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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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WEB EDITION

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
<p>1</p> <p>9:30 am Bodhi Day Service 11:15 am BBWA Meeting</p> <p>All Dharma School students will help Irene Sensei with a wonderful "walking meditation" activity.</p> <p>Coffee social following service</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Gagaku Practice 11 am – 1 pm</p>
<p>8</p> <p>9:30 am Dharma Family/ Shotsuki Hoyō Service</p> <p>Regular Dharma School classes. Coffee social following service</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Crafts 10 am – 1 pm</p> <p>Temple Board Meeting 7:30 pm</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Padma Articles Due</p>	<p>14</p>
<p>15</p> <p>TEMPLE CLEAN-UP 8:30 am</p> <p>No Dharma School. Come and help out... it's fun!</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Padma Newsletter 6:30 pm</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Gagaku Practice 6 – 7:30 pm</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p>
<p>22</p> <p>No Services</p> <p>No Dharma School.</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Crafts 10 am – 1 pm</p>	<p>25</p> <p>HOLIDAY</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>
<p>29</p> <p>No Services</p> <p>No Dharma School.</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p> <p>Joya-e/Year End Service 7 pm All Dharma School families are welcome!</p>	<p>January 1, 2014</p> <p>Shusho-e New Year's Service 10 am</p>	<p>NOTE: For temple matters, please contact Rev. Matsumoto at (510) 841-1356, or leave a message on the temple's answering machine. Temple web: www.berkeleysangha.org Temple e-mail: info@berkeleysangha.org</p>		

FUTURE DATES TO REMEMBER

December 1 - [Bodhi Day Service](#)

December 8 - DFS & Shotsuki Hoyo

December 15 - [Temple Clean-up](#)

December 22 & 29 - No Services

December 31 - [End of the Year Service \(Joya-e\)](#)

January 1 - [New Year Service \(Shusho-e\)](#)

January 5 - DFS & Shotsuki Hoyo

January 12 - New Year Lunch and BBT Installation
of Officers

**STARTING IN JANUARY 2014,
SHOTSUKI HOYO MONTHLY
MEMORIAL SERVICES
WILL BE HELD AT THE BEGINNING OF
EACH MONTH.**

Hearts in Action

In gladness and in safety, may all beings be at ease.
Whatever living beings there may be;
Whether they are weak or strong, omitting none,
The great or the mighty, medium, short or small,
The seen and the unseen, those living near and far away,
Those born and to-be-born, may all beings be at ease! ¹

TYPHOON HAIYAN has brought about a disaster of massive proportions to the people of the Philippines. Where there were once homes and communities almost nothing remains—only the remnants of human lives shattered by the most powerful storm ever to strike land. People, families, homes, businesses, and careers have been wiped out. Thousands have been killed and injured. Thousands more are missing and displaced. Who knows when they will be able to return to normalcy, if ever? The images of the Philippine people stand out most starkly before us. People stranded amid fetid flood waters. Some dying while waiting for help or supplies to arrive. Images that none of us will soon forget. People young and old, male and female, healthy and sick—all plunged into misery and in desperate need of the help of others in order to survive.

Disasters like Haiyan often bring out the best in people. As we have seen in the cases of Haiti, Katrina, the South Asian tsunami, and the earthquake and tsunami in Japan, the goodness of people springs forth and they act selflessly for the sake of others. Such action is also emphasized in the *Mettā Sutta*, where the Buddha teaches us to direct thoughts of loving kindness (*metta*), empathy, compassion and concern to all beings. Our thoughts are directed to all, "omitting none," wishing that every being may be at ease, "in gladness and in safety."

For then those hearts will spring into action. Wisdom becomes fulfilled as compassionate activity. When we see the interconnectedness of all beings we realize that we must act, for we cannot know happiness unless all beings are happy. This is what the Buddha teaches us: that minds of wisdom and hearts of loving kindness find fulfillment in compassionate activity.

This is what the Primal Vow of Amida Buddha declares—"I cannot attain enlightenment unless all beings attain enlightenment with me!" The Vow expresses the highest ideal for all people: That we may all live together in harmony, peace, equality and mutual respect for each other and for the world. When we entrust in that Vow—when we awaken to the boundless wisdom and compassion of life—then we will see no difference between ourselves and others. We will realize the interconnectedness of all beings. When others suffer, we will suffer. Our happiness can only exist in the happiness of all.

I am happy to say that many members of our temple have already opened their hearts and wallets to help the people of the Philippines at this terrible time. May we continue to do so. As we extend our hands to our brothers and sisters in need, may we find renewed commitment to our lives as Buddhists. May we open our eyes to the interconnectedness of all beings. May we act with compassion, empathy and kindness every day. And may those daily acts of loving kindness eventually form mountains of great value, which will spread throughout our own hearts and minds, and into the hearts, minds and lives of countless others throughout the world.

Namu Amida Butsu,
Rev. David Matsumoto
December 2013

¹ A passage from the *Karaṇīyamettā Sutta (Mettā Sutta)*, in the *Suttanipāta*.

PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE

The Holiday Season is in full swing at the Berkeley Buddhist Temple. The Dharma School Halloween Party was just scary enough! In November, we honored Shinran Shonin with the traditional Ho-on-ko service. Special thanks to IMOP* students, Rev. Miho Sekiya and Rev. Ryuhei Endo, for their enlightening Dharma talks.

Of course, we cannot mention November without mentioning Thanksgiving. We hope everyone is able to share time with family and friends and partake in the traditional Thanksgiving food. Gobble Gobble! Thanksgiving is a good time for appreciation for the support and activities provided by the BBT. The BBT had another wonderful year!! We give thanks to all who made it so, our great SANGHA.

The BBT recently partnered with J-Sei and Ikeibi Films in the showing of “Infinity & Chashu Ramen” at the California Theater in Berkeley. This film was shot entirely in San Francisco’s Japantown and is about two spirits and their mischievous adventures. The film’s star is Hiroshi Kashiwagi, who some of you may remember is a former member of the BBT. If you were not able to attend the showing, we are hopeful the film can be shown at the BBT in the near future.

On a more somber note, the BBT is soliciting donations to aid the victims of Typhoon Haiyan. There is a special donation box at service. If not the donation box, please consider giving to the charity of your choice.

Holiday Gassho,

Lucy Hamai and Ron Hiraga
BBT Co-Presidents 2013

**IMOP = International Ministerial Orientation Program*

COMBINED DHARMA FAMILY SERVICE & SHOTSUKI MEMORIAL SERVICE

December 8, 2013
9:30 am

Shotsuki Hoyo Service – December 8, 2013, 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
Tazuko Kanda	Toshiko Kaneko	Miyo Katayama
Sode Kawano	Kameyo Kikawa	Tomiko Kosakura
Saburo Matsumoto	Wakaji Matsumoto	Shizue S. Matsuoka
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	Asako Tagumi	Akira Takaha
Yae Toyota	Thomas K. Uehisa	Thelma T. Wakasa
Yoneko Yamada	Mauch Yamashita	Yuki Yokoi
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.

COMBINED DHARMA FAMILY SERVICE
&
SHOTSUKI MEMORIAL SERVICE

January 5, 2014

9:30 am

PLEASE NOTE THE NEW DATE!

Shotsuki Hoyo Service *January 5, 2014* 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	Chika T. Fujikawa	Lily Y. Fujioka
Shima Fujioka	Isamu Fujita	Goroku Furukawa
Hidemi Furuzawa	Yoneo Futatsuki	Leonce Gervais
Rev. Gyodo Haguri	Fusa Haraguchi	Tamekichi Haraguchi
Masami S. Hataye	Seitaro Hataye	Takeo Hirahara
John J. Hiramoto	Ann Y. Imada	Tomomi Ito
Rev. Kakusho Izumi	Tokuo Izumi	Kimi Kami
Hisashi Kaneko	Kojiro Kaneshita	Masakazu Kawaguchi
Masa Kawai	Tad Kawamura	Toku Kimura
Mitsuko Kono	Toshio K. Kono	Uhachi Kubo
S. Ken Kurakazu	Grace Marie Lindquist	Kikuyo Marubayashi
Menichiro Marubayashi	Roy M. Marubayashi	C. Louise Matoba
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
Rose Chiyo Uda	Shikano Umawatari	Shawn C. Utsumi
Iyono Wakaye	Mamoru Wakida	Rev. Ryujo Yamada
Mike M. Yamamura	Ichitaro Yamasaki	Matsue Yamasaki
Kimi Yamashita	Sam M. Yamoto	Frank Yokoi
Minoru Yonemura	Yuhei Yoshiura	

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On My Ankle
By Diane Ames

“So you see,” said the podiatrist, “the painful tendonitis in your ankle is connected to the fact that you overpronate when you walk, which is connected to your high arches. It’s also connected to your weak knee. And the knee bone’s connected to the... thigh bone... And the thigh bone’s connected to the... hip bone”

“But doctor,” I tried to ask, with difficulty because he had gotten all carried away and was doing a soft shoe around the examination room, “that knee’s been weak since 1999. And I’ve had high arches since I was about five years old. That presumably means that I have been overpronating, whatever that is, for over sixty years. So why am I only getting a tendonitis in my ankle now?”

“Obviously because of me!” said a cackling voice. And as my podiatrist danced out into the waiting room, startling the patients there, a hideously withered crone in gray materialized next to his examination table. “I believe we’ve already met,” she said. “I am Old Age.”

“What are you doing here?” I demanded. “You know you’re not welcome. You never are! The Buddha said you are one of the lousiest things in human life, and as usual, he was right!”

“Just thought I’d drop by,” she cackled. “I thought that if Death can put on a costume and walk into the room, so can I. Besides, you’ve been getting the idea that you can outsmart me, with your clever diets and your water exercise and all that. Did you think you were going to be one of those healthy, vibrant seniors in the AARP magazine, spending your retirement waterskiing around the world? I’ll show you!” And she literally proceeded to show me my wedding photo, taken when I was twenty, followed by a mirror that reflected what I look like now. Then she showed me my medicine chest, full of the pills I have to take every day, and my calendar, marked all over with medical appointments. “And oh yes,” she added, “here’s your latest medical test result. You have osteoporosis in both hips.”

“In the first place,” I replied, “I never did want to be a vibrant senior. I’m not a tuning fork. And in the second place, the Buddha didn’t just point out what a killjoy you are. He taught us how to live with you. Oh, he was all in favor of using medical science to make life easier for the old, and for the young too. But he knew that in the end, we have to transcend our attachment to this little self and thus to the fact that the truth of impermanence also applies to our bodies.”

“And do you really think you can do that?”

“Of course not. That’s why I’m a Shin Buddhist. I can say the nembutsu and trust Amida to sort of do it for me. Now why don’t you dematerialize? After all, you’re only a mental concept.”

“So is Diane Ames, ultimately. And given your age, I’ll be getting more and more real to you for the rest of your life. In fact, I *am* the rest of your life.”

“Fortunately Amida will always be with me too. So will my temple. My life still has a lot of compensations. And there’s something to be said for the warm pool at the YMCA.”

BODHI DAY SERVICE

December 1, 2013

9:30 AM

Coffee social following service

END-OF-THE-YEAR TEMPLE CLEAN-UP

December 15, 2013

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

Tuesday, December 31, 2013

7:00 PM

NEW YEAR SERVICE

Wednesday, January 1, 2014

10 AM

Greet the New Year with family and friends.

MORE WAYS TO USE eSCRIP TO EARN MONEY FOR THE TEMPLE

Do your holiday shopping online at stores such as Target, J. Crew, Nordstrom, Amazon, REI, Crate & Barrel, and many more.

- Sign up with eScrip, enter your credit cards you would use at these stores.
- Go to the Online Mall at eScrip.com and start shopping. The Temple can earn up to 12% from your purchases.

Also, you can earn contributions to the Temple by eating out at restaurants such as Pican or Ozumo (in Oakland), La Note Restaurant or Troy Greek Cuisine (in Berkeley). These establishments and others will donate up to 3% of your bill to the Temple.

- Sign up with eScrip.com and enter your credit cards you would use at these restaurants.

Please contact Maya Murashima Yonemura 510-841-1356 or email info@berkeleysangha.org with any questions.

Many thanks to those participating in the eScrip program which benefits the Berkeley Buddhist Temple. For those who haven't yet done so or would like to register, it's easy, safe and doesn't cost you anything. eScrip will contribute from 1-12% of your purchases to the BBT.

Hopefully, you have already renewed your commitment to the Safeway/eScrip program. You must do this yearly (by November 1) so your purchases at Safeway continue to benefit the BBT. You can still renew after this date, but purchases will only count from the date you renew.

Please note that starting on November 1, 2013, purchases at Safeway will only count towards eScrip if you pay for your groceries by using a debit or gift card, cash or check. Purchases made with a credit card will no longer count towards eScrip contributions.

eScrip will also contribute money to the BBT if you eat out at participating restaurants, such as Pican or Ozumo in Oakland, La Note or Troy Greek Cuisine in Berkeley and many more or do online shopping at businesses such as Nordstrom, Amazon, REI, Crate & Barrel, Target, etc. All you need to do is register the credit cards you would use at these establishments at eScrip.com. It's safe and secure.

For the online shopping to count towards contributions to the Temple, you must use the Online Mall at eScrip.com. Some of these establishments will contribute up to 12% of your purchases to the Temple. What a wonderful way to earn extra money for the BBT.

Even if you contribute to another group, you can include the BBT since you can designate up to three groups to receive your eScrip contributions. If you have any questions or need any help, please feel free to call Maya Murashima Yonemura 510-841-1356 or email me at info@berkeleysangha.org.

Gassho,
Maya Murashima Yonemura

BERKELEY BUDDHIST TEMPLE

New Year's Party

Sunday, January 12, 2014



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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 12, 2014. 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 12, 2014

For more information call:

Name: _____

Lena Yin

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, 2013. Make checks payable to: **Berkeley Buddhist Temple**

Mail RSVP form and payment to: Lena Yin

BERKELEY BUDDHIST TEMPLE
Board of Directors Meeting
October 8, 2013

Attendance: Rev. David Matsumoto, Ron Hiraga, Don Hamasaki, Emiko Katsumoto, Kiyoshi Katsumoto, Judy Kono, Dii Lewis, Miri Nikaidoh, Takashi Nikaidoh, Art Nishimura, Gary Oda, Wayne Sugihara, David Ushijima, Russell Ware, Judy Fujimoto.
Proxies: Lucy Hamai, Susan Gabriel, Denise Lapidus, Lena Yin, Yuki Otake.

Co-president Ron Hiraga called the meeting to order at 7:32PM with opening gassho led by Rev. Matsumoto.

SEPTEMBER MINUTES: Wayne Sugihara made a motion to accept the September minutes; seconded by Judy Kono and passed. Judy Fujimoto thanked Emiko Katsumoto for being the substitute recording secretary at the September Board meeting.

MINISTER'S REPORT: Rev. Matsumoto introduced the special guests attending this Board meeting, Rev. Kiyonobu Kuwahara, Director of the JSC Ministers Training Program, and the IMOP students, Rev. Daido Baba (Chiba), Rev. Miho Sekiya (Kyoto), Rev. Yuko Kubo (Hiroshima), and Rev. Ryuhei Endo (Saitama). Rev. M also issued a written report for the period 9/10-10/8/2013 which included the following: 8 meetings; 3 consultations; 2 memorial services; 9/14 Makuragyo Service; 9/15 BBT DFS and Taigekai & Dharma Discussion, "Temple Etiquette"; 9/22 BBT Fall Ohigan Service & Keirokai Luncheon; 9/29 BBT DF & Shotsuki Memorial Service; 10/3 Welcome Dinner for Rev. Henry Adams, SMBC; 10/5 Inurnment Service, Sunset View Mortuary; 10/6 BBT DFS and Taigekai & Dharma Discussion, "Beauty and the Buddha". Upcoming Events & Activities: Rev. M noted that while he is in New York City from 10/14-10/17 Rev. Harry Bridge, OBC, will be on call; 10/12 College YBA Conference, JSC; 10/13 BBT DFS; 10/19 DS Halloween Party; 10/20 BBT Eitaiyo Service with Guest Speaker Sensei Matthew Hamasaki; 10/27 BBT DF & Shotsuki Memorial Service; 11/3 BBT Eshinni & Kakushinni Memorial Service with Guest Speaker Ms. Haruka Beppu; 11/8 IBS Trustees Meeting & IBS Eitaiyo Service, JSC; 11/9 BCA Endowment Foundation Meeting, JSC; 11/10 BBT DFS & BBWA Interfaith Panel.

Our Aspiration for Inclusiveness: Rev. M expressed a wish for the Sangha to adopt Our Aspiration and develop programs that help meet its goals. Kiyoshi Katsumoto moved to adopt the aspiration; seconded by Art Nishimura. The Board held a discussion. Ron Hiraga proposed that genders and ages be included as part of the definition of a "diverse society", and Wayne Sugihara proposed that Sangha and Nembutsu be capitalized nouns. Judy Kono moved that the Board adopt Our Aspiration as amended; seconded by Emi Nakao and passed. Rev. M suggested that Our Aspiration be printed in the Padma and on the BBT website as well as on the Temple letterhead. He noted that it is the responsibility of the Sangha to follow up with specific actions and programs to meet Our Aspiration.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Satoshi Steimetz submitted a written report for the period 9/1-9/30/2013.

CORRESPONDENCE: Ron Hiraga passed the Correspondence Binder and noted the following: 1) The Temple received a \$250 check from the Fukuoka Nikkeijin Kai, which has disbanded as an organization and has donated its remaining assets among local temples and churches; 2) the BBT will order 150 BCA 2014 calendars.

REPORTS BY AFFILIATED ORGANIZATIONS

BBWA: Kiyoshi Katsumoto read a report submitted by Yuki Otake. The BBWA favors adoption of the Aspiration.

DHARMA SCHOOL: Rev. Matsumoto reported that the September/October theme is Temple Etiquette. The Halloween party will take place on 10/19, and the 2014 FDSTL Conference will take place on 4/25-4/26 in Mountain View.

JR YBA: Noel McGuire issued a written report which included the following: 1) Events attended= 8/31 Central Cal Volleyball Mixer (Kylie Bondoc, Celeste Furuya, Maya Haruyama, Noel McGuire, Skye Nikaidoh with advisors Jeff & Robin McGuire and Takashi Nikaidoh) and 9/14 BD Jr. YBA Meeting (Noel McGuire, advisor Robin McGuire); 2) Events Being Planned =2014 BD Conference to be held on 3/29, theme "Wizard of Oz", with the BBT Jr. YBA responsible for the Group Photo and a Workshop on Compassion; 3) Future Events= 11/9-11/10/2013 Central Cal Jr. Conference; 4) Future Meetings= 10/6/2013 BD Jr. YBA at SACBC and BBT Jr. YBA on 10/13/2013.

J-SEI: No report.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

RELIGIOUS COMMITTEE: Art Nishimura presented an updated calendar. The Pet Memorial Service will take place on 2/9/2014.

PLEDGE/MEMBERSHIP: No report.

BUILDING MAINTENANCE: The Board will ask Craig Griffin to attend the next meeting with photos of the window samples planned as replacements in the Old Temple.

GARDEN MAINTENANCE: No report.

APARTMENTS: Ron Hiraga reported that the Fulton Street building renovations for the back apartment are completed, and the repairs and renovation to the upstairs unit are scheduled for completion by the third week of October. A check was received for the Channing Way apartments.

OTHER REPORTS

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS: Kiyoshi Katsumoto reported on the 9/18/13 meeting attended by Ron Hiraga, Lucy Hamai, Eric Lindquist (the reserve fund manager), and himself, discussing with the Board the present investments of the reserve fund and recommendations made by the Finance Committee. Kiyoshi also requested that Russell Ware join the Finance Committee, and he agreed to do so. Gary Oda made a motion to approve the allocation of reserve funds as recommended by the Finance Committee; seconded by Art Nishimura and passed.

CHAPEL OF THE CHIMES NICHES: Gary Oda reported that the information packets on Chapel of the Chimes niches were ready to be mailed to Temple members. Judy Kono moved that Gary Oda collect the responses and report on the interest of Temple members; seconded by Wayne Sugihara. Art Nishimura made an amended motion asking Gary to post the information on the BBT website as well; seconded by Kiyoshi Katsumoto, and the amended motion passed.

SUBSIDIZING SANGHA BASKETBALL: Takashi Nikaidoh asked the Board help to subsidize the Temple's two basketball teams for 2013-2014, the 6-7th Grade Girls Team and the co-ed E Team (K-2), so that practice gyms may be rented. Takashi will come to the November meeting with a more specific subsidy request.

BOARD FOR LISTING SERVICE PROGRAMS: In the interest of using less paper, Takashi Nikaidoh proposed that an information board be used to list sutras and gathas for the day's service instead of printed programs. Wayne Sugihara, Miri Nikaidoh, and Takashi will research how this plan would best work and present their findings at the November meeting.

Thank you to Art Nishimura and Judy Fujimoto for providing refreshments for the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned by Co-president Hiraga at 9:29PM with closing gassho led by Rev. Matsumoto.

Respectfully submitted by Judy Fujimoto

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

Chapel of the Chimes Proposed Niche Update

As of Thursday, November 15, 2013, fifteen people have sent in responses indicating possible interest in purchasing twenty-three Niche Placement Rights for the Proposed BBT Chapel of the Chimes Niche Site. Fifteen people have indicated interest in touring the site and attending an informational presentation on a future weekend date.

If anyone else would like to join this group to tour the Proposed BBT Niche Site and attend the informational presentation, please send in your response form from the general membership letter that was mailed on October 17, 2013 by November 30, 2013. There is no obligation to commit to purchase niche placement rights during this visit. It will be for informational purposes only.

The response form is included in the e-Edition of the Padma. The letter can be viewed on the Berkeley Buddhist Temple website, www.berkeleysangha.org in the forms section located on the lower edge of the web page. The response form can be printed from the same website. Email responses also may be submitted via BBT Email: info@berkeleysangha.org



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

2013 MEMORIAL SERVICE SCHEDULE

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>SERVICE</u>
2012	1 st Year
2011	3 rd Year
2007	7 th Year
2001	13 th Year
1997	17 th Year
1989	25 th Year
1981	33 rd Year
1964	50 th Year
1914	100 th Year



**RESPONSE FORM
FOR BERKELEY BUDDHIST TEMPLE PROPOSED CHAPEL OF THE CHIMES URN AREA**

Please fill out completely (Print clearly)

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone #: _____

Email: _____

NUMBER OF URN PLACEMENT RIGHTS POSSIBLY INTERESTED IN PURCHASING:

NUMBER OF PERSONS INTERESTED IN A VISITATION OF BBT URN SITE:

NUMBER OF PEOPLE INTERESTED IN USING PRIVATE BUS TRANSPORTATION TO SITE FROM TEMPLE:

PLEASE SUBMIT FORM WITH ENCLOSED ENVELOPE BY NOV, 2013

**Attn: CHAPEL OF THE CHIMES NICHE COMMITTEE
BERKELEY BUDDHIST TEMPLE
2121 CHANNING WAY
BERKELEY, CA 94704-2020
www.berkeleysangha.org
(510) 841 – 1356**

From the Dharma School:

Gassho to Mimi Kagehiro and Lena Yin for serving as master chefs for the Dharma School's Stone Soup Day! Thank you, too, to Joyce Sensei and Irene Sensei for bringing wonderful books and organizing the students. Finally, thank you to the November Toban for sharing the space and serving our soup to the Sangha.

PLEASE HELP THE PHILIPPINES!

In order to offer some financial aid to the Philippines after the disastrous typhoon, we will be collecting donations every Sunday through December 8. If you would like to offer help, please make out your checks to BBT and mail to the temple. We will forward all contributions to one of the designated agencies which is directly tied to this effort. BE SURE TO WRITE "PHILIPPINE RELIEF" ON THE MEMO LINE OF YOUR CHECK.

Questions? Please call Emiko (510.841.1356)

THANK YOU FOR YOUR DANA!

TELEPHONE COORDINATORS: SUSAN GABRIEL & LENA YIN

DECEMBER TOBAN:

Chmn: Lucy Hamai
Cochairs: Diane Ames, Emily Moya, Arlene Suda

Diane Ames, Dorothy Ariyoshi, Naomi Fukumori, Lucy Hamai, Scott Horstein & Antonia Glenn, Sara Jotoku, Frank Kami*, Keiko Kawakami, Pansy & Calvin Lew, Laurie Omori, Hide Oshima*, Aiko Pandorf, Emily Moya & Dennis Sakurai, Al Satake, Yoshiharu Shimada*, Amy & Glen Shinsako, Arlene Suda, Madge & Hitoshi Takemori*, Edythe Vassall, Sachi & Bill Yamasaki*

JANUARY TOBAN:

Chmn: Bob Matsueda
Cochairs: Judy Fujimoto, Don Hamasaki, Barbara Hedani-Morishita

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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 3	Nehan-e	Nirvana Day
March 17	Ohigan	Spring Equinox
April 7	Hanamatsuri	Flower Festival
May 12	Gotan-e	Birthday of Shinran
July 14	Kangi-e	Obon
September 22	Ohigan	Autumn Equinox
November 17	Hoonko	Shinran Shonin Memorial
December 1	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.

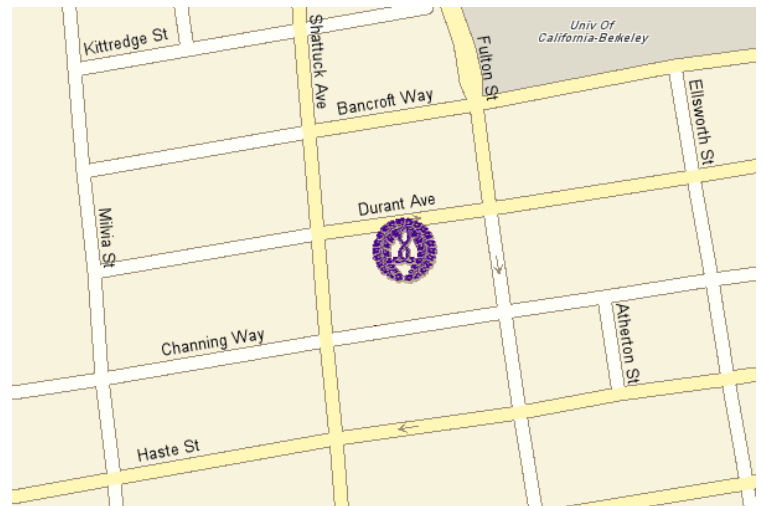
Whether you are here to satisfy a slight interest or to make a more personal connection, we wish you well and hope that you will be visiting us again soon.

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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