

# Twin Cities Buddhist Association

## Newsletter

May, 2017

Please join us for our Gotan-e service led by our Minister's Assistants

**Sunday May 14th, 2017**

10:00am – 12:00pm  
at

Midtown YWCA Building  
2121 E. Lake Street  
Minneapolis, MN

*Please invite your friends.  
They are always welcome.*

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### **May Service:**

Gotan-e celebrates the birth of our founder Shinran Shonin who was born on May 21, 1173. He lived 90 years devoting his life to teaching the Nembutsu. Because of Shinran's teachings, we ignorant and foolish beings can realize the wisdom and compassion of Amida Buddha. Gotan-e is an opportunity for us to express our gratitude for his guidance.

### **Monthly Memorial for May Service:**

Susan Matsumoto  
Akiko Sako  
Lillian Tanaka  
Frank Tsuchiya Sr.

### **April Service:**

We celebrated the birth of Sakyamuni Buddha during our Hanamatsuri service. Thank you to the Dharma school children who decorated the Hanamido and told the story of the birth of the Buddha.



### **Congratulations to Rev. Debra Ting:**

Congratulations to Debra who completed the Center for Buddhist Education's Correspondence Course. She received her certificate of completion from Rev. Miyamura at our April service.



**Also...a belated welcome to our newest member, Rev. Debra Ting:** (note from editor – I asked Debra to introduce herself through our newsletter and here is her response)

*I grew up in Minneapolis. But, I moved to the San Francisco Bay Area as an adult and lived there for 24 years. I'm the mother of a son and daughter. My daughter is deceased. My son lives here. He moved back to Minnesota (Mendota Heights) in order to accept a job. He eventually married and began a family. So, I decided that I wanted to be near my grandchildren who are now 11, 9, and 5 years old. I studied Asian Art History in graduate school and began to learn about Buddhism through the art. But, I had actually had a deep interest in the various world religions even as a child. I attended an Interfaith Seminary in NYC and was ordained as an Interfaith Minister. I now officiate weddings, funerals, baby blessings, and also do a bit of speaking, at times. But, it was while working as a chaplain at a hospital in San Francisco, and living near Japantown, that I discovered the Shin Buddhist Church on Octavia Street. I truly felt welcomed there and began to learn more and more about Jodo Shinshu Buddhism. I missed it so much after I moved to Minneapolis. But, I eventually found the Twin Cities Buddhist Association and am experiencing the same warmth and kindness here and I am very grateful to be a part of this community.*

### **Thank you for your donations in April:**

Paul Arllen, Micah/Chiemi Bly, Mike Coyle/Laura Enkoji, Joyce Ehmke, Matthew Ehmke, Noriko Freeman, Sumi Kosobayashi, Charles Lampert/Eriko Kiritschenko, Toyo Lang, Janice Nishimura, Lynn Oyanagi, Nobu/June Sugisaka, Wayne/Jean Takeshita, Cindy Tamaki, Rick/Pam Tanaka, Frank Tsuchiya/Clarice Chikazawa, Todd/Connie Tsuchiya, Ben/Gail Wong, Dean Yanari/Susan Satterlee

Gomonshu Inauguration Gift:

Toyo Lang, Wayne/Jean Takeshita, Todd/Connie Tsuchiya

Memorials:

-In memory of Helen Tsuchiya, Frank Tsuchiya, Sr., Susan Matsumoto, Ryan Bissonette - Frank Tsuchiya & Clarice Chikazawa

-In memory of Tsuruyo Nishimura - Tak/Hisa Osada

-In memory of Frank Tanaka - Micah/Chiemi Bly, Mike Coyle/Laura Enkoji, Timothy/Pam Dagoberg, Richard/Eiko Hidani, Carl Jannett, Sumi Kosobayashi, Roy/Grace Kyono, Janice Nishimura, Tak/Hisa Osada, Lynn Oyanagi, Nobu/June Sugisaka, Wayne/Jean Takeshita, Rick/Pam Tanaka, Brian/Cheral Tsuchiya, Frank Tsuchiya/Clarice Chikazawa, Charissa Uemura/Kristin Turnblom, Dave/Laurie Wesley, Dean Yanari/Susan Satterlee, Whitney/Sandra Yep

**Save the Date!**

The annual Super Senior Luncheon is scheduled for Saturday, July 22 at 11:30am. This is an event honoring the seniors in the community with a luncheon. It will be held again at the Hibachi Buffet in Minneapolis. It is co-sponsored by the Nikkei Project, JACL and the TCBA. The formal notice will be sent later.

**Remaining Service Schedule For 2017**

July 16 – Rev. Miyamura

August 6 – Minister Assistants

October 8 – Rev. Miyamura

November 12 – Minister Assistants

December 3 – Minister Assistants