

Kelowna Buddhist Temple

The New Dharma Express

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Special points of interest:

- Thurs. April 1, TSS Meditation 9:30am
- Fri. April 2, TSS Meditation 9:30am
- Sun. April 4, Dharma School 10am
- Wed. April 7, TSS Meditation 9:30am
- Thurs. April 8, TSS Meditation 9:30am, Temple Exec. Meeting 7pm
- Fri. April 9, TSS Meditation 9:30am
- Sat. April 10, Spring Yard Clean-up 8am
- Sun. April 11, Hanamatsuri, Monthly Memorial 2pm
- Wed. April 14, TSS Meditation 9:30am

Monthly Memorial

APRIL

- Miss Hanayo Ueda
- Mr. Masajiro Taniguchi
- Mr. Jusaku Yoshihara
- Mr. Shojiro Kimura
- Mrs. Tora Shiosaki
- Mr. Masakichi Nishi
- Mr. Shinichi Nakayama
- Mrs. Taka Tsuji
- Mrs. Tomechiyo Teramura
- Mr. George Nishi
- Miss Tsuyuko Nakayama
- Mr. Shigeharu Nishi
- Mr. Genzaburo Tamagi
- Mr. Yoshitaro Kitagawa
- Mr. Shigeto Kimura
- Mrs. Ume Tatebe
- Mrs. Setsuyo Tashima
- Mr. Yoshitaka Wada
- Mr. Carl Nishi
- Mr. Doug Mori
- Mr. Atsushi Sugimoto

Special points of interest:

- Thurs. April 15, TSS Meditation 9:30am
- Fri. April 16, TSS Meditation 9:30am

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 Jay Hunter
M/M Don Favell
Ms. Dorothy Tanaka
M/M Joe Uyeyama
Mrs. Shiz Hayashi
Mr. Brad Tanaka

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Special points of interest:

- Sun. April 18, Dharma School 10am
- Wed. April 21, TSS Meditation 9:30am
- Thurs. April 22, TSS Meditation 9:30am
- Fri. April 23, TSS Meditation 9:30am

Special points of interest:

- Sun. April 25, Dharma School 10am
- Wed. April 28, TSS Meditation 9:30am
- Thurs. April 29, TSS Meditation 9:30am
- Fir. April 30, TSS Meditation 9:30am

From Sensei: Teamwork

“A hundred times every day I remind myself that my inner and outer life depend on the labors of other men, living and dead, and that I must exert myself in order to give in the same measure as I have received and am still receiving.” Albert Einstein

I enjoy reading my Alumni Journal from Japan. There is always interesting news about former students. In the most recent edition, I read about our University’s Climbing Club. They recently accomplished an amazing feat. For the first time ever, a group of students and former students from a single University have conquered the highest mountain peaks in seven different continents: This is a first, in the world. They climbed: Aconcagua, South America (6962 meters, in 2003), Elbrus in Europe (5642 meters in 2004) Kosciuszko, Australia (2230 meters in 2004) Kilimanjaro, Africa (5895 meters in 2005) McKinley N. America (6194 meters in 2006) Everest (8848 meters in 2009) Vinson-massif in Antarctica (4897 meters in 2009).

Although I have no experience with mountain climbing, I felt a sense of pride in their accomplishments, and even sent a congratulatory message by E-mail. This kind of accomplishment could only be achieved by a strong sense of team work among all the participants. In order to master the elements of nature, and reach the summit of these mountains, there needed to be strength and determination, but perhaps more importantly, a sense of trust and cooperation among the members of the team. These teams of individuals worked together to conquer adversity, compensating for one another’s shortcomings, helping one another to reach their common goal. I am sure that they will all have many great stories to tell their children and grandchildren.

Their story reminded me of the famous American mountain climber, Lou Whittaker. He was born in [Seattle, Washington](#), and turned 80 yrs old this year. Lou is known for being the first American to reach the 8848 meter summit of Everest in 1963. At that time, despite his oxygen having run out, with the help of his Sherpa guide, he reached the summit where he firmly planted the U.S. flag.

Although Lou will always be known for this great achievement, he also organized other famous expeditions to Mount Everest. In 1984 he led an expedition to the summit of Everest that proved to be particularly challenging. After months of preparation, the team of climbers attained the 8200 meter elevation of the mountain. With just 600 meters remaining to the top, they discovered that there was not enough oxygen to be able to fin-

ish the climb and return to the lower camp. After careful reflection, Whittaker decided to send his two strongest climbers to get the oxygen, one of whom was his own son. When they returned with the oxygen cylinders, he then sent the weaker climbers on towards the summit of Mount Everest. Although all five climbers initially had dreams of reaching the summit; only two actually did so. However, all five were represented in the effort of the team. In Whittaker’s words, “My job was to put other people on top --- If one person on our team makes it to the summit, then we have all achieved our mission; we have all been to the top!”

In 1990 Whittaker organized a “Peace Climb” of Mount Everest, assembling a team of 20 men and women climbers from the U.S., China and the Soviet Union. Their mission was to haul two tons of garbage off the mountain, since there had been other expeditions during the intervening years. From base camp, Whittaker and his group called the leaders of all three nations before going on to the top. “We stood up there, arms linked together, showing what can be done through friendship and cooperation” Whittaker said. “We were representing the countries that had the ability to destroy the world, but showing what we could do together.”

Sometimes when facing a task, we try to tackle the weight of it all by ourselves. However, when we team up with others, we can work with greater efficiency and everyone can accomplish so much more. Great accomplishments require different kinds of tasks from everyone. Some will be more visible than others; some will make greater sacrifice. But the important thing is that ultimately everyone shares in the accomplishment.

These stories are similar to the workings of Amida Buddha and the inspiration of the Primal Vow. Out of his concern for beings drowning in the ocean of birth and death, Dharmakara Bodhisattva took immeasurable time to save all beings and attain perfect enlightenment. Having fulfilled it, and by becoming Amida Buddha, all beings without exception can then be liberated from the afflictions of body and mind. The fulfillment of the Primal Vow is given to us as the Nembutsu “Namo Amida Butsu.” Dharmakara as the strongest person infuses us with the calling voice of Namo Amida Butsu, so that we weaker beings can attain life in Amida’s Pure Land.

In Gassho, Rev. Y. Miyakawa

From the Temple Executive

Jodo Shinshu Buddhism in Canada and especially in the interior of British Columbia has entered the mainstream of Canada. Recently, Nishi Hongwanji, our mother Temple in Kyoto, Japan, released the official standardized English translations of the three Sutras upon which Jodo Shinshu is based. We are now able to understand the Buddha's words as recorded by his disciples over twenty-five hundred years ago. Reverend Miyakawa has spent many hours compiling resource materials into one book for our collective benefits. The book includes the Three Pure Land Sutras vols. 1 & 2, the Collective works of Shinran Shonin, (founder of Jodo Shinshu), Letters of Rennyō Shonin (eighth Monshu, considered to be the second founder of Jodo Shinshu), the Three

Pure Land Sutras: (A study and translation by Hisao Inagaki), The letters of Eshinni, wife of Shinran Shonin, (translated by Taitetsu Unno), as well as other writings which form the core of our Nembutsu practice. We have been chanting the Shoshinge (Hymn of True Shinjin and the Nembutsu) in English during Dharma School this term and it is wonderful to hear the young children's voices along with the adults, loudly chanting the words. We have had one hundred and fifty copies of this book published for the use of everyone. Please take the time to read through it and internalize the teachings it contains. You will gain a heightened understanding of the

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Message from the Editor

"Life is like a box of chocolates... you never know what your going to get" Forest Gump movie 1994— one of my all time favorite quotes.

Life is full of flavors, not everyone likes those ones with the creamy soft centers... personally I love the caramel. Not really a fan of the ones with fruit in them (usually I take a bit and leave the rest).

Really life is like this, not everyone enjoys the same flavors, what one likes the other may not. This is a good thing, but what I think what Forest wants people to reflect on is, the not knowing what your going to get. We can try to predict the outcome of situations, but in the end, there is no guarantees in life.

However what I can suggest is 3 things to help ensure a long and healthy life: 1—wake-up each morning with a purpose, doesn't have to be a job, could be volunteering at the Temple: 2—surround yourself by people that engage you and you want to see regularly, like the Temple Sangha (you cannot

pick your sister that lives in the next province over): 3—make decisions that give you control and meaning to your life, like supporting the Kelowna Buddhist Temple.

I conclude my message with a definition of Volunteering: *Volunteering is the practice of people working on behalf of others without being motivated by financial or material gain. Volunteering is generally considered an [altruistic](#) activity, intended to promote good or improve human [quality of life](#).*

This definition is so true for the many volunteers that helped with this years annual Chow Mein Dinner and Apple Pie Sale, thank you so much for your altruistic activity in support of Temple functions.

In Gassho Jiro

Oh—forgot to mention I do like the chocolates with liquor in them, not the whole box, but just one as a special treat.

Thus I Have Heard From Rennyō Shonin: 'Namo' means...

The Shonin taught, "Namo" means 'taking refuge'. "Taking refuge" means 'entrusting oneself to Amida with singleness of thought.' Further, 'making an aspiration and transferring the merit' means that to those who entrust themselves to Amida, he immediately endows great good and great merit, the substance of which is "Namo Amida Butsu."

April 2010

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JSBTC Update:

A monthly update from the national headquarters of the Shin Buddhist Temples of Canada
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 Web: livingdharmacentre.ca

Last week I had a unique opportunity to represent JSBTC to participate in the 1910 Rogers Pass Snow Slide Commemoration in Revelstoke B.C. On March 4th 1910 sudden snow slide killed 58 men working at CPR and 32 young men among them were Japanese. I understand the funeral services were conducted by Rev. Senju Sasaki in Vancouver.

I was impressed by the crowd of more than 500 in downtown starting 7pm. Despite the cold weather outdoor, people gathered to pay tribute as well as to promote the awareness of the danger of avalanche. More than 11,000 paper cranes folded by the Japanese, Americans as well as Canadians were hung near the podium where we had ceremony with Christian prayer, Buddhist chanting and speeches by the Mayor, Consul of Japan, Canadian Avalanche Association, Canadian Pacific, Park Canada, Revelstoke Museum and Archives, Revelstoke Railway Museum, and the descendants of the victims from Canada and Japan.

100 years is such a long time ago, yet this town has been battling with snow all the way and a lot of people have been perished. By observing this memorial service, I was reminded of the importance of our tradition of Monthly Memorial Service that we have been observing in the temples across Canada. We should continue to promote our tradition and also perhaps we can include the victims of atomic bombs in Hiroshima and Nagasaki, and the ministers who had served for the temple or local hero such as Terry Fox to recognize their contribution for the society.

In Gassho, Namoamidabutsu, Orai Fujikawa

1910年3月4日ロジャースパスで雪崩のため58名が犠牲になりました。そのうち32人が日本から出稼ぎに来た若い人たちでした。去る3月4日、レベルストーク市で100周年記念が催され、キリスト教と仏教との合同法要に参加いたしました。会場は戸外で寒い夜でしたが500人以上の市民、また国立公園、市長、博物館、鉄道などの関係者が大勢集まったのには感心しました。また日本から遺族の方、そして報道が行き渡っていたらしく、日本、アメリカ、カナダ各地より1,1000の折り鶴が会場に吊り下げられ、照明も行き届いて法要が無事終わり、心和む慰霊式となりました。特に多くの若いスキー客たちが参加して、仏教徒の参加を歓迎していただきました。そのとき思ったのですが、カナダ各地のお寺で一番大きなお参りはなんと言っても祥月法要です。この伝統を基盤として、さらに発展する方法があるのではないのでしょうか。なんといっても私たちはだれでも生と死を逃れることが出来ないのですから。合掌。

Although it was a sudden news that he will leave at the end of March, on behalf of JSBTC I wish to express my sincere appreciation to Rev. Shigenori Makino for his guidance and leadership demonstrated during his service in Canada. May he enjoy peaceful retirement with his family in Hawaii.

Coming Events;

Apr 4 Hamilton Buddhist Temple: Hanamatsuri: 10 Fraser Valley Buddhist Temple: Hanamatsuri

11 Vancouver Buddhist Temple: Hanamatsuri: 17/18 Nanaimo/Victoria Hanamatsuri

22- 25 JSBTC AGM in Steveston

May 8 Fraser Valley Buddhist Temple's 55th Anniversary Service

11-14 World Jodo Shinshu Coordinating Council in Hawaii

Shinran Shonin's 750th Memorial in Canada;

May 29/30 Eastern District in Toronto

June 13 Manitoba District in Winnipeg

Temple Executive—continued

Nembutsu and appreciate the enormous efforts that Reverend Miyakawa has put forth to help us deepen our knowledge of our religion. We have encountered an increasing number of people expressing interest in Buddhism and coming to the Temple in search of information. These people along with many that attended the Temple as youngsters and drifted away, are an important component in sustaining the viability of our Temple. Reverend Miyakawa's deep knowledge and outgoing nature has heightened the awareness of the general population to the existence of the Kelowna Buddhist Temple. Members of the public are now attending the Temple for something other than Chow Mein, and loving it. Thanks to our forefathers and mothers who have gone before us, as well as many of our senior mem-

bers, we have a beautiful Temple in which to gather. The Temple members of today and of the future benefit from their/your foresight and hard work in establishing the roots of Jodo Shinshu Buddhism in Kelowna. To anyone who has considered becoming a member of the Temple and has not yet acted, the time is now. If we are to maintain a viable organization in Kelowna, we need to grow our membership and take full advantage of the legacy we have inherited. We would love to have you join us. Through the use of the materials compiled by Reverend Miyakawa and his ability to explain the meaning of the words in terms that everyone can comprehend, we will be able to continue to reap the rich fruit of the Nembutsu teachings for years to come. In Gassho, Herb

Rev. Y. Miyakawa—Marathon Chanting

August 6th, 2010

Kelowna Buddhist Temple
Promoting World Peace

In remembrance of the Atomic
Bombing of Hiroshima
Fold a crane, make a donation, or
come and support

Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Temples of Canada Annual General Meeting April 23-25, 2010

Registration Forms available
at your local Temple
Host for this years AGM
Steveston Buddhist Temple
Contact information
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Planning continues for the Senior Housing Project, we need your thoughts, please indicate by mail or email if you are:

1. Very Interested in this project
2. Slightly interested in this project

Project details can be found on the web site.

If you would like to put your name on the priority list please email kbtemple@telus.net or mail:

Kelowna Buddhist Temple
Seniors Housing Project
PO Box 22092, RPO Capri Centre
Kelowna, BC V1Y 9N9

If you would like further information please contact: Reg Tomiye at 250-212-0000 cell or email: rtomiye@shawbiz.ca

The JSBTC (Formerly BCC) Women's Federation is launching a 'Gift Card Shop and Support Campaign' to major retailers (for a complete list, contact Tomoye Yamaoka, or Barb Yamaoka) - a portion of the Gift Card will go to support the 2015 Women's Convention and the 750th Anniversary (2011) of the passing of our Founder, Shinran Shonin. Obviously these cards will make a great Birthday, Anniversary or Christmas Gift, they will be made available over the next few months, however, don't delay, get your Gift Cards today.
In Gassho

行事案内

4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
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
10日(土) 午前8時	春の境内大掃除
11日(日) 午後2時	花祭り、4月祥月法要
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
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
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

ポカポカと暖かく春めいてきました。花祭りの日が近づいてきました。
ご家族お揃いでお参りしましょう。

Old Laptop Computers

One of our members is doing volunteer work in an orphanage in Peru.
We are touched by his love and compassion towards these abandoned children.
He is trying to obtain some old (but still functional) laptop computers for the children to use.
If you have an old laptop that you no longer need, please contact Rev. Y. Miyakawa.

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

General	
Martin, Mr. Michael	\$35.00
Monthly Memorial	
Terada, M/M Yosh (In Memory of Tatsujiro Terada)	\$20.00
Nishi, Mrs. Sakae	\$20.00
Suzuki, M/M T.	\$20.00
R. Suzuki/P. Tanaka	\$20.00
Sugie, M/M Sam	\$20.00
Tanemura, M/M Yuki (In Memory of Iye Tanemura)	\$25.00
Tanemura, M/M Yuki (In Memory of Tom Tanemura)	\$25.00
Tanaka, M/M Herb	\$30.00
Koga, M/M Morio (In Memory of Mr. Tatsujiro Terada)	\$30.00
Yamauchi, Mrs. Kuniko (In Memory of Father Takao Horiuchi)	\$30.00
Terada, Mr. Naga (In Memory of Father)	\$50.00
Tanemura, M/M Melvin (In Memory of Ayako Tanemura)	\$50.00
Newsletter	
Kitaura, Joan	\$25.00
Nirvana Day	
Tanaka, M/M Herb	\$25.00
Yamada, M/M Ken	\$20.00
R. Suzuki/P. Tanaka	\$20.00
Membership	
Uemoto, M/M Kaichi	\$300.00
Kitaura, Joan	\$125.00
YABA	
Yamaoka, Ms. Carrie	\$20.00
Koga, Mr. Suey	\$20.00
Uemoto, M/M Kaichi	\$40.00

Correction in the last issue of the New Dharma Express: It was acknowledged that Rick Suzuki and Peggy Tanaka paid their memberships in the month of February, however they had paid in January and the Membership for \$250 should have been acknowledged for M/M Tosh Suzuki. Our apologies for this error.

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