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OCTOBER 2009 EVENTS

Iaido News - Two Senseis from Japan, **Shimizu Sensei** and **Hirashima Sensei**, will be giving a seminar to the students of BTC Iaido Dojo from Oct 8 through Oct 12.

Meditation News: Sessions are Sundays from 8:30 AM to 10:15 AM. Please enter from Parking Lot side.

- 03/Sat Japanese Language Schools 10:00 AM
Crafts Class (preparations for Anniversary)
- 04/Sun BTC ANNIVERSARY SPECIAL SERVICE,
in conjunction w/ Keiro Appreciation Day
- 10/Sat Japanese Language Schools 10:00 AM
- 11/Sun Shotsuki Hoyo for October Service
Dharma School
11:00 AM - English Service
01:00 PM - Japanese Service
- 17/Sat Japanese Language School 10:00 AM
Crafts Class: 10:00 AM
ASOKA SOCIETY MEETING 01:00 PM
- 18/Sun LAY SPEAKER Service 11:00 AM Service
- 24/Sat Japanese Language Schools 10:00 AM
- 25/Sun Regular Service, Dharma School
* Dharma School/Halloween Party
(see insert.) Everyone invited to have fun.
- 31/Sat Japanese Schools 10:00 AM
Crafts Class 10:00 AM

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Basic concepts of Buddhism

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Buddhist Sutra studies, Rev. Patti Nakai

BTC IAIDO (Japanese Swordsmanship)
Monday evenings - BTC Temple site

BTC Japanese Calligraphy (Brush Writing Class)
2nd & 3rd Tuesdays 7:00 PM Temple site

BTC Introduction to Kendo Dojo Sessions:
Tuesdays 8:00 to 10:00 PM
Site: Bethany United Church
Call: Bob Kumaki 847-853-1187

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Wednesdays - 7:00 p.m.

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for classes. Call Dennie 773-478-2869

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Greetings

by
Rev. Yukei Ashikaga

Greetings and joyous wishes as we join in celebration of the 65th Anniversary of the introduction of the Nembutsu teachings here in Chicago. At this time, I feel the deepest sense of indebtedness and gratitude toward the late Rev. and Mrs. Gyomay Kubose and the founding members who started this temple 65 years ago.

Bodhisattava Dharmakara's Vow on attaining the supreme enlightenment is stated in the last stanza of the "Tan Butsu Ge" in the Larger Sutra on Amitayus:

Even if my body undergoes eternal pain and suffering,
I will continue my efforts with no regret.

Rev. Gyomay Kubose made every effort to make the Dharmakara's Vow his own in his ministerial endeavor.

The history of the Buddhist Temple of Chicago since its inception is the history of vows of Amida Buddha, the ministers and laymen making efforts to listen to and understand the Dharma. We live in a life of Nembutsu, oneness with Amida, the Buddha of infinite wisdom and compassion. I feel the utmost indebtedness to Amida deriving from the depth of my life. I also feel grateful to all of you when I reflect on my 50 years at the temple. Any contributions I may have been able to make have been due to your great patience and generosity.

I sincerely hope that Amida's light will bring us together in a deep sense of introspection, contemplating our past together with prospects for the future.

Namu Amidabutsu

Our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of the following: (Please see Temple News for details.)

MR. MASAO TSUKINARI

DISCOVERIES THROUGH BUDDHISM

親おや 思おも う心こころ に
 まさる親おや 心こころ

“Parents love is stronger
than filial piety.”

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Congratulations! I Mean, Thank You!

For me, it is hard to imagine exactly 15 years ago we celebrated our 50th anniversary, a traditionally celebratory milestone to be sure. I vividly recall the great celebration and banquet at the Marriott followed by an overflow capacity attendance scattered throughout the old temple building for the anniversary service. There was something magic about a golden anniversary.

Many things have occurred since 1994 that would become the unique ingredients that make us who we are today. Most notable is our new building, the culmination of decades of thought and planning. Some of the important players have passed on as we continue to evolve, but nevertheless, it is reassuring to know that BTC remains reliably here for us.

Here we are at our 65th! No banquet and guest speakers, etc., but amongst the congratulatory wishes refreshingly exchanged between members and friends, we can't help but reflect upon how we got here. What has sustained us through ups and downs is our involved membership. They appear on the scene when needed, whether lending their particular talents or areas of expertise or just manpower, they allow us to make it from one day to another, week to week, one seasonal observance to the next.

With the season of our anniversary date upon us what comes to mind are the splendid efforts put forth by members and friends that evoke feelings of thankfulness. Of particular merit are: Hiromi Ishikawa, our resident painter (4 inch brush type) for decorating the new outside lanterns and for painting the striping in the parking lot; Peter Mizuki for fabricating the lights within the new lanterns hanging outside over the flowerbed and Glenn Fujiura and Scott Nobuyama for determining where exactly to hang them; Tomio Tademoto for the thankless job as Director of Building and Grounds, doing a variety of work such as fixing the gas range in the minister's residence, regular grass mowing and sidewalk sweeping, and for filling in the potholes in our parking lot along with Kenji Tademoto. Michio Iwao for his steady landscaping work (despite a shoestring budget) that makes our temple beautiful all throughout the week; Harky Tademoto, for her weekly, single-handed whirl-wind cleaning of our temple, from the O-Naijin to the restrooms; the team of Roy Koizumi, Harky Tademoto, Mary Ullrich, and Jane Watanabe for masterfully cleaning and installing in the Hondo, one of BTC's treasures: Harry Koizumi woodcarvings depicting the life of Gautama Buddha in six panels, which were presented to Rev. Gyomay Kubose back in 1953, and have graced our Hondos ever since. Dennie Okuhara for vigilantly watching over the office needs between getting the bulletin out every month with the crew; Sue Balsam for editing the bulletin; April Kellman for setting up and implementing the temple-wide filing system; John Sagami and his taiko group for maintaining our polished concrete floors with a regular weekly cleaning routine; Dave Leshuk for his gentle, but constant efforts to grow our Dharma School, and it IS growing; Noreen Enkoji, Haru Ito, and Ruby Tsuji for hosting most Sundays, plus others too numerous to mention. And lastly to Rev. Ashikaga and Rev. Nakai, whose collective spiritual guidance affords our members and friends access to services and the Teachings that are second to none. Just to be amongst all this Dana, in the moment, may we be truly grateful on this our 65th year.

So thank you BTC on your 65th year, and bring on the challenges that I know will be met with congratulatory arousing vigor.

Gary T. Nakai
President



ONENESS

By Rev. Gyomay Kubose
"Everyday Suchness"
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Oneness does not mean that all become one and the same. The recognition of differences is oneness. Oneness is many and many is one. Equality means difference and difference is equality. Everyone is unique in himself, and this uniqueness makes the world interesting. In being unique, there is untold respect for others' uniqueness. Only when one really respects and honors himself, can he respect others. Each one should be as perfect as he himself can be. Each person should be the finest that he himself is -- without comparison with others.

A beautiful symphony is possible because of the different instruments. A garden is beautiful because of the different flowers, shrubs, trees, and rocks. Man and woman harmonize because they are different. Assimilation is not forgetting or losing the uniqueness of individuals, but it is recognition and understanding of others, harmonizing with them. Democracy is lived well when each person understands and recognizes the rights of others and respect others.

A Japanese should be a Japanese, and Irishman should be an Irishman, etc. In a Buddhist sutra, it is written that willows are green and flowers are red. Willows are beautiful in their greenness and red flowers are beautiful as red flowers. Another sutra says that red color has red light, white color has white light, yellow color has yellow light. These words express the same thought.

Each day is an absolute day and cannot be substituted for another day; each place is unique and absolute. The heaven is above and earth is below; this makes unity, and it is not a question of which is better. Father or mother, husband or wife, man and wife, man and woman -- the worthiness of each cannot be judged by comparison. Judging oneself and others by comparison creates complexes.

Complexes are the disease of the modern world. In order to attain peace, harmony and joy, we have to get rid of the complexes. That is to say, we have to see and understand things as they are. Each and all are unique and independent and, at the same time, all are interrelated and interdependent. **We are all one.**



Rev. Ashikaga showing Dharma School students "how to ..." brush calligraphy.

"I had a flat tire at BTC"

by Dorothy Kuse
 (as related to Dennie Okuhara)

"Oh, my-gosh - she has a flat tire," remarked a young man, as I was leaving the Memorial Service of Mr. Masao Tsukinari on Tuesday, September 1st, at The Buddhist Temple of Chicago. Nearing my car, I found myself suddenly surrounded by the young ones who were coming out of the temple, evidently children and grandchildren of Mr. Tsukinari.

"I know a good place that can repair it for her, but we have to get her there ... I'll take her," said Joc, who then opened the car trunk, took out the temporary tire and quickly exchanged the flat one with the temporary tire. He then jumped in to drive me to the recommended place, followed by a car full of other young relatives, driven by Dennis Tsukinari, following Joc and me to the place recommended. I sat in my car with Joc. Arriving at the auto repair shop, he arranged for the tire's repair, then went in the escort car to complete the burial of ashes at Montrose Cemetery.

The tire was quickly repaired, I paid for their service and went on my way home.

I can only thank Mr. Masao Tsukinari for raising such a fine group of children and grandchildren, who expressed their love for him at the service. Their manners and compassion are perfect examples of how we should love and show our kindness to help others ... always, in Oneness.

(By the way, what was expected to be a small family service, turned out to be a large "friends and family" event.)

TEMPLE NEWS, August 2009

- 08/02 Shotsuki Hoyo (Monthly Memorial Service) was observed. Rev. Ashikaga gave Dharma message in English in the Morninig Service, and in Japanese in the Afternoon Service.
- 08/07 Hatsu Mairi invitation letters were mailed.
- 08/08 The Memorial and Ashese Burial Service for the late Naoto Takamoto was conducted at Montrose Cemetery.
- 08/09 Regular Sunday Service was observed. Rev. Patti Nakai gave Dharma message.
- 08/15 Bon Odori was enjoyed by all who attended in the Temple Parking Lot. The weather was nice, and many people in the audience participated with the dancers in the last few numbers. After the dance, all enjoyed refreshments.
- 08/16 O-Bon Special Joint Service was observed. Rev. Patti Nakai delivered the message in English and Rev. Ashikaga in Japanese. Refreshments were served by the Asoka members, headed by Mr. & Mrs. Yasuo Mizuuchi and daughter, Ayumi.
- 08/21 "Manju Making Class" was conducted by Mrs. Sachiko Masuoka at the Temple kitchen. This program was sponsored by *New Chicago Japanese American Association*. More than 30 people attended and it was a tremendous success. Everyone got to taste the manju and take some home.
- 08/23 Kosoki (Rev. Haya Akegarasu's Memorial) was observed. Rev. Patti Nakai was the speaker. *** Rev. and Mrs. Ashikaga visited Mrs. Lillian Morishita at her Skokie Home.
- 08/24 The wake service for the late Masao Tsukinari was conducted at Lakeview Funeral Home.
- 08/24 Regular Sunday Service was observed. Rev. Ashikaga gave the Dharma Message. *** Board of Directors met. Dr & Mrs. Reeves, from Hawaii, visited and joined the service.
- 8/31 Ashes Burial Service for the late Dr. Victor Izui was conducted at Montrose Cemetery. <end>

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The Open Doors of the Buddhist Temple of Chicago

The one word that comes to my mind to describe our temple is "accessible." Our new temple building doesn't have the vintage charm of the building that used to stand on our site, but it offers much more accessibility for the physically disabled. Having one level makes it easy for those in wheelchairs to get around, while in the old building it was impossible for disabled persons to navigate all the various stairways without help.

The word "accessible" also points to the fact that our temple is easy to get to by public transportation, being within a couple blocks of two Red Line elevated train stations and three bus routes. Another aspect that many people have told me they appreciate is that our temple is open for weekly services and many activities without charge. They said at other Buddhist centers, a fee (e.g. \$25 and up, to even in the \$100s) is required to attend an activity or there is considerable pressure to keep making donations. (Of course, we hope people will pay membership dues and make donations, but we don't require anyone to pay to participate in our services, discussion and study groups.) One significant group of people who find our temple very accessible is parents with young children. We are among the few English-speaking temples in Chicago with Dharma School activities for children and it is commonplace to see babies and toddlers at our services, while other Buddhist centers are strictly adults-only.

From our temple's founding, there was an open door policy. Maybe then (and sometimes even now) there were members who wanted our temple to be exclusively ethnic Japanese, but Rev. Gyomay Kubose and Rev. Gyoko Saito and many of the second-generation Japanese American members happily welcomed people of other ethnic backgrounds to our temple. We tend to be prejudiced against people not merely for their race, but other aspects of their appearance, yet many of us have put our initial judgments aside and extended our friendship to those who may not be so nicely groomed, well-dressed or mentally lucid.

On a more important level "accessible" means breaking down the barriers between the Buddhist teachings and those who are sincerely seeking to learn them. It is not just a matter of having ministers and lay leaders who are articulate in English, but the Dharma should be presented in language that is as clear as possible. Besides finding ways to translate Japanese and Sanskrit terms that are unfamiliar to newcomers, our temple has a long history of being sensitive to English expressions that become barriers to understanding because they have exotic or negative connotations or are easily misunderstood as fundamentalist Christian terms. Other Jodo Shinshu temples will throw around phrases such as "Amida's Primal Vow," "salvation by Other-Power" or "rebirth in the Pure Land" but at our temple we know that newcomers could be turned off or confused by such clubby in-group jargon.

This striving to express the Jodo Shinshu teachings in plain, meaningful language did not start or end with Rev. Kubose. He was part of the movement to revitalize Jodo Shinshu

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that started with Manshi Kiyozawa, Haya Akegarasu and other reformers in Japan and on the West Coast. The work was continued and is still continuing at our temple by all our ministers, lay leaders and especially those who come to the study groups where they discuss how to better present the Buddhist teachings so it makes more sense to them. By voicing their opinions what words are turn-offs and misleading and what words help to clarify their understanding, they are the ones who are contributing to the effective transmission of Buddhism to future generations.

Our temple has been fortunate through its 65-year history to be free of pressure from sectarian authorities that would dictate "official" doctrines and how they should be presented in English. We have been and should continue to be a helpful gateway to Buddhism for those who are entirely new to the religion. But we should not try to be a wishy-washy "pan-sectarian" temple. Each Buddhist tradition has their specific path to overcome ego-attachment and awaken to the Oneness of life. We respect all the Buddhist traditions and I hope we can continue to learn from them, but our temple is not in a position to present all kinds of Buddhism. We don't have people well-versed in Southern (Theravada), Northern (Vajrayana) or most of the Eastern Asian (Mahayana) sects. I can claim some knowledge of Zen meditation instruction because I have participated in sessions at Daitoku-ji (Rinzai denomination) in Kyoto and Zenshu-ji (Soto denomination) in Los Angeles and I am familiar with Zen literature. But it would be "mottainai" (a shame, a waste) if I and the rest of us at our temple didn't share our knowledge of the Jodo Shinshu teachings since that is the tradition we have been deeply listening to for many years, some of you since childhood.

The only other place in Chicago to encounter Jodo Shinshu is the Midwest Buddhist Templ. Although we have much in common with them, our temple has some distinct ways of presenting Jodo Shinshu through the modern interpretations of Higashi Honganji denomination teachers such as Kiyozawa and Akegarasu, who greatly influenced all our ministers. So since we have that specific tradition, which has so much to offer to those struggling with the problems of life, why should we keep Shinran and the nembutsu teachings hidden behind the curtain that says "non-sectarianism"?

As we celebrate our 65th Anniversary we feel grateful for our temple being such an accessible place of Dharma-learning. But being accessible is an on-going process and we each should be confronting the barriers we tend to put up as individuals and as a group and work to keep the temple's doors open to all people. It is one thing to conceptually think of "Namu Amida Butsu" as the recognition of all lives as being encompassed by the light of wisdom. But to say hello to a stranger walking into the temple and invite them to hear the teachings together with you is the nembutsu in action.

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Miriam Solon's Great Loss

It is difficult enough to lose one parent, but to lose both within a week's time is devastating and it happened unfortunately to our dear member Miriam. Her father, Bob Solon passed away in late August and her mother Pearl Ruth Solon on Sept. 2, 2009.

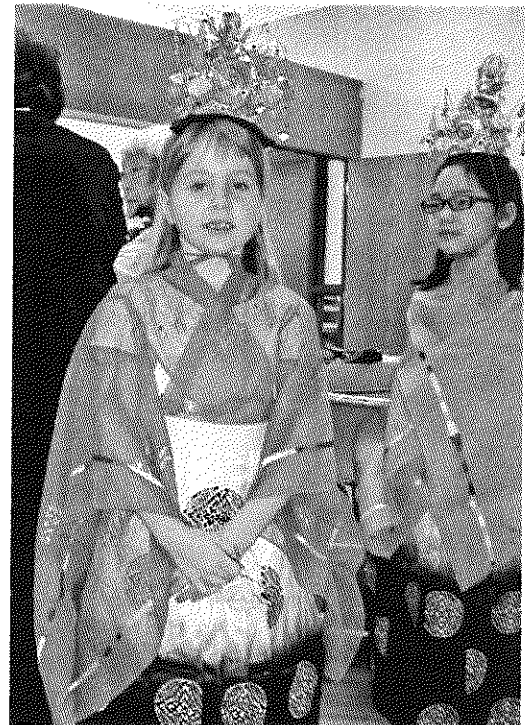
Miriam has been a very active member of BTC for many years - we can see her works in many areas of our temple, including the yearly calendars. Her knowledge of Japanese is better than that of many of us. She started our website and kept it up for many years until Shawn Lyte was able to take it over.

If you get a chance to talk to Miriam, wish her well and thank her for all she has done for BTC. Take care Miriam, we miss you.

(By the way, any donations can be made directly to her family.)

Moving, Again ?

Just a short notice for your records,
that Mr. & Mrs. Fred (Ruth) Babbins
will be moving again (4th time)
on Sept 29th to:
3131 Simpson St. GE-227
Evanston, IL 60201
(Ruth promises - it's the last time)



Bea H. "Hatsu Mairi dress-up"

**The Buddhist Temple of Chicago
2009, 65th Anniversary, and
Keiro Gathering Appreciation and Luncheon
Sunday, October 4, 2009 11:00 AM
(Group Photo and Luncheon follows)**

Below is an essay I wrote for Linda Murakishi, used on the 2005th Anniversary Luncheon wrapper of a large Hershey Bar with a photo of roses. Some of you may recall the candy and wrap, but on re-reading the message, I realized it is still true of our Isseis' who are no longer with us but instilled in the Nisei generation, who follow their parents' teachings closely.

Most Nisei have passed their 80th birthday. Many of us are well past the 80 mark and still helping BTC. (I am one of them, still doing the Bulletin.) But, because I live not too far away, I can drive to BTC in 15 minutes; my associates over 80; Dorothy Kuse, Haru and Tom Ito still help when they can. Members of younger generation work, and still help when they can.

But looking back, it was the Isseis who saved their pennies and gave to the Temple. Now, it is the Niseis who give and help sustain the Temple. Following is the message from the candy bar wrap:

"Ingredients of a Keiro member: 100% stoic attitude to accept life's ups and downs with courage.

"The 1900's was a century of major change and advancement in technology and our way of living. If you grew up in that "century of progress" you know that some good and some bad times were had by everyone. Inventions were at a peak and changed our way of living. You grew up in the 'good ole days' worry-free from gangs, drugs, kidnapping and crime.

"Remember when your parents or relatives would give you a nickel, and you would go to the candy store, clutching the nickel, and wonder which candy to buy for a penny? Remember how the owner would patiently wait for you to decide? At Christmas, if you received one present, it was the most precious gift, ever!"

"Keiro members could tell stories of the hardships and gains made in their lives. It would be difficult for today's younger people to understand how much was sacrificed. It built up one's character and standing against all odds. You learned to take the hardship, helped each other, taught your children manners, and stressed education as a way to make gains in the world. Many have succeeded. At this point in your life, you can say to the older generation, "Thank you for watching over us, for giving us a life well-lived, in compassion and Oneness." *Namu Amidabutsu.*

**"Miso Ran Away!"
by Dennie Okubara**

"Hey! Miso ran outside!" called Lori (referring to our "orange tabby devil cat"). He slipped out of the kitchen door, squeezed through the gate and headed south on the sidewalk. We chased him, but he just ran faster.

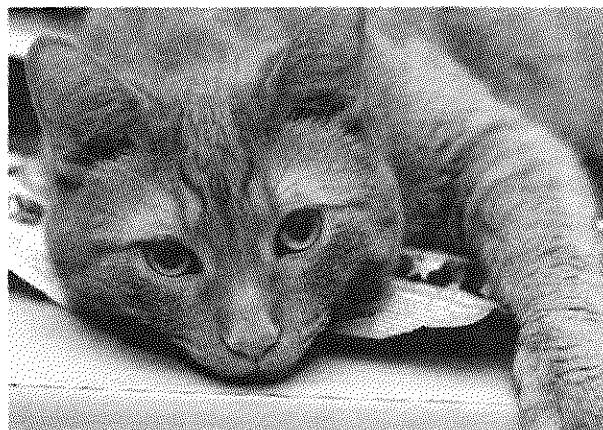
This happened about noon. We, (the 3 of us) went looking door to door, peeking in back yards to see if we could find Miso, but to no avail.

Lori, my daughter, and Dale, her husband, went a few blocks further south to see if they could see Miso anywhere. No luck.

Lori called her son Brian, who had a love/hate relationship with Miso, because Miso would cuddle up to him, purring, then quickly bite his nose or cheeks. (Brian bore many scars from Miso.)

Brian called his buddy and together they went block to block searching for Miso. Brian even left his soiled T's on bushes to remind Miso of his scent.

Unfortunately Miso did not have a collar or any I.D. "Missing Cat" signs with photo (see below) was in the works by Brian, but their creation was interrupted by frequent ventures outside to search for Miso.



Dale said, "Don't worry, cats have a built-in GPS, and he will come back in due time." That night, we all went to bed, worried that Miso might be killed running across busy streets, or meet some other fate.

When I woke the next morning, Lori calmly said, "Miso's home!"
"What?"
"He was meowing outside about 4:00 AM."

Cats do have a built-in GPS. He must have been hungry and thirsty, and decided that home is where he should be. He probably found Brian's well-scented T's, or picked up Brian's scent from his countless efforts to find him. Anyway, Miso is back and the family is intact. Miso hangs around as if nothing had happened.

願書

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「六本の指」

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シカゴ仏教会が久保瀬鏡
明先生と数人の二世の篤信
青年達によつて創立されて
から六十五年めたる茲に創立
記念日を迎えるにあたり仏祖
の御加護と今日仏教会の隆
昌のためにご書札を頂いた教
多くの人達に衷心より感謝
のまこと捧げます。おまします。
私自身一九五九年の冬にシ
カゴに移り住んで以来五十年
仙教会の世話はやり、殊に久
保瀬先生ご夫妻には家族の
一員として一方の心を費やし
賜わったご恩は筆舌につくせぬ
いものがあります。又もし私が

仏教会のために何らかの貢献と
し得たとするならばそれはひと
えに信徒の皆様の愛情と
寛容のおかげであり、感謝に
耐えない次第であります。

このおめでたい六十五周年記
念日を迎えて私は曾て大学の
先輩から聞いた次のエピソード
を思い出しております。私の
母校、大谷大学が東京襲撃
から京都北大路の地に移転
し、新校舎を建て、再出発
したのが大正二年、即ち一九一三
年の十月でした。田園地帯の中
に北政風のモダンな赤煉瓦造
りの建物が夢多々、木末に胸
がうまさる若人の学舎としてそ
の容姿を現わしたので、大谷
大学初代学長は清沢満之允
生ごが、その時の学長は二代目
の南條文雄博士で長く異國
に留学された仙教会の権威と
して世界にその名を馳せて居
りました。内外の来賓を迎えて

新校舎の落成式が催された時
英國オクスフォード大学からお祝
いにかりつけられた教授が「えんじ
立派な新校舎建設にとどむ
の費用が足りません」と南條
学長になつたのです。すると
学長は無言で六本の指を
立て、返答しました。教授は
更に「六万円です」と重ねて
言くと、南條先生は「南、無
阿弥陀仏、仏、六字です」と
答えられたという事です。

この話から私はわが仙教会
の六十五年の歴史は南條文雄
先生の示された六本の指が象
徴するまことに確かに「南無阿
弥陀仏」の在りであると思
います。仙教会が六十年前に創立
されたとき見るとは形の上で一話
です。源を尋ねると、久保
瀬先生が頂かれたご念仏は
お師匠の鏡島先生へのいのちの
ご念仏であります。鏡島先生
はまた、ご念仏をお師匠清沢

満之先生から頂かれたごあり
清沢先生は直ぐ東京で二の中興
上人と言われよう。親鸞聖
人のご念仏の教を近代世界
に精神主義として紹介された
のひとりです。お師匠と、潮つ
て考へると、親鸞聖人がその
生涯をかけて明らかにされた
ご念仏の教が版々とシカゴ
の地に到り届いて六十年前に
シカゴ仏教会の創立となり、数
多くの信徒の方々の南無阿彌
陀仏とあり、ご念仏が一人ひとり
の心よりとこうと唱へて来た
のであります。

この身に思ひがたきご聖人
の「如來大悲の恩徳は身を
粉にしても報ずべし……」と
ご和讃にうたわれた深いお心
をお慰む甲し、尊いけれども念
仏甲す身にならうと頂いたよう
にごと報恩の日暮しに軽んじて
行くことこそ六十五周年の位置
にこそお祝ひする意義ではないか
と思つてあります。

創立六十五周年慶讃法要

シカゴ仏教会では本年十月廿日(日)午前十一時から創立六十五周年を記念して日英両語による慶讃法要と苦行を、法要では読経の後各附属団体代表による焼香先を導き悔滅想の後、仏教会会長中井ガリ氏の祝辞、足利祐敬住職の慶讃法話(日英両語)が並びます。法要後は湖響大鼓をバックの皆様の奉仕を祝賀会が催します。

なお今年に特別に八十歳以上の会員の皆様の招待として敬老会を開催します。長年にわたり仏教会を護持し尊い奉仕を続け下さった方々に感謝のまことと捧げたいと思えます。どうかこの任事日に会友会友の皆様のご出席と頂いて仏教会の末し方行く末を考へ創立記念法要と意義深いものにしたいたいと思っております。ご家族が揃ってくださいますようお願い申し上げます。敬老会のご出席もお願い致します。(敬老会のご出席は至急お申し込み致します。)

グルマスクール(日曜学校)募集

夏休みが終って仏教会のグルマスクールも九月十三日のサタデーから

新学期が始りました。四歳以上の幼児から小学生と対象としてサタデーの午前十一時から行われます。幼児期における宗教の育の大事なことは皆様のよく存じの通りです。両親と一緒にサタデーの礼拝にお参りしてからそれぐのクラスに入りお母とけいごのみ教えを勉強してよい子になるようボランティアの先生が指導して下さいます。どうかお子様お孫様ご同伴の上サタデーのお参りにお出かけ下さい。

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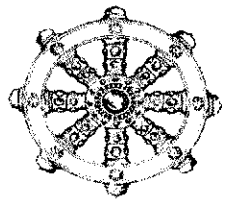
日本居合道連盟シカゴ仏教会支部では本年十月十日(日)午後二時から居合道特別研修会を開催します。今回は無双直伝英信流三代家康清水源治範六段、平島弘詩錬士六段の両先生が十月七日(土)までシカゴに滞在して指導して下さいます。又よい機会です。日本居合道最高權威の先生方による生の演武と是非参考観望することをおすすめします。

日本語学校後生校募集

日本語学校は九月十五日に新学期を開始します。只今新入生を受け付けて

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