



June 2012

## ETERNAL GENTLE GAZE

*Entrust yourself to Amida's Vow. Through the benefit of being grasped, never to be abandoned, all who entrust themselves to the Vow attain the supreme enlightenment.*

Shinran Shonin (1173-1263)

Many years ago, one of our daughters, Sophia, about three years old, liked to welcome visitors. Whenever my wife prepared tea or coffee for them and placed cups on a tray, Sophie was excited and wanted to carry and serve them. From the eyes of parents it was very risky for Sophie. To have a three-year-old girl carry cups filled with tea or coffee on the tray from kitchen to the living room was really dangerous. But Sophie liked it and every time insisted she do so. My wife always told her "Be careful!"

So, she slowly and carefully walked from the kitchen to the room, and when she reached the table, the guests said, "Oh, my, you are helping mom?! Good girl!" She was happy to hear that. She might have thought every time, "I have done it!" Perhaps she thought she was doing everything by herself and she was satisfied with that.

The truth, however, was that my wife was always behind Sophie and quietly following her. She worried about her not making any mistakes, not tumbling on the way. She was concerned with Sophie's each step and movement. So quietly my wife followed Sophie. I can say that there was mother's love and concern in Sophie's journey with the tray. At age three Sophie, of course, would have not known her mother's concern and love in watching her.

Now, consider that the distance between kitchen to living room represents a human journey struggling toward the

realm of enlightenment. In our journey, there are many unexpected things that might happen, for it is the nature of life. Sophie might have spilled tea or coffee. She might have hit something, tumbled, dropped cups and cried. She might not have even reached the table. But if she knew her mother's watchful love and concern at her each step and movement, I am sure she would have felt encouraged and had more confidence. She would have felt everything was okay, no matter what happened.

In a similar way, Shinran Shonin in his struggle to enlightenment found boundless compassion of Amida who comes out of enlightenment, heart of oneness. The moment he realized Amida's working - eternal gentle gaze - was upon his each step and movement in his life, he knew he was free from all struggles and frustration toward enlightenment. Shinran Shonin found peace and tranquility. He declared with joy at that crucial moment: "I, disciple of Sakyamuni, discarded traditional Buddhist practices (for the sake of enlightenment) and took refuge in Amida's compassionate Vow." He realized that enlightenment toward which he was struggling had been contained and already actualized in Amida's compassionate working for him. Knowing this, he joyfully and gratefully uttered Namo Amida Butsu responding to Amida's great compassion.

Namo Amida Butsu  
Yasuo Izumi, Minister  
Buddhist Temple of Southern Alberta

### 事故

事故というものは、いつでも、どこにいても起こるものです。ちょうど「母の日」の二日前です。夜10時ごろ、二階でドターンという音がしました。階下で本を読んでいた私は驚いて二回の寝室に駆け上がりました。ベッドのそばで妻が私を呼んでいます。電話に出ようとして、ベッドから落ちたのです。打ち所が悪かったようで、起き上がることができません。その時から二週間過ぎようとしています。が、やっとトイレに行けるようになったくらいで、寝たきりです。足はなんともないのですが、ベッドから起き上がることができません。お医者さんは、あと二週間もすれば全治するだろう、と診断してくれました。背中の中の神経や筋肉は首、肩、腕だけでなく、腰や、かかと迄へと「しっかり」つながっていることを知りました。足に力が入ると背中に鋭い痛みが走ります。日ごろ歩いたり、座ったり、横になったりすることは当たり前だと思っていましたが、「生きている」ということ自体、当たり前などということは一つもないのです。それは、仏教がいつも私たちに語ってくれていることです。今、妻はあらためて一つ一つのことに、また人の親切に「ありがたい」と繰り返し言っています。私も妻に教えられている毎日です。合掌 泉

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# BTSA NOTES

June heralds the beginning of Bon Odori practice at the temple each Monday at 6:30 p.m., commencing June 4 through July 9, the Monday of the week of the Bon Odori at Galt Gardens on July 14.

June 17 is the date of the annual picnic, this year at the John Martin Recreation Centre in Pavan Park. It begins with Sunday service at 10:30 a.m. Please bring a dish for the potluck lunch which we will share, augmented by Kentucky Fried chicken provided by the temple. Terry Horii has kindly donated several cases of bottled water. Plan to attend with the entire family—bring your children and grandchildren—and take part in the activities. The picnic site can be accessed by driving north on 13th Avenue north beyond Hardieville. Look for the Pavan Park sign, and turn left onto the road that will take you down to the river bottom.

Please make note of the Obon schedule printed elsewhere in this issue.

The May 26 movie night choice, “Happy”, noted several times that cooperation and relationships underlie most of the happiest communities in the world, and the thought occurred to me that despite the various shortcomings we tend to focus upon the temple pretty much is a happy place.

Even with the voluminous work that’s put in by members to keep the temple operating smoothly, there is a pleasant air of sharing and doing things together. This was reinforced by the turnout of 65 persons for supper that preceded the movie as well as the Parents Day celebration on the following day when nearly 80 persons shared lunch together.

Thanks to all those who planned and executed both events, to Totsy Nishimura for heading up the movie night supper and to Jan Okamura and Toban 4 for the delicious lunch at the Parents Day get-together. Dharma school children made chopstick rests and offered plants to all the attendees.

Apropos the nursery rhyme, “The north wind shall blow, and we shall have snow, and what will the robin do then, poor thing”, our spring chow mein supper on May 5 was hardly a day for a robin. After a string of drive-through suppers under blue Lethbridge skies, our luck ended with rain, wind (albeit west and not north) and snow. Appreciation to everyone, including customers, for turning out to support this important fund-raiser, to those who worked inside in the warmth and particularly to those who braved the elements to direct traffic and deliver suppers to drive-through ticket-holders. Please see a related story about the supper elsewhere in this Hikari.

Akira Ichikawa

## CHAIR SCHEDULE June & July 2012

**Jun 03 SHOTSUKI**  
Chair: Sylvia Oishi  
Audio: Tak Okamura

**Jun 10**  
Chair: Pat Sassa  
Audio: Sway Nishimura

**Jun 17**  
**Regular at Pavan Park, Picnic**  
Chair: Roland Ikuta/kids  
Audio: Brenda Ikuta

**Jun 24**  
Chair: Florence Senda  
Audio: John Dubbelboer

**July 01**  
Chair: John Dubbelboer  
Audio: Roland Ikuta

**July 08**  
Chair: Joyce Shigehiro  
Audio: Akira Ichikawa

**July 15 OBON**  
**JULY/ AUG SHOTSUKI 2:30**  
Chair: Pat Sassa  
Audio: Akira Ichikawa

**July 22**  
Chair: Robert Takaguchi  
Audio: Sway Nishimura

**July 29**  
Chair: Katie Nakagawa  
Audio: Tak Okamura

**MC designates:** if you're unable to chair on your assigned date or have made other arrangements on your own, please inform Sway Nishimura. Thank you.

## JSBTC and JSBTC WF Highlights

Roland Ikuta and John Dubbelboer were the BTSA delegates to the JSBTC Annual General Meeting, hosted by the Manitoba Buddhist Temple, Winnipeg, on April 27, 28 and 29. Donna Dubbelboer and Sumie Tsukishima attended the Women’s Federation AGM held concurrently.

JSBTC directors are David Otori, president, Vancouver; Jim Hisanaga, vice-president, Manitoba; David Major, secretary, BTSA; Greg Chor, treasurer, Vancouver; and Larry Wakisaka of Toronto, and Susan Huntley and James Martin sensei, both of Calgary, directors; and Socho Grant Ikuta,.

JSBTC AGM - Submitted by Roland

- All temples were asked to have a contract or a memorandum of agreement between the temple and the resident minister. BTSA is among a few without either. The Calgary temple is willing to share its template with other temples. The BTSA needs to have one in place between the temple and Rev. Izumi over the next few months
- Financially, the JSBTC is in a fairly stable position due to reduced costs for the part-time Bishop and rental income from the top half of the Bishop’s residence. The annual assessment remains at \$65 per member.
- Christina Yanko (Ministerial candidate) will complete her studies in May, 2013 and will be assigned to one of the JSBTC temples.
- A new structure to the Living Dharma Center is composed of five regional centers--Eastern District, Central District (Manitoba), Alberta district (BTSA and Calgary), Okanagan District, and West coast district--each with an elected representative and each region participating as a rotating

facilitator on an annual basis. The Bishop will act as an ex-officio member. There will be target projects for the different districts twice per year on a rotational basis. In addition projects that request funding can be forwarded to the committee at any time. It was decided with Calgary that the BTSA will provide the regional representative for the next year and Calgary will provide one for the year following the next AGM. The representative position will alternate between the two temples on an annual basis. The BTSA needs to elect the LDC representative for the next 12 months. Roy Akune will act as the facilitator for the coming year.

- Considerable time devoted to a discussion of the current arrangement of a half-time Bishop and half-time minister led to a decision to strike a committee to explore various possible combinations for a half-time bishop. The current arrangement of part-time Bishop and Steveston minister's position will continue for the next year with Roy Akune as the assistant minister helping to operate the Steveston temple.
- The LDC will sponsor a Dharma students garden project for \$6500 by the Kamloops temple.
- Calgary was scheduled to host the 2013 JSBTC AGM but are unable to do because of hosting the Womens Federation Representatives meeting the week prior to the AGM. BTSA was asked to host the 2013 AGM. Vancouver will host in 2014; Steveston in 2015.

JSBTC WF AGM - Submitted by Sumie and Donna

- Susan Huntley gave an enthusiastic presentation for the 2015 World Buddhist Women's Convention, beginning with Alberta Bound. The WBW Committee has engaged an events planner (ConventionAll) and has the support of Calgary Tourism and Convention Calgary. Ideas for fundraisers were presented. Registrations for the convention has been limited to 2,000 delegates: 1,100 Japan; 400 BCA; 100 Brazil; 200 Hawaii; and 200 Canada. Travel agents are Kintetsu and JTB.
- \$5,000 Dana Day funds will be donated to the Red Cross for the Japan Relief Fund.
- Corresponding secretary position was filled by Irene Rohrer, Fraser Valley Temple.
- There will be no Japan Youth Tour in 2012.
- WF is continuing to save stamps for "Save the Children" and "Oxfam" and again will be collecting coins for UNICEF, the latter under Hiroko Yoshihara's supervision.
- Fundraising for the WF includes wisteria cards, thank you cards and chopstick holders. Other merchandise for fundraising are dishcloths, bags, aprons, cards, pot scrubbers.
- WF bank account will be moved to Steveston to centralize it and financing with JSBTC.
- A disbursement from the Sustaining Fund was given to Rev. Izumi to attend a retreat in Berkeley, CA. A thank you note has been received from sensei.
- BTSA has far exceeded other temples for Shop and Support cards. Thank you.
- 2013 AGM will be in Lethbridge. Winnipeg was a very good host.

## BUDDHIST Q & A

### What is Monto Shikisho (門徒式章)?

"Monto" literally means a follower of the gate (of Jodo Shinshu teaching). "Shikisho" means a ceremonial symbol. Sometimes it is simply called "Shikisho." During Sunday Service, some dharma friends wear it over their shoulders. Every Monto is encouraged to wear it. It is a sign of humble respect of the teaching and a self-awareness of being one of the Jodo Shinshu followers.

Those preparing the shrine (naijin) for services are asked to wear a "shikisho" as they enter or ascend to the shrine area to place vases of flowers, fruits and sweets before the obutsudan, and to light candles. The "shikisho" will be available in a conspicuous place. (Y. I.)

## TOBAN UPDATE

Please help out anytime you are available - remember you don't have to be a listed member to participate. Anyone is welcome to join - just let the Toban leader know. Toban leaders please notify Lorita of any new members.

**June Toban 1**

**July Toban 2**

**August Toban 3**

**Toban 4** kept busy in May, down to the last Sunday when they prepared a delicious lunch for Parent's Day. Thank you to all, including the Dharma kids who served dessert and gifted all with their artwork of chopstick holders and a variety of plants.

**Chow Mein Supper** coordinators, Pat Sassa and Jan Okamura did a great job of organizing and managing this major fundraiser. Thanks to all who prepared, packaged and delivered 2000 suppers. Special mention to the youth who did the drive-in deliveries through rain and snow!

**Movie Night Supper** was planned, coordinated and overseen by Totsy Nishimura and Brenda and Roland Ikuta. In the midst of preparation, Totsy and helpers also taught a couple of classes in manju-making. Thanks to the whole team who volunteered.

# 2012 Membership Form

- Full Membership (\$100 for each member)
  Student Membership\*

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Names(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Names(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, Province, Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Cellphone No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

- Check to receive The Hikari newsletter by Email only.

Please send this form and your remittance to:  
 Buddhist Temple of Southern Alberta Treasurer  
 470 40th Street South  
 Lethbridge, AB, T1J 3Z5

## Notes

\*Student membership is limited to persons 18 years or older who are currently registered in a recognized educational institution. It is free of charge with a valid student ID card. Student Members are not entitled to vote at general meetings or to hold office in the BTSA and this category of membership does not include membership in the Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Temples of Canada.

## LET'S EXPAND THE CIRCLE OF THE DHARMA!

### 2012 Buddhist Memorial Service

#### Year of Death (死亡年)

2011	First annual memorial	.....1 year from death
2010	3rd	.....2 full years from death
2006	7th	.....6 full years from death
2000	13th	.....12 full years from death
1996	17th	.....16 full years from death
1988	25th	.....24 full years from death
1980	33rd	.....32 full years from death
1963	50th	.....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.**

## Shotsuki Hoyo Donations

May 2012

Mary-Jean Aubin  
 Richard & Valerie Boras  
 Dorene Gordon  
 Jim & Atsuko Hagihara  
 Gary Higa  
 Keiko Higa  
 Randy Higa  
 Shinako (Sheila) Higa  
 Shirley N Higa  
 Hideo & June Hinatsu  
 Marie Hirashima  
 Ayako Imahashi  
 Ray & Donna Journoud  
 Sadae Kanegawa  
 Shigeru Kounosu  
 Eileen Kunimoto  
 Joyce Miyashita  
 Tosh Nakahama  
 Mac & Reyko Nishiyama  
 Mitsuko Oga  
 Kaz & Setsuko Ohno  
 May Ohno  
 Lilly Oishi  
 Dr Y Okamura & Miss Jean Okamura  
 Roy & Pat Sassa  
 Ken & Nancy Setoguchi  
 Tom & Mitsuko Shigehiro  
 Fumi Sugimoto  
 Hajime Harry Sugimoto  
 Miyo Sunada  
 Noris & Sachiko Taguchi  
 Tom & Tsuyako Tajiri  
 Kazuko Takaguchi  
 Robert & Judy Takaguchi  
 Fuji Takeda  
 Toshiko Takeda  
 Eichi & Betty Tanaka  
 Masaye Tanaka  
 Toshiko Tanaka  
 Bob & Shirley Taniguchi  
 Brenda & Lester Tanner  
 Jean H. Tatebe  
 Keiko Kay Tsukishima  
 Marlene Wiest

**Total \$2,190**

## Other Donations

May 2012

George & Catherine Fujita  
 Toshiko Hase  
 Rumiko Ibuki  
 Haruko Ikeda  
 John & Alice Kanashiro  
 Mitsuko Nishi  
 Lilly Oishi  
 Jagjit S. (Jack) Panesar  
 Florence Senda  
 Tomiko Sugimoto  
 Bill Teshima

**Total \$1,470**

We try to be as thorough as possible but occasionally make errors. Please inform us if your name has been omitted from or misspelled in the donation lists. Anyone wishing his/her name not be acknowledged in print, please let us know so it won't be published. Thank you.



## REGULAR EVENTS

### Southern Alberta Buddhist Choir

Thank you to Sway Nishimura for his wonderful and touching song in tribute too Mothers and to the rest of the choir for their contributions to Parent's Day.

Thursdays 7 - 8:30 pm

Contact: Katie Nakagawa 403. 327.4296 or katiinak@shaw.ca

### Tonari Gumi

Tuesdays 12 - 3 pm

Last meeting before summer break is June 26. Resumes Sept 4. Membership open to all over age 55.

### Taiko Class

Tuesdays 7 - 8:30 pm

Contact: David Tanaka at 403.330.1548 or david@eyesquared.com

### The Lethbridge Karaoke Club

Wednesdays 1:30 - 4 pm

Summer break will start after May 30 and meetings will commence October 10.

**Bon Odori practice** will be held Mondays at 6:30 from June 4 through July 9. Men, women, children, parents, grandparents and community are welcome to attend and learn the dances and also to join us at the festive Bon Odori, July 14th.

**Flowers, fruit basket or a restaurant certificate** will be delivered to those in hospital. If you know of someone who is in hospital for at least one week please contact Sumi & Joe Tomiyama at 403.327.3110 or sumi.tomiyama@gmail.com.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**My Guiding Light, No. 9** (仏法: 人生の道しるべ # 9) is available.

This is Izumi sensei's latest booklet of short dharma messages which was printed in April. It is the latest collection of his talks about everyday matters, written in easy-to-understand language. BTSA suggests a small donation of \$2 a copy to help defray publication costs. Those unable to get to the temple, may request copies by writing to BTSA at the address on the website or to sensei's email: yasuo123@shaw.ca.

**Women's Federation World Convention Craft Group** met recently to begin its first project to fund raise for the 2015 Convention. Watch for further events. Contact: Totsy Nishimura.

**Used Yukata and Hapi Coats** are needed for the Bon Odori and other temple activities. Adult, youth and child sizes are being requested. If you have these items and are no longer using them, consider donating them to the BTSA. They will be well cared for and used in the coming years as we have several children and youth coming up. Please contact Brenda Ikuta, if you would like to donate Hapi Coats and Lorita Ichikawa or Pat Sassa if you would like to donate Yukata. Thank you!

## 2012 Obon Schedule and Cemetery Visitations

**July 1, 11:00 am - Brooks Cemetery visitation (ohaka mairi) and Obon, Service at Heritage Inn**

**July 8, 10:00 am - Magrath Cemetery visitation  
11:00 am - Temple Hill Cemetery visitation**

**July 14, 7:00 pm - Bon Odori - Galt Gardens, Lethbridge**

**July 15, 1:00 pm - Mountain View Cemetery visitation;  
2:30 pm - BTSA Obon Service at the temple**

**July 22, 1:00 pm - Taber Cemetery visitation & obon gathering**

## 2015 WBWC Update

The WBWC Committee has been busy in preparation for the World Buddhist Women's Convention in Calgary on May 30th and 31st, 2015. The majority of the meetings have been held by Skype with occasional group meeting like the most recent one held in March which included a tour of the Calgary Telus Convention Center (the event venue) and meeting with our travel agent partners (Kintestu and JTB). Things are moving forward and the committee appreciates everyone's support!



**2015 WBWC Committee** pictured above: Cheryl Caldwell, Donna Dubbelboer, Susan Huntley, Jackie Robb and Sensei James Marten. Missing: Leslie Kelner, Lester Ikuta, Lorita Ichikawa, Noriko Ikuta, Socho Grant Ikuta, Dan McCormack and Rev. Fujii.

## FINAL REPORT Spring Chow Mein Takeout - May 5, 2012

Co-chairpersons Jan Okamura and Pat Sassa reported a profit of \$16,053.24 from the Spring Chow Mein Supper. Pat & Jan add their appreciation: "Thank you very much to all the volunteers who worked many hours or days to complete the Spring 2012 Chow Mein Takeout. Thanks also to the many Businesses and individuals who donated supplies, funds and use of equipment."

2000 tickets sold.....	\$20,000.00
Extra tickets and leftover supplies sold.....	666.51
Total Gross Income .....	20,666.51
Total Expense.....	4,255.88
Total Profit.....	\$16,053.24

BTSA thanks the following who made donations to the Supper:  
Bean Sprouts - Glen Tanaka, Jim Wallace • Gou's Onions  
Nakagama Co - Ken and Vicki Nakagama • Norris Hironaka  
P&H Milling Group - Bob Grebinsky • Regent Restaurant • Wayne Kwan  
Pickles • Wanda, Sumi and Joe Tomiyama  
Westbridge Const • Frank Beekman

## DHARMA EXCHANGE

The next and third Dharma exchange is scheduled for June 24. The topic is the article, "Making the Right Choice" by Daniel Goleman, available at the entrance to the Hondo. Please pick up a copy. The discussion will occur from 11:45 - 12:30 pm in the board room after Sunday service. If anybody has read an interesting article that would be suitable for the Dharma exchange please forward it to Roland Ikuta (403-317-0078) or email it to rolikuta@shaw.ca.

# Hironaka to receive Order of Excellence

Taylor Shire  
LETHBRIDGE HERALD

Robert Hironaka was absolutely shocked when he got a phone call from the lieutenant-governor.

"You've got the wrong guy," Hironaka remembers saying.

"I was just an ordinary Joe on the street."

But Hironaka is no ordinary Joe and the phone call was to notify him that he's going to be awarded the Alberta Order of Excellence in October.

"I'm very humble about it because I don't know why they have recognized all of these things that I have done," he said on Wednesday.

The Alberta Order of Excellence is the highest award the province has to offer. It recognizes exemplary records of service on the local, provincial, national and international stage. This year, eight people were selected, adding to the total of 124.

"I've received keys to the city of Lethbridge and to the University of Lethbridge and now I've got this," said Hironaka. "Wow. Those two each blew me away and now I've got this big thing.

"It brings tears to my eyes. That's what the people think of me. It's really, really humbling."

Hironaka, 84, was born on Jan. 18, 1928 in Raymond. He attended the University of Alberta where he received a master's degree. He then went to the University of Illinois, where he got a PhD in nutrition in 1959.

Then Hironaka came back to Alberta and worked at the Lethbridge Research Centre as

## Robert Hironaka to be honored by Alberta

The following article originally appeared in The Lethbridge Herald from whom BTSa requested and was given permission to reprint it. We're indebted to the Herald for its kindness. Since Robert, a staunch Jodo Shinshuist and a member of our temple, is known far and wide, we thought reprinting it in the Hikari might reach many who know him and might not have read the original article about this most recent honor. BTSa extends congratulations to Robert.



Robert Hironaka has been selected to receive the Alberta Order of Excellence, the highest honour the province can award to a citizen.

*Herald photo by Ian Martens*

a scientist for 32 years. But it was in 1964 when Hironaka started what he called "his proudest accomplishment."

He was on the committee that formed the Nikka Yuko Japanese Garden in Lethbridge. Three years later, he was nominated vice president and then eventually president. He still remains on the board today.

"I have seen a lot of nice gardens in Japan and to me, this is one of the best," he said.

Another accomplishment he's proud of is his appointment as Chancellor of the University of Lethbridge. He was appointed in 1995 for a four year term.

He went on to complete his four years. But there was a time when he had to collect himself and take a small step back.

Eight months after he appointed, his wife Susie (or Shizuki), passed away at the age of 68.

"I was on my own," said Hironaka. "My wife stood behind me all the way along.

"I couldn't have done the things that I did without her backing me."

Hironaka is of Japanese descent, which played a part in his role with the Japanese Garden. His parents are from Japan and his father came to Canada in 1907 to work on the railway. Once that was completed, the family moved to Lethbridge where his father got a job as a dishwasher.

As Hironaka progressed through life and started working, he never thought about accolades.

"I was just going and doing what I thought would be a good idea and worked at it," he said.

Hironaka's son, Wes, who works in Lethbridge, said the recognition was a nice gesture.

"(The awards) kind of come out of left field because this is just what he does," said Wes. "It's his passion to help people and contribute to the community. He prides himself that he's a southern Alberta boy and always will be."

Hironaka was very active man in the community. But a year and a half ago, his hobbies took a hit when he suffered a stroke. Today, he's more limited, but he still has the same outlook on life.

"You have to not look back at what you did, but look forward all the time and say, 'What can I do to help make this a little better for somebody? Not just me,'" he said.





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

The Dharma class was busy every Sunday in the month of May preparing gifts for Parents' Day. The final product was over 70 chopstick rests created, baked and painted by the class. At the parents' day luncheon the kids helped out Toban 4 by passing out dessert, and presented a choice of plants to members.



### UPCOMING EVENTS

Weather permitting, the Dharma class will be working in Lumbini Garden, planting wildflower seeds the first or second Sunday in June.

#### **BTSA ANNUAL PICNIC • June 17**

Come out for food, games and prizes. The John Martin Rec Centre also has a new playground.



# Schedule 光 June & July 2012

**Monthly Shotsuki Memorial Service** 祥月法要 Please bring Homyo (Buddhist Name) of your loved one. 法名をご持参ください。

JUNE: TOBAN 1

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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10:30am Shotsuki Monthly Memorial Service 3	6:30pm Bon Odori Practice 4	12 noon Tonari Gumi 7pm Taiko 5		7pm SAB Choir 7	8	9
10:30am Regular Service 10	6:30pm Bon Odori Practice 11	12 noon Tonari Gumi 7pm Taiko 12	7pm BTSA Board Meeting 13	7pm SAB Choir 14	15	16
10:30am Annual Picnic (10:30am - Regular Service at Picnic Site) 17	6:30pm Bon Odori Practice 18	12 noon Tonari Gumi 7pm Taiko 19	20	7pm SAB Choir 21	22	23
10:30am Regular Service 11:45am Dharma Exchange 24	6:30pm Bon Odori Practice 25	12 noon Tonari Gumi 7pm Taiko 26	Hikari article deadline 27	7pm SAB Choir 28	29	30

JULY: TOBAN 2

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
10:30am Brooks Cemetery 1	6:30pm Bon Odori Practice 2	7pm Taiko 3	4	7pm SAB Choir 5	6	7
10:30am Magrath and Temple Hill Cemetery 8	6:30pm Bon Odori Practice 9	7pm Taiko 10	7pm BTSA Board Meeting 11	7pm SAB Choir 12	13	6:00pm Bon Odori 14
Cemetery visitation 2:30pm Obon service and July/Aug Shotsuki 15	16	7pm Taiko 17	18	19	20	21
10:30am Taber Cemetery 22	23	7pm Taiko 24	25	26	27	28
10:30am Regular Service 29	30	7pm Taiko 31				

All Sunday throughout August, Sunday Service will be held as usual.