

# Kelowna Buddhist Temple

## The New Dharma Express

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### Special points of interest:

- Wed. Feb. 1, TSS Meditation 10am - 12:30pm, Cooking Demo 7pm
- Thur. Feb. 2, TSS Meditation 10am - 12:30pm, Director's Meeting 7pm
- Fri. Feb. 3, TSS Meditation 10am - 12:30pm
- Sat. Feb. 4, Dharma Door 11am - 2pm
- Sun. Feb. 5, Dharma School 10am
- Wed. Feb. 8, TSS Meditation 10am - 12:30pm, Cooking Demo 7pm
- Thur. Feb. 9, TSS Meditation 10am - 12:30pm
- Fri. Feb. 10, TSS Meditation 10am - 12:30pm, Mein Making 5:30pm - 9pm
- Sat. Feb. 11, Mein Making 8am, Dharma Door 11am - 2pm
- Sunday. Feb. 12, Dharma School 10am, Dharma Shotsuki and Fujinkai Memorial Service 1pm
- Wed. Feb. 15, TSS Meditation 10am - 12:30pm, Cooking Demo 7pm
- Thur. Feb. 16 TSS Meditation 10am - 12:30pm

### Monthly Memorial

- Mr. Yataro Tabuchi
- Mr. Junji Arima
- Mrs. Shige Wakita
- Mr. Yoshikuma Arima
- Mr. Jinshichi Kitaura
- Master Yoshio Tamaki
- Mr. Senzaemon Nakayama
- Mr. Tohtaro Tokunaga
- Mr. Kisaku Hayashi
- Mr. Hidenosuke Kawano
- Mr. Kankichi Onodera
- Mr. Hideo Ishikawa
- Mr. Louis Bourassa
- Mrs. Sumako Itani
- Ms. Eileen Hokazono
- Mrs. Michiko Tahara
- Mr. Toshio Yamaoka



### Clean-up Altar Toban

- Ken/Shoko Yamada
- Isao/Linda Terai
- Jason/Keiko Kouchiyama
- Yoshiko Ueda
- Anne Stack
- Reg Tomiye
- Kaichi/Linda Uemoto
- Derek Mayeda
- Tammy Nishi
- Shirley Tanemura
- Naoko Nakamura
- Meiko Ewuk

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### Mein Making

**February 10, 5:30pm -9pm**

**February 11, 8am**

Please mark your calendar as we require all of your help. Please come out and pitch in for our Spring Mein Making work party. **Many hands lighten the load!**

- Fri. Feb. 24, TSS Meditation 10am - 12:30pm
- Sat. Feb. 18, Dharma Door 11am - 2pm, Keirokai 5pm
- Sun. Feb. 19, Dharma School 10am
- Wed. Feb. 22, TSS Meditation 10am - 12:30pm, Cooking Demo 7pm

- Thur. Feb. 23, TSS Meditation 10am - 12:30pm
- Fri. Feb. 24, TSS Meditation 10am - 12:30pm
- Sat. Feb. 25, Dharma Door 11am - 2pm
- Sun. Feb. 26, Dharma School 10am, Nirvana Day Service 1pm

### Service Chairpersons

February 12

- Genevra Cavanaugh



February 26

- Michael Martin



## From Sensei

### “I am Right” A Source of Conflict

The New Year, 2017 has begun, and I hope that everyone enjoyed our New Year's Day Service. Each New Years, we all participate in tolling the bell 108 times to remind us of our human desires, and inner passions and how these entrap us in a cycle of suffering. The 108 tolls of the bell symbolize the purification from the 108 delusions and sufferings accumulated in the past year. As we listen to the sound of the bell with our eyes closed, we hear the differences of each person's sound. We can notice how each person creates their own unique sound. Some create a soft penetrating sound, whilst others tend to create a strong assertive sound. It seems as if each person's personality becomes reflected in their tolling of the bell. Following this ritual, we all feel that we have a clean slate with which to begin the New Year.

For many people, the New Year begins with feelings of fresh beginnings, aspirations, and resolutions. Some of us make New Year Resolutions, but decide not to share them with others, since there is often a sense of embarrassment in sharing one's goals with others, in case one is unable to fully accomplish them. Nevertheless, we all tend to want to bring about some changes that will enhance our lives.

We human beings try to minimize our shortcomings to others and instinctively strive to protect ourselves and convey a positive image of ourselves to others. Unfortunately, this can set the stage for many misunderstandings.

We are taught to be honest to ourselves and others - to be able to express our appreciation as well as to be able to apologize and own up when we have made a mistake. Similarly, we need to be able to accept the mistakes of others with understanding and avoid becoming entrenched in “I am right, you are wrong”

In reflecting on this, I was reminded of the writings of our former Go-monshu, Koshin Ohtani, in his book “The Buddha's Wish for the World.” In one of the early chapters, he describes how the view “I am right” is often at the root of many problems. There is a story which describes a family incident involving a mother and son. Each blamed the other for a mistake, from their misguided feeling “I am right,” thereby setting the stage for family conflict.

The story describes how one afternoon a busy mother rushed home from her job, hoping to begin her work in the household. The family was expecting guests for dinner that night, and she needed to tidy up the house. She moved a precious Oriental vase, that the father loved so much, from an alcove to the corridor facing the garden and began to clean the floor. Before long, the teen-age son arrived home early from school and was hoping to play video games. In his haste, he was careless and knocked the vase over, breaking it into little pieces.

The mother became very upset, and scolded her son for his carelessness asking “why didn't you notice that it was there?” “What do you mean?” the boy defiantly replied, “you shouldn't have put it there in the first place.” The mother continued “You'd better apologize to your father when he comes home.” The boy shot back, “me, apologize? — you're the one who needs to apologize!” An air of tension between mother and son grew throughout the afternoon.

It became late in the day and the boy's father returned home. What do you think the father said when he heard what had happened? Did he get angry and say to each of them “What a stupid thing to do with something so valuable!” Did he blame the mother and say, “That's what happens when you move things around.” Or did he scold his son and say “You're so preoccupied with your video games that you're unconcerned about anything else.”

However, the father quietly said, “It's too bad, — but things can easily become broken. — There's not much that can be done about it.”

When the mother and the son heard these words, they realized how strongly each of them had blamed the other. Each had been insisting “I am right, you are wrong, it's your fault.”

As this story describes, we are arrogant and self-centred human beings. When we view ourselves as “right” we become blind and inflexible, and are unable to see clearly. Shinran Shonin cautioned us about the dangers of becoming arrogant, from our own sense of righteousness. We need to be able to admit our own shortcomings. However, this is difficult for us, since we cannot see our own faults.

Let us become more mindful of our own shortcomings, and watch out for that sense of inflated self-importance.

In Gassho, Rev. Y. Miyakawa

*Thank-you*  
*Merci Beaucoup*

*Grazie*

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南无阿弥陀佛

*Namu Amida Butsu*

*Gracias*

謝謝

*Mahalo*

*Dankeshon*

## *Expressions of Gratitude*

## From the Temple Executive

January 16, 2017

Akemashite omedetou gozaimasu. Happy New Year everyone!

Thank you to everyone who submitted their votes for the 2017 directors for our Kelowna Buddhist Temple. Congratulations to our new directors: Darlene Yamaoka, Joyce Favell and Herb Tanaka. We look forward to receiving new ideas and support from these new members of our Board. Thank you to Genevra Cavanaugh, Jerry Takeda, Alan Yamaoka and Jack Yamaoka for accepting another term with the Board.

Following our January 12, 2017 board meeting, the following positions were accepted by the Board members:

Co-Presidents: Pegi Hayashi Uyeyama and Alan Yamaoka

Vice-President: Jack Yamaoka

Secretary: Darlene Yamaoka (to be mentored by Barb Yamaoka)

Treasurer: Jerry Takeda – financials for the Temple and the Dharma Door to be assisted by Joyce Favell.

Financial planning to be assisted by Kent MacCarl.

Membership: Jack Yamaoka to continue in this position.

Religious: Genevra Cavanaugh to continue in this position with the assistance of Herb Tanaka and under the guidance of Sensei Miyakawa

Altar Attendants: Rick Suzuki to continue in this position.

Maintenance: Alan Yamaoka and Jack Yamaoka

Newsletter and Web Site: Jerry Takeda and Herb Tanaka. Pegi Hayashi Uyeyama to take over the Temple signage.

Public Relations: Barb Yamaoka, Laurie Takeda and Genevra Cavanaugh

Social Activities: Jack Yamaoka, Genevra Cavanaugh and Barb Yamaoka



The following positions were also appointed or volunteered:

Women's Association Liaison: Darlene Yamaoka

Dharma School Liaison: Genevra Cavanaugh

District Representative Liaison: Jack Yamaoka and Barb Yamaoka

Auditors: Robin Uyeyama and Reg Tomiye

Chow Mein Project Chairpersons: Pegi Uyeyama and Laurie Takeda

Dharma Door: Jerry Takeda and Joyce Favell to coordinate with Barb MacCarl

Building Committee: Reg Tomiye, Isao Terai, Vern Kawaguchi and Kent MacCarl

BC Interior Shin Buddhist Temple Representative: Reg Tomiye

Pie Making Committee Head: Shirley Tanemura and Darlene Yamaoka

2016 was a financially challenging year for our Temple, despite all the hard work and generous donations by our Sangha. 2017 is expected to be another busy year and we must work together to maintain this Temple. It is important that we continue to support all the Temple's fundraisers and the new executives' initiatives in order to keep our Temple a progressive and vital part of our community. Our Board of Directors is planning some new fun social activities as well as investigating possible further fund-raisers. We would appreciate any input from our Sangha on this matter. Thank you to everyone for putting your trust in us, your new Board members. We hope that, together, we can successfully maintain the Temple and spread the Dharma.

In Gassho, Pegi Hayashi Uyeyama

## The Collected Works of Shinran

*Let Amida's virtues be praised for a hundred thousand kotis of nayutas of kalpas, by tongues a hundred thousand countless kotis of nayutas in number, each tongue producing countless voices, and still those virtues could nor be exhausted.*

# February 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 TSS Meditation 10am- 12:30pm, Cooking Demo 7pm	2 TSS Meditation 10am- 12:30pm, Director's Meet- ing 7pm, Taiko Practice 7pm	3 TSS Meditation 10am - 12:30pm	4 Dharma Door 11am - 2pm
5 Dharma School 10am	6	7 Taiko Practice 7pm	8 TSS Meditation 10am - 12:30pm, Cooking Demo 7pm	9 TSS Meditation 10am - 12:30pm, Taiko Practice 7pm	10 TSS Meditation 10am - 12:30pm, Mein Making 5:30 pm - 9pm	11 Mein Making 8am - Finished, Dharma Door 11am - 2pm
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19 Dharma School 10am	20	21 Taiko Practice 7pm	22 TSS Meditation 10am - 12:30pm, Cooking Demo 7pm	23 TSS Meditation 10am - 12:30pm, Taiko Practice 7pm	24 TSS Meditation 10am - 12:30pm	25 Dharma Door 11am - 2pm
26 Dharma School 10am, Nirvana Day Service 1pm	27	28 Taiko Practice 7pm				



### Monshu Ohtani Kojun's Calligraphy

(jishin kyo nishin)

The phrase above comes from “Ojo Raisan” or the Hymns of Birth in the Pure Land, composed by the Chinese Pure Land Master Shan-tao. The meaning of the phrase is “secure one’s own entrusting heart to the Dharma, guiding others to the same path,” which is the basic and ideal attitude of the Nembutsu followers in their pursuit of spreading the Dharma.

In the Jodo Shinshu context, the “entrusting heart” does not refer to our self-righteous belief, but rather it is the heart that arises through realizing and entrusting ourselves to the working of the Other Power, namely, the working of Amida Buddha’s great compassion. Since such a mindset is a result of Amida’s compassion, our guidance based on that entrusting heart is capable of leading others to the path of Amida’s Pure Land. Any instruction or guidance carried out based on our own self-oriented contrivance would never be able to lead people to the right path.

## Editorial

Kelowna Buddhist Temple has enjoyed a long, rich history in this community. 2017 marks the 85th anniversary of the founding of this organization. We are very fortunate to still have a few members whom have been associated with the Temple for the entire length of time. What a legacy we have inherited from our fore-fathers and mothers. Whether you were born into the Buddhist family or have encountered the Dharma as you have made your way through life, we must stand in awe of the results of generations of hard work and determination that have brought us to this point in time. From the pioneers and their successors that found it important to create the Temple as a religious foundation and support it financially, to the many Ministers that have come to help us understand the Buddha’s teachings, we have all been enriched by the experience. Please consider setting aside a little time and money to support the Temple if you are able. Costs continue to increase and strain our budget. Without the fundraising projects, we would not be able to continue to operate. In 2016, we sadly said good bye to Terry Hikida, Rob Eikenaar, Midori Mori, Mitsuko Barbara Ishikawa, Suemori (Suey) Koga and Ayame Joan Tanaka. All were long time members and worked tirelessly for the betterment of our Temple. The torch is slowly being passed to us of the following generations. Like Bugs Bunny used to say: “Oh what heights we’ll hit, on with the show, ***this is it!***” This life is not a dress rehearsal, it is HERE AND NOW!

**Let’s see what amazing results we can collectively achieve!!**

In Gassho, Herb

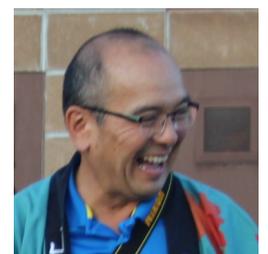


## Message from the Editor

Jerry Takeda has taken a well deserved break and this month has given me the task of publishing this month’s newsletter. For many years, Jerry has been expending a tremendous amount of energy, looking after the newsletter, the Temple finances, the website and the electronic sign. He also pitches in for the work parties and fundraising projects. This year, the board of directors will attempt to lighten his load a little with other members stepping forward to assist. It is our hope that we can help Jerry enjoy his retirement years and prevent him from feeling that he is still working!

Thank-you Jerry, for all you do!

In Gassho, Herb



## Dharma School Bottle Drive

For a few months now, there has been talk at the Kelowna Buddhist Temple about how nice it would be if we had a projector. This could be used for a number of purposes such as movie nights, slide shows at special occasions and funerals, presentations to the board and other groups, and more. While a projector would obviously be very useful, it will cost dollars that must be earned. The Dharma School has decided to help raise funds for a projector. The children are planning to have a bottle drive early in March, and we hope that you will spread the word and save your bottles, cans, and recyclables for us. For your convenience, the Dharma School will have a drop-off station for bottles at the Temple during the Spring Chow Mein Sale, on pick-up day. Please feel free to call us at 250-862-0638 in February and March if you have any questions, or if you have bottles for us to pick up. We thank you, and hope that our efforts will lead to sharing the benefits of a new projector with you at the Temple in the near future.



In Gassho,

Tammy and Genevra



## From the Women's Association

Thank you to all who came out for the pie making marathon in January. Over 400 pies were made. The Women's Association AGM and Executive Member's first meeting for the year was held at Fore restaurant on January 15, 2017. The Association is in good financial shape. Six members were re-elected for another 2 year term: Joyce, Shoko, Cheryl, Darlene, Tammy and Maureen. Seventy-five more copies of the cookbook will be printed and will be available for sale before the end of January. There may be a slight increase in the selling price due to increased cost in supplies. This year the Association will focus on increasing membership. Cooking demos have started with the first one having 16 people attend. Well done! The Women's Association Memorial Service (Tsuito Hoyo) will be held February 12 at 1:00 pm. It's that time of the year to prepare for the chow mein sale. Mein making will be done February 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> and chow mein making March 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>. This year a few of the ladies will be learning the ins and outs of the fund raising projects.

In Gassho,

Maureen Hatanaka

## Calendar Fundraiser

Thank-you to everyone that supported the Temple Calendar fundraiser. To date, there are a small number left for purchase at a reduced price of \$15.00 each. Orders may be placed through the Temple website or see Herb at any service. 100% of the profits from the sale of the calendars will be donated to the Kelowna Buddhist Temple. This project has been very successful and a 2018 version is currently being considered.

In Gassho,



## Japanese Calendar

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行	事	案	内
2月	1日(水)	午前10—午後12時半	幹部経三味
		午後7時	料理講習
	2日(木)	午前10—午後12時半	幹部経三味
		午後7時	仏教会役員会議
	3日(金)	午前10—午後12時半	幹部経三味
	4日(土)	午前11—午後2時	お寺雑貨セール
	5日(日)	午前10時	日曜学校
	8日(水)	午前10—午後12時半	幹部経三味
		午後7時	料理講習
	9日(木)	午前10—午後12時半	幹部経三味
	10日(金)	午前10—午後12時半	幹部経三味
		午後5時半—9時	チャウメン作り
	11日(土)	午前8時—終業迄	チャウメン作り
		午前11—午後2時	お寺雑貨セール
	12日(日)	午前10時	日曜学校
		午後 1時	
	2月祥月、婦人会追悼法要		
	15日(水)	午前10—午後12時半	幹部経三味
		午後 7時	料理講習
	16日(木)	午前10—午後12時半	幹部経三味
	17日(金)	午前10—午後12時半	幹部経三味
	18日(土)	午前11—午後2時	お寺雑貨セール
		午後 5時	敬老会
	19日(日)	午前10時	日曜学校
	22日(水)	午前10—午後12時半	幹部経三味
		午後 7時	料理講習
	23日(木)	午前10—午後12時半	幹部経三味
	24日(金)	午前10—午後12時半	幹部経三味
	25日(土)	午前11—午後2時半	お寺雑貨セール
	26日(日)	午前10時	日曜学校
		午後 1時	涅槃会

### December Dharma Shotsuki

Terada, Nagatoshi (In Memory of Yoshiharu Terada)	\$50.00
Tahara, M/M Morio (In Memory of Rihachi Tomiye)	\$50.00
Tahara, M/M Morio (In Memory of Sumio Tahara)	\$25.00
Yamauchi, Kuniko (In Memory of Mary Koga)	\$30.00
Yokota, M/M Ken (In Memory of Rob Eikenaar)	\$50.00
Sato, M/M Harold (In Memory of Suey Koga)	\$50.00
Croken, Miyoko (In Memory of Suey Koga)	\$100.00
Saito, M/M Shige (In Memory of Midori Mori)	\$50.00
Tamura, Haruko (In Memory of Kotoyo Takata)	\$35.00
Tamura, Haruko (In Memory of Natsu Tamura)	\$35.00
Terada, Takeru (In Memory of Yoshiharu Terada)	\$50.00
Tahara, M/M Jack (In Memory of Sumio Tahara)	\$40.00
Neher, Jean (In Memory of Yoshio & Fumie Tabata)	\$200.00
Tanemura, M/M Melvin (In Memory of Sam Tanemura)	\$100.00
<u>Newsletter</u>	
Niven, M/M Jim	\$50.00
Yamada, M/M Ken	\$30.00
Saito, M/M Shige	\$50.00
Tahara, M/M Jack	\$40.00
Yamaoka, Brian	\$50.00
Tomiye, Reg	\$20.00
Tanemura, M/M Melvin	\$100.00
Uemoto, Yoko	\$30.00
Yamaoka, M/M Jack	\$50.00
Kouchiyaa, M/M Jason	\$25.00
Ohashi, Hanako	\$75.00

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寒さの厳しい日々ですが、皆様にはお元気で新年をお迎えでしょうか？

皆々様にとりまして、佳き年となりますよう、お念じ申します  
どうか、本年もご参拝。ご支援、ご協力をよろしく願い申します。

Arigatou gozaimasu.

ありがとうございます

[thank you very much]

### Mein Making

February 10, 5:30pm -9pm

February 11, 8am

Please mark your calendar as we require all of your help.  
Please come out and pitch in for our Spring Mein Making work party.  
Many hands lighten the load!

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

<b><u>Fujinkai (women's Association)</u></b>		Caruso, M/M Randy	\$414.00
Wyatt and Tanaka Families		Cavanaugh, Geneva	\$155.00
(in Memory of Ayame Joan Tanaka	\$500.00	Kouchiyama, M/M Jason	\$310.00
<b><u>Building Fund</u></b>		Nishi, Jim (2016 & 2017)	\$310.00
Ueda, Amy & Family (In Memory of Rob Eikenaar)	\$60.00	<b><u>New Years</u></b>	
Tahara, M/M Morio	\$310.00	Yamaoka, M/M Alan	\$50.00
Yamaoka, Brian	\$500.00	Yamada, M/M Ken	\$20.00
Yamaoka, M/M Alan	\$500.00	Ogi, M/M Teruo	\$50.00
Tomiye, Reg	\$30.00	Suzuki/Tanaka, Rick/ Peggy	\$50.00
Tahara, M/M Tim	\$190.00	Yamaoka, Carrie	\$50.00
Russell, Doreen (In Memory of Rob Eikenaar)	\$30.00	Tomiye, Reg	\$50.00
Russell, Doreen (In Memory of Jinichiro Yokota)	\$50.00	Offertory	\$65.00
Russell, Doreen (In Memory of Toshio Yamaoka)	\$30.00	<b><u>Eitaiyo (Perpetual Memorial)</u></b>	
<b><u>Special</u></b>		Suzuki, M/M Tosh	\$200.00
Yamada, M/M Ken	\$200.00	<b><u>January Dharma Shotsuki</u></b>	
Mori, Miyoko (In Appreciation for Mochi)	\$25.00	Tahara, M/M Morio (in Memory of Suelo Tahara)	\$25.00
Tanaka, M/M Brad (In Appreciation)	\$400.00	Tanemura, Shirley	\$20.00
Yamaoka, Brian	\$1000.00	Koga, M/M Gary (In Memory of Morio Koga)	\$50.00
Harris, M/M Devin	\$200.00	Tanemura, M/M Melvin (In Memory of Aya Tanemura)	\$100.00
<b><u>Membership &amp; Sustaining</u></b>		Tanemura, M/M Melvin (In Memory of Roy Tanemura)	\$100.00
Martin, Michael	\$155.00	Yamada, M/M Ken (In Memory of Kikue Yamada)	\$20.00
Tahara, M/M Jack	\$310.00	Yamaoka, M/M Alan (In Memory of Jinichiro Yokota)	\$20.00
Merckx, Paul	\$155.00	Yamaoka, M/M Alan (In Memory of Iwajiro Yamaoka)	\$50.00
Yetman, M/M Pat	\$232.50	Yamaoka, M/M Jack (In Memory of Iwajiro Yamaoka)	\$50.00
Tahara, M/M Tim	\$310.00	Tanaka, M/M Herb (In Memory of Norihisa Tomiyama)	\$25.00
Uemoto, M/M Kaichi	\$310.00	Hatanaka, M/M Jack	\$20.00
Tanemura, M/M Melvin	\$400.00	Anonymous (In Memory of Morio Koga)	\$40.00
Hasler, Adrian	\$116.25	Koga, M/M Bob (In Memory of Morio Koga)	\$50.00
Mayeda, Derek	\$155.00	Koga, Carol (In Memory of Morio Koga)	\$60.00
Yamamoto, Sue for Toshiko Nakahama (2016 & 2017)	\$310.00	Koga, Janice (In Memory of Morio Koga)	\$30.00
Yamaoka, Brian	\$155.00	Kakuno, Jane (In Memory of Takashi Omae)	\$50.00
Nakamura, Naoko	\$155.00	Omae, Shizue (In Memory of Takashi Omae)	\$100.00
Planke, Kathryn	\$155.00	Ueda, Amy (In Memory of Ben Ueda)	\$50.00
Yamada, M/M Ken	\$310.00		

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