



April 2017

A Beacon of Light

The radiance of enlightenment, in its brilliance, transcends all limits; Thus Amida is called "Buddha of the Light of purity." Once illuminated by this light, we are freed of karmic defilements and attain emancipation.

—Shinran Shonin (1173-1163)



A few days ago, I had an opportunity to talk with a young zen monk who visited our temple from Hiroshima, Japan. During our conversation I asked him about the meaning of one particular zen ritual during which the monks read sutras in silence. He said the ritual is symbolic that monks are receiving the gentle winds which come from Buddha's world. I was impressed with his explanation: the gentle winds from Buddha's world. The sutras are indeed the manifestation of Buddha's world riding on the winds from Amida's world. I recalled a story I heard.

There was a monk who possessed a rare sutra in which all the words were written in shiny gold paint. A greedy man heard the rumor and wanted to use the sutra to turn a profit. He visited the monk and asked him if he could borrow the sutra. When the monk asked the man why he wanted to borrow it, he said, "Well, I heard the sutra you possess brings great benefits to people. I would like to share it with others to benefit them." So, the monk lent him the sutra. The greedy

man grinned. Next, he decided to host a dharma gathering and charge money to people who were looking for good fortune. Once everyone was gathered, he opened the sutra in front of them. But all it revealed were blank pages. The greedy man immediately thought that the monk had switched the sutra before giving it to him. The gathering of people, who were as greedy as the man, demanded their money back. The man angrily went back to the monk and handed the sutra back to him and said, "You're a cheater! The sutra you lent me was blank. Give me the sutra I asked for." As the monk took back the sutra, he quietly raised it to his forehead in expression of gratefulness. He then opened it up and immediately the words on the paper appeared and shined brightly.

For those who treat a sutra as a means to satisfy their selfish desires, it is merely a book. Buddhists appreciate a sutra as the gentle winds from Buddha's world which is embracing us and spiritually nurturing our lives. For them, each word of the sutra shines in gold as a beacon of light leading them to the world of the Buddha, the realm of true happiness and peace.

Namo Amida Butsu
Yasuo Izumi, Minister
Buddhist Temple of Southern Alberta

ひかりを受けて

アルバータにも長く厳しい冬が終わりを告げ、春の香りが漂ってきました。この時季に見る青空は、実に澄み切って広々としています。淡い光を受けて、空も大地も生き返ったように新鮮そのものです。人間の汚れた心を浄化してくれるようなすがすがしい気持ちになります。気持ちにはなりますが、人間の心は複雑です。

今、月に二度刑務所を訪問しています。服役囚からの要請です。皆、真面目そうに見えますが心までは見ることが出来ません。しかし、罪状を訊ねれば、相当の悪人です。私たちは刑務所には入っていませんが、心の中を見れば彼らとあまり変わりのない自己中心の悪人です。少なくとも親鸞聖人はそう感じられました。自己中心の我々が、阿弥陀如来の光を受け、浄土への道を歩むように願われ育てられています。如来の真実の光を仰ぎ、如来の願いを聞信していきましょう。

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April is BTSA Membership Month

BTSA Notes

With Hanamatsuri approaching, the gatha, “In Lumbini’s Garden”, came to mind. Many of us are familiar with the tune about Buddha’s birth. We have sung this charming gatha so often that many of us no doubt remember three--not two--verses. What do you suppose happened to the third verse that went:

*Gods and men and angels,
All for worship came,
Glory to Lord Buddha,
Glory to His Name.*

Not in our seiten today, possibly because of the maturing of Jodo Shinshu in North America. Time was, Jodo Shinshu in translation relied on non-Buddhist parallels to try and make the teaching accessible to an audience larger than the Japanese-speaking community. Even Canadian and American nisei and sansei sought out English translations to get a handle on Asian ideas and terms.

With more than 100 years in North America, the teaching appears to have settled comfortably into an accommodating language that needn’t borrow heavily from other traditions. Could it be that the third verse was dropped, in part, for this reason, because “gods”, “angels”, “glory”, “worship”, “Lord”, and “His” with a capital “H” are from belief systems that detract from an understanding of Jodo Shinshu.?

The foregoing thoughts were occasioned by remembrances of childhood Hanamatsuri services and thinking of the one to come. As we became adults, however, I can’t help but think that many of us began wondering how distinctive Jodo Shinshu was from other traditions and whether cosmetic lexical changes heightened our understanding of the teaching.

As we get ready to observe another Hanamatsuri--with Grant Ikuta sensei of Steveston Buddhist Temple as guest minister--it might be amusing to examine the extent to which Jodo Shinshu has evolved in English in our lifetime. Words in the third verse of the gatha are just the tip of the iceberg; there are other key Jodo Shinshu terms that seem to have suffered in translation. I am sure readers can think of some.

Please look over the other items in the Hikari. At our annual general meeting on Mar. 5, Jeff Haines agreed to join us on the board. He later participated in his first board meeting via computer interface. Welcome, Jeff.

Besides Hanamatsuri, our major fund-raiser--the takeout spring chow mein supper--is set for Apr. 30. That’s a Sunday, so there’s no service on that day. Instead, come out and help out at the supper if you can. Also, please note that the annual general meeting of the Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Temples of Canada is scheduled for Apr. 21 and 22 at the Toronto Buddhist Temple.

One other item to report is that plans for the temple picnic, usually in June, are currently on hold. Our application was turned into the city too late and all the available sites were assigned for the last two Sundays in June. The board will be considering alternate proposals at its forthcoming meetings.

Akira Ichikawa

Hanamatsuri/Shotsuki Service



Grant Ikuta sensei will be the guest at this year’s BTSA observance of the birth of the historical Buddha, Siddhartha Gautama (Shakyamuni), on April 9 at 2 p.m. Sensei is the resident minister of the Steveston Buddhist Temple in Richmond, B.C.

The Buddha is said to have been born in India almost 2,600 years ago. The temple celebration will be held with

the monthly memorial service (shotsuki) for April. Those observing shotsuki are asked to bring their homyo (Buddhist folder) for display during the service.

The service will be followed by a supper in the adjoining room.

IKUTA SENSEI to give public talk April 8

Grant Ikuta sensei who is the guest speaker at the Apr. 9 Hanamatsuri/monthly memorial service, will present a public talk the previous day at the temple at 3 p.m. His talk is entitled “Karaoke, Buddha, and the Force of One.”

Employing the idea of upaya, meaning “skillful means” in Sanskrit, sensei will try to shed light on some basic teachings and principles of the Buddhadharmā. As a teaser, the public is welcome to attend to find out what karaoke has to do with Buddhism.

Ikuta sensei is a graduate of the University of Alberta, having received a bachelor of science degree in 1987. Subsequently, he received tokudo ordination in fall, 1988, and was graduated from Central Buddhist Academy Honka level (primary level) in 1990.

He received his kyoshi ordination in May, 1990, and completed his Masters Program in Shinshu Studies Ryukoku University Post Graduate studies in 1992. He became the first Canadian sansei (third generation Japanese-Canadian) and third-generation minister to serve within the Buddhist Churches of Canada, first at the Toronto Buddhist Temple from 1992 to 2008. During this time, he also served as Buddhist resource person at the University of Toronto and as an on-call Buddhist contact (volunteer) to several hospitals in Toronto.

Sensei also was the bishop of the Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Temples of Canada from 2011 to 2013. He is married to Noriko and they have four children.

Translation 6

This is a continuation of translations of Kudensho (Notes On Oral Transmission) begun in the September, 2016, Hikari. Kuensho is a Jodo Shinshu historic text believed to have been written by Kakunyo (1270-1351) a great-grandson of Shinran, and translated by Rev. Phillip Eidmann and Rev. Yasuo Izumi.

Birth without the Body or with Body

Shinran Shonin said: In the time of the former Master, Genku (Honen), there was an unexpected argument on a scripture of the Dharma. Zenshin (Shinran) said, "A person of birth in Amida's Pure Land by the Nembutsu obtains birth without losing his / her body. Zen-e said, 'Only when one loses his/her body does he/she obtain birth.'" This was the argument.

Hereupon, many of the followers went before Genku in order to distinguish the superior understanding from the inferior, and told him: "Zenshin and Zen-e have a disagreement on a scripture of the Dharma." When they explained the above ideas, point by point, Genku immediately spoke, saying: "In the case of Zenshin's 'birth with body', 'Exactly so!!' and again immediately about Zen-e's 'birth without body' he said 'Exactly so!'"

Accordingly, it was hard to choose between right and wrong. When again he was asked by several, he spoke, saying: "What Zen-e says about 'losing the body in birth' is because there are people for birth with various practices; and, on the other hand, what Zenshin says about 'birth without losing the body' is because there are people for birth through the Nembutsu. Although the Buddha's teaching of the dharma is originally not two, since people are not the same, what we understand accords with people's roots and are based upon the thickness or thinness of our past goodness."

Birth by the Nembutsu is the Primal Vow of Amida Buddha. Birth by various practices is not the Primal Vow. Birth through Nembutsu does not deal with much or little good or evil at the time of death. When, having met a good teacher-friend, one hears that it is determined from the other power which is the single-hearted taking of refuge of the entrusting heart, the principle of immediate birth and abidance of non-retrogression is assured in his / her present time.

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CHAIR SCHEDULE April & May 2017

Services begin at 10:30 a.m. unless otherwise indicated.

Apr 02

Chair: Jeff Haines
Audio: Akira Ichikawa

Apr 09 HANAMATSURI/SHOTSUKI 2PM

Chair: Roland Ikuta
Audio: Tak Okamura

Apr 16

Chair: Kynan Gordon
Audio: John Dubbelboer

Apr 23

Chair: Ross Jacobs
Audio: Sway Nishimura

Apr 30

Chow Mein Supper
No Service

May 07 SHOTSUKI

Chair: Joyce Shigehiro
Audio: Akira Ichikawa

May 14

Chair: Ross Jacobs
Audio: Brenda Ikuta

May 21

Chair: Sylvia Oishi
Audio: Ross Jacobs

May 28

Chair: Val Boras
Audio: Tak Okamura

MC designates: if you are unable to chair on your assigned date or have made other arrangements on your own, please inform Sway Nishimura. Thank you.

BUDDHIST Q & A

Q. Why did Master Shinran get married and who did he marry?

A. Master Shiran got married around 1210 to Eshinni. They had six children. It is difficult to guess why he broke the vows of celibacy which had been the Buddhist tradition, and got married. However, I believe that for those who found Amida's boundless compassion in the nembutsu teaching it is not really matter whether if Buddhist monks get married or not. Some people might think that remaining celibate creates a better environment to study the dharma and appreciate Buddha's compassion. But it is not always so. His teacher, Honen (Genku), said that as long as people remember the nembutsu, Amida's compassion, they can do whatever they desire. Of course, we must remember what Master Shinran admonished us: Do not take a liking to poison just because there is an antidote. (Y. I.)

Members of Toban 4 served lunch Mar. 23 at the Lethbridge Soup Kitchen. Volunteers from left were Jack Nagai, Yosh Taguchi, Betty Taniguchi, George Tokuda, Heidi Oishi, Judy Fukushima, Karen Thomas, Mitsuko Oga, Sharon Koizumi, Sachi Taguchi, Joyce Adachi, Lilly Oishi, Eietsu Chiba and Tak Okamura. Thanks for your turnout.

2017 Membership Form

Full Membership (\$100 for each member) Student Membership*

Last Name: _____ First Names(s): _____

Last Name: _____ First Names(s): _____

Home Address: _____

City, Province, Postal Code: _____

Telephone No.: _____

Cellphone No.: _____

Email: _____

Check to receive The Hikari newsletter by email only.

Please send this form and your remittance to:
Buddhist Temple of Southern Alberta Treasurer
470 40th Street South
Lethbridge, AB, T1J 3Z5

*Note

Student membership is limited to persons 18 years or older who are currently registered in a recognized educational institution. It is free of charge with a valid student ID card. Student Members are not entitled to vote at general meetings or to hold office in the BTSA and this category does not include membership in the Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Temples of Canada, the national organization.

LET'S EXPAND THE CIRCLE OF THE DHARMA!

Membership Month REMINDER

The month of April is designated as membership renewal month and BTSA reminds its members that the 2017 membership donation remains at \$100 a person. Kindly make cheques payable to the BTSA and remit to the Treasurer c/o the temple. Your membership donation covers a part of the temple's annual operating costs; but, perhaps more importantly, reflects a continuing commitment to the temple. Thank you for your support that keeps BTSA relevant and meaningful.

We also extend a warm welcome to any and all prospective members interested in joining the Sangha. Please fill out to the membership application form and leave at or send to the temple

March 27, 2017 Membership: 127

Shotsuki Donations March 2017

John & Donna Dubbleboer
Dorene Gordon
Gary Higa
Randy Higa
Shinako Higa
Shirley Higa
Neil Hinatsu
Tomi Hisaoka
Rumiko Ibuki
Toshimi & Marian Ibuki
Ray & Donna Journoud
May Nishikawa
Mitsuko Oga
Kaz & Setsuko Ohno
Ken Ohno & Nancy Eng
Kimiko Ohno
May Ohno
Sut & Neva Oishi
Yumiko Osaka
Bob & Eiko Shigehiro
Emily Stitt
Harry Sugimoto
Kazuko Sugimoto
Robert & Judy Takaguchi
Toshiko Takeda
Brenda & Lester Tanner
Shizuo & Dorothy Tomita
Joe & Sumiko Tomiyama
Wanda Tomiyama
Sumie Tsukishima
Total - \$1,770

Other Donations

March 2017

Rachael Crowder
Rumiko Ibuki
Dr. Roland & Brenda Ikuta
Teruko Ikuta
John Kamitomo
Roy Kamitomo
Gene & Shannon Kawade
Alan & Carla Koyata
Lethbridge Okinawa Cultural Society
Joe & Mario Mori
Jim & Joan Nakagawa
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Nikkei Cultural Society of Lethbridge & Area
Mac & Reyko Nishiyama
Heidi Oishi
Sut & Neva Oishi
Ayako Otsuka
Florence Senda
Tom & Mitsuko Shigehiro
Tomiko Sugimoto
Robert & Judy Takaguchi
Fugi Takeda
K.B. Takeda & Lila Ho-Takeda
Masaru & Ayako Taniguchi
Sumie Tsukishima

Total - \$3,498.39

We try to be as thorough as possible but occasionally make errors. Please inform us if your name has been omitted from or misspelled in the donation lists. Anyone wishing his/her name not be acknowledged in print, please let us know so it won't be published. Thank you.



Spring Chow Mein Supper APRIL 30

The BTSA spring chow mein supper is schedule for Apr. 30 (Sunday), and we look forward to a great membership turnout for help and socializing.

The usual drive-thru pattern will be in effect from 1 to 5 p.m. This system has helped streamline the process over the years. Tickets are \$12 each and 2,000 have been distributed for sale.

The event draws great interest by many in the general public, often leading to a scarcity of tickets. We're hoping that the plan this time around will address the scarcity issue for members. Please check with Roland Ikuta if a member is having difficulty getting tickets.

REGULAR EVENTS

Tonari Gumi Tuesdays, 12-3pm

The Lethbridge Karaoke Club Wednesdays, 1:30pm

We welcome new members.

Contact Nao 403.327.7357 or Tad 403.942.7783

NCS Adult Taiko Tuesdays @ 7pm

Contact: David Tanaka 403.330.1548, david@albrio.com

Rai-On Taiko Friday evening sessions

Contact: kyanan.gordon95@gmail.com

Minyo dancers Tuesdays, 4:30pm | Contact Pat Sassa 403.329.3105

There will be no practice April 4. Practices run until May 9.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

"Wonderful Canada" Dance Rehearsal Final practice on April 10.

Bon Practice will begin on May 15 and the Wonderful Canada dancers

will have the option of learning two new Bon dances with the Bon dancers. Regular dance numbers will begin rehearsal starting June 5.

Contact Pat Sassa at sas7@telus.net 403.329.3105

or Hisae Price at 403.345.3356.

Hatsumairi which literally means "first visit", is a ceremony in which infants are presented to Amida Buddha for the first time...toddlers and older children may also be presented. The Buddhist Temple of Southern Alberta will observe the ceremony during Hanamatsuri (Buddha's Birthday). Hanamatsuri literally means Flower festival. We wish all infants to grow like a flower-beautiful and cheerful." **Please contact Izumi sensei, if you wish to participate in this ceremony with your children or grandchildren.**

AGM Agrees to \$6K Donation to Calgary Temple

BTSA's annual general meeting decided to donate \$6,000 to the Calgary Buddhist Temple on Mar. 5. Calgary had given that amount as its annual interest payment on the \$200,000 loan from BTSA.

About 40 members attended the meeting which also selected six persons to two-year terms on the temple board: Valerie Boras, Roy Sassa, Trent Takeyasu, Wayne Tsukishima, Sheila Oishi and Jeff Haines.

In other decisions, it was agreed to have the board investigate various options for investing temple income in addition to GICs; to set \$100 membership donation for 2018; and accept annual reports presented by Izumi sensei, the board chairman, and development, program and operations, and Dharma class committees.

Treasurer Trent Takeyasu presented the review engagement prepared by Moriyama-Wosley accountants, The review is uploaded onto the temple website and may be viewed there.

Thanks to all members who attended and contributed to the discussion.

TOBAN UPDATE

Thank you **Toban 4** volunteers for a busy month with all the regular activities in March as well as providing lunch at the Soup Kitchen.

Toban 2 will do the next **Soup Kitchen April 5** with preparation starting at 8 am. There are sufficient workers and Jim Tsukishima will coordinate. Thanks to those who volunteered.

Toban 3 is up again for the month of April.

Dr. Ikuta Speaks on Dementia MAY 4



Dr. Roland Ikuta will be speaking about caregiver stress in looking after family members with dementia on May 4 at 7 p.m. at the temple. Part of the guest speaker night at the temple, the talk is open without charge to the public.

Dr. Ikuta recently spoke publicly for the Alzheimer's Society to a capacity audience, but many attendees were turned away because of the lack of space. Among the 50 or so unable to be seated were many temple members.

The Alzheimer's Society will be present to help with the presentation.

Dr. Ikuta is a geriatrician--a physician specializing in providing care for the elderly--who is a graduate of the University of Alberta with a specialty in internal medicine and geriatric medicine.

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Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Temples of Canada
Buddhist Youth Tour to Japan
2017 Young Buddhist International Cultural Study Exchange (YBICSE)

Dates of Trip: **July 10-23, 2017**
Cost of Trip: **CDN \$2,000**
(plus Travel Insurance arranged for by the participant)

Candidate Qualifications

- ✓ Jodo Shinshu Buddhist
- ✓ Between the age of 15 and 25
- ✓ In good health

Application Deadline: May 5, 2017

Application form is available from your local temple.

If there are any questions regarding the tour, please contact Rev. Tatsuya Aoki (JSBTC Group Leader).
Vancouver Buddhist Temple: (604) 253-7033
or
E-mail: rev.aoki@gmail.com



Meeting Dharma Friends from Hawaii, Buddhist Churches of America, South America, and Japan!

See following page for further details.

Making Mein Noodles

A great turnout on Mar. 25 to produce mein noodles helped hasten the procedure, with the session wrapping up about 3 p.m. Thanks to all the member volunteers and friends for making the key ingredient for our chow mein supper scheduled for April 30.



Cutting the dough



Through the press



Making smaller squares



Noodle cut



Preparing to fry



Deep-frying



Cooling and bagging

YOUTH TOUR

Young Jodo Shinshu Buddhists are invited to apply for a tour of Japan from July 10 to 23 this summer. Eligible participants should be between the ages of 15 and 25 and must apply to be selected by May 5.

The tour, entitled the 2017 Young Buddhist International Cultural Study Exchange (YBICSE), is sponsored by the Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Temples of Canada. Cost of the tour is \$2,000 (traveller's insurance extra). Application forms are available at the temple and requires a recommendation of the resident minister. Forms also available on the temple website, thebtsa.com.

Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Temples of Canada — Buddhist Youth Tour to Japan
2017 Young Buddhist International Cultural Study Exchange (YBICSE)

Canadian Participants in 2011

To me, this trip was like a *tsukuru*. The people I met and the friends I made are a **great part of my life** now, and I still have connections with them even if they are across the world from me.

This summer was **life changing and incredible**. My favorite Buddhist part of the trip was the confirmation rites. I always felt that I was Buddhist because my family was but now I feel like Buddhism is my choice.

Home-coming! In a nutshell we learned more about Japanese history, experienced Japanese culture, participated in a three day long home-stay, got our confirmation rite, met other young Buddhists from many foreign countries.

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It's DHARMA TIME!

Canadian Participants in 2011

Rev. Aoki 2011 & 2013 Group Leader

What time is it?

I was able to meet people of different countries and see how they practice Jodo Shinshu Buddhism in their area. It was an **awesome experience!**

'Every moment is a highlight' I went to so many different places and saw some extraordinary things. I thoroughly enjoyed my time in Japan and I wish it had lasted ten times longer.

I learned a lot more about Buddhism that I never even thought about. Since my Japan trip I decided to live life more positive and try to smile much more often. You can even say that it had been a **life changing event.**

Tour Highlights: Homestay, Confirmation Rites by Head Minister (DOPONAU), Meet with other Buddhist youths, Visiting Shinshu Historical sites, Sightseeing to other cities (Tokyo, etc), Dharma Time (Discussion with Sensei)

Buddhism with Our Ears PUBLIC TALK



Listening in Shin Buddhism Social Justice and Combatting Hatred

The value of listening as a form of social engagement and its importance to Shin Buddhism was a focal point of a public talk presented by Dr. Jessica Main of the University of British Columbia at the temple on Mar. 16. Her talk, “Buddhism With

Our Ears”, emphasized listening as a central attitude in addressing issues of social action and justice.

About 60 persons heard Dr. Main describe how Higashi Hongwanji monks listened to the concerns, burdens and historical injustices of a marginalized class of Japanese--known as the burakumin--to initiate a modern-day process of rectifying centuries’ old discrimination and isolation. Eventually, social engagement via listening contributed to social action mitigating exclusion and prompting a move toward inclusive practices. She noted remnants of old discriminatory behavior may continue to exist, but that behavior may be seen negatively by society in general.

Dr. Main initially presented “Listening in Shin Buddhism” as a prelude to a second portion of her talk, entitled “Social Justice and Combatting Hatred by Listening.” Latterly, she referred to the African-American movement known as Black Lives Matter and the current Canadian Truth and Reconciliation Commission about historic discrimination of indigenous people, noting their similarities to the burakumin example where listening played a pivotal role in struggles against hatred.

Her talk was part of the BTSA social development committee program to offer contemporary issues linked to Jodo Shinshu Buddhism. A member of the Vancouver Buddhist Temple, Dr. Main holds a joint appointment in the Department of Asian Studies and Institute of Asian Research at UBC. Her visit to the temple was co-sponsored by BTSA and the University of Lethbridge Department of Religious Studies.

Since Fall of 2009, she has served as the director of The Robert H. N. Ho Family Foundation Program in Buddhism and Contemporary Society (<http://buddhism.arts.ubc.ca/>).

A full schedule of public talks is planned for the temple in the coming months. Please keep checking the website for topics, dates and times.

FOR CHILDREN ONLY

Two brothers were arguing about whether there is a Hell. The younger brother said, “My teacher at the temple said that there is a Hell.” The older brother said, “Oh, that’s just a fairytale. There is no such place. Your teacher was just joking with you. Tomorrow, I’ll go to temple and ask your teacher, if you don’t believe me.”

So, the next day, the older brother went to the temple. He asked, “Teacher, is there a Hell where we will be punished later?” The temple teacher said, “Don’t worry. There is no such place.” The older brother nodded in agreement and said, “I thought so! I came here to ask you to make sure. Thank you!”

Just as he was about to leave the temple though, the teacher called him back. “Wait a minute. I said there is no place called Hell where you’ll be punished later, but don’t create one! I know you are planning on going back home to tell your younger brother what I said. You’ll tell him you were right and he was wrong. You will be mean to him and you’ll end up fighting. That is Hell! You must be kind and get along with your brother.” (Y.I.)



Brenda provided a lesson in Dharma class about reusing everyday items. Discussing wastefulness, she used the example of the large number of take-out/to go cups we accumulate in just a month! Rather than throwing them in recycling, the kids used them as containers for small tomato plants that Brenda had grown from seed.



APRIL: TOBAN 3

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
*OFFICIAL BTSA ACTIVITY						
10:30am Regular Service* 12:15pm dance practice 2		1pm Tonari Gumi 7pm Taiko 3	1:30pm Karaoke 4			10:30am Explore Buddhism* 8
2pm Hanamatsuri/ Infant ceremony/ Monthly Memorial Service* 9	6:30pm "Wonderful Canada" dance practice (adults) 10	1pm Tonari Gumi 4:30pm Minyo Dance 7pm Taiko 11	1:30pm Karaoke 2:30pm Correctional Centre Visit* 7pm Board Mtg 12			1:30pm Explore Buddhism* 15
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Spring Chow Mein Supper 30						

MAY: TOBAN 4

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		1pm Tonari Gumi 4:30pm Minyo Dance 7pm Taiko 1	1:30pm Karaoke Club 2	7pm Dr. Roland Ikuta Public Talk 4		9am Mincfulness Meditation Explore Buddhism* 6
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10:30am Gotan-e (Shinran Shonin's Birthday) 21	Bon Odori practice 22	1pm Tonari Gumi 7pm Taiko 23	1:30pm Karaoke 2:30pm Correctional Centre visit* 24			Explore Buddhism* 27
10:30am Parents' Day 28	Bon Odori practice 29	1pm Tonari Gumi 7pm Taiko 30	1:30pm Karaoke 31			