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Holiday Boutique

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Saturday Nov. 23, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Sunday Nov. 24, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

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



The Music Teacher

J.K. Hirano

For most of us, there is only the unattended
Moment, the moment in and out of time
The distraction fit, lost in a shaft of sunlight
The wild thyme unseen, or the winter lightning
Or the waterfall, or music heard so deeply
That it is not heard at all, but you are the music
While the music lasts.

The Dry Salvages: V T.S. Elliot

This month's article is dedicated to my music teacher Mr. Vernon Bird and to all teachers whose life desire is that they may inspire their students to listen to life, "music heard so deeply, that it is not heard at all, but you are the music, while the music lasts."

It's taken me close to forty years to realize that my Dad was correct for steering me away from being a professional musician. I think I could have made a living at it in some way, but it wouldn't have been a great life, which I have now. When I was in High School and at the start of my college career, I wanted to be a professional musician. My father never said, "You can't be a professional musician!" However, when I told him of my intent of accepting a music scholarship at the University of Utah, he told me, "I will support the decision if you can show me an advertisement in the paper, looking for trumpet players."

With this simple statement, I decided not to become a professional trumpet player. I really believed that I was good enough to work as a musician. I had practiced for 2 sometimes 6 hours a day all through high school to become a decent trumpet player. I was first chair in the All City band and orchestra. My main claim to fame in High School was that I was the best high school trumpet player in the city. I was constantly encouraged to keep up my trumpet playing by my music teacher Mr. Bird.

Mr. Bird was also a trumpet player. He was my teacher when I first began trumpet in the fourth grade. I remember when he would take out his beautiful Bach trumpet. I knew that I wanted to be able to play like he did. Practicing was very boring. I'm sure that it was a huge irritation to my family. My Dad would suggest that I use the mute to practice or go into the basement. As I felt slightly discouraged at home, Mr. Bird would always tell me how good I was. I'm not sure how but Mr. Bird remained my elementary, Jr. High and High School music teacher.

By the time I was a senior in High School, Mr. Bird told me that I may have surpassed him in my playing. Mr. Bird was a very competent musician. He could play quite well, but he wasn't at the level of a professional trumpet player, making his livelihood by playing the trumpet. Yet, it wasn't his personal music ability that touched me, it was his love of music and his personal involvement in my life. Mr. Bird was the first adult besides my parents that told me I was really good at something. Through his encouragement, I grew as a human being. I began to feel a sense of self worth that encouraged me to look beyond music, to see that in life, I could succeed.

Although I did not become a music teacher, as a Buddhist priest, I feel that I am following in the footsteps of Mr. Bird, Mr. Gordon Moore, Mrs. Knorr and my many other dedicated teachers. I wish I was able to have told Mr. Bird these things person to person, but a few years ago, I sadly read that he had passed away and I attended his funeral.

This past month at our temple's annual food bazaar, I was reminded of Mr. Bird by seeing the dedicated hard work of Paul Terashima, Karen Tohinaka, Reiko Mitsunaga and Troy Watanabe, the chairs for our food bazaar. In particular, I was reminded of Mr. Bird by watching Ernie Kyed and his son Andrew.

We ministers of the Buddhist Churches of America love the Jodo Shinshu teachings and strive to live our life with the Nembutsu as its center. However, that doesn't mean we are great Jodo Shinshu Buddhists.

Mr. Bird was a great teacher to me, but he wasn't in an objective sense, a great trumpet player. He was good but not great. However, he showed me how to appreciate great trumpet players and music. I know that I am not a great Jodo Shinshu Buddhist. Far from it, I continually have terrible and even scary angry thoughts in my mind. I worry how difficult it is for me to appreciate all the wonderful things in my life. That's why I am so inspired and amazed at how some of our members truly devote themselves, without recognition to the continuation of our Sangha.

Within our Sangha we have some virtuosos of Jodo Shinshu and hopefully from time to time, I can point them out to you so we can share and learn from their playing of the music of Jodo Shinshu, which is the deep sense of gratitude for all the causes and conditions in our life. They play the nembutsu and the nembutsu flows from them as they work for the benefit of all. These individuals reminded me of how although Mr. Bird was a music teacher, he may not have been a virtuoso of the instrument. Similarly, we ministers may teach Jodo Shinshu, but may not be great Jodo Shinshu Buddhists.

Rennyō Shōnin said, that we should hear the teachings when young. When we get older, we often get bored with the teachings and even have a hard time with simple tasks like walking. When I saw Andrew Kyed working so hard for our temple and listened to him as he worked. It was as though I were seeing a miniature version of his father Ernie Kyed. It isn't listening to me during my Dharma talks that made Andrew work so hard for our temple. It is by watching his father and the respect and dedication Ernie shows towards our temple, Andrew can see the nembutsu in action. Paul Terashima is the son of Kay and Chiyoko Terashima, it is from their example that Paul lives a deeply Jodo Shinshu life. The same is true for so many others at our temple that are true virtuosos of the nembutsu. As they play, may we second chair players, strive to become better, by their constant influence in their lives. Thank you to all who worked so hard for our temple at this year's Bazaar. You are truly amazing.

President's Message

Ivan Van Laningham

Robert Tokita has graciously accepted the position of receivables accountant, and will be trained by Dave Sekino and Maya Chow. He will officially take office in January 2014.

The Sangha is still in need of a Web Guru. Duties include maintaining the Temple's website and keeping the Temple Calendar up to date. If you can spare two or three hours a week, the Sangha would be most grateful.

Food Bazaar

Karen Tohinaka

I would like to thank everyone for all their hard work to help make this year's Food Bazaar a huge success. We could not have done it all without you. Thanks to the BWA ladies in making manju and prepping for the sushi and other goodies days in advance along with preparing breakfast and lunches for the workers....It was delicious as always. Thanks to the basketball guys for setting up the booths/tables and chairs/and for cooking the chicken...we appreciate all your hard work. Many thanks to all the Chairs of each booth and for all the volunteers from our Sangha.... from the parents, to Dharma school kids, to the Jr. YBA and YBA, and to friends and family, for bussing, hostessing, dishwashing, cashiering, cooking and helping in the set up and cleanup. I would like to express a special thank you to my co-chairs, Paul Terashima, Reiko Mitsunaga, and Troy Watanabe for stepping up the last minute to assist with all the tasks needed to help put this all together. I could not have done it without you!!

November Shotsuki Hoyo

November 24, 10:00 am

Deceased	Date of death	Next of kin
Fujii Bunzo	11/26/81	Masami 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 Ikegami
Imada Mitaro	1/24/51	Matsuyo Imada
Imada Wasaburo	11/17/67	Shizuko Imada
Kaizumi Maki		Craig Kaizumi
Kashima Sawaki Kiyoo	11/23/93	Hitoshi Suenaga
Kobayashi Naoki	11/13/71	Kobayashi Family
Koga Sue	11/16/74	Koga Family
Koseki Toraji	11/22/79	Kathy Terashima
Matsuura GeorgeIwao	11/11/29	Greg 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	Koko Sako
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
Ritsuko Hayashi	11/12/11	Masami Hayashi
Noriko Kobayashi	11/25/11	Keizo Kobayashi

2013 SEPTEMBER DONATIONS

Ohigan:

Charlie Sasaki	20	Karen Sato	50
Stan Endo	40	Tom Akimoto	30
Maxine Furubayashi	25	Tomio Mitsunaga	25
Kazuko Yakumo	25	Jane Sakashita	25
Nobuo Aoki	25	Mits Fujinami	25
Setsuko Nagata	25	Nancy Takagi	25
Henry Kuramoto	20		

Shotsuki Hoyo

Jeanne Konishi	100
Robert Kasubuchi	90
Yutako Ikegami	50
Misao Doi	75
Setsuo Takenaka	50
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Nancy Takagi	25
Mits Fujinami	25
Scott Sasaki	50
Robert & Tami Tokita	20
Jane Sakashita	25
Richard Matsuda	30
Nobuo Aoki	50
Nobuo Aoki	100
Ichiro Doi	50
Tom Akimoto	130
Hiroshi Aramaki	20
Ben Terashima funeral	300

In Memory of:

Larry & Becky Konishi, Kay Matsumiya and James Konishi
Isa & Otomatsu Kasubuchi, Hisa Masuko
Hiro Ikegami
Matsuzo Takenaka
Yoso Takenaka
Michael
Frank & Susie Nakai
Hiroshi Mitsunaga
Fukentaro & Etsuno Sakashita
Toshi Aoki
Ben & Keiko Aoki
Amiko Sekizo
Fukushima & Hideko Akimoto, Takeo Akimoto
Setsuko Akimoto
Ben Terashima
Kurumada Memorial
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Temple General:

Kyle Eng	20	Birthday	
Ruby Doi	50	Nokotsudo for George Doi	
Setsuko Schock	50	Nokotsudo	
Donna Sato	25	Obon	
Ivan Van Laningham	200	Special	
Nancy Hohler	30	Special	
Barye Blosch	20	Special	
Setsuko Schock	50	Special	
Rebecca Jackson	10	Special	

BWA

Takeko Doi	25
Terry Fujinami	25
Maxine Furubayashi	25
Sandra Iwasaki	25
Brenda Koga	20
Jeanne Konishi	50
Gail Minaga	25
Junko Mitsunaga	30
Setsuko Nagata	25
Dot Richeda	30
Jane Sakashita	25
Reiko Watanabe	25
Kazuko Yakumo	25

Building Fund

Tomio, Junko
& Reiko Mitsunaga 150 Memory of Ruth Schwager who past away at age 101