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Sakura Matsuri
Cherry Blossom
Festival

June 18 & 19

Summary of the Vows for our return to this world (12 Vows: Vow #22 through #32)

I see the Amida's directing of virtue to sentient beings has two aspects: the aspect for our going forth to the Pureland and the aspect for our return to this world. There are the 48 vows in the larger sutra pertaining to going and returning. 36 vows (75%) reference going from this world to Amida's World, and 12 vows (25%) reference our return to this world (Vow #22 through #32 below).

For example, when I vacation in European countries, I devote 75% of my efforts in preparation for the trip such as gathering: passport, money, camera, air tickets, schedule, health check, medical insurance, proper clothes, and so forth. I need a lot to prepare for the trip. After I have enjoyed my vacation I need 25% preparation to come back, such as gathering air ticket, pictures, baggage, passport, interesting episodes, and so on. I should be careful not to leave anything valuable behind.

"Going" requires a lot of preparation making the "returning" trip easier. Let's check the many aspects for "returning" while following the 12 vows listed in simpler form below:

Vow #22: Attainment of the stage of succession to Buddhahood. *i.e. First, I get to Europe and then I am ready to go places.*

Vow #23: I reach all innumerable and countless Buddha-lands in the brief period of a single meal. *i.e. I visit around places one after another within limited days. Every place is wonderful, beautiful, and unforgettable.*

Vow #24: I bow to every place with respect and gratitude. *i.e. I experience something profound at each place.*

Vow #25: I attain Dharma with all-knowing wisdom. *i.e. I recognize long histories and peoples' efforts to make each place possible. I see them clearly and I become a capable man to share these with others after I finish the vacation.*

Vow #26: I keep my body in perfect shape during the trip (Possess the diamond-like body).

Vow #27: I see glorious and resplendent forms and colors that are beyond description. My mind becomes glorious and resplendent at the same time.

Vow #28: I recognize and experience the essence of each place I visit.

Vow #29: When I share my experiences after the trip, I already possessed wisdom and eloquence.

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Monthly Salutations

from Rev. Diana Thompson

Hello everyone, welcome to June! And what a busy month it will be. There will be Dharma Discussions, another sake tasting class, the Dharma School picnic, the grad banquet, an outdoor service at the Denver Botanical Gardens, manju making, marching in the PrideFest Parade and of course, the Cherry Blossom Festival. In looking at this list of events I cannot help but be overwhelmed, not because of how busy I will be all month, but because it is a long list of events that provide our sangha with a wide variety of opportunities to get to know each other better.

At our Sunday services, we often recite the Three Treasures together and in doing so we are taking refuge in the Buddha, the Dharma and the Sangha. What does this mean, you may ask? To take refuge is exactly what it sounds like, it is seeking 'shelter' or 'safe haven.' When we recite the Three Treasures, we are affirming for ourselves that we find this spiritual shelter in the teachings (Dharma) of the Buddha as well as the community (sangha) that gathers with us to hear and share those teachings. Sangha is included in the Three Treasures because it is just as important as the Buddha and the Dharma. Because of the sangha, the teachings of the Buddha have been spread through thousands of years and over thousands of miles. Sanghas are responsible for the building and maintaining of temples, for the translation and publication of numerous texts and for helping to shape the teachings so that they continue to be heard and understood no matter where they may be.

Shinran Shonin often referred to his sangha as 'fellow travelers.' This was meant to convey a sense of togetherness; all those gathered to hear and study the Dharma were on the journey together. When we come to the temple, we are doing so because we are looking for or have already found refuge in the teachings of Buddha but we also do so because we are looking for or have already found refuge in the sangha. Yes, our spiritual journeys are very personal and we find that we may need or want the teachings at varying degrees throughout our lives but when we find ourselves amidst a group of fellow travelers who help and support each other through the journey we

begin to truly understand and appreciate the reason that we take refuge in the sangha.

So this month, take time to check the temple calendar and find the events that you want to attend. Whether it is a religious service, a class, a casual social activity or helping to cook food at the Cherry Blossom Festival, all are ways to create and strengthen bonds within the sangha. And the next time you recite the Three Treasures, pay some extra attention to the sangha line 'may we all together become units in true accord, in a life of harmony, in a spirit of universal oneness, freed from the bondage of selfishness.' The Dharma was meant to be shared with all beings and when we come together to chant and hear Dharma talks or to eat and laugh, we are participating in that sharing by showing that we truly are living lives of harmony and oneness.

Namo Amida Butsu.

Summary of Vows *(continued from page 1)*

Vow #30: My wisdom and eloquence have no limitation. *i.e. I am perfect to share what I have experienced.*

Vow #31: I don't miss or forget anything - as if I see my own face in a clear mirror. I am ready to share what I experienced.

Vow #32: The places I visited are filled with wonderful fragrance which generates my mind to practice the Buddha-way. *i.e. I am filled with the sense to perform something essential for life.*

These are the preparations to lead all sentient beings to Immeasurable Working. I go there, I visit places, view them, understand them as they are, I don't miss anything at places I visit, and I attain wisdom and eloquence to lead people to the highest enlightenment. The virtue of the worlds in the ten directions make me so. Firstly, enter the World of Amida. Don't worry about anything! The virtues of Immeasurable Working naturally make you so.

In Gassho,
Rev. Doei Fujii

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どうして貧富の差が生まれるのだろうか

社会には貧富の差がある。富める者とそうでない者がいる。電気のエジソン、コンピューターのビル・ゲイツ、自動車のフォードみたいな巨万の富を手にした富豪がいる反面、貧困にあえぐ者、今日の食事のままならない者が多くいるのがアメリカと世界の現実であり、四秒に一人が餓死しておているのがこの世である。ではその富める者とそうでない者との差はどうして生まれるのだろうか。

財を成した者は頭脳明晰、努力家、将来を観る目があつた、運が強かつた、チャンスを逃さなかつた。だからこそ財をなしえたと説明は色々ある。が、その一つの説明の中に「人生は短いから差がつく」と言う説明にであつた。例えば、マラソンと百メートル競走はどうだろうか。百メートル競走では走者は一息で駆け抜ける。短いから勝負はすぐにつく。マラソンは長いから途中で何が起きるか分からない。天候が急変してり、前の走者がこぼした水ですべりこけたり、観衆が邪魔するかも知れない。「人生は短いから差がつく」とその説は示す。

では、企業や会社はどうか。百年も生き延びる企業は全体の二割以下。多くの企業は一代で栄え、二世代目で保ち、三世代目で8割以上が消え去るのが常らしい。プロのギャンブラーさえも博打場に一年も十年もいつづけていたら、どのプロでも必ず負けるとプロがいう。つまり、一般の皆様は勝てないようにできている。短時間ならギャンブルで勝てるが、一年も十年も休むことなくつづけたら誰しも負ける。勝者と敗者の差が生まれるのは「時間の長短」にある。人生、短ければある人は勝者となり、長ければ誰しもが負ける。

人生は短いという。百年前後の人生をあなたは長いと感じるか、それとも短いと感じるか、どちらだろうか。仏典には「昔の昔、人の人生は二万年だった」とあるが、今の常識からでは夢物語としか思えない。だが、もし人生が本当に二万年になったらどうだろうか。つまりは、敗者ばかりになるということだろうか。

仏典には私たちの心を次のように示している。「田なければ無いを憂い、田あれば有るをうれう」と。田んぼが有ろうが無かろうが、どっちに転んでも「安心はない」ということ。まあ、この辺で肝（はら）をすえねばねー。私は仏法に出会ってから一つ思うところがあるんですよ。それは「持てぬ弱み、持たぬ強み」ということ。無一物、ということ。何も持っていなければ、何も失うことはない。何も失うもののない人生もいいもんですよ。合掌、藤井道栄

Dharma School Wrapping Up Another Year

The Dharma School Family Picnic (and short service) is coming up Sunday, June 5 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm at Memorial Park in Arvada [the address is 8001 W. 59th Ave., Arvada - directly behind Arvada City Hall]. Food is ala PotLuck and there will be games galore to play. We hope to see everyone there!

There are no Dharma School classes during the summer. Classes will resume on September 11, the first Sunday after Labor Day. (Note: services are scheduled through the Summer months; 9:30 a.m. on Sundays)

Please join us in welcoming Sara Robinson, who has volunteered as co-superintendent starting this fall. Thanks, Sara, for stepping up, and thanks to all the new and returning teachers who will also be volunteering in the Dharma School 2016/2017 school year. For Dharma School business during the summer, you can contact Amy Nitta at amynitta@hotmail.com or (303) 521-8083. We'll look forward to seeing you all in September!

*Tri-State/Denver Buddhist Temples'
membership offers welcome and congratula-
tions to the following Hatsumairi families:*

*Rocco Anthony Kerrigan
son of
Maritza & Joseph Kerrigan*

*Erik Michael Ozaki Crumm
son of
Keiko Ozaki & Ahren Crumm*

*Grey Keoki Lo
son of
Stevie & Justin Lo*

*Ren Hisashi Umetani
son of
Shannon & Zachary Umetani*

*Alexandra Marriott
daughter of
Elena Andronova & Luke Marriott*

YBA Votes in NEW Officers

As the 2015/2016 Dharma school year comes to a close, the YBA is already thinking about next year. We recently voted for officers and would like to congratulate those who were selected to help represent and run YBA, making our community as amazing as it is! First, YBA welcomes **Quentin Yamasaki** and **Allison Phillips** as co-presidents. Quentin will be a junior at East High School and Allison will be a senior at Columbine High School. The vice president of YBA will be **Robert Tanaka** (junior). The secretaries are **Lindsay Phillips** (sophomore) and **Anna Tsuchimoto** (sophomore). Finally, the treasurer will be **Michael Inouye** (junior) and he will also be our head chef. We also have class representatives that will speak for their groups in all of our meetings and votes. Congratulations to all of our new officers and we look forward to another great year!

YBA Sunshine Trip 2016

The Sunshine Trip is a YBA sponsored, two-week long, California-bound, road trip by bus, ridden by well-behaved (rowdy), fun-loving (contemplative) high school Buddhist students and their equally well-behaved (beleaguered), fun-loving (much tired-er) adult advisors/minister. Along the circuitous route, stops are planned to visit different BCA temples, meet fellow YBA students and Sangha members, and (with luck) participate in another's Obon Odori (plus, be home in time for our TSDBT Obon☺).

What began in 1976 with Rev. Okamoto and occurs every four years (like the presidential elections), has flourished – becoming a somewhat Rite of Passage for our YBA students. Though it requires A LOT of planning and coordination work, along with much foresight and teamwork, this year's Sunshine Trip is queued up to take off this summer (July) fulfilling the quadrennial timeline established 40 years ago.

Congratulations and best wishes for a memorable journey to all YBA students, advisors, parents and ministers. This 2016 Sunshine Trip is especially auspicious because it occurs during our Temple's 100th year; as such a Sunshine Trip Reunion has been planned for all past Sunshine participants. . . please read the article immediately following:

Sunshine Trip Reunion

Attention advisors and participants of the many Sunshine trips. The 100 Year Committee is holding a potluck reunion lunch-in at the temple on **August 6th** for all of the people who went on a Sunshine trip. We would like to start at noon. If you wish to RSVP for the event please email me, Mieko Ospina, at mospina92@gmail.com. Details to follow.



Earlier this year, the Federation of Dharma School Teachers League (FDSTL) had a poetry contest for all BCA Dharma School students. The theme for the contest was "Gratitude". Each district in the FDSTL was allocated funds for selected entries in their district. The winning entries were displayed during the FDSTL Conference which was held in Sacramento, California on April 29 – May 1, 2016.

The poem "Kansha" by Emily Nguyen was selected as the entry from the Mountain States District.

In 2015, FDSTL hosted an art contest for Dharma school students. In 2017, FDSTL will host a video contest with the theme "I am a link...", which will be open to Dharma School students off all ages with mixed age groups encouraged.



Kansha (Appreciation)

there will be days when the sound of harbour lights are forgotten
 murmur and heat rumbling,
 we are disturbed, swallowed
 hole gouged and swollen, empty ache, never healing
 tearless, to steal away air from voice

such pain it is to know each blade, each feather, storm and fire
 drowning, burning, bleeding cherry blossom memories and warm-chest moments
 we have swallowed hurt and drunk sorrow
 beyond, above, together, within, a breadth of a universe
 we, little river stones, ever-weathered by each current

remember every visible silence,
 warm arms like tethers,
 infinitum, within an hourglass
 as above with such reverence we hold
 in a blossom, so we give to ourselves

press plush-lipped kisses to the sky,
 cold-capped peaks and golden forests pressed to our tongues
 hold close our heartsongs
 singing of firebirds and burning pain, death and awakening stars
 we are *here*

here,
 linking hope, clutching faithful to our hearts
 all that we hold dear, in soft whispers
 with lives like smiths and we crafts of wonder
 we birds fly with tempests on our horizons and sunlight in the distance

you are a song.

Emily Nguyen
 Dharma School/YBA, 12th Grade
 Tri-State Denver Buddhist Temple
 Mountain States District

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Hanamatsuri service

Glenn & Michelle Asakawa	Fumiko Yamashita
Shizue Asano	Richard & Michiko Yoshida
Brighton Buddhist Sangha	Susumu Yoshikawa
Brighton Japanese American Assoc	

In memory of Keiji Kusumi – 33rd yr

Michiko Chikuma	Jennifer Ishida
DBT Karate	Jaime Ishida
DBT Choir	Marilyn Ishida
Frances Furukawa	Art & Tamiko Koyano
Miyuki Mabel Googins	Jonathan Kusumi
Kay Takako Hatanaka	Henry & Melanie Kusumi
Kenzo & Shirley Horiuchi	McCracken Family
Gary & Shirley Horiuchi	
Ken & Amy Inouye	
Kim Inouye	
JAAC	

In memory of Janet (Endo) Norimoto

Susan & Chris Brietkopf
Brad Endo
Friends & Family
Maureen & Gary Fujiki
Tim & Pam Kawakami & family
Ruby Mayeda Family
Frank Miyazawa
Courtney & Sannon Moch
Teri & Charles Ozaki
Donna & Glenn Sanada & family
Craig & Cheryl Tateishi
Cynthia & Jeff Tatsumi

Kenso & Peggy Kagiya	<u>April Shotsuki</u>	<u>in memory of</u>
Charles Kagiya	Yo & Betty Shimamoto	Amy Shimamoto
Beulah & Tsutomu Kagiya	Yuriko Shimoda	Amy Shimamoto
Jack & Alice Kimura	Janet Fujita	Chiyo Fujita
Yuji & Aiko Kimura & family	Jayne Yoshimura	Chiyo Fujita
Ayako Kimura	Donna Inouye	Florence Hatsuko Yanaru
Manabu & Junko Kimura	Shizue Asano	G. Koishi
Art & Tamiko Koyano	G. Tsutsui	Haruko Kimura
Rhonda Matsuno	Reiko Urano	Henry Urano
Randy Matsushima	Leonard & Alice Mizuno	Humiko Fumiko Mamiya
Frank Miyazawa	Family of Misayo & James Fukuhara	James Fukuhara
Lillian & Phillip Miyazawa	Family of Misayo & James Fukuhara	Misayo Fukuhara
Mary & Preston, Jr. Morishige	Ida Sasaki	Jim Fukuhara & Misayo Fukuhara
Bill & Ann Murphy	Mabel Googins	Jody Yamasaki
Dat & Naomi Nguyen	Youko Yamasaki	Jody Yamasaki
Alice Nishimoto	Sue Yoshimura	Jody Yamasaki
Alan & Jolie Noguchi	Charles & Teri Ozaki	Joe Motoichi Ozaki
Cal & Donna Noguchi	JoAnne Sato	Jojiro Honda
Ohara School of Ikebana	Richard & Michiko Yoshida	Keichi Yoshida
Takeshi & Kumiko Ohtake	Beulah & Tsutomu Kagiya	Keichi Yoshida
Stacey Umemoto Ospina	Kathleen Yamada	Keiji Kusumi
Joe & Jill Ozaki	Bill & Ann Murphy	Kumiko Kate Yoshihara
Charles & Teri Ozaki	Joe & Jill Ozaki	Martha Masako Cox-Ozaki
K. Redding	Beulah & Tsutomu Kagiya	Roy Kiyoshi Kagiya
David & Joni Sakaguchi	Janet Fujita	Setsu Sato
JoAnne Sato	Kenzo & Shirley Horiuchi	Shirley S. Horiuchi, Sakiye
Hank & Irene Shibao	Horiuchi, Jojiro Honda
Dora Shibata	Richard & Michiko Yoshida	Susumu Kagiya
Yuriko Shimoda	Lenard Nobuta	Toyo & Yoneko Nobuta
Kay Takahashi	Jack & Alice Kimura	Tsurue Kimura
Sayoko Takata	Anthony Clemenger	
Sumiye Tanaka	<u>Donations</u>	<u>for the purpose of</u>
Michio & Hisae Taniwaki	Anonymous	donation
William & Wendy Thompson	Kagiya Families	3 new podiums for Temple use
Ted & Elaine Tsumura	Longview High School	visitation
Tom Urano, Jr.	Kenneth & June Tagawa	in memory of Carolyn Tagawa – 33 rd yr
Everett Watada	Randy, Faye, Sean, Karen & Rob Koto	in memory of Haru Koto
Nate Wilson	Theodore Matsuo	in memory of Tamaki Matsuo 1 st yr
Louise Yamaguchi	Kathleen & Lorraine Ashida	in memory of Tomi Takahashi,
Judy Yamakishi & Vernon Lee	Roy Takahashi & Melvyn Ashida

TSDBT gratefully acknowledges donations and offerings received from April 1, 2016 - April 30, 2016:

In memory of Eiko Tagawa – 3rd yr

Yuji & Aiko Kimura & family
Cheryl Tagawa
George H. Tagawa
Kenneth & June Tagawa
Scott Tagawa



Osaisen

5th Grade Dharma Class
Armijo Family
Jr. YBA Dharma Class
Takeshi & Kumiko Ohtake
Preschool Dharma Class
Rose Shibao

Facilities Usage

DBT Craft Class
Wednesday Nite Bball
Colorado Judo League



Arigato Gozaimasu

Thank you to the following for your help in getting last month's newsletter out the door: Alley, Yoshimi, Peggy, Judy, Mary Jane, Mabel, Richard, Dora, Shirley, Mike and Michi.

Thank you Kaitlyn Mascher-Mace for obtaining and setting up Rev. Fujii's desktop computer.

Thank you Dat Nguyen for placing "related" software on all the office desktop computers. Also, thank you for nurturing the copier/printers.

Thank you Mike Shibata for collecting Dharma School music materials for all TSDBT temples from the last FDSTL Conference. Thank you also, for keeping the Temple "informed" – specifically by providing a copy of Emily Nguyen's poetry entry for publication in this issue.

Thank you Tom Urano, Jr. for your faithful guidance and assistance in this year's Memorial Service circuit; it is a weekend of ministers needing to be in many different locations at simultaneous times. You are a great help in keeping everyone/thing on task.

Please consider making an in-kind donation for this year's Cherry Blossom Festival (list printed below) to help offset Temple expenses. Items that are not used during the festival are put to use throughout the year for various functions including Dharma School bake sales, 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

Cherry Blossom Festival Save the Dates

The Cherry Blossom Festival (CBF) committee would to solicit your additional support and help in the pre-festival activities. The festival will be successful with the full support and participation of the entire sangha. During the week prior to the festival there are opportunities for you to roll up your sleeves and join us in MANY tasks. Any and all help will be GREATLY appreciated. Please contact Gayle Goto (303-594-5839 or ggoto@comcast.net) if you have any questions. The schedule of activities is:

Wednesday, June 15th – Day and/or evening activities depending upon the level of support

- Preparation of Panko Dogs (600)
- Packaging Noodles for Asian Salad (600)
- Moving equipment and supplies from the basement storage rooms to the auditorium

Thursday, June 16th

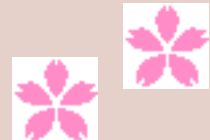
- Preparation of the ingredients for Maki Sushi (day activity)
- Cooking and packaging chicken for the Asian Salad (600) - Day and/or evening activities depending upon the level of support
- Help with Hondo set up - Day and/or evening activities depending upon the level of support
 - Moving chairs and partitions
- Clean Lettuce for Asian Salad (evening)

Friday, June 17th

- 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. – Mochi Manju contact:
Rebecca Steinebrey rsteinebrey@msn.com
OR Donna Noguchi dnnoguchi@gmail.com
- 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. – Marinate Chicken
- Set up for festival The Cherry Blossom Festival – all day and into the night

In-kind Donation List

- Soda Pop - Brand Names (NO DIET) - **as much as possible**
- wooden disposable hashi (waribashi) chopsticks
- SPAM, original flavor
- Green Tea Bags
- Coffee
- Mochiko
- Somen Noodles
- Plastic Wrap
- Zip Lock Bags, 1 gallon
- Laundry detergent
- Reams of white copy paper
- Stamps





100th Year Anniversary Celebration



A wonderful event at the Denver Botanic Gardens:

The Denver Botanic Gardens (DBG) has gifted the temple with a limited number of complimentary admissions for our members for June 12, 2016, between 9:30 AM and 2:00 PM. Our temple has a close relationship with the DBG through our Denver Bonsai Club. A special service is planned, open to all TSDBT Sanghas, at 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM in the West Terrace near the Bill Hosokawa Garden. Bonsai dedication and recognition to the founding members of the Bonsai Club will also be occur at this service. A self-guided tour of the Botanic Gardens, also featuring a fun scavenger hunt for all ages, will be featured. Two limited capacity complimentary busses will transport signees from the temple, especially our elders, to and from the event venue. The TSDBT Sanghas, each provided with a number of allocated passes for their members, will manage their supplied passes. After all tickets are allocated through sign up lists, members and our community friends are still welcome, and encouraged to join us using any remaining tickets or at the reasonable entry fees of the Denver Botanic Gardens. This is expected to be a very special event. Mark it down as a "must attend" event. Since this event is a new activity, stay tuned for potential minor updates as we approach the event.

Get prepared for our coming celebration weekend and banquet:

Between the weekly+ meetings for the Executive Planning Committee members, a General Meeting of all Committee members for the various 100th Anniversary celebration activities, and other special meetings to include checking out the Sentimental Swing Band for the after banquet entertainment, April has been quite a busy month. The Committee got together one evening to stuff and mail out over 750 "Save the Date" magnets for all members and any other interested parties. (Did you get yours? If not, contact someone on the committee!) It is important for all interested members to know that our venue, the Arvada Center banquet facility, is sizable, but will have a limited seating capacity! That means, if you would like to attend the

Saturday night banquet we urge you to respond as soon as you get your invitation. These invitations will be mailed within the rapidly approaching next few months.

We are past the halfway mark of 2016 until our big celebration, September 30 – October 2, 2016. On this weekend we will have invited guests to include former Tri-State ministers, BCA officials, city and state dignitaries. And, of course, this is the opportunity for all Temple members and friends to come together for the many special services and celebrations planned for that weekend. So, mark those dates on your personal and family calendars!

Amache Pilgrimage: The 100th Anniversary Committee plans to participate in the Annual Pilgrimage to the Amache Re-location Camp on May 21, 2016. We will make recognitions during the luncheon potluck program.

100th Anniversary History Books Don't miss out on this wonderful book with stories of member Temple histories, affiliated organizations, and personal families, accented with a few "I Remember" episodes. The stories are informative, amusing, as well as heart warming. An order form was included in the May issue of the "Temple Reflections" newsletter. Your orders and pick-ups may also be completed during the Sunday Dharma School bake sale period, or during the Cherry Blossom Festival and Obon.



Potential Participants of the 150th Yr Celebration Kick Up Their Heels at the 100 Year Event Held at Boondocks on April 24th!

Sangha Member Request

I am the president of the Board of Trustees for Savio House, a non-profit child welfare agency in Denver. Savio has become a pioneer in developing evidence based therapy programs to treat the youth, their parents and other siblings in the family and reuniting the troubled youth in a safe and supportive environment. We have expanded services to include children who suffer from abuse and neglect. Interventions and therapies have been developed to treat the children and their parents so that the family can be reunited.

Savio is looking for people who may be interested in providing foster care. If you or someone you know might be interested, I can put you/them in touch with someone who can give the details of the program to see if there is a fit. Please contact me, Ron Abo, at:
ron@theabogroup.com
OR call: 720-236-7977

You can find additional information on the Savio House website: www.saviohouse.org

Please Share Your Recipes

The Temple cookbook project committee still needs your recipes for the 100th Anniversary Cookbook. We've gotten family favorites and some dedicated to a beloved loved one. We still need more recipes though, because we hope to produce a cookbook that everyone will use often.

Please submit recipes by June 30, 2016, to:
Gail Ida at gailann.ida@gmail.com,
or to Kathy Kuge at mlkuge@msn.com.

You can also leave your recipes in the collection box in the Temple lobby. We ask that you include your name and the name of the person who originated the recipe if you are submitting someone else's recipe, your email address and phone number for clarification purposes, if we need it.

If you would like to share a short blurb about the recipe(s) we may be incorporating that into the content of the cookbook. For instance, why it is a favorite, what occasion it was made for, history of the dish, who made it, a funny anecdote, and whatever else you would like to share. But please remember that we will do our best to include what we can.

Board Members & Officers

Denver Buddhist Temple has 16 representatives on the Tri-State Denver Buddhist Temple Board of Directors. Following the completion of elections this Spring, the representatives of the Denver Buddhist Temple for 2016 are (in alphabetical order):

- Wayne Berve
- Jon Campbell
- Sam Davis
- Gayle Goto
- Dennis Hardman
- Ann Hyde
- Randy Matsushima
- Karen Mascher-Mace
- Chad Nitta
- Charles Ozaki
- Missy Phillips
- Joni Sakaguchi
- Randy Sasaki
- Rebecca Steinebrey
- Kevin Yoshida
- Zak Umetani

Board Officers are elected through an internal vote of all voting members of the Tri-State Denver Buddhist Temple Board of Directors. The following have been elected as officers for 2016:

- **Co-Presidents:** Chad Nitta & Rebecca Steinebrey
- **Co-Recording Secretaries:** Dennis Hardman & Karen Mascher-Mace
- **Treasurer:** Kevin Yoshida

Thank you to all Sangha members who voted in the election for DBT representatives. The Temple is facing many new and exciting challenges and there are plenty of opportunities to volunteer, including serving on the Board in the future. If you interested in helping, please contact any current member of the Board.

June Shotsuki Names

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

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



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,

Religious Services

SUN June 5 8:30 am Nihongo service (F)
10 am Dharma School Picnic service
1 pm Sedgwick service

FRI June 10 11 am Shinran's Day service (F)

SAT June 11 1 pm Greeley service (T)

SUN June 12 9:30 Summer Family service
11 am service at Botanic Gardens

WED June 15 6 pm LaJara/Alamosa

SUN June 19 NO service [Cherry Blossom Festival]

SAT June 25 11:30 am Inurnment; Crown Hill

SUN June 26 June Shotsuki
9:30 am Summer Family service

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

*Grace Kiyotake
December 4, 1930 - April 16, 2016*

*Tom Momoi
November 28, 1927 - April 9, 2016*

Special Events

SAT June 4 4 pm Sake Tasting Class
(100 Yr Event)

SAT June 11 6 pm JACGP Banquet
Arvada Centre

SUN June 12 10:30 am Botanic Gardens
service; 100 Yr Event

SAT-SUN June 18 & 19 Cherry Blossom Festival

SUN June 19 Pride Fest Parade

Heads Up Notice

In anticipation of Sangha members' scheduling conflicts (we know they will happen; but hope lead time will allow for freedom of planning on your part), we are announcing Obon/Hatsubon Service and Bon Odori times and dates: Saturday, July 30th; service at 3 pm, dancing at 6 pm

Affirmation Service

Ceremony to receive a Buddhist Name

Date: Saturday, October 1, 2016

Time: 10:00 am

Place: Temple Hondo

Officiant: Bishop Kodo Umezu

Requirements for Receiving A Buddhist Name

- Recipient must be a temple member (or minor child of a member).
- Registration Fee: \$100 (this fee covers national BCA fees, souvenirs to recipient, Orei to Bishop, and other expenses.)
Please make your check payable to:
Tri-State/Denver Buddhist Temple
- Deadline: July 31, 2016.

An Application Form and additional information is accessible online at www.tsdbt.org. You can also pick up a printed form in the Temple lobby when you attend Sunday Services. Thank you.

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)

July 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31 July Shotsuki service 9:30 am Summer Family service (F/T)		R = Rockies Game			1	2 3 pm Hoji - offsite
3 NO Service	4 Office Closed	5	6 YBA Sunshine Trip (T) Lajara/Alamosa Hakamairi (F) 7 pm Minyo	7 R Albuquerque, NM Hakamairi (F)	8 R 11 am Shinran's Day Service (F)	9 R 1 pm Hoji - offsite (F)
10 R	11 YBA Sunshine Trip (T)	12 YBA Sunshine Trip (T)	13	14	15	16
8:30 am Nihongo service(F) 9:30 Summer Family Service 1 pm Sedgwick Hakamairi						4 pm Wedding (F) 6 pm Hoji (F)
17 YBA Sunshine Trip (T) 9:30 Summer Family service 9am Brighton service 11 am Ft. Lupton service 11:30 TSDBT Board mtg	18 R 7 pm Minyo	19 R 7 pm Minyo	20 R 7 pm Minyo	21 R	22 R	23 R 11 am Greeley Hakamairi 12 noon Greeley service
24 R 9:30 am Summer Family Service	25 7 pm Minyo	26 7 pm Odori practice	27 7 pm Odori practice	28 7 pm Odori practice	29 5 pm Hoji	30 3 pm Obon/Hatsubon Service 6 pm Obon Odori



June 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	R = Rockies Game		1 R	2 R Donna Out of Office	3	4 9 am Dharma Disc (F) 4 pm Sake tasting
5 8:30 am Nihongo service (F) Dharma School Picnic (T) 1 pm Sedgwick service (F)	6 Donna Out of Office	7 Donna Out of Office	8 7 pm JACGP mtg	9 7 pm Dharma Disc (T)	10 R 11 am Shinran's Day Service (F)	11 R 1 pm Greeley(T) 6 pm JACGP Banquet Arvada Centre (F/T)
12 R 11 a.m. 100 YR service at Botanic Garden (T)	13	14 R	15 R 6 pm Lajara/Alamosa(F)	16 7 pm Humu Humu 7 pm Dharma Disc (T)	17 ALL day - CBF Prep	18 Cherry Blossom Festival 
19 Pride Fest Parade Cherry Blossom Festival 	20	21 articles due for July/August newsletter 7 pm Humu Humu	22 7 pm Minyo	23 R 7 pm Dharma Disc (T)	24 R	25 R 11:30 am Inurnment (Crown Hill)
26 R JUNE Shotsuki (F/T) 9:30 Summer Family service	27 R	28 R	29 R	30 7 pm Minyo 7 pm Dharma Disc (T)		



TSDBT/ Dharma School Family Picnic

Sunday June 5th, 2016

10am-2pm

Memorial Park

8001 W 59th Ave, Arvada

Between Olde Wadsworth Blvd and Balsam St

Short Service at 10am. Followed by potluck lunch, games, and bingo!

Dharma School students, be sure to come for fun games and prizes.

There's room for volleyball and other lawn games, a playground, and disc golf.

Dharma School will provide hamburgers, veggie burgers, hotdogs, and drinks (soda and water).

Please bring a dish to share with 6-8 people, using suggestions below:

Last name beginning with A-J: dessert or fruit

Last name beginning with K-S: side dish, salad, burger and hotdog fixings (lettuce, tomatoes, etc.)

Last name beginning with T-Z: main dish

We hope to see you all there!

Dharma Discussion

Tri-State Denver Buddhist Temple
with Rev. Diana Thompson

Thursday evenings at 7 p.m.

June 9th, 16th, and 30th

Please join us here at the temple for dharma discussions to cover topics such as Amida Buddha and the Pure Land, basic temple etiquette, onajin objects and other concepts related to Jodo Shinshu Buddhism. We encourage participants to introduce their own questions and topics 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.

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BUDDHADHARMA – The Practitioners' Quarterly

The magazine, *BuddhaDharma – Practitioners' Quarterly*, Spring, 2016 issue cover story, "What is Enlightenment?" features five dharma teachers including Rev. Dr. David Matsumoto, newly appointed IBS Provost. The magazine is available widely.

New! For a limited time, *Buddhadharma* is extending a discount rate for new subscriptions by BCA community; *and \$10 will be donated to BCA for each new subscription.* This is a quarterly magazine covering many schools of Buddhism. Visit the BCA website and click on the Buddhadharma and BCA page.

BCA EDUCATION NEWS AND EVENTS

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