



March 2016

When a person hears and entrusts to Amida's universal compassion, he or she is praised by the Buddha as a person of excellent understanding. Such a person is called a pure white lotus.



In a small village, there was a man who was about to die but was very afraid of dying. He feared his own death and dying. His family called a Buddhist priest and asked him to say something to console the dying person. The priest came and talked about Buddha's teaching. The dying man said: "I have been listening to that kind of talk for many years. I know about the teaching but it does not help me now." The family members were at a loss. They could not handle the situation. One of them said, "Perhaps, we should call Shoma and ask for his help." Shoma was a respected elder in the village. Although he was not an educated man, people called him a wonderful person (Myokonin) awakening of Buddha's compassion like a pure white lotus.

So, they decided to call Shoma. He immediately came to the man's house. When he arrived, however, he passed the dying man's bed, and went directly to the room with the Buddha's shrine. He sat in front of the shrine, bowed to the Buddha and lit a candle. When he was about to chant a sutra, the family members were startled and said, "Oh, Shoma-san, wait, wait. The reason we asked you to come

today is to give our dying father your enlightened words. So, please tell him something." To this, Shoma said: "What are you talking about? That's Buddha's job. I have nothing to tell him. Don't you know that Amida Buddha of great compassion has been standing here? He is already enlightened for our sake? What else do you want?"

Shoma's remarks were heard like thunder by the dying man lying in the next room. He said, "That's right. Oh, I have completely forgotten to rely on the compassion of the Buddha who has achieved the way to be born in the realm of enlightenment for me. Instead, I was relying upon myself, my ignorant and imperfect self. How foolish I was." Saying this, he quietly recited Namu Amida Butsu in gratitude.

Amida Buddha is called the Buddha who perfectly fulfilled self-benefit and benefit for others. The Pure Land is called the fulfilled land of the boundless and unconditional compassion. "Self-benefit" means that Amida became a Buddha for us. "Benefit for others" means to allow us to be born in the Pure Land. In other words, Amida Buddha is the Buddha who is always working for our rebirth in the Pure Land. The Pure Land is not the product of fairy tales. It is not the product of our contrivance. It is not a geographical place either. Our Master Shinran encountered Amida's heart of compassion in this life. So did elder Shoma. I remember a beautiful poem: Time to fall is the moment to float. How wonderful the lotus flower is! Just let it go, for Amida Buddha is always holding and supporting us as we are.

春を間近かに

南アルバータでは二月中頃から珍しく春日和が続いています。その反面、東部方面は厳しい寒さのようです。もっとも、アルバータの天気はなかなか予想出来ません。ころころ変わる天気です。3月に入っても今までに何度も寒波がやってきたり大雪になったりしました。しかし、移り変わるのは天気だけではありません。私たちの心も状況次第でどんどん変わります。心が変わると、言葉も変わるのが私たちです。突然変わる天気も怖いですが、ころころ変わる自分の心も恐ろしいです。人間はその恐ろしい心を持っています。親鸞聖人は「愛と憎しみ」は裏と表になっていて、実際には一つであると見られました。このような心を持って、たとえ仏道を歩いても、尊い仏様にはなれません。そのことをすでにご存知の智慧の仏様は、今日も、私たちのために慈悲のお姿となって働いていてくださいます。そのことに気付かされるたびに、感謝のお念仏を申しませう。お念仏、南無阿彌陀仏は、おまじないではありません。仏様の真実からの呼び声であり、その働きに応える私たちの声でもあります。ますます、聴聞いたしましょう。

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

BTSA Notes

The lion's roar that proverbially accompanies the onset of March is forecast to be little more than a kitten's "meow" as our spring-like weather since the turn of the new year continues.

BTSA starts the new month with its annual general meeting, following the monthly memorial service, on Mar. 6, and hopes the mild temperatures will draw a good crowd. It's also the first Sunday of the month when there is a usual tea following shotsuki service, so the AGM will start after the reception.

The board continues to seek new directors, so please consider serving a term or two (one term is two years) to look after temple affairs. Time commitments are not too onerous, and new ideas associated with new blood are always welcomed.

Several important matters will be on the agenda so it would be great if a large turnout could discuss them and give direction to the board for the coming year. The board will recommend keeping the 2017 membership donation at \$100.

The vernal equinox, heralding spring, serves as the basis for ohigan which the temple will commemorate with its regular Sunday service on Mar. 20. This and the autumnal equinox in September are regular features of Jodo Shinshu observations that emphasize the balance in our lives at a time when the weather isn't too extreme, and are additional occasions to express our appreciation for our daily lives.

The following regular Sunday service on Mar. 27 will be the Eshinni-Kakushinni memorial, recognizing the contributions to Jodo Shinshu by Eshinni--Shinran's wife--and Kakushinni, their daughter.

The new month also brings us daylight savings time on the second Sunday--this year, Mar. 13--when clocks should be advanced an hour at 2 a.m. Please make sure to "spring forth" your clocks an hour so that you won't miss the regular Sunday service later in the day.

February ended on a busy note with mein-making on the 27th, for the first time with two shifts. We made extra batches in preparation for our spring chow mein supper which also will be a first--the first BTSA supper scheduled on a Sunday, May 1. Tickets at \$12 were distributed at the mein-making.

We'd like to have a Sunday service--however brief--on the day, perhaps even during the mid-morning coffee break.

A number of board members travelled to India on a tour led by Roy and Itoko Akune of the Steveston temple, pushing our monthly board meeting back a couple of weeks. They returned--along with other BTSA members who attended the tour--with numerous stories to tell about the sights, especially at locations associated with the historical Buddha.

Please look over Brenda Ikuta's account elsewhere in this Hikari, along with photos and names of those who were on the tour.

The belated February board meeting considered some items that will come up at the AGM. It also decided to consider the desirability of installing protective cover material along both walls of the north side hallway and entry area that shows some wear since the temple opened in 2009 and a review to modernize the audio/visual system in the hondo. We'll keep everyone apprised of the developments on these and other fronts.

As always, members are welcome to board meetings and to look over board minutes that are shelved in loose-leaf binders in the board room.

Akira Ichikawa

CHAIR SCHEDULE March & April 2016

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

Mar 06 SHOTSUKI
Chair: Sheila Oishi
Audio: John Dubbelboer

Mar 13
Chair: Florence Senda
Audio: Sway Nishimura

Mar 20
Chair: Robert Takaguchi
Audio: Akira Ichikawa

Mar 27
Chair: Deanna Jones
Audio: Ross Jacobs

Apr 03 HANAMATSURI/
SHOTSUKI @ 2 pm
Chair: Roland Ikuta
Audio: Brenda Ikuta

Apr 10
Chair: Kynan Gordon
Audio: Tak Okamura

Apr 17
Chair: Katie Nakagawa
Audio: John Dubbelboer

Apr 24
Chair: Ross Jacobs
Audio: Sway Nishimura

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.

Dharma class MCs may assist or take the place of those assigned. This will be prearranged.

Reminder to check the doors before you leave the temple

This is a notice to all people who use the BTSA temple. We have noticed on several occasions that the exit doors to the temple are not properly locked. The issue is particularly with the door to the kitchen, the North West door and the double door to enter the multipurpose room on the East side of the building. The doors have had the lock activated but they are not pulled tight so they are left ajar. Please make sure to tug on the doors as you leave the temple even if you think you are not the last one out. Make sure the doors are locked and they are not left ajar. Thank you for your diligence on this matter.

BTSA Board of Directors.

Annual General Meeting - March 6

Please keep in mind that the temple's annual general meeting is scheduled for March 6, following the monthly memorial service.

Plan on attending and participating to review the events of the past year and to discuss plans for the coming 12 months. Besides reports from the board regarding financial and other activities, elections will be held to select directors to the board. Expected also is the review engagement from the firm of Moriyama Wolsey, outlining the state of the temple's finances.

There will be several outstanding matters requiring the decision of the membership, among them one about the Calgary loan of \$200,000 that was approved last year.

The board looks forward to a great turnout to listen to members' ideas, concerns and interests to keep the temple vital and responsive.

Upcoming Special Services - Spring Ohigan, Hanamatsuri



Spring Ohigan on Mar. 20 and Hanamatsuri on Apr. 3 are upcoming special services scheduled for BTSA. Ohigan will be held in conjunction with the regular Sunday service from 10:30 a.m., while Hanamatsuri will begin at 2 p.m., followed by a festive reception in the multipurpose room.

The regular Mar. 27 service will include a memorial to Eshinni and Kakushinni, important women in Jodo Shinshu history. Eshinni was the wife of Shinran and Kakushinni, their daughter.

Please mark these important dates on your calendar and plan on attending to commemorate these important events.

JSBTC-Sponsored Tour to Japan

The Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Temples of Canada is sponsoring a 14-day tour of Japan in connection with a series of special accession ceremonies for Sennyō Monshū (Monshū Kōjun Ohtani) this autumn.

The tour trip, which begins Oct. 10, concludes with the special services, including one on Oct. 21 especially for the Overseas Districts. Prior to the ceremonies in Kyoto, the plan is to travel extensively to familiar and out-of-the way places.

Interested persons are asked to contact Rev. Grant Ikuta, resident minister of the Steveston Buddhist Temple, at 4360 Garry St., Richmond, B.C., V7E 2V2. Ikuta sensei adds that if there are those who wish to join the tour for the accession ceremony in Kyoto and forego the full trip, this can be arranged. The tour is limited to 30 persons.

The accompanying poster is limited in size and difficult to read. For details of the trip, please look at the items on the bulletin board at the temple and on the BTSA website.

Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Temple of Canada Japan Tour 2016

第25代専如門主 伝灯奉告法要 団体参拝と 親鸞聖人ゆかりの地を訪ねる14日間の旅

TOUR WEBSITE : www.kiecan.com/toronto/jsbt/

As space is limited for participation in the Accession Service and since the airfare and hotel accommodations are in very high demand at this time of year in Japan due to it being a favourable travel season, please register now and secure your space before it is all gone.



DEPARTURE **OCT.10, 2016**
RETURN **OCT.23, 2016**
12 nights - 14 days

TOUR PRICE * - minimum 15 participants required -
THE FINAL TOUR PRICE WILL BE ANNOUNCED BY JUNE 30, 2016.

(30 or more participants) **\$6,000** per person / tax included based on double occupancy **

(25 ~ 29 participants) **\$6,100** per person / tax included based on double occupancy **

(20 ~ 24 participants) **\$6,200** per person / tax included based on double occupancy **

(15 ~ 19 participants) **\$6,300** per person / tax included based on double occupancy **

*** TOUR ITINERARY ***

- Day 1 Oct. 10 (Mon) Leave Canada for Japan
- Day 2 Oct. 11 (Tue) TOKYO (東京)
Arrive at Tokyo
- Day 3 Oct. 12 (Wed) TOKYO (東京)
TSUKIJI HONGWANJI, Tokyo sightseeing
- Day 4 Oct. 13 (Thur) TOKYO (東京)
Free at leisure
- Day 5 Oct. 14 (Fri) TOKYO (東京)
Nikko sightseeing, SAINENJI TEMPLE, JIUNJI TEMPLE
- Day 6 Oct. 15 (Sat) YUDANAKA (湯田中温泉)
ZENKOJI TEMPLE, famous "snow monkeys"
- Day 7 Oct. 16 (Sun) UNAZUKI (宇奈月温泉)
KOKUFU BETSUIN, Kurobe Gorge sightseeing
- Day 8 Oct. 17 (Mon) KANAZAWA (金沢)
Kanazawa sightseeing
- Day 9 Oct. 18 (Tue) KAGA (加賀温泉)
EIHENJI TEMPLE
- Day 10 Oct. 19 (Wed) KYOTO (京都)
Free at leisure
- Day 11 Oct. 20 (Thur) KYOTO (京都)
MT. HIEI, HINO TANJO-IN, SUMINOBO, OTANI HONBYO
- Day 12 Oct. 21 (Fri) KYOTO (京都)
HONGWANJI ACCESSION SERVICE, Joint dinner
- Day 13 Oct. 22 (Sat) KYOTO (京都)
Free at leisure
- Day 14 Oct. 23 (Sun) Back to Canada

* Check payment price. Subject to 3% handling fee for credit card payment.
** Single occupancy supplement \$1,180 will be required if you cannot find room-share participant.

< Included >
- return air fare between Canada and Japan (economy class)
- 12 nights hotel accommodation (superior class)
- meals breakfast : daily lunch : 9 times dinner : 8 times
- all the transportations listed in the tour itinerary (private and/or public)
- sightseeing tours with English speaking guide listed in the tour itinerary
- special joint dinner with U.S. group on Oct. 21
- admission for all sightseeing places and temples
- English speaking tour escort

< NOT included >
- meals other than stated on itinerary
- portorage and gratuities at hotel
- personal incidental charges
- travel insurance - Purchase recommended. Ask our travel consultant.

< Payments >
- No deposit required at the time of tour registration
- \$500 non-refundable deposit is due at the time of air ticket arrangements (air ticket arrangement due will be advised later)
- Full payment is due by June 10, 2016

< Cancellation Policy >
- \$500 cancellation penalty if cancelled after air ticket arrangements
- 50% cancellation penalty if cancelled by July 10, 2016
- 100% cancellation penalty if cancelled after August 10, 2016



Check out our dedicated tour website www.kiecan.com/toronto/jsbt/ for details, or feel free to contact KINTETSU, appointed travel agency.



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2016 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 B.T.S.A. 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!

PET APPRECIATION Service

The annual Pet Appreciation service was held Feb. 14 in conjunction with the Nirvana Day service to commemorate the death of Sakyamuni during that month. Several photos were displayed of pets on the naijin.

Izumi sensei reminded those present that the name of the service was changed from Pet Memorial to Pet Appreciation to include living pets as well as those that are deceased.

He said the story goes that as the Buddha rested on his deathbed, many animals gathered around him along with his disciples and other followers. The interconnections between humans and animals--apparent and invisible--are legion, with animals often teaching many lessons. Among them is the truth of ever-changing life, "(E)specially...when they get old and die."

A related point was the legend that the animals who were at the Buddha's side at his death became part of the 12-animal zodiac associated with Chinese culture, but sensei questioned why neither an elephant nor a deer that were prolific in Buddha's time is represented in the zodiac.

Membership to Feb 22, 2016: 76

Shotsuki Donations February, 2016

Ken & April Fleury
Yoshio Fujimoto
Dorene Gordon
Randy Higa
Shinako (Sheila) Higa
Shirley Higa
Neil Hinatsu
Ray & Donna Journoud
Yoko Nishimura
Ken Ohno
May Ohno
Heidi Oishi
Lilly Oishi
Sut & Neva Oishi
Barrie & Jackie-Lynn Barrie
Noris & Sachiko Taguchi
Brenda & Lester Tanner
George Tokuda
Joe & Sumiko Tomiyama
Tak & Yoko Tsujita
Fujio & Yoshiko Tsukishima
Total \$1,480

Other Donations February 2016

Rumiko Ibuki
Tosh Iwamoto
Lethbridge Okinawa Cultural Society
Mitsuko Oga
Pat Tanaka (Building Fund)
Total \$5,786.20

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

Tonari Gumi Tuesdays, 12-3pm

The Lethbridge Karaoke Club Wednesdays, 1:30pm

Contact Nao 403.327.7357 or Tad 403.942.7783

Taiko Class

Adult taiko, Tuesdays @ 7pm

Contact: David Tanaka 403.330.1548 or david@albrio.com

Minyo dancers Tuesdays, 4:30pm

Contact Pat Sassa 403.329.3105

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Condolences The BTSA expresses heartfelt sympathy to those who have lost loved ones:

Tomoe Hironaka (78) passed away on Feb. 12, 2016

Violet Horii (97) passed away on Feb. 25, 2016

Spring Yoga includes two separate classes taught by Val Kunimoto on Wednesday mornings April 6 through May 11. Suggested donation is \$30 for BTSA members and \$40 for non-members for 6 sessions. Each class is limited to 15 participants and is open to the community as well as BTSA members. Both classes are currently full, but we can waitlist you in case of cancellations. Contact or lorita.ichikawa@gmail.com We are happy and excited to welcome Val back!

TOBAN UPDATE

Thanks to **Toban 2** who put on a tasty spread for February Shotsuki (monthly memorial). Thanks also to Dee, Ren, Keiko and Totsy for the tea and refreshments on February 14 for Pet Appreciation and Valentines Day. Special appreciation to Totsy for bringing goodies for the dharma classes each week.

Each Toban serves four separate months during the year, along with all-temple events such as mein-making and various fund raisers.

Toban Schedule:

March Toban 3	June Toban 4
April Toban 2	July Toban 3
May Toban 3	Aug Toban 2

Soup Kitchen: March 16 Toban 4

Contact 403.327.1668
or lorita.ichikawa@gmail.com



2016 OBON Schedule

Here's an early listing of Obon events in July to help prepare for this important Jodo Shinshu commemoration.

July 3(Sun)	11 am	Brooks Cemetery visitation (Obon service at Heritage Inn)
July 10 (Sun)	10 am	Magrath Cemetery visitation
	11 am	Temple Hill Cemetery visitation
July 16 (Sat)	6 pm	Bon Odori at Galt Gardens
July 17 (Sun)	1 pm	Mountain View Cemetery visitation
	2:30	BTSA Obon/Shotsuki Service at the Temple
July 23 (Sat)	1 pm	Taber Cemetery visitation



FOR CHILDREN ONLY

Did you know that monkeys love to take baths? I found a picture of a few monkeys enjoying and relaxing together in a hot spring! Their faces are really red. I've put up the picture on the Dharma School Bulletin Board, so, please take a look. It is not a fake. What amazes me the most about the picture is that they are putting their palms together in gassho! When you take a look at the picture, please remember the following: We have ears with which to listen. We have mouths with which to speak. We have hearts and minds with which to appreciate. So, let's not forget to listen to Buddha's teachings, to put our hands together in gassho, and to say "Namo Amida Butsu", thank you, for Buddha's love. And then, smile in gratitude! (Y.I.)

BUDDHIST Q & A

Q. I like the sound of a large gong during the service. Is striking the gong a kind of prayer to the Buddha?

お内陣の大鐘(だいぎん)は何のため?

A. I also like the sound of a large gong during the service. Basically, the gong is struck to specify breaks and pauses during chanting. An important thing is that the sound of the gong which resonates in our Hondo or Main Hall creates a religious atmosphere in which we will be able to reflect on ourselves. In our deep reflection we appreciate the working of Amida Buddha calling us always. In Jodo Shinshu teaching there is no petitionary prayer or superstitious belief. This is because the teaching is based on the awakening of Buddha's working of compassion and not on individual belief. (Y.I.)

Following the Footsteps of the Buddha in Incredible India

We just got back (Feb. 15) from an amazing 14-day of tour of India attended by many friends, family and Temple members from across Canada. The group was led by Roy and Itoko Akune who were going to India for the third time.

There were 24 of us: members came from BTSA that included John and Donna Dubbelboer, Jim and Sumie Tsukishima, Sylvia Oishi, Roland and Brenda Ikuta, Joyce Adachi and her sister Jane Adachi. Others included: Cheryl and Doug Caldwell and Susan Huntley from Calgary; Hu and Mari Cameron from Vernon; Tanis Moore from Winnipeg; Jerry and Laurie Takeda from Kelowna; Clay Tippett and Mitsuko Oishi from Vancouver; and Irene Shimoda, Janet Carnegie and Elisabeth Hasznos from Toronto.

The first week covered what is referred to as the “Golden Triangle”: Delhi, Agra and Jaipur. We began the pilgrimage portion of the trip the second week. We flew to Varanasi and proceeded by bus to historical sites where the Buddha spent critical periods of his life. In Sarnath, the Buddha gave his first sermon. In Bodhgaya he spent six years in penance in a mountain cave then renounced his austere practice to take a more moderate approach. We visited the Mahabodhi Temple and the Mahabodhi tree, said to be a descendent of the original Bodhi Tree under which the Buddha attained enlightenment. We visited Vultures Peak where Buddha preached the Lotus Sutra and the site of Nalanda University, the oldest Buddhist university. We visited Vaishali where he spent his last rainy season and Kushinagar where he passed away. We crossed into Nepal to visit Lumbini, the sacred garden where he was born. We ended with Sravasti where he spent 24 rain retreats.

India is definitely a land of dramatic contrasts, overwhelming sights and sounds, unbelievable experiences around every corner, and is steeped in a history which includes a diversity of cultures and religions. Our guides spoke English and were extremely knowledgeable in the history of Buddhism and Indian culture. They organized a variety of experiences for us which included rixe/ rickshaw rides through the byways of old Delhi, an elephant ride to the Amber Fort, boat excursions on the Ganges River, visits to government approved traditional craft and textile cooperatives, and an opportunity to enjoy traditional dance and music. We were able to visit amazing temples from a variety of religions (Islam, Hindu, Jain, Baha’i) and Buddhist sects (Thai, Bhutanese, Japanese, Tibetan). The transportation experience in itself was memorable; our drivers were thankfully very adept at maneuvering the incredible traffic and road conditions.

The group was wonderfully cohesive and we look forward to sharing our experiences and seeing each other in the future. Our deepest gratitude to our leaders, Roy and Itoko, who spent countless hours coordinating with the tour company both before and during the trip - such generosity and warmth in looking out for all of us! It was wonderful to have an opportunity to look at situations from a Jodo Shinshu perspective and to have services at many meaningful sites. We have a lot to process in the coming months. We look forward to sharing more of our experiences with Temple members so please stay tuned. And please consider joining one of these JSBTC pilgrimages if you are able to in the future...they are well worth it!!

In gassho,
Brenda Ikuta



In front of Daibutsu, Bodhgaya



Anandbodhi tree in Sravasti which is a descendent of the Mahabodhi Tree in Bodhgaya.



22' reclining Buddha in Mahaparinirvana Temple, Kushinagar



Possibly the cave on Vultures Peak where the Buddha stayed during his rain retreats. This is where he gave the Lotus Sutra.



Lumbini Garden



Time for reflection under the Mahabodhi Tree

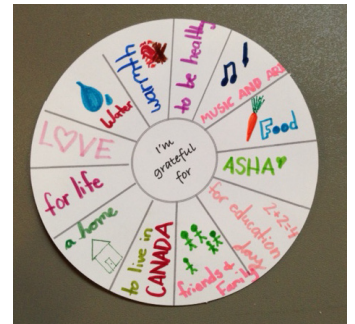


THE BUDDHIST TEMPLE OF SOUTHERN ALBERTA children & youth dharma classes

FEBRUARY A big thanks to Abby McMeekin for leading two Sunday classes this month. We had great discussion and activities about **Right Thought**.

MARCH appears to be a busy months for families. There will be no specific lessons planned, but we encourage you to use the Dharma room and its resources.

APRIL
BTSA Child/Youth Taiko begins on Sundays April 10th starting at 12 noon and continuing every Sunday except when there are monthly memorial or special services. Taiko is after regular Services and Dharma (child/youth) classes. Kynan Gordon will once again lead these sessions which are open to the community. Contact lorita.ichikawa@gmail.com



YOUTH BENTO CLASS

The fourth Youth Bento cooking class on February 25 produced Onigirazu, a popular “sandwich” rice dish in Japan. Six youth joined facilitators Eiko Akune, Brenda Ikuta and Roland Ikuta. The results were delicious. Thank you to all attendees and facilitators.





MARCH: TOBAN 3

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
OFFICIAL BTSA ACTIVITY		12pm Tonari Gumi 4:30pm Minyo Dance 7pm Taiko	1:30pm Karaoke 7pm Development Committee			10am Exploring Jodo Shinshu Buddhism*
		1	2	3	4	5
10:30am Shotsuki Memorial Service* Annual General Meeting		12pm Tonari Gumi 4:30pm Minyo Dance 7pm Taiko	1:30pm Karaoke 7pm BTSa Board Meeting*		1:30pm Correctional Centre Visit*	
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
10:30am Regular Service*		12pm Tonari Gumi 4:30pm Minyo Dance 7pm Taiko	1:30pm Karaoke			9am Day of Mindfulness
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
10:30am Spring Equinox Ohigan Service*		12pm Tonari Gumi 4:30pm Minyo Dance 7pm Taiko	1:30pm Karaoke			10am Exploring Jodo Shinshu Buddhism*
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
10:30am Eshinni and Kakushinni Service*		12pm Tonari Gumi 4:30pm Minyo Dance 7pm Taiko	1:30pm Karaoke			
27	28	29	30	31		

APRIL: TOBAN 2

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						10am Exploring Jodo Shinshu Buddhism*
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2pm Shotsuki Memorial/Hanamatsuri Service*		12pm Tonari Gumi 4:30pm Minyo Dance 7pm Taiko	9 & 10:30am Spring Yoga 1:30pm Karaoke 7pm BTSa Board		1:30pm Correctional Centre Visit*	
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