



Rest in Peace?

During the summer, I observed several gravesite services in different places. On one of the gravestones I saw an inscription which read “Rest in Peace.” We, who are left behind, wish our loved ones a peaceful rest. It is a natural human feeling. We wish them to be happy and rest in peace. I remember the words inscribed on a stone monument in front of the Peace Arch which was erected to remember the victims of the atomic bomb in Hiroshima is read “Rest in Peace.” I understand that feeling.

In one of the Buddhist texts, however, it says: “Though the Pure land is the place for taking rest, it is not the place for idleness but is the place for refreshment and rest, where one regains energy and zeal to continue the Buddha’s working of Enlightenment.”

Sarana Affirmation (帰依式) Information

November 9, 2008

Calgary Buddhist Temple

Call Rev. Izumi for the details.

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Shinran Shonin went one more step



deeper. In his poem he clearly wrote: “Those gone to the Land of Peace and Bliss return to this world of five defilements*, and like Sakyamuni Buddha, they

benefit all sentient beings endlessly.”

In his understanding, those who have gone before us rest not even for a while but return to this world of defilements in order to guide us to the same realm of Pure Land of Enlightenment which a historical Buddha discovered more than 2500 years ago. Our loved ones are not merely resting under the gravestone. They are not people in the past. The grave is not the eternal resting place for Buddhists.

A popular song in Japan, “A Thousand Wind,” says “Do not stand at my grave and weep. I am not there, I do not sleep... Do not stand at my grave and cry. I am not there, I did not die.”

As Jodo Shinshu followers, we see all friends of the Dharma return to the Pure Land of Enlightenment and working for us in many forms as enlightened beings, as Buddhas. How grateful we are for the fact that we have been nurtured to accept and appreciate our loved ones as Buddhas and respond to them reciting Namo Amida Butsu in deep gratitude and joy.

In Gassho,

Yasuo Izumi, Minister

Buddhist Temple of Southern Alberta

*Five defilements:

- 1) defilement of period, 2) defilement of views, 3) defilement of blind passions, 4) defilement of sentient beings, 5) defilement of life

「おかげさま」

この夏二人の娘たちが、家族とともに我が家を訪れました。7月にはアメリカから、8月にはトロントから別々にやってきました。高い飛行機代を使ってやってきたのだから、と言いながらそれぞれ10日以上の上逗留をして帰りました。娘たち夫婦や孫たちは結構楽しんで帰ったようでしたが、妻は相当疲れたようでした。毎日の料理を考えるだけでも大変であつたろうと思いました。そこで、ある日、私が「うどん」を作ったのです。娘は食事中「わーおいしい! お父さんの作ったうどんはおいしいね」と喜びました。私は「お父さんはうどんをゆでただけだよ。お母さんが作ったスープがおいしかったんだよ。お母さんのお陰だな。」と、少し謙遜して言った後フト思ったのです。いや待てよ。うどんの麺を作ってくれた人がいたんだ。その麺のものは小麦だった。小麦はお百姓さんが作ったんじゃないか。その小麦から麺を作って、お店に運んでくれた人もいたんだ。日ごろ「おかげさま」と簡単に言っていたけれど、これは生きていくことの裏に働いている事実だったんだなあ、いや、生きるということは、生かされている、ということだったんだと改めて思わされたのです。仏様の教えを聞くということは、その事実に関が開かれていくということなのでしょう。愚か者の「われ」が仏様の智慧の働きに出会うということだったのです。そのことを、昔のかたがたは「仏様のお陰、皆様のお陰」と喜ばれたのです。合掌 いずみ

BTSA President's notebook

The last weekend of July was very busy with the Community Bon Odori on Friday, a fundraiser making sushi for the JCA golf tournament on Saturday and the 1st BTSA Obon on Sunday.

Thanks go out to Lorita, Akira and Maya Ichikawa, Aya Hironaka, David Tanaka, Jim Tsukishima, Roland Ikuta, Kimie Sudo and Rev. Izumi for their hard work on a very successful 5th annual Community Bon Odori. It just grows every year. There were a lot of people who came out in the afternoon to help put the stage and decorations together. No doubt I will miss many but they included, besides Akira and Jim, Robert Takaguchi, Tak and Yoko Tsujita, Eichi Tanaka, Anthony Richardson and others. Brenda Ikuta and the Dharma youth were also a big help decorating and selling snow cones.

Thanks to Mary Thomas who led a group of sushi makers on Saturday. They included Reiko and Elmer Bolick, LaVerne Hamabata, Denise and Gaye Takao, Renae Barlow, Betty Tanaka, Marge Fujita, Miyo Sunada, Kaz Sugimoto. Roy Sassa, Elmer and I helped put the bento boxes together and Elmer and Roy drove them over to Paradise Canyon. Also, on Saturday morning, Roy Sassa, Cliff Thomas and I helped George Yamada and the NCS haul 160 wooden chairs over to the horseshoe

pit for the NCS Redress ceremony. Denise, LaVerne and a half dozen Okinawan exchange students put together 150 sushi snacks. After the program we put the chairs in the remaining space of the storage shed at Stor-Edge.

On Sunday at 0830h, LaVerne, Betty Tanaka, Keiko Gordon, Hiroko Yoshihara, Pam Tanaka and Pat Sassa prepared the Obon meal. I want to thank Dr. Roland for chairing the cemetery and otera services, Jennifer Koba for playing the piano, Roy Sassa and his assistant, Kynan Gordon, for arranging the najin, and Toshiko Tanaka for arranging the flowers. Someone estimated the cemetery attendance at about 400 people. The otera was full with many people sitting upstairs and Pat and the ladies had to rustle up some more food to feed everyone who stayed for the lunch.

You will notice that the new BTSA temple is coming along rapidly. The building is on schedule in spite of one of the wettest summers in recent years. As of the end of July the laminated beams and fir decking were being put up. A lot of the wiring and plumbing work has been installed and as soon as the roof is covered the work on the inside walls will begin. The outside cement work is also almost complete.

Coming Events

The end of September is the date when we

will hand over possession of the South Temple to the new owner. In preparation for this we will sell items that we will not need in the new temple at a Yard Sale and Bazaar on Saturday, September 13th.

On September 21st we will hold the closing service for the ST. This will be a special day and we hope that you will plan to attend. Details have not been finalized but there will be a social event along with the closing service. The building was completed in 1971 and has been an important part of our lives for the last 37 years.

During September we will gradually move everything that is not being sold into storage.

—David Major

BTSA Fundraising Dinner

A "Fundraising Dinner" is being planned for Oct. 20, 2008 at the Regent Restaurant in Lethbridge. There are only 140 tickets available. Each ticket will cost \$75 for a gourmet Chinese dinner (tax receipt will be for \$50). The Committee is soliciting the business community in Lethbridge and Southern Alberta, as well as BTSA members to come to this dinner. There will be light entertainment, a silent auction and a live auction or draw.

This Dinner is a fundraiser for our new Temple Building and is in place of our usual Chow Mein Supper which we are unable to host this fall. The Committee is requesting donations from BTSA members, of any "new" item to be included in the "Silent Auction." Any monetary donations would be appreciated as well. Please contact Roland Ikuta at 317-0078 or Jan Okamura at 327-0464 for tickets or information. Your assistance in making this "Fundraising Dinner" a success is appreciated.

Note from the Treasurers

It has been brought to our attention that some members are questioning the fact that they have not received receipts for the donations that they have made to BTSA. What we have been doing is issuing receipts to anyone who has made a donation to the "Building Fund", since the amount is usually much larger and we acknowledge to the donor that we have received the funds. Where we haven't issued receipts is donations made to the "Sandai Hoyos" and the "Memorial Donations" unless they are not members. Since we have 248 members and if every members donated four or five times a year, we would be issuing over a thousand receipts in a year. To save costs we decided to issue one receipt to each member for all the donations made by them during the

year. The receipt will be sent to them at the end of our fiscal year which is December 31.

(建設資金以外のご寄付は年末にまとめて皆様に領収書を発行いたしますので
ご了解下さい。)

If you have any concerns or questions please contact me, Robert Takaguchi (403)752-4012 or Gordon Saruwatari (403)752-4078.

In Gassho,
Co-Treasurers
Robert Takaguchi & Gordon Saruwatari

Wedding Many congratulations!!!

Jamey Lee Tamaki
Brandon Chase Beekman
Sept. 6, 2008

BTSA Fundraising Update

to mid-August, 2008

The BTSA now has an official status as a charitable organization. Official tax receipts can now be issued by the BTSA for any charitable donations. Any one wishing to donate to the building fund can make a one time donation or pledge their donation over the next 3-5 years. A plaque with the donors name will be included in our donor wall. The target for the fund raising committee is around \$1,000,000. The donor levels are as follows:

Diamond =	\$25,000 or greater
Emerald =	\$17,500 to \$24,999
Platinum =	\$10,000 to \$17,499
Gold =	\$5,000 to \$9,999
Silver =	\$2,500 to \$4,999
Bronze =	\$1,000 to \$2,499

(New donors indicated in *italic*)

Diamond Level Donors

- Rev. & Mrs. Yasuo Izumi
- Richard & Sue Kanegawa - In memory of Mr & Mrs Sakuji Kanegawa & Mr Stan Kanegawa
- Noris & Sachiko Taguchi & daughters Louise, Patricia, Teresa & Karen
- Additional donation in memory of Kohei and Hashime Taguchi and Tayeko Taguchi
- Mrs Aiko Yoshihara & Family - In memory of Moroharu Yoshihara.
- Family of Muneo & Toshiko Takeda

Emerald Level Donors

- Hideko Oishi & family in memory of Yoichi Oishi
- Sumi, Ken & Jim Tsukishima - In memory of Mitsugi (Father), Sagami & Hisataro Tsukishima (Grandparents), Kaisuke & Yoshino Hironaka (Gr&parents)
- Saburo & Kimino Nishi - In memory of Taichiro & Eda Nishi & Bonnie Masako Nishi.
- Louise Nishiyama, Jackie & Barrie Robb, Brian J. Nishiyama & Rod Nishiyama - In memory of Jack Nishiyama
- Rocky & Jean Oishi, Sut & Neva Oishi, Jitsuya & Rae Oishi, Mistuko Oishi and Clay Tippet, Gilbert & Rose Oishi, Hideko Oishi, Yoshiyuki & Lily Oishi, Roy & Luri Nagata, Osami & June Oishi. - In memory of Saneyoshi & Chika Oishi

Platinum Level Donors

- D.J. Major & family in memory of Kamasuke Hamabata & Cheryl Prins
- S.K. Ikuta & Family
- Tak & Jan Okamura
- Fujiye Kariatsumari & Family in memory of Tokiyoshi & Katsuo Kariatsumari
- Mas & Miyo Sunada
- Mrs Sadae Kanegawa in memory of Stan Kanegawa

- Akira & Lorita Ichikawa -In memory of Michael Tatsuya Ichikawa
- Tak & Mitsuko Oga
- Yuichi (Posthumous) & Shizuka Akune & family in memory of Ichirohe & Kin Hisaoka
- Tom & Tsuyako Tajiri
- John & Alice Kanashiro
- Floyd & Yuki Okubo - Bountiful Utah
- Shigeru Kounosu - Lethbridge - In memory of Heidi Kounosu.
- Fujiko Okamura & Family in memory of Masaru Okamura
- Kinji & Fuji Takeda
- Generations Funeral Home
- Mas Terakita - In memory of Jane Terakita
- Makoto Ikuta
- Children of the Fujita Family - in memory of Harutaro & Tamiko Fujita
- * Jack & Rie Nagai family - In memory of Masako Nagai
- * Morison Tanaka, Glen & Pam Tanaka, May & Cliff Thomas - In memory of Asako Tanaka
- Tashiroy & Okuma Families - in memory of Kaz, Hatsue & Yoichi Okuma, Yasu & Eiji Tashiroy
- Roy Takeda, Barbara Takeda, Gary and Beverly McLroy in memory of Nancy Takeda, our parents, grandparents great grandparents, great great grandparents - Fusajiro & Yoshi Takeda
- * Kaz & Nobs Sugimoto
- Grace Nishimura and family in memory of Takenori Nishimura

Gold Level Donors

- Pat & Roy Sassa in memory of Mr. & Mrs. Tomomi C. Okutake & Mr. & Mrs. Tsuneki Sassa
- Kaz & Setsuko Ohno
- Tomiko Kobayashi
- Calgary Buddhist Temple
- Mr & Mrs Mas Fukushima - In memory of Kiyomi & Mume.
- Koji & Sumiye Itaya in memory of Shizue & Shunji Araki
- Ken & Hiroko Yoshihara in memory of Shintaro & Hisa Fujita, Harutaro & Tamiko Fujita & Harumi Fujita
- Sam & Betty Taniguchi - In memory of Mr & Mrs Yoshiharu Miyada - Mr & Mrs Kizo Taniguchi
- Hirano & Heaton Architects Ltd.
- Tak & Yoko Tsujita
- Jim & Joan Nakagawa.
- Jiro & Mae Sasaki
- Ayako Imahashi - In memory of Tanekichi Imahashi
- Joe & Sumiko Tomiyama
- Hajime (Harry) Sugimoto
- * Jim & Daisy Oshiro - In memory of our deceased family & friends

- Chizuko Kimura in memory of Toyoichi & Haru Matsuno and James T. Kimura
- Roy & Minnie Nakatsuru in memory of Osamu & Mayuno Nakatsuru, Denichiro & Iku Kitagawa
- Shirley N. Higa & Robert Miyagawa - In memory of Hikojiro & Hisae Miyagawa and Jiro Miyagawa.
- Ted and Joyce Izukawa in memory of the Izukawa and Amemori Families
- Marj Fujita, Scott & Linda Fujita Trent and Chris Fujita and Grandchildren in memory of Harumi Fujita

Silver Level Donors

- F. Okamura & Family in memory of Ichirohe & Kin Hisaoka
- Ichiro & Rumiko Ibuki, Tosh & Marian Ibuki - in memory of Saichi & Shizuo Ibuki
- Toronto Buddhist Church

Bronze Level Donors

- Mitsuyo Ohno
- Tom Ohno - (Carp, Ontario)
- Mrs Toshiko Hase
- Mrs Kay Higa - In memory of George K. Higa
- Dr. Valerie Boras
- Shinako (Sheila) Higa in memory of Nori Higa
- Gr&children of Harutaro & Tamiko Fujita in memory of Harutaro & Tamiko Fujita & Uncle Harumi Fujita
- Les Higa
- Kimiyo Furukawa in memory of Suey Furukawa
- K. B. Lila, Carly and Stephanie Takeda
- Lethbridge Karaoke Club
- Noriko Oga in Memory of Yoshito Oga
- William and Setsuko Nagai in memory of Matsunosuke and Chiyo Nagai
- Shinyuki and Hisae Kunimoto

Other Donors

- Duane & Karen Yoshihara in Memory of Harumi Fujita
- Tosh & Joyce Saruwatari - Gordon & Joy Saruwatari In memory of Juzo & Aiko Saruwatari - Kohei & Hashime Taguchi
- Tucker Hironaka
- Joanne Tomiyama & Allard Everdingen - Calgary
- Yoshiko Imahashi & Carolyn MacDonald - Calgary
- Ted & Sue Koyata
- Miyauchi Family - In memory of Shizuo & Tomiko Miyauchi
- Reverend Tomofumi Fujii
- Natsuko Sawada
- Dr. Bruce Todd - In memory of Lorraine Aiko Hinatsu-Todd
- Robert & Judy Takaguchi - In appreciation of the Raymond Pioneer Members

- George & Sharon Nyhoff
- Martha Katsuta - In memory of Yoichi Oishi
- Yuse & Chiyomi Matsuno
- Tanaka family - in memory of Gene Tanaka
- Keiko Tsukishima - in memory of Tsutomu (Tom) Tsukishima & Emiko Catt
- Yosh & Martha Akune
- Setsuko Matsugi
- J. Fukushima Family - in memory of Hiroshi (Harry) Fukushima
- Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Temples of Canada
- Janet & Neil Hinatsu - In memory of Roy Hinatsu and Lorraine Hinatsu-Todd
- Haruko Ikeda
- Ron Kanashiro
- Bishop Orai Fujikawa
- Hiroshi Kitagawa
- Doug Mikado
- Kaz Takaguchi, Michael Takaguchi, Leanne & Earl Fisher In memory of Yoshifumi Takaguchi, Kichizo & Kimi Takaguchi, & Kohei & Hashime Taguchi
- Hiroaki Ohmae In memory of Heidi Kounosu
- Peter Oka In memory of Asako Tanaka
- Hiro & Yoshiko Okishita
- Mary Osaka
- Tomomi Saka - Edmonton

- Seville Land Corporation
- Guek-Yang Tan & MS Guek-Chwee Tan
- Moriguma & Kiyoko Tokunaga
- Hisashi Shimosawa
- Kinuko Matsuno - in memory of Hisashi Matsuno
- Kim and Mits Tsuji in memory of Asakichi & Kimi Tsuji and Torazo & Hisako Fukushima
- *Ken and Amy Kurio*
- *Eietsu Chiba*
- *Fumi Sugimoto in memory of Nim, Chris, Atsushi Sugimoto and Shiz Ichino*
- *Tom Mitsunaga and Jean Quan in memory of Nakae Mitsunaga*

The BTSA greatly appreciates the contribution from the above in starting the fund raising drive. To date we have raised \$750,000 in donations or pledges. To make a contribution or pledge please contact Jim Tsukishima (327-1279) mtsfarm@telus.net, Roland Ikuta (317-0078) Rolikuta@shaw.ca or send cheques to Robert Takaguchi (P.O. Box 1249 Raymond, Alberta T0K-2S0).

BTSA Fundraising

Drive:

Please support our new Temple

PLEDGE FORM



I WISH TO SUPPORT THE BUDDHIST TEMPLE OF SOUTHERN ALBERTA

Name: _____

Company: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Province/State: _____ Postal /Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

CONTRIBUTION

TOTAL CONTRIBUTION: \$ _____

_____ Monthly Instalments of \$ _____ for _____ years _____ Yearly Instalments of \$ _____ for _____ years

_____ One-time Donation of \$ _____ Notation: (Eg., In memory of) _____

Signature _____ Date _____

____ I wish for my contribution to remain confidential

Buddhist Temple of Southern Alberta
C/O Treasurer Robert Takaguchi, Box 1249,
Raymond, Alberta T0K 2S0



SUMMER ACTIVITIES



3-legged race for all generations, BTSA picnic (above and left) Kiyomi at Bon Odori (below)

Sack races and scrambling for candy, BTSA picnic (above) Kynan guarding the shaved ice machine, Bon Odori (below)



THE SOUTHERN ALBERTA BUDDHIST CHOIR Fall Schedule

Practices are at 7pm at the S. Temple through September 25, 2008

- Sept 4 practice
- Sept 11 practice
- Sept 18 no practice
- Sept 21 S. Temple Closing Service 10:30 am

- Sept 25 practice
- Oct 2 practice (location TBA)
- Oct 4 Nikka Yuko Japanese Garden 2 pm

Bottle Drive The choir is hosting a bottle drive on **September 15 at 1pm**. Drop off at S. Temple shed. Call Lorita 327.1668 or Katie 327.4296 for more information.

September & October Schedule

9月と10月の予定表

September

- 03 (Wed) 7:00pm BTSA Meeting
 04 (Thu) 10:00am-1:30pm Orientation to the Community
 at Lethbridge College
 06 (Sat) 1:00pm Wedding
 07(Sun) 10:30am Shotsuki Monthly Memorial Service at ST
 2:00pm Coaldale
 13(Sat) Yard Sale at ST
 14(Sun) 10:30am Regular Service at ST
 17-19 Rev.Izumi is away (Ministers' Meeting in Toronto)
 21(Sun) 10:30am South Temple Closing Service
 28(Sun) 10:30am Regular Sunday Service / Study Discussion Group at ST

October

- 05(Sun) Shotsuki Monthly Memorial Service at Coaldale
 11(Sat) 2:00pm Wedding
 12 (Sun) 10:30am Regular Service & Study Discussion Group at Coaldale
 19 (Sun) 10:30am Regular Service & Study Discussion Group at Coaldale
 20 (Mon) Fund Raising - Silent Auction
 26 (Sun) 10:30am Regular Service & Study Discussion Group at Coaldale

Calendar of Events

Yard & Bake Sale

Sept 13, 11 am - 3 pm
 South Temple
 Mostly temple items. However this is your opportunity to clean your basement and donate items you are ready to part with. Bake sale is 11 am - 2 pm
Members of BTSA Fujin are asked to kindly donate 2 baked goods for the new temple building fund.

Curry Lunch

12: noon - 2 pm
 South Temple
 Held in conjunction with Yard Sale Everyone welcome.

South Temple Closing Service

Sept. 21, 10:30 am

Regular Events

Southern Alberta Buddhist Choir

Thursday, 7:00pm-8:30pm
 Please contact Lorita Ichikawa

Study/Discussion Group

Please feel welcome to join in the BTSA study/discussion group on Sundays right after the morning service. The purpose of meeting is to deepen our understanding and appreciation of Buddha's teachings, study the Dharma and facilitate discussion. Each study/ discussion group session will be preceded by a brief chanting lesson..

Please contact Renae Barlow (renaeb@telus.net) or Rev. Izumi (382-7024)

Donations

Memorial Donations July 1-23, 2008

Mr. & Mrs. John Kanashiro
 Dr. Robert Hironaka
 Mr. & Mrs. Kazumi Oikawa
 Mr. & Mrs. Staff Richard
 Mr. Dick Adachi
 Mr. & Mrs. Tak Tsujita
 Ms. Aiko Yoshihara
 Ms. Yumiko Osaka
 Mr. M. Tokunaga
 Dr. & Mrs. Y. Senda
 Mr. & Mrs. I. Ibuki
 Mr. & Mrs. N. Sugimoto
 Ms. Elaine Karia
 Mr. & Mrs. D.T. Nishimura
 Ms. Mary Huuonen
 Mrs. Hideko Oishi
 Mr. George Tokuda
 Ms. Tomiko Shono
 Ms. Shirley Higa
 Ms. S. Sue Kado
 Dr. & Mrs. A. Ichikawa
 Mr. & Mrs. Randy Oravec
 Mrs. Sadae Kanegawa
 Mr. & Mrs. F. Osaka
 Mrs. Tomi Hisaoka
 Mr. & Mrs. Tak Okamura
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 Mrs. Fujiko Okamura
 Mr. & Mrs. Roy Sassa
 Ms. Kay Maruno
 Mr. & Mrs. Sway Nishimura

Mr. & Mrs. Sam Taniguchi
 Mr. & Mrs. S. Nishi
 Mrs. Nobuko Nakagama
 Mrs. Lilly Oishi
 Mrs. May Ohno
 Mrs. Janet Hinatsu
 Mr. & Mrs. Roy Senda
 Ms. Elaine Tanaka
 Mr. & Mrs. Takumi Oga
 Mr. & Mrs. Sunao Ayukawa
 Mr. & Mrs. T. Clifford
 Mr. & Mrs. Roy Adachi
 Mr. & Mrs. Robert Takaguchi
 Mr. Mas Terakita
 Mrs. Keiko Tsukishima
 Mrs. May Nishikawa
 Mr. & Mrs. Bill Terakita
 Mrs. Asaye Sakamoto
 Mr. & Mrs. Hideo Hinatsu
 Mrs. Kazuko Takaguchi
Total.....\$1,865.00

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Donation to Hikari

Mr. Yoshito Fujimoto

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Memorial Donations August 1-27 2008

Mrs. Takeyasu Reiko
 Mr. & Mrs. Tak Tsujita
 Mrs. Fujiko Okamura
 Mr. & Mrs. Noboru Sugimoto

Mr. & Mrs. Frank Ohno
 Mr. & Mrs. Kaz Ohno
 Ms. Takako Sugimoto
 Mr. & Mrs. Ichio Ibuki
 Mr. & Mrs. Noris Taguchi
 Mr. & Mrs. Sam Taniguchi
 Mrs. Janet Hinatsu
 Ms. Akiko Kamitakahara
 Mr. & Mrs. Danie Okano
 Mrs. Noriko Oga
 Mr. G. McCaughy
 Ms. Shizue Hatanaka
Total.... \$1975.00

*Total donation for 2008
 Obon Service \$10,120.00*

Obituaries

We express our heartfelt sympathy to those who have lost loved ones.

Kikuye Kariatsumari

87 years old
 June 21, 2008

Ayako Omae

89 years old
 July 8, 2008

Yoshito Oga

80 years old
 July 10, 2008

Umeno Nakamura

88 years old
 July 26, 2008