



Tacoma Buddhist Temple (Jodo Shinshu)

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MYOKYO 明鏡

(MYOKYO, the Bright Mirror of Buddha Dharma always illuminates our LIFE)

October 2024

Temple Mission Statement *"To offer those in the Pacific Northwest an enduring community that values inclusiveness and acceptance in seeking enlightenment through Japanese Shin Buddhist teachings."*

Sensei's Message



Fall is Here! Change of Wardrobe!

Rev. Tadao Koyama

Happy October, everyone! I would first like to congratulate and thank the White River Buddhist Temple for hosting an amazing and successful Northwest Convention! Thank you to Rev. Cyndi Yasaki for being a hard-working and attentive host minister and thank you to Sharon Kosai and Valerie Yamanaka for being wonderful co-chairs of the event. It is always so much fun for me to attend these conferences and get to reconnect with all of my Dharma friends from the various temples around the Northwest. I wish we could have get-togethers like this more often, but I know how much work goes into planning, and executing events like this!

As we fully step into the season of Fall, I am noticing that the days are becoming shorter and it takes a little bit longer for the sun to come out too! This means that it will inevitably begin getting colder as well! Many of you may not notice it, but October is the time that I officially change the types of robes I wear. When June 1st comes around, you might notice that I switch to the more see-through lighter robes to adjust for the heat of the Summer. However, October 1st is the date that I change to my solid robes that are a bit thicker so that I won't get as cold!

We notice that when the transitional seasons like spring and fall come about, we begin to get our summer and winter clothes ready! This is because we KNOW what the weather will be like. Believe it or not, the weather and the seasons are good teachers of the Dharma for us. We all tend to get caught up in how hot or cold it is, without realizing that the heat will eventually pass, as well as the cold. We start to complain or monku about how hot or cold it is as if the weather is going to stay the same day after day. Yet the weather for the most part gives us fair warning for when it is going to be either very hot or very cold. We also have weather segments in the news to help us prepare as well!

Don't misunderstand me, I want us all to bundle up and stay warm during the cold season! I am just asking us to do our best to view the weather as a more matter of fact than something that can be helped or controlled by us. Even in the coldest of winters, Amida's wisdom still guides us. Even in the hottest of summers, Amida's

compassion can cool us down. This is to say that the weather doesn't stop the Dharma from working for our benefit and we can still take part in Dharma-activity even in the most severe of storms.

Let's also enjoy the Fall while we have it! Enjoy the red, brown, and yellow leaves on the trees, the fact that it isn't too cold just yet, and that we are wrapping up the end of this year! While we only have two months left this year, let's try not to make a mad dash towards the finish line, but take our time to enjoy every moment with our friends and family. I look forward to seeing everyone at the temple!

Namo Amida Butsu

President's Message



As I write this, we have just concluded our annual NW District Convention that was seamlessly organized by co-chairs Sharon Kosai and Valerie Yamanaka at our sister White River Temple. Some of the highlights for me were a thoughtful keynote address by Rev. Candice Shibata from the Stockton temple, Lon Inaba's talk about Yakima Valley farming and Bishop Harada message at the closing service.

The convention was held at the Muckleshoot Casino, which gave me an opportunity to try and seek enlightenment at the craps table, where I was reminded of impermanence (in this case, of money). I was also reminded of a teaching from one of our past members, Jim Akagi, who would travel to Las Vegas during the week so as not to miss service at the temple. He once told me: that if you lose three bets in a row, collect your chips and leave the craps table. Something about leaving so as to not let oneself get caught up in the emotion of the moment and potentially act foolishly. So, between the convention and the casino, I'd like to think a little wisdom was gained.

In closing, I'd like to acknowledge Ted Tamaki's passing. In addition to his positions on our temple board, BEC, teaching the Lotus class and serving as Assistant Minister, he was an incredible presence at the temple – from engaging with his dharma students, not hesitating to challenge the temple Ministers and Assistant Ministers, to making small talk with the BWA ladies as they were busy in the kitchen. Our temple lost a good friend this past week.

Gassho,
John

Buddhist Women's Association News



Hello BWA members! Please note this important calendar change for our upcoming Daifuku Mochi session. With the Bazaar date being moved one week later, we will shift our mochi making one week later as well.



- **BWA Daifuku Mochi: Saturday November 2 beginning at 9 AM.**
- **Bazaar: Sunday, November 10**

October 20 following the Eshinni & Kakushinni Memorial Service we will distribute apples to the Sangha and then meet in the Rev. Pratt room for our last General Meeting of the year. October|November|December toban will provide lunch.

From October through December BWA will hold our annual Food and Clothing Drive. Collection bins will be in the foyer for gently used clothing and food donations. BWA members will deliver the donations as throughout the collection drive to get them into the community as quickly as possible. If you have a charity or food bank that you would like to recommend for donations, please let Denise know.

On September 7, thirteen BWA members participated in a Dana Day activity of repacking food at Emergency Food Network. We met at the packing facility in Lakewood Washington and received instructions from the EFN staff. Our assignment for the day was to package pasta into 2-pound portion bags, seal the bags, pack them in boxes to weigh 26 pounds each and then place the finished boxes on pallets. In total, we repacked 2,200 pounds of pasta in about 2 hours. It was an incredible experience which we plan to repeat annually.

The BWA would like to extend a special thank you to Bobby, Junko & Enzo Yotsuuye for helping to design and print the dishtowels sold at the NWD convention craft table. It was a sellout.



Upcoming events:

October – December	Annual BWA Food and Clothing Drive
October 4-6, 2024	Federation of Buddhist Women's Association (FBWA) Conference in San Jose, CA
October 20	Eshinni/Kakushinni Memorial Service, BWA General Meeting (following service and apple distribution)
November 2	Daifuku Mochi making in social hall kitchen beginning at 9 AM
December 8	Bodhi Day Service –BWA hosts potluck following service and Temple General Mtg.

In Gassho,
Denise Cline, Tacoma BWA President

Dharma School News



We are deeply saddened to hear of the passing of our former DS teacher and friend, Ted Tamaki. As a dedicated DS teacher for 16 years, he brought wisdom, compassion and kindness to our students. We send our sincerest condolences to Martha and Tamaki family.



It was great to see many of our DS teachers and students interacting and enjoying the activities at the White River NWD convention in September. Lumbini teacher, Karen Yoshitomi was recognized for her 25 years of teaching DS. Thank you, Karen, for all the years and dedication to the temple and DS.

October 13 We will have a special guest for all DS students. *Kwabi Amoah-Forsen*, humanitarian and influencer from right here in Tacoma, will talk about his personal journey as a humanitarian and the true meaning of peace. He's been featured on PBS!

October 27 *Halloween Party Hosted by YBA!* Everyone from DS students AND Sangha members are invited to participate in the activities right after service. There will be food, games downstairs so please join us.

Birthday (BD) Celebrations: Celebrating DS students' birthdays during service has been the monthly tradition made possible by the generous donations from Lynne and Ken Tanino. This year we adjusted the dates to cover multiple months and will be celebrating birthdays on the following dates:

- a. **October 27, 2024** (Sep/Oct/Nov/Dec. Birthday)
- b. **February 23, 2025** (Jan/Feb/Mar/Apr. Birthday)
- c. **June 1, 2025** (May/Jun/Jul/Aug. Birthday)

We will celebrate students' AND teachers' birthdays, so that kids don't feel awkward standing in front of Sangha members by themselves. Erina Foote volunteered again this year to prepare the presents. Thank you, Erina! Parents, please try to bring your kids when their BD will be celebrated.

October-November Dharma School Schedule:

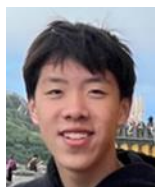
October 6 DS Regular Class
13 DS All DS (guest speaker - Kwabi Amoah-Foson)
20 DS Regular Class
27 NO DS YBA Halloween Party! All DS Students welcome!

November 3 DS Regular Class
10 NO DS Bazaar -Participation counts as attendance
17 DS Regular Class
24 DS Regular Class

If there are any changes in the future, we will contact you accordingly.

Gassho,
Junko

Young Buddhist Association News



Hello Everyone! Happy October!

First, I would like to thank the YBA for helping run the "Welcome Back Morning Snack" for the first day of Dharma School, we had around 75 people show up and enjoy a nice breakfast. Last month the YBA also had the opportunity to participate in the NW district convention and it was nice to meet other YBA members from around the northwest.



Upcoming YBA events include:

10/27 Halloween Party/Candy Dash
11/10 Fall Bazaar
12/8 Bodhi Day

With the Halloween Party/Candy Dash around the corner, we would like to welcome all Dharma School students as well as Sangha members to enjoy the many Halloween festivities such as musical chairs, balloon stomp, donut eating contest, and more! I look forward to seeing everyone there!

Gassho,
Enzo

Buddhist Education Committee News



Welcome back Dharma School students!

The BEC has scheduled several events this fall, starting with a dharma school talk by **Kwabi Amoah Forson** at our **Sunday, October 13** service. Kwabi drives "The Peace Bus", a blue 1988 Mitsubishi van, and promotes peace, connection and compassion in our community as well as across the USA and abroad.



Kwabi has received the Tacoma Peace Prize and traveled to Oslo, Norway to attend the Norway Peace Prize Award Ceremony. This year, he started the "Every Kids Eats" campaign, enlisting several restaurants to give free meals to kids 18 and younger from July 1 – September 1.

I hope you all can join us to hear Kwabi's talk on **"A Humanitarian's Journey"**. Kwabi will also spend time with our students during their class time.

Also on **October 13**, Kate Inge will give a Dharma Exchange during coffee hour after service. Kate just returned from a trip to Japan for the Youth Buddhist International Cultural Study Exchange.

Peace!
Lynrae

Facility Committee Update



So, money doesn't grow on trees? How about we convert that idiom to a literal by using pinecones as legal tender. So many intractable political disagreements would go by the wayside. One perennial, persistent issue is the budget deficit. In dollar terms the red ink would go down to zero since all those buckaroos would be as good as Confederate funny money. If the government owes you money, no worries. Find the nearest conifer. Problem solved! Unfortunately, the government stipulates that we transact in paper and coins, in addition, to zeros and ones. Since we can't pluck those from trees your facilities crew had to seek budgetary estimates for some capital improvement projects. Two major tasks are to repair the exterior steps that lead to Sensei's office and to replace or seal the roof over the temple's storage garage.

David Yotsuuye, Robert Yotsuuye, Tom Hubbell, Rick Tanabe, and Del Sasaki are at the top of their game in keeping our facilities in great shape.

Lynrae Hubbell keeps a sharp eye out for litter along our stretch of Fawcett Avenue and Court D. Rick Tanabe and Delbert Sasaki are keeping the temple lawn, adjacent lot, and the wisteria in prime condition.
~Dave

Toban News



October 6	Sunday service
October 13	Sunday service, Coffee Hour, BWA Food & Clothing Drive Starts
October 19	Fall Seminar - Rev. Kusunoki & Alex Sakamoto
October 20	Sunday service – Eshinni/Kakushinni service, Board Meeting, BWA General Meeting
October 27	Sunday service, Halloween party
November 2	BWA Daifuku mochi making – 9 AM
November 10	Fall Bazaar
November 17	Sunday service, Board Mtg., Coffee Hour
November 24	Sunday service
December 8	Bodhi Day Service/Potluck, General Mtg., BWA Clothing/Food Drive Ends
December 15	Temple Clean up, Board Mtg.
December 22	Sunday service, Coffee Hour
December 31	New Year's Eve Service, 10:00 AM
January 1, 2025	New Year's Day Service, 10:00 AM

PLEASE NOTICE THE NEW 2024 TOBAN ROSTERS AND CHAIRPERSONS.

COFFEE HOUR UPDATES: Toban Chairs - **October 13** (Claire Silver), **November 17** (Denise Cline), **December 22** (Meesa Pedrozo)

Coffee Hours: All coffee hours will be held in the social hall for now. Set up tables and chairs (take down after it's over). Provide coffee, tea, etc. Snacks can be made or store bought.

****OTHER SEPTEMBER TOBAN DUTIES:** Provide small snack for Bazaar set up the week before the event.

****OTHER OCTOBER TOBAN CLEAN UP DUTIES:** Set up time with September Toban to clean the Temple, Provide, set up, serve snacks on SATURDAY, November 9 - afterwards clean up kitchen counter.

****OTHER NOVEMBER TOBAN CLEAN UP DUTIES:** Set up time with December Toban to clean the Temple, Provide, set up, serve snacks for breaks on SUNDAY, November 10 in the Rev. Pratt Room, clean up area after it is done.

**** OTHER DECEMBER TOBAN CLEAN UP DUTIES:** Set up time with November Toban to clean the Temple, dust and vacuum pews, Bazaar Tuesday set up (before Bazaar) to bring snacks, clean up afterwards.

All Toban Chairs: Please email or call your Toban Groups to let them know of the above activities, especially for the set-up and clean-up of temple events occurring during your Toban months. Also arrange times for the monthly clean-up of the temple. Clean-up duties and supply list are posted in the kitchen ONLY. **NEW PORTABLE VACUUM CLEANERS ARE LOCATED IN THE CLOSET BEHIND THE ALTAR.**

Event Reminder: BWA Food/Clothing Drive Start - October 13; Fall Seminar - October 19-20; Fall Bazaar - November 10; Bodhi Day Service/General Mtg./Potluck - December 8; Temple Clean up - December 15.

A NEW RESPONSIBILITY WAS ADDED TO THE MONTHLY CLEAN-UP FOR TOBANS: In the Rev. Pratt room kitchen, please clean the refrigerator of outdated food and wipe the shelves. A CONTENT SIGN IN SHEET will be posted on the refrigerator. It will also be posted on the Temple Clean Up List as one for the jobs. Thanks for your support on this issue.

Questions/concerns, please contact Michael Shiogi (253) 226-5812, mshiogi@comcast.net or Tracy Ling (253) 370-0933, tling12005@gmail.com

OCTOBER TOBAN

Claire Silver
Gavin Morgan
Tom & Lynrae Hubbell
Kara & KT Hendrie O'Toole
Fujiko Yoshikawa
Nancy Butterfield

NOVEMBER TOBAN

Denise Cline
Del & Cynthia Sasaki
Joel Robinson
Jeff & Vivian Hiroo
Chris Kibbey
Tad & Joan Kajimura
Trisha Tisdale
Emiko & John Kurata

DECEMBER TOBAN

Meesa Pedrozo
Nate & Erina Foote
Jim Doyle
Ian Sok
Brian & Etsuko Willis
Lynn Blick
Jane Burster
Glenn Morita

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT AND HELP WITH OUR TEMPLE.
Tracy Ling/Michael Shiogi

Library News

Pure Land Books in Library

Pure Land History and Tradition Practice by Charles Jones



This concise introduction presents a complete and accessible guide to Pure Land thought and practice that will delight readers in its richness and scope. The author traces its history beginning from its development in India through China and Japan up to the present day. This overview goes on to cover the core principles of Pure Land centered on the belief that prayer and contemplation on Buddha Amitābha can lead to rebirth in a realm free from suffering that is ideal for progress on the path to enlightenment.

Three Pure Lane Sutras by Hisao Inagaki

This volume includes three texts. The Larger Sutra on Amitayus relates how a certain mendicant monk by the name of Dharmakara, when practicing under the tutelage of the Tathagata Lokeshvararaja, made 48 vows to save all suffering people; to fulfill these vows he created a paradise in the west called Sukhavati, and he himself thus became the Buddha Amitayus. The sutra states, furthermore, that if anyone believing in these 48 vows should chant the name of Amitayus, he will be born in the paradise of Sukhavati and there become a buddha. This sutra being the longest of the three basic sutras of the Pure Land Faith, it is common practice in the various Pure Land sects to use extracts from it for the purpose of recitation.

Jane

Greeter's List

October	6	Mike Shiogi/Debby Abe
	13	Jeff Hiroo/Jane Burster
	20	Kara O'Toole/KT Hendrie
	27	Inge family
November	3	Mayumi & Kevin Ikeda
	10	BAZAAR - NO SERVICE
	17	Lynn Blick / Jim Doyle
	24	Tracy Ling / David Campbell
December	1	Bobby Yotsuuye / David Yotsuuye
	8	Chiko Faria / Joel Robison
	15	Inge Family
	22	Inge Family
	29	Brian & Etsuko Willis



Greeter's Notes

BEFORE GUESTS ARRIVE

- Put out the carpet in front of the entrance door.
- Put the "Please knock" sign on front door.

AFTER THE SERVICE

- Bring the carpet back into foyer.
- Bring the "Please knock" sign in.

Please have new visitors sign the visitor sign-in sheet in the binder and give them the following:

- Temple Information Booklet (pale green cover)
- TBT Information Sheet with temple info and recommended books
- Spirit, Mind and Body information flyer

Extra supplies are in the office supply room off the Rev Pratt room in the file drawer labeled Membership. Please do a headcount, including downstairs and balcony, and enter it into the Visitor Sign-In sheet. If you are not available, please find your replacement. More detailed greeter instructions are in the Visitor Binder in the foyer.

Yearly Memorial Service

Memorial Service Years for 2024

1 st Year – 2023	17 th Year – 2008
3 rd Year – 2022	25 th Year – 2000
7 th Year – 2018	33 rd Year – 1992
13 th Year – 2012	50 th Year – 1975



October 2024

3 rd Year	Hanako Yoshida	October 10, 2022
3 rd Year	Yasuko Morita	October 27, 2022
17 th Year	Masae Shigeno	October 31, 2008
25 th Year	Yoshiko Komoto	October 6, 2000
25 th Year	George Arima	October 16, 2000
33 rd Year	Renarch Marsten	October 30, 1992
50 th Year	Tadashi Horike	October 16, 1975

November 2024

7 th Year	Herbert Isamu Saito	November 7, 2018
7 th Year	Toshie Fujita	November 11, 2018
17 th Year	Joe Hideo Kosai	November 4, 2008
17 th Year	Yoshimi Mayeda	November 5, 2008
17 th Year	Toshiko Sasaki	November 30, 2008

December 2024

7 th Year	Toyoko Komure Nakagawara	December 25, 2018
17 th Year	Hatsue Itami	December 4, 2008
50 th Year	Hiroyuki Shimizu	December 27, 1975

Pledges

Sustaining \$150 - \$499

Christopher Kibbey
Nancy Butterfield

Membership Pledges as of September 20, 2024:

2024 Pledges made: \$91,307.50
2024 Pledges paid: \$80,680.50

Total members: 117

Thank you for your continued support of our temple.

In Gratitude,
Tracy Ling, tling12005@gmail.com
Pledge Administrator

The Tacoma Buddhist Temple, BWA and YBA would like to thank the following people for their recent donations.

The Tacoma Buddhist Temple received the following donations from 8/16/24 - 9/20/24:

***IMO - In Memory Of**

\$100.00	Kazuko Inoue	8 th Memorial for Mrs. Crider
\$685.61	Tacoma YBA	Donation from Obon Sales
\$300.00	CM & JJ Yasaki	General Donation
\$50.00	Sharon Saxton	General Donation
\$5,681.00	Seattle Foundation	
	Kats & Terrie Tanino Fund	General Donation
\$20.00	Jane Burster	Hoonko Service
\$250.00	Jon & Cheryl Nakagawara	IMO Hiroshi Nakagawara
\$250.00	Steven & Joyce Suzuki	IMO Hiroshi Nakagawara
\$20.00	Joyce McMahon	IMO John McMahon (Ojichan to Dennis & Dillon Tisdale)
\$100.00	Rick & Jill Tanabe	IMO Yoshihiko Tanabe
\$60.75	Claire Silver	Info Booth Supplies/Materials
\$50.00	Kiyomi Fujita	Obon 2024
\$500.00	Janice Lee Yoshiwara	Olympia Bon Odori Orei - Fuji Taiko
\$145.00	Bobby & Junko Yotsuuye	Orei - Fuji Taiko
\$500.00	Chizuko Yotsuuye	IMO Rionach Marsten - 33 rd Year Memorial
\$100.00	Wayne & Dawn Yotsuuye	IMO Tada Yotsuuye - 1 Year Memorial
\$150.00	Chizuko Yotsuuye	IMO Tada Yotsuuye - 1 Year Memorial
\$100.00	David & Kathy Yotsuuye	IMO Tada Yotsuuye - 1 Year Memorial
\$250.00	David & Kathy Yotsuuye	IMO Ted Tamaki
\$50.00	Bobby Junko Jet & Enzo Yotsuuye	IMO Ted Tamaki

BWA:

\$XX	Michael & Priscilla Shiogi	IMO Joe Kosai - 17 th year
XX	Carrie Mori	Craft sale items
XX	Kazuko Inoue	Craft sale items
XX	Donna Sasaki/Tracy Ling	Craft sale items
XX	Denise Cline	Craft sale items
XX	Patti Wong	Craft sale items
XX	Michael & Priscilla Shiogi	IMO Ted Tamaki
XX	Michael & Priscilla Shiogi	Eshinni/Kakushinni Memorial Service

DS:

\$200	Ken & Lynne Tanino	Donation for BD celebration
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**Book Club
King's Books
Thursday, October 10 @ 7 PM**

**One Thing: Developing a Buddha Brain
One Simple Practice at a Time**

Rick Hanson

**Book Club
King's Books
Thursday, November 14 @ 7 PM**

**Awakening Dignity: A Guide to
Living a Life of Deep
Fulfillment**

Phachok Rinpoche



**Tacoma Buddhist Temple would like to extend
our heartfelt sympathy and condolences to the
family and friends of**

Ted Tamaki



Ted passed away peacefully following a short illness. He was 98 years old.

Ted was active member of the Oregon Buddhist Temple and later at the Tacoma Buddhist Temple. As a Tacoma sangha member, Ted had a tremendous impact. For in addition to serving on the temple's Board of Directors, he chaired the Buddhist Education Committee, was a Dharma School teacher and served as an Assistant Minister. Ted also loved to spend his free time playing golf with many friends and shared his love of the game with his sons, so they could play together.

Our Temple gives our deepest condolences to Ted's wife of 68 years, Martha, along with his sons Steve (Michelle), Craig (Traci) and grandchildren Tyler (Megan), Tana, Alayna and Tali.

Funeral service will be held at the Tacoma Buddhist Temple on Saturday, October 5th @ 12:00 pm. In lieu of flowers the family requests donations be made to the Tacoma Buddhist Temple.



Tacoma Buddhist Temple Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

August 18, 2024

In Attendance: Gavin Morgan, Alex Theisen, Mayumi Ikeda, Rev. Koyama, Denise Cline, John Inge, Kaila Yoshitomi, Mike Shiogi, Lynrae Hubbell, Claire Silver, Tom Hubbell, Junko Yotsuuye, Tracy Ling

Excused: Bobby Yotsuuye, Ken Tanino, Jet Yotsuuye, Kara O'Toole, David Yotsuuye, Erik Hammerstrom, Nate Foote, Jane Burster, Coco Inoue, Jim Doyle

1. Meeting called to order at 8:33 AM. – president, John Inge

2. Nembutsu – Rev. Koyama

3. July 21, 2024 Board Meeting Minutes

MOTION: Tom moved to approve the board meeting minutes. Lynrae seconded the motion. Motion approved by the board.

4. Minister's Report – Rev. Koyama; report in Google Drive

- Final Pre-Kyoshi Kyoshu training seminar in Berkeley yesterday
- Obon Season went well
- BEC Fall Seminar on Oct 19th, Live broadcast of Rinban Kusunoki's podcast: Minds of Ministers. Koyama-sensei will be the guest on the podcast.

5. President's Report – John Inge; report in Google Drive

- New website layout designed via Wix, available for board members to see after meeting
- Reader board redesigned
- Documents and fliers made for outreach

6. Organization/Committee Updates: All reports in Google Drive

- Finance
 - In general, we're on track for Obon profits
- YBA
 - Obon fundraising profited \$3,100 and an estimated \$600 to be donated back to temple from YBA, which is yet to be voted on by YBA
- Emergency Preparedness
 - Review of drills on Sep. 22, but no practice drills

7. New Business:

- Proclamation of Indigenous Peoples
 - Introduction and explanation of what a land acknowledgement is
 - Discussion about when and where this would look like
 - Will be on the agenda for next month

8. Old Business:

- Database Conversation
 - Joel presented his database data
 - All options presented allow for contacts to be grouped, and also to be contacted. All allow variable roles to access the data.
 - Almost all options allow options for pronouns, genders beyond the binary, and various groupings for people (i.e. member, nonmember active, etc)
 - CH Meetings – pretty robust offerings Cost: 1000 members \$50/mo, Unlimited Members \$60/mo
 - Church Trac Software – Has the option to accept donation
 - Cost: With Accounting 1000 members \$50/mo, Unlimited Members \$60/mo
 - Cost: Without Accounting 1000 members \$50/mo, Unlimited Members \$60/mo
 - Elexio – Has workflows
- Capital Campaign Discussion
 - The board voted on priority and the aligned like this:
 - Security
 - Temple Renovation
 - Audio
 - Parsonage Renovation
 - Garage Renovation
 - Next Steps would be for us to go out and get estimates, and a timeline to report back.
 - John looked into the metal exterior doors. Met with DH Pace Door Services of Renton. There was a site visit and a bid for the 6 doors with different options, and how the security options would integrate with each door,

was requested. Goal is looking at different cost options. Asked for reference companies they have worked with for security integration.

- Nate has reached out into the gate company that was used in the parsonage. They have not responded yet. There will be an update next meeting.
- Regarding Chimney Caps, Alex will reach out to Guardian Chimney Repair who are better with masonry for an estimate.
- Tom will look into porch renovations. Emailed three different companies for estimates regarding the renovations.
- David is reaching out to the security company we have worked with previously.
- Claire will look into audio companies for upgrades. Claire will reach out to David and Gary and update us in September.

- Obon

- Financials: Net Income \$17,000

- Ricoh Copier

- The copier contract did get signed and is in Ricoh's hands now
 - The new rep did honor the original lease we agreed to

- Zen Group

- MOU by Erik has been written and run by John. Erik will bring them the MOU to the zen group for their feedback as well.

8. Alex's Activities:

- Action List Reminders updated and followed up on:
 - All have been updated

9. From the Floor:

- 2-year lease for comcast account for the temple is coming due. Sensei reminded us of the email he sent to us regarding this.
 - **Motion:** Alex moved to approve the contract with comcast for (500/200mbps, \$187.94/mo). Lynrae seconded the motion. Motion approved by the board.

10. Tag Up:

Open forum for board members to discuss concerns observed or miscommunication

- N/A

11. Announcements/Services Schedule:

- Sep. 8 First Day of Dharma School
- Sep. 11 Jodo Shinshu 101
- Sep. 12 Book Club
- Sep. 13 through Sep. 15 NW Convention
- Sep. 22 Coffee Hour

12. Meeting adjourned at 9:30 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Alex Theisen

TBT Board Secretary

DATE CHANGE!

~~September 22, 2024~~

October 13, 2024

Kate Inge presents
her Japan trip with the
Youth Buddhist International
Cultural Study Exchange
Don't miss it!



Tacoma Buddhist Temple Presents:

Sunday, October 13 @ 10 a.m.

During the Dharma School Service

Guest Speaker: Kwabi Amoah-Forson



Topic: "A Humanitarian's Journey"

Kwabi Amoah-Forson is a humanitarian and influencer from Tacoma, WA. Through various humanitarian campaigns, he has assisted those in need in his community and across the country.

He also strives to educate others about the true meaning of peace and foster dialogue on the subject through "The Peace Bus". He has been featured on PBS Television, King 5 News, Q13 Fox, and co-hosted last year's Northwest Emmys as well as Tacoma's very own Night Show. Two years ago, he was awarded the Tacoma Peace Prize and attended the Nobel Peace Prize ceremony in Oslo, Norway.

TACOMA BUDDHIST TEMPLE 2024 FALL SEMINAR

Live Broadcast of Minds of Ministers

**MIND OF MINISTER
WITH REV. KATSU**



ASK
SENSEI



Date: October 19, 2pm-4pm

Place: Tacoma Buddhist Temple Social Hall

1717 Fawcett Ave, Tacoma, WA 98402

Contact: revtadaok@gmail.com

Description:

Come and enjoy a live broadcast and conversation of Seattle Betsuin's Mind of Minister with Rev. Katsu. Join the conversation as Alex Sakamoto, Rev. Katsu, and Rev. Koyama discuss various topics of our tradition of Jodo Shinshu.

BBQ will follow! BBQ cost: \$15 suggested donation

Sign up here:





*October 2024

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2	3	4 FBWA Conference in San Jose, CA 10/4 - 10/6	5
6 Sunday Service 10 AM Dharma School After Service	7	8	9 Study Class via Zoom 6 PM	10 Book Club King's Books 7:00 PM	11	12
13 BWA Clothing drive Sunday Service 10 AM Dharma School After Service Coffee Hour 11 AM Kate Inge presentation	14	15	16	17	18	19 Fall Seminar TBT Social Hall 2 PM - 4 PM
20 Board Meeting 8:30 AM Eshinni/Kakushinni Service 10 AM BWA General Meeting after service	21 Myokyo Deadline	22	23	24	25	26
27 Sunday Service 10 AM Dharma School Halloween Party After service	28	29	30	31 Halloween		

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					1	2 BWA Daifuku Mochi Making in Temple Kitchen 9 AM
3 Sunday Service 10 AM Dharma School after service	4	5	6	7	8	9 Bazaar Food Prep
10 Fall Bazaar No Sunday Service No Dharma School	11 Veterans Day	12	13 Study Class Via Zoom 6 PM	14 Book Club King's Books 7:00 PM	15	16
17 Board meeting 8:30 AM Eitaikyo/Mu-en Service 10 AM Dharma School After Service Coffee Hour after Service	18 Myokyo Deadline	19	20	21	22	23
24 Sunday Service 10 AM Dharma School After Service	25	26	27	28	29	30