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Happy 115th Year of Vancouver Buddhist Temple



Welcome to the last month of year 2018. Once again, we were filled with many services and activities the past months. We had our annual Fall Food Bazaar on October 28, and many people came to help and contributed to our fund raising.

As I encounter these busy temple activities, I feel again, that I am very proud to be the resident minister of Vancouver Buddhist Temple, because there are so many people who help enthusiastically, especially in times of urgent need. We are able to live this moment and enjoy so much in our lives because of the efforts of so many people. We live within the “great shade” or “okage” of their lives. *Because of the “great shade” cast by many people, this temple is successful. Because of many people’s shade, I am fine.*

We will be observing the temple’s 115th year anniversary of its history and 40th year anniversary of the existing temple building. We are planning two anniversary services on Sunday, April 28 and Sunday, November 10. The anniversary committee and the VBT board of directors are aiming \$50,000 for fundraising goal to improve the temple building. More information will be available next issues.

Okagesama de Namō Amita Butsu

Tatsuya Aoki



Hongwanji Administrative Staff ‘s Visit to Vancouver



Rev. Hikaru Nakao, Rev. Noriaki Kitabatake, and Miss Sara Iza-wa visited Vancouver from Sunday, November 4 to 10. They home stayed at VBT members houses, and joined our services. They also visited UBC, Nikkei Heritage Centre, funeral home, hospital, and hospice as part of their overseas activities.

Another Successful Lecture Series Completed!

Sensei Michael Newton (Zen), Dr. Adrian Ross (Mindfulness), Mr. Casey Collins (Intro), Sue Salter (Tibet), and Sensei Aoki (Pure Land) completed fall lecture series. Average 30-40 people attended the lecture, which was coordinated by our temple member, Patrick Couling. Greg and Gina helped with refreshments and Jason will post on SNS!



Important information about Donations

When the VBT receives donations, our aim is always to receive them with care, and to make sure donors are recognized for their generosity. This is done through the temple newsletter, but also through issuing official donation receipts for Income Tax purposes.

- In the case of **cheque donations**, VBT is only able to issue the receipt in the name of the account holder of the cheque
- In the case of **cash donations**, VBT will issue the receipt in the name indicated on the envelope. Please make sure the **name of the donor is written clearly**.
- In both cases, please make sure the **mailing address is written clearly**.

We are deeply grateful for the generosity that allows our temple to function from day to day as a place for people to gather in the Dharma. Thank you for your co-operation.

Message from the VBT Board



2019 will be a year of celebration!

2019 will be the 115th anniversary of our temple which was founded in 1904. In addition, 40 years have passed since the temple was built.

Plans include a spring celebration in conjunction with the annual general meeting of the JSBTC in April and a gala dinner in June at a venue yet undetermined . A special commemoration service is also planned for the fall.

As part of our anniversary year we have plans to improve and upgrade some of our temple facilities and naijin. A fifty thousand fundraising project is now in place to cover the costs. We ask for your contributions towards this effort.

Hoonko Service

The Hoonko Service is the memorial service of the founder of Shin Buddhism, Shinran Shonin, who passed away on January 16, 1263, at the age of 90. For over 700 years, Shin Buddhists have observed the Hoonko service for Shinran, allowing us to recall and appreciate the Teachings. This service is the most important in the year for Shin Buddhists.



**Please join us
for VBT's
Hoonko Service
on Sunday, January 13, 2018 at
10:30 AM with
guest minister
Reverend
Umitami**

VBT Bodhi Day Service

The word "Buddha" means "Enlightened One." It was on December 8 that Siddhartha Gautama was Enlightened as Sakyamuni Buddha. While sitting in meditation beneath a Pippala tree, Gautama made a firm resolution not to move from his sitting position until he attained Enlightenment. Since Enlightenment is known as Bodhi in Sanskrit, December 8 is called "Bodhi Day".

Please join us on

Sunday, December 2, 2018

for Vancouver Temple's Bodhi Day Service.

72nd Annual Northwest District Buddhist Convention Feb 15-17, 2019

"Compassion, Gratitude, Community" Doubletree Suites by Hilton Seattle Airport - Southcenter 16500 Southcenter Parkway, Seattle, WA 98188

February 15-17, 2019 Guest Speaker Rev. Matthew Hamasaki of Sacramento Betsuin

Adult (Includes Saturday Lunch & Banquet Dinner) \$125

YBA (Includes Saturday Lunch & Banquet Dinner) \$100

Dharma School (Includes Saturday Lunch & Banquet Dinner) \$75

Banquet Only - \$75

Sunday Bento (optional) - \$10 USD

Registration for convention is available online through eventbrite.com only. Book your hotel room by February 1, 2019. Participants will register and pay using the website.

For questions email convention@WRBT.org

VBT Annual Mochitsuki

Sunday December 9th

9:00 AM

—

Rice pounding in VBT Social Hall

10:30 AM

—

Service in Hondo



Join us for the annual Mochitsuki (sweet rice pounding) day and help pound, form, and EAT the mochi. Every participating household will receive some mochi to take home. **Please sign up for at the VBT Office by Thursday, December 6th so we know how much lunch and mochi to prepare.**

Greetings from the Valley

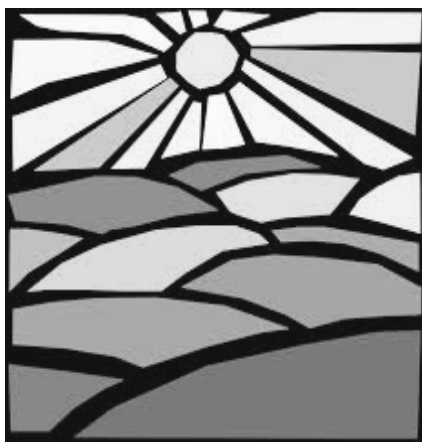
Thank you to all the people that attended our service in November for Shotski and Eitai-kyo. We had fantastic weather—crisp, cool, and without rain. We had a chance to visit with more of our senior members as well as a new visitor from the Hamilton temple.

Thank you to Bishop Aoki for bringing three visitors from our Hongwanji Administrative Staff. We had a nice luncheon after the service getting to know Rev. Hikaru Nakao, Ms. Sara Izawa, and Rev. Noriaki Kitabatake.

Thank you to all the members and volunteers for helping with our successful fundraiser in October. We greatly appreciate all the timeless hours spent preparing the food, setting up the tables, and the clean-up. We look forward to seeing more at our December 1st service at 11am.

In gassho,

Fraser Valley Buddhist Temple



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Donations

Received in Gratitude



Oct 13 2018 Shotsuki & JSBTC Day
Hiroshi & Ruth Honkawa, Perry Family, Stan & Lucy Yoshioka, Denise Cork, Amy Nagamatsu, Ron & Marilyn Fujita, Irene Tateyama, May Mukaida, Lori North, Toshi Dyck, Jenny Fujita & Mike McSkimming, John & Masuko Kamimura

In Memory of Amy Kawamoto: Hiroshi & Ruth Honkawa,
Stan & Lucy Yoshioka, Amy Nagamatsu, Byron Kagawa,
Irene Rohrer

In Memory of Fumi Honkawa: Greg & Lynn Smith

In Memory of father: Byron Kagawa, JoAnne McAllister

JSBTC Day: Lori North

Bazaar: Yoshiko Sakurada

Nov. 10, 2018 Shotsuki & Eitai-kyo
Chieko Takasaki, May Mukaida, Denise Cork, Ron & Marilyn Fujita, Jean Nakatsui, Jenny Fujita,
Marlene Frazer, Stan & Lucy Yoshioka, Byron Kagawa,
Amy Nagamatsu, John & Masuko Kamimura, Marion Fujita

In Memory of 13th Anniversary of Fuyuko Saito: Mitsuo Saito

In Memory of Fusae Nishimura: Ron Nishimura

In Memory of Fumi Honkawa: Reiko Honkawa

In Gassho,
Fraser Valley Buddhist Temple

Tōban Groups

From lunches at our monthly Shōtsuki services, to wiping down tables and cleaning the washrooms, the temple would not be the warm and welcoming place for gathering if it were not for the dedicated hard work of our members. When people come to the temple—whether it’s for the first time or the 100th time—the care we put in our temple expresses how precious we hold the Teachings of the Buddha.

The following activities in

December—January

December

Sun. 2—9:00 AM Bodhi Day and Shōtsuki

Sun. 9—9:00 AM Mochi-tsuki

Mon. 31—10:00 PM New Year’s Eve Service
(VBT)

January

Tue. 1—10:30 AM New Year’s Service

Sat. 5—10:00 AM Toban + Bazaar and
Board Meeting

Sun. 13—9:00 AM Hōonkō and Shōtsuki

#1 Toban Captains

Lorna Bishop

Greg Chor

Mrs. Tsuki Aratake

Mr. & Mrs. Minoru Asaoka

Mr. & Mrs. Bradly Bishop

Ms. Nicole Bishop

Mrs. Naoe Bradley

Mrs. Haruyo Chiba

Mr. & Mrs. Greg Chor

Ms. Catherine DeRobert

Mr. & Mrs. Denny Enjo

Mr. Yoshio Fujimoto

Mrs. Nancy Hamanishi

Mr. Yutaka Harada

Mr. Toshi Haraguchi

Mrs. Sayo Hattori

Mr. & Mrs. Noboru Hayashi

Mr. & Mrs. Shigeru Hirai

Mr. Tim Hirata

Mr. & Mrs. Kazu Komori

Mrs. Kikuye Komori

Mrs. Kazuko Koyanagi

Dr. Jessica Main

Mrs. Keiko Nakata

Mrs. Miyoko Nose

Mr. Kyle Ohori

Mr. Colton Oyama

Mr. Edward Oyama

Ms. Marie Oyama

Mrs. Fumiyo Saruya

Mr. & Mrs. Tsutomu Shirahama

Mr. & Mrs. Yukihiro Shoji

Mrs. Chieko Suzuki

Mr. Roy Tatsumi

Mrs. Etsuko Tsuji

Mr. & Mrs. Dan Uyesugi

Mr. & Mrs. George Uyesugi

Mr. & Mrs. Susumu Uyesugi

Mr. & Mrs. John Wong

Mrs. Frances Xu



December Shotsuki (Memorial) List

The December Shotsuki monthly memorial service will be held on **Sunday, December 2 at 10:30 am.**

1959

HIROSE, Tanejiro
MATSUYAMA, Iyo

1960

HARA, Matsuji
NAKAZEKI, Ihachi
NOGAMI, Sankichi
UYEYAMA, Yoshiye

1961

IWABUCHI, Ichio
SHOJI, Kojiro

1962

NAITO, Ise

1963

MIZUNO, Tsuru
SAKATA, Yone

1964

NAKAMURA, Hikoza
OHASHI, Gengo
OYE, Tomi

1966

ARAKAWA, Sute
KOHARA, Shirayu

1968

FUJIOKA, Kenji
TAKIMOTO, Yojiro

1970

MAEDA, Ko
OOKA, Fusaye
YANO, Kenichi

1972

KARIYA, Gorokichi
MATSUI, Sadajiro
NEHA, Tomonori

1973

MORI, Bun
NAGASAWA, Kinsaku

1974

INOUE, Teru
NAKAMURA, Keizo

1975

MIYATA, Ninosuke
UYEDE, Shige

1976

KOYANAGI, Kyuichi

1977

HIGO, Hajime
MATSUNO, Takao

1978

NAKATSU, Gen
ROBINSON, Robert

1979

AJIMOTO, Haruye
HAMANISHI, Kentaro
KOYANAGI, Jun
MASUHARA, Yohei
NAKASONE, Yoriko
YAMANOUCHI, Keiji

1980

SHOJI, Tamiko

1982

NAKATSU, Kanichi
YOSHIDA, Makio

1984

MORI, Kenji
SHIBATA, Yasuhiro

1987

TAKAHASHI, Tsusaburo

1988

KITADE, Yoshiharu
MORISUE, Kazuo

1989

MUKAI, Mine

1990

FUJITA, Kiyoshi
NAGASAWA, Tatsu
NATSUHARA, Sawaye
OHORI, Masa
SUGAWARA, Yoshiko
TAKASAKI, Takeo

1992

BABA, Masako
HAMANISHI, Toshio
TAKAGI, Nobue

1993

MINAMIDE, Toshiye
ONO, Suye
YAKURA, Ko

1994 — 25th Year

TAKATA, Takeo
Tahara, Toshiyuki

1995

HAMAGUCHI, Kisako

1996

KITAGAWA, Sotojiro

1997

HONDA, Kazuo
KAWAMOTO, Masao
NISHI, Yoshiko
YOSHIDA, Yoshie

2000

ASAOA, Takashi
IWASAKI, Mitsuji
KOYANAGI, Saburo
MASUHARA, Wakako
OKAMOTO, Yukio
TOMANEKI, Machiye

2001

AKASAKA, Minoru
MURAO, Yasukichi

2002 — 17th Year

TAKAI, Nobuo
TAKENO, Hisae
YAMAMOTO, Ei

2002 — 17th Year

HARA, Miyoko
HARAGUCHI, Masanobu
NISHIKIHAMA, Sawae
SEKIYA Mitsuo

2003

KOYANAGI, Suyeko
TATARA, Eiko

2004

NISHIMOTO, Kumeko

2004

HATTORI, Allan

2004

TAKEMOTO, Yasuye

2005

KAGETSU, Hide

2006 — 13th Year

TAKEMORI, Ichiro

2006 — 13th Year

YONEDA, Minoru

2006 — 13th Year

MIYAZAKI, Yoshie

2007

KOMORI, Edward
NATSUHARA, Kaoru

2007

KITANO, Ken

2008

SAKATA, Kazuma

2008

HAYASHI, Shigeiko

2009

GOMYO, Yuichi

2009

CHIBANA, Jinjo

2010

YONEDA, George

OKABE, Hitoshi

2011

NUKINA, Roy Masami

2012 — 7th Year

NOMURA, George

MARTIN, Hunter

SAKIYAMA, Mitsuyo

FUJITA, Eileen

2013

HAYASHI, Kotaro

UEGAKI, Takuo

SHIKAZE, Emiko

MATSUNAGA, Takao

2014

TAKATA, Etsuko

2015

IKEGAMI, Kinya

TAHARA, Yume

2016 — 3rd Year

TAKAKI, Jean

TANAKA, Mike

FUKUI, Makoto

2017 - 1st Year

TSURUMARU, Chizuko

TSUJI, Akiko

TANIZAWA, Masaaki

Passings

Our deepest

condolences go to the families and friends of

Mrs. Mieko Asakura (70 yrs old) Sep 8

Mrs. Kimie Uyeyama (96 yrs old) Sep 29

Mrs. Akiko Shoji (76 yrs old) Oct 19

Mr. Lawrence Jang (91 yrs old) Nov 4

Mrs. Miyoko Tamoto (95 yrs old) Nov 12

December 2018

Sun.	Mon.	Tues	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
						1 <u>11:00 AM</u> FVBT Monthly Memorial Shotsuki Service (Rev. T. Aoki)
2 <u>10:30 AM</u> Bodhi Day and Monthly Memorial Shotsuki Service	3	4	5	6 <u>12:00 PM</u> Noon Howakai	7	8 <u>10:00 AM</u> Board Meeting
9 <u>9:00 AM</u> Mochi-tsuki Year-end Sunday Service	10	11	12	13 <u>12:00 PM</u> Noon Howakai	14	15
16 No Service@ VBT	17	18	19 <u>11:00 AM</u> Nikkei Home Service (Rev. T. Aoki)	20	21	22
23 No Service@ VBT	24	25 Christmas Day Office closed	26	27	28	29
30 No Service@ VBT	31 <u>10:00 PM</u> New Year's Eve Service @ VBT <u>11:30 PM</u> Bell Ringing @ UBC Asian Centre	<p>New Year's Eve Bell-Ringing—Dec. 31, 11:30 PM</p> <p>Join us in front of the UBC Studies Building (1871 West Mall, UBC Campus) to ring the Pacific Bell. Everyone gathered will have the opportunity to continue the tradition of symbolically “ringing away” the 108 worldly passions to start the year anew.</p>				



January 2019

Sun.	Mon.	Tues	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
		1 10:30 AM New Year's Day Service	2	3	4	5 10:00 AM VBT Toban + Bazaar & Board Meeting
6 10:30 AM English Dharma Service	7	8	9	10 12:00 PM Noon Howakai	11 7:00 PM Public Lecture (Guest: Rev. Toshiyuki Umitani)	12 11AM FVBT Hoonko (Rev. T. Aoki) (Guest: Rev. Toshiyuki Umitani)
13 10:30 AM VBT Hoonko & Monthly Shotsuki Memorial Service Guest: Rev. Toshiyuki Umitani	14	15	16 11:00 AM Nikkei Home Service (Rev. T. Aoki)	17 12:00 PM Noon Howakai	18	19
20 10:30 AM Steveston Temple Hoonko (Guest: Dr. Ryo Imamura) NO Service @ VBT	21	22	23	24 12:00 PM Noon Howakai	25	26
27 10:30AM English Dharma Service	28	29	30	31 12:00 PM Noon Howakai		