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Memorials

Bill Bohlman, Board President

Memorials are an opportunity to express our gratitude to our loved ones and honor their life. Even though BTC does not have a resident minister at this time, memorial services can still occur. Although she has retired, Rev. Patti Nakai has officiated the first memorial and giving of the Dharma name for some longtime members. However, all other memorials are still available.

Each month, we have the shotsuki hoyo service. A postcard is sent to the contact person of the deceased to remind them of the date. Unfortunately, the last few months only one or two individuals have come to that service to honor their loved one. Rev. Patti often said that shotsuki hoyo is your loved one calling you to hear the Dharma. Have we lost the ability to hear this call? It is said that when someone passes beyond this world of samsara they become a Buddha, a teacher. By honoring their memory at shotsuki hoyo, you are hearing their voice through the Dharma.

Our tradition has ample opportunities to honor our loved ones and hear the Dharma. The makurya-kyo, pillow service, gives our loved one the opportunity to hear the Dharma, perhaps for the final time. After their passing various dates can be observed. The first is the 49th day or 100th day service. Annual services are held at various dates. The one year service is on the first anniversary of the passing. The following third year, seventh year, thirteenth year, twenty fifth year, thirty third year and fiftieth year are observed one year before the western way of counting anniversaries (3rd year on 2nd anniversary of passing)

These later services are usually performed by a minister, however, prior to her retirement Rev. Patti trained some of the lay leaders on how to do these services. Also, Rev. Fred Brenion, our supervising minister, is available to do these services via Zoom with enough prior notice.

Memorial services are one of the most important functions of the temple. We want everyone to know that BTC is always here for you. With gratitude for the lives they lived; let us continue to honor our love ones. Namu Amida Butsu.

Bon Odori Thanks!

Rev. Patti Nakai

The Bon Odori held at the temple August 10 was attended by nearly a hundred people, including families who were observing the Hatsubon ("first Obon") of their loved one. The enjoyable time dancing was made possible by a host of volunteers:

The Bon Odori teachers: Gwen Kato, Karen Kanemoto, Susan Kuse, Naomi Mounce, Rev. Patti Nakai, Kiaria Rybak, Miriam Solon and Linda Tademoto

Taiko drummers: Torazo Okada and Miriam Solon

Set-up and take-down crew: Gary Nakai, Pete Izui, Stan Oda, Gary Shimomura, Gene Skala, Tomio Tademoto, and Alan, Eric and Mitchell Kato

Refreshments provided by: Jane Morishige and Linda Mounce

Kitchen helpers: April Kellman and Mike Kudo, Sr.

Announcer and music compiler: Adam Kellman

All of the above and many of the attendees stayed after the Bon Odori to clean up and to ready the space for Sunday service.

Thanks, everyone, for your help!

The BTC Mission Statement

Founded in 1944 as an administratively independent temple, The Buddhist Temple of Chicago aspires to the following:

- ☸ To present and explore the Three Treasures of Buddhism – the Buddha (teacher), the Dharma (teachings), and the Sangha (community).
- ☸ To be guided and inspired by the historical Buddha, Gautama Shakyamuni, and the teachers who have followed – Shinran Shonin, Manshi Kiyozawa, and Haya Akegarasu.
- ☸ To present the Buddha-Dharma in a language and manner relevant and understandable in contemporary America.
- ☸ To welcome all who seek the Dharma without any exceptions.
- ☸ To be a positive presence in our local community working to enhance the vitality of our neighborhood.
- ☸ To honor and continue the traditions of our founding members.
- ☸ To always live the Nembutsu – Namu Amida Butsu.

Our Mission...

To Present the Dharma,

To Welcome All,

Be a Positive Presence,

As well as to Honor and to Continue what we have been Given.

-- The BTC Mission Statement, Points Three to Six.

Rev. Frederick Brenion

Our earlier two points show that our temple is grounded in teachings that have endured for centuries. They endured because Buddhists have faced the challenges that each new present moment brings. Different cultures, languages, traditions, each brought something in shaping our Buddhism. Each year, new situations demand creative and skillful means that will build forward towards the future. Rev. Kubose, our founder, saw this as he began to form a new kind of Buddhist Temple here in Chicago. A Temple that will be emblematic of what he foresaw as an American Buddhism. A Buddhism that speaks to America because America needs to hear it!

Our mission is to present Buddhism and Jodo Shinshu in a way that is understandable, current, and to the real need. Everyone, I truly believe, comes to the Buddha with something in mind and heart, and Buddha addresses that. Sometimes he's gentle about it. Sometimes he brings one up short. Like a doctor he applies what is needed to wake us up. Rev. Kubose did this in his brilliant, heartfelt, and mindfelt way in his talks and examples. If we do not present who we are and what we have then we will fail mightily in our duties to the Dharma.

We are also enjoined to welcome all without exception! Buddha welcomed all to his Sangha. He broke the back of the caste system of his time. He admitted the lowest of the low. And while it took a bit of pushing from his Aunt and Step-mother, he admitted women into the Sangha. Shinran, centuries later, found an understanding of Buddhism that meant that everyone, even the worse, are embraced. Everyone! I am so fortunate that when I discovered our sister temple in West Covina that I too was accepted as I am. I never thought that I would someday wear robes and be permitted to present the Dharma to all. I am so proud of this temple here in Chicago. You welcome everyone who comes through your doors, our doors. So many visitors who want to know a little about what we are about. Some come back for more! Our temple lives this point. With this point we will continue to grow.

We are a positive presence here in our community. Even though I am from afar I see the great efforts to be involved in the great communities of Chicago, to help, and to fill a need. By giving light, we are filled by light.

And we honor and continue the traditions of our founding members. We build on their efforts. We follow their example. We do so by being open to possibilities on how to express and live the Dharma as they did. We give the present a chance, and in doing so we build a future as they did. They lived their Buddhism. We are called to live ours.

These points of our Mission Statement are positive, and forward looking. They excite me to go forward with you all. Let's walk together in our mission of hope, because our Dharma is a Dharma of Life and Light!



Scheduled activities – subject to change

Weekly services – Sundays 11am - in-person, Facebook Live

Qigong (Chinese exercise) – Saturdays 10 AM (except 9/21)

Sunday Meditation 9:00 – Starting 9/22

Thursday Meditation – 7:15pm – Except 9/5

Asoka Society (social gathering) – 3rd Saturday 1pm – September 21

The above activities are open to the public and free (donations appreciated).

If you are interested in the two activities below,
please leave your contact information
and the group will set up an appointment for you to visit them.

Iaido (martial art) – Mondays 7:00pm

Kokyo Taiko (drums) – Friday evenings, Sunday afternoons

Also...

Are you interested in a discussion group about Buddhism and Jodo Shinshu?

We have an invitation to meet with West Covina Buddhist Temple's group
on Thursdays, 10 am (PDT) / Noon (Chicago) via Zoom. Lasting for about an hour.

It is hosted by Rev. Miyoshi, and by myself every so often!

An interesting article is shared along with the Zoom invitation each week.

If you would like to give this a try then please email me at fbrenion@gmail.com
and I will send out the invite!

And...

If you would like to write or chat with me on the Dharma, or spiritual matters,
please feel free to contact me at

fbrenion@gmail.com

I'm here for you!

Above all...

DEEPEST SYMPATHY

To the family and friends of:

Dorothy Shigeko Murakishi

July 31, 2024

George Sasamoto

August 11, 2024

The Buddhist Temple of Chicago

SEPTEMBER - SHOTSUKI-HOYO
Monthly Memorial for Members' Loved Ones

Sunday, September 1, 2024
Service 11:00 AM

Allen, Akiko
Ansai, Russell
Asai, Yuki
Asaki, Kimie
Babbin, Florence
Carnes, Kevin Jr.
Daniel, Murray
Farley, Caleb
Fitzmaurice, Laura
Fujii, Sadako
Fujiura, Henry
Fukuya, Kazuo
Fukuyama, Dick
Hamaguchi, Yoshiko L
Harano, Sadao.
Harazono, Matsuno
Hashimoto, Teru
Hatanaka, Kazumi
Hidaka, George
Hirakawa, James K.
Hirota, George R.
Hirotsuka, Tatsuya
Hoover, Martin
Ibe, Misao Helen
Ibe, Tosaku
Ideno, Michael Shizuo
Ikenaga, Mine O
Inouye, Tomiko.
Ishida, Joni
Itano, Kisata
Itano, Takeno
Izumi, Masaru
Kadoyama, Mary Haruko
Katayama, Ayaki

Kawanaga, Roy
Kikuta, Noboru
Kito, Tei
Kobu, Kazue
Koga, Toki
Koide, Megumi
Koizumi, Kiku
Koyama, Hideko
Kurihara, Mildred
Kushida, Perla M.
Lipner, Edna
Maeizumi, Takaharu
Makiyama, Matsuye
Maruyama, George
Matsumoto, Midori
Miyake, Kimiyo
Mukaye, Maki
Nagami, Yaichiro
Nakamura, Mark M.
Nakanishi, Kihachi
Nakanishi, Tom
Nakano, Betty
Nakano, Yokichi
Nakayama, Haruo
Naramoto, Ichini
Nishi, Eizo
Nishibayashi, Hideo
Nishime, Jiro
Nishiyama, Komeno
Nojiri, Sugaye
Numata, Shizuo
Oda, Lisa
Ohno, Helen
Okawa, Yoneko

Oshita, Hosen
Pfeiffer, Sachiko
Sakuma, Toshichi
Sakumoto, Chiyo
Sakurada, Heitaro
Sakurada, Naka
Sasamoto, Kumatake
Schoendorff, Irene
Shigehira, Masayuki
Shigihara, Hiroshi
Shimashita, John
Shimokubo, Kazuso
Solon, Pearl
Stanley, Hisako
Sugano, Chuichi
Sugano, Tadao
Sunahara, Lottie K.
Sweeney, Anna C.
Takata, Saneo
Taketoshi, Natsue Ann
Tamada, Kay
Tanaka, Haruko
Tashima, Yayoi
Terada, John
Uchida, Teizo
Uchida, Thelma
Wada, Takae
Yamaguchi, Masako
Yamaguchi, Tami
Yoshida, Fuji
Yoshikane, Kuni
Yukawa, Yukio

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birthday
Japanese American Service Committee
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Meyer, Tamara Nakao- Memorial service for
Dean & May Nakao
Morishita, Yuriko & Joyce
Nakagawa, Robert

DHARMA FUND

Epperson, Nancey
Rattenbury, Francine

CALENDAR

Carnes, Yuko

IN MEMORY OF

Lakeview Funeral Home/Hallowell –
Donna Ogura
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Kasamoto
Ozaki, Mary – Sadea “Sadie” Kasamoto
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Patzwaldt, Frances & Otto –Molly Takata

SHOTSUKI HOYO

July – In Memory Of

Davis, Randall & Patricia – Shizuye
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Fukuya
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September 2024 Calendar

Events may be canceled or moved:

Check www.facebook.com/budtempchi
for the most up-to-date changes.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 11 am Monthly Memorial service	2 Iaido 7:00 pm	3	4	5	6 Taiko* 7pm	7 Qigong 10:00 am
8 11am Dharma School service	9 Iaido 7:00 pm	10	11	12 Meditation 7:15 pm	13 Taiko* 7pm	14 Qigong 10:00 am
15 11am Regular service	16 Iaido* 7:00pm	17	18	19 Meditation 7:15pm	20 Taiko* 7pm	21 1pm Asoka
22 9:00am Meditation 11am Fall Ohigan service	23 Iaido* 7:00pm	24	25	26 Meditation 7:15pm	27 Taiko* 7pm	28 Qigong 10:00 am
29 9:00am Meditation 11am Regular Service	30 Iaido* 7:00pm					

*Iaido and Taiko require appointments made in advance