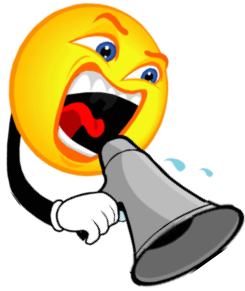


Kelowna Buddhist Temple

The New Dharma Express

PO. Box 22092, RPO Capri Centre Kelowna, B.C. V1Y 9N9 phone 250-763-3827
 Web: www.kelownabuddhisttemple.org Email: kelbuds@gmail.com



April Monthly Memorial

Miss Hanayo Ueda
 Mr. Masajiro Taniguchi
 Mr. Jusaku Yoshihara
 Mr. Shojiro Kimura
 Mrs. Tora Shiosaki
 Mr. Masakichi Nishi
 Mr. Shinichi Nakayama
 Mrs. Taka Tsuji
 Mrs. Tomechiyo Teramura
 Mr. George Nishi
 Miss Tsuyuko Nakayama
 Mr. Shigeharu Nishi
 Mr. Genzaburo Tamagi
 Mr. Yoshitaro Kitagawa
 Mr. Shigeto Kimura
 Mrs. Ume Tatebe
 Mrs. Setsuyo Tashima
 Mr. Yoshitaka Wada
 Mr. Carl Nishi
 Mr. Doug Mori
 Mr. Atsushi Sugimoto
 Mrs. Misuyo Wakano

Toban Group

Rick Suzuki/Peggy Tanaka
 Janice Richardson
 Larry Dux
 Lorne Terada
 Kathy/Glen Richdale
 Gary Koga
 Tim/Sandy Tahara
 Jack/Dar Yamaoka
 Ruby Eikenaar
 Julie Mori
 Geri Nishi
 Junko Charpentier
 Maureen Hatanaka



Inside this issue

Shotsuki Memorial List	1
Toban Group	
Temple Activity	
Curtailment Notice	
Lawn Mowing Schedule	2
Sensei	
Fujinkai Cookbook Notice	3
Executive Report	
Fujinkai (Women's Association)	
Tannishō	4
Asian Heritage Notice	
Hanamatsuri Explanation	
B.C.J.S.B.T.C. Post Secondary Scholarship	5
Calendar	
Donations	6
Photos From Hawaii	

Lawn Mowing Schedule

April 11 - Herb Tanaka

April 18 - Jack Yamaoka

April 25 - Rick Suzuki

Please ensure that you cut the grass as scheduled. If you are unable to take your turn, please contact the next person on the list to arrange a trade. Clean under the mower deck when completed.

Thank-you for your co-operation.



Out of an abundance of caution and mindful of our members and the general public the Kelowna Buddhist Temple will cancel / postpone all services effective immediately to the end of April, at which time the situation will be reviewed.

In case of emergency please contact a Temple Board Member.

Let us all do our part to keep loved ones and the community safe and healthy.

Namu Amida Butsu

From Sensei

Arrival of the Fully Enlightened One- Buddha's Birthday

According to legend, when the Buddha was born he exclaimed, "Above heaven and below heaven I alone am the Honored (fully-Enlightened) One." -- he had realized in himself the greatness which each one of us has within, and this supreme affirmation is reached by going through with all kind of suffering, including intellectual and moral contradictions. (D. T. Suzuki)

It is now almost Spring, the time in our Buddhist tradition when we celebrate the birth of Buddha called Hanamatsuri (flower festival). The Buddha was born in India around 2,500 years ago, the only son of King Suddhordana and Queen Maya. According to their custom, the Queen was returning to her parents' home to give birth, and on her way there, in the beautiful spring sunshine, she stopped for a rest in Lumbini Garden. As she reached out to pluck a blossom from a branch, the infant prince was born. From the time of his birth, he was a remarkable human being. Following his birth, it was said that he immediately walked seven steps. This story has been handed down for centuries, and is intended to convey that indeed he was special - a truly enlightened one, deserving of the name Buddha (awakened one).

At this time of year, the birth of Buddha will be celebrated throughout the world. Buddhists are now estimated to number around one billion followers. In our Temples, we will celebrate. We will have a flower chapel decorated with new Spring daffodils, within which a statue of the infant Buddha is enshrined. He is standing upright, his right hand pointing towards the heavens, and his left hand towards the earth. We will offer sweet tea, which represents the sweet rain that fell from heaven at that time. This ceremony of re-creation of the Buddha's birth signifies the glory and the joy that filled the world with this auspicious event. According to the Larger Sutra, after his birth the infant Buddha walked seven steps. A brilliant light shone from his body, illuminating all the ten quarters, and countless Buddha lands shook with six kinds of tremors. He then said "I shall become the supremely honored one in the world"

What message do we receive from the history of the Buddha's birth? In our everyday world, some might wonder about how an infant could walk and talk at birth. D.T. Suzuki explained by describing that we live in three worlds, the physical-natural world, the intellectual-moral world, and the spiritual world. In our everyday life, we live in an intellectual knowledge-based world. We may be conscious of all three, but not to the same degree. We tend to disregard the spiritual world as one of imagination, and not real. As we reflect upon the details surrounding the Buddha's birth, D.T. Suzuki said "there is a persistent urge impelling the intellect to transcend itself. Our intellect leaves its own line, and goes over to the spiritual." In doing so, we are acquiring another sense- a spiritual sense -which is at the base of our human existence.

It is like learning to see within a new dimension. This is not something that we can do right away, instead it takes some time. Those people who acquire their sight without having had the faculty of sight since birth, take some time to adjust. They need to learn what it is that they are seeing. Initially basic notions of space, motion and shape are unclear or misunderstood. It may often take some time of training to learn to distinguish between concepts of shape, and other concepts, such as color. In a similar manner, it takes time to acquire spiritual maturity. D.T. Suzuki said what is more real is the spiritual world. The world of sense and intellect is a realm of multitudes where everything is subject to constant changes.

Buddha's birthday is a very special time for us, during which we celebrate the great gifts and insights that he brought us, which allow us to understand and experience the spiritual world. It is important for us to be rooted in the spiritual world. Without it we can feel lost and confused

"When the world is interpreted spiritually, or when it thus reflects itself in the mirror of spiritual consciousness, it is no more an object of the sense-intellect. The world with all its sufferings, shortcomings, and dualities becomes one with the spiritual world, and for those who are enlightened, suffering is no doubt suffering; but they have absorbed it, as it were, in their spiritual consciousness where all such things as take place on the psychological-natural plane find their proper meaning in harmony with the "unthinkable" scheme of the universe."— (D. T. Suzuki)

As we join together in celebrating Hanamatsuri, let us experience and find meaning and significance in the birth of Buddha, and reflect on what he brought to our world.

In Gassho,

Rev. Yasuhiro Miyakawa

REMINDER!

The Women's Association (Fujinkai) will be producing a second edition of our wonderful cookbook this year. It will be available for purchase by the fall.

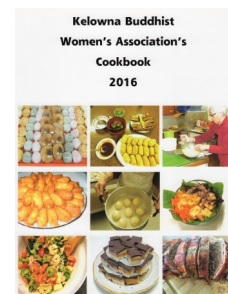
This second edition cookbook will contain new recipes from you, our Temple members and friends.

We are requesting everyone to submit their favourite recipes to Maureen Hatanaka or email them to the Temple.

We would like to have the recipes submitted no later than July 12th (Obon).

The price of the cookbook will be announced at a later date.

Thank-you!



From the Temple Executive

I hope you are all taking precautions and coping with the implications of the Covid-19 pandemic. Each day you listen to the news and the situation is changing. It is now affecting us locally. Therefore, the Temple board of directors has decided to cancel all Temple activities effective immediately until further notice. Unfortunately Hanamatsuri, a major celebration which is just around the corner will be cancelled. These steps must be taken to ensure the safety and well being of our congregation, especially the elderly members.

Thank you to those of you who came to help out at our Spring Chow Mein fundraiser and the days prior preparing washing, chopping, slicing and shredding the vegetables. Also to those who made the broth, picked up and received vegetables, purchased supplies ensuring we had everything to complete the project. Modifications to the new triple wok size pan proved to be very successful as it increased production enabling all the cooking to be done in one day. Thank you again to Tad and Elaine Kondo for donating the pan and to Derek Mayeda for getting the modifications done by his former employer, Northside Steel, at a reasonable cost. We are presently looking for an eco-friendly container to replace the styrofoam ones we have been using up to now. We hope to have it in time for the Fall Chow Mein sale. We still have Mein (\$5.50), Chow Mein (2-pack, \$19.00) and a few Apple Pies (\$9.50) for sale in the freezer. Please contact any board member to make any purchases.

Over the winter months the leaks in the Temple roof have gotten worse, so we will have to make repairs to a major portion. The cost of the repair (around \$30,000.00) will be more than the Temple can absorb, so we will be asking the congregation for donations to this much needed repair. Just another indication of the Temple showing its age and the cost of maintaining it. Thank you to Alan Yamaoka and Jack Yamaoka for their constant dedication in maintaining the Temple. Hardly a day goes by that their attention isn't required and their efforts have helped to keep our maintenance costs as low as possible. Now with new board member Mark Gilbert on the maintenance team it will bring additional support.

Thank you to our dedicated hard working editor Herb Tanaka for making last minute changes to the newsletter. With the constant updates regarding the virus and the cancellation of our activities, it's like doing the job twice. Thanks Herb. With the uncertainty of the Covid-19 pandemic, we hope that it will not be too long before we can resume our activities at the Temple. Please check the Temple website and newsletter for updates on the situation.

In Gassho,
Rick



From the Women's Association (Fujinkai)

Kelowna Buddhist Women's Association

With our busy Spring fund raising projects complete once again (Apple Pie making, Mein making and Spring Chow Mein sales), I'd like to thank all the volunteers who came out to help. Thank you also to the Women's Association ladies who provided delicious lunches and those who brought baking and snacks for tea time.

The Temple kitchen has been the centre of many projects and activities throughout the year.

Hanamatsuri and Dharma Shotsuki services are cancelled due to the outbreak of the Coronavirus.

In Gassho
Joyce Favell



Tannishō 8

The nembutsu, for its practicers, is not a practice or a good act. Since it is not preformed out of one's own designs, it is not a practice. Since it is not good done through one's own calculation, it is not a good act. Because it arises wholly from Other Power and is free of self-power, for the practicer, it is not a practice or a good act.

Thus were his words.

Asian Heritage Month

In recognition of "Asian Heritage Month" the Kelowna Buddhist Temple has participated during the month of May for the last few years. Recently our committee met and decided with the circumstances of the corona virus and its uncertainty, we have decided to not participate during the month of May. We hope that later in the year to have a cultural event instead. We will keep you updated and hope to host the event when it will be safer for everyone.

We are still asking for donations of gently used kimonos, yukatas and accessories, Japanese dishes, kitchenware and decorative items for next years event. Please bring them to the Temple or contact myself or any board member to arrange for pickup. This is a much needed fundraiser event that will help in maintaining our Temple expenses. Your donations and participation are greatly appreciated.

In Gassho,

Rick

Hanamatsuri (Birth of Sakyamuni)

It is a day of joy and a great significance for all Buddhists. We call the observance "Hana-matsuri" which means a "flower festival".

Sakyamuni Buddha was born in India on April 8 about 2500 years ago. At that time, the earth was said to have shaken in six directions (north, south, east, west, up, and down), flowers blossomed everywhere, Devas or gods filled the air with music. Heavenly beings scattered flowers from the sky. The newborn infant Buddha immediately stood up and then took seven steps to the north. Then he pointed his right hand to the heavens above and pointed his left hand to the earth below then, with the voice of a lion, spoke the following words; "In the heavens above and on earth below, I alone will become the Honored One." With each step that he took, a lotus flower blossomed under his feet. This is why we call this celebration "Hana-matsuri" or a "flower festival".

Many of the rites that are observed during Hanamatsuri are based on the events we are told happened at the time of Prince Siddhartha's birth. The Hanamido or miniature floral altar of bright flowers provides the setting of the beautiful Lumbini Garden where he was born. The statue of the baby Buddha with its arm extended illustrates the virtues of Amida Buddha reaching out to all beings and the pouring of sweet tea on the statue represents the gentle rain that fell in Lumbini Garden and bathed the baby Buddha. May we all realize the meaning of his appearance in this world, so that we may humbly accept and understand his teaching as a way of our lives. Let us all gather to celebrate the birth of Sakyamuni Buddha, who guided by Wisdom vitalized by Compassion continue to aspire to develop the person, both ourselves and others, that we may all fulfill the ultimate meaning of life.

British Columbia Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Temples Federation

is now accepting applications for the

2020 Post-Secondary Scholarship

The British Columbia Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Temples Federation awards two Post-Secondary Scholarships. The first scholarship is valued at \$1000 and the second scholarship is valued at \$2000 paid annually in \$500 increments.

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, 2020

April, 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30 Taiko Practice 7pm	31	1	2 Taiko Practice 7pm	3	4
5	6 Taiko Practice 7pm	7	8	9 Executive Meet- ing 7pm Taiko 7pm	10	11 Lawn Mowing, Herb Tanaka 
12	13 Taiko Practice 7pm	14	15	16 Taiko Practice 7pm	17	18 Lawn Mowing, Jack Yamaoka 
19	20 Taiko Practice 7pm	21	22	23 Taiko 7pm	24	25 Lawn Mowing, Rick Suzuki 
26	27	28	29	30 Taiko Practice 7pm	1	2 Lawn Mowing, Mark Gilbert 

With Gratitude the Temple and all of its Affiliated Organizations
Acknowledge Your Generous Contribution
Apologies for any Errors or Omissions.

Correction

February Fujinkai Donations ~ Koga, Mrs. Carol ~ ~~\$10.~~ should have read **\$20.** *Our apologies for the reporting error!*

Dharma Shotsuki

Tanemura, M/M Melvin ~ in memory of Aya Tanemura	\$100.
Tahara, M/M Jack ~ in memory of Sadako Iwasaki	\$25.
Freberg, Susan ~ in memory of Shizuko Tamura	\$250.
Yamaoka, M/M Gerry ~ In memory of George Hayashi	\$30.
Brown, Mrs. Gail ~ in memory of George Hayashi	\$50.
Suzuki, R/Tanaka, P ~ in memory of Hitoshi Suzuki	\$50.
Suzuki, M/M Tosh ~ in memory of Hitoshi Suzuki	\$40.
Tanemura, Mrs. Shirley ~ in memory of Iye & Tom Tanemura	\$40.
Suzuki, R/Tanaka, P ~ in memory of Tokuichi Tomiyama	\$50.
Koga, Mrs. Carol ~ in memory of Tatsujiro Terada	\$30.
Tanaka, M/M Herb ~ in memory of Tokuichi Tomiyama	\$30.
Gilbert, M/M Mark ~ in memory of Shizue Ueda	\$25.
Sugie, M/M Sam ~ in memory of Shosaku Sugie	\$25.

Donations continued

Nirvana Day

Tanaka, M/M Herb	\$25.
Stack, M/M Luke	\$100.
Tanemura, Mrs. Shirley	\$20.

Fujinkai (Women's Association)

Kurahashi, Mrs. Shigeko	\$50.
Tomiye, Mr. Reg ~ Altar Supplies for Tsuito-hoyo	\$39.71

General

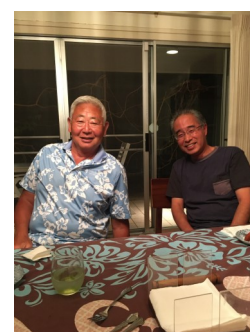
Cavanaugh, Ms. Genevra	\$25.
Lough, Mr. Ryan	\$20.

Sustaining Fee

Yates, Mr. Dawson	\$170.
-------------------	--------

Alan & Barb in Hawaii

- (l) Alan, Matsumoto Socho, Nakamoto Sensei & Barb
- (r) David Nakamoto Sensei & Barb
- (b/l) Okusan Irene Nakamoto & Alan
- (b/c) Okusan Tamayo Matsumoto and Okusan Irene Nakamoto
- (b/r) Alan & Socho Eric Matsumoto



Legislation enacted by the Provincial Government restricts organizations from divulging personal information without the approval of the individuals affected. The donations generously made by Temple members and friends fall under the realm of personal information. Therefore, if you object to your donations being published in the Temple Newsletter, please let us know and we will cease doing so (Mail or Email your wish to be omitted from the published list). In Gassho, Temple Board of Directors