



Spokane Buddhist Temple's
OBON FESTIVAL RETURNS

Honoring our Ancestors

927 S Perry, Spokane

Sunday 7/25/21 - 5:00 - 7:30 pm

Schedule

5 pm Hatsubon Service

6 pm Bon Odori Dancing

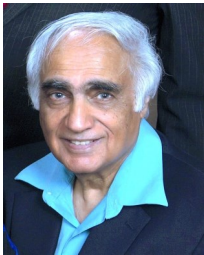
Free - All Ages Welcome

Come Dance With Us



Note: Masks required during the service for everyone.

Obon is a traditional Japanese Buddhist summer festival in which we honor our ancestors who have passed on, remember and appreciate all they have done for us, and celebrate their ongoing presence in the lives we enjoy today. Obon has a 500 year history. The main event, following a Hatsubon (remembrance) service, consists of Bon Odori dancing, where many festival goers dress in Japanese kimono, yukata or happi coats. The dances are easy to do.



Bon Odori is the “Beauty of Japanese Dance”. This style of Japanese dance is performed during the Obon Festival, a Japanese festival time of Gathering, Gratitude and Celebration. Our instructor is Izumi, a 15-year student of Wakahisa-kai Asian Traditional Dance & Music Foundation, Inc. Dancing is accompanied by vocalist Narong singing traditional Japanese folk songs.

**Come Learn the Bon Odori dances
With Izumi**

Then you can dance at the Obon Festival
on 7/25/21!

4:30 pm

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Wed. 7/7

Wed. 7/14

Thur. 7/22



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email: spokanebuddhisttemple@gmail.com
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July 2021

****Tentative** July Service Schedule - 10:30 am**

- 7/4 Virtual Service (NOT outside at Temple)
- ***We return for in person services on July 11th*** See below*****
- 7/11 Shotsukihoyo Service
- 7/18 Sangha Service
- 7/25 OBON FESTIVAL (5 - 7:30 pm) - *No 10:30 service*
- 8/1 Sangha Service

Be sure to check Facebook and open the “chat emails” from the Temple to know of any changes to the schedule.

Email SpokaneBuddhistTemple@gmail.com to get on the chat & Zoom list. All services will also be live on Facebook, and later uploaded to YouTube.

WELCOME BACK FOR IN-PERSON SERVICES JULY 11TH - 10:30 AM



Maximum Occupancy in the Hondo is
45 people

Overflow downstairs with a speaker.

Sign in at the front door.

Masks required for everyone.

If you are not feeling well, or have a temperature over 100 degrees, please stay home and view the service on Facebook.

Covid-19 guidelines are being followed.

Chanting while seated.

Note: All schedules are Tentative - check the website calendar.

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Sangha Services— Our Sangha Service (Sangha is the Sanskrit word for Buddhist community) is a traditional Jodo Shinshu service with chanting led by a Doshi. Services are at 10:30 am on Sundays at the Temple. We meet after service for refreshments and sometimes a dharma discussion.

- ◆ **GET THIS NEWSLETTER BY EMAIL**
Email: SpokaneBuddhistTemple@gmail.com
- ◆ Check out our new website at **www.SpokaneBuddhistTemple.org**
- ◆ **For the latest Temple Information visit our Facebook page:** www.facebook.com/SpokaneBuddhistTemple
- ◆ Visit the **Buddhist Churches of America** Website: www.BuddhistChurchesofAmerica.org
There is a wealth of information, podcasts, and information about Shin Buddhism on this site.



Left to right:
MAA Amanda Goodwin,
MA Chad Donoho,
Reverend Melissa Opel,
MA Eric Kerkove

Rinban Katsuya Kusunoki
our Supervising Minister



Spokane Buddhist Temple Team

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Seattle Betsuin

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MA Chad Donoho
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Amanda Goodwin (Aspirant)

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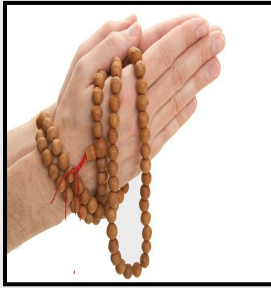
Chanting At Home

Follow these links to access recordings of the following:

- Juseige https://www.buddhistchurchesofamerica.org/home/001_juseige_chanting/
- Sanbutsuge https://www.buddhistchurchesofamerica.org/home/002_sanbutsuge_chanting/
- Junirai https://www.buddhistchurchesofamerica.org/home/003_junirai_chanting/
- Ondokusan https://www.buddhistchurchesofamerica.org/home/004_ondokusan_gatha/

July Shotsuki-Hoyo

On July 11th, as part of our service, we will have the monthly Shotsuki-Hoyo remembrance service. According to Temple records and other sources, a total of 14 people passed away during the month of July of their respective year:



Shelby Craig
Paul "Skip" Glenn
Teruichi Kayahara
(Mrs.) Katsuko 'Katie' Nakagawa
Takeo "Dan" Terao
Osamu "Paul" Yamagiwa
Sutematsu "Pat" Uneno

Jan Gauthier
(Mrs.) Fumiko Heyamoto
Taki Mayeda
Kasue Ogohara
Sutematsu Uyeno
Jerry Potvin
Edith Landfried



We just received word that Robert Gilles passed away in Costa Rica on 6/23/21. Robert was a long time member of the Spokane Buddhist Temple and served on the Board and on many committees. Details about a possible memorial are forthcoming.



Robert rolling sushi.
Game night with Jun & Bishop Umezu (ret.)

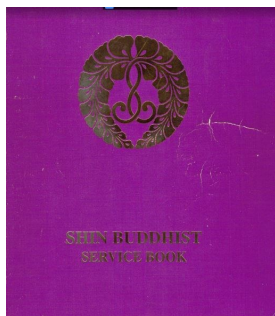
Dues and Donations

While we were closed, many of our monthly bills continued to be due. We appreciate any donations to offset those costs. Either click on the Donation button on the website, or email a check to us. If you want 100% of your donation to go to the Temple, please send a check.

Thank you to those who have paid their dues and/or given donations
from 5-27-2021 to 6-25-21:

James Sayles
Tyler Hanson
Stacey Carr
Becca and Melissa Opel
Jacqui (Izumi) Pierce
Tricia & Bob Ohashi
Loren & Carolyn Nishimura

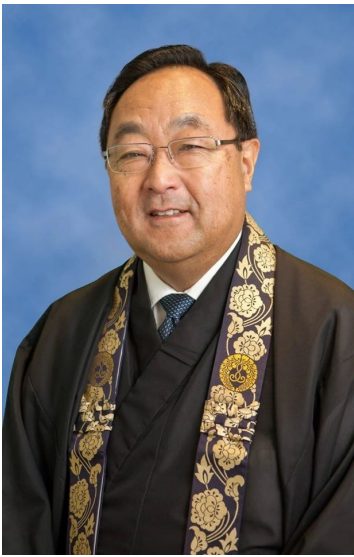
Joan Schilling
Mary Naber
Steve Verhoef
Judith Broverman & Marji Mitchell
Lisa Geiss
Karen & Paul Vielle



SERVICE BOOK TO DOWNLOAD (new link):

<http://spokanebuddhisttemple.org/recommended-reading/shin-buddhist-service-book/>

During service, we will tell you the page we are on.



Greed, First of Three Poisons in Buddhism

By Bishop Harada

For the next three Wheel of Dharma issues, I would like to cover the topic of the Three Poisons in Buddhism.

The three poisons are greed, anger and ignorance, or sometimes stupidity is used for ignorance. Rev. Dr. Kenneth Tanaka has coined these three poisons as the acronym of GAS. We humans can be consumed by GAS. While this is a humorous way to remember the three poisons, the fact that Buddhism uses the metaphor of “poison,” to describe these three emotions is quite significant.

If we saw a bottle of poison, like weed killer or something like that, we would never think about drinking it. Such poisons have strong labels warning us not to drink or consume it because it is poison. Consuming such a poison could destroy our good health and life.

Buddhism is warning us that the three poisons are equally threatening to our life. They could consume our life. They could destroy our good life that we have and live. Today, I will discuss the poison of greed.

Normally, when we think of greed, we think of other people, like the greed for money on Wall Street, or the greed for power like a dictator. Those are examples of greed, but Buddhism is talking about our own greed.

We might not think of ourselves as a “greedy” person, but greed is not necessarily the greed for money on Wall Street. Greed in Buddhism is simply, “wanting a little bit more,” and not being satisfied with what we have, whether it is our salary, our home, our career, or our prestige. We always wish we had just a little more. With a little more money, we could buy this or that. With a little bigger home, we could have our own office or a guest room. If we had that next level or position at work, then we could be the boss instead of being bossed.

Buddhism teaches us that this wish to have just a little more is unending. No matter how much money we have, how big a home we have, how nice of a car we have, we always want just a little more.

Everyone has their own unique interests and desires for something more. If you are a golfer, you always want the latest new driver or putter. If you are into clothes, there is always something more to buy, a new dress, a new sweater, or a new pair of shoes. If you are into cars, there is the latest model with turbo, or maybe you dream of owning a Tesla. If you are into computers and electronics, you want the latest iPhone or iPad.

Drug addiction and alcoholism is a vivid example of greed and how it can consume our life. A drug addict lives from one fix to the next. An alcoholic cannot function without drinking to the point where it destroys your family life, your work, and your health and well-being. Recently, there are Buddhist efforts to help people with addiction problems through Buddhism. The Vista Buddhist Temple has a very successful Dharma Recovery program that is like a Buddhist “AA” meeting, but Dharma focused.

I once had a fascinating conversation with an avid mountain climber, who shared that mountain climbing is really like an addiction. Once you climb a mountain, then you want to climb a taller mountain, then another taller mountain, until in the sad case of many climbers, it leads to your fall and death.

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How do we address our greed within a Shin Buddhist context? Shinran Shonin was acutely aware of the three poisons in his life. He even saw himself deep inside as a person who sought fame and to be a teacher to others. In his poems, he confesses:

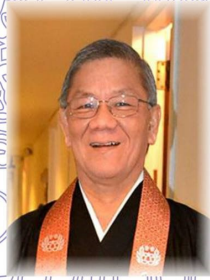
*I lack even small love and small compassion,
And yet, for fame and profit, enjoy teaching others.*

But yet this foolish being that has the three poisons at its core is illuminated by the light of the Buddha, the light of the Dharma. If not for this light, we could not even see the greed in our life. If not for the light, we would continue a life of unending greed, leading to many problems in life. Gratefully, the light of the Dharma enables us to see and then transcend the powerful emotion of greed in our life.

Namuamidabutsu,
Rev. Marvin Harada, Bishop
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74th Annual Northwest District (Virtual) Convention

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Reverend Peter Hata

Higashi Honganji Los Angeles Betsuin
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Hiroshima

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Brian Koichi Mizushima (BCA Youth Coordinator)
Rev. Ko'e Umezu (Asst. Minister WLBT, Illustrator/Storyboard Artist)
Rev. Yuki Sugahara (Resident Minister OBT, Musician)

Registration and Other Details to Follow

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ART EXHIBIT SUBMISSION FORM

For BCA Artists of All Ages

BCA is hosting an online virtual art exhibit. This is a wonderful chance to share your art with our BCA community. Please click the link below to submit digital photos of your art. Submissions are due by 8/15/21 and will require approval by the committee. Questions: bkmizushima@bcahq.org

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2021 CBE Seminars Online For All SUMMER: JUNE ~ AUGUST

All events listed in Pacific Time - Check your local time

<p>SATURDAY JUNE 19 *11 am - 1 pm REGISTER ONLINE</p>	<p>EMBRACED AND NEVER ABANDONED: JODO SHINSHU AND LGBTQ+ Rev. Ko'e A. Umezu West Los Angeles Buddhist Temple</p>	  <p>Rev. Umezu</p>
<p>SATURDAY JUNE 26 *11 AM - 1 PM REGISTER ONLINE</p>	<p>KINNARA: THE ROOTS OF TAIKO IN THE US Discussion with Rev. Masao Kodani, BCA Minister Emeritus, and Johnny Mori & other members of Kinnara Taiko Moderator: Rev. Jerry Hirano, CBE Director</p>	  <p>Rev. Kodani Johnny Mori</p>
<p>SATURDAY JULY 3 *11 AM - 1 PM REGISTER ONLINE</p>	<p>SHINSHU AND CHRISTIANITY Rev. David Quirke-Thornton Shin Buddhist Fellowship, United Kingdom</p>	  <p>Rev. Quirke-Thornton</p>
<p>SATURDAY JULY 24 *11 AM - 1 PM REGISTER ONLINE</p>	<p>CREATING INCLUSIVE SANGHAS: WORKING COMPASSIONATELY WITH OUR THOUGHTS & ASSUMPTIONS Mushim Patricia Ikeda East Bay Meditation Center Rev. Harry Bridge Buddhist Church of Oakland</p>	  <p>Mushim Ikeda Rev. Bridge</p>
<p>SATURDAY AUGUST 7 *11 AM - 1 PM REGISTER ONLINE</p>	<p>THE ESSENCE OF THE THREE PURE LAND SUTRAS & HOW WE CHANT THEM Rev. Kiyonobu Kuwahara Berkeley Buddhist Temple Rinban Katsuya Kusunoki Seattle Betsuin Buddhist Temple</p>	  <p>Rev. Kuwahara Rev. Kusunoki</p>
<p>SATURDAY AUGUST 21 *11 AM - 1 PM REGISTER ONLINE</p>	<p>RENNYO'S CONTRIBUTION TO HONGWANJI THOUGHT Rev. Dr. Mutsumi Wondra Orange County Buddhist Church</p>	  <p>Rennyō Shōnin Rev. Wondra</p>

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2021 Pledge Form



Dear Members and Friends:

When you find yourself taking refuge in the Three Treasures (Buddha, Dharma, and Sangha) and feel like this is a place where you would like to grow, then perhaps you'll consider membership to the Spokane Buddhist Temple.

The concept of Dana (selfless giving) is not only a Buddhist teaching but a manner of how we exist and do business. Dana comes in many forms; not only monetary, but also your time and talents. Membership empowers individuals who rely on the nembutsu to remember their responsibility to help sustain the Dharma in Spokane and surrounding area.

By joining or renewing your membership, you honor the legacy of the families and individuals who founded this Temple in 1945 and will help maintain the foundation for the future. Your membership is critical for keeping the Dharma alive in Spokane for the benefit of current and future generations.

**In Gassho,
Spokane Buddhist Temple Trustees**

Membership pledges are made/renewed on a yearly basis every November and can be paid in numerous ways and increments. Pledges can be paid by check, credit card, or an e-check from your financial institution. You can pay annually, semiannually, quarterly, or monthly.

Individuals who make pledges of \$240 or more are sustaining members of the Temple. Those contributing at lower levels are non-voting associate members of the Temple. Although \$240 is the minimum pledging amount for sustaining membership, additional pledges are greatly appreciated. It costs about \$50,000 annually to run the Temple, including: operating expenses, building upkeep, visiting minister costs, our minister's education, and dues to the Buddhist Churches of America (BCA) and the NW District. Membership pledges make up about 25% of our revenue, and we depend on them to be able to keep the Dharma alive in our community.

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Payment method (please check) check e-check cash credit card

Payment frequency (please check) annually semi-annually quarterly monthly

Pledge amount for current year \$ _____

* Please consult your tax advisor for specific questions related to charitable donations.

* If over the age of 70 ½ please consult your financial planner for using your required minimum distribution for charitable donations.

*Members of the Spokane Buddhist Temple are always welcome to request our financial records. Please contact the treasurer if you would like information on the Temple's budget and financial holdings.

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