

2016 VBT**Membership Fees****Now Due**

The VBT Board has made the decision to raise the membership dues to \$100 for individual members (\$25 for students) starting 2016.

It is the first time the dues have been raised in many years, and reflects the naturally increasing costs of running the temple.

Please return the 2016 membership form and dues to the temple as soon as possible.

For your convenience, VBT now accepts payment for membership through the VBT Website: vancouverbuddhisttemple.com

In Gassho,

VBT Board of Directors.



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Cherry Blossoms

Due to the very mild weather we experienced this past winter, cherry blossoms have begun blooming earlier than usual. Oppenheimer Park in front of our temple is still in the process of redevelopment. The cherry blossoms have bloomed beautifully and are already beginning to fall to the ground. It reminds me of an episode regarding the story of Shinran's ordination and an incident which took place at a meeting years ago.

When I was serving as Ministerial Association Chairman, I had traveled to San Francisco with Bishop Orai Fujikawa to attend the World Jodo Shinshu Coordinating Council. All the Bishops from the overseas districts and from our Mother Temple, Hongwanji, had gathered for the meeting. The meeting went very smoothly, and indeed, we were able to conclude the meeting before the scheduled time. Therefore, we had two hours to spare before dinner. Everyone wondered what we could do with this time. One of the Sochos suggested we watch a new DVD about Shinran-shonin. The Hongwanji had made an animated movie illustrating Shinran-shonin's life to mark his 750th commemorative service, which was observed in 2011.



There are a number of legends surrounding his life, one of which is a tale concerning his tonsure. When told that the ceremony to initiate him into the monkhood would be held off until the next day, it is said that the young Shinran composed the following poem on the spot:

*"Cherry blossoms that are felt
To last till the morrow,
May well blow away
During the night".*

We ministers know this story very well, and were expecting to hear the animated Shinran recite the poem. However, just at this point in the story, the DVD froze. We waited 30 seconds, which stretched into several minutes, but the DVD would not re-start. We tried a few things to get it to start playing again, but nothing worked. In the end, we gave up and the ministers and the Bishops all agreed: "Let's watch the rest tomorrow!" Needless to say, this was a joke which pointed to the irony of our comment in this situation. Shinran's poem expresses how impermanent the world is. We always assume that there will be a tomorrow or a next time. However, in reality, there may not be. Indeed, the next day, we were not able to watch the rest of the movie.

We all live such busy and hectic lives. Our days are filled with more places to be and things to do than ever before. In our wonderful lives, we tend to take for granted all too easily, all that we have. And take for granted especially, the people we love. We must 'appreciate' what we have when we have it, as there may not be another time to do so. It is a reminder for me to take a moment to realize this precious time I am able to live.

Namo Amida Butsu, Tatsuya Aoki

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Message from the VBT Board

For all Buddhists the month of April is significant because it is believed that Siddhartha, the given name of the baby prince, was born over 2500 years ago. Historians mark the 8th of April as his birth date. The birth place was in Lumbini Garden, which at that time in history, was part of northern India.

As Shinshu Buddhists we celebrate this event as Hanamatsuri, which literally means 'Flower Festival'. Our temple will be observing Hanamatsuri on Sunday, April 10, at 10:30am. The guest minister for the service will be Rev. Miki Nakura from New York, USA, who is a Higashi Hongwanji minister. Please plan to attend and listen to and personally meet Rev. Nakura. VBT's Hanamatsuri weekend will begin on Friday, April 8 with a lecture to be given by Rev. Nakura (see next box for details).

Combined with the Hanamatsuri, we will be having Keirokai recognizing and paying our respect and gratitude to our senior members 77 years and older. Special recognition will be directed to those who are 77, 88, 99 and older. As an old Japanese custom, those dates are referred to as kiju, beiju and hakuju. If you know of a member who is a senior, please phone the temple in order that we can extend a personal invitation for him/her to attend. In fact, all seniors, including all younger members are invited to attend without invitation. The Keirokai lunch and entertainment will commence immediately following the Hanamatsuri service and everyone will be treated to good eats and friendly fellowship.

Gassho, Dr. Robert Akune

Hanamatsuri Guest Speaker and Lecture

Please join us on Friday, April 8 from 7—9 pm, for a lecture by Rev. Miki Nakura titled: **"Living in Peace: The Way from Head to Lower Belly, Learning from Sakyamuni Buddha"**.

This lecture is by donation and open to everyone.



2016 VBT Golf Tournament

Vancouver Buddhist Temple is happy to announce that the popular annual golf tournament will take place again this year on

**Saturday, June 18th
at the Musqueam Golf Club**

Information regarding registering will be announced in the next issue of the Bodhi Mind.

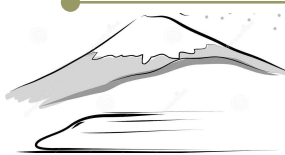


HATSUMAIRI Infant Presentation Ceremony

We cordially invite any families with newborns and toddlers up to one year of age to participate in our annual Hatsumairi Ceremony, which is to take place during our Hanamatsuri (Sakyamuni Buddha's Birthday) service on **Sunday, April 10, 2016**.

Hatsumairi literally means "first Buddhist service". Often translated as "Infant Presentation Service, Hatsumairi represents the first opportunity for families to bring infants who were born during the previous year to Temple. At the same time, it gives our Temple the opportunity to give expression to the Primal Vow of Amida Buddha, which embraces people of all ages, genders, races, and social strata.

If your family wishes to participate, please contact the temple office by the registration **deadline Friday, April 8**.



JSBTC Japan Tour 2016 October 10—23

The JSBTC is organizing a pilgrimage trip to Japan to coincide with the Accession Ceremony for Sennyo Monshu (Head Priest) being held on October 21 at the Nishi Hongwanji mother temple in Kyoto. This very unique service is being specifically designated for Shin followers from Overseas Districts. Sennyo Monshu is the 25th Head Priest, therefore 25th descendant of Shinran-shonin, the founder of Shin Buddhism. As such, Steveston Buddhist Temple resident minister, Rev. Grant Ikuta has organized this pilgrimage to include specific sights centred around Tokyo and Kyoto associated with Shinran-shonin. The tour is open to members across Canada, and space is limited. For more information, please refer to posters at VBT, or online at the tour organizer's (Kintetsu) website:

<http://canada.kiecan.com/jsbtc2016/>



Greetings from the Valley

Welcome to the valley, daffodils and wind.....

Fortunately the day of our March shotsuki and spring ohigan was not as windy as some of our March days. Sensei Roy Akune officiated the service and gave us many glimpses into the India pilgrimage he had just completed.

Our annual general meeting was held after our tea. The board of directors for the 2016 year is as follows:

Kim Conway, Marion Fujita (treasurer), Jenny Fujita (secretary), Mike McSkimming, Amy Nagamatsu (fujinkai president), Paige Perry, Irene Rohrer (secretary), Naomi Shikaze (treasurer), Lori North and Lucy Yoshioka (co-chairs).

Other items on our agenda for the annual general meeting included discussions for hosting the 2017 convention and annual general meeting for the BCJSBTF (passed), raising the age for keirokai to 77 (passed with conditions), and plans for the 2016 Spring Dinner and Gala which will be held on May 14th

May 14th dinner and silent auction will be held at the Bradner Hall. Starting at 5:00 with zumba and line dancing, we hope you will join us for another swinging party in the valley. Watch for more information to come to your temple.

The video lectures and study sessions continue on the last Sunday of each month. Please call Naomi Shikaze or Ben Shikaze if you are interested in attending.

In gassho,
FVBT

Fraser Valley Buddhist

Temple Donations Received in Gratitude

Feb. 6, 2016 Nirvana Day & February Shotsuki

Joe & Ryoko Tateyama, Stan & Lucy Yoshioka, Anonymous, May Mukaida, Ron & Marilyn Fujita, Denise Cork, Mike & Jenny McSkimming, Byron Kagawa, Lori North, Merv & Daisy Araki, Hiroshi & Ruth Honkawa
In Memory of Roland Akio Kamimura : John & Masuko Kamimura, Maciek KonMarina Kamimura & Family

In Memory of Ichiro Araki 33rd Memorial: Merv & Daisy Araki

In Memory of Roy Nagamatsu: Amy Nagamatsu

Memberships: John & Masuko Kamimura, Hiroshi & Ruth Honkawa, Joe & Ryoko Tateyama

March 12, 2016 Spring Higan, March Shotsuki & AGM

Ritsuko Okada, Joe & Ryoko Tateyama, Anonymous, Mitsuo Saito, Ron & Marilyn Fujita, Roy Akune, Lori North, Amy Nagamatsu, May Mukaida, Jean Nakatsui, Denise Cork, Ben Shikaze, Mike & Jenny McSkimming,

In Memory of Roy Nagamatsu & Feb. Shotsuki: The Perry Family

Memberships: Mitsuo Saito, Chieko Takasaki, Paige Perry, Naomi Shikaze, Amy Nagamatsu, Ben Shikaze, Jenny Fujita, Mike McSkimming, Michiyo McSkimming, Irene Rohrer, Marion Fujita.

In Gassho, FVBT



Toban Groups: Our Temple is Our Responsibility

The following activities are the responsibility of

Toban #5
(members listed below)

April

Sun. 3—9am Shotsuki Monthly Memorial service

Sun. 10—9am Hanamatsuri & Keiroukai

May

Sat. 7—10am Toban & Board Mtg

Sun. 15—9am Shotsuki service

From lunches at our monthly Shotsuki 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.

Mrs. Ritsuko Akasaka
Ms. June Anzai
Ms. Joanne Bazeley
Mr. & Mrs. Preston Chan
Mrs. Chiyoko Fujii
Mr. John Harada
Mr. & Mrs. Toshio Hirai
Mrs. Miwako Kasuya
Mr. & Mrs. Len Komori
Mr. & Mrs. Henry Low
Mrs. Polly Matsumoto
Mr. & Mrs. M. Matsutani
Mrs. Yoshie Matsutani
Mr. & Mrs. Hiroaki Mikasa
Mr. & Mrs. Harry Mizuta
Mrs. Chieko Nishi
Mrs. Eiko Nishikihama

Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Okamoto
Ms. Jean Okamura
Mrs. Yoshie Omura
Mrs. Yukiko Omura
Mrs. Keiko Oyama
Ms. Jenny Pedersen
Mrs. Akiko Sakata
Mrs. Toshie Sekiya
Mr. & Mrs. Kiyoshi Shimizu
Mr. Shoji Takahashi
Mr. & Mrs. Yoshiro Shoji
Ms. Darlene Sorel
Ms. Jacqueline Stevens
Mrs. Helen Tajiri
Mr. & Mrs. Brad Tak
Mrs. Tamaki Takahashi
Mr. & Mrs. Stanley Takaki

Mrs. Masako Takata
Mr. & Mrs. Tadao Takata
Mr. Don Takaki
Mr. Yutaka Takemoto
Mrs. Harumi Tamoto
Mrs. Deena Tanaka
Mr. & Mrs. Mitsuru Tanaka
Ms. Mutsuko Tateyama
Mr. & Mrs. T. Teranishi
Ms. Kazue Tsurusaki
Mrs. Shigeko Urata
Mrs. Nobuyo Uyeyama
Mr. & Mrs. M. Yamakami
Mr. & Mrs. M. Yokogawa
Mrs. Yoshika Yoneda



Public Lecture at SBT By Prof. Jeff Wilson

Professor Jeff Wilson will deliver a public lecture at the **Steveston Buddhist Temple** on **Saturday, April 16 at 7:00pm**.

The lecture is titled “**Mindfulness, Meditation and Buddhism**”, and is related to his latest book, “Mindful America: The Mutual Influence of Meditation and American Culture”.

Jeff Wilson is an associate professor of religious studies and East Asian studies at the University of Waterloo, as well as a Tokudo ordained Shin Buddhist minister who serves in and around the Toronto Buddhist Church.

Please join us for what is sure to be an engaging lecture.

2016 Obon Cemetery & Temple Services	
July 3 (Sun)	
9:30 AM	Forest Lawn フォレストローン
10:10 AM	Ocean View オーシャンビュー
10:50 AM	Mountain View @ North マウンテンビュー
11:00 AM	@South by the crematorium
July 3 (Sun)	
4:00 PM	Valley View (Surrey) バレービュー
5:00 PM	New Westminster ニュー・ウェストミンスター
5:30 PM	Coquitlam コキットラム
July 5 (Tue)	
10:00 AM	Maple Ridge メープルリッジ
11:00 AM	Whonnock ウォーノク
11:30 AM	Hatzic (Mission) ミッション
July 9 (Sat)	
2:00 PM	Aldergrove Cemetery オルダーグローブ
3:00 PM	FVBT Obon Service & Bon Dance フレイザーバレーお盆・盆踊り
July 10 (Sun)	
2:00 PM	Vancouver Obon & Shutsuki Service バンクーバーお盆・祥月法要
4:00 PM	Vancouver Bon Dance バンクーバー 盆踊り

May's Special Service: GOTAN-E

Cotan-e celebrates the birth of Shinran Shonin (1173-1262), the founder of Shin Buddhism. The life and teachings of Shinran-shonin constitute one of the most significant developments in the history of Buddhism. It was he who discovered a path which ensured that the treasures of the Dharma would be accessible to all people without discrimination. This May celebration is also called Fujimatsuri, or Wisteria Festival, after the purple flower which represents our sect. Though the flowers grow high on intertwined branches of a tall and sturdy tree, unlike other flowers which stand up when in full blossom, the wisteria hangs down, as if in humility. It serves as the family crest of Shinran.



The Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Temple of Canada Women's Federation (JSBTCWF), together with



the Temples across Canada, had the pleasure of hosting the 15th World Buddhist Women's Convention (WBWC) in Calgary, Canada May 30 & 31, 2015. Our goal was to provide a meaningful convention to be able to share the Teachings as we gratefully “Embraced the Oneness of Life”.

For Canada, as a result of planning and hosting this international event, the convention had a positive influence within the JSBTCWF which spread throughout the Canadian Kyodan. At times, the responsibility felt overwhelming but in the end, it was gratifying to welcome so many to Canada and to share in the Buddha Dharma as “one”.

We were honoured to have his Eminence Monshu Ohtani Kojun (Sennyō Monshu) attend the convention and to have him share in the convention fellowship. We were also privileged to welcome Rev. Fujino, Rev. Tachibana, the District Bishops, Women's Association delegates, and many other dignitaries.

The JSBTCWF would like to express sincere gratitude to the Hongwanji and the International Department for their guidance and support. The convention truly highlights the joint effort required by the Hongwanji and all Districts, to work together for the benefit of all.

Canada's Convention Organizing committee appreciated everyone's thoughtfulness and will be compiling suggestions and lessons learned to be shared with the 2019 WBWC committee.

Gratefully submitted for the World Coordinating Council 2015
In gassho,
Susan Huntley, 13Sep15

April Shotsuki (Memorial) List

1958

*HIRAYAMA, Michiyo

1959

*NAMBA, ?

1960

NOMURA, Yaozo

1961

*HARA, Tadashi

1963

*MATSUNO, Riu

*TABUCHI, Kizo

1964

*YONEMURA, Senzo

1967-50th Year

*KANEKO, Seki

*SHIMIZU, Zenzo

1969

*SUGIMOTO, Tome

1972

*NAKASHIMA,

Yasumatsu

*SAKATA, Ryoza

*YAMAMOTO, Isamu

*YOSHIDA, ?

*YOSHIOKA, Teruo

1973

*KOBAYASHI, Isuke

*YAMAGUCHI, Kiyoko

1974

*SHIRAHAMA, Tomomi

1975

*HASEBE, Yukio

*TERADA, Kentaro

1976

*EDAMURA, Jujiro

1977

*KOYANAGI, Toru

1978

*KAMATA, Genzaburo

1980

*IKEDA, Toyoharu

INOUE, Yoshinobu

KOMORI, Fujihiko

MARUNO, Michiko

1981

*TATEYAMA, Shigeyoshi

*WAKABAYASHI, Masa

1982

*HASEBE, Noburo

*IWABUCHI, Shimpei

MATSUI, Sadao

*TANAKA, Kiyo

1983

NUKINA, Yoshiko

1984—33rd Year

*HAMANISHI, Fusaye

*HAYAM Yoshimatsu

*KADA, Fude

*MIDORIKAWA, Kono

NAKANO, Reizo

1985

*HIROKADA, Shigeo

NASU, Chiyo

1986

KOMORI, Haru

*NISHIKAWA, Hine

*SOKUGAWA, Toshiro

1987

*LEE, Kinju

*OHIRA, Yu

*TATEBE, Yonehiro

1988

*MORIYAMA, Kenichi

*WADA, Masaye

1990

*ASANO, Matsue

*MURATA, Miyano

TERAKITA, Hideo

1991

BANNO, Magohachi

*DOI, Sumiko

*GODO, Moichi

*UTSUNOMIYA, Kinuye

1992—25th Year

*OSATO, Hiroko

TSUJI, Sumi

YADA, Katsutoshi

1993

*CHIAI, Asae

KOYANAGI, Mitsuru

*TANIYAMA, Shigeru

1994

*FUKUHARA, Asano

*SHISHIDO, Kiyoko

TANIZAWA, Mitsuyoshi

The April Shotsuki monthly memorial service will be held on **Sunday, April 3 at 10:30 am**

1995

MATSUNAGA, Shigekazu

1996

KONDO, Masaru

1997

KITANO, Yaeno

TSUJI, Tadao

1998

NISHI, Kenichi

FUJIWARA, Akira

1999

MATSUSHITA, Naka

2000—17th Year

EGAMI, Yukio

FORSYTH, Aiko Mary

KAWABATA, Eijiro

YOSHIOKA,

Matanojo George

MORIUCHI, Chie

2001

NISHI, Diane

TAKAI, Sumiko

TSUJI, Soto

2003

FUJII, Kiyosada

SHIMABUKURO,

Toshio

2004—13th Year

BABA, Kohei

HAMAZAKI, Kazue

NAKASHIMA,

Yasuharu

2005

MORISHITA, Sawa

2006

IKEGAMI, Sachiko

KIKUCHI, Toru

KOMORI, Tadahiro

2007

FUCHIHARA, Mike

KAZUTA, Matsuko

2008

NISHI, Masaru

TAKAKI, Yukio Frank

YAMASHITA, Shunichi

2009

FUNATSU-MEYER,

Shohei

TAKAHARA, Kiyokazu

2010—7th Year

NOMURA, Emily

2012

SATO, Sumiko

TAMAKI, Michiko

ABURAMOTO, Reiko

2013

YUZA, Jihei

NISHIZAWA, Chieko

TAKEUCHI, Akio

2014—3rd Year

KURAHASHI, Akio

MORI, Akira

2015—1st Year

NISHIMURA, Ayako

Makura-gyo (Pillow-side) Service

When families consider having a Pillow-side service, they are encouraged to notify Rev. Aoki with advance notice. This offers Rev. Aoki time to adjust his schedule accordingly. Depending on the wishes of the family, Rev. Aoki is quite prepared to conduct the service immediately following the passing, wherever the location or hour. Providing information prior to a passing is important for Rev. Aoki, not only so that he can adjust his schedule and prepare for the service, but is also an opportunity for him to offer information and address any questions the family may have.

Dr. Robert Akune
VBT Funeral Committee
Chair

May Shotsuki (Memorial) List

1957

*NAKAMURA, Miss
*SUGIHARA,
Shichisaburo

1958

*NAKASHIMA, Eikichi
*OHASHI, Yuno
*OHTA, Masu
SAIMOTO, Kunimatsu

1960

*HAMADE, Yoshigoro
*NAKANISHI, Mitsugu

1961

*SHIRAKAWA,
Hidehiko

1962

*NISHIKAWA, Usaburo

1964

*MARUMOTO, Kamen
*YABUNO, Sutekichi
*YURUGI, Choichiro

1965

*INOUE, Kanda
NAKATA, Norman

1966

*MATSUSHITA,
Nagashige

1967-50th Year

MADOKORO, Hiroye
*YOSHIDA, Isamu

1969

*OGINO, Chozo
*ONO, Matsu

1970

*SUZUKI, Isono
*TANAKA, Hisa

1972

*MISHIMA, Tsurukichi
YADA, Kiyoshi

1973

*TANAKA, Haru

1974

HORII, Sumiye
*INAMASU, Suye

1975

*KITANO, Shigetaro
*KOYANAGI, Toyohisa
*MAYEDA, Kiyokazu
*UYENO, Ei

1976

HAMAGUCHI, Fumio
*TAKEDA, Iwao

1977

KONDO, Yoshio

1979

NAKAMURA,
Genzaburo
*NISHIMURA, Aiko

1980

*WAKITA, Hajime
*YOSHIDA, Yoshi

1981

*AYUKAWA, Kaoru
*TAKAHASHI, Kazuo
TANAKA, Miki
*YABE, (baby)
YAMAKAMI, Shotaro

1982

*KAWAGUCHI, Yoshio
*OHTA, Takezo
TANAKA, Ichijiro

1983

*KITADE, Yaeko
*NAGAMATSU, Denshin

1984-33 Year

*HANADA, Yoshio
*OKEGAMI, Hidehiro
*SAKIYAMA, Hiroshi
*TAKEMOTO, Matsuyo
*TERANISHI, Fuji

1985

*KAWAHIRA, Imiko
YAMADA, Yukio

1986

*EGAMI, Hikotaro
*HAMADE, Toyo
*MORI, Nobuo
*NISHIMURA, Hiroshi
*NOSE, Tazo

1987

*HORI, Mika
*KITAGAWA, Naka
*YURUGI, Moto

1988

*TSUJI, Gen

1989

*KUROMI, Suino
*MIURA, Kaoru

The May Shotsuki/monthly memorial service will be held on **Sunday, May 15 at 10:30 am**

1990

*GREEN, Jordan
HIRAI, Ken
*NISHIKAWA, Mitsuye

1991

HAYA, Haruko
*MIYAGAWA, Ito
OKADA, Kazuko

1992- 25th Year

*NODA, Misaho
*ONO, Yoichi
*SOGA, Zenya
UYESUGI, Fumio

1994

*MATSUBA, Shige

1995

SHIMABUKURO, Nabe
*UYENO, Shigeo
YAMADA, Takaichi

1996

*ITAYA, Masaye

1997

SHOJI, Tadashi
TAKEMORI, Akiko
TANAKA, Masao

1998

*MARUYAMA, Bill
YAMADA, Kazuye

1999

HAMAGUCHI, Hiroshi
*KUNIMOTO, Akiko
YAMADA, Hiroshi

2000-17th Year

IMAI, Eichi
KAKUTANI, Kiyoshi
NISHI, Yukio
YAMASHITA, Toshio

2001

WAKAHARA,
Tomohiko

2002

FUKUI, Hisako
NAKAMURA, Miki
SAMESHIMA, Tadayuki
WATANABE, Hiromi

2003

*NAKATSUI, Toyoko

2004-13th Year

KITAMURA, Shizuko
OMOTO, Noboru
OYA, Chie

2005

GRIMSHAW, Rebecca

2006

*SATO, Yoshiaki

2007

HAMAGAMI, George
KITAGAWA, Kotoma
MORISHITA, Hatsumi
NAKAMURA, Amy
NAKATSU, Toshiye
WADA, Seiji

2008

KAWASAKI, Ryota
KOYANAGI, Hiroyuki
TANAKA, Keiichi
TANAHARA,
Yoshihide

2011

FUJIYAMA, Kie
YAMADA, Miyoko
KADO, Tokuyo

2012

OKADA, Katsuko
TSUJI, Yoshiaki
WATANABE, Isao

2014- Third Year

YAMASHITA, Tsunaye

Passings

Our deepest
condolences go to the
families and friends of

Mr. Yoshiyuki Okamura
(March 8)

and

Ms. Kiyoe Sakai
(March 14)





April 2016



Sun.	Mon.	Tues	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
					1	2 <u>10:00 am</u> Board meeting
3 <u>10:30 am</u> April Shotsuki Monthly Memorial Service	4 Apr. 3-5 VBT & Gardern- ers' Assoc. joint Harrison Hot Springs Tour	5	6 <u>7:00 pm</u> Intro to Bud- dhism series Lecture Rev. Michael Newton (Zen)	7 <u>12:00 Noon</u> Japanese Howakai & Seniors' Club	8 <u>7:00 pm</u> Public Lecture by Rev. Miki Nakura	9 <u>2:00 pm</u> FVBT Hana- matsuri & Shotsuki Monthly Memorial service
10 <u>10:30 am</u> Hanamatsuri Service and Keiroukai	11	12	13 <u>11:00 am</u> Nikkei Home Service (Rev. G. Ikuta)	14 <u>12:00 Noon</u> Japanese Howakai & Seniors' Club	15	16
17 <u>10:30 am</u> VBT Dharma Service	18	19	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> Apr 13 <u>7:00 pm</u> Intro to Bud- dhism series Lecture Lama Rabten (Tibet) </div>	21 <u>12:00 Noon</u> Japanese Howakai & Seniors' Club	22 Apr. 20-24 Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Temples of Canada AGM; Winnipeg, Manitoba	23
24 <u>10:30 am</u> VBT Dharma Service (led by Bob Akune Sen- sei)	25	26		28 <u>12:00 Noon</u> Japanese Howakai & Seniors' Club	29	30

VBT Keiroukai Party April 10

Keiroukai is an annual celebration to recognize the senior members of our sangha. We pay respects to those who have survived difficult times to sustain our wonderful teachings. Under very trying economic times and during periods in our history of ethnic differences as shown by the evacuation of all people of Japanese origin during World War II. Our seniors not only survived but succeeded to make enriched lives for themselves and for their families. They carried the same energy and spirit of "Gambaru" to sustain and further the growth of Shinshu teachings to all of us. For that we are thankful and the Keiroukai occasion is our way to say "domo arigato gozaimashita."



Please join us on Sunday, April 10 for this year's Keiroukai Lunch



May 2016



Sun.	Mon.	Tues	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
1 <u>10:30 am</u> VBT Dharma Service	2	3	4 <u>7:00 pm</u> Dharma Circle Meditation	5 <u>12:00 Noon</u> Japanese Howakai & Seniors' Club	6	7 <u>10:00 am</u> Toban and Board Meeting
8 <u>10:30 am</u> VBT Dharma Service	9	10	11	12 <u>12:00 Noon</u> Japanese Howakai & Seniors' Club	13	14
15 <u>10:30 am</u> Gotan-e And Shotsuki Monthly Memorial Service	<div> <div> May 18 <u>7:00 pm</u> Dharma Circle Meditation </div> <div> </div> </div>		18 <u>11:00 am</u> Nikkei Home Service (Rev. T. Aoki)	19 <u>12:00 Noon</u> Japanese Howakai & Seniors' Club	20 <u>May 21-23</u> Manning Park Annual Family Retreat	21
22 No Service at VBT	23	24	25	26 <u>12:00 Noon</u> Japanese Howakai & Seniors' Club	27	28
29 <u>10:30 am</u> VBT Dharma Service	30	31	JUNE 1 <u>7:00 pm</u> Dharma Circle Meditation	2 <u>12:00 Noon</u> Japanese Howakai & Seniors' Club	3	4 <u>9:00 am</u> Manju Making
5 <u>10:30 am</u> VBT Dharma Service	6	7	8	9 <u>12:00 Noon</u> Japanese Howakai & Seniors' Club	10	11 <u>10:00 am</u> Board Meeting
12 <u>10:30 am</u> Parents' Day and Shotsuki Monthly Memorial Service	13	14	15 <u>7:00 pm</u> Dharma Circle Meditation	16 <u>12:00 Noon</u> Japanese Howakai & Seniors' Club	17	18 VBT Golf Tournament (more info in next Bodhi Mind)