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Special points of interest:

- Thurs. May 1, TSS Meditation 9:30am
- Fri. May 2, TSS Meditation 9:30am
- Sunday May 4, Dharma School 10am
- Tue. May 6, Intro to Buddhism 4:30pm
- Wed. May 7, TSS Meditation 9:30am
- Thurs. May 8, TSS Meditation 9:30am, Temple Exec. Meeting 7pm
- Fri. May 9, TSS Meditation 9:30am
- Sunday May 11, Dharma School & Parents Day 10am, Dharma Shotsuki 1pm
- Tues. May 13, Intro to Buddhism 4:30pm

Monthly Memorial

- Master Masaharu Terai
 Mr. Kinai Kita
 Mr. Shichigoro Hayashi
 Mrs. Tomeno Oikawa
 Mrs. Mitsu Hayashi
 Miss Yukiko Yokota
 Mr. Iwajiro Yoshikawa
 Mr. Bunzo Sakamoto
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 Mr. Suekichi Koga
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 Mr. Kuniyoshi Tamura
 Mr. Yazo Atagi
 Mr. Robert Kawaguchi
 Mr. Roy Tanemura
 Mrs. Takeko Kimura
 Mr. Masaichi Terai
 Mr. Masaru Tamaki
 Mr. Shuo Yamaoka

Special points of interest:

- Wed. May 14, TSS Meditation 9:30am
- Thurs. May 15, TSS Meditation 9:30am
- Fri. May 16, TSS Meditation 9:30am
- Sunday May 18, Dharma School 1pm
- Tues. May 20, Intro to Buddhism 4:30pm

Clean-up Altar Toban

M/M Herb Tanaka
M/M Gord Lacey
M/M Jack Hatanaka
M/M Nob Yamaoka
M/M Sam Sugie
M/M Manabu Azama
M/M Jay Hunter
M/M Don Favell
M/M Joe Uyeyama
Mrs. Toyoko Tamaki
Mr. Luke Mitton
Mrs. Dot Wakano
Mrs. Joan Kitaura
Mr. Paul Merckx
M/M Mark Gilbert

Special points of interest:

- Wed. May 21, TSS Meditation 9:30am
- Thurs. May 22, TSS Meditation 9:30am
- Fri. May 23, TSS Meditation 9:30am
- Sunday May 25, Dharma School 10am Gotane Service 1pm
- Tues. May 27, Intro to Buddhism 4:30pm
- Wed. May 28, TSS Meditation 9:30am

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- Thurs. May 29, TSS Meditation 9:30am
- Fri. May 30, TSS Meditation 9:30am

Painting Party!

May 22 & 23 6:30pm Prepare Hondo for painting!
 May 30 6:30pm and again May 31 at 8am we are going to paint the Hondo, please come out an help on any of these dates and times... we need many rolls and brushes, In Gassho

Check the Calendar—it might be your turn for lawn cutting!

From Sensei

The Treasures Within

May is just around the corner, and our neighbours are already cleaning up after the winter months and planting their gardens. The past winter was one of the most severe, throughout many regions of Canada. Here in the Okanagan, we are now enjoying beautiful spring weather. Soon we will celebrate Mother's Day, and also the birth of our founder of Jodo Shinshu School of Buddhism, Shinran Shonin, who was born May 21st 1173. In Japan, our Mother Temple in Hongwanji will celebrate with a special Service, and traditional cultural events such as Gagaku (ancient Imperial Japanese Court music), Noh (classical Japanese drama), and chrysanthemum exhibitions. Japanese national treasures at Hongwanji will be opened to the public. Many families throughout Japan will visit and celebrate together. Such celebrations enhance our feelings of family unity and warmth. This sense of warmth, love and caring within the family is so important for children as they grow and mature.

If someone were to ask us to name the most important factor that motivates a child to acquire a higher education, we might say good quality schools, or supportive and inspiring teachers. In either case we would not be correct. According to a seven-year study completed by Atlanta University a number of years ago, the most important determinant in such a situation is family encouragement. Good schools and dedicated teachers are, of course, important too. However, in analyzing the case histories of 517 African-American holders of doctorate degrees, researchers found that almost always there was an extraordinary mother, father, grandparent or close relative who had been important in encouraging and advising these scholars early on in their lives. Sometimes a minister or teacher influenced the child, but the study concluded that: "the family is indeed of decisive importance." A supportive and encouraging family with spiritual values is important in shaping the lives of successful people. We can see many examples of this in our daily life.

On December 5, 1901 a child was born in a quiet suburb of southern Chicago to middle-class parents.

His parents who married in 1888, moved to Chicago in 1890, then eventually to a farm in Missouri. They hoped that their son would grow up to achieve much in his lifetime. Little did they know then how their son would impact the entire world in a wonderful and unique way. Their son developed a love for drawing, with one of the family's neighbours, a retired doctor, who paid the young boy to draw pictures of his horse. This boy attended Saturday classes at the local Art Institute. He became the cartoonist for the school newspaper, then World War 1 brought about a change in circumstances. After peace was declared in 1918, he began searching for work, but at that time, no one wanted to hire him. He eventually found a job, and met an established cartoonist, with whom he initially collaborated, then they established their own commercial company together. That was just the beginning for his artistic and creative accomplishments.

During his sixty-five years of life, this humble man pioneered what we now associate as family entertainment. His best known creation, Mickey Mouse, became one of the most recognized figures in the entire world. He gave us characters like Snow White, Dumbo, Pinocchio, and Bambi. He understood well the value of making people smile. Just prior to his death in 1966, he said that he felt that among the things that he had accomplished in life, the greatest was the ability to bring happiness to others. Movies from his studio have one characteristic in common: They all conclude with a happy ending. I am sure that you have figured out who is this person whom I am describing. That person was Walt Disney. He brought much happiness to many people, particularly during their childhood years. He died in December 1966, but his contributions to our world still continue, and have exceeded well beyond his own ambitions.

Within every child there is a treasure. We are here to enable that treasure to unfold. With encouragement, and spiritual guidance, we can achieve and be able to contribute to our world.
In Gassho, Rev. Yasuhiro Miyakawa

From the Temple Executive

I recently had occasion to reflect on the importance of Sangha. I remembered the beginnings of my involvement with the Kelowna Buddhist Temple. Soon after coming to the temple I began attending the TSS Meditation and was encouraged to participate by the late Yuki Tanemura. His welcoming way encouraged me to keep coming although initially I was not sure if I would be able to make any sense of the three Pure Land Sutras. With the support of Sensei Miyakawa and the other members of the group I found the encouragement to continue attending. When Sensei had to cancel TSS for an extended period of time due health issues I had intended to keep chanting the Sutras at home but within a short period of time I began to lack the discipline to keep going on my own on a regular basis. When TSS started again I noticed that the group support gave me a renewed sense of commitment. It is difficult to be “a lone wolf”. The support of a

group or Sangha is absolutely necessary in my opinion. It also demonstrated to me the importance of the temple as a hub of spiritual life, not only for TSS Meditation, but for its services and Dharma talks, and cultural activities. All these activities create a Buddhist presence and opportunities for people to hear the Dharma in Kelowna. I now have a renewed sense of commitment to the importance of supporting the temple in the ways that I can. I hope that I can retain this insight. I do however find that I am like the man in Rennyō Shōnin’s Kikigaki (88) who said “My mind is like pouring water into a basket. When I listen to the Dharma in the hall I am filled with a grateful and reverential feeling. When I leave I however revert to my old mind”. I am therefore even more grateful for Amida’s acceptance of us “just as we are”.

Namo Amida Butsu, Michael

Message from the Editor

Secret to life... live it! Are you finding out that more and more you are becoming content and satisfied with flying under the radar and just being OK with life? Society today in my opinion is gearing to a “mediocre society”, one in which people feel entitled and the need to be always politically correct. Yes, I’m finding that the older I get the more I resist change and search for calm and peace in my life... but is that “living” or just “existing”. We have become content to stand in a long line of self serving star bucks and be a part of a cookie cutter generation... raising our children to believe that it isn’t good to be politically incorrect. Well I say... there is always going to be a need for strong leaders to step out of the line and maybe not make everyone happy, rise above the mediocre and live life to the fullest. Society is soon going to be nothing but fol-

lowers and complacent robots playing “War Craft” or some other video game which has nothing to do with “living life”.

I believe that we still need the Dharma and religion in general to give us the tools with which we can see what could be, what we miss when we are just “hanging in there”. I see what is happening with the next generation of descendants, their parents were pillars and leaders in the Temple, but their priorities are totally different. Commitment is to building a life and family group that works within a set boundary and focused on “I”... I can admit this because I’m part of this generation. We constantly need reminders to look beyond our self-centered existence and challenge ourselves to grow... take small first steps and get your family and friends involved in our Temple. In Gassho, jiro

Buddhism of the Heart

Can we be grateful for the things we undeservedly suffer from, yet which contribute to our awakening? The ancient Indian Buddhist scholar Shantideva, expressed joyful gratitude to people who harmed him because they helped him along the Dharma path. To live in an impossibly interconnected universe, where injustice is a fact of life: you’re never going to escape injustice—the injustice you suffer and the injustice you perpetrate—because there is nowhere to escape to and no action unconnected to both structures and random acts on injustice. Even in the Pure Land you don’t escape injustice, because your buddhahood moves you to return to the suffering world immediately to heed the cries of the afflicted. Becoming a Buddha is just going to make you completely aware of injustice, not immune from it.

May 2014

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Just Rambling

Having had two black eyes in three years, I appear to be having some difficulty synchronizing my mind and body movements. My mind thinks like a 70 year old whereas the body reacts to its rightful age. The incident that happened a few years ago was when the concrete steps reached up and hit me on the forehead above my right eye. For almost a month, it appeared as if someone had painted my face with blue paint. Last week as I was pulling open the clothes closet's usually sticky folding door, it quickly opened and smacked me above the same eye. The black eye should be clear in a few days. Less than a month ago, I was in Kelowna when the family went snow boarding at Big White. I just relaxed, soaking up the sunshine in the sunny area of the condo. It was nice visiting my relatives and long time Temple board member Barney at Sun Pointe. An old friend whom I have known since we were both 12 years old also lives in the same senior's home. The last time I saw him, Professor as we always called him,

had long unkempt wavy hair. I was pleasantly surprised when I noticed that his hair was really well groomed, I suspect even slightly tinted. The care giver ladies must have been experimenting. I would be glad to have a hair do like that. Professor got that nickname because he was somewhat of a genius. As a mechanic, starting while being a teenager, he successfully overhauled several old cars. He became a heavy duty diesel mechanic, first with tractors and later on diesel trucks. His knowledge seemed to come mainly from manuals and books. I have attended most of the Hanamatsuri celebrations in Kelowna for many years. Not being able to be there this year, unfortunately, I will miss the service, the entertainment, meeting friends and the delicious meal. However in July, our family will most likely be able to attend the Obon services and I am looking forward to meeting my old and not so old friends. In Gassho, Suey

行事案内		
5月	1日(木)午前 9時半	千部経三昧
	2日(金)午前 9時半	千部経三昧
	4日(日)午前10時	日曜学校
	6日(火)午後 4時半	仏教案内
	7日(水)午前 9時半	千部経三昧
	8日(木)午前 9時半	千部経三昧
	午後 7時	仏教会役員会
	9日(金)午前 9時半	千部経三昧
	11日(日)午前10時	日曜学校、両親の日
	午後 1時	祥月法要
	13日(火)午後 4時半	仏教案内
	14日(水)午前 9時半	千部経三昧
	15日(木)午前 9時半	千部経三昧
	16日(金)午前 9時半	千部経三昧
	18日(日)午前10時	日曜学校
	20日(火)午後 4時半	仏教案内
	21日(水)午前 9時半	千部経三昧
	22日(木)午前 9時半	千部経三昧
	23日(金)午前 9時半	千部経三昧
	25日(日)午前10時	日曜学校
	午後 1時	降誕会
	27日(火)午後 4時半	仏教案内
	28日(水)午前 9時半	千部経三昧
	29日(木)午前 9時半	千部経三昧
	30日(金)午前 9時半	千部経三昧

Fujinkai Report

We recently had Temple Yard Clean-up, thanks to all those that came to spruce the Temple grounds and special thanks to the ladies that washed down the fridges and cupboards (looks great!). All the hard workers were treated to a delicious breakfast prepared by Pegi, Joyce, Laurie and Barb... thanks Ladies. We are in

the planning stages to redecorate Sensei's office, plus in the preparation stages to paint the Hondo... we look to everyone's support for this and other Temple projects, many hands make the work load easier and quicker for those who volunteer. In Gassho, Laurie

With Gratitude the Temple and all of its Affiliated Organizations
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