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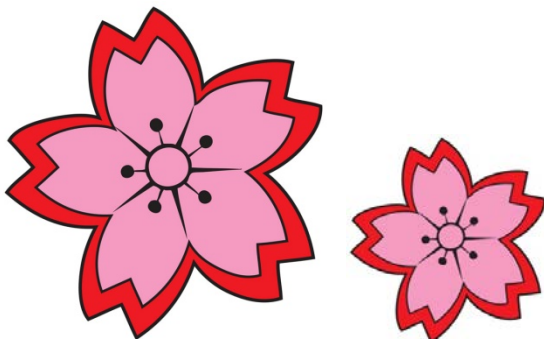
SALT LAKE BUDDHIST TEMPLE

Japanese Food Bazaar

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2012
211 West 100 South, SLC, UT

Food Served from 1:00 - 8:00
Sushi * Teriyaki * Gyoza * Beef Bowl * Tempura

Chapel Tours, Raffle, Silent Auction Baskets
Gifts for Sale
Public Welcome!



Dana (selfless giving): More than Money

J.K. Hirano

His wisdom was expression of tenderness in his face and with kindness in his speech, he spoke consonance with their inner thoughts. Courageous and diligent, devoted himself solely to the pursuit of the beings. He revered the Three his practices of it.

with great resolve and merit. By so

unobstructed, and to others in pure Dharma, treasures, respect and partake

Larger Sutra of Immeasurable Life: translated by Rev. Hisao Inagaki

First of all I would like to thank Karie Minaga-Miya and her committee for the successful completion of our centennial celebration. I think we had over 300 people and there was coverage for this event on T.V. and the various local newspapers. It took four years of planning on the part of the committee to accomplish this task. I remember when I casually mentioned to Karie that I was looking for someone that would be willing to chair this event. She cheerfully volunteered. I know how busy she is, but now that I have seen the completion of all her hard work, the right person took the right job. It's amazing how that works out sometimes. This made me think about how Karie and her committee worked in the true spirit of Dana (self less giving). We often hear of Dana in reference to monetary contributions to the temple. However, Dana is the giving of our selves, the contribution of our thoughts, speech or actions. Dana is listed as one of the six paramitas in Buddhism. It may be considered the Bodhisattva path.

The passage I began this article with is from the section of the Larger Sutra that refers to the Bodhisattva Path. It is the passage in the Larger Sutra right after the Juseige (Gatha of Confirming Vows) that we chant in many of our services. The line I would like to focus on is; "With an expressions of tenderness in his face and with kindness in his speech, he spoke to others in consonance with their inner thoughts." This is where the phrase "Wagen Aigo" comes from. These four characters literally mean: Wagen (kind, tender face) Aigo (loving words). This is what is written on the scroll at the back of the hondo at the Ogden Buddhist temple, it is the Dana of giving smiles and kind words.

Our BCA temples have provided a place for generations of people to listen to the Dharma. To do this, people had to donate millions of dollars and years upon years of hard work. This is the Dana that we usually hear about. However, one of the most difficult aspects of Dana is that giving must be done without the thought of reward or for consideration of who is worthy of the giving. This is the ideal of our Mahayana Buddhist tradition, the way of the Bodhisattva.

The essence in the practice of Dana is to have a full open heart of unconditional love for all beings. It is to be generous with our time, money, food, clothing, or other gifts to assist others. It is to try to provide the means for a people to encounter and hear the Dharma. I have spoken of this on different occasions, but it is our temple's Dana to provide a place of hearing the Dharma for all. And it isn't just about money, as this passage from the Larger Sutra emphasizes. We can give of ourselves, with kind words and smiles.

I received a note in the mailbox that I would like to share with you. It was a written on a small piece of lined notebook paper. There was no envelope, no return address. It was addressed "to who it may concern" and I thought it should be shared with the Sangha.

“Thank you for allowing us to sleep here for a while. By the way, I had heard that temples were places where people could find safety. You have showed this to us. We appreciate your kindness

M.... O....”

When I came to the temple one morning, I saw this couple with their backpacks and blankets; they were neatly packing their things and putting them away. I merely smiled and said, “Good Morning, be sure to clean up any trash.” They smiled and said they would. I know that there are some people that would leave their trash and worse around the temple. However, these people seemed like a couple that may have just been having some difficulties in their lives. Wouldn't it be great if everyone could have a nice, warm, safe place to live? Yet, some of us will have difficulties in our lives and at that time, I believe those of us that have should try to help those that are experiencing difficulty. This is what these six paramitas are trying to help us understand. Dana isn't about money; it is about being generous in the simplest of ways, with mind, speech and body. To try to think beautiful thoughts, words and deeds and protect all that are weaker than myself.

As we live with other human beings, we all have different ways of thinking. We more than likely will not agree on some things. There are some people that have a difficult time in getting along with others. There are some that no matter how you try, you will never be able to get along with. You can usually recognize these individuals by the unfortunate circumstances of their manifested lives. These are called “Icchantika” in Mahayana Buddhism; they are the most spiritually deluded of all beings. I like the word Dr. Mark Blum uses for them, “unfortunate.” If possible, we should try to smile and speak to them with kindness. If that doesn't work, I try to just avoid them. I think I need to work on my Dana a little more, but I try to at the least think of this quote written by Prince Shotoku Taishi:

“Let us cease from wrath, and refrain from angry looks. Nor let us be resentful when others differ from us. For all men have hearts, and each heart has its own leanings. Their right is our wrong, and our right is their wrong. We are not unquestionably sages, nor are they unquestionably fools. Both of us are simply ordinary people. How can anyone lay down a rule by which to distinguish right from wrong? For we are all, one with another, wise and foolish like a ring, which has no end.”

I would like to close with another mention of Dana. Mr. Mitsuo Yamamoto of the Florin Buddhist Temple generously donated a carved wooden wisteria crest. I was at the Florin Buddhist Temple in March and noticed a number of beautiful wisteria crests around the temple. I asked Rev. Sugahara about them. He told me that Mr. Yamamoto carved them. A few weeks after my visit, Rev. Sugahara emailed me that Mr. Yamamoto would be happy to donate a Crest for our temple. On behalf of the temple, I would like to thank Mr. Yamamoto for his Dana.

Thank you Sangha members for all your support and efforts to help make our centennial celebration as a result, it was great success. Namu Amida Butsu.

President's Message

Dot Richeda

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Karie Minaga-Miya, Chair, for the Centennial celebration, "Walking the Path of Enlightenment." Karie and her committee members worked for at least four years planning this event. This is a historical remembrance of our temple and holds a special significance for the past, present and future members of our temple. Let us continue to grow as a temple. Thank you again.

To commemorate this historical event, we will be putting together a time capsule. If you would like to add to the capsule with the history of your family or pictures, please bring them to the temple by December. We will open the time capsule in 25 years. Any questions, please ask Dave Sekino.

We are looking for volunteers for our Food Bazaar. If you would like to volunteer, please let me know.

We will have New Comers Orientation on Sept 30, 2012 after service.

Mark your calendar:

Food Bazaar, October 6, 2012

Holiday Boutique, November 17, 2012

Announcements:

Temple Board Meeting – October 6, 2012 at 6:00PM

BWA News

Reiko Matsuura

Our monthly BWA meeting was held September 30th, items of discussion included the FBWA Conference to be held in San Jose October 12-14, 2012. The upcoming bazaar and the food items the BWA will be preparing (maki and Inari sushi. BWA members are also chairing food booths that will be serving gyoza, tempera, and oriental salad.

Several BWA members volunteered to help at the Chili Affair held at the Salt Palace. The Road Home Shelter profits from this event to help families that are displaced. Brenda Koga has been involved in this project for several years and we appreciate the opportunity to serve our community and help others.

Several BWA members attended the Centennial Buddhist Conference that was a great success. Kudos to Karie Minaga-Miya and organizers. I heard comments from the BWA members from Honeyville, Ogden and Salt Lake and they all enjoyed the luncheon speaker and most of all visiting with old acquaintances.

Additional upcoming events:

Eshinni-ko- our guest speaker will be Rev. Masumi Kikuchi. She is kaikyoshi from Kyoto and studying at Ryokoku University. Her topic of study involves American Jodo Shinshu. This will be the topic of her Seminar on October 20, 2012 and she will follow with service on Sunday October 21, 2012.

The annual boutique will be held in November
Recognition for Reverend Jerry Hirano for 25 years of service

Mill Hollow Camp outing 3rd & 4th grade class

Thanks to all of the Dharma School families for a fun filled and exciting weekend at the Mill Hollow camp facility on August 31 – September 2nd. Despite the unpredictable weather, a fun and memorable time was enjoyed by all!

Alex Tokita's favorite memory was the dime sized hail that pounded us as we were at the campfire. Everyone ran for shelter but he was lucky because his brother, **Eric** protected him.

Josh Watanabe's favorite memory was his impressive magic trick with popcorn that amazed us all! He loved the hot chocolate and enjoyed listening to the hailstorm as it pounded on the roof of his cabin.

Max Watanabe's favorite memory was the crazy weather – rain then sun then rain then a hailstorm! He especially loved his double chocolate s'mores he made at the campfire.

Our teachers also shared their favorite memory. **Faye's** was that her son, **Kyle** shielded her on our race for cover during the hailstorm. **Gail's** most vivid memory was seeing her husband, **Mark** go outside during the storm to photograph lightening strikes! **Christy's** favorite memory was hiking with friends for 6 miles up and around the lakes. We all admired **Mrs. Yakumo's** strength and endurance as she hiked the 6 miles with us. **Christy** also enjoyed the skits, jokes and friendship shared around the campfire each night.

We thank **Brenda Koga** for making the arrangements and we look forward to another year of camping memories next year!!!

Eshinni Seminar

October 20th, 2:00-4:00 pm
Salt Lake Buddhist Temple

Myokonin-Wondrous Life of Nembutsu Followers

*Rev. Masumi Kikuchi
(former Kaikyoshi of Buddhist Churches of Canada)*

Salt Lake Buddhist Temple Dharma School Student Registration 2012-13 Year

Father's Name _____

Mother's Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone _____ E-mail _____

Children

(1) Name _____

Birth date _____ Grade _____ Age _____

(2) Name _____

Birth date _____ Grade _____ Age _____

(3) Name _____

Birth date _____ Grade _____ Age _____

(4) Name _____

Birth date _____ Grade _____ Age _____

(5) Name _____

Birth date _____ Grade _____ Age _____

\$10.00 donation per child for registration. Please return form to Judy Watanabe
Your cooperation is greatly appreciated

October Shotsuki Hoyo

Service will be October 28

Deceased	Date of death	Next of kin
Akita Sakae	10/25/36	Janet Thomas
Iwasaki Ritsuko	10/25/61	Dean Iwasaki
Kano Gunpei	10/13/65	Marilynn Shimada
Masuko Kyushiro	10/25	Robert Kasubuchi
Mitsunaga Ruth	10/30/95	Faye Mitsunaga-Eng
Muto Chiyo	10/15/83	
Ninomiya Katsuji	10/20/42	Yoshiko Ninomiya
Nishihara Alice	10/20/90	Greg Matsuura
Oda Mitsuji	10/9/31	Mumatsu Sasaki
Ogawa Fusaye	10/19/31	Bob Sugino
Ogawa Kuma	10/6/19	Bob Sugino
Oike Katsuye	10/14/74	May Koike
Saito Shizuno	10/26/21	Yoshiko Ninomiya
Sasaki Sukeichiro	10/19/68	Charlie Sasaki
Shiba Yoshiro	10/19/52	Yuri Uyeda
Sugiyama Unosuki	10/27/84	
Tadehara Masami	10/9/87	Tadehara Family
Tohinaka George	10/28/95	Ayako Tohinaka
Tokunaga Shigao	10/27/90	Tokunaga Family
Tsuyuki Ikuzo	10/3	Mark Tsuyuki
Wakayama Gerry	10/7/94	Wakayama Family
Yamamoto James	10/25/71	Eleanor Nakamura
Tamagawa Frank	10/18/95	Fred Tamagawa
Hisae Tsutsui	10/15/01	Geraldine Chappel
Frank Ling	10/02/02	Elaine Fukushima
Betty Yamaguchi	10/8/04	Jeannie Yamaguchi
John Imada	10/24/05	Imada Family
Otome Hasegawa	10/11/10	Roxanne Hasegawa

SEPTEMBER DONATIONS

Ichiro & Takeko Doi	300 Sangha Award (July)
Jeff & Soni Hirasuna	75 Special
Setsuko & Robert Schock	100 1 yr memorial for Chiyoko Nishimura
Setsuko & Robert Schock	50 August Shotsuki Hoyo
Rose Watamura	100 Memorial for Hideo Watamura
Jeannette Hayakawa	100 Shotsuki Hoyo -Fukataro & Etsuno Sakashita
Kazuko Terasawa	35 August Shotsuki Hoyo
Yutako Ikegami	50 Shotsuki Hoyo-Hiroshi Ikegami
Nancy & Thomas Hohler	20 Special

Richard Matsuda Family 500 Memorial for May Matsuda
Ray Marmouz & Lee Brinegar 100 Wedding

BWA

STEAK FRY --

Elsie & Misao Doi	30	Nob Aoki	50
Maya Chow	25	Ruby Doi	25
Richard Doi	30	Christy & Bruce Fong	20
Jeanne Konishi	100	Tammy & Henry Kuramoto	25
LaVerne & Ernie Kyed	30	Sego Matsumiya	30
Hisako Minaga	10	Grace Oshita	20
Karie & Marcus Miya	20	Aiko Okada	50
Jane Sakashita	30	Reiko & Byron Watanabe	20

Sumiye Tanabe	100	Husbands memorial
Sadie Kato	100	Special
May Koike Family	100	Hatsubon
Yuriko Iwamoto	20	Special
Chizuko Ishimatsu	30	Special
Tammy & Henry Kuramoto	20	Brad's wedding
Richard Matsuda Family	300	Memorial for May Matsuda

New Members:

Stephanie Sueoka	Grace Kasai
Setsuko Tohinaka	May Akiyama
Miyuki Nakano	Julia Nagata
Yuriko Iwamoto	LaVerne Kyed
Nobi Sudoko	

DHARMA SCHOOL

Kazuko Yakumo	50	Millhollow camp outing
Richard Matsuda Family	200	Memorial for May Matsuda

YBA

Richard Matsuda Family	200	Memorial for May Matsuda
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JR YBA

Richard Matsuda Family	200	Memorial for May Matsuda
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THANK YOU TO THE FOLLOWING FOR DONATIONS TO
THE UTAH BUDDHIST CENTENNIAL ON SEPTEMBER 15

Rev & Mrs. Kodo Umezu
Rev & Mrs. Hirofumi Watanabe
Rev & Mrs. Kazu Niho
Rev Eljiro D. Fujii

Mrs. Tomoko Ohata
Mrs. Teruko Ono
Mrs. Kazuko Yakumo & Arthur and Edward
Tri State Denver Buddhist Temple
Gail & Robert ida
Sharon Koga
Ichiro & Takeko Doi
Terry & Mits Fujinami
Karie Minaga-Miya
Nanae Taketa
Tom & June Nagao
Kenge & Marye Okada
Koji Nagao
Beb & Ila Okada
Kiyoko Nakamura
Yosh Nakayama
Richie Aoki, Colleen Tanner, Pam Covey
Kiyoko & Hub Aoki
Jane Sakashita
Paul & Kathy Terashima
Chic Terashima

Japan Tour 2013

A couple of years ago, our temple along with Monterey Buddhist temple and a few others were planning on visiting Japan for the 750th memorial service of Shinran Shonin. Before our trip began, the deadly tsunami hit Japan; we felt that this was not the time for a sightseeing tour. Rev. Shinseki and I believe enough time has passed that we are considering going to Japan again. We have switched companies from JTB to Kintetsu International. As a result of the poor exchange rate, the price for the tour is about \$4500.00 per person and this does not include the price for tickets between Salt Lake and San Francisco. If you are interested in this tour please let me know my email is jkhirano@msn.com

June 9 (Sun) USA – JAPAN (TOKYO)

Depart Salt Lake City / San Francisco (SFO) for Japan (TBA)

June 10 (Mon) NARITA - TOKYO

Arrive at Narita International Airport (Tokyo)

English-speaking assistant will greet you at the airport and escort to hotel by motorcoach

Evening Check-in the hotel

Accommodations at Shinagawa Prince Hotel or similar class

June 11 (Tue) TOKYO (B / L)

Breakfast at the hotel

Tokyo full-day sightseeing tour with English-speaking guide by

motorcoach

- ✓ Tokyo Tower
- ✓ Imperial Palace Plaza
- ✓ Meiji shrine
- ✓ Asakusa Kannon Temple & Nakamise shopping arcade
- ✓ Group lunch

Accommodations at

Shinagawa Prince Hotel or similar class

June 12 (Wed) TOKYO (B)

Breakfast at the hotel

Free at leisure _____

Accommodations at Shinagawa

Prince Hotel or similar class

June 13 (Thus) TOKYO – TOKYO DISNEYSEA - TOKYO (B)

Breakfast at the hotel

Tokyo DisneySea tour with English-speaking guide by motorcoach

Accommodations at Shinagawa Prince Hotel or similar class

June 14 (Fri) TOKYO – Mt. FUJI - HAKONE (B/ L/D)

Breakfast at the hotel

Check-out hotel

Leave for Mt. Fuji sightseeing tour by motorcoach

- ✓ Fuji Visitor Center
- ✓ Mt. Fuji 5th station
- ✓ Group lunch
- ✓ Cruise on Lake Ashi
- ✓ Mt. Komagatake Ropeway

Check in Japanese-style Ryokan (with hot springs)

Group dinner (Kaiseki Cuisine) at the ryokan

Accommodation at Yunohana Onsen Hotel or similar class

June 15 (Sat) HAKONE – TAKAYAMA (B / L)

*Luggage will be shipped to hotel in Kyoto by Takuhaibin Service (one piece per person)

Breakfast at the Ryokan

Transfer to JR Odawara station by motorcoach

JR Shinkansen and limited express train to Takayama station (via Nagoya)

Afternoon Takayama walking tour

Accommodation at Best Western Takayama or similar class

June 16 (Sun) TAKAYAMA – KYOTO (B)

Breakfast at the hotel

Morning free at leisure

Take JR limited express train and Shinkansen from Takayama to Kyoto (via Nagoya)

Upon arrival in Kyoto, walk to the hotel.

Accommodation at New Miyako Hotel or similar class

June 17 (Mon) KYOTO (B / L)

Breakfast at the hotel

Kyoto & Nara full-day sightseeing tour with English-speaking guide by motorcoach

- ✓ Hongwanji Temple
 - ✓ Nijo Castle
 - ✓ Kinkakuji Temple (Golden Pavillion)
 - ✓ Kyoto Imperial Place
- Group Lunch en route
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- ✓ Todaiji Temple with Great Buddha
 - ✓ Nara Park (Deer Park)
 - ✓ Kasuga Taisha Shrine
 - ✓ Nara Nagomikan for shopping

Accommodation at New Miyako Hotel or similar class

June 18 (Tue) KYOTO (B)

Breakfast at hotel

Free at leisure

Accommodation at New

Miyako Hotel or similar class

June 19 (Wed) KYOTO - HIROSHIMA (B / L / D)

Breakfast at hotel

Check out the hotel and walk to JR Kyoto station

Travel from Kyoto to Hiroshima by JR Shinkansen

Hiroshima & Miyajima Island sightseeing tour with English-speaking
guide by motorcoach

- ✓ Miyajima Island / Itsukushima Jinja Shrine
- ✓ Peace Memorial Park (Museum)
- ✓ Atomic Bomb Dome

Check in the hotel

Group dinner at local restaurant

Accommodation at ANA Crowne Plaza Hotel or similar class

June 20 (Thus) HIROSHIMA (B)

Breakfast at hotel

Free day at your leisure

Accommodation at ANA Crowne Plaza Hotel or
similar class

June 21 (Fri) HIROSHIMA – NARITA (TOKYO) – SFO / SALT LAKE CITY (B)

Breakfast at hotel

Transfer to Hiroshima Airport by motorcoach

Depart Hiroshima for SFO / Salt Lake City via Narita Airport.

*You will be arriving in the US on the same day!