

Kelowna Buddhist Temple

The New Dharma Express

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Special Points of Interest:

- Fri., Mar. 1, TSS Meditation 10am ~ 12:30pm, Chow Mein Prep 6pm ~ 9pm
- Sat., Mar. 2, Chow Mein Prep 8am ~ 5pm
- Sun., Mar. 3, Chow Mein Prep 8am, Chow Mein Pick up 1pm ~ 3pm
- Wed., Mar. 6, TSS Meditation 10am ~ 12:30pm
- Thur., Mar. 7, TSS Meditation 10am ~ 12:30pm Executive Meeting 7pm
- Fri., Mar. 8, TSS Meditation 10am ~ 12:30pm
- Sun. Mar, 10, Dharma School, 10am. Dharma Shotsuki Service 2pm
- Wed., Mar. 13 TSS Meditation 10am ~ 12:30pm
- Thur., Mar. 14 TSS Meditation 10am ~ 12:30pm
- Fri., Mar. 15 TSS Meditation 10am ~ 12:30pm
- Wed., Mar. 20 TSS Meditation 10am ~ 12:30pm
- Thur., Mar. 21 TSS Meditation 10am ~ 12:30pm
- Fri., Mar. 22, TSS Meditation 10am ~ 12:30pm
- Sun., Mar. 24, Dharma School 10am, Spring Ohigan and Eitaikyo Services 2pm

March Monthly Memorial

- Miss Sueme Uemoto
- Mr. Kyojiro Ono
- Mr. Kikumatsu Fudatate
- Mr. Tokijiro Koyama
- Mr. Tatsujiro Terada
- Mr. Hikobe Oikawa
- Mr. Tokuichi Tomiyama
- Mr. Kametaro Nishi
- Mr. Chosuke Ozamoto
- Baby Suzuki
- Mr. Megumi Ohara
- Mr. Einosuke Uyeyama
- Mr. Kasoji Uemoto
- Mrs. Ayako Tanemura
- Mrs. Sadako Iwasaki
- Mrs. Shizue Ueda
- Mr. Hitoshi Suzuki
- Mrs. Mitsuko Yoshikawa
- Mrs. Iye Tanemura
- Mr. Tom Tanemura
- Mr. Shosaku Sugie
- Mr. Hikoichi Tashima
- Mr. Takao Horiuchi
- Mrs. Atsuko Kawaguchi
- Mr. Yoshiharu Wakano
- Mr. George Hayashi
- Mr. Hideo Tainaka

- Wed., Mar. 27, TSS Meditation 10am ~ 12:30pm
- Thur., Mar. 28, TSS Meditation 10am ~ 12:30pm
- Fri., Mar. 29, TSS Meditation 10am ~ 12:30pm



Spring Ahead at 2:00 am
 March 10, 2019

Clean-up Altar Toban

- Rick Suzuki/Peggy Tanaka
- Janice Richardson
- Carol Koga
- Lorne Terada
- Kathy/Glen Richdale
- Tim/Sandy Tahara
- Jack/Dar Yamaoka
- Ruby Eikenaar
- Julie Johnson
- Geri Nishi
- Junko Charpentier
- Maureen Hatanaka

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Service Chairpersons:

Mar. 10, 2pm
 Herb Tanaka: *Dharma Shotsuki*



Mar. 24, 2pm
 Pegi Uyeyama: *Ohigan (Spring Equinox), Eitaikyo (Perpetual Memorial)*



Kelowna Buddhist Temple

Semi-Annual Chow Mein Sale

March 3, 2019

Vegetarian or Pork Chow Mein \$9.00 each. Gyoza \$4.00

Ageh Sushi \$5.50. California Rolls \$5.50

Delicious, Frozen, Ready to Bake Apple Pies, \$9.00 each.

Splenda or regular (sugar).

WHILE SUPPLIES LAST.

Pre-Order by email: kbtchowmein@gmail.com

(Ensure that you receive a confirmation email)

Or by phone: 250-860-2980

DON'T BE DISAPPOINTMENT, ORDER NOW!

PRE-ORDER DEADLINE: February 27, 2019

(Payment by cash or cheque at time of pick up)

Pick up at Kelowna Buddhist Temple, 1089 Borden Avenue (across from Capri Centre on Gordon Drive) Sunday, March 3, 2019

Between 1:00 and 3:00 PM

From Sensei

Our Human Responsibilities

It is already late February, and before long we will be talking about Daylight Savings time. A few weeks ago, the weather was mild, and we were thinking that we had escaped winter. However, we have joined the rest of Canada, and presently have lots of snow and below zero temperatures. During this cold snap in North America, some wild animals were reported as having a hard time coping with the cold temperatures. In the East coast area, young eagles were described as being “frozen” or “icing-up” as they dived into the water to catch their prey. As the birds became immersed in the water and began shaking it off, the water would immediately freeze, and ice would build up. This ice would weigh them down to the extent that it became difficult to fly. During the cold weather, we were all cautioned to limit the time that pets could be outdoors, to ensure their safety.

Over the years our family has always had a family pet. We know how easy it is for our dog to freeze his paws in winter, or burn them on the hot asphalt in summer. In our family life, our pets are often treated like a child. Our dog typically eats his meals along with us. We play together, go for walks together, and socialize with our neighbours through our mutual love of dogs. We appreciate the rewards that our pets provide, and feel that they are an important part of our family. Indeed, we Temples sometimes have Memorial Services that are dedicated to our pets.

Several days ago we felt a great sense of shock when we came across an advertisement on a local website looking for puppies and kittens to be donated for food. This was a shocking discovery for us. Many people have subsequently expressed sadness and disgust about this post. The SPCA also expressed concern saying that this was not an acceptable practice in Canada. They were immediately in touch with the website to ensure that the ad was taken down. Needless to say, the whole incident caused concerns from pet owners who had read it.

This incident reminds us of our need to be aware and support the rights of dogs, cats, horses, as well as the many innocent voiceless beings of immature farm animals that are used for human consumption. We often overlook the needs of young immature animals such as chickens, cows, lambs, and many others. Until we come across incidents like this, we are often unaware of the shocking details regarding the insensitive and often brutal treatment of innocent birds and animals. We humans talk about compassion and empathy towards all beings. However, the uncomfortable reality is that the ways in which many of these animals are treated are often completely unacceptable. We are capable of many kinds of behavior to fit our own needs, without regard to the pain and suffering of other beings.

This reminds me of Shinran Shonin's words in the Tannisho. There is a famous conversation between Shinran Shonin and his disciple, Yuen-bo, in which Shinran tests Yuen-bo's understanding of good and evil. Shinran initially asked him “Yuen-bo, do you accept all that I say.” Yuen-bo answered “Yes I do” “Then will you not deviate from whatever I tell you?” he asked.

Yuen-bo humbly affirmed this. Shinran then tried to test him by an extreme example, asking him to kill 1,000 people. But, Yuen-bo responded that despite Shinran's instruction, that it was not in his power to kill even one person. Shinran then explained to Yuen-bo “since you lacked the karmic cause inducing you to kill even a single person, you do not kill. It is not that you do not kill because your heart is good. In the same way, a person may wish not to harm anyone, and yet end up killing a hundred or a thousand people.”

Shinran explained: “for those who make their living drawing nets or fishing in the seas and rivers, and those who sustain their lives hunting beasts or taking fowl in the fields and mountains, and those who pass their lives conducting trade or cultivating fields and paddies, it is all the same. If the karmic cause so prompts us, we will commit any kind of act.”

Shinran said that we are capable of performing any act as a result of karmic cause. It is not a matter of whether the person is good or bad.

Towards the end of his life, Shinran Shonin lamented on his own life, and said:

“Extremely difficult is it to put an end to our evil nature,

The mind is like a venomous snake or scorpion

Our performance of good acts is also poisoned

Hence it is called false and empty practice.”

Although his disciples regarded him as a saint, Shinran called himself “bonbu” or foolish being. The closer he came to his spiritual truth, the more he could recognize his own deficiencies.

As human beings we all have responsibilities in life. We all need to be aware of the basic needs of other living beings, particularly the voiceless, often immature sentient beings who are often used as food for us humans. We owe these beings so much. We all should be ever mindful of the universal interdependence and interrelationship of all beings, and ensure the protection of all who are weaker than ourselves. Namu Amida Butsu.

In Gassho, Rev. Yasuhiro Miyakawa

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Kelowna Buddhist Women's Association

What a surprise to get so much snow at this time of year. We should be starting to think about spring!

Fortunately we had good weather for the annual Women's Association's Shinbokuai New Year party held January 27, 2019. We had about 25 people who came and enjoyed the delicious pot luck dinner. I think everyone had a good time playing bingo and enjoyed the company of others. Thanks to Rick for decorating the hall which makes the event feel special, Cheryl and Genevra for organizing the potluck and those who donated bingo prizes.

Some of the proceeds from our December Manju sales have been used to purchase kitchen supplies. Shirley has been busy buying bowls, measuring cups, baking dishes and containers on-line and has purchased large stainless steel bowls to eventually replace the plastic tubs we use for putting food in. Thanks Shirley for making the purchases.

The memorial service for Fujinkai members was held in conjunction with the monthly shotsuki service on February 10, 2019. Thanks to Genevra for reading out the names of the women members who have passed on. This is a day to remember those who we have loved, but also to pay our respect to the women who have helped so much in supporting the Temple though the years.

On February 7th, 10 ladies made manju for Mrs. Shiz Hayashi's funeral and another 12-14 people came out to prepare and serve the refreshments for the funeral. Thanks to those who helped out.

We will be participating in Asian Heritage Month in May and this year we will be offering Japanese items for resale. We are looking for donations from families who have gently used Japanese items ie: dishes, kimono, kitchen ware, decorative items & etc. Please contact Shirley Tanemura or myself and we can arrange to pick up the items or you can bring the items to the Temple the next time you come for service.



In Gassho,
Maureen Hatanaka

Donations continued from page 6:

Keirokai

Yetman, Pat & Jean	\$25.
Ueda, Yoshiko	\$20.
Anonymous	\$20.
Terai, Isao	\$25.
Hunter, M/M Jay	\$30.
Koga, Carol	\$30.
Tanemura, Shirley	\$20.
Suzuki, M/M Toshiya	\$30.
Uemoto, Kaichi & Linda	\$30.
Kawaguchi, Nancy	\$20.
Ogi, Teruo & Mutsuko	\$50.
Sugie, Sam & Irene	\$50.

General

Sugie, Sam & Irene	Mochi	\$20.
Anonymous		\$10.
Midway Buddhist Church, Appreciation - Miyakawa Sensei		\$483.84
Yamaoka, Alan & Barb	Naijin Supplies	\$57.

Sustaining Fees

Ewuk, Meiko	\$170.
Gilbert, Mark & Laurie	\$340.
Tanemura, Shirley	\$170.

Hatanaka, Maureen	\$170.	
Yetman, Pat & Jean	\$340.	
Yamaoka, Tomoyo	\$195.	
Caruso, M/M Randy	\$340.	
Anonymous	\$172.	
Martin, Michael	\$170.	
Cavanaugh, Genevra	\$170.	
Anonymous	\$340.	
Sugie, Sam & Irene	\$350.	
Favell, Don & Joyce	Lindsay Favell	\$170.
<u>Newsletter</u>		
Yamaoka, Tomoyo	\$50.	
Tamaki, M/M Stan	\$40.	
Brown, Gail	In memory of Shizue Hayashi	\$200.
Sugie, Sam & Irene	\$50.	

Apologies for the late acknowledgement of Donations placed in the Offertory Box.

Mori, Min	Chow Mein - In memory if Mid Mori	\$40.
Fujikawa, Mia		\$50.
Fujikawa, Sari		\$50.
Anonymous		\$150.55
Mizushima, Yoshi		\$50.
Anonymous	In memory of Mary & Aiji Hokazono	\$200.

From the Temple Executive

It has been a very chilly and snow filled February this year. I hope everyone has been able to stay warm.

In last month's Dharma Express Sensei Miyakawa described a number of activities he has participated in at our Temple and at the Temples in Vernon and Kamloops. Although he hadn't mentioned that when he has time he gives a helping hand at our fund raising activities. We are sincerely grateful for his passion and dedication in supporting our Temple and we would like to say thank you, Sensei for your continued support.

I would also like to give a shout-out to Barb Yamaoka and Carrie Yamaoka. Throughout the year we usually have a couple of services per month and at those services we have chanting, singing and a Dharma talk. When it is time to sing, I think we often forget that we have real people playing the organ to make sure we are in tune. Thanks Barb and Carrie.

Ho-on-ko Service was held on January 27th, 2019. In conjunction with this service was the installation Service for the 2019 board members for both the Women's Association and the KBT board of directors. Since there were no new KBT board members, welcome back to the existing board members. Welcome to Junko Charpentier who is the newest member of the Women's Associations executive.

On January 29th, 2019 we lost a very dear and long time member, Mrs. Shizue Hayashi who was 96 years old. Although I only knew Mrs. Hayashi in her later years, I remember her white hair and an ever present smile and that she was a very independent lady, a good trait that her daughters have inherited. Deepest sympathy is extended to the Hayashi family.



Our Temple received a donation from the Midway Buddhist Church. As the sign of the times the Midway church has seen a dwindling membership as members have passed away. They have decided to close their doors and have generously donated their Temple funds to our Temple. Thank you to those Midway members for your donation.

We are now in the midst of preparing for one of our fund raising projects which is our Spring Chow Mein Sale on March 3, 2019. In preparation over 200 apple pies were made on January 29th. Thanks to those who came out to help. Mein making has just been done and prepping and making the chow mein, sushi and gyoza will take place February 28th and March 1, 2 & 3rd. We would greatly appreciate your help during this time. Please see the calendar for the start times.

In Gassho,

Maureen Hatanaka



Ohigan & Eitaikyo (Perpetual Memorial)

Higan is an abbreviation of "To-Higan" which literally meaning "to reach the other shore." In Buddhism, the world of suffering is referred to as "this shore" and the world of Enlightenment is called "other shore." The term Higan comes from the Sanskrit word Paramita - "gone to other shore," and suggests the Six Paramitas of charity, morality, patience, effort, meditation, and wisdom. Various sutras teach that six paramitas or perfections of practice are the way of reaching the other shore from this shore. In Jodo Shinshu, the observance of Higan is simply the expressing of our gratitude to Amida Buddha for awakening us to Boundless Compassion and Wisdom. Our part in this observance would be to put into action the Compassion which comes to us vertically from Amida Buddha and to apply it horizontally in our relation with man and other living beings on this earth. This appreciation in our daily life is the Jodo Shinshu way of expressing our gratitude and thanksgiving for the wondrous virtues extended to us unconditionally and equally for all just like the sun's ray which falls on the earth.

"Eitaikyo" is Japanese word and short for "Eitai-Dokkyo". "Eitai" means "perpetual" and "Dokkyo" means "reading Sutras". Therefore, this service is observed with the hope that a temple will continue perpetually and the Buddha Dharma will be transmitted to future generations. We can listen to the Buddha Dharma at our temple today, because many people have sustained temples and Sanghas. They wished that we all have the opportunity to listen to the Buddha Dharma. This service is dedicated to all those who lived and died as Buddhists in due respect of their contribution to the growth of the local Sangha.

Slocan Valley Historical Society

The Slocan Valley Historical Society has been restoring the Buddhist monument at the back of the Slocan cemetery where internees from the Slocan area were cremated. The wooden monument is rotting and in bad shape. Community friends have generously donated the western red cedar post, and retired minister Rev. Fujikawa has volunteered to write the Japanese calligraphy on the post. This will be engraved and then repainted and varnished. With a limited budget, we ask friends from the community to donate towards this meaningful project. The BCJSBCF is a Project Supporter, and we hope that a Buddhist service can be held to bless the monument at an installation service. Thanks you very much for your support. Rory Lindsay, past president of Slocan Valley Historical Society and Laura Saimoto.

As a memorial monument, we ask the community to support this worthy project. The Slocan Valley Historical Society is an all-volunteer not for profit society that depends on donations and grants to carry out its work. We aim to complete and bless the monument in the spring/summer. Donations can be made to the Society to support its ongoing work and tax receipts will be issued by the Village of Slocan. We are grateful for donations, no matter the amount. For more info, please contact the society at slocanhistoricalsociety@yahoo.ca or Laura Saimoto, lsaimoto4@gmail.com.

Supporters: Pat Demens (secured red cedar donation); Hinterland Design www.hinterlanddesign.com (wood artisan shop); Rev. Orai Fujikawa (calligrapher); Nikkei National Museum & the Japanese Canadian Legacy Committee; BC Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Churches Federation; Joy Kogawa.

Please mail donation cheques to: Slocan Valley Historical Society (SVHS) Box 28 Slocan, BC V0G 2C0

March, 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
24 Dharma School 10am, Nirvana Day 2pm	25 Taiko Practice 7pm	26	27 TSS Meditation 10am - 12:30pm, Deadline For CHOW MEIN Orders	28 TSS Meditation 10am ~ 12:30pm, Chow Mein Prep 6:00pm	1 TSS Meditation 10am ~ 12:30pm Chow Mein Prep 6:00 ~ 9pm	2 Chow Mein Prep 8:00am ~ 5pm
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With Gratitude the Temple and all of its Affiliated Organizations

Acknowledge Your Generous Contribution

Apologies for any Errors or Omissions.

Fujinkai (Women's Association) Shinbokukai

Yamaoka, M/M Alan	\$20.
Tanaka, M/M Herb	\$25.
Yamaoka, Mrs. Tomoye	\$25.
Suzuki/Tanaka, R/P	\$40.

Goshoki Hoonko

Tanemura, Shirley	\$25.
Yamada, Ken & Shoko	\$30.
Suzuki, Rick & Tanaka, Peggy	\$50.
Hatanaka, Maureen	\$30.
Yetman, Pat & Jean	\$30.
Yamaoka, Jack & Darlene	\$30.
Yamaoka, Alan & Barb	\$25.
Martin, Michael	\$25.

February Dharma Shotsuki

Tanaka, Chiyoko	In memory of Archbishop Dean Zenei Okimura	\$100.
Tanaka, Chiyoko	In memory of Yojiro Kondo	\$100.
Tanaka, Chiyoko	In memory of Hatsu Kondo	\$100.
Kondo, Tadashi & Elaine	In memory of Archbishop Dean Zenei Okimura	\$100.
Kondo, Tadashi & Elaine	In memory of Yojiro Kondo	\$100.
Kondo, Tadashi & Elaine	In memory of Hatsu Kondo	\$100.
Yamaoka, Alan & Barb	In memory of Kisaku Hayashi	\$50.
Yamaoka, Alan & Barb	In memory of Toshio Yamaoka	\$30.
Yamaoka, Gerry & Vicky	In memory of Toshio Yamaoka	\$50.
Anonymous	In memory of S Kumagai	\$20.
Anonymous	In memory of M Koga	\$30.
Tahara, Jack & Irene	In memory of Sadako Iwasaki	\$25.
Fong, M/M Michael	In memory of Kisaku Hayashi	\$50.
Terai, Isao	In memory of Sumako Itani	\$50.
Itani, Derek & Tracey		\$20.
Hokazono, M/M Ken	In memory of Eileen Hokazono	\$50.

Hokazono, Lloyd & Temesy, Ali	In memory of Eileen Hokazono	\$100.
Suzuki, Rick & Tanaka, Peggy	In memory of Hideo Ishikawa	\$30.
Fong, M/M Michael	In memory of Toshio Yamaoka	\$30.
Yetman, Pat & Jean	In memory of Toshio Yamaoka	\$25.
Hatanaka, Maureen	In memory of Shizue Hatanaka	\$30.
Hokazono, Lloyd & Temesy, Ali	In memory of Mary Hokazono	\$100.
Yamaoka, Mitsuko (Shirley)	In memory of Toshio Yamaoka	\$100.
Richdale, M/M Glen	In memory of Toshio Yamaoka	\$50.

Fujinkai (Women's Association) Tsuito Hoyo (Memorial)

Itani, Derek		\$20.
Yamaoka, Barb	In memory of Yuki Nishi	\$20.
Tanemura, Shirley		\$25.
Yetman, Pat & Jean	In memory of Okiku Yamaoka	\$25.
Yetman, Pat & Jean	In memory of Toshiye Yamaoka	\$30.
Tanaka, Herb & Cheryl		\$30.
Yamaoka, Alan & Barb		\$30.
Suzuki, Tosh & Kazuko	In memory of Fumi Suzuki	\$30.
Suzuki, Rick & Tanaka Peggy		\$50.
Hokazono, M/M Ken	In memory of Mary Hokazono	\$75.

Fujinkai Special

Gilbert, Laurie		\$10.
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Memorial

Anonymous	In memory of Shizue Hayashi	\$50.
Nishi, Geraldine	In memory of Shizue Hayashi	\$20.
Brown, Gail	In memory of Shizue Hayashi	\$1,000.
Fong, M/M Michael	Fujinkai Memorial Service	\$50.
Mather, M/M Bill	In memory of Shizue Hayashi	\$200.
Hirose, M/M Ted	In memory of Shizue Hayashi	\$50.

Eitaikyo

Brown, Gail	In memory of Shizue Hayashi	\$600.
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