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Dana

Dāna is a Sanskrit and Pali term meaning "generosity" or "giving". In Buddhism, it also refers to the practice of cultivating generosity. An act of dana is the act of giving; and pure dana is to give unselfishly. They are acts of unselfish loving kindness.

Years ago, I heard a story. It was about a young Nisei soldier who was stationed in post-war Japan during the Occupation. While on leave, he arranged to visit the village and home where his Issei parents grew up. Times were hard, and he brought with him a rare treat to share — bars of Hershey's chocolates. He passed them out. There was just enough for everyone to have their own. As he enjoyed the smiles on all the happy faces eating the chocolate bars, he noticed one of his cousins, a young mother, just holding hers, while her young son devoured his. The soldier encouraged her to eat it, saying it is delicious. The mother replied, "Yes, but it is even more delicious for me to see my child enjoying it." Such is the nature of a parent's love.

Just as this young child enjoyed a second chocolate treat completely unaware of his mother's loving kindness, all of us have been able to live each day because of the countless acts of "pure dana" that have always nurtured and sustained us.

When our dharma eyes open to this reality, we cannot help but begin to sense that profound level of gratitude beyond words that we call Onembutsu, Namo Amida Butsu. Let us try to live each day with our dharma eyes open wide.

Namo Amida Butsu
Tatsuya Aoki

Buddhist Churches of Canada
Annual General Meeting
Hosted by the Vancouver Buddhist Church

April 24/25	Ministerial Association Meeting
April 25	BCC Board Meeting
April 26	BCC Annual General Meeting
	Tribute Dinner for Rev. Kyojo Ikuta
April 27	Tsuito Hoyo Service and Commendation Awards

Greetings from the President...

In February the NorthWest District Convention extends an annual invitation to our Temple to participate in their annual event. As always the agenda and schedule was very organized and hosted some interesting workshops. For those who attended the “Coming Home to the Nembutsu” hosted by the Seattle Betsuin, I’m sure it was an enlightening experience for everyone.

In March, our Temple was busy with the humming of our sangha preparing for our annual Spring Bazaar. At each of our Manju making days Feb 9 and March 8, we had approximately 50 people participate. They started at 8:30am and finished at 1:30pm. Thank you for your dedication.

We had to bid Sensei Kikuchi a farewell return to Japan. We have hopes of seeing her here again, in spreading the Dharma, and her warm sunshine personality upon us.

To our Sangha, please look forward to attending and participating in:

- April 3 - Komatsu Meihou High School Band Concert 10:30-11:30am
- April 4 - Lecture with Dr Rev Leslie Kawamura @ UBC Graduate Student Centre 7:00pm
- April 5 - Lecture with Rev Ronald Kobata @ Steveston Temple 2:00pm
- April 12 -Lecture with Rev Gregory Gibbs 9:30-11:30am
- April 13 -Hanamatsuri, Hatsumari & Keiroukai 10:30am service
- April 19 -Pre-Las Vegas/Cruise get together 2:00-4:00pm
- April 26 -BCC AGM and Dinner with a tribute to Rev Kyojo Ikuta
- April 27 -BCC Tsuito Hoyo
- May 03 - Toban Meeting – everyone is welcome to attend

To all my friends and families who devote their time and efforts to come and support each other and our Temple, I wish to extend my sincere gratitude and appreciation, to each one of you. Now that we are publishing each toban group in the team which they belong, I look forward to seeing more of the members open and share their lives together in sharing the Buddha Dharma.

Thank you for your dedication, I wish everyone good health, safe travels and see you soon.

In Gassho,
David Ohori

*Rev. Masumi
Kikuchi*



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**West Coast Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Temples
2008 Lecture Series**

April 4 at UBC-Thea Koerner House/
Graduate Student Centre— 7pm

**The Importance of "Self"
in Amida Buddha**

- Reverend Dr. Leslie Kawamura,

Professor, University of Calgary
& Director Living Dharma Centre

April 5 at SBT – 2pm

"Buddhism for Beginners(1)"

- Reverend Ronald Kobata,

Buddhist Churches of America

April 12 at VBC – 930-1130am

**Finding One Self in the Vows
of Amida Buddha**

- Reverend Gregory Gibbs,

Oregon Buddhist Temple
Portland, OR

July 5 at SBT – 2pm

"Buddhism for Beginners(2)"

- Reverend Masao Kodani,
Senshin Buddhist Temple
Los Angeles, CA

Oct 25 at SBT – 2pm

"Buddhism for Beginners(3)"

- TBA

For further references on Jodo Shinshu Buddhism please see: www.livingdharmacentre.ca

Fraser Valley Buddhist Temple News

Well, the days are finally getting longer and brighter; a nice change from the cold, dark winter. Soon the daffodils will be in full bloom in the Valley.

Our Annual General Meeting was held on Saturday, March 8 after our regular monthly service. The new Board of Directors for 2008 is: Lucy Yoshioka - President, Kim Conway and Naomi Shikaze - Co-Vice-Presidents, Irene Rohrer - Secretary, Eileen Fujita - Treasurer, Evelyen Evans - Fujinkai President; Members: Daisy Araki, Jenny Fujita, Byron Kagawa, Bill Miyazaki, Ben Shikaze and Stan Yoshioka. Thank you to the previous Board members for your dedication and hard work over the past year and we look forward to working with the new Board with much enthusiasm.

Our Hanamatsuri service will be held on Saturday, April 12th @ 2:00 pm. The guest speaker will be Rev. Gregory Gibbs of the Portland Buddhist Temple. The service will be followed with our usual potluck meal. We always enjoy having many members and friends in joining us on this special occasion. A reminder that the Bradner Flower Show will be held on the same day so expect lots of traffic in our little community.

In gassho,
Fraser Valley Buddhist Temple

TOBAN #2

Everyone, members and non-members can be a toban volunteer. Each toban is responsible for food preparation and clean-up at our Temple. Toban 2 is responsible for the months of April & May. In reference to the VBC calendar, there is a busy schedule ahead, so if you are able to spare some time to come in on the following dates or even help with baking at home, we would appreciate your assistance.

April 13- Hanamatsuri, Hatsumari & Keiroukai

April 20- April Shotsuki-monthly memorial luncheon

April 24 & 25 -Minister Meetings -VBC is most honoured to have the Ministers from across Canada meet at our Temple

April 26- Banquet Dinner - Tribute to Sensei Kyojo Ikuta

April 27- Lunch after Tsuito Hoyo

April 30- Monthly clean-up

May 03- Toban Meeting

May 11- Gotan-e/May Shotsuki

May 31- Monthly clean-up

If your name appears on the list below, your assistance at the Temple would be appreciated. If you require additional information or have any questions please call our Toban 2 Captains: Mary Kawamoto 604-876-7693 or Ritsu Saimoto 604-266-6178. Thank you.

Kiyoko HANAZAWA

Tokiko HAYASHI

Nahari & Kuniko JOSHI

Tomiko JOWETT

Tokuyo KADO

Misuko KADOTA

Mac & Mary KAWAMOTO

Hisako KAWAMOTO

Ryota KAWASAKI

Takehisa & Takiko KAWASAKI

Mits KAZUTA

Nobuko KITAGAWA

Michiko KITAMURA

Fujiko KITANO

Hatsue KOBUKE

Hatsue KONDO

Kazue KONISHI

Toshiko KORIYAMA

Hiroyuki KOYANAGI

Shiori KOYANAGI

Dick KOYANAGI

Yoshiko KOYANAGI

Kazue KOZAKA

Yoshiko KUBO

Takeshi KUMANO

Yoshie KURITA

Miyako KUROMI

Shu Ming LAI

Nancy LEONG

James & Connie LEUNG

Toshimi MARUNO

Doug MARUNO

Takao & Terumi MATSUNAGA

Sadao & Toshiko MINATO

Kazuo & Fumiko MORI

Noriko NATSUKOSHI

George & Chieko NISHIZAWA

Tom OKADA

Cy & Ritsu SAIMOTO

Debbie SAIMOTO

Mark SAIMOTO

Laura SAIMOTO

Tsuneko SOYAMA

Tetsuo TAKEMORI

Hisako WATANABE

Yoshio & Keiko YAGI

Robert YAMAOKA

Komatsumeihou High School Band Concert 10:30 am Thursday, April 3rd

68 students of the Komatsumeihou High School Band from Ishikawa Prefecture in Japan will be performing a concert at the Vancouver Buddhist Church. Everyone welcome!



2008 NORTHWEST CONVENTION

Coming Home to the Nembutsu... -hosted by Seattle Betsuin.

I would like to share with you some of the comments received after the Convention.

1. I think the church did a great job getting us organized on the bus. The convention was a learning experience. Thanks

2. The Northwest Buddhist Women's Federation offered a class in making Montoshikisho. The girls had it all organized. There were knowledgeable people to help us.

We learned to sing the Juseige and Shoshinge Sutras and a new song, Namu Amida Butsu.

The keynote speaker, Reverend Kondo gave an interesting account of her life. Reverend Dan Koyama spoke of his delight in returning to the Nembutsu, to his home in Seattle after leaving the Seattle Temple in 1996. The theme for the convention was "Coming Home to the Nembutsu", which tied in perfectly in his life. Both speakers captured our attention with their talks.

3. The former Bishop Matsubayashi stayed up late to welcome us to the Convention.

4. I enjoyed the keynote speaker's talk at the closing service when he spoke about how we have a front and back to ourselves, that we show others. I also appreciated how he compared home to a snail's shell. Home is within ourselves.-- Reiko Domai

5. The Buddhist convention was a lot of fun and very insightful. I met a lot of new people and made some good friends. Although the convention itself wasn't very fun, having a positive attitude and meeting new people kept me entertained. The resort was very nice and in my opinion was a perfect place to hold such a gathering. At the convention we talked about Buddhism, went swimming, learned how to play Taiko and played cards. All in all the convention was a great experience and I am looking forward to going next year. I would like to thank the church for allowing me to go to such an event. --Devin Ohori

6. A few weeks ago, I attended the Northwest Bud-

dhist Convention. It was a great experience to learn a lot about my religion and meet a lot of friends who were attending under similar circumstances. The sermons, explaining the fundamentals of what it means to be Buddhist, were all really well done. I felt I could relate to many of the stories which helped my understanding of how Buddhism is a very great way to live a happy and fulfilled life. The youth attending were all very friendly and we had a good time socializing, playing cards, swimming, partying late at night and much more. All in all I am very happy, having attended the Northwest Buddhist Convention, and I am grateful that the church subsidized me so that I could experience this great opportunity. --Kyle Ohori

7. My recollection of Reverend Fujimoto's workshop on Memorial Services. He stated that we attend the services to renew your mind and body, as death is not to be feared. The services tend to reinforce family ties and continuity with getting together with family and friends. The importance of sharing time together and stepping out of selfishness to recognizing the past and focusing on the family, opens ourselves to an interconnectedness to the extended universe.

The 49th Day, 1,3,7 etc., year Memorial Services brings the family together, taking turns being strong for each other. They bring us all together to connect, to remember our ancestors. The gatherings seem to be a more joyous event, as the family re-connects and supports each other. We honour and respect the memories. The results reaffirms the bonds and ties with each other. Rev. Fujimoto stated "This is who you are today".

The participants all agreed that the Memorial Services do bring about the family ties and bonding of interconnectedness as we all celebrate and embrace life together in the oneness of Amidabutsu.

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It is the recognition to interrelatedness that comforts us which happens in interconnection. We have a new vision of ourselves. So What??? He says....

...well, death brings perspective to your own life. You have a deeper fuller view of reality. You have to go to the Temple and be active and participate in regular services to understand the experience of unfolding yourself. Your selfish thoughts dissolve through chanting. You connect through Shinran Shonin. We have to experience life together, to go and do things together. Chanting the Juseige calms us as we share this awareness that our ego is detached and there are moments of oneness with Amida Buddha. –Gina Chor

The 2009 Convention will be located at the DoubleTree Guest Suites, Lloyd Center, Portland, Oregon. The theme is Jodo Shinshu in an Interdependent World held on February 13-15.

Submitted by Gina Chor

Tribute Dinner for Rev. Kyojo Ikuta

On Saturday April 26, 2008, at the Vancouver Buddhist Temple there will be a Dinner Banquet held in conjunction with the annual general meeting of the Buddhist Churches of Canada. The evening will start with a Happy Hour at 6PM followed by the dinner at 630PM in the Social Hall. The dinner will be an occasion to pay tribute to Rev. Kyojo Ikuta for his many years of leadership and contribution to the Buddhist community locally and across Canada.

Ikuta Sensei will soon be retiring after serving for many years as resident minister of the Calgary Buddhist Temple. From 1958 to 1968 he served for ten years as the resident minister of the Vancouver Buddhist Temple. Many of our members still recall the early years of returning to the west coast and starting a new life for their families. Although it was a difficult time Ikuta Sensei did so much to make our temple flourish and to make it a spiritual haven for its members. He has done so much to make our temple organization what it is today and for that we wish to offer our sincere gratitude to him.

As hosting temple for the 2008 annual general meeting of the BCC, we welcome all our temple members and friends to come and join temple delegates to the AGM across Canada in wishing Ikuta Sensei a happy and healthful retirement.

The cost of the dinner banquet is \$20.00 per person payable to the Vancouver Buddhist Temple. Please contact our Temple at 604 253-7033 by **Wednesday April 23, 2008** to add your name to our list. All members of our temple are welcome to attend the annual general meetings of the BCC and the BCCWF. Both meetings shall commence at 900AM on Saturday 26, at our temple. On Sunday April, 27, the annual BCC Tsuito Hoyo service is scheduled for 1030AM. All our Vancouver members are encouraged to attend.

Dharma School

In mid February, the Aoki, Otori, Chor children and Haley Hirata attended the Northwest Buddhist Convention in Seattle along with approximately 20 adults from our temple, and a few youth and adults from Steveston and Fraser Valley temples. The theme of the conference was *Coming Home to the Nembutsu – Onem-butsu ni Kaette Kuru*, and the children were charmed by the *kaeru* (frog) depicted on the convention booklet cover and on the keychain favour. Following or elsewhere in this issue is an article by Haley on her experience of the weekend and also Sora Aoki's drawing of the *kaeru* and her enjoyment during the weekend.

By the time of this reading, Dharma School students will have donated canned food and/or \$5.00 toward the Food Bank for the privilege of some ice skating time at the 8 Rinks in Burnaby on March 23rd.

Dharma School students, staff and parents will also have hosted a pot luck farewell lunch for Reverend Masumi Kikuchi of Steveston Temple who returned to Japan at the end of March. Everyone at the Vancouver Dharma School and otera wishes Kikuchi Sensei all the best and extends their gratitude for her time with us in B.C. We look forward to meeting her again, either here or in Japan.

Our next outing will be **BOWLING AT REVS on Sunday, May 18th**, at 1:00 p.m. following morning service at the otera and, on **June 1st, the Children's Hospital Child Run** and outdoor service at Queen Elizabeth Park. Please come join the fun at both these events.

An Awesome Trip! - by Haley Hirata

When we first got to the hotel i was so excited. I explored the hotel before going up to the room. Anyways the activities were so fun. The self expression one that molly asked me to explore was so much fun we got pieces of paper and write what we learned from our family and what we needed to learn from our family and what our family taught us and some other fun stuff. Then me, Anthony, lexie, and jenny all went to make a froggie. It was so cute. My favorite activity was the dance floor. It was either vidoe games or dance floor and i choose dance floor. I wanted to explore. At first no one was there. Then when people got there no one danced. Then when all the dharma choir came in there seventies clothes they started to dance. then every one started to dance. I love the seventies idea. The choir members wore seventies clothes. I just sat at the table and watched and after a while i got up and got on the dance floor. I stood there like a stick. Then i got into the groove. Then i just said to myself just have fun and i did. I kept danceing. I never went to sit down. I was having so much fun. A couple of choir members danced with me and it was so much fun. The dance stayed until 11:00 Then they stopped the music and started to pack up. I help a little. I was a little sore but i didn't care. All i cared about was i had so much fun. IT WAS AWESOME!!!!!!!



June 1, 2008

Join our team as we make this our best year helping kids! VBC members, students, teachers, and friends are all invited to have a walk (or run), enjoy the fresh air, and support BC's Children's Hospital efforts to help kids with cancer.

On-line registration is now open. Go to **childrenrun.com** and register by Monday, May 12th to be part of the Vancouver Buddhist Church team. For more information, contact Team Captain Lori North at lori.north@gmail.com or call 604-939-3451

Team Assembles 8:00 am
Run/Walk starts 9:00 am
Outdoor Service 11:00 am

The following are the essay submissions from the two remaining Vancouver Buddhist Temple Scholarship recipients. Thank you to all the girls for agreeing to share their essays with Bodhi Mind readers.

What Role Does Buddhism Play in My Life?

Often, people view religion in terms of going to Church, attending Sunday School, praying or having faith in God. However, additional aspects of religion include honesty, integrity, responsibility, patience, and respect. These strong moral values, an essential part of Buddhism, greatly influence my life.

During my time as a student at Eric Hamber Secondary I have had several opportunities to demonstrate these Buddhist principles. Throughout my five years at Hamber, I have maintained excellent relationships with my friends, classmates, and teachers, emphasizing the huge role of respect in my life. These strong relationships also reveal that I treat all people equally. In my grade 12 year, I was selected as one of sixteen students chosen to become a Peer Counsellor at my school. Peer Counsellors are recognized at having strong communication, leadership, and teamwork skills. As a Peer Counsellor, I was trained in peer mediation and had the opportunity to work with the younger grades and support other students who felt they needed to talk to someone.

At Hamber, I have participated on numerous sports teams including the Field Hockey, Ice Hockey, Soccer, and Track teams. Buddhism encourages people to cooperate and work as a team. As a team member, I have displayed commitment and responsibility towards both my school and my team. Like the Buddhist's goal to have tolerance for all living things, sports teams aim to include all people. My sports have enabled me to broaden my mind and make new connections with people.

Outside of school, I have been an active member of my community. I have volunteered at several places including the Vancouver Children's Hospital, Riley Park Day Camp, Science World Day Camp, Grandview Kidsafe, VanDusen Gardens, Vancouver Animal Shelter, and Powell Street Festival. These volunteer experiences reflect the compassion that one learns from Buddhism. Most of my volunteer opportunities include working with chil-

dren. Spending time with children shows my patience and caring for others. As well, by taking time out of my life to spend time helping others, I have gained an appreciation of life. Many of my volunteer experiences have consisted of spending time with those who are less fortunate. Working with the children at the Children's Hospital has served as an eye-opener for me to be thankful for all that I have and to realize the remarkable strength that each person has within themselves.

Presently, I am attending the University of British Columbia as a first year student in the Faculty of Arts. Since I have discovered my interest for working with children, I am considering entering the Faculty of Education in my fourth year to pursue a career in teaching. With this career I hope to educate others on the importance of helping others, showing compassion, and having integrity. Currently, I also have a job working at Office Depot. Through my job I am able to demonstrate the Buddhist virtues of respect, patience, and honesty that I show towards my customers. Buddhism stresses the fact that all living things are special and should be respected. This lesson is one that makes up a central part of life. It is vital that one realizes that all organisms are a part of the world and that all beings have a right to be given respect. Although many people don't think anything of killing an insect, one should recall that these insects are living their lives just like humans.

As one considers the larger meaning of religion, people are able to realize the many aspects of religion which are present in the world. From these points, one begins to understand how the Buddhism values play a role in all people's lives.

--- Michelle Leung

The Role of Buddhism in my Life

Buddhism has played a most important role in my life for as long as I can remember. There is not a time where I cannot recall going to the temple on Sundays, being in services, and going to Dharma School. Through this routine exposure to the Buddha's dharma, I believe that I have become an enhanced person. I am more forgiving, understanding, and able to live my life better in general. It is remarkable how Buddhism has affected so many aspects of my life.

I have been fortunate enough in my life to be exposed to numerous experiences that I consider to have made my life richer. I enjoy sports, extra-curricular activities, and think that they are activities that add to my hobbies and have added to helping me decide what I would like to do with my life career wise. Sports I highly enjoy are volleyball, ice skating, and snowboarding. I can recollect a convention that the temple held where the theme was "be here now", and the message that I remember from that convention was that we cannot live longing for the past or hoping for the future all the time. It is important that we realize what we are doing in the moment because that moment will never come again. I feel that when I play sports I am living in a moment. The intensity that exists in a volleyball game, the cool wind breaking against my face as I figure skate, or snowboarding through fresh snow up on a mountain; these feelings exist in their truest form when I am playing that particular sport. I do not feel suppressed by the pressures of life, it is as if all that matters in that moment is doing what it is that that sport entails. After attending that convention where the theme of "be here now" was expressed I find I am not only applying that to sports. The concept works its way into regular, everyday life which allows me to value the experiences I have in the moments that they exist, because if it never comes again I want to make sure I experienced it to the fullest when it was a part of my life.

Through high school I found that extra-curricular activities were not just a good way to meet people, it was an excellent way to make a difference

in the school community as well as the greater community. Being a part of the Killarney Student Street Squad was the most enticing club that I participated in. One project we started was making care packages for some of the homeless population. One of the earliest concepts I learnt from attending Dharma school was the Golden Chain and states that "I will be kind and gentle to every living thing, and protect all who are weaker than myself." I thought that by doing such a project was an example of another instance where Buddhism can be applied. The homeless are just people who have been unfortunate in a certain part of their life. It is still possible for people to treat them with gentleness and even though we may be unable to protect all of them, I believe that the Student Street Squad made a positive impact on their lives through giving them care packages. It is amazing how something so simple can make such a big difference.

When I grow older I want my career to be something I enjoy doing, which would be working with people. I like surrounding myself with others so that we may share ideas, give advice, and understanding points of view. The dharma tells us to be compassionate and by being around more people I think that there is more opportunity to show compassion. To identify with people is an ability that, I believe, will make the world a better place. We cannot avoid the fact that we need to interact with people when we live our lives. It makes sense that to benefit from the encounters that we have showing compassion towards one another will be the best way to maximize our lives. Buddhism has worked its way into large aspects of my life. I believe that I am fortunate in that way because the outlook on life that I have now makes me feel comfortable with the way that I am living.

---- Mika Low

BCC Update April 2008 From the Office of Bishop

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May this letter find you in good health and spirit in the Light of Compassion of Amida Buddha despite the prolonged severe winter across Canada. I always recall this story at this time of the year which has been told repeatedly.

A young man who is very analytical hears his neighbours saying, "Spring has come! Spring has come!" and he wonders if it is true.

One day he sets out with a lunch on his back to discover something concrete which is called SPRING. He walks all day through the mountains, fields, and cities, but comes home with empty hands.

Having shower to clean himself, he steps out in his own backyard. And he sees a tiny yellow flower surrounded by the rocks. Here he discovers spring in his own garden.

We tend to look for happiness or better place outside in the far distance. However, according to the instruction of Shakyamuni Buddha, each and everyone has a treasure called Buddha-nature within. All you have to do is to dig deep inside to discover.

Shinran Shonin writes:

The person who attains shinjin and joy
Is taught to be equal to the Tathagata.
Great shinjin is itself Buddha-nature,
Buddha-nature is none other than Tathagata.

Let us continue to dig deep by simply listening to the Primal Vow of Amida Buddha. In gassho, namoamidabutsu...

INGO Presented to Mrs Etsuko Ogawa of Steveston, Feb 2008
Mr Sam Suenaga of Hamilton, Feb 2008

Coming events

- Mar 15 Chanting workshop and Spring Higan and Keirokai at Toronto Buddhist Temple
 - 29 Visitation to Ottawa Fellowship (Ohigan Service)
 - 30 Sunday Service at Montreal Buddhist Temple
 - Apr 12 Visitation to Nanaimo Fellowship (Hanamatsuri)
 - 13 Visitation to Victoria Fellowship (Hanamatsuri)
 - 24-27 BCC MA Meeting, Board Meeting, and AGM in Vancouver Buddhist Temple
 - May 21-23 World Jodo Shinshu Coordinating Council in San Francisco (Socho, Aoki Sensei, and Kent Suzuki represent BCC)
 - Jun 18-19 BCA MA Seminar in New York (Izumi Sensei represents BCC MA)
 - Sep 27-28 BC Federation 53rd Buddhist Convention in Vancouver
 - Oct 19 50th Anniversary Celebration of Toronto Dana
 - 25-26 80th Anniversary Celebration of Steveston Buddhist Temple
 - Nov 8-9 Buddhist Federation of Alberta Conference
 - 20-22 Oversea Ministers' and Lay Persons' Seminar in Hongwanji, Kyoto (Aoki Sensei represents BCC MA)
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SHOTSUKI (Memorial) List—April

April Shotsuki/monthly memorial service will be held on Sunday, April 20 2008

1958 HIRAYAMA, Michiyo	1975 HASEBE, Yukio	1985 HIROKADA, Shigeo	1998 NISHI, Ken-ichi
1959—50th Year	TERADA, Kentaro	NASU, Chiyo	FUJIWARA, Akira
NAMBA	1976—33rd Year	1986	1999
1960	EDAMURA, Jujiro	KOMORI, Haru	YOSHIOKA, Asao
NOMURA, Yaozo	1977	NISHIKAWA, Hine	2000
1961	KOYANAGI, Toru	SOKUGAWA, Toshiro	EGAMI, Yukio
HARA, Tadashi	1978	1987	FORSYTH, Aiko Mary
1963	KAMATA, Genzaburo	LEE, Kinju	KAWABATA, Eijiro
MATSUNO, Riu	1980	OHIRA, Yu	MATANOJO, George
TABUCHI, Kizo	IKEDA, Toyoharu	TATEBE, Yonehiro	MORIUCHI, Chie
1964	INOUE, Yoshinobu	1988	YOSHIOKA
YONEMURA, Senzo	KOMORI, Fujihiko	MORIYAMA, Kenichi	2001
1967	MARUNO, Michiko	WADA, Masaye	NISHI, Diane
KANEKO, Seki	1981	1990	TAKAI, Sumiko
SHIMIZU, Zenzo	TATEYAMA, Shigeyoshi	ASANO, Matsue	TSUJI, Soto
1969	WAKABAYASHI, Masa	MURATA, Miyano	2003
SUGIMOTO, Tome	1982	1991	FUJII, Kiyosada
1972	HASEBE, Noburo	BANNO, Magohachi	SHIMABUKURO, Toshio
NAKASHIMA, Yasu- matsu	IWABUCHI, Shimpei	DOI, Sumiko	2004
SAKATA, Ryozo	MATSUI, Sadao	GODO, Moichi	BABA, Kohei
YAMAMOTO, Isamu	TANAKA, Kiyo	UTSUNOMIYA, Kinuye	HAMAZAKI, Kazue
YOSHIDA	1983	1992—17th Year	NAKAJIMA, Yasuharu
YOSHIOKA, Teruo	NUKINA, Yoshiko	OSATO, Hiroko	2005
1973	1984—25th Year	TSUJI, Sumi	MORISHITA, Sawa
KOBAYASHI, Isuke	HAMANISHI, Fusaye	YADA, Katsutoshi	TSURUMARU, Ristu
YAMAGUCHI, Kiyoko	HAYAM Yoshimatsu	1993	2006—3rd Year
1974	KADA, Fude	CHIAI, Asae	IKEGAMI, Sachiko
SHIRAHAMA, Tomomi	MIDORIKAWA, Kono	KOYANAGI, Mitsuru	KIKUCHI, Toru
	NAKANO, Raizo	TANIYAMA, Shigeru	KOMORI, Tadahiro
		1994	2007—1st Year
		FUKUHARA, Asano	FUCHIHARA, Mike
		SHISHIDO, Kiyoko	KAZUTA, Matsuko
		TANIZAWA, Mitsuyoshi	
		1995	
		MATSUNAGA, Shigekazu	
		1996—13th Year	
		KONDO, Masaru	
		TERAKITA, Hideo	
		1997	
		KITANO, Yaeno	
		TSUJI, Tadao	

With deepest sympathies...

*The Vancouver Buddhist Church offers its
deepest condolences to the family of
Sadako Hikida
who passed away on March 13th*

April 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3 10:30 am Japan Band Concert	4 7:00 pm UBC Lecture by Dr. Kawamura	5 2:00 pm SBT Lecture by Rev. Kobata
6 10:30 am Hanamatsuri Service at SBT	7	8	9	10 12:00 pm Japanese Ser- vice followed by Seniors Club	11	12 9:30 am VBC Lecture by Rev. Gibbs 2:00 pm FVBT Hanamatsuri & Shotsuki
13 10:30 am Hanamatsuri/ Hatsumairi / Keiroukai	14	15	16 11:00 am Nikkei Home Service (Rev. Aoki)	17 12:00 pm Japanese Ser- vice followed by Seniors Club	18	19
20 10:30 am Monthly Shotsuki Service	21	22	23	24 12:00 pm Japanese Ser- vice followed by Seniors Club	25	26 BCC Annual General Mtg
27 10:30 am BCC Tsuito- hoyo	28	29	30	5/1 12:00 pm Japanese Ser- vice followed by Seniors Club	5/2	5/3 10:00 am Toban Mtg 11:00 am FVBT Gotan-e & Shotsuki

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