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Welcoming the Young Ones

When is a person old enough to understand a religion? In the case of Buddhism, the older you get, the more you realize how little you understand. You'll never feel as confident about your understanding as you did in the first couple years of your exposure to Buddhism. I should know – when I started off at this temple as a Dharma School teacher and taking Dr. Nobuo Haneda's study class, I thought I had become an expert in Buddhism. But even after my three years studying at Otani University in Kyoto and the many seminars and lectures I've attended in the thirty years since then, I realize how little I understood Buddhism back then and how much more I have to keep learning now.

In the case of people who have not reached adulthood, I feel they are not in a position to "choose" Buddhism as the religion they should follow. One reason is that Buddhism teaches "no-self," the strategies for transcending our attachment to the ego-self. But one has to first have a sense of their own identity (as apart from their family and surrounding community) before they can grapple with the problem of ego-attachment. So I don't feel any kind of Buddhist "confirmation" ceremony is appropriate for

BTC Needs You

The strength of any organization lies in its members. Nowhere is this more true than at BTC. From its founding on the South Side in 1944, the financial and volunteer support of our members and friends has allowed us to grow and prosper. Now, seventy years later, we still need your support.

The generosity of members through the years, and the frugality of successive boards of directors has brought BTC to a point of relative financial stability. In the event of an unforeseen major expense, we will have the funds to proceed. It is important to understand that much of this stability arises from the fact that costs are avoided by the efforts of volunteers; this is where our needs are now the greatest.

Natsu Matsuri is the shining example of our Sangha working together. On the day of the event, we always have enough volunteers. What about before the event? Who is doing the work? This year will be my twentieth year as chairman of Natsu Matsuri.

anyone under 18.

What the Hatsu Mairi ("first visit") ceremony usually held in May signifies is the welcoming of young ones to our Sangha. In the ceremony, the parents recite the Three Treasures as an expression of their hope of passing on the lessons they learn from Buddhism to their children. For the children, though, there is nothing they have to promise us or commit to. Hatsu Mairi is for us to show them that we welcome their presence at our temple.



Rev. Patti Nakai
Resident Minister

Of course the Dharma School teachers and parents put time and effort into having the students learn something of Buddhism – the life of the historical Buddha, some key terms and principles, guidance about attitudes and actions of care and consideration towards others. But basically we want the young ones to just come and feel accepted – to think of our temple as a fun place to be to develop friendships with other kids and receive encouragement from adults.

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Other than a few changes, it has been the same group work that goes into making Natsu Matsuri a success every year, but I recognize that as we all get older a new generation needs to step forward. This is also true of some of the more mundane chores we face every week.



Bill Bohlman
Temple President

Through the years, certain members handled these everyday tasks. They staffed the office during the week; they cleaned the temple in preparation for Sunday service; they maintained the property and kept it free from garbage. Sadly, these long-time volunteers are no longer able to perform these duties either because of infirmities or because they have passed away. Although new people have stepped forward to help, they are unable to devote as much time as the previous volunteers. It is for this reason that we need additional help.

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Temple News 🌸 **March 2015**

- 🌸 3/01 March monthly memorial service. *** Shoshinge class met. *** Japanese service held.
- 🌸 3/05 Rev. Nakai attended ONE-Northside membership meeting at Truman College
- 🌸 3/07 Rev. Nakai participated in the Buddhist Council of the Midwest's Buddhist Women's Conference at East-West University
- 🌸 3/08 Koshu-ki (Rev. Gyoko Saito memorial service) and Dharma School service held
- 🌸 3/11 Rev. Nakai attended monthly Uptown clergy luncheon
- 🌸 3/14 Asoka Society meeting held with installation of new officers. *** Rev. Nakai participated in memorial service for Anna Marie "Mimi" Hansen at Pilgrim Lutheran Church. Mrs. Hansen is survived by daughter Lisa (Stanley) Oda and son Cary Grimm
- 🌸 3/15 Patrick Garone spoke at the Lay Speaker service. *** Sutra study class met
- 🌸 3/17 Rev. Nakai attended ONE-Northside breakfast meeting to discuss impact of state budget cuts
- 🌸 3/18 Rev. Nakai attended Chicago Japanese American Council meeting. *** Rev. Nakai presented Buddhism at the Peoples Church interfaith meditation session
- 🌸 3/19 Rev. Nakai and Darryl Shishido attended ONE-Northside fundraiser at Trader Todd's. *** Buddhist Council of the Midwest meeting at Shambhala Center was attended by Nancey Epperson
- 🌸 3/20 April bulletin mailing. *** Darryl Shishido and Miriam Solon attended 2-day "Dharma Seeds" (leadership) retreat at Higashi Honganji Los Angeles Betsuin.
- 🌸 3/21 Rev. Nakai conducted wedding ceremony of Ann Yi and John Kelly at BTC
- 🌸 3/22 Spring Ohigan and Dharma School Service followed by luncheon
- 🌸 3/27 Rev. Ashikaga and Rev. Nakai conducted 5th year memorial service for the late Mrs. Yasuko Horiuchi at BTC
- 🌸 3/28 Rev. Ashikaga, Rev. Nakai and several BTC board and regular members attended memorial service for the late Richard Brandon at Lake Street Church in Evanston. Mr. Brandon, a past BTC president, is survived by wife Maryann, sons Forrest and Franklin, daughters April Holtzman and Melody Blackburn. *** Rev. Nakai attended "Spiritual Beans" interfaith discussion sponsored by Treasures of Uptown. ***BTC Young Adults met and cleaned hondo.
- 🌸 3/29 Founders Day service. *** Board of Directors met
- 🌸 3/30 Rev. Nakai and Darryl Shishido attended Japanese Mutual Aid Society annual meeting.

Our deepest sympathy to
the family and friends of:

Richard "Zeny" Brandon
Anna Marie "Mimi" Hansen
Don A. Kubose

We learned late in March that Don A. Kubose, eldest child of Rev. Gyomay and Minnie Kubose, passed away in Fowler, California on March 23. He is survived by wife Joyce and children Kristine Perry, Darren Kubose and Shauna Fleuridor.

THANK YOU!
THANK YOU!
THANK YOU!

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

- 🌸 Sunday Service Participants:
Ruth Abbinanti, Karen Baier, Sue Balsam, Bill Bohlman, Tom Corbett, Nancy Epperson, Patrick Garone, Anna Idol, Tom Lane, Lynnell Long, George Mizuki, Stanley Oda, Helene Rom, Diana Schoendorff, Bea, Will
- 🌸 Accompanists: Mrs. Ashikaga, Drea Gallaga, Joe Phillips
- 🌸 Audio Controls: Jacob and Wendy Fawcett, Gary T. Nakai
- 🌸 Sunday Service Refreshments: Asoka Group, Noreen Enkoji, Haru Ito, Stanley Oda, Mary Shimomura, Ruby Tsuji, Upaya Group.
- 🌸 Bulletin Mailing: Dennis Chan, Noreen Enkoji, Ed Horiuchi, Haru Ito, Amy & Morris Kawamoto, Tom Lane, Candy Minx, Masa Nakata, Kiyoko Omachi, Helene Rom, Mary Shimomura, Ruby Tsuji, Peggy Waters
- 🌸 Cleaning Temple washrooms: Anonymous.
- 🌸 Taking care of the Temple inside and out: Tomio Tademoto.
- 🌸 Maintaining and updating the Temple computer: John Kelly, Gary T. Nakai.
- 🌸 Maintaining and updating the Temple website: Ann Yi. Emptying the trash bins, filling them with new bags and putting them out for disposal: Sue Balsam, Nancey Epperson, Adam Kellman, Ruby Tsuji.

Note Changes to BTC's Published Calendar

Please note the following changes in the temple calendar, which is available at the temple and online:

May 17 & 24: Tanjo-e (Shinran Shonin's birthday) and Dharma School are scheduled for May 24, not May 17.

May 17 & 31: "Hatsu Mairi" (children's official "first visit") has been re-scheduled from May 31 to May 17. If you would like to include your children in the ceremony to welcome them to the sangha, please inform Rev. Patti Nakai or pick up a registration form (will be available starting April at the temple and online). The ceremony is for children of any age, from newborns to teens, regardless of whether they have been attending or have yet to attend Sunday services.

May 24: Guest speaker for the May 24 event is Rev. Ron Miyamura of the Midwest Buddhist Temple.



REMINDER: CTA Wilson Station Construction

Major construction began in March at the Wilson CTA Station. Demolition has started on the Purple line tracks, meaning Red and Purple line trains will be sharing the same track and resulting in delays. The Purple Line, which usually runs express from Belmont to Howard, will make extra stops at Wilson, Sheridan, and Addison for the time being. Temporary exits and platforms may be constructed during the course of the rebuilding. There may be times when streets and intersections will have limited access. Check our Facebook page and CTA site for updates:

<http://www.transitchicago.com/wilson/>

The BTC Mission Statement

Founded in 1944 as an administratively independent temple, The Buddhist Temple of Chicago aspires to the following:

- ☸ To present and explore the Three Treasures of Buddhism – the Buddha (teacher), the Dharma (teachings), and the Sangha (community).
- ☸ To be guided and inspired by the historical Buddha, Gautama Shakyamuni, and the teachers who have followed – Shinran Shonin, Manshi Kiyozawa, and Haya Akegarasu.
- ☸ To present the Buddha-Dharma in a language and manner relevant and understandable in contemporary America.
- ☸ To welcome all who seek the Dharma without any exceptions.
- ☸ To be a positive presence in our local community working to enhance the vitality of our neighborhood.
- ☸ To honor and continue the traditions of our founding members.
- ☸ To always live the Nembutsu – Namu Amida Butsu.

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More Temple News: Snapshots & Important Dates



From left to right: BTC's annual memorial service for Rev. Gyoko Saiti is attended by his family. The older group from Dharma School (mostly at left side of photo) volunteer at Community Feast in Rogers Park on March 15th (photo by a Dharma School parent). The new officers of the Asoka Society are sworn in.

❁ May 16, 3 pm BTC's first Movie Night!

We will be watching *Birdman*. See Candy Minx's movie review on page 5.

❁ May 30, 9:30 am International Buddhism Festival

The Buddhist Council of the Midwest presents the International Buddhism Festival in conjunction with the annual Visakha – the celebration of the Buddha's birthday, enlightenment, and passing into Nirvana.

Where: Wat Dhammaram Thai Temple, 7059 W. 75th Street, Chicago, southwest of Midway Airport. Parking is available at the Temple.

Time: 9:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Program: Opening religious ceremony with chanting and keynote addresses on the theme, "Right Livelihood." There will be demonstrations of meditation, chanting, and spiritual arts with lunch and refreshments throughout the day. Closing program will be musical performances from cultures around the world touched by Buddhism

Cost: Free, donations are welcome.

Information: Contact Tom Lane at chaninst@hotmail.com or visit the Buddhist Council of the Midwest website at: www.buddhistcouncilmidwest.org.

❁ June 21 Natsu Matsuri

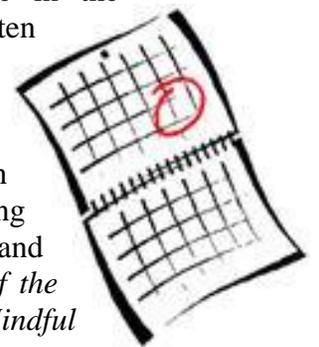
The temple's big annual summer festival is coming! See the flyer in this issue and start saving money for your teriyaki chickens. Also, all volunteers are welcome.

❁ September 4-6 2015 Eastern Buddhist League Conference

The 2015 Eastern Buddhist League Conference will be held in Cleveland, Ohio over Labor Day weekend, Friday, September 4 to Sunday, September 6. Visitors and delegates from Ekoji Buddhist Temple, Midwest Buddhist Temple, Twin Cities Buddhist Association, New York Buddhist Church, Seabrook (NJ) Buddhist Temple, Toronto Buddhist Church, The Buddhist Temple of Chicago, and EBL host, Cleveland Buddhist Temple, will attend.

This year's theme is, "I Go to the Sangha for Guidance." What does it mean for us and others today? What is the role and purpose of the sangha in the world? How can the sangha communicate to others the peace and joy of leading a Shin life?

Author and scholar Jeff Wilson will deliver the keynote address and participate in the workshops. He has written numerous books and articles on the development of Buddhism in America, including several works on the place of Shin Buddhism. He is contributing editor for *Tricycle* magazine and author of the books *Buddhism of the Heart*, *Dixie Dharma*, and *Mindful America*.



Cleveland Buddhist Temple has negotiated a great group rate at the new Westin Cleveland Downtown hotel. The Midwest Buddhist Temple is planning to get a bus and hopes BTC delegates will join them. BTC should have registration packets available at the information counter starting in May.

More information and online registration is available at: www.EBL2015.weebly.com.

Fear, Comedy, & Buddhism: A Review of *Birdman* PLUS Movie Night!

By Candy Minx

*Life's but a walking shadow, a poor player that struts
and frets his hour upon the stage and then is heard no
more. It is a tale told by an idiot, full of sound and fury,
signifying nothing.*

– William Shakespeare, *MacBeth*

*I went through a deep period, a kind of questioning of my
priorities. And what I saw over this period is that my
ego, which can be a cruel dictator, had been playing me.*

– Alejandro Gonzalez Iñárritu, director of *Birdman*

Art is the lie that enables us to realize the truth.

– Pablo Picasso

Violence in *Birdman* is a metaphor for the main character's ego acting in a primitive, untamed manner in order to protect itself and maintain a materialistic view of success. A genre-bending film, *Birdman* is not an action movie nor is it a war movie, where one might assume fear would be explored in conventional images of violence: fear is explored as a theme using height, claustrophobia, nihilism, betrayal, age, and failure as subjects. *Birdman* contrasts a lot of black humor and slapstick with fear and risk. Some stereotypical ideas about Buddhism in North America tend to focus on promoting the benefits of practice which include relieving stress, being calm and peaceful, and finding one's meaning of life. These pacific concepts of what it looks like to practice self-examination tend to avoid the practice of Buddhism that may be associated with "mindfulness," which include observing emotional trails of reaction like anger, a need to be right, or jealousy. Sometimes, the everyday practice of Buddhism in learning to let go of our egos, is not a sexy selling point when introducing Buddhism to newcomers. The fierce idealistic persona of the individual pursuing freedom in the United States is at odds with the idea of letting go of

individual urges. Two things about the ego that seem to frighten many aspirants are to hear about the idea that ego may be a block to peace of mind, and that the ego is actually something inside and a part of us.

We have created the ego through our unique evolution as primates, and this is mirrored at times in the movie by the setting of a theater. Not only does the set and location within a stage theatre allude to illusion (maya) but it is also a great symbol of the human mind. As trades, movie-making and acting are made out of the skills of creating and building egos, personas, and alternate worlds. Humans create such works of art as theater, storytelling, painting, and poetry as structures to protect ourselves in much the same way as humans build individual structures of ego. However, art works on a non-intellectual level, like meditation. Art is essentially a form of meditation educating us, protecting us by providing a safe, imaginary world to experience ideas, scenarios or emotions. The whole process occurs for an audience in a non-material dimension within. The movie is an illusion. The characters are an illusion. The comedy, or romance, or violence is an illusion. Yet...we feel. We sense. We meditate and ponder. We surrender our egos in order to suspend our disbelief when we watch the illusion of cinema. In this way, *Birdman* has created an intense, funny, scary, profound view of the struggle in meditation culture.

One of the main reasons I feel *Birdman* is not only a spiritually themed movie but a Buddhist-themed movie is because of its excellent portrayal of the ego. The movie has some difficult and disturbing scenes, however, I believe they are worth following because of the success of the movie to open dialogue and portray a version of spiritual struggle. Art is an illusion that is most amazing when it explores the nature of reality. And *Birdman* is amazing. It is also very funny.

Please join us for Movie Night at the Temple. We will be watching *Birdman* on May 16, 3 pm.

The 2015 BTC Scholarship

ELIGIBILITY – Applicant must be a high school senior or an undergraduate senior who has attended The Buddhist Temple of Chicago Dharma School and/or participated in one of the youth activities of BTC and is a paid member or listed on a family membership two years prior to the scholarship year according to BTC membership records.

SELECTION – The BTC Scholarship will be awarded on the basis of scholastic merit and personal dedication to the Temple with consideration given to individual need.

PROCEDURE – An applicant must complete the Scholarship Application, obtain one recommendation, and write a 200-word essay. All applications must be accompanied by a certified transcript of the student's high school grades and ACT/SAT scores (if available,

or a letter given as to the reason why this was omitted). The responsibility for a completed application and submission by the time of the deadline rests solely with the applicant.

OBTAIN the SCHOLARSHIP FORM – Contact Rev. Patti Nakai at 773- 334-4661 for an application packet.

DEADLINE – Applications must be received by midnight May 30, 2015. All correspondence, forms, inquiries and applications should be sent to:

The BTC Scholarship Committee
c/o The Buddhist Temple of Chicago
1151 W Leland Avenue
Chicago, IL 60640

PRESENTATION – The BTC Scholarships will be awarded during the BTC Graduation Service on June 14th at 11 am. Recipients will be notified by e-mail or telephone during the first week in June.

... Welcoming the Young Ones

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Although traditionally Hatsu Mairi was for newborn babies, at our temple we've encouraged families to bring young ones of any age to the ceremony, and we've had a wide range of kids from toddlers to high schoolers. It doesn't matter if the young one had already been attending services and Dharma School for a while, Hatsu Mairi just makes it official that the young one has been welcomed to our temple.

And it's okay if parents find their children choose not to participate in Hatsu Mairi. Official or not, the young one is still welcome here, even if he or she prefers not to identify as Buddhist. I've heard from many people who came to BTC as children – for Dharma School, scouts, Japanese language classes etc. – who even though they now practice a different religion or no religion at all, they felt they learned valuable lessons from Buddhism. And I know those lessons did not only come from the words spoken by the ministers, but from the attitudes and actions of the various adult members of the temple.

The presence of young ones at the temple give us the opportunity to rediscover our beginner's minds of

exploring new aspects of the world instead of taking things for granted as "been there, done that." Their careful attention to how we act and talk reminds us of how much we've absorbed from our pleasant and not-so-pleasant encounters with the adults in our childhood. It is humbling to realize we are nowhere near being a super-hero bodhisattva that the young ones can look up to, but they can still be inspired by observing the respect we show those who teach us.

Hatsu Mairi at Jodo Shinshu temples was usually held in conjunction with the observance of "Tanjo-e," Shinran Shonin's birthday, so I believe that is how it came to be scheduled in May even though "Tanjo-e" wasn't on the BTC calendar when I returned to Chicago in the 1990s. It is fitting to honor the birth of our great teacher Shinran with the welcoming of fresh young lives to our temple. Shinran entered the monastery as an earnest seeker at the age of nine when he lost his parents, but what he found worth seeking was discovered only through the twists and turns of his adult life. These young ones that enter our temple have yet to explore the many possibilities of life, so our welcoming of them to the place where we find spiritual support can become an influence in the course of their futures.

... BTC Needs You

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Volunteer opportunities are many at BTC. Each of the special temple services requires preparing the hondo for the occasion. After service each Sunday we enjoy refreshments; these are provided by volunteers. We understand that our busy lives and personal circumstances may not allow time to volunteer. Rev. Patti was recently chastised by a member for constantly asking for volunteers. This person felt this caused new attendees to feel they were only valuable

as a labor source. I feel that the only way you can get help is to ask for it; otherwise, no one knows you need this help.

A new group has been formed at BTC: the Upaya Group. The members of this group focus on serving the temple. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact me, Rev. Patti, the Upaya group, or Darryl Shishido, VP Temple relations. If you are unable to volunteer, please know that your support of BTC is greatly appreciated. In our own way, we all add to the strength of BTC.

Buddha 'Bout Town: Buddhist & Cultural Happenings

Through June 21, Art Institute, Gallery 107: Spreading Devotion: Japanese and European Religious Prints. This exhibition, a first-of-its-kind collaboration between the departments of Prints and Drawings and Asian Art, brings together works to demonstrate how religious images and texts were made readily accessible and understandable to wider audiences through the medium of print. Printing revolutionized Western religious customs, with broadsides and pamphlets flourishing by the

thousands. In Japan, prints were used in a parallel fashion to spread Buddhist teachings. Among the works featured in the exhibition are one of a million small eighth-century wood pagodas containing a printed prayer for peace, a set of large-scale woodblock-printed and hand-painted images of deities for use in temple ceremonies, and examples of charms acquired by pilgrims at various temple sites. The latter exemplifies how Christianity and Buddhism brought about similar social practices, despite their many differences in thought. For more information:

<http://www.artic.edu/node/4657>

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... Buddha 'Bout Town

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❁ **May, Art Institute, Encounters with Asia: Korean lecture series.** This four-part lecture series will take a deeper look at Korean art. See the following link for topics, fees, and schedule: <http://bit.ly/1BiK9LO>

ONGOING EVENTS

❁ **The Art Institute** features large collections of Buddhist statuary and art in its Alsdorf Galleries and in its collections of Chinese, Japanese, Indian, and

Korean art. Additional Buddhist art in other galleries can be found using the search tool available at the Art Institute site: www.artic.edu/aic/collections/

❁ **The Field Museum** features Buddhist artifacts in permanent sections devoted to China and Tibet.

❁ **The Smart Museum of Art** at the University of Chicago features rotating works of Chinese, Japanese, and Korean art, often with Buddhist themes. Visit:

<http://smartmuseum.uchicago.edu/exhibitions/asian-art/>

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

May 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 (unless otherwise noted), and open to the public.



➤➤➤➤➤ Special Services & Events <<<<<<

- ❁ May 3, 2015, Sunday, 11 am – Shotsuki Hoyo Monthly Memorial Service (English).
- ❁ May 16, 2015, Saturday, 3 pm – BTC Movie Night, *Birdman*
- ❁ May 17, 2015, Sunday, 11 am – Hatsu Mairi - “First Visit” ceremony to welcome children.
- ❁ May 24, 2015, Sunday, 11 am – Tanjo-e – Shinran Shonin Birthday. Rev. Ron Miyamura of Midwest Buddhist Temple will speak.
- ❁ May 30, 2015, Saturday, 9:30 am – International Buddhism Festival at Wat Dhammaram, see p. 4.

🔔 Regular Sunday Services 🔔

- ❁ Religious Service (in English) – Sundays, 11 am.
- ❁ Lay Speaker Sunday – Generally the third Sunday of the month, 11 am.

📖 Education & Meditation 📖

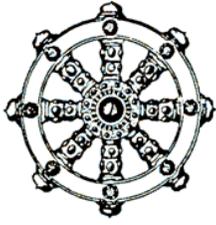
- ❁ Dharma Sunday School (for children) – Second and fourth Sundays, 11 am.
- ❁ Introduction to Buddhism – This 4-week course is held periodically throughout the year. E-mail Rev. Nakai at rev.eshin.patti23@gmail.com.
- ❁ Buddhism Study Class – Every Wednesday, 7 to 8:30 pm. No previous Buddhism study required.
- ❁ Meditation – Sundays 9 am, Thursdays, 7:30 pm.
- ❁ Sutra Study Class – Generally 2nd or 3rd Sunday of the month, 12:30 to 2 pm. No previous Buddhism study required. **This month: May 17.**

☎ Meetings, Socials, Volunteering ☎

- ❁ Asoka Society – Generally the third Saturday of the month. **This month: May 16.**
- ❁ Board Meeting – Once a month, Sunday, 12:30 pm. **This month: May 31.**
- ❁ BTC Bulletin mailing – Generally 2nd-to-last Friday of the month, 10 am, as many volunteers as possible much appreciated. **This month: May 22.**
- ❁ BTC submissions – See page 3 for details on submissions. Generally due 8 days prior to the mailing on Thursday, 6 pm. **This month May 14.**
- ❁ BTC Young Adults Group – Check the Bulletin for events scheduled throughout the year.

☀ Cultural Activities ☀

- ❁ Chinese Movement (Qigong) – Tuesdays, 11 am to noon. Call Dennis Chan 312-771-6087 for info.
- ❁ Crafts Group – First & third Saturdays, 10 am to noon.
- ❁ Japanese Fencing (Kendo) – Dojo sessions held every Tuesday from 8 to 10 pm at Bethany United Church. Call Bob Kumaki, 847-853-1187 for info.
- ❁ 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) – Adults, Fridays, 7 to 9 pm. Children, 1st, 3rd, and 5th Sundays at 11 am.



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BTC CALENDAR MAY 2015

日本語の 祥月法要
 5月3日 午後1:00 時

See Temple Events & Activities Guide on page 7 for details on events.
 Events may be canceled 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 7 pm Kokyo Taiko	2 10 am Crafts 10 am Japanese Language School
3 9 am Meditation 11 am Monthly Memorial Service 11 am Children's Taiko 1 pm Shotsuki Hoyo Service (Japanese)	4 7 pm laido	5 11 am Qigong	6 7 pm Buddhism Study Class	7 7:30 pm Meditation	8 7 pm Kokyo Taiko	9 10 am Japanese Language School
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