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BERKELEY BUDDHIST TEMPLE

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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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FUTURE DATES TO REMEMBER

October 7 - [Eitaikyo service](#)

Guest Speaker, Rev. Katsuya Kusunoki

October 14 – [Taige-kai: Rennyō Shōnin](#)

October 21 - [Eshinni/Kakushinni service](#)

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October 27 – [Dharma School Halloween Party](#)

October 28 - DFS & Shotsuki Hoyo

November 18 - Ho-on-ko service

November 25 - DFS & Shotsuki Hoyo

Get More Sleep! Get More Dharma!

ARE YOU SLEEP-DEPRIVED? According to some experts, you are sleep-deprived if: (1) you fall asleep within 15 minutes of going to bed at night; (2) you need an alarm clock to wake up; OR (3) you are able to take a nap, anywhere and anytime. If any of these conditions apply to you, you are sleep-deprived. But, don't think that you are alone. Sleep experts estimate that millions of Americans fail to get the daily sleep that they need.

Sleep, as we all know, is a basic biological requirement for good health and survival. Studies show that the average person needs 8 hours of sleep per night. Adolescents and teenagers need at least 9 ½ hours. And yet, one third of Americans sleep 6 ½ hours or less. Recently I asked a group of teenagers how many hours of sleep they got each night. Half of them said that they got no more than 7 hours of sleep. A few admitted that they slept only 4 to 5 hours per night!

In this hectic, 24/7 society, many of us think that we are just too busy to sleep. It seems like everything—school, work, family, friends, recreation or community activities—places demands on our time. Sleep, for many, has become a luxury or even a nuisance. We are simply too busy to sleep, and so we try to minimize the down-time in order to get or stay ahead.

But there is a big problem here, for when we deprive ourselves of sleep, we prevent ourselves from living in an effective and wholesome way. When we are sleep-deprived we end up sleep-walking through life, like zombies. We think that we are awake, but we are really not. And so we suffer. Here are some facts: 2/3 of adults say drowsiness makes them less able to concentrate or handle stress. Over half say sleepiness interferes with the amount and quality of their work. Over 100,000 traffic accidents per year are caused by sleepy drivers. Sleep-deprived teenagers tend to have slower reaction times and reflexes, lowered mental functioning, emotional instability, lack of attention in class, poor performance on exams, and increased behavioral problems. Finally, lack of adequate sleep is related to health problems, including stress, lack of focus, obesity, weakened immune system, diabetes and cancer.

The problem of sleep-deprivation may be a big one, but the solution is very clear: We need to get more sleep. We need to get enough sleep everyday, despite our habits and our pride, so that we can wake up, and live the lives that we are capable of living. And this applies in exactly the same way to our problem of Dharma-deprivation.

The Dharma is also a basic human requirement. The teaching of the Buddha, and the truth embodied in it, allows us to become free from the bondage of our own egos and transcend the ravages of our own greed, anger and foolishness. It enables us to awaken to the true nature of ourselves and the compassion of the Buddha, which is at work here and now. However, many of us feel that we are too busy to go to the Temple or to hear the Dharma. And so we suffer, remaining chained to endless cycles of selfishness and delusion, and becoming the victims instead of the beneficiaries of our egoistic pride. We end up going through life like zombies, half-awake and dangerous to ourselves and others.

The solution here is also very clear: we must get more Dharma. We require a daily dose of Dharma. We need to hear the Dharma, learn the Dharma and practice the Dharma everyday, so that we will be able to wake up and truly live the lives that we are capable of living.

So, here's a thought: let's all try to get more sleep and more Dharma each and every day, so that we can truly wake up and live.

Namu Amida Butsu,
Rev. David Matsumoto
October 2012

PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE

Happy 101st anniversary BBT! It is indeed hard to believe that a year has passed since our centennial. That is to be expected, though. Like the seasons, our lives continue to move on and move back toward something of a regular rhythm.

As we head toward our 102nd year, and in keeping with the election season in general, we thought we would devote this month's message to discuss some BBT election business.

An important event that occurs every year during October is the nomination for new board members. Every year we have a roughly half a dozen current board of directors seats that come up for reelection. While most of the current members are gracious enough to agree to continue to serve, there are always a few seats that need new members. Moreover, there is always an impetus to try and recruit members to run for an open seat on the board of directors. As a volunteer organization, our temple is very dependent upon the effort and dedication of our fellow Sangha members. As such, new members on the board of directors are a good way to renew the spirit and energy within the body that manages the overall operation of our temple.

Although we all understand that being on the board is potentially another activity or responsibility to add to our schedule, we also believe it is something every Sangha member should do at least once as a part of their membership. Serving on the board is definitely a good way to learn more about our temple and how it operates. It also provides opportunities to expand your awareness of the Buddhist Churches of America and Jodo Shinshu in general, as we are but one branch of these much larger organizations and traditions.

We would urge anyone who is interested in serving on the board to contact a current board member so that you can be added to the list of candidates. The election will occur by mail in November, so please be sure to get your name in as soon as possible.

Falling into Gassho,

Art Nishimura and Willie Fernandez
BBT Co-presidents

COMBINED DHARMA FAMILY SERVICE & SHOTSUKI MEMORIAL SERVICE

October 28, 2012
9:30 am

Shotsuki Hoyo Service - October 28, 2012, 9:30 AM

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

| | | |
|---------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|
| Walter Clough | Jean Mieko Doi | Nancy S. Fukumori |
| Misao Handa | Rev. Taigan Hata | Tatsuo Hataye |
| Stephen Hedani | Denman Honda | Riku Honda |
| Jitsuro Hiramoto | Kiichi Hiramoto | Loralee Tucker Hiramoto |
| Jack Y. Imada | Kiyo Inouye | Doris Marie Kami |
| Seiichi Kawamoto | Matthew U. Koblick | Masao Maki |
| Tatsuyo Marubayashi | Ariya Masuda | Sakae Masunaga |
| Frank H. Matoba | Shizuye Matsumoto | Han Mayeda |
| Jun Morita | Noboru Bill Morita | John N. Muranishi |
| Richard Nagareda | Chiyoko Nakagaki | Kiyoto Nakagawa |
| John Y. Nakahara | Yei Nakahara | James S. Nakashita |
| Reiji Nakaso | Gotaro Ota | Jane T. Richofsky |
| Kameyo Sasaki | Toshiko Sasaki | Yukichi Sasaki |
| Ryotaro Shimada | Rima Takemori | Risuke Takemori |
| Asa Tanaka | Namie K. Tsuda | Mamoru Ueda |
| Tsutomu Uyesugi | Kazue Yamashita | Fumi Yokoyama |
| Katsuzo Yonekura | | |

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

Conceptual Frameworks, Apples, and Whatnot

by Diane Ames

Buddhism teaches that we fill our minds with concepts, such as “good,” “bad,” “man,” “woman,” and the like, attach all sorts of mental baggage to those concepts, and then project our conceptual frameworks onto the world. For an example, let us take the concepts of left and right in politics.

Take planting native plants. In this country, this is viewed as an environmentalist, and hence just somewhat left of center, thing to do. In the United Kingdom, far right propaganda has made it a right-wing, nativist thing to do. British neo-fascists insist that even the apple tree in your yard (for some reason they fixate especially on apple trees) has to be a really English variety of apple tree, not one of your foreign, racially unfit apple trees. So shrill has this campaign become that some British leftists are said to be considering planting “foreign” apple trees in their yards. That apple trees originated in Kazakhstan, and that no apple tree has ever expressed any political views, seems to have been overlooked.

Likewise, in Berkeley an organic garden, being environmentally friendly, is a nice liberal garden. But in Nazi Germany, the Nazis pushed organic gardening so energetically (apparently because Hitler liked organic vegetables) that an organic garden was a good Nazi garden. The association set back organic gardening for decades in Germany. But the organic carrots never seemed to care whether they were being grown by idealists or moral monsters. They just grew.

In this country the environment is considered a somewhat left-wing concern and is sneered at in far right circles. In Japan it is considered a somewhat right-wing concern. Some Japanese conservatives, especially Buddhist conservatives, see in environmentalism what they consider Japan’s old fashioned traditional values of frugal use of resources and simple living. Many Japanese to the left of these nostalgic folk find such ideas too austere and puritanical.

Meanwhile, in the last two years, the environment has been and is raining down hell on everybody in the United States and Japan without discrimination (tsunami and radioactive horror in Japan; fire, flood, drought, heat emergencies, hurricanes, and general doom here). Withering grain crops will soon drive up food prices for the right and the left alike. Wildfires incinerate both red states and blue. Hurricanes menace political conventions without even asking what party is convening. For however eager we may be to cram reality into some conceptual framework or other, Mother Nature has no political affiliation and neither has reality generally.

EITAIKYO SERVICE

October 7, 2012

9:30 AM

Guest speaker

Rev. Katsuya Kusunoki

Buddhist Church of Lodi

ESHINNI/KAKUSHINNI SERVICE

Sunday, October 21, 2012

9:30 AM

Guest speaker

Rev. Carol Himaka

Southern Alameda County Buddhist Church

**Service sponsored by BBWA
Light lunch following the service.**

Ghosts, Witches, Black Cats: All are welcome to the

DHARMA SCHOOL HALLOWEEN PARTY

Saturday, October 27, 2012

5:30 PM service; 6:00 PM Potluck dinner; 6:30 PM Party

Potluck Schedule: A -K Side dish, L - Z Main dish

Please bring your favorite beverage to share.

Berkeley Buddhist Temple expresses condolences and deep sympathy

To the family of
Julie Hanamura Fukumori
on the death of her father,
Mr. Haruo "Howe" Hanamura
April 10, 1919 - August 10, 2012

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 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 |

*Time to fall is
time to float
for a lotus blossom.*

*Chiru toki ga
Ukabu toki nari
Hasu no hana.*

~ Rev. Zuiken Inagaki

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September 18, 2012

The fall season is upon us and brings a calm and quiet reflective mood, an appropriate time to hold the Eitaikyo service, or perpetual memorial service in memory of pioneering ministers and laypersons of our temple and our religion.

Berkeley Buddhist Temple will be observing the Eitaikyo Service on Sunday, October 7, 2012 from 9:30 AM. Rev. George Shibata, retired minister of Reedley Buddhist Church, will be the guest speaker and Rev. Matsumoto will conduct the service. Please join us for this special observance.

The Eitaikyo Fund is set aside to use for special projects and purchases for the onaijin and the hondo. For example, in the future if we should need to replace onaijin objects, the Eitaikyo Fund will be used to finance the purchases. Please use the enclosed envelope for your generous donation for this worthy fund.

In Gassho,

Berkeley Buddhist Temple

Taige-kai (体解会)

Berkeley Buddhist Temple Study Session

The Berkeley Buddhist Temple invites you to take part in a gathering to learn and experience (体解 *taige*) the Path of the Buddha.

Rennyō Shōnin

His life, teachings and accomplishments

Sunday, October 14, 2012, at 9:30 am

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

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BBT'S Bazaar Annual Gift Committee (BAGC)



This year in an effort to support the community at large, the Berkeley Buddhist Temple donated a portion of the proceeds from the Satsuki Bazaar to a non-profit organization. The 2012 recipient for the Berkeley Buddhist Temple Bazaar Annual Gift (BAG) was the Alzheimer's Services of the East Bay.

The Alzheimer's Services of the East Bay (ASEB) is located on Channing Way in Berkeley. ASEB was founded in 1989 to provide adult day care for individuals with dementia. ASEB has a safe, supervised setting that enables these individuals to remain and thrive in their communities despite severe memory loss. Without ASEB and the support it provides their families – primary caregivers who in most cases are an aging spouse or working child – institutionalization would be a real possibility for many of their clients.

The Bazaar Annual Gift Committee (BAGC) was formed to help designate each year's recipient. We would very much appreciate hearing from you regarding a deserving non-profit organization. To qualify, the non-profit should preferably serve the Berkeley area. Please help us by submitting the name of a potential recipient that you feel deserves consideration. Fill out the **Guidelines for Bazaar Annual Gift (BAG)** form and return to Yuki Otake, 2121 Channing Way, Berkeley, CA 94704 or e-mail info@berkeleysangha.org

Deadline for submissions is December 1, 2012.

Please note that all nominations are subject to approval by the Berkeley Buddhist Temple Board of Directors.

Thank you for your assistance.

Bazaar Annual Gift Committee:

Mimi Kagehiro
Pat
Wayne Sugihara

Jr. YBA
Yuki Otake

PAST RECIPIENTS:

2012 Alzheimer's Services of the East Bay (ASEB)
2011 Berkeley Food and Housing Project
2010 J-Sei
2009 Niroga Institute, George Mark Children's House
2008 Asian Neighborhood Design, East Bay Asian Youth Center
2007 North Berkeley Nikkei Senior Center
2006 Jodo Shinshu Center
2005 Sakura Kai, West Coast Children's Center
2004 Japanese American Services of the East Bay (JASEB), Crisis Support Services of Alameda
2003 Asian Pacific Islander Legal Outreach, Buddhist Peace Fellowship (Prison Chaplaincy)
2002 The Women's Refuge, Asian Community Mental Health Services (ACMHS)
2001 Spanish Speaking Citizen's Foundation, North County Women's Center

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 donations, but recommendations will be subject to temple board approval.
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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 phone number or e-mail address: _____

5) Why you would like to see them receive our donation: _____

6) Your name _____ Phone number _____

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Board of Directors Meeting

July 10, 2012

Attendance: Rev. David Matsumoto, Art Nishimura, Don Hamasaki, Ron Hiraga, Kiyoshi Katsumoto, Judy Kono, Emi Nakao, Gary Oda, Wayne Sugihara, David Ushijima, Marrie Yamashita, Yuki Otake, Judy Fujimoto. Proxies: Susan Gabriel, Lucy Hamai, Emiko Katsumoto, Dii Lewis, Lena Yin.

President Art Nishimura called the meeting to order at 7:32PM with gassho led by Rev. Matsumoto.

June Minutes: A correction was made to the spelling of Judy Fujimoto's name. Kiyoshi Katsumoto moved to accept the corrected June minutes; seconded by Ron Hiraga and passed.

MINISTER'S REPORT: Rev. Matsumoto issued a written report for the period June 12-July 10, 2012, which included 6 meetings; 3 consultations; 6/17 BBT DFS & Taigekai, "Introduction of Jodo Shinshu II; 6/20-30 trip to Ryukoku University, Kyoto, w/ 7 meetings, 2 symposiums, seminar on "Nishitani Philosophy"; 6/24 BBT Shotsuki Memorial Service & Late Bishops' Memorial Service w/officiant Sensei Diana Thompson; 6/24 BBWA Colma Visitation and Service w/ officiant Edythe Vassall; 7/2 FAC mtg. @ BBT; 7/3 Domestic Dharma Symposium Planning Mtg. @ JSC; 7/6 Funeral @ Sunset View; 7/6-7/8 IBS-CBE Pacific Seminar @ JSC; 7/7 Ohakamairi, Sunset View & Chapel of the Chimes; 7/8 BBT Obon/Hatsubon Service w/ guest speaker Rev. Yukiko Motoyoshi, Stockton BT; 7/9-7/12 IBS Intensive Course @ JSC. Upcoming Events & Activities: 7/14 Bon Odori, Berkeley Higashi Honganji; 7/22 San Jose Betsuin Obon Service; 7/29 BBT DF & Shotsuki Memorial Service; 8/7-8/9 BCA MA Fukun, Los Angeles; 8/10 IBS Trustees Mtg., JSC.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Satoshi Steimetz issued a written report for the period 6/1-6/30/2012. Eric Lindquist issued a BBT Reserve & Operating Funds report dated 6/29/2012.

CORRESPONDENCE: Bishop Umezu sent a thank you for the oiwai; invitation to a celebration retirement dinner on 8/25 for Rev. Will Masuda, Palo Alto BT; a BPD renewal form for a no trespass order.

REPORTS BY AFFILIATED ORGANIZATIONS

BBWA: Yuki Otake reported that the BBWA will participate in the 9/9 J-SEI Family Festival; the BBWA's 100th Anniversary Celebration will take place on October 4, 2014; the BBWA is scheduling a rummage sale for August 17-18, 2013, as a fund raiser for their Centennial celebration.

DHARMA SCHOOL: Rev. Matsumoto reported that the first school year service will be on 9/9, after which the DS will attend the J-SEI Family Festival; 10/27 the Halloween Party; 11/10 Temple Discovery Tour; the DS will visit the SFBC stupa on 9/23 or 10/14.

JR. YBA: no report.

J-SEI: Yuki Otake reported that event dates and photos must be submitted for the 2013 calendar by 10/14.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

RELIGIOUS COMMITTEE : Art Nishimura presented an updated calendar noting Dana Day will take place on 2/17 and 3/3 may be the possible Pet Memorial Service.

PLEDGE/MEMBERSHIP: no report.

BUILDING MAINTENANCE: no report.

GARDEN MAINTENANCE: no report.

APARTMENTS: Ron Hiraga reported all units are occupied; a check was received for Channing Way; Fulton Street will require some exterior trim painting.

OTHER REPORTS

SATSUKI BAZAAR: Dates for the 2013 Bazaar are May 18-19.

BBT TAX EXEMPT STATUS: Kiyoshi Katsumoto reported that the BBT must file a letter with the IRS stating that the BBT is a tax-exempt 501 organization; paperwork must be on file with the Temple's tax ID number.

HONDO CARPET CLEANING: Kiyoshi Katsumoto presented estimates from five companies. He made a motion to contract Daniel Radharkrishna (BBT janitorial service) to clean the carpets in August; seconded by Wayne Sugihara and passed. Judy Kono made an amended motion to add the cleaning of the Old Temple's upstairs living room, dining room, and stairwell; seconded by Emi Nakao and passed.

YBICSE REUNION: Judy Kono reported that the YBICSE will not need to stay at the BBT.

BBT-ONLY SILENT AUCTION: Rev. Matsumoto reported that Norman Hirose is working on repairing some of the donated Obutsudans.

TEMPLE SECURITY: Rev. Matsumoto reported that Norman Hirose suggested using a micro-switch with a wireless transmitter for the Gohonzon. Rev. M will contact Sentry Alert about this plan.

TEMPLE MATERIALS USAGE PROCEDURES: Art Nishimura asked for procedures to be established with regard to Temple members borrowing BBT equipment for off-site events. The Board suggested that he contact the BBT insurance agent regarding liability and that a form to borrow equipment be created.

Thank you to Don and Joanie Hamasaki for the meeting's refreshments.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:42 PM with closing gassho led by Rev. Matsumoto.

Respectfully submitted by Judy Fujimoto

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

BERKELEY BUDDHIST TEMPLE

Board of Directors Meeting

August 14, 2012

Attendance: Rev. David Matsumoto, Willie Fernandez, Art Nishimura, Lucy Hamai, Don Hamasaki, Ron Hiraga, Kiyoshi Katsumoto, Emiko Katsumoto, Jon Kawamoto, Judy Kono, Takashi Nikaidoh, Gary Oda, Wayne Sugihara, David Ushijima, Russell Ware, Marrie Yamashita, Lena Yin, Carolyn Fernandez, Yuki Otake, Judy Fujimoto. Proxies: Emi Nakao, Susan Gabriel.

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

July Minutes: Kiyoshi Katsumoto moved that the July minutes be approved; seconded by Emiko Katsumoto and passed.

MINISTER'S REPORT: Rev. Matsumoto issued a written report for the period 7/10-8/14/12, which included 9 meetings; 6 consultations; 7/13 burial service; 7/14 wedding ceremony @ Berkeley City Club; 7/14 Bon Odori, Berkeley Higashi Honganji Temple; 7/22 San Jose Betsuin Obon service; 7/27 JSC Ministerial Students Workshop; 7/27 BBT Df & Shotsuki Memorial service; 7/31 Concord Fellowship Obon/Hatsubon service; 8/10 San Jose Betsuin funeral service; 8/11 filming of "Strings" documentary @ JSC, IBS dorm & BBT; 8/12 carpet cleaning @ BBT. Upcoming events & activities: 8/25 Rev. & Mrs. Masuda's Retirement Party @ Palo Alto BT; 8/26 BBT DS & Shotsuki Memorial service; 8/31-9/2 Eastern Buddhist League Conference @ Minneapolis, MN; 9/4 Start of IBS Fall Semester; 9/5 English Study Class "Birth of the Pure Land" @ San Mateo BT; 9/9 Start of BBT DS school year; 9/9 J-SEI Family Festival, El Cerrito. Rev. Matsumoto reported on the status of BBT present and former ministerial assistants, who are all doing well. He asked the Board for permission to use the image of the BBT Gohonzon on the cover of "A Life of Awakening" by Rev. Shigaraki. Kiyoshi Katsumoto moved that permission of the image of the Gohonzon be granted for the republication of "A Life of Awakening"; seconded by Judy Kono and passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Satoshi Steimetz issued a written report for the period 7/1-7/31/12. Kiyoshi Katsumoto noted that the remaining Bazaar funds will be transferred to the general fund in August.

CORRESPONDENCE: Art Nishimura passed the correspondence folder.

REPORTS BY AFFILIATED ORGANIZATIONS

BBWA: Carolyn Fernandez reported that the next BDBWA meeting will take place on 8/19 at the Oakland BC; the BBWA needs volunteers to help serve shave ice and chicken wings at the 9/9 J-SEI Family Festival; for the 9/16 Ohigan Luncheon, the BBWA will sponsor the Keirokai gift (along with the DS) and donate chowmein and cakes for the potluck.

DHARMA SCHOOL: Rev. Matsumoto reported that the BDDSTL will host the 2013 FDSTL conference (with Rev. Bridge as the advisor) and the BBTDS is in charge of the evening workshops. After a short 9/9 DS service and tea time, the BBT DS will be encouraged to attend the J-SEI Family Festival that Sunday.

JR. YBA: no report. Lena Yin volunteered to look through the Temple files for the Jr. YBA by-laws and procedures information, which she will pass on to the advisors and officers.

J-SEI: Yuki Otake requested volunteers to help the BBWA at the Family Festival, and thanked Russell and Amy Ware for their help in setting up and running the shave ice booth.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

RELIGIOUS COMMITTEE: Art Nishimura issued an updated calendar. Rev. Matsumoto stated that 10/14 would be the best Sunday for the DS to visit the SFBC to tour the stupa.

PLEDGE/MEMBERSHIP: Mimi Kagehiro sent a report that there are 216 members from 154 family units.

BUILDING MAINTENANCE: no report.

GARDEN MAINTENANCE: no report.

APARTMENTS: Ron Hiraga reported that the Fulton street apartments are being painted.

OTHER REPORTS

SATSUKI BAZAAR: Kiyoshi Katsumoto reported that the final accounting is almost complete, and bazaar funds will soon be transferred to the general fund.

BBT TAX ID LETTER: Kiyoshi Katsumoto reported that a letter has been sent to IRS to reconfirm that the BBT is a non-profit organization under the BCA. All BBT organizations must use the BBT tax identification number

REV. MASUDA REITREMENT OREI: Wayne Sugihara moved that an orei of \$100 be given to Rev. Masuda; seconded by Gary Oda and passed.

BBT NICHES AT SUNSET VIEW CEMETARY: Rev. Matsumoto stated that all the BBT niches have been spoken for and that the Temple is not involved in any resale transactions. Interested parties must contact an individual owner/family.

LIBRARY CART: Emiko Katsumoto reported that the Library Committee (Lucy Hamai, Irene Asao-Wells, and herself) recommends the purchase of library book carts with wheels for book storage. Gary Oda moved that the Library Committee be authorized to purchase up to two book carts as needed; seconded by Wayne Sugihara, and passed.

TEMPLE CARPET CLEANING: Rev. Matsumoto reported that the Hondo and Old Temple upstairs carpets were cleaned successfully.

PHONEVITE SYSTEM: Lucy Hamai informed the Board that the system is ready to use and that the administrators have the password and the user name.

TEMPLE SECURITY: Gary Oda reported that the security company will come on August 20 to install the alarm for the Gohonzon. He reminds everyone that the social hall is now alarmed.

NEW BUSINESS

TEMPLE COMPUTER: Kiyoshi Katsumoto discussed the need for a new Temple computer, particularly as Temple records and procedures need to be better systematized and archived. The Board suggested that an ad hoc committee research what are the IT needs of the Temple staff and affiliated organizations and that a report be prepared for the next board meeting.

Thank you to Jon Kawamoto and Lena Yin for the meeting's refreshments.

September refreshments will be provided by Susan Gabriel and Judy Fujimoto. October refreshments will be provided by Gary Oda and November refreshments by David Ushijima. The Bento Dinner is scheduled for December.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15PM with closing gassho led by Rev. Matsumoto.

Respectfully submitted by Judy Fujimoto

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



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
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- 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**

秋の聞法セミナー

Fall Japanese Dharma Gathering at the Jodo Shinshu Center

日時：2012年11月3日（土）
午前10:00 – 午後2:00

場所：浄土真宗センター
2140 Durant Ave, Berkeley

講師：菅原 祐軌 師
(フローリン仏教会駐在開教使)

講題：「願いに聞く」

午前 - 釈尊の願い・親鸞聖人の願い
午後 - 阿弥陀如来の願い



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In The News

The El Cerrito City Council named Amy Shinsako to the Wall of Fame in honor of her contributions as a teacher and volunteer for Harding School and for Sakura Kai.

Amy was honored formally at a Wall of Fame induction ceremony at El Cerrito City Hall on August 21.

Additional photos and articles:

- [El Cerrito Patch 6/19](#)
- [El Cerrito Patch 8/23](#)



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

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PADMA STAFF: Rev. Matsumoto, Pauline Fong, 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

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| January 1 | Shusho-e | New Year's Day Service |
| February 5 | Nehan-e | Nirvana Day |
| March 18 | Ohigan | Spring Equinox |
| April 1 | Hanamatsuri | Flower Festival |
| May 13 | Gotan-e | Birthday of Shinran |
| 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.

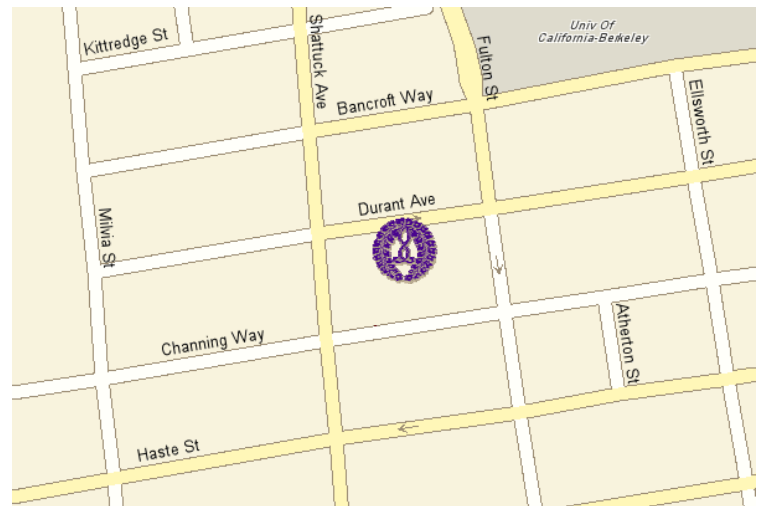
Whether you are here to satisfy a slight interest or to make a more personal connection, we wish you well and hope that you will be visiting us again soon.

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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