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## Vow #28

### Your Ability and Power of Enlightenment will be Perfect before you return to this world

Additional explanation of Vow #22 (Up to Vow 32)

“If, when I attain Buddhahood, the bodhisattvas in my land, **even those of little virtue, are unable to perceive the bodhi-tree of immeasurable light and countless colors, which is four million li in height**, may I not attain the perfect enlightenment.”

#### Definitions of words used in this Vow:

**Bodhisattvas:** Those who followed various practices different from Nembutsu, or those who follow Nembutsu as one of practices.

**Bodhi-Tree:** The tree symbolizes “Perfect Enlightenment”, or the place bodhisattvas can experience Amida Buddha.

**Li:** 4 kilo meters (2.5 miles)

Whoever and whatever they may be, every being in Amida’s World will be equally embraced. The bodhisattvas gain power and ability to see Amida. What does this mean?

I watched a TV program where one young mother talked about her hard experience. When her baby was born handicapped, her husband hated the baby and divorced her. Nevertheless, she had to survive for/with her baby and did not know what to do. Through her personal struggling she earnestly wanted her baby to live as a normal person in society. So she went back to college to learn ways and means of living - not only for her baby but also for other handicapped children in society.

When I was watching this program, it reminded me of this vow: Everyone is treated and embraced equally in Amida’s World. Amida made this vow for even those of little virtue. Bodhisattvas of limited and little virtue also can attain the perfect enlightenment before they return to this world.

Every time I read vows, including this vow, I always feel that there is nothing to worry about in the Immeasurable Working. Recite My Name and come to my world! I never fail you. Don’t worry about anything.

March  
Buddhist Holiday

Ohigan

In Gassho,  
Rev. Doei Fujii



## 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*

# Monthly Salutations

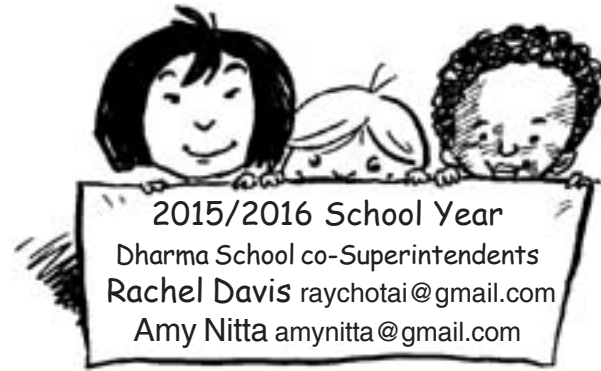
from Rev. Diana Thompson

Hello everyone, welcome to March! This month we observe the Spring O-Higan, which occurs around the time of the equinox when the days and nights begin to be of equal length. 'Higan' means 'other shore', referring to the Pure Land of Amida Buddha, therefore the traditional practice during the week of Higan is to contemplate the Pure Land beginning with contemplation on the setting sun. The sun sets in the West, which is the location of the Pure Land and, as the days become longer, one has more time to watch the sun on its path across the sky, finally coming to rest in the West. In watching the sun's movement, one can observe the changes in the light and recall the ever-changing nature of our existence; lives that move from pale dawn to bright noon to the warm colors of dusk and all the while knowing that the Pure Land is there waiting for our return.

The sun, like the great light of wisdom/compassion, shines on all beings at all times but we don't always see it or feel its warmth and so it can be easy to forget that it is there. However, when we become aware of the absence of the light, this is the moment when we begin to truly appreciate it and long for its return. Watching the sun's return in the springtime brings about a sense of renewal as things begin to emerge from their long slumbers. In our springtime contemplations on the Pure Land, we also experience a sense of renewal. Through the great light of Amida Buddha, we begin to awaken from our long slumbers of ignorance. We see that the Pure Land is always there and available to us through Amida's compassion and we see the world through new eyes and with a profound sense of gratitude. And so, as spring approaches, try to observe the sun on its path across the sky and as it settles in the west, recall the Pure Land and recite Namo Amida Butsu in gratitude, knowing that it and the Buddha will always be there, ready to welcome us home.

Tri-State/Denver Buddhist Temple  
1947 Lawrence St.  
Denver, CO 80202

RE: Spring Ohigan



## Dharma School March Dates:

Due to Dharma School class changes, bake sale dates will likely be shifting. Please stay tuned for announcements from your teachers and superintendents regarding upcoming bake sales.

Temple Clean-up Day will also be rescheduled, so please look for an announcement regarding that date as well. We hope to see you all there!

## Please Volunteer for Next Year!

We are in need of Dharma School teachers and a co-superintendent for next year! Volunteering is a great way to get to know people and contribute to the sangha! If you don't think you know enough, **please volunteer anyway** - chances are you know more than you think you do, and we have curriculum resources to help you out. If you aren't sure about the time commitment, **please volunteer anyway** - we hope to have enough volunteers that most classes will have co-teachers, so that your class will be covered if you can't make it to Temple!

Please get in touch with Amy Nitta (amynitta@hotmail.com) or Rachel Davis (raychotai@gmail.com) if you want to get involved - we'd love to have you!

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

*Yamako Yagami*  
*May 31, 1920 - January 12, 2016*

*Sachiko Sue Hisamoto*  
*April 21, 1919 - January 18, 2016*

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## 死ぬ練習

私もいつ逝（い）ってもいい歳になった。とは言え、ただ今 65 歳。坊さんだからか、それとも歳のせいかわからない、しばしば死ぬことを少々考えるようになった。実は、私は二つの「苦痛のない死に方」を知っている。その一つが「断食（だんじき）」で徐々に食を断ち臨終をむかえる方法。そこで家内がしばらく留守した時に二、三度断食の練習をしてみたことがある。この断食は三日目、四日目あたりが一番つらいらしく、それを乗り越えればその後は余り苦しくない、らしい。

結論から言えば、断食での「死ぬ練習」はすべて失敗した。最初の日、二日目は難なく乗り切れるが、三日目には空腹を感じ、四日目の夜にはもう冷蔵庫の前に立って「空腹で死ぬのは、やっぱり、バカらしい」と冷蔵庫を開けて口に何でも放り込む。病気でなく、三度のメシの美味しい身で、やっぱり私には無理な練習、らしい。

「死ぬのがこわい」「こわくない」ということをよく耳にする。そういう人にも仕事から出会う。「こわい」という人はいかにも度胸のないだらしのない人に聞こえるし、「こわくない」という人は肝（きも）が座っている人に聞こえる。

さて、ある時のこと先輩の先生がこんな話をしてくれた。「ある僧侶がお説教で『命あるものは全て死に帰す。私はいつ・どこで・いかなる理由で死ぬようなことがあろうとも、死は怖くない』と皆の前で死と自分の覚悟を説いていた。そのとき寺がグラグラと揺れた。地震だ。聴衆はパニックとなり我先に寺から飛び出した。ところが、一番先に飛び出していたのがその僧侶だった」と。病気でなく、三度のメシの美味しい身で「覚悟はできている」「できていない」などと言ってみたとところで、その時にならないと分かるもんか。

では、この藤井めは一人の人間として、僧侶として、死をどう解いたのか。今までの死の練習はすべて失敗した身ではないか。デカイことは言えない身だが、それでも少々仏法は耳にしている身でもある。「死ぬのがこわい」のか「こわくない」のか。どっちでもない。そんな思いなど不要であり、無用だと知らされた。私の迷い心で「こわい」「こわくない」などと言ってみたとところで何になる。死ぬ時になったら私はどうなるか・何を言い出すかわかったもんじゃない。

「死ほどの一大事、我が計（はか）らいにあらざ」と投げている。「死ほどの一大事、藤井の計（はか）らいにあらざ。我にまかせよ」と呼びかけている世界に「はい、そうします」と任せるしかない。おのが迷い心を以って死という一大事を解決できるものか。暇つぶしには面白かったが、断食はもうやらないことにしましたよ。

合掌、  
藤井道栄  
2016 年 2 月。

## BWA Happenings

submitted by Lesli Hirokawa, BWA Secretary

Can you believe it's March already? Where does the time go? As an organization, we have been very busy these past few months.

**THANK YOU** very much to:

- **BWA members, Dharma School families and the Sangha** for bringing the delicious food for HoOnko. What a way to bring in the new year with the variety of Japanese dishes that were brought. I even tried a few new dishes.
- **ALL** the volunteers that helped out in making the food for the Uta Gassen bentos. All your hard work was greatly appreciated! We received many compliments on the food. The best part was that there were not **any** left overs!
- **Mr. Mario Torito** for donating the chicken for the Uta Gassen bentos and **Sakura Square, LLC** for providing the volunteers with parking on Friday.
- **ALL** the BWA members on the toban lists who have helped out with the funeral receptions.

BWA is trying to compile and maintain a list of contact information of Sangha members, relatives and friends that are in nursing homes, assisted living, or are homebound due to recovering from an illness or injury. This list of people will be shared with the Sansei who will be visiting these people as well as BWA members. We hope to visit all of them to cheer them up and to let them know that they have not been forgotten. If you know of anyone who could use some company, please have their relative or whoever is responsible for their well-being provide their contact information to the Temple office at 303-295-1844. We also have activities planned at the Temple for those who can be brought to the Temple on Sunday's.

For those that are interested in joining BWA, please see Judy Okamoto or Mieke Ospina for registration and information. Not only do we volunteer to help others in our Sangha, but this is also another way to meet new people and be involved in activities that support the temple.



Sunday, April 24<sup>th</sup>

1-4 pm

\$20 per person

Unlimited

Bowling (including shoe rental),  
Laser Tag, Miniature Golf, Go Karts and  
Bumper Boats!

Plus \$5 Game Play for the Arcade!

**A 100 Year Anniversary Family Event  
Come one and all.**

For information, see or contact:

Stacey Umemoto Ospina [sospina@aol.com](mailto:sospina@aol.com)

Kirk Horiuchi [knhoriuchi@aol.com](mailto:knhoriuchi@aol.com)



### 100 YEAR DIRECTORY

The 100 Year Anniversary Celebration Committee would like to thank everyone that got their family portraits taken on Feb. 25<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup>.

Couldn't make it to a photo session? Don't worry. You can still submit a photo of your family to put into the directory. Please email your photo to one of the following by March 14<sup>th</sup>.

Lesli Hirokawa – [lth1066@gmail.com](mailto:lth1066@gmail.com)

Ann Murphy – [anymurph@gmail.com](mailto:anymurph@gmail.com)

Stacey Umemoto-Ospina – [staceyo@gmail.com](mailto:staceyo@gmail.com)

Didn't want your picture taken, but still want your contact information in the directory? Please contact one of the ladies mentioned above to have your information added.

## Exciting Announcement: 2016 Cherry Blossom Festival



SAKURA  
FOUNDATION

Although it may be cold now, planning has started for the sunny **44<sup>th</sup> Annual Cherry Blossom Festival** which will take place **June 18 and 19, 2016**. The Rockies' schedule was considered when planning the dates. Since it is Father's Day weekend, we will incorporate activities to highlight fathers and their children.

We are pleased to announce that the festival this year is being **co-presented** by the **Tri-State/Denver Buddhist Temple** and the **Sakura Foundation**. The Foundation is the charitable organization which owns Sakura Square LLC and whose mission is to "*sustain the Tri-State/Denver Buddhist Temple and celebrate Japanese-American heritage, culture and community.*"

Generally speaking, the Temple will continue to organize, manage and staff the food, beverage and events that occur inside the temple. The Sakura Foundation will organize the outside activities (i.e. booths, stage, entertainment, beer garden, etc.). The Foundation and Temple will work closely with each other and the volunteers to facilitate good communication and ensure productive planning for the festival.

While this partnership will bring new ideas and energy to the Cherry Blossom Festival, **the support and participation of the Temple volunteers continues to be vital to the success of the festival**. The festival continues to be the **main fundraiser** for the Temple and relies on its members to flourish and to share Japanese and Japanese-American culture with metro Denver. Through planned Temple lectures and viewings of the Onajin (temple altar), the festival also introduces Jodo Shinshu Buddhism to a wide audience. Everyone's contribution, no matter how small or large, is greatly needed and appreciated.

Should you have questions about volunteering for the Cherry Blossom Festival, please direct them to Shirley Tsuchimoto at [shirleytsuchimoto@gmail.com](mailto:shirleytsuchimoto@gmail.com) or Brandi Tsuchimoto at [branditsuchimoto@yahoo.com](mailto:branditsuchimoto@yahoo.com). If you have general questions about the festival, contact Stacey Shigaya at [staceys@sakurasquare.com](mailto:staceys@sakurasquare.com).

***Thank you in advance for your support of our Cherry Blossom Festival. This community event is a jewel in Denver's multi-cultural crown and continues to succeed because of the support and tireless efforts of the Temple volunteers/Sangha members!***



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## TOHOKU TODAY March 11, 2016

On Friday, March 11<sup>th</sup>, Sakura Square Foundation (and its community partners) invites you to a commemorative fundraiser to honor those who lost their lives and those who survived the March 11, 2011 earthquake and tsunami in the Tohoku region of Japan.

The Celebration of Japan's Food, Culture and Recovery will take place in the banquet room of the First Baptist Church of Denver at 1373 Grant St., Denver 80203, at 5:30 p.m.; RSVP required (by March 1).

100% of the \$15/person entry fee will be donated to relief organizations in Japan. The evening includes, entertainment, presentations, a cash bar, Japanese cuisine and sales of hand-crafted jewelry.

For more information, please go to the events page at [www.sakurasquare.com](http://www.sakurasquare.com) or contact Stacey Shigaya at [staceys@sakurasquare.com](mailto:staceys@sakurasquare.com).



### The 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Cookbook Committee

Please submit your recipes for the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Cookbook. We would love to share your family's favorites with everyone. Ask your family and friends for their favorites. Our goal is to fill this cookbook with wonderful recipes that everyone will enjoy cooking and eating.

Please submit recipes to:

Gail Ida at [gailann.ida@gmail.com](mailto:gailann.ida@gmail.com), or to

Kathy Kuge at [mlkuge@msn.com](mailto:mlkuge@msn.com).

You can also leave your submittal in the collection box, which is setting 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. Thank you in advance for sharing!

## Buddhist Name & Application

**Buddhist Name (Why do I need one?):** A person's Buddhist Name is the name of a seeker for truth and a practitioner of Highest Enlightenment. We usually choose and decide many things in everyday life while depending on standards and knowledge of past experiences and education. However, once we find a way to take care of ourselves – i.e. choosing to become a seeker of truth - it becomes our new way of life as a human being. Thus, we need a new name.

**Buddhist Name (What is it?):** When we are born, our first and last names are given to us by our family. The Buddhist Name is made of two parts. One is the new family name, commonly “*Shaku*” that comes from “*Shaka*”-muni Buddha; the person now belongs to Buddha's family. The other is a new first name which is made of two Kanji characters: One character is from a given name or meaning of given name; the other character is from the Teaching of Buddha, or from one of the masters.

For example, the name of *Shin-Ran* came from the two masters in the Pure Land denomination; “Se-*Shin* (2<sup>nd</sup> master)” and “Don-*Ran* (3<sup>rd</sup> master).”

**Buddhist Name (When do we receive?):** A Buddhist Name should be received **while we are alive**. There are 3 possible ways to receive a Buddhist Name:

1. From the Nishi Hongwanji (Mother temple) in Kyoto, Japan.
2. From Honshu Ohtani whenever he should visit.
3. From the BCA Bishop whenever he should visit our Temple (as in this year, when he comes for the 100 Yr Celebration on Friday, September 30<sup>th</sup> to Sunday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>.)

### *Exception*

4. You will receive a Buddhist Name at your funeral should you not be able to obtain one while you are living.

## Arigato Gozaimasu

Thank you to the following people who gathered to prep last month's newsletter for mailing: Mary Jane Okamatsu, Alley & Yoshimi Watada, guest - Joyce Lebra, Shirley Tsuchimoto, Dora Shibata, Mike Shibata, Richard Yoshida, Kay Takahashi, Mabel Googins and Rev. Thompson. After a very energetic and quick session of folding and fastening, we enjoyed an “all natural” snack via the kindness and talents of Mike. ☺

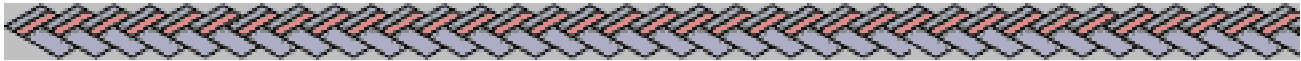
Thank you to Jesse and Jerry (Facilities Supervisor and staff) of Sakura Square; there were periods of time where they had to “pop in” on a daily basis to keep the snow shoveled, the gas pilots lit, complete a paint touch up in the Hondo, clear plowed snow from the alley dumpsters and break into a basement closet. These are the “known” kindnesses; building maintenance requires constant attention and work.

Thank you to Wayne Berve, Dat Nguyen, Frank Miyazawa and Joni Sakaguchi for paying attention to all the “incidentals” of Temple maintenance - i.e. computer maintenance, mouse control, door lock-ups, copier monitoring, appliance cleaning, etc.

Kohaku Uta Gassen planners report a successful event this past February. This is a JA community event - planned, funded and participated in by various JA groups and hosted by the Temple. In a true spirit of *gratitude* and *dana*, Kohaku Uta Gassen donates (in full) all income netted by this yearly event. Thank you to Uta Gassen committee members for your ongoing generosity. Thank you to the many Temple groups and individuals who contribute to the success of Uta Gassen - Wayne Berve (managing liaison), BWA (providing bento), YBA students (providing “muscle”), to name just a few.

Thank you to Kaitie Mascher-Mace for taking time during the week to meet with Comcast Techs so that we (the Temple) can soon enjoy/employ greater internet speed (I think I just heard a collective “hooray” from across Sangha-ville).

Kokusei Kai is an organization of Shigin performers; they have gathered in the Temple basement on a weekly schedule for many years (30+?). You may have heard them perform as part of Cherry Blossom entertainment. Anyway, due to an aging membership, they met for the final time in January 2016. Thank you for your many years of dedication to your art form and for participating in and donating to each of our Special Services.



## Application Form for Buddhist Name

- Applicant 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, etc.)  
Please make your check payable to:  
**Tri-State/Denver Buddhist Temple OR TSDBT**
- Deadline: July 31, 2016.

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1. Name of recipient: First name: \_\_\_\_\_

Middle name: \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Buddhist Name desired: \_\_\_\_\_  
(SEE: explanatory article on previous page OR schedule appointment with Rev. Fujii for consultation)

Meaning or characters you wish. \_\_\_\_\_  
(SEE: explanatory article on previous page OR schedule appointment with Rev. Fujii for consultation)

3. Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

4. Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (Home) \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (Cell) \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Affirmation Service: Ceremony to receive a Buddhist Name**

The ceremony is scheduled during the 100-Year  
Celebration on Saturday, October 1, 2016.

Date: Saturday, October 1, 2016

Time: 10:00 am

Place: Temple Hondo

Minister: Bishop Kodo Umezu

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**HoOnko service**

Susie Asano  
Brighton Buddhist Sangha  
Akiko Buckmaster  
Frances Furukawa  
Mabel Googins  
Kay Takako Hatanaka  
Kenzo & Shirley Horiuchi  
Gary Horiuchi  
Cindy Horiuchi  
Hiroko Hung  
Gail & Rober Ida  
Ken & Amy Inouye  
JA Association of CO  
Beulah & Tsutomu Kagiya  
Charles Kagiya  
Kenso & Peggy Kagiya  
Kent & Jane Kano  
Joyce Nakata Kim  
Jack & Alice Kimura  
Manabu & Junko Kimura  
Ayako Kimura  
Kohaku Uta Gassen  
Kokusei Kaai  
Art & Tamiko Koyano  
LaJara/Alamosa Buddhist  
Sangha  
Frank Miyazawa  
Kim Morehouse  
Anna Murahata  
Bill & Ann Murphy  
Dat & Naomi Nguyen  
Alice Nishimoto  
Cal & Donna Noguchi  
Ohtake Family  
Kiyoko Omoto  
Joe & Jill Ozaki  
JoAnne Sato  
Hank & Irene Shiba  
Rose Shiba  
Yuriko Shimoda  
Kenneth & June Tagawa  
Sayoko Takata  
Jenni Takemoto  
Doris Taniguchi  
Michio & Hisae Taniwaki  
Shirley Tsuchimoto  
Elaine & Ted Tsumura  
Gary & Debbie Yamashita  
Fumiko Yamashita  
Richard & Michiko Yoshida

**New Year's Day service**

Robin Burchardt  
Mabel Googins  
Alice Nishimoto  
  
**New Year's Eve service**  
Ken & Amy Inouye  
Kim Inouye  
Bill & Ann Murphy  
Jason & Cameo Pettis  
May T. Shuto  
Thom Sakata & Jennifer  
Trompeter  
Unmarked envelope  
Everett Watada  
Sheri Ann & Kent  
Yamamoto  
Richard & Michiko Yoshida  
Kevin & Keiko Yoshida

**Osaisen**

2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Dharma Class  
5<sup>th</sup> Grade Dharma Class  
Anonymous  
Armijo Family  
Jr. YBA Dharma Class  
Kent & Jane Kano  
Preschool Dharma Class  
Gerard Salame

**In memory of Ayako Matsumoto – 3<sup>rd</sup> yr**

Ben & Diana Matsumoto  
Peggy Osuga

**In memory of Jean Miyamoto**

Lyle & Fuku Murphy  
Richard & Michiko Yoshida

**In memory of Sachiko Tobo – 1<sup>st</sup> yr**

Tom & Mary Nishida  
Bill Tobo  
Henry & Katy Tobo  
Doug & Dorothy Uyemura

**In memory of Roy Shigeo Sugihara – 7<sup>th</sup> yr**

Sharon & Craig Farr  
Sharla & Chanh Sugihara

**In memory of Steve Koga – 1<sup>st</sup> yr**

Donna Inouye  
Alyssa Holland  
Gwen & Steve Kawashima  
Emi, Kari & Kiyoshi Koga

**Donation**

Sharon & Stan Eshima  
Anonymous  
Kokusei Kai  
Kohaku Uta Gassen

**Facilities Usage**

Kokusei Kai  
Chibi No Gakko  
DBT Craft Class  
R&M Yoshimura; memorial reception  
Jean Matsuda; funeral reception

**Donations .....** **in memory of**

Elsa Burchinow .....	Djab & Namdjab Burchinow
Robert & Arlene Wallace .....	Frank & Kathleen Kondo
Kay Takako Hatanaka .....	Fumi Hatanaka – 33 <sup>rd</sup> yr
Pete & June Menda .....	Haruko & Shigeo Iwahiro
Audrey Matsumonji .....	Ike Matsumonji – 3 <sup>rd</sup> yr
Hirokawa & Matsumoto families .....	Susumu Matsumoto & Jerrie Tsuruta
Harue Kelly; December Shotsuki .....	Sadao Asano & Toshiko Miyake
S. Betty Shimamoto .....	Tad Shimamoto – 3 <sup>rd</sup> yr
Emi, Kari & Kiyoshi Koga .....	Tepper Koga – 1 <sup>st</sup> yr
Kazue Ajisaka .....	Thomas Ajisaka – 3 <sup>rd</sup> yr
Leonard Ito .....	funeral; Helen Ito
Jean Matsuda .....	funeral; Margaret Matsuda
Toni Yagami .....	funeral; Yamako Yagami
R&M Yoshimura .....	memorial; Helen Nitta



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<b>January Shotsuki .....</b>	<b>in memory of</b>
Eiji & Fumiko Horiuchi .....	Andrew & Shogo Horiuchi
Gary & Shirley Horiuchi .....	Andrew & Shogo Horiuchi
Kenzo & Shirley Horiuchi .....	Andrew & Shogo Horiuchi
Cindy Horiuchi .....	Andrew Horiuchi
Jill Ozaki .....	Dave & Priscella Froney
Taeko Ito .....	Dr. Sueo Ito
Kevin & Emilie Kutsuma .....	Dr. Sueo Ito
Lillian & Phillip Miyazawa .....	Fairy Kuritani
Elaine & Ted Tsumura .....	Fairy Kuritani
Kenneth & June Tagawa .....	Frank S. Tagawa
Junko & Manabu Kimura .....	Ichime Tsushima
Yo & Betty Shimamoto .....	Katsu Shimamoto
Yuriko Shimoda .....	Katsu, Tadao & Jim Shimamoto
Kim Inouye .....	Kuichi Inouye
Katherine Sakurai .....	Kunio Sakurai, Tosuke Mabe, Mollie Harada
Randy & Helen Sakurai .....	Kunio Sakurai, Tosuke Mabe, Mollie Harada
Lillian & Phillip Miyazawa .....	Mary Miyazawa
JoAnne Sato .....	Sada Sato & Hiroshi Bill Sato
Shirley Tsuchimoto .....	Scott Kim
Mia Tsuchimoto .....	Scott Kim
Sumi & Yosh Akiyama .....	Susan Kiyoko Tawara
Families of Tosh&Mary Tawara .....	Susan Kiyoko Tawara
Joe & Jill Ozaki .....	Tamiye Ozaki
Frances Furukawa Family .....	Toshiye Shibata & Myron Shibata

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# March Shotsuki Names

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

Tom Fumio Abe	Juichi Kito	Sai Saito	Denhichi Watanabe
Henry Masao Aigaki	Yone Kiyotake	Katsubei Sakaguchi	Matsuye Yago
Itsue Ando	Kiyoshi Jerry Kizu	Kenji Kakurai	George Yozo Yamada
Toshi Aoki	Asakichi Koga	Akio Sameshima	Haruko Yamada
Shigeji Arai	Kanako Kojima	Yoshiko Sasaki	Jiro Yamada
Tamiko Ruby Arai	George Yuji Kondo	Takiko Sasamoto	Hayasuke Yamamoto
Yaye Komaru Aramaki	Taneji Koshio	Kakugoro Sawamura	Kiku Yamamoto
Jim Ariki	George Tomihara Kuga	Emi Shigemura	Joseph Satoshi Yamasaki
Toki Ashida	Isao Kuge	Harley Haruo Shimamoto	Tsuruyo Yashiro
Robert Boudreau	Henry Yoshitaka Kuritani	George Gunichi Shimoda	Helen Yokooji
Namdjal Buchinow	David Martin Kutsuma	Kamekichi Shimogaki	Rose Yokooji
Pop Chittivej	Jane Yoshiko Kutsuma	Fukumatsu Frank Shimono	Gladys Yoshie Yoshida
Kunio Ken Endo	Sajiro Kuwabara	Yoshio George Shinn	Toshiaki Yoshimura
Harry Shoichi Enomoto	Bill Shiro Matoba	Shigeko Shino	
Wilson Masayoshi Enomoto	Miyori Matoba	Terry Teruko Shoji	
Dianne Eshima	Toshiharu Matsuda	Tommy Tadayoshi Shuto	
Kunio Eshima	George Atasuo Matsumonji	Isamu Sam Suekama	
Tamiko Furuiye	Tamie Matsuo	Kaichiro Suekama	
Jane Tomoe Gow	Kihei Matsushima	Aiko Mary Suzuki	
Sadahachi Hamada	Sadami Matsushita	Susumu Jack Suzuki	
Tami Harada	Ichiro Matsuyama	Kenny Kiyoshi Takahashi	
Tommy Sadamu Hasegawa	Masuji Matsuyama	Tooru Takamatsu	
Harumi Hayashi	Christine Mayeda	Shigeko Takamine	
Shigeo Hayashi	Ben Kiyoshi Miyake	David Ross Takata	
Takako Hayashida	Yae Miyao	Tsui Takemoto	
Roger James Hiraki	Shimo Momoi	Kaname Takeshita	
Frank Masando Hiraoka	Suekichi Morimitsu	Tsuneo Takeuchi	
Haru Hironobu	Goro Morimoto	Yoshiko Takeuchi	
Jackie Hisamoto	Shizuko Morioka	Rokuro Tamai	
Carrie Katsuko Horiuchi	Nihei Motoyama	Makuzo Tamura	
Matajiro Igata	Sode Motoyama	Kimiko Tanaka	
Shinko Iguchi	Shuichi Murakami	Robert Kuya Tanaka	
Herbert Hideyo Inouye	Torazo Nagasawa	Jitsuzo Tani	
Tsutomu Inouye	Taichi Nagata	Shungo George Tani	
Yasu Inouye	Robert Yoshio Nakadoi	Mitsuko Taniguchi	
Misao Ishiguro	Chikako Nakagawa	Oski Sakae Taniwaki	
Kiyoshi Ishikawa	Kaoru Jack Nakagawa	Hitoshi Tashiro	
Shinsuke Ito	Towa Nakagawa	Eizo Tokunaga	
Susumu Kagiya	Heijiro Nakano	Shirley Tamiko Toya	
Nobuko Kagohara	Sakashi Mary Nakata	Mikazu Tsuchimoto	
Ikuro Kano	Takuji Henry Nishi	Toshiko Tsuruda	
Soichi Katayama	Aki Nobuta	Kenhichi Ujifusa	
Miyeko Kato	Tsuta Noriyuki	Michiye Umemoto	
Toichi Kato	Mark Hajime Nukaya	Errol Hisashi Umetani	
Yuji Kato	Kingoro Numokawa	Helen Kikue Umetani	
Toyokichi Kawano	Shigeru Ogawa	Eddie Takeshi Uno	
Arthur Yasuo Kinoshita	Saki Ogura	Emiko Uno	
Willie Tomomi Kinoshita	Michita Sam Okamoto	Dianne Urano	
George Noriyoshi Kishimoto	Fusano Okubo	Tamaki Uyeda	
Harry Mitsuo Kishimoto	Sute Okugawa	Yoshimori Uyeda	
Kiyoshi Kay Kishimoto	Eleanor Ann Noriko Okuno	Asakichi Uyemura	
Yonie Kishiyama	Chiyeko Omiya	Tetsuzo Uyemura	
Hachiro Kita	Chieko Ono	Albert Tadashi Watada	
Totaro Kitamura	Chikara Ozamoto	En Watada	

## ***Shotsuki Monthly Memorial Service***

Every 4<sup>th</sup> 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 49<sup>th</sup> Day, 1<sup>st</sup> Year, 3<sup>rd</sup> Year, 7<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, 33<sup>rd</sup> and 50<sup>th</sup> 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**

SAT Mar 5 10:30 am Hoji (F)

SUN Mar 6 9:30 Dharma family service (F)  
10:15 am Adult Service (F)  
11:00 am Nihongo service (F)  
1 pm Sedgwick service ( )

FRI Mar 11 11 am Shinran's Day Service (F)

SUN Mar 13 9:30 am Dharma Family service (F)  
10:15 am Adult service (F)  
9 am Brighton Sangha service(T)  
11 am Ft. Lupton service(T)

TUES Mar 15 11 am funeral&ash burial  
Albuquerque, NM (F)

WED Mar 16 6 pm LaJara/Alamosa service (F)

SAT Mar 19 1 pm Greeley service(T)

SUN Mar 20 Spring Ohigan  
9:30 Dharma family service (T)  
10:15 Adult service (F)  
11 am Nihongo service (F)

SUN Mar 27 March Shotsuki service (F/T)  
9:30 Dharma Family service  
10:15 am Adult service

**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)

**High School Seniors, Graduation & Scholarships**

The following list contains the names of high school seniors of Buddhist faith. If you are not on the list or know someone not listed, please contact the Temple office (303-295-1844) immediately.

Colbee Baessler	Emily Nguyen
Emiko Hardman	Cami Shigaya
Kimiko Holmes	Adam Shimamoto
Andrew Horiuchi	Alyssa Sogi Yeazel
Brian Horiuchi	Landon Squibbs
Heather Miyazawa	Bryan Tanigawa
Madison Montoya	Kent Thompson
	Miles Yamasaki

High school seniors may apply for Temple scholarships and other scholarships presented through the Japanese American Community Graduation Program, each with separate forms and rules and regulations.

Application forms for temple scholarships and Japanese American Community Graduation Program scholarships are available in the temple office. Also, application forms for scholarships given out through the Japanese American Community Graduation Program, may be obtained via the internet at [www.jacgp.com](http://www.jacgp.com). The deadline to apply for Temple scholarships and Japanese American Community Graduation Program scholarships is April 1, 2016. There are also some scholarships in which volunteer hours are not required. Information on these scholarships are included in the Japanese American Community Graduation Program scholarships packet. Double check the application deadlines for these scholarships as they vary.

High school seniors may also submit a design for the cover contest for the program booklet of the Japanese American Community Graduation Program, whether or not they apply for a scholarship. However, details for this contest are an attachment to the application forms for scholarships of the Japanese American Community Graduation Program. The deadline for entries is April 1, 2016.

If you have any questions regarding any of the forms, please contact Lorraine Hisamoto (303-288-6083), Michael Nakamura (303-425-4253), Mike Shibata (303-359-8341) or Gary Yamashita (303-204-8039).

Also, graduating high school seniors, whether or not they apply for scholarships, will be invited to the annual Japanese American Community Graduation Program graduation banquet that will be held on Saturday, June 11, 2016, at the Arvada Center for the Arts and Humanities.

# March 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
			BCA Ministers' Conference (T) -----	BCA National Conference -	BCA National Conference -	Visalia, CA
						9 am Discussion Class (F) 10:30 am Hoji (F)
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
9:30 Dharma Family service(F) 10:15 Adult service (F) 11 am Nihongo service (F)				<i>articles due for April newsletter</i>	8 am SSF event kitchen use 11 am Shinran's Day Service (F)	9 am DBT Craft Class
1 pm Sedgwick service (F/K)		7 pm Dharma Disc (T)	7 pm JACGP mtg			
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
9:30 Dharma Family service(F) 10:15 Adult service(F)						8 am - 5 pm Aikido Summit 9 am Discussion Class (F) 1 pm Greeley(T)
9 am Brighton Sangha(T) 11 am Ft. Lupton (T)		11 am funeral & ash burial Albuquerque, NM (F)	Rev. Fujii in Albuquerque, NM and LaJara/Alamosa, CO for services			
3 pm private family gathering (aud/kitchen)		7 pm Dharma Disc (T)	6 pm LaJara/Alamosa(F)			
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Spring Ohigan 9:30 Dharma Family service(T) 10:15 Adult service(F) 11 am Nihongo service(F)						
			Rev. Thompson on Spring Break			
		7 pm Humu Humu				
27	28	29	30	31		
9:30 Dharma Family service(T) 10:15 Adult service(F) March Shotsuki service (F/T)						
		7 pm Dharma Disc (T)				

# April 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>R = Rockies Game</b>				<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> 9 am Discussion Class (F)
<b>3</b> 9:30 Dharma Family service(F) 10:15 Adult service(F) 11 am Nihongo service (F) 1 pm Sedgwick service (T)	<b>4</b>	7 pm Dharma Disc (T)	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8 R</b> 11 am Shinran's Day Service (F)	<b>9 R</b> 11 am KeiRoKai
<b>10 R</b> 9:30 Dharma Family service(F) 10:15 Adult service (F) 9 am Brighton Sangha service 11 Ft. Lupton service (T)	<b>11</b>	7 pm Dharma Disc (T)	<b>13 R</b>	<b>14 R</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> 9 am Discussion Class (F) 12 noon Greeley Hanamatsuri 6 pm Sake Tasting 100 YR event
<b>17</b> Hanamatsuri 8:30 Nihongo service (F) 9:30 Family Service (T) 10:15 Adult service (F) 11:30 Potluck & Entertainment	<b>18</b>	7 pm Dharma Disc (T)	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22 R</b> 9 am CO State (T)	<b>23 R</b>
<b>24</b> 9:30 Dharma Family Service(T) 10:15 am Adult service (F) April Shotsuki service(F/T) 1-4 pm Boondocks 100 YR event	<b>25</b>	7 pm Dharma Disc (T) 7 pm Humu Humu	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 9:30 am HS visitors	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>

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## Dharma Discussion

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Tuesday evenings at 7 p.m.

March 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>

Please join us here at the temple for dharma discussions to cover topics such as Amida Buddha and the Pure Land, basic temple etiquette, onaijin 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.**

(303) 295-1844

<http://www.tsdbt.org>

Facebook: tristatedenverbuddhisttemple

Hello everyone, the YBA will be hosting **Keirokai** this year on **Saturday, April 9th** at 11:00 am at the temple.

Keirokai (Seniors Appreciation Day) is an annual event when YBA students honor temple Seniors\* with a delicious, homemade lunch and really talented entertainment.

As usual there is no charge, however, donations are greatly appreciated. Invitations will be going out shortly; please **RSVP** to the YBA presidents Miles Yamasaki at 303-903-1586 or Brian Horiuchi at 720-838-7776. When leaving a voicemail message, please include your name, and your contact information. Thank you.

*\*YBA has been hosting Keirokai for many years based off the original Invitee list. Needless to say, this list needs updating. . . . therefore, if you are age 65 years+ and have not received a Keirokai invitation, please call the temple with your birth date and contact information. [We could guess at who you are, but that could get embarrassing on both sides ☺]*