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## 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

Sunday March 1st 10:30am  
Shotsuki Service

Sunday March 8th 10:30am  
Regular Sunday Service

Monday March 9th 7:00pm  
Board Meeting

Sunday March 15th 10:30 am  
Spring Higan Equinox Service/  
Tumbler Ridge Memorial

Thursday March 19th 10:00am  
Moe no Kai

Sunday March 22nd 10:00am  
Dharma School

Sunday March 22nd 10:30am  
Regular Service

Sunday March 29th 10:30am  
Regular Service

**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.**

### Nembutsu for Tumbler Ridge

As this Newsletter is going to press, news came out on the heart-breaking tragedy that occurred in Tumbler Ridge, BC. On behalf of the Steveston Buddhist Temple and all our sangha membership, our condolences to the families who lost loved ones. Our thoughts are with everyone who continue to be traumatized by the events in Tumbler Ridge.

In the days to come, our temple will be holding some activities to help the people in Tumbler Ridge. They include having a theme of "Peace and Healing" for the Spring Higan Service on March 15th, as well as directing proceeds raised from the upcoming Chow Mein Drive-Thru event going to aid relief efforts for families struggling through this horrific time. Please see details in this newsletter

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Rev. Grant Ikuta, Resident Minister  
Doug Anzai, Chairperson on behalf of the SBT Board

### タンブラーリッジの皆様へ

このニュースレターが印刷される中で、ブリティッシュコロンビア州タンブラーリッジで起きた、胸が張り裂ける悲劇のニュースが報じられました。スティーブストン仏教会およびすべてのメンバーの皆様を代表して、愛する人を失ったご家族の皆様にお悔やみ申し上げます。また、この出来事によって心に傷を負ったすべての方々に。今後スティーブストン仏教会ではタンブラーリッジの人々を支援するための活動をいくつか開催いたします。3月15日の春の彼岸会法要では「平和と癒し」をテーマにし、さらに4月に行われるチャウメンディナーの収益を、タンブラーリッジの救援活動に充てます。詳細はこのニュースレターをご覧ください。

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開教使 生田 Grant  
仏教会役員代表 安西 ググ

### Sarana Affirmation Ceremony

The Steveston Buddhist Temple is organizing a special Sarana Affirmation Ceremony on Sunday, April 26th following the morning service. The Sarana Ceremony is an important ceremony for individuals interested in receiving their Dharma Name and making an affirmation that he/she will try to live their life as a Jodo Shinshu Buddhist.

Bishop Tatsuya Aoki will preside over the ceremony. The day will begin at 9:30 am with a half hour conversation with Socho Aoki, discussing the meaning of the Sarana Affirmation Ceremony. Following the discussion, we ask that participants join in the morning service starting at 10:30 am which will be followed by the actual Sarana Affirmation Ceremony at 11:30 am.

Please contact Rev. Ikuta for more information and to receive the application form for the Affirmation Ceremony.

### Sarana 帰依式

4月26日(日)の日曜礼拝の後に特別なSarana帰依式を開催いたします。帰依式は、浄土真宗門徒として生きることを誓い、法名をいただく重要な儀式です。カナダ開教区の青木龍也総長が式典を主宰いたします。当日は午前9時30分から青木総長との30分間のサラナ帰依式の意味について話し合います。ディスカッションの後、参加者の皆様には午前10時30分から始まる日曜礼拝に参加し、その後11時30分からサラナ帰依式が行われます。詳細およびSarana帰依式の申請書の受け取りについては、生田開教使までお問い合わせください。

## A Fall, A Bump, and A Revelation

During the last week of January, my wife and I went to visit my mother in Vernon. She had moved there last April to live closer to my older sister, Mari. During our stay in Vernon, we decided to get in a couple of days skiing. During the afternoon of the second day, I had a fall and broke my right shoulder clavicle (collar) bone. I needed to have surgery on my shoulder, and it caused me to miss the February Shotsuki service. I would like to express my gratitude to Roy Sensei and Jeanne Ryan for pinch hitting during my absence. Also, thank you to everyone who expressed your concern for me. Fortunately, I was able to have the surgery within a couple of days from my accident and am now well on my way to recovery.



Funny thing about the accident, it all happened so suddenly. I know it seems like the obvious, but an accident is an event that we are never prepared for. One minute I'm getting off the chairlift, the next minute I'm on the ground in pain with a broken clavicle. Although the incident was painful, it was not all a loss. In fact, there were some positives that came from the accident.

Perhaps I hit my head when I fell (not really), but the whole ordeal got me thinking about many things. In two years, we will be observing the Centennial Celebration of the Steveston Buddhist Temple. In the last issue of the Newsletter, I suggested we use the slogan "Together We Receive the Buddha Dharma, Together We Share in Spreading the Teachings" as our Centennial Theme. My wish is that by 2028 we have more people actively engaged and the hondo is filled with people all receiving and sharing the Dharma together.

To help facilitate this, starting in March we will be changing our Sunday service format. Every Sunday service will be a joint English and Japanese service. By doing so, it will free up some time following the 10:30 am services. On the second and fourth Sundays of every month following the morning service, I would like to take 30 minutes to an hour to teach and practice chanting the main chants that we use during our services. Chanting is an integral part of the Buddhist practice and has its roots going back to immediately following the passing of the historical Buddha. By learning the meaning and practicing how to chant, I am hoping people will gain confidence in chanting out loud, which in turn will lead to giving more confidence in general in being part of the Sangha community. I will also teach about some health benefits of chanting that you never knew existed.

Another activity to help our members with identifying as a Buddhist is the Sarana Affirmation Ceremony. This is a special service conducted by the Bishop Aoki of the Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Temples of Canada. During the ceremony, one pledges to live their lives as a Buddhist and receives their Dharma Name. I have made arrangements with Bishop Aoki to join us on Sunday, April 26th to conduct the ceremony in conjunction with the Sunday service. For more information on the ceremony, please refer to the article in this newsletter.

As you can see, we have some interesting activities coming up. I look forward to seeing as many people as possible. Perhaps a periodic fall and bump on the head is good for me to shake up my thoughts.

In Gassho,  
Grant Ikuta

### Upcoming events

#### Spring Ohigan Service and Peace and Healing Service

On Sunday, March 16th at 10:30 am we will be holding our Spring Ohigan (Equinox) Service. Due to the recent tragic events that occurred in Tumbler Ridge, the Higan Service will be dedicated to Peace and Healing with emphasis on the people of Tumbler Ridge. Please join us for this special service.

#### 春の彼岸会法要及び平和と癒し

3月15日(日)午前10時30分に春の彼岸会法要を行います。タンブラーリッジで起きた悲劇的な出来事を受けて、彼岸会法要はタンブラーリッジの人々に重点を置き、平和と癒しに捧げられます。この特別な式典にぜひご参加ください。

#### Chanting Sessions

The act of chanting can be traced back to the oral transmission of the Dharma from the beginning of Buddhism. Starting in March, on the second and fourth Sunday, Rev. Grant will hold sessions on the meaning of the chants that we do, as well as give instructions on how to chant. Each session will be between 30 minutes to an hour. The more we practice together, the more comfortable you will be chanting out loud. In 2028, we will be celebrating our Centennial Celebration. My hope is by then we will have the Hondo reverberating with the voices of everyone chanting together. Please join us for these chanting sessions to learn the joy of chanting.

#### 念仏講習会

お経を称える行為は仏教の始まりからの口伝法に遡ることができます。3月から第2及び第4日曜日に、生田先生が浄土真宗で使われている基本のお勤めの意味と、お経の称え方の指導も始めます。各セッションは30分から1時間の範囲です。一緒に練習すればするほど、声に出して称えるのがより楽しくなります。2028年には、スティーブストン仏教会の100周年記念を祝います。その頃には本堂が皆の声でお念仏が響き渡ることを願っています。お勤めの講習会に皆様のご参加をお待ちにしております。

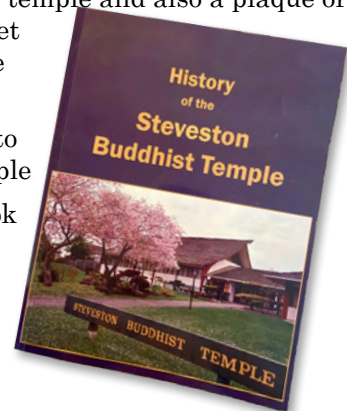


## BOARD NOTES

Here are Board highlights from February:

- We are happy to have Reverend Grant back in service after his ski accident that resulted in relatively quick surgery to mend a broken right clavicle (collarbone). Unfortunately his dream of making it onto the Winter Olympic podium for Canada in the Big Air ski competition remains, a dream...but we are fortunate to have him continue to make it onto the temple podium to share the dharma with us. :)
- Coming events you should know about:  
Sat. April 11 - **Chow Mein Drive Thru**  
Fri. April 17 - **Hanamatsuri Concert live at the temple**  
Sat. April 18 - **Rev. Patricia Kanaya lecture & potluck**  
Sun. April 19 - **Hanamatsuri service with Rev. Kanaya**  
*\* Ads for these events are in this newsletter & on the website. For further information phone or email the office.*
- Members of the sangha will now be assisting with the audio-visual functions for Sunday services. Sharing the responsibilities of on-screen texts (via Zoom) and camera operations, will make it easier on Reverend Grant and creates a more engaged and valuable sangha.
- After service on the 2nd & 4th Sundays of the month, Rev. Grant will lead a chanting lesson (aprox. 30 min.) with the intent of helping members develop and enrich this part of their buddhist practice.
- Board member Amy S has generously offered to give orientation on the AED (Automatic Emergency Defibrillator) device. This will be good knowledge to have should we encounter an emergency cardiac situation at the temple.
- The kitchen required a new cooler unit so removal of the old broken down one and install of the new one was necessary this past month. Kuni also coordinated replacing the stove drip pan as the old one was crumbling apart.
- We can confirm that the fire alarm panel is fully and properly functional thanks to a replacement part.

- On Jan.25th board members were invited to the Fujinkai women's association AGM. It was a treat to hear the small but noble group's feats and challenges. The board looks forward to continuing to work closely with the Fujinkai to help support their efforts for the sangha. Remember that Japanese grocery dry goods, manju and other goodies are available after Shotsuki & special services.
- We have been discussing a number of initiatives which will culminate during SBT's 100-year centennial celebration 2027-2028. In addition to the usual slate of annual events and activities a few projects we're wanting to organize for centennial celebration are:
  - a new seiten service book replacing the existing, rather tattered burgundy ones that are about 35 years old.
  - a stone marker on the west side of the Sanmon entry gate commemorating the temple and also a plaque or marker enshrining the pet cemetery on the east side
  - adopting a Japanese temple name additional to Steveston Buddhist Temple
  - appending the temple book 'History of the Steveston Buddhist Temple (1928-2011)' with an updated (2011-2028) edition



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

*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!*

### NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to the Steveston Buddhist Temple

Matsumura Danny  
Takemoto Yutaka

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.

## Mindfulness - Being Mindful



Mindfulness is rooted in the Buddhist tradition of the Eightfold Path. It is now adapted into the secular world as a practice focussed on enhancing mental clarity. It involves paying attention to one's present situation, rather than ruminating on the past or the future. This is a state of emptiness absolved from other activities and thoughts. This is a state of accepting thoughts and sensations without judgement.

As some have seen, I do my daily solitary Nembutsu walk along the Railway Greenway, a paved walkway along Railway Avenue going northwards from Moncton Street to Francis Road and even further to Brighthouse. This walk has provided me with the opportunity to be in the present to observe the deciduous trees like the Garry oak trees, the Copper beech trees and the coniferous trees. However, there was one that caught my attention - the Silver birch trees.

There are a number of them along the Greenway. They are unmistakably noticeable because they are so erect and almost majestic-like. During the winter season, they drop their leaves and are totally bare. We can see the skeleton of what we see in the summer. They are barren, there is not a leaf on them. Here one can admire the strength of the trees with its trunk and branches spreading out looking upwards seeking the sky. I can also imagine them with their roots seeking water and nutrients to fortify themselves for the hot and drier months. (The recently taken photo is very much reflective of their natural appearance)

As we approach early April, we can see these trees beginning to sprout their lush green leaves. They are undergoing a transition right before our eyes from the starkness in the winter to a vibrant, new life in the spring, and maturation into the summer when the leaves fully cover the trunk and the branches. The trees are in their essence.

Without my Nembutsu walk would I have seen these Silver birch trees defining its identity? Is it because of this experience of solitude and emptiness of my mind that I am able to see them as they are?

I think the walk has impacted my emotional state - reducing my anxieties and impulsive behaviours and providing a more calm, serene and inner peace to see things as they are. I think we need these moments of mindfulness away from the hub bub of everyday activities and become more sensitive to our surroundings, physical and emotional status. It is through the Nembutsu walk that I am becoming more aware of who I really am.

Indeed, the walk is a therapeutic experience



acknowledging and accepting my own feelings, thoughts, and bodily sensations. This is Mindfulness - Being Mindful, one of the core practices of the Eightfold Path of Buddhism.

In Gassho,  
Roy Akune

### マインドフルネス --- 心の気づき

マインドフルネスは、仏教の伝統的な八正道の教えに根付いています。現在では、メンタルの明晰さを高めることに焦点を当てる訓練として俗世間でも活用されています。マインドフルネスは、過去や未来に思いをめぐらすことより、自分の今の状態に注意を向けます。これは、自分を他の活動や思考から解放して、心が空っぽの状態、自己判断をまじえずに思いや感覚を受け入れることです。何人かの方が目にされたように、私は毎日レイルウェイのグリーンウェイを、独りで念仏ウォーキングしています。それは、レイルウェイアヴェニュー沿いの舗装された歩道で、モンクトンストリートから北に向かってフランシスロード、さらに行くトブリックハウスに至ります。この散歩は、ギャリーオーク、コッパービーチなどの落葉樹や針葉樹を、その場で観察する機会を与えてくれました。中でもとりわけ私の目を引いたのは、シルバークバーチ（シラカンバ）です。シルバークバーチはグリーンウェイ沿いにたくさん生えています。木々はまっすぐ直立に生えていて、しかも威厳がある風貌なので、見間違ふことなく目立っています。冬の間は落葉して裸木になるので、夏の間に見ました、あの葉が生い茂った木の骨格を見ることができました。一枚の葉もないその姿は荒涼としています。木の幹と枝が、空をめぐらして広がっているのを見て、人はその力強さに心打たれます。また私は、根が地中で水と栄養物を取り込んで、暑くて乾燥する季節に向けて自分を強化している様子想像します。（最近撮った写真には、その自然のままの姿がともしっかり映っています。）

4月初旬が近づくと、私達は緑豊かな葉が芽を出し始めるのを見ることが出来ます。冬の間荒涼とした裸木は、春に新しい芽を吹いて、夏には生い茂る葉が幹と枝を覆い尽くす木々へと、私達の目の前で移り変わっていきます。木々には木々としての本質があります。

もし念仏ウォーキングをしなかつたなら、シルバークバーチの木々が、これが本来の自分だと思ってしまうでしょうか。独りで、そして頭と心を空っぽにして散歩するという体験が、木々をありのままに見ることを可能にしたのではないのでしょうか。私はウォーキングが私の心の状態に影響を与えたと思っています。それは不安と、不十分な考えに基づく衝動的な行動を軽減し、物事をありのままに見るといふ、もっと穏やかで静かな心の平和を与えてくれます。私達は、日常生活の騒がしさから少し離れて、周囲や環境や自分の心身の健康にもっと気づきを得られることのようなマインドフルネスの時間を持つことが必要だと思っています。そして本当の私とはいったい何者なのか、ングについての私の意識が深まるのは、この念仏ウォーキングを通じてなのです。確かに散歩は、自分自身の気持ちや考えや身体感覚を認めて受け入れるという癒しの体験です。これが「マインドフルネス --- 心の気づき」であり、仏教の八正道の教えの中核となる実践方法の一つです。

合掌 阿久根ロイ



## FUJINKAI NEWS

### Summary of the Fujinkai AGM Maya Whittier

We had a very productive & well attended Fujinkai AGM at the end of January. One of the new items voted on was to share writing the monthly Fujinkai newsletter article. Hooray! Guess who got tapped? Seriously, I did willingly volunteer this month.

It opened with the financial report by Itoko, letting us know the Fujinkai are in very good shape,

We discussed our grocery sales, which have done well. We are going to try to find items to sell that are not as readily available in local stores. If you have suggestions, please let Hiroko Y. or the front office know. Sales will happen at the monthly Shotsuki Services.

Our Manju & Karinto sales have been very popular after Shotsuki Services. If you would like to learn and/or help with their making, your help would be greatly appreciated. \*Please Note\* You do not have to be Fujinkai to help with the making. We will teach you everything you need to know. We will be trying to make them the Friday prior to the service. Please contact that month's Toban leader &/or the front office for details.

Last year, the Fujinkai were able to make a \$1,000.00 donation to the Richmond Hospital. We got a lovely thank-you letter from them in which they noted we have been donating to them for the past three decades! Congratulations on all your years of dedication & hard work, ladies. We ROCK! We tabled making the same donation until our Fall Semi Annual Fujinkai Meeting.

We agreed to make a new donation of \$500.00 to Harbour House, a very noteworthy organization helping women & children with second stage transitional living//housing in Richmond. Thank-you, Frances, for bringing this wonderful cause to our attention.

It was noted we are in need of a new fridge & repairs to a steel plate on our stove. Kuni has been kind enough to look into that for us, which is appreciated.

We had elections.  
Chairperson for AGM and Semi AGM: Jeanne,  
Treasurer: Itoko  
Secretary: Frances  
Toban Leaders: Itoko, June & Hiroko K.  
Thank-you, ladies, for stepping up & helping us out. We'd be lost without you.

Upcoming event, mark your calendars:  
\*April 11, Drive-thru Chow Mein Event. All volunteers will be organized through the front office this year. Easier to track & organize our "man power."  
\*JSBTC WF AGM - 2026 will be on-line.  
2027 host could be SBT  
\*September, 2027, World Buddhist Women's Convention, in Hawaii  
More information about these events will be forthcoming.

Rev. Grant gave us a preview of some of the plans/

projects for our Temple's Centennial Anniversary. Woohoo! There are some very exciting things in the works. Please keep an eye out for those announcements & please consider getting involved with the new projects. Many hands...

In Gassho

## Tax Advantages of Donating Stocks and other Equities to the Temple

Are you considering making a donation to the Temple and do you have stocks, mutual funds, or other forms of equities that have appreciated in value? Did you know that these can be directly transferred to the temple without redemption. Normally, any capital gains realized at the time of conversion back to cash would be **taxable to the holder/donor. A direct transfer of stocks avoids this.** Subsequently, as a registered charity, all such donations to the temple are non-taxable.

The generous donor will receive a **tax receipt for the full value of the stocks** at the time of donation. How much larger the charitable tax credit realized by you is dependent upon the facts in your particular case. The temple will receive the stocks and, upon eventual conversion to cash, will not pay any taxes.

If you are interested please contact Renako Miura at the office by phone 604-277-2323, email [office@steveston-temple.ca](mailto:office@steveston-temple.ca) or in person to request a **Stock Donation Form**.  
*Disclaimer: This information is not a substitute for professional advice and we highly recommend consultation with your financial and tax advisors.*

## OBITUARY

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

Stacy Satoshi Maeda January 30, 2026 66 Years Old

# DONATIONS & Memberships

The Steveston Buddhist Temple sincerely appreciates and thanks the following for their generous donations: All donations deposited after February 12th, 2026 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 (\$935):** Akune Roy & Itoko, Akune Ted & Rose, Anzai Doug, Chow Nobu & Suezone, Hama Helen, Higo Kelvin, Hirose Mary, Ikuta Kuni & June, Matsushita Nobuko, Miyagi Misako, Mizushima Tatsutoki & Karen, Morizawa Sazare, Nakanishi Mike & Frances, Nakatsuru Sherry, Ryan Larry & Jeanne, Sakamoto Bud, Seguev Michiko, Setterstrom Amy, Stevens Annette, Toyoda Miyuki, Tsumura Takumi & Elaine, Whittier Maya, Yazawa Chiharu, Yoshihara Ken & Hiroko

**Dharma School Donation:** Luo Xing, Miura Renako

**Naijin Flower Donation:** Shikaze Naomi

**Shotsuki Donation(\$3,965):**

**January:** Hamada Satoshi, Sameshima Yoshiko

**February:** Akizuki Eiko, Akizuki Gary & Gloria, Akizuki Russ, Akune Aaron & Vicky, Akune Bob & Molly, Akune Roy & Itoko, Akune Ted & Rose, Anzai June, Araki Marci, Baumann Paul & Elaine, Challoner Bernice, Domai Kyosuke, Doi Peter & Louise, Erickson Leanne, Flynn Bob & Sharon, Grant Peter & Wendy, Hamade Naomi, Hamanishi Betty, Hashimoto Junichi, Higo Hiromi, Higo Kelvin & Kay, Hirose Mary, Iwanaka Don & Kumi, Izumi Basil & Etsuko, Kariya Florence, Kawabata Jack, Kawabata Mitsuyo, Kawamoto Tobo & Hiroko, Kemp Norine & Kevin, Kishi Leane, Kitsuda Mina, Komori Dick & Setsuko, Kumagai Tetsuo & Noriko, Mayede Don & Connie, Morizawa Leonard,

Morizawa Paul, Murray Gloria, Nakanishi Mike & Frances, Niguma Kazuko, Nishi Albert, Nishi Joe, Nishi Kayoko, Nishi Patricia, Nomura Dan & Connie, Nomura Mark & Chris, Nomura-Rejto Cathy, O'Brien Audrey, Ogawa Joanne, Oye Hanako, Ryan Larry & Jeanne, Saito Tokiko, Sakai Alan & Carol, Sakai Tomiko, Sakamoto Bud, Satosono Sam & Aya, Setterstrom Amy, Tabata Susanne, Tanaka Mel, Tasaka Cheryl, Tasaka Janice, Tasaka Joyce & Randy, Tasaka Kaz & Chic, Tasaka Rick & Naomi, Tasaka Susan, Taylor Jim & Keiko, Teraguchi Jean, Tsumura Takumi & Elaine, Watanabe Keiko, Yamamoto Kevin, Yamanaka Sachiyo, Yesaki Arthur, Yesaki Tom, Yoshihara Ken & Hiroko

**Major Services (\$1,905):**

**Nehan-e:** Akune Roy & Itoko

**Hoonko:** Akune Bob & Molly, Akune Roy & Itoko, Akune Ted & Rose, Araki Linda, Chow Nobu & Suezone, Cork Denise, Domai Kyosuke, Hamaura Misaye, Hashimoto Junichi, Hirose Mary, Hokazono Kenji & Gloria, Ikuta Denise, Ikuta Kevin & Karen, Ikuta Kuni & June, Inouye Emiko, Kakehi Tomoko, Kawabata Jack, Kawabata Mitsuyo, Kawamoto Tobo & Hiroko, Kurita Yoshie, Maruno Maya, Matsushita Nobuko, Mizushima Tatsutoki & Karen, Murakami Lori, Murao Tazuko, Nakanishi Mike & Frances, Niguma Kazuko, Nishi Kayoko, Okabe Mary, Oye Hanako, Ryan Larry & Jeanne, Sakai Marge, Sakai Tomiko, Sakamoto Bud, Setterstrom Amy, Tabata Hajime, Tabata Tosh, Tasaka Kaz & Chic, Tomihiro Kazuko, Vancouver Buddhist Temple, Vertue Susie & Vincent, Whittier Maya, Yoshihara Ken & Hiroko, Yoshioka Lucy & Stan, Anonymous

**Joya-e:** Sakai Marge

**Funerals & Memorial Services (\$5,215): In memory of the late:**

**Ken Teramura:** Teramura Pauline, Teramura Derrick, Teramura Deborah, Akune Roy & Itoko, Higo Kelvin & Kay, Hirose Mary, Kawasaki-Chan Sharon, Komori Dick & Setsuko, Kuramoto Isao & Ina, Takahashi Kei, Toyoda Ruby, Tsumura Takumi & Elaine, Yoshida Dave & Arlene

**Sumi Tabata:** Doi Peter & Louise, Higo Kelvin & Kay

**Yoneko Kondo:** Kondo Kaoru

**Kiyoe Wada:** Wada Arlene

**1st year memorial of Seiya Kuwabara:** Kuwabara Seiji

**8th year memorial of husband Doc Tomihiro:** Tomihiro Kazuko

**Fujinkai Donation:**

**In memory of Ken Teramura :** Teramura Pauline

## March 2026 MEMORIAL SERVICE (Please bring your "Homyo")

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

## April 2026 MEMORIAL SERVICE (Please bring your "Homyo")

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

## HANAMATSURI WEEKEND

APRIL 18 ~ 19, 2026

Guest Sensei: Patricia Kanaya Sensei



Please join us for an event filled weekend to celebrate the birth of the Buddha. On Saturday, April 18th at 3:00 pm, we will have a public lecture by retired Kaikyoshi minister Patricia Kanaya Sensei. Patricia Sensei is originally from Toronto but served for a number of years in the Buddhist Churches of America, where she served as the resident minister at the San Fernando Valley Buddhist Temple. Upon her retirement, Patricia Sensei returned to Canada and is residing now in Ottawa where she volunteers and helps out the Buddhist fellowship in Ottawa.

On Sunday, April 19 from 10:30 am, we will be commemorating Hanamatsuri service with our guest Patricia Sensei giving the Dharma message. We hope you will join us to celebrate the occasion.

As we put our hands together in gassho and take a quiet moment to reflect, we are reminded of the signs of spring. The birds are singing, the flowers are blooming, and new life is all around us. Let's all open our eyes, hearts and minds to the meaning of Hanamatsuri.

Please contact Rev. Ikuta to receive a zoom invitation for both the lecture as well as the service.

## 花祭り

2026年4月18日～19日

御講師：引退開教使金谷バトリシア先生

4月18日～19日週末にお釈迦様の誕生を祝う花祭りが行われます。18日の土曜日は午後3時より金谷先生の英語の講演会があります。金谷先生は元々カナダご出身ですが、ご縁があって長年北米開教区のSan Fernando Valley仏教会の駐在開教使として勤めてこられました。3年ほど前に引退された後にカナダへ帰国なされ現在はオタワで暮らしていらっしゃいます。

金谷先生は19日（日曜日）午前10時半の花祭り法要のご講師として参加されます。お釈迦様のご誕生を祝う大切な法要ですので皆様も是非お参りなさるようお願いいたします。



## Moe No-Kai

Keiko Go

At the Moe No-Kai New Year's party held on January 29, 21 senior members attended and it was a lively gathering. First, we celebrated those with January birthdays by singing the birthday song, and then we played games.

After enjoying a traditional New Year's-style fukuwarai game featuring Hyottoko and Okame faces, we held a Setsubun bean-picking contest, followed by playing cards, allowing everyone to enjoy both New Year's and Setsubun festivities together.

After playing games, a New Year's lunch was prepared using the fees that everyone contributes each month. I would like to thank all the volunteers for helping out Moe No-Kai every month. Your support is truly reassuring and greatly appreciated.

This year marks the 18th anniversary of Moe No-Kai. Some of the seniors who have attended since the very first year are now in their late 90s, and there are even members who are over 100 years old. We sincerely hope that everyone will continue to participate in Moe No-Kai comfortably and without strain. The next Moe No-Kai gathering will be on March 19. It will be the season when cherry blossoms begin to bloom.

Continuing from February theme, we plan to enjoy freestyle flower arrangements related to flowers. Please bring your favorite flowers or branches.

See you soon. Thank you.





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Join the Sangha and spread the Dharma

## CHOWMEIN DRIVE-THRU

FUNDRAISING FOR  
TUMBLER RIDGE  
SURVIVORS

Two options  
#1 Chowmein \$14.00  
#2 SBT Original Teriyaki Chicken & Chowmein Combo \$20.00

Pickup  
Date Apr 11  
1-4 pm

**PREORDER DEADLINE APR 2<sup>ND</sup>**  
**(604)277-2323**

Order Link



### Chowmein Drive Thru is Back!!!

Back by popular demand, the temple will be holding its drive-thru Chow Mein Dinner pick up on Saturday, April 11th, 2026.

Proceeds from the sales will go towards relief effort for the people of Tumbler Ridge

2 options to choose from

- 1) Chowmein \$14.00
  - 2) SBT's Original Teriyaki Chicken & Chowmein Combo \$20.00
- Scan QR code and place your order through online form.

If you do not have internet access, please call the temple office at (604)277-2323

HELP is needed for this fundraiser to chop vegetables & meat on Friday April 10th and on Saturday April 11th to cook & package the orders from 9:00am

If you are available, please send a message to office@steveston-temple.ca



## Hanamatsuri 'Flower Festival' Traditional Japanese Concert

Tsumugu Project 2026  
[息吹-IBUKI-]

2026  
4/17 (Fri)



Taiko  
Keita  
Kanazashi

Shakuhachi  
Yoshimi  
Tsujiimoto

# IBUKI



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Showtime 7:00pm

Doors 6:30pm

Minimum of \$10

donation per person



This will be our first traditional Japanese instrument concert inviting performers from Japan in three years.

We sincerely hope that many of you will be able to enjoy this opportunity.

3年振りの日本からお呼びする和楽器のコンサートとなります。  
沢山の皆様にお越しいただけることを念じております。

## スキー事故

1月の最終の週、妻と私は昨年からバーノンに住んでいる母を訪ねました。彼女は昨年4月に、姉の真理の近くに住むためにリッチモンドからバーノンへ移りました。バーノン滞在中に、少しスキーをすることにしました。2日目の午後後に転倒し、右肩の鎖骨を骨折しました。肩の手術が必要で、そのせいで2月の祥月法要にお参りすることができませんでした。不在中に代打してくれたロイ先生とジーン・ライアンに感謝の意を表したいと思います。また、私を心配してくださって、お見舞いの言葉を送ってくださった皆さん、ありがとうございます。幸いにも、事故から数日以内に手術を受けることができ、今は回復の途中です。



## 法のともしび

当たり前のことのように思えるかもしれませんが、事故は私が決して備えていない出来事でした。チェアリフトから降りる際、次の瞬間には鎖骨を骨折して痛みを耐えて地面に倒れていました。その出来事は痛ましいものでしたが、すべてが損失というわけではありませんでした。事故から得られた良い面もありました。

この一連の出来事でいろいろなことを考えさせられました。2年後には、スティーブストン仏教会の百周年記念行事が開催されます。先月のニュースレターには、「全員聞法全員伝道」というスローガンを百周年記念テーマとして使うことを提案しました。私の願いは、2028年までに多くの人が積極的に関わり、本堂が皆のお念仏の声でいっぱいになっていることです。

これを促進するために、3月から日曜礼拝の形式を変更します。毎週日曜の礼拝は英語と日本語の合同礼拝となります。そうすることで、午前10時30分の礼拝後の時間を少し空けることができます。

毎月第2および第4日曜日の朝礼拝終了後、30分から1時間程度、経典のお経の称え方について練習を行います。声明は仏教実践の重要な要素であります。また、お勤めの目的や意義についても検討いたします。

ご覧の通り、興味深い活動が控えています。多くの皆様のご参加を楽しみにしています。

合掌  
生田 グラント

## 役員会からお知らせー アンザイダグ

2月の役員会のハイライトは以下の通りです。

- ・ グラント生田先生が、スキー事故で骨折した右の鎖骨の比較的迅速な手術を無事終えて戻ってこられたことを、私達はとても嬉しく思います。冬季オリンピックでカナダのために、ビッグエアーのスキー競技で表彰台に立つという先生の夢は、残念ながらもありませんでしたが、仏法を私達と分かち合うために、これからも何回も、先生がお寺の演台にお立ちになってお話して下さることは幸いです。

- ・ 4月のイベントは次の通りです。

- 4月11日(土)：チャオメン・ドライブスルー

- 4月17日(金)：花祭りコンサート お寺でライブ

- 4月18日(土)：開教使パトリシア・カナヤ先生の講演とポットラックディナー

- 4月19日(日)：カナヤ先生と共に花祭り法要

- ・ これらのイベント情報は、本誌とウェブサイトに掲載しています。さらに詳細を知りたい方は、お寺の事務所に電話かemailしてください。

- ・ 今後サンガのメンバーは、日曜礼拝の時、音声と映像の機能調整をお手伝いします。ズームでテキストを画面表示する役割や、カメラ操作の役割を分担することは、グラント先生の負担を減らし、メンバーがより積極的に関わって、より高い価値のサンガを創ります。

- ・ 今後毎月第2と第4の日曜礼拝後、グラント先生による約30分の読経指導が行われます。これはメンバーの読経の向上を助けるとともに、仏教の修行の一部である読経を強化して、より豊かなものにするためです。

- ・ 役員のエイミーは、AED(自動体外式除細動器)の取り扱いに関するオリエンテーションを開催することを、進んで申し出てくれました。お寺で心臓の緊急事態に遭遇した時に役立つ知識を提供してくれるでしょう。

- ・ 先月キッチンのクーラーユニットが故障したので、古いユニットを取り除いて、新しいユニットの据付が必要になりました。また、古いレンジのパン(汁や油受け)がぼろぼろになったので、クニが取替を手配しました。

- ・ 部品を取替えたおかげで、火災報知器パネルが完全かつ適切に機能していることを確認できます。

- ・ 1月25日、役員達は婦人会の年次総会に招待されました。それは、この小さくても立派なグループの素晴らしい功績と困難や課題について話が聞けた良い機会となりました。役員会は、引き続き婦人会と緊密に活動して、サンガのために尽力してくださっている婦人会を、手伝い支援していきます。乾物、お饅頭、その他の日本の食料品を、祥月法要と特別な法要の後に購入できることを覚えておいてください。

- ・ 2027~2028年のスティーブストン仏教会の創立百周年記念祝典に向けて、私達がイニシアティブをとっていく多くのプロジェクトについて議論しました。毎年の恒例行事や活動の通常の計画に加えて、私達は以下のプロジェクトをオーガナイズしていくことを望んでいます。

- 現在使用している使い古した紫色の聖典(35年間使用)を新しい聖典に取り替える。

