

# Kelowna Buddhist Temple

## The New Dharma Express



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### Monthly Memorial

#### JUNE

#### Special points of interest:

- Wed. June 3, TSS  
Meditation 7pm
- Thurs. June 4, TSS  
Meditation 7pm
- Fri. June 5, TSS Medi-  
tation 7pm
- Wed. June 10, TSS  
Meditation 7pm
- Thurs. June 11, TSS  
Meditation 7pm
- Fri. June 12, TSS  
Meditation 7pm
- Sun. June 14, Monthly  
Memorial 10am
- Wed. June 17, TSS  
Meditation 7pm
- Thurs. June 18, TSS  
Meditation 7pm,  
Obon Practice  
7:30pm
- Fri. June 19, TSS  
Meditation 7pm
- Wed. June 24, TSS  
Meditation 7pm

- Master Joji Terai
- Mr. Kentaro Kawaguchi
- Mr. Sutejiro Hattori
- Master Giogi Nishi
- Mr. Kametaro Yoshida
- Mrs. Taju Uemoto
- Mr. Hikoshichi Kukita
- Mrs. Okiku Yamaoka
- Mrs. Kura Shishido
- Mrs. Ine Tomiyama
- Mr. Minoru Hatanaka
- Mrs. Hatsue Koyanagi
- Mrs. Shizu Kumagai
- Mr. Teruo Mori
- Mrs. Yasuko Mayeda
- Mrs. Irene Hayashi
- Mrs. Ayako Tabuchi
- Mrs. Hisaye Uyeyama
- Mr. Hideo Uyeyama
- Mrs. Toshiye Yamaoka
- Mrs. Take Tanemura

- Thurs. June 25, TSS  
Meditation 7pm, Obon  
Practice 7:30pm
- Fri. June 26, TSS Medi-  
tation 7pm
- Sun. June 28, Vernon  
Obon 3:30pm

### Clean-up Altar Toban

Group #4
M/M Herb Tanaka
M/M Jack Hatanaka
M/M Nob Yamaoka
M/M Sam Sugie
Mrs. Sugino Hatanaka
Mr. Susumu Kawaguchi
M/M Manabu Azama
M/M Yasuhiko Uechi
M/M Jay Hunter
M/M Don Favell
Ms. Dorothy Tanaka
M/M Joe Uyeyama
Mrs. Shiz Hayashi
Mr. Brad Tanaka

### Lawn Cutting

June 6 Ken Yamada  
13 Gary Koga  
20 Reg Tomiye  
27 Jack Ueda

July 4 Alec Pelletier  
11 Jack Hatanaka  
18 David Nishi  
25 Bob Koga

August  
1 Kaichi Uemoto  
8 Herb Tanaka  
15 Jerry Takeda  
22 Michael Martin  
29 Isao Terai

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### Urgent Call from Help!

June 13th we need a work party to assist in replacing all the fluorescent light fixtures at the Temple. Electricians from Keldon Electric are donating their time, we just need to help them, your area representative will be calling—In Gassho

Yesterday is history, tomorrow is the future, today is a gift, that's why they call it the "Present"!

## From Sensei

### Gateways Towards Insight

When can we face the reality of who we really are, deep inside? Most of the time the person we seem to be is determined by the people and situation around us- by the roles that are expected of us by society, by family, or by friends. The social roles that we play in our everyday lives need to be peeled away, in order to allow us an opportunity to see who we truly are – to reach the core of one’s existence. Sometimes when we are in a crisis situation, we are able to catch a glimpse of who we are, deep inside. Here is a short story about a young boy who finds himself in difficult situation.

Within his third grade classroom, a nine-year-old boy is sitting at his desk. He is feeling pressured by his school work, and didn’t have a chance to go to the washroom at recess. Quite unexpectedly he notices that there is a small puddle by his feet. His pants are wet too. He feels mortified, and his heart is pounding in his chest. He has never had this happen before. He knows that if the other children find out, that he will be teased mercilessly.

The boy feel that his heart is almost going to burst, so he puts his head down and says to himself: “What on earth can I do?--- this is a big crisis! I need help now! if the others notice this, I’m dead meat.” He looks up from his silent prayer, only to notice that the teacher is approaching. He is worried that perhaps she has noticed what has happened. As the teacher approaches his desk, he notices one of his classmates walking towards him, carrying a gold fish bowl that is full of water. This girl seems to stumble, trips in front of the teacher and dumps the bowl into the boy’s lap. The boy pretends to be angry, but all the while he is saying, “Thank you! Thank you.” Now instead of being the object of ridicule, this boy becomes an object of sympathy. The teacher rushes him downstairs and gives him gym shorts to put on while his pants dry out. Some children were on their hands and knees mopping up the water around the boy’s desk. For this boy, this unexpected sympathy feels reassuring!

Unfortunately, as is often the case in life, the ridicule that might have been his became transferred to someone else—the little girl. Although she tried to help with the cleanup, the other children told her “get away---you’ve done enough!” The situation

seemed to get worse for her as the day progressed. The boy received constant sympathy from everyone, but the girl was ridiculed and teased for her clumsiness. Finally, the bell rang, and school was over for the day. As both children waited for the bus, the young boy approached the girl, who had had a difficult time, and was shunned by the other children all day. He walked over to her, smiled at her, and whispered to her, “I think that maybe you did that on purpose, --did you?” She whispered back, “It’s OK, I wet my pants once too. I know how it feels” I am sure that this boy felt, how comforting it is to have a friend who truly understands.

In this story, we can all identify with this boy. Throughout our lives we encounter many crises, and we worry about how we are perceived by others. We try to hide our feelings, but sometimes there is no place to turn. Personal crises, job crises, financial crises, health crises can result in feelings of stress and personal vulnerability. Sometimes these crises can transform the individual, and become a springboard to self awareness.

One of the best times to observe the self clearly is when we are in a state of what the Buddhist scholar, Epstein calls “injured innocence” - perhaps when we have been insulted, or unjustly treated. In that state, the inner core of the self may be revealed, indeed, from a Buddhist perspective, the self cannot be truly understood, until it is faced with such crisis. Within this state of “injured innocence” one can look within one’s awareness and find the beginnings of the path to insight. What initially appears to be a moment of crisis can paradoxically become a gateway to one’s personal growth and self-insight.

D.T. Suzuki described that we human beings are always discontented. However, he believed that our existence here on earth is really meant to transcend this situation. During the course of our lives we all endure our own individual pains and sorrows. Within our precious one life, we encounter many obstacles, sometimes humiliation, like the young boy in the story above. The young girl in the story is like Amida Buddha, allowing us to see beyond the facade, towards an awareness of karmic limitations, illuminated and enfolded in the light of boundless compassion. In Gassho Rev. Yasuhiro Miyakawa

## Eitaikyo Donations, and Perpetual Memorial Sutra Chanting

I would like to clarify the meaning of Eitai-Kyo service (perpetual-sutra chanting). My reference source is the book "Traditions of Jodoshinshu Hongwanji-ha" by Mas Kotani.

As you know, Eitaikyo is a Japanese Buddhist observance. Each temple has an Eitaikyo Book and scrolls which are kept within the altar. It is a book in which the names of deceased persons are entered on the calendar day of their death. Donors to a special Eitaikyo Fund have their names entered in the Eitaikyo Book. The Eitaikyo service is dedicated to the memory of those persons entered on the page for that day. Thus, sutras are chanted yearly, or twice yearly for those names entered in the Eitaikyo Book. This is done in perpetuity. The Eitaikyo Fund is a special fund that is to be used for the support of the

temple only when it is in extreme circumstances, for example: altar adornments, Niajin (e.g. re-touching or renovating ornaments or the shrine itself).

Also, a special memorial service is held in memory of all those names that are listed in the Eitaikyo Book once a year, or twice a year, usually Spring or Fall equinox time. The relatives and friends of the deceased are notified about this special service, beforehand.

I hope that this will help you understand the difference between Eitaikyo and Memorial services. Donors to the Eitaikyo fund, are individuals who have indicated their intent for Perpetual Memorial sutra chanting in memory of their loved one(s), which necessarily means ensuring the perpetual existence of the Temple and Temple shrine.

In Gassho, Rev. Y. Miyakawa

## Tai Chi

The following is an excerpt from a book I had on Tai Chi. I loaned the book to a student several years ago but she never returned it. Luckily I had printed some of the information from that book:

### Balancing Your Lifestyle With Tai Chi

When we look around we can see that balance of body and mind does not always occur. Particularly in our fast-paced, success-oriented world, people often focus on one thing in their life to be the best, rather than working on balancing the whole person. For some intellectuals, the mind is used for rational thoughts and creativity; the body often merely a vehicle to serve the mind. For some others, concern about the body is an obsession: high heels, fad diets, gym workouts and so on, they ignore the harmony that needs to be achieved between the body and mind

for overall health to result. Tai Chi exercises the body, mind and spirit in unison and brings out the natural abilities of the whole person.

### Harmony

Harmony is the quest of the Tai Chi practitioner. With harmony there is no sense of division, no struggle or conflict. Within yourself there is a very peaceful feeling, engendering satisfaction and safety. This further enhances your state of relaxation, calmness and softness. An extension of this philosophy is the harmony you can achieve with other people and your environment. With a calm and open mind, you can respond appropriately to the challenges and trials that come your way. You can also fully appreciate the myriad of people and things around you.

Have a qi-full day! In Gassho, Cheryl

### Get your Notepads here!

The Vernon Buddhist Temple has organized a Fund raising program for the Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Temple of Canada, which consists of a unique note pad with drawings from Dharma School students with a scriptural quote. Our Temple supported this project and has them for sale—\$5.

## The Collected Works of Shinran - see Sensei for your personal copy today—only \$50

**Ten Transgressions:** *The Buddhist precepts against 1) destroying life, 2) theft, 3) adultery, 4) lying, 5) harsh words, 6) speaking ill of others, 7) idle talk, 8) greed, 9) anger, 10) wrong views*

# June 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 <i>Taiko Practice 7pm</i>	2	3 <i>TSS Meditation 9:30am</i>	4 <i>TSS Meditation 9:30am</i>	5 <i>Taiko Practice 7pm</i> <i>TSS Meditation 9:30am</i>	6 <i>Quigong/Tai Chi Class 1pm</i> <i>Lawn Cutting Ken Yamada</i>
7	8 <i>Taiko Practice 7pm</i>	9	10 <i>TSS Meditation 9:30am</i>	11 <i>TSS Meditation 9:30am</i>	12 <i>Taiko Practice 7pm</i> <i>TSS Meditation 9:30am</i>	13 <i>Light Fixture Work Party</i> <i>Lawn Cutting Gary Koga</i>
14 <i>Monthly Memorial 10am</i>	15 <i>Taiko Practice 7pm</i>	16	17 <i>TSS Meditation 9:30am</i>	18 <i>TSS Meditation 9:30am</i> <i>Temple Board Meeting 6:30pm</i> <i>Obon Odori Practice 7:30pm</i>	19 <i>Taiko Practice 7pm</i> <i>TSS Meditation 9:30am</i>	20 <i>Quigong/Tai Chi Class 1pm</i> <i>Lawn Cutting Reg Tomiye</i>
21	22 <i>Taiko Practice 7pm</i>	23	24 <i>TSS Meditation 9:30am</i>	25 <i>TSS Meditation 9:30am</i> <i>Obon Odori Practice 7:30pm</i>	26 <i>Taiko Practice 7pm</i> <i>TSS Meditation 9:30am</i>	27 <i>Quigong/Tai Chi Class 1pm</i> <i>Lawn Cutting Jack Ueda</i>
28 <i>Vernon Obon Service 3:30pm</i>	29 <i>Taiko Practice 7pm</i>	30	<p>Kelowna Obon Service—July 12, 2009 Time to break out your dancing shoes and kick up a little dust—see you there!</p>			

## BCC Update:

A monthly update from the national headquarters of the Shin Buddhist Churches of Canada  
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It was a beautiful day on April 26 in Lethbridge, Alberta, although it was a little chilly. All the ministers and delegates across Canada came together with the local communities in conjunction of Annual General Meeting of Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Temples of Canada to dedicate the new building of the Buddhist Temple of Southern Alberta.

The service started with the young children's procession called "*Chigo*" in traditional costume together with all ministers in their ceremonial robes. This was followed by the silent meditation, chanting, singing, Dharma Talk and the words of appreciation. The total number of people in attendance must have exceeded 400 and there was a full house in the Hondo. After the service everyone enjoyed communion over a bento lunch-box.

The guest speaker Rev. Shigenori Makino from Toronto Buddhist Temple quoted the words of Rennyō Shōnin, "*the flourishing of a temple is not determined by the large number of people gathered. It is determined by adding one person who has true joy of Nembutsu.*" What a true and wonderful statement this is!

We tend to spend a lot of time and energy in maintaining our organization and talking about the financial situation and the number of membership as the most important agenda item every year, but if you don't have anybody who truly cherishes the Nembutsu, there is no meaning of Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Temple. Each of us must become such a person.

May this new temple as well as your local temple be the spiritual home for many generations, may it be a hub for the community to gather in, but most importantly may it be a centre where you can come to truly listen to the teaching of Jodo Shinshu and hear the voice of the Nembutsu ringing out loud for many years.

Finally I wish to congratulate and thank Izumi Sensei and the steering committee led by Dr. David Major for their joint effort and patience to bring several temples to amalgamate into one impressive temple.

In gassho, namoamidabutsu  
 Orai Fujikawa

少し肌寒い日ではありましたが、4月26日のレスブリッジは快晴で、浄土真宗カナダ仏教団の年次総会も前日に終えて、南アルタバ仏教会堂落成慶讃法要が勤まりました。かわいらしい衣装の稚児たちに混じって全開教使が盛装で行列、それから黙想、読経、讃仏歌、法話、謝辞と進行しました。参詣者はカナダ全土からの代表者と地元の信徒で400余人で本堂一杯になりました。

トロント仏教会駐在の牧野開教使が法話の中で、蓮如上人のお言葉を引用され、「寺院の繁盛は人の多く集まるに非ず。一人でも念仏者を育てることにあり。」確かにそのとうりで、人がいくら集まっても、念仏の聞こえないお寺は寂しい限りであります。私たち一人一人がその念仏者にならなくてはなりません。

今後このお寺が、そして皆様のお寺が何時までも心の故里として、友と集い喜びも悲しみも分かち合える場となりますことを念じます。合掌。

A few notes from the AGM weekend;

\*Rev. Shigenori Makino was chosen as the next Bishop starting in 2010.

\*Dr. Leslie Kawamura joined Ministerial Association as the LDC Director. So now we have 10 Kaikyoshi in Canada.

\*Mr Dave Ohori, Vancouver, BC was chosen as the new president of JSBTC.

## BCC Update continued:

\*Nice to see Mrs. Grace Nishimura, Nanaimo, BC and her daughter Maya with young children from Maple Ridge, BC participated in the weekend celebration. Three generations in one car driving more than 1000 km. Also I saw Mrs. Yamagishi, 100 yrs old woman in the weekend.

\*Special thanks go to Rev. Kiribayashi, the supervisor of Hongwanji International Centre, came all the way from Kyoto to observe the meetings as well as joining the celebration.

### COMING EVENTS

Jul 10-25 Hongwanji Youth Tour led by Rev. Grant Ikuta

Aug 7-9 Vancouver Island Obon Cemetery Services

Sep 15-17 MA Meeting/Seminar in Steveston

25-27 BC Buddhist Convention in Kamloops

Oct The date to be announced soon. Overseas Ministers and Lay members' Seminar in Kyoto led by Rev James Martin

Nov 14-15 VBC 105<sup>th</sup> Anniversary/ Alberta Buddhist Convention

行事案内				26日(金)午前 9時半	千部経三昧
6月 3日(水)	午前 9時半	千部経三昧			
4日(木)	午前 9時半	千部経三昧			
5日(金)	午前 9時半	千部経三昧			
6日(土)	午後 1時	タイチ教室			
10日(水)	午前 9時半	千部経三昧			
11日(木)	午前 9時半	千部経三昧			
12日(金)	午前 9時半	千部経三昧			
14日(日)	午前 10時	6月祥月法要			
17日(水)	午前 9時半	千部経三昧			
18日(木)	午前 9時半	千部経三昧			
	午後 6時半	仏教会役員会			
	午後 7時半	盆踊り練習			
19日(金)	午前 9時半	千部経三昧			
20日(土)	午後 1時	タイチ教室			
24日(水)	午前 9時半	千部経三昧			
25日(木)	午前 9時半	千部経三昧			
	午後 7時半	盆踊り練習			

27日(土)午後 1時 タイチ教室

28日(日)午後 3時半 バーノンお盆会

# やっと暖かい日々になりました。春を飛び越えて  
夏がやってきそう??です。6月28日はバーノンのお盆、7月12日はケローナのお盆法要です。  
お盆に備えて盆踊りの練習が18日から毎木曜日  
午後7時半から始まります。どなたでも参加下さい。

**Ogi's Greenhouse, Keldon Electric and Rick's Garden World**

Please Support these Community minded businesses. In Gassho

## Just Rambling

It is very difficult to concentrate on putting this newsletter article together when one is so engrossed in watching the Kelowna Rockets in their quest for the Memorial cup. There are also so many other crucial sporting events on TV such as the Stanley cup finals and the Toronto Blue Jays enjoying one of their most successful seasons. Hockey brings to my mind how excited I used to become over 60 years ago. As Vernon had the only ice arena in the Okanagan-Thompson region, we would drive there in the spring over muddy, unpaved roads full of pot holes to watch the playoffs. Teams from the Kootenays and elsewhere would play the army teams which were stationed in Vernon. One of the highlights was when the Stanley cup champion Montreal Canadiens played the NHL all-stars featuring the Bentley brothers and former Kelowna Rocket Tyler Mosienko's grandfather Bill Mosienko who

still holds the NHL record for the quickest hat trick. During the period from 50 to 80 years ago, the majority of Nikkei in Kelowna were involved in agriculture. There was an area in the city bordered by Guisachan, Ethel, Borden and what is now known as Gordon Drive where most of the farms were owned by Issei and Nisei farmers. Although they no longer own the farms, many continue to reside in that region. Several farms on the north side of Highway 97 between Spall and Dilworth roads also belonged to the Japanese. By the time the Dharma Express goes to print, the flea market will be taking place. I truly hope that many volunteers will come out to lend a helping hand. Generous donations of saleable items will certainly be appreciated too. The Obon service and the events that follow is one occasion that I try my best not to miss and hopefully I should be there again this year.

In Gassho, Suey

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## Message from the Treasurer: Membership

Prior to attending the Annual General Meeting of Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Temples of Canada, Lori North, Secretary for the JSBTC, needed to establish the eligible votes of each Temple and to confirm their membership. We recorded 107 members for 2008 and that figure needed to be confirmed to grant our Temple, 2 voting privileges (less than 100 would only get one vote). We are however dangerously close to losing our two votes, therefore I encourage all our valued members to encourage their friends

and family to support the Temple membership. This concern is compounded by our aging membership... we have wonderful people that support the Temple, but aren't Members, we need you to consider joining, and if you had kids that attended Dharma School, please talk to them. On the topic... thanks everyone for submitting your 2009 memberships early, only a couple remaining.

In Gassho Jiro

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## Temple Executive

Thank you to Alec Pelltier and Jerry Takeda for taking their time out to go to the National Convention held in Lethbridge Alberta. Congratulations to the Lethbridge Buddhist Temple for a beautiful looking building. The kitchen facilities are an example of what we should be looking at creating. Alec and Jerry came back with a big binder with all the items that were discussed at the convention. If you would like to see what was discussed, please get in touch with Alec or Jerry to borrow the binder. They will be able to give more detail as to the items discussed. From the information that was gathered at the na-

tional meeting, it appears that Kelowna, Vernon and Calgary are the only temples in Canada that have increased their membership. A big thank you to Sensei Miyakawa for putting on the various programs. This has generated interest in the Buddhist teachings, which are surely responsible for the interest in the Buddhist Temples he represents. Another reason for Kelowna's success, is the work that Morio Tahara has done over the past few years in getting people interested in the Kelowna Buddhist Temple. It is only with this kind of dedication from people like Morio and Sensei

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## BC Federation Convention

September 25—27th, 2009 hosted by Kamloops Buddhist Temple and co-hosted by Vernon Buddhist Temple  
Rev. Emeritus Seigen Yamaoka (Former Bishop of the Buddhist Churches of America) Guest Minister

Theme: “True Compassion in difficult Time”

Japanese Theme: “Kurushimino Nakade Ooinaru Kokoru ni Idakarete”

Watch for more information and make plans to attend!

## JSBTC AGM Report and Visit to the BTSA Review:

Both events... were a complete success! The members of the Buddhist Temples of Southern Alberta (BTSA) demonstrated their vibrant spirit and showcased their wonderful new Temple, with its state of the art visual-audio system, stainless steel kitchen (complete with walk in refrigerator and water cooled woks), library, class rooms and the huge hondo and common room. Delegates were treated to a wonderful weekend of entertainment and camaraderie, the organizing committee deserves a huge ‘pat on the back.’

I can’t imagine what it was like trying to assemble the various temples and agree on anything: from how to make the chow mein, to what color to paint the Hondo, but from my perspective, it was harmonious and cooperative, a true feat of wonderful architecture and a willing Sangha. The solid foundation of Jodo Shinshu in Southern Alberta has strong roots and is at the beginning of a bright future, well done BTSA.

The AGM meeting of the JSBTC saw the election of Dave Ohori (Past President of Vancouver Buddhist Temple) elected president and recognition to past president Kuni Ikuta. The focus was on working together across Canada to promote Jodo Shinshu Buddhism, establishing a monthly newsletter and exchanging ‘best practices’ ideas to promote and encourage new memberships at all the various Temples. Declining memberships, preserving tradition, and maintaining a responsible fiscal policy was just some of the other items discussed. On a personal note, I had the opportunity to have a short chat with Rev. Dr. Leslie Kawamura, recently reinstated in JSBTC, and director of the Living

Dharma Centre... he challenged me to further my knowledge of Buddhism, its philosophies and ideas, to ask question and research the teachings. Dr. Kawamura talked passionately, from his past experiences with organized religion – I’m hoping that one day he will be able to write for the Dharma Express and/or you are fortunate to hear what he has to say, he is a fascinating individual, one I will always have a great deal of respect for. From my perspective I heard that in the past... “The Money” was so important, it’s bad effect on decisions made... we have an opportunity to spread the Dharma, that is our currency and the reward is understanding the Nembutsu. It is unfortunate that we as directors are asked by their membership to be stewards of Temple coffers, and there couldn’t be an infinite supply of the western currency... the loonie: aptly named, because everyone goes crazy trying to acquire enough to quench their desires. I experienced a sense of anticipation, a sense of excitement, sense of being on the ground level of something very important and a positive sense of growth for Jodo Shinshu Buddhism in Canada, if we can maintain that sense... I too see that the “Money” will become a none issue and we can concern ourselves with the more important things like, compassion and gratitude.

In Gassho, jiro

## Third Annual 12-hour Marathon Chanting Event

August 6, 2009 at the Vernon Buddhist Temple, by Rev. Y. Miyakawa

In support of peace and non-violence throughout the world!

Please support by: attending, sending a folded paper crane or making a donation to your local Temple

**54<sup>th</sup> B.C. JODO SHINSHU BUDDHIST CONVENTION  
"TRUE COMPASSION IN DIFFICULT TIMES"**

**CO-HOSTS: KAMLOOPS BUDDHIST TEMPLE  
VERNON BUDDHIST TEMPLE**

**DATE: SEPTEMBER 26 – 27, 2009**

**Guest Minister: Seigen Yamaoko Sensei**

**Bishop Emeritus of the Buddhist Churches of America**

**Registration Fee: \$40.00 by July 31, 2009**

**\$50.00 after July 31st**

**Registration deadline: September 12, 2009**

**See your temple office for a registration form**

**or email [cameron37@shaw.ca](mailto:cameron37@shaw.ca)**

**Convention address:**

**Kamloops Buddhist Temple  
361 Poplar St. Kamloops, B.C.  
phone: (250) 376 – 8516**

**Sponsored by:**

**The B.C. Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Churches Federation**

## **YABA Update**

Ladies Nite Out – was a treat at the new Mabui restaurant specializing in cuisine from Okinawa. Our YABA ladies (and significant others) were treated to a delicious dinner sampling new recipes. Thank you ladies for your hard work during the year. Your dedication is much appreciated.

Semi-Annual General Meeting – this year will be held at Jakx (Mission Park) on Friday June 5 (6:00 cocktails, 6:30 dinner). We look forward to a good attendance. Please say yes when your YABA representative contacts you to confirm you will be there. Your voice in upcoming agenda items is very important and we value your input.

Lawn Cutting – Unfortunately, we are encountering difficulties this year, as the lawn has not been cut as per the schedule. Please take the time to read the cal-

endar. If your name appears and you are unable to cut the lawn, please contact the person next on the list (to perhaps switch weeks) Jerry Takeda or Alan Yamaoka who will arrange for a replacement. We do not want to inconvenience members but we do rely on your assistance. If you would like your name removed from the list permanently, please contact Jerry or Alan at any time, or if you are able to volunteer your assistance, we would be happy to hear from you as well. Thank you.

Flea Market & Plant Sale – Your assistance in helping to set up tables, price goods, and coordinate sales is needed for Friday, May 29 and Saturday, May 30. Please volunteer even a few hours if you are able. In Gassho, Barb

## **Kelowna Buddhist Temple Web Site Summary Report**

In the month of April, we had 53 different computers (people) **per day** visiting the Kelowna Buddhist Temple Website, over one thousand visits in that month. We actually average 1380 visits per month. These numbers far exceed anything that I could have imagined when I opened this site 6 years ago. The first steps in gaining popularity not only here in Kelowna, but throughout the world, is to gain interest. That interest is so overwhelming and I am

beaming with pride. I hope everyone sees the value in the web site and continues to support the monthly newsletter, web site and our wonderful Temple.

In Gassho, Jiro

### **Thanks "Rick's Garden World"**

The Daffodils the Dharma Students handed out during their visit to patients and offered for Hanamasturi was greatly appreciated!

*With Gratitude the Temple and all of its Affiliated Organizations  
Acknowledge Your Generous Contribution and Apologies  
for any Errors or Omissions.*

**General**

Hayashi, George (Book Sales)	\$17.00
Hayashi, George (Tractor Repairs)	\$102.00
Rick's Garden World (Daffodils from Hanamatsuri and Hospital visit by Dharma School Children)	\$64.00

**Hanamatsuri**

Yamaoka, M/M Tosh	\$40.00
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**Memorial**

Tamura, Mrs. Haruko (In Memory of Kuniyoshi Tamura & Takeko Kimura)	\$50.00
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**Monthly Memorial**

Yamaoka, M/M Alan (Grand Parent Mrs. Mitsu/Uncle Kaz Hayashi)	\$30.00
Yamaoka, M/M Alan (Shuo Yamaoka)	\$100.00
Koga, M/M Morio (In Memory of Mr. Suekichi Koga)	\$20.00
Yamauchi, Mrs. Kuniko (In Memory of Suekichi Koga)	\$20.00
Yamaoka, Ms. Lisa (In Memory of Shuo Yamaoka)	\$20.00
Yamaoka, Mrs. Chiyoko Yamaoka (In Memory of Shuo Yamaoka)	\$50.00
Yamaoka, Ms. Carrie (In Memory of Shuo Yamaoka)	\$40.00
Tamaki, Mrs. Toyoko (In Memory of Husband Masaru)	\$100.00
Tanemura, M/M Melvin (In Memory of Roy Tanemura)	\$50.00
Tanemura, M/M Yuki (In Memory of Mrs. Kimura)	\$40.00
Uyeyama, M/M Joe (In Memory of Katsuzo Hayashi)	\$20.00
Hayashi, Mrs. Shiz (In Memory of Katsuzo Hayashi)	\$25.00
Brown, Mrs. Gail (In Memory of Katsuzo Hayashi)	\$30.00
Fong, Mrs. Pat (In Memory of Father Shuo Yamaoka)	\$30.00

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Tahara, M/M Jack	\$25.00
Yetman, M/M P.	\$50.00

**Memberships**

Tanaka, M/M Herb	\$250.00
Tomiye, Mr. Reg	\$125.00
Tahara, M/M Jack	\$250.00
Yamaoka, M/M Nob	\$250.00
Yamaoka, Mrs. Suteo	\$125.00

**FujinKai**

\$100 re Terai Family (in Memory of Father's 13th year Memorial, Masaichi Terai)

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**Temple Executive: Continued**

Miyakawa, that the Temple will be able to attract new interest.

The Manning Park retreat was held on the May long weekend. Gordon Lacey represented the Temple at the gathering. Apparently, part of the cost of the Manning Park retreat was sponsored by the LDC. A question was raised at the retreat as to whether the BCJSBCF should still exist. This brought about discussion, and it was decided that the association should still continue. The Flea market and plants sale is coming up on the May 30<sup>th</sup>. Please come out to help. We need people for May 29<sup>th</sup> to help price and display the items. Alan Yamaoka has volunteered to organize the people so if you can help, please give Alan a call. Thank you Alan for taking a day off from your work to take on this

task.

Tim Tahara has been busy with the advertising for the various events. He has done an excellent job in making sure the information is getting out to the public. Thank you Tim.

Jerry Takeda is an amazing man. He not only sits on the board and is the Temple's treasurer, but is responsible for getting the newsletter out every month. Keep up the good work Jerry.

A reminder to anyone interested in the Kelowna Buddhist Temple's Seniors housing project, please fill out the form. For a copy of the form please get in touch with Reg Tomiye at 212-0000 cell. In Gassho