



June 2009

## Sagari-Fuji (Wisteria Flower)

Only when we become humble are we able to truly listen to the Dharma (Truth) and to be grateful for it.



When we come to our new temple and walk through the main entrance we notice beautiful purple flowers on the left side. Although the flower is an artificial, it looks very beautiful and always in full bloom welcoming all of us, members and friends, old and young.

I wonder how many people know that the flower is called Fuji-no-hana, “wisteria flower” and that it is used as the official crest of Jodo Shinshu Buddhism. The wisteria flower, although very beautiful, blooms with its head hanging low. Thus we call it “Sagari-Fuji” in Japanese. The root word of “sagari” is “sagaru” meaning “to hang” or “to come down” symbolizing the attitude of humbleness or humility which stems from gratitude in our everyday actions. Strictly speaking, Jodo Shinshu teaches us that whatever we do in our everyday lives is the expression of gratitude. To become a humble person is particularly important in our teaching. Only when we become humble are we able to truly listen to the Dharma (Truth) and to be grateful for it. The mind of a humble person is always open and gentle.

In order to illustrate this point, here is a story: A young man visited a Buddhist temple to ask what Buddha Dharma is. A temple priest welcomed him, invited to his

room and started to prepare tea for the guest. But the young man said, “I am a busy man. I have no time to drink tea. Besides, I’ve come here to listen to the Dharma. Let me introduce myself. I recently graduated from the University where I took economy and commerce and also studied comparative religion...” While the young man talked on like this, the priest continued to prepare tea, then started to pour the tea into the guest cup. He poured the tea, then poured more. Finally it overflowed. The young man cried out, “The tea is overflowing. Can’t you see?!” With a smile, the priest said, “Yes, I can see. You came here to learn the Dharma. But where is there room in your mind to accept it?”

In the Song of Shoshinge, Shinran Shonin wrote:

*The true working of Amida’s Vow,  
For evil beings with perverted  
views and arrogance  
Is extremely difficult to believe and retain;  
Of all difficulties nothing is more difficult  
than this.*

(Amida’s Vow means the working of true Compassion to liberate all beings to the realm of Enlightenment. Evilness in Buddha Dharma implies a self-centered human mind which rejects Amida’s working.)

In Jodo Shinshu, to become a good person is not enough. We encourage children who are relatively not spiritually mature enough, by saying “Be a good person. Avoid bad things. Don’t tell a lie. Don’t create trouble. Be kind.” and so on. However, when we become mature adults, I think, we must examine and reflect on ourselves more deeply in the light of the Dharma, the working

of Amida, and become humble like Sagari-Fuji. A person of truly humble and grateful character is the outcome of being illuminated and nurtured by Amida’s Light and Life, Wisdom and Compassion.

A pious lady of Jodo Shinshu wrote: *Sagari-fuji, just hanging and nodding with its head low, yes, yes.* Hearing Amida’s call, Namo Amida Butsu, we respond “yes, yes” and return to the True Home of Enlightenment.

In Gassho,  
Yasuo Izumi, Minister of BTSA

もう七十年以上も前のことですが、仏法を大変よろこばれた方に、浅原才市という方がおられました。その方が「悪いやつ 悪いやつ 才市や悪いやつ 悪いことには底がない」と書いています。ここに書かれている「悪いやつ」というのは我欲、我執のことです。自分の都合で物事を見ていくという意味でしょう。まことに、人間ほど、底なしに我欲、我執をもつ動物もいないようです。自分を深く見つめて才市さんは、このように言われたのでしょうか。本当に自分を見つめるためには、光に遇わねばなりません。自分の悪さは自分では分からないからです。光に遇う、ということが聴聞する、ということでしょう。それは必ずしもお寺でなされるだけではありません。仏様を思うところに、光に遇うということがあります。親鸞様は、仏様は光である、と仰っています。才市さんは光の仏様にあつた方であると思います。「悪いやつ」と知らされると同時に、光の仏様に抱かれて生きていたことに気づかれた人でありました。光に遇うことが、真に人間完成の道(成仏)であります。合掌 いずみ

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## PRESIDENT'S NOTEBOOK

I think that we were all looking forward to a bit of a hiatus following the hectic activities during the month of April. This has not been the case. I thought that perhaps we would have the opportunity to turn our attention to some of those items that we were not able to properly address during the past two or three months. There is still much to be done as we continue to develop our routines within our Temple and solidify our processes. Let me begin by thanking all of you for your effort, patience and understanding during this period. I knew at the outset that we would face a very steep learning curve. Please understand that many of the issues that we face today are a direct result of our attempts to work with new systems, new ideas and new processes. We will learn from these experiences provided we are willing to openly share and communicate with each other.

Thank you for your continued efforts to bring issues to our attention. Your support in this regard is much appreciated. Better yet, I encourage you to look upon these issues as an opportunity to become directly involved yourself. Much is said about the wonderful energy that is prevalent within our new Temple. Perhaps the identification of an issue combined with energy and enthusiasm will become your catalyst to consider a much more active role within our organization. We are always in need of willing individuals who wish to help out by bringing new ideas and fresh approaches to any of our Committees. We should try to avoid our total reliance upon the same group of individuals to bring forth ideas and carry out tasks as we may have done in the past. It's not that we don't appreciate the efforts of those that have already "stepped up" and are consistently active in aspects of our organization but we surely don't wish to wear out those that are involved now.

With a larger more enthusiastic Temple membership, we have the capacity to spread out the workload so that each of us can contribute a little without feeling overloaded. We can surely benefit from the enthusiasm of young people and at the same time make use of the experience and wisdom of our older members. For our young people, just consider what your involvement on one of our projects or special events might look like on your career resume. Even if you're not a regular Sunday service attendee, there is an opportunity and a place for you to become involved in our Temple events and activities.

Eventually we come to realize that our energetic involvement and willing participation is the result of having been nurtured by the Dharma. I encourage you to seek out any member of our Board of Directors or the Chairpersons of our many Committees and allow that energy to fully develop within you.

In Gassho,  
Hajime Harry Sugimoto



Parents' Day Potluck Lunch

## TOBAN UPDATE

**The Toban system** has consisted of five working groups of ladies and men that keep the temple running smoothly. Tasks include day-to-day maintenance and set up, cleaning, preparation of the najjin for services, refreshments and meals for meetings, services and special events. Mary Thomas has just resigned from leadership of **Toban 5** for health reasons and will be talking to group members about changes for that Toban and the Toban system. Recommendations will then come to the Toban Leader's group for decision on any changes. Mary has been an excellent leader and we thank her for her valuable work. Health permitting, Mary will help out when she can.

**Toban 3** was kept busy with three consecutive funerals in May and were able to call on Tobans 4 and 5 for assistance. The Potluck lunch was a fine feast with thanks due to Maya, Brenda and the children for gifts to parents and grandparents and to Toban 3 for the organization and clean-up of the meal. A complimentary luncheon for members was the last event of the month on May 31 in appreciation for everyone's contributions toward the Dedication activities.

**Toban 4** will be responsible for the current month and begins with a funeral luncheon preparation, June 1. Members include Jan/Tak Okamura, Jean/Tak Oga, Sachi/Noris Taguchi, Dick Adachi, Judy Fukushima, Tokio Hori, Amy/Ken Kurio, Kay/Kiyo Moriyama, Rie /Jack Nagai, Yumiko Osaka, Kay/Frank Osaka, Heidi Oishi/Stan Peters, Joyce/Tosh Saruwatari, Kaz Takaguchi, Kay Tsukishima, Betty/Sam Taniguchi, Shirley Taniguchi, Ayako/Mas Taniguchi

## RELIGIOUS COMMITTEE REPORT

Following a Religious Committee meeting on on May 12, several items were approved by the May 13th Board meeting.

### Summer Services

There will be Sunday Services throughout July and August at the regular time of 10:30 a.m. The service will be more informal with a shorter dharma talk and chanting.

Sensei will be available for all Sundays with the exception of July 5th when there will be no service (temple being rented by a temple member for family reunion); and July 12th when he has another commitment. Renae Barlow will chair and be the speaker on July 12th.

There will be no scheduled Dharma classes during the summer, however parents and children who wish to attend are invited to use the Dharma classroom as well as an outside play area which is being constructed this spring.

### Japanese Dharma Talk

The Sunday Service will include a short, five to ten minute, Dharma talk in Japanese to accommodate the elder members of the congregation. In response to a member request, "this demonstrates concern and respect for the elders in our congregation that find comfort in hearing the dharma in their native language." The committee recognizes "that the congregation is undergoing a transition and the accomodation of the Japanese Language is not a long term commitment." It was noted by the committee "that the Sensei invite 'non Japanese speaking members,' to sit in quiet loving kindness and compassion meditation or reflection during the Japanese speaking portion."

### Monthly Speaker/Movie Events

The Religious Committee is planning a monthly speaker/movie series for ages 15 – 25 to include a movie, followed by a speaker and discussion. The event is planned for one Sunday a month at 1 pm and will start with a series of four in September (September – December). More details to follow.

### Study Group

The study group plans to structure classes around the Tannisho. This will provide a means to study Jodo Shinsu, provide a study format using a study guide, and encourage discussion. Study topics and schedule will be announced in the Hikari.

If you have any questions about the Religious Committee please feel free to talk to one of the members. Renae Barlow (chair), Jim Tsukishima, Mac Nishiyama, Reyko Nishiyama and Kimie Sudo.

### BUDDHIST WORD OF THE MONTH

**Tannisho:** The Tannisho is one of the most widely read works in Japanese Buddhism, known not only as a religious but literary classic. The Tannisho is a two-part work representing a compilation of teachings by Shinran Shonin. The first part consists of direct quotations of Shinran's own words as recorded by his follower Yuien. The second part consists of Yuien's commentary interspersed with Shinran's own statements. The primary focus of these statements is to convey the power of the Nembutsu in the here-and-now.

## OBITUARIES

Buddhist Temple of Southern Alberta express our heartfelt sympathy to those who have lost loved ones.

|                         |                |
|-------------------------|----------------|
| Ichio Ibuki, 74         | March 27, 2009 |
| Chizu Nakamura, 89      | April 1, 2009  |
| Tomio Hirashima, 79     | May 1, 2009    |
| Kingo Sakamoto, 87      | May 15, 2009   |
| Gene Thomas Tajiri, 57  | May 16, 2009   |
| Hisashi Furuiye, 82     | May 18, 2009   |
| Leslie Takashi Higa, 53 | May 26, 2009   |
| Kenji Tatebe, 86        | May 28, 2009   |

## 2009 Buddhist Memorial Service 仏教徒の年忌法要

### Year of Death (死亡年)

|      |                           |                               |
|------|---------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 2008 | First annual memorial     | .....1 year from death        |
| 2007 | 3rd anniversary memorial  | .....2 full years from death  |
| 2003 | 7th anniversary memorial  | .....6 full years from death  |
| 1997 | 13th anniversary memorial | .....12 full years from death |
| 1993 | 17th anniversary memorial | .....16 full years from death |
| 1985 | 25th anniversary memorial | .....24 full years from death |
| 1977 | 33rd anniversary memorial | .....32 full years from death |
| 1960 | 50th anniversary memorial | .....49 full years from death |

A memorial rite marking the death of the deceased not only calls for the adornment of the shrine and the reading of the sutra but also is a precious occasion for recalling the cherished memories of the beloved and the most of all to realize the blessings of the Light of Wisdom and Life of Compassion which embrace us all. (from Jodo Shinshu Handbook for laymen) **On the first or near the first Sunday of every month, the BTSA observes a monthly memorial service in memory of those people whose date of death (meinichi-命日) falls in that month. Please bring a Homyo of your loved one.**

# Why Join the Buddhist Temple of Southern Alberta?

If you haven't already done so, it is time to pay your membership fee. At a recent board meeting the membership fee was set at \$100 per adult. This is a fraction of what it costs to maintain the temple so your donations are also much appreciated.

Those who wish to join the Buddhist Temple of Southern Alberta and pay their annual membership fee are considered full members in good standing. Being a member signifies your commitment to the continued success of the Temple and the Sangha.

Membership allows one to stand for office on the board of directors of the Buddhist Temple of Southern Alberta and they also become members of the Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Temples of Canada.

Everyone, regardless of membership status, is welcome to participate in regular and special services, to help out with social events and temple maintenance and to serve on temple committees.

Membership is used by the temple to ensure that our services are made available to as many members as possible.

The benefits we offer include membership in the national organization, regularly weekly services, special services provided by our resident minister and the camaraderie of taking a spiritual journey with many other like-minded individuals.

Membership allows us to send out information on forthcoming events and to keep abreast of family needs such as providing ministerial visits to seniors.

Maintaining a large organization such as ours requires that we utilize the skills and resources of our members in order to provide a full-time minister, to maintain a large building and to providing space for social events and clubs.

Membership in the Buddhist Temple of Southern Alberta is open to everyone.

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## MEMBERSHIP FORM 2009

New Membership       Renewal

2009 Membership is \$100 for each member.

1st Name \_\_\_\_\_

2nd Name \_\_\_\_\_

3rd Name \_\_\_\_\_

4th Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Check to receive The Hikari newsletter by Email only.

Please send this form with your remittance to the Buddhist Temple of Southern Alberta or:

Robert Takaguchi, Treasurer  
Box 1249  
Raymond, AB, T0K 2S0

# BTSA BUILDING DONOR UPDATE May 2009

Official tax receipts can be issued by the BTSA for any charitable donations. Anyone wishing to donate to the building fund can make a one time donation or pledge their donation over the next 3-5 years. The donor wall is now up displaying names through to March '09. The donor levels are as follows:

|                                     |                                      |                                  |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| <b>DIAMOND</b> \$25,000 or greater  | <b>PLATINUM</b> \$10,000 to \$17,499 | <b>SILVER</b> \$2,500 to \$4,999 |
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## PLATINUM Level Donors

- Elaine Tanaka, Gordon Tanaka, Pat Tanaka, Richard & Marlene Tanaka in memory of Hiroshi & Akiko Tanaka

## GOLD Level Donors

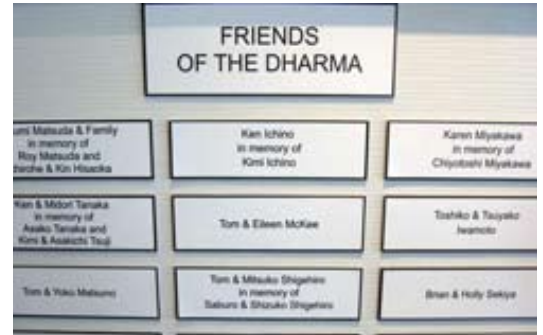
- Takao & Mitsuyo Fujimoto in memory of Koukichi & Sachiyo Itohiya
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- Rev. Eisho Aoki
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- Amy Nakamura in memory of Chosaburo & Kohide Nakamura
- Stony Nakano in memory of Joan Nakano
- Wakao & Jean Kamimura in memory of Charlie & Kazuko Kunimoto



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**BUDDHIST TEMPLE OF SOUTHERN ALBERTA**

## PLEDGE FORM

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TOTAL CONTRIBUTION \_\_\_\_\_ I wish for my pledge to remain confidential \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_ One-time Donation of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Notation (eg. *In memory of*) \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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Hikari<sup>the</sup>Light



## Memorial Donation April 29 to May 2/09

Adachi Dick  
Adachi Roy & Nancy  
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Akune Shizuka  
Akune Ted & Rose  
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Nakamura Kazuo & Nancy  
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Nakatsui Ron, Renee, Thomas,  
Melanie, Natalie  
Nakatsui Jean & Jamie  
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Oga Takumi & Mitsuko  
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**TOTAL: \$5,820.00**

## Shotsuki Hoyo May/09

Dorene Gordon  
Keiko Higa  
Shirley Higa  
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Setsuko Matsugi  
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Tosh Nakahama  
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Ken & Nancy Setoguchi  
Tom & Mitsuko Shigehiro  
Nobby & Michiko Sudo  
Noris & Sachi Taguchi  
Robert & Judy Takaguchi  
Kinji & Fudge Takeda  
Roy Takeda  
Eichi & Betty Tanaka  
Toshiko Tanaka  
Shigeru Kounosu

**TOTAL: \$1,050.00**

## Hanamatsuri Donations

**TOTAL: \$7,355.00**



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

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**BTSA Annual Service & Picnic**  
**John Martin Recreation Area, Pavan Park**  
**Sunday, June 28, 2009**  
**Service begins at 10:30am**

The annual potluck picnic is this month. There will be games, races and a pinata for the kids. The BTSA will provide chicken from KFC and beverages. Don't forget a hat, sunscreen and repellent.

### Childrens' Playground at the Temple

It is our hope that the month of June will provide good weather for the dharma class. Once the sprinkler system is determined and the play structure is up, students can help with digging a garden and laying sod. A mural project for the area is also in the works.

**Please contact Brenda Ikuta or Maya Ichikawa if you are available to help move the play structure from the Ikuta residence to the temple. This will most likely happen on a weekend in June.**



Photos from last year's BTSA picnic

In the month of May:

Parents' Day preparation by Dharma students; at the potluck there were geraniums and tomato plants to take home.



## 2009 June & July Schedule

### 六月と七月の予定表

Sunday Regular Service starts at 10:30am

\*Study/Discussion group held after regular service

#### JUNE

|        |         |  |
|--------|---------|--|
| 07 SUN | 10:30am | Monthly Shotsuki Memorial Service 祥月法要 |
| 10 WED | 7:00pm  | BTSA Meeting                           |
| 14 SUN | 10:30am | Regular Service                        |
| 21 SUN | 10:30am | Regular Service                        |
| 28 SUN | 10:30am | BTSA Annual Service and Picnic         |

#### JULY

|        |            |   |
|--------|------------|---|
| 04 SAT |            | Hoji  |
| 05 SUN | 12:00 noon | Cemetery Service at Brooks  |
|        | 1:00pm     | Obon Service at Brooks  |
| 12 SUN | 10:00am    | Cemetery Service at Magrath   |
|        | 11:00am    | Cemetery Service at Temple Hill   |
| 18 SAT |            | Annual Bon Odori at Galt Gardens  |
| 19 SUN | 1:00pm     | Cemetery Service at Mt. View  |
|        | 2:30pm     | BTSA Obon Service and Monthly Shotsuki Memorial Service (July and Aug.)<br>お盆法要並びに7月と8月祥月法要 |
| 26 SUN | 10:30am    | Regular Service   |

August 02 SUN 1:00pm Cemetery Service at Taber

Informal Regular Sunday Service will be held throughout August.

## 2009 COMING EVENTS

#### JUNE

28 BTSA Annual Service & Picnic  
John Martin Recreation Area  
Pavan Park

#### JULY

11 Bon Odori Dancers and BTSA Choir  
Nikka Yuko Gardens 1:30 – 2:30 pm  
18 Bon Odori & Bazaar, Galt Gardens  
19 Obon Service

#### OCTOBER

17 Chow Mein Supper  
Bake Sale & Bazaar

#### NOVEMBER

13-15 Alberta Buddhist Conference  
21-22 Mochitsuki  
29 Noodle Making

#### DECEMBER

31 New Year's Service Bell Ringing,  
Nikka Yuko Japanese Garden

Any questions or requests? Please contact your minister (403)-382-7024

### REGULAR EVENTS

#### \*Study/Discussion Group

Sundays after morning service and tea.

The purpose of meeting is to deepen our understanding and appreciation of Buddha's teachings, study the Dharma and facilitate discussion. Please contact Renae Barlow (renaeb@telus.net) or Rev. Izumi

#### Bon Odori Dancers

Wednesday, June 3 at 7pm and thereafter  
Wednesdays at 7pm through July 15

#### Southern Alberta Buddhist Choir

Spring break May 29 – June 18  
Practice: June 25, July 2, July 9  
Thursdays 7 - 9pm

#### Tonarigumi

Tuesdays, 12 – 3:30pm

#### Taiko Class

Tuesdays 6:30 - 8:30pm  
Please contact David Tanaka  
403.330.1548 or david@eyesquared.com

#### Lethbridge Karaoke Club

Wednesday, June 3 - 1pm  
Last meeting until October

### SPRING PROGRAMS

#### Creative Movement & Art for Kids

Fridays, 1:30 – 3:30 June 5, 12, 19

#### Gentle Yoga for Seniors

Mondays, June 5 at 10am, June 8 at 11am

#### Naikan: An Approach to Self-Reflection

Saturdays, 1:30 – 3pm June 6 & 13

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Membership fees for 2009 are now being accepted. The annual fee is \$100/member.**

#### Dharma: My Guiding Light

仏法：人生の道しるべ

In celebration of new Buddhist Temple of Southern Alberta, Sensei Izumi has published his seventh book in the series "Dharma: My Guiding Light". The BTSA has printed 500 of these publications for distribution across

Canada. If you would like to order copies, please contact Renae Barlow (renaeb@telus.net) or Sensei Izumi. A donation of \$2.00 per book to cover printing costs would be appreciated. (Thank you, Toronto Buddhist Church for ordering 150 copies.)

**Temple User Groups** This is a reminder and request that all booked and frequent users groups leave the premises clean. Please wash used dishes and cups. They should first be soaked, 3-5 minutes in a bleach solution (Chinook Health Regulation), placed in the automatic dishwasher and washed. Also, please check that all Temple doors are securely closed before leaving the building. Thank you.