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“Shodo” the Path to One’s Life
Rev. Masami Hayashi

My first encounter with “Shodo” or “Shu-ji,” Japanese calligraphy was in March, 1937, when I joined the “Shugakudan (Young Study Group) to study Japanese language and culture in Tokyo for two years with 14 teenagers from Colorado and Nebraska. Rev. Kozen Tsunemitsu was the central figure in the educational program. We trained in classrooms at Nichi-bei Home, our dormitory in Nakano-ku under special teachers, including four times per week lessons from judo and kendo masters. For shuji we learned the basic brush and pen writings one hour, three times per week. In two years, we reached high school skill levels in Kaisho, Gyosho and Sosho styles.

After returning home to the United States, I joined Beikoku Shodo Kenkyu-kai under the directions of Rev. Kanshu and Mrs. Hiroko Ikuta in September, 1979. Our training was done by correspondence. Each month we were given three shodo assignments: four kanji(so-sho style); One large single Kanji(creative, free style); and advanced kana poem in hentai and so-sho style. Presently, I am taking advanced and creative Japanese calligraphy from Mrs. Hiroko Ikuta. I hold the highest rank of “Do-Jin” in both kanji and kana from the affiliated calligraphy organization, Boku-Sei-Kai, in Japan. We participate annually in the New Year shodo exhibition and other special events sponsored by the Boku-Sei-Kai. In this year’s Feb., 2017 New Year’s Shodo Exhibition in Tokyo, I was awarded the Jun-Dai-Sho, the Second Place Grand Calligraphy Award, from Boku-Sei-Kai. This is my first honorable award that I received and I feel grateful to my teachers for their great efforts in teaching me for 38 years. I believe Shodo has been a great challenge and the path that is leading me to life fulfillment, a Buddhist goal.

SLBT President’s Message

Stan Endo

Many thanks to those that supported our semi-annual temple clean-up and repair day on April 15. The majority of the work included the cleaning of the temple interior and exterior. Some examples of the projects accomplished were kitchen cleaning, hood degreasing, HVAC maintenance, trimming of bushes and weed removal. Upon completion, everything looked great as everyone who participated worked really hard. The exterior looked fantastic as the trees were in bloom, just in time for Hanamatsuri. As we continue to hold these cleanup efforts, I ask that we be extra careful and work safely as we did have a minor injury that could have been much worse. In addition, thanks to the BWA for providing snacks and lunch, got to keep the energy level up!

THANK YOU ALL FOR HELPING AT OUR TEMPLE and please be careful!!!

Just a reminder that our OBON festival will be held on July 8. Currently, a CASINO NIGHT fundraiser will be held on June 16. Tickets will be going on sale soon and it should be lots of fun. The temple golf tournament will be held on August 13. We are still looking for volunteers to chair the Food Bazaar. Currently, the planned date is October 7 but this date may change to September 30. We will keep you all informed if the date changes.

BWA News

Cindy Yamada Thomas

The BWA provided musubi, side dishes and the beautiful, tasty Sakura mocha for the Hanmatsuri luncheon.

Thank you Takeko Doi, Terry Fujinami and Reiko Watanabe for your beautiful flower arrangement on the Hanamido.

Our annual BWA Wendover bus trip in conjunction with Ogden BWA will be on Sunday, June 25th. If you are interested in joining us, please contact Elaine Endo as soon as possible. Our May meeting will be on Sunday, May 7th after service. Please plan on joining us then.

Infant Presentation (Hatsumairi) May 14

On Sunday May 14, 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

Special Awards

Paul Terashima

It finally happened!! After nine or ten years, we have sold all the two hundred Special Awards Tickets! We have to thank all the Sangha members who sold these tickets.

January winner	Mariko & Kimiye Jessop
February winner	Rob Kageyama,
March winner	Kacie Hirano

Thank you to everyone who donated.

MARCH-APRIL 2017 DONATIONS

(March 23 – April 24, 2017)

Dana Campaign

Troy & Ashley Holbrook	100	Carl & Yuriko Dennison	100
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Spring Ogihan Donations

Hiroshi & Mary Aramaki	25
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Hanamatsuri Donations

Tamiko Adachi	20	Haruko & Mikio Moriyasu	50
Tracy Akimoto	20	Setsuko Nagata	50
May Akiyama	25	Ray Nishikawa	25
James & Marisa Aoki	25	Kenneth Nodzu	25
Nobuo Aoki	50	Linda Oda	20
Hiroshi & Mary Aramaki	50	Alice Ogura	50
Andrew & Courtney Boyer	20	Lee Oikle	25
Neil & Aki Chow	20	Gary & Ryoko Okamoto	100
Carl & Yuriko Dennison	100	Grace Oshita	100
Richard & Lynne Doi	50	Dot Richeda	30
Takeko Doi	100	Kiyomi Jo Ryujin	30
Stan & Elaine Endo	100	Jane Sakashita	50
Thomas Endo	100	Donna Sato	25
Jim & Faye Eng	100	Dave Sekino	30
Bob & Shirley Farr	50	Steven & Vanessa Shiba	100
Mits & Terry Fujinami	100	Lynn & Marilyn Shimada	50
Brian Fukushima & Tammy Park	250	Jamie Doi Slade	50
Stephanie Hattori	20	Jun Sudoku	50
Tom & Kim Hattori	20	Nobue "Nancy" Sudoku	25
Dean Hirabayashi	20	Dru & Joni Sueoka	30
Max & Kathleen Hirabayashi	35	William & Pamela Sugihara	25
Rev. Jerry and Carmela Hirano	100	Bob Sugino	25
Troy & Ashley Holbrook	100	Nancy Takagi	25
Lisa Imamura	50	Gary & Kathleen Takenaka	20
Patti K. Iwamoto	25	Christopher & Shelley Taketa	50
Sandy Iwasaki	30	Nanae Taketa	100
Bob Kasubuchi	30	Kazuko Terasawa	35
Brent & Sherrie Koga	40	Cindy Yamada Thomas	50
Henry & Tammie Kuramoto	50	Sachiko Tohinaka	25
Kenneth & Renee Matsuura	100	Robert & Tami Tokita	100
Buster Mayeda	50	Yoshiko Uno	20
Helen Mitsunaga	50	Byron & Reiko Watanabe	50
Reiko Mitsunaga	25	Kazuko Yakumo	50
Tomio & Junko Mitsunaga	100	anonymous cash (2)	14

Bill & Shigeko Mizuno	50	cash, Hanamatsuri flowers
Asako Mori	35	

Shotsuki Hoyo

Nobuo Aoki	50
Nanae Taketa	50
Naomi Kageyama	25
Craige Mayeda	50
Naomi Kageyama	25
Stephanie Sueoka	20
Hiroshi & Mary Aramaki	25
Jane Sakashita	25
Naomi Kageyama	50
Chiyoko Terashima	25
Paul & Kathy Terashima	50
Tracy Akimoto	25
Dave Sekino	50
Gary & Kathleen Takenaka	50
Naomi Kageyama	25
anonymous	150
Naomi Kageyama	25
Stan & Elaine Endo	50
anonymous	150
Grace Oshita	25
Nancy Takagi	25
Lynn & Marilyn Shimada	25
Tamiko Adachi	50
Tracy Akimoto	20
Andrew & Courtney Boyer	20
Stephanie Hattori	25
Tom & Kim Hattori	25
William & Pamela Sugihara	25
Jim & Faye Eng	25
Helen Mitsunaga	25
Tomio & Junko Mitsunaga	30
Robert & Tami Tokita	25
Lynn & Marilyn Shimada	25

In Memory Of:

Ada Koseki	25
Ben Mayeda	50
Elsie Doi	25
Fuji Kunimoto	20
George Sakashita	25
George Sakashita	25
Kay Terashima	50
Kiyoyuki Terashima	25
Kiyoyuki Terashima	50
Landon Nobumasa Akimoto	25
Lillian Sekino	50
Lois Crook	50
Masayo Doi	25
Michiye Endo	150
Misao Doi	25
Nobuzo Endo	50
Nobuzo Endo	150
Rae Fujimoto	25
S. Hachisuka	25
Shige Shimada	25
Shizue Adachi	50
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Shizuko Mitsunaga	25
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Shizuko Mitsunaga	25
Tai Oishi	25

Dharma School

Robert & Tami Tokita	10	Alex's Birthday
Christopher & Shelley Taketa	25	Bowling
Robert & Tami Tokita	25	Bowling
Tomiye Ishimatsu	25	Goodie Bag
Takae Nakamura	20	Goodie Bag
Grace Oshita	25	Goodie Bag
Paul & Kathy Terashima	50	Hanamatsuri
Chiyoko Terashima	25	Hanamatsuri, Shotsuki Hoyo

Christopher & Shelley Taketa	10	Jackie's Birthday
Temple General		
Osamu Hideshima	200	
Beb & Ila Okada	300	
Honeyville Buddhist Church	100	Geppo
Hiroshi & Mary Aramaki	50	For BCA, Gomonsu Inauguration
Mits & Terry Fujinami	50	For BCA, Gomonsu Inauguration
Chris Oki	25	For BCA, Gomonsu Inauguration
Linda & Ronald Omori	25	For BCA, Gomonsu Inauguration
Cindy Yamada Thomas	50	For BCA, Gomonsu Inauguration
Robert & Tami Tokita	50	For BCA, Gomonsu Inauguration
Time Freak Production Inc.	2500	Movie filming
Rodon Foods	250	parking
Rob & Amy Kageyama	100	Special Awards win
anonymous	100	Tsumitate

2017 PAID SUSTAINING MEMBERSHIPS

These members contributed \$1200 per member in this premier membership category.

Richard Doi	Junko Mitsunaga
Lynne Doi	Marcus Miya
Brian Fukushima	Karie Minaga Miya
Tammy Park	Kenneth Nodzu
Carmela Javellana Hirano	Dot Richeda
Buster Mayeda	Paul Terashima
Craige Mayeda	Kathy Terashima
Reiko Mitsunaga	Yoshiko Uno
Tomio Mitsunaga	Rolen Yoshinaga

2017 PAID MEMBERSHIPS

Children (under 18) are not listed.

Tracy Akimoto-Roberson	Asako Mori
May Akiyama	Haruko, Mikio Moriyasu
Robyn Anderson	Tina Munson
Nob Aoki	David & Julia Nagata
Hiroshi & Mary Aramaki	Setsuko Nagata
Jason Befort & Heidi Jensen	Merry Nakagawa
David & Holly Black	Takae Nakamura
Susan Nagata Brown	Ray Nishikawa
Robert Bottom	Alice Ogura
Andres Calderon	Chris Oki
Geraldine Cookie Chappell	Lee Oikle
Neil & Aki Chow	Gary & Ryoko Okamoto
Carl & Yuriko Dennison	Linda Omori

Ruby Doi
Takeko Doi
Rachael Elliott
Stan & Elaine Endo
Jim, Faye, Marisa, Kyle Eng
Jeri Aramaki Freedman
Mits & Terry Fujinami
Elaine Fukushima
Masami Hayashi
Sherrie Hayashi
Dean Hirabayashi
Troy & Ashley Holbrook
Trey, Mitchell Imamura
Chizuko Ishimatsu
Tomiye Ishimatsu
Tak Iwamoto
Sandy Iwasaki
Bob Kasubuchi
Keizo, Fumina Kobayashi
Brent & Sherrie, Ty, Eric Koga
Henry & Tammie Kuramoto
Craig Lamanna
Pam Lancaster & Michael Maccarone
Irene Linnett
Gina Mejia
Richard Matsuda
Kenneth & Renee Matsuura
Shauna Mayeda
Hisako Minaga
Mark & Gail Minaga
George Mitchell
Helen Mitsunaga
Bill & Shigeko Mizuno

Grace Oshita
Jane Sakashita
Phillip & Connie Sakashita
Charlie Sasaki
Tom Sasaki
Donna Sato
Walter & Karen Sato
Setsuko Schock
Dave Sekino
Steven & Vanessa Shiba
Lynn & Marilyn, Corey Shimada
Jamie Doi Slade
Rick & Susan Spehar
Jun Sudoko
Nobue "Nancy" Sudoko
Dru & Joni Sueoka
Stephanie Sueoka
Bob Sugino
Nancy Takagi
Christopher & Shelley Doi-Taketa
Nanae Taketa
Chiyoko Terashima
Cindy Yamada Thomas
Kathryn Timm
Sachiko Tohinaka
Robert & Tami, Eric Tokita
Byron & Reiko Watanabe
Troy, Judy, Haley Watanabe
Robert Weitzel
Arthur Yakumo
Kazuko Yakumo
Rolen & Dawn, Collin Yoshinaga