

# Kelowna Buddhist Temple

## The New Dharma Express

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- Sat. Mar 3, Chow Mein Prep 8am
- Sun. Mar 4, Chow Mein Prep 8am, Pick-up 2-4pm

### Monthly Memorial

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Mrs. Joan Kitaura
Mr. Paul Merckx

- Sun. Mar 11, Dharma School 10am, Monthly Memorial 2pm
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- Sun. Mar 18, Dharma School 10am
- Sun Mar 25, Dharma School 10am, Spring Ohiganeye & Eitaikyo Service 2pm
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## From Sensei: Buddhism: The Growing Wave

Every day our Temple receives many enquiries about our Buddhist community, and Temple programs. We are noticing that Buddhism is continuing to be increasingly popular, particularly among the younger generations. We offer several Temple programs throughout the week, and we receive many visitors who express interest in Buddhist spirituality. Now is the time for us to share our Buddhist teachings with the wider Canadian community. In looking back, over my past years in Canada, the image of Buddhism has changed positively. When I first came to Canada, Buddhism was mainly practiced within Japanese communities. However, nowadays, Buddhism is one of the fastest growing philosophical religions in the Western world. Young people are attracted to the Buddhist values of peace, harmony, non-violence, compassion, selflessness, concern for the environment, and interdependence among all beings.

North American interest in Buddhism began more than a century ago, when in 1893, a Japanese delegation of Buddhists were first invited to participate in the World Parliament of Religions in Chicago, organized by Paul Carus, an eminent philosopher. This conference, the first of its kind, was attended by representatives of major world religions, and many of the most famous thinkers of the century. This event marked the entry of Buddhism to the North American landscape. Soon thereafter, in 1897, the eminent Japanese Buddhist scholar, D. T. Suzuki was invited to the United States to work and study with leading North Americans. D.T. Suzuki contributed to the development of Buddhist modernism, a blend of Asian Buddhism and Western ideas. In 1959, Shunryu Suzuki arrived in the USA, to teach Buddhism. His classes were overflowing with students, eager to learn about Buddhism.

During the 1960's there was an influx of immigrant peoples from Buddhist countries in Asia, such as Vietnam, Cambodia, Thailand, and China. This led to the establishment of Buddhist communities, and to the building of numerous Buddhist Temples. In the 1970's the Dalai Lama became a highly visible teacher in the Western world, and he inspired many followers, including many celebrities. His life became the subject of movies, like *Kundun* and *Seven Years in Tibet*. As a result, the wave of inter-

est in Buddhism continued to grow. Increasing numbers of people sought information on the teachings of Buddhism. They learned from important Buddhist figures, such as Alan Watts, Thich Nhat Hanh, Tibetan Lamas and other important Western teachers and professionals.

With the increased familiarity, of Buddhist values, many people within North America have acquired an understanding about some of the main teachings of Buddhism. Most seem to be drawn to the meditative practices associated with Buddhism, in their search for ways to cope with the stresses and tensions of everyday life. For them, Buddhism offers a dynamic wisdom and an active compassion. These are the qualities that have inspired hope and courage among people who face the painful reality of the human condition, namely the suffering which arises from our persistent egoism and selfishness, and our inability to recognize our limited human existence.

Buddhism has usually absorbed aspects of the culture of the countries within which it is practiced. Some differences in customs exist, which influence the rituals/ceremonies between countries. Some differences also exist in the kind of Buddhism brought to North America by immigrants from Asian countries, compared to the Buddhism that is practiced by North American converts. However, most Buddhist converts seem to be quite accepting of the teachings and customs of the various Buddhist sects.

With the growing interest of people from the wider Canadian community, we can share the teachings that we treasure so deeply, with them. The members of our Temple community are already assimilated into all aspects of Canadian life and culture. Now is the time for us to open our hearts to our friends, both old and new, and share with them our treasured teachings. This may encourage our mutual spiritual enrichment. .

In Gassho, Rev. Yasuhiro  
Miyakawa



## Dharma School

This year marks the 60th anniversary of the Kelowna Dharma School. Many young people have attended Dharma School during its history and have benefited from learning the teachings of Sakyamuni Buddha. In conjunction with our annual Hanamatsuri festivities on April 8th, we will be celebrating this milestone.

All former and present Dharma School participants are invited to attend and take part in the celebration. We encourage everyone to perform their talents during the entertainment program following the ser-

vice. Please pass this message on to your family and friends...

plan to attend and get reacquainted with your roots.

In Gassho



## Message from the Editor

Well I have to admit that when I first thought about ways to make donating to our Temple easier, the idea of on-line donations was something that I wasn't sure would be popular at all. I'm sure many were wondering who from our Temple would even consider making donations other than by cash or cheque. For me, I carry very little cash, I write very few cheques and pay for everything via debit card or credit card... but that's me and not everyone is comfortable doing on-line shopping, banking or anything.

I'm happy to report that we have received several donations on-line, from as far away as Illinois, and Ontario and from people wishing to remain anonymous. The Temple and its members are truly grateful for your generosity and thank you for using this option; I hope this won't be the only time you make a contribution (many were made in memory of the late Jinichiro Yokota).

For me, this also gives, just a glimpse of where the web site, our newsletter and this Temple reaches out

in the world. We can no longer think with blinders on to the rest of the world, we need to constantly find new ways to bring awareness in our Temple and Buddhism with the ultimate goal of being here for this and future generations. Our Temple is being watched in so many ways and by so many people: watched at how our new programs are going (from Meditation to Transformational Buddhism), blazing new ground in promoting and advertising (flashing neon sign) and maintaining a fresh and current web site. We are by no means shy in trying to bring awareness in this community (thanks to Sensei) and I'm so proud of everyone in our Sangha. These are challenging and changing times we live in, I'm so excited... I could burst – in Gassho, jiro

Note: should you wish your name to not be included in this and future publications, please contact me...  
Jerry Jiro Takeda

## Buddhism of the Heart

*When we say that we take refuge in the Buddha, the Dharma, and the Sangha, we acknowledge our status as refugees. A refugee is a person who cannot rest at ease, who is fleeing trouble, strife, violence, fear—which is to say, dukkha, suffering. We are refugees from a world steeped in anger, greed and delusion, seeking asylum in the country of the Buddha, the Pure Land. We turn toward the Pure Land because of the presence of injustice, war, poverty, disease, exploitation, discrimination, and the other marks of samsara, the world of delusion. And we especially seek refuge from our own addiction to the tree poisons. Each Nembutsu is, in a way, a petition for admittance to a better place, where we can be free from sufferings created by self and others and work instead to increase the happiness of all beings.*

# March 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			29 <i>TSS Meditation 9:30am, Guided Meditation 12n-1pm, Chow Mein Prep 6pm, deadline for pre-order 7pm</i>	1 <i>Chow Mein Prep 6pm</i>	2 <i>Chow Mein Prep 6pm</i>	3 <i>Chow Mein Prep 8am</i>
4 <i>Chow Mein Prep 8am, Pick-up 2-4pm</i>	5 <i>Taiko Practice 7pm,</i>	6	7	8	9 <i>Taiko Practice 7pm</i>	10
11 <i>Dharma School 10am, Monthly Memorial 2pm</i>	12 <i>Taiko Practice 7pm</i>	13	14	15 <i>Temple Executive Meeting 7pm</i>	16 <i>Taiko Practice 7pm</i>	17
18 <i>Dharma School 10am</i>	19 <i>Taiko Practice 7pm</i>	20	21	22	23 <i>Taiko Practice 7pm</i>	24
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*This is an article especially for the Dharma School kids and their families.*

According to Shakyamuni Buddha, we all have some suffering in our lives. We suffer from the effects of our craving, ignorance, and delusion. The Eightfold Path helps us overcome those three sources of suffering. This month, we will look at the first step along the Eightfold Path: Right Views.

When we recite the Eightfold Path in Dharma School, we say Right Views means, “To keep ourselves free of prejudice, superstition, and delusion, and to see aright the true nature of life”. This is not so much a thing that we possess, as a process that we go through over and over again in our lives. Right Views are always growing in our hearts and minds when we are humble and seek them.

Imagine a world in which we all do this together. What do you think it would be like?

In a world without Prejudice, how easy would it be for kids to pick on each other at school, or for adults to have a war?

A Superstition is a belief that is based on fear or mystery rather than facts. “Step on a crack, break your mother’s back” is a rhyme most of us have heard. You step on the crack, and even though you might think the rhyme is silly, there is that little part of you that feels fearful that you might have caused harm. We have many superstitions in our society, big and small. Sometimes they have a big effect, and a lot of suffering can happen as a result. For example, how many wars are fought because people believe that “God is on our side”? How many animals like sharks and Rhinos are hunted until they are almost extinct because people have superstitious beliefs that eating certain bits of them will make us healthy. What would a world without superstition be like?

A Delusion is a false idea. One delusion we often see among humans is that we are more important than other animals on the earth, ants for instance. However, as one well known scientist put it, “The whole of nature would do fine without humans, but it would not survive without ants”. In a world without delusion, then, humans would be more respectful of other animals, and would take better care of the planet we all live on together. We would see that we depend completely on the interconnected web of all life. To see life in this way is to see it’s true nature, and helps us to have Right Views.

In Gassho, Geneva

*If you have thoughts and stories to share with the Kids’ Sangha and Dharma School, you are invited to correspond with us at [KidsSanghaKelowna@gmail.com](mailto:KidsSanghaKelowna@gmail.com)*

## FujinKai Report

### Temple Repairs

The Fujinkai board of directors made a motion at the AGM to contribute financially to the roof repairs which are badly needed. This was approved by the membership in attendance and reported to the Temple board which will proceed with the work this Spring.

### Hoonko and Shinbokukai service

A very enjoyable Dharma talk was presented by Sensei Miyakawa where we gathered to show our appreciation and thanks to Shinran Shonin, and jointly came together for the Shinbokukai social and New Year celebration. This was followed by the

installation of the Bukkyokai and Fujinkai boards of directors. Following the service, Bingo was called by Don Favell, and a donation of prizes was made by Min & Mid Mori, Barbara Ishikawa and Tosh Suzuki – thank you very much. Those who were able to come out (the weather cooperating by warming up) were treated to a delicious pot-luck supper, accompanied by some amazing desserts! Thank you to everyone who made this a successful and enjoyable day.

### Keiro Kai

Our senior members were treated to a supper in their honour on January 28, 2012 preceded by a service and followed by a photo session and the ever-popular

## FujinKai Report Continued:

bingo.

**February** has been a very busy month with preparations underway for our Chow Mein sale on March 4, 2012. Thank you to the members and friends who came out to help with mein making, 2 days/nights of apple pie making, and the many days of shopping, purchasing of ingredients and supplies, cutting, weighing and packing of vegetables. Thank you L&D Meats for the meat, and especially cutting it! We couldn't do it without all of you.

### Upcoming Events:

Chow mein dinner sales - Preparation Feb 29, March 1, 2 (6pm), 3 & 4 at 8am, Sunday March 4, 2012 pick-up at 2pm-4pm.  
Kitchen clean-up - April 7, 2012  
Hanamatsuri - April 8, 2012  
In Gassho

## 行 事 案 内

2月29日(水)	午前 9時半	千部経三昧
	午後 12-1時	座禅案内
	午後 6時	チャウメン準備
	午後 7時	チャウメン予約締切り
3月 1日(木)	午前 9時半	千部経三昧
	午後 12-1時	座禅案内
	午後 6時	チャウメン準備
2日(金)	午前 9時半	千部経三昧
	午後 12-1時	座禅案内
	午後 6時	チャウメン準備
3日(土)	午前 8時	チャウメン準備
4日(日)	午前 8時	チャウメン準備
	午後 2-4時	チャウメン持ち帰り
7日(水)	午前 9時半	千部経三昧
	午後 12-1時	座禅案内
8日(木)	午前 9時半	千部経三昧
	午後 12-1時	座禅案内
9日(金)	午前 9時半	千部経三昧
	午後 12-1時	座禅案内
11日(日)	午前 10時	日曜学校
	午後 2時	3月祥月法要

## Just Rambling

The passing of Jinichi Yokota, for many years one of the prominent leaders of our Buddhist Temple, brought back memories 70 years old. It was the winter of 1942 when he & I pruned apple trees in a large orchard on the Rutland benches owned by Frank Buckland. Jim was a patient man & lucky for me that he was when he taught a slow learner such as yours truly in the fine art of pruning & I use the words fine art rather loosely. At this time I would like to express my deepest sympathy to the Yokota family in their moment of great loss.

Despite the objection of my son, I have enjoyed my winters exercising my arms pruning until I was 80 years old. David thought that I should be relaxing in a rocking chair, reading Grimm's fairy tales or Aesop's fables to my grandchildren.

Bob Yamaoka who was born & educated in Kelowna, contacted me a couple of months ago requesting some information regarding the history of Nisei 5-pin bowling in B.C. Bob is very active as a volunteer at the Nikkei

14日(水)	午前 9時半 午後 12-1時	千部経三昧 座禅案内
15日(木)	午前 9時半 午後 12-1時 午後 7時	千部経三昧 座禅案内 仏教会役員会
16日(金)	午前 9時半 午後 12-1時	千部経三昧 座禅案内
18日(日)	午前 10時	日曜学校
21日(水)	午前 9時半 午後 12-1時	千部経三昧 座禅案内
22日(木)	午前 9時半 午後 12-1時	千部経三昧 座禅案内
23日(金)	午前 9時半 午後 12-1時	千部経三昧 座禅案内
25日(日)	午前 10時 午後 2時	日曜学校 春の彼岸会、永代経法要
28日(水)	午前 9時半 午後 12-1時	千部経三昧 座禅案内
29日(木)	午前 9時半 午後 12-1時	千部経三昧 座禅案内
30日(金)	午前 9時半 午後 12-1時	千部経三昧 座禅案内

# 恒例のチャウメンセールがもうすぐです。是非ご支援下さい。

# お彼岸は25日、法名ご持参の上、お参り下さい。なお、今年のお花祭りは4月8日です。

## Just Rambling: Continued

Heritage Centre in Burnaby. A group of old-time Japanese Canadian bowlers from 60 plus years ago, mainly from the Vancouver area have been meeting to discuss these historical moments. Unfortunately, pictures, trophies & other memorabilia that I had saved were lost in my condo fire. I have only my memory to contribute towards the publication of this book. Last fall the weather man was predicting a cold winter. At this date, it appear that he was completely off the track. I kept a record of the daily temperature up in the Belgo district in the month of January, 1950. For the entire month, the temperature was below zero Fahrenheit or minus 18 degrees celsius. For the second year in a row, Okanagan Lake was frozen solid. The other day, my youngest grandson who is in kindergarten said that he told a classmate that she was cute. Her reply was that a lot of other people said that too.

In Gassho, Suey

Chan, M/M Preston donation listed in last months newsletter was in Memory of Yuki Tanemura Donation of \$110 at the end of December still remains unaccounted for, if you have not received a receipt or acknowledgement, please notify the treasurer.

Recent legislation enacted by the Provincial Government restricts organizations from divulging personal information without the approval of the individuals affected. The donations generously made by Temple members and friends fall under the realm of personal information. Therefore, if you object to your donations being published in the Temple Newsletter, please let us know and we will cease doing so (Mail or Email your wish to be omitted from the published list). In Gassho, Temple Board of Directors

***With Gratitude the Temple and all of its Affiliated Organizations***

***Acknowledge Your Generous Contribution and Apologies***

***for any Errors or Omissions.***

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