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Ju-Sei-Ge

Summary of 48Vows

The fourth verse of Ju Sei Ge explains how the vows were made to realize highest Enlightenment.

**Free of greed and with profound mindfulness and pure wisdom,
I will perform the sacred practices;
I will seek to attain the surpassed Way,
And become the teacher of devas and humans.**

The Larger Sutra says:

Once there lived a king who one day had opportunity to listen to a Dharma message by a Buddha, who lived his life in this world without any obstacles. The king was very impressed with this message, and he generated the mind necessary to make people happy equally. Or, he came to know the true way to make anybody happy equally in Dharma. He did not, however, know what to do next. So he asked the Buddha for guidance. Then the Buddha showed many Buddha's Worlds to him, and said that the Surpassed Way should be built by yourself (you make vows by yourself. It is your job.)

Soon the king renounced the world, left his country and people, and gave up his position. He, then, became a homeless. He was called as *Dharmakara* (storage of Dharma). He was a brave and able man. Soon he analyzed many Buddha worlds shown by the Buddha, especially merits and demerits of each Buddha's country and their people. It took about 5 kalpas (4.32 billion of years x 5 =21.6 billion of years) to complete his analysis. After this difficult work, he started making the vows one by one.

The king was responsible to make his people happy equally. After the message of the Buddha, the king decided to take path of Dharma, not the path in political way. He came to realize a surpass way to make his people happy individually. Or, he found a true happiness in Dharma.

Profound mindfulness: Heart/mind is always concentrated on one thing all the time. This concentration is the source of pure wisdom and the path for surpassed Way.

Pure Wisdom: Ability and power to view things as they are. After pure and profound observation, *Dharmakara* finally gained Wisdom to be freed from bondage of selfishness and attachment when he analyzed merits and demerits of Buddhas' countries and their people. In short, pure wisdom here means "causation." Everything appears and disappears because of cause and condition.

After his analysis of merits and demerits, Wisdom lead him to sacred practice to realize what he gained. Then *Dharmakara*, bodhisattva of future *Amida* Buddha, went for vows of the surpassed way which any Buddha could not arrange Dharma that way. It is the Way to make everybody happy equally.

In Gassho, Rev. Doei Fujii

Monthly Salutations from Rev. Diana Thompson

Hello everyone, welcome to May! This month, we are observing Gotan-e, the birthdate of Shinran Shonin. Shinran was born on May 21st, 1173, amidst much war and famine. He lost both of his parents by the age of eight and was moved to the care of an aunt and uncle. At the age of nine, Shinran's uncle took him to the Shoren-in Temple to be tonsured as a priest. They arrived in the evening and the head priest informed them that, as it was late, they would have to wait until morning to do the ceremony. Shinran, however, did not want to wait until the morning and is said to have recited this verse; 'We must not wait for tomorrow, for life is like the cherry blossom, which may be blown away by the gust of midnight wind.' Seeing the child's determination, the head priest brought Shinran into the temple and ordained him that very night. (this is why Jodo Shinshu ordinations occur in the evening)

May also happens to be the month in which I was born. This year's birthday is not a noteworthy one per-se (not a 'decade birthday') but I did realize that by the end of the month, it will have been twenty years since I graduated from high school. This will also be the year that my daughter starts high school and the two combined made Shinran's verse particularly striking for me. Though I'm not having any kind of 'I'm getting old' crisis over it (I know 38 is not old, it's the new 16, or however those age-denial slogans go) I am shocked at how quickly the time passes. The years have certainly

blown swiftly away like the cherry blossoms in the midnight wind, but in reflecting on them I was happy to find that they were spent relatively well. I travelled quite a bit, lived in interesting places, met many interesting people, obtained bachelors and masters degrees, had a daughter who is happy and healthy and got a job that I absolutely love. Though the time does seem to have gone by in the blink of an eye, I managed to pack a lot into that blink.

I also recall that many of the places I went and experiences I had were done on a whim. I have never been particularly adept at planning things as any time I've sat down to do major planning, I tend to overthink things and usually end up abandoning them as too lofty or generally impossible. Of course, some of you out there may find this method ridiculous and even horrifying, but for me, it seems to have been my unconscious method of not waiting for the midnight wind to strip the trees. The things we do don't have to be enormous, I've found that having gone to see a particular movie or art show has contributed greatly to my life experience, but the point is to be willing to try and do things before the time gets away from us. We will all have regrets about things that we didn't or couldn't do in the course of our lifetimes, but remembering how fleeting our time is, we can begin to appreciate how precious our human lives are and we should try to make the best of it for ourselves and others.

Namo Amida Butsu

Okagesama de

Thank you to monthly newsletter mailing volunteers: Shirley Tsuchimoto, Rod Bruntz, Dora Shibata, Mabel Googins and Lorraine Hisamoto. We got the April issue out the door just in time for April.

Thank you to Dharma School (which includes YBA) students, parents and Staff for arranging all the necessary elements into a wonderful day; the service was beautiful, the lunch was delicious and the performances were riveting. Baby Siddhartha Gautama thought it was a wonderful day of celebration.

Thank you to our volunteer Building Maintenance Team (Joni Sakaguchi & Wayne Berve) for making certain the Temple meets Fire Code and readying our AC system for the upcoming Cherry Blossom Festival.

Thank you to affiliated groups – DBT Judo Dojo & DBT Aikido Dojo – for postponing your class nights when the Temple (& ministers) held a funeral service on your scheduled night. In this same situation, thank you to DBT Choir members and DBT BWA members for volunteering your time for services as designated by funeral family's request. And, thank you to Sakura Square Management for providing parking arrangements in this same unforeseen situation. It really takes an entire sangha team effort to make any single family event happen.

Thank you YBA students and advisors for hosting yet another KeiRoKai. Do you realize that you are now hosting people who performed your same role many years ago?

仏様が悲しむよ

少年院から電話があった。「仏教徒がここにいるのですが、刑務所のチャップリンとはどうしても話さそうとしないのです。仏教の僧侶としか話さないというのです。時間があれば来てその少年と話してくれますか」との依頼だった。彼は東南アジアの仏教国から来た少年で麻薬所持で御用となった。彼らは警察、裁判所、政府という人間の都合で作ったようなものを信用しないことは知っていた。ただ仏様だけに心を開くことも知っていた。

私と彼は外で話すことにした。彼は私を見るなり「あなたは本当に僧侶ですか？」ときく。東南アジアの僧侶は頭がツルツルで黄色かあずき色の衣をまとって出家者の姿が普通だが、私はネクタイをして髪をのばしているから彼が驚くのも無理はない。「はい、私は僧侶です。私は日本からきた僧侶です。髪をはやしネクタイをしています、どのような人にも仏様の智慧と慈悲とは等しく注がれていますから、外見は余り問題にしないのが日本の仏教なのです。大切なのは仏陀の教えなのです」と答えると納得したみたいだった。

私がどうやら仏教僧侶だと受け止めた彼は、家族の事、自分の生い立ち、麻薬所持で捕まった経緯、犯罪者となってしまったこと、将来の心配などを次々と話してくれた。多分少年院の取調官さえ耳にしたことが無かったのではないかと思われることを心を開いて次々と話してくれた。聞けば幼いころから親と共に寺に参っていた彼は深く仏法僧に帰依している若者だとも知れた。

さて、話が仏陀の教えに移ると彼は「そんな教えは今まで聞いたことがない」という。「ああ、そうだった」と思い直した私は東南アジアで説かれている話に変えた。伝統的な仏陀の教えが東南アジアの在家の人々に語られる時には、その内容が主に「倫理・道徳」が中心となるゆえ、悪いことをしてはいけない、困っている人には親切に、との内容が主になることを思い出した。

そこで私は「君は逮捕されたが、君は一人ではない。君の親も仏様も心配していますよ。仏様は悲しんでいます、仏様は決して君を見捨てない。仏様はいつも君のそばにいる。淋しい時には『ナモアミダブツ』と仏様の名を称えなさい」と勧めた。すると彼は、発音は少々違うが、「アミターバ」に近い発音で阿弥陀仏の名を口にして微笑んでいた。今まで一人で淋しかったのだろう。

私はその時に思ったのは「日本の仏教で良かった」と。特に浄土真宗は「法（ダルマ）」が中心に語られ道徳・倫理の面は余り語られない。私たちの心こそが問題を生む源であることを教え、心の暗いものを光の世界へと南無阿弥陀仏の一行をもって導き入れるのが阿弥陀仏の教えですから。それは出家者・在家者の区別なくさとり智慧と慈悲とが誰にでも・いつでも・どこも等しく注がれていることを教えるからです。

合掌、

藤井道栄



Greetings from Dharma School!

by Sara Robinson & Alyssa Holland, Co-Superintendents

Hello Dharma School Families!

Thank you all for a wonderful and joyous Hanamatsuri celebration.

There will be NO Temple service on Memorial Day, May 27th; therefore, no Dharma School classes.

The Dharma School end-of-year picnic will be held June 3rd, 11am at Central Park in Denver. 8801 MLK Blvd. (MLK Blvd and Beeler St.) There are bathrooms and a pavillion. It's the same location as last year.

Here are the suggested potluck assignments:

- Last name A-H - Side dish
- Last name I -R - drinks (juice, soda, water)
- Last Name S-Z- Desert or fruit

Bake sale for May is as follows:

- May 6th Preschool
- May 13th K-3
- May 20th Co-Superintendents
- May 27th NO Temple service

Thank you again for all of your support.



Congratulations to our Graduating Seniors:

- Kimi Horiuchi**
- Michael Inouye**
- Robert Tanaka**
- Quentin Yamasaki**

Dharma Discussion With Rev. Thompson

May 1st, 15th & 22nd
Tuesdays at 11:30 a.m.

Discussion preceded by a short service

You are invited to join in dharma discussions that cover such topics as Amida Buddha and the PureLand, basic temple etiquette, onaijin objects and other concepts related to Jodo Shinshu Buddhism. Bring your own questions and thoughts to keep the discussions lively and relevant.

Contact:
Diana Thompson Sensei at
303.295.1844 OR
dthompson@tsdbt.org

Dates and times are subject to change. Contacting Diana Sensei ahead of time is highly recommended.

68th Annual Asian Food Bazaar

Saturday, May 5, 2018
11:00 a.m.— 3:00 p.m.

Simpson United Methodist Church
6001 Wolff Street
Arvada, CO
303.428.7963

*Beef Teriyaki,
Chow Mein*

Tri-State/Denver Buddhist Temples gratefully acknowledges donations and offerings received from March 1, 2018—March 31, 2018:

Spring Higan service

Shizue Asano
 Rogin Burchardt
 Michiko Chikuma
 Miyuki Mabel Googins
 Cindy Horiuchi
 Ken & Amy Inouye
 Junko & Manabu Kimura
 Ayako Kimura
 Frank Miyazawa
 Alice Nishimoto
 Kumiko Ohtake
 Stacey Umemoto Ospina
 Hank & Irene Shibao
 Hisae Taniwaki
 Shirley Tsuchimoto
 Ted & Elaine Tsumura
 Unnamed
 Fumiko Yamashita
 Richard & Michiko Yoshida

In memory of Kenny Takahashi – 7th yr

M/M Fred Gordon
 Brian Willis
 M/M Roger Shimono
 Tami Takahashi
 Kay Takahashi

Donation

Anonymous
 Yoko Mooney
 Anonymous

Facilities Usage

Chibi no Gakko
 DBT Craft Class

Osaisen

Armijo Family
 Kent & Jane Kano
 Preschool Dharma Class

March Shotsuki donations

Dick Mayeda & family
 Shirley Tsuchimoto
 Umetani/Lo family
 Nancy & Milton Domoto
 Jan&Ron Marshall & family
 Families of Tosh&Mary Tawara
 Lillian & Phillip Miyazawa
 Elaine & Ted Tsumura
 Dorothy Inouye & family
 Gwen & Steve Kawashima
 Miyuki Mabel Googins
 Youko Yamasaki
 Miyuki Mabel Googins
 Tomiko Bengtson&Stacy Rubeli.....
 Suyeko & Alan Takaki
 Tom Yamamoto
 George Yamamoto
 Yutaka Yamamoto
 Shirley Tsuchimoto
 Sharon Shin
 Akira Ogawa
 Richard & Michiko Yoshida
 Miyoko Murata
 Sayoko Takata
 Miyuki Mabel Googins
 Jayne Yoshimura

in memory of

Christine Mayeda
 Christine Mayeda
 Errol Umetani & Helen Umetani
 Frank Hiraoka
 Frank Hiraoka
 Henry Aigaki & Chieko Ono
 Henry Kuritani
 Henry Kuritani
 Herbert H. Inouye
 Herbert H. Inouye
 Joseph Satoshi Yamasaki
 Joseph Satoshi Yamasaki
 Kanoko Connie Kojima
 Kikue&Hayasuke Yamamoto
 Kikue&Hayasuke Yamamoto
 Kikue&Hayasuke Yamamoto
 Kikue&Hayasuke Yamamoto
 Kikue&Hayasuke Yamamoto
 Mikazu Tsuchimoto
 Robert Boudreau & George Shin
 Shigeru Ogawa
 Susumu Kagiya
 Takuji Henry Nishi
 Takuji Henry Nishi
 Toshiaki Yoshimura
 Toshiaki Yoshimura

Donations

Joe & Jill Ozaki
 Kohaku Uta Gassen
 Lajara/Alamosa Buddhist Sangha
 Jack & Alice Kimura
 Ted & Arlene Tani
 Agustina Sakaguchi
 Eleanor Fukaye
 Sharon Shin

given for:

2018 Special Services
 final donation deposit
 Hanamatsuri service
 HoOnko service
 in memory of Lillian Sato
 in memory of Amy Horiuchi – 1st yr
 in memory of Harry Fukaye – 25th yr
 in memory of Robert Boudreau-7th yr

Legacy Endowment Fund Donors

from Dec. 29, 2016 through March 18, 2018

Kevin and Keiko Yoshida
 Ted and Elaine Tsumura
 Family of Tosh & Mary Tawara
 Sue A. Murahata
 Randy Matsushima
 Joe and Jill Ozaki
 Ayako Kimura
 Charles M. Kagiya
 Patricia Sato
 Charles and Teri Ozaki
 Mabel Googins

Emi and Harlan Yoshida
 Sumiye Tanaka
 Frank and Elaine Sughihara
 Kazuko S. Ortiz
 Perry and Shigeko Murata
 Linda Kato
 Jayne K. Yoshimura
 Clyde and Judy Nitta
 Alice Mizuno
 Robin Burchardt
 David and Joni Sakaguchi

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

*Miyoko Dolly Sato
 December 2, 1924-March 29, 2018*

*Dorothy Natsuko Inouye
 June 20, 1929 –March 29, 2018*

Monthly Update from Sakura Square LLC and Sakura Foundation (collectively, "Sakura Square") about the Redevelopment of Sakura Square

Note from the Editor: The following Sakura Square article has been included in the temple newsletter as part of the ongoing series about the Temple redevelopment with SS LLC & Sakura Foundation being the partner that makes redevelopment possible. This particular article shares more insight into matters that must happen outside the Temple to make the redevelopment happen; it is important to remain informed of all aspects because we are all interconnected.

Sakura Square and the community members involved with the necessary redevelopment of the block are aware of the need for a gathering place to share and participate in cultural activities, education and religious practice, both now and for future generations. As you know, after more than 45 years since they were constructed, the buildings at Sakura Square and the Temple have reached the end of their useful life. Just a few examples of the recent issues include loss of heat and A/C in the Hondo and gym, respectively, and repairs to the Tamai Tower exterior façade, fire alarm system, pedestrian bridge and Sakura Square parking garage.

The well-being of the Tamai Tower residents and businesses on the block has always been a priority for Sakura Square. For this reason, when the HUD loan was paid off in 2014, Sakura Square made a conscious decision to replace the Section 8 HUD subsidized housing program with Individual Housing Choice Vouchers ("Vouchers") so that the existing disabled, elderly and low-income residents could continue to receive a housing subsidy from HUD. For many decades, we have accommodated the businesses at Sakura Square to offer rent that is approximately 50% below market rate and provided affordable parking for their customers to support their effort to maintain businesses on our block.

It is important to note that when Tamai Tower was a HUD facility, HUD put constraints on allowable rent amounts which limited Sakura Square's income. As a result, there was limited funding to perform long-term maintenance to Tamai Tower, the parking structure and the commercial business buildings. Knowing that Tamai Tower would need to be totally renovated or demolished in the redevelopment due to its aging condition, Sakura Square provided voucher residents with an 18-month advance notice informing them that the program would be ending. In addition, a consultant, Heather Grady, was hired

to assist these voucher residents with finding new homes. The list below outlines the many proactive actions in support of the voucher residents that have been taken:

- On a case-by-case basis, assisted with security deposits, application and administrative fees and moving expenses.
- Actively encouraged and helped residents sign up on wait lists at subsidized housing apartments and homes. Some facilities are newly built or brand new.
- Drove residents to apartments for tours and/or paid for their cab fare.
- Filled out and submitted housing applications for residents.
- Hired translators in Mandarin, Cantonese, Korean and Japanese to help the residents understand their options and have questions answered.
- Followed up on the residents' status on wait lists.
- Researched subsidized housing options in the metro area as well as in other states at the request of the residents.

Non-subsidized residents of Tamai Tower were enrolled in a "Step Up" program to ease their transition to market rate rent. Based on how long they had lived in Tamai Tower prior to 2014, their monthly rents increased gradually every six months until their rent reached the current market rate. Some residents have not yet reached market rent levels since Sakura Square wanted to make sure the increase was manageable for these residents.

The businesses at Sakura Square were also provided advance notice of the redevelopment during the past 12 months. Sakura Square management has been meeting on a regular basis with these businesses to keep them fully informed of the redevelopment process. In the case of Pacific Mercantile, a very important member of our community, monthly one-on-one meetings have been occurring over the past two years. Sakura Square has been proactive in providing resources for Pacific as they develop their business plan going forward. Sakura Square values its relationship with Pacific Mercantile, the many contributions it has made to our community and continues to support Pacific through the redevelopment. *(concluded page 18)*

May Shotsuki Names

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

Tomokichi Abe	Keebo Kiyoshi Kinoshita	Shinjiro Sasaki
Mika Akagi	Frank Kozo Kinoshita	Satoko Sawamura
Yukio Akiyama	Shuji Kinoshita	Eki Shimada
Hanafusa Harry Aoyagi	Minoru Kishiyama	Kura Shimamoto
Haru Arakawa	Masao Kitashima	Ruth Shizuko Shiramizu
Kristina Burns	Torino Koishi	William Jiro Shoji
Nobu Champoux	Sachiko Komata	Setsuye Sumikawa
Tong Chung	Ina Yoshiko Koshio	Miyozo Takahashi
Diana Keiko Doi	Sue Shizuyo Koshio	Fusaye Jean Takamatsu
Masaye Doi	Shina Kubo	Rosie Hisaye Takata
Tokisuye Doizaki	Tsui Kuga	Fuji Tamura
Tateyoshi Eguchi	Hidekichi Kuroda	George Tanaka
Saku Enomoto	Noboru Kuroda	Mitsuo Steven Tanaka
Masakichi Eya	Tadashi Kuroki	Tom Takasuke Tanaka
Asao Fujii	George Masaru Kuwamura	Harry Hatsuki Tashiro
Hajime Fujii	Richard Mabe	Masaki Tashiro
Mansaku Fujii	Rose Makino	Taeko Tawara
Ruby Tomiye Fujinami	Toshiko Makino	Baby Thompson
Sam Mitsuo Fukuhara	Keitaro Mameda	Isaku Tochiwara
Sam Susumu Funakoshi	Toraji Maruyama	Yasuko Tochiwara
Tamaye Furuiye	Yasutaro Masuda	Jim Tamotsu Tokunaga
Fukuzo Fushimi	Taki Masunaga	Katsuki Tokunaga
Sano Fushimi	Chie Matsubayashi	Mitsuo Tomoeda
Ben Tsutomu Goto	Edward Matsuda	Kobaya Toya
Paul Noboru Gow	Larry Matsuda	Mary Toshiko Ujifusa
Nancy Lee Kiyomi Harada	Miyano Matsuda	Yayono Ujifusa
Seitaro Hashimoto	Yoshiaki Matsuda	Seisaku Umemoto
Shige Hattori	Harry Kiyoshi Matsushima	Charles Yutaka Urano
Tsune Hayano	Robert Toshiyuki Mayeda	Guzo Uyeda
Jineimon Hayashi	Toranosude Mayeda	Hatsuye Uyehara
Tsurumi Higuchi	Miyomatsu Mitamura	Kotona Uyemura
George Yutaka Hiraki	Hisayo Mitsuda	Kozo Joseph Uyenishi
Shigeo Hiratsuka	Yeme Emiko Miwa	Jack Evon Washizu
Masao Hisamoto	Matsuo Tom Miyahara	Sid Win
Mutsuo Jimmy Hisamoto	Fredric Yoshio Miyazawa	Katie Kaoru Yago
Ei Inouye	Kaichiro Mori	Seiji Jack Yago
Yoshiko Inouye	Rii Morimoto	Bunzo Yaguchi
Chitose Iritani	Takejiro Morishige	Chiyoko Yamasaki
Fujio Ishiguro	Akira Mugishima	Mifuko Baba Yamashita
Gary Ito	Kimiko Muroya	Takeshi Yamashita
Toshiko Iwahashi	Keiichi Nakamoto	Tokutaro Yanari
Yoshiro Iwahashi	Tsuruye Nakamura	Shobei Yashiro
Masuo Iwasaki	Jukichi Nakashima	Emiko Yasuzawa
Yotaro Iwata	Gladys Reiko Nakata	Keiji Yokomizo
Mary Yukiko Iyama	Marjorie Masako Nakata	Norma Yokooji
Shigeru Joko	Toku Nakata	Haruye Yonekura
Otsuji Kageyama	Misu Nakatsu	Clarence Toshihiro Yoshida
Tsunakichi Kageyama	Patti Ann Nakayama	Hideo Yoshida
Toki Kagohara	Goichi Nikawa	Takashi Ted Yoshida
Toyoji Kagohara	Suma Nitanda	Shigeo Karney Yoshimto
Tadao Kajiwara	Hazue Nitta	Michio Yoshimura
Toshiaki Frank Kamibayashi	Kumajiro Nitta	Tommy Kiyoshi Yura
Kunsaku Kanai	Isamu Noaki	
Danny Katayama	Hatsuo Ogata	
Kazuo Katayama	Kazuko Irene Ogura	
Kimi Kato	Kenzo Milton Ogura	
Yasu Kato	Sumiko Sally Okubo	
Ruth Michiko Katsumoto	Iwataro Ono	
Toshiaki Kawaji	Frances P. Reiser	
Frances Fumiko Kawano	Yoshio Sameshima	
Haruko Kawata	Toshiko Ida Sandon	

Shotsuki Monthly Memorial Service

May 20, 2018

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. 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 provides families with monthly memorial Shotsuki services held in conjunction with regularly scheduled Sunday services, so 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 is appreciated: \$50/observance.
In Gassho



HATSUMAIRI REGISTRATION

On May 20, 2018, Tri-State/Denver Buddhist Temple is holding Infant/Toddler 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 and May Shotsuki service. The Infant Presentation will begin at 9:30 am with the Gotan E & May Shotsuki Services following immediately after.

Please fill out the attached registration form and return it to the temple office with your \$20 registration fee by Sunday, May 13, 2018.

Name of Child: _____

Names of Father & Mother:

Date of Child's birth: _____

Place of Child's birth: _____

Home Address: _____

Phone number: _____

Email address: _____

Parent's Signatures: _____



Cherry Blossom Festival – Save the Dates

The Cherry Blossom Festival (CBF) committee would like to solicit your additional support and help in the pre-festival activities. The festival can only be successful with the full support and participation of the entire sangha. During the weeks 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:

Saturday, June 16th – 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Manju making (lunch will be provided)

Wednesday, June 20th – Day and/or evening activities depending upon the level of support
Moving equipment and supplies from the basement storage rooms to the auditorium
Make Salad Dressing, package noodles,
Grate ginger

Thursday, June 21st – Day and/or evening activities depending upon the level of support
Preparation of the ingredients for Maki Sushi (day activity)
Making of Teriyaki Sauce
Pre-cook beef (for beef bowl)

Friday, June 22nd – Day and/or evening activities depending upon the level of support
Make Mochi Manju – begin at 8:00 a.m.
Clean Lettuce for Asian Salad (evening)
Marinate Chicken (9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.)
Set up for festival
Cook eggs for Sushi

Sakura Matsuri – Cherry Blossom Festival In-Kind Donation List

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

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

In gassho,
the Cherry Blossom Committee

In-kind Donation List of desired items:

Soda Pop - Coke, Pepsi and 7-Up Products (Please No Diet) - **as much as possible**

SPAM, original flavor

Soy Sauce packets

Green Tea Bags

Memmi

Coffee

Minced Garlic (bottled)

Hashi (Chopsticks) wooden disposable

Cornstarch

6" paper plates

Dish washing sponges

8" paper plates

Dish washing soap

Dinner size napkins (nothing fancy)

Cooking Oil (canola)

PAM Original cooking spray

Vinegar

2018 Cherry Blossom Festival Toban

This is the 2018 Cherry Blossom Festival Toban List (volunteer assignments), listed by committee. Please find your name and plan to work a four hour shift for the committee you are assigned to. Chair people normally contact their committee members. If you would like to contact your committee chairperson, please e-mail Brandi Tsuchimoto at branditsuchimoto@yahoo.com for contact information.

Your name may be listed multiple times, not at all, or on a committee not suited to your liking. If this is the case, please contact Brandi Tsuchimoto at branditsuchimoto@yahoo.com.

If you are parents of an infant or toddler, please combine your efforts and select a committee to "share" a shift. If you are a parent of a young Dharma School student, please consider volunteering as an entire family in the Tea Servers/ Table Bussers committees.

No matter HOW or WHEN you volunteer, your participation is very much needed and appreciated.

Community Engagement Representative

Randy Sasaki

Food Coordinators

Gayle Goto

Wendy Thompson

Setup Coordinator

Jon Campbell

Sign Coordinator

Donna Inouye

Volunteer Coordinator

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Brandi Tsuchimoto 303-798-4551 OR branditsuchimoto@yahoo.com

Sakura Foundation

Stacey Shigaya

Beef Bowl – Cookers

Chair: Rich Kagiya

Volunteers: TBD

Beer Sales – Gym

Saturday Chair: Bob Fujimoto

Saturday Volunteers:

Junji Shimada

Sam Bungo

Richard Yoshida

Phil Miyazawa

Neal Walia

Joe Ozaki

Sunday Chair: Chad Nitta

Sunday Volunteers: Tommy Doizaki Jr.

Kenso Kagiya

Art Koyano

Don Kang

Hunyen Lee

Rex Yoshimura

John Lozano

Amy Nitta

Beer Sales – Outside

Sakura Foundation

Bookstore / Temple Merchandise Sales

Chairpersons:

Kirk Horiuchi

Stacey Ospina-Umemoto

Volunteers:

Tisha Fujii

Antrin Henderson

Christian Onassis

Ann Murphy

Mieko Ospina

Bill Murphy

Nate Wilson

Calligraphy

Chair:

Reverend Fujii

Volunteers:

Junko Asakawa

Hiroko Hung

Sadako Iwahiro

Frank Miyazawa

Chicken Teriyaki – Cookers

Chair: Wayne Berve

Saturday Volunteers:

Katie Mascher-Mace

Kenbo Takahashi

Greg Yamaguchi

Phillip Hodgden

Karen Mascher-Mace

Bill Thompson

Kent Yamamoto

Gary Horiuchi

Kristi Miller

Kentaro ThompsonDavid Valenciano

Kevin Yoshida

Scott Kanayama

Lawton Shinsato

Sunday Volunteers:

Brian Levitt

Eric Sasano

Kirk Horiuchi

Mitch Mollard

Tom Tabuchi

Dave Kato

Derick Okada

Terry Yamashita

Thomas Knight

Thom Sakata

Chicken Teriyaki Sales

Saturday Chairperson: Naomi Miyazawa
Saturday Volunteers: Julie Kimura Lauren Miyazawa Lil Miyazawa Halie Miyazawa
Alix Mizoue JoDell Mizoue Crystal Nitta Sherri Nitta
Della Phan Pat Sato Derek Uba Kathryn Zeek

Sunday Chairs: Sue Yoshimura

Sunday Volunteers: Brian Asano Jan Asano Elsa Burchinow Casey Chipman Cindy Chipman-Lida
Becky Furuta Ann Hyde Marie Mayemura Donna Miller Robert Miller
Jo Miyake-Kennedy Janice Ramos Shelly Tanaka Don Yoshimura Jay Yoshimura
Joe Yoshimura Amy Yoshimura

Clean Up (After Festival)

Marketplace: Sakura Foundation
Gym: YBA
Hondo: Gary Matsuda, Charles and Joe Ozaki
Food Plaza/ Under the Gym: Gary Yamashita
Volunteers: Glenn Akiyama Mark Bruski Ruth Bruski Lori Bull Louie Bull
Brandan Burns Kayln Fong Kathy Gaines Andy Hamano
Steve Lenguel Shigefumi Murata Michael Murrell Tena Prange
Mike Robinson Sara Robinson Craig Shibata LeAnn Shibata
Evan Shigaya John Thompson Emmy Yamamoto Lisa Yamamoto
Hiko Yamamoto Shelley Yost Steve Yost

Finance

Chairpersons: Carole Eshima Linda Akiyama
Volunteers: Dave Akiyama Teresa Akiyama Duane Eshima Sharon Eshima Stan Eshima

Floater & Runners

Dan Nolan Alison Nishi Minoru Kinoshita Fukumi Kinoshita
Merrily Stewart Sadaharu Kurobane Chris Steele Christina Steele
Todd Claybaugh John Dobberpuhl John Lozano Laurie Schmidt

All: if you cannot find your name listed on a particular committee, YOU are a "floater." This is a two-fold homerun; you are available for any committee in need of volunteers AND you get to choose a committee and time to volunteer! Simply check in at the Volunteer Check-In table (in the auditorium) when you arrive on Saturday or Sunday.

Food Plaza – Cookers

Saturday Chair: Thom Sakata
Volunteers: Harry Harada Kiyoshi Koga Jason Pettis Steve Pisano
Gunnar Recht Bruce Tawara
Sunday Chair: Sam Davis
Volunteers: Joe Anderson Moe Armijo Paula Armijo Walt Chikuma
Joanne Tokunaga Troy Kilen Jim Matsuda Jeanne Matsuda Walt Tokunaga

Food Plaza – Sales

Saturday Chair: Jennifer Trompeter
Saturday Volunteers: Audrey Charness Jay Charness Mami Finke
Tom Finke Diane Fukino Gwen Kawashima Junko Kagiya-Manley
Alyssa Kuge Aimee Kuge Clarence Low Jan Marshall
Ron Marshall Erik Phillips Missy Phillips Joy Sakaguchi
Nicole Simoes Hiroko Tagawa Akemi Tsutsui
Sunday Chair: Rachel Davis
Sunday Volunteers: Lianne Baessler Efren Baruela Katie Baruela Miles Collins Namiko Eshima Kenji Eshima
Jennifer Chikuma Chikako Fukutomi Dave Goto Daniel Greer
Bill Fukutomi Pat Hiraoka Irene Kawanabe Kenzo Kawanabe
Derek Greer Aiko Kimura Nicole Manley Jo Miyake Mike Shibao
Candice Sprangers Stephanie Takahashi Robert Wong

Information Booth

Chairs: Glenn and Michelle Asakawa
Volunteers: Cameo Haddan Joshua Mollard Samantha Mollard Sue Mollard
Alyssa Holland Chris Holland

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Kitchen Help

Chairs: JoAnne Adair
 Saturday Volunteers: Gayle Goto
 Steve Hiraoka Aaron Chikuma Dick Chikuma Jeffrey Compton Ed Hiraoka
 Myron Kuge Brad Kano Dave Kato Everett Watada Chisato Koike
 Justin Ursich Michael Manley Edward Nance Natal Newhouse Kyle Tawara
 Erika Ursich

Sunday Volunteers: Robin Burchardt Kikue Hardman Kathy Kuge Wendy Westwood
 Craig Matsuda Mike Shibata Doug Tamura Kyle Tawara

Manju/Sushi - Sales

Saturday Chairs: Deb Omoto-Berve Teri Ozaki
 Saturday Volunteers: Gil Asakawa Tamiko Konishi June Kurobane
 Kim Morehouse Courtney Ozaki Jane Sasaki Marian Yoshimura
 Zak Umetani Steve Yasuzawa Judy Yasuzawa Erin Yoshimura

Sunday Chairs: Cynthia Kiyotake
 Sunday Volunteers: Marge Fukuhara Andi Heath Eileen Heath Jennifer Heath Beulah Kagiya
 Tom Kagiya Risa Holland Alyssa Holland Hiroko Marshall JoAnn Marshall
 Mallory Mayeda Ruby Miyazawa Kazuko Munetake Ann Nakamura
 Emma Steinebrey Rebecca Steinebrey Shannon Umetani Keiko Crumm

Market Set-Up

Chair: Sakura Foundation
 Friday Volunteers: Ben Kiyotake Kiyoshi Koga Gary Koga Brett Shibao
 Saturday/Sunday Volunteers: Jackie Shimamoto Karen Shimamoto

Medical Services

Chair: Sakura Foundation
 Volunteers: Lisa Montoya Jennifer Chikuma Lisa Kanayama Jane Kano
 Pat Sato Jackie Shimamoto Sameerah Wong

PA System/Lighting/Mechanical/Electrical

Chairs: Kent Yamasaki
 Volunteers: Kevin Kutsuma Steve Nakata Kyle Inouye

Parking Attendants

Chair: Sakura Foundation

Pre- Festival

Manju: Wendy Thompson, & Joni Sakaguchi
 Chicken Marinade: Bill Thompson & Wendy Thompson
 Food Ordering: Gayle Goto and Wendy Thompson
 PR/Advertising: Sakura Foundation
 Raffle: Gene Watada
 Set Up Auditorium, Beer Garden, Food Plaza, Gym: YBA
 Set Up Grills: Wayne Berve
 Set up Market Place: Sakura Foundation
 Set up Somen Cooking: Carrie Ann Aoki & Harriett Sakamoto
 Set Up Hondo: Gary Matsuda, Charles and Joe Ozaki

Pop, Water, Somen, Beef Bowl, Chicken Salad and Misc. Food Sales

Saturday Chair: Lorraine Hisamoto
 Sunday Chair: TBD
 Volunteers: Carrie Furusho Valerie Hiraki Aaron Hisamoto Addysen Hora
 Donovan Hora Keith Hora Kenny Hora Shelly Hora
 Drew Matsushima Karen Matsushima Kirstie Matsushima Ron Matsushima
 Joyce Mizunaga Joy Nakagawa Randy Nakagawa Roger Nakagawa
 Kenny Nakamura Brian Tamura Naomi Tamura Barb Tashiro Dave Tashrio

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Sushi – Cut/Pack

Sunday Chair: Shirley Horiuchi
Sunday Volunteers: Diane Kiyota Lauren Kiyota Michi Kajiwara Carol Mayeda Kathy Mayeda
Kumiko Ohtake Taku Ohtake Dora Shibata Sayoko Takata Eileen Tanaka
Nancy Tanaka Sumi Tanaka Mia Tsuchimoto

Sushi – Eggs

Chair: Judy Okamoto and Michiko Fujii
Volunteers: Sumi Sato

Sushi – Inari Sushi

Saturday Chair: Judy Wong
Saturday Volunteers: Vicki Case Mabel Googins Yas Oda Charmaine Palmer Suzuho Shimasaki
Jeri Tagawa Kellie Tagawa Stevie Umetani Jason Wong Sameerah Wong
Debbie Yamashita Lori Yokomizo Justin Lo

Sunday Chair: Emilie Kutsuma
Sunday Volunteers: Stephanie Iwahashi Terri Iwahashi Linda Kato Rhonda Matsuno Sheryl Mosbarger
Sami Nakazono Kathy Peterson Regina Squibbs Cameron Stutzman Doris Taniguchi
Kelly Yamasaki Miko Yamashita

Sushi – Maki Sushi

Saturday Chair: Susie Asano
Saturday Volunteers: Michi Chikuma Ayako Kimura Junko Kimura
Yoshie Matsushita Kimiko Noguchi Hisae Taniwaki

Sunday Chair: Donna Noguchi
Sunday Volunteers: DJ Ida Atsuko Kagiyama Ayako Kimura
Junko Kimura Tami Kimura Janet Nakata

Tea Servers/Table Bussers (Inside)

Chairs: Sara Robinson Alyssa Holland Matt Knippel
Volunteers: Dharma School and Judo students & their families

Tea Servers/Table Bussers (Outside)

Chairs: Aiko Kimura (Taiko & Jr. Taiko) Ron Abo (Aikido)
Volunteers: Taiko, Jr. Taiko and Aikido students & their families

Under the Gym – Food & Beverages

Saturday Chairs: Carrie Ann Aoki Harriet Sakamoto
Saturday Volunteers: Jason Aoki Mary Ann Amemiya Stephanie Barton Jeremy Barton Sharon Ioka
Janet Kajiwara Phyllis Kajiwara Paige Mawhinney Linda Mawhinney Jolene Molina
Lynne Noguchi Wes Sakamoto Sharon Shin Jennifer Suson Jack Suson
Marilyn Suson David Suson Melanie Suson Ryan Tagawa
Julie Yamasaki Scott Yamasaki

Sunday Chair: Carrol Tsutsui
Sunday Volunteers: Bo Boughman Yoon Chang Jeff Fujiki Steve Hiratsuka Rich Ida
Cal Kato Al Kawakami Kit Mura-Smith Don Takemura Louise Takemura
Daryl Tawara Dean Tsutsui Holly Wada Rachel Wada Robert Wada
Sarah Wada

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Volunteer Check-In

Chairs: Shirley Tsuchimoto
Brandi Tsuchimoto

Volunteers: Peggy Bungo Kathy Gaines Nob Hattori Velda Nance
 eanne Nozawa Kay Takahashi Louise Yamaguchi Becky Yamaguchi
 Yo Yamasaki Michi Yoshida

YBA – Friday Gym Setup and Saturday Food Plaza

Chairs: Jon Campbell
Amy Yoshimura

Volunteers: YBA students

Questions or Concerns: Please do not hesitate to contact one of the Cherry Blossom Festival Chair people, Wendy Thompson or Gayle Goto. You can e-mail them at wendy@mepcxinc.com or ggoto@comcast.net. You may also contact either of the volunteer coordinators, Shirley Tsuchimoto shirleytsuchimoto@gmail.com or Brandi Tsuchimoto branditsuchimoto@yahoo.com. For questions relating to Sakura Foundation, please contact Stacey Shigaya at staceys@sakurafoundation.org.

You've combed through this list multiple times and can't locate your name? Please don't despair – there is work available for everyone! Managing a list of volunteers with over 500 names is a difficult task. Thank you for your patience and please let Brandi Tsuchimoto know at branditsuchimoto@yahoo.com if there is a mistake or other problem. Thank you very much for your help in making the Cherry Blossom Festival such a wonderful fundraiser for our temple!

2018 Amache Pilgrimage Saturday, May 19th, 2018

6:00 a.m. Bus pick-up at Simpson Methodist Church
6:30 a.m. Bus pick-up at Denver Buddhist Temple
8:00 a.m. Break-Limon Refreshment Stop
11:00 a.m. Arrival at Amache

Memorial Ceremony

12:30 p.m. Arrival at Granada High School

Potluck Luncheon

1:30 p.m. Amache Museum OR Site Tour
2:30 p.m. Board bus for ride home
6:30 p.m. Denver Arrival

*Sponsored by JAA of Colorado with the Amache
Preservation Society and the Friends of Amache*

For additional information, please contact:

Frank Miyazawa @ 303.237.8641

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Nisei Veterans Heritage Foundation 72nd Annual Memorial Service At the Nisei Veterans Memorial

Memorial Day
May 28, 2018
11:00 am-12:30 pm

Fairmount Cemetery
430 S. Quebec St.
Denver, CO 80247

Guest Speaker: Dr. Mitchell Maki, President of the Go for Broke National Education Center; dedicated to preserving the legacy and lessons of the Nisei World War II veterans.

June 2018

SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

						1 R Kyokuchō Mtg @ JSC 4 pm Wedding Rehearsal (Tsutsui) F	2 R (T) 5 pm Wedding & reception (Tsutsui/Kunitani) F
3 R 8:30 Nihongo service 10 am Dharma School picnic at 1 pm Sedgwick	4	5	6	7	8 R 11 am Shinran's Day Service F	9 R 6:30 pm JACGP Banquet at Arvada Centre	
10 R 9:30 Summer Family Service 9 am Brighton service T 11 am Ft. Lupton serv. T	11	12 7 pm Humu Humu	13	14 5 pm Hoji (Noguchi) offsite	15	16 1 pm Greeley service	
17 June Shotsuki 8 am Pride Parade T 9:30 am Family service 11:30 TSDBT Board meeting	18 R	19 R 7 pm Humu Humu	20 R 6 pm Lajara/Alamosa service	21 R	22 R	23 R Cherry Blossom Festival	
24 R Cherry Blossom Festival	25	26	27	28	29	30	

May 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	Wednesday	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	Saturday
		1 11:30 am Dharma Service & Disc T	2 9 am HS students T 10 am Japan students F	3	4	5
6 8:30 Nihongo service 9:30 Family Service 10:15 Adult service 11:30 Scholarship inter-views 1 pm Sedgwick T	7	8 R	9 R	10 R 11:30 am Mtg offsite T	11 R 11 am Shiran's Day F	12 R 11:30 am Hoji (Ozaki)
13 R YBA Breakfast 9:30 am Family service F 10:15 am Adult service F 11:30 TSDBT Board Mtg	14	15 11:30 am Dharma S & D T	16	17	18	19 Amache Pilgrimage 1 pm Greeley F Rev Thompson in Oakland
20 Gotan E & Hatsumairi May Shotsuki 8:30 Nihongo service F 9:30 am Family service F 10:15 Adult service 11 am Dharma School Planning mtg	21	22 11:30 am Dharma S&D 7 pm Humu Humu	23	24	25 R	26 R
27 R NO Temple services 9 am Crown Hill 10 am Lafayette	28 R Office closed 10 am Brighton 11 am Ft. Lupton 12 noon Platteville 11 am Fairmont (NVHF) 2 pm Olinger (Temple) 3 pm Riverside	29 R	30 R	31 Kyokuchō Mtg A JSC T		

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Sakura Square Redevelopment *continued from page 6*

It was with great foresight that more than seven years ago the Strategic Planning Committee, consisting of Temple and Sakura Square representatives, met with the Sangha and the broader community of stakeholders to begin the process of what is now the redevelopment of the block. Sakura Square and everyone involved with the redevelopment are extremely grateful for the community's dedication and support throughout the years. It is our intention to honor those who initially envisioned and built Sakura Square, as well as the Temple and JA communities, the greater Denver community and the future generations who will need to contemplate redeveloping Sakura Square and the Temple in the decades to come.