



法のともしび LIGHT OF THE DHARMA

NOTICE TO MEMBERS:

We are again conducting services in person as well as per ZOOM. Please contact Sensei for links.

REGULAR SCHEDULE

ENGLISH SERVICES
Sundays 10:00am

JAPANESE SERVICES
Sundays 11:30am

SEIZA MEDITATION
Thursdays 7:30pm

MORNING MEDITATION
Fridays 10:00am

SPECIAL EVENTS

Sunday August 7th

10am Shotsuki Service

11:30am Japanese Service

Monday August 8th

7pm SBT Board Meeting

August 11-14th

Vancouver Island Obon Tour

August 14th

NO SERVICE AT SBT

Sunday September 4th

10am Shotsuki Service

11:30am Japanese Service

NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to the Steveston
Buddhist Temple

Fee Emi
Flynn Sharon
Nishimura Midori
Quan Jessica

We are very happy that you have become members of the Temple and hope that you will be able to enjoy the variety of activities this temple offers.

FUJINKAI TOBAN 2

Contact: Itoko Akune
604-244-7710

Obon, a Gathering of Joy

Many people think that Buddhism means a practice or efforts to perfect themselves. But the most important thing in Buddhism is not practices or efforts to perfect ourselves; it is the realization that something perfect – a wonderful Dharma tradition – is already given to us. We need only to receive it, to listen to it.

(From Dharma Breeze: Essays on Shin Buddhism by Nobuo Haneda)



With the Obon weekend now over, it's a time to reflect and rejoice at what a wonderful gathering it was. It was the first time in three years that we were able to gather for the Bon Odori and it was evident that the people were just waiting to enjoy the weekend events. It began with the Obon Nokotsudo Service on Saturday morning. Normally, we would have family members of individuals whose ashes are interned in our Nokotsudo join us for the service, maybe 40 to 50 people in attendance. This year, just as we began the service, we were joined by about 30 residents from the Wisteria Place senior home who came to observe what a Japanese Buddhist Service was like. Instead of our usual audience, suddenly the lobby area of the temple was overflowing with people attending the service. I believe it was the largest gathering we have ever had for the Nokotsudo Obon Service. This was just the beginning of the weekend.

Later in the afternoon, we held our first Bon Odori in 3 years. Because we are still just getting out of the Pandemic, we thought we would scale back the event a bit, uncertain as to what the turnout would be like. Well, we were all blown away by the great turn out. It turned out to be such a wonderful Bon Odori. We must have had over 500 people in attendance and a vast number of them enjoyed joining in the odori dancing. One of the dances that we dance annually is the "Tokyo Ondo". It was a Bon Odori dance that was written following the great Tokyo Earthquake in 1923. The Earthquake devastated the whole city of Tokyo and this song and dance was written to encourage and lift the spirits of the people of Japan. It was quite moving to see so many people join in the "Tokyo Ondo" Odori as we danced to lift our collective spirit following the last couple of years that we have all had to endure. Following the Bon Odori, I heard so many wonderful comments about how much they enjoyed being able to participate in the Odori and not just be a spectator.

Finally, on Sunday, the weekend was capped with the Hatsubon and Obon service. Aoki Sensei from the Vancouver Buddhist Temple joined us as the special guest minister. Aoki Sensei shared his personal experiences and memories of Obon as he was growing up in Japan. His message was well received by those present in the Hondo as well as those joining online. It was a fitting end to a meaningful and enjoyable weekend.

In the Introductory passage from Professor Nobuo Haneda's Dharma Breeze: Essays on Shin Buddhism, he discusses the essence of Jodo Shinshu Buddhism stating that, "The most important thing in Buddhism is not practices or efforts to perfect ourselves; it is the realization that something perfect – a wonderful Dharma tradition – is already given to us."

The Obon weekend was one of truly sharing with one another the wonders of the Dharma. It is said in the teachings of the Buddha that all phenomenal events are due to causes and conditions. When the karmic causes and conditions ripen, we have what is referred to in Japanese as "Go-En" 御縁 (my personal translation is an "Encounter"). This "Encounter" does not negate the great effort exerted by many individuals; however, because of the "Go-En" there is almost a natural flow of everything falling into place. I'm sure all who were associated with the weekend felt the same energy.

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FUJINKAI NEWS

Hiroko Yoshihara

The Fujinkai is planning outdoor garage sales (depending on the weather).

GARAGE SALES

Saturday, August 6 and 13

10 am to 2 pm

Japanese Groceries Available at the Temple

Genmai cha (1 kg)
Inari/age (40 pieces)
Mentsuyu (1 litre)
Onigiri nori (box of 5 pkg)
Shiro miso (1 kg)
Shoyu (1 Gallon)
Takuan
Umeboshi

SENBEI:

Ajinorakuen
Gomasuki
Sakura arare
Contact: Hiroko Yoshihara
at hi.yosh@telus.net
or at 604.277.6521
if you are interested.
in making a purchase.

(Sensei from P1) What is important now is what we do with this "Go-En". I hope it will be the starting point for realizing the wonderful Dharma which is constantly working upon us. May I take this opportunity to thank all the participants and volunteers who made this Obon truly a celebration of gratitude and joy.

In Gassho,
Grant Ikuta

Moe No Kai

Keiko Go

Due to many requests from the seniors, July Moe No Kai was held on the 14th.

Since it was just before the Obon Festival, we practiced the Obon dance along with Tankohbushi and other songs. It was quite challenging for some of the seniors to do the Tankobushi movements along with other Obon songs but they were able to follow through. We will have a break in August but will return on Thursday, Sept. 15th at 10am.

Bring your friends and neighbours to socialize. Until then, please stay safe and enjoy the rest of the summer.



2022 Obon Service - Great to see so many people in attendance!

Coming Events

Please mark the following dates down in your calendars.

August 7th, 2022 (Sunday) 10:00 am – Shotsuki Memorial Service

August 11th – 14th: Vancouver Island Obon Cemetery Visitation Tour

Sunday service on the 14th will be cancelled at our temple.

September 4th, 2022 (Sunday) 10:00 am – Shotsuki Memorial Service.

September 15th and 16th, 2022 – JSBTC Fall Ministerial Association and JSBTC Board Meeting hosted by Steveston.

September 16th – 18th, 2022 – BC Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Temples Federation Convention

hosted by the Steveston Buddhist Temple. Please see the schedule and registration form in this issue of the newsletter.

September 25th, 2022 (Sun) 10:00 am - Fall Ohigan Equinox Service

October 2nd, 2022 (Sun) 10:00 am – Shotsuki Memorial Service

October 9th, 2022 (Sun) 12:00 noon – Keirokai Sr. Appreciation luncheon.

Please keep an eye out in the September issue of the Newsletter for registration procedures for the Keirokai.

Wasureruna, Uketsuge, and Tsutaeyo

At our Obon service on July 16, Ted Akune, President of our temple spoke of remembering the contribution to the temple of those who passed away. He stated that it is at these Obon services that we are reminded that what we see today, the addition of the Senior's residence and the reconstruction of our present building is because of the vision and foresight of our "forefathers". They left an important legacy..

As I listened to him, I was reminded of these three words in Japanese.

Wasureruna - it means do not forget; it means do not forget the suffering, hard work, sadness, effort, and the pleasure of endurance of our forefathers for the betterment of future generations.

Uketsuge - it means to inherit or to be the beneficiary of their endeavours; it means to place ourselves in the position of our pioneers and to carry forth with their wishes by not only understanding their lives but also to accept it as our own and to continue to make every effort to build an even more harmonious and compassionate Sangha.

Tsutaeyo - it means to convey; it means to inform our future generations about what has occurred in the past,

about the interdependence between those who lived in the past and those presently living and about the importance of interdependence among people living today and with those who will carry forth in the future.

However, there may be those who mistakenly interpret these words to mean quite differently. To them it may mean to act in retaliation on retaliation, revenge on revenge as we see now in this present world. This is quite unfortunate indeed.

The actions of today and even those in the past remind me of the words of the Buddha in the Dhammapada, "hatred is never ceased by hatred ..., but by love alone they cease. This is an ancient law."

The words of the Buddha are ever so important in our lives today as we reflect on the actions of those of the past and those of the present and as we transmit our words and actions for the future.

Indeed we are ever so grateful to our forefathers who left an important legacy. It is all said in the Nembutsu - Namo Amida Butsu.

In Gassho,
Roy Akune

AUGUST 2022 MEMORIAL SERVICE (Please bring your "Homyo".)

Arima, Kimiko	Kaita, Reiki	Nakade, Sode	Oura, Miyoko	Tasaka, Masashi	Yamamoto, Kiyomi Sue
Doi, Roy	Kato, Akiko	Nakatsu, Kannosuke	Oyama, Seiwa	Terai, Cheryl	Yamamoto, Mamoru
Hamade, Tomekichi	Katayama, Ishi	Nakanishi, Takaharu	Oye, Yazaemon	Teramura, Yoshio	Yamamoto, Sadako
Hamaura, Kazuo	Kimura, Kazuo	Narukami, Katsujiro	Ryomoto, Hisashi	Tomosada, Kikue	Yamamoto, Yasu
Harada, Eiichi	Kobayashi, Yoshiaki	Nishi, Fusae	Sakai, Kazuichi	Toyoda, Yoshiharu	Yoshida, Tsurue
Haya, Kumae	Koyanagi, George	Nishihama, Shigeharu	Sakai, Tsune	Tsumura, Isao	Yukawa, Masaru
Hayashi, Hirokichi	Kubota, Toshiko	Nishii, Kinue	Shiyoji, Yakichi	Wada, Chikae	
Hirose, Rosie	Maede, Yakichi	Nomura, Fuji	Tabata, Inao	Yamada, (Roy) Hideo	
Ikuta, Mino	Matsushita, June	Ogawa, Tokiko	Takeshita, Tamie	Yamamoto, Iwakazu	
Ishida, Ren	Mitsuishi, Teizo	Ohara, Chiyo	Tani, Kazuo	Yamamoto, Jukichi	
Iwata, Roy Motomaru	Mukai, Unosuke	Okabe, Satoru	Taniwa, Itsuko	Yamamoto, Kazuo	

SEPTEMBER 2022 MEMORIAL SERVICE (Please bring your "Homyo".)

Abe, Tomihiko	Hirose, Tashichi	Maede, Kichitaro	Nakatsuru, Gary Mitsuru	Sakata, Yoshiaki	Teramura, Takashi
Amadatsu, Toshiyuki	Ikeda, Tadatashi	Maekawa, Tokujiro	Nishi, Hideo	Sameshima, Fujie	Toyoda, (Infant)
Grignon, Miyoko	Inoue, Masao	Matsuyama, Hideo	Nishi, Yukio	Shiyoji, Kenneth	Tsumura, Miyako
Hamade, Kiyoko	Ito, Tome	Mizuyabu, Shigeharu	Nishi, Mitsue	Tabata, Akio	Ueyama, Minoru
Hamaguchi, Hana	Kariatsumari, Akimi, Roy	Morishita, Hiroshi	Nishikama, Yoshiharu	Tabata, Hiroshi	Yamamoto, Masao
Hamanishi, Riyo	Kariya, Sadao	Morizawa, Fusa	Ogawa, Masao	Tamaki, Yoshio	Yamanaka, Yukio
Hamanishi, Tae	Kawabata, Yoneji	Muramatsu, Marion, C.	Otake, Junko	Tanaka, Sakiye	Yoshida, Fumiko
Hamaura, Shigeru	Kimura, Kiyoko	Murao, Shizuye	Oye, Yaichi	Tani, Mary Yoshiko	Yoshida, Harue
Hashimoto, Shizuo	Kishi, Seiji	Murao, Tokuchiro	Oye, Yakichi	Tanigami, Moriji	Yoshida, Sumie
Hikida, Ito	Kobayashi, Genshiro	Nariwa, Morio	Ozeki, Yosuke	Tasaka, Mitsue	
Hirose, Tazo Tom	Kurahashi, Kenji	Nakano, Iwa	Ryomoto, Saburo	Teraguchi, Yurie	

2022 BC Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Temples Federation “Paths” September 16 – 18, 2022		
September 16 Friday	September 17 Saturday	September 18 Sunday
	7:00 - 9:00 am Breakfast on your own	7:00 – 8:00 am Breakfast on your own
	9:00 am Opening service	8:30 am – 10:45 am BCJSBTF AGM
	9:30 am – 10:30 am Dharma Session I Hondo: “The Buddhist Path” (English) – Rev. Roland Ikuta Classroom: “仏道とは” (Japanese) - 平野直樹先生	11:00 am – 12:00 Noon BCJSBTF Memorial Service & Closing Ceremony Dharma message by Rev. Roland Ikuta
Afternoon & Evening: Hotel Check in for out-of-town guests: Airport Executive Plaza Hotel	11:00 am – 11:45 am Hondo: “Path of Buddhist Flower Arrangement & Naijin Set up” Roy Akune Sensei Classroom – “Buddhist Calligraphy” Bishop Tatsuya Aoki	12:00 Noon Bento at Temple
	12:00 Noon Lunch at temple	
	1:00 pm – 2:00 pm Panel Discussion: “Our Paths – Senseis sharing their own path to Buddhism”.	
	2:00 pm – 4:30 pm Nikkei Fishermen’s Path: “Visiting the Murakami House at Britannia Shipyard followed by a visit to the Gulf & Georgia Cannery Museum”	
	5:30 pm Banquet at Wisteria Place Happy Hour	
Optional Chinese Dinner for those who wish to go out on Friday evening.	6:30 pm Dinner	
	7:30 pm Commemorating the 80 th anniversary of the Nikkei Displacement with a presentation on the Internment Experience from a spiritual perspective. (Still being worked on)	



BC Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Temples Federation

2022 67TH Convention & Annual General Meeting

September 16 -18, 2022

'Paths'

The Steveston Buddhist Temple is honoured to host the 67th Annual BCJSBTF Convention over the weekend of September 17 & 18, 2022.

The theme for the Convention will be 'Paths'. We will explore the topic of "Paths" from a number of different perspectives including the Buddhist Path, the Path of a Buddhist Sensei, the Path of the Nikkei Community, and the Path of our Nikkei Fishermen (unique to our Steveston Community).

As our special guests we are honored to have Rev. Dr. Roland Ikuta from Lethbridge, Alberta.

Following a distinguished career as a Gerontologist, Dr. Ikuta decided to pursue the ministry and has just completed his Kyoshi ordination in August. We are pleased and honored to have him join us for his first speaking engagement as a Kyoshi minister.

We are also trying to get a speaker from the Nikkei National Museum in Burnaby to come and give a presentation to us at the banquet on Saturday evening. This year, we are commemorating the 80th Anniversary of the forcible removal of the Nikkei community from the west coast during WWII. We are working on getting someone to make a presentation from the Nikkei museum, highlighting the role religious groups held in aiding the Nikkei during a dark history of our country.

We hope you will join us for this meaningful weekend.

Convention Registration Form

Registration Fees:

- Adult \$50.00
- Student \$25 (6 yrs to post secondary)
- Child: FREE (5 yrs + below)

Enclosed cheque for \$_____

Registrants (Names):

1. _____	Adult <input type="checkbox"/>	Student <input type="checkbox"/>	Child (5 + under) <input type="checkbox"/>
2. _____	Adult <input type="checkbox"/>	Student <input type="checkbox"/>	Child (5 + under) <input type="checkbox"/>
3. _____	Adult <input type="checkbox"/>	Student <input type="checkbox"/>	Child (5 + under) <input type="checkbox"/>
4. _____	Adult <input type="checkbox"/>	Student <input type="checkbox"/>	Child (5 + under) <input type="checkbox"/>
5. _____	Adult <input type="checkbox"/>	Student <input type="checkbox"/>	Child (5 + under) <input type="checkbox"/>
6. _____	Adult <input type="checkbox"/>	Student <input type="checkbox"/>	Child (5 + under) <input type="checkbox"/>

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

Temple: _____

Please book your own accommodation at Executive Airport Plaza Hotel. Please mention the Steveston Buddhist Temple to receive the corporate rate (still very expensive).

Please email or send your registration to the Steveston Buddhist Temple, Attn: Jeanne Ryan. The temple Email address is info@steveston-temple.ca. Cheque payable to Steveston Buddhist Temple, 4360 Garry Street, Richmond, BC, V7E 2V2, Tel: (604) 277-2323 by August 31, 2022.

DONATIONS & Memberships

The Steveston Buddhist Temple sincerely appreciates and thanks the following for their generous donations: All donations deposited after July 25, 2022 will be announced in the next newsletter. Any donations with notations stating that they are in memory of several individuals, these names will be acknowledged in the month that the cheque was deposited. If you wish to have the donations acknowledged in the newsletter corresponding with a particular Shotsuki month, we ask that you make donations during that actual Shotsuki memorial month. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

最近一年を通した法要と祥月御懇志を小切手にて一括で送られてくるケースが多くなりました。その場合は入金されたその月のニュースレターにまとめてお報せ致しますのでご了承下さいませ。尚、祥月御懇志袋上に差出人のお名前、ご住所の他、どの月の祥月御懇志かもお忘れなく記載して下さいませ。有難うございました。

General Donation(\$4,005): Anonymous, Akune Roy & Itoko, Berlinguette Jocelyn, Canada Japan Consulting Services, Chow Suezone & Nobu, Doi Terri, Elliot David, Fraser Valley Buddhist Temple, Hashimoto Junichi & Atsumi, Ikuta Teruko, Kakehi Tomoko, Matsuno Tom & Yoko, Morizawa Chiyoko, Oda Jennifer, Point Grey Secondary School, Shiozaki Masako, Watanabe Keiko, Whittier Maya, Yoshihara Hiroko

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Hatsubon Donation(\$485): Esson Karen, Fee Emi, Kawabata Jack, Kawabata Mitsuyo, Kawabata Yosh, Kawamoto Tobo & Hiroko, Teraguchi Jean

Obon Donation(\$5,892): Akizuki Eiko, Akune Aaron & Vicky, Akune Roy & Itoko, Akune Ted & Rose, Araki Daisy, Araki Linda, BIIG Financial, Butler Linda, Challoner Bernice, Frazer Marlene, Go Keiko, Hamade Yoko, Hamanishi Betty, Hamaura Dean, Hamaura Kelly, Hamaura Misaye, Hibi Mika, Higo Kay, Hirose Mary, Hori Haruye, Hori Jim & May, Ikuta Denise, Ikuta Karen & Kevin, Ikuta Kuni & June, Ikuta Teruko, Inouye E., Iwata Genevieve, Kakehi Tomoko, Kamikura Joyce, Kariya Florence, Kariya Yoriko, Kawamoto Tobo & Hiroko, King Hiroko, Kojima Michiko, Kokubo Alice, Kondo Kaoru, Kondo Norman, Kondo Terry, Koyanagi Susie, Kurita Yoshie, Maede Toyoko, Matsumura Laverne, Matsunaga Osamu, Matsunaga Susan, Matsuno Seishi & Kisako, Matsuno Tom & Yoko, Mizuta Harry & Akemi, Mori Kahoru, Mori Koji & Judith, Morizawa Chiyoko, Morizawa Sazare, Mukai Akiko, Murao Mary, Nakanishi Mike & Frances, Nakatsu Tsuyoshi & Chizuru, Narukami Don & Chiyo, Niguma Kazuko, Nishi A & F, Nishi Chizuko, Nishi Julie, Nishi Kayoko, Nishi Susan, Nishikihama Eiko, Nishikihama Teruko, Nitta Ayako, Niwatsukino Betty, Niwatsukino Family, O'Brien Audrey & Michael, Ohara Isao, Okabe Mary, Oki Hiroshi, Oye Hanako, Phillips Kim, Ross Janice, Sakai Marge, Sakai Mark, Sakai Mitts & Kay, Sakai Sharon, Sakai Steve, Sakai Tomiko, Sakamoto Aiko, Sakamoto Alan & Cathy, Sakamoto Bud, Sakamoto-Singh Crystal, Sakamoto Umeno, Sakata Hozumi, Sakata Marge, Sameshima Yoshiko, Sato Helen, Satosono Aya, Satsuki-Kai Dancers Group, Shiozaki Masako, Suyama Eiji & Caroline, Suzuki Kent, Tabata Hajime, Tabata Ian, Tabata Sumiko, Tabata Tosh, Takasaki Mayumi, Takeuchi Ken & Sachiko, Tamaki Toyoko, Tani Kiyoshi & Mutsumi, Tasaka Kaz & Chic, Tomihiro Kazuko, Tsumura Joanne, Ueyama Tom, Watanabe Keiko, Yamamoto Kayoko, Yamanaka Keiko, Yamanaka Miyoko, Yazawa Chiharu, Yokota Ken & Yumi, Yoshida Dave & Arlene, Yoshioka Lucy & Stan

Gotan-e Service (\$965): Araki Linda, Araki Robert & Rowena, Chow Suezone & Nobu, Hamaura Masako, Hamaura Misaye, Hashimoto Junichi & Atsumi, Ikuta Kuni & June, Iwata Genevieve, Kakehi Tomoko, Kokubo Alice, Kondo Kaoru, Koyanagi Susie, Kurita Yoshie, Maede Toyoko, Matsuno Seishi & Kisako, Mori Koji & Judith, Morizawa Chiyoko, Morizawa Sazare, Mukai Akiko, Nakatsu Tsuyoshi & Chizuru, Nakatsuru Sherry, Nishi Chizuko, Nishi Kayoko, Nishikihama Teruko, Nitta Ayako, Ryan Jeanne & Larry, Sakai Mitts & Kay, Sakai Tomiko, Sakamoto Bud, Sakata Hozumi, Shiozaki Masako, Tanaka Emiko, Tani Kiyoshi & Mutsumi, Tomihiro Kazuko, Watanabe Keiko, Yoshihara Ken & Hiroko

Hanamatsuri Service(\$25): Sakamoto Umeno

Shotsuki Services (\$2,030.10):

July: Anonymous, Akune Roy & Itoko, Akune Ted & Rose, Challoner Bernice, Doi Peter & Louise, Esson Karen, Hamade Yoko, Hamaura Misaye, Hashimoto Junichi & Atsumi, Hibi Carey, Hibi Mika, Higo Kelvin & Kay, Hirose Mary, Hirota Eitaro, Ishino Mieke, Kariya Victor, Kawamoto Tobo & Hiroko, Kokubo Alice, Morishita Linda, Murao Dick, Murao Ken, Murao Leanne, Murao Ray, Nagata Daryle, Nagatani Kayo, Nakatsu Alison, Oshiro Pat & May, Sakiyama Butch & Marilyn, Shimizu Masako, Niguma Kazuko, Nishi Chizuko, Nishi Joe, Nishi Kayoko, Okabe Mary, Oshiro Pat & May, Oye Hanako, Ryan Larry & Jeanne, Sakai Marge, Sakai Mitts & Kay, Sakiyama Nobby & Liz, Tani Kiyoshi & Mutsumi, Tasaka Joyce, Tasaka Kaz & Chic, Teraguchi Jean, Teramura Ken & Pauline, Yokota Yumi, Yoshida Dave & Arlene, Yukawa Joe & Sally

June: Ikuta Kuni & June, Tanaka Jim

May: Hamada Satoshi, McCaffery Lillian

Funerals & Memorial Services (\$9,065): In memory of the late:

Mrs. Sayoko Nagata: McDougall Kari, Akizuki Eiko, Akune Roy & Itoko, De Leijer Pamela, Frattin Mary, Hayashi Ruby, Higo Kay, Horii Gerry & Louis, Ikeda Lynda, Ikuta Kuni & June, Kariya Florence, Kawabata Mitsuyo, Kiss Pearl, Kokubo Christine, Kondo Kaoru, Koyanagi Jean, Koyanagi Susie, Matsumoto & Tanabe Family, Matsuo Ken & Akiko, Mukai Akiko, Nakade Esther, Nakata Andy, Nakata Brent & Jennifer, Nishi Ben & Judy, Nishi Kayoko, Niwatsukino Betty, Niwatsukino Family, Niwatsukino Tomi, Ogawa Mifune, Ohara Isao, Okabe Mary, Rodrigues Leah, Ryan Larry & Jeanne, Sakai Marge, Sakai Mitts & Kay, Sameshima Yoshiko, Stuart Hiroko, Swanson Murray & Heather, Tani Kiyoshi & Mutsumi, Tasaka R & J, Tateyama L & S, Teraguchi Jean, Teramura Marilyn, Teranishi Bob S, Tomihiro Kazuko, Wakabayashi Tomi, Yamasaki Yoko, Yesaki Tom, Yoshihara Hiroko & Ken, SBTWA

Mrs. Miyeko Tabata: Tabata Tosh, Nevins Julie, Hamaura Misaye, Higo Kay, Hinada Kyoko, Hori Louis & Gerry, Kawabata Mitsuyo, Kawamoto Tobo & Hiroko, Kondo Kaoru, Nakatsu Tsuyoshi & Chizuru, Ng Ray, Okabe Mary, Sameshima Yoshiko, Shew Joanie, Tani Kiyoshi & Mutsumi, Yamasaki Yoko

Mr. Victor Kawabata: Kawabata Family, Challoner Bernice, Doi Peter & Louise, Domai Kiyo, Egami Kazue, Esson Karen, Hamanishi Betty, Hamaura Masako, Hamaura Misaye, Higo Kelvin & Kay, Ikuta Kuni & June, Kariya Yoriko, Kawamoto Tobo & Hiroko, Kikegawa P., King Hiroko, Kokubo Alice, Kondo Kaoru, Kondo Norman, Koyanagi Susie, Kumagai Kiichi & Mary, Kuramoto Isao & Ina, Lovo Donna, Matsuzaki H & M, McConnell Martin, Mukai Akiko, Nagata Sayoko, Narukami Don & Chiyo, Nishi Chizuko, Nishi Pat & Denis, Nitta Ayako, Nitta Jeffrey, Niwatsukino Betty, Niwatsukino Family, Ohara Isao, Okabe Mary, Oye Hanako, Oye Judy, Quan Toshiko, Ryan Larry & Jeanne, Sakai Alan & Carol, Sakai Mitsuka, Sakai Ross, Sakai Tomiko, Sakai Tracey, Sakata Hozumi, Tani Kiyoshi & Mutsumi, Tomihiro Kazuko, Tubajon Paul & Julie, Yamasaki Yoko, Yokota Carl, Young Yvonne & Brian

49th Day Service of the late Mr. Victor Kawabata: Kawabata Jack, Kawamoto Tobo & Hiroko

3rd Year of the late Mrs. Kikue Osaka: Kawamoto Tobo & Hiroko

7th Year Service of the late Mrs. Aika Hibi: Hibi Carey

7th Year Service of the late Mr. Ken Mitsui: Mitsui Chizuko

Mr. Makoto Ikuta: Ikuta Grant & Noriko, Koyanagi Jean, Sakai Alan & Carol

Mr. Fujikazu Kondo: Miyake Tak & Sak

Mr. Sean Campbell: Stevens Annette

Mrs. Miyoko Mori: Mason Karen

Mr. Tadashi Hikida: Hikida K.

Mrs. S. Miyazaki: Kawamoto Tobo & Hiroko

Mrs. Mihoko Wakita: Teraguchi Jean

Takase: Ohara Nobue

****An apology for the delay in listing the names of the Gotan-e and Funeral donations.**

Membership 2022 paid: Domai Kiyo, Kondo Kaoru, Kondo Norman, Kondo Terry, Matsuno Tom & Yoko, Nakata Andy, Nevins Julie, Ogawa Mifune, Ohkohchi Naoko, Quan Toshiko, Sakai Mark, Sakai Mitts & Kay, Sakai Sharon, Stevens Annette, Tasaka Susan, Whittier Maya, Yamanaka Miyoko



法のともしび

お盆、喜びの集まり



(やま) 安かりし
今日の一日を喜びて
御仏のまえにぬかづきまつる
(「礼賛歌」より作詞：大谷経子様)

ついこの間まで今年の夏はあまり暖かくなれないなと文句を言っていたのに急に猛烈な暑さとなりました。

皆様も熱中症にならないように要注意してください。幸いにこの暑さはお盆の後に来たものだったので良かったと思います。

お盆の話になりますが、今年は3年ぶりに盆踊りを盛大に開催することができました。まだパンデミックから抜け出したばかりなので、盆踊りの規模を少し縮小するつもりだったのですが、想像していた数より多くの方が参加してくださって、心に残る盆踊りになりました。特に「東京音頭」は今年の盆踊りになくてはならない踊りでした。「東京音頭」は1923年の東京大震災後に書かれた盆踊りで、震災で多くの命が犠牲になり、苦しんでいた国民の皆様を励まし、元気づけるために書かれたと言われています。私たちもここ数年、パンデミックにより色々と耐えなければなりません。

したが、「東京音頭」を踊りながら大変励まされました。小さいお子様から年配の方まで踊りに参加して喜びや感動で熱くなりました。

仏教の「業」の教えでは、すべての出来事は因 (Cause) と縁 (Conditions) によって生じると伝わっています。この因と縁が熟すと、「御縁」や「出会い」という表現で表します。久しぶりに会った友達、初めて出会った方々、ご先祖様を偲ぶ皆様、そして阿弥陀様のみ教えに触れ合う皆様、まさにお盆は「出会い」の週末だったと思います。

最後になりますが、お盆を本当に感謝と喜びの祭典にして下された参加者の皆様と多くのボランティアの皆様にお礼を申し上げます。皆様ありがとうございました、そしてご苦労様でした。

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8月から10月の主な行事

皆さんのカレンダーに次の日付をマークしてください。

- 8月7日(日) 午前11時半 — 祥月法要
- 8月11日(木) — 14日(日) バンクーバーアイランドお盆お墓参りツアー
- 14日の日曜礼拝のお参りは中止となります。
- 9月4日(日) — 午前11時半祥月法要
- 9月16日 — 18日 BC州門信徒大会を当仏教会にて開催されます。
- 9月25日 午前11時半 秋の彼岸会法要
- 10月2日 午前11時半 祥月法要
- 10月9日 正午 敬老会 (9月号のニューズレターに申込書載せますので、見逃さないように注意して読んでください。)

萌の会 郷 恵子

皆様の要望により7月の萌の会は14日に行われました。炭坑節の振り付けを他の盆踊りの音楽に合わせて踊ったり、軽いストレッチ運動をしてお茶会を開きました。炭坑節の振り付けを他の音楽に合わせて踊ることは脳と体のマルチ機能を強化するためなかなか難しいのですが、皆さん驚くほど丈夫に音楽に合わせていました。さて、8月の萌の会はお休みさせていただきますが、9月15日(木)午前10時から再度開催致します。是非お友達をお誘いの上いらして下さいませ。どうぞ、安全で快適な夏をお過ごし下さいませ。

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玄米茶	(1 kg)	
稲荷用あげ	(40 枚)	
麺つゆ	(1リットル)	おせんべい
おにぎりノリ		味の楽園
白味噌	(1 kg)	ゴマすき
たくあん		桜あられ
梅干し		照り焼きせんべい
醤油	(1ガロン)	

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