



April 2018

The Centre of Life



**When sentient beings throughout the universe,
On hearing Amida's Name, namo amida butsu,
Come to attain true and real awakening of entrusting heart,
They greatly rejoice at what they have heard.**

In recent years, I have been asked by some second-and third generation Japanese descendants whether our temple would accept old shrines, to which I answer "yes." They usually say: "My parents were Buddhists. As you know they have died. I am not Buddhist. I do not need it." Then they leave an old shrine, usually hand-made by their grand-parents. We have several of these shrines on our shelves.

But one day, a Caucasian couple wanted to have a shrine. I knew they were Buddhists. So, out of curiosity I asked them, "What made you interested in buying a shrine?" They said, "We need a center of our life." It is exactly why Buddhists have a shrine – a center of our life. Why do you have a shrine? It is because a shrine is a reminder of Buddha's wisdom and compassion which will become the center of our lives. The shrine represents the realm of Buddha's enlightenment. It is our spiritual home and treasure.

A perfect circle has only one center. If the center of our house is a human being it is sometimes hard to maintain truly harmonious family life because a human being is not perfect. Human mind is not perfect. The Buddha said: "A family is a place where minds come in contact with one another. If these minds love one another the home will

be as beautiful as a flower garden. But if these minds get out of harmony with one another it is like a storm that plays havoc with the garden."

Since our minds are not perfect and often jumping around according to the conditions, we need a mirror to reflect us. A shrine is a mirror of our minds. Or more correctly, the Buddha in the shrine is a mirror, a living mirror of our hearts and minds.

A Buddhist shrine has to have an image of the Buddha. Otherwise it is an empty box. In our case, the image of Amida Buddha of infinite wisdom and boundless compassion has to be placed in the centre of shrine. Usually, a pictorial image is placed in our family shrine. On the back of the scroll it says in calligraphy "Hoben Hosshin-no-Songyo" meaning an honorable image of dharma body as a compassionate means. In other words, Amida Buddha is the Buddha in compassion coming out of truth of oneness and equality which is beyond our minds. Amida Buddha is the Buddha who appears from truth to which we often turn our backs, create the life of delusion in which we suffer.

For those who experience suffering, sorrow and loneliness in their lives, or reflect on their lives honestly and sincerely, Amida Buddha is not an idol, not merely an image but real. The Buddha of boundless compassion moves in their life and touch their heart and mind through the sound of compassionate call, namo amida butsu.

In gassho,
Yasuo Izumi, Minister
Buddhist Temple of Southern Alberta

花祭りにあたり

4月は花祭りの月になります。お釈迦様のご誕生をお祝いするときです。お釈迦様は多くのみ教えを残して下さいました。そのみ教えはすべて、私たちの心の病を治して下さる薬です。ですから、お釈迦様のみ教えの説き方は「応病与薬」と言われています。お医者さまのように、病に応じて薬を与えて下さったからです。お悟りを開かれたお釈迦様から見ると私たちは大変重い病気にかかっているのです。簡単に治すことの出来ない難しい病です。なぜ難しいかといえば、「自分に愛着する心」が強いからです。人間は、自分の地位、財産、名誉に執着します。それらがなくとも、「我こそは」という心が強いのです。この心から、限りない煩惱が生まれます。仏教ではそれらの煩惱をまとめて、むさぼり、いかり、おろかさの三毒と教えています。「たいまつを放さない人の手を、たいまつが焼く」という言葉がお経にあります。「我こそは」の心が煩惱を起こし、それは火となって、手だけではなく、人生そのものを焼き尽くすのです。ですから、お釈迦様は、阿弥陀様の大悲を人生の拠り所とせよ、と重病の私たちに「南無阿弥陀仏」の良薬を与えて下さっているのです。良薬は効能書きだけを読んでも仕方ありません。物知りになっても安らぎは生まれません。この薬を早く頂いてくれ、とお釈迦様は私たちに勧めて下さっているのです。いよいよ聴聞させていただきます。

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To all members of the Buddhist Temples of Southern Alberta

At the first meeting of the BTSA new board of directors on March 13th a new executive was elected. The new executive will be myself as the new Board Chair, Deanna Jones as the Vice Chair, and Val Boras as the secretary and Trent Takeyasu as treasurer.

Unfortunately Akira Ichikawa asked to step down as the Chair. He has agreed to stay on the board as the past president. I would like to thank him for leading our board so ably for the past few years. His dedication and work for our temple has been tireless. He has spent countless hours behind the scenes keeping the temple running smoothly. We will need to continue to rely on his dedication and commitment to the temple.

As the new Chairperson I will do my best to fill the role. I am afraid I will not be able to do everything that Akira was able to do. I would like to ask all of you to continue to help out at the temple in whatever way you can.

I would like to welcome Kynan Gordon as a new member of the board. I think it is remarkable that he is willing to participate in the meetings and take such an active role in our temple at such a young age. His enthusiasm and energy will be welcome. I would also like to thank all of the existing board members who are continuing on the board. They do so much to keep our temple running. As members please join me in thanking them for their efforts. If any member has issues or concerns relating to the temple please do not hesitate to call me (403-317-0078) or email me at Rolikuta@shaw.ca . Of course everybody is welcome to attend the board meetings if you are interested in what we are up to.

In Gassho
Roland Ikuta

CHAIR SCHEDULE April & May 2018

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

Apr 01

Chair: Katie Nakagawa
Audio: Akira Ichikawa

Apr 08

HANAMATSURI/SHOTSUKI 2 PM
Chair: Roland Ikuta
Audio: Tak Okamura

Apr 15

Chair: Kynan Gordon
Audio: John Dubbelboer

Apr 22

No Service
Chow Mein Supper

Apr 29

Chair: Jeff Haines
Audio: Brenda Ikuta

May 06 SHOTSUKI

Chair: Joyce Shigehiro
Audio: Akira Ichikawa

May 13

Chair: Ross Jacobs
Audio: Brenda Ikuta

May 20

Chair: Harry Sugimoto
Audio: Ross Jacobs

May 27

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.



April is BTSA's membership drive month, and we look forward to all our current and past members to renew their ties if they have yet to do so. Last year, we ended up with 217 paid-up members and hope we can match or surpass that by year's end.

Consider filling out the Membership Form in this issue, with a special plea to women members to complete it by answering the two questions related to the Jodo Shinshu Temples of Canada-Women's Federation.

Please keep in mind people may join throughout the year. April was simply designated specially as the membership drive month to highlight how we count on the joiners. Thank you.

Annual General Meeting

Guest speaker Tatsuya Aoki sensei spoke at the monthly memorial service on Mar. 4, prior to BTSA's annual general meeting (AGM) at which he also was in attendance.

About 40 members attended the AGM where reports were presented from Izumi sensei, the chair, the treasurer, the Dharma school, and committees on development, rental policy, investment policy, and temple programs and operations. The treasurer's report is in the form of a Review Engagement prepared by the accountants, Moriyama and Wolsey, and is reprinted on the temple website.

The ABM agreed to extend the \$200,000 loan to the Calgary temple, due in 2019, for three years at Calgary's request as it negotiates to resolve building expenses with a contractor whose firm has gone out of business. The AGM was told that Calgary has the funds to repay the loan, but sought the extension until legal matters are settled.

In other business, the AGM agreed to:

1. canvass women in the membership to determine whether BTSA should continue as a member of the JSBTC-WF (see related article next to the Membership Form);
2. institute a revised rental policy limiting the rental of the temple to paid-up members and initiating a role of coordinator(s) to oversee the rental procedure;

3. welcome members to review the investment policy developed at the request of the 2017 AGM; and,
4. schedule the 2018 spring chow mein supper on April 22 and to raise the price of each supper to \$13, an increase of \$1.
5. retain the membership donation amount for 2019 at \$100 a member.

Six members were named to the board, keeping the number at 12 in the two-year staggered system. Those agreeing to renew their terms were Sylvia Oishi, Jim Tsukishima, Roland Ikuta, Brenda Ikuta, and Deanna Jones. Kynan Gordon agreed to serve as the sixth member.



March Monthly Memorial Service



Lunch following service

Hanamatsuri

BTSA will commemorate the birth of the Buddha on Apr. 8 during its annual Hanamatsuri (Floral Festival) service, combined with the monthly memorial for April, at the temple at 2 p.m.



Dean pours sweet tea over the baby Buddha statue during 2017 Hanamatsuri

This joyous holiday, especially with children in mind, will feature guest Grant Ikuta sensei of the Steveston Buddhist Temple in Richmond, B.C. Sensei was the invited speaker at the 2017 service as well.

Following the service, a meal will be provided by Toban 4 in the multipurpose room. Members, friends of the Dharma and interested visitors are welcome to join the festivities on this happy occasion.

Ikuta sensei also will be giving a public talk the day before, Apr. 7, at the temple at 1 p.m. Particulars are detailed in a poster elsewhere in this Hikari.

Translation 13

This is a continuation of translations of Kudensho (Note On Oral Transmission) begun in the September, 2016 Hikari. Kudensho 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.

Master Shinran Being Avalokitesvara¹ Bodhisattva in Origin

At a place called Shimozuke² Province, Eshin-ni³ spoke about a dream she had: “It seemed to me that there was a service commemorating the completion of a chapel. Solemn music was being played, and the service was about to start. Then, in the sky, beam lay across each other in the shape of a shrine gate. From these beams two scrolls of a pictorial main image were hanging and one of them had no special form, only a gold colored aurora. On the other scroll there appeared very clearly the sacred image. One person asked another about the main image which did not have a definite form, saying: ‘What is the sacred image of the scroll that has no form; What Buddha can it be?’ The other person answered, ‘That is indeed Mahasthamaprapta⁴ Bodhisattva. It is also Master Genku (Honen)’. Then the first person asked again saying: ‘What Buddha is that on the other scroll upon which the sacred image appears?’ The man answered: ‘That is Avalokitesvara Bodhisattva of great compassion. That is indeed the venerable Zenshin (Shinran).’ Then my dream ended and I awoke.

“When I recounted this incident to my husband, he said: ‘You are quite right. Mahasthamaprapta Bodhisattva is a Bodhisattva who presides over wisdom; because wisdom appears as light, the sacred image is only light and has no form or shape. People of the world have said that my former teacher Master Genku is the incarnation of Mahasthamaprapta Bodhisattva.’

“As to the fundamental manifestation of Master Shinran, I was hesitant to bring this matter up to my husband. Following this dream, as the months and years passed, my feeling of respect for him became deeper and deeper as the months and years passed.

“Having heard of the circumstances of his return to the capital and later, of his death, and thinking that it would be better to let you⁵ know that my husband appeared on earth as an incarnation of Avalokitesvara, I am sending you this letter.”

This letter was sent by Eshin-ni about the third year of Kocho (1264 C.E.).

These are my (Kakunyo) personal thoughts: It is most clear that Master Genku was an incarnation of Mahasthamaprapta Bodhisattva spread the teachings of the main teacher Amida in this land of Yamato⁶: it is clear that Master Shinran, as the manifestation of Avalokitesvara Bodhisattva became the disciple of the two Bodhisattvas in order to brighten up the torch of wisdom of the Tathagata of Unimpeded Light in this world and transmit it to all posterity. We should all regard this with reverence and respect.

¹Kannon Bosatsu in Japanese; one of the Bodhisattvas associated with Compassion of Amida

²Present day of Tochigi prefecture

³wife of Shinran

⁴Daoseishi Bosatsu in Japanese; one of the Bodhisattva associated with Wisdom of Amida

⁵Kakushin-ni; daughter of Eshin-ni

⁶Another name for Japan

The Women's Federation

The Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Temples of Canada-Women's Federation (JSBTC-WF or WF for short) operates as a national organization for women members of JSBTC temples. BTSA has been a member ever since its inception, but in recent years its membership numbers have been in doubt and it was decided at the 2018 annual general meeting on March 4 to set the numbers as clearly as possible for the 2019 year.

The AGM voted to pay the existing WF membership assessment for this year which is \$1,350, and to canvass BTSA women members in advance of 2019 to determine membership. The membership form in the adjoining column has been revised to survey BTSA women. Please respond as requested. For those who have already paid their 2018 BTSA membership, it would be appreciated if they would let BTSA know of their wish. The two questions asked are: (1) Would you like to be a member of the JSBTC-WF? (BTSA will pay your membership fee) Yes/No; and (2) Are you less than 80 years of age? (no fee if over 80 yrs) Yes/No.

The WF has provided educational support for all Canadian ministers, including Revs. James Martin, Robert Gubeno, Yasuo Izumi, Tatsuya Aoki, Tomo Fujii and others. Youth wishing to attend the Hongwanji-sponsored Japan Youth Tour OR attend a Buddhist related class or activity have been given aid. Temple youth are encouraged to apply to take advantage of this financial assistance!

WF has collected used stamps; in 2016, across Canada collection was valued at \$200 and a federal government grant increased the amount to \$800! The proceeds were forwarded to the Save the Children Fund that assisted four girls and four orphans educationally as well as supplying baby chicks and pigs to their families to provide a source of protein and income.

WF Dana Day was initiated in 1965 at the second World Buddhist Women's Convention in New York. It was decided that proceeds from the annual designated Dana Day will go towards social welfare and related projects. Since then, funds have been raised through the efforts of the women's groups at Jodo Shinshu temples throughout the world. In recent years the BTSA board has made a Dana Day donation to the WF, rather than collecting from individual members.

Nationally, Dana Day funds have supported global projects such as assisting with the building of a hospital in Kenya; helping an African village with purchasing water purifying systems; and supporting the Hongwanji temple in Nepal establish itself. Contributions for earthquake relief have been made to Sumatra, the Hanshin district of China and eastern Japan. More recently, funds have been given to the

2018 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

Special Temporary Request for women members (Please see the article about the Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Temples of Churches Women's Federation [JSBTC-WF] in the adjoining column.) Results will be in effect in 2019.

1. Would you like to be a member of the JSBTC-WF? (BTSA will pay your membership fee) Yes No

2. Are you less than 80 years of age? (no fee if over 80 years) Yes No

*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!

Canadian Red Cross, Doctors Without Borders, the Food Banks of Canada, and the Children's Wish Foundation.

The benefit to BTSA is that it's being part of the "whole" but still independent, supporting the Jodo Shinshu Buddhist sangha and its youth of Canada; displaying social responsibility; and recognizing the contributions of the WF has made in the past and for the future.

Membership to March 26: 93

Shotsuki Hoyo & & Early Hanamatsuri Donations

March 2018

John & Donna Dubbelboer
Dorene Gordon
Randy Higa
Shinako (Sheila) Higa
Shirley Higa
Neil Hinatsu
Tomii Hisaoka
Rumiko Ibuki
Ray & Donna Journoud
Sue S Kado
Tom & Lily Kaga
Roy & Minie Nakatsuru
Roy & Minie Nakatsuru
(Hanamatsuri)
May Nishikawa
Reyko Nishiyama
Ken Ohno & Nancy Eng
Setsuko Ohno
Ayumi Sawada
Yoshiko Sawada
Bob & Eiko Shigehiro
Emily Stitt
Robert & Judy Takaguchi
Toshiko Takeda
Brenda & Lester Tanner
Joe & Sumiko Tomiyama
Sumie Tsukishima

Total - \$1,350

Other Donations

March 2018

Anonymous Cash Donors
John & Rita Aoki
CanadaHelps.Org
Robert & Sandra Chomyk
Judy Fukushima
Akira & Lorita Ichikawa
Rev Yasuo & Sachi Izumi
Bert Kaga & Danny Engleson
Gene & Shannon Kawade
Dave & Val Kunimoto
Kinuko Matsuno
May Nishikawa
Sway & Toshiko Nishimura
Doreen Oakes
Mitsuko Oga
Setsuko Ohno
Joyce H. Oishi
Florence Senda
Toshiko Takeda
Bill & June Terakita
Yukio Tsuji
Yoshiko Tsukishima

Total - \$2,425.45

Please inform us if your name has been omitted from or misspelled in the lists. Anyone wishing his/her name not to appear in print, please let us know. Thank you.



TOBAN UPDATE

Thanks to **Toban 2** volunteers for March activities, as well as a memorial service. April will have **Toban 4** up for the Sunday after-service tea and related duties that will include supper following the Hanamatsuri service and program. Thanks to **Toban 4** for providing lunch at the Soup Kitchen on March 23rd. Lily's crew will provide the April 23 Soup Kitchen lunch.

Contact: Lorita at 403.327.1668 or lorita.ichikawa@gmail.com

**April: Toban 4, May: Toban 2, June: Toban 3
Soup Kitchen 2018**

April 23: Toban 2, May 23: Toban 3,
June 6: Lily's crew

A reminder from the Health Guidelines for our commercial kitchen: Please assure that all hair, including front and sides is covered during food preparation and all jewellery is removed.



Toban 4 worked at the Lethbridge Soup Kitchen Mar. 23. See members serving lunch which they prepared. From right, Sachi Taguchi, Tak Tsujita, Mitsuko Oga (partially hidden), Yoko Tsujita, Judy Fukushima, Jan Okamura, and Joyce Adachi. Heidi Oishi is in the background, along with Joyce Crittenden, director of the Soup Kitchen. BTSA has three more dates at the facility. (Photo by Tak Okamura)

Chow Mein Supper

A major BTSA fund-raiser--the spring chow mein supper--is scheduled for Apr. 22 in its usual drive-through format from 1 to 5 p.m. It's a Sunday event and the regular Sunday service is suspended for that day.

A key change this spring is the price of the supper, raised by a dollar to \$13, largely due to rising costs of ingredients. The annual general meeting on Mar. 4 agreed to the increase.

Tickets were distributed at the mein-making session on Mar. 24, with 2,000 tickets printed for sale. An additional 100 tickets for BTSA members unable to get tickets will be available from Roland Ikuta.

We hope there will be great turnout of members to look after all the necessary work related to running the supper. Plan on helping out and spending the day socializing with friends.

BTSA RUMMAGE SALE Saturday, June 2 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Please consider donating...

1. New and gently used items
• particularly Japanese items.
2. Your time
• In preparation for the event and during the sale.

Interested in participating in this event?

Contact Brenda Ikuta 403.317.0078
Brenda.ikuta63@gmail.com

**Thank you in advance for contributing to this important fundraiser!*

REGULAR EVENTS

Tonari Gumi Tuesdays @ 1pm

The Lethbridge Karaoke Club Wednesdays @ 1pm
Contact Nao 403.327.7357

NCS Adult Taiko Tuesdays @ 7pm
Contact David Tanaka 403.330.1548, david@albrio.com

Minyo Dance

Beginner group on Mondays, 6-8pm
Sr. Minyo group on Tuesdays, 4-6pm
Contact Pat Sassa for info: sas7@telus.net

ANOUNCEMENTS

Condolences:

Mrs. May Ohno, 88, passed away on Mar. 3, 2018

Roland Ikuta has extra tickets for the upcoming Chow Mein Supper on April 22nd. These tickets are designated to members whose prior distributor is no longer providing tickets.

For those who no longer have a source of tickets please contact Roland at 403.317.0078 or email rolikota@shaw.ca. Tickets are \$13 each.

Building Cultural Bridges organized and sponsored by Southern Alberta Ethnic Association

April 09 (Mon) Mennonite - Presenter: Ryan Dueck

April 16 (Mon) Hutterite - Presenter: John Hofer

April 23 (Mon) Buddhism - Presenter: Yasuo Izumi

April 30 (Mon) Christian - Presenter: Erin Phillips

May 07 (Mon) Baha'i Faith - Presenter: Mohsen

May 14 (Mon) Jehovah's Witness -Presenter: Loe Meli

May 28 (Mon) Mormon - Presenter: Darren Heyland

Rev. Aoki's dharma talk



Tatsuya Aoki sensei, resident minister of the Vancouver Buddhist Temple and the socho of the Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Temples of Canada, gave the dharma message on Mar. 4 during BTSA's March shotsuki (memorial) service.

Sensei kindly provided his talk and it is printed here with very slight format editing:

Have you ever thought about why we love our games? It doesn't matter whether it's football, baseball, basketball, tennis, poker, checkers or chess...We enjoy them all.

Why?

I think it is because in the games we have created, the rules are clearly defined, and all the participants and spectators know well what is a fair play and what is a foul play. We know the boundaries and we know what is out of bounds. The rules are set.

In living life, we often do not know what the rules are. We don't know where the boundaries are, what is fair and what is foul. And most importantly, we never know when we are in the bottom of the ninth inning or the end of the fourth quarter.

In life, we are not often given a "two minute warning." Therefore, we do not think, "I'll do my best tomorrow or next week..." We know, "If we are going to try our best to make a difference, we have to do it right now."

Buddhism has often been called "a journey to the present." It is the path that leads us to the moment that is NOW! In Buddhism, we are encouraged to try to live not taking for granted even one opportunity to be with those we love; to live appreciating the love of family, the companionship of friends and the gift of life each and every day.

In life, the rules are not so clearly defined, and there is no guarantee on how long we will have to enjoy the time we have together. In other words, we should try to live feeling each day is the bottom of the ninth inning.

If there is something you really want to do, do it NOW!

If there is someone who has shown you kindness, thank him or her NOW!

If there are people you care for, hold them close NOW!

In Jodo Shinshu, we call this a life of Gratitude, a life of Nembutsu. Only in doing this, can we live so that in time, we can let go of life with few regrets.

Namo Amida Butsu
Tatsuya Aoki

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 13, Friday, 7 pm

Movie night at the Temple: **Lucky**

This is the story of a fiercely independent 90 year old atheist who takes a journey of self-exploration. It is a meditation on morality, loneliness, spirituality and human connection. It is an highly-rated award-winning 2017 American movie starring Harry Dean Stanton.

April 26, Thursday, 7 pm

24 Days in Brooks

Documentary sponsored by the National Film Board of Canada. Written and directed by **Dana Inkster**, a member of the BTSA.

The film is about the town of Brooks, AB and how in a decade it was transformed to become one of the most diverse places in Canada. Immigrants and refugees had flocked there to work at Lakeside Packers, one of the world's largest meatpacking plants. This is a story of a 24 day labour strike at the plant. It addresses issues of cultural diversity, immigration, human rights and social justice. A Question and Answer period will follow the documentary.

June 2, Saturday, 10 am - 3 pm

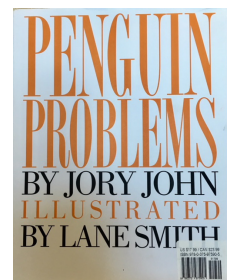
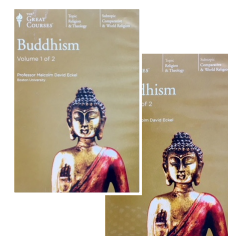
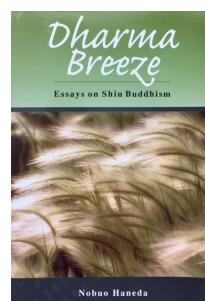
Rummage sale at the Temple, including Japanese items. Please consider donating new or gently-used items

June 9, Saturday, 1-3 pm

Fun Painting Event! Get creative - draw out your inner artist and have a great time with friends! All materials will be provided and refreshments will be served. An instructor will be on hand to make it easy and fun to create a painting. Open to Temple members and the public. Advance registration required - \$45 per person. Deadline for registration is May 1st. Must be 10 years or older. To pay to reserve your spot, text or phone Sylvia Oishi at 403.892.2318 or email her at sylvia.oishi@gmail.com.

Additions to the Library

Several new additions have been received in the BTSA Library in board room. Val Boras who has been looking after the Library reports: "The *Dharma Breeze* book is the one currently being reviewed by the Living Dharma Center Book Club. The two volume Buddhism CD (anonymously donated) is from the Great Courses series of lectures. *Penguin Problems* (donated by Roland and Brenda) is a delightful children's book about seeing life's little problems in a new light."





Preparations for our Rummage Sale

From now until the Rummage Sale in June, the Dharma class will set up shop, cleaning, repairing and organizing items collected. Students will be encouraged to look through their own items at home and choose some donations. We recognize that living in a disposable society we too readily discard what can be fixed. We hope to help and send these items off to another life, rather than end up in a land fill. Mottainai!

Buddhist TED Talk



Buddhist Temple of Southern Alberta
470-40th Street South, Lethbridge
SATURDAY, APRIL 7, 2018
1:00-2:30 p.m.

Biography

Rev. Ikuta is currently serving as minister at the Steveston Buddhist Temple. He has also served as Bishop of Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Temples of Canada and minister at Toronto Buddhist Temple. In addition to his ministerial duties he is an instructor for the English Jodo Shinshu Correspondence Course. Rev. Ikuta is married to Noriko and they have 4 children.



Mein-making

A great turnout March 23 of members and friends helped make chow mein noodles in preparation for BTSA's spring supper on April 22. Check out the process (again) in photos taken during the day.



1. Preparing dough



2. Into first of three presses



3. Rolling dough; more presses



4. Smaller sizes



5. Thru noodle maker



6. Cooked in oil



7. Cooled, dried and bagged.



APRIL: TOBAN 4

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
OFFICIAL BTSA ACTIVITY		1pm Tonari Gumi 4pm Minyo 6:30pm Japanese Language Class	1pm Karaoke		12pm Spiritual Care meeting at CRH	10:30am Explore Buddhism*
10:30am Regular Service* 1	6pm Beginner Minyo 2	3	4	5	6	7
2pm Hanamatsuri* 8	6pm Beginner Minyo 9	1pm Tonari Gumi 4pm Minyo 6:30pm Japanese Language Class 10	1pm Karaoke 2pm Correctional Centre visit* 7pm Board Mtg* 11	12	7pm Movie Night at the Temple* 13	9am Mindfulness Meditation 10:30am Explore Buddhism* 14
10:30am Regular Service* 15	6pm Beginner Minyo 16	1pm Tonari Gumi 4pm Minyo 6:30pm Japanese Language Class 17	1pm Karaoke 18	19	20	10:30am Explore Buddhism* 21
Spring Chow Mein Supper (no service)* 22	9am Soup Kitchen 6pm Beginner Minyo 23	1pm Tonari Gumi 4pm Minyo 6:30pm Japanese Language Class 24	1pm Karaoke Ministers' and JSBTC Meeting in Calgary* 25	7pm Dana Inkster Presentation* Meeting in Calgary* 26	Ministers' and JSBTC Meeting in Calgary* 27	Ministers' and JSBTC Meeting in Calgary* 28
10:30am Regular Service* 29	6pm Beginner Minyo 30					

MAY: TOBAN 2

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					12pm Spiritual Care meeting at CRH*	10:30am Explore Buddhism*
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10:30am Monthly Memorial Service 6	6pm Beginner Minyo 7	1pm Tonari Gumi 4pm Minyo 6:30pm Japanese Language Class 8	1pm Karaoke 2:30pm Correctional Centre visit* 7pm Board Mtg* 9	10	11	10:30am Explore Buddhism* 12
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10:30am Gotan-e (Shinran Shonin's Birthday)* 20	6pm Beginner Minyo 21	1pm Tonari Gumi 4pm Minyo 6:30pm Japanese Language Class 22	9am Soup Kitchen 1pm Karaoke 2:30pm Correctional Centre visit* 23	24	25	10:30am Explore Buddhism* 26
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