

# the Padma

BERKELEY BUDDHIST TEMPLE

January 2014

Web Edition



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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26 9:30 am Dharma Family Service	27	28 Crafts 10 am – 1 pm	29	30	31	

# FUTURE DATES TO REMEMBER

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

January 5 - DFS & Shotsuki Hoyo Service

January 12 - [New Year Lunch and Installation of BBT Board & BBWA Cabinet](#)

February 2 - DFS & Shotsuki Hoyo Service

February 9 - Nirvana Day Service

February 16 - [Dana Day Service; BBWA Bento Sale](#)

**STARTING ON JANUARY 5, 2014  
SHOTSUKI HOYO MONTHLY  
MEMORIAL SERVICES  
WILL BE HELD AT THE BEGINNING OF  
EACH MONTH.**

## The Jōdo Shinshū GRAB BAG

A NEW YEAR is about to begin, and to start things afresh in our temple and religious lives as well, we present to you (with apologies to L.M. Boyd) the **2014 New Year Jōdo Shinshū GRAB BAG**.

WHAT IS IT, HON?

What do all of these words have in common?

1. *Honzon*
2. *Honzan*
3. *Hondō*
4. *Hongan*

Right you are. And quite perceptive, too. Each of these words starts with the Chinese character 本. That's pronounced *hon*, at least much of the time. In these cases, it means "basic, main, central, primal, root, or original." That's the book on it.

So what do these words mean?

1. (本+尊) [central + reverence]

The (*Go*)*honzon* is the central object of reverence in our temple—Amida Buddha or the Name of Amida Buddha.

2. (本+山) [central + mountain]

Many Buddhist orders were based in mountains. The central one was the location of the main temple. Our *Honzan* is the Nishi Hongwanji temple in Kyoto.

3. (本+堂) [main + hall]

Is it the social hall? The classrooms? The kitchen? No, the main part of our temple is the *Hondō* where the *Gohonzon* is enshrined.

4. (本+願) [Primal + Vow]

Amida Buddha's Primal Vow is the central, main, basic and original wish that all beings will attain birth in the Pure Land.

### EAST OF THE SUN & WEST OF THE MOON

The Berkeley Buddhist Temple is part of the Nishi Hongwanji branch of Jōdo Shinshū. Our friends at the Berkeley Higashi Honganji Temple are part of the Higashi Honganji branch. You knew that, didn't you?

But did you know that the former was established when Kenryo Shōnin received land in Kyoto from Toyotomi Hideyoshi in 1591? Or that the latter began when Tokugawa Ieyasu gave some nearby land to his son, Kyōnyo, in 1602?

Now, can you guess which temple was in the east (*higashi*) and which was to the west (*nishi*)?

BUT IT IS GAN OR GWAN? Ah, you are perceptive! In the Shinshū Ohtani (Higashi) branch, the temple of the Primal Vow 本願寺 is spelled *Honganji*. In our branch it is *Hongwanji*. Same word. Same meaning. It seems that, long ago, *gwan* was the primal pronunciation.

### JEOPARDY DEPT.

Answers:

1. Genshin and Hōnen.
2. The robes worn by Sakyamuni Buddha and his disciples (*kasāya*).

Questions:

1. There were seven Pure Land Masters. Let's see. Nagarjuna and Vasubandhu lived in India. T'an-lun, Tao-ch'o and Shan-tao were from China. Which two masters were Japanese?
2. Ministers wear a narrow strip of brocade cloth (*okesa*) around the neck during temple services. What does the *okesa* symbolize?

### QUESTION & ANSWER DEPT.

True or False: (Answers below.)

- (1) Memorial services are conducted for the sake of the deceased.
- (2) Jōdo Shinshū is a form of Japanese Buddhism.

Answers:

- (1) False. In Jōdo Shinshū, any attempt to generate merit to save the deceased is ineffective and unnecessary. Rather, our memories of the deceased draw us to conduct memorial services and thereby hear the teaching of Amida's Primal Vow, which will carry all beings to birth in the Pure Land. Hence, in this way, we are "saved" by our loved ones. Not the other way around.
- (2) True and False. Jōdo Shinshū was founded by Shinran Shōnin, a Buddhist in medieval Japan and it developed within Japanese history, society and culture.

But, its teaching of unbounded wisdom and compassion is universal. The main, central and basic truth of Amida Buddha's Primal Vow is that it allows all beings without distinction to be born in the Pure Land where they will attain perfect enlightenment.

# **PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE**

Is this your favorite time of the year? A time for family gatherings, for sharing of meals, and open conversation with friends and relatives. As we run around completing our holiday tasks, do pause to reflect on all your shared experiences in 2013. Give thanks for accomplishments, planned and unplanned, big and small.

BBT's Dharma school children are growing up so quickly and some of us are feeling the pains of getting just a little older. As we endure the cold, hopefully thoughts of the special Bodhi Day Dharma School service program will bring warmth and a smile to your face, even those who were ticketed for violating the "No Talking" rule. A job well done, Dharma School!

The Board of Directors has been working on many projects, some in the planning stage and some near completion. The windows of the Old Temple will be replaced and a new and improved Hondo sound system is in the works, as well the barbeque pit area which will be redesigned with the pits redone. The commemorative book is at the printers and the Chapel of the Chimes Niche project is near completion. We are most proud of "Our Aspiration" statement and B.L.E.N.D. (Buddhists Living in Equality and Non-Discrimination) so eloquently described by Rev. Matsumoto. You may want to revisit the "Our Aspiration" statement in the November Padma. If there is a project that needs attention, please bring it to the attention of any Board member.

Have a safe and joyous Holiday season! Look forward to a healthy and productive 2014!

New Year's Gassho,

Lucy Hamai and Ron Hiraga  
BBT Co-Presidents

# 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	

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

*Sunday, February 2, 2014*  
9:30 am

## PLEASE NOTE THE NEW DATE!

Shotsuki Hoyo Service – *February 2, 2014*, 9:30 AM

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

Toshiyo Adachi	James Asami	Ofui Baba
Donald P. Delcollo	Hanae Doi	Shizuyo Doi
Sakuichi Egawa	Amy Melissa Erickson	Nicholas Fernandez
Arata Fujikawa	Sugino Fukumori	Taro Fukumori
Sawae Futatsuki	Sadako Hammonds	Kinji Hiramoto
Sannosuke Hiraoka	Chiyeko Hori	Denzo Horiike
Koichi Ichiyasu	Takeko Ikeda	Shintaro Imazumi
Shigeichi Iwasaki	Michiye Izumi	Saki Jio
Junichi Kami	Jiro Kato	Tsuto Kawakami
Matsuji Kikawa	Yunosuke Kusayanagi	Chiyoko Matsunaga
Grace S. Matsuoka	Mokutaro Morimoto	Emiko Morishita
Taki Morishita	Uta Morishita	Yoshitaro Morishita
Edwin A. Mutobe	Sadao Nakagaki	Harry Y. Nakahara
Kameo Nakamura	Kujuro Nishimoto	Chise Nitta
Kozo Nitta	Kazuo Onitsuka	Tsutano Ouye
Faith Sasaki	Gary Hiroshi Sasaki	Steve Sasaki
Mary Hifuno Suto	Hirao Tabuchi	Shizue Tabuchi
Kenji Takamoto	Shizutoshi Takeda	Tsuneyo Takita
Jennifer S. Tasaka	Ruth Uchiumi	Ichiro Yamasaki
Kasumi Yonekura	Yoshio H. Yoshimura	Nobuko Yoshiura
Yasu Yoshiura		

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## A Homeless Man

By Diane Ames

He looks much older than his 61 years, as the homeless generally do. His sign says that he is a Vietnam veteran waiting—and waiting and waiting—for his disability claim to be evaluated, which is, alas, a common story. His VA card backs up the tale. He also says that he's worked all his life, "worked since I was 15 years old," but that his disabilities from Agent Orange and PTSD and now an injury that has left his right arm almost useless have caught up with him, and the long wait for his disability claim to be heard has left him destitute. It thus happens that he survives by asking for money on Shattuck in Berkeley. Sleeping on the street in a sleeping bag hurts his arm, but when I asked about the city homeless shelter, he complained that it stinks and is full of bugs and mold. (I have never seen the place myself, but I know that he is not alone in so characterizing it.) Although he shares his problems with anybody who will listen, he has always struck me as sane, sober, and remarkably cheerful considering his situation. In fact, he seems to have made a lot of friends on the street.

When I encountered him on Saturday, December 7, I urged him to go to some shelter, as a freeze was predicted. He replied that he planned to go to an emergency shelter in a church. But when I saw him again on Tuesday, the 10th, he said that when he got to the church, the shelter was already full and it was too late to find another. He wound up on the street in his sleeping bag again. Towards dawn he had a heart attack brought on by hypothermia. Luckily someone called an ambulance. He begged the ambulance crew to take him to the VA hospital in San Francisco, but they replied that they are not allowed to take patients that far and that "look, you're turning blue, you're dying on us." In the end they took him to a local hospital, where he was stabilized. How long he was there, and why he was discharged and told that since they really cannot send anyone to San Francisco in an ambulance, he would have to get himself there and then call an ambulance, is not clear to me. Maybe it was because he insisted on going to the VA hospital, but that's speculation. I only know that when I saw him on Tuesday, he was back on the street. Not feeling well enough to take a long BART ride and fearing that his precious sleeping bag and blankets would be stolen if he did so, he was feeling pretty lost. He also looked so haggard that I feared for his life if he did not get medical attention and said so. Just then, a disabled friend of his who has a room somewhere appeared offering to store his belongings in that room and to arrange for a relative to drive him to the VA hospital. I only hope he is in that hospital now.

The last he heard, his disability claim was due to be evaluated in "only four to six more weeks."

Is this man somehow the victim of his own Bad Choices? I don't know, and I don't care. Nobody deserves this.

He is not unique. And that raises a question.

What are Buddhists to do?



JANUARY 1, 2014  
SHUSHO-E  
NEW YEAR'S SERVICE  
10:00 AM  
REV. DAVID MATSUMOTO OFFICIATING



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**COMBINED DHARMA FAMILY SERVICE,  
NEW YEAR'S PARTY,  
&  
BBT & BBWA OFFICERS  
INSTALLATION SERVICE**

JANUARY 12, 2014  
9:30 AM

Mochi tsuki and New Year's Luncheon following service

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## *Chapel of the Chimes Proposed Niche Update: On-Site Tour Sunday, January 26, 2014*

On Sunday, January 26, 2014 at 12:30 P.M. there will be an on-site tour of the Proposed Oakland Chapel of the Chimes Urn Niche Area for the Berkeley Buddhist Temple.

At 12:00 P.M. following the Sunday Service coffee hour, a bus provided by Oakland Chapel of the Chimes can transport those who are interested in the tour.

Those who want to go on their own can meet us there by 12:30 P.M.

We will all meet at the Howe Street entrance of the Chapel of the Chimes off the third floor balcony where the Proposed Urn Niche Site is located.

The address for Oakland Chapel of the Chimes is 4499 Piedmont Avenue, Oakland, CA 94611. Office phone: (510) 654-0123.

This is an informational only tour with a short concept presentation and a question and answer period, followed by light refreshments and return to the Temple by bus. Those who may have no current interest in purchasing urn placement rights are welcome to join us.

A general membership letter describing the Proposed BBT Urn Niche Site can be viewed on the Berkeley Buddhist Temple website, [www.berkeleysangha.org](http://www.berkeleysangha.org), in the forms section located on the lower edge of the web page.

You can contact Gary Oda at [info@berkeleysangha.org](mailto:info@berkeleysangha.org) if you have any further questions about the on-site tour or Proposed BBT Urn Niche Site.



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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.

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### 2014 MEMORIAL SERVICE SCHEDULE

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>SERVICE</u>
2013	1 <sup>st</sup> Year
2012	3 <sup>rd</sup> Year
2008	7 <sup>th</sup> Year
2002	13 <sup>th</sup> Year
1998	17 <sup>th</sup> Year
1990	25 <sup>th</sup> Year
1982	33 <sup>rd</sup> Year
1965	50 <sup>th</sup> Year
1915	100 <sup>th</sup> Year

## *Taige-kai* (体解会)

### **Berkeley Buddhist Temple Study Class**

The Berkeley Buddhist Temple invites you to take part in the next session of the *Taige-kai*, a gathering in which we learn and experience (*tai-ge* 体解) the Path of the Buddha.

In the *Taige-kai* we strive to experience the Buddha-dharma with our entire selves—with our bodies (quiet sitting), mouths (chanting and other liturgy) and minds (study and mental cultivation).

Our study sessions focus on ways in which Buddhist teaching and practice can impact our lives today.

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**Sunday, January 19, 2014, at 9:30 am**

# Who was Shinran?

What we can learn from  
the life of Shinran Shōnin

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

Berkeley Buddhist Temple  
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# Dana Day Service and Luncheon

Sunday, February 16, 2014

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Daijaku Kinst,  
Institute of Buddhist Studies



Commemorating the spirit of community service and giving as exemplified by  
Lady Takeko Kujo, 1887 – 1928  
Sponsored by the Berkeley Buddhist Women's Association

*Please reserve obentos by February 7, 2014*

-----Tear-----

## DANA DAY OBENTO RESERVATION FORM

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

Total Due:      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

-----Tear-----

## BERKELEY BUDDHIST WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP FORM FOR 2014

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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

# THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP WITH PHILIPPINE RELIEF!

Due to the generous dana from the following donors, we will be forwarding a check for \$2,880 to the Buddhist Churches of America. The BCA has been collecting donations from throughout its included temples and churches, and we are grateful to be a part of this collective effort to help the Philippines. Thank you, Sangha members, for your thoughtful concern during this difficult time.

*Arigatou!*

and **MANY** anonymous donors

Irene Asao-Wells	Emi Matsunaga
Georgia Daikai	Maya Murashima
Denise Gervais	Aki & Emi Nakao
Akemi Hamai	Judy Nakaso
Lucy Hamai	Art Nishimura
Patricia	Gordon Oishi
Florence Jeong	Emily Otake
Mimi Kagehiro	Yuki Otake
Shige Kajiwara	Rev. Miho Sekiya
David Katsumoto	Sally Takeda
Kiyoshi Katsumoto	Opal Wakayama
Keiko Kawakami	Roy & Alice Wakida
Yufuko Kurioka	Yasuyo Wolfe
Rev. David Matsumoto & Family	Lena Yin

TELEPHONE COORDINATORS: SUSAN GABRIEL & LENA YIN

JANUARY TOBAN:

Chmn: Emi Nakao

Cochairs: Emi Matsunaga, Lorene Nakagiri, Karen Sugiyama

Pauline Fong, Kusuo Inadomi\*, Mary Iyama\*, Hisako Masunaga\*, Emi & George Matsunaga, Yoshiko Morishita\*, Catherine Nagareda, Lorene Nakagiri, Emi & Aki Nakao, Kimiye Nakao\*, George Okano\*, Joanna Sakai\*, Elaine Sato\*, Karen Sugiyama, Helen & Craig Tagawa, Kathy Meyer & Stan Tamaki, Terry & Abe Watamura\*, Yasuyo Wolfe, Yae Yedlosky\*.

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

FEBRUARY TOBAN:

Chmn: Mimi Kagehiro

Cochairs: Susan Kajiwara, Denise Lapidus, Pam Matsuoka

Rosalyn Tonai & Grant Din, Janey Egawa, Masako Hayashida\*, Amy & Sady Hayashida, Alan Hirahara, Yo Hiraoka\*, Shigeo Hoki\*, Dina Honda, Ron & Mimi Kagehiro, Susan & Shige Kajiwara, (Barbara & Gary Kitagawa), Denise Lapidus, Nikki Lethridge, Pam Matsuoka, Molly Momii, Masayo Oda\*, John Oshima, Tamiye Umawatari\*, Shizuye & Suenobu Yamasaki\*, Liane Yasumoto\*

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

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PADMA STAFF:

Rev. Matsumoto, Gene Chin, 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, and Yae Yedlosky.

## **Pledged members through December 11, 2013**

The following members have pledged in amounts ranging from \$180.00 to \$1000.00. Amounts are not intended to correspond to the alphabetical listing below. Pledges sent in after this date, may not have yet been processed and any omissions will be published in subsequent issues upon advisement. The temple gratefully acknowledges your generous contributions and thanks you for your dana and understanding.

Akio & Chiyoko Fujinaga  
Patti Fujiwara & Carl Wilmsen  
Michael Green  
Don & Joanie Hamasaki  
Ian Ho  
Yoshio & Junko Kamimura

Nikki Lethridge  
Michael & Patricia  
Aki & Emi Nakao  
Dennis & Mary Okamura  
Shunji Shinoda

Makiko Shinoda  
Yoshiro & Julia Tokiwa  
Russell & Amy Ware  
Kiyoshi & Marrie Yamashita  
Yaeko Yedlosky

**Welcome BBT's newest member, Ian Ho.**

**Also joining the temple is Michael Green and his two children Dylan and Gigi.  
Please be sure to say hello and give them your warmest welcome!**

**Apologies to Mayumi Stroy for the typographical error in the October Padma.  
Thank you to all temple members for your generous and continued support!  
For any questions, please call Ron & Mimi Kagehiro (510-548-9723) or email  
kagifam@yahoo.com**



Please contribute to the

Berkeley Buddhist Women's Association

# **DANA DAY**

# **CANNED FOOD DRIVE**

## **JANUARY 1 TO FEBRUARY 28, 2014**

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

**FOOD WILL BE DONATED TO THE  
ALAMEDA COUNTY COMMUNITY  
FOOD BANK**

Your dana will be greatly appreciated!

## **MORE WAYS TO USE eSCRIP TO EARN MONEY FOR THE TEMPLE**

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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](mailto:info@berkeleysangha.org) with any questions.

BERKELEY BUDDHIST TEMPLE

Board of Directors Meeting

November 12, 2013

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

Co-president Ron Hiraga called the meeting to order at 7:30PM with opening gassho led by Rev. Matsumoto.

OCTOBER MINUTES: Judy Kono moved to accept the October minutes; seconded by Kiyoshi Katsumoto and passed.

BUILDING MAINTENANCE/WINDOW REPLACEMENT: Craig Griffin introduced contractor Mehdi Hosseini, whose company Milrand Builders is presently completing repairs on the Fulton Street apartment building and has been hired to replace the Old Temple windows. Mehdi bought a Marvin Integrity window sample to show the Board and explained the installation process. Lucy Hamai made a motion to approve the replacement of 16 west-facing Old Temple windows by Milrand Builders; seconded by Judy Kono and passed. In regards to the Fulton Street apartment, Judy Kono asked that the renovated upstairs bathroom window be better secured with a safety bar or screen, and Lucy Hamai asked on behalf of the Board for an opportunity to a walk-through after the renovation has been completed. Milrand Builders agreed to both requests.

MINISTER'S REPORT: Rev. Matsumoto presented a written report for the period 10/8-11/12/2103, which included the following: 5 meetings; 2 consultations; 10/12 College YBA Conference, JSC & BBT; 10/13 BBT DFS; 10/14-10/17 Trip to New York City; 10/19 BBT DS Halloween Party; 10/20 BBT Eitaikyo Service w/ guest speaker Sensei Matthew Hamasaki; 10/26 Family Memorial Service @ home; 10/27 BBT DF & Shotsuki Memorial Service; 11/3 BBT Eshinni & Kakushinni Memorial Service w/ guest speaker Rev. Haruka Beppu; 11/8 IBS Eitaikyo Service, JSC; 11/10 BBT DFS & BBWA Interfaith Panel. Upcoming Events & Activities: 11/13 Sepcial Class w/ IMOP ministers, JSC; 11/17 BBT Hoonko Service w/ guest speakers Rev. Sekiya & Rev. Endo, IMOP; 11/21 BDMA Meeting, San Mateo BT; 11/24 BBT DF & Shotsuki Memorial Service; 12/1 BBT Bodhi Day Service; 12/6 BCAMA Cabinet Meeting, JSC; 12/8 BBT DF & Shotsuki Memorial Service.

Rev. Matsumoto suggested that the Board consider moving the monthly Shotsuki Memorial Services to the first Sunday of the month (as opposed to the last) and move most special services (e.g. Hanamatsuri, Bodhi Day) to the second Sunday of the month. Art Nishimura will work on a draft of the 2014 service calendar reflecting this change. Rev. M asked for more volunteers to become minister's assistants, who help organize and run the DFS. Lastly, Rev. M presented each Board member with a copy of Heart of the Shin Buddhist Path by Dr. Takamaro Shigaraki, which Rev. M translated into English.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Satoshi Steimetz issued a written report from 10/1-10/31/2013.

CORRESPONDENCE: Co-president Lucy Hamai passed the correspondence folder.

REPORTS BY AFFILIATED ORGANIZATIONS

BBWA: Yuki Otake reported that the BBWA will sponsor a Sushi/Craft Sale fund raiser following the Hoonko Service on Nov. 17. In January-February 2014, the BBWA will sponsor a canned food drive for the food bank. The BBWA 100th Anniversary Celebration will take place on Sept. 28, 2014 with a luncheon at the El Cerrito Community Center.

DHARMA SCHOOL: Judy Kono reported that the DS is preparing a Bodhi Day program and that a teacher for the high school class will be needed next year.

JR. YBA: Noel McGuire issued a written report which included the following: 1) 10/13 BBT Jr. YBA meeting ; 2) 10/6 BD Jr. YBA meeting @ SACBC ( Maya Haruyama, Noel McGuire, Skye Nikaidoh. Advisors=Akemi Hamai, Robin McGuire, Takashi Nikaidoh); 3) 10/19 BBT DS Halloween Party created the Haunted House (Kylie Bondoc, Celeste Furuya, Maya Haruyama, Nikki Honda, Tomi Lewis, Noel McGuire, Skye Nikaidoh); 4) Future meetings= 11/2 BD Jr. YBA @ San Mateo & 11/17 BBT Jr. YBA meeting.

J-SEI: Yuki Otake reported that J-Sei is sponsoring a special screening of the Ikeibi Films feature "Infinity & Chashu Ramen" on 11/21 at the California Theater, Berkeley. The BBT also received a written request from Kerwin Berk of Ikeibi Films to co-sponsor this screening at no cost to the Temple. Kiyoshi Katsumoto moved to co-sponsor the screening of "Infinity & Chashu Ramen" at the California Theater; seconded by Russell Ware. Kiyoshi then amended his motion to state that the BBT does not wish to receive any monies from this fund raiser; seconded by Russell and the amended motion was passed. Yuki also reported



that J-Sei is offering a Flu Shot Clinic on Monday, Nov. 25, at the J-Sei Senior Center, 1710 Carleton St., Berkeley. Donations will be appreciated.

#### STANDING COMMITTEES

RELIGIOUS COMMITTEE: Art Nishimura presented an updated service calendar. In 2014, the Hoonko service will take place on November 23. Art also passed around a service chair sign-up sheet asking Board members to volunteer.

PLEDGE/MEMBERSHIP: no report.

GARDEN MAINTENANCE: Kiyoshi Katsumoto reported that Dick Adachi is considering plantings to replace the dead juniper plants which have been removed from the garden at the Temple entrance.

APARTMENTS: Ron Hiraga reported that the Fulton Apartments renovations are nearing completion. The Temple received a check from the Channing Way Apartments.

#### OTHER REPORTS

FLOWER ARRANGEMENT CLASS: Lucy Hamai stated that Yufuko Kurioka is willing to lead two classes on flower arrangement if members are interested. Lucy believes costs for the class will be minimal, and she will make announcements about this class after Sunday services to gauge interest among the Sangha. Emiko Katsumoto made a motion to have Lucy Hamai set up flower arrangement classes if there is enough interest among Temple members; seconded by Wayne Sugihara and passed.

SOCIAL HALL USE by RISING SUNS: Satoshi Steimetz made a request on behalf of the Rising Suns basketball team to host a manager's meeting in the Social Hall on December 9, 7-9PM. Satoshi will be the responsible Temple member. The Board agreed that Ron Hiraga should send Satoshi the rental agreement for usage of the Social Hall.

HOLIDAY ADS: Ron Hiraga noted that both the Nichi Bei Weekly and the Nikkei West newspaper requested that the Temple purchase ads in their Holiday issues. Kiyoshi Katsumoto moved that the Temple purchase a \$100 business card ad in the Nichi Bei Weekly and a \$90 small ad in the Nikkei West; seconded by Art Nishimura and passed.

CHAPEL OF THE CHIMES NICHES: Gary Oda reported on responses to the information packet sent out by Chapel of the Chimes regarding the possibility of a BBT niche area at the mausoleum. Gary will organize a field trip to the site in January 2014 for those who are interested and requests that Board members also attend the tour.

HONDO WINDOW REPLACEMENT: Kiyoshi Katsumoto reported that 2 Hondo windows in front of the shoji screens, which were installed for the 90th anniversary, are noticeably damaged and cracked, possibly due to poor ventilation of that area. Gary Oda made a motion to replace the 2 damaged windows and adjust the shoji screen ventilation; seconded by Emi Nakao and passed.

TEMPLE SOUND SYSTEM: Dii Lewis presented a second (7/2013) quote from David Carroll Associates on upgrading the system. Dii will ask the company to send a representative to the January Board meeting to explain about the components it has recommended for the upgrade.

KEYBOARD DONATION: Emiko Katsumoto noted that a used keyboard has been donated for use in the Social Hall.

NEW BUSINESS: Emiko Katsumoto requested that a box be placed in the Hondo for the remainder of 2013 services to receive donations for the Filipino Typhoon Relief. Checks should be written to the BBT, and the Temple will combine the donations into one check to give to the aid organization.

YEAR END OSEIBO: Co-president Ron Hiraga noted that he will send an email to the Board regarding the Oseibo to be presented at the end of this year.

Thank you to Lena Yin and Susan Gabriel for the meeting's refreshments.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 PM by Co-president Hiraga 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.

BERKELEY BUDDHIST WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION  
Cabinet Meeting on November 3, 2013

PRESENT: Caroline Fernandez (co-President), Yuki Otake (co-President), Denise Gervais, (Corresponding Secretary), Diane Ames (First Vice President), Judy Nakaso (Recording Secretary), Maya Murashima-Yonemura (Treasurer);  
PROXY: Marrie Yamashita (Advisor), Fumi Matsubara (Membership)

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: Co-President Yuki Otake/Caroline Fernandez opened the meeting with gassho at 11:30 a.m.

PRIOR MONTH'S MINUTES: October minutes were approved (MSC: Ames/Gervais)

TREASURER'S REPORT: Maya Murashima Yonemura

Maya submitted a preliminary written financial report for October 2013, which was approved. (MSC: Ames/Nakaso)

MEMBERSHIP REPORT:

No report. We are updating the membership list to reflect membership categories (a) members under 70 years pay \$10.00 membership dues; (b) Members ages 70 to 80 pay \$6.00; and (c) members over 80 years have the option of waiving their membership fees.

CORRESPONDENCE: Denise Gervais

No incoming correspondence received or sent out in the last month.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Interfaith Panel – Christian panelist cannot come due to unexpected medical situation; we will have a beekeeper speak to the Dharma School and have the three panelists (Buddhist, Baha'i, and Moslem representatives) speak at the adult service. Lunch will be comprised of "stone soup," made by the dharma school, and sandwiches; and desserts (ice cream with sundae toppings and cookies) will be provided by BBWA.

2. Quilt Raffle – Now that we have the date for Hanamatsuri on April 6, 2014, Caroline will have 3,000 tickets printed up. The crocheted bedspread donated by Denise's neighbor has been professionally cleaned and blocked.

3. Hats and scarves for homeless children/people – yarn will be donated and hats and scarves will be knitted by BBWA members and interested BBT members to donate by the beginning of December.

4. BBWA Centennial – September 28, 2014. Discussion of guests to invite; Caroline is doing a cover letter to let people know to save the date for next year. Rev. Matsumoto is assisting us with the special guest list. A Centennial Committee will be set up. The Padma will have a notice inviting people to participate on the Committee. Centennial funds have been moved from the checking account to the savings account. We are starting to plan the Centennial brochure/program, using the BBWA 90th Anniversary brochure as a guide.

NEXT MEETING: December 8, 2013

MEETING ADJOURNED: Yuki Otake closed the meeting by leading gassho at 12:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Nakaso, Recording Secretary

Attachments:

Treasurer's preliminary report for November, and final report for October 2013.

## **AN EASY WAY TO HELP THE LOCAL WOMEN'S SHELTER**

For those of you who travel and spend a lot of time in hotels, please consider collecting the various toiletry items that hotels offer. We have an ongoing collection at the temple, and these are donated to the local Women's Shelter.

We have been told that they are very useful to the many women who seek refuge with this organization. Please drop off your donations at the BBT office or see a BBWA representative.

Thank you for your help!



### CRAB FEED - February 9

Join us for our 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Crab Feed on Sunday, February 9 at the El Cerrito Community Center located at 7007 Moser Lane in El Cerrito. Early seating runs from 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. with a late seating from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Takeout is available from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. The ever popular garlic noodles will accompany your crab, Asian salad, rolls and dessert.

J-Sei will also honor the Sakura Kai Senior Center. Sakura Kai will be recognized for its' 40-year history of providing lifelong learning, health promotion and growth of Japanese-American culture and traditions. The impact of Sakura Kai Senior Center spans many decades and has enriched the lives of approximately 1,000 individuals.

Contact the J-Sei Office for Dinner Tickets: \$40 in advance, \$45 at the door. Children 12 and under \$15. A raffle drawing for \$500 cash OR a two-night stay in Monterey with a Monterey Bay Aquarium Pass will be the grand prize. Drawing Tickets: \$2 each or \$10 for six tickets. Dinner and drawing tickets are on sale through the J-Sei office, so be sure to order your tickets today!

Mail checks payable to "J-Sei" to 2126 Channing Way, Berkeley, CA 94704 or call 510-848-3560 or email [suzanne@j-sei.org](mailto:suzanne@j-sei.org) for more information.

### PAID CAREGIVERS NEEDED

Did you know that J-Sei has a caregiver registry that matches home care workers with older adults who need assistance in their home? If you are looking for paid work as a caregiver and have experience working with older adults, you may want to join our registry. Call Miyuki at (510)848-3560 for more information.

### FLAVORS OF SPRING - April 11

Flavors of Spring is J-Sei's NEW signature event. Join us on Friday, April 11, 2014 for an evening of delightful tastes and sips from Bay Area restaurants, caterers, wineries and microbreweries.

Live music throughout the historic Julia Morgan designed Berkeley City Club will provide the perfect ambiance for a grown-up Friday night.

Individual tickets are \$75, with sponsorship opportunities also available. We expect over 300 people to join us for this lively event.

We are asking community members to put us in touch with anyone in the food, wine and beer industry who would like to host a tasting station at this wonderful event. Also, we are looking for business sponsors who would gain great exposure from this event.

Please call Diane at (510)848-3560 with your contact!

### YOUTH ADVISORY BOARD

The J-Sei YAB is the latest investment in our youth to bridge our younger and senior generations. The 2013 J-Sei YAB will be the second year of building individual youth skills with community service opportunities. Community service projects occur year-round. Students can participate in one or many of the activities that take place throughout the year. Give a few hours a year or a few hours every month!

Please call Diane at (510)848-3560 for more information.

## 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 9	Nehan-e	Nirvana Day
March 16	Ohigan	Spring Equinox
April 6	Hanamatsuri	Flower Festival
May 11	Gotan-e	Birthday of Shinran
July 13	Kangi-e	Obon
September 21	Ohigan	Autumn Equinox
November 16	Hoonko	Shinran Shonin Memorial
December 7	Jodo-e	Bodhi Day
December 31	Joya-e	Year End Service

A Shotsuki Hoyo (Monthly Memorial) Service is held the first 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.

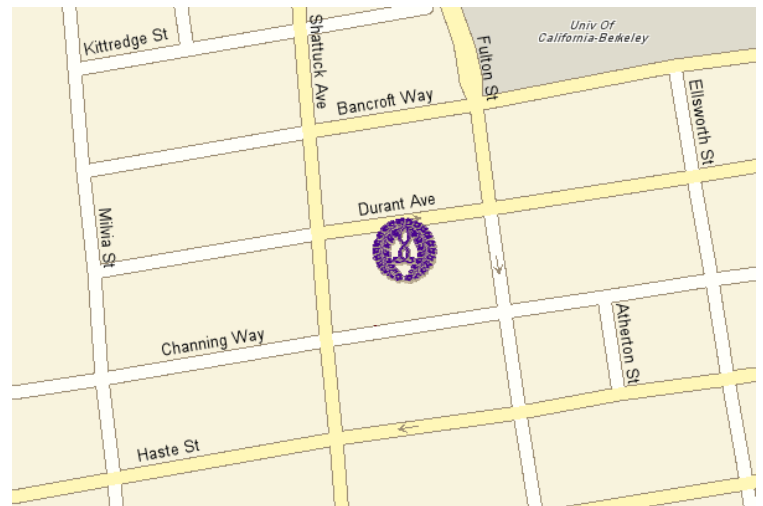
Whether you are here to satisfy a slight interest or to make a more personal connection, we wish you well and hope that you will be visiting us again soon.

## 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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