

## 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, April 1<sup>st</sup> at 10AM  
Saturday, April 15<sup>th</sup> at 10AM  
Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup> at 10 AM



# Bodhi Mind



## Vancouver Buddhist Temple

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### Spring 2023



Due to the cooler weather we have experienced this past winter, cherry blossoms have begun blooming later than usual. As I write this article, it is now the spring "Ohigan (Equinox) season. The Equinox happens twice a year, once in the spring and once in the fall, when day and night are exactly equal. The spring Equinox traditionally marks the end of the cold winter and the start of a warm spring. During the Equinox time, I often talk about "balance" during my Dharma talks. I would like to

share one of the parables here.

Once, a monk named Soōa was practicing walking meditation with such determination that his feet started to bleed. The Buddha came to know of this and asked Soōa, "Before you became a monk, weren't you skilled in playing the lute?" "I was, Lord." "And when the strings were too tight or too loose, was the music pleasant and tuneful?" "No, Lord." "And when the strings were neither too tight nor too loose, was the music pleasant?" "Yes, Lord." "In the same way, when too much effort is made, the result is unbalanced and lacking in flow. When there is insufficient effort, there is no harmony, no continuity, and feeling. Therefore, Soōa, keep your energy in balance, be sensitive to the fine balance between the faculties, and you will attain your goal". This also relates to the teaching of Middle Way.

We will be celebrating Shakyamuni Buddha's birthday (Hanamatsuri), Keiro-Kai (Honouring the Elderly), Hatsumairi (Infant Presentation) and April Shotsuki Memorial service. We are planning to serve a delicious lunch and play games of Bingo after the service, so please come and join the service on Sunday, April 9<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. (not 10:00 a.m.)!

In gassho,

Tatsuya Aoki



Sunday, April 9<sup>th</sup>  
**@ 11:00 a.m.**

### **Hanamatsuri/Keirokai & Shotsuki/Memorial Service**

Please RSVP

**Masks are still required when  
in the temple**

The Zoom link is:  
Meeting ID: 692 059 0986  
Passcode: shinran

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## Message from the VBT Board

The VBT held it's AGM on Sunday, February 5<sup>th</sup>. A new board of directors was 'elected'. The VBT's board of directors for 2023-2024 are: Robert Akune, Lorna Bishop, Greg Chor, Mayumi Dar, Frank Hamanishi, Tim Hirata, Megumi McGrath, and Joanne Yuasa. The VBT board executive remains the same: President - Dave Ohori, Vice president - Trish Keizer, Treasurer - Yvonne Nakano, and Secretary - Derek Iwanaka. Many thanks to outgoing board members Patrick Couling and Mits Kazuta, and a warm welcome to new directors Mayumi Dar and Megumi McGrath.

The one issue discussed at the AGM was the temple's eastern wall. The wall was damaged late, last summer when our neighbours tore down their building to construct a multipurpose building. It has been a lengthy process trying to repair the wall because the exposed wall will need weatherproofing and other work. This is proving to be quite costly because of engineering and legal costs. Snow load on our roof was another issue that came to light from the construction. Greg Chor, Derek Iwanaka, and Dave Ohori have been working tirelessly with engineers, consultants, and lawyers to figure out a solution and get the necessary repairs completed. We will continue to keep everyone updated.

Please join us on Sunday, April 9<sup>th</sup> for Hanamatsuri, Keirokai, our April Shotsuki service, and lunch. Complete the form below if you would like to attend.

In gassho,  
The Board



## Hanamatsuri and Keirokai Luncheon

**RSVP - 2023 Hanamatsuri/Keirokai/Shotsuki/Memorial Service**

**SERVICE:** Sunday, April 9<sup>th</sup> @ 11:00 am & luncheon

**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) **DEADLINE:** April 6<sup>th</sup> @ 12:00 p.m.



Name (first name last name): \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Number of people attending (including yourself): \_\_\_\_\_



## Greetings from the Fraser Valley Buddhist Temple!



Happy spring, happy Hanamatsuri from the valley!

With the time change back to daily savings and weather sometimes spring-like we look forward to warmer, longer days. The coming months will be busy with Hanamatsuri, JSBTC annual general meeting and the BCJSBTF spring meeting. If you are going to the World Buddhist Women's Conference in Kyoto, that is an even more exciting event.

The FVBT held its annual general meeting on March 11<sup>th</sup> after service and we are pleased to announce that not only did the entire board remain intact, we actually have a new member on board, Vivien Nishi has joined us. We are extremely happy to welcome her wonderful ideas and great energy. So our board is Lori North, Jenny Fujita, Naomi Shikaze, Ron Nishimura, Denise Cork, Lucy Yoshioka, and Vivien Nishi.

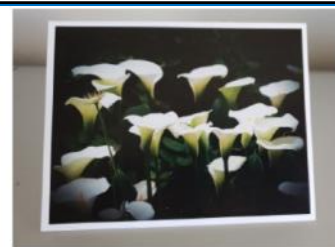
Our big news is that we are hosting the popular Spring Dinner and Silent Auction this year on May 6<sup>th</sup>. We have not been able to hold this for four years so we are excitedly planning the best dinner and auction ever. Please plan to join us, we will have posters at the temple and tickets will be available from Hanamatsuri on (and Dave, if you and Monica are tired of the obon odori picture, you can donate it back to the auction!).

Thank you to all our sangha who have been continuously donating and coming to the temple for services when we can hold them. Things are getting better...with gratitude from the temple.

Fraser Valley Buddhist Temple

## JSBTC Women's Federation Card Fundraiser

The JSBTC Women's Federation has produced blank cards for sale with images chosen from the many temple members across Canada who submitted



designs to feature on the cards. The final artwork chosen for the cards are: Cherry Blossoms by Laurie Takeda of Calgary Buddhist Temple, Castle Two Trees by Y. Izumi of Buddhist Temple of Southern Alberta, and Calla Lilies by Ted Akune of Steveston Buddhist Temple. The cards can be used for any occasion.

This Fundraising Project will help offset the costs of supporting travel for 4 representatives to attend the 2023 World Women's Conference in Kyoto. A pack of 6 blank cards (4.25" x 5.5") are \$10 a pack. Each pack has 2 cards of each of the three designs. Please contact the office or Lorna Bishop to purchase the cards.

## HATSUMAIRI - Infant Presentation Ceremony

We cordially invite all families with infants up to one year of age to participate in our annual Hatsumairi Ceremony, which will take place during our Hanamatsuri (Sakyamuni Buddha's Birthday) service on **Sunday, April 9<sup>th</sup> 2023**. 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: **Thursday, April 6<sup>th</sup>**.

## Membership Renewal Reminder

A gentle reminder to submit your 2023 VBT membership fee.

For 2023, Membership fees are as follows:

- Adult Member \$100
- Family including 2 adults and children (up to 19 or the year of graduation from grade 12) \$200
- Student Member (attended full time post secondary education during the last 18 months) \$25 per member

## Upcoming Events

Saturday, April 1<sup>st</sup> -  
Dharma Service @ 10:00

Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup> -  
Fraser Valley Service @  
2:00 pm

Sunday, April 9<sup>th</sup> -  
Hanamatsuri/Keirokai/  
Shotsuki/Memorial  
service @ **11:00 am**

Saturday, April 15<sup>th</sup> -  
Dharma Service @ 10:00

Sunday, April 16<sup>th</sup> -  
In-person service @  
10:00 am

April 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> -  
JSBTC AGM & Tsuito  
Hoyo @ Steveston  
Buddhist Temple

Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup> -  
Dharma Service @ 10:00

\*\*\*All services, except where  
indicated, will be via Zoom.

The Zoom link is:

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## Toban 3 Will Be Responsible For the Month of April and May



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 April and May are the responsibility of: **Toban #3**

- ♦ Hanamatsuri/Keirokai and Shotsuki/Memorial Service - Sunday, April 9<sup>th</sup>
- ♦ Bento making - Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00 a.m. & Sunday, April 30<sup>th</sup> @ 8:00 a.m.
- ♦ Gotane and Shotsuki/Memorial Service - Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup>
- ♦ Manju making (mushi & mikasa) - Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00 a.m.
- ♦ Manju making (yaki) - Saturday, May 27<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00 a.m.
- ♦ Bento making - Saturday, May 27<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00 a.m. & Sunday, May 28<sup>th</sup> @ 8:00 a.m.



### Captains:

Dave Ohori  
Trish Keizer

Noriko Chijiwa  
Tei Domitsu  
Kazue Egami  
Maureen Ing  
Derek Iwanaka  
Lorene A. MacDonald  
Jack S. Matsuda  
Takayo Matsuda  
Yasuko Masuhara  
Barry Matsumoto  
Carol Matsumoto

Myra McDonald  
Ray B. McDonald  
Colin McGrath  
Megumi McGrath  
Akiko Minato  
Frances Harumi Minato  
Harry Haruo Minato  
Karen Mizushima  
Tatsutoki Mizushima  
Orrin Morishita  
Yukie Morishita  
Hiroyuki Morimoto  
Tomiye Morimoto  
Kazumi Nakano  
Yachiyo Nishi

Tomiko Niwatsukino  
Junko Ohori  
Monica Ohori  
Sachiko Omoto  
Thomas Renovich  
Mikio Takeda  
Kazuko Takahara  
Sandy Tanaka  
Michiko Tanizawa  
Kaoru Tataru  
Tomiko Uyeyama  
Nancy Yamazaki  
Sadayo Yamazaki  
Tatsuya F. Yamazaki  
Joanne Yuasa

## 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:

- ♦ Paul Kitamura for shovelling the snow around the temple.
- ♦ Edward Oyama for fixing the furnace.
- ♦ January Manju making: Molly Akune, JoAnna Bazeley, Joyce Chan, Satsu Kanegae, Takiko Kawasaki, Paul & Eileen Kitamura, Akemi Mizuta, Keiko Oyama, Michiyo Teranishi, Kazue Tsurusaki, Christine, Kaz, and Margaret Yoshida
- ♦ February Bento: Molly Akune, Joyce Chan, Satsu Kanegae, Takiko Kawasaki, Kaoru & Masayo Kikuchi, Paul & Eileen Kitamura, Akemi Mizuta, Michiyo Teranishi, Kazue Tsurusaki, Christine, Kaz, and Margaret Yoshida



## Memorial Years of 2023

1<sup>st</sup> Year - 2022  
3<sup>rd</sup> Year - 2021

7<sup>th</sup> Year - 2017  
13<sup>th</sup> Year - 2011

17<sup>th</sup> Year - 2007  
25<sup>th</sup> Year - 1999

33<sup>rd</sup> Year - 1991  
50<sup>th</sup> Year - 1974

## April Shotsuki (Memorial) List

**1958**  
 \*HIRAYAMA, Michiyo  
**1960**  
 NOMURA, Yaozo  
**1961**  
 \*HARA, Tadashi  
**1963**  
 \*MATSUNO, Riu  
 \*TABUCHI, Kizo  
**1964**  
 \*YONEMURA, Senzo  
**1967**  
 \*KANEKO, Seki  
 \*SHIMIZU, Zenzo  
**1969**  
 \*SUGIMOTO, Tome  
**1972**  
 \*NAKASHIMA, Yasumatsu  
 \*SAKATA, Ryoza  
 \*YAMAMOTO, Isamu  
 \*YOSHIDA, Keijiro  
 \*YOSHIOKA, Teruo  
**1973**  
 \*KOBAYASHI, Isuke  
 \*YAMAGUCHI, Kiyoko  
**1974—50<sup>th</sup> Year**  
 \*SHIRAHAMA, Tomomi  
**1975**  
 \*HASEBE, Yukio  
 \*TERADA, Kentaro  
**1976**  
 \*EDAMURA, Jujiro  
**1977**  
 \*KOYANAGI, Toru  
**1978**  
 \*KAMATA, Genzaburo  
**1980**  
 \*IKEDA, Toyoharu  
 INOUE, Yoshinobu  
 KOMORI, Fujihiro  
 MARUNO, Michiko  
**1981**  
 \*TATEYAMA, Shigeyoshi  
 \*WAKABAYASHI, Masa  
 \*TANAKA, Kiyo  
**1982**  
 \*HASEBE, Noburo  
 \*IWABUCHI, Shimpei  
 MATSUI, Sadao  
**1983**  
 NUKINA, Yoshiko  
**1984**  
 \*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  
**1991—33<sup>rd</sup> Year**  
 BANNO, Magohachi  
 \*DOI, Sumiko  
 \*GODO, Moichi  
 \*UTSUNOMIYA, Kinuye  
**1992**  
 \*OSATO, Hiroko  
 TSUJI, Sumi  
 YADA, Katsutoshi  
**1993**  
 \*CHIAI, Asae  
 KOYANAGI, Mitsuru  
 \*TANIYAMA, Shigeru  
**1994**  
 \*FUKUHARA, Asano  
 \*SHISHIDO, Kiyoko  
 TANIZAWA, Mitsuyoshi  
**1995**  
 MATSUNAGA, Shigekazu  
**1996**  
 KONDO, Masaru  
 TERAOKA, Hideo  
**1997**  
 KITANO, Yaeno  
 TSUJI, Tadao  
**1998**  
 NISHI, Kenichi  
 FUJIWARA, Akira  
**1999—25<sup>th</sup> Year**  
 MATSUSHITA, Naka  
**2000**  
 EGAMI, Yukio  
 FORSYTH, Aiko Mary  
 KAWABATA, Eijiro  
 YOSHIOKA, George  
 MATANOJO, George

The April Shotsuki monthly memorial service will be held in person and virtually (via Zoom) on Sunday, April 9<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am.

MORIUCHI, Chie  
**2001**  
 NISHI, Diane  
 TAKAI, Sumiko  
 TSUJI, Soto  
**2003**  
 FUJII, Kiyosada  
 SHIMABUKURO, Toshio  
**2004**  
 BABA, Kohei  
 HAMAZAKI, Kazue  
 NAKASHIMA, Yasuharu  
**2005**  
 MORISHITA, Sawa  
**2006**  
 Ikegami, Sachiko  
 KIKUCHI, Toru  
 KOMORI, Tadahiro  
**2007—17<sup>th</sup> Year**  
 FUCHIHARA, Mike  
 KAZUTA, Matsuko  
**2008**  
 NISHI, Masaru  
 TAKAKI, Yukio Frank  
 YAMASHITA, Shunichi  
**2009**  
 FUNATSU-MEYER, Shohei  
 TAKAHARA, Kiyokazu  
**2010**  
 NOMURA, Emily  
**2012**  
 SATO, Sumiko  
 TAMAKI, Michiko  
 ABURAMOTO, Reiko  
**2013**  
 YUZA, Jihei  
 NISHIZAWA, Chieko  
 TAKEUCHI, Akio  
**2014**  
 KURAHASHI, Akio  
 MORI, Akira  
**2015**  
 NISHIMURA, Ayako  
**2017—7<sup>th</sup> Year**  
 NAKAGAWA, Shoko  
 NAKAGAWA, Fumie  
**2018**  
 TERANISHI, Tamotsu  
 HIDEMI IMAI, Jacqueline  
 KOYANAGI, Terry  
**2019**  
 NARUKE, Yasumasa  
 KASUYA, Ken  
**2020**  
 MATSUI, Otokazu

**2021—3<sup>rd</sup> Year**  
 ARATAKE, Tsuki  
 MATSUTANI, Yoshie  
**2022—1<sup>st</sup> Year**  
 NISHIMURA, Shiro



### Passings

Our deepest  
condolences go to the  
families and friends of

**Mrs. Akemi Tanaka**

89 years  
February 19<sup>th</sup>



\*\*The Shotsuki Service will  
be held on Sunday, April 9<sup>th</sup> at  
the temple & via Zoom @ 11  
am.

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Also, you can dial-in to the  
service.

Dial: 778-907-2071  
Press Meeting ID#:  
692 059 0986 & #

# Bento Box

On the last Sunday of each month, we will be selling bento. A delicious way to support the temple.



To order, please return the order form, with payment to the Vancouver Buddhist Temple via mail, email (temple.vbt@gmail.com) or call (604 253-7033).

For April 30<sup>th</sup>, the bento will include:

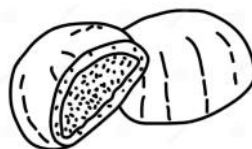
- Salmon teriyaki
- Green bean gomaе
- Pasta salad
- Rice
- Tsukemono



**Cost:** \$15.00

We will also be offering manju (2 kinds)

**Cost:** 6 for \$8.00



Combo (bento and 6 manju)

**Cost:** \$20.00

Orders must be prepaid (cash, cheque, or e-transfer). Last day to order is Tuesday, April 25<sup>th</sup>.

**Pick-up:** Between 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. on April 30<sup>th</sup> at the Social Hall entrance.

## April 30<sup>th</sup> Bento Order Form

**Number of:** Bento \_\_\_\_ x \$15.00

Manju \_\_\_\_ x \$8.00

Combo \_\_\_\_ x \$20.00

**Total cost:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Telephone:** \_\_\_\_\_