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Nembutsu to the Last Breath – Thinking of My Father at Ho-on-ko Time

In the *Godensho*, the biography of Shinran Shonin that is read at the Ho-on-ko service, it says that as he approached death, Shinran continuously recited the nembutsu to his last breath. I used to think that was a big fabrication – that hardly anyone, let alone the great teacher Shinran, could be pronouncing “Namu Amida Butsu” repeatedly in their dying moments. But then the passage struck home when I witnessed the death of my father, Sam Honda, in 2010.



Rev. Patti Nakai
Resident Minister

A week before our temple’s Ho-on-ko observance, my sister-in-law in Minnesota called to tell me Dad had to be taken to the emergency room. He had been in several months of chemotherapy for colon cancer and always felt nauseous after each treatment, but this time he became violently ill. I took the first flight out

the next day, not knowing if he would still be alive when I landed.

As it turned out, he spent a few days in the intensive care unit and was stabilized enough to be moved to a regular hospital room. He was fully coherent when I left him to return to Chicago for our Ho-on-ko weekend that included an all-day seminar with Dr. Nobuo Haneda. Then after the weekend was over, it was only a few hours after Gary and I saw off Dr. Haneda and his wife that I got the call that my father had sunk into unconsciousness. We drove up to Minnesota exceeding speed limits all the way. At the hospital with all the family gathered around, I did the bedside service, *makura-gyo*, chanting the Nishi Honganji-style Juseige (San Sei Ge) that my father would be used to hearing at the Twin Cities Buddhist Association services and during his childhood years at the Fresno temple.

Through the night Gary and I stayed in my father’s hospital room. Gary fell asleep but I kept awake, listening to my father’s uneven breathing. Then

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“THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!”

As this issue of the Bulletin is being pulled together, The Buddhist Temple of Chicago is preparing for the celebration of our 69th anniversary. For the 50th anniversary, I recall my dad, Henry



Glenn T. Fujiura
Temple President

Fujiura, volunteering to assemble a photo display for the celebration, which was being held at the Chicago Marriott Hotel downtown. I suspect many of you remember him asking you to sift through your old photo albums (knowing my father I’m guessing it was more like “nagging” you). He commandeered my garage for several weekends and established a photograph frame making factory. Scraps of old wood leftover from various home repair projects were salvaged, cut, trimmed and turned into frame moldings. Instead of

beveled edges, lots of black electrical tape sealed the corners – he was the Michelangelo of electrical and duct tape. From what I gather, the photo display was a hit. I was told that hotel staff would visit the display after their shifts were completed; the photographic history of our Sangha and Temple was that compelling.

Many of you have your own similar anecdotes. The history of BTC has been constructed by thousands, perhaps tens of thousands of similar acts of volunteering. Large or little, BTC would not exist without the assistance.

It’s funny how a subtle shift can change one’s perspective. As the occasional visitor to BTC I remember seeing the temple was a well oiled machine, a vibrant Sangha, with lots of willing volunteers, skilled and experienced in their tasks. Bulletins always went out, buildings were well maintained, the food always delicious, and our events, fund-raisers and services occurred on schedule just as they’ve always been.

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Temple News 🌸 **September 2013**

- 🌸 9/03 Rev. Ashikaga returned home from the hospital
- 🌸 9/08 Monthly memorial service was held with Dr. Gail Chin as guest speaker
- 🌸 9/11 Rev. Nakai attended the monthly Uptown clergy luncheon.
- * * * Temple hosted the steering committee meeting for the Treasures of Uptown, interfaith coalition.
- 🌸 9/15 Dr. Alice Murata was the lay speaker at service, describing the World Dobo Convention she attended in May. * * * Rev. Nakai conducted the Buddhist service portion at the memorial gathering for the late Prof. Kumi Watanuki at DePaul University.
- 🌸 9/18 Rev. Nakai met with Susan Tybon and Carol Yoshino of the Japanese American Service Committee to learn about services and projects that could involve our members.
- 🌸 9/19 Rev. Nakai met with two executives of the Council for the Parliament of World's Religions. * * * Rev. Nakai and Mr. Nakai and several temple members attended the visitation for the late Perla Kushida at Malec & Sons Funeral Home (a Catholic funeral was held the next day). The late Mrs. Kushida passed away on September 14 and is survived by her husband Robert and four children, Nancy, Lisa, Clint and Justin.
- 🌸 9/20 October bulletin was mailed
- 🌸 9/22 Rev. Nakai conducted the Fall Ohigan service, followed by luncheon prepared by BTC Asoka Society.
- 🌸 9/28 Temple rummage sale. * * * Rev. Nakai conducted Makura-gyo service for the late Mr. John Terada who had passed away that morning.
- 🌸 9/29 Rev. Nakai conducted regular Sunday service. * * * BTC Board of Directors met
- 🌸 We learned of the passing of Mrs. Anna Kimie Ito on August 22 in Hawaii. She is survived by her sister Mildred Emiko Ishimoto.

Our deepest
sympathy to
the family
and friends of:

Anna Kimie Ito
Perla Kushida

**THANK YOU! THANK YOU!
THANK YOU!**

**Understanding the Nembutsu
through recognizing the
Paramitas in others.
Send in your recognitions!**

- 🌸 See additional thank yous on page 3.
- 🌸 Sunday Service Participants: Bill Bohlman, Dennis Chan, Wendy Fawcett, Glenn T. Fujiura, Patrick Garone, Tiffany Hatcher, Anna Idol, Alice Murata, Arlene Nozawa, and Leroy Wiley. Jacob and Wendy Fawcett on audio controls and our accompanists Mrs. Ashikaga, Ruth Abbinanti, and Mia Blixt-Shehan.
- 🌸 Sunday Service Refreshments: Noreen Enkoji, Ed Horiuchi, Haru Ito, Amy Kawamoto, Janet Lipner, Maria Martinez, Lynn Maruyama, Matsue Momohara, Helene Rom, Peggy Sasamoto, Betty Segal, Elaine Siegel, Ray Vilares, Jennie Watanabe.
- 🌸 Temple Bulletin Mailing: Dennis Chan, Noreen Enkoji, Haru Ito, Chuck Izui, Rev. Patti Nakai, Masa Nakata, Mary Shimomura, Ruby Tsuji, Antoinette d'Vencets.
- 🌸 Taking care of the Temple inside and out: Tomio Tadamoto.
- 🌸 Maintaining and updating the temple website and computer: Shawn Lyte.
- 🌸 Emptying the trash bins, filling them with new bags and putting them out for disposal: Sue Balsam, Adam Kellman, April Kellman, John Kelly, Rev. Patti Nakai.

2013 Annual Ho-on-ko Seminar

Join us on November 23 from 1:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. for our annual Ho-on-ko seminar. This year, EBL speaker Dr. Gail Chin will be returning to deliver a talk entitled, "Depiction of Women in Japanese Buddhism." The event is open to everyone and is free, though donations are greatly appreciated.

Dr. Chin will talk about how for most of Buddhism's history in Asia, women were portrayed negatively due to their "defiled" bodies. This is seen in the art and texts of medieval Japan. These works give us the context to understand how Shinran, as a monk for twenty years on Mt. Hiei, was taught to view women and how he eventually overcame that prejudice to treat women as equals. A discussion led by Rev. Patti Nakai will follow the presentation.

See the enclosed flyer for more information and for a brief biography of Dr. Chin.

Sangha News

The temple is reviving a young people social group called the BTC Young Adult Group. We will be hosting social events and volunteering at the temple. There are no age requirements to participate. If interested, please send an e-mail to Wendy Fawcett at wendyjfawcett@gmail.com. In the meantime, you can find more information and updates on the group Facebook and Twitter.

<http://tinyurl.com/Lk6bwwu> (Facebook)
<http://twitter.com/BTCYoungAdults>

– Wendy Fawcett

Rummage Sale Success & Thanks

The rummage sale took place on September 28, 2013. The sale required 31 tables, nine clothes racks, and makeshift racks to display all the donations. After expenses, we raised more than \$2,000 from the sale of donated goods and snacks. Unsold items were donated to Ravenswood Fellowship Church for their rummage sale, JASC Daycare, and Green Element

The sale was the culmination of weeks of labor-intensive effort by an extraordinary group of people. More than the money raised, it was the effort by this group of people which made it worthwhile for me. These special people include Laura Muraoka, co-chair and chief counsel, Jan Saiki, Karen Kanemoto, Debbie Miyashiro, Gwen Kato, Peggy Waters, Janet Lipner, Helene Rom, Ruth Abbinanti, Elaine Ogawa, Alice Murata, Arlene Nozawa, Barbara Jessamy, Ruby Tsuji, Joe Korner, Sue Balsam, Mari Yamagiwa, Hayako Kikuchi, Katsuko Tomimitsu, Tracy Ito, Patsy McEnroe, and Karen Baier. The all-important muscle crew included Gary Yamagiwa, Pete Izui, Tomio Tademoto, Tyree Momii, Adam Kellman, Mike Kudo, Jr., Mitchell Kato, and Eric Kato.

Thank you to all who generously donated. Without your willing participation there could not have been a sale.

Thank you to JASC who loaned us their clothes racks for use on the day of the sale.

Again, my deepest thanks to all who selflessly gave of your time and energy. You inspire me. For that, I am humbly grateful.

– Lynn Maruyama

And More Thanks!

Thanks to Juanita and Jim Burris for two large aloe plants. Thanks to Joe Korner and Gary Yamagiwa for helping lift the plants and cleaning up after they were repotted. Thanks to Joe for helping bring the plants indoors. They are not thriving because they like hot weather and less water but the rains have been pouring. Let's hope they do better. (Please do not water.)

A HUGE, GIGANTIC THANKS to Lynn Maruyama for leading us to a successful rummage sale. BTC has wonderful, wonderful volunteers, helpers, and supporters, but we are shy in the leadership category. We had been thinking of rummage sales for more than five years and this year we were successful thanks to Lynn Maruyama and Gary Yamagiwa.

A belated thanks to Ruby Tsuji for every year heading the BTC chirashi making for JASC's holiday delight event. Even though we may not say thanks often enough, we are grateful. (See page 7 for year's event info).

Thanks to Wall Flowers for making beautiful flower arrangements weekly for Sunday services. This is also years of commitment without much acknowledgement.

– Alice Murata

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World Dobo Conference Reports From Alice Murata

In May of 2013, BTC delegates attended the World Dobo Conference hosted by Higashi Honganji in Kyoto, Japan (see “Experiencing the Worldwide Sangha,” by Rev. Patti Nakai in the June 2013 issue of the bulletin). Several delegates agreed to write articles for the bulletin and prepare lay talks for Lay Speaker Sunday.

This month we feature two articles from Alice Murata. They accompany her lay talk and slideshow presented on September 15. Look for additional reports from delegates Miriam Solon and Ann Yi in the coming months.

Ran'on-kun & Friends

Cartoon mascots are popular and used for everything from selling cereals to popularizing the Olympics in Japan. These fun characters have been adopted by many Buddhist temples to attract children.



Higashi Honganji has adopted three fun and cheerful cartoon mascots: Ran'on-kun, Ren-chan, and Akahon-kun. Each one has a unique personality and characteristics that represent concepts Higashi Honganji wants to promote.

Bringing good luck, they represent the temple and act as a public representative.

Ran'on-kun gets his name from several sources. “Ran” comes from Shin**RAN** and from **ON**dokusan. “Kun” is a male address. This character is a reminder of the debt of gratitude to Shinran. His daughter, Ren-chan, is a lotus girl interested in Buddhism.

The service book is known as Akahon-kun and is where the San Sei Ge chants reside. Tradition encourages children to look at the service book.



Higashi Honganji has made a commitment to encourage children to follow the path of Shinran Shonin. These friendly special characters help make learning happy and fun. When I attended services at Higashi Honganji ten years ago they made a commitment to spreading the word of Shinran Shonin internationally, and this Dobo Conference is evidence that they succeeded. Representatives came from Brazil and North America to join those from Japan to celebrate Shinran and demonstrate living in oneness. Now children have a way to encounter the teaching of Shinran as well.

Photos by Alice Murata and Ann Yi

One Coin Market

The World Dobo was scheduled for 2011 to coincide with the 750th anniversary of Shinran Shonin’s memorial. It was delayed to 2013 due to the tsunami and Fukushima disasters. Because these areas continue to need relief, the conference hosted a One Coin Market. All items for sale cost one 500 yen coin, or about five dollars.



Participants donated handmade crafts and items of interest from their countries of USA, Brazil, Canada, Okinawa, Japan, and more. Among the items donated from BTC were cards featuring Rev. Ashikaga’s calligraphy, items from the Crafts Group, stationery, pot holders, scrubbies, scarves, American baseball memorabilia, and wooden bird pins carved by Michio Iwao.

One of my favorite purchases was a daruma doll with the eyes already painted. Participants kidded me about how the item was not new, it was used, recycled, and regifted. They knew that when purchased, the eyes of the daruma doll are supposed to be blank. One paints an eye when a goal is established and one paints the second eye when the goal is completed. I selected the daruma doll because I like that someone set and accomplished a goal.

Many goals have been reached. For instance, a female minister, Rev. Ryoko Osa, had a dream ten years ago to work in an American temple, but Higashi Honganji was not sending female ministers overseas then. Since then, Rev. Osa has been assigned to the North America District Office and has also served at the Hawaii District Office. (Note from editors: The One Coin Market was the brainchild of Rev. Osa.)



The day after the market we took one of three pilgrimages. Most of BTC’s group chose to go on the boat ride across Lake Biwa and then to Mt. Hiei where Shinran spent twenty years. As the tour bus loaded I was delighted to find a blue shibori silk scarf from BTC worn



by a Los Angeles participant, Cyndi Toyoshima. She liked the scarf so much she said she would have bought more of them (see photo above).

That evening Mr. Takemoto from Hokkaido, Japan, sat at the next table during dinner. He was wearing the hummingbird pin (see photo to left of BTC delegate Dennis Chan and Mr. Takemoto). The legend about this bird is that it carries hope for love and reminds us that beauty is everywhere, that each personal connection has meaning. It was wonderful to see it purchased and worn.

In the end, the participants gained more than just treasures for ourselves – we also raised \$4,700 for the tsunami victims.

Buddha 'Bout Town: Buddhist & Cultural Happenings

- ❁ The annual "Holiday Delight" program at JASC will take place Saturday, November 9 from 10 am until 4 pm. Bring kids and family for a day of holiday fun, food, and shopping. Special appearances by Tsukasa Taiko, Fujima Ryu of Chicago, and Santa! JASC is located at 4427 North Clark Street. Ruby Tsuji will again be in charge of BTC's contribution to the Holiday Delight – making chirashi (rice mixed with delicious stuff). Please contact the temple if you would like to help her.
- ❁ The Rogers Park branch of the Chicago Public Library at 6907 N. Clark Street will be presenting "Japanese Ghost Stories" on November 12, 2013 from 4 pm to 5pm. Traditionally, the Japanese love ghost stories. Dr. Kuri Shea will discuss the concepts and images of different ghosts and read several famous ghost stories translated into English. This program is for adults and kids age 12 and up only. Thanks to Janet Lippner.
- ❁ Effective January 1, 2014, all Americans must have health insurance coverage. On Wednesday, November 13, JASC will present the lecture, "The Affordable Care Act and YOU" at their office on 4427 North Clark Street. from 7 to 8:30 p.m. The presenter is Kris Sadur, and Congresswoman Jan Schakowsky's office will discuss the new health care law and how it affects you.
- ❁ The World Parliament of Religions dinner is on Saturday, November 16, 2013, and will be held in Chicago. A ticket that includes dinner is \$150. For just the lecture and reception, the cost is \$50. See page 7 for details. More information and the registration page is located at: <http://tiny.cc/a9zu4w>
- ❁ The Art Institute is hosting "Japanese Art of the 1960s: The Challenge of Tradition" through January 12, 2014 in Gallery 109. In the 1960s, the work of many contemporary Japanese artists meshed with the international interest in abstract art and Eastern cultures. Many took inspiration from Japan's artistic past, others turned to classic art forms. All the artists utilized some aspect of tradition in an effort to forge a contemporary art that was distinctly Japanese.

the day dawns clearing the fog — present moment

- William Shehan, fiercebuddhist.org

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- ❁ **ENDING SOON** The Boeing Galleries at Millennium Park is showing "Legends, Myths and Truths," a show by Jun Kaneko through November 3, 2013. Kaneko is a Japanese artist known as a pioneer in the field of monumental ceramic sculpture.
 - ❁ Through December 8, "American Heroes: Japanese American WWII Nisei Soldiers and the Congressional Gold Medal" will be at the Chicago History Museum.

In 2011, the US Congress bestowed the country's highest civilian award, the Congressional Gold Medal, on the Japanese American World War II veterans who served in the 100th Infantry Battalion, the 442nd Regimental Combat Team, and the Military Intelligence Service. These men volunteered to serve their country in battle despite the government's forcible detention of thousands of Americans of Japanese ancestry.

The exhibit will have its only showing in the Midwest at the Chicago History Museum (1601 N. Clark Street) from October 19 through December 8, 2013. In addition to the Gold Medal itself, the Museum will display a collection of images and artifacts from Chicago-area veterans. For further information, visit: <http://chicagohistory.org/planavisit/exhibitions>

Developed by the Smithsonian in collaboration with the National Veterans Network, the national tour of American Heroes is made possible by the support of lead sponsor Cole Chemical and additional support from AARP, Comcast/NBC Universal, the Japanese American Veterans Association, Pritzker Military Library, the Shiratsuki Family, Southwest Airlines, and the Spirit Mountain Community Fund.

The Chicago History Museum is grateful to the Nikkei WWII Veterans Tribute Committee, Pritzker Military Library, and SITES for their support of our installation and programs. Special thanks to our collaborating partners: Chicago Japanese American Council, Chicago Japanese American Historical Society, Chicago Nisei Post 1183, Japanese American Citizens League-Chicago Chapter, Japanese American Service Committee, and the Japanese Mutual Aid Society of Chicago.

Thanks to Karen Kanemoto.

- ❁ Please send information on other Buddhist and/or Japanese cultural events in the Chicago area to: BTCbuledtr@hotmail.com

... Nembutsu to the Last Breath

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it occurred to me that with each breath, I was hearing the nembutsu. It wasn't the actual sound of the syllables na-mu-a-mi-da-bu-tsu, but the reverberation of the oneness of the limited life just-as-it-is (Namu) with the unbounded Light (Amida Butsu).

Gary happened to wake up in the early morning hours and hearing my father's irregular breathing, he said, "It's pretty soon." And he was right – in the next few minutes the breaths came farther apart and then no more.

I would encourage all of you to sit in vigil with your loved ones when they are near death. Not everyone can be there at the moment their loved one dies, but if it's possible for you to be with them, it can be a special experience. Just as we hear the nembutsu in the newborn's first cry, in our shouts of joy and sobs of sorrow, we can hear "Namu Amida Butsu" in the last moment of a person's life.

In her presentation at our recent Eastern Buddhist League conference, Dr. Gail Chin spoke about the paintings known as *raigo*. The custom was for a dying person to look upon the depiction of Amida Buddha and a host of bodhisattvas welcoming him to the Pure Land and often a string coming from the picture would be placed in the dying person's hand. Dr. Chin commented, "But Shinran considered such deathbed rituals unnecessary." Shinran emphasized that for the person of shinjin ("entrusting heart"), birth in the Pure Land was already assured, no matter what physically or mentally distressed state they might be in when they die.

For the family and friends of the dying person, I can see where the *raigo* ritual gave them some concrete assurance that their loved one was definitely going to the Pure Land because his mind was concentrated on seeing the welcoming Amida and being pulled towards the enlightened crowd by the string. But I don't think we really need to worry about how "saved" the dying person is – whether they viewed an image of the Pure Land or announced to the world they have shinjin.

The dying person is the one who is awakening us, getting us out of our stingy, grasping thinking and opening our hearts to gratitude. Even in the throes of physical discomfort or mental confusion, that person is already at peace, embraced by something greater than transient pain and fear. To hear the nembutsu in their last breaths is to let go of our anxiety about our losing

that person.

Shinran didn't need a string tied to a picture to take him to the Pure Land. For him there were Amidas and bodhisattvas all around him in his everyday life – they were bringing the Pure Land to him. All the people and circumstances that we tend to complain about, in Shinran's eyes were blessings to appreciate. Whatever wakes us up to our limitations and points out our interconnection to all lives is our teacher, our savior.

My father taught me by his example about being an earnest seeker and discovering in Buddhism the encouragement to be a dynamic part of the world around us. Since he knew how important it was for me to be at the temple for Ho-on-ko and listen to my teacher, Dr. Haneda, it almost seemed like he willed himself into a stable condition just for that weekend before he died. Although November is the month I will always remember my father, I know he wants me to continue to observe Ho-on-ko as the occasion to learn from Shinran Shonin and hear the nembutsu more deeply and clearly.

... "THANK YOU"

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Do you pay much attention to the little notes that appear each month under the banner, "*THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU! Understanding the Nembutsu through recognizing the Paramitas in others*"?

I'm on the inside looking out now, and the perspective has changed. What looked like a well-oiled machine seems so much more fragile to me. I cringe at the thought of us losing even one of the names from the monthly list of THANK YOUs. The original intent of this article was to single out a few volunteers who have recently stepped down from serving critical roles and to thank the new volunteers who stepped up to replace them (you know who you are). After thinking about it, I realized how critical each and every volunteer is, no matter how small or brief the role. BTC is still a vibrant Sangha, with lots of willing volunteers, skilled and experienced in their tasks. Bulletins go out, buildings are well maintained, the food always delicious, and our events, fund raisers and services occur on schedule as we expect them to be. But it only happens because of all those acts of volunteering.

Give us a call. Lend a hand. We have plenty of THANK YOUs to spare.



November Temple Events & Activities Guide

- ☸ See Calendar on page 8 for specific dates.
- ☸ Up-to-date details and last-minute changes are available on Facebook at: www.facebook.com/budtempchi.
- ☸ All events are free, held at the Temple, and open to the public.

▶▶▶▶▶ Special Events & Alerts ◀◀◀◀◀

- ☸ Nov. 17 – Patrick Garone will be the speaker for Lay Speaker Sunday. He will speak about the Buddhadharma as it relates to his life.
- ☸ Nov. 23 – Ho-on-ko seminar will be presented by Dr. Gail Chin. See flyer insert.
- ☸ Nov. 24 – Ho-on-ko service (Shinran Shonin memorial).
- ☸ Nov. 28 – Shinran Shonin memorial day and Thanksgiving.

🔔 Sunday Service 🔔

- ☸ Religious Service (in English) – Sundays, 11 am.
- ☸ Dharma Sunday School (for children) – 2nd and 4th Sundays, 10:30 am.
- ☸ Shotsuki Hoyo (Monthly Memorial Service) – Once a month at 11 am (in English) and 1 pm (in Japanese). This month: November 3.
- ☸ Lay Speaker Sunday – Third Sunday of the month, 11 am.

📖 Education & Meditation 📖

- ☸ Introduction to Buddhism – This 4-week course is held periodically throughout the year. visit budtempchi.org for the schedule or e-mail Rev. Nakai at rev.eshin.patti23@gmail.com.
- ☸ Buddhism Study Class – Wednesdays, 7 to 8:30 pm. No previous Buddhism study required.
- ☸ Meditation Sessions – Thursdays at 7:30 pm and Sundays at 9 am.
- ☸ Sutra Study Class – Second or third Sunday of the month (tentative), 12:30 to 2 pm. No previous Buddhism study required.

📞 Meetings, Socials, Volunteering 📞

- ☸ Asoka Society – Third Saturday, 1 pm. Includes luncheon. Annual donation of \$15 requested.
- ☸ Board Meeting – Once a month on Sundays, 12:30 pm. This month: November 17.
- ☸ Bulletin mailing & submissions – Mailing is conducted the second-to-last Friday of every month, at 10 am. Submissions to the Bulletin are due eight days prior to the mailing on Thursday, 6 pm. See page 3 for details on submissions.
- ☸ Crafts Group – First & third Saturdays, 10 am to noon.

☀ Cultural Activities ☀

- ☸ Calligraphy (Japanese brush writing) – First and third Tuesdays, 7:30 pm (tentative).
- ☸ Chinese Movement (Qigong) – Every Tuesday morning, 11 am to noon. Call Dennis Chan 773-465-6422 for information & to register.
- ☸ Japanese Fencing (Kendo) – Dojo sessions held every Tuesday from 8 to 10 pm at Bethany United Church. Call Bob Kumaki, 847-853-1187 for information.
- ☸ Japanese Language School (children or adults) – Every Saturday, 10 am. Call Temple to register.
- ☸ Japanese Swordsmanship (Iaido) – Mondays, 7 to 9 pm.
- ☸ Taiko (BTC Kokyo Taiko Drum Troupe) – Fridays, 7 to 9pm.

CPWR 120th Anniversary Dinner

The theme of the 2013 EBL hosted by BTC was “Coming to America - Sharing Forward the Legacy of Inclusion.” The history began with the Parliament of the World’s Religion during the 1893 Columbian World Exposition held here in Chicago. Since that event, an organization, the Council for a Parliament of the World’s Religions (CPWR) has worked to keep the spirit alive of a vision for a more just, peaceful, and sustainable world. In 1993 a 2nd Parliament was convened. And now, the CPWR is celebrating the 120th anniversary of this vision.

The celebration is on Saturday, November 16, 2013, and will be held in Chicago. A ticket that includes dinner is \$150. For just the lecture and reception, the cost is \$50.

BTC and Treasures of Uptown have reserved two tables of ten seats each to secure discounts for members who wish to go. However, those seats may no longer be available by the time this bulletin reaches you.

If you are interested in attending and sitting at the BTC table, please e-mail Gary Nakai at budtempchi@hotmail.com to inquire about availability. If no availability remains, feel free to register for a ticket on your own.

More information and the registration page at: <http://tiny.cc/a9zu4w>

BTC CALENDAR NOVEMBER 2013

日本語の 祥月法要
11月3日 午後1:00 時

See Temple Events & Activities Guide on page 7 for more details.
Events may be cancelled or moved after press time due to unforeseen circumstances.
Check www.facebook.com/budtempchi for the most up-to-date changes.

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 7pm Kokyo Taiko	2 10am Japanese 10am Crafts
3 9am Meditation 11am Shotsuki Hoyo (English) 1pm Shotsuki Hoyo (Japanese)	4 7pm Iaido	5 11am Qigong 7:30pm Calligraphy	6 7pm Buddhism Study Class	7 6pm Bulletin submissions due 7:30pm Meditation	8 7pm Kokyo Taiko	9 10am Japanese
10 9am Meditation 10:30am Dharma School 11am Service	11 7pm Iaido	12 11am Qigong	13 7pm Buddhism Study Class	14 7:30pm Meditation	15 7pm Kokyo Taiko	16 10am Japanese 10am Crafts 1pm Asoka Society
17 9am Meditation 11am Service – Lay Speaker Patrick Garone 12:30pm Board Meeting	18 7pm Iaido	19 11am Qigong 7:30pm Calligraphy	20 7pm Buddhism Study Class	21 7:30pm Meditation	22 10am Bulletin mailing 7pm Kokyo Taiko	23 10am Japanese 1:30 pm Ho-on-ko Seminar featuring Dr. Gail Chin
24 9am Meditation 10:30am Dharma School 11am Service commemorating Ho-on-ko, Shinran Shonin's memorial	25 7pm Iaido	26 11am Qigong	27	28 Thanksgiving Shinran Shonin Memorial Day	29	30

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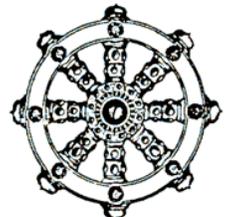
Flip it over for details on the specific events.

Never miss a Temple event again!



Rev. Patti Nakai, Resident Minister
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