



The Buddhist Temple of Chicago

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Volunteers doing food preparation for Natsu Matsuri.
Photos courtesy of Brian K. Ozaki

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Membership Reminder:

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NATSU MATSURI THANKS By Bill Bohlman



Many Hands: Thanks to our volunteers

After a two year absence, Natsu Matsuri returned in a modified form. Missing were the performances, cultural exhibit and vendors but the food was as good as ever. The reason any of this was possible was due to the hard work of the members and friends of BTC.

This year we served over 600 teriyaki chicken dinners, along with more than 300 inari (rice pouches) and 225 udon (cold noodles). Dozens of volunteers worked tirelessly to prepare, cook, assemble and serve this delicious selection. Each food item had its own special group of volunteers.

Once again this year, Team Teriyaki did an outstanding job of producing our world famous delicious teriyaki chicken. Starting on Saturday morning with the initial preparation until the final chicken was cooked, these folks worked tirelessly.

Likewise, in the kitchen, Saturday was day of preparation. Many hands worked on preparing the ingredients for the inari and udon. The real magic occurred on Sunday. Arriving early in the morning, they began assembling the final product. Skillful hands worked to make the inari; others packaged the udon. Throughout the day everyone worked together for a successful Natsu Matsuri.

As chairperson of the festival, I want to send my sincere thanks to all who helped make this such a wonderful event. The Sangha has always been the strength of BTC. This year, some new people took charge of aspects of the festival. In the years to come, we will need more new faces stepping up to continue the special traditions of BTC. Hopefully, next year we will be able to have a return to a full Natsu Matsuri. As an engaged Sangha we will be able to meet any challenges we may face.

Thanks from Gwen Kato

Thank you so much to everyone who helped prepare, cook and pack all the foods to make our first post-Covid Natsumatsuri a success. Thank you to the crew who helped with all the prep work before the big day. This was key to ensure everything went smoothly on Sunday.

I want to especially thank Mr. Yasuo Mizuuchi for all his chef's expertise. He was so patient in teaching Jan Saiki and me what it takes to cook all the parts to make the delicious *dashi* [soup] and *agé* [soybean pouches]. We would be lost without him. Finally, I want to thank Kiyo Omachi, Mary Ozaki, Sadie Kasamoto and Alice Murata for sharing all their knowledge so I could be as prepared as possible.

If you have any suggestions on how I can make things better or easier, please let me know. Thank you all again!

HAPPY 100TH BIRTHDAY TO MICHIO "MITCH" IWAO

Our treasured member, Mr. Michio "Mitch" Iwao, celebrated his 100th birthday at the July meeting of the Asoka Society. Photos courtesy of Nancey Epperson.



Scheduled activities – subject to change

Weekly services – Sundays 11am - in-person, Facebook Live August 7 and 14
Second Sunday Children's Dharma School service - on summer break
Qigong (Chinese exercise) – Tuesdays 11am - online Zoom and in-person
Thursday Meditation 7:15pm – on summer break until September
Sunday Meditation 9:30am – on summer break until September
Aikido (martial art) – Sundays 3:30pm – in-person only
Asoka Society (social gathering) – 1pm third Saturday August 20

The above activities are open to the public and free (donations appreciated).

If you are interested in the two activities below, please leave your contact information and the group will set up an appointment for you to visit them.

Iaido (martial art) – Mondays 7:00pm

Kokyo Taiko (drums) – Friday evenings, Sunday afternoons

OBON, HATSUBON AND BON ODORI

By Rev. Patti Nakai

Obon is the mid-summer occasion in Japanese tradition to honor your loved ones. At the Buddhist Temple of Chicago, we usually have the Obon service in August, although other Buddhist temples will schedule their Obon services in late June or in July.

This year's Obon service is August 14 at 11am (in-person and Facebook Live).

For those observing the first Obon since their loved one's passing, the occasion is called Hatsubon.

As part of the observance of Obon, there is Bon Odori – the folk dances done in a circle to celebrate our ancestors. This year as we did last year due to the pandemic, we are not having a Saturday evening Bon Odori. There will be a "mini Bon Odori" – a few dances performed after the Obon service on Sunday August 14.

Everyone is welcome to join in the dancing, whether you wear traditional Japanese clothes or not. There will be two practice sessions:

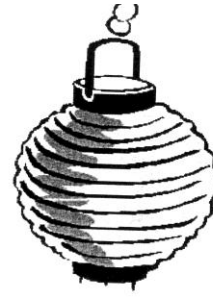
Tuesday August 9 at 7pm

Thursday August 11 at 7pm

You can join in-person or on Zoom:

Account ID 345 468 8200

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Hatsubon 2022

(as of July 21 – please let us know if there were other temple members/friends who passed away since August 2021)

08/01/2021	Atsuko Nakayama
08/09/2021	Steven Tadashi Omachi
10/20/2021	Kiyoshi Sawada
10/23/2021	Kimiko Plackmann
10/26/2021	Mutsuo Fukuya
11/27/2021	Yatsue Iwatake
11/29/2021	Donald Daisuke Tanagi
12/18/2021	Rosalie Kato
12/30/2021	Chizuko Munemoto
01/11/2022	Susie Kimura
01/15/2022	Jerry Seiji Morishige
03/06/2022	Chiharu Mark Yasumoto
03/07/2022	Rev. Sunnan Koyo Kubose
03/11/2022	Kay Takeda
03/17/2022	Yuri Hamada
05/14/2022	Geraldine Hanako Harano
05/24/2022	Chote Benjakul
07/20/2022	Stanley Okujiro Kurokawa





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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 laido* 7:00pm	2 11am Qi-Gong	3	4	5 Taiko* 7pm	6
7 11am Monthly Memorial 3:30pm Aikido	8 laido* 7:00pm	9 11am Qi-Gong 7pm Bon Odori Practice	10	11 7pm Bon Odori Practice	12 Taiko* 7pm	13
14 11am Obon Service 3:30 Akikdo	15 laido* 7:00pm	16 11am Qi-Gong	17	18	19 Taiko* 7pm	20 1pm Asoka
21 11am Lay Speaker 3:30pm Aikido	22 laido* 7:00pm	23 11am Qi-Gong	24	25	26 Taiko* 7pm	27
28 11am Akegarasu Memorial 3:30pm Aikido	29 laido* 7:00pm	30 11am Qi-Gong	31			
*laido and Taiko require appointments made in advance						