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## Vow #46:

**Everything, including life and death, is already solved in my land. You can hear whatever teachings you may wish, and you listen to deepen and widen Dharma more and more.**

*"If, when I attain Buddhahood, bodhisattvas in my land should not be able to hear spontaneously whatever teachings they may wish, may I not attain perfect Enlightenment."*

Here is one real-life example of this Vow:

One day a female college student visited my office in tears. She explained what happened to her. A short time ago her mother had passed away in the East, but her final examination was at hand. So she had to decide: Should I stay in Denver to take my final, or should I attend my mother's funeral in the East? Ultimately, she decided to stay.

Her father had already passed away long ago and so, she and her mother lived together for years until she came to Denver for college. She loved her mother, she trusted her mother, and she shared many things with her mother for years. Still she did not return for her mother's funeral service. Soon after the exam, sadness, emptiness, loneliness, and a sense of guilt attacked her so badly that she did not know how to deal with negative things in her mind. Thus, her miserable situation brought her to the temple.

After her explanation, I said to her. "Your mother passed away, but you are also living the same impermanent life as your mother did. This is what your mother is teaching you as her last lesson. First, do you know how to live your life without regret? Next, sadness and sense of guilt are both evidence that your relationship with your mother in the past was wonderful. You loved your mother, but you lost her. So your love appears to you as sadness. Your sharing appears to you as helpless and empty feelings. These are all clear evidences your relationship was good and true. I know you are the one singular person who can weep for your mother. You met this wonderful person in your lifetime, and now you are holding wonderful gifts from the past such as sadness, sorrow, sense of guilt. These are not negative things, but wonderful gifts. So you can live with the gifts from your mother...." We talked about 30-40 minutes, and she left the office with smile.

Indeed, how can we live without the Teaching of Enlightened One? How can we know what we have been doing? Whenever I wish to hear teachings, I am able to hear them to know me. Whenever our everyday living is guided by Wisdom and Compassion of perfect enlightenment, it is a wonderful, impermanent life.

In Amida's Land, we can surely spontaneously hear whatever teachings we may wish. It is because in the Immeasurable Life and Light every problem and difficulty of ours is already solved.

"Recite My Name, and come to my Land, I never fail you, and I surely protect you!"

In Gassho,  
Rev. Doei Fujii



*This month's  
Special Event*

*Autumnal  
Ohigan*

# Monthly Salutations

from Rev. Diana Thompson

Hello everyone, welcome to September! This month's observance is autumn O-Higan. 'Higan' is a word that means 'other shore' and refers to the Pure Land of Amida. In Japan, this is a time for contemplation of the Pure Land; a time to reflect on the teachings of the Buddha therefore settling our hearts and minds. As Jodo Shinshu Buddhists, we do not observe this week-long period of contemplation. We are a tradition of 'householders', people who live lives of work, school, family commitments, etc. and cannot practice as monks do so, instead, we encourage people to come to temple services so that they may have an opportunity to hear the teachings despite their busy schedules.

The Pure Land is described as being located in the Western quarter which is considered to be the place where all things go to rest. It is a place where our hearts and minds become settled. I think that September is an ideal time to find a place of rest. For me, though my summer schedule can be busy, it becomes even busier in the Fall because my daughter returns to school. In addition to my own schedule, I suddenly have school schedules, after-school schedules and added weekend activities. There is a whirlwind of activity and despite this being roughly the same pattern every year, I find that it takes at two weeks or more to get adjusted. I find it hard to settle into a restful place and the irony is not lost on me that I somehow cannot do this even while writing articles and talks on the subject.

However, as this article will be written and submitted before September comes, I will use it as an attempt to remind myself to cool it a little next month.

Autumn is a time when things begin to settle into rest. The plants are pushing out their last blooms so that their seeds can settle into to the earth for next year. Animals are fattening up and storing things away for their long winter naps. Even the sunlight seems to me a little heavier, no longer the sharp light of summer but a sleepier light that is tucking us in for winter. I

find all of this very soothing at the moment and hopefully it will follow me into the next month. I will likely still get caught up in the whirlwind of activity and find myself in a tizzy for a while but I will do my best to remember that despite all that goes on, I will still be officiating services at our temples where I will have no choice but to be reminded of the Pure Land. I will talk about this perfect land of rest and the importance of the teachings which will lead us there and perhaps I will even listen to myself this year. I hope to use that time to experience, along with all of my fellow travelers, the great gratitude that springs from the knowledge that despite the daily lives that keep us from being able to do the perfect practice of monks and nuns, we too are welcomed into that land of rest. Namo Amida Butsu

## Dharma Discussion with Rev. Thompson

*NOW two different sessions*

**September 5, 12, 19 & 26**

**Tuesdays at 11:30 a.m.**

discussion preceded by short service

**AND/OR September 8, 22**

**Friday evenings at 7:00 p.m.**

discussion preceded by short service

You are invited to join in dharma discussions that cover such topics as Amida Buddha and the Pure Land, 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:

(303) 295-1844 OR

dthompson@tsdbt.org

*Dates and times are subject to change. Contacting Diana Sensei ahead of time is highly recommended if you wish to park in the Sakura Square lot and so that you can be informed of changes or cancellations.*

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## 葬式代はいくら？ 法事代はいくら？

結論からです。寄付額を知りたいときにはお寺に電話してください。教区やお寺により違いますので。

さて、あなたは値段の付いてない商品を買うだろうか。買う時には前にもっていくらなのか知りたくはなかろうか。ところが長いあいだ寺への葬式や法事の寄付額には「値段が付いてない」状態だった。なぜだろうか？

一世の頃はいくらなのかの基準などなかった。それはその地域で適切な額を教えてくださいの人が出たからだった。例えば、あなたの家は大きく農業をしているから「これぐらいの額ではどうか」とか、あなたの家は農業も小さく子供も多いから「これぐらいではどうか」と相談会で勧めてくれる人がいて皆もそれに従った。二世はそれを見ていたので、まあ、その習慣に従っていた。

ところが三世代目ともなると核家族となり、ジジ・ババとは一緒に暮らしていない人が多いから寺や地方の習慣がきちんと継承されなくなり、一体いくら寄付すればよいのか不安がる。そこで葬儀や法事の時の寄付額を知りたくて「いくらなのか？」となる。お寺でも時代の流れや若者の事情を考慮して基準を作るようになった。つまりは、葬式代も法事もお寺への寄付も、丸でスーパーでの買い物と同じように、値段が付くようになった。引退した者も現役の人も「一律で同じ額」となった。これ、アメリカ流ですが、決まっていれば分かりやすい。

この「葬式代はいくら？」との心配事は約40年以上も前に日本にいた頃にも皆の関心事の一つだと気付いていた。例えば、あるご主人は大会社の重役。急に亡くなった。残された奥さんが「主人が亡くなった時に、恥ずかしい話ですが、悲しい気持ちよりも、一番の心配事は葬儀にかかる費用でした。一体いくら銀行から現金を下せばいいのか」と。これは遺族にとっては大きな心配事です。寺や僧侶が何とかしてあげないといけないとその時に思ったものだ。

また、このような例もアメリカにはある。昔は葬儀が終わってから葬儀屋に代金を支払い、寺への寄付もするのが普通だった。だが、今頃の葬儀屋は葬儀の前にすべての支払いを家族に要求する。その理由は「昔は葬儀の後にきちんと払ってくれたが、最近は支払わない家族が増えたから」なので「14%の家族が支払わない」とその葬儀社はいう。「それは大きいね。で、どうしますか？」と聞くと「取り立て屋を雇い回収を依頼するが、全てが回収されるわけでもないんです。また、取り立て屋にも支払わねばならない。だからここも前払いにしました」と。個人のチェックではなくクレジットカードで支払いを要求するようになった。

この寺でも「支払い・寄付をしない家族」を時々見受ける。生活が苦しければ「ただ」でいい。死ぬのも生きるのも楽ではないね。 合掌、藤井道栄



## YBA Begins New School Year with New Officers

by Quentin Yamasaki & Anna Tsuchimoto, Presidents

Hello everyone, and welcome back to the 2017-2018 Dharma school year! I know many have missed weekly Dharma school classes, but the summer has been a well-deserved break and vacation for all of us. YBA will continue to aid the temple in any way possible, but with some new officers this year!

Presidents - Quentin Yamasaki and Anna Tsuchimoto

Vice President - Robert Tanaka

Secretaries - Ayla Charness and Maya Davis

Treasurer - Ben Yoshida

Chef - Michael Inouye

We all look forward to another year of breakfasts, mochi making, Keirokai, holiday gatherings, and any other event we can get our hands on! See you at the Welcome Back Breakfast, and on every other Sunday!

## Dharma School Welcome

by Sara Downey Robinson, co-Superintendent

I am so excited for the start of a new Dharma School Year! There are many incredible returning teachers and our students and families always bring the very best to our classes.

This year Kent Yamamoto will be joining me as co-superintendent. We can't wait to do some great things for our entire Sangha. Together, we are thrilled to welcome back our amazing students and have another year of bonding, growing and learning the Dharma together.

For those of you who may not know me (because I am rather shy), my name is Sara Downey Robinson. I run a non-profit that brings trauma-informed yoga into low-income schools in the Denver metro area. This year I've expanded to two schools. I work with kids from the ages of 4-15. I hold many certificates in yoga instruction and therapeutic interventions.

Thank you all for being wonderful parts of our Sangha and Dharma School! Stay tuned to read all about Kent next month and hear some great stories of what students did over the summer!

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

*Darrin Takehiro Ito  
born June 11, 2017  
to Lisa & Bennett Ito  
grandparents: Judy & Kanya Okamoto*

*John Morimoto Blanchard  
born June 28, 2017  
to Clarynne & Nick Blanchard*

### Kitchen Update – New Stove

The temple has purchased a new stove. The oven in the old stove could not be repaired so we purchased a new stove at an incredible discount from Metro Appliance. Of course we didn't budget for this but thanks to generous donations from YBA, Dharma School, Greenspot Nursery (Robert Ida) and sales of food at obon, we more than exceeded our fundraising expectations. We plan to start a separate kitchen fund in anticipation of other expenses in the future. Thank you to everyone who came out for obon. A special thank you to the Onishi Family Reunion for making obon a stop in their weekend events. Gassho, Gail Ida, Gayle Goto, Joni Sakaguchi & Lorraine Hisamoto



# Humu Humu Season End Update

## July 2017

submitted by Shirley Tsuchimoto



Pictured in this photo, from left to right beginning at back row:

*Bruce Thompson, Josh Mollard, Aki Sasaki, Clarence Low, Deb Yamashita, Sue Mollard, Cindy Kondo, Hiroko Sasaki, Joe Ozaki, Yumino Kimura, Paula Armijo, and Miss Emi Tsuchimoto*

This past year we had a great time performing at various Temple events. In January we sang our hearts to a sold out crowd at the annual Kohaku Uta Gassen. At Hanamatsuri we accompanied the cutest little pre-schoolers with the song Stroll (from the Japanese animated film Totoro). The children had a fun time jumping and spinning around to our strumming and singing. The second group that we accompanied was the k-3 class. They put on a wonderful skit with their canoe and fishing poles while paddling and surfing to the Hawaiian song, One Paddle Two Paddle.

We purchased colorful tee shirts with our Humu Humu logo and were able to wear them at the Cherry Blossom Festival. The theme this year for our group was Summer Vacation so we performed some fun loving summer songs like Summer Holiday, Take Me Out to the Ballgame, Take me Home Country Roads (IZ version), and a song called Anthem to the Musubi!

This fall I will be stepping down as the tired old leader. But, we'll be gathering steam for another great year of music under the guidance of Mr. Bruce Thompson (music coordinator) and Dr. Joe Ozaki (administration). They will bring new ideas, excitement and energy to the Humu Humu Group. Look in a future issue of the Temple newsletter for the start of the 2017-2018 season!



humuhumunukunukuapua'a  
Hawaii State Fish

## Wanna' see a humuhumunukunukuapua'a?

Or, maybe you'd like to join the Humu Humu Ukulele Group?

We meet on the first Sunday of each month at 11:15 a.m. and the third Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. in the Temple Cry Room.

Contact Joe Ozaki at:  
ozakij@comcast.net

# CBF - 45<sup>th</sup> Year and Still Going Strong

Submitted by Joni Sakaguchi,  
on behalf of the Cherry Blossom Committee

Thank you to everyone for a wonderful and successful 2017 Cherry Blossom Festival. We couldn't have asked for better weather – not too hot, not too cold – just right for a cold beer or sake! Our partnership with the Sakura Foundation has re-energized the festival. The Foundation's efforts brought a number of changes that have improved and expanded the festival. The entertainment stage was relocated to allow for shaded seating and dining outside. New performances as well as our dedicated martial arts, taiko groups and dancers kept visitors in their seats!

Moving the stage to a new location opened up the marketplace making it more visitor friendly and easier to shop! There were a number of new vendors in addition to our longtime supporters. Many have already indicated they will be returning next year!

On the food front we sold out of almost everything by Sunday afternoon – approximately 2400 lbs of chicken, 400 lbs of beef, 168 lbs of somen, 2800 SPAM musubi, 5000 manju, 500 hamburgers, 400 rolls of maki sushi, 3000 inari sushi, 360 lbs of rice.....the list goes on. It couldn't happen without your financial support and selfless giving. Again thank you.

Additional CBF news and gratitude:

Thank you to the Cherry Blossom Planning Committee who began their work in October of 2016 by coordinating their efforts and knowledge with members of the Sakura Foundation's parallel Cherry Blossom Planning Committee so that the Festival could be successfully staged in June 2017.

These Temple volunteers included Joni Sakaguchi, Gayle Goto, Randy Sasaki, Wendy Thompson and Keiko Yoshida. As the timeline drew closer to the annual event, other volunteers jumped in to perform necessary tasks – Gene Watada (raffle), Shirley & Brandi Tsuchimoto (toban list), Aki Buckmaster (ikebana display&lectures), Wayne Berve (building readiness), Carole Eshima (finances) - for every person named, there are at least 5X more people that joined in the efforts for preparedness. By the time the actual festival weekend occurred, volunteers had increased another five-fold.

Cherry Blossom Festival volunteers are a true illustration of interdependence, cooperation and Sangha.

## 2017 CBF Raffle Winners

- |                   |                    |
|-------------------|--------------------|
| 1 DJ Ida          | 11 Devin Omoto     |
| 2 Rie Kenkel      | 12 Peter Umekubo   |
| 3 Alyssa Kuge     | 13 Jermy Watada    |
| 4 Tokiyo Imanaka  | 14 Kyle Spillane   |
| 5 Karen Omoto     | 15 Jeannette Rome  |
| 6 Taeko Morimitsu | 16 Koji Inouye     |
| 7 Ann Meijer      | 17 Reiko Urano     |
| 8 Nick Campbell   | 18 Yamamot Family  |
| 9 D'Ann Masaki    | 19 David Terada    |
| 10 Randy Sakurai  | 20 Kiyoko Omoto    |
|                   | 21 Makiko Morimoto |

## Seminar and Calligraphy Demonstration

by Retired Buddhist Minister Ron Nakasone

Saturday, September 16, 2017

9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

**Longmont Buddhist Temple**  
(Hwy 287 & Pike Rd.)

**Lunch provided**

**Free – donations welcome and appreciated.**

\* Introduction: Life and Thought of Shakyamuni Buddha.

\* Mahayana Buddhism: History and Thought.

\* Jodo Shinshu: Life and Thought of Shinran.

\* "Beauty Is the Color of Truth": A Lecture and Demonstration on the Art of *Sho* (Calligraphy)

RSVP by September 10, 2017 to

**Jackie Tono, 303.517.4622 or**

**board@longmontbuddhism.org**

# Chibi No Gakko



Chibi No Gakko is a Denver community-based program that provides children the opportunity to explore the Japanese American experience in a fun, “hands on” way through a variety of activities:

- exploring personal family and Japanese American history
- cooking
- games, music and dance
- arts and crafts
- reading and writing in an experiential way

## • Family History

Students learn the value of oral histories and their own history by interviewing family members and writing a personal journal.

## • Cooking

Students learn the basics of cooking simple Japanese foods from udon and rice to SPAM musubi and chicken teriyaki. Learning to use a knife to slice, dice and chop is one of the biggest challenges!

## • Arts & Crafts

Artistic creativity ranges from the traditional to wildly esoteric when students have made noren, taiko drums, ceramic sushi plates, ceramic tea cups, furoshikis, hagoitas, maneki nekos, darumas and more!

## • Reading & Writing

Students read about the Japanese American internment through a variety of books ~ *Baseball Saved Us*, *Bluejay in the Desert*, *Journey Home*....

## • Songs, Dances & Games

Tanko Bushi, Aka Tonbo and Speed Jan-Ken-Po are a sample of the folk dances, songs and games students learn as part of their Chibi experience. Traditionally they perform what they’ve learned at the end-of-session family potluck!

### **A Japanese American Heritage School**

- Sessions are held every two years ~ next session 2018
- Students currently enrolled in grades 2-8 – see reverse side for application
- Teachers are certified through the Colorado Department of Education
- Youth mentors in grades 9-12 who were previous Chibi No Gakko students

Staffed and supported by the Japanese American community

# CHIBI NO GAKKO 2018

Japanese American Community Cultural Heritage School – 12<sup>th</sup> Session

**What:** Chibi no Gakko is a Denver, community-based program that provides children the opportunity to explore the Japanese American experience in a fun, “hands on” way. Children will explore their personal family history, cook, sing, dance, read, write, and participate in art and craft activities.

**Who:** Students currently enrolled in grades 2-8  
Youth mentors in grades 9-12 who were previous Chibi No Gakko students  
Teachers certified through the Colorado Department of Education  
Community volunteers

**When:** Saturdays beginning January 13 – February 24, 2018      Time: 9:00 a.m. – noon  
No class will be held the Saturday of Uta Gassen (TBD)

Potluck celebration February 24, 2018      Time: Noon – 2:00 p.m.

**Where:** Auditorium at the Tri-State/Denver Buddhist Temple – 1947 Lawrence Street - Denver, CO 80202

**Tuition:** \$100.00 per child -- \$80.00 each additional child. (\$50 non-refundable deposit due with the application. The final \$50 due the first day of class.)  
T-shirt included with registration. Please indicate size for each student.

**Deadline:** Registration must be received by November 15, 2017. If space available, applications will be accepted after December 1<sup>st</sup>. Registration priority is based on date application is received.

For mentor application contact Judy Okamoto 303-426-0252 or judyokamoto77@gmail.com

For further information:      Joni Sakaguchi      303-452-6888 or jsak5280@centurylink.net  
Carolyn Takeshita      303-455-4987 or ctak2@comcast.net  
Judy Okamoto      303-426-0252 or judyokamoto77@gmail.com

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## REGISTRATION FORM

Child's name \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate \_\_\_\_\_

Parents \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

School/Grade \_\_\_\_\_

What years has child attended Chibi No Gakko as a student ? \_\_\_\_\_

Total amount enclosed \_\_\_\_\_ Check payable to Chibi No Gakko

T-shirt Size (included with registration) Please circle size:

Youth size: S – M – L

Adult size: S – M – L

Please return registration to: Application must be mailed and postmarked by November 15, 2017

Joni Sakaguchi  
3866 E 133<sup>rd</sup> Court  
Thornton, CO 80241



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Machiko Fedorchuk  
The Voisey Family  
Ann Hyde  
Roane Nitta  
Armijo Tribe  
Audrey Damableam

**In memory of Kimi Kato & Sonoye Okamura**

Steve Hiratsuka  
Linda Kato  
Calvin Kato  
Matsuno, Hill, Marquez & Oyler Families  
Kit Mura-Smith&John Ware  
William & Janet Sakahara

**In memory of Kimi Kato – 13<sup>th</sup> yr**

Wayne & Deb Berve  
DJ Ida  
Sue Murahata  
Richard Murahata & Renee Bevis  
Kiyoko Omoto  
Karen Omoto  
David & Joni Sakaguchi  
Regina Squibbs  
Tomi & Don Takemura  
Dean & Carrol Tsutsui

**In memory of Sonoye Okamura – 13<sup>th</sup> yr**

Regina Squibbs  
Tomi & Don Takemura  
Dean & Carrol Tsutsui

**In memory of Shizuko Fujimoto (13<sup>th</sup> yr)  
And Roy & Yoshiko Inouye (13<sup>th</sup> yr)**

Families of Shizuko, Yoshiko & Roy  
Reiko Urano

**June Shotsuki** .....

Herbert & Judy Wong .....

**in remembrance of**

Bill Chikuma

**July Shotsuki** .....

Ida Sasaki .....

.....

Jack & Alice Kimura .....

Alice Mizuno .....

David & Gayle Goto .....

Yo & Betty Shimamoto .....

Cynthia Horiuchi .....

Frances Furukawa .....

**in remembrance of**

Harry, Kay & Nancy Nitta  
Christy Lynn Fukuhara Wilhelm  
Jocelyn Kimura  
Jonai Mizuno  
Shigero Morishige  
Stanley Keith  
Tom & Tomi Urano  
Jack & Doug Furukawa

**August Shotsuki** .....

Ida Sasaki .....

Katherine Sakurai .....

**in remembrance of**

Larry Fukuhara  
Renae Sakurai

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Legacy Endowment fund  
Ben Fujii – 7<sup>th</sup> yr  
Hugh Nishimoto – 3<sup>rd</sup> yr  
Rev. Noboru Tsunoda – 13<sup>th</sup> yr  
Sue Oyama  
Teruko Matsushima – 3<sup>rd</sup> yr

# September Shotsuki Names

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

Jane Mutsuyo Adams	Masaichi Komura	Fujie Nishi	Tomiye Amy Tsumura
Yasujiro Akamatsu	Kichitaro Kondo	Dorothy Sakaye Nitta	Nina Hisako Ujifusa
Miyoko Aoyagi	May Sakiko Koshio	Goro Nitta	Harry Hiroshi Umemoto
Yokichi Asano	Kyosuke Kuroki	Shotaro Noda	Ryukichi Umetani
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Michiko Bryson	Toraichi Sam Kuruma	Yaichi Ogata	Shizu Uyeshima
Koshiro Dote	Gentaro Kushihashi	Momoyo Ohtsu	Kiyoko Watanabe
Yoshimitsu Egawa	Tsuta Kushihashi	Daisuke Okuno	Ruriko Kutsuma Welch
Yaye Eguchi	Hiroshi Kusumi	Motomu Onodera	Matsuo Yagami
Shizu Fujii	Setsuko Kusumi	Akira Otsuka	Donald Takashi Yagi
Tatsue Fujii	Kenzo Kuwabara	Howard Shizuye Otsuki	Grace Yago
Muneko Furuiye	Mitsu Mameda	Kaji Otsuki	Masao Yamada
Harvey Kinnosuke Goto	John Maruyama	Mary Setsuko Oyama	Jisaburo Yamaguchi
Sadakichi Harada	Yasumasa Maruyama	Robert Oliver Redus	Shinichi Masui Yamakishi
Nobuso Hashimoto	Richard Yukio Masaki	Kaichi Sadahiro	Mankichi Yamani
Takeshi Hayashida	Daisy Haruye Matsuda	Kazuchika Sakamoto	Frank Seiji Yamashita
Frank Higa	Mamoru Matsuda	Sally Sakamoto	Dale Masaru Yanari
Kamesaburo Hirasawa	Yoshimichi Matsumoto	Kisa Sameshima	Kaichiro Yayama
Shunsaku Hirasawa	Johnny Matsunaga	Lucille Sameshima	Tamiyo Yonemoto
Tsuneichi Hirasawa	Yoshitaro Matsuno	Sam Isamu Sameshima	Eiichi Yoshida
Kura Hiratsuka	Barbara Matsuo	Takami Tom Sasaki	Tachiko Yoshida
Misaye Hiratsuka	Atsuko Dorothy	Elsie Aya Sato	Elsie M. Yoshimoto
Yutaka Tak Hiratsuka	Matsushima	Itsuo Frank Sato	Norma Lou Yoshimura
Etsuto Ed Hisamoto	Mieko T. Mayeda	Gorosaku Sawamura	Yaokichi Yunoki
Masako Hiyama	Niwano Miyako	Tomio Shigemura	
Joe Hyomi	Sono Miyasaki	Grace Hisako Shimada	
Chieko Inouye	Hatsuyo Mizokami	James Tsunemi Shimada	
Frances Lucille Inouye	Shumpei Momii	Chozo Shinn	
Jerry Yasuo Inouye	Richard Morikawa	Karoku Shino	
Lynn Michael Inouye	Yuki Mary Morimitsu	Betty Jane Chiyoko	
Rose Shizuye Inouye	Tetsujiro Motooka	Sugihara	
Mine Ishida	Grace Toshiye Motoyama	Ayako Sumida	
Tsuneichi Jye Ishikawa	Sueki Joe Murahata	Satsumi Sumikawa	
Ned Seitaro Iwakiri	Yoshikuni Murakami	Agnes Takahashi	
Chitsuko Iwasaki	Fujino Muroya	Mase Takahashi	
Yoshimasa Iwasaki	Fukashi Frank Nakagawa	Tokuzo Takahashi	
Hide Iyama	Kanzuchi Nakagawa	Yasokichi Takaki	
Nofu Kagiyama	Kichisaburo Nakamura	Rodney Takeda	
Yasutoshi Kanamaru	Toshi Nakamura	Kichinosuke Takeuchi	
Tokiko Kawaji	Yoshiko Nakamura	Yoshitaka Tamai	
Fue Kawamoto	Michiyo Nakano	Tadao Frank Tamura	
Keiko Kawano	James Tadashi Nakata	Hana Tanaka	
So Ko Kin	Teruichi Nakayama	Kakushi Rocky Tanaka	
Kyoko Kita	Shizuyo Nakazono	Shinzo Tanaka	
Yasuko Kobayashi	Setsuko Ashida Neel	Roy Yonema Tani	

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RE: Autumnal Ohigan

Tom Jitsuo Taniguchi  
Michiye Tanino  
Michisuke Tanouye  
Hitoshi Tawara  
John Akio Tawara  
Roy Kazuo Terada  
Fumiko Tomiyama  
Richard Tomoi  
Donn Shizuo Tsuchimoto

## Shotsuki Monthly Memorial Service

September 24, 2017

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 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 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: \$50/observance.

In Gassho,

## Religious Services

- SUN Sept 3 NO Sunday services  
10:30 am Longmont service (T)  
3 pm Hoji
- FRI Sept 8 11 am Shinran's Day service (F)
- SUN Sept 10 Dharma School begins  
8:30 am Nihongo service (F)  
9:30 am Family service  
10:15 am Adult service  
  
1 pm Sedgwick service
- WEDS Sept 13 6 pm LaJara/Alamosa service
- SAT Sept 16 1 pm Greeley service (T)
- SUN Sept 17 9:30 am Family service (M)  
10:15 am Adult service (M)  
  
9 am Brighton Service (T)  
10:15 am Ft. Lupton service (T)
- SUN Sept 24 September Shotsuki  
Autumnal Ohigan  
9:30 am 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)

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

*Sue Linda Oyama  
October 18, 1951 - July 1, 2017*

*Tamiyo Koyano  
May 20, 1941 - July 4, 2017*

*Henry Shigeo Doi  
February 19, 1924 - July 29, 2017*

## **The Great Membership Conversation**

by Donna Inouye

Yes, the title is correct - - - it's time to discuss the 'why's' and 'merits' of what it means to be(come) a Tri-State/Denver Buddhist Temple (TSDBT) member. Wait! Don't look for something else to read. This is a newsletter article so it won't be all that lengthy.

We both know that 'Temple Membership' can be a boring topic. Or even an uncomfortable one. But, sometimes, we have to do the adult-thing and push through the confusion to find plain, simple truth.

What is the value of being a TSDBT member? Why does membership HAVE TO include payment?

As a Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Temple, we seek to form a membership (Sangha) that coalesces like-minded individuals with similar ideas, values and dreams. We assume that commitment and loyalty manifest themselves as Sunday service attendance, volunteer labor, activity participation and monetary dues payment.

Membership dues payments are necessary in sustaining the worldly and physical aspects of the Temple - i.e. building maintenance, utilities' bills, personnel pay, insurance, BCA assessment, etc. - your regular and sustained membership payments allow the Temple to keep its doors open.

When you become a TSDBT member, you are a reflection of the Temple and the Temple is a reflection of you - a kaleidoscope of each member's persona with Jodo Shinshu Dharma at the core. When you become a member, you directly and immediately affect the light and patterns of our kaleidoscope.

If you are interested in becoming a TSDBT member, look for an "How To" article in next month's issue. Or you can contact the Temple Office and begin from there.

# September 2017

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		● = a baseball, marking a Rockies' game day		1 ●	2 ●
3 ● NO services 10:30 Longmont service(T) 11:15 Humu Humu	5 ● 11:30 am Dharma Discussion (T)	6 ●	7	8 11 am Shinran's Day Service (F)  7 pm Dharma Discussion (T)	9
4 ● Office Closed	12 10 am Enka singing 11:30 am Dharma Discussion (T)	13 9:30 am Minister lecture-offsite (St. Timothy)(T)  6 pm Lajara/Alamosa service(F)	14 9:30 am Minister lecture-offsite (St. Timothy)(T)	15 ●	16 ●
10 Dharma School Begins 8:30 Nihongo service(F) 9:30 Family service (F) 10:15 Adult service(F)  1 pm Sedgwick service(T)	19 11:30 am Dharma Discussion (T)  7 pm Humu Humu	20	21	22	23
17 ● 9:30 am Family service(M) 1015 Adult service(M)  9 am Brighton Service(T) 11 am Ft Lupton service(T) 11:30 TSDBT Board Mtg	26 ● 10 am Enka singing 11:30 am Dharma Discussion (T) .	27 ● 9:30 am Minister lecture-offsite (St. Timothy)(T)	28	29 ●	30 ●
24 September Shotsuki Autumnal Ohigan service 9:30 am Family Service(T) 10:15 Adult service(F)					
Rev. Fujii; Seminar in LA, CA					
					1pm Greeley service (T)

# October 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> ● 8:30 Nihongo service(F) 9:30 Family service(T) 10:15 Adult service(T) 11:15 Humu Humu 1 pm Sedgwick service(F)	<b>2</b> .	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 8am-5pm DBT Judo Annual Tournament
<b>8</b> 9:30 Family Service (F) 10:15 Adult Service(F) 9 am Brighton service (T) 11 am Ft. Lupton service (T)	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> <i>articles due for            November newsletter</i>	<b>11</b> 9:30 am Minister lecture- offsite (St. Timothy)(T) 7 pm JACGP mtg	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 11 am Shinran's Day service(F)	<b>14</b> 1 pm Greeley service(T)
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<b>22</b> October Shotsuki 9:30 am Family service(T) 10:15 Adult service(T) 11:30 TSDBT Board Mtg	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> YBA Aki Matsuri 9:30 am Family Service(T) 10:15 Adult service(F) 11:30 lunch & celebration	<b>30</b> <b>90th Anniv. San Luis Obispo, CA (F)</b>	<b>31</b>				



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Thank you to all the members of DBT MinyouKai for gracefully and patiently teaching dances to those who wished to appear equally graceful at the Temple's July 29<sup>th</sup> Bon Odori. Thank you to DBT Choir singers, Denver Taiko players and Gary&Nancy for enhancing everyone's musical experience.

Currently, we (the Temple) have benefitted from the loyalty of two committed volunteers (who I will only reference as W and C in deference to their request for anonymity). They are the ones who keep the lights lit, the bathrooms working, the locks locking, the kitchen appliances running, the courtyard tidied, know how to achieve all the varying floor configurations for different events (funerals, receptions, large services, Uta Gassen, CBF, etc.). The health of this building Temple does not "just happen" . . . it requires mindful effort. Please consider becoming a part of that mindful effort – if you can handle a screwdriver, push a mop, take instruction, climb a ladder – leave your name, contact info and area of skill with the Temple office. W and C will surely be in touch.

Over the past and future several months you will hear and learn about the progress and possibilities of/for Temple re-development. The possibilities are alluring. Excitement is absolutely valid. However, back in present reality, our Temple building is in dire need of loving attention. It's the kind of loving attention that only professional, specialized & skilled hands can provide – i.e. AC repair & installation, Hondo heating system repair & installation, kitchen stove/oven fire safety device installation and auditorium floor cleaning & wax – each of these (necessary) projects require monetary outlay. Three of these projects were unforeseen and, thus, the repair costs were not included in our 2017 planning budget. Please consider donating a few extra dollars with your monthly Membership payments or your Special Services offerings so that we can schedule these repairs and insure that our Temple remains a nice place to be.