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WEB EDITION

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
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4 9:30 am Bodhi Day Service 11:15 am BBWA Mtg.	5	6	7	8	9	10
11 9:30 am Comb Dharma Family/ Shotsuki Hoyo Service	12	13 Temple Board Mtg. 7:30 pm	14	15	16	17
18 Temple Cleanup 8:30 am NO SERVICES	19	20 Padma Newsletter 6:30 pm	21	22	23	24
25 NO SERVICES	26	27	28	29	30	31 Joya-e/Year End Svc 7:00 pm
January 1, 2012 Shusho-e New Year's Service 10:00 am	NOTE: For temple matters, please contact Rev. Matsumoto at (510) 841-1356, leave a message on the temple answering machine. Temple web: www.berkeleysangha.org Temple e-mail: info@berkeleysangha.org					

FUTURE DATES TO REMEMBER

December 4 - **Bodhi Day service**

December 11 - DFS & Shotsuki Hoyo

December 18 - **Temple clean-up**

December 25 - No service



December 31 - **Joya-e (End of the Year) service**

January 1 - **Shushoy-e (New Year's) service**

January 8 - DFS & BBT Board installation,
New Year Party

January 15 – “Town Hall” meeting

January 29 - DFS & Shotsuki Hoyo

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[This article appeared in the *Padma* a long time ago. But it may still be relevant today.]

INTER-RELIGIOUS FAMILIES

HERE IS A MODERN AMERICAN FAMILY:

H, a young man who had been raised as a Buddhist, fell in love with *W*, a young woman from a Christian family. Although neither was all that “religious,” they decided to get married at a neutral site with both a Buddhist and Christian minister officiating. After the wedding, they were both busy with their jobs and did not give much thought to religion. Occasionally, they joined their families during major services at both the Buddhist Temple and the Christian Church.

With the births of their two children, *B* and *G*, however, *H* and *W* now have many questions: Should they raise *B* and *G* as Buddhists or as Christians? *H* and *W* would each like *B* and *G* to be raised according to their own family tradition. Yet, they don’t want to push their beliefs onto the other. *H* and *W* are very confused about this. They want to do the right thing, but haven’t been able to come to a decision. As a result, their children haven’t been going to either Buddhist Dharma School or Christian Sunday School. Not only that, *H* and *W* have been so confused and embarrassed about the whole situation, that they have stopped going to either the temple or church altogether.

This young couple and their children are fictitious. However, their questions and concerns are like those facing many inter-religious families today. When people from different religious traditions decide to form one family, they somehow must try to answer these kinds of questions: Should each person continue to follow his or her own faith? Should one of them “go over” to the other’s religion? If so, which one? What sort of wedding ceremony should they have? What sort of funeral? Should they take part in each other’s religious observances? Which religious holidays should they celebrate? How should they raise their children? Should the children be restricted to one religion, or should they be exposed to both? Who should decide for the children? One parent? Both? Should the children be given a choice? If so, at what age? Should the grandparents have any say? Should the decision be made for the couple by the church or temple?

Questions like these can be very difficult to answer. In some religions, the answers are very clear because it is the church that makes all of the decisions. The “outsider” spouse must convert or at least the children must be raised according to that religion. For the most part however, young couples in inter-religious families today must try to answer these kinds of questions by themselves in ways that are suitable for their particular situations.

I think that Buddhist temples and ministers can be of help. Our Buddhist temples should be prepared to help families who are dealing with these kinds of questions. Our Buddhist temples can provide opportunities for people to learn about Buddhism and what it means to be a Buddhist in today’s world. This can take place through sermons, study classes, publications, workshops, lectures, or informal discussions. It can also take place in the form of referrals to professional family therapists or in dialogue with clergy from other religions.

Our Buddhist temples can help enable an inter-religious family to make informed decisions, based upon a firm understanding of each member’s own religion. Education may help to prevent a Buddhist from converting to another religion “by default.” It may also encourage a family to become a Buddhist family. But, even more important, it may help decrease the likelihood that an inter-religious family will become “lost” to religion altogether through apathy or confusion. Instead, by becoming secure and knowledgeable in both religious traditions, the parents and children in that family will come to respect their own and other religions, and appreciate the richness of their family’s many traditions.

In this way, the members of an inter-religious family will be able to appreciate, and teach others, the importance of religion in our world today.

Namu Amida Butsu
Rev. David Matsumoto
December 2011

Presidents' Message

Greetings, Sangha friends.

We have heard many comments and compliments about how efficiently and beautifully our Centennial program was carried out. This was an example of how things get done at the Berkeley Buddhist Temple.

Dharma services, memorial and funeral services, Dharma school, the Satsuki Bazaar, and Bon Odori are some of the things that get done efficiently and well at the BBT.

So how do things get done?

Year in and year out, BBT programs and events get done through a special system. This system, like all systems, is a special arrangement of parts that interact with each other to function as a whole.

This system is our Sangha.

We have listened to many dharma talks about how all things are impermanent and how all things exist interdependently. It is also true that there are no two things, especially people, who are exactly alike.

Things get done at the BBT by embracing and bringing into play the diversity of temple members, guests and visitors. Our Sangha system has a culture that promotes mutual respect, acceptance, cooperation, and productivity among people who are different in age, gender, ethnic origin, education, occupation, physical abilities, race, sexual/affectional orientation, and many other perceived distinctions.

BBT is a place where people are encouraged to "come as you are." Help, when needed, is quickly offered. This is how things get done at the BBT. With all of us working together, the results are truly wonderful. Thank you to everyone.

Gassho,

Art Nishimura and Willie Fernandez
Co-presidents

COMBINED DHARMA FAMILY SERVICE & SHOTSUKI MEMORIAL SERVICE

December 11, 2011
9:30 am

Shotsuki Hoyo Service - December 11, 2011, 9:30 AM

The following persons will be remembered during the Shotsuki Hoyo (monthly memorial service) for December.

Harumi S. Aoki	Dick H. Fujioka	Tazuye L. Fujita
Mitsuru Haraguchi	Sadami Hayashida	Diane Ishida
Nathan M. Iwasaki	Hide Jimbo	Yoshimi Jimbo
Toshio Kaji	Toshiko Kaneko	Miyo Katayama
Sode Kawano	Kameyo Kikawa	Tomiko Kosakura
Saburo Matsumoto	Wakaji Matsumoto	Fred N.Miike
Kiyoshi Mitsuyasu	Masuyo Mitsuyasu	Shio Mizusaki
Asano Muramoto	Grace Y. Nakahara	Sachiye Nakahara
Haruko Nakano	Stephen O'Donnell	Masako M. Oishi
Shinichi Okimoto	Kanichi Okita	Komura Okita
Kishino Ota	Cathy Hayashida Romeo	Toki Sakaki
Konami Sasaki	Henry K. Shiromoto	Eiko Sugihara
Kiku Sumida	William Sumner	Akira Takaha
Asako Tagumi	Yae Toyota	Thomas K. Uehisa
Thelma T. Wakasa	Yoneko Yamada	Shigeru Yokoyama
Sada Yoshida	Koichi Yoshimura	George T. Yuasa

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

The Paramita of Patience: Physical Therapy Exercises

by Diane Ames

What with my husband recovering from a broken kneecap and my own spinal stenosis, we do a lot of physical therapy exercises around here. And it has occurred to me that doing them is a sort of metaphor for the paramita of patience. I say it's a metaphor for it because while the bodhisattva practices perfect patience to save all sentient beings, we do leg lifts, wall squats, and the like to save ourselves from disability and pain. Oh, the thought that others need you, that you have a family to take care of, a temple to support, and so on, may help to spur you on, but basically you take up the dumbbells to ease your own backaches. However, the patient who faithfully performs his or her exercises can provide, for our limited minds, a sort of analogy to the bodhisattva's practice of this particular paramita.

Physical therapy exercises, like the bodhisattva's practices, must be performed over and over again through endless time. You may be required to stand on one leg for thirty seconds, then stand on the other leg for thirty seconds, and repeat the whole procedure twice every morning for the rest of your natural life.

They may have to be done over and over for a long time before any results are seen, if indeed they are ever obvious. In the case of the balance exercise described above, the best you can hope for is that you will not fall and break anything else. You will never even know what would have happened if you had not spent so much time standing on one leg like a crane.

They may have to be done with the knowledge that results may be imperfect. In some cases, they are sure to be imperfect. For example, physical therapy cannot cure spinal stenosis; nothing can. It can only slow its progression and mitigate the symptoms (you hope).

Often they must be done despite discouragement. In my husband's case, the first two weeks of exercises slowly strengthened his right leg but caused a sudden stabbing "overuse pain" in his left leg that sent him back to bed for days. (It passed, and he is making steady progress.)

So is it any wonder that only bodhisattvas can do this kind of thing with perfect patience? Yet there are many situations in which we ordinary humans must learn to exercise all the patience we can muster if we hope to do any good in this maddening world. Think of parenthood, for example. When this virtue wears thin, it may help to think of Dharmakara's ten kalpas of bodhisattva practices, or of physical therapy.

BODHI DAY SERVICE

December 4, 2011

9:30 AM

Coffee social following service

END-OF-THE-YEAR TEMPLE CLEAN-UP

December 18, 2011

8:30 AM

No Service

EVERYONE'S HELP IS NEEDED

Please come and help clean our temple

Refreshments will be served.

JOYA-E/YEAR END SERVICE

Saturday, December 31, 2011

7:00 PM

NEW YEAR SERVICE

January 1, 2012

10 AM

Greet the New Year with family and friends.

CENTENNIAL POSTSCRIPT

Our Centennial was truly a special day! Under blue skies and with much anticipation, close to 300 people squeezed into our temple to celebrate a Century of Gratitude and Joy! The commemorative service, chaired by David Ushijima, was especially meaningful with Socho Ogui and all the Bay District ministers in attendance. Their impressive procession into the *hondo* was beautifully accompanied by the Northern California Gagaku Group, whose members are mainly from our temple. Three generations representing temple families of the past and present presented the beautiful *osonae* (offerings) through the Oda, Kato, and Hamai families, accompanied by the beautiful song “*Hana*” by Natsukawa Rimi, in memory of the late David Watanabe. The beautiful *keha* tossed during the recitation of *Sanbujo* were cleverly made by our Dharma School students and teachers. Socho and Rev. Matsumoto delivered celebratory and meaningful dharma messages. Our own Sangha Singers led in the singing of “*Arigatou*” to express gratitude for all the causes and conditions leading to our Centennial.

The logistics of moving this crowd after the service to our photo session and to the luncheon were challenging to say the least, but Judy Kono was well prepared for the feat, directing her able and efficient volunteers! The timing was flawless throughout the day. Leroy Morishita served as luncheon MC. All were treated to an original skit written and composed by Dii Lewis with temple members Lorin Kagehiro as one of the vocalists, Carl Wilmsen on the banjo, and Miri and Takashi Nikaidoh as narrators. Our Dharma School students made up the fantastic chorus with their sweet refrains. The finale was a spirited group sing-along led by Dii, who urged us all to “Join the Dharma Line” into the next 100 years...

Some Centennial highlights:

We were very honored to have close to 50 Keiro members attend our service and luncheon.

Former BBT minister Rev. Fujitani traveled all the way from Japan to share this day with us, accompanied by his daughter, Yuri and her husband, Takuya Tsujimoto. We were also delighted that Rev. and Mrs. Matsubayashi and Rev. Hardiman also came back to join the celebration.

We are most grateful for our specially commissioned Shinran statue, which now stands in the back of our *hondo* and was donated by Rev. and Mrs. Seishin Yamashita and Bukkyo Dendo Kyokai America...and for our new Founders Rock, which represents the spirit and dedication of our pioneers who laid down the foundation for our temple 100 years ago.

Our Centennial was a reunion for many people once-active in our temple in the '50s and '60s who came back to be part of this historic event. It was wonderful to connect with them again.

Thank you to all the many hands that have contributed so much to the success of our Centennial. We wish to thank Rev. David and Mrs. Diane Matsumoto, all the planning committee members, architects, graphic artists, artists, photographers, fundraisers, and the many people whose efforts seen and unseen have helped in so many ways too numerous to count. We are also indebted to the many donors who have contributed so generously so that we could complete our Centennial projects and events in a very meaningful way. Words are truly inadequate to express our profound gratitude to you all...

Namu Amida Butsu

Judy Kono and Emiko Katsumoto
Centennial Co-chairs

A CENTURY OF GRATITUDE AND JOY

THANK YOU TO THE FOLLOWING CENTENNIAL DONORS!

(as of 11.11.11)

Abey, Kazuo and Jean	Morioka, Tom and Karen
Arakawa, Kiyoto and Jeanette	Morita, Shigeru and Constance
	Nagafuji, K.H. in loving memory of Pearl Nagafuji and Rev. & Mrs. Gyosei Nagafuji
Bay District Council of BCA	Morioka, Tom and Karen
Buddhist Church of San Francisco	Nagata, Brian
Buddhist Church of Oakland	Nishimoto, David
Bukkyo Dendo Kyokai America	Okano, Yuji and Eimi
Berkeley Higashi Honganji Temple	Okino, Harry and Shizuko
Bridge, Rev. and Mrs. Harry	Oshiro, Fred and Amy
Buddhist Temple of Alameda	Otake, Gary and Lisa
Buddhist Temple of Marin	Palo Alto Buddhist Temple
Bungo, Ron	So. Alameda County Buddhist Church
Chinn, Alfred and Arline	Sakamoto, Doreen and Bruce Buchholz
Choi, Dr. Richard and Nancy	San Mateo Buddhist Temple
Eidmann, Kazuko	Sasaki, Reverend and Mrs. LaVerne
Endo, Michael	Sato, Elaine
Enmanji Buddhist Temple	Shibata, Henry and JoAnn
Fujii, Ayako and Jiro	Shiromoto, Marie
Fujitani, Reverend Masami	Suyama, Karen and Ken
Furumoto, Reverend Ryuta	Tagawa, Craig and Helen
Hamamoto, Tomoko	Takeda, Sally and Scott
Hanayagi, Mme. Michiya	Tamaru, Tom and Joyce
Hane, Dr. and Mrs. Satoshi	Taniguchi, Reverend Zuikei
Himaka, Reverend Carol	Terusaki, Steve and Kathy
Hiromoto, Mary	Thoni, Mr. & Mrs. James
Ide, Willie and Ritsuko	Tsujimoto, Yuri Fujitani and Takuya
Imai, Reverend and Mrs. Akinori	Tsukimura, Ray and Peggie
Iwamura, Victor	Umezu, Reverend Kodo and Janet
Kobata, Reverend Ronald	Unoki, Kiyoye
Kubose, Reverend and Mrs. K.	Ushijima, David and Emily
Masuda, Reverend and Mrs. William	Yamada, Reverend Ken and Naomi
Matsubayashi, Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Hoshu	Yasumoto, John and Chibi
Mayeda, Masami	Yedlosky, Yae Kami
Morimoto, Ronald	

CENTENNIAL COMMEMORATIVE BOOKS will be published and distributed next spring to all temple members and Dharma School families and will include the anniversary group photo. If anyone wishes to have a hard copy of the photo, please contact Emiko at 510.841.1356 or at info@berkeleysangha.org. All Centennial photos will eventually be made available online through a link on our temple website.

***** SECOND PLACE WINNER! *****

At the Bay District Council Amida's Family Conference on November 5 at Southern Alameda County Buddhist Church, a *Tsukemono* Contest was one of the activities. All Bay District temples submitted one type of homemade *tsukemono* for tasting. The judges were the Bay District ministers, the guest speaker, Rev. Yukiko Motoyoshi from the Stockton Buddhist Temple, and a couple of Bay District lay members in attendance. First place was awarded to SACBC, second to Berkeley Buddhist Temple, and third to Buddhist Church of San Francisco.

Berkeley's *tsukemono* was made by Mrs. Yuki Otake using Mrs. Taka Watanabe's recipe. (Mrs. Watanabe is Miki Adachi's aunt.) Thank you, Yuki, for making it and thank you, Mrs. Watanabe, for sharing your recipe. Here is the simple, delicious recipe which certainly was worthy of second place. After tasting it, I'm sure you'll agree that it's a winner!

CUCUMBER TSUKEMONO

1 cup water	2 English cucumbers
$\frac{3}{4}$ cup sugar	red pepper (<i>optional</i>)
$\frac{1}{4}$ cup vinegar (American)	
1 Tbsp. salt	

Unpeeled cucumber sliced in approximately 1/8 inch thick pieces.

Combine water, sugar, vinegar, salt and boil. Cool.

Place cucumber into container and pour in cooled ingredients, cover and refrigerate.

Ready to eat the next day, however *tsukemono* tastes better the second day.

Preferable to be consumed within three days.

Recipe provided by Taka Watanabe.




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Maya Murashima Yonemura 510-528-6994/mmyonemura@comcast.net

BERKELEY BUDDHIST TEMPLE

New Year's Party

Sunday, January 8, 2012



9:30am Dharma Family Service BBT Board Installation
10:30 am Mochi-tsuki
11:45am New Year's Luncheon

We hope you and your family will be able to attend our annual Temple New Year's Party on Sunday, January 8, 2012. At the service we'll be honoring our dedicated temple volunteers – the Padma and Office Staff. Mochi-tsuki will follow in the courtyard and we hope members of all ages will participate in the pounding and eating of freshly made mochi. At 11:45 AM everyone will gather in the Social Hall for the luncheon. You can pre-order a delicious bento box lunch. We'll have door prizes for those who stay for the luncheon. Come celebrate the beginning of a new year with our Sangha family and friends.

Cut along dotted line:

RSVP FORM
New Year's Party
January 8, 2012

For more information call:

Name: _____

Lena Yin 841-1356

Number of box Lunches: (Adult or Children's size)

ADULT: Reg. Bento _____ Vegan Bento _____ Total \$15 x _____ = \$ _____

CHILD: Reg. Bento _____ Vegan Bento _____ Total \$ 8 x _____ = \$ _____

Lunch Total = \$ _____

Note: If you are an invited temple guest/s (Padma staff, Temple office volunteer or Dharma School teacher or staff) Write your name on the line below and do not include yourself in the above lunch total

Name/s _____

Please respond by December 26, 2011. Make checks payable to: **Berkeley Buddhist Temple**

Mail RSVP form and payment to: Lena Yin 2121 Channing Way. Berkeley, CA 94704
info@berkeleysangha.org

BERKELEY BUDDHIST WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

Dear BBWA Member:

The Berkeley Buddhist Women's Association is dedicated to assisting the temple and its affiliate organizations in many ways, primarily financial, and doing outreach to our Sangha members and the community.

- It is the goal of the BWA to:
- promote spiritual growth and personal awareness through Buddhism.
 - encourage participation by all Temple members in all activities, by subsidizing attendance to seminars, conferences, workshops, etc., and providing transportation as needed.
 - assist our senior members through outreach and caring for those in need, suffering, or lonely.
 - create a bonding among all Temple members for a harmonious environment.

Below is a ballot for electing our new officers for 2012. Please vote for each position and, if you have their consent, nominate others:

Other (specify):

- | | |
|--|--------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Co-President: Caroline Fernandez | <input type="checkbox"/> _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Co-President: Yukiko Otake | <input type="checkbox"/> _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Vice-President: Diane Ames | <input type="checkbox"/> _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Treasurer: Maya Murashima Yonemura | <input type="checkbox"/> _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Recording Secretary: Judy Nakaso | <input type="checkbox"/> _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Corresponding Secretary: Denise Gervais | <input type="checkbox"/> _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Membership: Fumi Matsubara | <input type="checkbox"/> _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Parliamentarian: Sara Jotoko | <input type="checkbox"/> _____ |

Please return ballot by: December 2, 2011 to:

**Berkeley Buddhist Women's Association
2121 Channing Way
Berkeley CA 94704**

BERKELEY BUDDHIST TEMPLE
Board of Directors Meeting
Tuesday, October 11, 2011

Attendance: Rev. David Matsumoto, Art Nishimura, Susan Gabriel, Lucy Hamai, Don Hamasaki, Ron Hiraga, Kiyoshi Katsumoto, Emiko Katsumoto, Judy Kono, Dii Lewis, Takashi Nikaidoh, Emi Nakao, Gary Oda, Yosh Tokiwa, Russell Ware, Lena Yin, Yuki Otake, Judy Fujimoto.
Proxy: Marrie Yamashita. Guest: Wayne Sugihara.

President Art Nishimura called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM with opening gassho led by Rev. Matsumoto. President Nishimura welcomed to the meeting Wayne Sugihara, who is the new chair of the BBT Scholarship Committee.

Minutes: Judy Kono made a motion to accept the September minutes; seconded by Emi Nakao and passed

Minister's Report: Rev. Matsumoto presented a written report from 9/13-10/11/11 which included 16 meetings; 3 visitations; 6 memorial services; 1 burial service; 9/18 Fall Ohigan/Keirokai service & luncheon with Centennial Lecture by Mr. Hiroshi Kashiwagi; 9/22 dinner with Mr. Toshihide Numata; 9/23 visit to BBT by Mr. Numata; 9/24-9/25 Fall Ohigan seminar & service at Senshin BT; 9/25 BBT DF & Shotsuki service with Rev. Kiyonobu Kuwahara; 10/2 BBT Eitaikyo service; 10/9 BBT DF service. Upcoming events and activities: serving on the BCA Bishop Selection Comm. w/ next meeting 10/15 @JSC; 10/16 Eshinni/ Kakushinni memorial service w/ Centennial Lecture Series Panel Discussion on "Women in the Roles of Leadership at the BBT"; 10/22 BBT Centennial service & luncheon; 10/22 & 11/6 BBT DS services; 10/29 BCA Endowment Foundation Mtg. @ JSC; 10/29 BBT DS Halloween Party; 10/30 BBT DF & Shotsuki Memorial service; 11/2 San Mateo BT English Study Class; 11/5 BD Family Conference @ San Mateo BT.

Treasurer's Report: Satoshi Steimetz issued a written report from 9/1-9/30/11.

Correspondence: Pres. Nishimura displayed the Shinran Shonin 750th Memorial Commemorative Stamp Set sent to the Temple by the BCA.

REPORTS BY AFFILIATED ORGANIZATIONS

BBWA: Yuki Otake issued a written report noting that the FBWA delegates meeting took place on 10/8 @ the San Jose Betsuin with the following three resolutions passed—1) Rev. Himaka (Enmanji) will finalize 3 pamphlet drafts on Eshinni and Kakushinni; 2) BWA chapters will support the JSC ministers assistants program; 3) the FBWA cabinet will send by email or postal service to all the chapters any proposed amendment needing a timely decision to which each chapter has 90 days to respond. The FBWA 2012 Conference will be held on October 12-13 at the San Jose Double Tree. Lastly, Yuki noted that raffle tickets for the Centennial quilt fund raiser will be sold at the luncheon, followed by the drawing for a winner.

DHARMA SCHOOL: Rev. Matsumoto reported that DS students have made flower petals for the Centennial service; Emily Moya is chair for the 10/29 Halloween party; the BDDSTL 2013 Conference will be hosted by the Bay District.

JR. YBA: Co-presidents Kai Wilmsen and Mali McGuire issued a written report which included the following --BBT Jr. YBA has 14 registered members for 2011-2012; Colin Wong will continue to serve as treasurer; the VP and secretary positions will be filled at an upcoming mtg.; Kai serves as BD Jr. YBA vice president and Mali is the BBT chapter rep; 11/12 CC Jr. YBA conference in Fresno; BBT to host the BD mtg. on 3/3/12; BD Jr. YBA conference "Star Wars—May the Dharma Be With You" will take place on 3/10/12 @ Palo Alto with BBT in charge of one of 3 workshops; community service suggestions to be discussed at the next mtg; Jr. YBA donated \$100 to the BBT Centennial celebration.

J-SEI: Yosh Tokiwa presented a written report which noted the 2011 Walk-a-thon was cancelled; the 2012 Crab Feed fund raiser will take place; the remodeled J-SEI home in Hayward is hosting a series of Open Houses for interested parties to visit on 10/22, 11/12, 11/15, 12/10 (from 1-3 PM on each of the days listed). Future activities at the J-SEI Senior Center (1710 Carleton, Berkeley) include 11/14@ 12 PM Do you have the right insurance?; 11/16 & 11/30@ 12:30-2PM Sushi –making (please contact Vickie @ 510-883-1106 to enroll); 12/12 @ 2PM Fall Prevention; 12/20 Foot Care for Older Adults; 1/21/12 Roots of Japanese Tradition and Ongoing Adaptations to Today's Lifestyle.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

RELIGIOUS COMMITTEE: Pres. Nishimura presented a revised schedule. Emiko Katsumoto will continue as temporary religious chair until Marrie Yamashita is able to return to the position.

PLEDGE/MEMBERSHIP: Mimi Kagehiro sent a written report. To date, there are 232 individual members from 161 families.

BUILDING MAINTENANCE: Kiyoshi Katsumoto reported that Craig Griffin replaced the upstairs rectory water heater and the leaking toilet as well as repaired a rotting board on the Old Temple back stairs. Craig will also install a new garbage disposal in the Old Temple kitchen. The refurbishment of the minister's waiting room has been completed.

GARDEN MAINTENANCE: Kiyoshi Katsumoto reported that Mike Nagamoto constructed a new outdoor bench that has been placed at the Social Hall entrance; the Hondo bench has been returned to its place indoors.

APARTMENTS: Ron Hiraga reported that Art Nishimura and he attended the 9/20 Rent Board hearing to finalize the agreement between tenant John and the BBT regarding sound-proofing John's apartment. The Board had passed a resolution to designate funds for the project, and the tenant's monthly rent will be increased. Three Buddhas Construction will begin work on the project once the agreement is finalized by the Rent Board Chair. Ron also reported that a reimbursement check was received from the Channing Way apartments.

OTHER REPORTS

CENTENNIAL: Judy Kono will email volunteer ushers on their duties for the service and luncheon. Emiko Katsumoto noted that the Social Hall must be set up for the service and that the P.A. system needs to be in working order for the Social Hall. Rev. Matsumoto reported that there will be a dress rehearsal on 10/18 @ 7PM, to which the ushers are requested to come, and the gagaku rehearsal will take place on 10/19 @ 5:30 or 6PM.

FAC: The Board discussed the draft of the Facilities Usage Report presented by Lucy Hamai at the September meeting. Several suggestions were made, which Lucy will take back to the FAC's next meeting, scheduled for after the Centennial. Judy Kono made a motion to approve the revised FAC orei and fee schedules; seconded by Lena Yin and passed.

2010 FINANCIAL REVIEW: Takashi Nikaidoh presented the BBT auditor Dennis Sakurai's 2010 financial review. Sakurai gave the BBT a positive report for its financial procedures and statements. He recommended that the Board update the signers for the Eitaikyo account.

FAMILY CONFERENCE: Takashi Nikaidoh reported that approximately 20 BBT members will attend the 11/5 conference. He will send to the treasurer a spread sheet indicating the amount that must be paid for BBT participants' registrations.

PLACEMENT FOR NEW SOCIAL HALL TELEVISION: Kiyoshi Katsumoto reported that the AV Committee selected a 55 inch flat screen TV for the Social Hall, which will be mounted on the shared Social Hall/Kitchen wall.

TEMPLE ORGAN: Kiyoshi Katsumoto was able to find an interested party through Craig's List who took the Temple Organ. He also noted that the old Social Hall kitchen stove was sold by a consignment service, American Restaurant Sales of San Leandro, and that the old Library cabinets were purchased by an interested buyer.

BOARD ELECTION NOMINATIONS: President Nishimura announced that ballots to elect Board members for the term 2012-2014 will be sent out in October for the November election.

BCA BISHOP ELECTION: Rev. Matsumoto reported that as a representative on the Bishop Selection Committee he will meet with each of the two candidates. He would appreciate any input from the BBT members regarding the candidates.

2011 ANNUAL BAZAAR GIFT: Yuki Otake reported that the Bazaar Gift Committee is ready to receive nominations of non-profit organizations to be considered for the annual \$500 donation.

LIBRARY: Emiko Katsumoto requested that the discussion be tabled until the next meeting.

TEMPLE SECURITY: Gary Oda reported that the Security Comm. will meet after the Centennial.

OUTREACH COMMITTEE: Dii Lewis presented a preliminary map of the names and addresses of BBT seniors to facilitate communication and outreach. The Board suggested that initial contact with seniors begin with a letter and then be followed by telephone calls.

TEMPLE PICNIC: Lena Yin thanked Makoto Oto for reserving the Richmond Country Club and Mike Nagamoto for donating a fish sculpture for a prize. She reported that about 50 attended the enjoyable event. On behalf of the Board, Pres. Nishimura thanked Lena for taking on the huge responsibility of chairing the picnic.

NEW BUSINESS

Pres. Nishimura received an inquiry from a member about starting a Buddhist-oriented 12-step program for substance abuse. There will be a presentation on this type of program at the November meeting.

Thank you to Lena Yin and Russell Ware for the meeting refreshments as well as to Joanie Hamasaki for providing special chocolate treats for the Board. November refreshment=Ron Hiraga and Gary Oda; December=bento dinner.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:33 PM with closing gassho lead 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
October 22, 2011 Meeting Minutes

PRESENT: Caroline Fernandez, Yukiko Otake, Emi Matsunaga, Fumi Matsubara, Sally Takeda, Judy Nakaso, Diane Ames, Maya Murashima-Yonemura, Marrie Yamashita (proxy), Sara Jotoku (proxy)

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: President Caroline Fernandez opened the meeting with gassho at approx. 11:15 a.m.

PRIOR MONTH'S MINUTES: September minutes were approved (DA/FM).

TREASURER'S REPORT: (Emi Matsunaga)

1. Emi submitted a written financial report for September 2011: \$4937.10, which was approved.
2. Donations received from Tomoko Hamamoto - \$20 (Keiro Kai); Sally Takeda (\$25) (Keiro Kai), and Yaeko Yedlosky (\$25) (Keiro Kai) Keiro Kai luncheon
3. Expenses: Susan Mashiyama – (1) \$25 Orei for harpist for Keiro Kai Luncheon 9/18/11; (2) Caroline Fernandez – food for

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: Fumi Matsubara – No new members.

CORRESPONDENCE: Maya Murashima Yonemura

1. Advertisement
2. Bay Dist. Registration fee for Edythe Vassall.
3. Donation received from Maya Murashima Yonemura of \$200 for her new grandson.

DONATIONS:

1. See Treasurer's report - \$70 (Yedlowsky, Hamamoto, Okino, Takeda)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Bylaws/Guidelines – Tabled to next meeting
2. Interfaith Panel on Nov. 13, 2011 (Diane Ames); we have guidelines for getting vegan food, thanks to Maya for the list.
BBWA to provide light luncheon.
3. Quilt Raffle – raised \$2,400 Caroline has left a message for the winner, to arrange delivery of quilt.
4. Fundraiser on Ho-On-Ko Fundraiser – we will sell sushi, spam musubi and crafts. We will solicit crafts to help make-up the loss of unagi donburi sales. This year we will not sell unagi donburi as the prices are too high.
5. BCA/Bay District Buddhist Women's League – which will meet at 2pm after the Bay District Council meeting. Judy, Yuki and Judy will be representing our BBWA; and Caroline is going for part of the Dharma Family program. This year the Conference on November 5th will be held at the Southern Alameda County. Judy will call BBWA membership to see if they can help.
6. Yuki reported on next on the Oct. 8 Youth Exchange Program – which is out of state – 72 delegates from the US, passed 2 resolutions.
7. Yuki reported the next BCA Federation of Women will be on October 12-14, 2012.
8. The World BWA Convention will be held in Toronto. New secretary is Janice Doi (San Jose) and Karen Kaneda is retired.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. New gift baskets for seniors over 90 years old; El Cerrito (ElmStreet) and J-sei's Cypress House in San Leandro.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

NEXT MEETING: November 6, 2011

MEETING ADJOURNED: Caroline Fernandez adjourned the meeting at 12:00 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Judy Nakaso, Recording Secretary

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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
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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.

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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.

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

Visitor Information

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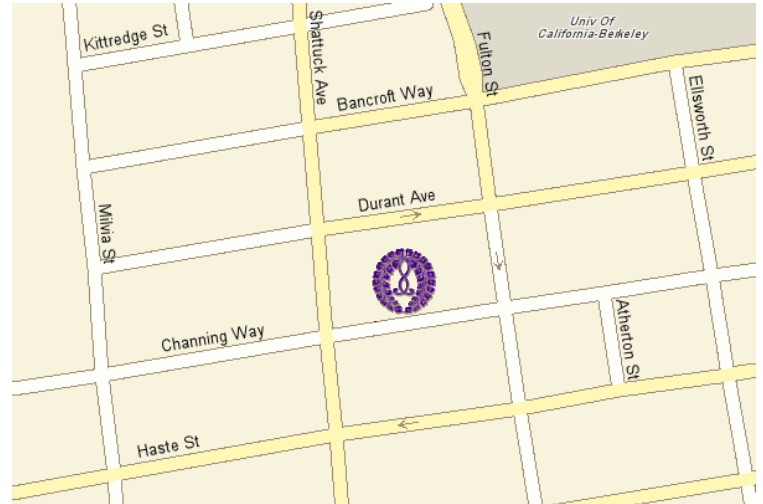
Whether you are here to satisfy a slight interest or to make a more personal connection, we wish you well and hope that you will be visiting us again soon.

Membership Information

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

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