



Buddhist Thoughts

Salt Lake Buddhist Temple: 211 West 100 South
Salt Lake City, Utah 84101, volume 20 issue 5
web site: slbuddhist.org

May, 2014
Rev. Hirano's contact numbers: Office: 363-4742,
home: 299-8727, emergency 819-2648

CHANGE IN MY WAY OF LIFE Rev. Masami Hayashi

Gratitude on the common, conventional level is a response to favors, kindnesses, and good fortune received from other. But gratitude on the religious level is an affirmation of the gift of life. Gratitude is based on the Buddhist world view, that any happening is the product of countless causes and conditions. We can not understand all the elements that contribute to making possible each moment, encounter or event in our lives.—Namo Amida Butsu

As I reflect over 91 years of my life, I feel the greatest change in my way of life occurred when I was 13. In March, 1937, when I was an 8th grader, Rev. Yoshitaka Tamai, the Tri-State Buddhist minister, was asking for volunteers from members who were in their teens to participate in a one year program of studying Japanese and their culture. I thought it was a good opportunity to travel and see something different. But I was concerned about the expense. We just got out of the economic depression. The exchange rate in 1937 was one yen to 29 cents compared to today's rate of one yen to 1 cent. After dad and mom discussed the positive side of the experience that I would gain, they agreed to let me join the group known as the *Shonen Shugakudan*, Youth Study Group. Sixteen teenagers ranging from twelve through nineteen years showed interest in the program. Two older high school graduates had other plans for going to Japan, one wanted to enter the Buddhist ministry and the other wanted to join the sumo profession. Rev. *Kozen Tsunemitsu*, who headed this program, had established a special school for us. We used the facility at the *Nichi-bei Home*, a dormitory in Tokyo for students from Hawaii, Canada and the United States. The dormitory was large and accommodated several college students and our group of 10 boys. The four girls stayed at a dormitory for girls. The *Nichi-bei Home* dormitory had a large dining room, shower and lavatory, a small chapel for religious services, a large hall for athletic activity and a place to assemble for meetings, several classrooms and a large outdoors playground. It also included a residence home for Rev. Tsunemitsu and his family.

The education curriculum for the first wave of the Young *shugakudan* was organized by a committee of three, headed by Rev. Tsunemitsu. The program consisted of three main categories: Education (language and culture), a summer tour (three weeks) plus one month stay with parents' relatives, and short trips in the vicinity of Tokyo taken on Sundays. The education topics concentrated on Japanese language (reading, composition, speaking, and calligraphy) and culture (history, geography, ethics, abacus, judo, kendo, and singing.) A second year of learning was added because of the successful accomplishment in the first year and a desire to study one more year by the majority of the students and their parents. The advanced study included high school readers, grammar, novels by Natsume Soseki, Japanese newspaper, conversation, calligraphy, Kanbun (Chinese reading), history and geography of Asia, abacus, translation of Japanese to English and vice versa, Judo and Kendo. I am expressing my thoughts today because I am now the only survivor of this first wave experimental *Shugakudan* project, which was successful and would have followed by additional programs for young Japanese Americans if

war didn't interrupt the program. Ritsuko, my wife, enrolled in the 3rd wave of the *Shugakudan* but had to transfer to Tokyo Women's College because *Nichi-bei* Home was destroyed in World War II.

Our study program was intensive. For six days per week, we started the day by waking up at 6:30, attended the morning service at 6:50, chanted the *San Butsuge*, sang our group song, and recited our group Creed. We had breakfast at 7:00 and started our four hour class sessions at 8:00. We had lunch at noon. We started our two hour afternoon study classes at 1:00, then we had snacks at 3:00. Our Judo and kendo sessions were held after snack-time. We had dinner at 5:00 and had homework study from 7:00 till bed time at 10:00PM. Then on Sundays, we toured the shrines, temples, museums, historical sites in the vicinity of Tokyo, and saw movies, sport events. A visit to Prince Takamatsu's residence by invitation was special. He was a younger brother to Emperor Hirohito and the prince wanted to know about our Japanese education and also about our parents in the United States. For our first summer tour in 1937, we went to Western Honshu, Shikoku and Kyushu, and the second tour in 1938, we went to Korea and Manchuria. After each summer tour, we stayed with our parent's relative for one month.

I feel grateful to my parents for giving me the opportunity to study in Japan. Being only a teenager, I didn't fully appreciate the gift that my parents gave me, that is, working with all the wonderful teachers that made a change in my way of living positive. The change came from my understanding and living the Japanese spirit. This was taught through participating in the martial arts of judo, kendo, and shodo, through studying history and culture and through touring and visiting Japan during our two years of living in Japan. Before coming to Japan, my ego from insecurity and self-consciousness limited me from trying to do many thing. By being steeped in the Japanese spirit that gives positive attitude, I am now unafraid to perform anything to the best of my ability. This positive attitude has carried me through high school, college, professional employment, military duty, sports, shodo, Dharma school and ministerial activities.

Repentance is another phase of gratitude, the feeling of inadequacy, a sense that one can never truly repay the gifts received. Repentance, the confession of one's inability to be grateful, may be at the core of true gratitude. However, for all levels of gratitude, the ultimate expression of gratitude is the saying of the Name, Namo Amida Butsu. – Namo Amida Butsu

BWA News

Elaine Endo

What a busy month April was! Several BWA members worked together to prepare the delicious sakura mochi for Hanamatsuri. Thanks to Takeko Doi and Terry Fujinami for preparing the an and to Reiko Matsuura and her crew for assembling them. Everyone looks forward to this traditional treat each year.

Even though it was raining cats and dogs during Nihonmatsuri, dedicated BWA and temple members worked tirelessly to ensure that the temple was represented and our food was ready to sell. The weather may have kept some people away from the festival, but it didn't stop us from working hard and collaborating together. Thanks to all who gave up their time on Friday and Saturday to help make this event happen.

On a sunnier note, a Wendover bus trip is planned for Sunday, June 29 in conjunction with the Ogden Temple. The cost is \$20 which includes a free buffet and \$5 cash back. The bus will pick us up at the temple about 7:30 that morning with departure time from Wendover at about 5:00. That should get us back to the temple that evening around 7:00. We have limited spots so please contact me as soon possible with the number of seats you would like to reserve.

The first deadline for the number of people interested in attending the 2015 World FBWA Conference in Calgary, Canada on May 30-31, 2015 is quickly approaching. Consider whether you are interested in attending. We will be discussing this, and other items, in our next meeting on Sunday, May 18 at 9:00. Hope to see you all there.

Infant Presentation (Hatsumairi)

May 18

On Sunday May 18, we will be holding an infant presentation service. This service is for any child born into our Sangha over the past year. This service is to help begin the child's first steps along the Nembutsu path. The child is presented before the Buddha and the Sangha. They are presented with a gift from the Temple. Those interested please fill in the form and return it to Rev. Hirano

Infant's name

Date of birth

Parent's names

Address

Phone

Temple member Yes No

May Shotsuki Hoyo

May 18, 10:00 am

Name	Date of Death	Next of kin
Akita, Sam Hideo	5/17/64	Janet Thomas
Aoki, Michio Mike	5/13/92	Sharon Carmichel
Atagi Tomi	5/26/89	June Seo
Fujii Fumiye	5/10	Masami Hayashi
Hirano Ikuye	5/10/88	Jerry Hirano
Hirano Kazuyo	5/31/92	Jerry Hirano
Iwasaki Tori	5/28/69	Paul Iwasaki
Minaga Taka	5/15/96	Mark Minaga
Miyake Mitsuyoshi	5/31/84	Jim Miyake
Moshizuki Kuniko	5/21/83	Takeo Mochizuki
Namba Jin	5/20/84	Kaz Namba
Ninomiya Tei	5/8/64	Ninomiya Family
Nishida Seiichi	5/15/64	Aiko Okada
Nishikawa Shigeru	5/18/98	Nancy Wayman
Nakahara Nancy	5/21/99	Lily Nakahara
Okino Masano	5/18/81	Imamura Family
Shiba Hideo	5/4/96	Ayako Shiba
Sueoka Kame	5/15/89	Dru Sueoka
Suzuki Saku	5/31/00	Yeiko Nagata
Tanaka Hiroshi	5/6/91	Masahiro Tanaka
Tsuyuki Yoshiko	5/27/91	Mark Tsuyuki
George Nakai	5/12/01	Maryanne Nakai
Haruo Nakagiri		Howard Nakagiri
Nishiye Sasaki	5/15/05	Shigeru Sasaki
Sumi Hattori	5/16/2006	Gary Koga
Ben Mayeda	5/20/07	Craige Mayeda
Helen Yoshinaga	5/2009	Rolen Yoshinaga
Roy Yoshinaga	5/27/2001	Rolen Yoshinaga

2014 MARCH-APRIL DONATIONS

(Through April 20, 2014)

Ohigan

Haruko Moriyasu	25	Kazuko Terasawa	30
Sachiko Tohinaka	20		

Hanamatsuri

Max & Kathleen Hirabayashi	30	Reiko Mitsunaga	25
Linda Oda	20	Robert & Tami Tokita	100
Steven & Ellen Kato	25	Naomi Sanada	25
Masami Hayashi	100	Tom & Fran Akimoto	35
Dean & Rise Hirabayashi	25	Dot Richeda	30
Sherrie Hayashi	30	Kenneth & Renee Matsuura	50
Ernie & Laverne Kyed	50	Byron & Reiko Watanabe	50
Troy & Ashley Holbrook	20	Mits & Terry Fujinami	100
Paul & Kathy Terashima	50	Ivan Van Laningham	100
Setsuko Nagata	50	Karen Cone-Uemura	25
Pamela & William Sugihara	20	Torao & Merry Nakagawa	25
Kirk & Betty Yamashita	25	Tracy Akimoto	25
Geoff & Linda Enomoto Russell	20	Brian Fukushima & Tammy Park	200
Maxine Furubayashi	50	Troy & Judy Watanabe	40
Mark & Gail Minaga	100	Stan & Elaine Endo	50
Tom & Eiko Kishimoto	20	Minoru Aoki & Sharleen Nakaoka-Aoki	20
Tom & Kim Hattori	20	Elaine Fukushima	50
Jeannie Painter	10	Charlie Sasaki	20
Jim Eng & Faye Mitsunaga	100	Lisa Imamura	50
Henry & Tammie Kuramoto	25	Mas & May Akiyama	25
James & Marisa Aoki	25	Jane Sakashita	50
Kazuko Yakumo	50	Yoshio Aoki	20
Jeff & Silvana Watanabe	25	Dave & Holly Black	20
cash	2	Nobuo Aoki	50
Misao & Elsie Doi	75	Nancy Takagi	25
Grace Oshita	50	Christopher & Shelley Doi-Taketa	50
Richard & Lynne Doi	50	Tamiko Adachi	20
Yoshiko Uno	25	Brenda Koga	20
Chic Terashima	25	Rev. Jerry & Carmela Hirano	100
Ichiro & Takeko Doi	100	Brent & Sherrie Koga	40
Buster Mayeda	50	Donna Sato	25
Helen Mitsunaga	50	Dave Sekino	40
Tomio & Junko Mitsunaga	100	Phillip & Connie Sakashita	50
Asako Mori	30	Paul & Kathy Terashima	50
Nancy Sudoku	25	Marcus & Karie Minaga-Miya	50
Hiroshi & Mary Aramaki	50	Hisako Minaga	50
Kiyomi Jo Ryujin	25	Lee Oikle	25
Kazuko Terasawa	30	Bob Sugino	25
Haruko Moriyasu	50	Thomas Endo	100
Sachiko Tohinaka	20	Neil & Aki Chow	20
cash	4	Bill & Shigeko Mizuno	50
Nanae Taketa	50	Joseph & Rose Kamaya	50
Carl & Yuriko Dennison	30	Kristen Larson	30

Jun & May Sudoko	35	Richard Matsuda	30
Bob & Shirley Farr	50	cash donations for flowers	101.95

Shotsuki Hoyo

Ronald & Linda Omori	75	In Memory Of:	
Ronald & Linda Omori	75	Nobuzo Endo	
Yutako & Yaeko Ikegami	100	Michiye Endo	
Marcus & Karie Minaga-Miya	50	Mitsuko	
Hisako Minaga	50	Kozo Minaga	
Mark & Gail Minaga	50	Kozo Minaga	
Pamela & William Sugihara	25	Kozo Minaga	
Naomi Sanada	25	Shizue Adachi	
Tracy Akimoto	25	Shizue Adachi	
Stephanie Hattori	20	Shizue Adachi	
Tom & Kim Hattori	20	Shizue Adachi	
Tracy Akimoto	25	Shizue Adachi	
Naomi Sanada	25	Landon Nobumasa Akimoto	
Dave Sekino	40	Landon Akimoto	
Craige Mayeda	50	Lillian Sekino	
Hiroshi & Mary Aramaki	25	Ben Mayeda	
Jane Sakashita	25	George Sakashita	
Paul & Kathy Terashima	30	George Sakashita	
Nanae Taketa	25	Ada Koseki	
Robert & Tami Tokita	25	Shizuko Mitsunaga	
Jim Eng & Faye Mitsunaga	20	Shizuko Mitsunaga	
Tomio & Junko Mitsunaga	30	Shizuko Mitsunaga	
Nobuo Aoki	50		
Nancy Takagi	25	Shiroku Hachisuka	
Grace Oshita	50	Rae Fujimoto	
Chic Terashima	50	Kiyoyuki Terashima	

BWA

cash, anonymous	200	In memory of Grace Kasai	
Sandy Iwasaki	25		
Cindy Thomas	50		
Jane Sakashita	25	In memory of Masako Imamura	
Yoshiko Uno	25	In memory of Masako Imamura	
Imamura Family/Helen Berger	100	In memory of Masako Imamura	
Karen Cone-Uemura	100	In memory of Ethan Cone-Uemura	
Tazuko Harrington Trust	100		

Dharma School

Sachiko Tohinaka	20		
Karen Cone-Uemura	200	In memory of Ethan Cone-Uemura	

YBA

Karen Cone-Uemura	100	In memory of Ethan Cone-Uemura	
-------------------	-----	--------------------------------	--

Junior YBA

Karen Cone-Uemura	100	In memory of Ethan Cone-Uemura	
-------------------	-----	--------------------------------	--

Nokutsudo

Marcus & Karie Minaga-Miya	50
Hisako Minaga	50

Temple General

Tom & Nancy Hohler	10
Hisako Minaga	20 In memory of Masako Imamura
Hiroshi & Mary Aramaki	20 In memory of Masako Imamura
Haruko Moriyasu	10 In memory of Masako Imamura
Kazuko Terasawa	10 In memory of Masako Imamura
Kiyo Nakamura	20 In memory of Masako Imamura
Family of Floyd & Satoye Tsujimoto	20 In memory of Masako Imamura
Hiroshi & Mary Aramaki	25 In memory of Grace Kasai
cash	185 Naikan Retreat
Reiko Mitsunaga	20 Naikan Retreat
Roberto Toro	25 Naikan Retreat
Robert & Tami Tokita	100 Junior Jazz Basketball, use of gym
Steven & Cynthia Burian	100 Junior Jazz Basketball, use of gym
William & Alane White	50 Junior Jazz Basketball, use of gym
Soohyun Park	50 Junior Jazz Basketball, use of gym
Troy & Ashley Holbrook	50 Junior Jazz Basketball, use of gym
Alan Okawa & Allison Oki	20 Junior Jazz Basketball, use of gym
cash	75 Junior Jazz Basketball, use of gym
Karen Cone-Uemura	500 Funeral service for Ethan Cone-Uemura
Osamu Hideshima	200
Rebecca Jackson	10
Jean Shiba	30 In memory of Kuniko Okuda
Robert Kasubuchi	30 In memory of Tsugino Masuko
Karen Cone-Uemura	50 Ethan 49-Day Remembrance
Sachiko Tohinaka	20 In memory of Yuriko Iwamoto
cash	155 Meditation Class
Roberto Toro	20 Meditation Class
John Priegnitz	30 Meditation Class
Rev. Jerry Hirano	285 Proceeds from "Teriyaki Priest" book sales
Ivan Van Laningham	100
Nikkei Senior Center	30 Nikkei Luncheon, use of kitchen & gym

2014 PAID MEMBERSHIPS*(Received March 18 – April 20, kids not listed)*

Rolen & Dawn Yoshinaga

Jason & Sarah Hurwitz