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## Dance of Love

By J.K. Hirano

*When I was a boy of fourteen, my father was so ignorant I could hardly stand to have the old man around. But when I got to be twenty-one, I was astonished at how much he had learned in seven years.*

*~Mark Twain, "Old Times on the Mississippi"*

I was looking at the website for the Todo Institute in Vermont where Carmela is going through some training involving Naikan Therapy, a Jodo Shinshu form of Counseling. The quote I began with was on the website. I remember reading this quote when I was in college and thinking how true the statement was. As a teenager you believe you know everything. My children are still young enough to think that their Dad is a pretty smart guy. However, I realize that within a year or two, that will probably all change. There is a Yiddish proverb that says, "Small children disturb your sleep. Big children your life." However, I hope that in time they will once again think that their Dad wasn't such a bad guy after all.

During the process of Naikan, you reflect on aspects of your life. Looking into your past, you sit in relative isolation for close to 12 to 15 hours a day. Carmela has written me about how much she now realizes her parents and family had done for her in life and how she was not truly appreciative until now. I believe it is important that each of us come to this type of realization and understanding. The world is compassionate. Even though each of us are filled with ego-based greed, anger and ignorance, we are constantly caressed and embraced in the unlimited light of Amida Buddha's compassionate Light, that flows in and from those around us.

Over the past two weeks, I have helped with a funeral for the Father of a friend and the 49th day service for the Father of another friend. My Mother's 79th birthday was this week, she died almost 20 years ago and I still miss her and think about her almost daily. These services make me realize that it is that time in the lives of my generation that those lucky enough to have had their parents with them until now, begin to lose them to various types of illness and death. How do we express our appreciation for those that we love, that are no longer with us? This is the essence of Obon.

The Obon festival and the Obon memorial service are held in recognition of a story found in the Ulambana Sutra. The story concerns one of Shakyamuni Buddha's ten great disciples, Mogallana. In the sutra Mogallana learns the true meaning of gratitude through the life and death of his deceased mother and the help of Shakyamuni Buddha. It was said that at his realization, Mogallana's joy was so great, that he began to dance. In commemoration of this legend we have our Obon Dance Festival and Obon/Hatsubon memorial service.

Our Obon dance is getting larger and larger every year. Last year we had over three hundreds of dancers. I know that there are many that come for a cultural experience. They want to look or feel Japanese. I hope that there will be some that are dancing for the gratitude and love for those here and no longer here in their physical bodies. It is my hope that Obon will become known as the true dance of love.

Namo Amida Butsu.



## BWA NEWS

By Ruth Kawashima

I would like to thank all the BWA members who helped with this year's Obon preparations. The following BWA and our special "associate" BWA members all helped to make manju (Japanese pastry): Yuko Aoki, Chizuko Fukuda, Aiko Hamada, Fran Hamada, Tami Hirai, Aki Kato, Ellen Kato, Annette Koga, Fumi Koga, Alice Hirai, Yuri Inouye, Kunie Oda, Jeannie Painter, Rachel Painter Cleverly, Linda Russell, Masako Ryujin, Lorraine Sanow, Kris Yamada, Betty Yamashita, Kaylene Yamada, Yoshiko Yokota, Suzan Yoshimura.

Thank you to the following for preparing the Obon lunch:

Julia Fujimoto, Fran Hamada, Tami Hirai, Ellen Kato, Annette Koga, Jeannie Painter, Linda Russell, Janice Shimada, Marilyn Yoshida, Suzan Yoshimura. Special Thanks to Yoshiko Yokota for coming in to do all the flavoring and making sure we "young ones" did it right.

Thank you to Mrs. Yuko Aoki for bringing in her Kuro Mamae (white rice with black beans).

Our next meeting will be September 9, 2007 at 10:00 a.m.

## BWA DONATIONS

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## Study Group Review

By Mike Monson

The Buddhism Study Group is preparing for the upcoming year by scheduling a session every Sunday at 9:00 A.M. The group is optimistic about opportunities to explore concepts

in basic Buddhism. Buoyed by having completed a year working with the book "What the Buddha Taught" by Walpole Rahula along with sessions devoted to chanting, meditation, Shijin and other topics of interest, the group is looking forward to a series of video presentations by Malcolm Eckle of Boston University. Other sessions may include a review of Buddhist Ethics and a look into the practice of Jodo Shinshu Buddhism. The first session will begin on September 16th.





## The Copper Cup

By Ruth Kawashima

On July 13, 2007, I had the privilege of watching our own KayLene Yamada compete in the Copper Cup in Bountiful. The Copper Cup is the oldest figure skating competition in Utah. KayLe skated to Bizet's Carmen and she did a fabulous job! At the conclusion of her program, she was showered with lots of stuffed animals and flowers from her many cousins, aunt, uncle and friends who came to support her. KayLe took 3rd place in her division. I hope everyone will get a chance to see her skate in the future. Congratulations KayLe!

*KayLe is the daughter of Steve and Kris Yamada and is an active member of the Jr. YBA.*

## “Member Spotlight”



Jared, Geoff, Tim and Linda



Thanks for coming to our church! We are excited to have you as part of our Sangha!

WELCOME

The Russell family is not new to the Ogden Buddhist Church. They have been attending and participating in our Obon for several years and then moved to Ogden from Portland, Oregon almost 2 years ago.

Geoff, who was born in Cleveland, Ohio, is a chemist. He is starting a new company in Ogden to manufacture specialty coatings. Geoff also is an adjunct professor of chemistry at Weber State University, where he teaches courses. Geoff met Linda while attending the University of Utah as a graduate student.

Linda Enomoto Russell, was born in Los Angeles and later raised in Ogden. She is currently working part-time at the Main Weber County Library and holds the position of Associate Specialist where she catalogs all the fiction books (children and adult) for the main library and its 4 branches.

Jared received his BS in Biochemistry from the University of Southern California in 2005. He is currently enrolled in the doctoral program in Pharmaceutical Science at USC and should receive his Ph.D. in about three years.

Tim graduated in June, 2006 from Pitzer College in Claremont, CA with a degree in economics and a minor in Japanese language and culture. He attended International Christian University in Tokyo. He is now getting ready to teach elementary and middle school English in Karatsu-shi, Saga-ken on Kyushu.

Geoff is currently serving as a board of director member of our church board and Linda is currently serving as Auditor for the BWA.



## IT'S MOVIE TIME!

By Ellen Kato

On August 18th, we showed the movies, "American Pastime" and "The 442". I want to thank Mas Yamada for letting us show "The 442" and sharing his delicious melons and cucumbers. James Aoki provided the projector. Mike Koga hooked up the sound for the movies. Thanks to their good work, we have a good set-up to show movies. So, on September 16th after the Ohigan service, we will show the movie, "Letters from Iwo Jima". This is the movie Clint Eastwood directed. It is in Japanese with English subtitles. Since this is an adult movie, we will show a movie for the children in the big classroom. I hope that everyone can stay and enjoy the movies on the 16th.



## WOW! Can You Hear Me Now?



Mr. and Mrs. Dick Hirasuna has generously donated 4 speakers for the sound system! These speakers are going to be GREAT! We will be able to hear everything now! Thank you for your tremendous generosity!

**THANK YOU**

## Check Out Our WWW

Did you catch that lingo?

Don't forget to check out our web site. The Salt Lake Buddhist Temple has graciously let us have a "link" off their web page. THANK YOU! Make sure you check it out at:

<http://www.slbuddhist.org/ogden/>

You can see the GEPP0 in color!

### In Memoriam

The Ogden Buddhist Temple Sangha extends its deepest sympathies to the families of the following members who recently passed away.

*May the family members find solace and comfort in the Nembutsu.*

*Namo Amida Butsu*

**Mr. Tomio Yamada – July 10, 2007**  
**Mr. Dick Kishimoto – August 15, 2007**

# SHOTSUKI HOYO LISTS

## August & September Shotsuki Hoyo

September 16, 2007, 1:00 p.m.

Aug 22	2005	Kiyoko M. Hamada
Aug 8	1983	Kazuye Kay Hattori
Aug 30	1976	Tama I. Kariya
Aug 15	1969	Matsuichi Kurokawa
Aug 10	1997	Buster Shizuo Miyagishima
Aug 6	1961	Tomoshichi Mochida
Aug 28	1973	Yoichi Sakiyama
Aug 14	1973	Kenzo Shiki
Aug 11	1970	Tamegoro Shimizu
Aug 9	1995	Masao Shirazmizu
Aug 6	1971	Joseph Terumi Suekawa
Aug 18	1988	Jiro Joe Sumida
Aug 12	2000	Kenneth Kiyoshi Takamatsu
Aug 5	2005	Isao Yamaguchi
Aug 28	1999	Ada Muriko Yonemura
Sept 25	1980	Otoshichi Endow
Sept 4	1964	Tetsuzo Fujita
Sept 22	1996	Butch Masakazu Higashiyama
Sept 20	1989	Fumiko Horiuchi
Sept 2	1966	Tokio Kuroiwa
Sept 11	1992	Toshi Oda
Sept 26	1978	Run Okawa
Sept 9	1997	Kosuye Okura
Sept 25	1994	Nobuichi Sato
Sept 23	1980	Taeko O. Suekawa
Sept 22	1980	John Y. Taniguchi
Sept 17	1961	Taichi Teramoto
Sept 2	1961	Shime Tokifuji
Sept 9	1996	Sachiko Sharon Yamamoto
Sept 19	1971	Yasaburo Yamane
Sept 21	1983	Akira William Yokota
Sept 9	1987	Dick Yoshida

## October Shotsuki Hoyo

October 7, 2007, 1:00 p.m.

Oct 15	1964	Jintaro Hano
Oct 11	1991	Masao Eugene Higashiyama
Oct 23	1964	Kuichi Hirabayashi
Oct 15	1984	Mack Susumu Hirai
Oct 6	2004	George Imaizumi
Oct 12	1979	Mary S. Imaizumi
Oct 26	1995	Chiyoko Barbara Inouye
Oct 5	1991	Tayoko Iriye-Kawaguchi
Oct 11	1999	Tom Tadao Kinomoto
Oct 5	1992	Tatsuo Koga
Oct 13	1974	Moju Kosaiku
Oct 13	1969	Rodney Manji Kuroiwa
Oct 29	1979	Yorimoto Murakami
Oct 16	1978	Fumi Nakahara
Oct 11	1971	Mary Chiyono Nisogi
Oct 22	1959	Sumi Nisogi
Oct 14	1964	Chujiro Ono
Oct 30	2000	Joanne (Kano) Petersen
Oct 4	1994	Harry Takeo Sato
Oct 4	1983	Mitsuyo Shiki
Oct 15	1975	Royce I. Shiki
Oct 2	1962	Tamekichi Takahashi
Oct 23	1977	Kome Tawatari
Oct 31	2004	Shigeto Tokifuji
Oct 14	1965	Yukichi Ukita
Oct 22	1973	Tokutaro Yagi
Oct 25	1971	Senai Yamaguchi
Oct 21	1965	Tsuruyo Yamane
Oct 22	1968	Shikazo Yamashita
Oct 10	1998	Mary S. Yonemura
Oct 19	2003	Tatsuo Kay Yonetani
Oct 27	2003	Valentine Hisako Yoshinaga

For those years not having a specific memorial service such as 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, etc. the temple is holding these monthly Shotsuki Hoyo (Monthly Memorial Service). During these services, the temple will list the names of those member who have died during the month in the preceding years. The families then attend that monthly service in memory of their loved one.

These services are not meant to replace the specific memorial services. Please contact Rev. Hirano to make arrangements for those services. Rev. Hirano contact information - Office: 363-4742, Home: 299-8727, Emergency: 718-5755

### 2007 Memorial Service Schedule for those who passed away in:

2006 - 1 year	1995 - 13 year	1975 - 33 year
2005 - 3 year	1991 - 17 year	1958 - 50 year
2001 - 7 year	1983 - 25 year	1908 - 100 year

# President's Message

By James Aoki

Friends, Members, Countrymen, Lend me your eyes.

I come to bid farewell to our summer in which we held our annual Obon Festival and Service (Great success and much fun for all who attended and helped). We ended the summer with a bang during the showing of "Go for Honor, Go for Broke the 442 Story" and "American Pastime." Those who attended this wonderful event not only viewed two great movies, Mas & Kiyoko Yamada brought watermelon and cantaloupe for all to enjoy during the movie. They also brought cucumbers so everyone who attended was able to take a few home with them. Thank you to Mas & Kiyoko Yamada for bringing the video "Go for Honor, Go for Broke the 442 Story," the watermelon, cantaloupe, and the delicious cucumbers. In addition, a special thanks to Steve and Ellen Kato for planning and setting up this wonderful event; I also want to thank Valerie Kato for her expertise with the popcorn machine. And to all of you who took time out of your weekend to support us. I know all who attended had a great time and there were a number of inquiries as to our next movie event... Now its time to look forward at our 2007-2008 Dharma School year, we have many new things planned for the coming year. For instance, Mike Monson will be hosting an adult discussion group every Sunday, starting on September 16, at 9:00 am; Carmela Hirano has agreed to teach meditation twice a month starting on Sunday, September 23 at 11:00 am. We are also very fortunate to have Reverend Hirano continue having two services every month. Please review the enclosed calendar and mark your calendars so you will not miss these great classes.

During the remaining four months of 2007, we have many events planned and we really need your support. Again, if you have any questions about what's happening at the temple, want to help but don't know what to do or who to ask, or want to become a member, please ask any board member.

I look forward to seeing you at the temple.

*In Gassho, James*



## Happy Birthday Marlane

Marlane Hirai Turns 40!

Marlane Hirai turned 40 this year! We were so excited that a party was planned by Ruth Kawashima. Dharma School made her a special book for pictures and memories of her Dharma School friends. We all know how Marlane loves to help in the kitchen – she was given her very own special apron embroidered with her name on it. There was great food, great friends and great FUN!



### A Note Of Thanks From The Marlane Hirai Family

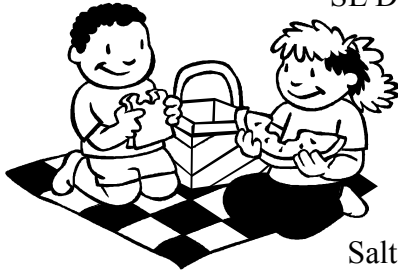
Words cannot express our deep appreciation for giving Marlane her 40th birthday party. She was so happy to receive the love all of you expressed. She loved the attention and the gifts. She knew the party was for her. She is a child who gives unconditional love for every one including pets and animals. She especially loves babies, as you have noticed. When she sees a baby, zoom, she's right there to burp her, talk to her, and to help with whatever is needed. Families of special needs children experience painful experiences of rejections. But our Temple openly loves Marlane and we deeply appreciate it.

In Gassho,  
Alice, Stan, Tami, Mackenzie, Alex, Alicia and Brian

## Dharma School News

Ready? Set? GO!

Dharma School is about to begin! We hope you have had a wonderful summer and are ready to come back to Dharma School, reunite with all your friends and learn more about Buddhism. We would like to kick off the year with the annual ...



SL Dharma School Back-to-School Picnic

September 9, 2007

11:00am

North Canyon Park

3900 S. Bountiful Blvd.

Bountiful

Ogden – provides desserts

Salt Lake – provides salads and musubi

Dharma School schedule for altar fruit and charing:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Class Chair</u>	<u>Pianist</u>	<u>Alter Fruit</u>
9/16	Board		Annette
9/23	Jr. YBA/YBA	Pam	Yamashita Family
9/30	7 <sup>th</sup> and 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Marisa	Sugihara Family
10/7	5 <sup>th</sup> and 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Pam	Summers Family
10/14	Jr. YBA/YBA	Marisa	Hirai Family
10/21	No Dharma School		
10/28	7 <sup>th</sup> and 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Pam	Aoki Family

## Superintendent Message

By Suzan Yoshimura

I can't believe we will be starting Dharma School in a few weeks. I hope everyone has enjoyed the summer break. I know I feel energized. **On September 16 at Noon we will have our first parents/teachers meeting prior to the 1:00 pm Ohigan service.** We will discuss classroom changes and plan this year's activities. If you have any thoughts on a theme for the year, I welcome your input. I feel a theme benefits everyone, our youth, teachers, and parents and gives emphasis to the Jodo Shinshu teachings.

The Ogden Buddhist Church board has been reviewing all of the church organizations activities and welcomed suggestions from the Sangha. Based on the members input there will be some changes at Dharma School. The adult discussion class will meet weekly at 9:00 am and we will begin meditation classes twice a month beginning September 23 at 11:00 am led by Carmella. Be sure to check the Geppo calendar for dates.

We will continue to hold weekly Dharma School classes beginning at 12:30 pm on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> weeks that coincide with the Family Services. The other weeks we will begin Dharma School service at 10:00 am.

I look forward to these changes and encourage you to participate. See you September 16<sup>th</sup>.  
In Gassho.

## Junior YBA Donations

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# SEPTEMBER, 2007

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
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States Conf. -->	<i>Labor Day</i>					Interfaith Fall Festival
<i>9</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>13</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>15</i>
10am - BWA Mtg. 11am - SL/Ogden Dharma School Kick- Off Picnic		7:30pm - Board Mtg.				
<i>16</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>19</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>21</i>	<i>22</i>
9am – Adult Discussion Class 12pm – Dharma School Parent / Teacher Meeting 1pm – Family Svc. – Ohigan/Shotsuki Hoyo						
<i>23</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>26</i>	<i>27</i>	<i>28</i>	<i>29</i>
9am – Adult Discussion Class 10am – Dharma School Svc. 11am – Meditation with Carmella						8am – Manju making w/ BWA
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8am – Manju making w/ BWA 9am – Adult Discussion Class 12:30pm – Dharma School 1pm – Family Svc. w/ Rev. Hirano						

\*\*\*\*TOBAN CLEANING\*\*\*\*

**Marion Hori (Toban Cleaning Leader)**  
**Gerald & Teri Nisogi**  
**Carl & Marilyn Yoshida**  
**Kunie Oda**





# OCTOBER, 2007

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
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7 9am – Adult Discussion Class 12:30pm – Dharma School 1pm – Family Svc. – Shotsuki Hoyo	8	9 7:30pm – Board Mtg.	10	11	12 ←National -	13 BWA Conf. --
14 8am – YARD CLEAN-UP 9am – Adult Discussion Class 10am – Dharma School 11am – Meditation with Carmella -----→	15	16	17 6pm – Food prep for Bazaar	18 6pm – Food prep for Bazaar	19 6pm – Food prep for Bazaar	20 7am -- Prep for Bazaar    4 pm -- BAZAAR
21 No Svc. – Bazaar clean-up  10am – SL Halloween Parade & Party	22	23	24	25	26	27
28 9am – Adult Discussion Class 10am – Dharma School 11am – Meditation with Carmella	29	30	31			

\*\*\*\*TOBAN CLEANING\*\*\*\*

**James & Marisa Aoki (Toban Cleaning Leader)**  
**Charles Aoki**  
**Max & Georgia Yoshida**  
**Toby Yoshida & Mui Tran**

