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Holiday Boutique

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211 West 100 South, Salt Lake City 84101

Saturday Nov. 20, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Sunday Nov. 21, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Over 40 booths of artisans and retailers.
Gift items, clothes, jewelry, crafts, toiletries,



Sense of Wonder

J.K. Hirano

*O, I believe, Fate smiled and Destiny
Laughed as she came to my cradle
Know this child will be able
Laughed as she came to my mother
Know this child will not suffer
Laughed as my body she lifted
Know this child will be gifted
With love, with patience and with faith
She'll make her way.*

Wonder, Natalie Merchant

This is the time of year when I feel so grateful to be living in Utah; the cool days and cold nights, the trees changing colors, the sound of leaves blowing in the wind, the kiss of frost on the morning grass and window panes. I begin to anticipate the coming holidays of Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's and the wonderment and magic of the season.

Although gratitude is something I really try to feel and develop throughout the year, it is during the waning days of autumn, as the day shortens and night lengthens and winter is at our doorsteps, that gratitude seems to naturally spring forth in my heart. As my family vacationed in Disneyworld with the Black family over the UEA school break and we safely returned home, this sense of gratitude and wonder seemed to call to me from all directions.

While we were in the Magic Kingdom, I loved to just sit on a bench and watch the people, grateful for a place to rest my exhausted feet. There were people from all over the world, enjoying the same things. We all loved the exhilarating sense of flying in the ride "Soarin'", the whimsy of "Splash Mountain", the tinge of fear from "Tower of Terror", and the curiosity towards the variety of animals carved into the "Tree of Life". However, above all else, no matter what our cultural background, we all loved to laugh and play with our children. There could be the biggest, meanest looking tattooed, shaven headed man you could imagine or never want to meet on a dark street, but as he held his child's hand in line, we were brothers. It reminded me of a passage from Rachel Carson's book The Sense of Wonder: "If a child is to keep alive his inborn sense of wonder, he needs the companionship of at least one adult who can share it, rediscovering with him the joy, excitement and mystery of the world we live in." As I shared these few days with my family and friends, I remembered that Walt Disney created Disneyland as a place he could enjoy with his two daughters. There is reciprocity between parent and child during these experiences of wonder.

Each day of our lives should invoke within us a sense of wonder. As I reflect on these various things, I cannot help but wonder, "Why have I been so blessed?" Each moment of joy I have experienced in my life is the result of millions of unseen causes and conditions. In my life, I have had a few brushes with death, yet, because of a friend's kindness or a doctor taking a little extra time, I am allowed to laugh with and enjoy my family.

Our temple is like a family. It is with a sense of wonder I see families from all walks of life come together to listen to the Dharma. Each Sunday evening, I feel a deep sense of gratitude to be able to have shared the Nembutsu with so many wonderful friends. I hope we can each walk this Nembutsu path with a sense of wonder and gratitude.

This passage I began with is from a song I really enjoy called "Wonder". It was written and sung

by Natalie Merchant. It is often considered to be an anthem of sorts for people with disabilities, but are we not all blessed with our own disabilities? I am hampered on a daily basis by my greed, anger and ignorance. Yet, somehow, because of unseen causes and conditions, I am allowed to live and love life. The only thing I can respond with is, "Namo Amida Butsu."

President's Message

Dot Richeda

I would like to take this opportunity thank Karen Tohinaka and David Black, co-chair, for a successful Food Bazaar. Thank you to the Sangha members, family and friends for your support and hard work. Preparation for this event started days ahead and did not end until late Saturday night. Arigato, thank you to every one for your support.

The Temple Board will be looking for new board members for 2012-2013. If you would like join us, please see one of the board members so your name may be added to the ballot in November.

Next Temple Board Meeting: November 10, 2011 at 6:00 PM.

In Gassho,

BWA NEWS

Brenda Koga

A whole-hearted **THANK YOU** is extended to all the members of the BWA for their help in the annual food bazaar on October 2, 2011. Many of the members toiled away from Thursday through Saturday to make this temple event a successful fund raiser. Special thanks to all who volunteered to prepare the rice and arrange the sushi ingredients from 4:30 a.m., and all those who arrived at 7:00 a.m. to make the sushi.

On October 15, 2011, the BWA hosted a seminar with guest speaker, Rev. Nobuko Miyoshi from the Higashi Hongwanji in Los Angeles. The following day was the annual Eshinniko/Kakushinni Service dedicated to those BWA members who passed away in the last year. Those remembered were: **Shizue Tamagawa, Otome Hasegawa, Ruth Aoki, Yukie Okubo and Chiyoko Nishimura**. Also at this service the organization recognized the new members for the year—**Bobbie Ikegami, Ruth Watamura and Ann Takasaki**.

Following the service, there was a delicious and extensive luncheon at the Golden Dragon Restaurant. Thanks to **Jane Sakashita** for arranging that event.

We welcome our new members and invite anyone who would like to join the Salt Lake Buddhist Women's Association to contact any BWA member or Brenda Koga for details. It has always been said that the heart of the temple lies in the BWA.

November will be not only the municipal elections, but the elections for the BWA board, leading up to the election of officers in December. If you are a BWA member, please

participate in electing your new leaders. This is your opportunity to mold the organization into what you would like it to be.

Dharma School Happenings

Brenda Koga

Our Dharma School continues to thrive and bustle with activity thanks to all the teachers and coordinators. The first weekend of October was the temple's annual food bazaar and many of the students were involved with the hosting, bussing of tables, children's games and operating the snack bar. In addition some of the older students served as runners and assisted with the food booths.

Thank you to all of the volunteers who helped make this event a success. A special thanks to **Tammy Fukushima** for organizing the students who bussed the tables. I understand some of them found that task very lucrative in tips...an added plus to the thanks for their services.

By the publication of this newsletter, the student will have participated in the annual Halloween party on October 30, including a costume parade, games and a great potluck luncheon. Our appreciation is extended to **Tina Munson** and **Connie Furubayashi** for organizing this event. Also, thank you to **Judy Watanabe** and **Holly Black** for coordinating all the dharma school students in making the table decorations for the luncheon.

Also, at the service on October 30 the new Dharma School students will be officially recognized and awarded an onenju. Those new students are: **Tamisin Shipp, Jonah & Isaac Holbrook, Kimari & Midori Perng and Gracie Gray.**

If you have not registered your children and youth with the completion of the registration form and payment of your \$10 fee, please see **Judy Watanabe.**

Upcoming in November will be the **Eitaikyo service** on **November 20, 2011.** In conjunction with this service will be a seminar on Saturday, **November 19** in the West Wing. **Rev. Ryosei Nanjo** will be the guest speaker, addressing the topic of "Practical Shinshu."

The next Dharma School teachers and board meeting will be **November 13, 2011 at 11:30 a.m.**

2011-2012 YBA OFFICERS

The newly elected officers of the YBA are:

President - Matthew Minaga
Vice President - Marisa Eng
Secretary - Kira Joko
Co-treasurers - Kayla Watanabe/Treyton Imamura

Congratulations to these members and thank you to all who helped with the Food Bazaar.

Jodo Shinshu Correspondence Course 2012 Spring Enrollment Applications Now Accepted

The Jodo Shinshu Correspondence Course Office is now accepting applications for their spring 2012 enrollment. The popular 2-year, computer-based program continues to offer online instruction in the origins and development of Buddhism, Shinran Shonin's life and teaching, sutras & masters of the Pure Land tradition and history of Jodo Shinshu.

An excellent opportunity for beginners or for those who have already studied Jodo Shinshu, the program reaches out to people all over the world. Students come from Brazil, Canada, Germany, Malaysia, U.K., Japan, Nepal as well as Hawaii and the BCA. With over 80 students enrolled, the course has much to offer those interested in deepening their understanding of Buddhism and Jodo Shinshu. The course instructors consist of 14 ministers and professors who specialize in the subjects taught. An optional August Workshop at the Jodo Shinshu Center is held every year.

For more information, please visit the course website at: www.JSCC.cbe-bca.org

Applications may be submitted online through the course website. Deadline: February 15. Course starts March 1.

Questions may be directed to: Jodo Shinshu Correspondence Course Office, 2140 Durant Ave., Berkeley, CA Tel: 510-809-1441, email: jssc@cbe-bca.org

In Deepest Condolence

Our Temple offers our deepest sympathies to the family and friends of

Takashi Nagasawa

We hope that through the nembutsu teachings and the strength of your family and community, you will find comfort in this difficult time. Namo Amida Butsu

November Shotsuki Hoyo

November 20, 10:00 am

Deceased	Date of death	Next of kin
Fujii Bunzo	11/26/81	Ritsuko Hayashi
Fujii Shigeno	11/24/99	Amy Tomita
Hachisuka Toma	11/15/87	Nancy Takagi
Hasegawa Fumi	11/19/85	Jane Sakashita
Ikegami Torako	11/18/93	Rick Ikegam
Imada Mitaro	1/24/51	Matsuyo Imada
Imada Wasaburo	11/17/67	Shizuko Imada
Kaizumi Maki		Craig Kaizumi
Kashima Sawaki Kiyo	11/23/93	Hitoshi Suenaga
Kobayashi Naoki	11/13/71	Ken Kobayashi
Koga Sue	11/16/74	Koga Family
Koseki Toraji	11/22/79	Kathy Terashima
Matsuura GeorgeIwao	11/11/29	Ken Matsuura
Mitsunaga Tsurukichi	11/24/25	Tomio Mitsunaga
Muraki Yachiyo	11/21/87	Sam Muraki
Oishi Umeko	11/3/78	Victor Oishi
Okubo Kiyotaro	11/30/71	Harry Okubo
Omura Michiko	11/27/83	
Omura Toyome	11/13/94	
Sako Yoshimitsu	11/7/84	Sako Koko
Sekino Takasaburo	11/21/79	Dave Sekino
Sugino Mitsuye	11/29/91	Bob Sugino
Takagi Tami	11/25/89	Nancy Takagi
Watanabe Hikomune	11/7/93	Ida Watanabe
Yamane Kazuo	11/12/81	Eunice Yamane
Yakumo Ryujin	11/10/80	Kazuko Yakumo
Tohinaka Masayoshi	11/29/70	Sachiko Tohinaka
Iwamoto Kiyotoshi	11/11/02	Yuriko Iwamoto
Furubayashi Masato	11/9/03	Maxine Furubayashi
Matsuura Doris	11/1/04	Greg Matsuura
Akiyama Genevieve	11/2/04	Francis Akimoto
Shimizu Keiko Kae	11/6/04	Kerry Shimizu Lee
Namba Kumeno	11/21/05	Kaz Namba
Sudoko Taro	11/29/04	Nobue Sudoko
Sumiko Hattori	11/4/05	Gary Koga
Henry Imamura	11/11/07	Masako Imamura
Masako Imamura	100	Special
Chizuko Ishimatsu	100	Shotsuki Hoyo
Gerald Iseda	50	Special
Ivan Van Laningham	50	Special
Misao & Elsie Doi	50	Shotsuki Hoyo
Kazuko Terasawa	35	Shotsuki Hoyo
Wayne Aoki & Sharon Carmichael	1000	Hatsubon for Ruth Aoki

Setsuko & Bob Schock	200	In memory of mother-Chiyoko Nishimura
Aki & Bob Sugino	20	Shotsuki Hoyo for Fusaye & Hama Ogawa
Aki & Bob Sugino	40	Bazaar donation
Nagasawa Family	100	In memory of Takashi Nagasawa
Ivan Van Laningham	50	Special
Karen Tohinaka	25	Kelsi's graduation
Donna Sato	20	Obon
Sou Watanuki Family	100	Memorial
Koyo Restaurant	100	Special
Robert Kasubuchi	30	In memory of Kyushiro Masuko

BWA

Setsuko & Bob Schock	50	In memory of mother-Chiyoko Nishimura
Rose Watamura	50	Fall Ohigan

Eshinniko Service --

Jeanne Konishi	25	Brenda Koga	25
Carmela & Jerry Hirano	100	Maxine Furubayashi	25
Ann Takasaki	100	Maya Chow	20
Mark & Gail Minaga	20	Jane Sakashita	15
Byron & Reiko Watanabe	20	Christy Fong	25
Takeko Doi	25	Lynne Doi	25
Junko Mitsunaga	25	Junko Mitsunaga	30 Seminar
Terry Fujinami	25	Connie Sakashita	15
Reiko Matsuura	20	Setsuko Nagata	25
Grace Oshita	25	Kazuko Yakumo	25

DHARMA SCHOOL

Setsuko & Bob Schock	50	In memory of mother-Chiyoko Nishimura
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YBA

Lisa & Kirk Imamura	20	7 yr memorial for Hiro Ikegami
Setsuko & Bob Schock	50	In memory of mother, Chiyoko Nishimura

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