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NOTICE TO MEMBERS:

Our services are also live on ZOOM.
Please contact Sensei for links.

REGULAR SCHEDULE

ENGLISH SERVICES
Sundays 10:30am

JAPANESE SERVICES
Sundays 11:30am

JAPANESE PLAYGROUP
Takarajima Tuesdays 10-12

SEIZA MEDITATION
Thursdays 7:30pm

MORNING MEDITATION
Fridays 10:00am

SPECIAL EVENTS

Sunday March 2nd 10:30am
Shotsuki Memorial Service

Wednesday March 5th 7:30pm
Spring Lecture Series Ends

Sunday March 9th
10 am Dharma School

Tuesday March 11th 7pm
Board Meeting

Sunday March 16th 10:30am
Spring Higan Equinox Service

Thursday March 20th 10am
Moe no Kai

Your Donations are needed and appreciated!
Donations are the single largest source of income for the temple. Although there are no scheduled events, expenses do not stop. We want to be able to restart programs as soon as possible, so we thank you in advance for your contribution.

**FUJINKAI
TOBAN 1**

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My Thoughts on the 4 Nations Hockey Tournament



Turning the calendar page from February to March, I find myself complaining again about the weather. February was a relatively cold month as we had snow remaining on the ground for over three weeks. Compared to the majority of our country, our small amount of snow is really insignificant, yet I still complain. Just when we thought things are warming up, now we are experiencing heavy rainfall with an "atmospheric river" going through the lower mainland this weekend. The word for complaining in Japanese is "Monku", and lately I seem to be doing nothing but "Monku, Monku, Monku".

Speaking of "Monku", recently someone commented to me that it seems like my Dharma message in the newsletter has been quite rigid recently. It was an insightful criticism which I can understand wholly. One of the major challenges of being a minister is to have to write an article every month for the newsletter, regardless of if we're inspired or not. Enough about my personal situation, taking to heart the input I had from the individual I thought I would keep this month's article on the light side, and give my commentary on the recently concluded 4 Nations Face-Off Hockey Tournament.

Boy, what a series it was, especially the final game against the US. How many of us were glued to the TV to watch Canada beat the US, and how many of us cheered with national pride? How many of us agreed with Chantal Kreviazuk, the Winnipeg singer who sang "O' Canada" but changed the lyric from "in all of us command" to "that only us command" as a protest against Trump wanting to annex Canada as the 51st state. The animosity created by the actions of the president of the USA, heightened the stakes of the tournament to something much greater

than just a friendly tournament between 4 nations. Had the final game been between Canada and either of Finland or Sweden, then I'm sure it would have remained just as an exhibition friendly match between two teams representing their respective countries. Instead, it felt like us as a nation, sticking it to the big bad USA.

I know it's just my bonbu (foolish being) self that rejoices in this victory, but I'll leave the deeper Buddhist commentary for a future article. For now, it's just Go, Canada, Go!!

Gassho,
Grant Ikuta

Upcoming Events

Spring Ohigan Equinox Service

We will be observing the 2025 Spring Ohigan Equinox service on Sunday, March 16th, starting at 10:30 am. During the equinox, the earth is said to be in balance, and it is the perfect time to listen to the Buddha Dharma. We hope you will join us for the service.

春の彼岸会法要

春の彼岸会法要は3月16日(日曜日) 午前10時半に行われます。彼岸の季節には暑さと寒さがバランスされて、お聴聞するのに一番いい季節です。このご縁をいただきお寺に参りましょう。

Seiza Meditation is also continuing every Thursday evening at 7:30 pm.

We hope you will be able to join us for these events.

FUJINKAI NEWS

Hiroko Yoshihara



Garage sale items are slowly accumulating with donations from temple friends. We hope to have an outdoor garage sale in the spring (possibly May) when the weather is warmer.

Mochi manju and karinto will be made to sell at the monthly Shotsuki services.

Members of the tobans are mostly in their 80's so it is hoped that younger members will be willing to assist with the tasks.

婦人会からのお知らせ

吉原ヒロコ

皆様のご寄付のお陰で、ガレージセール用の物が徐々に集まってきています。気候が良くなりましたら、多分5月ぐらいに外でガレージセールをしたいと思えます。

祥月法要の時に売るため、餅まんじゅう、そしてカリントウを作ります。

お当番の婦人会の方たちはほとんどが80才以上です。お若い会員の方々も参加して下さいとありがたいです。

FUJINKAI DONATIONS

A quick reminder: All Fujinkai Donation Cheques need to be made out to 'Steveston Buddhist Temple' so we are able to process them through our temple accounts and issue Tax receipts. You can put "Fujinkai" in the memo line, so we can allocate the donation to the correct cause. If you make your donation on the Temple Website, you can also choose 'Fujinkai' as the category for your donation.

婦人会へのご寄付

再度のお知らせですが、婦人会に寄付をなさる時は小切手の支払先 (Pay to) には Steveston Buddhist Temple と書いて下さい。そうすると、お寺の口座に入金されますので、税金の領収書を発行する事ができます。メモの所に「婦人会」と書いて下されば入金をそちらに割り当てます。お寺のウェブサイトから寄付をなさる時もカテゴリーの欄に Fujinkai と書く事もできます。どうぞよろしく願いいたします。

Moe No Kai

Keiko Go

February Moe No-Kai was held on the 13th just a day before Valentine's Day. Despite the cold weather, we had more seniors than we expected including a new participant. Thank you all for coming out. Starting in February, we decided to focus more on singing not only songs from old schools but also Japanese pops, Enka and even Minyo (folk songs). To the rhythm of hand clapping to the Minyo, we were completely in a festive mood. We also played games to brush up our brains. We played word theme game and cards. Everyone picks up a piece of paper that has a theme written. According to the theme, everyone must tell at least one thing about the theme. Games always stimulate our brains, and it is also fun to play when we have a lot of people. We also had Mrs. Sakai as a February birthday girl. She brought us Japanese sweets to celebrate her birthday. Thank you for the delicious sweets, Mrs. Sakai. Our March Moe No-Kai will be held on the 20th at 10am. We will be taking our handprints in various pretty colours on a large piece of paper so please come in clothes that are ok to get a little dirty. By next Moe No-Kai, we hope to have a little more comfortable climate but please do not let your guard down yet.

Let's stay healthy and well everyone. Thank you and see you soon.

萌の会

郷恵子

2月の萌の会はバレンタインデーの前日の13日に行われました。沢山のシニアの方がお見えになって、尚且つ新しく参加された方もお迎えしました。2月から集地的に歌を唄うことになり、文部省

唱歌をはじめ、歌謡曲、演歌、更に手拍子に合わせ民謡まで歌いこなしすっかり宴会気分になってしまいました。その後は皆さんと頭の体操で、言葉テーマゲームをしたり、トランプで神経衰弱やババ抜きをしました。たまにはトランプも楽しいもので笑いが絶えず盛り上がりしました。また、2月のバースデーガールの酒井さんから美味しい和菓子を頂きお茶菓子にして皆さんでお祝いしました。酒井さん、懐かし味を有難うございました。3月の萌の会は20日になります。次回は皆様の手形を鮮やかな色を使って大きな画用紙に取りりますので、少々汚れても良い服装でいらして下さいませ。

これから徐々に過ごしやすい気候に向かって行きますが、どうぞ油断をなさらずご自愛下さいませ。有難うございました。



Humility - the Hallmark of being a Buddhist



Like so many who have followed the rhetoric and the behaviour of Donald Trump, I too am caught up in his dialogue. His postulations about Canada and the world and how people should behave have brought me to the point where I cannot resist writing about his narcissistic behaviour and how it impacts us as humans.

Donald Trump's desire for power and control as we hear and read about are the antithesis of the behaviour of someone whom I can respect and remind me of this famous Japanese proverb: "The more ripe a cluster of rice becomes, the lower it bows down its head." This proverb brings to light the figurative symbolism of Jodo Shinshu Buddhism - the Wisteria; it is known for its flowers always hanging downwards.

One of the qualities of a Jodo Shinshu Buddhist follower is humbleness, a most important universal value. According to Shinran Shonin, the ultimate goal in Buddhism is not to be good from a moralistic point of view but to be humble.

Shinran Shonin realized how imperfect a human being he was; he realised how egotistical he was; he realised his self-centeredness engulfed his entire human behaviour. Shinran concluded that his egotism is manifested so much in his life that it affects his total behaviour. It was not a simple conclusion for him to make.

For twenty years he endured a rigorous monastic practice at Mt. Hiei, the centre of Tendai Buddhism. Here he tried most diligently to purify himself by eliminating all the passions in his life. He could not remove them. He was unable to reach the stage of Buddhahood which

was his primary intent; he became very depressed and miserable. He left Mt. Hiei and retreated to Rokkakudo, a temple in Kyoto, to seek an answer. Here he spent 100 days in meditation. And, on his 95th day, he had a dream in which Prince Shotoku, the founder of Buddhism in Japan, summoned him to seek out Honen, the great Buddhist teacher and the 7th patriarch of Pure Land Buddhism.

Having met Honen for the first time, Shinran was struck by Honen's demeanour. There was an aura of calmness, serenity and gentleness. Moreover, he was very much moved by his humbleness. Honen identified himself only as a student of Shantao, the 5th patriarch of Pure Land Buddhism and said that "the important thing in my life is to understand how imperfect a person I am." Shinran noted how Honen embodied the spirit of a person who had attained Buddhahood. His mantra was to say the name, Namo Amida Butsu, repeatedly as an act of humility, even up to seventy thousand times a day. Shinran found this act of repeating the name while bowing (giving reverence) the humblest form of human behaviour. He thought "how wonderful that Honen had followed this tradition and that he too must carry on with it."

Shinran had realised the essence of human behaviour was humility - the insight into one's self-centeredness and ignorance. Humility - the Hallmark of being a Buddhist, applies to all of us, including Donald Trump. What the world needs now, more and more, is love and compassion.

In Gassho,
Roy Akune

NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to the Steveston
Buddhist Temple

Matsuo Mike

Matsuo Shelley

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.

MARCH 2025 MEMORIAL SERVICE (Please bring your "Homyo".)

Akizuki, Tom Fumitaka	Hashimoto, Masaaki	Maede, Toyoko	Nakano, Chitose	Omae, Kinuyo	Wakayama, Tamio
Amadatsu, Tsunemori	Hori, Masami	Maede, Yoneharu	Nakata, Masayo	Omura, Yukiko	Yamamoto, Hajime
Atagi, Kaya	Horikoshi, Taro	Maeno, Hajime	Nakata, Minosuke	Oyama, Tsuruko	Yamamoto, John
Baker, Alice	Ikuta, Makoto	Matsumura, Seitaro	Nakata, Tokiko	Sato, Rex Hiroyuki	Yamamoto, Nuiko
Domae, Toyokazu	Inouye, Susumu	Morishita, Shigeo	Nakatsuru, Satoru	Sakamoto, Aiko	Yamanaka, Takao
Domai, Hisae	Takehi, Makoto	Mukai, Teruo	Niguma, Toshio	Sakamoto, Makoto	Yoshida, Kazuo
Furukawa, Jun	Kariya, Sonoye	Murakami, Asamatsu	Nishi, Masao	Sakamoto, Roy	Yoshida, Yoshio
Hamade, Lorne	Kitagawa, Tadao Tad	Murao, Kimiyo	Nishi, Takeshi Bill	Shirakawa, Hatsune	
Hamakawa, Yukiko	Kobayashi, Harue	Murao, Yoshiyuki	Nishihama, Mankichi	Shiyoji, Dennis	
Hamanishi, Hiroichi	Koyanagi, Tadatashi	Murao, Nagako	Nogami, Hiroshi	Suzuki, Shigeo	
Hamanishi, Kazumi	Kurahashi, Tomiko	Nagata, Kazuo	Ogawa, Tsurue	Takasaki, Mitsuo	
Hamaura, Robert Hiroshi	Kurahashi, Yoneji	Nagata, Toshiko	Ogawa, Masaharu	Takasaki, Toshiko	
Handa, Noriyuki	Lee, William	Naka, Satsue	Ojio, Anthony Kusuo	Tasaka, Arizo	

APRIL 2025 MEMORIAL SERVICE (Please bring your "Homyo".)

Akizuki, Kinuyo	Ikari, Senichi Roy	Kitade, Sute	Nakanishi, Harue	Sakamoto, Hirotaka	Yamashita, Harry
Atagi, Kazuko	Ikari, Tsuru	Kitagawa, Michiko	Nakatani, Sam	Sameshima, Margaret	Yamashita, Heijiro
Atode, Yasutaro	Rev. Ikuta, Kyojo	Kitsuda, Nobuo	Nakatsu, Tsunenobu	Sameshima, Merry Minoru	Yesaki, Sunae
Ayukawa, Margaret	Ito, Tamotsu	Kondo, Fujikazu	Narukami, Teruo	Shiyoji, Koito	Yokota, Ayako
Etori, Chiyo	Iwata, Genevieve	Koyanagi, Mutsuo	Nishi, Misako	Shoji, Matsue	Yokota, Shige
Fukakusa, Akio	Kakino, Chiyoko	Maeda, Toshimatsu	Nishi, Nancy	Suzuki, Richard	Yoshida, Mitsuo
Hama, Kenzo	Kariya, Ayako	Matsumura, Matsuo	Nishi, Shigeo	Tanaka, Eddy	Yoshida, Kinoo
Hamada, Chiyoko	Kariya, Chiyoko	Matsuo, Kametaro	Nogami, Mieko	Tani, Seikichi	
Hamade, Tokuno	Kariya, Isamu	Miyazaki, Susie Shizuko	Ohara, Masao	Tezuka, Michihiko	
Hamanishi, Shinjiro	Kariya, Sadasuke	Mori, Kahoru	Oikawa, Hisashi	Tsukijima, Shigeo	
Hamano, Kiyoshi	Kariya, Yonekazu	Morishita, Masaharu	Okano, Tokiko	Urata, Minoru	
Hashimoto, Shizue	Kawasaki, Takeo	Morishita, Michiyo	Oura, Chiye	Uyeyama, Tokue	
Haya, Yoshimatsu	Kimura, Yoshio	Morizawa, Choichiro	Oye, Yasuo	Yamada, Shizuyo	
Hikita, Takeo	Kishiuchi, Michio	Murao, Mon	Sakai, Ei	Yamaguchi, Junshiro	
Hikida, Tatsuo	Kishiuchi, Yoshiko	Nakamura, Miyuki	Sakai, Terry Teruo	Yamaguchi, Nobuyue	

STEVESTON BUDDHIST TEMPLE MINISTER'S OFFICE 2025 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING REPORT

2024 was another busy year for us at our temple. The following are just some of the highlights from the past year.

In April we held our Hanamatsuri service on the weekend of the 13th and 14th. Rev. James Martin was the guest minister for the weekend. This was followed at the end of the month with the JSBTC Annual general meeting hosted by the Buddhist Temple of Southern Alberta in Lethbridge, Alberta.

I visited Toronto on a couple of occasion, once in May to help Hashimoto Sensei with an orientation session, and the second time in July as the guest minister for their Obon weekend. For our Obon weekend, we were fortunate to have Rev. Joanne Yuasa as our guest sensei.

Our second Chow mein drive thru Fund Raising event was held on June 1st. Unlike the first time, this time was also included Salmon filets for those who wanted to purchase a whole meal, and we raised more funds than the previous year.

The 2 major projects that I was involved with during the previous year were the 2024 Vancouver Island Obon Visitation which was held in August and the BCJSBTF convention held at Harrison Hot Springs in September. The BC Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Temples Federation applied for and was awarded with 2 grants of \$40,000 each for the 2024 Vancouver Island Obon Tour and for the Convention in the fall.

The Vancouver Island Obon Tour in 2024 was held from August 10th to the 14th. With the large grant from the Japanese Legacy Foundation, we organized a bus tour with 47 people participating. The tour was a great success as we combined the cemetery visitations together with a Japanese Canadian history tour. For more information, please refer to the Vancouver Island Obon Tour report. Also in August, I was asked to lead the Obon service in Tashme which was organized by the Kikiai Collaborate, a group of youngish Japanese Canadians. They wanted to create an Obon festival in Tashme to honor the Japanese Canadians who were sent to the internment camp in Tashme.

The other major event that I helped organize was the BCJSBTF Convention which was held at the Harrison Hot Springs during the September 21 – 22 weekend. Again, thanks to the generous grant from the Japanese Canadian

Legacy Society, we were able to hold the convention while offering very reasonable registration fees for the participants. In total there were 83 participants. The theme for the Convention was “Thus Have I Heard”, examining the traditions of oral transmission of the teachings in the Buddhism. As well, our guest minister, Rev. Roland Ikuta (my older brother) gave an oral history of the Japanese Canadian relocation to southern Alberta during WWII and its effects on the JC community in the Lethbridge region. For our banquet on Saturday evening, we invited two story tellers from the Sts'ailes First Nations People as our keynote banquet speaker. They told of the importance of oral transmission of their history within their culture. It was wonderful weekend as everyone went home at the end feeling physically and spiritually rejuvenated.

In October we hosted the National Ministerial Association and National Board of Directors Interim fall meetings from October 1st to the 4th. The year ended in December with our Bonenkai (Year end party) and the New Year's Eve services, once at 2:00 pm and again at 11:30 pm. Both services were well attended.

January started off with the New Year's Day service, and later in the month, we were fortunate to have former Steveston Buddhist Temple minister, Rev. Masumi Kikuchi join us for our Hoonko weekend. Everyone enjoyed seeing Kikuchi Sensei again accompanied by her eldest son Ryuten.

Other than the above events, from last February until this February we have had 20 funeral services, 14 Memorial Services, and 2 weddings. We have had visitations from 2 schools as well I gave a lecture at St. Joseph's College on UBC. I continue to give lecture series and am currently in the middle of our winter lecture series. We also continue to broadcast our Sunday services online via zoom and average anywhere from 30 to 40 people joining on a regular basis.

It has been another very full year of activities, and 2025 will continue to be just as busy. In 2028 our temple will be observing our Centennial Celebration since the first temple was established on 1st Ave. and Moncton St. in the heart of Steveston. Leading up to the special year, we are hoping to have a number of projects to commemorate the special occasion. Ongoing updates of events and activities will be listed periodically in our newsletter and online on our website at www.steveston-temple.ca so please keep an eye out for new information.

In Gassho,
Grant Ikuta, Minister
Steveston Buddhist Temple



OBITUARY



We would like to express our heartfelt sympathy to the family members of the following deceased:

Seiya Kuwabara	February 5, 2025	93 Years Old
Mifune Ogawa	February 15, 2025	87 Years Old



敬 弔



次の方がご逝去されましたので、生前のご苦勞を偲び、
謹んで敬弔の意を表します。

桑原 誠也	2025年2月5日寂	93歳
小川 ミフネ	2025年2月15日寂	87歳



法のともしび

4 Nations Ice Hockey Tournamentについて



2月から3月にカレンダーページをめくると、また天気に「文句」を言っている自分に気づきます。2月は比較的寒い月で、雪が3週間以上も残っていました。暖かくなってきたと思っていた矢先、今週末は「大気の流れ」が流れる大雨に見舞われています。

「もんく」といえば、最近、ニュースレターの私の記事がかなり固

くなっているように思えるというコメントが来しました。開教使としての大きな課題の一つは、毎月ニュースレターに記事を書き載せることです。その個人からの意見を心に留めて、今月の記事は明るい面にとどめようと思っています。そして、最近閉幕した4 Nations Ice Hockey Tournamentについての私の解説を聞いてください。

素晴らしいトーナメントでした。特にアメリカとの最終戦はアイスホッケーファンの心に残る試合でした。カナダがアメリカを破ったのを見るためにテレビに釘付けになった人、そして国民の誇りを持って歓

を上げた声は全国に響き渡っていました。また、「O' Canada」を歌ったウィニペグの歌手、シャントル・クレヴィアズクがトランプがカナダを51番目の州として併合したいと思っていることに抗議して、歌詞を変えたことに、どれだけの人が同意したのでしょうか。アメリカ大統領の行動によって生み出された敵意は、トーナメントの試合を、4カ国間の単なる友好的なトーナメントよりもはるかに大きなものに高めました。もし決勝戦がカナダとフィンランドまたはスウェーデンのどちらかだったなら、それぞれの国を代表する2チームによるエキシビジョンマッチとして終わっていたでしょう。それどころか、カナダは国として、大きな悪いアメリカに固執しているように感じられました。

この勝利を喜ぶのは私の凡夫の自分だけだとはわかってはいますが、深い仏教の解説は将来の記事に残して、今はただのGo Canada Go!!

合掌、
生田グラント

スティーブストン仏教会 2025年年度総会 開教使報告

2024年も相変わらず充実した一年でした。昨年にも多なるご支援とご協力をいただきメンバーの皆様へ厚く御礼申し上げます。以下は、去年行われたさまざまな行事のハイライトの一部です。

4月13日・14日の週末に花祭り法要を行いました。ジェームズ・マーティン先生をご講師としお招きすることができました。また、月末には南アルバータ仏教会が主催するJSBTC教団年度総会に出席いたしました。昨年、トロント仏教会へ2度ほど訪問いたしました。1度目は5月に橋本先生のオリエンテーションの手伝いで、そして2回目は7月にお盆の講師として訪れました。トロントからこちらに戻ってきた次の週末に我々のお盆法要を勤めました。ご講師に、湯浅ジョアンヌ先生をご講師としてお迎えすることができました。

2024年のバンクーバーアイランドお盆ツアーは、8月10日から14日の間に行われました。日系カナダ人・レガシー財団からの多額の助成金を得て、47名が参加するバスツアーを開催しました。このツアーは、墓地訪問と日系カナダ人の歴史ツアーを組み合わせたもので、大成功を収めました。詳しくはバンクーバー島お盆ツアーレポートをご覧ください。バンクーバーアイランドお盆ツアーが終わってから次の週末には若い日系カナダ人のグループであるキキアイコラボレートが主催するTashmeでのお盆法要に参加いたしました。昨年のもう一つの大きなイベントは、9月21日から22日の週末にハリソン・ホットスプリングスで開催されたBCJSBTFコンベンションでした。コンベンションにおいても、日系カナダ人レガシー財団より多なるご協力をたまわりコンベンションを開催することがで

きました。参加者は合計 83名でした。ご講師の生田ローランド先生(私の兄)が、第二次世界大戦中のアルバータ州南部への日系カナダ人の移住と、それがレスブリッジ地域のJCコミュニティに与えた影響について講演してくださりました。土曜日の夜の宴会では、セントアイルズ先住民から2人のストーリーテラーを基調講演者として招待し、自分たちの歴史を口頭で伝えることの重要性を語っていただきました。1月の報恩講法要には元スティーブストン仏教会の先生である釋氏真澄先生をお招きすることができました。釋氏先生は日本から長男の龍天くんと一緒に波加されました。先生との再会にメンバーも大変喜んでいらっしゃいました。

上記のイベント以外にも、昨年の2月から今年の2月までに、葬儀が20回、法事が14回、結婚式が2回行われました。2つの学校からの訪問もあり、私はセントジョセフカレッジで講義もされました。お寺でも講義シリーズを続けており、現在、冬の講義シリーズの最中です。また、日曜日の礼拝はズームを介してオンラインで放送を続けており、定期的に平均30人から40人が参加しています。

今年も非常に充実した活動の年でしたが、2025年も引き続き忙しくなりそうです。2028年にスティーブストン仏教会創立100周年記念法要を行います。特別な年に向けて、いくつかのプロジェクトを企画し始めております。イベントやアクティビティの最新情報は、ニュースレターやウェブサイト (www.steveston-temple.ca) に定期的に掲載していきますので、新しい情報にご期待ください。

合掌、
生田グラント 駐在開教使

DONATIONS & Memberships

The Steveston Buddhist Temple sincerely appreciates and thanks the following for their generous donations: All donations deposited after February 21, 2025, will be announced in the next newsletter. Any donations with notations stating that they are in the 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知れなく記載して下さいませ。有難うございました。

General Donation (\$1,140): Abe Michael, Chow Suezone & Nobu, Hamaura Misaye, Hirose Mary, Ikuta Kuni & June, Matsuo Michael & Shelley, Ryan Larry & Jeanne, Sakamoto Bud, Tsuji Raymond & Lena, Sakai David, Whittier Maya, Yamashita Robert, Yazawa Chiharu, Yoshihara Ken & Hiroko

Naijin Flowers: Nishi Kayoko

Dharma School: Araki Linda

February Shotsuki (\$3,065): Akizuki Casey & Ayako, Akizuki Eiko, Akizuki Gary & Gloria, Akizuki Russell, Akune Aaron & Vicky, Akune Roy & Itoko, Challoner Bernice, Cork Denise Doi Peter & Louise, Flynn Bob & Sharon, Grant Peter & Wendy, Hamade Naomi, Higo Hiromi, Higo Kelvin, Hokazono Kenji & Gloria, Hori Glenn & Gail, Kariya Florence, Kariya Victor, Kawabata Jack, Kawamoto Tobo & Hiroko, Kemp Norine & Kevin, Kishi Leane, Komori Dick & Setsuko, Komori Sachi, Kumagai Tetsuo & Noriko, Morizawa Paul, Murao Dick, Murao Ray, Nakanishi Mike & Frances, Nakano Alison, Niguma Kazuko, Nishi Albert, Nishi Kayoko, Nomura Dan & Colleen, Nomura Mark & Chris & Family, Nomura-Rejto Cathy, Oye Hanako, Phillips Kim, Ryan Larry & Jeanne, Sakai Alan & Carol, Sakai Tomiko, Sakamoto Bud, Satosono Aya, Setterstrom Amy, Tasaka Janice, Tasaka Joyce, Tasaka Kaz & Chic, Tasaka Randall & Joyce, Tasaka Rick & Naomi, Teraguchi Jean, Uyeda Elsie, Uyeda Jeff, Yamamoto Kevin, Yamanaka Sachiyo, Yesaki Arthur, Yesaki Tom, Yoshihara Ken & Hiroko

January: Baumann Elaine & Paul, Butler Linda, Kamachi Sumiko, Matsubara Kiyoshi, Richards Amy, Uyeno Diana

Major Service donations (\$300):

Eitaikyo service: Tani Kiyoshi & Mutsumi

Hoonko service: Hamaura Masako, Tani Kiyoshi & Mutsumi, Tomihiro Kazuko, Yoshida Dave & Arlene

Nehan-e (Nirvana) service: Kakehi Tomoko, Kawabata Mitsuyo, Kondo Kaoru, Murakami Lori, Sakai Marge, Nishi Kayoko

Fujinkai Major Service donations (\$410)

Dana Day: Akune Roy & Itoko, Chow Nobu & Suezone, Hirose Mary, Ikuta Kuni & June, Kakehi Tomoko, Kawamoto Tobo & Hiroko, Nakanishi Mike & Frances, Nishi Kayoko, Ryan Larry & Jeanne, Sakai

Marge, Yoshihara Ken & Hiroko

Funerals & Memorial Services: In memory of the late (\$3,725)

Seiya Kuwabara: Kuwabara Seiji & Himali & Family, Kakehi Tomoko, Ward Ryoko, Watanabe Sachiko

Reiko Lily Mitsuishi: Butler Linda, Burman Henry & Karen, Higo Aray & Suzuko, Higo Kelvin, Kuramoto Isao & Ina, Omae Christine, Takasaki Charlotte, Anonymous

Sonoko Takasaki: Erickson Leanne, Devaux Grace, Melani, Keiko & Quentin, Francis Arnie & Myra, Higa Rick, Hikida Lloyd & Paulette, Kuramoto Isao & Ina, Kuramoto Tsutomu & Mae, Kuriyama Paul, Louis Nancy, Macdonald Jennifer, Matsuo Ken & Akiko, Niwatsukino Betty, Nomura-Rejto Cathy, Ryan Larry & Jeanne, Sakurai Tommy & Naomi, Takasaki Charlotte, Tanaka Elaine, Tanaka Patty, Thomas Nanami, Tipple Pat & Chris, Takasaki Sheila, Kuramoto Tsutomu & Mae, Matsuo Ken & Akiko, Niwatsukino Betty, Sakurai Tommy & Naomi, Takasaki Charlotte, Taylor Justin, Tipple Pat & Chris, Woods Joanne

Teddy Takasaki: Kuramoto Isao & Ina

Joe Kuramoto: Okabe Mary

Martin Kuramoto: Nitta Jeff, Tubajon Julie

Ayako Nitta: Butler Linda, Hamaura Masako, Kondo Kaoru, Tani Kiyoshi & Mutsumi

David Wolsey: Akizuki Shinji, Blisa Brad, Chow Shao & Pattie, Crawford Amelia, Harper Alison, Hirata Hap, Ikuta Kevin, Kimura Jerry, Mitchell Bill, Morningstar Yuki, Nakagawa Roger, Nichols Rebecca, Nishi Arthur, Obayashi Harry, Odamura Richard, Ohashi Alan, Oshiro Pat, Shore Marni, Yesaki Tom, Anonymous

Yukihiro Takasaki: Erickson Leanne

Sachie Morinaga: Morinaga Yuki

Hatsune Shirakawa: Baumann Elaine, Tasaka Cheryl

Kumiko Tasaka: Baumann Elaine, Tasaka Cheryl

Hiromi Tasaka: Baumann Elaine, Tasaka Cheryl

Your Donations are needed and appreciated!

Donations are the single largest source of income for the temple, and allow us to create our programs, which we hope you also can enjoy, so we thank you for your contribution.



Donations and Legacies

We would like to express our appreciation to all those who continue to donate to the temple at our various activities and events. At present, donations are our main source of income, as we have tried to keep membership fees consistent.

Expenses that exceed donations, cause us to dip into our 'Rainy Day Fund', but this is not sustainable in the long run. Over the past few years, a number of members have left a legacy to the Temple in their will, and these have covered our budget shortfalls.

If you are considering a legacy donation, please don't hesitate to contact the Sensei or the temple office to see if a donation for a specific purpose or a general donation would make the most sense. We appreciate that you keep us in your thoughts and appreciate your support.

寄付と遺産

お寺の様々な活動や行事にいつも寄付をして下さる方々にお礼を申し上げます。会費を同じ額にとどめようとしていますので、現在、寄付がお寺の最大の収入源です。

寄付金以上の出費があると緊急用の資金を使うこととなりますが、これは一時的な方法でしかありません。ここ数年間、多くの会員の方が遺言状にお寺に遺産を残すことを記載して下さい、これがお寺の資金不足を補填（ほてん）しています。

もしお寺に遺産の寄付を考えていらっしゃるなら、その寄付をある特定の目的のために使った方が良いか、それとも目的を定めない方が良いか等を考えるために先生かお寺にご連絡ください。

皆様のご支援と暖かい思いに感謝いたします。

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Join the Sangha and spread the Dharma

Nippon Fair

3月29日(土) 午前11時から午後4時までが屋内、午後5時半までが屋外の

「Nippon Fair」がステーブストン仏教会にて開催されます。このイベントは今年初めて行われますが、ステーブストンの日系コミュニティを多くの方により親しんで頂きたいと思ひます。そしてこの先毎年継続していくことを願っております。是非沢山の方に参加して頂ければ幸いです。ご興味ある方は、お寺のウェブサイト www.steveston-temple.ca を御覧下さいませ。また、皆様のお越しをお待ちしております。有難うございました。

Nippon Fair

The Steveston Buddhist Temple will be hosting our inaugural Nippon Fair on Saturday, March 29th

from 11 am to 4pm indoors, 11am to 5:30pm outdoors. The objective of holding the Nippon Fair

at the Steveston Buddhist Temple is to share the Japanese Canadian history of Steveston and we

would like more people to become familiar with the Steveston Nikkei community.

We plan to have it every year in the future, and we hope that many people will join us at the

event. If you are interested, please go to our website: www.steveston-temple.ca

Thank you.

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Discover local Japanese Canadian artists and artisans, and explore Japanese food vendors—a unique cultural experience for all!

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SATURDAY, MARCH 29TH
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January 6, 2025 – JCShWFS Grant Distribution Mailings Resume

Happy New Year to you and your family! 明けましておめでとうございます!

Despite all the challenges of 2024, the JCShWFS Board is pleased to announce that 7,000 grants have been awarded to over 4,000 Survivors. Over \$20 million has been distributed to date to address Japanese Canadian Survivor Health and Wellness needs.

With the Canada Post strike impacting mail across the country in December, almost two thousand cheques were held at our office in Vancouver, forcing us to find alternate distribution mechanisms to send out the cheques to those in need. Outreach Workers contacted the eldest Survivors and those of high priority to see who required their grants urgently to be sent by courier. Three separate courier batches were sent out. A volunteer was also sent to the USA Postal Service to mail those within the USA and other countries.

Once the strike ended, it took several days for Canada Post to accept new mail. On December 23, 2024, the JCShWFS mailed out approximately 1,100 cheques. We still have over eight hundred that will be mailed out in January. We thank you for your ongoing patience.

For 2025 we continue to focus on the living Survivors' applications. Priorities also include Survivors living overseas.

The application deadline for health and wellness grants approaches on **March 31, 2025**. Please ensure that you share the word to eligible friends and families. Thank you for your ongoing support.

With warm regards,

JCShWFS Team

For enquiries, please contact our JCShWF General Phone/Toll-free phone or email

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JCShWF Email: help@jcwellness.org

The List of Outreach Workers is available on our website: [JC Wellness Outreach Workers](#)

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January 6, 2025 – JCSHWFS Grant Distribution Mailings Resume

2025年1月6日 JCSHWFS 福祉助成金配送再開

明けましておめでとうございます。皆様には、輝かしい新年をお迎えのこととお喜び申し上げます。

JCSHWFS 理事会より、2024 年のチャレンジを乗り越え、7000 件の福祉助成金が 4000 人以上の生存者の方々にお届け出来ました事をお知らせ致します。今日までに 20 ミリオンドル以上が日系カナダ人の健康福祉のために配布された事になります。

12 月のカナダポストストライキ中、2000 件以上の小切手がオフィスで足止め状態となり、助成金を最も必要としている方々を対象に、民間の宅配業者を使い配送いたしました。最高齢者から順にアウトリーチワーカーが連絡を取り、緊急に助成金が必要な方へ宅郵便での配送を始め、三度に渡り配送されました。国外在住の方々へは、ボランティアがアメリカ合衆国まで足を運び、アメリカの郵便局から郵送する手段をとりました。

ストライキ終了後、カナダポストはストライキ中に溜まった郵便物処理の為に新規郵送物を受け付けるまでに時間がかかりましたが、JCSHWFS は 12 月 23 日付で約 1100 件の小切手を郵送しました。残り 800 件以上は 1 月中に送られます。何卒ご了承のほどよろしくお願いいたします。

2025 年も、存命中の生存者の方々を優先に助成金配布に尽力して参ります。皆様からの心温まるサポートに心から感謝いたします。

JCSHWFS 福祉助成金のお申込みの締め切りは 2025 年 3 月 31 日です。ご家族、ご親戚やお知り合いで生存者の方がいらっしゃいましたら是非ともお声がけください。

ご家族皆様のご健康とご多幸をお祈りし、新年のご挨拶とさせていただきます。

JCSHWFS チーム

お問い合わせは、お電話かメールでお願いします。

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