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Message from Rev. D.

August Quiet

August is a quieter time at most of our temples. The Bazaar and Obon season winds down to the final few. We clean up and put things away before the next seasonal change. Young families may be taking trips and vacations before the school year begins again. Here at the temple, we have the opportunity to clear the tables and to set our plans for the new beginnings that the fall season brings. Each temple group looks for ways to enhance the temple with classes, events, or activities for their area of



focus. New plans and ideas are brought out to be considered for the groups to shape their direction.

The temple cycles of busy, clean up, quiet, planning, and restart remind me of similar cycles while working on artwork. After a new piece has culminated in its completion and arrival, there is a period of reflection and evaluation. Then there is a cleanup period when the tables are cleared and all the tools are checked and cleaned. Things that may have been left in temporary disarray are put back in their proper places. The clean table would be a reflection of your mind. The empty space of table or mind would be the place for new thoughts, ideas, and creativities to emerge. In a way, rather than being artist or creator, you get out of the way and the artwork becomes present quite on its own.

The temple might be considered to be performance art. We are an orchestra of artists and musicians. As a creative troop, we are provided the opportunity for envisioning, dreaming, and collaborating on the next and the new to take its place in the continuum of Dharmic expression and evolution. A little bit of the same ol' same ol', sprinkled with some new visions and improved techniques guide the evolution of our temple artwork.

It is a constant in society that ego expression and activity multiply into current turmoil. We see this all around, in the news around town and across the world. Imbalance and ego grow into suffering for the individual person as well as in greater social circles. There is need for the Dharma and the Nembutsu path. The temple plays a vital role in our world today.

CONT. REV. D's MESSAGE

Wisdom and Compassion are a needed presence. The Nembutsu serves as guidance as it keeps ego in check and harmony in balance. Every small part is important. You are the artists and the musicians in this piece of art unfolding. Working together, we can create beautiful music and ever-changing art based and grounded in Nembutsu awareness. I just love it!

For now, we clear the tables and empty the mind. We enjoy the quiet break. It took a big effort to get from there to here. It will take another big effort to get from here to there. We all look forward to doing it together. We will see you at the temple.

In Gassho,

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Special August Shotsuki Hoyo Announcement

The August Shotsuki Service will also be the *Atomic Bomb Memorial Service*.

We are pleased that a YouTube video of Rev. Hiroshi Abiko's reflections will be shown during the Shotsuki Service. Rev. Abiko returned to Japan as a child near the devastation of the Atomic bomb attack. His words add a personal touch from a dear friend as we listen to his voice and view the sites of the destruction of the war and the atomic bomb.

**Please join us for this
special service
August 6, 10:00 AM.**

Everyone is Welcome to Attend Services "In Person"

We will continue to live stream on our YouTube Channel.

August

- 6** 10:00 Shotsuki Hoyo/Memorial Service
- 13** 10:00 Family Service
- 20** No Service – Summer Vacation
- 27** No Service – Summer Vacation

September

- 3** No Service – Labor Day Weekend
- 10** Shotsuki Hoyo/Memorial Service
Guest Speaker, Rev Sasaki, IMOP
- 17** 10:00 **Fall Ohigan Service**
- 24** 10:00 Family Service & Ask Rev. D

**While we are not asking for
proof of vaccination, we kindly
request that visitors to the service
be vaccinated and wear a
masks and be proactive about
social distancing.**

**Thank you
for your
understanding.**

ABWA NEWS

A big THANK YOU!!

After a 3-year absence, our one-day bazaar this year took a lot of hard work and effort! We are grateful to all of those who came out to help with the set-up, food prep, and booths. We could not have done it without you!

Also, thank-you to those who donated cookies and other treats, as well as items for the crafts booth: Satoko Furuichi, Tazuko Naito, Jane Naito, Doug Doerr, Karen Fong, Nancy Kawabata-Poon, Julie Takano Peters, Lani Takano Kotcher, Jackie Ito-Woo, Dianne Matsuoka, Janet Kwan, Margaret Takeda, Linda Omi, Gayle Okada, Mary Nakahara, and Stacey Morikawa-Won. I apologize to anyone whose name I might have missed.

In July, we had a wonderful Obon festival and a well-attended Hatsubon Obon service. Since our service was held at 1PM this year, we enjoyed light refreshments afterwards. Thank you to Toban Group #1 for providing the delicious cake!

Arigato to everyone for all your efforts, cooperation and generosity!

Candy-making Workshop

Please see the separate announcement about the workshop presented by Irene Preston on Saturday, September 16. Registration information is included in the announcement.

Next meeting

There will be no meeting in August. Our next meeting will be on Monday, **September 11** at 7PM. Please note the date change due to Labor Day on Sept. 4 which is the first Monday of the month.

The Zoom link with the agenda and reports will be emailed closer to the meeting date.

Gassho,
Lenni Terao-Doerr, ABWA President

Thank You Madame Michisuya Hanayagi

Thank you Hanayagi Sensei for coming to teach us the dances and for leading us at our Bon Odori.



Photo by: William Lee



Photo by: William Lee

Obon Lights

This year we hung a total of 169 lanterns (147 renewals & 22 new). Thank you to all of those who donated to remember their loved ones with a lantern.

We would like to thank Judy Oda for starting and overseeing the Obon Lights Fundraiser all these years and for transitioning it this year to Nancy Kawabata-Poon.

Message from Nancy Kawabata-Poon, Chair, Obon Lights:

A big thank you to the many volunteers who came out to help assemble, hang, remove and clean the lanterns - Kathy Anderson, Erik Chun, Joseph Fujimoto, Morgan Hashimoto, Vickie Hashimoto, Jackie Ito-Woo, Mary Nakahara, Judy Oda, Gary Oda, Roger Oda, Dorothy Okamoto, Lou Panzella, Allen Sakamoto, Howard Shintani, Amy Tomine, Doreen Wong, Carl Woo, Yumi Yasuda and to those friends of the Temple that I may have missed.

2023 Hatsubon Names

Mie “Mary” Hasegawa

Shaku KAKU SHO 覺勝
To Reach Enlightenment

Anah Toshiko Sugiyama

Shaku JO MYO 淨妙
Pure and Admirable

Edward Masao Matsuoka

Shaku RYU HO 龍法
Dragon Dharma

George Kiyofume Taniguchi

Shaku TEKKEN 哲見
Clear View

Louise Yuri Yasuda

Shaku ni AN KO 安香
Peaceful Fragrance

Barbara Muramoto

Shaku KAI HO 開法
To Open the Dharma

Hideo “Archie” Uchiyama

Shaku JYO SEI 教靜
To Teach Peaceful Calm

Masaki “Mas” Takano

Shaku JUN KYO 純教
To Teach Purity

Mr. Bruce Frank Yamanaka

Shaku MYO SHIN 妙心
Radiant Spirit

Mr. Kiyoshi Naito

Shaku EI GON 英嚴 Heroic Dignity
JO SEI IN 淨成院 Pure Realization

Mrs. Akiko Faith Yamato

Namo Amida Butsu 南無阿弥陀仏

Mrs. Yasuko Ann Ito

Shaku SEI SHIN 靜心
Peaceful Heart

SHOTSUKI HOYO
MONTHLY MEMORIAL SERVICE
Sunday, September 10, 2023 – Guest Speaker: Rev. Sasaki, IMOP
 In Person & Living Streaming on our YouTube Channel

Family members and friends are invited to the August Memorial Service for those listed below. If 2023 is a special service year as indicated below, please contact Rev. Joshin Dennis Fujimoto to arrange a special memorial service for your family.

Special Service Year of Death		Special Service Year of Death	
1 year	2022	17 year	2007
3 year	2021	25 year	1999
7 year	2017	33 year	1991
13 year	2011	50 year	1974

Akinaga, Mr. Osamu 2001
 Bruno, Mrs. Alberta 1996
 Doi, Mr. Akitaka 1995
 Fukayama, Mrs. Akiko 2009
Hasegawa, Mr. Akira 1991
 Hatakeda, Mrs. Tomo 1949
 Hayame, Ray 2020
Hori, Mrs. Yoshie 1991
 Imazumi, Mr. Kanae 1988
 Imazumi, Mrs. Rose Toshiko 2019
 Inouye, Mr. Chikara 1943
 Iwaihara, Mr. Katsutarō 1935
 Kataoka, Mr. Hisao 1988
 Kawahara, Mrs. Yukino 2008
 Kobu, Mr. Sensaburo 1963
 Komatsu, Mrs. Kameko 1983
 Kumamoto, Mr. Heihachiro 1953
 Maruyama, Miss Kazuko 1937
 Mashimoto, Mr. Ryuzo 1956
Matsuoka, Mr. Edward Masao 2022
 Mayeda, Mrs. Kinu 1968
McCroskey, Mrs. Asako 2017
 Mikami, Mr. Naoyemon 1961
Mochizuki, Mr. Kiyoshi 2017
 Moritomo, Infant Itsuko 1929
 Murakawa, Mr. Takao 1998
 Myer, Mr. Richard "Rick" 2019
 Nagai, Infant Francis 1933

Nakano, Mr. Makoto 1995
 Nakano, Mrs. Tsuchino 1949
 Nakao, Mrs. Toshiko D. 2006
 Nakao, Mr. Toyokichi 1955
 Nakaso, Mrs. Iku 1983
 Nishikawa, Mrs. Kimiyo 2002
 Noriye, Mrs. Misuye 1960
 Ogawa, Infant Kiyomi 1947
 Omi, Mr. Henry 1996
 Sugitani, Mr. Saburo 1994
 Sugiyama, Infant Shiro 1935
 Tabushi, Mrs. Hinaka 2002
 Tamura, Mr. Rey 2015
 Tajima, Mrs. Nobu 1941
 Takeda, Mr. Risaburo 1963
Tateyama, Mrs. Misuye 1974
 Tsuchiya, Mrs. Mariye 1990
 Tsurumoto, Mrs. Tori 1962
 Tsuyuki, Mr. Kentaro 1951
 Umene, Mr. Torakichi 1946
 Yamada, Mr. Goichi 1940
 Yamamoto, Mrs. Emiko 1998
 Yamamoto, Mr. Motonori 2005
 Yamamoto, Mr. Yujiro 1939
 Yamasaki, Mr. Magoichi 1968
 Yamasaki, Mrs. Shina 1965

September Shotsuki Hoyo Service
Date Change to Sept. 10th
 No service on 9/3, Labor Day Weekend



Candy-Making Workshop – Saturday, September 16

Are you interested in learning how to make candy in your home kitchen? Do you love chocolate? If so, join us for an introductory workshop given by Irene Preston. She will introduce you to the fundamentals of at-home candy making. In this 2-hour hands-on class, you will learn how to temper dark chocolate and create fun goodies like bark, truffles, dips, etc. We will ask you to bring a few ingredients to work with (like your favorite plain dark chocolate bars, dried fruit, nuts, etc.). We are also asking for a \$10.00 contribution to the cost of additional ingredients to be paid at the Class.

Details

Date: Saturday, September 16th

Time: 10:00 AM -12:00 PM

Location: BTOA Kitchen

Registration

Link: <https://rebrand.ly/chocolate-class>

Please register by Sunday, September 10th at <https://rebrand.ly/chocolate-class>.

The class is **limited to 15 students** due to space. If the form is closed, the class is unfortunately full.

Please email maria.b.piper@gmail.com with any questions.

If you need to register by phone, please call or text Lenni at 510-710-6216.

Looking for Dharma School Speakers/Teachers

Our Dharma School is growing, and we'll be adding another Dharma School class starting in September. We'd like to mix it up and have various guest speakers/teachers for the older kids.

It's just 20 minutes or so of chatting. The topic can be on a Buddhist principle, on current events or about your career(s) and how it began/navigated challenges.

If you're interested in teaching, please contact Yumi @ yumiyasuda50@gmail.com.



Coffee Hour

**If you would like to receive
notifications for our Coffee Hours,
please email Wayne at
wnakano@ix.netcom.com.**

Japanese Goods/Hidden Treasures Sale THANK YOU/ARIGATO!

There are way too many people to thank and acknowledge for their help in putting on a very successful Japanese Hidden Treasures fundraiser. Those who donated items from a tansu to teacups, those who came out to clean and organize the items, those who helped get the word out about the sale, those who came out on the days of the event to provide customer service, cashier and security. **Your temple says "THANK YOU ALL"**



We would like to give special recognition to our fearless project leader, Dorothy Okamoto, who took this project

head on, organized the crews, organized the donations, the drop offs and probably lost many hours of sleep over it! **Thank you Dorothy!**

Who would have thought a donation of Japanese items from the estate of an Alameda resident would spark the idea "Why not ask our temple members to look for items we have all stashed away that we no longer have a place for or need?" Finding a new home and being newly appreciated made sense and we could make money for temple repairs.

After months of collecting, storing, unwrapping, sorting, pricing, as well as advertising and rearranging the hall, the dogged and unstoppable

helpers planned to hold a one-day event. After accumulating so many of your beautiful donations we added another event day.



On the day of the event, we had people lined up to Pacific Ave waiting for entry. Ay yai yai, it was an

eye-popping opening. We were very busy assisting, processing charges and packing the precious items.

We were thankful for the idea to contract a Japanese food truck. It kept us and our customers fortified. We had so many good ideas from our very resourceful Sangha members.

The final count is not in yet, since we sold more items at the bazaar, but we're estimating that we made about \$20,000 in profit.

THANK YOU – ARIGATO!





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**BTOA's
Drive Thru
Chicken Obento Sale
is coming back!**

**Save The Date:
Saturday, October 21st
more details in next month's Upaya**



Photo by: Brad Shirakawa