

FUTURE DATES TO REMEMBER

November 5 - **Bay District Amida's Family Gathering** at So. Alameda County Buddhist Church

November 13 - **Interfaith Panel Discussion (BBWA)**



November 20 - **Ho-on-ko service**
Guest Speaker: Rev. Harry Bridge
BBWA Sushi/Crafts Fundraiser

November 27 - **DFS & Shotsuki Hoyo**

December 4 - **Bodhi Day service**

December 11 - **DFS & Shotsuki Hoyo**

December 18 - **Temple clean-up**

Follow us:  

Lady Takeko Kujō

おほいなるものの力に ひかれゆく
吾が足あとの おぼつかなしや

Ōinaru mono no chikara ni hikareyuku
Waga ashiato no obotsukanashi ya

Drawn ahead by a great power,
My footprints grow ever faint.

SHINRAN SHŌNIN'S ENCOUNTER with Amida Buddha's Primal Vow changed his entire life. He had entered a world of embrace and thereupon sought to share that world with everyone through his teachings of Jōdo Shinshū. Shinran's teachings have resonated within the hearts and minds of nembutsu followers for the past 750 years. His religious heart continues to guide us to that world, and there our lives are changed forever as well.

Lady Takeko Kujō (1887-1924) also lived within that world of embrace. A direct descendant of Shinran, Takeko Ōtani was the daughter of Myōnyo Shōnin (1850-1903) the twenty-first Monshu of the Hongwanji and the younger sister of next Monshu, Kyōnyo Shōnin (Kōzui Ōtani).

Her father was a remarkable leader. He established the *gojikai* society to provide financial support to the dissemination of Shinran's teachings. He also founded the Greater Japan Buddhist Welfare Society Foundation, one of the first social welfare organizations in modern Japan. He built schools and orphanages. He saw the need for chaplaincy in prisons and in the military. Myōnyo was also instrumental in establishing overseas Hongwanji missions. He supported the founding of the Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii and the North American Buddhist Mission (later, the BCA). Her brother, Kōzui, was also famous for leading excursions that uncovered countless lost Buddhist treasures in Asia.

Takeko's life was also extraordinary. After her marriage to Baron Ryōchi Kujō, she dedicated her life to Jōdo Shinshū and the Hongwanji. She founded the Buddhist Women's Association (*Fujinkai*) to promote the status and contributions of Shin Buddhist women. She established the Asoka Hospital, one of Japan's first modern medical centers that is still operating today. She also built hospitals and started social welfare programs in other parts of Asia, directing most of her efforts to serving the poor and the sick.

Following the Great Kanto Earthquake of 1923, Lady Kujō went personally to the ruined city of Tokyo. There she worked tirelessly to care for the victims of that terrible disaster. Tragically, while working in one of Tokyo's poorer areas, she contracted an illness and died shortly thereafter.

Lady Takeko Kujō wrote many poems and hymns that expressed her trust in Amida's Primal Vow. Among them was the simple verse above, written in the face of the suffering of other people and her own illness. We get a sense here of the deep faith of this amazing person. Even one so strong and caring as Lady Kujō must have grown weary in her efforts to relieve the suffering of others. Yet, at the same time, she found herself embraced—lifted, as it were—by a "great power." Finding herself taken in and held by the compassionate heart of the Buddha of unhindered Light, the weight on her own heart began to lift and the heaviness of her steps gave way to a lightness and joy of being.

Namu Amida Butsu
Rev. D. Matsumoto
November 2011

Presidents' Message

On behalf of the Berkeley Buddhist Temple Board of Directors, we would like to both thank and congratulate the Berkeley Buddhist Temple on its Centennial.

In and of themselves, anniversaries are somewhat arbitrary things. Who is to say that this year is more significant than the next? What makes a hundred years so much more significant than ninety-nine, one hundred one, or even a single year? Among the Three Treasures, the Buddha and Dharma remain unaffected by the mere passing of a century.

Anniversaries are times when the Sangha comes to the fore. They mark the passage of the life of the Sangha, and as a part of its life journey all the events, and people that fill it. Our Centennial lecture series this past year has allowed us to retell and perhaps relive in some way many of the events that shaped the Berkeley Buddhist Temple. From stories of its origins, through the relocation, the founding of the Buddhist Studies Center, the temple Basketball program to the building of the Jodo Shinshu Center, this has been a time to reflect on all the events both within and without the temple.

Perhaps even more importantly, anniversaries are also about people. They are the members from the first pioneers, and multigenerational family members, to the newest individuals who walk in through the temple doors. They are the families living and deceased, friends and acquaintances old and new who have lived, and shared parts of their lives with us. They are the individuals some well remembered, some long forgotten who have contributed in measures large and small to our Sangha.

Thus, anniversaries mark a point in the chain of causes and conditions in which we have opportunity to reflect with gratitude, and joy to all those who have shared the Dharma as a part of the Berkeley Buddhist Temple. Thank you for sharing this opportunity with us.

*We sing and work together, The truth is there to see
Years may go, our hearts they grow, Each day of life's journey**

Live Gassho,

Willie Fernandez and Art Nishimura
Co-Presidents

*from "Join the Dharma Line" by Dii Lewis

COMBINED DHARMA FAMILY SERVICE & SHOTSUKI MEMORIAL SERVICE

November 27, 2011
9:30 am

Shōtsuki Hōyō Service - November 27, 2011, 9:30 AM

The following persons will be remembered during the Shōtsuki Hōyō (monthly memorial service) for November.

Yoshiko Adachi	Isamu Doi	Shizuko Fukada
Chie Fukunaga	Ayako Hino	Chiyo Hirose
Eddie K. Hitomi	Rae Imamura	Haruko Inadomi
Isao Ishikawa	George Ishino	Sunae Ishino
Seiichi Kami	Sumiko Kawaguchi	Shizuko Kawakami
Hatsuye Konishi	Fusayo Kono	Fujino Kosakura
Ayako Kurakazu	Tetsuo Kurihara	Waiko Lindquist
Haruno Marutani	Sumie Matsubara	Masakazu Miyamoto
Misuko Miyamoto	Sadie H. Mizusaki	George Morishige
Hayao Nakagawa	Shigeru Oki	Shizuko Oki
Uhachi Okubo	Tadahiro S. Sameshima	Joseph Sasaki
Kunikazu Sasaki	Joe Shimada	Yasue Shimada
Kayo Shinoda	Kiyooki Shinoda	Kazuyoshi Sumisaki
Wayne T. Sumisaki	Kazue Takahashi	Toshie Takahashi
Yoshikazu Takahashi	Ben Takao	C. Mae Tanaka
Yukiye Terazawa	Chio Tominaga	M. Melvin Tominaga
Aileen A. Tsukada	Kizo Umawatari	Fumiye Uyeshima
Milton S. Wakayama	Ben T. Wakaye	Nellie Wralstad
Tosao Yamada	Miyeko Yoshimura	Nobuo Yoshimura

Note: If there are any additions, corrections or deletions to the above list, please notify the Berkeley Buddhist Temple at 510-841-1356.

The Experience of Helplessness: My Husband's Emergency Surgery

by Diane Ames

I am experiencing the second most awful kind of wait, the kind that takes place in a hospital waiting room during surgery on a family member. Of course the very most awful kind of wait is the kind experienced by the pre-op patient himself, lying on a gurney hungry, thirsty, anxious, bored, and often in pain, waiting with mounting impatience for the most enjoyable part of the surgical experience, which is being totally unconscious under anesthesia for a few merciful hours of it. At least that part is over for Bill, my husband, who should long since be fully anesthetized. The trouble is, they do not anesthetize the patient's spouse.

There is a heavily computerized desk in this waiting room. There are supposed to be kindly people sitting there who tell families when the patient is out of surgery and where they can go to see him and find out about the outcome. But there is nobody at that desk. It seems there never is after five o'clock, when emergency surgery tends to happen. So I have nobody to ask why although the surgery on my husband's broken kneecap was supposed to last about one hour, I have heard nothing for four. It's "only" putting a kneecap that has been broken in half back together again, but any surgery can go wrong, sometimes disastrously wrong. Every time the phone at the unmanned desk rings and goes unanswered, I envision the surgical team chanting the Tibetan Book of the Dead for Bill.

Just what is it about this wait that is so hard to take? I think it is the fact that there is nothing I can do. In the face of grave illness or serious injury like a broken kneecap in a man of 69, there is only so much any mere human being can do (and the greatest doctors will tell you so). Sometimes modern medicine wins, sometimes it loses, and in the end it always loses. The frailty of our bodies is, like so much of life, finally outside our control.

That is not to say that we should be fatalistic. The Buddhist law of karma teaches that we are responsible for the things we can control, such as our treatment of others, and that we should always do our best. But we live in—we are a part of—a great big complicated universe which we do not rule. That is why things keep happening that we do not wish to happen, no matter how rich or clever or powerful we think we are. That is intolerable as long as we think this suffering little self is all that matters. Amida is there to help us realize that it isn't.

By the way, the surgery went well and Bill is now slowly recovering.

Bay District Council
AMIDA'S FAMILY GATHERING

"OUR UNIVERSAL FAMILY"

at Southern Alameda County Buddhist Church

November 5, 2011

8:45 AM - 6 PM

Dharma Family Service
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Interfaith Panel Discussion

hosted by BBWA
November 13, 2011
9:30 AM
Tea Time following service

HO-ON-KO SERVICE

November 20, 2011

9:30 AM

Guest speaker,
REV. HARRY BRIDGE
Buddhist Church of Oakland

Coffee Social and BBWA Food & Crafts Sale following service

Taige-kai (体解会)

Berkeley Buddhist Temple Monthly Study Class

The Berkeley Buddhist Temple invites you to take part in the next session of the *Taige-kai*, its monthly gathering to learn and experience (体解) the Path of the Buddha.

The Heart of Namu Amida Butsu **expressed through songs and verses**

Dharma Family Service Sunday, November 6, 2011 9:30 am

All interested persons are welcome to attend. Please invite you friends!
We hope to see you at the *Taige-kai*!

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*When you catch cold, you cough.
Saichi has come down with the cold of Dharma,
The cough of nembutsu keeps coming out, cough, cough.*

— Asahara Saichi —

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Berkeley Buddhist Temple

2121 Channing Way
Berkeley, CA 94704

October 18, 2011

Dear Members and Friends of the Temple,

The Fall season is upon us and we hope you are enjoying the brisk weather and changing leaves.

On November 20, 2011 the Berkeley Buddhist Temple will be observing HO-ON-KO (Feast of Thanksgiving and Gratitude) commemorating the attainment of Nirvana by Shinran Shonin who handed down to us the teachings of the Buddha.

For this year's service we are fortunate to have Rev. Harry Bridge of Oakland Buddhist Temple for our guest speaker.

We hope you will attend the HO-ON-KO family service on November 20, 2011 at 9:30 AM. There will be a coffee social in the social hall following the service and the Berkeley Buddhist Women's Association will be having a Food and Crafts Sale fundraiser as well. Please put in your orders and support them.

The Temple would appreciate your special donation for HO-ON-KO. An envelope is attached for your convenience.

In gassho,

Berkeley Buddhist Temple

Berkeley Buddhist Temple expresses condolences and deep sympathy

To the family of
Mrs. Waseko Nagahisa
Shakuni Myo Kyo
September 20, 1925 - September 17, 2011

Namu Amida Butsu Namu Amida Butsu Namu Amida Butsu



The following is a list of special service years. If you have a dear departed relative who has passed away in any of the listed years, and would like to make arrangements for a memorial service, please contact Rev. Matsumoto at (510) 841-1356.

2011 MEMORIAL SERVICE SCHEDULE

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>SERVICE</u>
2010	1 st Year
2009	3 rd Year
2005	7 th Year
1999	13 th Year
1995	17 th Year
1987	25 th Year
1979	33 rd Year
1962	50 th Year
1912	100 th Year

A CENTURY OF GRATITUDE AND JOY

Saturday, October 22, 2011

10 am Service

1 pm Luncheon and program at Oakland Marriott City Center

AT LONG LAST OUR CENTENNIAL IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER! As of this writing, we are making final plans to “clean house”, make seating arrangements and last-minute additions/deletions, and there’s only one week to go!!! Jon Kawamoto has been busily writing our history for the commemorative book, which will come out after the event. Pam Matsuoka is busily formatting all the pieces for the program and commemorative books, and Vernon Kato, Lucy Hamai and Dii Lewis are tweaking the video presentation and luncheon program respectively. Lena Yin, Judy Fujimoto, and Barbara Hedani Morishita will ensure that our luncheon will be perfect. Vernon Kato is also busily setting up our new AV equipment for recording next week’s activities. And, of course, Sensei has been attending to all the details of our commemorative service assisted by master logistician Judy Kono. With so many last-minute details, we are fortunate to have them overseen by so many capable and dedicated volunteers. We cannot thank enough all of you who have contributed so generously with your time and donations (you know who you are!), which have ensured that we can pay our bills and leave a lasting legacy of our Centennial. Our Founders Rock dedication and Shinran statue unveiling will take place on Sunday, October 16 at the Eshinni-Kakushinni service, and Wes and Noreen Fukumori have been coordinating the installation of their respective dedication plaques.

It’s been a wonderful 100 years! Thank you all for helping to make our Centennial celebration a very meaningful and memorable event!

Judy Kono and Emiko Katsumoto
Centennial Co-chairs

THANK YOU TO THE FOLLOWING CENTENNIAL DONORS!

(as of October 15, 2011)

Yosh and Ruby Amino	Emi and George Matsunaga
BBT Sangha Basketball	Judith and Franklin Morioka
Bukkyo Dendo Kyokai America	Miyoshi Nakano
Takuma and Saeko Fujii	Gordon Oishi
Bill and Judy Fujimoto	Grace Oki
Ike and Nancy Hirota	Yoshiki Oshima
Mitsuru Ikuta	Margaret Peggy Saito
Haruko and Yoshio Ishizue	Takashi and Sumiko Sugihara
Mary Iyama	Alinda and Richard Togashi
George and Lily Kagawa	Abe and Terry Watamura
Kimiye Kaneko	Diane Wong
Sachiye Kaneko Kishi	Bill and Sachi Yamasaki
Patricia Hirose Andrews in memory of Hisayo and Kazuko Hirose	
Dr. & Mrs. Sueo Ito in memory of Kiyono Tominaga	
Ed and Lois Oda in memory of Masami and Kazuko Oda	
Tana Family in memory of Rev. and Mrs. Daisho Tana	

Berkeley Buddhist Women's Association (BBWA)

Sushi and Crafts Sale

November 20, 2011



The BBWA will hold a Sushi and Crafts Sale following the Ho-On-Ko Service. Delicious *inari* (with Berkeley Buddhist Temple's secret seasoning), *makizushi*, and Hawaiian style *spam musubi* are on the menu.

Homemade craft items will be on sale. We will happily accept donated items.

Volunteers are needed to prepare the *osushi*, and pack and sell the items.

This will be a great opportunity to learn to make the various *osushi*.

A *sushi* order form is on the reverse side of this page.

Please contact Yuki Otake (510) 234-6761 or Caroline Fernandez (510) 367-9166 for additional information.



BERKELEY BUDDHIST WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

Sushi and Crafts Sale

November 20, 2011

Following Ho-On-Ko Service

Spam Musubi (\$2.50)

Sushi Combo (\$5.00)

Handmade Craft Items

Support the BBWA in its annual fundraising event!

Pre-orders requested by November 15, 2011

-----detach and mail-----

Name _____

Phone Number _____

SPAM MUSUBI (\$2.50)

SUSHI COMBO (\$5.00)
(Inari, Makizushi)

Sushi Combo (\$5.00) _____ Quantity

Amount \$ _____

Spam Musubi (\$2.50) _____ Quantity

Amount \$ _____

TOTAL \$ _____

Please make check payable to Berkeley BWA and mail form and payment to:

**Berkeley BWA
Attn: Emi Matsunaga
2121 Channing Way
Berkeley CA 94704**

Guidelines for Bazaar Annual Gift (BAG)

- 1) Gift recipient must be a non-profit organization.
- 2) Preferably, the gift recipient will serve the Berkeley area.
- 3) Temple members and Jr. YBA will be asked to submit names of potential recipients.
- 4) Committee members will review all potential recipients and select recipients based on merit.
- 5) BAG Committee will recommend the recipients and the amount of the donation, but recommendations will be subject to temple board approval.

We would like to know the following information:

- 1) Name of the non-profit organization: _____
- 2) What they do/whom they serve: _____
- 3) Organization address: _____

- 4) Organization's phone number or e-mail address _____
- 5) Why you would like to see them receive our donation: _____

- 6) Your name _____ Phone number _____

Share the Spirit!

For the holiday season of 2011, the Asian Community Mental Health Services is once again facilitating the **Share the Spirit** program. Twenty-five economically disadvantaged families in the area are participating this year. What we need are donor families! As in past years, the recipient families will have wish lists with the items they need most (warm jackets, blankets, food, etc.) or with gift ideas for their children, who under normal circumstances wouldn't receive any holiday presents at all. Or, if you'd like, general necessity packages (blankets, toiletries, etc.) are also very much appreciated. If you'd like to participate, please let me know!

Thank you,
Colin Wong

miltonkwong@comcast.net

1-925-377-5128

TEMPLE PICNIC

Saturday, October 1 started out cloudy and gray, but it didn't matter to the kids who jumped in the pool from the first minute! By noon the sun had fought its way through and, under a blue sky, everyone enjoyed a tasty meal of hamburgers and hot dogs, accompanied by delicious sides and desserts provided by the families.

It was truly a kickback-and-relax kind of a day. You could try your hand at a ring toss game, badminton, or knock around a volleyball. And of course, there was the ever so popular BINGO game!

A huge thank you to Mak Oto for reserving the Richmond Country Club, to Lena Yin for doing the planning and shopping, to George Yin for being the Master BBQ'er, Pat Takeda for getting there early to set up, and to all the families who helped, prepared or brought food, and cleaned up. Thanks to Mike Nagamoto for donating a fish sculpture for the last grand prize bingo game!



FUNDRAISING PROGRAM

*Shop at Safeway to
earn money for the Temple.*

**RENEW OR SIGN UP WITH
YOUR SAFEWAY CLUB CARD TODAY!**

RENEW BY NOV. 1

If you participated last year, renew your commitment to the Safeway eScrip program so the Temple continues to earn contributions.

- Go to eScrip.com
- Click on "YES RENEW!"
- Enter either your phone number, email, or Club Card number

OR

SIGN UP

Your participation can mean hundreds of dollars to the Temple. It's free, quick and easy.

- Go to eScrip.com
- Click on "1-Sign Up"
- Enter your Club Card number
- Group ID# 155954856

**More information at www.berkeleysangha.org or contact
Maya Murashima Yonemura 510-528-6994/mmyonemura@comcast.net**

Fall Japanese Dharma Gathering at the Jodo Shinshu Center

秋の聞法の集い

米国仏教団 仏教
教育センター主催

古きを訪ねて 新しきを知る

聞法の秋です。
友と一緒に
なつかしい法話に耳を傾け
語り合いましょう。

11月12日（土曜）
午前10時より午後2時まで

場所：浄土真宗センター
2140 Durant Ave., Berkeley
参加費：無料

簡単な昼食も用意されています。

参加申し込み、詳細は仏教教育センター（CBE）
(510) 809-1461 または director@cbe-bca.org まで

Sponsored by Buddhist Churches of America Center for Buddhist Education

Saturday, November 12 from 10 am – 2 pm “Looking Back, Learning Something New.”

This is a free event (donations appreciated). Lunch is included. Please RSVP (510) 809-1461 or by email to director@cbe-bca.org. Please Note: Program will be conducted in Japanese language only.





●●● | SATURDAY MORNING SERIES

A series of stimulating panels, forums, and discussions about issues facing our multi-generational community

October 29, 2011

College Planning

**Buena Vista United Methodist Church
2311 Buena Vista Avenue, Alameda, CA 94501**

9:30 a.m.-10:00 a.m.

Registration and Refreshments

10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

Program

Were you looking forward to an empty nest? Well, before you can attain your empty nest, you will probably have much thinking and planning around your child's college attendance. Speakers from U.C. Berkeley, Laney College, and a private consultant will work through the critical aspects of preparing for college applications and college selection.

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Speakers:

Paige A. Lee

College Advisor — U.C. Berkeley Office of Undergraduate Administration

Gabriela Discua and Tomoko Roudebush

Asian and Pacific American Student Success

Pat Brands

Admit 1 College Advising

Refreshments generously provided by Berkeley Bowl.

Suggested donation of \$5 at the door (no one will be turned away). RSVP optional, but helpful. Please contact the J-Sei Office at (510) 848-3560 or by email at generationsansei@gmail.com.

BERKELEY BUDDHIST TEMPLE
Board of Directors Meeting
Tuesday, September 13, 2011

Attendance: Rev. David Matsumoto, Art Nishimura, Lucy Hamai, Don Hamasaki, Ron Hiraga, Kiyoshi Katsumoto, Emiko Katsumoto, Jon Kawamoto, Judy Kono, Dii Lewis, Takashi Nikaidoh, Emi Nakao, Caroline Fernandez, Judy Fujimoto.
Proxies: Willie Fernandez, Yosh Tokiwa, Russell Ware.

President Art Nishimura called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM with opening gassho led by Rev. Matsumoto.

Minutes: Lucy Hamai made a clarification to the June 14 minutes. In her report on the BD Council Meeting, Lucy clarified that the future of the BD Buddhist Education Committee is being studied and not that of the Center for Buddhist Education. Judy Kono made a motion for the August minutes be accepted; motion seconded by Kiyoshi Katsumoto and passed.

Minister's Report: Rev. Matsumoto issued a report for the period 7/12-9/13/11, which included 16 meetings; 4 consultations; 4 memorial services; 2 Togeikai-7/17 "Buddhism 101" & 7/24 "Jodo Shinshu 101"; 7/31 & 8/28 BBT DF & Shotsuki Memorial Services; Family Vacation 8/3-8/6; BCA MA Fuken 8/8-8/11; 9/8 Ryukoku Class, History of BBT@BBT; 9/11 BBT DFS & First Day of Dharma School. Upcoming events and activities include 9/14 BDMA Mtg. @ BBT; 9/18 Fall Ohigan/Keirokai Service and Luncheon @BBT; 9/22 Dinner with Mr. Toshihide Numata; 9/23 visit to BBT by Mr. Numata; 9/24-9/25 Senshin BT Fall Ohigan Seminar "Birth in Amida Buddha's Pure Land: & Service; 9/25 BBT DF & Shotsuki Memorial Service with Guest Speaker Rev. Kyonobu Kuwahara; 10/2 BBT Eitaikyo Service; 10/9 BBT DF Service.

Rev. Matsumoto reported that at the Fuken two nominees were put forth for Socho (Bishop)—Rev. Hanayama of Watsonville BT and Rev. Umezu of CBE. In October, the Selection Committee will make its choice.

In October, IBS students will begin a rotation at other BD Temples, serving a month at each assignment. Candice Shibata will start at the BBT. Diana Thompson and Matthew Hamasaki will be moving from the BBT to other BD Temples. Reverend Matsumoto asked the Board to support Edythe Vassell's registration fee to the MAP II Workshop. Kiyoshi Katsumoto moved that the Board subsidize Edythe Vassell's MAP II registration fee; seconded by Lucy Hamai and passed.

Treasurer's Report: Satoshi Steimetz submitted a written report for 8/1-8/31/2011.

Eric Lindquist submitted a Reserve Fund written report dated 9/13/11. Eric recommended that the Board appoint more authorized signers for the Eitaikyo (Vanguard) Fund other than himself. Judy Kono moved that Kiyoshi Katsumoto and Satoshi Steimetz be appointed as two additional signers for the Eitaikyo Fund along with Eric Lindquist; seconded by Ron Hiraga and passed. Eric also recommended that the Board transfer more funds to the GNMA Fund and the TIP ETF Fund. Emiko Katsumoto moved that monies from the CBT account be moved to the reserve fund; seconded by Lucy Hamai and passed.

Correspondence: The correspondence binder was passed among the Board members. Information about the 11/5 BD Family Conference was discussed. Registration is \$50 for adults and \$30 for students, grades 1-5, with meals included. Lucy Hamai made a motion for the Temple to offer \$25 towards the registration of any adult BBT member who wishes to attend; seconded by Takashi Nikaidoh and passed. Dharma School will pay the registration of any DS student who attends the conference.

REPORTS BY AFFILIATED ORGANIZATIONS

BBWA: Carolyn Fernandez issued a written report which included the following—BBWA will hold a sushi/craft sale in November to raise money for a Ministerial Training Award account; the 11/13 Interfaith panel "The Changing Roles of Women" will include, through the efforts of Diane Ames, panel members from Congregation Sha'ar Zahav, Sikh Center, the Islamic Network and the Vadiana Foundation; BBWA will serve a light lunch after the event; BBWA will sponsor the annual Keirokai service together with the BBT 9/18 Ohigan service and provide chow mein and cakes for the potluck luncheon that follows; it is anticipated that all Quilt Raffle tickets will be sold before the 10/22 Centennial Celebration. Next BBWA meeting is Sunday, September 25.

DHARMA SCHOOL: Rev. Matsumoto reported the following—9/11 the new Dharma School year began; 10/1 the Temple picnic will take place at the Richmond Country Club with start time TBA; DS students will make flower petals for the Centennial service; the DS theme for September and October is the BBT Centennial.

JR. YBA: no report. Judy Kono suggested that Pres. Nishimura contact the Jr. YBA co-presidents asking them to send an email report on their organization's activities for the Board meeting.

J-SEI: no report.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

RELIGIOUS COMMITTEE: Rev. Matsumoto reported that the final Centennial lecture on 10/16 will be a panel discussion on “Women in Roles of Leadership at the Temple” featuring Judy Kono, Carolyn Fernandez, Karen Kato, and Edythe Vassell. Art Nishimura asked for a temporary volunteer to take over Marrie Yamashita’s duties as religious chair while Marrie recovers from an injury. Emiko Katsumoto generously volunteered.

PLEDGE/MEMBERSHIP: no report.

BUILDING MAINTENANCE: Kiyoshi Katsumoto noted that he observed water dripping on the outside of Old Temple ‘s upstairs residence and said he would alert Craig Griffin that perhaps there is a problem with the pressure relief valve of the upstairs hot water heater. Emiko Katsumoto reported that the Social Hall needed to be painted before the Centennial. Emiko made a motion that Craig Griffin be authorized to contract for the Social Hall to be painted; seconded by Lucy Hamai and passed.

GARDEN MAINTENANCE: Judy Kono reported that the Garden Committee cleaned up the area in front of the Social Hall windows as well as moved the large wooden bench from the Hondo to the Social Hall entrance. Pres. Nishimura will contact the Garden Comm. to see if the bench needs to be weather-proofed for outdoor placement.

APARTMENTS: Ron Hiraga reported that there was a reimbursement check from the Channing Way apts. He also summarized the Rent Board hearing re: tenant John’s complaint about inadequate sound-proofing and charges for parking as follows— 1) BBT was represented by Al Satake and John King of K&S and by Ron ; 2) established that the original rental contract did not include parking, so that issue was dropped; 3) agreement reached that the owners will add additional ceiling sound proofing for one room but will be allowed to raise the rent; 4) another hearing scheduled for 9/20 to formalize agreement.

OTHER REPORTS

FAC: Lucy Hamai issued the FAC report to the Board. The Board decided to study the report and table discussion until the October meeting. Pres. Nishimura will send report copies to all Board members.

BODHI SEALS: Lucy Hamai asked whether seals should be sent to Temple members by mail, since most receive the e-newsletter. Kiyoshi Katsumoto moved to send Bodhi seals to all members by bulk mail; seconded by Judy Kono and passed..

TEMPLE ORGAN: Kiyoshi Katsumoto presented possible ways to give away the Temple organ. Kiyoshi made a motion to give away the organ on Craig’s List; seconded by Emi Nakao and passed.

BOARD ELECTION NOMINATIONS: Pres. Nishimura noted that the following directors terms will end in 2011—Judy Kono, Emi Nakao, Yosh Tokiwa, David Ushijima, George Yin, Jon Kawamoto, Takashi Nikadoh.

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE: Pres. Nishimura has sent the new scholarship criteria (see May 2011 minutes) to Helen Tagawa, and he will step down as temporary chair of this committee and appoint Wayne Sugihara as the committee chair.

LIBRARY: Emiko Katsumoto reported that with the completion of the Social Hall kitchen renovation a Library Committee should be formed to study the best permanent location for the Temple’s books. Emiko will ask members with library experience and training to serve on the committee.

SATSUKI BAZAAR: Kiyoshi Katsumoto presented a written report on the successful fund raiser.

RUMMAGE SALE: Emiko Katsumoto reported that the fund raiser netted \$5,700 and thanked all volunteers who worked many hours on the sale.

TEMPLE SECURITY: no report.

CENTENNIAL: Emiko Katsumoto reported that responses are coming in. Mr. Toshihide Numata, a generous benefactor to the BBT, will visit the Temple on September 23 for a service at 1:30 PM, followed by tea. Board members are invited to attend.

NEW BUSINESS: Dii Lewis would like to expand the outreach by Dharma School students and Jr. YBA to older Temple members. He will organize a committee to facilitate expanding youth dana.

Thank you to Doreen Buchholz and Russell and Amy Ware for providing the meeting refreshments.

The next meeting is October 11.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:35PM with closing gassho led by Rev. Matsumoto.

Respectfully submitted by Judy Fujimoto

Please contact a Board member if further clarification of these minutes is required.

BERKELEY BUDDHIST WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

August 24, 2011 Meeting Minutes

PRESENT: Caroline Fernandez (Co-President), Yukiko Otake (Co-President),
Emi Matsunaga (Treasurer), Fumi Matsubara (Membership), Sally Takeda (Auditor),
Judy Nakaso (Recording Secretary), Diane Ames (Membership),
Maya Murashima-Yonemura (Corresponding Secretary)
PROXY: Marrie Yamashita (Advisor), Sara Jotoku (Parliamentarian)

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: President Caroline Fernandez opened the meeting with gassho around 11:25 am

PRIOR MONTH'S MINUTES: June minutes were approved as corrected; no meeting held in July.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Emi Matsunaga

1. Emi submitted a written financial report for July 2011, which was approved.
No August report was submitted at the meeting, it will be submitted at the September meeting.
2. Yuki and Caroline will itemize donations for quilt raffle – receipts have been deposited to the Bank of America account.
3. One check written for Matthew Hamasaki Scholarship.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: Fumi Matsubara

1. Fumi reported receiving 1 membership due from Terry Watamura for \$20 (2011, 2012 and \$8 special donation).

CORRESPONDENCE: Maya Murashima Yonemura

1. We received 2 free passes for The Help from Terri Hines Assoc.
2. We received a flyer from Asian Community Mental Health Services – Gala at the Claremont Hotel on Oct. 21, 2011.

DONATIONS: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Draft of BBWA 2011 Budget – we need to change the signature card to current
2. Business account – we will keep the money in BofA until we research other rates.
3. By-Laws and Guidelines of the BBWA – passed out, talked about, and tabled to September meeting.
4. 11/13/11 Interfaith Dialogue on the Changing Roles of Women (Diane Ames) – 5 panelists confirmed, vegan food and lunch provided
5. Quilt Raffle: (Caroline Fernandez) – sold about \$200 in tickets, an itemized report will be presented next month.
6. Obon: Yuki Otake: BBWA provided 130 packages of sushi, 85 musubi; also somen salad was sold. Total sold was \$1,900 and all funds to go to temple for the Centennial Fund. Yuki Otake will be reimbursed for supplies.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Keiro Kai gift is a flashlight; 35 gifts. BBWA will order chow mein. \$110 spent last year: \$65 large and \$45 medium. This year will order 1 medium and 1 large tray (vegetarian and chicken). Judy Nakaso to research prices of chowmein, ½ sheet cake.
2. A Sushi and Craft Fundraiser will be held in November.

NEXT MEETING: September 25, 2011

MEETING ADJOURNED: Caroline Fernandez adjourned the meeting by leading the group in gassho at around 12:40 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Nakaso, Recording Secretary

Services

Our regular Sunday program begins with a Family Service at 9:30am. A Dharma talk is available after the Family Service while Dharma School classes are convened for students.

Special Services

January 1	Shusho-e	New Year's Day Service
February 6	Nehan-e	Nirvana Day
March 20	Ohigan	Spring Equinox
April 3	Hanamatsuri	Flower Festival
May 8	Gotan-e	Parent's Day
July 10	Kangi-e	Obon
September 18	Ohigan	Autumn Equinox
November 13	Hoonko	Shinran Shonin Memorial
December 4	Jodo-e	Bodhi Day
December 31	Joya-e	Year End Service

A Shotsuki Hoyo (Monthly Memorial) Service is held the last Sunday of each month.

Dharma School

Our Dharma School (Sunday School) has classes from preschool through high school. Our teachers are happy to discuss the appropriate level of spiritual enrichment for your child.

Monthly Discussions

In our discussions, we strive to experience the Buddha-Dharma with our entire selves – with our bodies (quiet sitting and other forms of meditation), voices (chanting and other liturgy) and minds (study and discussion).

Our sessions focus on ways in which Buddhist teaching and practice can impact our everyday lives. Each session will take up a different topic and so you are welcome to attend any or all sessions.

All interested persons are welcome to attend. Please invite your friends! We hope to see you!

Visitor Information

Please feel free to ask any of our greeters for information. We are here to assist you with whatever level of participation you may be seeking.

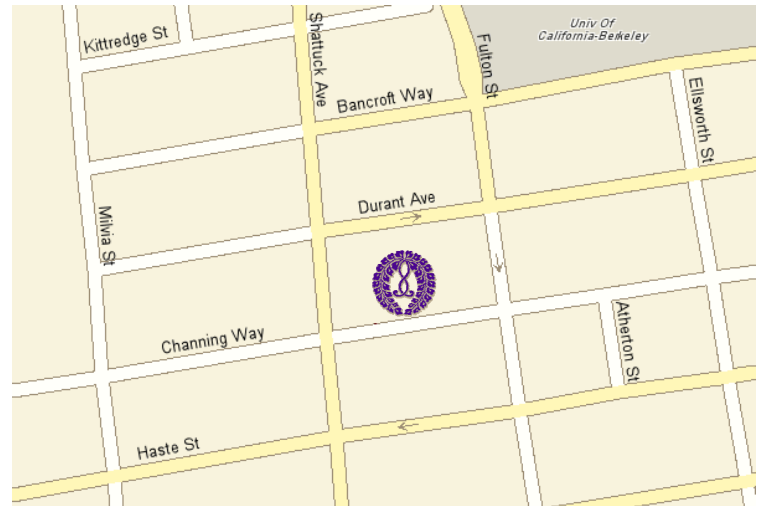
Whether you are here to satisfy a slight interest or to make a more personal connection, we wish you well and hope that you will be visiting us again soon.

Membership Information

Membership is open to all who view our Temple as their religious home and seek the Buddha-Dharma.

To join, complete a membership form, have your name entered on the membership roll and support the Temple through a pledge and participation.

To inquire about becoming a member, please speak with our Membership Chair or Minister.



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