



BODHI MIND



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Come and enjoy!

Hello and welcome to the month of March! February has passed very quickly and already we are two months into the new year. We have a full schedule of many services and events coming up for our Vancouver Temple. We will be needing as many people as possible to come to help with Spring Bazaar preparations starting from Friday, March 25 and Saturday, March 26 starting at 9AM. We will start preparations from 6AM on Sunday, March 27, so your help is greatly appreciated.

We will observe Hanamatsuri (the annual celebration of Shakyamuni's Birthday), Hatsumairi (Infant Presentation) in conjunction with Keiroukai Luncheon after the service. We have invited Dr. Rev. Mark Unno of Eugene, Oregon as our guest speaker. Dr. Unno is son of Rev. Taitetsu Unno and is a professor of Religious Studies at the University of Oregon. He has visited BC several times, and the latest visit that he made was last September when we had Shinran Shonin's 750th Memorial Service with Shinmon sama in attendance. When I asked him to send me his biography, he also sent me some of his articles which appeared on various well-known national magazines, and I would like to share them when the next opportunity arises. He is well known throughout the world as a distinguished Buddhist scholar. His Dharma talks and lectures are always so fascinating as well as illuminating. We look forward to seeing as many people as possible at our beautiful Vancouver temple!

Gassho,
Tatsuya Aoki

The Ocean of Boundless Compassion *By Rev. Dr. Mark Unno*



I remember as a small child the experience of my first pet. Our family had traveled to Japan because my father's study had taken us there. We rented an old, traditional wooden house in Tokyo where year round the wind whistled easily past windows and doors that never quite shut completely. I desperately wanted a pet dog, but my parents said that we would have to wait until we returned to the United States. One day, however, they said I could have another kind of pet. We went down to the local outdoor bazaar, and they bought a pet for me; it was a grasshopper in a small bamboo cage. It didn't quite have the feel of the dog I had imagined.

When we got home, my parents showed me how to care for it by feeding it fruits and vegetables. It especially seemed to like cucumbers and watermelon; I was hooked. My mother was studying ikebana, the Japanese art of flower arrangement, and one day, we took the grasshopper out of its cage and put it on the flower blossom of one of her trial arrangements. The grasshopper took to eating the blossom, and it seemed so content that after awhile, when we left the house, we simply left the grasshopper munching on the flower. Thereafter, every time we went out, we left the grasshopper on the flower arrangement. Even though it could easily have escaped, it never even tried. When our little grasshopper died, I cried.

In the Shin Buddhist path, the emphasis is on the Buddha's compassion for all sentient beings. As human beings, our ability to convey compassion to other people and creatures comes to us through the cosmic compassion of Amida Buddha. Yet, Amida Buddha is not viewed as being separate from us; rather, Amida Buddha, as boundless compassion, is our deepest, truest nature. For Shin Buddhists, nature and the universe are filled with boundless compassion.

Compassion means literally "to feel with." Our family's sense of feeling attuned to the life of the grasshopper came to us from the creature itself and from our own hearts, but more accurately from the deepest reality of oneness that we call Amida Buddha. However, in our foolish attachments, we tend to forget our true nature. For this reason, in Shin Buddhism we are called foolish beings filled with blind passions.

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Message from the VBT Board

On Sunday February 6th we had our Annual General Meeting. Wish to thank the members who attended the meeting. The meeting went very well and all the reports were covered and the Budget for 2011 by our treasurer Henry Low was passed.

At our February board meeting all the committee chairs for coming events were selected. Thank you to everyone who volunteered to take on these positions.

This being our election year for board of directors and executives, 25 people with most votes will be sent notices if they will stand for the VBT Board. Please accept the wishes of the members and stand as our board to help and guide the future growth of VBT.

Roof repair has been completed and the gym floor from the roof leak has been repaired under the guidance of Bill Kajiwarra. We wish to thank the people who have already generously contributed towards our roof repair costs.

Our first manju making day in preparation for our Spring Bazaar was on Saturday Feb. 5th. Special thanks to Mrs. Sakata and Mrs. Kitano for making the dough and anko balls in preparation for the manju making day. The second manju making day is Saturday March 12th at 9:00 AM. If you can spare some time please come and lend us a hand. Your help is very much appreciated.

Please join us on Sunday March 13th at 10:30 AM for Spring Higan/Dana Day/Shotsuki Service.

Our Spring Bazaar will be on Sunday March 27th. Bazaar preparations will be on Friday and Saturday March 25 and 26 starting at 9:00 AM and Sunday starting at 6:00 AM.

On behalf of the Vancouver Buddhist Temple Board of Directors and myself, thank you once again for all your support.

Please check your calendar for coming events at the Temple and join us for our services.

In gassho,
Frank Hamanishi

“The Ocean of Boundless Compassion” continued from pg 1

It may be beautiful to think of a small child feeling in tune with the rhythms of a grasshopper’s life. Yet, I did not have the same feeling when a mosquito bit me, or a dog barked at me. Thus, my own sense of compassion is limited, inconsistent. Nevertheless, the deep feeling of oneness, the reality of boundless compassion is always there, if only I would awaken to it. When I become impatient or irritated with someone or something, if I can be reminded that this is due to my own blind ego-attachment, then I may become gradually less impatient, more embracing. In this way, the ever-present compassion of life itself, of Amida Buddha, my own nature, breaks through my ego-self into the realization of boundless compassion.

Here in the Pacific Northwest, rain is plentiful. Thousands, millions, billions of raindrops fall from the sky every year. Just like snowflakes, however, no two raindrops are alike. Large or small, warmer or colder, liquid sunshine or refractions of a wintry gray, each takes a journey unique unto its own. Then, as they fall into the great Pacific Ocean, they all become as one, each giving itself to the Ocean of Compassion.

Each of us rises up with life, like water seeking to escape the salty seas of samsara, forgetting that liberation rests not in escape but in immersing ourselves in the very depths of suffering. Illuminated by the limitless warmth of the sun, we are reminded to return to our own true nature, in the ocean of samsara.

The clouds of ignorance release the sweet rain that descends, filling the ocean. The salty seas of samsara are transformed into the warm waters of boundless compassion. Each of us, these unique raindrops filled with blind passion, just as we are, enters and becomes the Ocean of Compassion. Rising and falling, rising and falling, we take this journey, over and over, forever and ever.

All beings are one with me, and I am led to become one with all beings. Illuminated, touched, embraced, and dissolved into the great Ocean of Compassion. I, this foolish being, entrust myself to Amida Buddha, my deepest, truest reality. *Namu Amida Butsu.*

Highlights of February Board Meeting

1. Gas pressure to kitchen stoves is low, regulator will be repaired or restored to normal function.
2. Gym heater has malfunctioned , options to restore heat will be sought
3. Temple insurance coverage to be reviewed in light of reports that present replacement value is understated.

4. Northwest District Convention(Tacoma) attended by 22 members. Very enjoyable Feb 12th weekend in Seattle.
5. Tokudo training at Nishi Hongwanji for Oct 2011 has been recommended for Joanne Yuasa by Aoki Sensei.
6. Laurie Low, Jason Leung, Devin Otori and Jeanine Chan have been awarded the 2010 Temple \$500 University Scholarship Congratulations!

Vancouver Buddhist Temple
Spring Food BAZAAR
 Sunday, March 27, 2011 (Noon~3PM)

Udon, Teriyaki,
Sushi, Manju,
Vegetables, fish,
Plants, Books,
And Much More!

うどん
照り焼き
寿司各種
まんじゅう各種
野菜、等等



3月27日(日) 正午~3時

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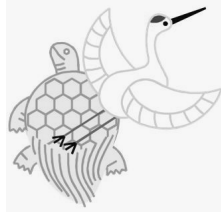

バンクーバー仏教会
春のバザー

VBT Keiroukai Party April 10

Keiroukai is an annual celebration to recognize the senior members of our sangha. We pay respects to those who have survived difficult times to sustain our wonderful teachings. Under very trying economic times and during periods in our history of ethnic differences as shown by the evacuation of all people of Japanese origin during World War II. Our seniors not only survived but succeeded to make enriched lives for themselves and for their families. They carried the same energy and spirit of "Gambaru" to sustain and further the growth of Shinshu teachings to all of us. For that we are thankful and the Keiroukai occasion is our way to say "domo arigato gozaimashita."

We wish to acknowledge 75th birthdays as well as each ensuing year, to the oldest members of our Sangha. We would also like to recognize anyone who will be celebrating their 100th year.

If you know of any of our members who will be celebrating their 100th year, please contact the VBT office at **604 253-7033** by **April 1st**.



Hatsumairi **April 10, 2011**



Hatsumairi in Japanese means —"First visit to Temple" and is a ceremony in which infants are formally presented to Buddha. At our Temple, this happy occasion is celebrated during Family Service which will take place on Sunday April 10, 2011 at our 10:30am Service. We invite all infants and their proud families to take part in this joyous tradition. To register, please contact our office at 604 253-7033 or e-mail vbc.admin@gmail.com.

Committee Chairpersons for 2011

At the first board meeting (February) following the annual general meeting, the appointment of chairpersons for the various committees for 2011 was made. The committees and the names are as follows:

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| 1. Spring Bazaar- | B. Akune, F. Hamanishi |
| 2. Powell Street Festival | L. Bishop, Greg. Chor |
| 3. Dharma School | L. Bishop, K. Mizushima |
| 4. Obon | M. Akune, G. Chor |
| 5. Sunshine | not confirmed |
| 6. Naijin | R. Tatsumi, S. Tanaka |
| 7. Flower | M. Banno |
| 8. Membership | I. Low |
| 9. Toban | T. Omoto |
| 10. Women's Fed Liaison | not confirmed |
| 11. Karaoke | S. Tanaka |
| 12. Shigin | S. Tanaka |
| 13. Website | G. Chor, L. McDonald |
| 14. Funeral | B. Akune |
| 15. Shotsuki | N. Sugimoto |
| 16. Investments/Townhouse | G. Chor |
| 17. Operations/Maintenance | R. Tatsumi |
| 18. Fall Bazaar | D. Ohori, J. Yuasa, Y. Nakano |
| 19. Bodhi Mind | J. Yuasa, Rev. Aoki |
| 20. Education (Dharma Circle)/LDC | G. Chor |
| 21. Social Activities | N. Sugimoto |
| 22. Manning Park Retreat | G. Chor, D. Ohori |
| 23. Seniors | M. Yamamoto |
| 24. Mochitsuki | H. Low, I. Low |
| 25. Golf | F. Hamanishi |

Thank you to all the above-named persons who have accepted the responsibilities to coordinate and organize the various activities, events and committees for this year. Yoroshiku Onegai Shimasu.



Dharma School



There was a very good turnout of approximately 30 people who came to the Dharma School bowling party after morning service on Sunday, January 23rd. There

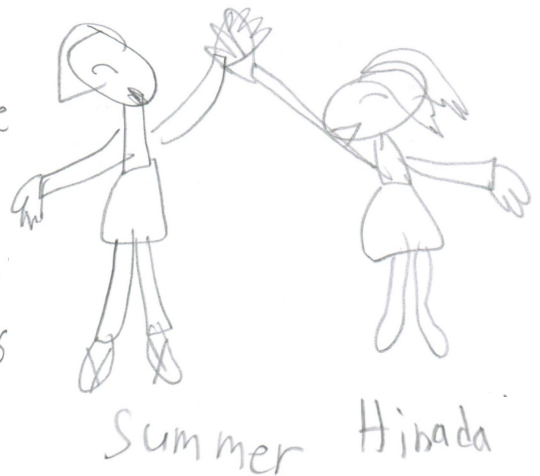
were all manner of bowling styles, broad smiles and thumbs up after a good ball and resigned faces after a poor one. Whatever the score, all the participants, young and old, had an enjoyable afternoon of activity with Dharma friends and lots of delicious pizza and soft drinks to keep the energy level up.

Back at the temple, the steadily increasing numbers we have attending the regular Sunday morning services have been encouraging and heartwarming. We would like to take this opportunity to remind our members that regular Sunday Services are not only for Dharma School students, but also for adults. The service is in English and although the dharma talk may be aimed toward the young, the lessons are meaningful, no matter your age.

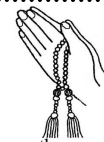
It is quite amazing to see our young students remain still and quiet during the 2 minutes or so of silent meditation. The older students have been taking their turn to ring the kansho bell and chair the services, the younger students help with the collection of the offertory; several older; several older students help out on the keyboard, and the young children are all eager to come forward to do oshoko and bow before the shrine of Amida Buddha.

If you have never attended a Family/Dharma School Service on a “regular” Sunday, we welcome you all.

Bowling was fun because we got to eat pizza and drink pop. What I liked the most was knocking all the pins at once. It was fun. We all got to take turns. It was exciting to see Sora getting all the pins down. I was so shocked! The girls played against the boys, and the girls won! We were so happy!



64th Annual Northwest Buddhist Convention



“Okagesama de, Arigato – Because of you, I am well” was the theme for the 64th Northwest Convention hosted by the Tacoma Buddhist Temple at the Doubletree Guest Suites in Tukwila, Washington on February 11th to 13th. For the 400 plus attendees, it was a weekend built around the theme of “Okagesama de Arigato.” All Northwest temple elders over 88 years of age were specially honored at the Saturday evening banquet and in a photo display along the convention floor hallways. One couple had attended all 64 conventions! At the banquet, the keynote speaker was the Executive Director of a Japanese American Legacy Project. He showed a few video testimonials given by Nisei elders which illustrated so well the values of our immigrant forefathers. And of course, the special guest speakers, Socho Ogui and Rinban Bob Oshita spoke eloquently to the theme on Saturday at the keynote addresses.

As those who have attended previous Northwest Conventions know, the hardest part of the weekend is deciding which of the talks and activities to take in, the choices are so many. Friday evening featured everything from discussion with Rev. Bob Oshita, sumie, crafting, opportunities to empty your pockets at Uwajimaya or the Casino, or just socializing and fellowship in a hospitality room overflowing with food and drinks. Saturday had even more options: a meditation workshop, yoga, haiku, gatha workshop, Red Cross workshop, a talk on Medicare, ukulele practice for the youth, talks by other Northwest ministers.

“Okagesama de,” the 22 attendees from VBT had a wonderful weekend of meeting old friends, making new ones, and listening to the Dharma. We were also able to meet and hear Reverend Kojo Kakihara, the new minister of the Tacoma Buddhist temple. Arigato to all the members of the Tacoma and Northwest temples for a great time.

TOBAN #5 – March 2011

Toban #5 is responsible for events during March, 2011. Each Toban group is responsible for food preparation and clean-up at our Temple. If you are available, we would appreciate your support and assistance at our Temple at the following events:

- March 5th – Toban Meeting – 10:00 a.m.- chaired by Toban #6
- 12th- 9:00 a.m. – Manju making
- 13th - 9:00 a.m. - Spring Ohigan/Dana Day/Shotsuki
- 25th- 9:00 a.m. – Spring Bazaar Preparation
- 26th-9:00 a.m. - Spring Bazaar Preparation
- 27th-6:00 a.m.-**SPRING BAZAAR**
- 31st- noon – Ishikawa-ken High School Band/Seniors Day



If your name is listed below, we would appreciate your assistance. If you require additional information or have any questions, please call your Toban Captain:
Mr Harry Mizuta
(604) 321-1882

Ms. June Anzai	Mrs. Keiko Oyama	Mrs. Masako Takata
Ms. Joanna Bazeley	Ms. Akiko Sakata	Mr. & Mrs. Tadao Takata
Mr. & Mrs. Preston Chan	Mrs. Toshie Sekiya	Mr. Yutaka Takemoto
Mr. Makoto Fukui	Mr. & Mrs. Kiyoshi Shimizu	Mr. & Mrs. Shigeharu Tamaki
Mrs. Miwako Kasuya	Mr. Takashi Shoji	Mrs. Harumi Tamoto
Mr. & Mrs. Len Komori	Mr. & Mrs. Yoshiro Shoji	Mrs. Misao Tamura
Mr. & Mrs. Henry Low	Ms. Darlene Sorel	Mrs. Chiyo Tanahara
Mr. & Mrs. Martin Matsutani	Ms. Jacqueline Stevens	Mrs. Dena Tanaka
Mrs. Yoshie Matsutani	Mrs. Helen Tajiri	Mr. & Mrs. Mitsuru Tanaka
Mr. & Mrs. Harry Mizuta	Mr. & Mrs. Brad Tak	Mr. & Mrs. Tamotsu Teranishi
Mrs. Eiko Nishikihama	Mrs. Tamaki Takahashi	Mr. & Mrs. Masayuki Yamakami
Mrs. Yoshie Omura	Mr. Don Takaki	Mrs. Tsunae Yamashita
Mrs. Yukiko Omura	Mr. & Mrs. Stanley Takaki	

**石川県立
小松名峰高等学校
吹奏楽演奏会**

日時：3月31日(木)
 午前10時30分
 場所：バンクーバー仏教会
 (ソーシャルホール)



無料
 Admission is Free

Thursday, March 31, 2011
 10:30 AM
 Vancouver Buddhist Temple
 (Social Hall)



**Band Concert
Komatsu Meiho High School**

**Tuesday Evening
Dharma Circle**

Join us on Tuesday, March 1, 2011, for a session of The Dharma Circle, an English Dharma gathering. The evening will start at 7pm, with a service format that more closely follows those observed at Nishi Hongwanji, our Mother Temple. Following the short service, there will be opportunity for the group to explore the Dharma and the Nembutsu teachings.

We plan to have these gatherings every FIRST and THIRD Tuesday of every month.

Please look in upcoming issues of the Bodhi Mind for specific dates.

“Inconceivable Life: Buddhism and the Embrace of Boundless Compassion”

**Friday, April 8, 2011
7:00—8:30 pm**

**Rev. Dr. Mark Unno
(University of Oregon)**



Dr. Mark Unno is Associate Professor of Japanese Buddhism in the Department of Religious Studies at the University of Oregon and received his PH.D. from Stanford University. His research is in Classical Japanese Buddhism, in particular key practices in Shin Buddhism, Shingon, and Zen. He also works in the areas of comparative religious thought, Buddhism and psychotherapy, and interreligious dialogue. He is the author of *Shingon Refractions: Myoe and the Mantra of Light* (2004), editor of *Buddhism and Psychotherapy Across Cultures* (2006) and of *Deep Listening, Deep Hearing: Buddhisms and Psychotherapies* (forthcoming) as well as articles and translations in the foregoing fields. He is the recipient of the Thomas F. Herman Distinguished Faculty Award for Outstanding Teaching (2010) and the Coleman-Guitteau Teaching-and-Research Professorship (2009-10). He is also an ordained Shin Buddhist minister.



When was the last time you spent a weekend at Harrison Hot Springs?! **Connect with friends at the BC Federation Convention Harrison Hot Springs Sept 23-25, 2011**

The BC Federation (BCJSBCF) will be holding the 2011 AGM Convention at Harrison Hot Springs Resort on September 23-25th, 2011. This year's gathering promises a very streamlined agenda compared to previous years' conventions. Besides our Opening and Closing Services, we will have some light Dharma Programming, for those who want to participate. But the schedule for the weekend will be one which will allow attendees ample time to spend time together, to feel the joy of the living Dharma with their fellow Sangha members. There are many activities available to attendees in and around the resort, from hiking, and kayaking, to a relaxing massage in the spa, or of course, a soak in the Hot Springs! The weekend can be as leisurely or as active as you want.

The cost for the weekend for attendees will be based on the rooms, restaurants for meals and activities you choose. For your planning consideration, we have approximated the cost (a lot of meals you will have your own choice of restaurant and cost) for all meals from Breakfast Saturday to Breakfast Sunday, hospitality suites and 2 nights accommodations not including optional activities at: **Couple - \$500 to \$550 (double occupancy), Family (4) - \$650 to \$750 quad occupancy** Reservations for the rooms and convention registration will be required by **May 23rd, 2011**, and then you'll have the summer to think about, and make reservations for activities such as the spa and boat tours, etc. The reservations for these activities will have to be made a few weeks prior to your arrival at Harrison Hot Springs.

Registration Fee: Adults: **\$40.00** By April 15, 2011 (Early Bird)
\$50.00 between April 15—May 31, 2011

Students and children 6 – 18 years (including students attending post-secondary institutions): **\$20.00**

Children 5 years and under: **Free**

Please look for more detailed information in upcoming issues of the Bodhi Mind. Information will also be available at temple, or through email by emailing vbc.admin@gmail.com. We look forward to a relaxing time connecting with friends and family in a very special local facility with hot springs, and local (and imported from BC Temples) wildlife. www.harrisonresort.com

We still need volunteers to help plan so please call or email Greg Chor if you can spare a few hours to plan part of the convention. (bcfconvention@gmail.com 604.613.3100) or if you have questions.



LDC Manning Park Family Retreat

May 21-23 2011, Manning Park, BC

Enjoy a weekend designed to promote fellowship between the various age groups within the families attending. Participate in activities, lectures and workshops. The event is open to anyone who is curious about or interested in the teachings of Jodo Shinshu Buddhism or is just a friend or family of someone who is. This year will be surprise theme following the last two Olympic themes

Accommodations will be community style with shared cottages and hotel rooms. When requesting your group to stay together, please submit all names on one registration form. Organizers will try to accommodate your requests and use discretion being mindful of other guests.

Accommodations will be filled on a first come first served basis.

All other meals will be provided as planned by the organizing committee. All guests will sign up for meal preparation, cooking and cleanup duties. Please let us know if any member of your group has food allergies. **Local guests are welcome to bring home-made desserts to share.**

Manning Park is just 3 hours from Vancouver and 2 ½ hours from Kelowna. Participants are responsible for their own travel to Manning Park.

Registration is open from 2:00-3:00pm Saturday, May 21 and closing services will end by 11am on Monday, May 23.

Final Registration must be received with payment by **March 23, 2011.**

All cheques payable to “**Vancouver Buddhist Temple**”

Rates-(per person for Chalets & Cabins)* Before

Types	Age	Price*	Jan 23/11
Adult Member* (AM)	26+	\$135	\$120
Adult Non-Member (AN)	26+	\$150	\$135
Youth (Y)	14 to 25	\$80	\$80
Child (C)	6 to 13	\$40	\$40
Infant (I)	to 5	free	free



*Hotel Room requests will be \$244 per room for the weekend + 50% of the per person rates above

*Discounted rates apply for adult members of the JSBTC (Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Temples of Canada), BCA (Buddhist Churches of America), Hawaii Kyodan and members of any affiliate of the Nishi Hongwanji.

Please let us know if you would prefer hotel, cottage or chalet accommodations. Thank you.

Standard Cottage – sleeps 8 – (14 available)

1 double & 2 sets of bunks plus 1 double hide a bed, sitting room with TV & full kitchen

Deluxe Cottages – sleeps 10 – (4 available)

3 bedrooms-2 queens & 2 sets of bunks plus 1 double hide a bed, sitting room with TV & kitchen

Tri-Plex Chalets – sleeps 14 – (3 available)

– adjoining rooms to sleeping units with separate bathrooms

2 bedrooms-2 queens & 2 sets of bunks plus 1 hide a bed, sitting room with TV & full kitchen

Sponsored by: The Living Dharma Centre Hosted by: Vancouver Buddhist Temple

To request a registration form or if you have any questions, please contact:

VBT at **604-253-7033** or Email: **retreat.vbt@gmail.com**



GREETINGS FROM THE VALLEY



Although February can be a month when few people turn out for a temple service we had a fairly good turnout at our Nirvana Day and monthly memorial service on February 5. Rev. Grant Ikuta conducted the service and spoke of how the Buddha as he lay dying was only concerned that his teachings live on and not to be saddened by his physical passing. His teachings are truly remarkable as it continues to reverberate around the world for more than 2500 years.

Over the past few months we have had numerous calls from people in the Valley interested in Buddhism and enquiring about our temple. Also in the last 2 months a number of new people have come to our services to find out more about our particular form of Buddhism. It is very encouraging and makes us realize that we need to look into ways to make our temple better known and more accessible for those interested. Our Board is presently working on this.

Our next monthly service will be on Saturday, March 12 at 2 pm followed by our Annual General Meeting . We will be voting in a new Board of Directors and hopefully some new people will step in to help us continue to do the groundwork for our temple as well as assisting us to go forward in a new and focused direction. Please encourage family and friends to attend this meeting.

Hanamatsuri (Buddha's birthday) and monthly memorial service will be on Saturday, April 9 at 2 pm with guest speaker Dr. Mark Unno, a well-known and respected scholar of Buddhism.

If anyone is interested in attending the Harrison Hot Springs Convention Sept. 23 - 25 please contact Lucy or Naomi and join us for a weekend with our sangha friends.

As the days are getting longer and brighter we hope you are well and living in the light of the Dharma.

In gassho,
Fraser Valley Buddhist Temple



The Fraser Valley Buddhist Temple gratefully acknowledges the following donations for the February Shutsuki and Nirvana Day Service held on at the Temple on February 5th 2011 :

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Kiyo Nagamatsu	Eileen Fujita
Naomi Shikaze	Chieko Takasaki
Hisako Shikaze	Emiko Shikaze
Mr. Saito	Joe Tateyama
Mak Ikuta	A.E. Kawamoto
May Mukaida	Jenny Fujita



100-200

Mr. & Mrs. Araki, Mr. & Mrs. H. Honkawa,

200-300

Amy Nagamatsu, in memory of husband Roy Nagamatsu 1st year.

400-500

John & Masuko Kamimura in memory of son Akio Kamimura

In Gassho, FVBT

Chairperson and Organist Workshop

**March 20 (Sun) after Sunday Service
VBT Hondo**

Rev. Aoki and Sensei Bob will hold a workshop for those who volunteer and are asked to be chairpersons and organists for our weekly Sunday services as well as out Shutsuki Services.

The workshop will be held after the regular Sunday service on March 20 with explanation on what it is expected of chairpersons and organists. Hondo etiquette, explanation of the Naijin and our rituals, including how to do *Kansho*.



SHOTSUKI (Memorial) List— March 2011

The March Shotsuki / monthly memorial service will be held on Sun., March 13, at 10:30 am.

1953 UYEYAMA, Toyokichi	TAKAHARA, Kiyotada	YAMAKE, Hatsuye	2000 SOGA, Yoshiharu
1958 NAKATANI, Tatsumatsu	1972 URABE, Toyemon	1988 YAMASHITA, Kozue	CHIBANA, Hiroko
1959 KONDO, Iwa	TATSUMOTO, Akino	MORISHITA, Masaru	TANAKA, Matsu
KAZAO, Heikuro	UYEYAMA, Shina	YAMASHITA, Fumiye	FUCHIHARA, Thomas
1960 KOTANI, Kumataro	YAMAMOTO, Haru	1989 FURUGORI, Sumeko	OKANO, Chie
SUGIE, Shosaku	1974 HAGIHARA, Katao	KITANO, Kono	MIYASHITA, Archie
YOSHIDA, Sei	IMAMURA, Mary	TERANISHI, Yoshiye	2002 KOBAYAKAWA, Toshikazu
1961 MAEDE, Yuji	MIZUNO, Natsu	1991 MIZUYABU, Toshio	2004 OKUBO, Haruye
SAIMOTO, Kiku	YAMASAKI, Kunizo	TAKAHASHI, Tamiyo	TATSUMI, Miyako
1962 (50th Year)	1975 OGAWA, Yoshihisa	1993 HAGANE, Toshio	2005 HIRAI, Fujiye
OKANO, Kiyoko	JOWETT, Roy	HAYASHI, Shomi	SHIMIZU, Toshio
SHINDE, Matsunosuke	1976 CHIBA, Koichi	KONDO, Hideo	MATSUBARA, Toshio
YAMADA, Kiju	MISHIMA, Mima	NODA, Jiroemon	ASAOKA, Ryoko
1963 NAKASHIMA,	MOCHIZUKI, Tajiro	OYA, Hitoshi	2006 MAEKAWA, Yoshiko
NUKINA, Shorin	SUYEYOSHI, Yuzo	1994 KUROZUMI, Takuyo	2007 KAKINO, George
1964 FUJIOKA, Yashiro	1977 UYEYAMA, Inosuke	OKADA, Shigeto	SHOJI, Misao
NISHI, (baby)	1979 HAYASHI, Tamejiro	1995 (17th Year)	2008 HIKIDA, Sadako
OMORI, Hideko	1980 NISHI, Chiyoye	MORRIS, Jeff	2009 (3rd Year)
1965 TANAKA, Hisao	1982 OMOTO, Minoru	TAKEDA, Masaichi	SAKAI, Iwao
YADA, Sutejiro	SARUYAMA, Danjo	TAKII, Ryuzo	NISHIMOTO, Kiyoko
1966 SAKIYAMA, Genshiro	1983 KOBAYASHI, Masako	TAKIMOTO, Shichiro	2010 (First Year)
1968 ISHIDA, Matsugoro	1984 KAWABATA, Yoshie	YABUNO, Taiichi	OKAHASHI, Shizuko
1969 KAMEI, Tsurumatsu	MATSUBARA, Tatsushiro	1996 HORII, Rhotaro	UYESUGI, Emiko
KITAGAWA, Tsuneki	YOSHIDA, Kanichiro	SHIMIZU, Tami (in Japan)	YOSHIHARA, Lillian Reiko
NISHI, Shigetaro	1985 TANAKA, Kimi	1997 HAYASHI, Yosaburo	HAMADE, Roy Ryuzo
OKANO, Yoshihiro	1986 HANAZAWA, Haru	MUKUDA, Yone	SHINKODA, Fusako
1970 TERASHITA, Tsutomu	OTSUJI, Kihei	RICHARDSON, Sachiko	
1971 ARAKAWA, Sukeyemon	1987 (25th Year)	UI, Shigeyo	
HAMA, Yoshizo	HARADA, Masuhiro	1998 ITO, Aki	
MATSUMOTO, Saki	NISHI, Nikichi	KAITA, Sue	
	SOKUGAWA, Toji	TOMIYE, Takashi	
	TAKESHITA, Kazuo	EJIMA, Frank	
	TAKEUCHI, Naoki	KATSUMOTO, Sato	
		1999 (13th Year)	
		YAMAKAMI, Onobu	

Passings

The Vancouver Buddhist Temple offers deepest sympathies for the families of

Mrs. Michiko Kitamura (1/12)
Mr. Hideo Chiya (2/7)
Mrs. Umeko Fujimoto (2/15)



March/April 2011



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<div style="border: 1px dashed gray; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> Don't forget to turn your clocks FORWARD before you go to sleep Saturday, MARCH 12 </div>		1 <u>7:00pm</u> The Dharma Circle -- English Dharma Service w/ Rev. Aoki	2	3 <u>12:00 Noon</u> Japanese Service & Senior's Club	4	5 <u>10:00 am</u> Toban Meeting
		6 <u>10:30 am</u> English Dharma Service	7	8	9	10 <u>12:00 Noon</u> Japanese Service & Senior's Club
13 <u>10:30 am</u> Spring Higan/ Dana/ Shotsuki Service	14	15 <u>7:00pm</u> The Dharma Circle -- English Dharma Service w/ Rev. Aoki	16 <u>11:00 am</u> Nikkei Home Service (Rev. Ikuta)	17 <u>12:00 Noon</u> Japanese Service & Senior's Club	18	19 <u>10:00 am</u> BC Federation Board Meeting in Hope
20 <u>10:30 am</u> English Dharma Service followed by "Chairperson & Organist workshop"	21	22	23	24 <u>12:00 Noon</u> Japanese Service & Senior's Club	25 <u>9:00 am</u> Spring Bazaar Prep	26 <u>9:00 am</u> Spring Bazaar Prep
27 VBT SPRING BAZAAR	28	29 		31 <u>10:30 am</u> Komatsu Meiho H.S. Band Concert	April 1	2
3 <u>10:30 am</u> English Dharma Service	4	5 <u>7:00pm</u> The Dharma Circle -- English Dharma Service	6	7 <u>12:00 Noon</u> Japanese Service & Senior's Club	8 <u>7:00 pm</u> English Public Lecture at VBT	9 <u>2:00 pm</u> FVBT Hanamatsuri, Hatsumairi, & Keiroukai

Upcoming in April 2011

- 10 Sun. 10:00 am — Dharma School Hanamatsuri Service
- 10:30 am — Hanamatsuri/ Hatsumairi/ Keiroukai
- 17 Sun. 10:30 am — Shotsuki Service
- 19 Tues. 7:00 pm — Dharma Circle (English Service)
- 30 Sat. 9:00 am — JSBTC AGM (Toronto)

"Inconceivable Life: Buddhism and the Embrace of Boundless Compassion" by Rev. Dr. Mark Unno

With Guest Minister Rev. Dr. Mark Unno