



January 2013

## NEW YEAR'S GREETING "Immeasurable Light and Life."

Reciting the Nembutsu, we welcome the new year. I express my warmest greetings to you. Following the East Japan Great Earthquake, one year and ten months has passed. More than a hundred thousand people continue to live in evacuation center housing, unable to return to their homes. Personally, I find the events of the Seven hundred fiftieth Memorial for Shinran Shonin and East Japan Great Earthquake to be inseparable.

I am sure that each person directly affected by the natural disaster has his or her own sufferings and is being faced with various problems and tasks. It goes without saying that support and recovery efforts are important. However, with this as an opportune time, as a fellow earthly being, I would also like to reflect on the fundamental issues we all have in common. What we need to reconsider is how we have easily come to accept our common values and ways of perceiving things, regardless of whether we are conscious of it or not. For example, there is the notion that development in science technology and economic competition increases happiness. Although technological advancements and economic strength may be immediate solutions for simple issues at hand, stopping there can result in something else becoming overlooked. That is our infinite humanly cravings, our limited intelligence, and our lack of harmony with the greater nature. This is an issue that is deeply connected with Buddhism.

The beauty of Mt. Fuji and other mountains and valleys are all results of volcanic activity and earthquakes. Although nuclear energy may appear to be an efficient prescription for the immediate situation, not only does it become a problem when an accident occurs, but with our current technological skills, we are unable to safely dispose of radioactive wastes. We cannot simply pick and choose just what is convenient nor do we have the power to control nature. It is my hope that the measures we take will not simply end up as temporary solutions. But rather, they will help to make a positive change in our social values and reflect on our own standards and realize a sustainable society.

*Ohtani Koshin*

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### 年頭の辞

光寿無量

お念仏とともに、新しい年を迎えました。皆様、いかがお過ごしでしょうか。日本では東日本大震災から一年十ヶ月が過ぎました。十万人を越える方々が、自宅に戻れないで、避難所生活を続けていらっしゃいます。私にとっては、親鸞聖人の七百五十回大遠忌と大震災を切り離すことができません。

被災された方々はそれぞれに苦しみや課題を抱えていらっしゃると思います。先ず、支援や復興が大事ですが、これを機に、地球上に住むものとして、共通の課題も考えたいと思います。それは、意識するとしないとにかかわらず従っていた価値観、ものの考え方です。例えば、科学技術の進歩や経済の競争は人々の生活を向上させ、幸せを高めるという考えです。当面の課題、狭い範囲の課題を解決するには、科学技術や経済力が有効ですが、そこに止まると、かえって見落とすことがあります。それは人間の欲望には限りがなく、能力には限りがあること、そして大自然との調和です。これは、仏教とも深く関わる課題です。

富士山の美しさも風光明媚な山や谷も火山と地震の結果です。核エネルギーは当面有効に見えますが、事故を起こした時だけでなく、廃棄物の処理が今の技術では対処できません。都合の良いところだけを取るわけにはいきませんし、人間の力で自然界を完全に支配することもできません。一時しのぎの対策に終わらず、世の中の価値観を転換し、一人ひとりの節度ある生き方と持続可能な社会の在り方を考えたいと思います。

2013年1月1日

浄土真宗本願寺派  
門主 大谷光真

# New Year's Greetings

*Rejoicing in this peaceful day,  
I bow before the Buddha in gratitude*

(Translation of verse from Raisan-ka, Praise of Amida)



The beginning of the new year is traditionally a time for us to send out greetings to our family and friends, wishing them a “Happy New Year”. Yet at times, it seems to be getting harder and harder to wish someone a “Happy” New Year when we see all the turmoil and suffering going on throughout the world.

Just yesterday alone, I saw a news report on the firing of the long range rocket by North Korea, which they claim for the purpose of sending a satellite into orbit. The Western Nations are condemning this act as they feel it is only a front for the testing of long range missiles, heightening tensions being felt amongst the neighbouring countries.

In an unrelated story, I saw a news report on the debris created by the Earthquake and Tsunami in Japan in 2011. The report stated that from the beginning of 2013, the west coast of USA and Canada will be overcome by a deluge of debris which has travelled across the Pacific Ocean to reach North America. Estimates for the amount of debris expected range from anywhere between 14 million tons up to possibly as much as 25 million tons of debris. In fact, there has never been any recorded data of so much floating debris being produced in such a short span that the scientists are even in the dark as to what effect it will have on our coastlines. The best case scenario is that the vast majority of the debris will have filtered out to the bottom of the sea, where it will be broken down over time with minimal effects both financially as well as ecologically. In the worst case scenario, scientists are fearing that the vast amount of plastic material that was washed away by the tsunami will eventually enter our food chain causing serious damages to not only wildlife, but to our own health as well.

These are only a couple of random news items which I happened to catch yesterday. Aside from this, there is still ongoing unrest in the Middle East, there is ongoing tension between Japan and China over territorial claims, and the list of worrisome news items seem to go on and on.

In such a world of chaos and uncertainty, it is important for us to try to find peace in the New Year. Reflecting on this, I'd like to share with you a story of how I spent my New Year's when I was still a student studying in Japan. It was one of the first years I was in Japan; I spent the New Years at my mother's home temple in Kyoto. On New Year's Eve, the family has a tradition beginning with a service at the stroke of midnight New Year's Eve. First, we gathered in the main Hondo of the temple and held a service before the shrine of Amida Buddha. Then, the whole family moved to the family Buddhist Altar room where a short service was held in front of their own personal shrine.

At the end of the service we sang together one verse from a Gatha (Buddhist Song). Having not heard this particular song growing up in Canada, I had no idea where it came from, or

what it was about. Subsequently, I found out the song is titled “Raisan-ka”, which is translated as “Song of Praise (to Amida)” and the particular verse that my mother's family sang is the third verse of the song, written by Lady Kinuko Ohtani, the mother to Zen Mon Sama, Kosho Ohtani. “Raisan-ka” has become one of my personal favourite Gathas as it always reminds me of the New Year's service at my mother's home temple. More importantly, this simple verse reminds us how we, as Jodo Shinshu followers can lead our life daily. Rather than thinking about the course of a whole year, it is important to be mindful of the moment, understanding peace comes about when we realize that no matter what is happening in our lives, we are within the Great Compassion of the Oneness of the Universe which is defined by Amida Buddha. What a wonderful year it would be if we were all were able to do as Lady Ohtani stated, “Rejoicing in this peaceful day, I bow before the Buddha in gratitude”.

As we usher in the year 2013, may I thank you for sharing the Nembutsu path during the past year and may you have a meaningful year embraced in the power of Namu Amida Butsu.

In Gassho,



Grant Ikuta, Bishop  
Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Temples of Canada

## 新年の挨拶

安かりし 今日の一日を喜びて  
み仏の前に めかずきまつる  
(礼讃歌：第三節作詞大谷経子)

新春の喜びを申し上げます。

2013年を迎えた今、皆様いかがお過ごしでしょうか？よく、ここカナダやアメリカでは年頭に“Happy New Year”と挨拶されますが、最近ニュースを見ているとあまり“Happy”な話はありませんでした。セルビアの内戦問題、エジプトでの国民デモ、イスラエルとパレスチナとの争い、ヨーロッパ連合の不景気、アメリカの財政の崖問題、日本と中国の尖閣諸島への問題、北朝鮮が遠距離ミサイルの実験発射など人類によって起こされた問題は目立ちます。それに加え、世界に影響が及ぶ自然災害も含めたら中々“Happy”とは言いづらくなってきています。

ついでこの間に“クローズアップ現代”という番組で2011年に起きた東日本地震と津波によって発生した大量のごみの特集をやっていました。科学者によると、2013年には約1,000万トンから2,000万トンのごみが北米西海岸に漂流してくると予告されているそうです。あまりにも大量で科学者さえどのような影響を与えるのかは未だに見当がつかないみたいです。

そんな世の中でも新年は私たちに希望を与えてくれます。今年にはなるべく平和で良い年になりますようにと願う私たちは仏法をお聴聞して新年を迎えるべきではないでしょうか。多くのお寺では12月31日に除夜会、そして元旦には修正会のお勤めを取り行っています。お寺で仏法を聞きながら新年を迎えるのもなかなかいい

ことです。その素晴らしさを、母の実家のお寺の正月の過ごし方を参考に紹介します。

あれは私が京都で留学し始めた頃の話でした。母の実家で正月を迎えることがありました。今はとても懐かしく思い出します。大晦日の夜、年越しそばを食べた後、夜中の12時になるとお寺の本堂で中尊の阿弥陀仏と両脇壇の親鸞聖人と蓮如上人に念仏をして、その後にお内佛でお勤めを皆と一緒にされました。そして、お参りの最後にご記事の初めに載せた礼讃歌の一句を歌って終わりにします。カナダ育ちの私にとって、初めて聞く歌であり、意味も曲の名前さえ知りませんでした。しかし、その後この一句は前門主様のお母様の大谷絢子様が書かれた詩であることを学びました。新年の出だしに非常にふさわしい内容だと思います。「今日の一日を慶びて、阿弥陀様の前で合掌、礼拝をさせていただく」。素朴でありながら、浄土真宗門信徒の生活の基本や姿勢を示されている一句だと思います。一年という長い期間ではなく、今日の一日を精一杯生きて終わりに感謝をもって合掌させていただけるうちに心もいやされます。

そのように、皆様も今年を、阿弥陀様と共に生かされる、二度と繰り返すことのできない、この一日に感謝をできる一年でありますように願ってやみません。

合掌

カナダ開教総長、  
生田 グラント・真見



## HAPPY NEW YEAR!

There is a Jodo Shinshu priest of a certain temple in Japan who is accustomed to reading one of the letters written by Rennyo (1415-1499) of the Hongwanji - "On White Ashes" - at New Year's Day service. It says: "Though in the morning we may have radiant health, in the evening we may return to white ashes..." We listen to these words during funeral or burial service. Initially, the members of his temple were not very comfortable when their minister reads it on the first day of the year. But soon they started to understand minister's intent why he wanted to read. Toward the end of the letter it says: "Therefore, we must, one and all, turn to the teachings of the Buddha and awaken to the essence of life. By so understanding the meaning of death, we come to appreciate the meaning of this life, which is to be treasured because it is unrepeatable..."

How many times have we been listening to this letter and how often do we really pay attention to these words? Buddhism always encourages us to live today in the fullest and cherish moment by moment with gratitude. Absolute time is indeed

only the present moment which passes quickly. Furthermore, our life which is treasured is supported by countless good will. Yes, we talk about it as if we thoroughly understand it. But do we really come to appreciate our life which is unrepeatable? Do we really feel humble before it? Acting contrary to the way of the teaching, we live selfishly, regret the past and dream of the future without much sense of gratitude.

Shinran Shonin (1173-1263) says:

*Although we have the teachings of Buddha Sakyamuni,  
There are no sentient beings who can practice them,  
Hence, it is taught that in the last dharma-age,  
Not a single person will attain true awakening through them.*

Fortunately, however, we have encountered, through the guidance of Buddha Sakyamuni, the powerful working of Amida, true compassion which is truth-calling beyond our ego-self. The powerful working of Amida is called "tariki nembutsu" which awakens us our blind passions and opens up a new life of joy and gratitude, peace and comfort.

The letter concludes: "By virtue of true compassion, let us realize the unexcelled value of this existence, and let us live together with gratitude in our hearts."

On the first day of the year, we hear Amida's compassionate voice, "I wish you, all sentient beings, for Happy New Year!"

Namo Amida Butsu

Yasuo Izumi, Minister

Buddhist Temple of Southern Alberta

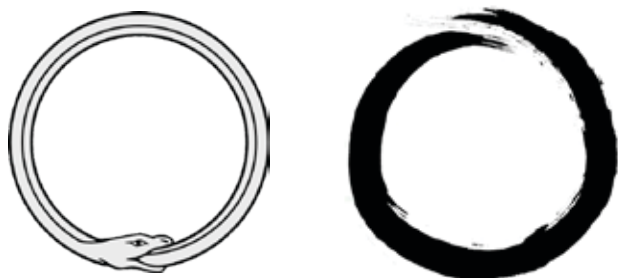
## あけましておめでとうございます!

あわただしく過ぎた十二月。文字どおり師走をおえて正月を迎えると、何となく身が引き締まる感じがします。一月は睦月と呼ばれ、仲良く、調和を保つ、という意味があるようです。新年の初めを迎えるのにふさわしい言葉です。昨年末のコネクティカ州で起こった一青年による小学校での乱射は二十人の子供、六人の大人の命をアツという間に奪いました。命がどんどん軽視されていきます。人間の心は恐ろしい一面を持っています。自分は「善」で相手は「悪」、こちらは「正」でむこうは「邪」。そこには仲良く、調和の世界は生まれようもありません。そのことは十分知っているつもりの私たちではありますが、命の軽視、争いは絶えません。親鸞聖人は、み仏の限りない智慧と慈悲の光に照らされて、人間の不完全な姿、自己中心の姿を徹底的に見つめられた方でありました。「現代人は全てを知っている、自分のことを除いては。。。と云われた方がおられます。「自分を見つめ、知る」ことは、まことに難しいことでもあります。それは、自分を超越、しかも包み込んでいて下さる、み仏の光に遇わねば出来ないことでありましょう。その光は今日も私たちを照らして下さっているのです。今年も、み仏の働きに耳を傾けていきましょう。合掌 泉

# BTSA NOTES

The traditional annual cycle begins this month as we embark on the Year of the Snake. Happy new year to all; thanks for all your help in the past year and we look forward to a continuation of your generous and gracious support in 2013.

One of the enduring images of a snake is where it appears to be swallowing its own tail, symbolizing the cyclical nature of life mythologized in many cultures around the world for centuries. Called an ouroboros, many have interpreted this as depicting the constant renewal of life. It's reminiscent of the Zen enso with which many Buddhists and Japanese are familiar and which we used as part of the Alberta Buddhist Conference theme in 2009. Both have been described also as emphasizing the oneness of all life, an endless circle.



So it is with the BTSA, as we once again begin our annual cycle of activities and events, comings and goings, hellos and goodbyes. But, the first of the year is merely a convenient time to measure things; we could do this at anytime throughout the year because life is endless.

Sensei reports that we paid our final respects to 14 friends of the Dharma in 2012, among them two 99-year-old members and a 101-year-old friend. Another was Mas Terakita who steadfastly championed the Jodo Shinshu cause in southern Alberta and throughout Canada. We will miss all the departed, but will cherish their memory and dedication. As for beginning, there were two weddings officiated by sensei.

Joya-no-kane, the year-end bell-ringing at the Nikka Yuko Garden, signaled farewell to 2012 and welcomed 2013. Several hours later, we renewed the process with a New Year's Day service at the temple. Please remember the Hoonko and the January shotsuki service on Jan. 20 at 2 p.m., followed by the temple's annual new year's party. Hoonko, which commemorates Shinran's death, is one of the three most important holidays in the Jodo Shinshu calendar.

Briefly, to review the past month, members did a great job volunteering on Dec. 1 to make the 4th annual bake and craft sale an inviting destination. Sushi, manju and mein noodles moved quickly and were pretty much gone within the first 20 minutes. Please see a related article and photos elsewhere in this Hikari. The mindful meditation course was concluded earlier in the month and there are plans for a second one beginning in late February. The choir sang and led the congregation in gathas at the Bodhi Day service on Dec. 9. Thanks to Toban 3 for providing a tasty pizza lunch following the service. Look for pictures elsewhere.

Sensei's Friday evening class on Buddhism continued through December and will go for two more sessions in January.

BTSA remitted \$1,000 to the JSBTC headquarters as part of its JSBTC Dana Day donation, following board action to top off the amount at that figure. The old dough mixer donated to the Honpa temple by Wayne

Kwan and the Regent Restaurant was sold for \$500, the amount decided by the board.

Just a reminder that we're still collecting food donations through January in the multipurpose room for the Lethbridge Interfaith Food Bank. Also, keep in mind the Jan. 25 movie night showing of *Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close*. It begins at 7 p.m.

Preparations are afoot for the JSBTC AGM hosted by the BTSA on Apr. 27. Plans include a catered banquet that is open to all members for a yet-undetermined amount. Please keep this important date in mind as details will be announced in the days to come. It'll be a chance to meet and chat with friends and acquaintances from across Canada. Save the date and plan on attending.

All the foregoing highlights that life at the temple renews itself just as the ouroboros rolls like the wheel of Dharma in motion. Similarly, the enso reminds us to keep in mind the oneness of life as we go about sharing and supporting BTSA. Your continued involvement in temple affairs is deeply appreciated.

Akira Ichikawa

## TOBAN UPDATE

Contact [lorita.ichikawa@gmail.com](mailto:lorita.ichikawa@gmail.com) or 403.327.1668

### Toban Schedule

**January**                      **Toban 1**

**February**                     **Toban 2**

Note: At the beginning of each year, we skip one Toban. This month Toban 4 gets a break.

Thanks to **Toban 3** for tea and refreshments each week and the regular clean up. Thanks to Pat Sassa for organizing the pizza and salad lunch after the Bodhi Day Service. It was a treat for all, and even most of the Dharma kids made it back from their Dana shopping trip to enjoy it!

**Bake Sale:** Special thanks to the organizational team: Brenda Ikuta, Pat Sassa, Totsy Nishimura, Maya Ichikawa and Hisae Price.

### Soup Kitchen schedule for the new year:

Tuesday, January 22            Toban 4

Wednesday, February 6       Toban 3

Monday, April 22                Toban 2

Wednesday, May 15             Toban 1

## REGULAR EVENTS

**Southern Alberta Buddhist Choir** had the congregation join them at the Bodhi Day Service with two new gatha in English: The Beckoning Hand (Maneki no Mite) and Song of Bodhi Day (Jodo E no Uta). One practice is planned for Sunday January 13 after the service. The choir will again sing for the Hoonko Service.

Please contact: Katie Nakagawa 403. 327.4296 or katieinak@shaw.ca

### Tonari Gumi

Tuesdays 12 - 3 pm

Membership open to all over age 55.

### Taiko Class

Resumes January 15

Tuesdays 6:30 youth, 7 - 8:30 pm adults

Contact: David Tanaka at 403.330.1548 or david@eyesquared.com

### The Lethbridge Karaoke Club

Resumes January 16

Wednesdays 1:30 - 4 pm

**Jodo Shinshu Adult Dharma classes:** Contact Rev. Izumi

## PROGRAMS

**Gentle Yoga for Seniors** sessions to commence in April

**"Breathing, Stretching, Moving" (Aiki Breathing Class)**

sessions to commence in the spring

**Women's Federation World Convention Craft Group** will meet the 3rd Sunday of each month following service and tea, starting February 17.

Please contact: Totsy Nishimura 403.752.3435 or swayn@telusplanet.net

**Junior Minyo Dancers** meets Sundays at 1:30 with Joanne Terakita, teacher and Pat Sassa, coordinator. Next practice is January 13. Pat is requesting a loan of Junior Kimono's (6-8) for a performance in June. Please contact her @ 403.329.3105 for details.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Condolences

The Buddhist Temple of Southern Alberta expresses heartfelt sympathy to those who have lost loved ones.

**Harushi Tanigami (93) Nov. 27, 2012**

**Susumu Nakamura (91) Dec. 7, 2012**

**Mae Megumi Osaka (89) Dec. 23, 2012**

**Coleen N. Sekiya (89) Dec. 26, 2012**

## Shotsuki Hoyo

### Donations

December 2012

Dorene Gordon

Shinako (Sheila) Higa

Shirley N Higa

Marie Hirashima

Gene Horii

Terry Horii

Violet Horii

Akira & Lorita D Ichikawa

Tom & Lily Kaga

Sadae Kanegawa

Etsuko Karaki

Eileen Kunimoto

Gary E & Beverly S McIlroy

Jack & Rie Nagai

Shig & Katie K Nakagawa

Sway & Toshiko Nishimura

Mac & Reyko Nishiyama

May Ohno

Heidi Oishi

Hisae Price

Darcee Richardson

Craig & Sachi Scharf

Ken & Nancy Setoguchi

Noris & Sachiko Taguchi

Tom & Tsuyako Tajiri

Kazuko Takaguchi

Fuji Takeda

Barbara Takeda

David Takeda

Toshiko Takeda

Eichi & Betty Tanaka

Glen & Pamela Tanaka

Gordon Tanaka

Bill & June Terakita

**Total - \$1,980**

### Other Donations

December 2012

Mitsuko Arizono

Richard & Valerie Boras

Yosh & Lois Hattori

Robert B. & Margaret Hughes

Dr Roland & Brenda Ikuta

Mits & Clara Iwaasa

Shigeru Kounosu

Dave & Valerie Kunimoto

Irene Masuda

Kay K. Matsuda

Teiji Nakamura

Shane & Etsuyo Nishi

Mitsuko Oga

Arlene Oishi & Jeff Coffman

Florence Senda

Sonia Sitz

Noboru & Kazuko Sugimoto

## BUDDHIST Q & A

**What does TOKUDO mean?** (得度の意味)

Tokudo in Jodo Shinshu means to receive one's enrolment in the priesthood. When one receives a certification of such enrolment, he or she has to follow the teaching of Shinran Shonin, pursue knowledge and propagate the teaching with harmony as the main principle and not disgrace the honor of our religious institution. (Y.I.)

## MOVIE NIGHT at the Temple

**Friday, January 25, 2013 • 7pm**

***Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close***

One of the 2011 academy award nominees

starring Tom Hanks and Sandra Bullock

The movie will start at 7 PM and there will be snacks after the movie.

Adapted from the acclaimed bestseller by Jonathan Safran Foer. *Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close* is a story that unfolds from inside the mind of Oskar Schell, an inventive eleven year old New Yorker whose discovery of a key in the belongings of his father, who died in the World Trade Center on 9/11. This sets him off on an urgent search for the lock it opens. As Oskar's quest takes him across the city, he encounters an eclectic assortment of people- survivors in their own way- who help uncover links to his father, preserving a connection to the man who helped Oskar confront his fears about the noisy, dangerous world around him.

Suncor

Tom & Tsuyako Tajiri

Masaye Tanaka

Sam & Betty Taniguchi

Margaret & Bob Thole

Teruko Tokitsu

Tonarigumi Lethbridge & District Japanese Senior Citizen Drop in Centre

**Total - \$8,760**

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.

## Fourth Annual Bake & Craft Sale

Photos: John Dubbelboer, Akira Ichikawa

The 4th Dana Day Bake, Craft and Toy Sale on Dec. 1, grossed \$7,679.65, with the following breakdown: bake sale of sushi, manju, mein noodles and donated pastries, \$5,985.05; Dharma class used toy sale, \$329.85; and crafts, \$1,363.75. The crafts portion previously was assigned to the JSBTC WF Buddhist Women's World Convention in Calgary in 2015.

All expenses were not available at the time of this publication.

BTSA thanks all those who made up the large crowd for their attendance and patronage. It also is grateful to all the temple volunteers who donated pastries, crafts, and countless hours making sushi, manju and mein noodles. Thanks also go to everyone who helped organize and served in various capacities during the sale.

The \$329.85 raised through the sale of Dharma chips and gently-used toys by the Dharma class was spent on Dec. 9 at the Superstore to purchase items to donate to the Lethbridge Interfaith Food Bank.

In addition to the \$1,363.75 from the sale of craft items made or donated by the temple craft group, the BTSA has earmarked for the world convention \$822 from movie night proceeds and \$226.25 from Obon crafts sales. Less expenses of \$78, the total amounts to \$2,234 thus far. The craft group is scheduled to begin meeting again soon.



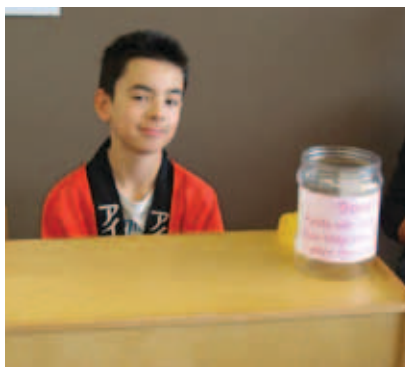
Getting ready - makisushi and inarizushi making in the morning of the sale. Packaging mochi manju before the sale begins.



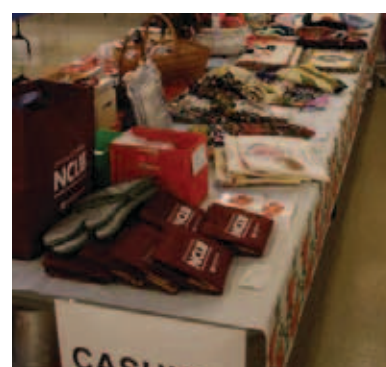
Asha, Lily, Akeo and Seiji lining up Dharma chips in the board room.



Cashiers Sylvia Oishi, Joyce Adachi, Joyce Shigehiro, Pam Tanaka and Val Boras.



Kai as cashier in the used toy area.



Craft table proceeds going toward the 2015 World Buddhist Women's Convention.



Discerning shoppers looking over baked goods



Sushi and manju moved quickly and were soon gone, as were chow mein noodles.



## DECEMBER activities

The class painted glass containers, the candle placed inside symbolizing Amida Buddha's illuminating light and warm compassion. Thank you to Katie Ainscough for donating the glass tea light holders.

Using the money raised from the Dharma class Dana sale, the kids were able to go shopping for at least two families. Afterward everyone enjoyed a pizza lunch put on by Toban 3.



## 2013 Membership Form

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

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Names(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Names(s): \_\_\_\_\_

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 THE DHARMA!**

# Schedule 光 January & February 2013 1月と2月の予定表

## Monthly Shotsuki Memorial Service 祥月法要 (service in English)

Please bring Homyo (Buddhist Name) of your loved one. 法名をご持参ください。

JANUARY: TOBAN 1

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		10:30am New Year's Day Service				
		1	2	3	4	5
10:30am Regular Service		12pm Tonari Gumi	7pm BTSA Board Meeting		7pm Adult Dharma Study/Introduction to Jodo Shinshu (Shin Buddhism)	
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
10:30am Regular Service Choir practice after service		12pm Tonari Gumi 6:30pm Youth Taiko 7pm Adult Taiko	1:30pm Karaoke		7pm Adult Dharma Study/Introduction to Jodo Shinshu	
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
2pm Hoonko/Shotsuki/ New Year's Party		12pm Tonari Gumi 6:30pm Youth Taiko 7pm Adult Taiko	1:30pm Karaoke		7pm Movie Night at the Temple	
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
10:30am Regular Service		12pm Tonari Gumi 6:30pm Youth Taiko 7pm Adult Taiko	1:30pm Karaoke			
27	28	29	30	31		

FEBRUARY: TOBAN 2

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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10:30am Shotsuki Service		12pm Tonari Gumi 6:30pm Youth Taiko 7pm Adult Taiko	1:30pm Karaoke		7pm Adult Dharma Study/Introduction to Jodo Shinshu	
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10:30am Nirvana Day Service Pet Service		12pm Tonari Gumi 6:30pm Youth Taiko 7pm Adult Taiko	1:30pm Karaoke 7pm BTSA Board Meeting			
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