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BERKELEY BUDDHIST TEMPLE

January 2012

Web Edition



Shinran Shonin 750th memorial is January 16.
Re-trace Shinran's footsteps and attend the 2012 series of events in Kyoto to experience a true Hoonko Service..

Our Vision

A Community Where Our Spiritual Life And True Self Can Be Realized

Our Mission

To Live A Life Of Joy In The Nembutsu And Share The Dharma With Others

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Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
NOTE: For temple matters, please contact Rev. Matsumoto at (510) 841-1356, or leave a message on the temple answering machine. Temple web: www.berkeleysangha.org Temple e-mail: info@berkeleysangha.org						Dec 31 Joya-e/Year End Service 7:00 pm
1 Shusho-e New Year's Service 10:00 am	2	3	4	5	6	7
8 9:30 am Dharma Family Service Installation of BBT & BBWA Officers 10:30 am Mochi Tsuki 11:30 am New Year's Party	9	10 Crafts 10 - 1 Temple Board Mtg 7:30 pm	11	12	13	14
15 9:30 am Dharma Family Service Town Hall Meeting	<i>HOLIDAY</i>	17 Padma Newsletter 6:30 pm	18	19	20	21
22 9:30 am Dharma Family Service	23	24 Crafts 10 - 1	25	26	27	28
29 9:30 am Dharma Family/ Shotsuki Hoyo Combined Service	30	31 BBT Bazaar Mtg. 7 pm @ Old Temple				

FUTURE DATES TO REMEMBER

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

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

January 8 - **DFS, BBT & BWA Board installation,
& New Year's Party**

January 15 - **DFS and Town Hall meeting**

January 29 - **DFS & Shotsuki Hoyo**

February 5 - **Nirvana Day service**

February 12 - **Pet Memorial service; BBT General
Meeting**

February 26 - **DFS & Shotsuki Hoyo**

Open to All Members

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Sunday, February 12, 2012

Following Dharma School service, there will be a general membership meeting in the hondo. You are invited to join the BBT Board Members to discuss the 2012 temple budget and other issues facing our temple.

The 2012 New Year Jōdo Shinshū GRAB BAG

A NEW YEAR is about to begin. In order to start things afresh in our temple and religious lives as well, we present to you (with due apologies to L.M. Boyd) the *2012 New Year Jōdo Shinshū GRAB BAG*.

AS YOU FACE THE ALTAR (*ONAIJIN*), the candle, representing Nirvana, is placed to the right while the flowers are on the left and represent Samsara. Ever wonder why? Well, it seems that the right side has long symbolized purity, while the left side has represented defilement. Still curious? I'll come back to this later.

NENJU is the correct word for that string of beads in your left hand. "Thinking beads," that is. They help to remind us of those aspects of ourselves that we need to be reminded of. What might they be, you ask? Why, the 108 deluded passions that bind us to our unenlightened way of existing. It's not called an "ojuzu?" Sorry, not in Jōdo Shinshū. We have no need for "counting beads" since it doesn't matter how many times we say the *Nembutsu*.

SPEAKING OF WHICH, most of us aren't aware that *nembutsu* originally meant "to think on the Buddha." That's the literal meaning, anyway. Only later was it taken to mean "to say Amida Buddha's Name." In Jōdo Shinshū, *Namu Amida Butsu* is the Name of the Buddha, which means that it is the calling voice of Amida Buddha which awakens us to the reality that "this foolish being and Amida are one."

NOT just one, you say? How about two? Still not enough? I see! There has to be three! Treasures, that is. If we don't take refuge in Buddha, Dharma and Sangha, we will not be able to experience a true, living Buddhism. I see.

JEOPARDY DEPT.

Answers:

- (1) As Shinran's gravesite.
- (2) Hōon-kō (Shinran's Memorial Service) and Gōtan-e (Shinran's Birthday Service).
- (3) The statue of Amida Buddha.

Questions:

- (1) How did the Hongwanji get its start?
- (2) What are the only Jōdo Shinshū holidays that we observe in the BCA?
- (3) Among the three choices: the statue, the painted image of Amida and the Name (*Namu Amida Butsu*), which does Rennyō say is the least preferable as the central object of reverence in the altar?

WHAT'S IN A NAME? Plenty, if you were Shinran. He went through seven of them during his life of religious searching and awakening. What were they?

- (1) Matsuwakamaro - his birth name
- (2) Hannen - his name as a Tendai monk
- (3) Shakkū - first name as Hōnen's disciple
- (4) Zenshin - another name as Honen's disciple
- (5) Fujii Yoshizane - his lay name received upon exile
- (6) Shinran - his chosen name
- (7) Gutoku - the name of his true self

QUESTION & ANSWER DEPT.

True or False: (Answers below.)

- (1) Saying the *nembutsu* will bring you good luck.
- (2) BCA stands for "Barbecue Chicken Association."
- (3) The statue of Amida Buddha is waving good-bye.

STILL, wondering about that right-left business? Well, since you insist, the story I've heard is that ancient people apparently lacked two important household items: eating utensils and bathroom tissue. I'll leave the rest up to your imagination.

Answers:

- (1) False. In Jōdo Shinshū, saying the *Nembutsu* with complete trust in Amida's Primal vow is the "Great Practice" that allows our eyes to be opened to the way things are. It has no value as a good luck charm and won't help us win the jackpot in Reno.
- (2) Maybe. Since the single largest fund-raiser for the temples of the Buddhist Churches of America is the sale of barbecued chicken, we should all express our deepest gratitude to those millions of fowl that have given their lives on our behalf.
- (3) False. The statue's extended right hand is a symbol of wisdom; the lowered left hand symbolizes compassion. Rather than leaving us behind as he goes off to the Pure Land, the statue represents the truth which is "walking" toward us, extending its "hands" of wisdom & compassion to carry us all to birth in the Pure Land.

Namu Amida Butsu,
Rev. D. Matsumoto
January 2012

Presidents' Message

Happy New Year, Sangha friends.

As we write this message in December, the Board of Directors of the Berkeley Buddhist Temple would like to extend the warmest holiday wishes to every family, member and individual who make our Sangha possible.

Although it is true every year, this past year was certainly one in which the importance of all of us as part of the Temple community was clear. The Centennial Celebration and related projects certainly took a lot of work and effort, and would not have been possible or worthwhile without the Sangha. Thank you for your continuing commitment and endeavors.

As we begin 2012, we hope all of you are looking forward with renewed energy and enthusiasm toward the New Year and our second century at the Berkeley Buddhist Temple. Just as the previous century saw many challenges and opportunities, many more will arise in the years ahead.

The only thing we know for certain is that the future will bring change. If history is any guide, however, we can anticipate that the Berkeley Buddhist Temple will face these changes with the same faith and adaptability that has served us so well thus far.

Go Gassho!

Art Nishimura and Willie Fernandez
Co-presidents

COMBINED DHARMA FAMILY SERVICE & SHOTSUKI MEMORIAL SERVICE

January 29, 2012
9:30 am

Shotsuki Hoyo Service - January 29, 2012, 9:30 AM

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

Patricia K. Abe-Calef	Charles T. Aoki	Masako Doi
Masako Egawa	Lily Yuriko Fujioka	Shima Fujioka
Isamu Fujita	Goroku Furukawa	Hidemi Furuzawa
Yoneo Futatsuki	Fusa Haraguchi	Tamekichi Haraguchi
Rev. Gyodo Haguri	Masami S. Hataye	Seitaro Hataye
Ann Y. Imada	Rev. Kakusho Izumi	Tokuo Izumi
Kimi Kami	Hisashi Kaneko	Kojiro Kaneshita
Masa Kawai	Toku Kimura	Mitsuko Kono
Toshio K. Kono	Uhachi Kubo	Shizuo Ken Kurakazu
Kikuyo Marubayashi	Menichiro Marubayashi	Roy Maru Marubayashi
Tsuyo Matsui	Shigeji Matsumoto	Akie Mayeda
Yoshiko Muranishi	Katsumi Nakagaki	George Y. Nakahara
Shirley I. Nakahara	Lawrence S. Nakano	Jiro Nakaso
Kimiko Nishimoto	Masayo Nitta	Chiyono Okimoto
Fumiyo Okita	Sangoro Ouye	Kimiko Sato
Emiko Shimada	George J. Sugihara	Sada Takahashi
Sachio Takeda	Chotaro Taketa	Bumtaro Takita
Mitsue Toriumi	Kunika Tom	Ronald Uchiumi
Shikano Umawatari	Shawn C. Utsumi	Iyono Wakaye
Mamoru Wakida	Rev. Ryujo Yamada	Mike M. Yamamura
Ichitaro Yamasaki	Matsue Yamasaki	Sam M. Yamoto
Minoru Yonemura	Yuhei Yoshiura	

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

Two or More Truths

by Diane Ames

“Your glycolated hemoglobin tested at 6.5,” announced the doctor.

“What on earth does that mean?”

“Never mind what it means. If it tests that high again in, say, three months, you definitely have diabetes, which can cause all kinds of damage to your eyes, kidneys, liver, heart, and brain, and will probably shorten your life. To prevent this, I want you to stop stressing out.”

“In the circumstances – how?”

“That’s a good question, considering that if you weren’t such a worry wart, you wouldn’t have struggled with the diet and exercise thing for the last fourteen years, and so might long since have the disease. I suggest that you meditate on an aspect of the doctrine of the two truths.”

“I guess that’s as good an idea as any. Could you elaborate?”

“On the level of worldly truth, diabetes is highly undesirable and should be avoided if possible. This viewpoint is perfectly valid.”

“I would say so.”

“But from another standpoint, all conditioned dharmas are impermanent, and our tests show you are a conditioned dharma. The body naturally decays over time, and yours tends to decay in a diabetic direction. It is likely that your abnormal blood sugar will eventually do you in one way or another, and if it doesn’t, something else will.”

“Regular ray of sunshine, aren’t you? What’s your point?”

“That finally, all this must be accepted. One’s precious human life is by nature limited. Since it is our one chance to follow the Dharma, the Buddha taught that, in normal circumstances, we should take reasonable steps to prolong it. Thus you should take Metformin, go on that strange old 1960s diet of yours to lose more weight, and hit the aquatic exercise classes. But in the end, you must accept the impermanence of life.”

“But can you tell me how?”

“Sorry, the time that this HMO allows for appointments is up.”

As the nurse shoved me out the door, she suggested combating anxiety by exercise, cognitive therapy, and reading mindless murder mysteries. She also suggested saying the nembutsu. And what else can I do?

JANUARY 1, 2012

SHU-SHO-E NEW YEAR'S SERVICE

10:00 AM

REV. DAVID MATSUMOTO OFFICIATING

**COMBINED DHARMA FAMILY SERVICE
&
BBT & BBWA OFFICERS' INSTALLATION
SERVICE**

JANUARY 8, 2012

9:30 AM

Mochi tsuki and New Year's Luncheon following service

DFS & TOWN HALL MEETING

January 15, 2012

9:30 AM

SATSUKI BAZAAR MEETING

The 2012 annual Satsuki Bazaar planning time is here!

**FIRST BAZAAR MEETING WITH BAZAAR CHAIRPERSON,
RON HIRAGA**

Tuesday, January 31, 2012

7 PM

in the Old Temple

All chairpersons and interested persons are asked to attend this kick-off meeting.

Dana Day Service and Luncheon

Sunday, March 4, 2012



Lady Kujo Takeko

Commemorating the spirit of community service and giving as exemplified by
Lady Takeko Kujo, 1887 – 1928

Sponsored by the Berkeley Buddhist Women's Association

Please reserve obentos by February 27, 2012

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DANA DAY OBENTO RESERVATION FORM

NAME: _____ Phone No. _____

_____ Qty. Adult obentos (regular) x \$10 = \$_____ Qty. To Go _____

_____ Qty. Adult obentos (vegetarian) x \$10 = \$_____ Qty. To Go _____

_____ Qty. Child obentos x \$7 = \$_____ Qty. To Go _____

Total Due: \$_____

-----Tear-----

BERKELEY BUDDHIST WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP FORM FOR 2012

NAME: _____ Phone No. _____

Address: _____ E-mail: _____

Dues: [] \$10.00 (under 70 years old) [] \$6.00 (over 70 years old)

For luncheon and membership please make check payable to Berkeley BWA and mail to:

BERKELEY BWA
Attention: Maya Murashima - Yonemura
2121 Channing Way
Berkeley CA 94704

From each member's dues, \$1.00 goes to the National Dharma School Fund and \$1.00 to the National Dana Fund

Please contribute to the
Berkeley Buddhist Women's Association

Dana Day

Canned Food Drive

January 1 to February 29, 2012

Bring your non-perishable food items to the Temple for pick-up

Food will be donated to the
**Alameda County Community
Food Bank**

Your *dana* will be greatly appreciated!



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GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

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CENTENNIAL POSTSCRIPT

ARIGATOU for Centennial donations

November 12 through December 17, 2011

Mr. Larry Hoki
Rev. & Mrs. Seigen Yamaoka

OFFICIAL CENTENNIAL GROUP PHOTO

The group photo taken at our Centennial will be included in the commemorative book which will be distributed to all temple pledge members and Dharma School families next spring. However, if you wish to have a separate copy of this photo, please contact Emiko Katsumoto at 510.841.1356 or info@berkeleysangha.org OR Complete the form below by January 30 and mail to the temple at

2121 Channing Way
Berkeley, CA 94704
ATTN: Centennial Photo

-----Tear-----

REQUEST FOR A CENTENNIAL GROUP PHOTO

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone # and/or email address _____

Pledged members through December 11, 2011

The following members have pledged in amounts ranging from \$150.00 to \$600.00. Amounts are not intended to correspond to the alphabetical listing below. Pledges sent in after this date may not have yet been processed, and any omissions will be published in subsequent issues upon advisement. The temple gratefully acknowledges your generous contributions and thanks you for your dana and understanding.

Jean Fujikawa
Akio & Chiyoko Fujinaga
Ron & Mimi Kagehiro
Richard & Nancy Kakigi
Yoshio & Junko Kamimura
Kiyoko Kato
Pam Matsuoka

Jeff & Robin McGuire
Jim & Jane Nehira
George Okano
Sachiko Okano
Scott Takeda
Stacey Uyeda & Anthony Hale
George & Lena Yin

Please welcome our newest member, Jean Fujikawa!

Thank you all for your generous and continuing support!
If you haven't already sent in your 2011 pledge, it's not too late!



The following is a list of special service years. If you have a dear departed relative who 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.

2012 MEMORIAL SERVICE SCHEDULE

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>SERVICE</u>
2011	1 st Year
2010	3 rd Year
2006	7 th Year
2000	13 th Year
1996	17 th Year
1988	25 th Year
1980	33 rd Year
1963	50 th Year
1913	100 th Year

BERKELEY BUDDHIST WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

November 6, 2011 Meeting Minutes

PRESENT: Caroline Fernandez, Yukiko Otake, Emi Matsunaga (proxy), 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. 11:37 a.m.

PRIOR MONTH'S MINUTES: October minutes were corrected and approved (DA/FM).

TREASURER'S REPORT: (Caroline Fernandez for Emi Matsunaga)

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

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: Fumi Matsubara – No new members.

1. Two renewed memberships were received
2. We will have a table after the Ho-On-Ko service to accept membership fees and early 2012 membership renewals.

CORRESPONDENCE: Maya Murashima Yonemura

1. We are starting to receive pre-orders for the Sushi sale being held after the Ho-on-ko service.

DONATIONS:

1. See Treasurer's report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Interfaith Panel on Nov. 13, 2011 (Diane Ames): The Christian panelist has cancelled. Instead of sandwiches, BBWA will provide Dharma dogs and sandwiches with various condiments.
2. Quilt Raffle (Caroline Fernandez) – correction, the winner was Lorraine Chang
3. Sushi and Crafts fundraiser after the Ho-On-Ko Service – Food preparation will begin at 7:30 am on Nov. 13 to allow people to attend the service, too.
4. Nov. 20th - BCA/Bay District Buddhist Women's League –Yuki Otake and Caroline Fernandez represented BBWA. Yuki Otake made tsukemono for the tsukemono contest -- and won Second Place using Miki Adachi's aunt's recipe.
5. Yuki Otake reported the next conference of the BCA Federation of Women will be held on October 12-14, 2012.
6. The World BWA Convention will be held February 2012 and in 2015.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. New Year's gift baskets for seniors over 90 years old will be given to J-Sei's San Leandro "Cypress House" and Elm Street convalescent facility in El Cerrito. We are looking for gift ideas.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Bodhi plants donated by Alameda Temple from the BCA/Bay District Meeting.
2. Judy suggested some fundraisers: Estate Planning manual "Before It's Too Late," knives from Hida Tools.

NEXT MEETING: December 4, 2011

MEETING ADJOURNED: Yuki Otake adjourned the meeting at approximately 12:30 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Nakaso, Recording Secretary

BERKELEY BUDDHIST WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION MEETING
December 4, 2011

PRESENT: Caroline Fernandez, Yukiko Otake, Maya Murashima-Yonemura, Emi Matsunaga, Sally Takeda, and Diane Ames.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: President Caroline Fernandez opened the meeting with gassho at 11:10 a.m.

PRIOR MONTH'S MEETING MINUTES: November's meeting minutes to be discussed at next meeting.

REPORTS:

1. Treasurer's report submitted by treasurer, Emi Matsunaga and approved. (m/s Diane Ames, Maya Murashima-Yonemura)
Donations received from Joy Yoshimura Weissman in memory of Miyeko Yoshimura and Eugene & Yuki Otake for Masako Oishi Scholarship Fund.
2. Correspondence – B&A statement, BBWA ballot returns, and thank you note from the Bay District Buddhist Women's League for cookies donated for the Family Conference in November.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Interfaith Panel (November 20, 2011) Diane Ames thanked for planning the program. Apparently it was well received. Diane would like suggestions for next year.
2. Family Conference – BBWA to reimburse Temple for BBWA members registration fee and BBWA members to be reimbursed. (Paid in advance)
3. Ho-On-Ko fundraiser held on November 20, 2011 netted a profit of \$996.71. Proceed to be earmarked for Ministerial Scholarship Fund.
4. 2012 BBWA cabinet – Caroline Fernandez and Yukiko Otake (co- presidents), Diane Ames (vice president), Maya Murashima-Yonemura (treasurer), Judy Nakaso (recording secretary, Denise Gervais (Correspondence secretary), Fumi Matsubara (membership), Sara Jotoku (parliamentarian) and Takashi Nikaidoh (auditor).
5. Year end osiebo – year end monetary gift to be given to Rev. Dr. David Matsumoto, Rev. Seishin Yamashita, Rev. Kiyonobu Kuwahara, Diana Thompson, Edythe Vassall, Mathew Hamasaki, Jodo Shinshu Center, Institute of Buddhist Studies, Wheel of Dharma, Berkeley Temple Dharma School, Jr. YBA, Sakura Kai, and Berkeley Nikkei Senior Center.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. New Years card- Yuki Otake suggested sending New Years card to BBT seniors and Rev. Kusada. Picture of Shinran Shonin to be on cover.
2. New Years Eve soba to be prepared by Yuki Otake and Junko Kamimura. Additional help will be requested at the BBT Board meeting. BBWA will pick up the cost. (m.s Diane Ames, Maya Murashima-Yonemura)
3. Dana Day Service is schedule for March 4, 2012. Obento will be ordered from Suruki and flyer will be published in the January Padma. Canned Food Collection will be held in January and February to be donated to the Alameda County Community Food Bank.

OTHER:

1. Installation of 2012 BBWA cabinet at the New Year's Party/service. BBWA to donate \$200.00 for BBT's New Year's Party.

President Caroline Fernandez closed meeting with Gassho at 12:45 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: JANUARY 15, 2012

Respectfully submitted,

Yukiko Otake, acting recording secretary

BERKELEY BUDDHIST TEMPLE

Board of Directors Meeting

Tuesday, November 8, 2011

Attendance: Rev. David Matsumoto, Willie Fernandez, Art Nishimura, Judy Fujimoto (proxy), Susan Gabriel, Lucy Hamai, Don Hamasaki, Ron Hiraga, Kiyoshi Katsumoto, Emiko Katsumoto, Jon Kawamoto, Judy Kono, Takashi Nikaidoh, Emi Nakao (proxy), Gary Oda, Yosh Tokiwa, Russell Ware, Lena Yin, Caroline Fernandez.

President Art Nishimura called the meeting to order at 7:38 PM with opening gassho led by Rev. Matsumoto.

Minutes: The amended minutes were accepted by Ron Hiraga, seconded by Emiko Katsumoto and passed.

Minister's Report: Rev. Matsumoto presented a written report from 10/11 through 11/08 which included 8 Meetings; 10/16-Eshinni/Kakushinni Memorial Service, Cent. Lec. Panel Discussion "Women in Roles of Leadership at the Berkeley Buddhist Temple"; 10/16-Wedding Ceremony in Pleasanton; 10/18-Minister's Assistant Certification Ceremony at JSC; 2 Centennial Service Rehearsals and 1 Centennial Service Preparation; 10/22-BBT Centennial Commemorative Service & Luncheon; 2 Hospital Visitations; 1 Home Visitation; 2 Family Memorial Service at BBT; 2 DF Service at BBT; 10/29-Dharma School Halloween Party at BBT; 10/30-DF & Shotsuki Memorial Service at BBT; 11/2-English Study Class at San Mateo BT; 11/5-Bay District Family Conference in San Mateo.

Upcoming Events & Activities were presented from 11/09 through 12/11; 5 meetings; 11/13-DFS, Diane Ames is coordinating the BBWA Interfaith Panel Discussion "The Changing Role of Women in Religion"; 3 Services at BBT and guest speaker on 11/20-Rev. Harry Gyokyo Bridge; 12/4- Jodo Shinshu Center Fifth Anniversary Service; 12/6 -Seminar for ministerial students at BBT.

Treasurer's Report: Kiyoshi Katsumoto gave the report: Satoshi Steimetz issued a written report from 10/1 to 10/31/11.

Correspondence: The Buddhist Churches of America's Bishop's Selection Committee met on October 15, 2011. The Committee selected Rev. Kodo Umezu as Bishop-elect. Rev. Umezu will be confirmed at the December 3, 2011 BCA National Board Meeting. The final official appointment will be made by Monshu Koshin Ohtani in Kyoto, Japan.

All BCA members are welcome to attend the Jodo Shinshu Center 5th Anniversary Commemorative Event on Sunday, December 4th, 2011 from 11am to 3 pm.

REPORTS BY AFFILIATED ORGANIZATIONS

BBWA: Caroline Fernandez reported the following: Interfaith Panel will be held on Nov. 13, 2011. There will be 4 female panelists from various Bay Area churches discussing the "Changing Role of Women". Light lunch will be served following the service; The Quilt Raffle winners are Lorraine Chang and Terry Jean Arakaki. The \$2,400 raised from the raffle will be donated to the Temple Centennial Fund; On Nov. 30, after the Hoonko Service, Sushi, spam musubi and hot dogs will be sold; The Bay District Buddhist Women's League Conference will be held in conjunction with the Bay District Council of the BCA Family Conference on Nov. 5 at SACBC; A small photo album together with a thank you note will be sent to the Hoppo-Fukuoka Districts (Japan) in appreciation for their hospitality extended to Bay District members in May 2011; Next BDBWL meeting will be on Jan 21, 2012 in Oakland; Next FBWA Conference will be on Oct 12-14, 2012 at the Doubletree in San Jose.

Dharma School: Rev. Matsumoto: The Dharma School had a showing of the movie Motainai; Thanks were given to Emily Moya, Miri Nakaidoh, Pansy Lew, Robin McGuire and the Jr. YBA for a wonderful Halloween Party.

Jr. YBA: Written report submitted by BBT Jr. YBA Secretary, Laura Kim Yee: The Jr. YBA hosted a Haunted House as a fun activity for the kids at the Halloween Party; For the Community Service, the Jr. YBA is looking into the BAG and discussing volunteering and helping at a Senior Center in Berkeley ; Upcoming Fundraisers within the next month to raise money for the Jr. YBA and for the Nagata Kodomo Home Orphanage in Kobe, Japan, include*to host a Hawaiian Breakfast, *A Chili and Rice Lunch ; Four Jr. YBA members, Kai, Laura Kim, Mali and Kiyoshi will be attending the Fresno Conference; The Berkeley Jr. YBA is responsible for the ice breaker and workshop for the Bay District Conference; The Bay District Ski Trip will be held on Feb 3-5, 2012; The board thanked Laura for the written report.

J-Sei: Yosh Tokiwa reported that J-Sei is having their annual Calendar Mailing Party at BMU on Nov. 9th, from 7 to 9pm and volunteers are needed; There will be a workshop for the Senior JACL Blue Shield Members on the upcoming changes in the Blue Shield Health Plan on Friday, Nov. 11 at 1pm at the Berkeley Methodist United Church - 1717 Carleton St, Berkeley; There will be "A Caregivers Town Hall" on Saturday, Nov. 12, 2011 at Samuel Merritt University Health Education Center in Oakland. Herb Shultz, who is the Regional Director of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, will be the Keynote Speaker. Topic will be "Affordable Care Act: Support for Family Caregivers ".

Yosh Tokiwa along with Ron Hiraga's father and many others who served in the 442nd regimen during WWII were honored in Washington D.C. The 442nd was given the Congressional Medal of Honor. 21 Medals of Honor and 45 Bronze Stars were also awarded to the 442nd Infantry.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Religious Committee: Art Nishimura will contact Yuki Otake and Junko Kamimura concerning the possibility of serving Soba after the Joyae Service.

Pledge/Membership: Written report submitted by Mimi Kagehiro. To date there are 237 members from 164 families.

Building Maintenance: Written report submitted by Craig Griffin/Mike Nagamoto. The power to light the stairway from the lobby up to the classrooms may have been cut during the renovation, but tracing the power line would be difficult. Recommendation was made by the maintenance committee to have Ron Kagehiro supervise the maintenance staff or to hire an electrician to install new wiring; Kiyoshi Katsumoto received a notice from the fire protection service company and he will get the fire suppression system inspected and certified; Several of the kitchen cupboards need a second shelf board.

Garden Maintenance: No report submitted; the timer for watering needs to be reset and suggestion was made to turn off the sprinklers during the winter months.

Apartments: Ron Hiraga: The Rent Board met on Oct. 24th and the Rent Board Chair finalized the agreement to have the Three Buddhas Construction begin the project and to also increase permanently the rent by \$100 per month. All units are occupied at this time.

OTHER REPORTS

Centennial: Emiko Katsumoto/Judy Kono; The many Donors and everyone who helped were thanked for a successful program; Order forms for the group picture will be in the Padma; The wrap-up meeting will be on Nov. 15th; The Board thanked Emiko, Judy and Rev. Matsumoto for their hard work and for the perfectly run celebration.

Motion was made and moved to donate the old Projection TV and the stand to the Richmond Disabled Recreation Center. Proposed by Kiyoshi Katsumoto, 2nd by Lucy Hamai and passed by the board.

Nichi Bei New Years Edition: President Art Nishimura; The annual request for the posting of the New Years Greeting for the amount of \$150 was discussed. Motion was made and moved by Lucy Hamai to give our New Years Greeting to Nichi Bei New Years Editon, remove the Fax number and add the website to our temple. Seconded by Judy Kono and passed by the board.

FAC: Lucy Hamai; The revised Policy On the Usage of Facilities at the BBT was discussed. Wedding was added to the application page along with the Funeral and Memorial Services; Each Funeral Committee Member will have a Binder; A written agreement will be given to families for their review and to fill in. Motion was made and moved by Judy Kono to accept the changes on the revised Policy on the Usage of Facilities at the BBT as amended. Seconded by Lena Yin and passed by the board. The entire package has been approved.

Board Election: Takashi Nikaidoh will be mailing out the ballots.

Temple Security: Gary Oda presented the issues surrounding the Security for the Hondo. The committee will seek advice from a Curator Archivist and present their recommendations to the board.

New Years Party: The party will be held on January 8th. 2012 will be the Year of the Dragon.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Directory: Request was made to have the directory ready by the end of December.

Bazaar 2012: Ron Hiraga will chair, Kiyoshi Katsumoto will cochair. The Bazaar Raffle tickets will be ready in January.

Ron Hiraga and Gary Oda were thanked for the refreshments. Next month will be a dinner meeting and an E-vite will be sent by Judy Kono for the dinner selection.

Closing Gassho was led by Rev. Matsumoto

Rev. Matsumoto was excused and the board reviewed the annual appreciation gifts to be given at the New Year's Party.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:30pm

Respectfully submitted by Susan Gabriel (Acting Secretary)

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

Techno Buddha Conference

Who Am I?

"The Search for the Spiritual Self in the Digital Age"

March 2-4, 2012

Guest Speaker
Reverend Mark Unno

All young adults (21-39) interested in
Buddhism welcome!

Workshops: (Tentative)

- Introduction to Jodo Shinshu
- Comparative Buddhism
- Dharma Discussions
- Self-perception & Self-realization
- Active (Tai Chi, Yoga, & Hip Hop dance)

Registration: \$35 by February 3rd, 2012

Late Registration: \$45 by February 17th, 2012

Lodging available (See Registration Form)

For more information:

Email: technobuddha2012@googlegroups.com

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21st Annual Crab Feed and Drawing



Sunday, February 12, 2012
El Cerrito Community Center
7007 Moeser Lane in El Cerrito
Early Seating is from 4:00pm to 5:30pm
Late Seating is from 5:30pm to 7:00pm



Celebrate with your family, friends...and CRAB!



Fresh Dungeness Crab, Asian salad, garlic noodles, rolls, desserts, & beverages.

Take Out – 4:00pm to 6:00pm



We will also take a moment to recognize Frank and Amy Eto and Ruby Okazaki for their many contributions to J-Sei and the community.

Don't forget to purchase tickets for the drawing!



Contact the J-Sei Office for Dinner Tickets (\$40 in advance, \$45 at the door, Children 12 and under \$15) and Drawing Tickets (\$2 each or \$10 for six).

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***Denotes disabled and/or elderly – Toban duties optional.**

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PADMA STAFF: Rev. Matsumoto, Susan & Al Gabriel, Lucy Hamai, Yo Hiraoka, Norman Hirose, Ellen Jorgensen, Keiko Kawakami, Emi Matsunaga, Yuki Otake, Mae Takeda, Scott Takeda, Edythe Vassall, Yasuyo Wolfe and Yae Yedlosky.

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 5	Nehan-e	Nirvana Day
March 18	Ohigan	Spring Equinox
April 8	Hanamatsuri	Flower Festival
May 6	Gotan-e	Parent's Day
July 8	Kangi-e	Obon
September 16	Ohigan	Autumn Equinox
November 11	Hoonko	Shinran Shonin Memorial
December 2	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.

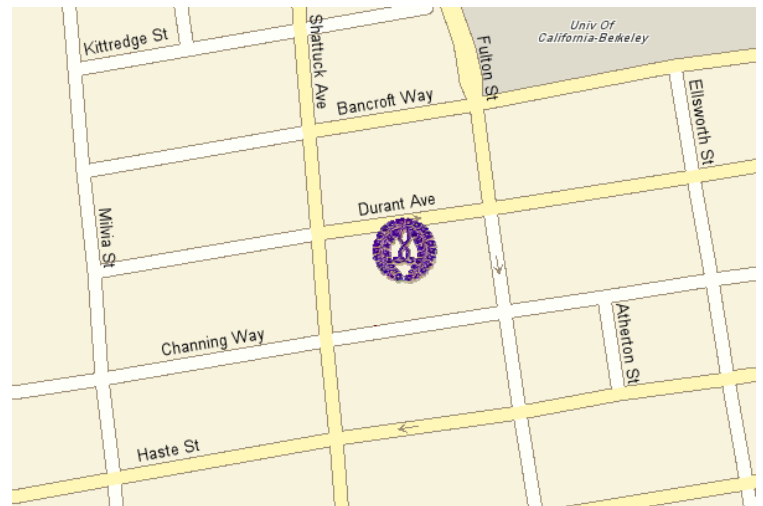
Whether you are here to satisfy a slight interest or to make a more personal connection, we wish you well and hope that you will be visiting us again soon.

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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