBT Member when you can affirm any or all of the following statements - especially the final one:

* I was in Dharma School, my kids were in Dharma School, my grandkids were in Dharma School and now my great-grandkids are in Dharma School. ☺

* I come to the Temple to listen to and learn the Teachings of the Buddha.

* I have grilled chicken in the back alleyway in 100+ degree weather for every Sakura Matsuri since the beginning of time.

* I personally knew Rev. Tamai.

* I can recite the Golden Chain and Three Treasures from memory.

* I can sing Ondokusan a capella.

* I send in offerings for every monthly special service.

* I know where the Boiler Room is.

* I feel welcome whenever I am here.

* I realize the gift of Namo Amida Butsu.

* I have helped move tables and chairs at least 50 billion times.

* I know what 'osaisen' is.

* I serve on the _____ Committee.

I am a Board Member.

I am a YBA Advisor.

I sing in the Choir.

I dance at Obon.

* Sunday Bake Sales are my Sunday lunch.

* I know who you are talking about when you say, "Kitchen Lady"

* I know the value of a parking code.

Final One:

* I have registered and pay my Membership Dues of \$324/adult/year with a smile on my face and gratitude (for all the above) in my heart.