



法のともしび LIGHT OF THE DHARMA

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

October 1st - 3rd
JSBTC Fall MA&Board Meeting
<Hosted here in Steveston>
Sunday October 5th 10:00am
Shotsuki Memorial Service
& JSBTC Day
Tuesday October 14th 7:00pm
Board Meeting
Thursday October 16th 10:00am
Moe no Kai
Saturday October 18th 1-4pm
Chow mein Drive Thru
Sunday October 26th 10:00am
Kids' Dharma School
& Halloween Party

**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 2

Contact
Itoko Akune

Never Forget the Onembutsu

As September rapidly comes to an end, I hope you are all doing well. This afternoon, we just finished our BC Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Temples Federation Convention which was hosted this year by the Vancouver Buddhist Temple. The convention started on Friday and ended this morning with the BCJSBTF memorial service. Going back and forth from the Vancouver Temple over these past three days, I realized how fortunate I have been to be the minister at the Steveston Temple where my daily commute consists of walking across the parking lot from the temple manse to the temple. These few days reminded of when I had to commute to the temple when I was a minister in Toronto. The worst memories I have of Toronto would be the drive during winter storms. On occasion, I remember it taking over 2 hours to get home from the temple due to the congested traffic caused by the blizzards. I'm sure glad I don't have to commute on a daily basis.



As for the actual Convention, it was very well organized by the Vancouver Buddhist Temple with the keynote guest speaker being Rev. Dr. Mark Unno from the University of Oregon in Eugene, Oregon. Unno Sensei has been here on a number of occasions as a guest speaker, and as usual his talks over the weekend were easy to understand, humorous, inspiring, and moving all at the same time. During one of his talks, Mark Sensei talked about his grandmother who was a devout Nembutsu follower. When Mark Sensei's father, Rev. Dr. Taitetsu

Unno was about to cross the Pacific Ocean to come to America, the last thing that she said to him before he boarded the boat was, "Do not forget the Onembutsu Teaching". Mark Sensei said that although she was very small in stature, she was a real powerhouse when it came to the Nembutsu Teaching.

When Unno Sensei mentioned this in his talk, it reminded me of my own Great Grandmother, who was also known as a devout Jodo Shinshu follower. Apparently, when my grandfather came to Canada, the last words from my great grandmother were, "阿弥陀様の邪魔にならないように頑張るなさい" (Amida sama no jama ni naranai yo ni ganbarinasai). Translated it means, "Make sure you don't get in the way of Amida-sama and try your best." Thanks to Unno Sensei's talk, I was reminded again that it is not I who is giving the Dharma, but I am merely creating the conditions for others to be able to encounter the Dharma for themselves. To this end, I will be giving a new series of talks/discussions which will begin on Wednesday, October 15th at 7:30 pm. The talks will be over the span of 5 weeks, every Wednesday evening. The format for the talks will be that I will send out an article, or perhaps an excerpt from a publication a week in advance, and we will have an open discussion about the article during the following week. If you are interested in joining us for these discussions, please register with me by October 8th so that I can send you the first week's reading material. The lectures will be online using zoom as our platform.

Remember, I am merely providing the platform where we can encounter the Buddha Dharma together as a group. The title for the series will be "Let's Talk Buddhism and Jodo Shinshu". I hope you will be able to join us.

In Gassho, Grant Ikuta

Meet Michiko Seguev

Ikebana Sensei & Steveston Temple Volunteer Gardener

by Doug Anzai



All of us at the temple would like to extend a big Thank You to Michiko for volunteering her expertise in tending to the grounds and gardens around the temple. She is an accomplished, reputable ikebana sensei and has been humbly weeding, digging, pruning and watering all over the place. And we sure know how much care the temple grounds require...in addition to our contracted landscaping company's routine service.

On the last Saturday of the month 10-11:30am, Michiko spends time 'in the dirt' along with a couple Wisteria Place residents including Tomoko Kakehi & Emiko Inoue. Look for them, say Hi and perhaps lend a hand if you have a few minutes on one of those Saturday mornings.

Thank You Michiko sensei and helpers, we appreciate the great results of your kind work!

Moe No Kai

Keiko Go

The Moe No-Kai gathering on September 18th was lively with about 23 participants. It's a vibrant group ranging in age from 65 to 105 years old. The average age is an impressive 92, but at Moe No-



Kai, everyone is so energetic that they forget their age. We enjoy crafts, singing, and more recently, playing musical instruments. This cheerful monthly gathering always begins with a Dharma talk by Rev. Grant and ends with tea, sweets, and pleasant conversation with friends. Next Moe No-Kai will be held on Oct. 16th. As the mornings and evenings are starting to feel chilly, please don't catch a cold and take good care of yourselves.



Sanmon Gate Official Unveiling Ceremony



Saturday October 25th
11:00 AM
(rain or shine)

Please join us in witnessing completion of the Sanmon Gate, an historic and significant monument gracing the entrance to our temple building.

SHICHIGOSAN EVENT

Shichi-go-san is a festival celebrated by parents on the fifteenth of November in Japan, to mark the growth of their children as they turn three, five and seven years of age. We are planning an event at the temple for all interested families.

When : November 16th (Sun) from 2 pm

What : Shichigosan short service

Cost: \$50 (will provide a 2025 donation receipt)

Photographer extra

Special Event: A professional Photographer will come and bring kimono for children and take photos. You can go to the photographer's Facebook/Instagram page to see photos and make reservations.

Email wadapiyo@shaw.ca

Facebook : [m.facebook.com/](https://www.facebook.com/m.facebook.com/kimono753van)

[kimono753van](https://www.facebook.com/kimono753van)

Instagram : [Kimonovan](https://www.instagram.com/kimonovan)

Families Interested in this event should also contact Renako at play@steveston-temple.ca or 604-277-2323 by November 2nd so we can plan for the number of participants.



Thank you to Kishiuchi Construction

Rev. Grant Ikuta

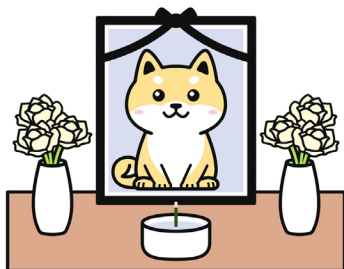
For the past couple of months, work has been ongoing at the front of our temple to create the new Sanmon Gate. I wrote an article about the gate in last month's newsletter, but I was remiss in not thanking enough Gordon and Alan Kishiuchi who spent a lot of time in making sure the gate was done in the traditional Japanese carpentry style without using nails and screws to fasten everything together.

Kishiuchi constructions are not only making the Sanmon Gate, but they are making a wonderful picket fence and bulletin board to the side of the gate. As well, they have roughed in the structure for our new pet cemetery just inside the picket fencing. On behalf of the temple, may I thank Gordon and Alan for all your effort in creating a new beautiful entrance way to our temple.



Pet Memorial and Cemetery

As part of the new construction in front of the temple, we are in the process of creating our new Pet Cemetery. On Sunday, November 9th at 10:30 am, we will have our inaugural Pet Memorial Service for our beloved pets who have passed away. People are welcome to bring pictures or mementos of their pets. If anyone wishes to have their pets' ashes placed within the new pet cemetery they may do so by contacting the temple office and filling out an application form so that we may keep a record at the temple of each of the pets that we placed in the cemetery. The cemetery will be a communal plot in front of the Nokotsudo Memorial Garden. For more information about the Pet Memorial Service, please contact the temple office.



NEW MEMBER

Welcome to the Steveston Buddhist Temple

Morita, Charlotte

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

FUJINKAI NEWS

Hiroko Yoshihara



An outdoor garage sale was held on Saturday, Sept. 13 with help from June Ikuta, Mary Hirose, Hiroko

Kawamoto, Hiroko Kaita, Leah Rodriguez and Hiroko Yoshihara. Proceeds: \$197.25. If anyone wants puzzles to do during the coming winter months, there is a good supply in the temple kitchen. The puzzles are \$3.00 each.

Up Coming Events

"Let's Talk Buddhism and Jodo Shinshu"

Discussion sessions Wednesday evenings from 7:30 pm. First Session on Wednesday, October 15th. Registration by Wednesday, October 8th. Please contact Rev. Grant via email at rev.ikuta@steveston-temple.ca (Lectures will be on Oct. 15th, 22nd, 29th, Nov. 5th and 12th)

Seiza Meditation

Fall session for Seiza Meditation is underway. Every Thursday evening at 7:30 pm. Sessions are about 1 hour in length. Includes, short chanting in English, 15 minutes walking meditation and 30 minutes quiet sitting meditation. Come and unplug yourself and learn how to find time for your spiritual well being.

Nokotsudo Memorial Plaque

The Nokotsudo committee has created a new Nokotsudo Plaque which has been erected in the Nokotsudo Memorial Garden just to the east of the front doors. Though the committee made their best effort to make sure all the names were spelt correctly, there may be some errors. If you have loved ones in the Nokotsudo, please come by to see the new plaque. If you notice any errors, we would appreciate it if you could bring it to the attention of the office staff. All corrections will be done in December of this year, so we ask that you come and let us know by November if you see any errors in the plaque. Thank you for your cooperation.

Nokotsudo Committee



BOARD NOTES

Highlights from our September 8th Board meeting:

- We were privileged to begin our session with an informative summary from Kai & Reana on their Buddhist Youth Tour to Japan. They will also be presenting the same topic during the October 5th Shotsuki service. Thank you Kai and Reana!
- In keeping with the times and with Sam's guidance, the board is harnessing technology and trying an app that helps record our meeting Minutes. Our aim is that this will give Jeanne and her writing/typing hands a break during the meetings to enjoy more of the discussions.
- The Sanmon Gate & Pet Cemetery will be essentially complete by the time you read this. The official unveiling ceremony on Saturday, October 25th. Details in this issue of *Dharma Light*.
- We discussed temple fire & safety protocol and are making arrangements to assess existing emergency exits, muster point(s) and traffic control.
- On behalf of SBT, a few board members will attend & acknowledge sister temple, Fraser Valley Buddhist Temple at it's 70th Anniversary celebration on Oct. 4th.
- The board is reviewing room rental details, rental forms and rental contracts including the Wisteria Place multi-purpose room. All rooms remain available for rent to temple members.
- A few board members attended Wisteria Place's Sept. 15th quarterly meeting. Operations and financial situation are favourable. Suggestions and future plans

were discussed.

- Plans are well underway for the fast approaching, ever popular SBT Chow Mein Drive-Thru on Sat. Oct. 18. Look for details in this issue and on the website.

in gassho, *Doug* on behalf of the SBT board



Steveston Buddhist Temple Board (back row standing L to R) Ted Akune (Past President), Sam Martens, Keiko Go (Office Admin), Annette Stevens (Treasurer), Brent Nakata, Casey Akizuki, Kuni Ikuta (Vice-President), Doug Anzai (Chairperson), (front row seated) Rainer Mehl (Past Treasurer), Jeanne Ryan (Recording Secretary), Reverend Grant Ikuta, June Ikuta, Durgesh Kasbekar (2nd Vice-President)

Missing: Amy Setterstrom & Renako Muira (Office Accounts)

If you have suggestions for the temple, please feel free to share them with Reverend Grant or any Board member.

We are very open and interested in any/all input!

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

Arakawa-Galli, Antonio	Inouye, Yoshiko	Koyanagi, Shizu	Nakata, John	Nomura, Fuyumi	Takeuchi, Margaret
Asano, Hisako	Ikuta, Shinjo	Matsumura, Shizuko	Nakatani, Masue	Nomura, Masao	Tanaka, Takao
Asari, Some	Ishida, Fumiko	Matsumoto, Yoshiko	Nakatsuka, Takasada	Omori, Aiko	Tanigami, Moriharu
Asari, Yoshio	Kakehi, Emiko	Matsuo, Neil	Natsuhara, Toyo	Onouye, Kazuko	Taniguchi, Yone
Ayukawa, Michiko	Kamachi, Shoji	Matsushita, Chieko	Nakatsuru, Hideko	Ooka, Masahiro 'Tony'	Tasaka, Hatsue
Hall, Junko	Kamachi, Masao	Miyazaki, Takaaki	Nariwa, Sakie	Saeki, Takekichi	Teranishi, Shigeko
Hamaguchi, Yoshiko	Karino, Yuriko	Mizuguchi, Tadashi	Nishi, Iyoko	Sakai, Lillian	Yamamoto, Aiko
Hamanishi, Kiyoshi	Kariya, Masue	Mizuguchi, Yukio	Nishi, Riseko Rosie	Sakai, Sumi	Yamamoto, Kumano
Hamanishi, Masayo	Kariya, Tsuruko	Mori, Isamu	Nishi, Tsunezo	Sameshima, Eizo	Yamamoto, Yone
Hikida, Akira	Kimura, Genjiro	Mukai, Fusako	Nishii, Yoshinosuke	Sameshima, Noriko	Yamanaka, Masumi
Hori, Masae	Kishiuchi, Shigekazu	Murao, Yoichi	Nishikihama, Keizo	Shiozaki, Kiyomi	Yoshida, Yasuichi
Imai, Fusao	Kokubo, Nobu	Nakane, Risa	Niwatsukino, Tokichi	Shioji, Noboru	Yoshida, Yutaka
Inoue, Miyo	Kondo, Toshio	Nakano, Kazuo	Niwatsukino, Shigeru	Suzuki, Aiko	

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

Araki, Daisy	Imada, Kimiyo	Mori, Yoshimi	Nishi, Kichijiro	Sakai, Yoneichi	Uyeda, Yoshihiko
Asari, Yasuko	Kariya, Iwajiro	Morimoto, Shigekazu	Nishi, Henry	Sakiyama, Allan	Wolsey, David
Atagi, Hisao	Kawamoto, Kaoru	Morishita, Kevin Hitoshi	Nishii, Kichiji	Sawada, Katsuko	Yamaguchi, Mamoru
Bell, Gordon	Kawano, Hideo	Morishita, Roy	Nishikihama, Teruko	Sato, Yuriko	Yamamoto, Ayako
Furukawa, Yoshiko	Kawase, Sato	Morizawa, Chiyoko	Nishikihama, Teruo	Sugihara, Daisuke	Yamamoto, Yaeko
Haya, Tetsuo	Kokubo, Eiko	Murao, Kazuji	Nitta, Hiromu	Tamayose, Wataru	Yamanaka, Mitsuhiro
Hikita, Koji	Kuriyama, Masaji	Murao, Katsujiro	Nitta, Miyuki	Tasaka, Hiromi	Yamanaka, Yoshie
Hikita, Tamizo	Matsuba, Edith Ayako	Murao, Masako	Ohara, Nobuo	Takasaki, Chizu	Yoshida, Fay
Hirota, Kikuyo	Mineta, Masayoshi	Nagasawa, Minoru	Okino, Naoichi	Takasaki, Yukinori	Yoshida, Tori
Hori, Masakazu	Miyazaki, Shizue	Nakano, Toshio	Okuyama, Yasue	Takenaka, Hidenobu	Yoshida, Yasumatsu
Hori, Ayako	Miyazaki, Tora	Narukami, Don	Otabe, Michiko	Teraguchi, Tobe	
Hori, Matsuye	Mizuguchi, Peggy	Nishi, Akiko	Oura, Yoshikazu	Teramura, Tokutaro	

My Nembutsu Walk



One could say that my Nembutsu walk has become an integral part of my daily living. It is based on the acronym, WEST based on W for walking well, E for eating well, S for sleeping well and T for treating others well. This solitary walk starts at Steveston Highway and Railway Avenue and goes alternatively either north to Francis Road or south

to Steveston Greenway (the Steveston Dyke). The walk along Railway Greenway to Francis Road is particularly appealing as the pathway is surrounded by nature with a variety of trees, the neighbourhood vegetable gardens and the colourful flower beds. The 6,000 step walk usually takes one hour.

The Nembutsu walk is very peaceful and quiet except for the moments, especially on the weekends when someone suddenly darts by on their electric scooter. From behind, there is sudden motion that catches me by surprise; there is no horn nor warning. Cyclists, on the other hand, kindly honk or say "watch your left". And, as I walk along the divided asphalt surface, I meet another



walker and we exchange smiles or a "good morning". Further along, as I pound my Norwegian poles, left right - left right, the rays of the sun peer through the Garry oak trees creating a picturesque view with their branches providing an inviting and comforting shade providing a relief from the glowing sun. The shade reminds me of the Japanese phrase, Okagesamade, which is the typical Japanese response when one is asked, "How are you?" The walk in the shade of these trees is a strong reminder on how the actions of others have affected me. I am brought to light that it is because of them that I am what I am now.

A thousand steps along, proceeding northwards rhythmically striking my poles, I then come to a row of white birch trees sequentially followed by several cherry trees and poplar trees. They hide a barely identifiable crabapple tree with its small golden yellow apples. Some apples are on the ground and others hanging perilously from the high branches. I picked a few off a low branch and stuffed them in my pocket thinking I could make apple sauce. Arriving home with my bulging pockets, Itoko and I determined there is too much effort in peeling these small apples and making them into a sauce. I did not pick them anymore. Mottainai, I thought. "What a shame; they are too good to waste".

Enjoying the walk, I come across the community neighbourhood gardens where the residents grow

an assortment of vegetables. In one of them, there are three orange squashes noticeably hanging from a wooden trellis. Walking by I said to an elderly gentleman who was watering the plant, "How beautiful they are". He replied, "they are gorgeous; they are my daughter's pride and joy". As we briefly conversed, it turns out he is of Peruvian descent, living with his daughter in Richmond for the last eighteen years". He asked me, "What about you?" "I am a Canadian of Japanese heritage and like your daughter, my wife and I rent a garden near Homma Elementary school".



I thought to myself, here we are both Canadians of different heritage, unknown to each other, enjoying the care of our gardens. What a coincidence that we have a common endeavour. This is Togetherness - the realization that there is a sense of inter-connectedness even among strangers and events.

Ohtani Koshin, Gomonsu Emeritus (the former head priest) of Nishi Hongwanji, wrote in his text, The Buddha's Wish for the World, "Among the basic tenets of Buddhism is the teaching of pratitya-samutpada; all things are interdependent, interconnected and intrinsically joined together. While this is true of human life, it is also true of life outside the human sphere. It is as well with things outside of life itself, with nature as a whole being connected This is the truth of pratitya-samutpada. In this way, whatever it may be, there is not one thing in all existence that exists individually: all things are connected, linked to one another."

Homeward bound, I could not help but reflect. How true this is. It is this Nembutsu walk that has brought me to the reality that there are many causes and conditions which have contributed to this present state in my life.

How fortunate I am.
Hontoni Arigatai.

In Gassho,
Roy Akune



DONATIONS & Memberships

The Steveston Buddhist Temple sincerely appreciates and thanks the following for their generous donations: All donations deposited after September 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.

最近一年を通じ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 (\$3,825): Rev. Aoki, Akune Roy & Itoko, Akune Ted & Rose, Chow Ice, Chow Nobu & Suezone, Collinge Zack, Fraser Valley Buddhist Temple, Hanada Tomone, Hashimoto Junichi & Atsumi, Hirose Mary, Ikuta Kuni & June, Kaita Hiroko, Kurushima Hogyo, McAllister Kirsten, Matsushita Nobuko, Morita Charlotte, Morizawa Sazare, Provincial Employees Community, Nakatsuru Sherry, Ryan Larry & Jeanne, Seguev Michiko, Tanaka Kathryn, Toyoda Miyuki, Wakayama Kenjinkai, Watanabe Keiko, Ward Ryoko, Watanabe Sachiko, Yazawa Chiharu, Yoshihara Ken & Hiroko

Nippon Fair Donation (\$200): Kamikura Joyce

Shotsuki Services (\$6,375):

September: Akizuki Eiko, Akizuki Gary & Gloria, Akizuki Russ, Akune Roy & Itoko, Chan Rob & Elsie, Esson Karen, Guy R&G, Hamaura Misaye, Higo Hiromi, Hirose Eddy, Hirose Mary, Hodder Bob & Evelyn, Horii Caryn, Ikeda Naoe, Inoue Mike, John Annie, Kakehi Tomoko, Kariatsumari Eileen, Kariatsumari Kazuko, Kawabata Jack, Kawabata Mitsuyo, Kawasaki-Chan Sharon, Kimura George, Kojima Jim, Kokubo Christine, Kurita Yoshie, Lum Hitomi, Maede Judith, Matsumura Laverne, Miki Ken, Mizuta Harry, Morizawa Paul, Morizawa Sazare, Morizawa Paul, Murao Allan & Debra, Murao Lila, Murao Mary, Murao Tom, Nakatsuru Sherry, Niguma Kazuko, Nishi Kayoko, Nishikihama Calvin, Nishikihama Karen, Nishikihama Ken, Okamoto K., O'Sullivan Linda, Richards Amy, Rodrigues Leah, Sakai Mark, Sakai Sharon, Sakai Tomiko, Sakai-Boden Lynn, Sakata Hozumi, Setterstrom Amy, Shiyoji Gail, Shiyoji Ryan, Slye J & L, Takahashi Kei, Takemoto Yutaka, Tasaka Kaz & Chic, Teraguchi Jean, Terai Kay, Thomas Joy, Tsumura Joann, Tsumura Takumi & Elaine, Uyeyama Tom, Yamamoto Roger, Yamamoto Ryan, Yoshida Dave & Arlene, Yoshihara Ken & Hiroko

August: Akune Roy & Itoko, Butler Linda, Cameron Lisa & Corey, Flynn Bob & Sharon, Guy Garry & Rose, Hamade Noboru, Hamade Yoko, Hamaura Masako, Hamaura Misaye, Hirano Chiyoko, Hirose Gary, Hodder Evelyn & Bob, Holmes Ruby & Tkachuk David, Ikuta Deise, Ikuta Kevin & Karen, Ikuta Kuni & June, Kaita Alan, Kaita Hiroko, Kakehi Tomoko, Katai Ed & Kay, Kimura George, Kojima Jim, Kokubo Christine, Kumagai Tetsuo & Noriko, Matsuba Kevin, Miki Ken & Yoko, Mukai Akiko, Mukai Don & Shioko, Nakanishi Mike & Frances, Nakano Alison, Nevins Julie, Niguma Kazuko, Okabe Mary, Ogawa Joanne, Oye Hanako, Ryan Larry & Jeanne, Ryomoto Mitsuko, Sato Karen Setterstrom Amy, Slye Janie, Tabata Hajime & Kyoko, Tabata Ian, Tabata Tosh, Takeshita Joyce, Tasaka Teruko, Terai Kay, Tsumura Takumi & Elaine, Yamamoto Kevin, Yoneda Kaz, Yoshihara Ken & Hiroko, Yukawa Joe, Sally, Mari, Takeru & Sherne

July: Koyanagi Karen, Keiko & Geiger

Fall Ohigan Service (\$1,245): Akune Roy & Itoko, Akune Ted & Rose, Domai Koji, Domai Kiyo, Hamaura Misaye, Hashimoto Junichi & Atsumi, Ikuta Denise, Ikuta Kevin & Karen, Ikuta Kuni & June, Kaita Hiroko, Kakehi Tomoko, Kawabata Jack, Kawabata Mitsuyo, King Hiroko, Kondo Kaoru, Kurita Yoshie, Maruno Maya, Murakami Lori, Murao Tazuko, Niguma Kazuko, Nishi Kayoko, Nishikihama Eiko, Okabe Mary, Oye Hanako, Quan Toshiko & Ernest, Sakai Marge, Sakai Tomiko, Sakamoto Aiko, Setterstrom Amy, Tabata Hajime & Kyoko, Tabata Sumiko, Tabata Tosh, Tani Kiyoshi & Mutsumi, Tasaka Kaz & Chic, Watanabe Keiko, Yesaki Tom, Yoshihara Ken & Hiroko, Anonymous

Obon Service (\$410): Hamada Satoshi, Kawamoto Tobo & Hiroko, Mukai Akiko, Nicholson Joanne

Hatsubon Service: Akune Ted & Rose, Kawamoto Tobo & Hiroko

Obon Tour Donation (\$350): Tsuji Ray & Lena, Tsukijima Judy

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In memory of the late

George Lum: Akune Roy & Itoko, Araki Linda, Chan Rob & Elsie, Hamaura Misaye, Hayashi R., Holmes Ruby & Tkachuk David, Ikuta Kuni & June, John Annie, Hodgson Grace, Kuramoto Isao & Ina, Lam Marshall & Cynthia, Maede Judith, Nakanishi Mike & Frances, Quan Ernest & Toshiko, Tanaka Jim, Tanaka Kiyoko, Sakata-Thaler Carol-Lyn, Sangelo Diane, Christopher & Michael, Wickham Sharon & Kelly, Shanahan Kathryn, Mukai Don & Shioko

Keiko Yamanaka: Challoner Bernice, Kawamoto Tobo & Hiroko, Nishi Chizuko

Fred John: Mukai Don & Shioko

Henry Teraguchi: Teraguchi Jean

Betty Niwatsukino: Murakami Lori

Sadako Shudo: Shudo Chizuko

George Koyanagi: Tomihiro Kazuko

25th year of the late Yoshiko Yada: Yakumo Keiko

25th year of the late Isamu Mori: Maede Judith

50th year of the late Inao Tabata: Sakamoto Aiko

Inurnment Service of the late Lorne Hamade: Murakami Lori

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If you have not paid your membership, please make payment as soon as possible. Thank you.

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.



Beautiful Ikebana work by Michiko

2025 Vancouver Island Obon and Japanese Canadian Historical Tour



The 2025 Vancouver Island Obon Cemetery Visitation Tour took place from August 6th to the 10th. This year's Obon Tour was not as big as last year's tour as we didn't charter a bus but instead

rented a twelve seater van. There were nine of us who gathered on a rainy Wednesday morning on August 6th in the temple parking lot. Fortunately, by the time we reached the Tsawwassen Ferry Terminal the rain had let up and it remained perfect throughout the whole trip.

This year's trip was special as we were finally able to make our way to Ucluelet and Tofino. Our first full day was spent mainly Ucluelet. We started with a cemetery visitation to the Ucluelet cemetery where some of the Nikkei community had been buried. After the service we proceeded on to the community centre where we were able to arrange a special presentation by the local Nikkei community on the rich history of the Japanese Canadians in the area. It was surprising to hear that at the height of the Japanese Canadian fishing industry in the area prior to WWII, the Nikkei community was the largest single ethnic group in Ucluelet. In particular, we learned of the legacy of the Kimoto family in the area, and how they were not just leaders within the Nikkei community but were true leaders of the village of Ucluelet post WWII. After the presentation, we were given a guided tour of the village, stopping at the areas where the Nikkei settlements had been prior to the war. Our visit with the Nikkei community in Ucluelet ended with a fellowship luncheon with some of the locals from the area. I would like to thank Claudia Cole, Paul Kariya, and Katsumi Kimoto who organized the presentation and tour of the village. The remainder of the day was spent on a short visit to Tofino to see the village there.



Day 3 of our trip had us going from Ucluelet to Cumberland with a stop in Port Alberni to conduct the cemetery visitation there. We arrived in Courtenay late in the afternoon

and were invited for a dinner party at the residence of Roger Kishi and Catherine Bell. Roger and Catherine help organize the annual cemetery visitation in Cumberland. Catherine's mother, Florence Bell, grew up in Royston prior to WWII and she remembers going to school with many of her Nikkei friends before they got evacuated. You could see the grief on her face as she described the horror of seeing her friends being shipped off to places where they had no idea where they were going. Because she is of European descent, she was not displaced from her home, yet the trauma and pain was still very great for her as well. It turned out that the day of our fellowship dinner was Florence's 95th birthday. It was our great honor to be able to join in celebrating her birthday.

The next morning, we started with the cemetery visitation to the Cumberland Japanese Cemetery. This year's visitation was different as one of our tour participants has her grandparents and a couple of uncles buried in the cemetery.



With a grant she received from the Nikkei Legacy Fund, she had two new headstones made up with their names on it. She was very appreciative when we held a brief service in front of her family headstone prior to the general Obon service. For the general service, there were about 40 people from the local area who attended the service. A unique feature of this year's tour was performances at several locations by Noriko Kobayashi, who performed the Shamisen and Taiko. Noriko had received a grant from the Nikkei Legacy Foundation to search out her roots and perform her music along the way. Our paths crossed way in Ucluelet, Cumberland and at the Ross Bay Cemetery in Victoria.

Following the service in Cumberland, our group drove down to Chemainus for a short service at the cemetery before ending our day with the service in Nanaimo and a wonderful fellowship dinner with members from the Seven Potatoes Nikkei community group.

The final day began with the morning service at the Duncan Cemetery, and the final stop being Ross Bay Cemetery in Victoria. A special thank you to Kuni Ikuta and Denise Ikuta who volunteered to drive for our trip. We covered roughly 1,000 km in five days so there was a lot of driving to do. Thank you also to all the individuals on the island who helped organize the visits in their local area. It was another memorable tour.

In Gassho,
Grant Ikuta





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9月もあっという間に過ぎ去り、10月となりました。先日、バンクーバー仏教会が主催されたBC浄土真宗門信徒連盟大会に参加しました。大会は金曜日に始まり、日曜のBCJSBTF追悼式で終わりました。3日間、バンクーバー仏教会に通い、スティーブストン仏教会の開教使で本当によかったなとつくづく実感いたしました。三日間だけでも渋滞の中の運転はうんざりでした。トロント仏教会で務めていたころを思い出しました。ひどい時は、吹雪による交通渋滞のため、お寺から帰宅するのに2時間以上かかったこともあったのを覚えています。今はお寺の隣に住んでいますので通勤はありません。さて、大会はバンクーバー仏教会のボランティアの皆様のおかげで素晴らしい集いでした。ご講師はオレゴン大学のマーク・海野先生でした。海野先生は何度かご講師としてバンクーバー仏教会やスティーブストン仏教会に来られたこともありましたが、いつものように講演はわかりやすく、ユーモラスで、感動的でした。マーク先生は講演で熱心な念仏信者であったおばあさんについて話されました。自分の父である海野大鉄先生が太平洋を渡ってアメリカに来ようとしたときのことを話されました。船に乗る前におばあさんは「何があってもお念仏のみ教えを忘れないでください」と最後に言ったそうです。

海野先生がおばあさんの話をされたとき、私の曾祖母を思い出しました。聞いた話では祖父がカナダに来たとき、曾祖母からの最後の言葉は「阿弥陀様の邪魔にならないように頑張りなさい」だったようです。海野先生のお話のおかげで、法を与えているのは私ではなく、他の人が阿弥陀様と出会うご縁の手伝いをしているだけであることを改めて思い出させていただきました。阿弥陀様のお念仏の呼び声を皆様と一緒にいただけるようにお寺でお待ちしております。合掌、生田真見



法のともしび



役員会からのお知らせ アンザイ・ダグ



9月8日の役員会で議論したことをいくつかお知らせします。

・私たちは青年仏教徒の日本ツアーについて、カイとリアナから有益で参考になる情報を聞くセッションで役員会を開始する機会を持ちました。彼らは10月5日の祥月法要でも、同じトピックについて発表してくれます。カイとリアナ、ありがとう！

・時代に合わせて、またサムのご指導もあって、役員会はテクノロジーを活用して議事録が取れるアプリを試しています。私たちの目的は、これによってジーニーが書いたりタイプしたりする手を休めて、議論をもっと楽しんでいただけるようお手伝いすることです。

・山門とペットのお墓は、皆様がこの記事を読まれる頃にはしっかり完成しているでしょう。公式披露式典は10月25日（土）に行われます。詳細はこのニュースレターをご覧ください。

・私たちはお寺の火災と安全の手順について議論しました。そして今ある非常口、緊急時の集合場所、交通規制について検討するための手配をしています。

・スティーブストン仏教会を代表して、2～3人の役員が10月4日にフレイザーバレー仏教会の創立70周年祝賀記念式典に出席する予定です。

・役員会はウイステリアブレイスの多目的ルームを含むルームレンタルの詳細、レンタルの書式や契約を再度見直ししています。今まで同様お寺の会員は、すべての部屋がレンタル可能です。

・9月15日に2～3人の役員が、ウイステリアブレイスの四半期毎の会合に出席しました。運営と財政事情は好ましいです。提案や今後の計画について議論されました。

・刻々と近づいてくる10月18日に予定されている大人気のチャオメン・ドライブスルーの計画は着々と進んでいます。詳細はこのニュースレターとウェブサイトをご覧ください。

合掌 アンザイ・ダグ
スティーブストン仏教会役員を代表して



スティーブストン仏教会役員（後列、左から右へ）阿久根テッド（前会長）、マーテンス・サム、郷恵子（秘書）、スティーブンス・アネット（会計）、ナカタ・ブレント、アキツキ・ケーシー、生田クニ（副会長）、アンザイ・ダグ（会長）、（前列に座っている方々）メール・ライナー（前会計）、ライアン・ジーニー（書記）、生田グラント先生、生田ジュン、カスベカー・ダーゲシュ（第2副会長）写真撮影に漏れた方々：セッターストロム・エイミーと三浦玲奈子（事務経理）お寺についてのご提案がありましたら、生田グラント先生か役員にいつでもご自由にお声をかけてお聞かせください。私たちはどんなご提案に対してもオープンで興味があります。

萌の会 郷恵子



9月18日の萌の会には約23名ほどの参加者で賑わいました。萌の会は65歳から105歳までの幅広い年齢層の活気あふれるグループです。平均年齢はなんと92歳ですが、萌の会では皆さんとても元気で、自分の年齢を忘れてしまうほどです。手工

芸や歌を楽しんだり、最近では楽器の演奏にも取り組んでいます。この楽しい月例会は、生田先生の法話で始まり、お茶とお茶菓子、そして友人との楽しいおしゃべりで締めくくられます。次回の萌の会は10月16日に開催されます。朝晩は少し肌寒くなってきましたので、どうぞ風邪などひかれませぬようお身体を大切に過ごして下さい。



ペットメモリアル&墓園

お寺の建物の前の敷地の新しい工事の一環として、ペットのお墓を造る計画が進んでいます。11月9日（日）午前10時30分に、旅立ったペットを偲ぶ初めての法要が執り行われます。よろしかったらペットの写真や形見をご持参ください。また

ペットの遺灰をお墓に納めたいと希望する方は、お寺の事務所に連絡して、お墓に眠るそれぞれのペットの記録をお寺が保管できるよう申込用紙に記入してください。ペットのお墓は、納骨堂メモリアルガーデンの前方の共同墓地に造られます。ペット法要についても詳しく知りたい方は、お寺の事務所にお尋ねください。

People ひと



生け花の先生でスティーブストン仏教会の庭師をボランティアでしてくださっているセグエヴ・ミチコ先生にお会いしました。私たちはお寺の全員は、ミチコ先生がボランティアとしてお寺の周りの地面や庭にご自分の専門知識を役立ててくださっていることに大変感謝しています。ミチコ先生は生け花の道を究めたとても高い評判をお持ちの先生ですが、謙虚に除草したり土を掘り起こしたり刈込をしたり地面いっばいに水撒きをしてくださっています。私たちは契約している造園会社との定期的サービスに加えて、お寺の地面が如何にたくさん世話を必要としているか知っています。毎月最終土曜日の午前10時から11時半まで、ミチコ先生はウィステリアアブレイスに住んでいるお寺の会員の寛子さんと井上恵美子さんと一緒に泥によごれながら作業しています。どの土曜日の午前中でも構いません、ちょっと探してみても、声をかけて、もし2〜3分でも都合がつかずならお手伝いしてみてください。ミチコ先生とお手伝いの皆さん、ご親切な作業の大きな成果に心から感謝します！

山門披露式典



山門の公式披露式典は10月25日（土）午前11時から、雨天でも晴天でも執り行われます。

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婦人会からのお知らせ

吉原ヒロコ

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