

FUTURE DATES TO REMEMBER

December 2 - Bodhi Day service

December 9 - DFS & Shotsuki Hoyo

December 16 - Temple Clean-up - No service

December 23 - No service

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

January 1, 2013 - Shusho-e (New Year) service

**January 13 - Mochitsuki/New Year Luncheon/
Installation of Temple Officers**

The Treasure Mountain

Do not enter the treasure mountain and return with empty hands!

IN RECENT DAYS, I'VE BEEN FEELING MY AGE. My hair is getting whiter. My steps are slower. I keep losing my keys. Perhaps it's no coincidence that at this point in my life certain verses and songs seem to call out to me. For instance, here are some words from *The Essentials for Attaining Birth* (*Ōjō yōshū*) by the Pure Land Master Genshin (942-1017):

Frost and snow cover our heads. Our hearts are stained with worldly dust. Although our lives are about to end, our hopes and dreams do not. My wish for all is that you will not enter the treasure mountain and return with empty hands.

Time passes all too quickly. The young become the old; the healthy grow sick; and before we know it our hair is white as snow. And none of us go through life unscathed. We meet people we love and some that we hate. We face challenges and uncertainties. Sometimes we win and sometimes we fail. We develop habits, both good and bad. We store up memories and lessons, and we carry them with us throughout life

Yet even as we grow old and should be readying ourselves for the great change, we are still filled with wants, desires, and schemes. We dream of the big jackpot, the new car, the new body, or the new hair. For us, human life is a mountain of pleasures in which we try to get everything that we can, like kids in a candy store.

Genshin, indeed, teaches us that life is like a treasure mountain, for it is the place and time when we can hear the teachings of the Buddha and become liberated human beings. The true treasures in life are not material things. The true measure of a person's life is not in having the fastest car, the latest fashion or the biggest wallet. Rather, real treasure can be found in those conditions that allow us to hear the Dharma—the people that we love, joys and sorrows, our memories and dreams, and the timeless lessons that we receive from others. Through them and because of them we are able to hear the Dharma and share the Dharma with all other beings.

This poem by Mrs. Wariko Kai is a favorite of mine, for expresses this truth of life through the metaphor of a flowing river.

岩もあり	<i>Iwa mo ari</i>	<i>Though there may be rocks</i>
木の根もあれど	<i>Ko no ne mo aredo</i>	<i>As well as the roots of trees,</i>
さらさらと	<i>Sara sara to</i>	<i>It burbles, burbles;</i>
たださらさらと	<i>Tada sara sara to</i>	<i>It just burbles and burbles.</i>
水の流るる	<i>Mizu no nagaruru</i>	<i>River water flows and flows.</i>

From the peak of a mountain of treasures, a stream begins to flow. As it moves downward it joins with other streams, becoming a river that courses through valleys and plains. Its water flows over and around rocks and trees, picking up leaves, moss and dirt as it moves relentlessly on and on. The river of life flows on, but to where? To where? Its path is uncertain and constantly changing. Its destination, however, is not simply death, for the river has itself become a path of freedom from the bonds of birth-and-death.

Down from the treasure mountain river waters simply flow and flow until they break free from all hindrances and return at last to the ocean of Oneness—to the compassionate heart of the Buddha of unhindered light and infinite life. As we return to the Buddha's heart, may we be accompanied by the nembutsu—the precious and timeless treasure of the Dharma.

Namu Amida Butsu
Rev. D. Matsumoto
December 2012

PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE

As we write this penultimate message a few days before Hoonko and week or so before Thanksgiving, we thought we would take this early opportunity on behalf of the board of directors at the BBT, to be among the first to wish everyone in the Berkeley Sangha a happy holiday season.

As Buddhists, it occurs to us that this is something of an ambivalent time of year. Over and above the most readily apparent juxtaposition of holidays and how we as Buddhists should or should not commemorate them, there are the seemingly contradictory orientations of personal and social demands. On the one hand, these last months of the year are the busiest, with a myriad of events and occasions. Every year it seems that the weeks and months go by much more quickly, and as such the year ends in a rush.

On the other, we are called upon by the same events and occasions to do the exact opposite. Most of the holidays during this time of year are intended to reflect on not only the passing year, but our lives and society in general. Moreover, throughout all of these activities, a running theme is that it is about being thankful and showing appreciation to those around us.

So what are we to do with this? Is this just an inherent contradiction or perhaps cruel irony in our lives? Are we destined to be so busy going through the rituals of being reflective and thankful that we don't have time to actually be reflective and thankful? Or is this all active practice of the Dharma? Do we practice the Dharma by the very activity of our lives, i.e., Christmas shopping as active meditation?

Thus, in the final word for now, this confluence of causes and conditions is perhaps only fitting as a regular and changing fixture in our lives. Just as the days get shorter and our schedules become fuller, we are simultaneously called to reflect and react both spontaneously and systematically at the same time. With such complexity and clarity required, what else can we do but be mindful and appreciative of it all?

Season's Gassho,

Art Nishimura and Willie Fernandez
BBT Co-presidents

COMBINED DHARMA FAMILY SERVICE & SHOTSUKI MEMORIAL SERVICE

December 9, 2012
9:30 am

Shotsuki Hoyo Service - December 9, 2012, 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
Jay Gluck	Mitsuru Haraguchi	Sadami Hayashida
Jane M. Imamura	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	Keiji Onizuka
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	Mauch Yamashita
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.

My Halloween Vision

by Diane Ames

On Halloween, I had my scariest vision yet: the mother nature goddess getting wrathful at the United States. Appearing as a mummified hag attended by vultures, she blasted the land with heat and stopped the rain. Grain withered in the fields. Desiccated brush and forests burst into flame, so that monstrous wildfires raged through the West. When the goddess waved a withered hand and whispered, “Derecho,” gale force winds flattened trees in ten states without a minute’s warning. She cackled and the vultures cawed, signaling that there was more to come.

Then the goddess transformed herself into a sea monster with long, sharp teeth and slimy tentacles, attended by sharks. She blew up a monster hurricane and used it to drive a wall of water into New York City. Flood victims screamed for help from the rooftops of Staten Island. To show her contempt for the wealth and power of man, the goddess flooded the financial district with filthy water, shutting down the stock exchange. Further south, the casinos of Atlantic City, where the rich had thrown away money like water, vanished beneath real waves.

Even that was not all. Frost demons summoned by the goddess blew up a ferocious Arctic storm and slammed it straight into the hurricane. “Be reasonable, mighty lady !” I pleaded. “Look! You’re causing gales, floods, and blizzards in thirteen states at once!”

But when I looked into that monstrous face, I saw not reason but madness in those eyes. “Kill!” raved the goddess. “Kill! Kill!”

“It’s no use,” said a little shark demon. “It looks like she’s overdosed on greenhouse gases, which means she’s liable to go berserk. If I were you, I’d get off this planet, fast.”

“That’s not an option!” I replied. “Isn’t there any way to detox her?”

“I doubt it. You’d be up against human greed and ignorance. It would take a megadose of wisdom *and* of compassion just to get started.”

“But these qualities are so scarce! Can’t we just shoot a million mirrors into space or something?”

“Could make matters worse. Sorry, there’s no easy way.”

“But where are we supposed to get all this wisdom and compassion? You can’t even buy it online!”

“As Buddhists, you’ll have to try.”

BODHI DAY SERVICE

December 2, 2012

9:30 AM

END-OF-THE-YEAR TEMPLE CLEAN-UP

December 16, 2012

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

Monday, December 31, 2012

7:00 PM

NEW YEAR SERVICE

Tuesday, January 1, 2013

10:00 AM

Greet the New Year with family and friends.

Have you signed up for eScrip yet?

Holiday shopping with eScrip/Safeway means more!



Every time you shop at an eScrip merchant such as Safeway, the Temple receives a percentage of your purchase - at no cost to you!

It's easy! Just register your grocery card at www.escrip.com and designate Berkeley Buddhist Temple or group #155954856.



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

Berkeley Buddhist Temple expresses condolences and deep sympathy

To Judy Kono & Family
on the loss of her father,
Mr. Haruo Itatani
June 10, 1920 - October 28, 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



DANA FOR HURRICANE SANDY

Our hearts go out to those who have suffered tremendous losses during the recent havoc caused by Hurricane Sandy. To aid with disaster relief, the temple will be collecting donations through the end of this year. If you wish to help, please mail in or put your contribution into the collection box in the hondo during services.

Please make your check out to Berkeley Buddhist Temple and indicate "Sandy Relief" in the check memo. Mail to: 2121 Channing Way, Berkeley, CA 94704. Thank you for your dana.

New BBT tax ID #: 94-6111847

BERKELEY BUDDHIST TEMPLE New Year's Party

Sunday, January 13, 2013



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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 13, 2013. 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 13, 2013

For more information call:

Name: _____

Lena Yin 510-531-1452

Number of box Lunches: (Adult or Child)

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

CHILD: Reg. 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, 2012. Make checks payable to: **Berkeley Buddhist Temple**

Mail RSVP form and payment to: Lena Yin 3614 Harbor View Ave. Oakland, Ca. 94619
courtyin@pacbell.net

BERKELEY BUDDHIST TEMPLE
Board of Directors Meeting
October 9, 2012

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

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

September Minutes: Kiyoshi Katsumoto moved to accept the September minutes; seconded by Ron Hiraga and passed.

MINISTER'S REPORT: Rev. Matsumoto issued a report for the period September 11 October 9, 2012, which included 6 meetings; 4 consultations; 3 Family Memorial Services; 9/16 BBT Fall Ohigan Service & Keirokai Luncheon; 9/22 IBS Numata Symposium: Domestic Dharma; 9/23 SACBC 50th Anniversary Service & Luncheon; 9/23 BBT DFS w/ Edythe Vassall, guest officiant and speaker & Sangha Singers; 9/30 BBT DF & Shotsuki Memorial Service; 10/3 San Mateo BT English Study Class, "Birth in the Pure Land"; 10/5 Lecture at the CBE MAP Workshop @ JSC; 10/7 BBT Eitaikyo Service with guest speaker Rev. Katsuya Kusunoki, Lodi BC. Upcoming Events & Activities: 10/12 President Leroy Morishita Investiture Ceremony, Cal State East Bay; 10/14 BBT DFS & Taigekai, "The Life and Teachings of Renno"; 10/21 BBT Eshinni/Kakushinni Memorial Service w/ guest speaker Rev. Carol Himaka; 10/21 10/24 Family vacation; 10/26 Wedding, Santa Cruz; 10/27 BBT DS Halloween Party; 10/28 BBT DF & Shotsuki Memorial Service; 11/3 Concord Fellowship Service; 11/4 BBT DFS "Ondokusan"; 11/6 11/8 Ministers' Continuing Education Seminar @ JSC; 11/7 MICE Seminar lecture on "Larger Sutra" @ JSC; 11/8 IBS Eitaikyo Service @ JSC; 11/9 IBS Trustees Meeting @ JSC; 11/10 BCA Endowment Foundation Meeting; 11/10 Family Memorial Service @ BBT; 11/19 BBT DS "Temple Discovery Tour"; 11/11 BBT DFS & BBWA Interfaith Panel "Youth and Religion".

Minister's Assistants Report: Sensei Matthew Hamasaki has returned from Japan having completed his Tokudo studies. Edythe Vassall was the 9/23 guest officiant and speaker @ BBT and took part in the MAP workshop. Tara Umemoto is now the youth minister's assistant.

Rev. Matsumoto reported on the Chapel of the Chimes community partnership program. Both the FAC and he recommend that the BBT join the partnership as it does not involve any financial or contractual obligation on the part of the BBT or its members. The partnership allows BBT members to purchase mortuary services at a discounted rate. Emiko Katsumoto moved that the BBT enter the community partnership program with Chapel of the Chimes; seconded by Wayne Sugihara and passed. Rev. Matsumoto will compose an information letter to the Temple members re: the partnership, which Chapel of the Chimes will mail to the membership along with a brochure on the mortuary's services.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Satoshi Steimetz issued a written report for the period 9/1 9/30/12. He notes that Bazaar funds were deposited into the operating fund in September and that any excess funds will be transferred from the operating account into investment accounts. Emiko and Kiyoshi Katsumoto asked the Board if the Centennial funds should be transferred to the general operating funds at this point, though there remain a few outstanding expenses. The Board recommended that this transfer be tabled to a later date.

CORRESPONDENCE: Art Nishimura passed the folder, noting that the Kaiser Community Giving Campaign inquired about a donation check to the Temple, which has yet to be cashed, and J SEI sent a thank you letter for the Temple's participation in the Family Festival.

REPORTS BY AFFILIATED ORGANIZATIONS

BBWA: Yuki Otake reported the following: the FBWA Conference takes place October 12 14 in San Jose with Keynote speaker Evelyn Nakano Glenn and workshop speaker Edythe Vassall; for the 10/21 Eshinni/Kakushinni service the BBWA will serve a light lunch of sandwiches and salads; 11/18, following the Hoonko Service, the BBWA sushi/craft sale will take place and volunteers are needed for sushi preparation that Sunday around 8:30AM; the BBWA thanks the DS for putting together the gifts for the Keirokai guests.

DHARMA SCHOOL: Rev. Matsumoto reported that the DS service and Halloween party will take place on 10/27; 11/10 is the Temple Discovery Tour; for the April 2013 FDSTL Conference, the BBT DS will be in charge of the workshops. Art Nishimura noted that he has sent a new list of 2013 dates to the SFBC for the DS visit to the stupa and awaits a reply.

JR.YBA: Mali McGuire sent a written report, which included the following: open cabinet positions are now filled with Michael Adachi as Religious Chair and Tomi Lewis as BD Chapter Representative; DFS Chairperson Schedule 9/23 Mali McGuire, 10/7 Michael Adachi, 11/25 Maya Kato; 2013 chairperson dates will be assigned at the October 7 meeting; Events attended include 9/1 9/2 Fresno Mixer (Kiyoshi Din & Mali McGuire) and 9/8 BD Jr. YBA Meeting @ BBT (Mali McGuire); Future events include the 10/27 DS Halloween Party for which the Jr. YBA will create a Haunted House for the DS students, 10/7 the Community Service Committee (Michael Adachi, Tomi Lewis, Maya Kato) will discuss ideas, 10/7 Fundraising Committee (Celeste Furuya, Maya Haruyama, Maya Kato, Noel McGuire, Skye Nikaidoh) will discuss ideas, 10/7 BD Jr. YBA meeting @ Berkeley Otani.

J SEI: Yuki Otake reported on the letter sent by J SEI Executive Director Diane Wong which informed the BBT that the J SEI Advisory Board has entered an agreement to end formally J SEI's role in Eden Issei Terrace and thanks the BBT for its initial monetary donation of 30 years ago to fund the building, noting that any funds that J SEI receives from the agreement will be used to further the charitable mission of the agency.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

RELIGIOUS COMMITTEE: Rev. Matsumoto noted that he is working on guest speaker dates for 2013.

PLEDGE/MEMBERSHIP: Mimi Kagehiro's written report stated that there are 227 individual members from a possible 303 families.

BUILDING MAINTENANCE: No report.

GARDEN MAINTENANCE: Scott Takeda sent a report that the non functioning old sprinkler controller has been replaced with a new unit with a battery backup. Gary Oda made a motion to purchase 3 outside brooms for garden maintenance; seconded by Yuki Otake and passed.

APARTMENTS: Ron Hiraga reported that the vacant Channing Way apt. #3 has been rented. A reimbursement check was received from the Channing Way apartments.

OTHER REPORTS

BOARD ELECTIONS: Takashi Nikaidoh reported that there are seven candidates for the term 2013 2015: Judy Fujimoto, Lucy Hamai, Kiyoshi Katsumoto, Emiko Katsumoto, Russell Ware, Art Nishimura, Miri Nikaidoh. Ballots will be mailed to Temple members in mid October.

OFFICE IT UPGRADE: David Ushijima summarized the Temple IT usage and needs from the members survey. The Board discussed several possible options and tabled any final decision until a future meeting.

TROPHIES: Emiko Katsumoto reported that the sorting of trophies will take place at the December clean up day and further decisions about the trophies will be tabled until the December meeting.

NEW REFRIGERATOR: Craig Griffin sent out possible suggestions on models to purchase. Emiko Katsumoto stated that an ad hoc committee will be organized to view the models in person before a report can be made as to which model to purchase.

NEW BUSINESS

COLLEGE YBA GROUP: Rev. Matsumoto received a request from Keith Umemura, a current UC student and member of the College YBA group, to use a Temple kitchen to prepare dinner during the College YBA conference 10/20 10/21 at the JSC. Rev. Matsumoto has agreed to be the official Temple contact, as required by the FAC facilities usage guidelines. Emiko Katsumoto made a motion to allow the College YBA to use the Old Temple kitchen, under the guidance of Rev. Matsumoto; seconded by Wayne Sugihara and passed.

INVESTITURE OF PRESIDENT LEROY MORISHITA: Art Nishimura asked the board to sign a congratulatory letter to Leroy Morishita on his investiture as president of Cal State East Bay.

Thank you to Gary Oda for the meeting's refreshments.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:58 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 WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION
Cabinet Meeting, April 15, 2012

PRESENT: Fumi Matsubara, Denise Gervais, Caroline Fernandez, Diane Ames and Yuki Otake

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: Caroline opened the meeting with gassho at 11:40 a.m.

PRIOR MEETING MINUTES: To be reviewed at the June's meeting.

REPORTS:

1. Treasurer's Report: Written financial report submitted by Maya Murashima Yonemura.
Art Nishimura to reissue check.
Caroline recommended closing Union Bank and Bank of American accounts. Caroline will look into Wells Fargo and Chase.
2. Correspondence: None received.
3. Membership: No dues received

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Interfaith: Diane Ames reported that she is looking for a fifth panelist.
2. Ohigan, Sept. 16, BBWA will provide chow mein and a cake.
3. Movie, 3/25/12 – There were approximately 15- 20 members present at movie. Showing of more movies will be discussed with Edythe.
4. BBWA Centennial fundraiser, pancake breakfast, tentatively to be scheduled for September or early October.
BBWA will participate in the J-Sei Family Festival on September 9, 2012. Suggested food for sale were pulled pork and shaved ice.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Colma Cemetery visitation and Alameda bazaar on June 24, 2012. An article of event will be in the Padma.
2. Federation of Buddhist Women's Associations Conference will be held on October 12-14 2012. Keynote speakers will be Professor Evelyn Glenn (English) and Rev. Masumi Kikuchi (Japanese)

NEXT MEETING: June 10 after service.

MEETING ADJOURNED:

Caroline adjourned the meeting with gassho at 12:40.p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Yukiko Otake, Acting Recording Secretary

BERKELEY BUDDHIST WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

June 10, 2012

PRESENT: Yuki Otake (co-Chair), Caroline Fernandez (co-Chair), Diane Ames (Vice President), Fumi Matsubara (Membership), Judy Nakaso (Recording Secretary), Maya Murashima-Yonemura (Treasurer); Denise Gervais (Corresponding Secretary), Marrie Yamashita (proxy), Sara Jotoku (Parliamentarian) (proxy).

- I. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: *Caroline Fernandez* opened the meeting with gassho at 11:23a.m. Quorum established.
- II. PRIOR MONTH'S MINUTES: *Caroline Fernandez* - Approval of the April 15, 2012 minutes was tabled until the July meeting.

III. REPORTS:

Treasurer's Report: *Maya Murashima Yonemura*

1. The written financial reports were submitted for the months of March, April and May (the May bank statement was received after the report was prepared; therefore, an updated Treasurer's May report will be presented at the July meeting).

2. **March: Income:** (a) Nine BBWA 2012 Dues: Lorene Nakagiri, Mimi Kagehiro, Taeko Oda, Madge Takemori, Lucy Hamai, Sara Jotoku, Sadako Delcollo, Kiyoe Unoki, and Yoshiko Morishita; (b) Donations: Lorene Nakagiri, Emi Matsunaga, Emi Nakao, Kiyoe Unoki, Rev. Yamashita, Maya Murashima Yonemura, Mimi Kagehiro, Taeko Oda, Sam Uchiumi; (c) Dana Day Luncheon; and **Expenses:** (a) Operating Expenses – Rev. Nishimura, Dana Day Guest Speaker, Obento, Office Supplies, BDBWL 2012 Dues

3. **April: Income:** None; and **Expenses:** Operating Expenses - BCA Federation of BWA dues

4. **May: Income:** (a) Two BBWA 2012 Dues: Makiko Shinoda and Toshio Tsuda, (b) Donations; and **Expenses:** (a) BDBWL 2012 Dues; (b) Ohigan Chowmein.

Motion to accept the March, April and May Treasurer's reports (Diane Ames/Fumi Matsubara) – passed.
Caroline will check out Chase Bank for competitive services.

Correspondence: *Denise Gervais*

1. A thank you note was received from Kazuo Lewis (Masako Oishi Scholarship recipient).
2. YEAH (Youth Engagement Advocacy Housing) mail re 6/18 event introducing new Exec. Dir., Sharon Leyden.

Membership: *Fumi Matsubara*

2 membership dues received from: Elaine Tsuda and Makiko Shinoda.

IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Interfaith Panel on the Problems of Young People Today – *Diane Ames* - nothing new to report.
2. Colma Cemetery Trip, June 24, 2012: after the Colma service, the group will go to the Alameda Church Bazaar for lunch.
3. Centennial Fundraisers – *Yuki Otake*
 - (a) 9/9/12 - J-Sei is holding a fundraiser at the El Cerrito Community Center. About 300 people are expected to be there. We will see if we can sell food and crafts.
 - (b) 9/23/12 (tentative date) – Pancake/Waffle Breakfast. It depends on whether we do the 9/9 fundraiser. It was decided that a subcommittee meeting will be held in August, if we are going ahead with the Breakfast.
4. Women and Diversity, June 23, 2012: The following people have signed up to go: Fumi Matsubara, Denise Gervais, Diane Ames, Yuki Otake, Sadako Delcollo, Caroline and Willie Fernandez, Emiko Katsumoto, Yasuo Wolfe and Madge Takemori.

V. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Motion to have BBWA instead of the BBT Scholarship Committee select the Masako Oishi Scholarship recipient(s). We will then forward the recipient's name(s) to the Temple's Scholarship Committee. (Diane Ames/Maya Murashima Yonemura).
2. 7/14/12 - Obon Service – Prepare sushi combination at 8 am for selling after service; we will call Alan Hirahara to see if he can help us.
3. November sushi/craft sale. We will check to see if we can sell crafts there. Craft item we could make: One idea is handmade beads using Japanese cloth material. Caroline Fernandez knows the teacher and will contact her for dates.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

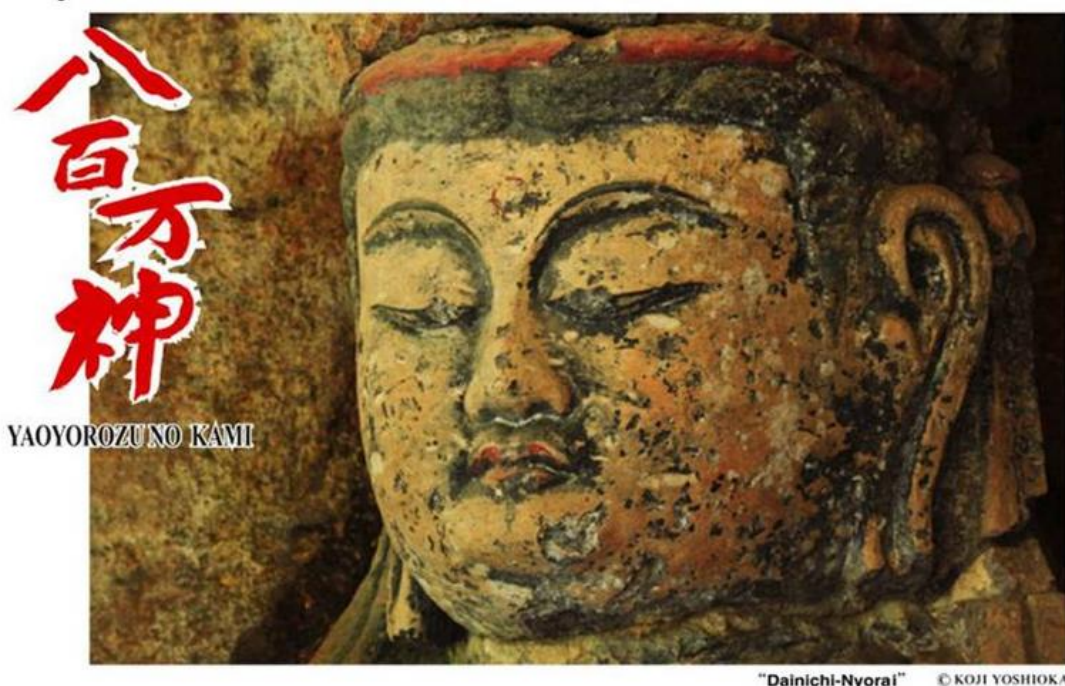
NEXT MEETING: July 1, 2012

MEETING ADJOURNED:

Caroline Fernandez adjourned the meeting (Diane Ames/Caroline Fernandez); and led gassho at 12:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Judy Nakaso, Recording Secretary

The Consulate General of Japan Presents: *Japan: Reflecting Nature's Sacred Symbols & Spaces* by photographer Koji Yoshioka



Opening Reception and Presentation

When: Wednesday, November 14th from 6:00-7:50 PM

Where: Japan Information Center, 50 Fremont Street, Suite 2200

RSVPs for the opening reception are appreciated.

To RSVP please contact Ethan Savage at culture@cgjsf.org

The Exhibit

In this exhibit, Koji Yoshioka will be coming from Japan to the United States to exhibit more than 20 photographs. The subject matter includes Buddhist icons and powerful landscapes. It is Yoshioka-san's hope that these images evoke a powerful, mystical and a spiritual feeling in the viewer.

About the Artist

Beginning in his childhood, Koji showed an interest in the natural world, especially in astronomy, which led him to observing the heavens. Through his astronomical observations, Koji learned photography, but then began to shift the targets through his lenses to objects on the ground, such as landscapes and people. He attended photography school in Tokyo, devoted himself to his studies, and emerged as a professional photographer.

While shooting pictures for advertisements, Koji took up documentary photography. He spent ten years photographing coal mining towns and their environs. In 1992, he was presented with the Newcomer's Award of the Photographic Society of Japan.

For his next project, Koji traveled all over Japan photographing esoteric mountain Buddhism and built his portfolio while practicing the discipline himself. In 1993, major publisher Shinchosha released the subsequent album entitled Mandala of the Mountain World. He was nominated for the Domon Ken Award.

Koji has deepened his meditations on the underpinnings of Japanese culture, and is currently intensely interested in the enduring reverence for nature exhibited by the Japanese people since ancient times and their concept of coexistence that respects the natural order and transcends simple animism.

With the assistance of photography and its power of presentation, Koji has totally committed to capturing human prayer and the spirit that dwells within every single tree and blade of grass.

Exhibit Term

Wednesday, November 14th through Thursday, January 10th

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 1	Hanamatsuri	Flower Festival
May 13	Gotan-e	Birthday of Shinran
July 8	Kangi-e	Obon
September 16	Ohigan	Autumn Equinox
November 18	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.

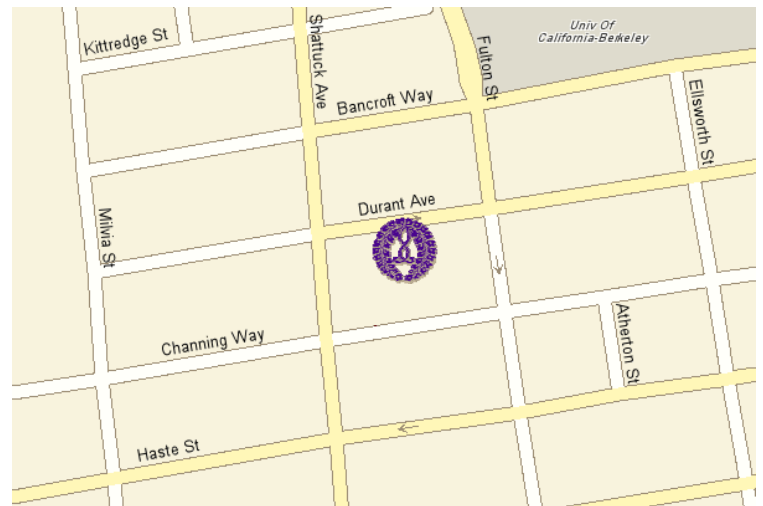
Whether you are here to satisfy a slight interest or to make a more personal connection, we wish you well and hope that you will be visiting us again soon.

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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