



June 2013

## SENSEI



Ever since I came to Canada as a Buddhist minister at the age of 26, members and friends of the Buddhist temples have called me a 'sensei', for which I am grateful. 'Sensei' literally means one who was born earlier. It means an 'elder'. Even though I was young, elderly members who came to the temple called me 'sensei'. I have almost taken it for granted. When I think about it, this is indeed a great title and honor. The term 'sensei' is usually translated in the West as 'teacher' or 'expert' in any field, such as judo, karate, tea ceremony, flower arrangement and also in the world of business. There are many senseis / experts in all kinds of fields these days.

In the field of Buddha Dharma (Buddhism), however, I think that a historical Buddha alone is a genuine 'sensei' and an 'expert' since he is a discoverer of Truth (Dharma) for our spiritual liberation.

Venerable Shinran (1173-1263) never referred to himself as a 'teacher' of the Buddha Dharma. He was always a humble and sincere listener of the Truth, the Dharma.

In his poem he wrote:

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*I am such that I do not  
know right and wrong  
And cannot distinguish false and true;  
I lack even small love  
and small compassion,  
And yet, like to be called 'teacher of people'  
for fame and profit.*

Of course, he knew right from wrong and he was able to distinguish what was false from true in a relative sense; but, he examined and reflected on himself, his ego-self, truly and deeply in the light of absolute wisdom and compassion of the Buddha, and found he was ashamed of himself. Thus, his poem of a deep sense of shame was born. The sense of shame is a natural consequence in religious life. It is said that those who have no sense of 'shame' are called a 'beast' and are not human. Perhaps, only humans may feel 'shame' when they stand before true and real life.

Venerable Shinran was a compassionate individual and always humble before the Buddha. He did not claim himself to be a teacher of the Dharma. Rather he said "I have no disciples." He did not even claim himself to be the founder of the new school called Jodo Shinshu (The True Essence of Pure Land). It was his followers who called Venerable Shinran the founder and the teacher of the new school. He did not seek fame or personal profit. He was not a glory-seeker. And yet, beyond time and place, he has been respected and admired by millions of people in the world today long after his passing. Why is this so? I think it is because people in any age admire someone who lives a true and real life.

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

### 「共に生きる」

暦はもう6月になりました。一年の半分です。時間は人間の都合で造りあげたものですが、これによっていろいろと将来の計画や予定を立てています。それでうっかりすると、何となくいつまでも生きていられる、と勘違いするのです。生と死の狭間を一瞬、一瞬、死につつ生きていることを忘れてしまいます。「人の死は見ていましたが、自分も死ぬのであった、ということをおぼえていました。」というのが私たちの正直なところ。自分もまた死ぬのであった、と知るとき、今の命の重さ、尊さが改めて知らされるのではないのでしょうか。若い命だから尊いものではありません。老いの命も尊いのです。元気な体だから尊いではありません。病に横たわる体も尊いのです。しかも、一日一日の命は、多くの命に支えられていました。自分の命だから、あるいは他人の命だから、どうしてもかまわない、ということはありません。

日々、報道を通して知らされる人間同士の命の軽視は、いよいよ目に余るものがあります。私たちは自分の命も人の命も、若い命も、老いた命も、元気な命も、病にある命も、みな等しく尊いものであるという、この分かりきった事実を、もう一度見直して、共に生きることの出来る世界を願いたいものです。 合掌 泉

# BTSA NOTES

June in southern Alberta can be fickle and the most we can hope for is a nice, hot day for our annual picnic at the Elks Community Kitchen on June 16. Make it an outing for the entire family. We have the compound from 9 a.m. to mid-afternoon to eat, visit and laze about, so bring your family, relatives and friends.

BTSA will provide Kentucky Fried Chicken. We're asking everyone to bring their own plates and utensils to help the environment. Also, since it's a potluck lunch, please bring your delicious contributions to share with fellow members.

The regular Sunday service will begin at 10:30 a.m. We'll try to have the gates to the compound opened by 10 a.m. Games and prizes are planned for the children, with the usual bingo games wrapping up the day's activities. One dampening word: in case of inclement weather, we'll hold the picnic at the temple.

BTSA will be hosting a speaker from the Bhutanese community in Lethbridge on June 6 at 7 p.m. Please turn out for this public lecture at the temple to learn about our community's newest and growing group of settlers with connections to Buddhism.

Our deeply-felt thanks to everyone who worked so diligently at the spring chow mein supper on May 4. The spirit of giving and cooperation were visible throughout the temple. Please look over a related story and photos about the supper elsewhere in this issue.

Obon season is just a month away and plans are afoot for the area cemetery visitations and the bon odori at the Galt Gardens on July 20. Please note that weekly dance practices begin June 10 at the temple and will run each Monday through to the week of the bon odori. A general notice will be going out to ask for your help once again to set up and tear down the decorations.

Rev. Harry Gyoko Bridge is our Obon guest minister from the Oakland Buddhist Temple. See the Obon schedule reprinted elsewhere in this issue to remind you of the sites and times for cemetery visitations and the BTSA service.

At its May board meeting, the directors voted to provide \$2,000 to Kynan Gordon to assist him on his successful application for the Japan youth tour in July. He will be one of nine Canadian delegates on the two-week tour of the 2013 Young Buddhist International Cultural Study Exchange. Our congratulations to Kynan.

Akira Ichikawa



TOBAN 1 at the Soup Kitchen on May 15. From left, Reiko Takeyasu, Sam Kounosu (partially hidden), Dorothy Tomita, May Nishikawa, Lorita Ichikawa, Marie Hirashima, Sumie Tsukishima (helping from Toban 2), Tak Tsujita, Yoko Tsujita, Peter Savage, Akira Ichikawa and May Ohno.

## CHAIR SCHEDULE June & July 2013

### Jun 02 SHOTSUKI

Chair: Deanna Jones  
Audio: Brenda Ikuta

### Jun 09

Chair: Joyce Shigehiro  
Audio: Tak Okamura

### Jun 16 PICNIC (Elks Kitchen)

Chair: Robert Takaguchi  
Audio: John Dubbelboer

### Jun 23

Chair: Roland Ikuta/kids  
Audio: John Dubbelboer

### Jun 30

Chair: John Dubbelboer  
Audio: Akira Ichikawa

### July 07

Chair: Sway Nishimura  
Audio: Brenda Ikuta

### July 14

Chair: Sylvia Oishi  
Audio: Akira Ichikawa

### July 21 BTSA OBON & SHOTSUKI @ 2:30 PM

Chair: Katie Nakagawa  
Audio: Brenda Ikuta

### July 28

Chair: Deanna Jones  
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.

## TOBAN UPDATE

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

### Toban Change

Lilly Oishi will be retiring from leadership of **Toban 1** at the end of September. In a recent meeting, members decided to disband Toban 1 at that time and to individually join another Toban of their choice, effective in the new year. The Toban schedule remains the same for this year.

June	Toban 2
July	Toban 3
August	Toban 4
September	Toban 1
October	Toban 2
November	Toban 3
December	Toban 4

Thanks to **Toban 1** who were kept busy this month with the usual activities, a memorial service dinner, and the Soup Kitchen on May 15.

Thanks to all Toban members and friends who assisted in the preparations and serving of the **Chow Mein Supper**. Special appreciation goes to chair, Judy Takaguchi and the various coordinators.

**Reminder:** Please avoid wearing fragrances of any sort, especially while working in the kitchen with food preparation. This is with respect to those with breathing problems as well as to avoid transfer to the taste of foods.

## “Difficult is it to hear the teachings of the Buddha...”

Since the Temple’s opening, a common complaint is that it is difficult to hear important information whether you have a hearing loss or not. The first step was to improve the overall acoustics of the large and echoing Hondo and Multipurpose Room. We also projected the speaker’s face on the Hondo side screens for those who find lipreading helpful in understanding a message. These strategies are insufficient for many hard of hearing people who have particular difficulty understanding speech in group settings. Their hearing aids are not sufficient to control for the combined factors of hearing loss, poor acoustics of the environment and possible problems with speech discrimination.

As a next step, the BTSA has begun trialing a FM system for the Hondo. With the help of Rytch Newmiller from the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Society we have started a one-month trial with 6 volunteers who are currently having difficulty hearing the messages in the Hondo. The volunteers wear earphones connected to battery-operated receivers. We have installed a transmitter, which picks up the signal from Sensei’s mic and delivers it right to the listeners’ ears so they don’t get interference from background noise or the effects of poor hall acoustics. This system can transmit up to 1000 feet so the volunteers can sit anywhere in the Hondo (in the Temple for that matter) and hear the message with same loudness and clarity. The volunteers have a variety of headphones to sample for comfort and personal preference (e.g. some like to be able to hear their neighbor, others like to block out all sound except the message coming from the main speaker).

Sunday, May 19 was the first day of the trial, Rytch was available to fit the volunteers with receivers and earphones. He adjusted the transmitter to maximize the sounds they were receiving. He also made himself available to answer any questions after the service. Rytch will continue to work closely with the BTSA for the length of the trial so that we get the best outcomes possible for our members. Already we have had positive comments from the volunteers who said they “heard every single word of Sensei’s message for the first time” and some weren’t aware they had been missing so much information until they tried the FM system.

If anyone has questions or comments about the system, please direct them to Brenda Ikuta or Akira Ichikawa. You can catch us on most Sundays at the Temple or contact us via phone or email (see below). The Board wants to make well-informed decisions and maximize the running of the temple for the benefit of all of the congregation. This system will allow greater inclusion and participation of hard of hearing members in the various programs and services of the Temple.

In Gassho,  
Brenda Ikuta

Brenda Ikuta (403) 317-0078 or rolkuta@shaw.ca  
Akira Ichikawa (403) 327-1668 or ichikawa@uleth.ca

## 2013 SPRING Chow Mein Supper

All 2000 tickets for the 2013 Spring Chow Mein supper were sold and the event was held under pleasant weather conditions. The financial summary follows:

2000 tickets sold.....	\$20,000
Leftover supplies sold.....	\$625
Cash Donations.....	\$350
Total Gross Income .....	\$20,975
Total Expense.....	\$3,915
Total Profit.....	\$17,060

BTSA thanks Judy Takaguchi who chaired the event, reprising her successful chairing of the previous fall supper. Great job, Judy.

BTSA expresses its gratitude to all those who toiled on the weekend preparing ingredients and putting the suppers together. The temple truly depends on everyone’s help for this major undertaking.

Thanks to the donors and their donations:

- Nakagama’s - Ken Nakagama
- Regent Restaurant - Wayne Kwan
- Glen Tanaka
- Taber Safeway - Rod Yokoyama
- Gouw’s Quality Onions - Casey and Kyle Gouw
- Westbridge Construction - Lyle Sakamoto
- Harwood Distributor - Jim Wallace
- Taber Transport - Kei Nishida
- Joe & Sumi Tomiyama and Wanda Tomiyama
- P & H Milling Group - Bob Grebinsky
- Norris Hironaka - Hironaka Employees Benefit

We look forward with gratitude to everyone’s continued support and assistance for future chow mein suppers.





# 2013 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

### Notes

\*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 of membership does not include membership in the Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Temples of Canada.

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OF THE DHARMA!**

## Memberships to May 24, 2013: 200

### Shotsuki Hoyo Donations

May 2013

Mary-Jean Aubin  
Dorene Gordon  
Chiduka Hamabata  
Randy Higa  
Shinako (Sheila) Higa  
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Toshiko Tanaka  
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**Total \$1,520**

### Other Donations

May 2013  
Dick Adachi  
Elizabeth Adachi  
Bob S & Molly Akune

Roy & Itoko Akune  
Rev Tatsuya Aoki  
June & Richard Asano  
Martha M. Banno  
Lorna Bishop  
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JSBTC Ministerial Association  
Kiyoshi & Marion Mori  
Amy Nagamatsu  
Amy Nakamura  
Teiji Nakamura  
Nikkei Cultural Society  
of Lethbridge & Area  
Kimiko Ohno  
Dave Ohori  
Rocky & Jean Oishi  
Yumiko Osaka  
Jagjit S. (Jack) Panesar  
Jeanne & Larry Ryan  
Bud Sakamoto  
Shig Sakamoto  
Florence Senda  
Ken & Nancy Setoguchi  
Bob & Eiko Shigehiro  
Tom & Mitsuko Shigehiro  
June Sugimoto  
Noboru & Kazuko Sugimoto  
Miyo Sunada

Noris & Sachiko Taguchi  
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Reiko Takeyasu  
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Elaine Tanaka  
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Ken & Ruby Yoshioka  
Bette Zmeko

**Total \$7,165**

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.

## REGULAR EVENTS

### Southern Alberta Buddhist Choir

Contact: Katie Nakagawa 403. 327.4296 or katieinak@shaw.ca

**Tonari Gumi** will end for the season on June 25 and will resume September 3rd. Tuesdays 12 - 3 pm

**Taiko Class** Tuesdays 7 - 8:30 pm

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

**The Lethbridge Karaoke Club** will resume in the fall.

**Junior Minyo Dancers** Dress rehearsal Saturday, June 1 at 1:30pm at the Coast Lethbridge Hotel & Conference Centre.

Contact: Pat Sassa at 403.329.3105.

## PROGRAMS

**Gentle Yoga for seniors** and **Aiki Breathing** will commence again in the fall. Contact lorita.ichikawa@gmail.com or 403.327.1668

**Women's Federation World Convention Craft Group** will meet on the 2nd Sunday in June, following service and tea and continue on the 3rd Sunday of the month thereafter. Please contact: Totsy Nishimura 403.752.3435 or swayan@telusplanet.net

**Dharma Study** will resume in September

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Condolences** The BTSA expresses heartfelt sympathy to those who have lost loved ones: **Naomi Fujimoto (63) May 13, 2013**

**Bon Odori Practice** will begin Monday, June 10, 6:30 - 7:30 pm and continue weekly through July 15. Participants are asked to arrive early to dress. The temple will be open at 6 pm for this purpose.

## REMINDER: 2013 Obon Schedule and Cemetery Visitations

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|----------------|---------|--|
| <b>July 7</b>  | 11 am   | Brooks Cemetery visitation (ohakamairi and Obon Service at Heritage Inn)   |
| <b>July 14</b> | 10 am   | Magrath Cemetery visitation  |
|                | 11 am   | Temple Hill Cemetery visitation  |
| <b>July 20</b> | 6 pm    | Bon Odori - Galt Gardens, Lethbridge ( <b>Please note 6pm is the correct starting time, NOT 6:30 as published in the May Hikari.</b> ) |
| <b>July 21</b> | 1 pm    | Mountain View Cemetery visitation;   |
|                | 2:30 pm | BTSA Obon Service at the temple  |
| <b>July 28</b> | 1 pm    | Taber Cemetery visitation & Obon gathering   |



Harry G. Bridge, sensei, will be the guest speaker for Obon.



## The BHUTANESE Community in LETHBRIDGE

**Sarah Amies,**  
from Lethbridge  
Immigrant Services



**Abi Adikari,**  
from the Bhutanese community

Over 100,000 Bhutanese lived in U.N. run refugee camps in Nepal established in the early 1990's - some had lived there for nearly two decades. Canada was one of eight countries that committed to the resettlement of these refugees - between 2007 to the present, a total of 6,500 people.

Since 2007 the refugees have settled in 21 communities across Canada including Lethbridge. With over 500 Bhutanese here and more to come, they are becoming one of the larger ethnic communities in Lethbridge.

We invite these speakers to inform us about the Bhutanese community and culture, as well as their life in the refugee camps, their coming to Canada, and their re-settlement in Lethbridge. We have invited members of the Bhutanese community to attend this event and we take the opportunity to welcome them to both our City and Temple.

**Thursday, June 6, 2013**  
**7 - 8 pm**  
**@ BTSA**

Discussion & Refreshments to follow.

## BUDDHIST Q & A

### What is a Nenju (念珠)?

The Nenju literally means "Thought Beads". Buddhists usually carry it in their pockets and purses. It is a reminder that the Buddha is constantly thinking of us who are living in the life of various afflictions and frustrations. The Nenju is also called a Juzu. Rennyō Shōnin (1415-1499, 8th head priest of the Hongwanji) once said that "Receive Buddha's teaching with Juzu. Don't grasp the Buddha with bare hands." (Y.I.)

## 2013 JSBTC/JSBTC WF AGM REPORTS

### JSBTC AGM

Submitted by Roland Ikuta

Delegates representing BTSA at the JSBTC AGM on April 26 and 27 were Roland Ikuta and Joyce Shigehiro

The weekend started April 26 with a pre-AGM meeting with delegates from across Canada attending. There were 48 delegates and ministers representing most of the temples from the JSBTC. The temples represented were Steveston, Vancouver, Fraser Valley, Vernon, Kelowna, Calgary, BTSA, Winnipeg, Toronto, and Hamilton. Montreal and Kamloops were not able to send delegates.

The activities began with a team-building session for the delegates, which was expertly facilitated by Trudy Gallagher, a member of the Calgary Buddhist Temple. She has previously facilitated sessions for the JSBTC board of directors and the Ministerial Association. The session highlighted some of the new and positive programs that have been occurring at temples across the country. It was an excellent session and many very positive ideas were shared.

After a pasta and pizza dinner at Luigi's the delegates attended a pre-AGM meeting. This session was primarily to go over the financial situation of the JSBTC. This current year due to the bishop only being a part time position and the ability to rent out the bishop's residence the national organization had a surplus budget. It was recommended that the assessments for 2013 remain at \$65 per person.

The following morning started with the opening service. The delegates then participated in the AGM. Several decisions were made during the AGM:

1. It was announced that Rev James Martin would be the Minister advisor to the women's federation.
2. It was announced that the board of directors selected Rev T. Aoki from Vancouver to be the new part time bishop and that Rev Grant Ikuta would not serve a second term. This was because, Steveston Buddhist temple did not support Rev Grant in being both the part time bishop and the resident minister for Steveston. Rev Aoki had support from the Vancouver temple to take on both tasks.
3. The financial reports were approved with the assessment for members of each temple remaining at \$65 per person. The JSTBC is expected to run a slight deficit budget this year which will be off set by the surplus from 2012.
4. Each temple presented a brief summary of temple activities and highlights for the other members of the JSTBC.
5. Susan Huntley provided a summary of the preparation for the WWF2015 convention including a slide show presentation.
6. There will be an attempt to revive the National committee to help coordinate the Living Dharma Center in Toronto. Each temple was asked to select a member from their board who could participate in regular (3-4 times per year) teleconference meetings.
7. There was an election of new board members. There

were 4 vacancies with 7 nominees. The following are the new board for the JSTBC:

- Larry Wakisaka - Vice President (term ends 2014) from Toronto Buddhist Church
- Arnie Hayashi - Secretary (term ends 2015) from Vernon Buddhist Temple
- Itoko Akune - Treasurer (term ends 2015) from Steveston Buddhist Temple
- Amy Wakisaka - Director (term ends 2015) from Toronto Buddhist Church
- Susan Huntley - Director (term ends 2015) from Calgary Buddhist Temple
- Sylvia Oishi - Director (term ends 2015) from BTSA
- Greg Chor - President (term ends 2014) from Vancouver Buddhist Temple
- Rev. Tomofumi Fujii - Minister Association Chair (ex-officio)
- Rev. Tatsuya Aoki - Bishop-elect (ex-officio)
- David Ohori - previous President (ex-officio)

The meeting was concluded early. A banquet with food provided by LA chefs was held at the temple on Saturday evening. There was a brief program with the Junior Taiko drummers, the Junior Minyo dancers and Katie Nakagawa and Sway Nishimura performing.

In summary the JSBTC meeting transpired with no difficulties and the delegates expressed a great deal of appreciation to the BTSA for hosting the meeting. Thanks to Akira Ichikawa and various members who helped in making the event run so smoothly.

Next years AGM will be held in Vancouver Buddhist Temple.

### JSBTC WF AGM Report

Submitted by Donna Dubbelboer

Friday evening (Apr. 26) : Trudy Gahlinger facilitated discussions on the WF Strengths, Challenges, Opportunities and Threats. We worked on areas of focus for the upcoming years including an action plan.

Saturday (Apr. 27) : Topics discussed and action taken during the meeting.

1. Rev. James Martin was named Ministerial Advisor for the JSBTCWF.
2. Dana Day funds are being divided between Partners in the Horn of Africa Charity (\$2,000) and a Women's organization providing social welfare within Canada (\$3,000) to be determined.
3. There will be a Japan Youth Tour in 2013 with Rev. Aoki as the coordinator.
4. We are continuing to save stamps for "Save the Children" and "Oxfam"
5. Hiroko Yoshihara will continue collecting foreign coins.
6. Fundraising for the JSBTC WF- wisteria and thank you cards
7. Sustaining Fund - Rev. Aoki has put in a request for assistance to further his education.
8. Fund raising ideas for the WBW Convention were shared among temples.
9. JSBTC WF Handbook and By-laws have been updated.
10. Susan Huntley gave a presentation on the WBW Convention and distributed posters, pens, notepads and a USB stick with information on the Convention.
11. WBW Representatives meeting will be held in Calgary on June 1st, 2013.
12. Monto-shikisho for the 2015 Convention are being made and requests for orders will be sent out.



THE BUDDHIST TEMPLE OF SOUTHERN ALBERTA

## children & youth dharma classes



Kids served cake at the Parents' Day tea after service on Mother's Day. Dharma students Asha and Lily came up with creative ways to wrap small gifts of tea bags for members.



Thank you to members who dropped off perennials for the garden. We also greatly appreciate Marko Hilgersom who came by frequently in May to maintain the garden (left).

The Dharma class was able to have service outside now that spring has arrived (below).



We continue to collect Canadian Tire dollars to help purchase sports and playground equipment. Thank you!

## NOTICES & UPCOMING EVENTS

### JUNE

The theme for the month of June will be MINDFULNESS. Each week an activity will introduce different ways to learn about being mindful in everyday life and its benefits. Activities are based on the book, *Planting Seeds* by Thich Nhat Hanh and the Plum Village Community.

If any members have an interest in leading a discussion or project on this topic please contact Maya (mayaichikawa9@gmail.com).

### JULY & AUGUST

There will be no formal classes during the summer months but the Dharma room will be available to parents and kids during Sunday service and tea.

The Dharma class committee will plan to meet in the summer to discuss projects for the fall. A notice will be sent out for those interested in attending.

### Don't Forget! BTSA Picnic June 16th



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# Schedule 光 June & July 2013

## 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。

\*July and August Monthly Memorial Service will be held on July 21 (Sun)

JUNE: TOBAN 2

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1:30pm Junior Minyo Dancers (Coast Hotel) <b>1</b>
10:30am Shotsuki Memorial Service <b>2</b>	11am Aiki Breathing <b>3</b>	12pm Tonari Gumi 7pm Taiko <b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	7pm Presentation: The Bhutanese Community in Lethbridge <b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
10:30am Regular Service <b>9</b>	6:30pm Bon Odori Dance practice <b>10</b>	12pm Tonari Gumi 7pm Taiko <b>11</b>	7pm BTSA Board Meeting <b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>
10:30am Service & Picnic at Elk's Kitchen <b>16</b>	6:30pm Bon Odori Dance practice <b>17</b>	12pm Tonari Gumi 7pm Taiko <b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
10:30am Service <b>23</b>	6:30pm Bon Odori Dance practice <b>24</b>	12pm Tonari Gumi 7pm Taiko <b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	6:30pm Bon Odori Dance practice <b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
10:30am Regular Service (Obon service and cemetery visitation in Brooks) <b>7</b>	6:30pm Bon Odori Dance practice <b>8</b>	7pm Taiko <b>9</b>	7pm BTSA Board Meeting <b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
10:30am Regular Service (Cemetery visitations in Magrath & Temple Hill) <b>14</b>	6:30pm Bon Odori Dance practice <b>15</b>	7pm Taiko <b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	6pm Bon Odori Galt Gardens <b>20</b>
1pm Mountain View Cemetery Visitation 2:30pm Obon Service <b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	7pm Taiko <b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
10:30am Regular Service (Obon gathering and cemetery visitation in Taber) <b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	7pm Taiko <b>30</b>	<b>31</b>			