



# Temple Reflections

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## Formula in Buddhism

### The 18 Vow: #4; King of Vows

You see the formula below. These are essential items when learning the Teaching of Buddha. They go as follows:

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

### The 18<sup>th</sup> Vow

"If, when I attain Buddhahood, the sentient beings of the 10 quarters who, with sincere and entrusting heart, aspire to be born in my land and **say my name** even 10 times, should not be born there, may I not attain the perfect enlightenment. Excluded are those who commit the five grave offenses and those who slander the right Dharma."

### Words:

1. Sentient being of the 10 quarters: Sentient being = you and me
2. Sincere heart: The heart generated by Wisdom of Buddha.
3. Entrusting heart: The heart generated by Compassion of Buddha.
4. Aspire to be born in my land: The future direction of my life.
5. Even 10 times: As long as my life lasts, even very short, recitation is essential.
6. Five grave offenses: Those who commit offenses such as (1) murder father, (2) murder mother, (3) murder Bodhisattvas, (4) murder Buddha, (5) destroy harmony in sangha.
7. Slander the right Dharma: False spoken statements related to Mahayana Teaching.



March & April  
Buddhist  
Holidays. . .

Ohigan  
Spring Equinox

Hanamatsuri  
Flower Festival  
Buddha's Birthday

Jodo-Shinshu is the Teaching of "hearing." When I listen to a song, its essence appears to me. Or, its essence generates clear experience in my mind. When I hear the essence of Wisdom (what I am) and Compassion (Namo-Amida-Butsu), it is the moment of "Aha-experience" because aha-experience contains sincere heart, aspiration of birth, and entrusting with no-doubt.

The 18<sup>th</sup> Vow does not require me to do any practice such as practice of meditation, sharing, efforts, patience, or observance of precepts. The Vow requires me only to listen to the Teaching. Then, its essence brings "aha-moment" to me. I don't create or generate any clear and joyful experience by my own power and ability - the essence of Wisdom and Compassion appear to me. That's why this experience is so-called experience of "Other Power (not My Power and Ability, or not Self-Power)."

The 18<sup>th</sup> Vow also signifies "Shinjin-Faith." "Shinjin" means that our hearts and minds become clear and distinct. This awareness and experience also include every item in the formula above.

In Gassho,  
Rev. Doei Fujii

# Monthly Salutations

from Rev. Diana Thompson

Hello everyone! Welcome to Springtime! To begin with, I would like to make a quick correction to last month's article. The holiday in February is Nirvana Day (Nehan-e), or the celebration of the historical Buddha's passing into final Nirvana. All of the aisles full of Valentine's Day paraphernalia distracted me from Nirvana, I am clearly not enlightened ☺.

For the months of March and April, we will observe Spring O-higan and Hanamatsuri respectively. O-higan is observed in both Spring and Fall around the equinoxes and is a time of reflection, specifically, reflection on the 'other shore' of enlightenment. Hanamatsuri is the celebration of the birth of the historical Buddha. Both of course, are important holidays for us as Buddhists.

As springtime begins, we can gradually see the days beginning to lengthen and it is this extra time that monastic communities use to contemplate the realm of Nirvana/Enlightenment Truth a.k.a., the Pure Land. Whether visualizing it as it is described in the Three Pure Land Sutras or reciting the Name of Amida in gratitude, O-higan is the time to focus our thoughts as much as we can towards the 'other shore.'

Directly after the Buddha was born, he took seven steps in each of the cardinal directions and announced that throughout all of the six realms, he was the World-Honored One. This story was a foreshadowing of his future attainment of enlightenment. His taking seven steps in each direction meant that he would go beyond the six realms of existence to eventually become the 'World Honored One', one of many titles of respect given to him after he had become the Buddha. It is precisely this transcendence and the truths that the Buddha arrived at that we are meant to focus on when recalling his life story. Hanamatsuri is a time when we express our gratitude to the historical Buddha for having taught the Dharma so that generations and generations later, we would still be able to hear and receive it.

So Happy Springtime, Happy O-higan. Happy Hanamatsuri! Enjoy the longer (hopefully warmer) days and pass them with a sense of gratitude and joy.

Namo Amida Butsu

## Arigato Gozaimasu

Thank you to the following people who prepared February's newsletter mailing: Shirley Tsuchimoto, Kay Takahashi, Herb & Dot Inouye, Richard Yoshida, Cal Kato and Diana Sensei. The job is so much nicer with many happy hands.

Thank you to Glenn Asakawa for acting as Chairperson for our January HoOnko Service. Thank you to Wayne Berve for acting as MC for the ensuing HoOnko Luncheon. Both your verbal commentaries added enthusiasm to each event.

Thank you to Michelle Asakawa and Naomi Nguyen for chairing the Dharma School Nehan E and Pet Hoji service in February. Your verbiage was excellent in guiding us through a slightly altered "special service" format.

Thank you (ALOT) to Cal Kato and Gary Matsuda for keeping our front sidewalks and courtyard shovelled through all the cold and icy periods of January and February. (Did you see that the Groundhog saw his shadow on February 2nd?)

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

*Andrew Horiuchi*

*July 5, 1947 - January 18, 2014*

*Ikeru Akira Matsumonji*

*December 21, 1921 - February 2, 2014*

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For additional information, or to read the newsletter online, go to our website at [www.tsdbt.org](http://www.tsdbt.org)

## なにも解けない

仏教を自分で学び出したころのこと。どうしても解きたい問題を抱えてしまいどうすればよいやら分からなく、仕事を終わるとレストランやバーや飲み屋やはしごしては酒ばかり毎晩飲んでいて。だが仏法が私の問題の解決を示していることに気付き、それいらい酒につき込んでいた金を仏教書につき込んだ。すると何と多くの仏書を買えることかと知って驚いた。私の抱えた問題とは、この命ある時に一日でもいいから涅槃（ねはん）と言われる清く・深く・静寂（せいじやく）なる世界を体験したく願ったことだった。涅槃こそが正しく自分の願うべき世界だと知ったからだった。大げさに聞こえるかも知れないが、私は真剣にその世界を願い求め出した。

酒をやめ、仏書を手にする。仏書をめぐりながら「次のページに涅槃（ねはん）への道が書いてあるはずだ」と読み進む。丸で宝探しのように興奮しながらページをめぐり、新しいページに「涅槃への具体的な方法とは何か」とその答えを探しながら、興奮しながら時間があれば朝まで読み続けていた。そんな日々を3、4ヶ月も繰り返していると知識も理解も増えてくるのは当然だった。また仏書には大体同じことが度々出てくるから100冊近くも読めばほぼ仏教の何たるかは知れる。日々増してゆく知識や理解がいつの日にか私を涅槃に導くものと思い込んでいた。

だが、現実はそのようではなかった。ある日ふと次のような想いが湧き出てしまった。「知識も理解も増えたはずだ。仏教の何たるかをも大体知ったはずだ。それなのに問題が全く解決されていない。これは一体どうしたことか。私は何か大切なことを見落としていたのだろうか？もしそうだとすれば、それは何か？」と。

話を短くします。なぜ涅槃への道が明らかにならず、涅槃と言う世界が私に開かれなかったのか。それは仏法の聴き方に問題があったからだった。より多くの知識や理解を得ることが涅槃へと徐々に近づく道だと、疑いもせず、思い込んでいたからだった。自分と仏法とが自他・主客の関係にあったからだった。仏法を聴くときには一々の教説が「自分自身のこと」として聞くしかないのである。

「仏法を学ぶとは知識や理解を増やすこと」ではなく「仏法を学ぶとは、自己を仏法を通して、学ぶこと」なのである。小さな違いに思えるかも知れ無いが、この基本を見逃すと、何年聞いても仏法は意味を成さなくなる。知識や理解のみの空虚なものにさえ思えてくる。

ある赤子を失くした母親が心の内を開いて言った。「先生、子を失くして私は一年近くも毎晩一人で泣いていました。ところがある日、あることに気付き涙が止まりました。私は亡くなった子が不憫（ふびん）で泣いていたのではなかった不幸な目に会ったこの私が不憫で泣いていたのです」と。仏法を学ぶとは自己を学ぶことなのである。

合掌、藤井道栄



## Dharma School News

The YBA (high schoolers) chairs the family service during March.

### Bake Sales:

March 2 – 4th grade

March 9 – 3rd grade

March 16 – no bake sale due to Clean Up Day

March 23 – no bake sale due to no Dharma School classes (spring break)

March 30 – K-1-2

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Dharma Students Explain How They Perform Dana

by Shelly Tanaka

This year, Shirley Horiuchi and I have a very energetic, talkative and caring class; they all make us laugh every Sunday. They are: Milo de Mars, Kai Sakata, Aya Kawanabe, Noelle Merrick, and Randi Powers. We have been talking a lot about **Dana** or selfless giving. How we can give to others every day - through a friendly look, happy smiles, or kind words. Each student was asked to explain how they can share Dana every day:

**Milo de Mars:** I can give back by helping people; vacuum for my mom and dad. Be a team. Hug my family every day and do my chores at home.

**Mateo Sakata:** I can give my mom and dad hugs and kisses, take out the trash, and smile at my brother, Kai every day.

**Aya Kawanabe:** I can give my mom a present, my dad a new tie for work, and my sister, Mika FBIgirl.com.

### Did You Know?

Our Jr. YBA students (grades 6, 7, and 8) are now tidying up the hondo each Sunday following services. Thank you, Jr. YBA students and teacher Cameo Haddan, for thoughtfully taking on this useful duty!

### Sunday, March 16, Clean Up Temple

After a brief 9:30 a.m. service, everyone will go to their assigned areas to clean. Wipe down chairs and tables, sweep and mop floors, vacuum, rearrange and straighten supplies, wipe marks off walls, and put tables and chairs back in place. Walk trash bags out to the bin in the alley. When we're finished, we'll gather in the auditorium for lunch (provided by the Dharma School and temple).

#### CLEANING GROUPS

#### AREA

|                           |                             |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Adult sangha              | Hondo and foyer             |
| Adult sangha              | Auditorium and stage        |
| DS students/teachers      | Classrooms                  |
| DS students/parents       | Bathrooms                   |
| DS parents                | All-purpose room downstairs |
| Judo, Aikido & Volleyball | Gym/locker rooms            |
| Bonsai & Ikebana          | Garden and club rooms       |
| BWA                       | Kitchen and supply areas    |

BRING: cleaning materials, including rags, paper towels, and labeled spray bottles; vacuum cleaners for classroom use

SO THAT OUR TEACHERS AND STUDENTS MAY ENJOY SPRING BREAK, THERE WILL BE NO DHARMA SCHOOL CLASSES ON MARCH 23. (But there will be a 9:30 religious service.)

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RE: Ohigan Service  
Hanamatsuri Service

# Hanamatsuri is on the Horizon!

Mark your calendars for Hanamatsuri on April 6 (the first Sunday in April).

The single special service will begin at 9:30 a.m.

No Dharma School classes that day!

Potluck lunch (in the gym) follows around 11:30. Dharma School entertainment program takes place after lunch, in the auditorium.



## Hanamatsuri (April 6) Potluck Luncheon

### If your last name begins with:

A – H

I – R

S – Z

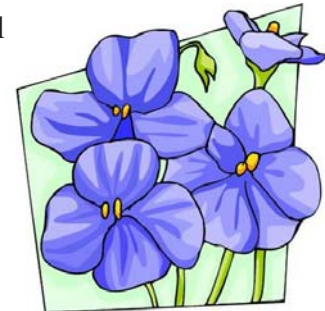
### Please bring:

main dish

side dish or salad

dessert, fruit, or bread

Please mark if it's vegetarian/vegan and if it contains nuts. Beverages (punch, coffee, and tea) will be provided. We look forward to enjoying a wonderful lunch together!



## Hatsumairi Schedule and Registration

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water, sewer, trash, electricity)  
and cable access. Landlord  
verification, credit history,  
criminal history, other  
references will be checked.  
Please call: 303-295-0305 for  
more information.

On May 18, 2014, Tri-State/Denver Buddhist Temple is holding an INFANT PRESENTATION CEREMONY (HATSUMAIRI).

At this ceremony, infants are formally presented to the Buddha and the Sangha; the parents of each infant make a solemn vow to help guide their child in his/her spiritual growth. A Buddhist name is NOT given at this ceremony. This ceremony is for those infants whose parents want to set a basic foundation in which to cultivate the Teachings of the Buddha.

The Infant Presentation Ceremony will be held in conjunction with the Denver Buddhist Temple Gotan E Service (birthday of Shinran Shonin).

Please register by calling the temple office by Sunday, May 4, 2014 (all applicants must pre-register). Non-temple members, please pay a \$20 registration fee. There is no registration fee for temple members, however, this occasion provides a wonderful opportunity to make a donation to the Eitaikyo Fund.

Call Donna at 303.295.1844 OR email at [dinouye@tsdbt.org](mailto:dinouye@tsdbt.org)

### **Note from the Editor:**

Due to scheduling, NO Temple newsletter will be mailed out for April.

We have tried to include all scheduled events for the months of March and April AND even some 'heads up' for early May dates. Please check your emails as the Board uses the internet to broadcast current news (a good reason to provide the Temple with you email address).

Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

*Tri-State/Denver Buddhist Temples gratefully acknowledges donations  
and offerings received from January 1, 2014- January 31, 2014:*

**HoOnko Service**

Junko Asakawa  
 Glenn & Michelle Asakawa  
 Shizue Asano  
 Brighton Buddhist Sangha  
 Aki Buckmaster  
 Robin Burchardt  
 Michiko Chikuma  
 Denver Bonsai Club  
 Frances Furukawa  
 Miyuki Mabel Googins  
 Takako Kay Hatanaka  
 Frank & Gladys Hiraoka  
 Sawaye Hirokawa  
 Sachiko Hisamoto  
 Kenzo & Shirley Horiuchi  
 Gary & Shirley Horiuchi  
 Robert & Gail Ida  
 Ken & Amy Inouye  
 Herb & Dot Inouye  
 Chiko Inouye  
 Tetsuo & Sadako Iwhiro  
 Beulah & Tsutomu Kagiya  
 Kenso & Peggy Kagiya  
 Charles Kagiya  
 Ruth Kamibayashi  
 Kent & Jane Kano  
 Calvin Kato  
 Fusako Kawahara  
 Jack & Alice Kimura  
 Ayako Kimura  
 Yuji & Aiko Kimura  
 Manabu & Junko Kimura  
 Kohaku Uta Gassen  
 Art & Tamiko Koyano  
 LaJara/Alamosa Buddhist  
 Sangha  
 Tatsuo Matsuda  
 Mary Matsuda  
 Gary Matsuda Family  
 Lillian & Phil Miyazawa  
 Frank Miyazawa  
 Yoko Mooney  
 Clint & Kim Morehouse  
 Bill & Ann Murphy  
 George & Yoko Nagai  
 Ed Nakagawa  
 Chiyo Nakayama  
 Nobuko Ninomiya  
 Cal & Donna Noguchi  
 Kumiko & Takeshi Ohtake  
 Kiyu & George Omoto  
 Stacey Umamoto Ospina

Joe & Jill Ozaki  
 Charles & Teri Ozaki  
 Dave & Joni Sakaguchi  
 JoAnne Sato  
 Hank & Irene Shibao  
 Rose Shibao  
 Yo & Betty Shimamoto  
 Yuriko Shimoda  
 May T. Shuto  
 Kenneth & June Tagawa  
 Kay Takahashi  
 Sayoko Takata  
 Tamai Tower Apartments  
 Norio & Doris Taniguchi  
 Michio & Hisae Taniwaki  
 Shirley Tsuchimoto  
 Elaine & Ted Tsumura  
 Youko Yamasaki  
 Betty Yamashita  
 Gary & Debbie Yamashita  
 Fumiko Yamashita

**Joya E: Year End service**

Jay & Lesli Hirokawa  
 Sachiko Hisamoto  
 William & Ann Murphy  
 Stacey Umamoto Ospina  
 Jason & Cameo Pettis  
 Richard & Michiko Yoshida

**New Year's Day service**

Daniel Kim & Cheryl Higashida  
 Hugh & Alice Nishimoto  
 M. Yonekura

|                            |  |
|----------------------------|--|
| Frank Miyazawa .....       | Maintenance Fund   |
| Doida Family .....         | funeral; Mae Doida                                       |
| William Osaki .....        | funeral; Mary Osaki                                      |
| Janice Harada .....        | funeral; Ugi Harada                                      |
| Jimmy Sandon .....         | nokotsudo; Toshiko Sandon                                |
| Red Rocks College .....    | visitation   |
| Nakamura Family .....      | in memory of Akira & Chieko Nakamura                     |
| Shari Revier .....         | in memory of Ayako Matsumoto                             |
| Peter & Shigeo Menda ..... | in memory of Haruko & Shigeo Iwahiro                     |
| Glenice Tani .....         | in memory of Allen Tani                                  |
| Janice Harada .....        | in memory of Mollie & Ugi Harada                         |
| Tochihara Families .....   | in memory of Mrs. Tatsuo Tochihara – 50 <sup>th</sup> yr |
| Susie Asano & family ..... | in memory of Sadao Asano – 49 <sup>th</sup> day          |
| Mae Flickinger .....       | in memory of Shige Fukaye – 25 <sup>th</sup> yr          |
| Sachiko Nagata .....       | in memory of Tomiko Morikawa – 1 <sup>st</sup> yr        |

**In memory of Shegeo Tagawa – 25<sup>th</sup> yr**

Yuji & Aiko Kimura  
 Kenneth & June Tagawa  
 Eiko Tagawa & family

**In memory of Sueo Ito – 3<sup>rd</sup> yr**

Taeko Ito  
 Peter Ito  
 Kevin & Emilie Kutsuma

**In memory of Thomas Ajisaka**

Ajisaka Family  
 Lily Goto

**In memory of Ugi Harada**

Jane Kanemoto  
 Charles & Helen Takahashi  
 Joe & Jill Wyeno

**In memory of Yae Osaki – 13<sup>th</sup> yr**

Shizu & Kenneth Ogata  
 Mutsu Osaki

**Donation**

Anonymus  
 Susan Tumlin Church  
 Hiroko Hansen  
 Kenneth & June Tagawa

**Facilities Usage**

DBT Craft Class  
 DBT Aikido  
 DBT Volleyball  
 Ohara School of Ikebana

## BWA/Fujinkai News

by Kathy Kuge

Am I the only one who hates the end of the year? It's not the cold and snow and shorter days – It's all the unwelcomed "chores" of shopping for gifts, writing cards, cleaning the house thoroughly before the new year, and most of all preparing for Uta Gassen! Even though I know I can get away with buying YBA gift cards, sending late New Year cards and doing a token job of cleaning the house, I can't put off planning and preparing for Uta Gassen. The 39<sup>th</sup> Annual Kohaku Uta Gassen (women vs. men singing contest) was held on Saturday, January 25<sup>th</sup> and once again the BWA made and sold bento. Even after taking the lead in organizing the work that had to be done since our beloved Mitzi Kishiyama passed away, I stress out every year worrying that something will go terribly wrong. However, thanks to all the hard working volunteers, everything went fine. I do want to give a special thanks to Doris Taniguchi who marinated all the Redbird Farms chicken (which was donated to the BWA by Mr. Mareo Torito) on Thursday evening. Also, we couldn't have done this event without Doris, JoAnne Adair, Kaz Munetake, Hisae Taniwaki, Junko Kimura, Michiko Kagiyama, Mrs. Ohtake, Michiko Fujii, Suzy Asano, Lillian Miyazawa, Elaine

and Ted Tsumura, and Stacey Umemoto-Ospina who worked all day Friday preparing and cooking the food. Lastly, thank you to everyone who came to the Temple early Saturday morning to box the bento. We finished in record time so that we could make mochi manju which sold out quickly. One last thing – Mrs. Chiyo Nakayama has been paying our Pacific bill for the ingredients bought there. She tells us this is her contribution since she is not able to physically help out, but it's a big, selfless contribution in making this fund raiser a success. If you see Mrs. Nakayama, please tell her how much we appreciate her generous support. Soon, the Temple will be getting a new stove and convection oven (honest – the check's in the mail) which, hopefully, will make cooking in the kitchen faster. So remember, when you see the new shiny appliances in the kitchen, you can thank the BWA volunteers, Mrs. Nakayama, the Dharma School, and Gail Ida (who did the leg work in ordering the appliances) for making it possible.

Thanks again and look forward to the next BWA event this spring, our annual Eshinni/Kakushinni Service and Seminar.

## Dharma Discussion

Tri-State Denver Buddhist Temple  
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**Tuesday nights, March 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>**

**Thursday nights, April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>**

**All sessions begin at 6 pm**

Please join us here at the temple for evening dharma discussions. We will cover topics such as Amida Buddha and the Pure Land, basic temple etiquette, onajin objects and other concepts related to Jodo Shinshu Buddhism. Come with your 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  
(303) 295-1844  
dthompson@tsdbt.org

## 100 Year History Project Meeting at Sedgwick Buddhist Temple

by Richard Yoshida

Co-chairpersons for the 100 Year Celebration, Richard Yoshida and Ann Murphy, accompanied by Yuri Shimoda and Bill Murphy, enjoyed meeting with the Sedgwick Sangha at their beautiful Buddhist Temple on January 18, 2014.

A huge thank you to Donna Kobayashi-Miller for facilitating this meeting and to all of the following that attended: Shizuye Kinoshita-Peterson, Kiyoko Yoshida-Kobayashi, Mitz Otsuka, Peggy (Margaret) Owens, S. Betty Shimamoto, Robert C. Miller, Donna S. Miller, and Les Yoshimoto. We sincerely appreciate everyone's friendship and hospitality and the abundant, tasty refreshments.

We would like to express our gratitude for the Sedgwick members for their commitment to submitting stories, and to insure that their community is well represented in the 100 Year History Project. We saw evidence of that when we briefly reviewed a draft story of the Temple, provided by Donna Kobayashi-Miller, and by the ensuing discussions with the enthusiastic attendees.

Also, thanks to Bob Miller for showing us the way to the local cemetery and pointing out the graves of loved ones, allowing us to pay our respects to the many pioneers in the Sedgwick area.

## TSDBT, BWA & JARCC Combine Efforts to Design Two Financial Planning Seminars; Are You Ready For Your Future?

Two seminars are being presented to help us prepare, plan and understand our futures.

**First Seminar:** Sunday, April 13<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am

In the auditorium

**Unlocking Social Security: Strategies to maximize one of your most important sources of income in retirement.**

Speaker: Pui Kalyanamitra – Pui has been in the financial services industry since 2001. She is a Top Council member at Transamerica and has studied and presented Social Security for over a decade.

**Second Seminar:** Sunday, April 27<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am

In the auditorium

**Financial Planning: Enhance your understanding of what it will take to accomplish your objectives and help map a course to reach your destination.**

Speaker: Kristy Tochiara, CRPC®<sup>®</sup>, Morgan Stanley, First Vice President – Kristy has worked in the financial services industry for the past 27 years. In addition to all of her general securities licenses, she also has her life, health and Managed Futures licenses, and has received her Chartered Retirement Planning Counselor<sup>SM</sup> designation. Kristy provides personalized investment advice to businesses, individuals and families through financial planning

Speaker: Noel Culberson, CFA®<sup>®</sup>, CFP®<sup>®</sup>, Morgan Stanley, Vice President – Noel has more than 21 years of financial and investment experience. He has extensive investment experience as a tax-free municipal bond trader and senior investment analyst prior to working with individual and corporate clients

These seminars are sponsored by Tri-State Denver Buddhist Temple(TSDBT), Buddhist Womens' Association(BWA) and Japanese American Resource Center of Colorado(JARCC). And they are FREE.

If you want to attend, please contact the Temple Office at 303-295-1844 or Gail Ida at e-mail address [gailida@gmail.com](mailto:gailida@gmail.com) or 303-466-6937. (We need attendance numbers to accurately plan/prepare hand-out packets – thank you.)

## Your Video Keepsakes Are Valuable

As part of the 100 Year Celebration upcoming in 2016, the History Project Committee is planning to produce a video highlighting the historic milestones of the Tri-State Buddhist Temple and needs your help. Do you have any old home movies of temple events – from Obons, Dharma School picnics and Sakura Matsuri to special events and weddings? Any subject matter on any format (DVD, VHS, home video tapes, even Super 8 film) would be helpful to include in this project. We're looking for a wide range of footage to represent every decade of the temple's history as far back as possible.

If you have anything to contribute or have any questions, please contact Shannon Umetani at [shannonumetani@gmail.com](mailto:shannonumetani@gmail.com) or 720-280-4915. All of your original footage will be returned to you and can be transferred on to a DVD for you to keep.



### Religious Services

SUN Mar 2 9:30 am Dharma School service  
10:15 am Adult Service (M)

MON Mar 3 1 pm Sedgwick monthly service

FRI Mar 7 11 am Shinran's Day service (F)

SUN Mar 9 Ohigan (Vernal Equinox)  
9:30 am Dharma School service (F)  
10:15 am Adult service (F)  
9:00 am Brighton's monthly service(T)  
11:00 am Ft Lupton's monthly service(T)

WED Mar 12 6 pm LaJara/Alamosa (F)

SAT Mar 15 1 pm Greeley w/Hoji (T)  
2 pm Hoji - offsite

SUN Mar 16 8:30 am Japanese language service  
9:30 am DBT service  
CLEAN UP SUNDAY

SUN Mar 23 9:30 am DBT service  
NO Dharma School classes

SUN Mar 30 9:30 am Dharma School service  
10:15 am Adult Service

SAT Apr 5 11 am Hoji

SUN Apr 6 HANAMATSURI  
8:30 am Nihongo service  
9:30 am DBT service followed by  
Potluck Lunch & Dharma School performances

MON Apr 7 1 pm Sedgwick Hanamatsuri  
5 pm Scottsbluff Hanamatsuri

FRI Apr 11 11 am Shinran's Day service

SAT Apr 12 11 am Funeral; Sedgwick Temple

SUN Apr 13 9:30 Dharma School Service  
10:15 am Adult service  
9:00 am Brighton's monthly service  
11:00 am Ft. Lupton's monthly service

SAT Apr 19 12 noon Greeley's Hanamatsuri

SUN Apr 20 8:30 am Japanese Language service  
9:30 am Dharma School service  
10:15 am Adult service

SUN Apr 27 9:30 am Dharma School service  
10:15 am Adult service

### Meetings & Other Events

Dharma Discussion Groups led by Rev. Thompson  
Tuesday evenings at 6:00 pm  
March 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th  
Thursday evenings at 6:00 pm  
April 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th

KeiRoKai hosted by YBA  
Saturday, March 15th at 11:00 am

JACGP meeting  
Wednesday, March 12; 7 pm

Humu Humu Ukulele practice sessions  
Sunday, March 2nd; 11:30 am  
Tuesday, March 18th; 7:00 pm  
Sunday, April 13th; 11:30 am  
Tuesday, April 29th; 7:00 pm

Taiko Workshops  
Sundays from 4 - 6 pm  
March 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th

TSDBT Board Meeting  
Sunday, March 23rd; 11 am  
Sunday, April 20th; 11 am

Planning Your Financial Future Seminars  
Sundays from 11am - 12:30 pm  
April 13th & April 27th

### 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

SATURDAY

# April 2014

| Sunday  | Monday   | Tuesday                  | Wednesday                      | Thursday  | Friday                            | Saturday  |
|---|--|--------------------------|--------------------------------|---|-----------------------------------|---|
| <b>R</b> = Rockies' game  |  | 1                        | 2                              | 3<br>6 pm Buddhism Discussion Class (T)   | 4<br><b>R</b>                     | 5<br>11 am Hoji<br><b>R</b>   |
| <b>6 HANAMATSURI R</b><br>8:30 am Nihongo service<br>9:30 am Service followed by potluck luncheon & Dharma School performances          | 7<br><b>R</b><br>1 pm Sedgwick<br>5 pm Scottsbluff | 8<br><b>R</b>            | 9<br><b>R</b>                  | 10<br>article submission deadline for May 2014 newsletter<br>6 pm Buddhism Discussion Class (T) | 11<br>11 am Shinran's Day Service | 12<br>11 am funeral Sedgwick Temple   |
| <b>13</b><br>9:30 DS service<br>10:15 Adult Service<br>9 am Brighton (T)<br>11 am Ft. Lupton (T)<br>11-12:30 Financial Planning Seminar | 14<br>15<br>9:30 am student visitors               | 15                       | 16<br>9:30 am student visitors | 17<br>6 pm Buddhism Discussion Class (T)  | 18<br><b>R</b>                    | 19<br>12 noon Greeley Hanamatsuri<br><b>R</b>                                       |
| <b>20 R</b><br>8:30 am Nihongo service<br>9:30 am DS service<br>10:15 Adult Service<br>11 am TSDBT Board Mitg                           | 21<br><b>R</b>                                     | 22<br><b>R</b>           | 23<br><b>R</b>                 | 24<br>6 pm Buddhism Discussion Class (T)  | 25                                | 26  |
| <b>27</b><br>9:30 DS service<br>10:15 am Adult Service<br>11-12:30 Financial Planning Seminar   | 28   | 29<br>7 pm Humu Humu Uke | 30                             | 6 pm Buddhism Discussion Class (T)  |                                   |  |

# March 2014

| Sunday   | Monday                        | Tuesday   | Wednesday   | Thursday   | Friday                                  | Saturday  |
|--|-------------------------------|---|---|--|---|---|
| <u>30</u><br>9:30 am DS service<br>10:15 Adult Service<br><br>4-6 pm Taiko Workshop  | <u>31</u>                     |   |   | <br>= Ministers out of office<br>= Donna out of office |   | <u>1</u><br>BCA Nat'l Council   |
| <u>2</u><br>NO Japanese service<br>9:30 am DS service<br>10:15 Adult Service   | <u>3</u><br><br>1 pm Sedgwick | <u>4</u><br><br>6 pm Buddhism Discussion Class (T)                        | <u>5</u>  | <u>6</u>   | <u>7</u><br>11 am Shinran's Day Service | <u>8</u>  |
| <u>9</u><br>Spring Higan<br>9:30 DS service<br>10:15 Adult Service<br><br>9 am Brighton (T)<br>11 am Ft. Lupton (T)<br>4-6 pm Taiko Workshop | <u>10</u>                     | <u>11</u><br><br>6 pm Buddhism Discussion Class (T)                       | <u>12</u>   | <u>13</u><br>10 am student Visitors                    | <u>14</u>                               | <u>15</u><br>11 am KeiRoKai<br>1 pm Greeley w/Hoji<br>2 pm Hoji - offsite |
| <u>16</u><br>8:30 am Nihongo service<br>9:30 am DBT service<br>CLEAN UP SUNDAY<br>4-6 pm Taiko Workshop                                      | <u>17</u>                     | <u>18</u><br><br>6 pm Buddhism Discussion Class (T)<br>7 pm Humu Humu Uke | <u>19</u><br><br><b>Rev. Fujii attending Continuing Education</b> | <u>20</u>  | <u>21</u>                               | <u>22</u><br>8 am - 5 pm Aikido Summit                                    |
| <u>23</u><br>9:30 am DBT Service<br>NO Dharma School<br>11 am TSDBT Board mtg<br>4-6 pm Taiko Workshop                                       | <u>24</u>                     | <u>25</u><br><br>6 pm Buddhism Discussion Class (T)                       | <u>26</u><br>10:30 Adult visitors                                 | <u>27</u><br><b>Rev. Thompson vacation</b>             | <u>28</u>                               | <u>29</u>   |

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## 2014 Amache Pilgrimage Saturday, May 17<sup>th</sup> 2014

6:00 am Pickup at Simpson Methodist Church  
6:30 am Pickup at Denver Buddhist Temple  
8:00 am Break – Refreshment stop at Limon  
11:00 am Arrival at Amache Cemetery Site  
1:30 pm Amache Museum Tour  
2:30 pm Return to Denver  
6:30 pm Denver arrival

### Registration information:

Cost: \$30.00 per person  
Contact: Frank Miyazawa 303 237-8641  
Bob Fuchigami 303 679-2921  
Hiroko Hung 303 979-4127

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Thank you to BWA and Dharma School for donating the funds to outfit the Temple kitchen with a new stove range and convection oven.

Thank you to Thom Sakata, Sam Davis and Gary Yamashita for heading up and guiding us through as participants in the upcoming Colfax Marathon.