



Announcements

April Sangha Services - Our Sangha Services (Sangha is the Sanscrit word for Buddhist community) is a traditional Jodo Shinshu service with chanting led by a Doshi, (a minister assistant or a lay member from the Sangha). Following Sunday services when there is not a minister, we have a Buddhism 101 book study and discussion. We will be reading from the Jodo Shinshu Guide (the purple book from BCA).

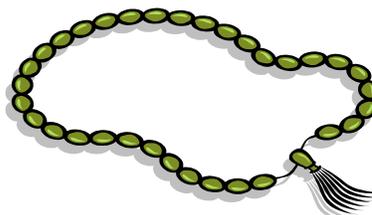
Spring Food Bazaar,

Sunday April 3rd - One way we keep our temple doors open is to have periodic fund raisers. This time of year we celebrate the coming of spring with our annual Chicken Teriyaki box lunch. This year our delicious box lunch will feature our famous half chicken baked in our very own homemade teriyaki sauce, rice and coleslaw. They are on sale for \$8.50 per meal. You can pre-order your meal by contacting Janet

Tamura at 534-9280 OR you can buy a ticket from some of the members at the temple. Tickets will also be available at the door. In addition to the lunch, we will have available Senbei and baked goods. Don't miss this very special event. There will be no service this day.

Toban (Temple Cleaning) -

There will be a Toban, a day that we do a thorough cleaning of the temple. Join us Saturday, April 16th at 9:00 am.



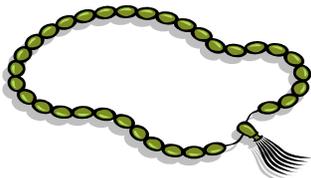
Japan Week, Saturday, April 16

- We will kick-off Japan Week this year with our very own Reverend Fujii from the Seattle Betsuin. He will speak on Saturday evening at 7:00 pm at the temple. His talk is entitled: "Buddhism and the Japanese Heart and Mind". It is free to the public and all are welcome.

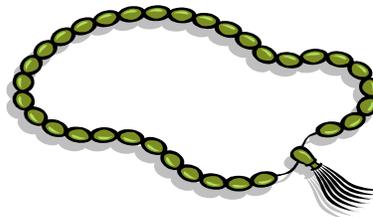


Hanamatsuri Service, Shotsuki Hoyo and Dharma School, Sunday April 17 - Beginning at 10:30 am,

Rev. Fujii will lead our Hanamatsuri Service. Hanamatsuri is the celebration of Sakyamuni Buddha's birth (April 8th) in Lumbini in northern India 2,500 years ago. We will also offer Dharma school for the children. The children will sit in the front row and will have a special Dharma message for them, then they will be excused to the Dharma School room. This is also the day when we will observe the Shotsuki Hoya service. Shotsuki-Hoyo is an ancient Japanese Shin tradition to honor the memory of deceased loved ones who have passed during that particular month in any year. Lunch will follow this service at the Mustard Seed restaurant located at Northtown Mall. Everyone is welcome to attend.



Ko Services Suspended Until Fall Wednesday, March 30th will be our last Ko service until next fall. Spring is in the air; days are getting longer and people want to get busy with their gardens and other projects. So, we've decided to suspend the Ko services until next September. We made a good start on our stated goal of learning to chant the Shoshinge. We also studied Alfred Bloom's book on the meaning and importance of this poem by Shinran. About About 4 to 6 people participated on a fairly regular basis. My thanks to all who came, it was fun. - Paul Vielle, Minister's Assistant



Beginning with the May newsletter, Leslie Green will be the Newsletter Editor. I am a Farmers Insurance agent and taking care of my growing business is all I can handle right now. My articles can be found on my website: <http://disappearingself.typepad.com/disappearingself/> when I have time to write. I can always be reached at parkere99@msn.com and 280-5756 or drop by the house. Ed Parker

Senbei Day All Right

On Saturday, March 12th the Temple was filled with the sighs and sounds and (delicious) smells of a Sangha hard at work preparing senbei. It was great to see everyone donating their time, sharing a laugh, and working together to make our Spring Fundraiser a big success. The Temple would like to recognize and thank the following people: Bernard Family, Leslie Green, Ann Heineman, Kengo Kato, Tom Lande, Chris and Christine Marr, Bonell McLeish, Pat Omine, Ed and Liat Parker, John Paul Snapp Herman and Phylis Sugimura, Karen Ville, Etsuko Yamada, Sue Yoshida, Janet Tama, Fumi Uyeji



Shotsuki-Hoyo

Shotsuki-Hoyo (the remembrance service for deceased family members) will be held on Sunday, April 17. Rev. Fujii will officiate. According to temple records which go back to the early 1960's, a total of eight family members passed away during the month of April:

Koji Hayashi

Takeshi Kan

Akira KaKatayama

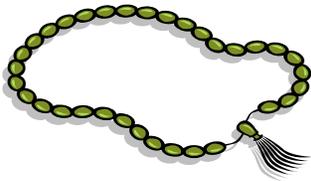
Chiyono Nakanishi

Minoru Terao

Tomiko Yamamoto

Yasumasa Moriya

Chiyono Yamaguchi



Temple News

Spring is on the way, our O-higan Service is always a welcome time of the year. I came across this poem to share:

Each coming year
The same flowers bloom
Each passing year
Different people admire them

Unknown Chinese Poet

This brings to my mind; our temple as the flowers for generations to enjoy. Our temple began following the painful times of war. Thanks to the Terao family and numerous members, it thrived for years as a vital part of the Japanese community. Years went by, times

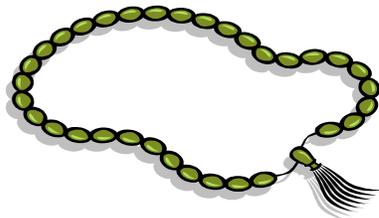
changed and membership dropped. Then the very worst thing happened, our temple caught fire in 1992. It lay in ashes with a very difficult decision in front of the temple membership: do we rebuild with our declining membership? A vote was taken with an optimistic yes! as the answer. It has not been an easy few years but with hard work and persistence we are doing very well. Services are well attended with many new faces. Our new Dharma School has begun along with the Shotsuki-Hoyo Services. We continue to encourage new membership and still need our fundraisers to survive as we continue operating in the red. (there was an error in last month's newsletter, we are not in the black yet). Now we have taken on the challenge of hosting the 2006 Convention next February. Our committees are forming and there is much work ahead. Please give your time and support to this huge project. More on how you can help in the coming newsletters.

The BCA is facing similar challenges on the national level. To address the minister shortage and insure it's mission "to promote the Buddha, Dharma and Sangha, and to propagate the Jodo Shinshu teachings", they are presenting: Campaign BCA - The 21st Century. They are asking for pledges from BCA members over the next 5 years to fund a building and ministry program. So far they have 100% participation of BCA Ministers. The Spokane Buddhist Temple Board has completed their pledges also at the 100% level. We will be sending out letters and information to

our Spokane membership. This mailing will include a letter of intent to make your pledge towards this campaign and a brochure to explain what they are hoping to accomplish. I hope you will read the information and provide whatever level of participation you can.

Also note this month we are cleaning up our newsletter mailing list. This is to save a tree by not wasting resources and reduce costs. Members will continue to be on our mailing list. If you are not a member and want to continue receiving this, be sure to read the back of this newsletter.

Always feel free to contact me with comments and suggestions: Christi96@aol.com or addressing a letter to the church. Gassho, Christine Marr SBT President



New Members – Welcome!
Colin Fitzgerald

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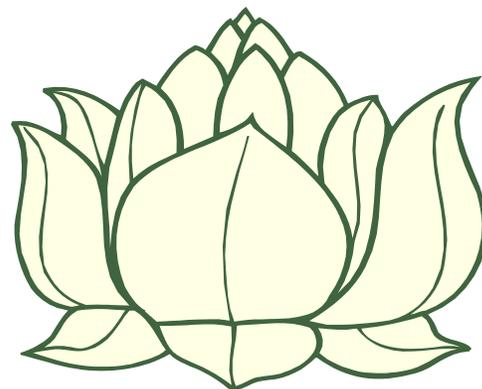
Dues
Martena Peterson
Anne Trevethan
James Lea & Judi Davis
Marcelline Burdett
Kenna Latwesen
Kengo Yorioka
Leo & Yuriko Kiyohiro
Mary Nabor

Harue Yamagiwa
Michael Brady
Rachel Scudder
Colin Fitzgerald
Jefferson Workman
Jenifer Johnston
Ann Heineman
Paul & Karen Vielle
Etsuko Yamada
Andrea Gonzales
Kerry Greeson
Hyacinth Dezenobia
Thomas Lande

Ohigan Donations

\$25 Herman & Phyllis Sugimura
10 Anonymous
10 Fumi Heyamoto

10 Leo & Yuri Kiyohiro
10 George & Toshie Kawahara
10 Nobuko Kasai
10 Satoshi & Mary Terao
10 Janet Tamura
10 Kam & Fumi Uyeji
10 Ets Yamada
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