

### Dharma Service with Rev. Aoki on Zoom

Please contact Rev. Aoki at:  
[rev.aoki@gmail.com](mailto:rev.aoki@gmail.com)  
to receive the Zoom link  
or check the temple website  
(Service takes approximately 30  
minutes - Meditation, Sutra  
Chanting, and Dharma Talk)



Saturday, July 30<sup>th</sup> at 10AM  
Saturday, August 6<sup>th</sup> at 10AM  
Saturday, August 27<sup>th</sup> at 10 AM

Sunday, August 7<sup>th</sup>  
@ 10:00 a.m.

### Japanese Canadian Memorial Service/ Keirokai/Shotsuki



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Please RSVP.  
(Scan the code, phone, or  
email the temple.)

### Masks are still required when in the temple

The Zoom link is:

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# Bodhi Mind



## Vancouver Buddhist Temple

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### Appreciation = To Know the Value of Something



We have had quite a cool summer so far, but while I am writing this article, we are expecting warmer weather to arrive soon. It has been two years since we cancelled our Obon services and Bon dances. We observed our annual Obon service at the Vancouver Buddhist temple on July 10<sup>th</sup>. We had about 150 attendees and the Bon dance was held in the Social Hall due to street closure permit issues. I would like to extend my appreciation to Sensei Akemi Komori, who organized the practices - since June and lead the Bon dance on that day. I would also like to express my appreciation to Les Komori, who did the Taiko drumming for us.

As we live our lives, with inevitable changes and challenges each day, we try to see what value we hold in our lives. When our Dharma eyes open, we see clearly that life is constantly changing. Nothing can last forever. When our eyes are opened to this, we begin to see that we cannot help but live deeply, appreciating people whom we love, to friends whom we have, and for the moment that we are able to live. We often hear that the life of Nembutsu, Namo Amida Butsu, is a life of our appreciation.

But what is appreciation? We use and hear this word often. We talk about it, especially when we come to hear the Buddha-Dharma. I have come to think that we hear this word too often, and we don't really think about its meaning. I looked up the meaning of 'appreciation' in the Webster's Dictionary. It was very interesting because it was a very simple definition. According to the dictionary, 'appreciation' means, "to know the value of something." I believe that when we know the value of something, then we are able to treasure and cherish it. Real treasures of our lives are not things we own or of monetary worth, but are the people. People in our lives give meaning and value to the wonderful life that we live each day.

We are observing a Japanese Canadian Memorial Service in conjunction with our August Shotsuki and Keiro-Kai senior appreciation, at the temple, on Sunday, August 7<sup>th</sup> at 10 am. I am looking forward to seeing many of you, and let us continue to express our appreciation to our ancestors and people who are physically around us.

Namo Amida Butsu  
Tatsuya Aoki



## **Message from the VBT Board**

This year's Obon service and Odori Festival was held, for the first time, in two years at our temple, with no limit to the number of members and friends who wished to attend. It was the first 'in-person' gathering, in two years, to celebrate this annual event. This observance is based on the legendary story of one of Shakyamuni Buddha's disciples, by the name of Moggallana, who danced with joy and thankfulness upon the salvation of his mother by the compassionate workings of the Buddha.

While the attendance was less than our usual numbers, 170 people attended our Obon service, which included the Hatsubon observance (first-year passing). A further 50 plus dancers participated in the Odori. Carefully following COVID pandemic protocols, such as, wearing masks, and observing hygienic practices, no one's health was reported to be compromised. Our hard working members spent two days to prepare bento given to attendees. The atmosphere in the temple was one of much joy and happiness.

\*The Powell Street Festival will return after a two year absence due to COVID. Our temple participates, with a host of neighbour organizations, and is a significant fund-raising event. It takes place on the BC Day weekend. Please come to join in the events and volunteer if possible.

(\*The event has not yet occurred at the time of this report)

Namo Amida Butsu,

The Board



## **Dates to Mark on Your Calendar...**

**Powell Street Festival** - July 30<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup>

**Japanese Canadian Memorial Service, Keirokai & Bento Luncheon** - Sunday, August 7<sup>th</sup>  
@ 10:00 am (Scan the code to register)

**BC Jodo Shinshu Federation Vancouver Island Obon Tour** - August 11<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup>

**BC Jodo Shinshu Federation Convention** - Steveston - September 16<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup>

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## Greetings from the Valley...



It is summer in the valley, and after the late (almost nonexistent) spring, growth is obvious, but slow. Usually, raspberries, strawberries, and blueberries compete for recognition instead of being available in a logical sequential order... strawberries first, then raspberries and finally blueberries... but just seeing them in the roadside stands seems finally normal.

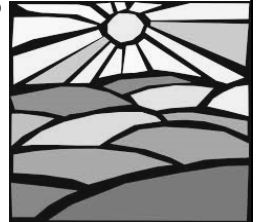
The temple held its first complete Obon service with good service, Reverend Ikuta as guest minister; good food, everyone brought their best and traditional; good dancing... Obon odori for everyone because no one had been able to practice, we all looked talented.. and wonderful sangha company.

Our next service will be held in September, but until then we will be having a movie so watch for the notice so we can get together to share popcorn and sembe.

In gassho,

FVBT

Fraser Valley Buddhist Temple



### Japanese Movie Afternoons

On Sunday, August 28<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm come join us to watch Japanese movies (with English subtitles) at the Fraser Valley Buddhist Temple. Those attending the session will be able to choose from **Bento Harassment** or **Mirai**.

Our Movie Afternoon is a project funded by the JC Health & Wellness Fund as a free social activity to bring our seniors, their families and friends together, and it is open to everyone.

For more information on our Movie Afternoons you may email Lori at: [lori.north@gmail.com](mailto:lori.north@gmail.com) (English) or call Lucy Yoshioka at: (604) 856-6492 (Japanese).



## Fraser Valley Buddhist Temple Donations Received in Gratitude

John & Masuko Kamimura  
Sam & Pat Yoshioka -  
In memory of Hideko Yoshioka  
Sam & Pat Yoshioka -  
In memory of Merv Araki  
Vivien Nishi - membership & donation

### **July 9, 2022 Obon Service**

Genevieve Iwata, Teruko Ikuta, Chieko Takasaki, Naomi Shikaze, Ryoko Tateyama, Mr. & Mrs. Tom Matsuno, Masami Miyagi,

Stan & Lucy Yoshioka, Simon & Sherry Yee, Ron & Marilyn Fujita, Mac Cassia, Amy Nagamatsu, M. Fujita, Jenny Fujita & Mike McSkimming  
Reiko Honkawa - In memory of Ken & Fumi Honkawa



## Japanese Canadian Memorial Service

**Luncheon and Entertainment (Free)**  
**Sunday, August 7, 2022 at 10:00 AM**

**Vancouver Buddhist Temple**  
**220 Jackson Avenue**  
**Vancouver, BC, V6A 3B3**

**RSVP by August 3<sup>rd</sup> 2022**

[www.vancouverbuddhisttemple.com](http://www.vancouverbuddhisttemple.com)  
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[temple.vbt@gmail.com](mailto:temple.vbt@gmail.com)

*Sponsored by the Japanese Canadian Wellness Fund*

参拝には事前連絡が必要です。

仏教会へご連絡ください。



## Upcoming Events

Saturday, July 30<sup>th</sup> -  
Dharma Service @ 10:00

July 30<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup> -  
Powell Street Festival

Saturday, August 6<sup>th</sup> -  
Dharma Service @ 10:00

Sunday, August 7<sup>th</sup> -  
Japanese Canadian  
Memorial Service,  
Keirokai & Shotsuki  
Service @ 10:00 am VBT  
(masks required) &  
on-line. Please pre-  
register if attending in  
person.

Saturday, August 27<sup>th</sup> -  
Dharma Service @ 10:00

\*\*\* All services start @ 10:00  
am and will be via Zoom,  
except where indicated.

The Zoom link is:

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## Return to the Toban System

Ever so gradually, the temple is opening up, and with that, more needs to be done to help with the upkeep. As a result, the board has decided to return to the Toban system.



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 is for the first time or the 100<sup>th</sup> time—the care we put in our temple expresses how precious we hold the Teachings of the Buddha.

The Tobans will look after Memorial/Shotsuki services. Some of the duties include: cleaning the Hondo, inside and outside the temple; a parking attendant will be needed; as well as a couple people to act as service receptionist and usher. Help will also be needed for lunch prep for various monthly activities.



The following activities in August are the responsibility of **Toban #4**

**August Shotsuki/Japanese Canadian Memorial Service/Keirokai** - Sunday, August 7<sup>th</sup>  
@ 9:00 a.m.

Please contact the VBT, or Toban 4's captains, Frank Hamanishi and/or Yvonne Nakano if you are able to help.

### Toban 4:

Norihiko Akagi  
Yasuhiko Ted Bando  
Yuko Bando  
Martha Masako Banno  
Sachi Chiya  
Michael Elliott  
Patricia Hamanishi  
Kyoko Hinada  
Summer Ayumi Hinada  
Mitsue Ikegami

Bill Hideo Kajiware  
Toshiko Kajiware  
Sandra Midori Kawasaki  
Sharon Kawasaki-Chan  
Julian Lim  
Carmeilya Lim  
May Mukai  
Tom Mukai  
Yoshiye Nakata  
Kazuyo Nakatsu  
Catherine Nishikawa

Yaeko Jean Nishimura  
Tomiko Noda  
Robert Nomura  
Gary Okada  
Jenny Y. Pedersen  
Robert Pedersen  
Mitsuye Sakata  
Diane Shikaze  
Gentaro Shimizu  
Bob Mamoru Soga  
Michiko Soga

Scott Jacques Strathern  
Chizuko Jean Wakahara  
Hiroko Watanabe  
Kiyoko Yada  
Keiko Yakumo  
Catherine Yamamoto  
Akari Yokogawa  
Tomonori Yokogawa  
Yuuki Albert Yokogawa  
Christine H. Yoshida  
Kazuye Yoshida

## Thank You to...

A lot of work is required to keep the temple in working order. From time to time things break-down or we need assistance in the kitchen. As well as the board of directors, we are very fortunate to have volunteers answer the call for help.

A huge shout-out and thanks to:

- ♦ July 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> Obon prep - Molly Akune, Eddie Au, Joyce Chan, Tei Domitsu, Masae Ishii, Satsu Kanegae, Takiko Kawasaki, Eileen & Paul Kitamura, Frances Minato, Michiyo Teranishi, Christine, Kaz, & Margaret Yoshida.
- ♦ July 23<sup>rd</sup> Manju making: Joyce Chan, Haruyo Chiba, Frank & Pat Hamanishi, Masae Ishii, Takiko Kawasaki, Eileen & Paul Kitamura, Sam Kobayashi, Alamy Liu, Akemi Mizuta, Bob Nomura, Bob Soga, Kazue Tsurusaki, Christine, Kaz, & Margaret Yoshida.

## Volunteers Needed

The next couple of months are going to be very busy at the temple. If you are available, please come and help at one or both of the following events:

- Friday, July 29<sup>th</sup> - Sunday, July 31<sup>st</sup> - Powell Street Festival set-up & food prep Friday @ 9:00 am; Saturday @ 8:00 am; Sunday @ 9:00 am
- Sunday, August 7<sup>th</sup> - Japanese Canadian Memorial Service & Keirokai @ 9:00 a.m.

## Memorial Years of 2022

1<sup>st</sup> Year - 2021  
3<sup>rd</sup> Year - 2020

7<sup>th</sup> Year - 2016  
13<sup>th</sup> Year - 2010

17<sup>th</sup> Year - 2006  
25<sup>th</sup> Year - 1998

33<sup>rd</sup> Year - 1990  
50<sup>th</sup> Year - 1973



## **RSVP - Japanese Canadian Memorial Service, Keirokai, and Luncheon**

**SERVICE:** Sunday, August 7<sup>th</sup> @ 10:00 am

**EVENT ADDRESS:** Vancouver Buddhist Temple (220 Jackson Avenue, Vancouver, BC, V6A 3B3)

**CONTACT:** 604 253-7033 or [temple.vbt@gmail.com](mailto:temple.vbt@gmail.com) **RSVP Deadline: Wednesday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>**

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**Member's Name (first name last name):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone #:** \_\_\_\_\_ **or Cell #:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Names of people attending (including yourself):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Are any of the members of your party INTERNEES? Yes** \_\_\_\_\_ **No** \_\_\_\_\_

**If yes, please provide their names:** \_\_\_\_\_

## **KEIROKAI**

**Are you 75 or older? Yes** \_\_\_\_\_ **No** \_\_\_\_\_

**Were you born...**

**1921 - 1923? Yes** \_\_\_\_\_ **No** \_\_\_\_\_

**1932 - 1934? Yes** \_\_\_\_\_ **No** \_\_\_\_\_

**1943 - 1945? Yes** \_\_\_\_\_ **No** \_\_\_\_\_



## August Shotsuki (Memorial) List

**1943**  
 SUZUKI, Kou  
**1960**  
 \*KONDO, Shigeru  
**1961**  
 \*SAKAMOTO, Sadakichi  
 \*ODAMURA, Mine  
**1962**  
 \*ONO, Ihei  
**1963**  
 HAMAKAWA, Koto  
 \*KONISHI, Hanayo  
**1965**  
 \*ODAMURA, Magoichi  
 RYUJIN, Eiko  
**1966**  
 ARAKI, Nui  
 HAYA, Kumae  
**1967**  
 \*SHIMIZU, Ichiro  
**1968**  
 \*NAKASHIMA, Otoyoe  
 MIZUYABU, Toshio  
**1969**  
 MIO, Tomekichi  
 UYEYAMA, Yasumatsu  
**1970**  
 \*KITAGAWA, Kenzo  
 HANADA, Kinuye  
**1972**  
 AMANO, Katsuyo  
 \*SHIGEOKA, Heishiro  
**1973 - 50<sup>th</sup> Year**  
 \*MATSUMOTO, Kingo  
 \*UYEDA, Tane  
**1974**  
 SHINTANI, Niichi  
**1975**  
 ASAOA, Toichiro  
 \*NISHI, Yoshizo  
 TERANISHI, Yasukichi  
 \*HAMA, Yasumatsu  
**1977**  
 \*HASHIMOTO, Shusuke  
**1978**  
 \*HONMA, Chizuye  
 \*SEKIYA, Tashichi  
**1980**  
 MITSUI, Wakako  
**1981**  
 \*UYEDA, Mika  
 \*ISHIKAWA, Isamu  
**1982**  
 \*TATEOKA, Den  
**1983**  
 \*SAKAI, Sadao  
**1984**  
 \*SATO, Tadashi  
 \*HANAZAWA, Genichi  
**1985**  
 TERANISHI, Sayo  
 \*NISHIKIHAMA,  
 Torasaburo  
 ENJO, Masa  
 \*WAKAHARA, Hidemi  
**1986**  
 \*NII, Shizuko  
**1987**  
 AMANO, Shizuye  
 NISHI, Akiko  
 NOMURA, Tom  
 \*YAMAMOTO, Matsuye  
**1988**  
 \*NOMURA, Reiko  
**1989**  
 TATSUMI, Eiichi  
 \*ONO, Fumiye  
**1990 - 33<sup>rd</sup> Year**  
 HONMA, Shizuye  
**1991**  
 IWATA, Motomaru  
**1992**  
 \*TANAKA, Kimiyo  
 MOTOKADO, Kiku  
**1994**  
 \*TAMAKI, Natsuno  
**1995**  
 KITAGAWA, Kuri  
 TANAKA, Yukiko  
 YAMASAKI, Keiichiro  
 NASU, Hideo  
 SAKATA, Tatsuzo  
**1996**  
 HAYASHI, Yasue

The August Shotsuki monthly memorial service will be held in-person and virtually (via Zoom) on Sunday, August 7<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am.

**1997**  
 FURUGORI, Shuji  
 TAMOTO, Satoru  
**1998 - 25<sup>th</sup> Year**  
 YOKOME, Haruka  
**1999**  
 NAKANO, Ryoshichi  
**2001**  
 OKANO, Yoshio  
 NAKASHIMA, Miyuki  
**2002**  
 YAMAMOTO, Sumiko  
 FUKUI, John Yaichi  
 FUKUI, Chiyoko  
 YAMADA, Frank Jinsho  
 SUZUKI, Fred Shoichi  
**2003**  
 KENNO, Jane Yaye  
 TAJIRI, Kazuaki  
 KITANO, Roy Shozo  
 \*YOSHIOKA, Harue  
**2004**  
 OKAHASHI, George  
**2005**  
 KOYANAGI, Emiko  
 NISHIHAMA, Kino  
 OHORI, Tadayuki  
 SUZUKI, Kazunobu  
 WATANABE, Tokiko  
**2006 - 17<sup>th</sup> Year**  
 KAWASAKI, Shizue  
 KONDO, Emiko  
**2007**  
 KUNO, Takao  
**2008**  
 YAMASHITA, Kenji  
 SAWAMOTO, Miyuki  
 SUGIYAMA, Hiromi  
**2009**  
 NAKANO, Matsue  
 OISHI, Ishie  
 TAKESHITA, Tamiye  
**2010 - 13<sup>th</sup> Year**  
 NAKANO, Tsuyako  
 AMANO, Sadao  
**2011**  
 TANIZAWA, Ryoji  
**2012**  
 MIZUNO, Michika  
**2013**  
 MOCHIZUKI, Toshi  
**2014**  
 TAMAKI, Shinkichi  
**2015**  
 KASUYA, Miwako  
**2016 - 7<sup>th</sup> Year**  
 YAMAGUCHI, Ryo  
 HASEBE, Hideo  
 ATAGI, Misaye  
**2017**  
 MAEKAWA, Saburo  
**2018**  
 YOSHIKAWA, Sayoko  
 KAWAHIRA, James  
 KAWAMOTO, Amy  
**2019**  
 TANAKA, Miyoshi  
 MARUNO, Hisako  
 MIMOTO, Michiho  
**2020 - 3<sup>rd</sup> Year**  
 TABATA, Shoji  
**2021 - 1<sup>st</sup> Year**  
 TAKATA, Masako

### Passings

Our deepest  
condolences go to the  
families and friends of

Mrs. Crystal Fujita  
(43) July 4<sup>th</sup>

\*\*The Shotsuki Service will be  
held on Sunday, August 7<sup>th</sup> at  
the temple & via Zoom @ 10:00  
am.

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Also, you can dial-in to the  
service.

Dial: 778-907-2071  
Press Meeting ID#:

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