



May 2014

## Death and Birth

*The time to fall is the moment to float. How wonderful lotus petals are!*

One day, I was asked to observe a memorial service for an elderly man at his home. When I arrived at the house and entered the room, an o-butsudan shrine in the room was already decorated with flowers, fruits and o-buppan rice. About 10 or 15 children and grandchildren of the deceased man were sitting in the room. I sat in front of the o-butsudan.

A small girl about three years old, a cute and happy looking girl, was sitting with her young mother at the very front row, just behind me. I told everyone, "Now, we are going to have a memorial service for your loved one, your father and grandfather." Then I lit a light of a candle. It was that moment when the small girl sitting behind me said loudly, "Happy Birth Day!" Everyone was startled for a moment or two and then they all -including myself- burst into laughter. The girl was confused why they all suddenly started to laugh. The young mother was so embarrassed that she immediately corrected her daughter, whispering, "No, no. This is the memorial service for your grandpa, not for his birthday." Thinking she was scolded by her mom, her face immediately turned to a sad face and she became quiet. Oh, poor girl! So, I said "Yes, this is the birthday for your grandpa. That's right. Your grandpa passed away but he was born in the Buddha's world, Pure Land. So, this memorial service is the day he was born in Buddha's world. Yes, we are celebrating his birthday today." Actually, I thought what the girl said

was very true. Looking at the girl's face, I assured her it was really his birthday. Of course, she became a happy girl again with a big smile.

For the Buddhists, I think, the day of physical death must be the day of birth. We should not die in vain. We should be born in the realm of Buddha's world, the realm where there is no ego-attachment but only light of true wisdom. We should not keep repeating the cycle of delusion called samsara. Buddhism talks about the six realms of delusion. One of these realms is called the realm of hungry ghosts. People who live in this realm are never satisfied but always complain, with no sense of gratitude. They only want more and more. They are hungry for money, reputation, fame, title, love and so on. Another realm is called the realm of heavenly beings. It sounds great but this is actually the realm of temporary happiness. People have enough money to live. They are healthy and enjoy a long life. They are so happy but never listen to the Dharma. When they are facing death and dying, they say, "Why do I have to die? I know other people will die but why me?" There is fear, loneliness and many regrets for people in the Heavenly realm. It is Buddha's everlasting wish that all living beings listen to the voice of enlightenment expressed in Namo Amida Butsu and will be born in the realm of the Buddha, the realm of true awakening of life which is truly bright, broad and extensive. In deep appreciation to the boundless compassion and Vow of the Buddha, we say Namo Amida Butsu in gratitude and joy and live this life diligently.

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

### 春きたる

今年の冬は大変長い冬でした。四月の花祭りが終わっても、雪は思い出したように時折降りました。そして寒い日が続きました。気候の変化は人間の思いどおりにいきません。気候に合わせて生活するのが、生活の智恵と言うものでしょう。思いどおりに行かないのは、気候だけではなくありません。人間の一生そのものも思いどおりにはいきません。「変わるものを変わらせまいとするのは無理な願いである」とお釈迦様はおっしゃっています。そのとおりです。よく分かっているのですが、人生の根本的な問題、愛や憎しみ、老いや病いや死の問題に直面すると人間の智恵は、いや凡夫の智恵は働くどころか愚痴(ぐち)となってしまうのです。「痴」は人間なるがゆえの「病い」です。人間の知識ではどうにもなりません。人間世界の尺度では解決できないのでしょうか。人間の深い悲しみ、苦しみ、愚痴の世界に、仏様(覚者)はナムアミダブツの声となって働いてくださるのです。「我にまかせよ!」と我々と一つになって来て下さるのです。声なき声が、私たちの人生を支える力となって下さるのです。いよいよ「み仏の心」を聞かせて頂きましょう。合掌。 泉康雄

# BTSA NOTES

The sad news of Susumu Kyojo Ikuta sensei's death came during the boisterous preparations Apr. 25 for the BTSA spring chow mein supper the following day. While his death was not totally unexpected, it nevertheless came as a sobering reminder of one of Buddhism's core principles and one that sensei mentioned frequently, that life is constantly changing.

A funeral for sensei is scheduled at the otera on May 2 at 3 p.m.

Ikuta sensei and his wife, Teruko, became members of BTSA when they moved to Lethbridge in 2013 from Calgary, and regularly attended temple services. The BTSA will miss him dearly and extends deepest sympathies to Teruko-san and the family.

Condolences are also extended to the families of Asaye Sakamoto and Sadae Kanegawa, members who have been long-time friends of the Dharma, who also died within days of Ikuta sensei. Mrs. Sakamoto's funeral was set for May 1 (Thursday) at 10 a.m. and Mrs. Kanegawa's on May 3 (Saturday) at 11 a.m.

Ikuta sensei's contributions to Buddhism in Canada are manifold. He served as minister in Kelowna and Vancouver for several years, in Toronto for 15 years, and in Calgary from 1970 to 1998 at which time he was named socho (bishop) of the Buddhist Churches of Canada, the predecessor national organization that is now the Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Temples of Canada. He returned to Calgary at the end of his tenure as socho, serving as head minister there until his retirement in 2008. (The accompanying photo was taken at his retirement service.)

We will truly miss this pioneering and energetic companion who worked diligently to propagate Jodo Shinshu locally, regionally and nationally, and be ever grateful to him for his untiring dedication. Thank you, sensei.



In the midst of sorrow, life continues and so it was that another successful chow mein supper—in damp and cold weather, especially for the runners taking packages out to waiting customers in warm vehicles—proceeded efficiently and smoothly. Our thanks to everyone who put in long hours for this annual fund-raiser. A special thanks to all the Ikutas who, despite this sorrowful time, pitched in and helped throughout the day.

The entire month proved to be a busy one, starting with the festive Hanamatsuri celebration on Apr. 6. The temple Movie Night on the morning of Apr. 12 at the Movie Mill drew about 40 viewers who watched “The Burmese Harp” that spoke to the strength of Buddhism in what is now Myanmar after World War II. The temple also remained busy with regular users as well as several private services during the rest of April.

The board approved the continuation of the current executive for another year at its April meeting. Through March, 2015, the following continue their positions: Akira Ichikawa, chair; Roland Ikuta, vice-chair; John Dubbelboer and Trent Takeyasu, co-treasurers; and Brenda Ikuta, secretary. The board also seeks at least two more directors and welcomes any volunteers to help govern the temple.

Akira Ichikawa



110th Anniversary of the Vancouver Buddhist Temple was noted Apr. 26 at the annual general meeting of the Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Temples of Canada in Vancouver. Cutting the commemorative cake were, from left, Socho Tatsuya Aoki, Yasuo Izumi sensei of BTSA, and Roy Akune of the Steveston Buddhist Temple. A report of the AGM appears on page 7 of this issue. Photo by Sylvia Oishi.

## CHAIR SCHEDULE May & June 2014

**May 04 SHOTSUKI**  
Chair: Robert Takaguchi  
Audio: Tak Okamura

**May 11**  
Chair: Sway Nishimura  
Audio: Akira Ichikawa

**May 18**  
Chair: Val Boras  
Audio: John Dubbelboer

**May 25**  
Chair: Sheila Oishi  
Audio: Akira Ichikawa

**Jun 01 SHOTSUKI**  
Chair: Sway Nishimura  
Audio: Brenda Ikuta

**Jun 08**  
Chair: John Dubbelboer  
Audio: Tak Okamura

**Jun 15 ELKS COMMUNITY KITCHEN**  
Chair: Florence Senda  
Audio: John Dubbelboer

**June 22**  
Chair: Katie Nakagawa  
Audio: Sway Nishimura

**June 29**  
Chair: Deanna Jones  
Audio: Akira Ichikawa

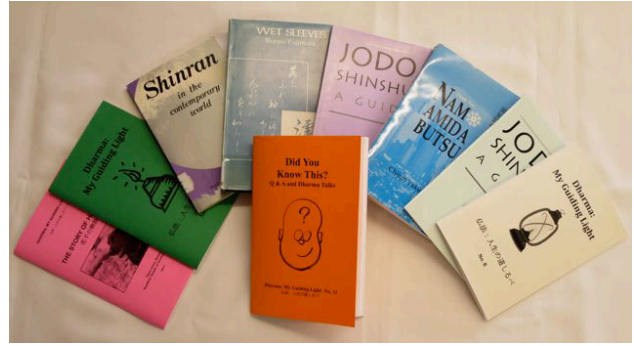
**MC designates:** if you are unable to chair on your assigned date or have made other arrangements on your own, please inform Sway Nishimura. Thank you.

## BUDDHIST Q & A

**Q. I am looking for books on Jodo Shinshu in libraries and bookstores. But I am not able to find them.**

**Where should I go?**

**A.** I know it is very difficult to find books related Jodo Shinshu (Shin Buddhism) at the places mentioned. Please come to our temple. There are quite a few reading materials on Jodo Shinshu. Y.I.



## TOBAN UPDATE

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

### Toban 2014 Schedule

|               |              |
|---------------|--------------|
| May Toban 4   | June Toban 2 |
| July Toban 4  | Aug. Toban 3 |
| Sept. Toban 2 | Oct. Toban 4 |
| Nov. Toban 3  | Dec. Toban 2 |

**Toban 3** and friends were kept very busy in April as can be seen by the heavy schedule preparation and supper, a lunch for the Soup Kitchen, two memorials and assisting with preparations for funerals. Deep appreciation to Pat and her regular volunteers as well as others who pitched in with the cleaning and other necessities of toban duties. Sachi Scharf is the e-mail contact and Hisae Price is the telephone contact for Toban 3.



TOBAN 3 AND FRIENDS helped on Apr. 22 to serve more than 80 persons lunch at the Lethbridge Soup Kitchen. The menu included meatballs and spaghetti, bread, two kinds of salads, and dessert. Turning out to contribute their help were, top from left, Sachi Scharf, Emily Stitt, Joe Tomiyama, Marion Paskowich, Marion Tomiyama, Eileen Sameshima and Akira Ichikawa. Seated from left: Rob Scharf, Sumi Tomiyama and George Tokuda. Thanks to all for helping out.

## Report from the 2014 JSBTCWF AGM in Vancouver

- Susan Huntley - WF President officially opened our meeting on Friday evening and Sat. a.m.
- In 2013, JSBTCWF membership was 660 (361 + 319 over 80 years of age).
- The Buddhist Women's Interim meeting held in Calgary 2013 was well received by representatives from Japan, BTA, Hawaii and Sao Paulo.
- WF Dana Day – Donations are used to promote social welfare. For 2013 donation we received thank you letters from The Salvation Army and the Horn of Africa for \$2,000 each. For 2014, \$1,500 each will be sent to Ronald McDonald House, Project Tibet Society (to support displaced Tibetans, who are settling in Canada) and Microfinance Projects (loans to individuals in undeveloped countries to promote small business ventures). Ministers Assistance funding was provided to Socho Aoki to attend Berkeley as part of the minister's continued professional development. Honorarium sent to Rev. Fred Ulrich on his retirement in recognition of his many years of support and guidance to the WF.
- The JSBTCWF will continue to promote the availability of Youth Dharma Assistance, to provide ministerial applicants assistance, collect stamps (please cut rather than tearing around stamp) and foreign coins for charities. Support fundraising initiatives for the 2015 WBWC.
- We urge more of our Canadian members to sign up for the WBW Convention in 2015.

In gassho,  
Donna Dubbelboer and Katie Nakagawa  
WF representatives for the BSA



# 2014 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 BSA and this category of membership does not include membership in the Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Temples of Canada.

## LET'S EXPAND THE CIRCLE OF THE DHARMA!

Memberships to April 22, 2014: 179

### Hanamatsuri

April 2014

Eiko Aoki  
John & Rita Aoki  
Roy Asato  
Eietsu Chiba  
Malcolm & Mary Clewes  
John & Donna Dubbelboer  
Mitsuyo Fujimoto  
Nob & Yoko Fujimoto  
Judy Fukushima  
Dorene Gordon  
Chiduka Hamabata  
Duane Hamabata  
Terry Hanna & Sylvia Oishi  
Shinako (Sheila) Higa  
Shirley Higa  
Hideo & June Hinatsu  
Neil Hinatsu  
Marie Hirashima

Tsuyoshi & Mariko Hironaka  
Tomi Hisaoka  
Violet Horii  
Rumiko Ibuki  
Toshimi & Marian Ibuki  
Akira & Lorita Ichikawa  
Lester & Mickey Ikuta  
Susumu & Teruko Ikuta  
Molly H. Ito  
Christopher & Yumi Johnson  
Sue S Kado  
Tom & Lily Kaga  
Sab & Kiyomi Kamitakahara  
Sadae Kanegawa  
Akiko Kimoto  
Hiroshi Kitagawa  
Kiyu Matsuno & Setsu Edgar  
Takeshi & Sue Koyata  
Dave & Val Kunimoto  
Eileen Kunimoto

Katoye Maruno  
Kay K. Matsuda  
May S. Matsumiya  
Kinuko Matsuno  
Yutaka & Chiyomi Matsuno  
Joyce Miyashita  
Jack & Rie Nagai  
William T & Setsuko Nagai  
Jim Nakagawa  
Shig & Katie Nakagawa  
Teiji Nakamura  
Roy & Minnie Nakatsuru  
May Nishikawa  
Sway & Toshiko Nishimura  
Mac & Reyko Nishiyama  
Mitsuko Oga  
Noriko Oga  
Kaz & Setsuko Ohno  
Ken Ohno  
Kimiko Ohno

May Ohno  
Heidi Oishi  
Lilly Oishi  
Maurice Oishi & Johanne Doucet  
Sheila Oishi  
Dr Y Okamura & Jean Okamura  
Tak & Jan Okamura  
Setsuko Okuma  
Yumiko Osaka  
Barrie & Jackie-Lynn Robb  
Tadanori & Chieko Sakaguchi  
Tosh & Joyce Saruwatari  
Gordon & Joy Saruwatari  
Jiro & May Sasaki  
Roy & Pat Sassa  
Craig & Sachi Scharf  
Florence Senda  
Ken & Nancy Setoguchi  
Bob & Eiko Shigehiro  
Joyce Shigehiro & Trevor Van Sluys  
Tom & Mitsuko Shigehiro  
Takaaki & Hajime Shigemi  
Toshino Shigemi  
Tomiko Shono  
Emily Stitt  
Fumi Sugimoto  
Tom & Laura Sugimoto  
Noboru & Kazuko Sugimoto  
Tomiko Sugimoto  
Noris & Sachiko Taguchi  
Kazuko Takaguchi  
Robert & Judy Takaguchi  
Fugi Takeda  
Reiko Takeyasu  
David & Linda Tanaka  
Eichi & Betty Tanaka  
Glen & Pamela Tanaka  
Masaye Tanaka  
Tammy Tanaka  
Toshiko Tanaka  
Bob & Shirley Taniguchi  
Sam & Betty Taniguchi  
Jean Tatebe  
Akira Terashima  
Clifford & Mary Thomas  
Neil & Karen Thomas  
George Tokuda  
Shizuo & Dorothy Tomita  
Joe & Sumiko Tomiyama  
Tak & Yoko Tsujita  
Fujio & Yoshiko Tsukishima  
Minoru Yoshida  
**Total - \$7,365**

### Shotsuki Donations

April 2014  
Chiduka Hamabata  
Nadine Hamabata  
Shinako (Sheila) Higa  
Shirley Higa  
Rumiko Ibuki  
Dave & Val Kunimoto

Yutaka & Chiyomi Matsuno  
Shig & Katie Nakagawa  
Teiji Nakamura  
Mac & Reyko Nishiyama  
Mitsuko Oga  
May Ohno  
Arlene Oishi & Jeff Coffman  
Joyce H. Oishi  
Lilly Oishi  
Sheila Oishi  
Peter Oka  
Roy & Pat Sassa  
Ken & Nancy Setoguchi  
Emily Stitt  
Fumi Sugimoto  
Noboru & Kazuko Sugimoto  
Tomiko Sugimoto  
Robert & Judy Takaguchi  
Glen & Pamela Tanaka  
Bob & Shirley Taniguchi  
Jean Tatebe  
Clifford & Mary Thomas  
Joe & Sumiko Tomiyama  
Fujio & Yoshiko Tsukishi  
**Total - \$2,125**

### Other Donations

April 2014  
Richard & Valerie Boras  
Jim & Atsuko Hagihara  
Shirley Higa  
Akira & Lorita Ichikawa  
Susumu & Teruko Ikuta  
Michie Kawasaki  
Louise Nishiyama Family  
Tosh Miyagawa Family  
Joyce Miyashita  
Saburo & Kimino Nishi  
Kimiko Ohno  
Lilly Oishi  
Jagjit S. (Jack) Panesar  
Barrie & Jackie-Lynn Robb  
Gordon & Joy Saruwatari  
Lillian Sasaki  
Jiro & May Sasaki  
Tomiko Shono  
Glen & Pamela Tanaka  
Jim Tsukishima  
Joann & John Woods  
**Total - \$9,640**

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

Thursdays, 6:30-7:30 starting May 8

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

### Tonari Gumi

Tuesdays, 12-3pm

### Taiko Class

Tuesdays, 6:30 pm (Youth) & 7 pm (Adults)

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

### The Lethbridge Karaoke Club

Wednesdays, 1pm

## PROGRAMS

### Minyo Dance Practice

Sr. Minyo: Tuesdays, 4:30 - 6pm

Jr. Minyo: Sundays, May 4 & 25 after tea/lunch

Contact: Pat Sassa

### Women's Federation World Convention Craft Group

Meets the 3rd Sunday monthly after Tea

Contact: Totsy Nishimura 403.752.3435 or swayn@telusplanet.net

**Gentle Yoga for Seniors** continues Thursdays May 8 - June19.

### Naikan Self-Reflection

Sessions will continue most Saturday's 1-2:30 through May 24.

### Art making and Journaling Group

5 sessions, May 31 - June 28, Saturdays 1 - 2:30pm

No art experience necessary. Fee by donation to cover art materials.

### Art Expression for Seniors

6 sessions, May 23 - June 27, Fridays 2 - 4pm

No art experience necessary. Fee by donation to cover art materials.

\*Please contact Maya Ichikawa if you would like to attend either of the art groups above. Please note that Maya is working to complete her art therapy practicum and may request permission for use of artwork through consent forms. The choice is up to the participant/artist.

Contact: 403.382.1268 or mayaichikawa9@gmail.com

### Ikebana

Wednesdays, 10 - 11am running June to August

Donation to the BTSA is \$30

Please contact Lilly Oishi 403.328.2159 or lilly.oishi@gmail.com

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Condolences

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

**Nobby Munenobu Tajiri** (84) April 22, 2014

**Susumu Kyojo Ikuta** (87) April 24, 2014

**Asaye Sakamoto** (96) April 25, 2014

**Sadae (Sally) Kanegawa** (90) April 26, 2014

## 2015 WORLD BUDDHIST WOMEN'S CONVENTION Registration

First registration deadline of May 31, 2014 is fast approaching. Only 200 places available to Canada (out of 2000). Registration fee: \$ 325 CDN per person.

Please register online (with credit card):

[www.wbwconvention.com/registration/online-registration/](http://www.wbwconvention.com/registration/online-registration/)

Fax: 1-866-808-03666

Toll Free: 1-800-267-9180

Email: [registration@wbwconvention.com](mailto:registration@wbwconvention.com)

To register by mail, send completed form & payment to:

2015 WBWC Registration

c/o ConventionALL Management Inc.

Bay 3, 4905 - 102 Avenue SE

CALGARY AB T2C2X7

Please make money order or cheque payable to:

Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Temples of Canada Women's

Federation or JSBTCWF. Forms available at the temple.

The Convention is open to both men and women and topics of mutual interest will be presented.

Keynote speakers are:

Rev. Patricia Usuki, San Fernando Valley Buddhist Temple

Rev. Nana Yanase, Kyo On Ji Temple in Nara Prefecture



This picture was taken by David Tanaka at Hanamatsuri to help promote the WBW Convention in 2015 in Calgary.



### BTSA Chairs For Sale

The temple wants to sell about 100 wooden chairs which haven't been used since the dedication ceremony in 2009 and would like to give members first chance on a first-come, first-served basis to purchase them before advertising them on the Kijiji website.

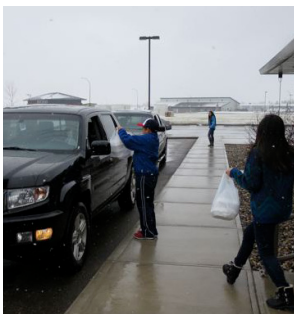
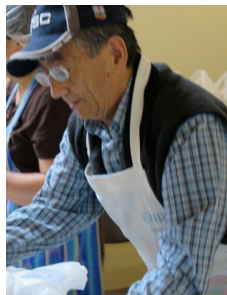
The board decided at its April meeting to charge \$5 a chair. Please see the accompanying photo. They are stackable and are currently stored in the bin in the parking lot.

Interested persons are asked to contact any of the board members.

# SPRING Chow Mein Supper

The supper on April 26 went off without a hitch, although the weather helped dampen runners who nonetheless remained enthusiastic as they delivered the goods to drive-through customers. Many hands made light work of producing 2,000 dinners. Thanks to Judy Takaguchi for overseeing the activity and to all the volunteers who helped prepare and pack the containers. Our appreciation also to all those who helped clean up after the event to restore the temple to its original, pristine state. Financial wrap-up and ticket distribution will be reported in the June Hikari.

# Hanamatsuri 2014





THE BUDDHIST TEMPLE OF SOUTHERN ALBERTA  
**children & youth dharma classes**

**Thank you!** Flo Senda for teaching the students how to make buns, providing all the necessary ingredients to feed everyone and sharing a little bit about your childhood.



**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**May 25 • Parents' Day Lunch**

Dharma class will provide and serve dessert

**Dates TBA**

- Calligraphy with Abby McMeekin
- Mindfulness activity with Gillian Hestad

**JSBTC AGM Report**

The Annual General Meeting of the Jodo Shinshu Temples of Canada was held in Vancouver, April 25-27th. Sylvia Oishi, BTSA Board member, attended as a delegate. The Vancouver Temple, celebrating their 110th anniversary, was most welcoming to the delegates attending from all parts of Canada and we, the winter-weary, revelled in the abundant cherry blossoms and other blooms found throughout the city.

The timing of the AGM coincided with the passing of Susumu Ikuta, Sensei and past Socho. He was honoured at the AGM for his dedication as a Jodo Shinshu minister and his many contributions to the JSBTC organization. He was a great teacher and friend to many from across Canada, and those at the AGM remembered him fondly and expressed their deep condolences to the Ikuta family for their loss.

Ikuta Socho, as he then was, was instrumental in acquiring substantial donations from Japan, the U.S. and Canada, which were then used as seed money for a trust now known as the Ministers' Retirement Fund (MRF). This year the first disbursements were paid from this account to two retired ministers: Fujikawa Sensei (ret. 2010) and Ulrich Sensei (ret. Jan 2014). The MRF reflects Rev. Ikuta's commitment to the welfare of Canadian Jodo Shinsu ministers.

Sensei Fred Ulrich and his wife, Kiyoko, were in attendance at the AGM and Ulrich Sensei was recognized for his 24 years of service to the JSBTC, which included 10 years in Edmonton and 14 years in Winnipeg.

Fujii Sensei will be returning to Japan in the fall of this year to fulfill responsibilities in his family temple. Unfortunately we are

losing a wonderful minister and he will be greatly missed. Aoki Socho has arranged for a new minister from Japan to fill the vacancy in Toronto.

Other highlights of the AGM:

- \* Temple assessments have been raised from \$65 to \$70 per Temple member.
- \* JSBTC By-Laws have been re-drafted to conform to the requirements of new federal legislation, the Not-for-Profit Act. These by-laws were passed in sufficient time for filing before the legislated October 2014 deadline.
- \* One of the Directors of the JSBTC Board will be appointed to act as Program Director of the Living Dharma Centre (LDC). They will assist the Bishop to ensure the LDC remains active in meeting its objectives.
- \* A Bishop Affairs Committee has been established that will be responsible for the process of selecting the next Bishop whose term will commence in August 2015.
- \* 3 Directors were elected to the JSBTC Board - Greg Chor (Vancouver) and Larry Wakisaka (Toronto) for second terms, and Harvey Kaita (Winnipeg). Previously elected Board members continuing their term to the next AGM are: Arnie Hayashi (Vernon), Amy Wakisaka (Toronto), Itoko Akune (Steveston), Susan Huntley (Calgary) and Sylvia Oishi (Lethbridge). One additional Director's position has yet to be filled.

Steveston has agreed to host the 2015 AGM and Toronto has agreed to host the 2016 AGM.

Sylvia Oishi

# Schedule 光 May & June 2014

## 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。

MAY: TOBAN 4

| Sunday   | Monday | Tuesday   | Wednesday                                   | Thursday                            | Friday   | Saturday  |
|--|--------|---|---|-------------------------------------|--|---|
|  |        |   |   |                                     |  | 1pm Naikan  |
|  |        |   |   | 1                                   | 2  | 3   |
| 10:30am<br>Shotsuki Service<br>Jr. Minyo<br>4                    | 5      | 12pm Tonari Gumi<br>4:30pm Sr. Minyo<br>6:30/7pm Taiko 6  | 1pm Karaoke<br>7                            | 10am Gentle Yoga<br>6:30pm Choir 8  | 9  | 1pm Naikan<br>10  |
| 10:30am<br>Regular Service<br>11                                 | 12     | 12pm Tonari Gumi<br>4:30pm Sr. Minyo<br>6:30/7pm Taiko 13 | 1pm Karaoke<br>14                           | 10am Gentle Yoga<br>6:30pm Choir 15 | 16   | 10:30am<br>Introduction to<br>Buddhism<br>1pm Naikan 17 |
| 10:30am<br>Gotanye (Shinran<br>Shonin's Birthday)<br>18          | 19     | 12pm Tonari Gumi<br>4:30pm Sr. Minyo<br>6:30/7pm Taiko 20 | 1pm Karaoke<br>7pm BTSA Board<br>Meeting 21 | 10am Gentle Yoga<br>6:30pm Choir 22 | Visitation at<br>Correctional Centre<br>2pm Art Expression<br>23 | 1pm Naikan<br>24  |
| 10:30am<br>Regular Service<br>Parents' Day Lunch<br>Jr. Minyo 25 | 26     | 12pm Tonari Gumi<br>4:30pm Sr. Minyo<br>6:30/7pm Taiko 27 | 1pm Karaoke<br>28                           | 10am Gentle Yoga<br>6:30pm Choir 29 | 2pm Art Expression<br>30   | 1pm Art making &<br>Journaling<br>31                    |

JUNE: TOBAN 2

| Sunday  | Monday | Tuesday                               | Wednesday   | Thursday               | Friday   | Saturday   |
|---|--------|---------------------------------------|---|------------------------|--|--|
| 10:30am<br>Shotsuki Service<br>1              | 2      | 12pm Tonari Gumi<br>6:30/7pm Taiko 3  | 10am Ikebana<br>1pm Karaoke 4                               | 10am Gentle Yoga<br>5  | 2pm Art Expression<br>6  | 1pm Art making &<br>Journaling<br>7                                  |
| 10:30am<br>Regular Service<br>8               | 9      | 12pm Tonari Gumi<br>6:30/7pm Taiko 10 | 10am Ikebana<br>1pm Karaoke<br>7pm BTSA Board<br>Meeting 11 | 10am Gentle Yoga<br>12 | 2pm Art Expression<br>13   | 1pm Art making &<br>Journaling<br>14                                 |
| 10:30am<br>Annual Picnic<br>and Service<br>15 | 16     | 12pm Tonari Gumi<br>6:30/7pm Taiko 17 | 10am Ikebana<br>1pm Karaoke<br>18                           | 10am Gentle Yoga<br>19 | Visitation at<br>Correctional Centre<br>2pm Art Expression<br>20 | 10:30am Intro to<br>Buddhism<br>1pm Art making &<br>Journaling<br>21 |
| 10:30am<br>Regular Service<br>22              | 23     | 12pm Tonari Gumi<br>6:30/7pm Taiko 24 | 10am Ikebana<br>1pm Karaoke<br>25                           | 26                     | 2pm Art Expression<br>27   | 1pm Art making &<br>Journaling<br>28                                 |
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