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KOKORO

The essence of all things is in truth free from attachment, attributes, and desires. Therefore, all things are pure, and as they are pure, we know that what is the essence of birth-death, that is the essence of Nirvana; and that what is the essence of Nirvana and Samsara are One. Nirvana is not to be sought outside of this world, which, though ever changing, is in reality no more than Nirvana itself.

(Vimalakirti Sutra)

This statement, which is adhered to by all Mahayana schools of Buddhism, means that Nirvana is not to be found in the external world, but in the kokoro. Kokoro does not mean the mind, thought, or feelings, but it means one's whole being. On a deeper level, it means one's true self or one's real self. It is not a separate and individual soul, but as a part of a single whole.

Normally, this kokoro is covered with dust. It is covered with the dust of ego-centeredness, of anger, of ignorance, and of greed. To have one's kokoro made clean means to return to one's original state and to one's pure realm or Pure Land. A state in which we are surrounded and supported by what Buddhism calls True Reality. That True Reality we call Amida Buddha. Anyone who experiences True Reality at the same time experiences his own true self, with all of its self-centered greediness. This paradoxical experience of awakening to one's deep-seated self-centeredness, and at the same time, to the essential Oneness of all things, is the goal of our teaching and the business of this Buddhist temple.

If one would truly be himself, and truly be alive, he must strip away his attachment to non-essential things. One cannot know death by dying, nor can be truly born, one must know life and death as One, living and dying from moment to moment, from second to second. Birth is no beginning, and death is no ending. When a loved one dies, we are asked to uncover the hidden meaning of life and death, not only intellectually, but with our whole being, with our kokoro. This discovery is always accompanied by a great shout of joy. That shout of joy is Namuamidabutsu.

That which is born from the peace and tranquility of Emptiness, returns to that same peace and serenity. It is, therefore, wise to awaken to and savor the indescribable beauty of the present moment, not living in the past nor fretting excessively over the future. It is enough that you breathe this air this day, sharing it with all creatures of the universe as well as with those you love, both living and dead.

Namu Amida Butsu
Tatsuya Aoki



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Fall means pumpkins and red and gold leaves, cooler evenings and shorter days, especially in the Fraser Valley.

This year however, we also celebrated our 50th anniversary on September 24 to make this fall especially meaningful. We were able to combine the new and the old, meeting Reverend Fujii and welcoming him to Canada, while at the same time revisiting with Reverend Yasuo Izumi who had been with the temple for almost 18 years. We also said farewell to Reverend Nariyuki Hattori and his family as he visited us for the last time. After the celebratory service and the traditional picture taking we headed over to the Bradner Community Hall for a turkey dinner and a wonderful anniversary concert presided over by Joe Tateyama. We enjoyed watching traditional Japanese and Okinawan odori and musical selections culminating in the exciting and extremely professional precision of an Okinawan taiko group of young men and women called the Yuaikai Taiko. We would like to thank everyone who came to join us for the service and dinner and especially the entertainers who brought the evening to life and helped us celebrate in an exciting and joyful way. We also want to say, that as a young sangha, we found that preparing for this event - making manju, making onenju, cleaning the temple and doing the arrangements on the actual day - was half the fun. Working together is always meaningful and when the end result is successful, well just wait until our 60th!!!!

Our remaining services for the year will be on November 5th at 2:00 and Saturday December 10th at 11:00 am.

Finally, remember November 12th and 13th ! We will see you all at the 50th BC. Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Churches Federation Convention in Vancouver.

In Gassho
Fraser Valley Buddhist Temple

Dharma School Report

We welcome a new student, Geoff Meugens, who is in grade 8. Geoff has been attending services with his parents, Gordon and Pauline, and recently also brought along his cousin Anne. Welcome to all of you.

By the time you are reading this report, Dharma School students will have experienced a spooky outing at Stanley Park on the evening of October 29th, and enjoyed some fun and games after Dharma School service the following morning. We hope to have some of their stories of Halloween, 2005, for the next issue of the newsletter.

The Convention Committee for the 50th BCJSBCF Convention has been working hard to come up with an exciting and enjoyable program for young people. Since it is being held at our otera, we hope to see most of our own Dharma School students and many from the other areas of B.C. as well.

BCC Update— October 2005

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The year 2005 was a historical one as we commemorated BCC Centennial in August. We have spent a lot of energy, time, and money for almost five years from the start to the finish. I truly thank each and every one of you, ministers and members across Canada.

As we start 101st year of BCC, however, we have a huge challenge ahead of us; such as the declining of membership, how to bring new people into the temple, fundraising for the future project as well as the present, and so on.

I am sure the ministers and local temple leaders have been considering and discussing those issues, but one thing I would like to mention here is to review the present programs and projects that you have been doing repeatedly year after year. Some work and some don't. You may have to drop some that don't work. You've got to pick and choose effective programs. Also when you come up with a new idea, make sure to try. I often hear that young people suggest something new and old people crush it by saying, "we tried 25 years ago and it did not work." Who knows it may work in 2006.

Ministerial Affair

1. Rev. Tomofumi Fujii arrived in Vancouver on September 18 and is under orientation in Richmond, B. C. He will be assigned to Toronto Buddhist Church on December 1, 2005.
2. Rev. & Mrs. Nariyuki Hattori of Steveston Buddhist Temple returned to Japan on October 1, 2005.
3. Rev. Masumi Kikuchi of Toronto Buddhist Church is assigned to Steveston Buddhist Temple as of December 1.

Environmental Awareness: Even if a delicious meal, when it is too much, turns out to be garbage.

Coming events

Oct 15 Sat	BCC Board Meeting at headquarters in Richmond, B.C.
Nov 12-13	BC Buddhist Convention in Vancouver
	Alberta Buddhist Convention in Lethbridge

What's Happening

November

5	Sat	2:00 PM	Fraser Valley Buddhist Temple Monthly Service
12-13	Sat and Sun		BCJSBCF Annual Convention and Annual General Meeting
16	Wed	11:00 AM	Nikkei Home Monthly Service
20	Sun	10:30 AM	Eitaikyo / Eshin-ni / Monthly Shotsuki Service

Rev. Aoki will be away from November 23rd to December 7th.

December

10	Sat	11:00 AM	Fraser Valley Buddhist Temple Monthly Service
11	Sun	10:30 AM	Jodo-e / Monthly Shotsuki Service
17	Sat	5:00 PM	Appreciation Dinner and Holiday Light Tour
18	Sun	9:00 AM	Mochitsuki and Year-End Morning Service
31	Sat	10:30 AM	New Year's Eve Service
		11:30 PM	Bell Ringing at UBC

Every Thursday—Seniors Day starting at 12:00 pm with Howakai service

Every Sunday—Family Service held at 10:30 followed by Dharma School classes (for children) and Adult Dharma Discussions. Please note there are no Adult Discussions on special service dates.

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2005 VBC Scholarship

The Vancouver Buddhist Church Scholarship for 2005 was awarded to Courtney Bishop, one of the young members of our sangha. Courtney graduated from high school last summer. She has met all the requirements on her application and was the winner of a \$500.00 scholarship. She has been a regular student of our Dharma School ever since she was a young toddler. She still attends as a YBA member for Sunday services whenever her study schedule allows. She has been an excellent student throughout her elementary and high school years. She has also been much involved in cheer-leading at her high school. Courtney has been a regular at all our services, church events and activities. At present she is enrolled in her first year studies at Simon Fraser University. We wish Courtney every success in her studies. Congratulations, Courtney.

Shotsuki List—November

Sunday, November 16, 2005, 10:30 am

1959

Shinnosuke Furukawa
Genichi Kakutani
Saburo Nagano
Aizo Hasebe

1960

Susumu Sakai
Ichiji Aomoto
Yoshi Iwaasa

1961

Isao Katayama

1962

Katsujiro Yanagimoto

1963

Tadasuke Takebayashi

1964

Sowa Edamura
Yaeko Otsuji
Mitsugu Imada

1967

Yoshi Ando
Masu Hamaguchi

1968

Sadasuke Shintani

1969

Inosuke Matsutani
Fumiko Kawashima
Ito Hinatsu

1970

Yoshiko Kuramitsu

1971

Fujino Yamamoto

1972

Kinichi Iwata
Shigesaburo Ishiguro
Kenroku Uchiyama
Kiyoshi Yada

1973—33rd Year

Toki Fukawa
Shio Nakagawa
Fumio Kajiro

1974

Emi Morita
Yoshiharu Shimizu

1975

Hatsuye Tanaka
Fuji Sakai

1976

Shohei Yamada

1977

Tadao Murata
Katsuo Minagawa
Shinkichi Ebata

1978

Moto Kasuya
Tomiye Nakatani

1979

Ayako Shoji
Shigeru Aratake

1980

Denzo Enjo
Sakiye Takasaki

1981—25th Year

Heishiro Hirai
Shizu Tabata

1982

Sueko Okabe

1983

Sada Yamanouchi

1984

Noriko Shikaze
Masao Mitsui

1985

Kohatsu Shintani

1986

Haruye Deguchi

1988

Yosaburo Hamakawa
Mitsuo Kimura
Kengo Oikawa
Chiyo Nakata

Genzo Maeda

Kiyokazu Higuchi

1989—17th Year

Tsuru Ohara
Zenno Tanaka
Toshio Ito

1990

Matsu Furukawa
Gentaro Wakabayashi

1991

Noburo Sawara
Masaaki Kuramoto

1992

Teruhiko Ikeda
Tokuichi Mizuyabu

1993—13th Year

Yoshio Hamakawa
Tad Koyanagi

1994

Masakazu Banno
Toshiko Kumamoto
Koichi Tanouye

1995

Ayame Sakata
Ichiji Miyashita

Jean Murao

Yoshio Fujino

1996

Yoshio Nitsui
Hiroshi Hamazaki
Kathy Kazuta

1997

Inosuke Shoji
Yaeko Sakai
Katsuko Sawada
Shirley Lee

1999—7th Year

Fukuyo Chiba

2000

Hideo Sakamoto
Chiyoko Ikari

2001

Frank G Yada
Tane Mizuta

2002

Tatsuko Hamaguchi
Umeyo Yoshida

Sonoko Tanaka

2003—3rd Year

Fumiye Mochizuki
Hisae Hayashi

Takie Takimoto

Teruo Nishikihama

2004—1st Year

Yoshiye Yoshida
Takeo Shibata

*With Deepest
Sympathies....*



We extend our sympathies to the families of the following people who's loved ones have passed away.

Oct 4 Noriaki Narita
Oct 14 Kazuhira Yoshimura

“BE HERE NOW, KOKO DE IMA WO”

Convention Schedule
50th BC Buddhist Convention
Vancouver Buddhist Temple
November 11, 12,13, 2005

Friday, November 11th

1030 - 1100 am	Remembrance Day Service	Stanley Park
730 - 930 pm	Registration and Social Evening	Social Hall
730 pm	Presidents’ Meeting	Mezzanine

Saturday, November 12th

745 - 845 am	Continental Breakfast	Social Hall
800 - 900 am	Registration	Social Hall
900 - 930 am	Opening Service	Hondo
945 - 1045 am	Keynote Dharma Talk - Rev.Unno(E) - Rev. Takemoto (J)	Social Hall Hondo
1045 - 1100 am	Refreshment Break	
1100 - 1200 pm	Panel Discussion	Hondo
1200 - 100 pm	Lunch	Social Hall
100 - 130 pm	Convention Group Photo	Gym
130 - 230 pm	Workshops	3 rd Floor
230 - 245 pm	Refreshment Break	
245 - 345 pm	Workshops	3 rd Floor
300 - 500 pm	Youth Activities	
345 - 515 pm	Dharma Sch Teachers Meeting	3 rd Floor
345 - 515 pm	BC Womens’ Fed. AGM	Mezzanine
345 - 600 pm	Free-Time	
600 - 630 pm	Happy Hour (Wine-Tasting)	Social Hall
630 - 800 pm	Dinner Banquet	Social Hall
830 - 930 pm	Entertainment	Social Hall

Sunday, November 13th

745 am	Oasaji Service	Hondo
745 - 815 am	Continental Breakfast	Social Hall
815 - 1045 am	BCJSBCF General Meeting	Social Hall
945 - 1045 am	Youth Gathering	3 rd Floor
1100 - 1230 pm	Closing Service	Hondo
1230 - 100 pm	Farewell Lunch	Social Hall

Donations

The Vancouver Buddhist Church gratefully acknowledges the following donations. We apologize for any errors or omissions.

Gokisha from October, 2005

100.00 Ms. Vivian Sakiyama – memorial donation
300.00 Ms. Kay Yoshida Family – appreciation for father, Toyozo Yoshida's 33rd yr service
200.00 Ms. Lorna Koyanagi – mother, Yoshiko Koyanagi 49th day service
100.00 M/M Naitaka Ide – Tatsuko Kojima memorial
10,000.00 Mrs. Junko Ohori & Family- appreciation for Tad Ohori Memorial Service
200.00 Mrs. A. Tamai-Hideo Tamai 33rd year memorial service
250.00 Mrs. Y. Oya-memory of Naojiro Oya
30.00 Mrs. Keiko Yakumo-memory of mother's shotsuki
20.00 Ms. Margaret Yoshida
40.00 M/M George Nomura-memory of Akio Nomura & Dan Nomura
30.00 Mr. T. Takemori – late Hideo Tamai 33rd year memorial
100.00 Mrs. Sachiko Moriyama (Toronto, ON) memory of Mrs. Kimi Nakamura
50.00 M/M Roy Akune – Mr. Tad Ohori, 49th day service
30.00 M/M Paul Murabashi-memory of Mrs. Kimi Nakamura
200.00 Mr. Kaoru Tatara – late Mrs. Eiko Tatara 3rd year service
40.00 Ms. Violet Komori – memory of Tad Ohori
20.00 Ms. Nora Lee – memory of Tad Ohori
50.00 M/M. Miki Tanaka – Tad Ohori 49th day service
25.00 M/M James Nishimura-memory of Gengo Nishimura (October, 1982)
30.00 D/M. R. Akune – Tad Ohori 49th day service
20.00 Mrs. Tomiko Jowett-Ohigan konshi
20.00 Mrs. Sumie Oye – shotsuki hoyo from September/05
20.00 Mrs. Hatsue Kobuke –Ohigan konshi
200.00 Mr. Shoji Tanami – in appreciation
20.00 Mrs. M. Banno –memory of Mrs. Kimi Nakamura
20.00 Mrs. Hideko Yoshioka –memory of Mrs. Kimi Nakamura
30.00 Mrs. Yukiko Okano - “ “ “ “
20.00 M/M Kaoru Minato – memory of Mr. Naojiro Oya
20.00 M/M Terry Koyanagi – as above
20.00 M/M. Y. Uno – as above
50.00 Mrs. M. Iwanaka
20.00 Ms. D. Saimoto
100.00 Vancouver Kokufuryu Shigin Club
20.00 Mrs. P. Meugens
50.00 M/M Don Tasaka
75.00 Mr. Ken Kitano- grandmother 17th year memorial
50.00 Mrs. Yukiko Asaoka
200.00 M/M. Koshi Usui (25th memorial of Mr. Kohei Usui)
200.00 Toronto Buddhist Church – appreciation
20.00 Mrs. Sadako Hikida-Oct memorial of Ship Hikida
20.00 Mrs. Sadako Hikida-Nov memorial of Masakazu Hikida
300.00 Mrs. Miho Narita-funeral appreciation
500.00 M/M Frank Matsunaga (Campbell River)-appreciation for Kino Nishihama's Nokotsu Service
500.00 Mrs. Kinuye Matsunaga-Eitaikyo Nokotsudo
10.00 M/M Robert North

Gokisha Total – \$14,520.00

(Donations, continued)

Donations to VBC in Memory of Late Mr. Harry H. Komori

10.00 Randy Hirakida, Mrs. Mary K. Ohara, M/M. K. Shono, M/M Henry & Jean Teraguchi, Mrs. Kiyoe Yada
20.00 M/M. Roy Akune, M/M. Brad Bishop, M/M Takeru Araki, Mrs. Chiyoko Fujii, M/M R.A. Fukui, Mrs. S. Hamaguchi, Mrs. Mary Hamakawa, M/M Frank Hamanishi, M/M Yukio F. Higo, M/M Isamu Hori, Mrs. Miwako Kasuya, Mrs. Michiyo Kishiuchi, M/M Terry Koyanagi, Mrs. Yoshiko Kubo, Ms. Mary Maruno, Mrs. Yoshi Matsumoto, M/M Sadao Minato, M/M Y. Mitsui, M/M Tom Mukai, Mrs. Betty Murakami, Mrs. Tsuyako Nakano, Mr. Kiiichi Nagata, Mrs. Yachiyo Nishi, Ms. Tomi Niwatsukino, M/M Shizuo Tanaka, Mr. L. Mehrhoff & Ms. Peggy Oyama, Mr. Arthur Oyama, Mrs Keiko Oyama, M/M Kaname Oye, M/M Bob Soga & Family, Ms. Nori Sugimoto, M/M R. Tanabe & Family, M/M. H. Tanaka, Kazy & Doc Tomihiro, Mrs. Emiko Uye-sugi, Setsuko Yamashita, Tsunae Yamashita, M/M G. Yoneda, Ms. K. Yoshida
25.00 D/M. Robert Akune, Mrs. Emmie Hirata, M/M Bill Kajiwara, M/M Takemi Miyazaki, M/M Kaz Nagata, Mrs. Betty Saito, Mrs. Keiko Yakumo
30.00 M/M Louis Horii, Mr. B. Kagawa, Mrs. Matsuko Kazuta, M/M Y. Matsumoto, M/M Yukito Maruno, M/M Kaoru Minato, M/M H. Mizuta, Mrs. Chieko Nishi, M/M. Saburo Nishimura, Ms. Marie Oyama, M/M. Keiichi Tanaka
40.00 M/M. Min Koyanagi
50.00 Mrs. Masako Yada, M/M Preston Chan, M/M Mac Kawamoto, M/M Henry Low, Mrs. Yoshie Nakata, Mrs Helen Tajiri
100.00 D/M. A. Horii, Ms. Kathryn Mochizuki, M/M C. Saimoto
200.00 M/M Joe Komori (100 Mile House)
100.00 M/M K. Komori (Lalefield, ON)
20.00 M/M. Mori & Ruth Tanigami, Mrs. Yoshie Kurita, M/M Motoharu Hattori, Mr. Toshimi Maruno,

Donation Total \$2,355.00

October Monthly Memorial Donations – October 16, 2005

10.00 M/M Preston Chan, Mrs. S. Hamaguchi (memory of Tamae Hamaguchi), Mrs. Keiko Oyama (mother, Haru Nagahara shotsuki), Mrs. Shigeko Urata (father's shotsuki)
20.00 M/M Shoji Hamagami (memory of Natsu Hamagami), Ms. Mona Hamaguchi (memory of mother, Tamae Hamaguchi), M/ M F. Kamiya (memory of Mrs. Mitsuye Miyasaki), M/M Motoharu Hattori, M/M K. Homma/Kitagawa, M/M K. Kitano, Ms. Akemi Kobayashi (memory of Ryoichi Kobayashi), M/M Y. Mitsui, Mrs. Michika Mizuno, M/M Yoshiharu Nakatsu, M/M. Dick Nakata (for father Sannosuke Nakata & Mrs. Kazuyo Kawabata), Mrs. Yachiyo Nishi, Mrs. Tomiko Noda, Mrs. Sumie Oye, Mr. Toshi Nomura (memory of brother, Akio), Mr. Toshi Nomura (memory of nephew, Dan Nomura), S. Okamura (memory of Mrs. Mitsuye Meyasaki), Mrs. Tsuneko Soyama, M/M Kanji Suga, Mrs. Masako Takata, Mrs. Toyoko Terada, M/M Yukio Tsuji, M/ M Yoshiaki Tsuji, Mrs. Kiyoe Yada, Mrs. Tsunae Yamashita, Ms. Christine Yoshida, Ms. Kay Yoshida, Ms. Margaret Yoshida (memory of father, Toyozo Yoshida)
25.00 M/M Noboru Hayashi
30.00 Mrs. Sam Kobayashi (memory of father, Ryoichi Kobayashi), M/M Kotaro Hayashi, Mrs. Emily Nomura, M/M Kazuo Mori (shotsuki for late father in Japan), Mr. Yukio Takai, M/M Ryoji Tanizawa, M/M H. Yoshikawa
50.00 M/M Yoshio Akune (Raymond, AB – memory of Kazuyo Kawabata), M/M Hideo Chiya, M/M J. Uchinami, Ms. Tomi Niwatsukino (memory of father), Mrs. T. Nishi (shotsuki for Tora Nishi & Toshiko Margaret Nishi), M/M Mitsuru Tanaka (memory of Tokuyo Araki)
100.00 Mr. Yutaka Takemoto (memory of Yukio Takemoto)
200.00 Mr. Dick Koyanagi (memory of wife, Haruko Koyanagi 13th year)

October Monthly Memorial Total - \$1,435.00

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