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DANA

An act of “dana” is the act of “giving” and “true dana” is to give “unselfishly.” They are acts of unselfish, loving kindness.

Years ago I heard a story. It was about a young Nisei (second generation Japanese) 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 (first generation) parents grew up. Times were hard... and he brought with him a rare treat to share with all his relatives—bars of Hershey’s chocolates. He passed them out to everyone. There was just enough for everyone to have one. 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 to me, to see how much my son is 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, we all 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. This we call out — Onembutsu — Namo Amida Butsu!

Let us try to live each day with our dharma eyes open.

Namo Amida Butsu,
Tatsuya Aoki



Message from the VBT Board

As a result of our recent elections, a new board of directors has been declared. The board is, of course, the voice of all our members. Thank you to all who have tirelessly given of their time and expertise in allowing the temple to serve its members and the community. Often decisions made by the board are not met with favour by some of our members. Please know that the board is doing the best it can to serve all its members. Sometimes seemingly wrong decisions are made. Please understand that we are all imperfect beings trying to make the right decisions for the benefit of all. Thank you to the members who have stepped forward to accept their election. The temple is very grateful.

Recently, at an extra-ordinary general meeting, a motion was passed to change the number on the board of directors from 25 down to 18 directors. The move became necessary because often there are insufficient numbers attending board meetings to make a quorum. Thus, no decisions could be made.

We can be truly grateful to all who serve on the board, or lead as chairpersons on committees and to the nameless temple members who

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Message from the VBT Board (cont.)

provide a helping hand, in order to keep a living and functioning temple for all its members.

Gassho,

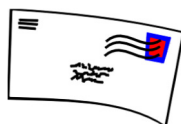
The VBT Board

The following members have been elected to the VBT Board for the 2017-2018 term:

- Robert Akune (Co-President)
- David Otori (Co-President)
- Frank Hamanishi (Vice President)
- Yvonne Nakano (Treasurer)
- Joanne Yuasa (Secretary)
- Martha Banno
- Brad Bishop
- Lorna Bishop
- Greg Chor
- Mits Kazuta
- Tom Kadota
- Paul Kitamura
- Izumi Low
- Harry Mizuta
- Kaz Yoshida

Bodhi Mind Newsletter

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Hello Vancouver Buddhist Temple Members and other Bodhimind newsletter recipients. Last year we started a list of people who want to receive a copy of the Bodhimind by email. Also, both the English and Japanese newsletters are posted for free download from our website, vancouverbuddhisttemple.com and are available at the temple. Anyone who wishes to receive their newsletter via email is asked to email Hiroko at temple.vbt@gmail.com.

Beginning January 1, 2018, The Temple will cease to mail the Bodhimind newsletter by Canada Post to non-members of Vancouver Buddhist Temple and Fraser Valley Buddhist Temple Members. Non-members can subscribe to have the English and/or Japanese Language paper edition(s) mailed to them for \$20 per calendar year. Please print and complete the table below and either email, mail or drop off at the temple. Payments may be included by cheque payable to Vancouver Buddhist Temple, by PayPal on the website or at the temple.

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VBT Recognized by Province



The VBT received a letter from Richard Linzey, Director of the Heritage Branch of the Ministry of Forests, Lands, and Natural Resource Operations stating that on April 1, 2017, the VBT was acknowledged as significant “to promote the heritage values of historic places that demonstrate the contribution of Japanese Canadians and Canadians of Japanese ancestry to the development of British Columbia. The Japanese Historic Places Recognition Project is part of the annual Provincial Historic Places Recognition Program.

Vancouver Buddhist Temple has been recognized for its value as a place of worship, spiritual education and friendship.

May we, the current members of the VBT Sangha, be grateful for previous members and Dharma supporters whose efforts sustained both our physical and spiritual presence in Vancouver as well as province and nation wide.

Important information about Donations

When the VBT receive donations, our aim is always to receive them with care, and to make sure donors are recognized for their generosity. This is done through the temple newsletter, but also through issuing official donation receipts for Income Tax purposes.

- In the case of **cheque donations**, VBT is only able to issue the receipt in the name of the account holder of the cheque
- In the case of **cash donations**, VBT will issue the receipt in the name indicated on the envelope. Please make sure the name of the donor is written clearly.
- In both cases, please make sure the mailing address is written clearly

We are deeply grateful for the generosity that allows our temple to function from day to day as a place for people to gather in the Dharma.



2017 OBON Cemetery & Temple Services

July 2 (Sun)

- 9:30 AM Forest Lawn フォレストローン
 10:00 AM Ocean View オーシャンビュー
 10:30 AM Mountain View マウンテンビュー@ North
 10:40 AM @South by the crematorium



July 2 (Sun)

- 4:00 PM Valley View (Surrey) バレービュー
 4:40 PM New Westminster ニュー・ウェストミンスター
 5:00 PM Coquitlam コキットラム

July 4 (Tue)

- 10:00 AM Maple Ridge メープルリッジ
 10:30 AM Whonnock ウォーノク
 11:00 AM Hatzic (Mission) ミッション

July 4
 Do you need a
 ride to Fraser
 Valley?

July 8 (Sat)

- 2:00 PM Aldergrove Cemetery オルダークローブ
 3:00 PM FVBT Obon Service & Bon Dance
 フレイザーバレーお盆・盆踊り

July 9 (Sun)

- 2:00 PM Vancouver Obon & Shotsuki 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

July 4 Cemetery Sites' Services

VBT office is arranging a carpool for people who wish to attend the cemetery services on July 4. Please sign up or call to the VBT office by June 29. We will leave from Vancouver Temple at 9:00AM (please bring your own lunch).



Guest Speaker

Rev. Kojo Kakihara

(Tacoma Buddhist Temple, WA)

講師：柿原興乗先生

OBON Services お盆法要日程

July 8 (Saturday)

- 3:00 PM Fraser Valley Buddhist Temple
 "Hatsubon, Obon, and July Shotsuki"
 (Guest Speaker: Rev. Kojo Kakihara)
 フレイザーバレー仏教会お盆法要
 (講師：柿原興乗先生)
 6:00 PM FVBT Bon Odori フレイザーバレー盆踊り

July 9 (Sunday)

- 2:00 PM Vancouver Buddhist Temple
 Hatsubon, Obon, and July Shotsuki
 (Guest Speaker: Rev. Kojo Kakihara)

バンクーバー仏教会

初盆・お盆・7月祥月法要

講師：柿原興乗先生

- 4:00 PM Vancouver Bon Odori
 バンクーバー 盆踊り

July 15 (Sat)

- 5:00PM Steveston Bon Odori

July 16 (Sun)

- 10:30 AM Steveston Buddhist Temple
 "Obon Service"
 スティブストン仏教会 お盆法要
 Tel: (604) 277-2323

2017 Obon Public Lectures

Japanese Lecture 7月6日 (木)

法座のお誘い

July 7(Fri)

English Public Lecture

正午

12:40PM



読経「正信偈」
 日本語法話
 お盆に想う 亡き方の縁
 講師：青木龍也先生
 於 仏教会本堂

7:00PM

8:30PM



"Dharma Teachers
 Everywhere!"
 by Rev. Kojo Kakihara



Greetings from the Valley

Spring is slowly coming to the valley...rain is plentiful, sunshine not so much but with the wisdom of our beliefs we are grateful for the sunshine we do have. Thank you to Reverend Ikuta for the delightful dharma talk at our May memorial service...we speak of beetles and oceans of wisdom - and the picture of the 5 year old sensei looking for beetles in Japan. Come to our monthly services and all of this will come clear.

We were finally able to have our annual general meeting at the temple after the service. The results of the nomination and election of our directors for year 2017 are as follows: Kim Conway, Marion Fujita, Jenny McSkimming, Amy Nagamatsu, Lori North, Paige Perry, Irene Rohrer, Adam Russenholt, Naomi Shikaze, and Lucy Yoshioka.

In other news, much interest was shown in the coming Vancouver Island Obon Tour by bus on August 11, 12 and 13th. If you are interested in going please contact Lucy Yoshioka, Naomi Shikaze or Reverend Ikuta.

The latest news regards the BCJSBTF AGM and Convention hosted by the FVBT on September 15, 16 and 17th which will be held at the Coast Hotel and Convention Centre in Langley, B.C. The theme is The Four Gates- Finding the Buddhist Path. For more information please contact any of the directors listed above.

In Gassho, Fraser Valley Buddhist Temple

Toban Groups

The following activities in June and July are the responsibility of **Toban #2**

JUNE

Sat. 3—9AM Manju Making

Sun. 11—9AM Parents' Day/Shotsuki

Sat. 24—11AM Annual Temple Party

Dr. & Mrs. Robert Akune	Mrs. Tokiko Hayashi
Mr. Patrick Couling	Mr. Shinobu Homma
Ms. Kiyoko Hanazawa	Mr. & Mrs. Narhari Joshi
Ms. Shirley Hanazawa	Mr. Suresh Joshi
Mrs. Masako Hattori	Mrs. Mary Kawamoto

British Columbia

Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Temples Federation 2017 Post Secondary Scholarships

The British Columbia Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Temples Federation awards two Post Secondary Scholarships annually. These scholarships are **open to any resident of BC** who:

- Is a full-time student attending a recognized post-secondary institution and enrolled for this coming fall semester in a program leading to a degree, diploma, or certificate; and
- Participates in religious/spiritual events and activities through a church, temple, or other recognized religious group.

For more information, or to have an application emailed to you, please contact Lori at

scholarships.bcjsbtf@gmail.com

Deadline for applications is August 15, 2017



Mr. & Mrs. Takehisa Kawasaki
Mr. Tom Kadota
Mrs. Sharon Kawasaki-Chan
Mr. Mits Kazuta
Mr. & Mrs. Paul Kitamura
Mrs. Fujiko Kitano
Mrs. Eleanor Kondo
Mrs. Fumie Kondo
Mr. Paul Kondo
Ms. Toshiko Koriyama
Mr. Dick Koyanagi
Mrs. Yoshiko Koyanagi

Mrs. Kazue Kozaka
Mr. Takeshi Kumano
Mrs. Shu MingLai
Mr. Doug Maruno
Mrs. Terumi Matsunaga
Mr. & Mrs. Sadao Minato
Mr. Kazuo Mori
Mrs. Noriko Natsukoshi
Mr. & Mrs. Richard Nomura
Mr. Tom Okada
Mrs. Fusae Sameshima
Mrs. Tsuneko Soyama

Mr. Tetsuo Takemori
Ms. Joyce Takeshita
Ms. Marilyn Teramura
Mr. & Mrs. Eiji Tsuji
Mr. & Mrs. Keith Tsukishima
Mrs. Toshiko Tsukishima
Mr. Dave Wong
Mrs. Kiyoe Yada
Mrs. Masako Yada
Mr. & Mrs. Yoshio Yagi
Mrs. Kuniko Yuasa

2017 Vancouver Island Obon Tour August 11 –13, Fee: \$375 / person (based on double occupancy)

Highlights:

- 50th Anniversary Banquet for Cumberland Japanese Cemetery Memorial. Special Presentation by Cumberland Museum.
- Visiting the Cumberland Japanese-Canadian Camp site 1 as well as the former Royston Buddhist Temple in Royston.
- Visiting the Japanese-Canadian cemetery sites in Cumberland, Nanaimo, Chemainus, Duncan, and at the Ross Bay Cemetery in Victoria
- Obon Service in Nanaimo
- Obon festival at Ross Bay Cemetery in Victoria.
- Enjoying fine culinary cuisines of the Island.

What's Included:

- * Return Ferry Fees (foot passenger. Personal Vehicles will be left at the Tsawassen Terminal)
 - * Bus Fee (Chartered bus will pick us up at Steveston Buddhist Temple and Swartz Bay Ferry Terminal for those joining from the Island)
 - * Most meals including the Friday evening Banquet. (Friday lunch on your own).
 - * Hotel for 1 night in Courtenay, and 1 night in Nanaimo (double occupancy).
- (Fee is based on 40 individuals on a 47 seat chartered bus. Price may go down slightly if we can get more people joining the tour).

Registration form is available at the VBT office. Please fax registration form to Steveston Buddhist Temple, Attn: Rev. Grant Ikuta (604) 273-0313 or email: rev.ikuta@steveston-temple.ca. Cheque payable to Steveston Buddhist Temple, 4360 Garry Street, Richmond, BC, V7E 2V2, Tel: (604) 277-2323 **by June 20, 2017.**



Fraser Valley Buddhist Temple Donations

Received in Gratitude

**May 13, 2017 Go-tane,
AGM & May Memorial Service**

Miriah Conway, Makoto Ikuta, Carole Hamanishi, Stan & Lucy Yoshioka, Jean Nakatsui, Irene Tateyama, Jenny Fujita & Mike McSkimming, Hiroshi & Ruth Honkawa, Amy Nagamatsu

In memory of mother Kiyo Nagamatsu - Lucy Chew (received in April)

In memory of Hisako Kawamoto
- Amy, May & Ted Kawamoto



Memberships - Kim Conway, Miriah Conway, Amy Nagamatsu, Jenny Fujita, Mike McSkimming

**In Gassho,
Fraser Valley Buddhist Temple**

June Shotsuki (Memorial) List

1959

*YAMAMOTO, Koshichi

1961

*HIRAKIDA, Chiyoko

MUKUYAMA, Sueko

1962

*KAWAGUCHI, Yoshigoro

1963

*UI, Kenny

*YAMASHITA, Manjiro

1964

*TAKEUCHI, Tomiye

1965

*HUDSON, Irene

1967

*INOUE, Kazuo

NAKAMURA, Rie

1968 (50th Year)

*FURUKAWA, Kumakichi

KASUYA, Toyonari

*NODA, Sueno

YADA, Kamen

1969

*HIKIDA, Yazaemon

1970

KANEKO, Shojiro

*MIYAGAWA, Ume

*ONO, Yosojiro

1971

*TABATA, Heizo

1972

*KONO, Nobue

*MAYEDA, Miyuki

*OHARA, Jo

1973

TAGUCHI, Sowa

1974

SAKAI, Tokuzo

*YAMAKE, Junzo

KASHIYAMA, Sumi

1975

*MORITA, Hiroshi

*SUGIYAMA, Yusaku

*WADA, Tsuneko

1976

KOBAYASHI, Kanzaburo

1977

*DOI, Yojiro

*HIRAYAMA, Shigeru

*YUDA, Chiwako

1978

*LEE, Shion

*MITSUI, Miyako

*NAGANO, Kazuichi

*SHINTANI, Kuni

1979

HARA, Shinichi

*KOZAI, Kiri

1981

*HORI, Tadao

WAKAHARA, Haru

1982

*MAYEDA, Hatsu

1983

*TANII, Kichiji

TERANISHI, Masuye

1985 (33rd Year)

*IWANAKA, Motoi

KARAKI, Hideaki

*KUMAMOTO, Jun

NISHIGUCHI, Waku

1986

NAKAMURA, Kamen

*TANIGUCHI, Juntaro

*TANIZAWA, Shige

UYENO, Yukio

SHIKAZE, Yoshio

1987

FUJIWARA, Katsu

KURAHASHI, Setsuko

MATSUTANI, Itono

1988

*SHIMIZU, Kaneyoshi

1990

*FUJII, Kauzuko

1991

*SATO, Hideo

*MOTOMOCHI, Yoshiko

*YOSHIDA, Teiichi

1992

EGAMI, Kimiye

*HAMANISHI, Takeo

*KAWAMOTO, Itoye

KUMANO, Asae

*KURAHASHI, Hisako

*NARIWA, Masahiro

*TANAKA, Mizuo

1993 (25th Year)

MORISHITA, Teiji

The June Shotsuki monthly memorial service will be held on **Sunday, June 11 at 10:30 am**

*MURATA, Yoshikazu

*YOSHIDA, Alvin

1994

*TAKUBO, Hisao

*FUJITA, Yasuyoshi

1995

INOUE, Tsutomu

ITO, Misao

WAKABAYASHI, Mitsuye

YAKURA, Yukinobu

YANO, Matsuyo

YANASE, Katsuhiko

KOBAYASHI, Hiroko

1996

SHIMIZU, Aiko

1997

*KANAYAMA, Shoichi

UYEDA, Miki

UYENO, Sumio

SHIKAZE, Eda

1998

HAMAZAKI, Kazuko

ODA, Masato

TANAKA, Yoshi

1999

MIYAGAWA, Sutekichi

NAKAGAWA, Yoshio

2000

KAZUTA, Kiyozo

2001 (17th Year)

KOJIMA, Marge

SHIMABUKURO, Nellie

IWATA, Robert

2002

*ASAOA, George

NAKAHARA, Ryosuke

2003

FUJITA, Chizuko

SOGA, Tsuneko

GOMYO, Yoshiaki

2004

SAKAMOTO,

Shigeko, Helen

HIRAKIDA, Margaret

2005 (13th Year)

FUKUMOTO, Toshiyuki

HAMA, Shizue

*FUKUDA, Yoshiko

MATSUNAGA, Toshiko

HIQUEBRAN, Harumi

HIQUEBRAN, Jimmy

James Hiroshi

MATSUNAGA, Masami

2006

BANDO, Hatsu

ISHINO, Masahiko

2007

WADA, Osamu

2008

SHIMIZU, Chiyomi

KISHIDA, Akira

2009

MATSUMOTO, Yoshiaki

SUGA, Kanji

SUZUKI, Yukiko

2010

URATA, Michiho

2011 (7th Year)

TAMURA, Misao

KIKUCHI, Megumi

2012

TODA, Miyo

KUBO, Yoshiko

MORI, Takao

2013

OKUYAMA, Yasuo

UYEDA, Fumiaki

SAKAMOTO, Fujie

OMATSU, Shirley

2015 (3rd Year)

OTAKI, Hiromi

TSUJI, Nobuo

2016 (First Year)

HOTTA, Shigeo

YAMAMOTO, Yoshino

MIYASHITA, Tsugi

ONO, Misao

Tateyama, Joe

Passings

Our deepest
condolences go to the
families and friends of

Mrs. Shoko Nakagawa

(85 yrs) April 20

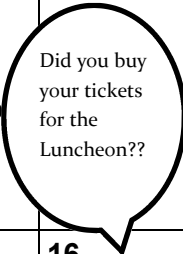


Mrs. Fumie Nakagawa

(101 yrs) April 29



June 2017



Sun.	Mon.	Tues	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
				1 12:00 PM Noon Howakai & Seniors' Club	2	3 9:00 AM Manju Making
4 9:00 AM BC Children's Hospital Fund- raising Run **NO service at VBT**	5	6	7	8 12:00 PM Noon Howakai & Seniors' Club	9 	10 10:00 AM VBT Board Meeting 2:00 PM FVBT June monthly memorial Shotsuki Service (Rev. G. Iku- ta)
11 10:30 AM Parents Day and June monthly memorial Shotsu- ki Service	12	13 7:00PM Obon Dance Practice	14	15 12:00 PM Howakai & Seniors' Club 7:00PM Obon Dance Practice	16 Submissions for July/ August Bo- dhi Mind DUE	17 
18 10:30 AM Dharma Service	19	20 7:00PM Obon Dance Practice	21 11:00AM Ser- vice at Nikkei Home (Rev. G. Ikuta)	22 12:00 PM Noon Howakai & Seniors' Club	22 7:00PM Obon Dance Practice	24 12:00 PM Noon Vancouver Buddhist Temple Appreciation Luncheon
25 10:30 AM Dharma Service	26	27 7:00PM Obon Dance Practice	28 29 7:00PM Obon Dance Practice	29 12:00 PM Noon Howakai & Seniors' Club	30	July 1 Canada Day 
2 Cemetery services (see pg 3) *No service at VBT	3 4 7:00PM Obon Dance Practice	4 Cemetery services (see pg 3)	5 6 7:00PM Obon Dance Practice	6 12:00 PM Noon Howakai & Seniors' Club	7 7:00 PM English Public Lecture (See pg 3)	8 3:00 PM FVBT Hatsubon/ Obon/ July & August Shotsuki Services
9 2:00 PM Hatsubon/Obon Shotsuki Service 4:00 PM Obon Dance	10 11 7:00PM Obon Dance Practice	11	12	13 12:00 PM Noon Seniors' Club	14	15 10:00 AM Toban and Board Meeting

VBT Party

12:00 PM Noon

Saturday, June 24

Tix: \$10/adult, \$5/student



Please join us at the VBT for a special luncheon at noon, on Saturday, June 24. The Luncheon will be followed by a speaker from the Fraser Valley Gleaners Society, a non-profit organization involved in food distribution to the developing world. There will also be opportunities to win prizes in Bingo games! Deadline for buying tickets through your Toban Captain or the VBT Office is June 16.